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Money Blues: Food stamps, second jobs help soldiers get along

Patriotism is wonderful food for the soul but not much of a substitute for meat and potatoes.

That is a fact the American people are just beginning to grasp. It is well that they understand it soon, because their failure to understand it in the past has caused severe problems — some experts say “crisis” — in the nation’s armed forces.

The Navy, Air Force, Marines and Army are losing more of their best and brightest, their experienced officers and NCOs, than the nation can afford to lose. They are leaving for a variety of reasons, but most of them say one of the reasons is that they can no longer afford to serve.

Long separations, hard, dangerous work and the bottom line possibility of fighting and dying tend to lose their appeal when you have to moonlight tending bar, your wife works and you feed the kids — in part at least — with food stamps.

That is what some American soldiers are forced to do now for the privilege of serving the rest of us. That’s too much to ask.

It’s also too much to ask a private to sign up for a base pay less than the civilian minimum wage.

Inflation is hurting everyone but it is really squeezing soldiers and their families right here at Redstone Arsenal. There are stories elsewhere in this special issue that make that clear.

Higher pay and better benefits won’t solve all the problems, but the soldiers we talked with in the past few days agree that it’s the way to start.

The Army’s leaders and those of the other services have been pleading with Congress for a raise in military pay. Congress appears to be listening. The Senate Armed Services Committee voted out a \$51.9 billion military spending bill last week. Most of it goes for new fighting machines of many kinds. They all have one thing in common. They need people, good people to make them work. That’s why the most important money in the new budget is the \$1.5 billion to raise military pay and benefits.

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Gardens help cut food cost

BY LORI KING

A number of Redstone families are finding that gardening — raising their own fruits and vegetables — is a good way to cut down on food costs.

There are two areas set aside here for family gardens. The gardens for the South side of the post housing area are located on Vincent Road along the bike trail, and between Wesson Circle and Ripley Drive for the North side.

The gardens can be had on a first come — first serve basis, said Sgt. Maj. Ronald W. Poteat of Housing Division. Picking out a plot is done by marking it off with stakes and string and placing a name in the space. Plots measure 20 by 40 feet.

"I just picked my own area," said SFC Sidney Martin Jr., a gardener on the South side. "Some areas are open and some areas are not. You just have to make sure you get an open area.

"I think it's a great set up," continued Martin. "I save about \$200 a year because of my garden. I have squash, peanuts and even

Japanese squash. I have a little bit of everything and I only work on it about three times a week."

"I saved about \$30 or \$40 a week last year," said SSgt. Morris G. Whitaker, another post gardener. "It doesn't have to be a large spot because it still helps our grocery bill considerably. I work in the garden about one or two hours a night which gives me something to do.

"With a lot, the tools, the water and practically everything supplied to us," he said, "I think it definitely helps," he said.

Poteat said special areas for garden plots are set aside so people won't have to dig up their yards. "Usually the people only stay a few years and if they have a garden in the back yard and have to move, they will have to restore the back yard which takes plowing over the garden, planting new grass, and time.

"The next people coming in might not appreciate it," he added, "... so we provide garden space for them."

Growing fruits and vegetables should be no



Gardener

Janet Hill tends a garden plot on the arsenal. problem for the gardeners, according to Poteat. "Almost everything is provided for them. They can get gardening tools at House Furnishings and sprinklers and hoses at their quarters.

"About the only thing they have to get themselves is a plow," Poteat said.

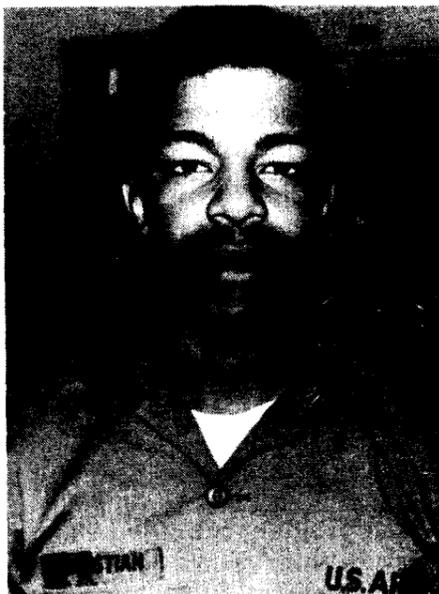


How is the money crunch affecting you?

SSG. Dennis J. Loy, Co. B — "It's affecting me quite a bit. I want to buy a house and can't. The interest rates are high and I can't buy a new motorcycle, car or go on trips because of it."



Sp4 Janet M. Robbins, Co. A — "I am looking for a part time job as a waitress at night. That's how the money crunch has affected me. I don't think the pay scale in the military is fair. And the gas off post is even cheaper than on post.



Pvt. Patrick A. Christian, 4 S. C. — "It's killing me because I have a family and I have to help my mom. I get paid very little being a private so I usually borrow money from my friends."



Pvt. Greg L. Havemann, USMC — "I'm only an E-1 getting married and I don't even make the money to support myself. Therefore, I can't get married until I get my rank."



Pvt. Edward Cook, 4th S. C. — "It's rotten. The economy is much higher than our payroll checks and it isn't going to stop. We could get a raise but the prices will only increase."

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Music, blood leave, long lunches hit in productivity suggestions

BY DAVE HARRIS

When the Missile Command asked for suggestions on how to do more work with the same number of people recently, a lot of MICOM soldiers and civilians reached for their pencils.

Their replies are still coming in. Each one is being considered by Dr. R. G. Rhoades and his small working group who are preparing MICOM's plan to improve productivity.

The plan is due in DARCOM by the end of June, but Rhoades hopes the suggestions will keep coming. What DARCOM wants done over the next five years is going to take ideas from many sources, a lot of them.

DARCOM wants each of its major commands, depots and other activities to figure out ways to get the job done — a job that keeps getting bigger — without hiring more people.

Rhoades has a short note from one man who believes the way to do that is fire rather than hire, specifically he suggested: "get rid of half the people around here and put the remainder to work." There were other responses that indicated some people believe their co-workers are giving less than their all.

Some suggested remedies:

"Strict enforcement of work hours . . . Enforce 30 minutes lunches . . . Close the cafeterias once the work day begins . . . Stop

off-post lunches . . . Stop giving four hours annual leave to blood donors."

Music in the workplace bugs some of the people who hear it. Several of the letters in Rhoades' growing pile call for a halt to background music, others say: "Get rid of radios."

Still others urged that background music be added where they work.

Some suggested an end to Flextime or Flexhours. Others cited the benefits of a four day work week. Many suggested the best way to get more work done is to stop reorganizing and moving people from one place to another.

The need for letter perfect correspondence that never leaves the command was questioned. So was the practice of typing everything, when hand written notes might serve just as well. Someone proposed that pneumatic tubes be installed between buildings so that correspondence could be blown from place to place. Someone else suggested local computer terminals that would do the same thing electronically.

"Put up more junior walls so we can have a little privacy and a chance to think and work," one person said. "Non-productive meetings are costing us thousands of hours," said another. Suggested solution: cut them out or at least require that people who call meetings

know how to run one, keep it moving and when to end it.

The high and low temperature limits at work sites came in for a great deal of comment, all of it said they hurt productivity.

Several of the responses aimed at the loss of incentive that occurs when people believe they have no chance to advance and urged an end to high grade ceilings.

Many of the suggestors believe productivity will rise if unnecessary travel is cut out. Others asked for a quicker, more effective way to process travel orders and pay people for out-of-pocket travel expenses.

Many proposals aimed at work saving machines and techniques, among them typing pools and word processing centers.

Incentives proposed included plans to give cash bonuses to individuals who conserve sick leave, another that would allow individuals to sell unused annual leave back to the government.

Looking at the pile of suggestions on his desk, Rhoades said: "From the number and variety of the responses, it's obvious that many people think we can make changes to improve the way we operate. We will all get a chance to be heard and the important thing is that everyone continue to feed us ideas."

Bad check charge \$10 at commissary

Beginning July 1, it's going to cost you \$10 if you bounce a check at the commissary.

The increase in the service charge from \$5 to \$10 "is necessary to cover increased costs to handle and process dishonored checks received at U.S. Army commissary stores," said William H. Penney, Redstone Commissary officer.

TACOM brought back to life

DETROIT — The Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command announced June 18 that it will form a new command here — the Army Tank Automotive Command (TACOM) — by merging the Tank Automotive Materiel Readiness Command and the Tank Automotive R&D Command.

Both existing commands are sited on Detroit Arsenal. The change will take effect Oct. 1. Follow on actions will be phased over the next year to hold people turbulence to a minimum.

Maj. Gen. Oscar C. Decker, now commander of the Tank Automotive Readiness Command and a former commander of the Tank Automotive R&D Command, will command TACOM. The new command will be a single manager for R&D and materiel readiness of Army tank and automotive systems.

TACOM will be staffed with the soldiers and civilian workers of the existing commands, all of whom are expected to be placed in jobs similar to the ones they now have. No reduction in total manning is anticipated.

DARCOM said the "unique technical skills common to both existing commands and their geographic proximity facilitate a merger." Among the reasons for the merger is to give the TACOM commander more flexibility in

using the available people and funds to get the job done.

Tank Automotive Command is the second DARCOM unit to be put back together since all the commodity commands were split into separate readiness and R&D elements three years ago. MICOM was first on July 1, 1979.

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Reenlistment counselor

'I sympathize because I go through the same thing'

By ED PETERS

SFC Eddie Tracy talks straight when he counsels soldiers on reenlistment.

"I don't use a hard sell. I try to tell them what's ahead if they stay in. I tell them to forget money — that it shouldn't be a factor in their reenlistment. I also tell them that if the Army can't provide them with the lifestyle they want for their families, then they should get out."

Lately, Tracy, who is MMCS reenlistment counselor, finds he's telling more soldiers that they shouldn't stay in the Army, because more and more they're telling him that they can't take care of their families on soldier's pay.

"I sympathize with them because I go through the same thing", the sergeant said. "The married soldier with a family — the necessities we can get, the luxuries are not there", he said.

The average military income adjusted for inflation is 11 percent less than it was in 1972.

Tracy sees two to four NCOs each month with service of 5 to 15 years who tell him they are leaving the Army because of money.

Their inflation — squeezed income, they say, is just no longer adequate, particularly in cases where the soldier is going overseas.

Until recently, overseas duty as part of a military career was tolerated if not looked forward to. But in the last few years the dollar's buying power has taken a nosedive in some parts of the world. In Germany, for example, said Tracy, a soldier's dollars are worth today on the local economy about half what they were in 1970.

Moving costs soldiers in other ways. "Travel pay for a soldier is still 10 cents a mile (7 cents for TDY) civilians get 18 and that's not enough to cover your costs", Tracy said.

Housing wait

"Say you come here from Europe. You may have to wait two or three months on housing. Meanwhile you've got to put your family up in a motel or pay high rent for an apartment for that short period. All you get is one month's housing allowance for dislocation and the rest comes out of your pocket.

"And you'll face the same thing when you go back to Europe. You have to pay to place your family somewhere while you wait for a place to live."

The typical mid-grade NCO at the school has a turnaround time for going back to Europe of 12 to 36 months, Tracy said. "A couple of months ago, every 55G (nuclear weapons) we had who'd been here 12 months was put on orders for Europe", he said.

Tracy picks up a stack of cards on his desk. He counts them off one by one. Here's a nuclear weapons maintenance specialist, here one in land combat, others in Pershing, Lance and similar MOS. "In all that's a dozen soldiers who've told me, 'No, I'm not going back overseas'", says Tracy. All 12 are E-5 and E-6 NCOs who had reenlisted at least once before.

MOS, Tracy sees some who reenlist for money. When the bonuses end after the second reenlistment, many get out feeling, "The more you stay the less you're worth", Tracy said.

In what Tracy calls the "high-caliber electronics MOS", economically-pressed soldiers may be attracted to higher-paying civilian jobs.

Tracy recently counseled an E-5 who was at the end of the bonus cycle and had computer training. He got a job locally with a starting salary of \$26,500.

Tracy makes the point that money isn't now and never was a prime attraction to a military career. "They're hurting financially but a lot of good soldiers are staying in and there's a reason for that", said Tracy.

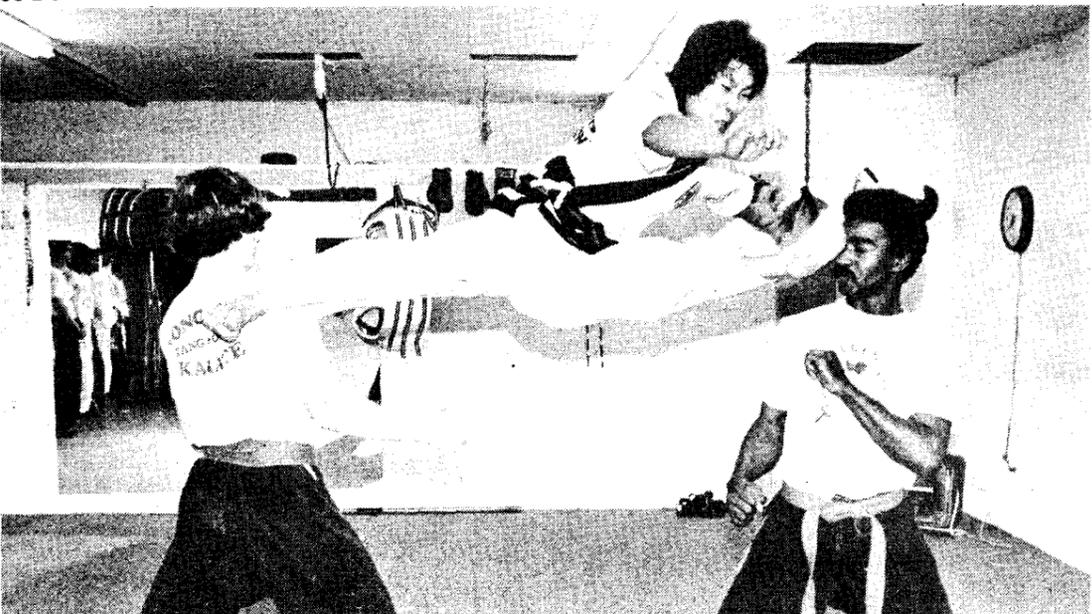
The reason is that they want to serve. But patriotism pales when soldiers can't make ends meet. "We're losing too many E-5s, E-6s and young E-7s", Tracy said.

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Soldiers in debt

Financial trouble comes with poor money management

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A young soldier marries without thinking ahead and they begin buying things they can't afford.

Soon they find themselves part of an apparent trend toward soldiers with financial problems, soldiers in debt.

It's mostly married people. They're really hurting," said 1st Sgt. Dallas D. People. "I've got people starving to death in 4th Student Company."

The five or six families going through that crisis in 4th Student Company have found that a one-time only foodlocker from Red Cross and food the chaplain obtains are about the only assistance available, Peoples said.

Of the approximately 65 married soldiers in 4th Student Company, 15 to 20 percent are having a "very tough time surviving," he said.

Counseling for soldiers with money-problems is provided by Army Community Services. Juanita Phillips, assistant Army

Emergency Relief officer for the arsenal, said an average of 10 a month undergo one-on-one budget counseling.

Phillips said she has seen an increase since 1978 which she attributes to the rise in prices of necessary items. Many soldiers just need guidance, others are enrolled in a debt reduction program, while others must file for bankruptcy, she said.

Reduced income—accepting a cut in pay to join the Army—is one cause of indebtedness, according to Phillips. A young man leaves a civilian job while he's obligated to \$600 a month payments, for example, and finds he can't make it on a \$400 a month soldier salary.

Other causes she lists are inexperience with money-managing and ill-advised marriages. These include marriages in which the spouse won't pull his or her weight or makes unreasonable demands.

"I think their priorities aren't placed in the proper places so they end up in a financial mess," Phillips said.

In one case, a soldier obtained a loan from two loan companies to buy his wife a diamond watch on her birthday, then he took her out on the town. "His priority was keeping his wife happy," Phillips said. "To me that is so sad."

Many young people today are not taught responsibility and find themselves in financial trouble later, she said.

A soldier in financial trouble is advised to phone Army community services and set up an interview with Phillips or volunteer budget counselor Marilyn Albright.

Phillips' advice to soldiers in debt is simple: "Quit spending. Quit making any new debts. Learn to live within your income."

However, some who come to her are beyond her help and she refers them to the legal assistance office for guidance. They end up going downtown to obtain a civilian lawyer since civilian courts handle bankruptcy cases.

"It's not rare," she said of soldiers going bankrupt. "I've seen several."

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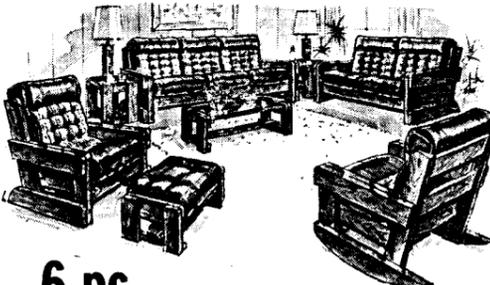
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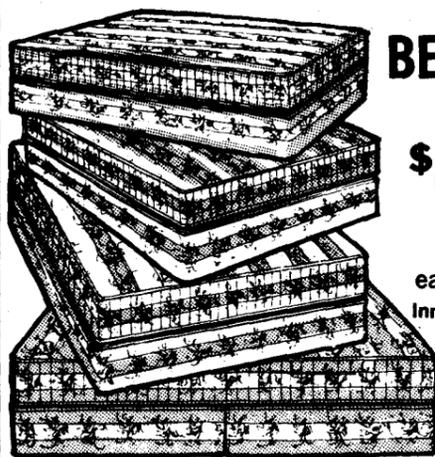
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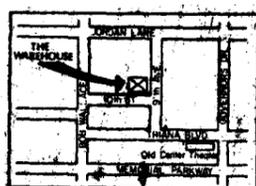
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Second jobs are for single soldiers too

Moonlighting is customarily associated with the struggling soldier with a family, but around Redstone it seems to be becoming popular with another group too — single soldiers.

"I'm not alone," said Sp4 Phil Palmer, an improved Hawk continuous wave radar repairman assigned to Company A. "If you're going to do anything in the civilian community

you almost have to get a part-time job."

"Quite a few of my friends are moonlighting right now. Some are like me and use the extra money for luxuries. Others are doing it out of necessity. The luxury goes when you get married, and that's when the necessity comes in."

Palmer said that he could make ends meet on an E-4's salary if the money was managed

right. But it would be a lifestyle he characterized as "T-shirts and tennis shoes."

"But", he added, "if you manage your money right and moonlight you can do better."

For Palmer, "doing better" means being able to afford gas for his 15 miles per gallon sports car while dating his fiancée from Hartselle, Ala. And he can go to "the nicer clubs" where T-shirts and tennis are not considered the height of style, "more than once or twice a month."

To pay for these luxuries, he works 30-35 hours each week as a stock clerk at a local department store. So far, moonlighting has not been a problem for him.

"When I applied there I gave them the hours I could work and let them know that my schedule would have to work around military duties. They've really been great about it."

However, having a second job is not something most soldiers tend to brag about. Palmer explained, "A lot of them won't admit it because it's a little embarrassing to them."

"To me, it's the same as civilian life. If you want to better your lifestyle, you have to work for it."

Moonlighting has restrictions

Moonlighting has become commonplace among Redstone soldiers, but there are some restrictions on the type of second job you can take.

"We have a lot of soldiers moonlighting now, from E-9 all the way down to privates. There have been very few problems. They're good soldiers who need a raise", said 1st Battalion CSM Roy Hall.

While no hard figures are kept on the number of Redstone soldiers who moonlight, CSM Donald Searles of Special Troops agrees that the percentage is high.

Hall said that while there are restrictions on

soldiers working second jobs, very few run into difficulty.

He said soldiers are required to inform their units of any outside employment, but mentioned only two reasons for official objections.

"Their second job cannot interfere with their military duties, and it cannot require conduct unbecoming of a soldier", Hall said.

Fortunately, most soldiers here can moonlight without affecting their duty performance. Soldiers in units that spend more time in field exercises have a tougher time finding a job with compatible hours.

Inflation rate outpaces military pay raises

Military pay has not kept up with inflation or equivalent civilian jobs, according to Pentagon statistics used in a Time magazine report.

For many first-term enlistees who make only their \$448.80 a month basic pay, hourly earnings are substantially less than the \$3.10 federal minimum wage.

The June 9 issue of Time reports that military base commissaries are taking in over \$10 million annually in food stamps. Former Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird estimates that at least 100,000 — and perhaps as many as 250,000 — military families could be eligible for welfare.

The magazine quotes an Air Force general: "A good, sharp youngster can do better working at McDonald's."

Air Force statistics show that 86 percent of enlisted personnel and 51 percent of officers moonlight at civilian jobs or have spouses who work.

According to a 1979 Pentagon study, it would

take about \$5.5 billion in pay hikes right now to "re-establish the relative positions which existed at the end of 1971 between the military and the civilian power to purchase goods and services."

A chart comparing military pay-income and allowances for married man with two children

— with civilian pay shows civilian salaries are higher for similar jobs.

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"It's good I joined right away, because it took me a couple of months to find a good full-time job.

"Even with a regular job, the extra \$1,300 I earned with the Reserve came in handy. It was the difference between barely making ends meet and being able to put a little money away.

"By going direct from Active into the Reserve, I was also able to keep my rank of E-4. I'm now an E-5, pulling in over \$1,600 a year. Not

bad for a weekend a month and two weeks annual training.

"I'm also taking advantage of some other benefits.

I buy a lot of my auto supplies at the PX.

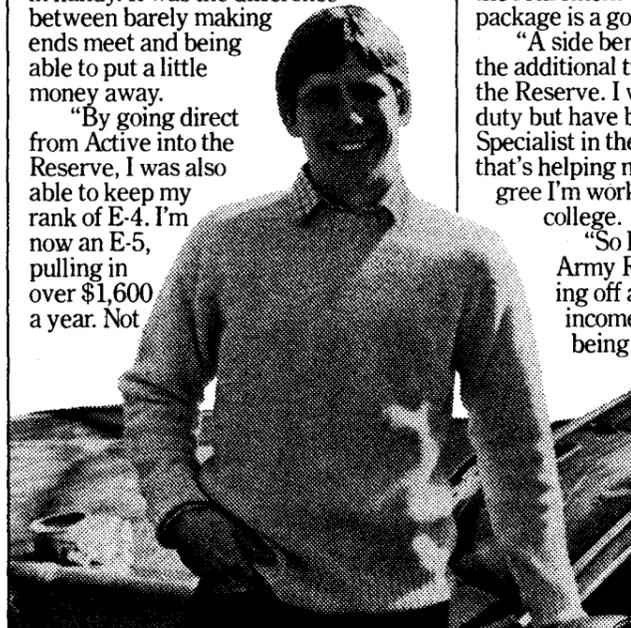
I carry low-cost government life insurance through the Reserve.

I also think the retirement package is a good deal.

"A side benefit that's helped me is the additional training I've picked up in the Reserve. I was an MP on active duty but have become an Accounting Specialist in the Reserve. Right now, that's helping me with the business degree I'm working toward at a local college.

"So I can recommend the Army Reserve to anyone coming off active duty. The extra income is good, and it's nice being with people who can appreciate what you achieved in the service."

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Some soldiers get food stamps

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Thirty percent of the lower ranking soldiers at Redstone Arsenal are eligible for food stamps, according to a survey.

Capt. Leotis Henry, operations officer for Special Troops, said he found that 30 percent of this installation's E-7 personnel and below are eligible for food stamps.

All E-7s and below with less than 10 years of service and four dependants are eligible for the government-issued coupons, Henry said. Salary for an E-7 with less than 10 years service is about \$945 a month.

Henry's survey also determined that 60 percent of the approximately 7,000 to 8,000 retired military in Huntsville and Madison County are eligible for food stamps under this county's scale based on their retirement income only.

The survey was conducted between May 30 and June 10 and included contacting the Madison County Food Stamp program, the arsenal retired services program, and some persons in finance, Henry said.

The Army Commissary here accepted \$7,213 in food stamp coupons in May from active and retired military personnel, ac-

ording to Bill Penney, commissary officer.

Penney called that a "big month" and said the supermarket usually handles about \$7,000 for food stamps each month.

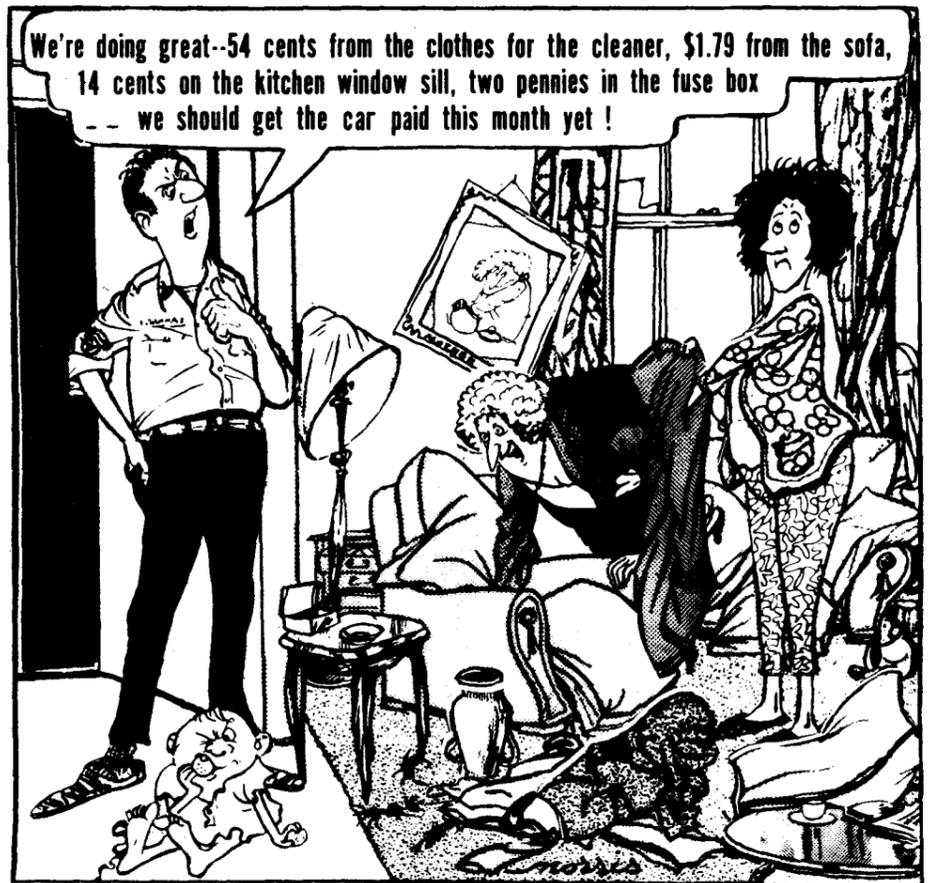
Madison County's food stamp office, located at the Times Building at 111 Green St., is under the Department of Pensions and Security. It operates under U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations.

The trend toward food stamps is "definitely upward," said Pauline Precise who supervises the local food stamp program. "We have more recipients today than we had a month ago," she said. "It really started rocketing in January 1979."

Several reasons brought about the increase including the economy and the fact that the stamps are free now, Precise said. Before January 1979 recipients had to pay for stamps depending on their income.

"We're averaging about 9,000 families a month," Precise said of the Madison County residents on the program. She said no records are kept to determine how many soldiers this includes.

Eligibility standards are usually adjusted twice a year, in July and January, she said.



Precise termed "not absolute," includes the following scale: household of one, \$582 gross a month; household of two, \$703; of three, \$825; of four, \$945; of five, \$1,066; six, \$1,187; seven, \$1,307; Maximum allowable income for food stamp recipients, which eight, \$1,428; nine, \$1,550; ten,

\$1,671; eleven, \$1,792; and twelve, \$1,913.

Food stamp eligibility is determined by size of family, income and resources (car, bank accounts, land, etc.), said Verna Littleton, social worker aide in the county food stamp office.

Many factors affect food stamp eligibility

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Soldiers can apply for food stamps through the Madison County food stamp office located at the Times Building in downtown Huntsville.

Placing an application comes first, then an interview is scheduled, according to Pauline Precise, program supervisor. Income level is verified and then certain deductions are determined.

Officials must know rent and utilities costs

and can also give deductions for child care, she said.

Qualifications include low or no income and the number of persons in a household. These factors are applied to a chart.

Officials say that the system of determining food stamp eligibility is not an easy, clear-cut system. The tables used to determine food stamp allotments are updated every six months to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

Juanita Phillips, assistant Army Emergency Relief officer for the arsenal, said she can act as a referral for soldiers here. An eligible soldier doesn't have to go to her first, she said, but she does budget counseling and can provide applications.

Interviews at the county food stamp office takes about two hours, which shows determining eligibility is not cut and dry, Phillips said. She said eligibility is determined by rent, utilities, number of dependents and take home pay.

The stamps can be used to buy food and plants and seeds to grow food for the household. Food stamps cannot be used to buy such items as: alcoholic beverages; tobacco and cigarettes; household supplies, soaps, paper products, non-food items; vitamins and medicine; food that will be eaten in the store such as hot foods that are ready-to-eat; and pet food.

Pride may keep some eligible persons from applying for food stamps, according to Capt. Leotis Henry, S-3 special troops. "So it's a very unpopular program for most military," he said.

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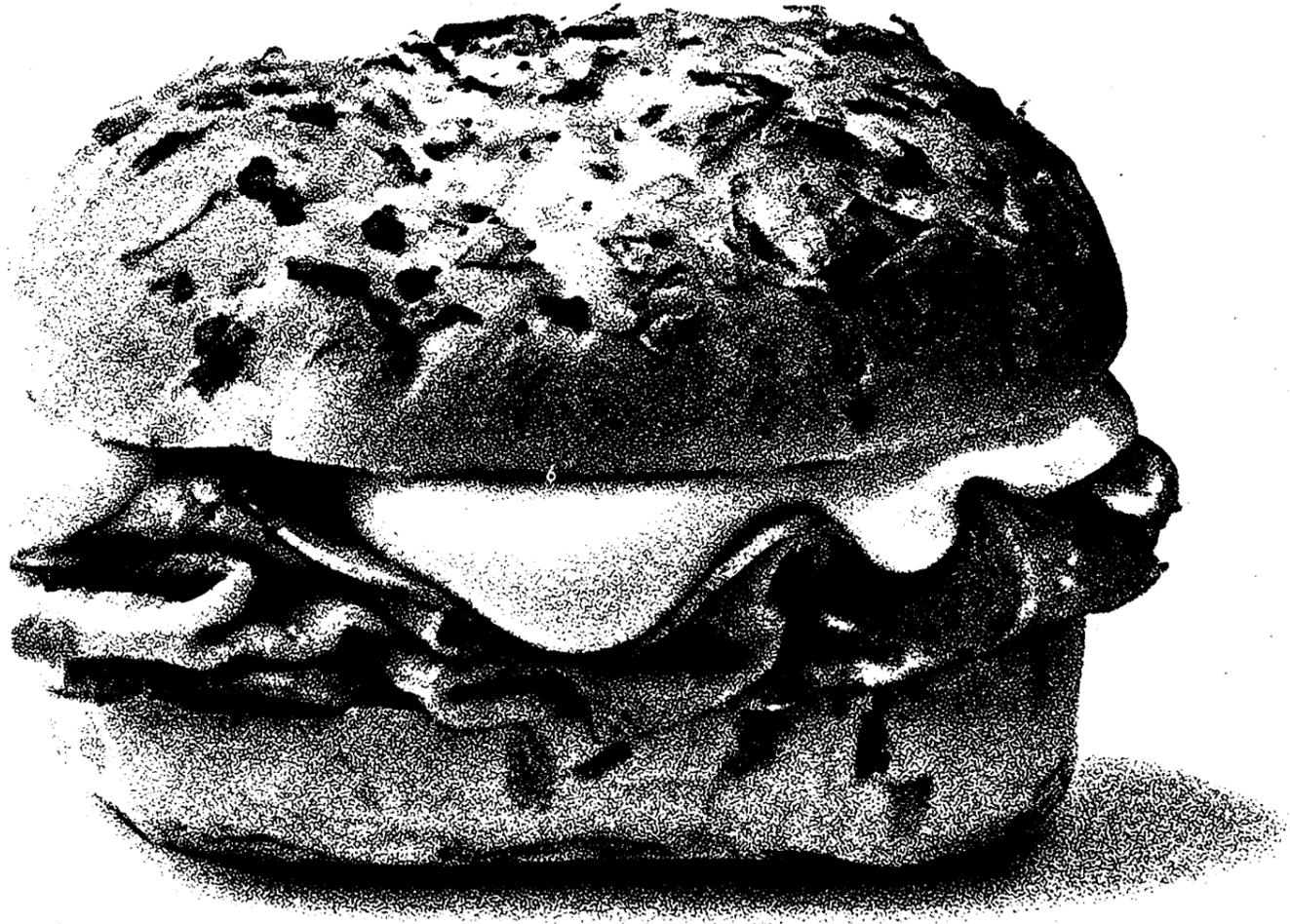
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'We lived better when I was a PFC . . .'

BY DEBBIE GEHLBACH

SSgt. Ken Bailey has made up his mind. After more than nine years in the Army, he decided to get out.

Bailey, his wife, Holly, and their five-year-old daughter, Amy, are tired of trying to make ends meet on his E-6 pay.

"We lived better when I was a PFC in 1974," Bailey said. He recalls he and his wife "lived well" on his \$408 a month when he served at Redstone in 1968.

Bailey got out of the Army after his first tour, re-enlisted in 1974. Since then the family has been in Germany on a three year tour. They came back to the arsenal two years ago.

Then money began to get tight.

"Before we went to Germany, it was no problem to keep the balance of one paycheck in reserve in our checking account," Bailey said. "Now once we pay for groceries, gas and Holly's tuition, we have a zero balance."

Not just pay

Pay is not Bailey's only problem. In more than nine years, he says, he has spent about six months in the job he was trained for, working on Hawk equipment.

There are things he does not like in the Army today, those and the financial bite that gets deeper all the time have him pointed toward civilian life with no qualms about the pension he would qualify for in another 10 years.

"The retirement system would probably be changed by the time I was eligible anyway," he said. "Retired people now can't live on their pensions without supplemental income."

And how about the medical care, the commissary and PX, all the "bennies" civilians believe help offset a soldier's relatively low pay? Bailey says flatly he'll swap his bennies for higher pay.

He and his wife figure they paid \$2,000 in medical bills in the past two years. Amy needed ear surgery. Ken broke his hand. Holly needed a physical.

"We were told there were not enough doctors at Fox Hospital. We were told to go to a doctor downtown. But when you do that, CHAMPUS won't pay for it," Mrs. Bailey said.

"We don't shop in the commissary because we can find the same for less off-post. Lots of the food we get there spoils anyway."

The Baileys live in Army housing. They say they have coped with cracks in the walls, floors "that bounce as if you're on a suspension-bridge", roaches and filth. They have changed quarters on three days notice, once went a week without using their bathtub while repairs were made.

"It's irritating to argue for all you need," Mrs. Bailey said.

The couple are proud that they have no outstanding debts. They drive a '74 Toyota. Along with groceries and child-related expenses, their biggest recurring cost is Holly's tuition at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. She is a student nurse.

"We applied for financial aid when I started school and were told an E-5 makes too much to get assistance. My mother has helped us and we are paying her back in little increments. Without her help I would have had to quit school," Mrs. Bailey said.

The nursing school discourages working, but Mrs. Bailey has a regular weekend job at Huntsville Hospital in addition to going to class five days a week.

Family separations

The Baileys say most of their friends have left the Army. A major reason, they say, was to avoid splitting up the family for the inevitable overseas tour.

"Ken signed a bar to re-enlistment, otherwise he would be in Korea right now," Mrs. Bailey said. "It seems like there's more they could do to help keep families together."

Bailey completes his service in April. They plan to settle in Atlanta. Holly will work full time as a nurse while Bailey studies for a degree in photography at the Art Institute of



Getting out

SSgt. Bailey, on leave at home, discusses future with wife Holly.

Atlanta. He can qualify for the GI bill, one "bennie" he intends "to use to the max."

They recall some good times and good things about their Army experience.

Reflecting on them Mrs. Bailey says: "I loved the chance to see Europe."

"It's been a great education," Bailey says slowly. "I've gotten to go to school and see places I never would have otherwise."

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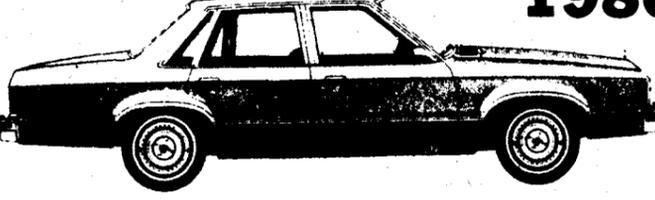
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BMDATC names senior executive

Dr. William O. Davies has been named the top senior executive of the year by the Army's Ballistic Missile Defense Advanced Technology Center in Research Park.

Davies, head of the Center's optics directorate since 1969, was honored for his "professional competence, leadership and executive ability" in managing the Army's

effort to apply advanced optical technology and theories to defenses against intercontinental or submarine-launched ballistic missiles.

He has published more than 20 technical papers on subjects such as infrared, optics, spectroscopy, re-entry physics and space flight.

Shooters attend N.C. match

A Redstone soldier, Pvt. 2 Richard Michler, placed third in individual competition in the 50 Round National Match Course at Sylva, N.C. June 14-15. He scored 452 of 500 possible points.

Another shooter, CWO 3 Andrew Mitchell, was the high scorer in team competition with 452 of 500 also.

Other Redstone Rifle Team members participating in the meet were 2nd Lt. Margaret Hunter and Sp4 David Wilcutt. All are with the 95th Service Company.

The rifle team plans to attend the national matches at Camp Perry in August.

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Race tightens for CWF first division spot

BY DOUG MCKEE

After last week's showdown between co-leaders R&D and Rachels, this week's attention in CWF softball was on the big battle for the other two slots in the first division.

MMCS gained a spot in third by winning two for the week, an 8-7 slip by Comptroller and 11-5 win over P&P.

Maint Engr slipped a bit by splitting; outlasting F&A 23-14 and losing to Comptroller 17-14.

After the loss to the Engrs, F&A came back to edge Raytheon 16-15. Raytheon lost earlier in the week to R&D 16-1. R&D then took out winless EMS 21-4, and Rachel's only action of the week saw them rip Metrology 23-7.

In MMCS's victory over Comptroller, Todd Stuckey supplied the power with a homer as C. J. Copeland kept the Comptroller bats silent. Leonard Hatcher was the victim of no-bat support in the loss. Todd Stuckey struck again as he slammed three homers to do the damage to P&P. Big Lynn Stuckey helped his son with a four bagger. Greg Capinski picked up the win over luckless Don Ford. Maint Engrs took

a 10-0 lead, but saw it evaporate before winning in the late innings. Larry Colwick had four singles and Floyd Parks, Charles Blackburn, and John Wilson supplied the homers in the win. Parks also pitched the victory, giving up three hits to Gary Passeur and a solo blast to Randy Pate. Arnold Thomas was the losing pitcher.

Comptroller struck for 4 runs in the top of the 7th inning, then held off the Engineers in the bottom half for the big win. Charles Lovejoy, Ken Lomax and Leonard Hatcher struck the long ball in the win over old nemesis Doug McKee. Hatcher put the icing on the cake by pitching the victory but had trouble holding the ball in the park, giving up a brace of homers to Floyd Parks and John Wilson.

F&A's hurler Thomas struck out the last batter of the game with two men on base to preserve the win over Raytheon. Hal Jacobs and Bob Durrance combined for seven hits to lead the way, as heavy hitting Randy Pate supplied two homers to aid in the win over Raytheon's Roger Shubert. Raytheon could manage only four hits off Dean Reese in ab-

sorbing a 16-1 shellacking to the league leaders, R&D. Mike Fahey, Jerry Arzsmann, and Jay Loomis slapped out ten hits among them to lead R&D. Roger Shubert suffered the loss.

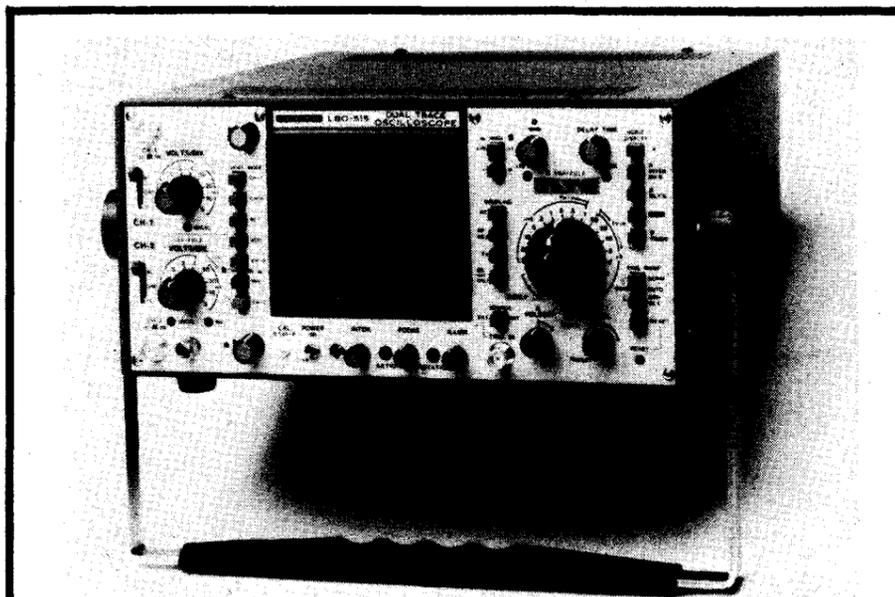
The Labmen turned their power loose next against EMS 21-4, with Lloyd Brooks and Tim Sommers hitting the long ones. Sommers also had a double. T. Grubis with a double and a single led the losing effort for Jim Craig's EMS outfit.

Ronnie Walton did the pitching and Danny Smith did the hitting in Rachels easy win over Metrology 23-7. Smith dispelled any ideas Metrology might have had in upsetting a front runner by blasting Four Cannons over the fences, driving in ten runs. Gary Belue showed his stuff with two round trippers. John Boweles had three hits for the losers. Gary Belue showed his stuff with two round trippers. John Bowles had three hits for the losers. Gary Baird lost in his debut on the mound.

A full slate of games are scheduled next week with the R&D and Rachels game on Tuesday, June 24th highlighting the schedule.

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The drive started May 16 with a goal of \$8,000 for Redstone Arsenal, according to 2nd Lt. Eric J. Borg, AER fund campaign officer.

"I anticipate it will be met due to the fact that we've been able to contact retirees personally," Borg said of this year's goal. Local military retirees have been "outstanding so far," he said.

Donations included \$1,500 on the post, \$110 from retirees off the post, and \$400 from Officers Wives Club.

Directorates who completed their drive by June 18 include the Viper project office, the chaplains office, Maintenance Engineering, and Advanced Systems Concept office.

"One thing that's different about this year's drive is that Metrology & Calibration Center on the Arsenal are contacting their teams around the world to send in donations," Borg said.

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Stop smoking follow-up

A follow-up to the Stop Smoking Seminar held here in May will be conducted by Dr. Eugene Scott from June 29 to July 3 daily from 6-7 p.m. It will meet in the social room of the Post Chapel (Bldg. 3714). The "converts" of the May seminar are the primary target group but all are welcome to attend. It is free.

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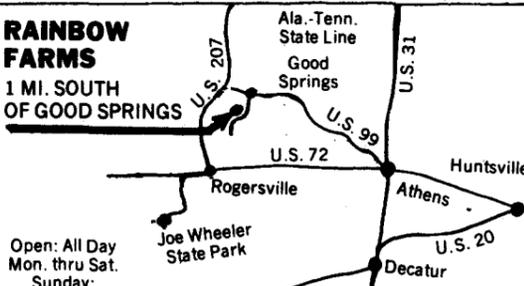
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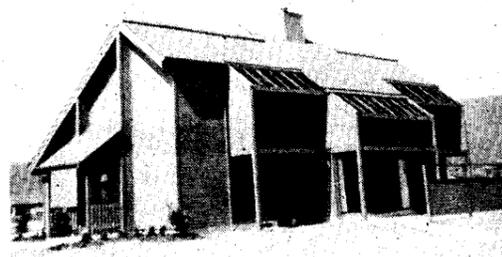
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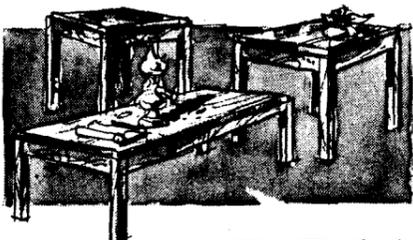
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