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Thefts from vehicles are MP concern

BY ED PETERS

Rush Farrell, a supply clerk at reproduction branch, started out from building 5688 early on a Monday morning to pick up a new trip ticket.

As he went up the hill on Neal Road near the motor pool, he smelled something burning and saw smoke coming from under the hood of the Army pickup truck. He quickly pulled off the road.

A passing military police patrol stopped to assist. They opened the hood and the problem was obvious. The truck's radiator was gone.

Rufus Lemley prepared to begin his rounds as a housing maintenance mechanic. Nothing happened when he turned on the truck ignition. He checked under the hood. Someone had climbed an eight foot fence topped with barbed wire and stolen the battery during the night.

The radiator theft is believed to be an isolated incident — military police can't recall it ever happening before. But the battery theft is not.

Battery thefts are occurring at an unusually high rate, said Ray Clift, chief military police investigator.

He said two or three battery thefts from Army cars are reported here every month. There is a link between the increase in thefts and the rise in the salvage value of a battery to about \$6, he noted.

Capt. John Long, military police operations officer, said only one battery thief has been caught but that military police were con-

ducting all-night surveillance of areas where they think thefts are likely to occur.

Battery thieves are not easy to catch, according to investigators. They usually work at night in secluded areas. Their loot is easy to obtain and conceal. The thief can drive off undetected with the battery in his car. And if he were stopped by police, it would be difficult to prove the battery is stolen since it carries no identification number.

Long said people can help prevent battery thefts by parking staff vehicles in secure areas, although he acknowledged this is not always possible or practical. The loss of \$40 batteries has to be weighed against the costs of building protective compounds and driving vehicles to and from the secure areas, he pointed out.

Military police said vehicles should be kept locked. Some of the thefts have been from cars with inside hood releases and probably wouldn't have occurred had the cars been locked.

Military police are also concerned about thefts from private vehicles that are occurring because people won't lock their cars.

Clift said military police have been making random checks in parking lots and placing "courtesy reminder" cards in unlocked cars.

The cards read: "Your property is not adequately secured and could easily be stolen.

Please take precautions to prevent the theft of your personal property."

The reminders have met with a mixed reactions. "Some have criticized us for it and some have thanked us," said Clift.

"We're not doing it to harass — we're doing it to protect," Long interjected.

Clift said follow up checks in parking lots show that the reminder cards are effective in getting more people to lock their cars.

In six months 6,000 reminder cards have been placed in unlocked cars.

Military police see a potentially big parking lot theft problem here. In one check of 400 cars, 221 were unlocked and 60 percent of those has "pilferable items" on the seat.

"It's unreal. You can't believe it till you see it," said Clift. "Keys in ignitions — government checks, even cash laying in seats. You could load up a tractor-trailer."

Military police say the parking lot thefts are random thefts. "We're very fortunate no one's 'working' the parking lots", added Sgt. Maj. Franklin Chrisman, military police operations sergeant. Military police caught a man several years ago who was working arsenal parking lots stealing from vehicles.

In the parking lot checks military police have observed a \$15,000 sports car with the key in the ignition and a pickup truck with valuable household furnishings in the open bed.

The potential for parking lot thefts is

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Arsenal eyes holiday closing

Civilian Personnel Office is surveying the workforce on holiday leave preference with an eye toward a partial shutdown here over Thanksgiving and Christmas.

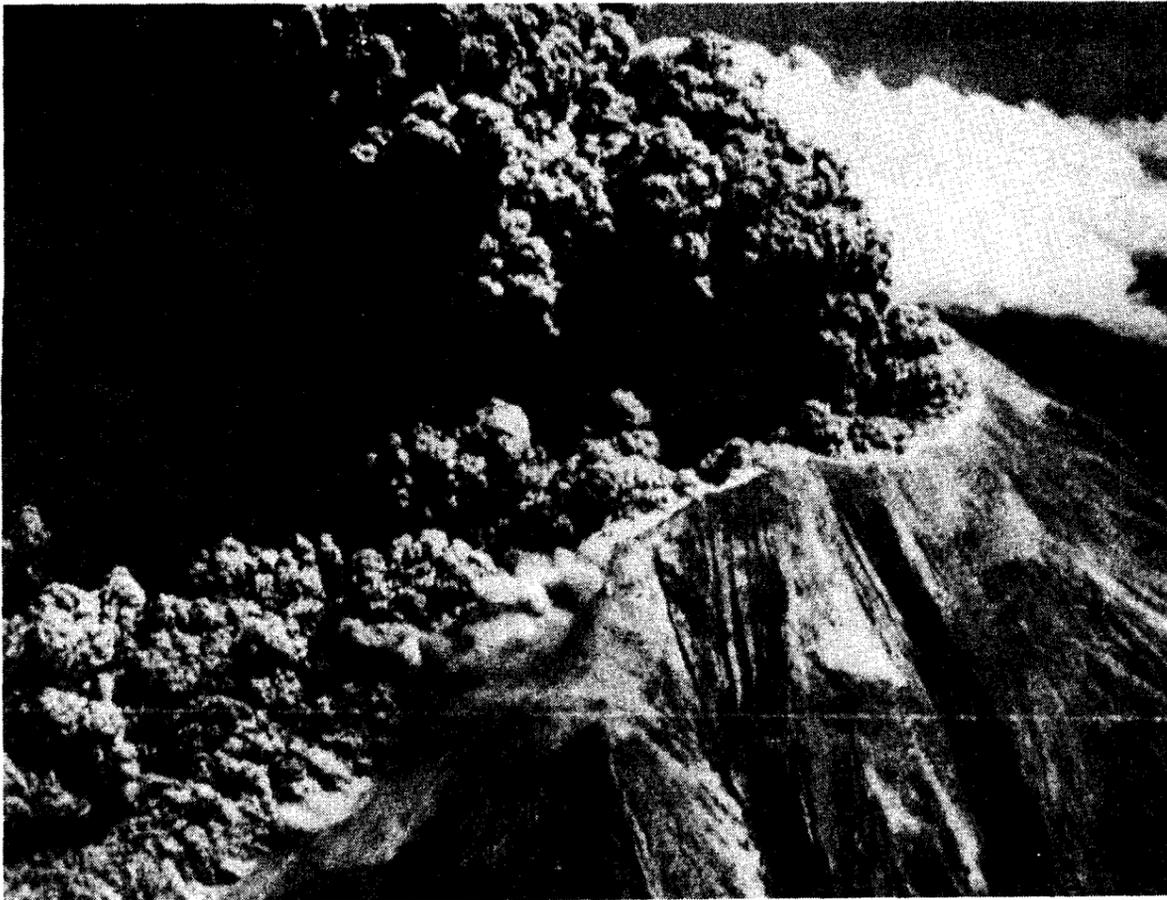
According to a survey questionnaire distributed here last week, closing or curtailing operations on the Friday after Thanksgiving and possibly some days in the period Dec. 20 through Jan. 4, is being considered.

The questionnaire asks workers to indicate whether they are willing to take annual leave or leave without pay for the entire period or only on specific dates indicated with a check mark.

In a DF sent with the questionnaire to major organizations here, Civilian Personnel Officer Luther Adams explained that the shutdown proposal was to save energy and that "productive work assignments would be provided for those who desire to work" during the shutdown period. In a few cases, supervisors did not pass that information on to the workers and some misinterpreted the questionnaire to mean they might be forced to take annual leave or leave without pay. They will not.

Those who elected to continue working

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Eruption

Mount St. Helens shows her eruptive fury last May 18 in the worst disaster to hit the state of Washington in the 20th Century. A missile maintenance technician from Redstone Ar-

senal helped determine the effect on a nearby Army firing center. See story on page 4. (Photo by Capt. Charles Rosenfield, Oregon ARNG)

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Letters

'Your move' on retirement pay proposal

Editor:

Federal employees, this is where your future COLA and military leave pay stand today:

The Senate seeks to eliminate the September 1980 COLA for federal retirees. As part of the reconciliation bill on the budget, the House PO and CS Committee has recommended that the September 1980 increase be granted, but eliminate the March 1981 COLA for FY 1981 only.

The House PO and CS and Budget Committees recommend ending the 15-day a year military leave that federal and postal employees receive when meeting their guard and reserve obligations.

The House Rules Committee is working on a rule that governs which amendments will be in order when the reconciliation bill is considered.

Congressman Robert E. Bauman (R-MD),

of the Rules Committee, wants to offer an amendment on the House floor to keep the twice a year COLA and the 15-day reserve leave.

Local 1858, AFGE recommends that federal employees call Congressman Flipppo's district office and ask him to support Mr. Bauman's amendment for floor vote on COLA and reserve leave. Ask Mr. Flipppo to contact the

Rules Committee. The Rules Committee will probably meet on August 19, 1980. Unless the Bauman amendment is permitted on the House floor, the semi-annual cost of living adjustment will have been eliminated. It's your move!

Bob Fletcher
President Local 1858 AFGE

Workers voice leave concerns

Editor

In reference to the questionnaire being circulated among the employees of the U.S. Army Missile Command: I feel that the person or persons, authorized to make the decision to close or curtail operations based on the questionnaire, should also have the authority to grant administrative leave to the employees of this command. We should not be forced to take annual leave that we have earned, nor

should we be forced to take leave without pay. What will happen to those who do not have to leave to take and cannot afford to be on leave without pay? Do they still come to work, or do they just lose their money?

Roosevelt Readus
Claude Mitchell
Finance & Accounting

EDITOR'S NOTE: See story on front page.



What do you think of the Basic Skills Education Program?



PFC Robert M. Conner, Marines — "I think it's good. It's kind of like the college level type thing. You have to take a preparatory test before you start a course in college. If you don't do too well, they give you a course that teaches you basic knowledge before you start the class. It also is good for up-dating your knowledge."



SFC William R. Stadden, Co. A — "I think it's a very good idea. It gives a person a chance to find out the areas he's weak in before he goes into his MOS training and is dropped. It can help them or their weak points and get him through his AIT."



Pv2 Sally A. Kuchler, 515th Ord. — "I don't think they should let people in with that level of education. When the level of education is low, it down-grades the Army. You can't run an Army with illiterate people. I think it's a good idea, though, if they do let them in."



Pvt. Ismael Enriquez, 8th S. C. — "It would help students find out where they are weak at before committing themselves. Getting help before they start class prevents a loss of time for the student."



Pvt. Charles B. Martin, 4th S. C. — "I think it's a good program. It gives a person a chance to get the education they never had a chance to get, probably."



Pvt. Kathy A. Dwyer, Co. A — "I think it's a good idea for people who don't have an education or high school diploma. It's even a good idea for the people who did graduate from high school because they might have missed certain subjects in school."

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Army course teaches soldiers basic skills

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A soldier studying electronics here was failing his courses and took the one-month Basic Skills Education Program. He was graduated at the top of his electronics class.

The soldier returned to thank his BSEP teacher.

"This happens quite frequently. They always come back and thank us, thank the teachers," said Bianca Cox, the Arsenal's BSEP coordinator and test proctor.

"Not that we get a lot that finish at the top of the class, but we get a lot who are failing and probably would not have made it had they not come to BSEP."

The Armywide program started in October 1978 to get soldiers functioning at least at fifth grade level. Redstone Arsenal offers the program for soldiers who score below seventh grade level.

Cox gives a test to 40 to 50 soldiers every Tuesday morning at the reception center. If a soldier scores below a certain level, he or she is re-tested. If the re-test score is below seventh grade level, the soldier is referred to BSEP.

"They can't make it through their electronics course if they're less than seventh grade," Cox said.

Since January, 2,500 soldiers have been tested here — not all advanced individual training (AITs) but also permanent party personnel and others. About 250 have gone through BSEP since January.

The program covers math, reading, English, spelling and vocabulary. Redstone offers both BSEP I and BSEP II, an advanced course for soldiers requiring more English training.

Those needing "English as a Second Language" training stay in the BSEP program until they can attain a 70 on the English language test.

BSEP has a waiting list here of about 12 soldiers a month, Cox said. Under Army regulations, 15 are allowed in each BSEP class.

The course lasts four weeks, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Permanent party personnel attend for six weeks — three half days a week.

Teachers don't rely on learning aids but teach students "the concept first and then they work lots of problems," Cox said. "They really go heavy on reading, Math goes up to percents, decimals, fractions and lower levels of Algebra.

"We take them as far as they can go in the month that we have them," she said.

The course, designed for soldiers only, also "turns their attitudes around," she said. "Sometimes they come here with real bad attitudes. They're failing, not motivated, but they get motivated here."

Armywide statistics for the Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) show BSEP improves English scores by 12 points and improves grade levels by 1.5. Redstone Arsenal's program improves English scores by 20 points and grades by 3 or better, according to Cox.

She credits the teachers here, Yvonne Hicks and Mary Morgan, whom she describes as "superb, fantastic teachers."

'We take them as far as they can go in the month that we have them'

Bianca Cox

"They really care about their students and their students really care about them."

However, Cox says she would like to see the program here expanded "so we could serve everyone that needs it." She points out a waiting list of soldiers.



Six selected for MARED program

The Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command awarded six of its employees with selection into the Materiel Acquisition and Readiness Executive Development (MARED) Program.

Brig. Gen. Jack Apperson presented the awards on Aug. 5 to Donald Burlage and Jester Loomis, Army Missile Lab; Gerald S. Smith, MLRS Project Office; and Linda Goins, Ronnie Noblitt and Julian Newman, Procurement and Production Directorate.

The MARED Program is designed to train

and develop people to fill key DARCOM executive positions in Supply Management, Procurement, Quality and Reliability Assurance, Materiel Maintenance Management, and Science and Engineering. To be eligible, an individual must have achieved the GS-13, 14 or 15 level.

Anyone who meets the basic requirements may apply during the annual announcement period October through December. Each applicant must sign a statement of understanding that mobility is a requirement.

MICOM seeks EEO counselors

The Equal Employment Opportunity office is seeking new counselors for MICOM to replace some who have relocated or resigned.

The deadline for applying is Aug. 27. Counselors listen to complaints from workers in the command, and then investigate the situation.

They then file a report with the EEO office,

stating whether or not they think the problem is one of discrimination.

If interested in applying to become an EEO counselor, submit a DF through your supervisor saying why you're interested in the program. The DFs should be sent to DRSMI-XQ, Bldg. 5250, Rm. A-104, ATTN: Stella Moore, EEO specialist.

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Suggestion nets soldier \$775, commendation from President

A Redstone Arsenal soldier received one of nine Presidential Management Improvement Awards presented in the Old Executive Office Building in Washington Wednesday.

According to a Department of Defense news release, Staff Sergeant Danny A. Wright, a platoon sergeant with the U.S. Army Missile and Munitions Center and School, was the only uniformed serviceman to receive one of the awards which recognize Federal personnel who made the most exceptional contributions to management improvement during 1979.

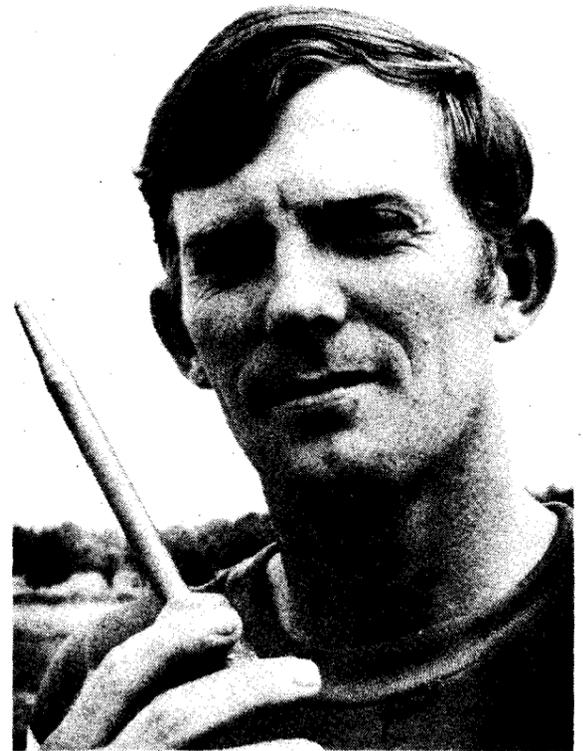
Wright's contribution was a special tool he designed for use by Pershing missile maintenance units throughout the world. The tool is

used in the alignment of the system's jet vane assemblies.

According to the Army's calculations, the tool will result in almost \$19,000 in savings of damaged equipment and time spent in maintenance during its first year of use. Under an Army incentive program, that contribution earned Wright a \$775 cash award.

He designed the tool while he was stationed with the 579th Ordnance Company at New Ulm, West Germany. He wasn't thinking of presidential or monetary awards at the time.

"I was working on jet van assemblies and I just thought it would be easier to align if I had a tool," he said. "So I made one."



Wright with alignment tool

Ash from volcano doesn't stop TOW

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The eruption of Mount St. Helens in May covered a nearby Army firing center with ash and led to "Task Force Volcano."

The mission: Determining whether Yakima Firing Center in Washington could be reopened for unit training despite volcanic ash.

Richard Pingry, a missile maintenance technician (MMT) from Redstone Arsenal, was among the civilian participants in the July 11-17 exercise.

Yakima Firing Center, located about 40 miles from the mountain, was blanketed with ash when Mount St. Helens erupted May 18. It has been closed since.

The six-day exercise by the 9th Infantry Division and representatives from the Materiel Development and Readiness Command resulted in a recommendation that the center be reopened.

"We felt it can be (reopened) using the proper maintenance procedures in the (technical manuals)," said Pingry, stationed at Fort Lewis in the Seattle area since March.

Last Thursday's eruption that sent a plume of ash and steam to an altitude of 44,000 feet shouldn't have any effect, according to Pingry. "Just that there's going to be a little more ash. It won't have any effect," he said.

Streets have been cleared but ash still covers the ground. Pingry expects the ground to remain covered a long time because water packs the ash down when it rains.

Several items of equipment were tested during Task Force Volcano on the center's desert-type country that stretches thousands of acres. The firing center, located about 178 miles by road from Fort Lewis, has been the fort's main training center.

Pingry, 44, a MICOM MMT since 1966, observed testing of the TOW land combat system. One system was mounted on an armored personnel carrier and a second system was mounted on a quarter-ton jeep.

The two vehicles were taken out on 50 mile runs cross-country and by road trail. "Both the jeep and (carrier) went out both days. I went with the (carrier) the first day, and the jeep the second day," Pingry said. Two missiles were fired that second day and both got direct hits at 3,000 meters, about 1.8 miles, Pingry said.

The ash "didn't have any affect on my TOW

missiles," said the El Paso, Texas native.

Pingry expects to remain at Fort Lewis for the next year or two, then probably go to Germany. Asked how Mount St. Helens looks now, he said "it's steaming."

"It still leaks out a little steam now and then, some ash, but very little."

Has anything like Task Force Volcano ever been done before? "No," Pingry responds toward the end of the telephone interview. "Where have we ever been that a volcano erupted before?"



After the eruption

Pingry wears face mask to guard against volcanic ash in TOW tests near Mount St. Helens.

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Small twister knocks out power

A small twister that hit Redstone Arsenal during Sunday afternoon's wind storm uprooted several trees and snapped three or four utility poles.

The twister hit along Buxton Road in the area of building 8027, Finance and Accounting. Facilities Engineering repair crews worked

until 2 a.m. restoring electrical power to the building.

Power was off for a short time in the arsenal's housing and hospital area after lightning struck the primary substation that feeds electricity to the northwest part of the arsenal.

Operational tests over for Hellfire

The Army has concluded operational tests with the MICOM's Hellfire tank killer and is evaluating weapon system performance prior to a production decision expected early next year.

For the past two months, the Combat Developments Experimentation Command (CDEC) has conducted the Hellfire test program at Fort Hunter Liggett, Calif., complete with computer battlefield scenarios simulating large scale, force-on-force battles.

Approximately 300 participated in the operational tests which included some 1,100 simulated engagements and 33 live firings of the laser-guided Hellfire missile.

The Army's Operational Test and Evaluation Agency is currently studying all the Hellfire performance data.

"Based on initial reports, the test program

was successful," said Col. Stanley D. Cass, MICOM Project Manager for Hellfire and Ground Laser Designators.

Hellfire, planned as the primary armament on the new AH-64 Advanced Attack Helicopter, is being developed as an evolutionary modular system that will provide the Army with a family of terminal homing seekers, and a common airframe, to engage tanks and hardpoint targets.

The initial configuration utilizes laser guidance.

Rockwell International of Columbus, Ohio, is the Hellfire prime contractor.

Hellfire, a highly survivable system because of its standoff range, indirect fire capability and shorter time of flight, will be fielded in the early 1980s.

Cash advance for DITY move

WASHINGTON — Soldiers using the Do-It-Yourself Moving Program (DITY) can now get cash advances to cover extra moving expenses.

A change that became effective June 30 will give people moving under DITY some "up front" money to meet moving expenses.

Previously, these advances were only available to those using moving equipment from a commercial rental agency. The agency covered the advance which was later repaid when the government paid the equipment rental fees.

Soldiers making DITY moves with privately owned trucks had to cover gas, oil and other road expenses with their own money. Once they finished the move soldiers could then apply for reimbursement.

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For Information about Registration, Course Schedules, Tuition Fees & Location, Please call 895-6010

Three receive \$75 suggestion money

Three MMCS workers received \$25 cash awards July 28 for suggestions that resulted in a new development tool for the Skill Qualification Tests relating to the Improved Hawk repair specialties.

James W. Witten, CWO 3 Eugene L. Damon, Jr. and Sp5 William R. Batchelor developed a matrix system that will end duplication of effort in several areas of SQT development.

Certain sections will be used in several of the documents and thus eliminate the need to rewrite the same material.

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"He liked it," said Griffin. "We had him and a few other professional frisbee throwers try it out and they all liked it."

The idea of a frisbee golf course originated three years ago with Joe Hopkins, director of physical activities, who did most of the planning and lay-out, according to Griffin.

The game is similiar to regular golf. It has 9 holes and a par of 34 but instead of hitting a golf ball into a hole, you throw a frisbee into a basket.

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Old airfield tower comes down

The old air traffic control tower at Redstone Army Airfield has been torn down to make way for a new tower.

The new tower is expected to be in place around November 1, according to SFC Dean Anderson, air traffic control chief. Meanwhile, a temporary tower has been set up for air traffic control.

The new tower will give controllers better visibility since it will be 55 feet high, 30 feet taller than the old tower.

It will consist of an enclosed base on which are stacked four 16 foot by 13 foot modules that interlock.

Controllers will work out of the top module which will be the tower cab.

Other modules will contain a radio communications room, maintenance shop and lounge and break room.

A ground control approach room will be in the tower base.

The new tower will make for convenience and efficiency by housing in one structure the air traffic control functions that were carried on in several buildings, Anderson said.

Another feature will be an enclosed stair-

way. People working in the tower will enter the base at ground level and take a stairway to the upper compartments.

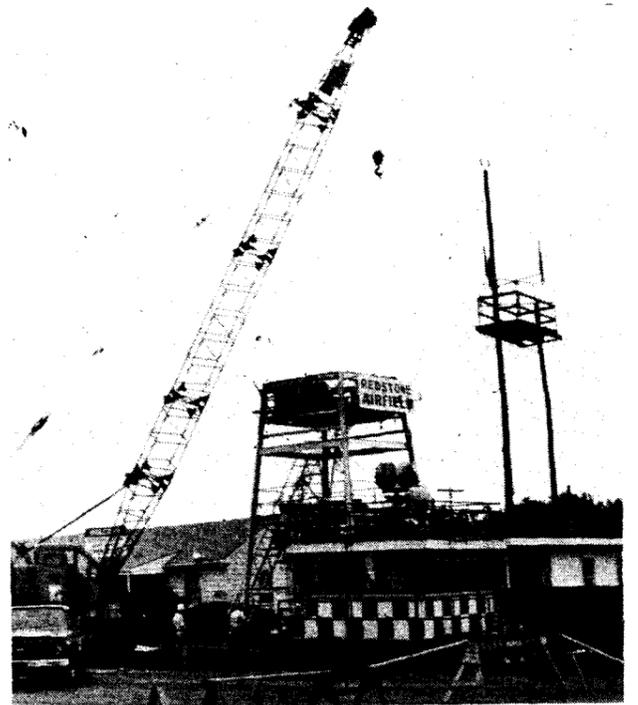
Entrance to the old tower was gained by climbing a set of steel stairs that were outside like a fire escape. Anderson remembers one occasion when the steps were icy and a worker slipped and would have fallen from the tower if he hadn't been able to grab a side rail.

The new tower and some related improvements to air traffic control equipment will cost around \$500,000, Anderson said.

The beacon which had been mounted atop the old tower is being relocated to a stand about 700 feet away.

Anderson said the old tower had been modified many times and had reached a point where it was no longer practical to try to modernize. It was put up in World War II when bombs made here were dropped on arsenal ranges in tests.

Anderson said the airfield has been trying to get the tower replaced for a long time. "They were talking a new tower when I came here for my first tour in 1967. Now it looks like I'll get to see it before I go back to Korea."



Taking apart

Old tower cab has been removed and crane is used to dismantle tower base.

Career planning requires thought

Career planning takes "thought and enough information to make a sound decision for you," according to an Army education counselor here.

Mary McGough says U. S. Department of Labor guides for career planners as well as counseling are available at the Army Education Center.

The military offers many opportunities for education and training in marketable skill areas, she said. "The majority of military occupational specialties directly transfer into civilian-related jobs.

"The military careerist should investigate and take advantage of opportunities for advanced training and development while at the same time be planning for ETS or retirement," she said.

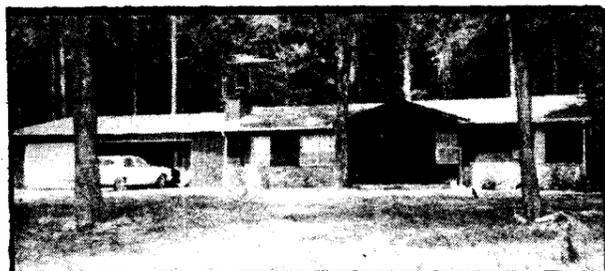
Jobs are becoming increasingly specialized; the labor department counts over 30,000 career specialties, according to McGough.

"Rapid growth and good career opportunities will be typical of the service-producing industries," she said. "Medical, clerical, computer, electronic and environmental occupations are all expected to be good bets for steady, upward employment, even during recessionary periods, since they are all essential services."



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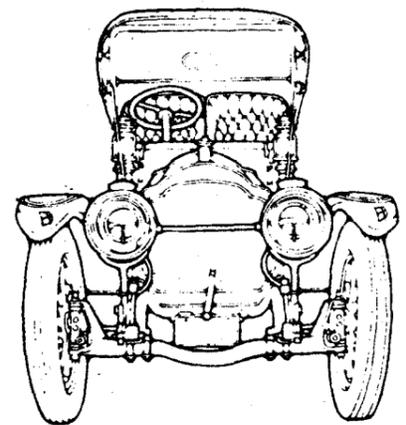
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There the truck will travel several thousand miles over the next few months as a MICOM calibration team services equipment at Saudi bases.

Horace Walker of the Metrology and Calibration Center explained that the four-man MICOM team will calibrate and repair test, measuring and diagnostic equipment used on missiles and equipment of U.S. manufacture.

They will work on electrical equipment like voltmeters, signal generators and oscilloscopes, mechanical items like torque

wrenches and micrometers, thermometers — “all kinds of measuring equipment”, said Walker, who returned here recently from a month in Saudi Arabia.

Calibration is necessary to make sure that when measurements are made on military equipment, “a pound is actually a pound, an ounce is an ounce, a milliwatt is a milliwatt . . .”, said Bob Kirkpatrick of Metrology and Calibration’s security assistance office.

The idea is to insure that all measurements are to the prescribed standard. That insures, for example, that radios soldiers use to talk back and forth are on the correct frequency.

Kirkpatrick said the Saudi equipment is calibrated to U.S. Army standards which are based on measurement standards established by the National Bureau of Standards.

He said Saudi personnel will eventually take

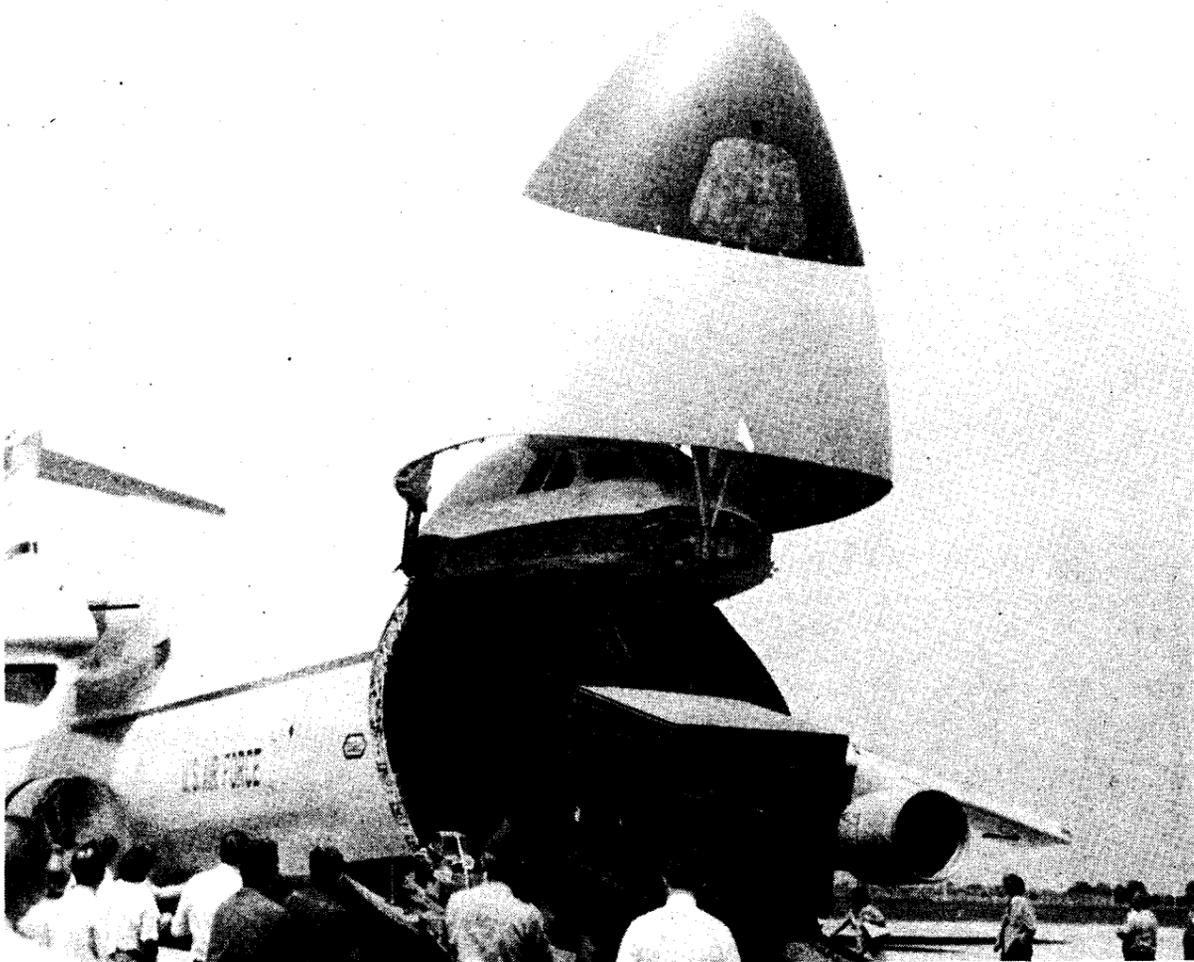
over calibration of their own equipment but now the practice “is new to them.”

Members of the team going to Saudi Arabia are Jerry Mitchell, Ed Friday, Jim Vines and Giles Collier, chief.

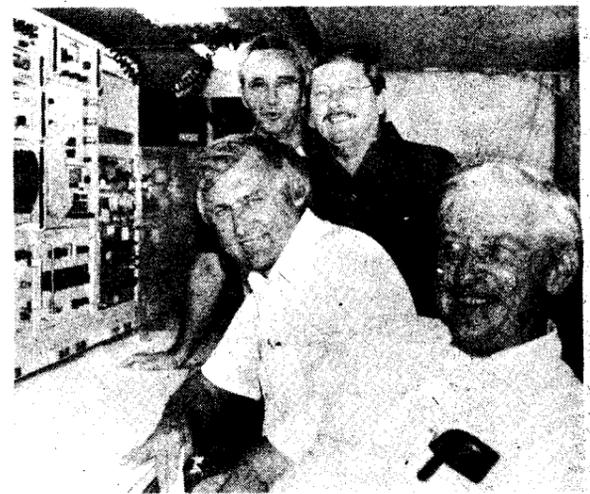
They will operate from a 5 ton M280 truck with front wheel drive and two drive tandems in the rear. The truck carries a van body about 20 feet long by eight feet wide with expandable sides that telescope to form a work area 15 feet wide. Inside is a load of sophisticated measuring instruments. It is air conditioned against the 120 degree heat in Saudi Arabia and to provide the correct temperatures needed for calibrating instruments.

Metrology and Calibration Center has teams of experts that travel practically everywhere U.S. Army equipment is in use. The security assistance office handles calibration of foreign sales equipment. They presently have teams in Morocco, Spain, and Jordan.

For all their expertise and fine equipment, sometimes the teams run into problems and have to call home for help. In late June, Kirkpatrick, who is case manager for Jordan, got a call that one of his calibration trucks was down with a bad air conditioner. His solution was to take Horace Williamson, a Facilities Engineering air conditioner mechanic, to Jordan to help him fix it.



Calibration van boards C-5A for trip overseas in 1977



Traveling team

Saudi Arabia-bound calibration team members are Giles Collier, Jerry Mitchell, Ed Friday and Jim Vines.

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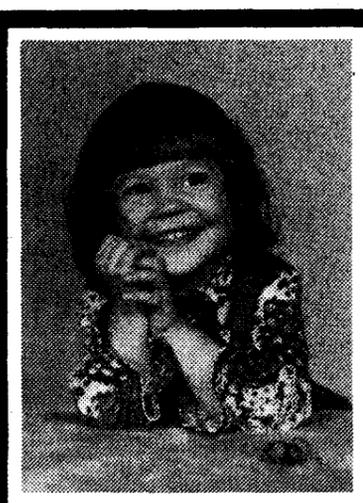
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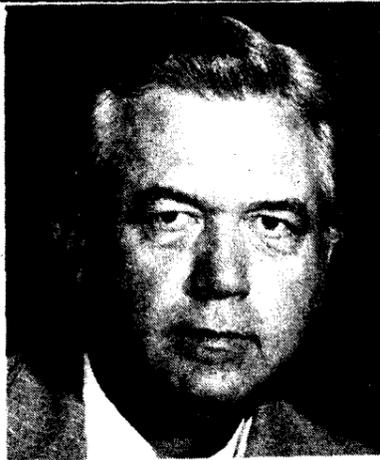
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Such thefts are virtually impossible to solve and even harder to prevent when unlocked cars offer thieves an easy target, investigators said.

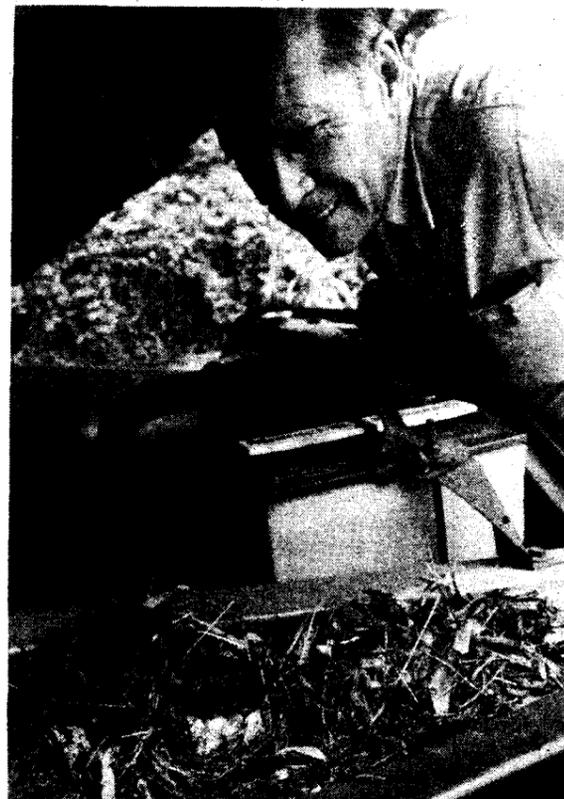
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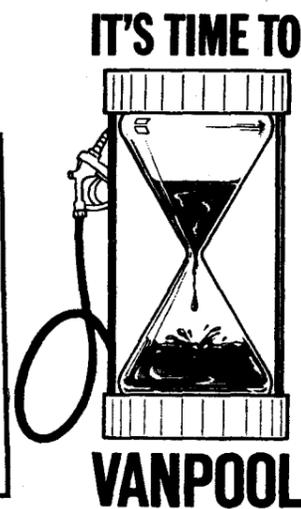
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They took a two-week course in communications for technical writers at Texas Tech University from July 21 through Aug. 1.

"We've recognized for sometime a gap in our training curriculum," said Tom Mizell,



Technology

Dr. Ray La Fontaine, director of the Army's short course in technical communications at Texas Tech University, demonstrates how to use a video display terminal. Looking on are (left to right) Kenneth Lewis and Barbara Rahrer, interns from Redstone Arsenal, and Dr. Paul Speck, primary course instructor.

supervisor for the interns and support section supervisor at Maintenance & Engineering. Bridging the gulf between the "intense technical" side and the "philosophic" side was an aim of the pilot short course.

"The main purpose of the course was to provide them training in technical writing as applies to the government method of presenting it to the soldier in the field," Mizell said.

The interns, all college graduates, were flown as a group to Lubbock, Texas, via commercial airline July 20. They returned here Aug. 2 after the course sponsored by the Army's Materiel Development and Readiness Command (DARCOM).

Course activities included writing, editing, page layout, and learning about new informational equipment. The class project was creating a manual on bicycles.

"I thought it was very helpful. The information was very useful and related to our jobs," said Ronald Harlow, 28, of Tupelo, Miss. "It gave us a sense of being professional writers."

The University of Southern Mississippi graduate in English and Journalism said he "definitely" learned from the course and plans to stay with the Army's technical writing program.

Comments were generally favorable. Valerie Venable, 24, of Richmond, Va., called it "probably the most valuable course that we've had so far in the program. I was very impressed with the instruction and facilities at Texas Tech University."

Yvonne Brown, a 23-year-old University of South Carolina journalism graduate, said she got little from the style lectures but was impressed by the lectures on editing and graphics.

The class project resulted in a first draft of a 50-page manual on bicycles. Daily individual projects covered "problems of relating your material to your audience," said Martin Fitch, 27, of Clearwater, Fla., an English graduate of Tulane University.

More time should have been allowed for the bicycle manual project "but the teachers were excellent," said Johnnie Shue, 37, of Charlotte, N. C. "Most of the people expressed to me that the first few days were not as valuable as the last part (of the course)," he said.

Redstone Arsenal since 1977 has been DARCOM's center for the technical writing intern program. Interns are trained here for two years then shipped to a permanent duty location the third year.

Officials say there is a shortage of technical writers within the Army. "The population of technical writers throughout industry is not large enough to cause universities to give a degree in technical writing," said Mizell. "Most universities look at technical writing as a supportive function of engineers."

There are an estimated 100 technical writers here employed in Maintenance & Engineering, Research & Development, the Calibration Center, and the Missile and Munitions School.

Mizell describes his interns as "extremely bright, motivated and very hard workers."

One intern, Nancy Potok, was to attend the Texas Tech course but a substitute was named after she was selected a presidential intern and left here in June. Only 200 throughout government are chosen.

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WASHINGTON — An additional \$5 million contribution by AAFES to the Army and Air Force Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) funds was approved recently.

Because of higher than planned sales, favorable foreign exchange rates and lower operating expenses, the AAFES board of directors decided to increase the money going to MWR funds. According to AAFES officials, the added money brings the total amount committed to MWR funds to \$90 million for the current fiscal year, or \$72.73 for every Army and Air Force person on active duty.

AAFES officials say more than \$1 billion has been given to MWR funds in the past 15 years. The funds provide morale and recreation equipment and services to Army and Air Force members.

During the quarterly meeting held in June, the AAFES board of directors also approved another \$5 million for spending on construction. AAFES officials say the money will be used to improve and upgrade present PX-BX facilities and build new ones worldwide.

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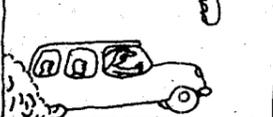
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Ragano retires from military

Maj. Gen. Frank P. Ragano, former commander of the U. S. Army Missile Research and Development Command here, retired from military service at the end of last month in ceremonies at Fort Myer, Va.

Since July 1979 he had been Deputy Inspector General of the Army and assessed and reported on the Army's worldwide conventional ammunition posture as Director, Conventional Ammunition Special Review.

He left Redstone for the Washington assignment last year when the Army Missile Command was re-formed from separate research and development and readiness commands.

In previous jobs at Redstone he served as project manager for U. S. Roland and the 2.75 inch Rocket System.

Movie group disbands here

For 10 years or more Redstone moviemakers have worked with some of show business' biggest names including Bob Hope, John Wayne, Steve Allen, Lorne Greene, Mike Connors, Tim Conway, Peter Graves, Michael Landon, Linda Day George, Fannie Flagg, and William Shatner.

During that decade they made more than 650 training, tactical, information, morale and motivational films for the Army and Navy.

Awards? They've won a roomful, including one from the International Film and TV Festival of New York for "A System Called MICOM", and the Golden Eagle Award for two films — "He Loves Me Not", Rape Prevention Part III; and "Hooks", on alcohol and drug abuse.

But the curtain comes down Friday on Redstone's Motion Picture and Television Production Division.

The facility, a unit of the Defense Audio Visual Agency, is being transferred to Washington and will be located at the Navy Photographic Center at Anacostia.

"Of the nineteen men and women here affected, five are transferring to Washington while the others are retiring or have found jobs elsewhere," said Tom Schiro, Chief of the production activity.

Schiro said the move to Washington consolidates under one roof filmmaking for all the services in the eastern United States. There's a similar facility on the west coast.

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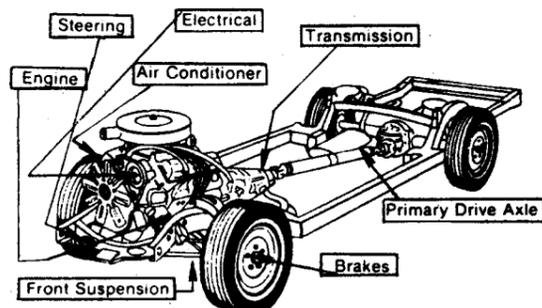
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Astronomical society

The Von Braun Astronomical Society is having a party for members on Aug. 15. On Aug. 20 at 7:30 p.m. they will have a free public lecture on "Molecules in Space" by Dr. Charles Dodson of UAH at the society planetarium at Monte Sano Park. A planetarium show, "The Universe of Dr. Einstein" and open house and public viewing of the 21-inch telescope is on Aug. 24 at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Gert Schmitz 876-7018.

Cub Scout sign up

Cub Scout Pack 234 sponsored by Redstone Arsenal will conduct its annual membership sign up at Bicentennial Chapel on Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. Parents must accompany their sons for registration. For more information call the Recreation Center, 876-4531-5942.

Separation orientation

All officer and enlisted personnel due for REFRAD for separation within the next 30 days are scheduled for a separation orientation at 1 p.m. on Aug. 8 in building 3495 (Toftoy Hall) auditorium. Items for discussion are veterans benefits, employment opportunities, out-processing and final pay. A film will be shown. Attendance is mandatory. For more information call the Transfer Point, 876-1671.

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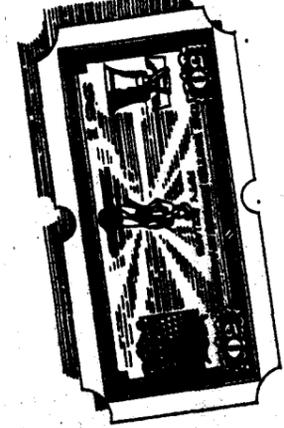
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