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Parade, open house scheduled for Armed Forces observance today

Army officials at Redstone Arsenal have invited area residents to join them in observing Armed Forces Week with a parade and an open house in the Missile and Munitions Center and School today.

More than 600 soldiers and Marines will be in formation on the parade ground east of Patton Road when activities begin at 1 p.m. Over 300 high school students and many Huntsville educators will be on the sidelines as special guests of the missile school.

Tours offered

After the parade, visitors will tour classrooms training areas and barracks used by the military students learning missile maintenance and ammunition handling skills. A variety of sophisticated weapons systems will be on display.

Among the facilities that will be open to the public are Toftoy Hall (the school's self-paced electronics training area), and outdoor training areas for both the Nike-Hercules and Improved HAWK missile systems.

Following a precedent set by President Harry S. Truman in 1949, President Carter proclaimed May 12-17 Armed Forces Week this year. That proclamation was echoed in the local area by Major Joe Davis and County Commission Chairman James Record.



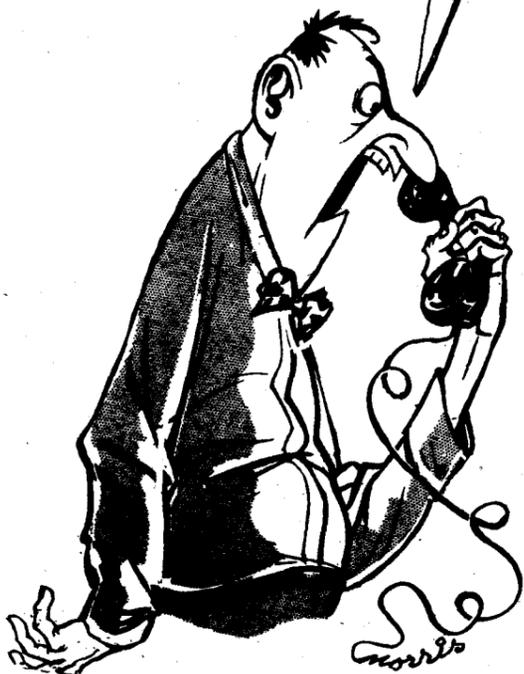
Everyone loves a parade

Governor Fob James will be presenting an award to the outstanding military representative from each of the activities in the state today during ceremonies in Montgomery. Sergeant Ronald L. Quinn, a

military policeman, will represent Redstone.

On Friday, the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce will host local military leaders at a noon luncheon and complete the area observance.

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Voicebox thief strikes

The phone rang like it always did. People's voices came across loud and clear, but when Ellanora Burns replied, no one could hear her.

Not too many phone calls later, Burns and her cohorts in the administrative section of the legal office began examining her useless phone and discovered the problem.

Burns's voicebox had been removed. Someone had made off with the transmitter element in the receiver.

"At first, we thought somebody was playing a joke," said co-worker Sherry Belew. "About a year ago that was a big April Fools joke, so we suspected that right off."

But when no smirking culprits came forward to produce the stolen element, Burns called the phone company to the rescue. The repairman said the transmitters can be used in ham radios and that their theft wasn't all that uncommon.

"It use to happen more," said Joe Manley, communications specialist with USACC who said the Army catalog cost of the elements is \$2.79.

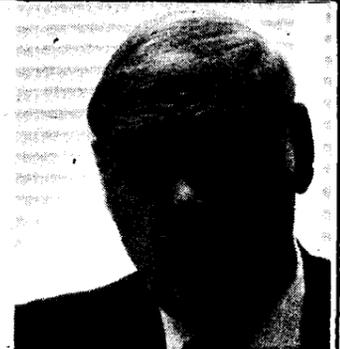
The legal clerks are still shaking their heads about the big theft. "We've had alot of things stolen from here, but never part of a phone," said Nadine Peck.

inside

'Mr. Energy'

Redstone's new Energy Officer, Paul Hancock, is serious about trimming energy use. So serious, in fact, that he impounded the keys to 38

Facilities Engineer vehicles for one month — and met a 20 percent gas cut. To see what he's got planned for Redstone, turn to page 8.



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Opinion



A day to recognize those who have chosen to serve

Redstone observes Armed Forces Day today. It is a time to recognize the importance of strong national defense and what it takes to have it.

Mostly what it takes is people — men and women — willing to serve their country.

The day has added significance this year. Most Americans are aware they live in a world suddenly gone loose in the joints, a place where everything does not turn out fine, a place where the need for strong armed forces is painfully evident.

Redstone's service men and women will be parading today. The Missile and Munitions Center and School plans an open house afterward with displays and tours of classrooms and work areas.

Our missiles are impressive, and so are the buildings and equipment on the arsenal. But today belongs to the people, the men and women in uniform proudly doing an absolutely vital service for the rest of us.

They are the volunteers, the ones who have chosen to serve, when others of their generation have chosen to do other things.

Service is ever easy, but the young men and women who serve today do so because they want to. They are proud of their service to their country.

The rest of us owe them our thanks and our support.

Dave Harris

Letters

Decals for NASA?

Editor:

The Redstone Arsenal Vehicle Re-registration Program apparently applies only to U.S. Army decals.

The now-abandoned vehicle safety inspection program also applied only to Army registration.

NASA is a tenant on an Army installation. What is the provision that exempts NASA employees from the Army programs mentioned above?

Are NASA-registered vehicles subject to search by Military Police when on the arsenal, under implied consent provisions?

Are NASA-registered vehicles subject to citations by MPs for traffic violations on the arsenal?

Bill Schmidt
DRSMI-IWD

Editor's note: In answer to the first question, the agreement between the Army and NASA which established the Marshall Space Flight Center at Redstone in 1960 gives NASA the right to issue its own vehicle decals. Lt. Col Terris C. Lewis, director of security, said the answer to the last two questions is yes.

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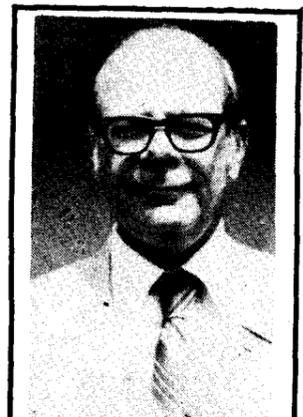
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A few days later, the orders still aren't here. Nobody knows when they'll arrive, and someone mentions he's known it to take two or three weeks. That's just great news.

Everyone's sorry they can't pay you without your orders — but that doesn't help much. Your problem is surviving until your orders arrive.

Does that little scene sound far-fetched? It doesn't if you've been in the Army very long. And it's based on a real case. Where could you turn for help if it happened to you? One place is Army Emergency Relief.

AER makes no-interest loans to help people over the rough spots. Rarely, in about two percent of the cases, a grant is made if repayment would be an extreme hardship on the soldier.

That's the reason the Army Emergency Relief campaign from May 15 through July 1 is so important. AER is supported only by

contributions from soldiers. It uses these donations to provide emergency relief to soldiers, their dependents and retirees.

All contributions go to a central point and then are distributed throughout the Army, based on the population and past history of the area. Last year AER made 38,000 loans averaging \$215 each. AER also makes special educational loans and grants scholarships to dependent children who qualify.

Need for AER loans has been increasing about 20 percent each year since 1977. "There's been a dramatic increase in requests for loans in the last month," reports 2nd Lt. Eric Borg, manager of this year's campaign at Redstone. "Because of the credit crunch, people can't use credit cards to spread unexpected expenses over several months like they used to. It looks like there will be a much, much greater need in the future."

Most AER loans are only until the next pay day, but if the amount is large enough, it can be repaid over a several month period.

A common misunderstanding is that AER is a handout for young soldiers who can't handle their money. "The most typical problem is in the area of rent and handling family needs," Borg says. "Some of the junior enlisted per-

sonnel, many of them married, just come up short at the end of the month." They can manage to make it through three or four months, but eventually it's just too much.

When these soldiers come to AER for help, they are counselled and get help in planning a budget. Then AER loans them the money to pay the rent, or make some other necessary payments or buy food.

The next most common problem area is travel. This type of problem can happen to anyone, regardless of rank or age. Illness or a death in the family may make it important for a soldier to get home. "Many times," Borg says, "even when the soldier has the money, there's no way to get at it. For instance, it may be in a bank or credit union that's closed for the weekend." AER can make an emergency loan so the soldier doesn't have to wait until Monday. Problems of this type use much of AER's money because of the high cost of travel.

It's easy to say "You should be prepared for emergencies," but it's impossible to keep enough cash on hand to cope with every emergency that might arise. That's why AER is there when you need help, Borg said.

MICOM man saves a life

A MICOM worker in Schwanheim, Germany has been awarded the Army's Meritorious Service Medal for administering life-saving first aid to an auto accident victim.

CWO Jean Shindler of the Area Calibration and Repair Center in Schwanheim, part of the U.S. Army TMDE Support Activity, Europe, was presented with the medal in April. He is credited with saving the life of a 15-year-old German man on Feb. 19.

Shindler was driving near the outskirts of Frankfurt when he saw a speeding car leave the road and roll over several times.

He stopped his vehicle, ran to the wreckage, and helped the front seat passenger escape. The driver got out by himself.

According to police on the scene, Shindler reentered the wrecked car and provided exemplary first aid to two persons trapped in the back seat.

The assistance provided by Shindler kept one of the injured men alive, as he was in immediate danger of suffocating on his own blood. Firemen were forced to cut the injured passengers out of the wreckage with rescue shears. The injured Germans were then flown to nearby hospitals by helicopter.

Shindler has been with MICOM in Europe for several years. He will be transferring to Metrology and Calibration here sometime this summer.

Alterations okayed for women's fatigues

WASHINGTON — Women soldiers issued or purchasing male fatigue uniforms may now have them altered, officials say. But, they may not be altered to achieve a form fitted uniform.

According to officials, the Army decided to lift the ban on the altering of men's fatigues after women soldiers were authorized to wear them. The sizes available in men's utility uniforms have been expanded to meet the

needs of women soldiers. Also, every effort is being made to have the smaller sizes available for sale and issue to women.

Fatigue trousers may only be altered in the crotch, seat and waist. Authorized alterations to the utility shirts are limited to the sleeves, shoulders, collar, side seams, and back waist length. The fatigue uniform must be loose fitting after alterations are completed.

Officials also stress that soldiers may not add pockets or flaps to the sleeves or shorten the sleeves by cutting them off.

Chapter 15 and table 15-2, AR 700-84, "Issue and sale of personal clothing," contains information on the alteration of uniforms.

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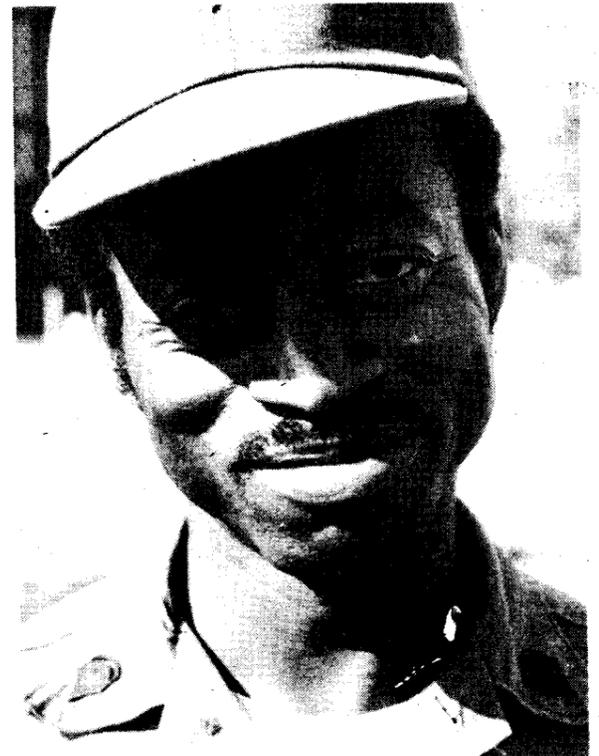
Does America appreciate her Armed Forces?



Sp 4 Danny E. Lindsey, 95th SVE. — "The big wheel in America is politics and politicians appreciate the soldiers because they know that we are the only ones to support them. As far as a citizen goes, I think they don't appreciate the Army as much as they could or more volunteers would join instead of having to draft people."



Pvt 2 Susan E. Osborne, 7th S.C. — "I don't think they do. We come here and really try to accomplish something and every one says that the Army doesn't do anything. They all say that the Army people only came in because we can't find jobs and that is not necessarily true."



Sp 5 Lee M. McKinney, 95th SVC — "No. American people have never had a major war fought on their soil and do not know the hardship that it causes. It's something they would have to experience before they would appreciate the Armed Forces."



Sp 4 Charles T. Benson Jr., 515th Ord. Co. — "I really don't know if they do or not. In some places they do and some they don't. I went to an Armed Forces parade in Huntsville last year and the people seemed to enjoy it. I think Huntsville likes it but I really don't know."



Pvt. 2 Kandy L. Yates, A Co. — "I think that it's divided in half. Some do appreciate and some don't. I know I really didn't appreciate it as much until I came in. But I think when it comes to a war, they will."



Pvt Steven Suttles, 4th S.C. "In a way they do and in a way they don't. They help us a lot with the benefits even though the pay is poor but in morale support, I really don't think they do."

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OWC donations total \$9,500

The Redstone Officers Wives Club closed its 1979-80 season on May 13 with more than \$9,500 donated to various charities and groups.

Additionally, the OWC awarded \$3,450 in scholarships to six students.

On post, according to Rusty Hutchinson, OWC publicity chairman, donations totalling \$5,902.47 were given to 14 agencies. These donations purchased preschool teaching materials for the Redstone Children's Center, aided a Vietnamese immigrant family through the Christian Outreach Program, and supported the Fox Army Hospital's new mothers program through the Madison County Mental Health Association.

Hutchinson said money was also donated to the Post Chaplain's Fund to buy Christmas baskets, and reading material was purchased for DENTAC waiting rooms. Contributions were also made to the Red Cross, Army Community Services, Army Emergency Relief, Girl Scouts, Fox Hospital patient library, Dependent Youth Association, post nursery and post libraries.

A \$1,000 merit award scholarship was presented to Randolph High School student Brian Brost, son of Mary Jean Brost and the late Maj. Daryl Brost. A \$750 award was made to Grissom student Kerry Lynn Marsh, daughter of CWO 4(Ret.) and Mrs. Edwin Marsh; \$500 awards to Eric Senn, Grissom, son of Lt. Col. (Ret.) and Mrs. Robert Senn and law student Margert deRusha, wife of Capt. Richard deRusha; \$350 awards to Butler

High students Daphne Goss, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Joseph B. Goss and Robert Brown Jr., son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Robert Brown.

Hutchinson said OWS donations off post totaled \$3,613.27. to 18 Agencies and groups. These contributions aided the research program of the Pediatric Education Fund, supported the Chi Ho Home for Children and sent four youths to camp through the Youth For Christ organization.

Additionally, contributions were made to the Coalition for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Army Distaff Foundation, Huntsville Senior Citizens Inc., Salvation Army, Senior Citizen Christmas Party; Soldiers Sailors, Marines and Airmans Clubs; Huntsville-Madison County Rescue Squad and Downtown Rescue Mission.

Also, Opportunity Center Retarded Citizens Association, Huntsville Cadet Orchestra, Robert Neaues Center for Children, Christmas Charities, Huntsville Emergency Line Program, U.S.O, and Harris Home for Children.

Arsenal Red Cross honors volunteers

Maj. Gen. Louis Rachmeler presented a special military award to Esther Eckstein in recognition of "outstanding and dedicated" service to Fox Army Hospital at the Red Cross annual awards and pinning ceremony here May 6.

Volunteers who had worked from one to 25 years were recognized and awarded pins, while Col. Robert McLean, hospital commander, was honored for "unfailing support of the Red Cross Program" during the past four years.

William Ray, field director of the Redstone Arsenal Red Cross, cited Mary Morgan, chairman of volunteers, "for a year of hard work and a job well done", and presented her a gift.

Guest speakers for the ceremony were Col. Burt Dall, Col. Robert McLean and Lt. Col. James Chretien, while Chaplain Frank Turnbow gave the invocation and benediction. Many family member, friends and guests attended.

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MICOM picnic plans finalized

The MICOM Picnic Committee is finalizing the program for June 21. The picnic will be at the Civilian Recreation Area from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Games for all ages will be provided — softball, volleyball, horseshoes, and items such as a water balloon throw.

For those more inclined to the chaise longue, the committee is lining up an array of talent ranging from clowns galore to jazz and folk music groups.

Beverages, ice cream and popcorn will be

available. Otherwise, each individual, family, or group brings his own makin's for the day in the park. The committee suggests that persons bring folding chairs, tablecloths, and other comfort items.

Costs for the event are being met through the Civilian Welfare Fund, and fees from both the dunking booth and softball team entries.

Everyone connected with MICOM — civilian employees, military assigned, retirees from MICOM and contractors — is invited. Families and guests are welcome.

VA lowers home interest rate

WASHINGTON — If soaring interest rates have prevented you from buying a home, VA may be able to shine some light through what may seem like a dark tunnel.

That 14 percent interest rate, in effect since April 3, has been lowered to 13 percent, according to VA officials.

For example, if a veteran buys a home with a 30-year, \$50,000 GI loan, the one percent rate cut will lower monthly payments by about \$50.

This rate change does not affect existing loans, as the interest rate remains the same over the life of a loan.

VA and the Department of Housing and

Urban Development jointly agreed upon the new 13 percent rate, keeping it in line with lowered interest rates in the private sector.

VA guarantees loans made by private lenders to eligible veterans, unmarried surviving spouses of deceased veterans and active duty military personnel. The guaranty covers 60 percent of the loan amount or \$25,000, whichever is lower.

So, if you're ready to buy that dream home, contact the VA regional office at 539-7742.

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Find out how much Uncle Sam needs you.

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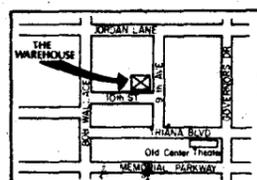
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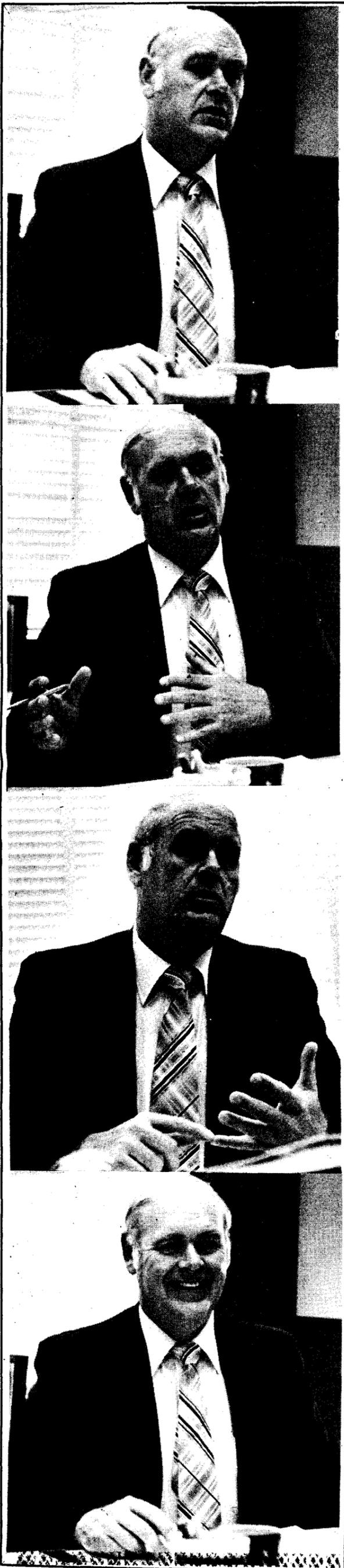
A lot of good soldiers make the mistake of leaving the Army without realizing what they really had. One soldier who took the time to sit down and figure out what the Army had to offer was Sgt. Nancy Somerville, 591st MP Company, Fort Bliss, Texas.

"Being an Investigator is something I always wanted to do. As I came to the end of my first enlistment, I found out it would take 10 years to become a civilian Investigator. In

the Army, I got what I wanted by reenlisting for it."

There are opportunities for advancement in the Army that can come a lot more quickly than in civilian life. Last year, in fact, over 5,000 soldiers who left the Army came back in. So before you make a decision to get out, have a talk with your Reenlistment NCO. It's the easy way to find out what you've got and how far you can go in the Army.

KEEP A GOOD SOLDIER IN THE ARMY. REENLIST.



'Mr. Energy' wants ideas

By ED PETERS

Told to cut Facilities Engineering's gasoline consumption by 20 percent, Paul Hancock faced a dilemma in taking so big a cut from his agency's already spare allocation. He considered the problem, then proceeded to gather up the keys to every vehicle assigned to FE headquarters and locked them in his desk. For one month, 38 cars and trucks did not move.

Redstone's new Energy Officer is serious about saving energy. How serious? He glances at a wall thermometer. "I think the fact that it's 86 degrees in my office indicates how serious I am about this," said Hancock.

The Facilities Engineer was named to the newly-created post of command Energy Officer by Maj. Gen. Louis Rachmeler to put all energy conservation efforts under central control. At the same time, an energy advisory group of 18 senior managers and directors was set up under Brig. Gen. Jack Apperson.

Among Hancock's priority energy interests are carpooling incentives, expansion of the arsenal bus and taxi service, obtaining scooters and other small vehicles for the post fleet, and insulating buildings and improving heating and air conditioning processes to make the post physical plant more energy efficient.

When Hancock talks energy, he sprinkles his speech with references to "national commitment" and "leaving something for future generations" and the like. He is particularly concerned about waste.

"The pounds of coal or gallons of fuel we waste are pounds and gallons that won't be here to provide essentials 20 years from now," said Hancock.

For the arsenal, Hancock envisions a many-faceted conservation program involving everyone.

"Since 1973 we've reduced electricity consumption by 28 percent, a major accomplishment, although the power bill has tripled. But as soon as we have the involvement of every person on this post, I think we can save a lot more," said Hancock.

"We've met our conservation goals," he continued, "but it's been by the 'hernia' method" — shutting down utilities, rationing gasoline and other actions that generally haven't involved a high degree of participation by individual workers. "But we've run out of those conservation opportunities and now we're looking at two new ones," he said.

"First, we've got to get to the person who flips the switch, the man or woman who runs that lathe, that typewriter, that oscilloscope, that drill press. . . we've got to make sure that the equipment and machines we use in our everyday work are used only when they have to be and in the most efficient manner possible.

Decision-making processes

"Another opportunity we must concentrate on is in our decision making processes for programs and projects, where energy will become an evaluation factor along with price, time, and technical requirements in deciding what particular alternative is chosen." Guidance on how to make this energy impact evaluation is expected soon from DA, Hancock said.

"It is important," he went on, "that all our managers understand that they will be responsible for making these decisions. I will

not — I cannot — but my function will be to introduce energy as a matter of their consideration in deciding what alternative to pursue. Again, we don't have that guidance yet but expect it soon."

With \$700,000 per month electric bills expected here this summer, and the fuel oil the arsenal heats with (4,500,000 gallons last year) rising in cost like all petroleum products, Hancock foresees cost becoming a limiting factor on energy consumption, perhaps a severe one.

He said the question of "What price comfort?" likely will have to be addressed here in the not-too-distant future. At some point we may have to accept big changes in levels of comfort cooling and heating that are provided and, as a result, equally big changes in such aspects of our lives as how we go about our work and how we dress for it, he said.

Most organizations at Redstone have had to go without gasoline for a few days after using up their allocation, but few know the difficulty of trying to get by without it for a long time. That month-long period earlier this year when Hancock had to idle all vehicles at FE headquarters convinced him that an expanded and improved intra-arsenal transportation system is the only way the installation is going to be able to cope with diminishing gasoline supplies and still get its job done.

Not very practical

He said the bus and taxi service as presently set up is not very practical for FE personnel and others whose jobs require a lot of travel all over the arsenal.

There were instances where FE personnel "had to walk two miles or wait two hours," said Hancock, "and that's false economy to try to save gas that way.

"We found that we could get by with a lot less over the short haul but if we're going to do it over the long haul we're going to have to upgrade our common carrier system," he stressed.

Hancock's other areas of energy interest include:

- Working with local governments in an attempt to establish bus or vanpool commuter transportation.

- Continued moving of people and activities from old buildings with high rates of heating and cooling loss to more energy efficient ones.

- Exploring the possibilities of replacing standard size vehicles in the post fleet with smaller ones or scooters. Hancock estimates that 50 percent of the cars and trucks here are unnecessarily big for the job they have to do.

- Continued insulation of buildings and improvements to other aspects of the physical plant, which Hancock terms "energy inefficient in terms of insulating value and installed mechanical features.

"We have some major investment projects underway and in the execution stage now — insulating buildings, taking out windows and installing insulated panels and improving steam lines.

"Also," he continued, "we are constructing a new boiler plant to be fired by solid waste. This will do two things. It will provide a source of heat, and it will extract that heat from waste that otherwise would be buried in a landfill at a significant cost."

Hancock said he feels any program of mass transit for arsenal commuters would have to

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be worked out in a cooperative effort with local and regional governments. Meanwhile, he "strongly supports" establishing a system for rewarding carpoolers through reserved parking, convenient passenger pickup and discharge points and other means.

Hancock's ideas about conservation are oriented less toward meeting percentage goals slapped on by higher headquarters, than to saving energy because it's a compelling national need.

"I have an 'equation' I use on people," he reflected. "It is this: One 100 watt bulb burning for 10 hours requires one kilowatt of electricity which takes one pound of coal to produce. So if we burn that light bulb unnecessarily, every 10 hours a pound of coal is wasted, and irretrievably lost.

"And that's a pound of coal our children and grandchildren are going to need. I believe that conservation now is essential if they're going to have even the minimum of energy they will need."

Concluding, he said, "What I want for Redstone Arsenal is a conservation program that works and it will work if everyone here will get involved in it.

"And if anyone has any ideas or suggestions, I welcome them," he added.

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New office to develop Dragon replacement

MICOM has established a staff office to develop a new Dragon replacement for the 1980s.

Lt. Col. Thomas Kunhart, former Chief of the Lance Logistics Management Division, heads the Development Project Office for the Army's new Infantry Manportable Anti-armor Assault Weapon System (IMAAWS).

Kunhart and his staff of 14 are located in Bldg. 4500 but are scheduled to move to Bldg. 5250 later this summer.

MICOM, looking at several concepts for the IMAAWS role, recently sent requests for

proposals to 50 contractors outlining the Army's requirements and asking for ideas on developing the new tank killer.

Among concepts under consideration are laser beam rider, recoilless rifle, millimeter wave, fiber optics, and two-color infrared systems. In addition to those candidates, the IMAAWS office is managing another program — utilizing focal plane array guidance-for the Advanced Research Projects Agency.

Kunhart said the Army will evaluate proposals and award contracts later this summer for development of one or more of the

IMAAWS concepts and, along with Tank Breaker, begin a two-year, 24-flight demonstration program.

Contracts of approximately \$1 million each have already been awarded to Hughes, McDonnell Douglas, Texas Instruments and Rockwell International for concept definition studies on Tank Breaker.

After completing flight tests on IMAAWS and Tank Breaker, the Army will select the most promising concepts for more advanced development.



Basic skeet shooting classes offered

Outdoor Recreation will offer basic skeet shooting classes for those who have never shot skeet this Saturday and Sunday. The classes will start at 1 p.m. at the Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. 5127.

Instructor Jim Griffin, director of Outdoor Recreation, said the class will cover fundamentals of skeet shooting including safety, stance, lead, swing and follow-through, and scoring. The same class will be taught both

days, so participants can sign up for class one day only. Instruction, shotguns, clay pigeons, ammunition and transportation from the post gym to 5127 will be provided free of charge. Class participants will be eligible to shoot in the beginners tournament in June.

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The program begins May 18 at the Post Chapel (Bldg. 3714) with a session from 5-6

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Anyone who wants to quit smoking is invited to attend.

Alcohol, drug seminar set

A seminar for people wanting to know more about alcohol and drug abuse is being conducted here on Thursday afternoons.

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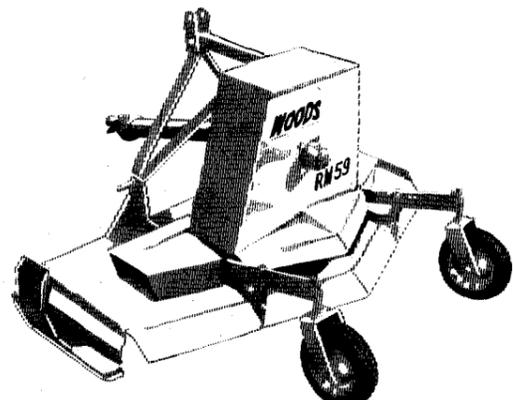
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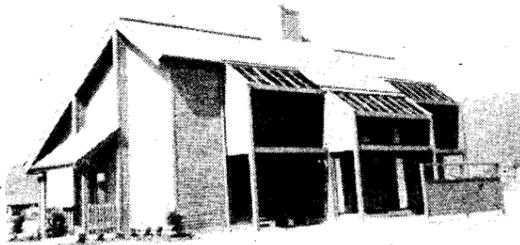
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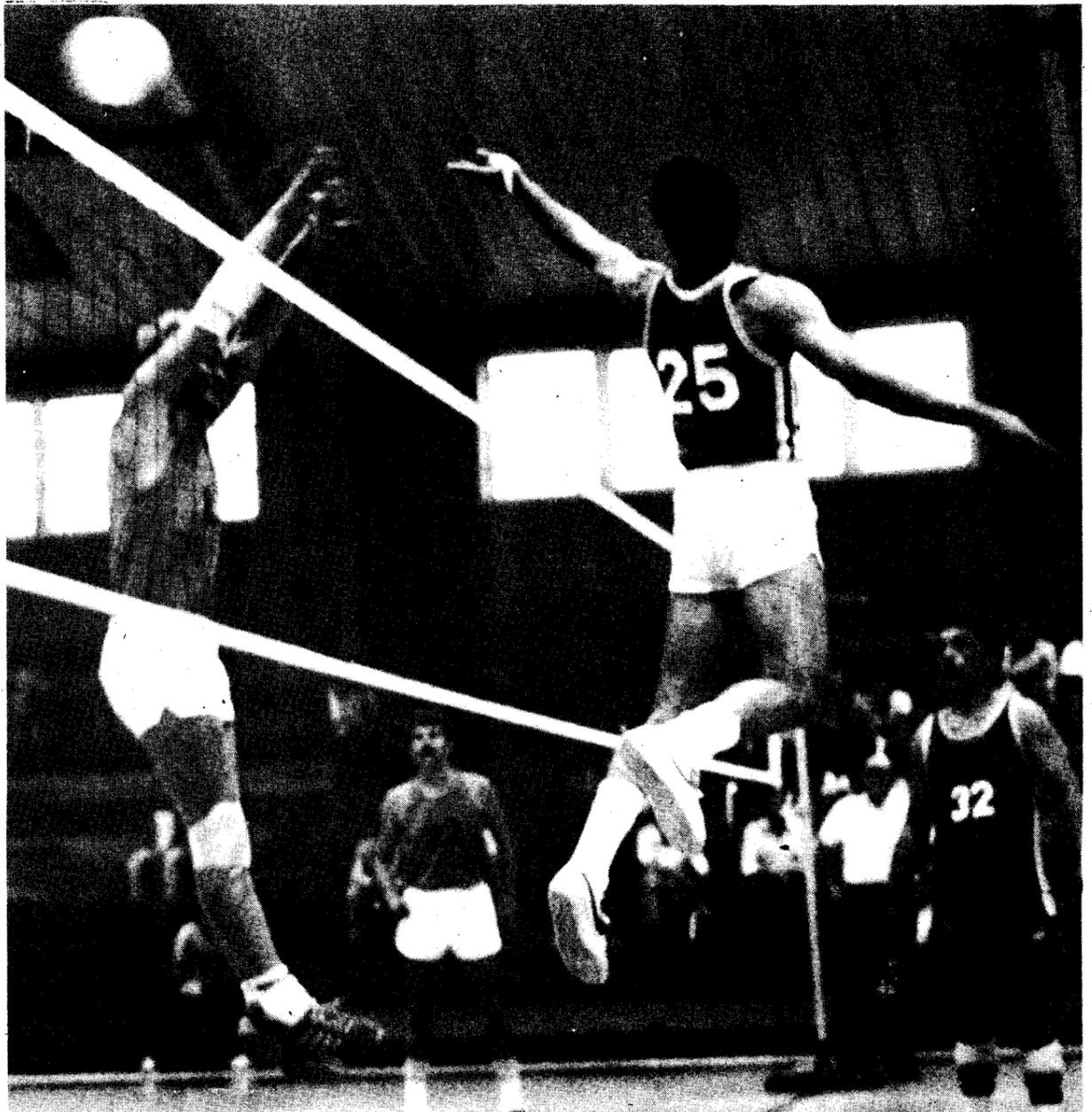
German AF is volleyball champ

The German Air Force became Redstone Arsenal's volleyball champions May 7 by beating the 291st MP Co. 15-10, 12-15 and 15-6 in the final match of the tournament.

The Germans compiled a 8-2 record during the regular season, finishing second to the

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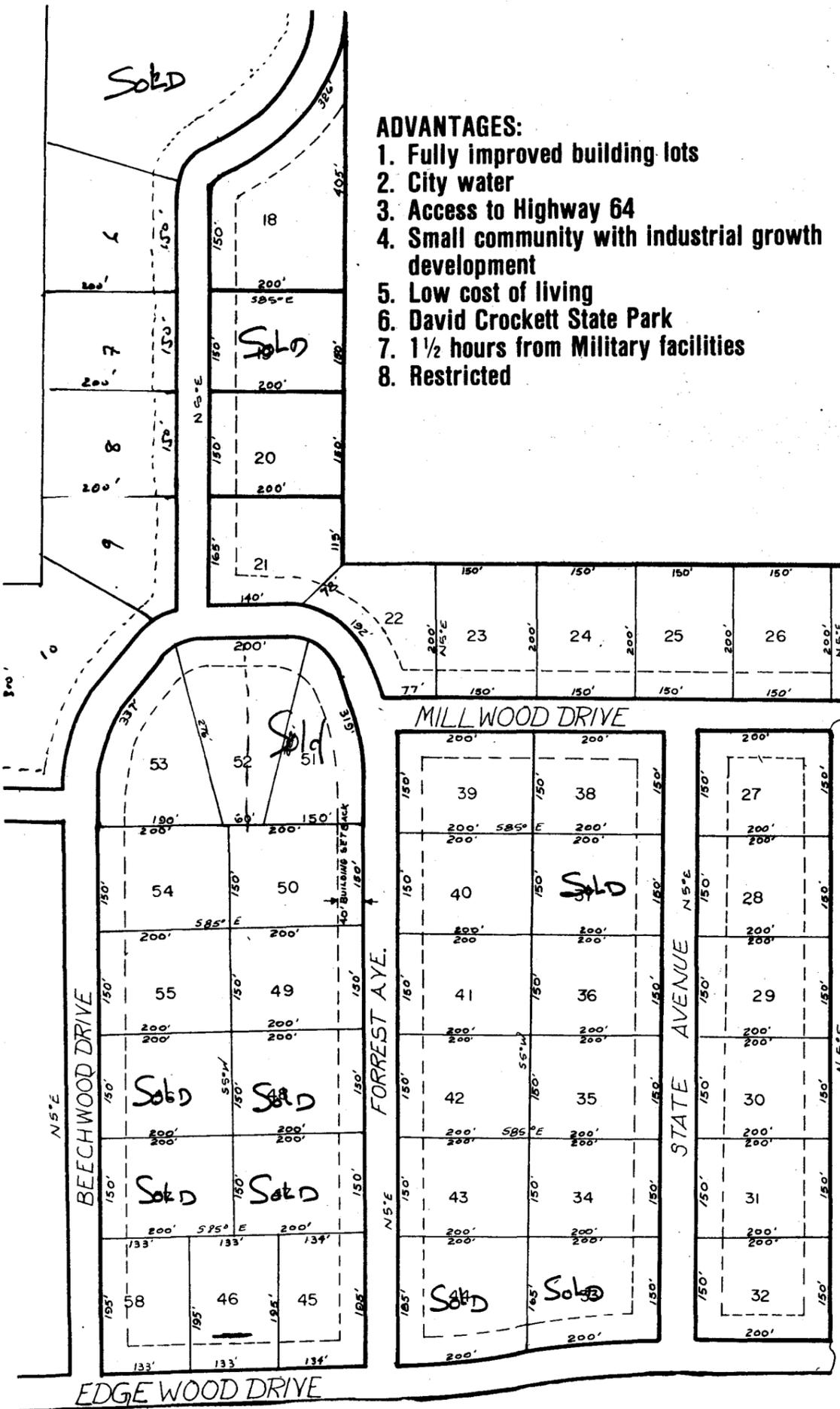
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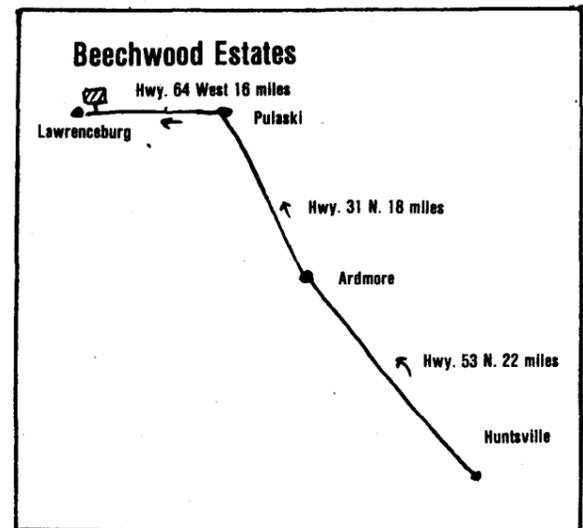


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CWO 3 Carl R. Brown, a standardization instructor pilot with Company D, 158th Aviation Battalion, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky., says the **BLACK HAWK** does a lot more than the Huey.

Brown explains, "This aircraft can carry a squad of 11 troops" and a TOW vehicle. "It would take three UH-1s to do that same job."

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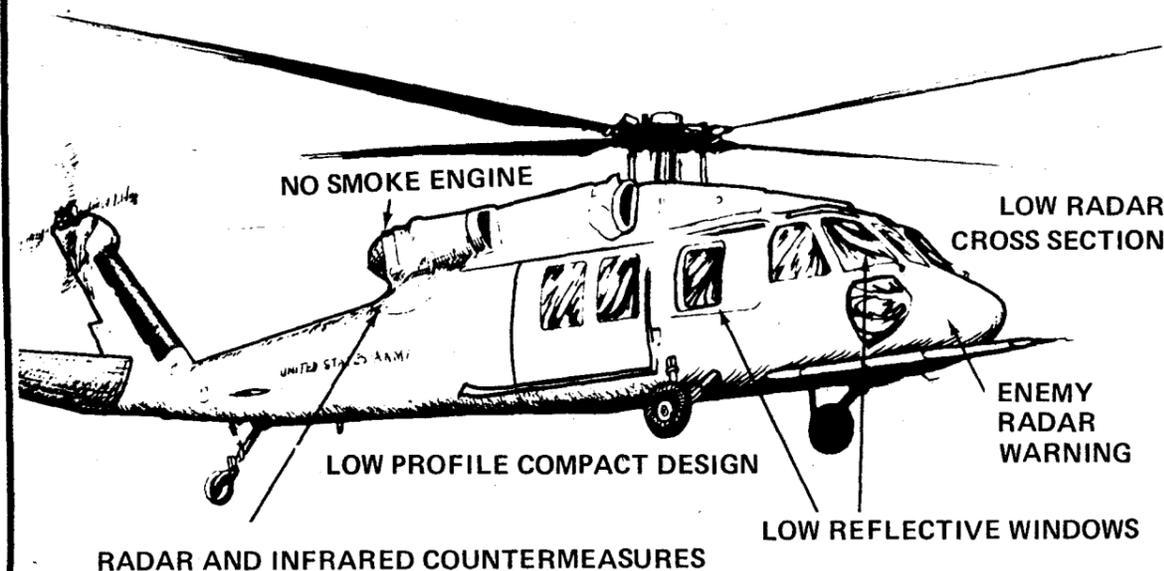
Referred to as "the most mature engine ever placed in Army aircraft," the T-700 is a type of turbine engine. It has a power shaft directing the engine's power back through the engine to the transmission. The transmission, in turn moves the rotor blades.

Another plus with the turbo shaft engine is its design. Because of its new, modular design, parts of the T-700 engine can be changed in the field without removing the entire engine. The engine is smaller, weighs 40 percent less, has lower fuel usage, and requires only a quarter of the maintenance of a Huey engine.

The new utility helicopter is designed to overcome combat shortcomings found in the Huey, such as lack of power to operate in high temperatures and altitudes. In addition, the Huey proved to be vulnerable to attack by small arms fire in Vietnam.

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Skill training updated

New training courses and schools are preparing pilots, crew chiefs and maintenance personnel to service and fly the BLACK HAWK.

BLACK HAWK pilots attend a four-week UH-60 aviator qualification course at the U.S. Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, Ala. For instructor pilots, the course is an additional four days.

A new enlisted MOS, 67T (Tactical Transport Helicopter Repairer), has been started. Other aviation maintenance MOS were also affected by the BLACK HAWK's introduction. Course requirements are being changed to deal with changes in MOS job performance requirements. The U.S. Army Transportation School and Center, Fort Eustis, Va., conducts BLACK HAWK maintenance training.

Avionics maintenance training on BLACK HAWK communications and navigation systems is being done at the U.S. Army Signal School and Center, Fort Gordon, Ga. Several courses are being updated to reflect changes in those job skills.

Gen. John R. Guthrie, commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command, offers this impression of the new helicopter:

"... BLACK HAWK is the first Army aircraft designed, developed, and produced specifically with the soldier in mind, from the combat squad members to the mechanics who will appreciate the modular maintenance concept used for the T-700 engine and other aircraft parts."

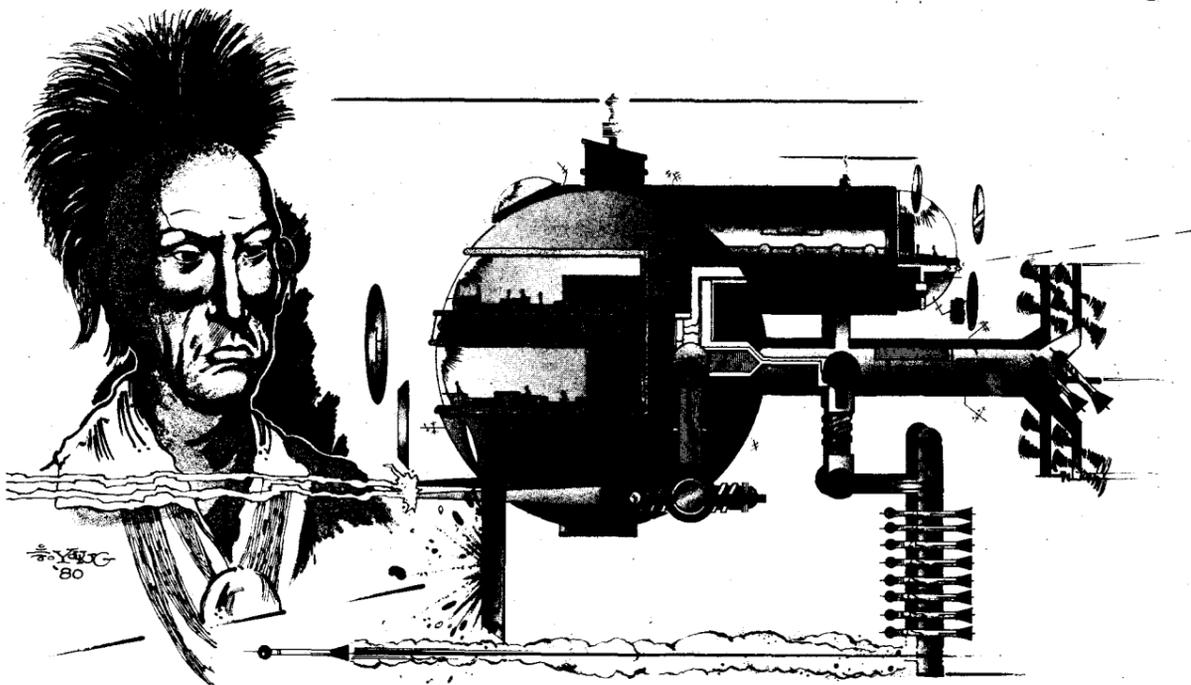
BLACK HAWK on the move

Company D, 158th Aviation Battalion was the first Army combat unit to receive the BLACK HAWK last June. Army plans call for equipping the other aviation units of the 101st Division with the utility helicopter. The troop air carrier will also go to the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., U.S. Army Europe and Korea aviation units, and U.S. Army Forces Command units.

"Speaking from a pilot's point of view... the aircraft performs exceptionally well," says WO 1 John J. Zyck, Company C, 158th Aviation Battalion. "This aircraft is going to save some lives in the next war for the simple reason that it will take a lot more anti-aircraft fire and still survive" to complete its mission. "There's no doubt about it."

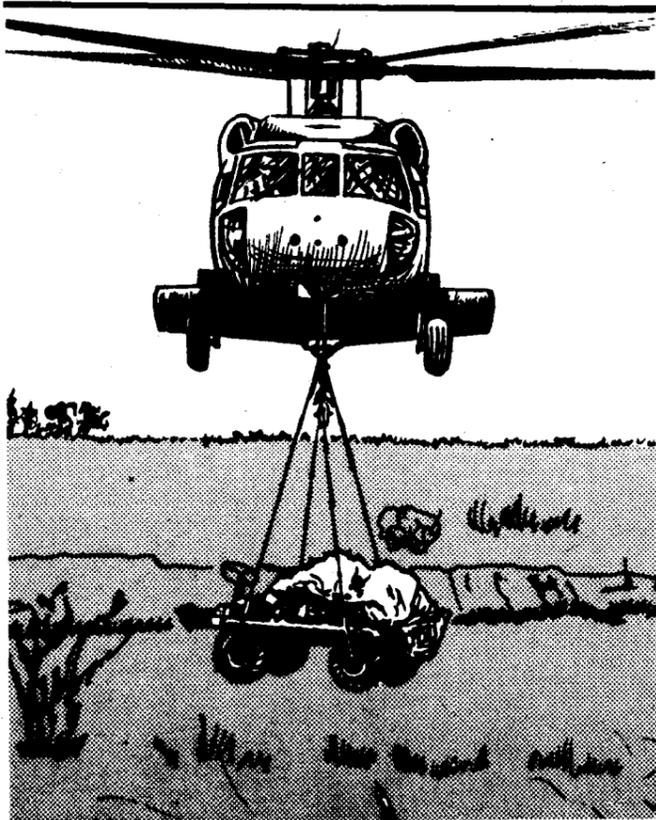
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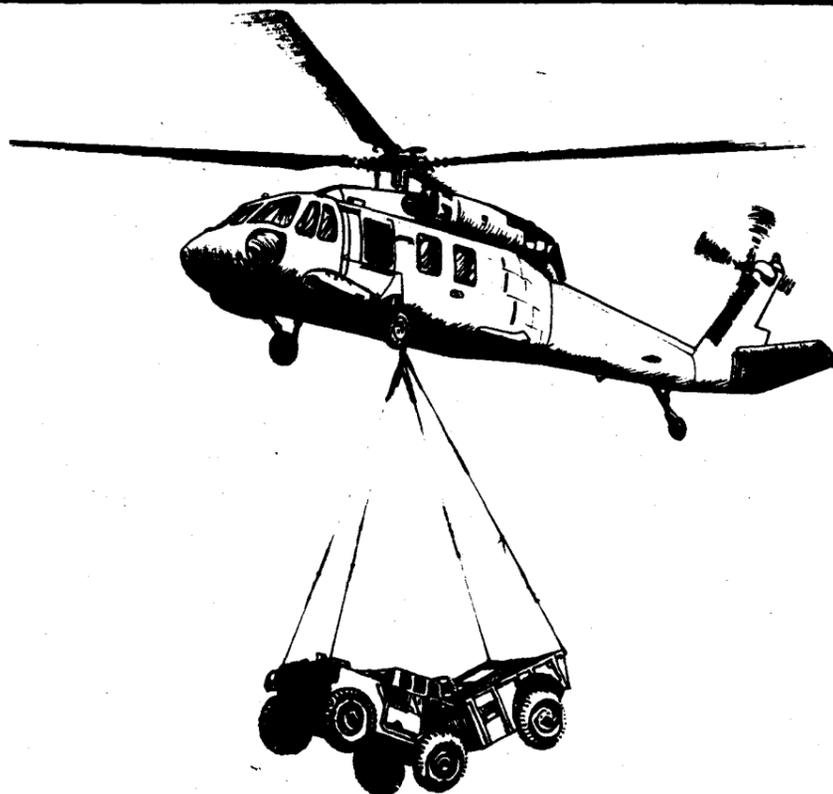


Although this futuristic helicopter may be a little too much for present-day thinkers, the Army Modernization Program is designed to provide soldiers with the best equipment available. Ideas and technology may lead to the development of such a helicopter in the not-too-distant future. For the Army of the 1980's, the BLACK HAWK, named for a former Sauk Indian chief, is a prime example of advances in military thinking and technology which will provide for better combat efficiency in Army aviation missions.

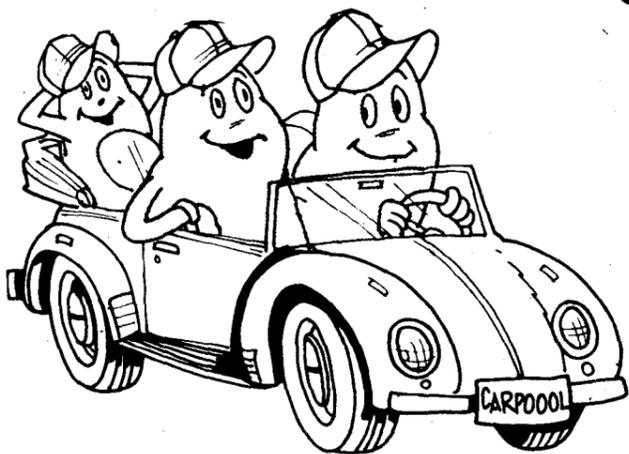
DESIGN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UH-60 BLACK HAWK	
POWER PACKAGE	Twin T-700 turbo shaft engines (1560 hp each)
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Announcements

'Secret witness' drug program

A toll-free "secret witness" telephone has been established to combat drug traffic in the state. Called operation HELP, the telephone will let people anonymously tip state narcotics officers to drug pushing and smuggling. The number is 1-800-392-8011 and is a joint operation of the Alabama Elks Association, and the Alabama Departments of Education and Public Safety. HELP stands for Help Eliminate Law-breaking Pushers.

Separation orientation

All officer and enlisted personnel due for REFRAD or separation within the next three months are scheduled for a separation orientation on May 19 at 1 p.m. in Bldg 3495 (Toftoy Hall) auditorium. Items for discussion are veterans benefits, employment opportunities, out-processing and finance. For further information call the Transfer Point, 876-1671.

ASME meets Thursday

The ASME will meet Thursday, May 15, at Michael's Restaurant. A social is at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7, followed by a speaker, Mitchell Bradley of the ASME Washington office. His topic will be "An engineer in Washington, D.C." For reservations call Mike Morrison, 882-8223, or Cecil Stokes. 882-8257.

Yacht club picnic

The annual Redstone Yacht Club picnic will be held on Sunday, May 18, at 1 p.m. at the arsenal military recreation area. In the event of inclement weather the picnic will be moved to the club house.

Canoe trip offered

A canoe-trip — complete with pre-trip instruction — will be offered by Outdoor Recreation on May 24 and 25. The trip will begin at 9 a.m. on May 25 and will last all day. All participants must attend an afternoon of basic canoe instruction at 1 p.m. on May 24. The trip open only to active duty military and their dependents, and the number of participants is limited. Transportation, equipment and lunch will be provided free of charge. Reservations for the trip should be made by calling 876-4868.

IEEE meets tomorrow

The Huntsville Section, IEEE, will hold the annual spouses' dinner meeting tomorrow at Michaels Restaurant at 8:00 p.m. with social at 6:30 and dinner at 7:15. Gerald W. Diggers, president, L-5 society, will present a program about the establishment of a permanent U.S. presence in space by the end of the decade. Reservations should be made by calling Carolyn Drake, 532-1213 or Linda Hooper 895-6316.

Protestant women meet

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will on Thursday, May 15 at 9:30 at the Bicentennial Chapel. Pastor Curtis Eason of the Antioch Baptist Church in Huntsville will share his insights on relationships of parent and child, employee and employer and friends and enemies.

Program on gravitational waves

A presentation on "Gravitational waves — origin and detection" will be given May 21 at 7:30 p.m. by Dr. Rudolf Decher at the planetarium of the Von Braun Astronomical Society on Monte Sano Mountain. Decher is chief of space physics at the MSFC space science laboratory.

New Toastmasters Club

The Twickenham Toastmasters will hold their first meeting on Monday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m. at Bonanza Steak House on East Clinton Ave. The new club, sponsored by Mason-Dixon Toastmasters, will meet every Monday night from 6:30-8:30. Membership is open to anyone wanting to develop public speaking ability. For more information call Willy Albanes, 883-1169, or Jay Thierry, 852-6376.

Wills, estate planning

A program on "Wills and Estate Planning" will be given by the Cooperative Extension Service on May 28 at 9:30 a.m. at the Court House, Jo Wilbourn, attorney, and Sara Warren, CPA, will give the presentation.

Sculpture exhibit

Sculpture '80, the only national traveling juried exhibition of sculpture in the United States, is on display through June 10 at the Civic Center Art Museum. The exhibit has 34 works in a variety of traditional and non-traditional materials.

Life Cycle Costing course offered

An introductory short course in Life Cycle Costing is being sponsored jointly by the Plans and Analysis Directorate and the Product Assurance Directorate, in conjunction with the training division. The first 10-hour course will begin on June 9. It will be conducted in two hour increments either at 9-11 a.m. or at 1-3 p.m. It will be taught by Joe Mitchell and Barbara Conger, both of Raytheon. Other courses are scheduled to begin on June 16 and June 23. For more information, call 876-5852.

Government accountants

The North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will meet on Thursday, May 15, at Michael's Restaurant, Ramada Inn. Social hour will be at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and business meeting to follow. This is the last meeting of the 1979-80 chapter year and is traditionally set aside for a "roast" of the president and presentation of awards. All members are urged to attend. For reservations call Fred Agee, 876-7514, or Eckford Jones, 876-1366.

'Engineer Day' for retirees

Retired military and civilian Corps of Engineers employees are invited to special "Engineer Day" reunion and picnic to be held in Mobile this summer. Engineer Day is an annual event and this year a special program is planned for retired corps employees. For more information write Mobile District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: SAMPA, P.O. Box 2288, Mobile, Ala. 36628.

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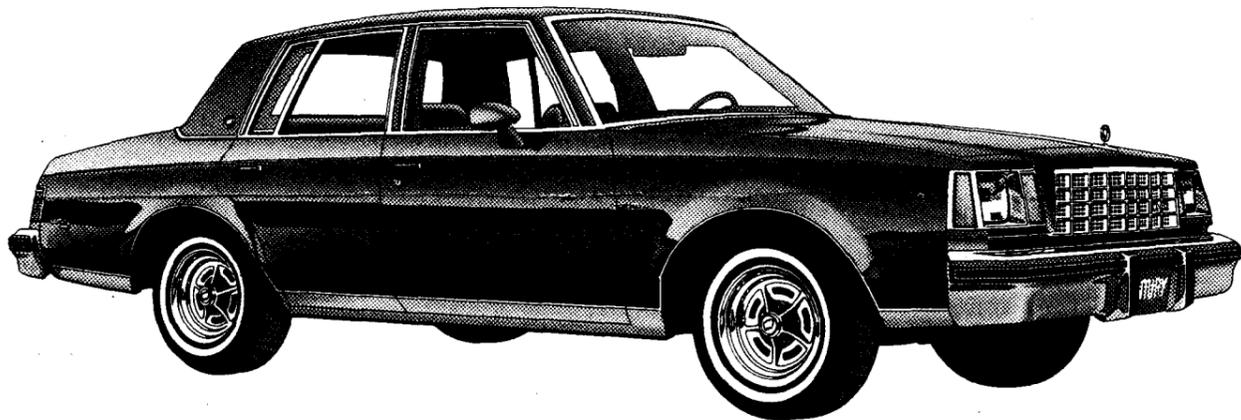
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