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Contracting out study impacts D.C. area only

The Corps of Engineers study on contracting out facilities engineers functions has led to plans to contract out at installations in the Washington, D.C. area only at this time, according to spokesmen for the Corps and Legislative Liaison.

The contracting out program will be studied at those installations in the nations capital area. Then the Corps will decide whether or not to expand, drop, or maintain the program.

Word of the Corps' decision was sent to Redstone's union, AFGE local no. 1858, by Congressman Ronnie Flipppo. The decision was also confirmed by a representative of Legislative Liaison in Washington.

Patriot production contract awarded

The Army's new Patriot air defense missile system has moved a step closer to production.

The Army last week awarded approximately \$11.3 million dollars to Raytheon Company of Bedford, Mass., for long lead time material for Patriot production hardware.

Patriot, being developed by DARCOM's Patriot Project Office in Huntsville Research Park, is the new medium to high altitude system scheduled to replace both Hawk and Nike Hercules.

Maj. Gen. Oliver D. Street, is the Army Project Manager for Patriot which is expected to go into production early next year.

The highly mobile, all-weather Patriot will be the cornerstone of field Army air defense in the 1980s and beyond.

Raytheon Company is patriot prime contractor and Martin Marietta is principal subcontractor for the missile canister and launcher. Thiokol Company is subcontractor for the single stage, propulsion unit.

Chaplains to collect holiday baskets for needy families

The Chaplain's office will put out boxes tomorrow and Friday in the larger office buildings on post to collect nonperishable foods for needy military families for Christmas. The boxes will remain out until Dec. 18.

The idea of collecting nonperishable food items began last year, when about \$500 worth of nonperishable foods were collected. Cash donations from the German Air Force Detachment, Officers Wives' Club, NCO Wives' Club, Readiness Group Wives, and the Consolidated Chaplains' Fund also went to buy food for needy military families. Thirty-five baskets of food were distributed last year.

Surprise readiness exercise sends battalion to Germany

BY SP4 LEE DEWITT
FORT HOOD, TEXAS

WASHINGTON — Although the final verdict is not in, the feeling down in Texas is that the soldiers of the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor, 2nd Armored Division, are ready.

The battalion recently returned to Fort Hood after completing a no-notice readiness exercise which included a trip to Germany.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff exercise, Eligible Receiver II, tested the unit's deployment procedures and ability to carry out assigned missions on very short notice. It was conducted from Oct. 11 through Nov. 7, the date the unit returned to Fort Hood.

According to a 2nd Armored Div. spokesman, Eligible Receiver II was the first Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise that was not part of a reforger maneuver.

The soldiers of the armor battalion, no doubt thinking of weekend activities, were as surprised as their battalion commander, Lt. Col. Albert G. Folcher, when the exercise was announced on Thursday, Oct. 11.

According to Folcher, "The battalion had just come back from gunnery and a major exercise when my brigade commander called and said 'you are going to Germany.' I asked when, and he said 'now.'"

The 217 men who made up the advance party completed their overseas movement processing, inspection of equipment, and received their cold weather gear within 30 hours of the initial alert order.

Their job was to deploy to Germany quickly and draw the major items of equipment from Prepositioned Materiel Configured to Unit Sets for the entire battalion. They drew the equipment in record time, faster than any armor battalion has done thus far.

With the help of the main body, which arrived 24 hours later, the battalion distributed the equipment to company level, and loaded tactical vehicles on railcars for shipment to the Grafenwoehr Training Area. At the same time, the wheeled vehicles began the convoy trip to GTA from their equipment pick-up point.

On arrival at GTA, the battalion was tested by a VII corps evaluation team. It was the first U. S.-based unit to undergo a corps organizational readiness testing program, which is required for all Europe-based units.

The battalion went through tank gunnery exercises to test the reliability of the equipment after prolonged storage, as well as introduce the CONUS tankers to gunnery methods used in training at GTA.

The return trip to the equipment storage site was again by rail and wheel convoy. Before the equipment was turned in, each of the individual pieces of equipment, from wrenches to five-ton trucks, had to be thoroughly cleaned.

"The equipment we drew was in excellent condition," said Folcher. "On our way to Grafenwoehr every vehicle made it and, on our return, every vehicle made it back."

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Artilleryman preaches Army 'Faith'

BY RAY ROWDEN

He describes himself as a vociferous, extroverted Field Artilleryman, but Maj. Larry Jarvis is much more than that. He is a fundamentalist preacher of the Army Faith.

"It is critical that every soldier considers himself a soldier first and a technician or whatever second. The sharpest, most dedicated technician in the world is no good to anyone if he can't survive in a hostile environment."

And what is a soldier?

"A soldier is someone who believes in the oath he took . . . 'to defend the constitution from all enemies foreign and domestic . . . and serves for that reason alone."

"People who come into the Army looking for an education aren't soldiers, but 95 percent of them can be. And many of them want to be."

That statement, delivered with the glare of a true believer, would seem to place Jarvis in opposition to recent Army policy of granting all enlisted personnel the respect due a soldier from the time they enlist, but that is not the case.

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Jarvis

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Opinion

Patriotism's popularity may boost recruiting

One measure of just how mad Americans are over what's been going on in Iran and elsewhere in the world could be seen in the face of the white, male college student the other night. Looking directly into the television camera he said, yes, he'd join the Army.

Americans of his age and place in life have not been noticeably anxious to do that recently. The Ayatollah Khomeini has made patriotism popular again in the United States as well as Iran.

The Army signed up more men and women last year than in any 12 month period since the end of the draft, but still fell some 15,000 or so short of what it had hoped to enlist. That's a lot of soldiers not to have when the nation starts talking and acting tough and the American people rediscover as they do periodically that the world is not the nice place they want it to be.

Which is why manning the force is now the number one priority of the Army.

Trying to put the recruiting mess behind it, the Army has cleaned house and is out to do all it possibly can to enlist and keep the soldiers it

needs and to get the woefully understrength Reserve and National Guard units up to the point where they can be counted on to lend a hand if Uncle Sam gets into a fight.

The Chief of Staff says the entire Army is in the recruiting business now, every soldier and civilian worker. To pull off what the Army is attempting demands an all out effort.

What the Army is attempting is wrong, according to many people, including some of the Army's long time friends. They want the Army to say the volunteer concept is a failure and beat the drum for a draft as the only solution to its manpower needs.

The Constitution of the United States, however, says it is up to the Congress to raise and support an Army. So far Congress has shown little willingness to consider a return to the draft nor is it likely to in an election year. The American people and their elected representatives must come to their decision about the draft without any cheerleading by the Army. The soldiers will do what they have been told to do by the Congress: fill the ranks with volunteers, if they can.

And what about the volunteers? Those who

want a draft and those who don't do a lot of worrying in public about the "quality" of those volunteers. Only losers join the Army, they say.

Well, it is true that many young people join the Army to learn a skill they can use later in civilian life.

It is true that many join for the educational opportunities.

And many join for a decent wage although janitors make more than recruits now.

A few are willing to lie to get in, just as some recruiters were willing to bend the rules to let them in, because the Army at least offers an opportunity, a chance they can't find standing on the street corners of their home towns.

Whatever their reasons for joining, the volunteers know what the bottom line is and could be at any time.

They are ready to fight for their country if need be. Their leaders say they will fight well.

As far as soldiers and armies go, that is the real, and only bottom line.

Those willing to make the same commitment the volunteer soldiers already have should see their nearest Army recruiter.

Dave Harris



What uniform violations do you notice most?



PFC Jerry Trahan, 291st MPCo. — "Haircuts. I notice them almost anywhere around post, but especially at the messhalls — that's where they have their hats off."



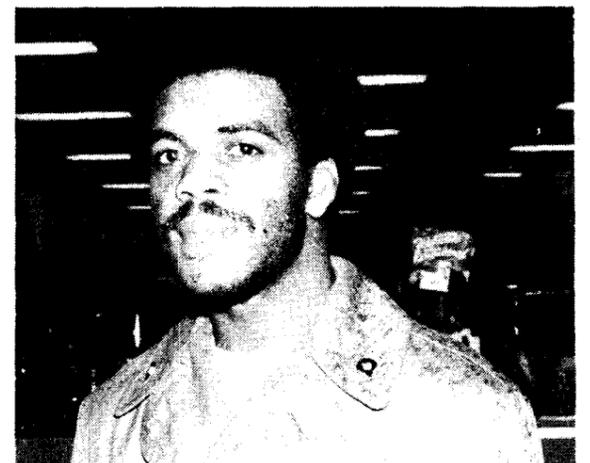
PFC Douglas Mulderig, 6th S.C. — "A lot of people run around with their hands in their pockets. And after duty hours, a lot of people wear fatigue pants with civilian clothes."



Capt. Michael Kimel, Co. B — "On weekends and off-duty hours I see younger soldiers wearing parts of their uniform with civilian clothes. But as posts go, I don't think Redstone is too bad for uniform violations."



Sp4 Merry Mentikov, Co. A — "What I notice most is hair that's too long — on men and women. And it may not be a violation, but it doesn't seem like many of the senior NCOs and officers are familiar with the uniform regulations as they apply to women."



Sp4 Danny Lindsey, 95th SVC — "A lot of guys walk around with their hands in their pockets or with their field jackets or raincoats wide open. And I see a lot of people in the messhall with fatigue pants and tee-shirts. That's wrong. They should wear the uniform properly or not at all."



Nearly 600 pounds of classified waste was watched over last week by Dick Schaper of the Redstone detachment, U. S. Army Special Security Group. It was part of a 4000-pound

load being destroyed, nearly a month's worth of classified waste. Schaper said the waste is run through a pulping machine and is "reduced to powder when it's through."

CRA gives Army funds for FY 80

WASHINGTON — The Army has money for the rest of FY 80, although the DoD appropriations act has not been approved by Congress yet.

On Friday, Congress passed House Joint Resolution 440, a Continuing Resolution Authority to cover the remainder of FY 80. This new CRA replaces the CRA passed by Congress last month which was due to expire on Nov. 20, 1979.

By passing the new CRA, Congress has given DoD authority to pay its bills and personnel through Sept. 30, 1980.

The DoD appropriations act for FY. 80 is currently before a joint House-Senate conference committee where differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill are being ironed out. (ARNEWS)

Windbreaker available soon

Soldiers will soon be able to buy a new black windbreaker adopted for optional purchase and wear.

According to DA officials, the new windbreaker is expected to be available in post exchanges for \$20-25 in April or May 1980.

The new windbreaker will eventually replace the men's green windbreaker now being worn and will be for wear by both men and women soldiers. It will be the first time women will be able to wear a windbreaker with their uniforms.

The new windbreaker will be worn the same way the green windbreaker is now. It may also be worn with the new gray-green service shirt when the shirt is worn as an outer garment.

Some soldiers are buying the Navy windbreaker for wear with the Army uniform. According to officials, the Navy windbreaker differs in material, length and shade from the new Army windbreaker and does not meet Army uniform quality control standards. The Navy windbreaker, officials say, is not, repeat not, authorized for wear with the Army uniform.

Hunters warned again

Local ducks may contain DDT

The Army has warned local hunters that ducks frequenting Redstone Arsenal may be contaminated with DDT at levels above those federal agencies believe is safe.

A similar warning was issued last November. The state duck season opens Dec. 1 and continues through Jan. 19. Many of the ducks shot by hunters on the arsenal and nearby roost in contaminated areas along Huntsville Spring Branch.

Laboratory analysis of 10 ducks taken by the Army in January 1978 first found high levels of DDT in some birds. In February, the Fish and Wildlife Service did more testing with similar results.

The latest tests involved 27 mallard ducks of both sexes collected in February from a backwater of the Spring Branch on the arsenal within Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge. The levels of DDT in the birds' flesh was mostly

below the five parts per million standard set by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for human food. Five of the 27 birds, however, had DDT levels in muscle tissue exceeding the FDA limit.

Years of study by the Fish and Wildlife Service indicate almost all waterfowl have some traces of DDT in their bodies although the highest levels have been found in mallards taken in Alabama. There is no way to determine the presence of DDT in individual birds without detailed laboratory analysis. Whether or not eating DDT contaminated birds is harmful to human health is unknown, which leaves hunters with an individual choice of whether or not to eat birds taken locally.

DDT tends to accumulate in the internal organs and fat of the birds, however, and those portions should be discarded in preparing waterfowl for the table.

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Volunteer coach rates team spirit top priority

BY KATHY HOUSE

"Defense! Fall in, fall in!" "Get your hands up — move, move!" "Hustle back, hustle back now." "Huddle up — make a good huddle." "Look like you're football players! Come on, let's GO!"

Coach Freddie Porter and the other four coaches of the arsenal's junior peewee football team are getting their afternoon workout again.

Coaching such young kids — eight, nine and ten-year-olds — isn't an easy job, but it's one Porter's volunteered for for five years.

"It takes lots of hard work, dedication, really," Porter said. "The first few weeks you have to have a lot of patience because you're working with kids who've never played before. You not only have to tell them what to do, you have to show them. You have to go over things again and again."

And the actual coaching is only part of what Porter does for the job.

A high school team and college intramural football player, Porter has kept up with changes in rules and techniques in the game by attending clinics in his spare time. He's also gone to the first aid clinics. He and the other coaches usually help get the team together at the beginning of the season.

Why does a civilian put so much time and effect into coaching a team for military dependents?

"I enjoy working with the kids," Porter said. "It's a challenge to me. If I can help them and they're enjoying themselves, then I'm enjoying myself, too."

The most important thing he can teach the kids, Porter said, is "how to associate with others."

"Sometimes, at the beginning of the season, some of the kids are withdrawn. But then they learn to function as a unit. This is pretty impressive when they haven't known each other that long. It's a rewarding thing," said Porter.

"We want the kids to have a basic appreciation of the game, to learn the basic skills," Porter said. "We hope they have a winning attitude, but that's not the total picture."

"It's important to win," he continued, "but we don't browbeat them about mistakes. They have lots of years left to play football. You can overdo that (criticism) and make them turn away from football."

One thing parents sometimes do that puts undue pressure on their children is compare



Porter describes a play to the team before running it through in practice.

them to other players on the team. Porter said he and the other coaches try not to make comparisons.

"One of the things we do is have a parents-coaches meeting at the beginning of the season," Porter said. "We tell them we're in the process of working with their boys, and to let us handle them. We're going to try to take them from where they are — not compare them to others, or maybe hold them back by putting on too much pressure."

"Even though they (the players) may be playing good ball, they can meet somebody who plays better and get discouraged," Porter continued. "We try to get them to think, 'I'll do the best I can in the position where I can do the best for the team.' " You may find that even those who seem to be catching on slower — if you'll just keep working with them and saying, 'you're a member of this team' — will come along and help you out in the middle of season."

Porter not only preaches the team spirit, he practices it. He and the other four coaches of

the junior peewee team have been coaching together for several years now. They've won championships and had other years when it was hard even to find enough players for the team.

Porter not only preaches the team spirit, he practices it. He and the other coaches — Sp5 Terry Adamson, Charles Anderson, Melvin Summerhill, James Redman, and Robert Harris (who replaced Redman this year) — are a close-knit coaching group.

Despite occasional years when it's been hard to recruit enough players, the coaches have done well: three state championships in the past four years.

It's working with them, as well as with the kids, that keeps Porter volunteering year after year.

"We've been together and worked together for the last few years and that's a big reason for our success," Porter said. "It's like we tell the kids about football: it's not one man or one person who makes the difference, it's the team."



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According to MICOM team captain, Prentiss Thomas, "Overall, I think the tournament ran beautifully. The competition was great, and I think Co. A deserves a good round of applause. They put up one Hell of a

fight." Co. A took second place honors.

He added, "The pressure was great. I knew Co. A had the players to beat me with, so it became a game of strategy." And it seems the strategy payed off.

The MICOM team consisted of Thomas Earl Frazier, John Clapper, Harold Stubbs, Alfred Frank, Lee Henry and David Ewing.

Army 'Faith'

(from front page)

As the chief of the Land Combat Department under the Directorate of Training at MMCS, Jarvis was treating young men and women like soldiers long before the decree came down. He had his own reasons.

"No one is born a soldier. The only thing people are born are babies. They have to learn how to be soldiers." Jarvis said that means making many changes in personal habits.

"You can't change people's attitudes and behavior unless you change their environment. But if the environment is the way it's supposed to be, the people will change themselves to fit that environment — whether they realize it or not."

With that idea in mind, Jarvis spends much of his working day in the hallways and training areas of buildings 3303, 3304 and 3306. He checks the attitude of students and instructors in and out of the classroom. And he checks "environmental indicators."

"If a person takes pride in what they're doing, their working areas and lounge areas won't be cluttered with overflowing ashtrays or empty soda cans and candy wrappers. You can learn more about someone's attitude by looking at their environment than you can by talking to them."

Changes he has made to the environment of his area of responsibility are evident. Army branch insignia flank the entrance to 3303 (with Field Artillery on the prestigious marching right, of course).

The motto "Pershing, Sir!" is painted in tall red letters above the entrance to 3304 (and there's another Field Artillery insignia, too). And wherever the Self Help people could supply the materials, the department supplied the manpower for unique and colorful paint schemes almost everywhere.

The normal uniform of the day is fatigues,

but red scarves, helmet liners and web belts adorn the staff and faculty on special occasions.

All of these are symbols of pride and perhaps should be expected in the vicinity of a proud soldier like Jarvis. He's proud of everything he's done in the Army — from his enlisted service in the Army Reserve through two tours in Vietnam and two in Germany to his current duty.

As fundamentalist preachers are apt to say, "We're sinners and we'd better prepare for Eternity." Jarvis says, "We're soldiers and we'd better prepare for war."



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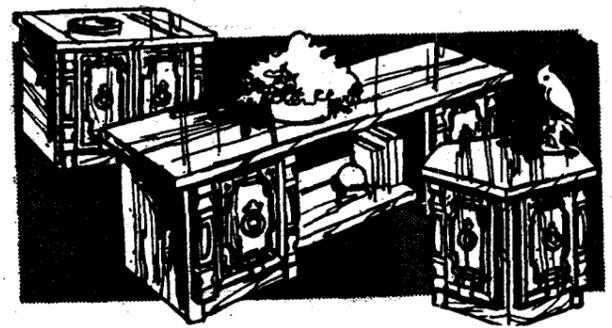
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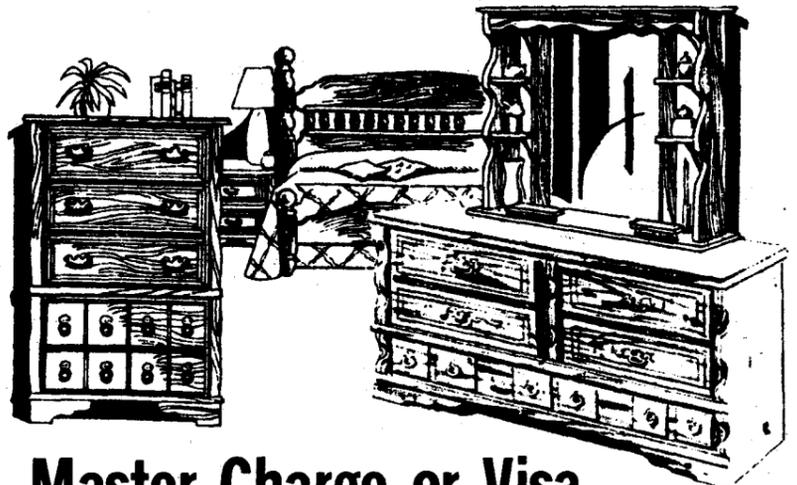
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Folcher continued, saying that there were "Three areas in which our performance really pleased me. First, we had no accidents in conducting six convoy marches. Second, we had no problems downtown (in the village of Grafenwoehr). I'm extremely proud of them. Finally, we had no claims for maneuver damage.

"This unit is short NCO's, so a lot of my

young soldiers — PFC's, Sp4's — had to cover those areas normally manned by NCO's," said Folcher. "Their response to the exercise and the added responsibility was tremendous. They performed exceptionally well."

On their return to Fort Hood, the Soldiers of 1st BN., 66th Armor, were greeted by Maj. Gen. Charles P. Graham, 2nd Div. commander they have "every reason to be proud

of yourselves as individual soldiers and as members of the team that makes up the 1st BN., 66th Armor."

A DoD spokesman explained that the test is one of the most realistic exercises held for Army units and will provide valuable planning information. The information will be used to evaluate the unit's ability to deploy, its ability to rapidly draw pre-positioned equipment and be ready for combat. (ARNEWS).

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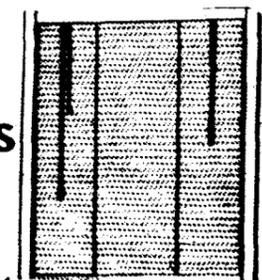
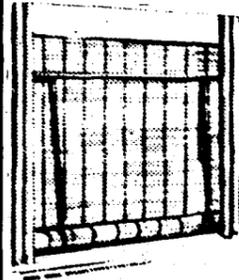
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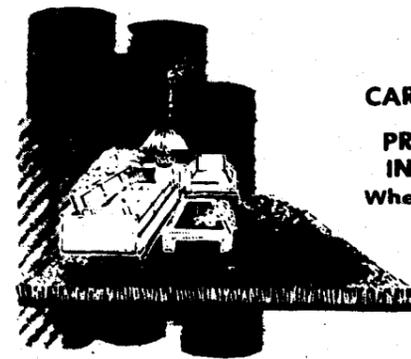
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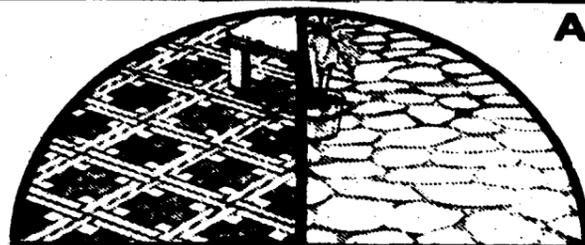
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Army Chief of Staff Gen. E. C. Meyer approved the camouflage uniform Nov. 3.

being issued. The Army will begin phasing out the utility uniform after the camouflage uniform becomes an issue item.

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Soldiers pro

Patriotic pride was the order of the day at the Honor America Day parade last week, and Redstone's 50-member flag-bearing unit and color guard were right in step with that feeling.

"It made me feel patriotic to see folks applauding our state flag marching unit," said 1st Sgt. Dieter Post of Jersey City, N. J.

"It was an honor to be selected to march in the parade. I really liked doing it and being in military uniform. It made me proud of myself and of being in the Army," said the soldier bearing the Kansas flag, Sp4 Chester Powell from Kansas City, Kan.

On the heels of the U.S. Army Forces Command Band, Redstone's 50 soldiers were among one of the first parade units to pass by the reviewing stand where Governor Fob James, Maj. Gen. Louis Rachmeler, Alabama Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant, Huntsville Mayor Joe Davis and other dignitaries viewed the parade.

The cheers of the many Huntsville school children lining the 1.8 mile parade route through downtown Huntsville was one of the parade highlights many soldiers cited.

"The biggest surprise was the children and how many recognized the different state flags," said SSgt. Alden Meisner of Greely, Co. "I really enjoyed it. I'd like to do it again."



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Sp5 Chang H Yi of Kaneohe, Hawaii, said he volunteered for the parade duty so he could carry the flag for his home state.

"It was an interesting experience. It was fun watching all the people cheer as the wind blew the flags," said Sp4 Arthur Thompson, Jr. of North Kingston, R.I. "But it was an everydaything as far as the Army is concerned because you do something different every day in the Army."

The soldiers also helped kick off the Honor America Day Program which followed the parade by presenting their flags in the roll call of states.

"I was extremely pleased with the participation of the soldiers and their pride in carrying their state flags," said Capt. Willie B. Nance, coordinating officer for the flag-bearing unit.



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The support Glover mentioned is a recent OWC donation of more than \$188 to purchase books and instructional material for the center. The items included a Reading Readiness Treasure Tub, a Phonetics Factory and Replacement Duplicator workbook.

The center offers pre-school, kindergarten and, occasionally, special situation first grade instruction to the dependent children of active, retired and foreign student military personnel. Classrooms and administrative offices are in the Bicentennial Chapel on Goss Road.

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The center receives no money from official Army sources. Operating funds are raised through a minimal student tuition.

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The hazardous item is a hollow, yellow plastic tube with a metal reed fastened inside an interior plastic cylinder.

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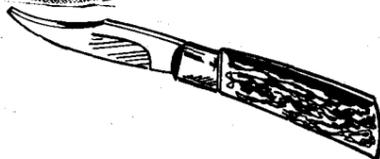
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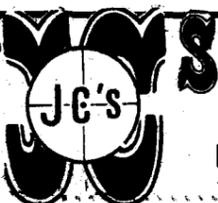
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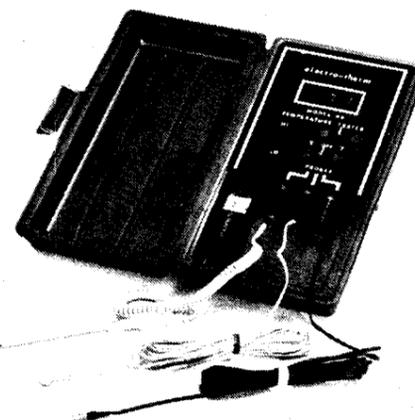
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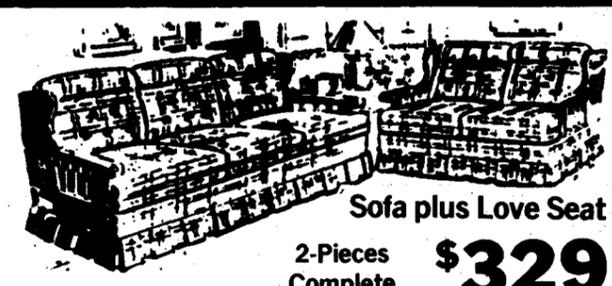
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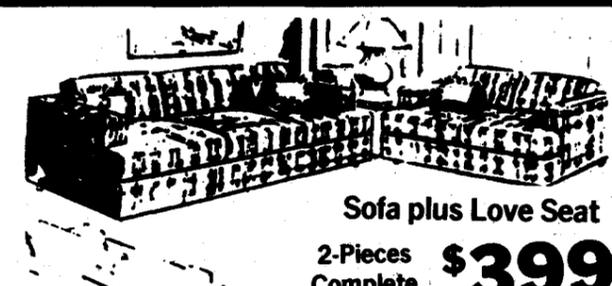
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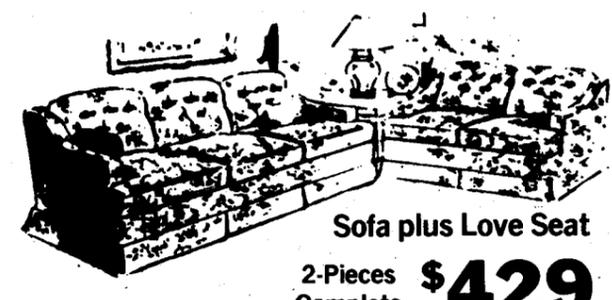
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So far this year a thousand or so letters have been received.

The parent's part in the program is very important. They must answer the child's letter, then enclose it in a self-addressed, stamped envelope and mail it to: Detachment 2, 11th Weather Squadron, "Santa's Mailbag," Eielson AFB, AK 99702.

Members of the Weather Squadron open the letters from the children. They personalize the enclosed envelope from the parent with a drawing of Santa and then mail it to the child from the North Pole.

Parents should mail the letters as soon as possible. Letters received in mid-December or later may not get back to the child by Christmas.



Old-fashioned Christmas

Old fashioned Christmas decorations made by the Officers Wives Club are on display at an open house today at 4 p.m. at the Officers Club. Several months of work by a 14-member

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• SALE # 1 •

9:30 A.M. — Long Pond Subdivision - Directions: From Huntsville, take South Parkway across Whitesburg Bridge, go approx. 1 mile beyond the bridge and turn right. Go approx. 1/5 mile & turn right. Lots are located on each side of the road. There are 7 lots to be sold at auction on this location. Each lot is open, level land approx. 3 acres in size. Several beautiful homes have already been built in this subdivision. All the roads have been built and paved and the lots are ready to build on. The location is only a short commuting distance to Huntsville.

• SALE # 2 •

11:30 A.M. — Beautiful brick home on approx. 1/2 acre lot. This well kept home has a living room, den, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath & kitchen/dining room combination. The kitchen has built-in appliances. The house, also is fully carpeted, has double garage, inside laundry, and a nice patio. Living area is approx. 1,520 sq. ft. There is, also, a concrete block shop building, approx. 711 sq. ft., that is wired and can be used for boat storage, storage space, hobby shop or extra garage. The home is extra neat, freshly painted and has storm windows. The location is only 1 mile from the school and is within easy commuting distance to Huntsville or Arab.

• SALE # 3 •

1:00 P.M. — 2 nice wooded building sites located at the end of a cul-de-sac. Both tracts are large, approx. 9 and 10 acres, and are ideal building sites for a rustic mountainside home with all the privacy you would ever want. All within easy driving distance to Huntsville or Arab.

• SALE # 4 •

2:00 P.M. — Offering at auction, 6 wooded, mountainside tracts, approx. 5 acres each, on a cul-de-sac in Fortuna subdivision. These 5 lots are ideal for building in a rustic setting and living close to nature. Each lot affords all the privacy you desire for escaping from the city. If you are looking for property of this nature, be sure and look at these prior to auction day.

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Announcements

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Tonight and tomorrow: Cheech & Chong in **Up in Smoke** at 7. Friday: Gene Wilder, Harrison Ford in **Frisco Kid** at 7.

Women in Action to meet

Women in Action will have a "lunch and learn" meeting beginning at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 29 in the NCO Club. Speakers will be Dr. Barbara H. Jacobs, a local psychologist, and Mary S. McGough, counselor-coordinator with the North Alabama Educational Opportunity Program at UAH. Cost for the luncheon will be \$4.25 a person.

Officers Club Open House

The Redstone Officers Club will have an Open House for all members and their guests from 4 to 6 p.m. this evening. The OWC Chorale will sing holiday songs, the club will have special Christmas decorations, and Happy Hour prices will be in effect. No reservations are necessary. Dress will be casual.

Dec. 5 is next surplus sale

There will be a local spot bid sale of government surplus property Dec. 5 in the Rocket Auditorium, bldg. 7120. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the sale begins at 9 a.m. Some of the items for sale are: typewriters, calculators, adding machines, electronic equipment, viewers, telephones, amplifiers, generator set, air conditioner, sedans and pickup trucks. The property is located in bldg. 7426 and Property Disposal Vehicle Yard located on Warehouse Road. The property may be inspected each day beginning Nov. 28 between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Anyone can buy.

SAME to meet tomorrow

The Society of American Military Engineers will have a luncheon meeting tomorrow in the Safeguard Room of the Officers Open Mess. Dean Gerald J. McLindon of Louisiana State University's School of Environmental Design will be the guest speaker. He will discuss present and future environmental problems facing builders and engineers. Social begins at 11:30, lunch at 11:45, program at 12:30. For reservations, call Mack Proszek at 895-5312.

Toastmasters to teach speechcraft

Toastmasters International will present a "Speechcraft" course meeting for eight consecutive weeks beginning the week of Jan. 28. Enrollment starts now for three different classes — one meeting Monday evenings, another meeting Tuesday evenings, and the third meeting Thursday evenings. The course is designed to teach speech preparation, effective listening, committee procedures, and meeting and conference management. The MICOM Civilian Personnel Office will provide funds for workers whose jobs call for such skills. For more information, call Speechcraft coordinator Doug Seay, 895-3474 or 883-7108.

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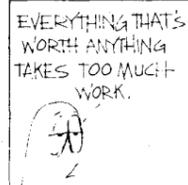
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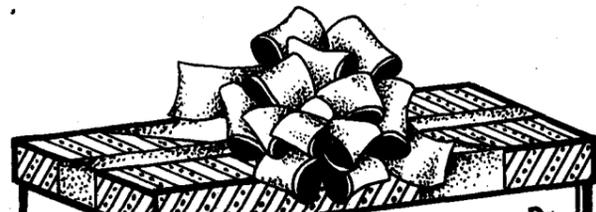
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