

Army transfers 350 acres to Space Center

The Army formally passed 350 acres of Redstone Arsenal to the Alabama Space and Rocket Center March 27 in a brief ceremony attended by Rep. Ronnie Flippo, and state, city and county officials.

Maj. Gen. Robert L. Moore, told the gathering:

"The Army is pleased that this acreage from Redstone Arsenal will now be used as a place for education and recreation for all the

people and especially pleased that it will be used in a way that will directly benefit the people in this community who have honored us with their friendship for so many years."

The land will be used by the Space and Rocket Center for an \$11 million expansion to be developed in three phases over the next decade. The city of Huntsville will also develop a portion of the tract as a public park.

Flippo introduced legislation, endorsed and

sponsored by the entire state Congressional delegation, adopted last year to transfer the land, expanding the Space and Rocket Center's property 10 times. Its original 35 acre site, also once part of the arsenal, was transferred to state ownership more than a decade ago to clear the way for construction of the center.

Praising the Army in his brief remarks,

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'Here they come!'

Thursday was a great day for the Arsenal's first parade of the year.

This little fellow was one of many who enjoyed the weather and the show.

Occupational tax proposed in bill

BY SKIP VAUGHN

State Rep. Richard Gregg planned to introduce a bill this week on an occupational tax for Madison County but said he is only interested in allowing the measure to come up for a vote by county citizens.

The bill, expected to be introduced Tuesday, March 31, would call for a referendum in Madison County to decide on a job tax. The tax would be one-third of one percent of an individual's gross earnings.

"I'm not for the bill," Gregg said. "My position on that is the same as on dog racing. I'm not for dog racing."

"I'm pushing for a referendum on dog racing and on any tax proposal."

Gregg, who was also to introduce a bill for dog racing this week, said he is "accommodating our public officials" by giving people a choice on how to raise money for the school systems.

An occupational tax would be deducted from an employee's check on a weekly basis and paid by the employer to the City of Huntsville's Department of Revenue. Half would go to the

operations of city and county government and the other half would go to the school systems.

Distribution would be determined by city and county population and, for the school systems' share, by student population.

Gregg discussed his bills in a public forum in Huntsville on March 23. "From my observations last night, an occupational tax has got as much chance of passing as I've got jumping over this building," he said the next day from Montgomery. "The public is definitely not for an occupational tax."

He said he has no personal interest on whether either of his two bills pass a vote of the people. "Like I said, I'm doing it on behalf of local government, not myself," he said.

Provided the bills pass the Legislature and are signed by the governor in May, they would probably come up for a countywide vote in the first week of August.

"It appears to me the public is far more in favor of a referendum on dog racing than they are on a occupational tax," Gregg said.

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FEGLI booklets here

The long-awaited booklets explaining the types of coverage for Federal Employees Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) finally arrived here last week.

Late registrations under the program will be accepted here through April 8, according to the civilian personnel office.

Office of Personnel Management announced that open season to elect new coverages was from March 1-31. However, the civilian personnel office did not receive the necessary paperwork until last week.

SMA to return for speech

Sergeant Major of the Army William A. Connelly will return to Redstone Arsenal to speak at an Association of the United States Army (AUSA) luncheon April 9.

Connelly, who visited the arsenal in January to address and listen to soldiers, will be guest speaker at the 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. luncheon at the NCO Club. He is to arrive April 8 and speak at the luncheon the next day, according to MICOM's CSM Ed Polite.

"I think (his speech) will be centered around some of the new innovations the Ar-

my's going to install here in the future, the GI Bill they're pushing, quality of life for the soldier, mission effectiveness," Polite said.

During Connelly's January visit, the Army's senior enlisted soldier said top priority is given to initiatives in four areas: Manning, modernization, training and mobilization.

Tickets to the AUSA luncheon are \$5 per person. For tickets, call Polite 876-4657, Sgt. Maj. Harold Jackson 876-7320 or Marie Sexton 876-7233.

Connelly is to travel by plane to Atlanta following his AUSA appearance.

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Letters

Respect our flag

Editor:

As a member of the Post Color Guard, I am in a position to observe, first hand, the respect accorded the National Colors during movement to and from various ceremonies. While marching to the retirement ceremony, conducted at the parade field on March 26, I witnessed certain disrespectful incidents which I feel require comment.

Several uniformed military personnel, both officers and enlisted, were observed to avert their gaze or turn their backs when the uncased Colors approached. Others purposefully walked away rather than render a salute. At one point, a company-sized unit, standing at rest and busily smoking and chatting, was not called to "attention" and "present arms" as the Colors passed.

It is difficult to believe that with the emphasis that is placed on military customs and traditions, such shabby attention to given to so honored a national symbol. Such occurrences are not only demeaning to the Colors but also to the vast majority who do accord the proper respect.

I should comment that the Marine Corps personnel that encountered the passing Colors did not fail to render the hand salute. It angers me that a certain few of my fellow Army colleagues find it more rewarding to skulk away rather than gratefully honor the American Flag.

Sp5 Merry J. Mentikov
MMCS

Letters to the editor should be signed (name withheld on request) and sent to: The Redstone Rocket, DRSMI-G.



Job descriptions

Question:

At a recent briefing of MICOM personnel on the subject of realignment of MICOM readiness and logistics, the statement was made that job descriptions would be written for personnel within the directorates involved. Will there be changes of a nature which required revisions to job descriptions? If so, will the changes be made prior to the realignment?

Answer:

The establishment of the Missile Logistics Center and the Missile Systems Readiness Directorate to be effective 5 July '81, represents a new approach to logistics

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management at the Army Missile Command. The Missile Logistics Center reorganization consolidates mission and functions from four major MICOM organizations into the new center. The Missile Systems Readiness Directorate combines mission and functions from three major organizational entities and will be MICOM's "face to the field" for all readiness functions. It is evident that with a reorganization of this magnitude there is a requirement for many new job descriptions and a requirement for minor changes to other job descriptions. These job descriptions are in the process of being prepared and all changes will be made prior to the official establishment of these new organizations on 5 July '81.



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AFGE election slated April 13

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Three people are running for the presidency of the American Federation of Government Employees Local 1858.

Dues-paying members will vote by paper ballot April 13 at Bldg. 3517, temporary headquarters for the union. A runoff, if necessary, would be held there April 15.

Besides the president's race, two candidates are trying to become executive vice president and two are running for sergeant-at-arms.

Candidates for president include the incumbent Robert L. Fletcher, an equipment specialist with Maintenance and Engineering Directorate's Pershing Section; James D. Fulton, a technical manual writer-editor for Maintenance and Engineering; and Raymond B. Swaim, a water treatment plant operator.

Running for executive vice president are Herbert A. Ivey Jr., a painter with Facilities Engineering Division; and Michael D. West, a physical science technician for the Sanitation Section of the Utilities Branch. Fulton holds the executive vice president post.

Sergeant-at-arms candidates are Stephen W. Dunham, a firefighter with the fire

prevention-protection branch, Facilities Engineering Division; and Tom Paul, a counselor in the Human Resources Development office. West is incumbent sergeant-at-arms.

Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 13 at Bldg. 3517, west of Vincent Drive on Shillelagh Circle. The union's office at Bldg. 7132 is being repaired from a fire last October and is expected to reopen by the end of April.

Eligible to vote are members whose dues are paid or other persons whose signed dues-deduction slip has been turned in by the union to Finance and Accounting.

"They would come into the polling place at 3517, identify themselves, sign the roster if eligible, be given a ballot, place it in an envelope, seal it and put it in the ballot box," said Everett Brouillette, the union's election committee chairman.

Eligible voters who are unable to go to the polls for an "acceptable reason" such as TDY, may vote by absentee ballot. Those ballots "will have to reach us by the time the polls close the 13th of April at 5 p.m.," Brouillette said.

Results are to be announced 5:30 p.m. that day at the union's regular monthly meeting in the A-115 auditorium of Bldg. 5250.

The three-way president's race is the only one with a possibility of a runoff, Brouillette said, because the other races include two candidates. "In order to be elected, you have to have a majority of the votes," he added.

"In the event there has to be a runoff, we'll notify all the media — radio, TV stations and the newspapers — so everyone will know."

A runoff, if necessary, would be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 15 at Bldg. 3517.

The time it takes to vote is not considered company time. "We're open from 10 to 5 because people are working staggered shifts and have different lunch hours, and a lot of people on annual leave come in and vote," Brouillette said.

Elections are held every two years for all the union offices unless a vacancy occurs which must be filled.

The AFGE election committee includes Brouillette, chairman, Julia Forbes, J. W. Hill, Marvin Jones and Theodore Leslie.

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Motorists on Mills Road last Thursday afternoon saw an unusual sight: A trailer from a tractor-trailer rig on its side with its load spilled. Larry Collins of Route 3, Arab, Ala. was westbound on Mills making a right turn when the trailer was separated from the cab

by a malfunction of the holding pin, military police said. The trailer struck the cab and rolled to its left side, spilling its load. The cab stopped 150 feet off the roadway. Luckily, Collins was uninjured.

Hawk approaches 25th anniversary

Hawk will be 25 on June 22, 1981. That's the date, 25 years ago, when the Army's air defense missile — dubbed the "bullet with a brain" — made its first guided flight, intercepting a drone flying at 11,000 feet and blasted it from the sky.

The Hawk project office is planning a special anniversary observance at Redstone

Arsenal and wants to honor long-time team members, particularly those with 20 or more years of service.

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How would you improve Saturday soldierization training?

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Pvt. 1 John Abrams, 6th S.C. — "The best thing they could do is put all that soldierization training at the end of our MOS training. That way we could worry about one thing at a time. We're here for AIT and it's hard enough to keep up with that."



Pvt. 2 Eyvette Jackson, 8th S.C. — "Get rid of it. But if it's necessary, it should be broken down to groups of five or so instead of trying to work with the whole company. And it should be remedial type training — everybody shouldn't have to suffer for what some people can't do."



Pvt. 1 Edmunda Ashley, 8th S.C. — "I think they should give us Friday night through Sunday night off. It's only fair. We're going to school five days a week. They're trying to make us live up to the Marines' standards."



Pvt. 2 Craig Pitts, 6th S.C. — "We need more classes on combat training. They didn't show us much on how to set up a perimeter or read maps in basic training."



Pvt. 1 Langston McCain, 4th S.C. — "We don't need the marching and maneuvering. We had that in basic training and if you didn't pass you got a 'no go.' They should have Saturdays reserved for organized clubs like mountain climbing, football and things like that."

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Flippo said: "When other images fade, the nation will remember that the Army saw the need and acted to benefit the education of our people . . . by providing this site for expansion."

Jack Giles, chairman of the Space and Rocket Center's governing commission, said his group is determined to develop the

property in a way that will make it a source of pride to everyone.

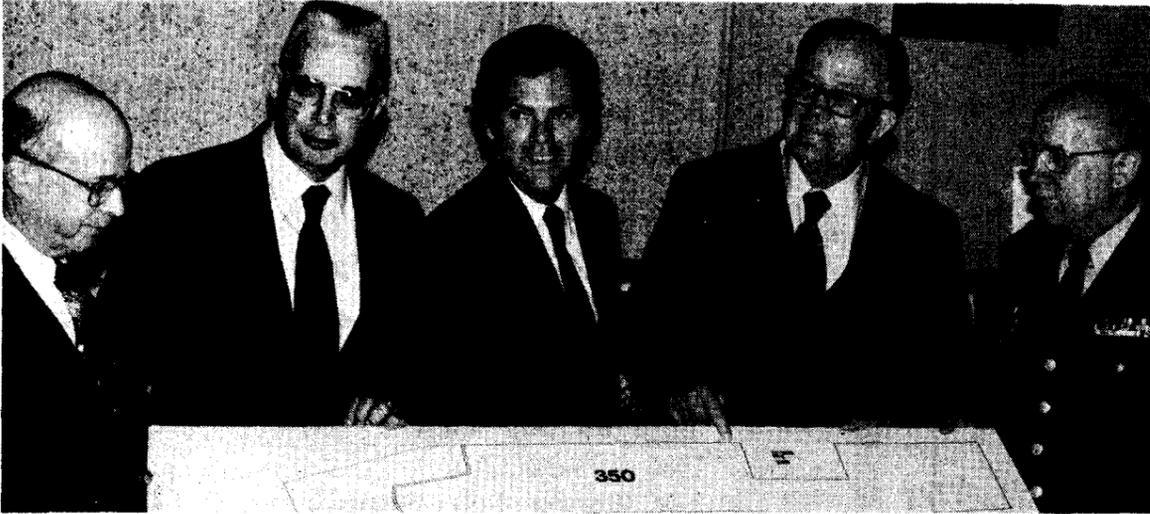
The land transferred runs generally east from the Space and Rocket Center bordered on the north by Madison Pike and the south by a TVA powerline. It also includes all the property east of McDonald creek south to Goss Rd. except a portion occupied by the Naval Reserve.

One condition set by the Army was that the

Space and Rocket Center fence the common boundary with the arsenal. The Redstone Saddle Club stables and pasture are within the land now owned by the center. The club is to relocate elsewhere on the arsenal during the next year.

The land involved in the transfer is the old headquarters area for the chemical warfare industry that was here in World War II and was the site of the first buildings ever erected on the installation. These included the construction offices from which the war-time building program for the rest of the arsenal was handled.

The original buildings were torn down about five years ago. The dilapidated wooden structures were last occupied by Civilian Personnel Division.



Plans

Displaying plans for using the land transferred to the Space and Rocket Center are, from left, former MICOM Commanding

Generals Louis Rachmeler and George Turnmeyer, Rep. Flippo, Giles, and Maj. Gen. Moore.

School deadline set

WASHINGTON — May 1 is the deadline for application to the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School (USMAPS), Fort Monmouth, N.J.

It's important that prospective students apply early for the 1981-82 class, USMAPS officials say. The class begins in August.

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Tax

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The tax would affect everyone employed in Madison County no matter where they live, according to the legislator. But whether the tax would affect federal workers on Redstone Arsenal would be "a constitutional question."

The tax could affect federal civil service and military people "if it stands up in court," Gregg said. "There is considerable question."



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MMCS involved in conference by satellite

BY RAY ROWDEN

More than 25 members of the Missile and Munitions Center and School will attend today's final session of the Training and Doctrine Command's spring commander's conference.

Gen. Donn A. Starry, TRADOC's commanding general, convened the conference yesterday to examine how new technologies can and are being used to reduce the cost and improve the efficiency of Army training.

Video conference not new here

"The idea of a video conference may be new to a lot of people, but we were doing it right here at the school 20 years ago."

In recent weeks Jack Carrigy, chief of the Training Support Division in the MMCS Directorate of Training Developments, has surprised more than a few people with that statement. And he's produced the news clippings to prove it.

Clippings from the Redstone Rocket, the Huntsville Times, the Birmingham Post-Herald and the now defunct New York Herald Tribune showed how the school used one-way video and two-way audio to teach missile maintenance inspection techniques to senior officers in Fort Knox, Ky. on a regular basis from 1958 to 1960.

They also tell of how special live broadcasts were transmitted to the Pentagon, the U. S. Military Academy at West Point, the Royal Canadian Military Academy at Kingston, Ontario and even to the ballroom of the National Press Club in Washington, D. C.

In several of the articles the Commandant of what was then the Ordnance Guided Missile School, Col. H. S. Newhall explains how the use of television saved money by sharing precious assets like LaCrosse, Corporal and Redstone missiles without having to move them, the instructors or the students.

And in one article he reluctantly admits that recent pay raises have not ended the Army's problem of keeping highly skilled technicians.

This "eye on the future" approach is being highlighted by the conference format. Instead of the 26 TRADOC commanders converging on Fort Monroe, Va., from locations as distant as New York and California, they are sharing their ideas and experiences through the medium of live television broadcast.

Starry and his Chief of Staff, Maj. Gen. John B. Blount, convened the video conference from studios in Fort Eustis, Va. Television signals are then relayed to the major TRADOC activities via satellite.

Audio signals return to Eustis so the commanders can discuss the various technologies that are being outlined in short, videotaped programs.

MMCS has sent a tape of slightly more than four minutes that explains how the school saves time, manpower and money by using lexigraphics.

This method allows the school to use computers in the preparation of the many publications it is responsible for producing

and updating — not only for the pages of words and numbers, but for drawings of schematics, racked vehicles and missiles.

Capt. Philip C. Bragg of the MMCS Directorate of Resource Management and Operations said that while this is the first time a major Army conference has been held this way, it may not be the last.

"We don't know what this will cost yet, but we anticipate that it will be less than the travel and associated costs of a normal conference.

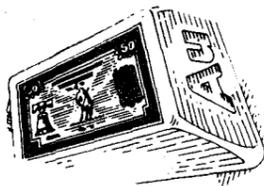
"We've prepared some questionnaires and we'll be looking closely to see how well people can get their ideas across electronically as opposed to face to face."

Representatives of DARCOM, FORSCOM and Department of the Army will also be evaluating the effectiveness of the conference.

Bragg concluded, "We think it will prove worthwhile, and we'll know soon."

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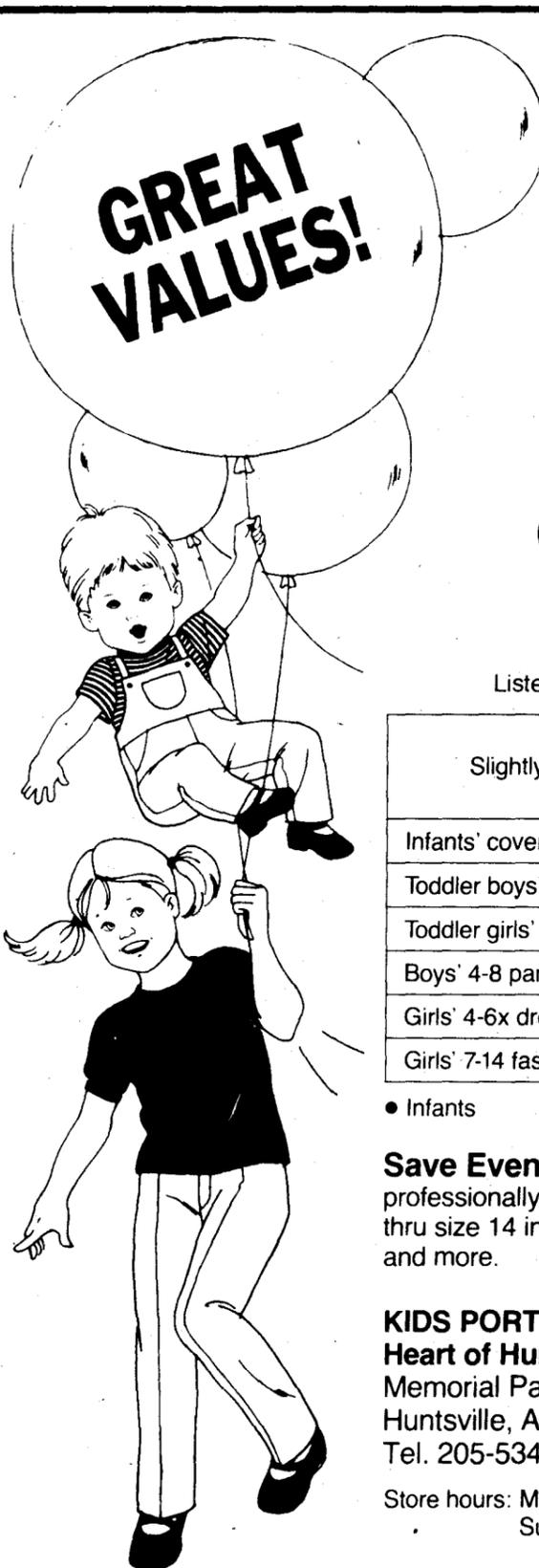


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MP 'hotline' links citizens to investigators

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The 876-1502 line connects a caller to investigators for the military police and for the Redstone resident agency Criminal Investigation Command (CICD).

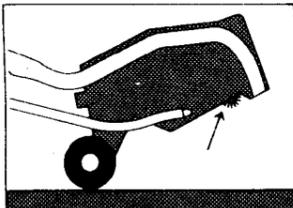
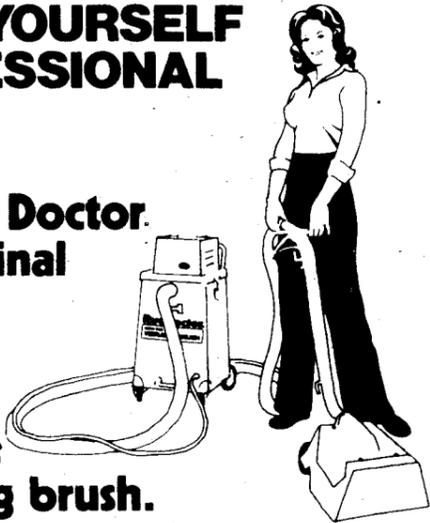
"The hotline is designed for use by anyone to report suspicious activities, information they might have on criminal activity and things of that nature," said Maj. Ben Sanford, director of security and provost marshal.

"And it's a system set up so the individual who wants to remain anonymous can do that," Sanford said. "It's another effort on our part to establish communication with the law-abiding citizens of Redstone Arsenal."

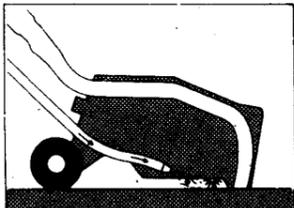
An investigator answers with "Hotline" and takes down the caller's information about criminal activity. The caller's name is not required. "We will ask for the caller's name and if they will give it to us, that will be more helpful but some people are reluctant to do so," said Ray Clift, chief of military police investigations.

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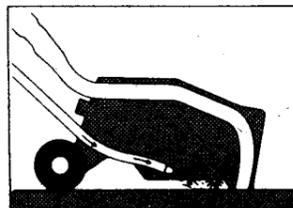
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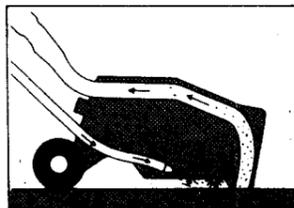
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The new line, started in March, could benefit citizens who are reluctant to report crimes because they "don't want to get involved." And it could help authorities to gather clues.

Citizens should still dial 876-2222, the military police number, if a crime is in progress, according to Sanford.

The new hotline is for callers who "suspect crime is going to happen or did happen, or suspect criminal activity," Sanford said. Callers can be "anyone and everyone" either onpost or offpost.

Hotline calls are answered during duty hours — 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. "We're going to eventually try to get one of the recorders so they can dial anytime," Sanford added.

SFC James Coley, who heads the military police crime prevention section, said the hotline is "one of the facets of the overall crime prevention effort."

"The idea we're trying to convey is we (military police) can only be as effective as people allow us to be," Coley said. "Let us know."

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Helicopter part of missile-guidance tests

BY BOB HUBBARD

For several days a whirling green beast has been spotted over the southwest corner of Redstone Arsenal, circling, sometimes hovering nearly a mile high against the blue Alabama sky.

Army Missile Command (MICOM) civilians working close to the arsenal's Test Area 1 have noted objects falling from the intruder's belly.

But don't be alarmed! Redstone isn't under attack from outer space. That "jolly green giant" — 88 feet long and 25 feet high — is a CH-54 'crane' helicopter.

Belonging to the Alabama National Guard out of Birmingham, the chopper and a crew from the 307th Transportation Company are part of a government-industry team at Redstone employing helicopter-dropped devices to evaluate a new missile-guidance technique.

Tom Dilworth manages the MICOM program and John French, Advanced Sensors

Directorate, is the technical director. In addition to the Alabama National Guard, other supporting the program are Ralph Alex, "Mr. Helicopter" formerly of Sikorsky Aircraft Division but now a retired consultant; the Test and Evaluation, and Ground Equipment and Missile Structures Directorates, both located in MICOM's Army Missile Laboratory headed by Dr. William C. McCorkle.

Planning and coordination among MICOM, the National Guard and other Army agencies started last fall with Bobby Perry, Tom Lamar, and Jack Norwood, all of the Auxiliary Equipment and Technical Design Branch, GE&MS Directorate.

When MICOM needed a helicopter for the drop tests, old reliable "Huey" was ruled out because it didn't have enough load capacity. So MICOM went to the Materiel Development and Readiness Command (DARCOM) in Washington to see what was available.

Many telephone calls later, MICOM learned that the CH-54 "crane", which the Army had

turned over to the National Guard, had the needed lift, and might be found in Alabama.

So Perry, Norwood and Lamar began talks with Col. Charles Egerton in Montgomery who subsequently referred them to Birmingham, the closest facility to Redstone, where they reached Lt. Col. Oscar Caylor. The 307th Transportation Co. there, they learned, had several CH-54s and two pods, the rectangular box under the chopper's belly that carries passengers or cargo.

MICOM then got on the horn with the Aviation Logistics Command at Edgewood Arsenal, Md., and the Army Aviation Research and Development Command in St. Louis, Mo., to obtain helicopter approval, flight safety releases, and permission to modify the pod.

About four weeks ago, the pod was brought to Redstone where some 2,000 pounds of special hardware was installed for the tests.

Meanwhile, tests are underway and the "crane" has become a familiar sight at Redstone.



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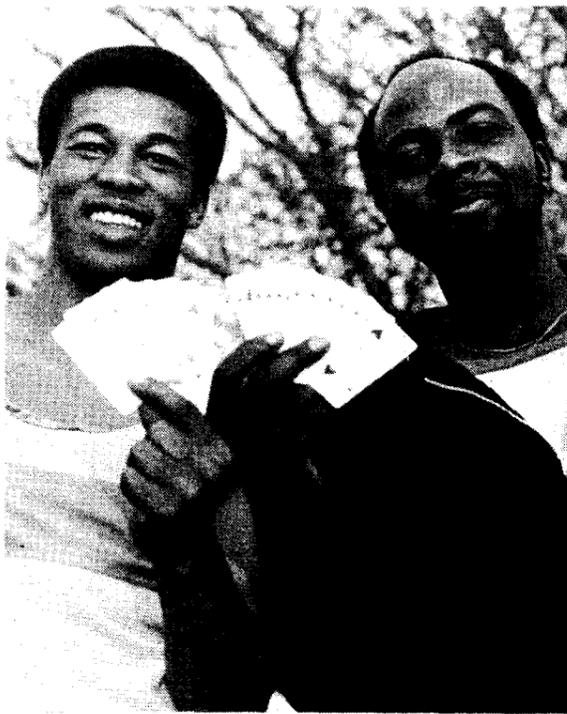
Company B wins small games

Company B took 1st and 2nd place in four of the eight events played in the Small Games Tournament finals Friday afternoon here at the Recreation Center.

A total of 120 participants from each unit of School Brigade competed in the week long tournament, which include pinochle, ping pong, foosball, pool, chess, spades, darts and racquetball.

Company B finished first in pool and racquetball and second in darts and ping pong to win the overall competition.

The 515th Ord. Co. and the Marines also won first place in two events. The Marines captured the darts and foosball championships



Trump Tight

Sp4 Chadwick Greathouse (left) and Sp4 Norris K. Patterson represented the Foreign Student Support Office and won the Spades tourney. (Photo by Greg Kendall)

while the 515th took top honors in ping pong and chess.

Foreign Student representatives took first place in spades competition — and the pinochle championship went to the 8th Student Company.

An awards presentation is scheduled for next week, according to tournament coordinator Sp5 Benny Lawler.

CSM retention board meets

WASHINGTON — A Department of the Army (DA) Command Sergeants Major (CSM) Retention Board is scheduled to meet June 22 at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

The board will consider retaining for up to 35 years all serving CSM completing 30 years of service between Oct. 1, 1982, and Sept. 30, 1983, according to officials.

CSM's not wishing to be considered for retention must send a request for deletion from consideration by May 1 to: Commander, USAEREC, ATTN: PCRE-RB, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. 46249.

Persons being considered for retention may send a letter to the president of the board, bringing attention to any information they feel is important in considering their record. Letters should be addressed to: President, CSM Selection-Retention Board, C-O Commander, USAEREC, Fort Harrison. Third-party letters or recommendation will not be accepted.

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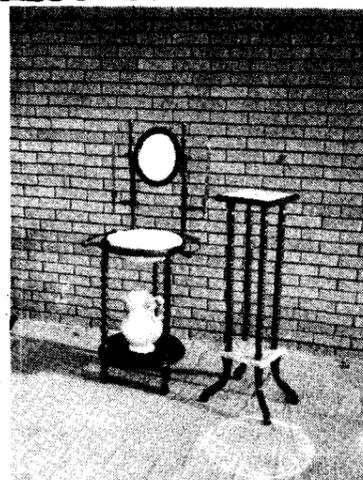
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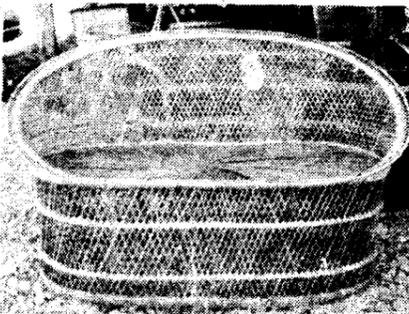
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HHC, Marines get volleyball wins

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Dominating both games against the 515th, 15-9 and 15-9, HHC remained the number one team in the Eastern Conference with a 6-0 record. Co. B was close behind with only one loss so far.

The Marines, 5-0, had to play three games (15-7, 9-15 and 15-3) to clench a victory against last year's tournament champions here, the German Air Force. The 4th S. C. (Team 1) is in second place with only one loss.



Volleyball Standings

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4th S.C. (Team 2)		3	3
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95th Svc. Co.		2	4
515th Ord. Co.		2	4

Western Conference		W	L
Marines		5	0
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Ex-boxer becomes hardnosed sergeant

BY GREG KENDALL

He might have made it as a boxer. Four broken noses in 15 amateur welterweight bouts proved he had the guts for the sport, but SFC Rafael Caballero decided to continue a family tradition so he joined the Army.

The son of an Army first sergeant and youngest of three brothers, all of whom spent at least one tour in the military, Caballero said it was not a difficult decision.

"I guess you can call it 'Army in the Family,'" he quipped. "Besides, I never was that good of a boxer, although I did retire with a 10-5 record."

The native of Puerto Rico didn't speak English that 'good' either when he joined the Army in 1960. "I was only 17 and knew just enough of the language to complete basic and AIT training," he said.

After overseas assignments in Okinawa, Korea and Germany, Caballero first came to Redstone in 1972 where he took his first formal English course. Up until that time, he said he

taught himself by reading lots of newspapers and magazines and talking with fellow soldiers on the job.

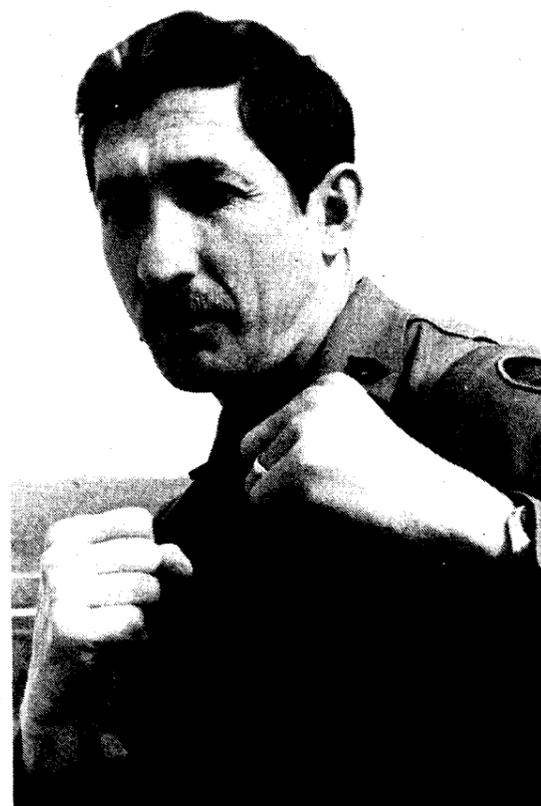
"It was hard learning a new language as an adult, but I practiced as much as possible," he added.

Now the platoon and assistant operations sergeant for the 515th Ord. Co. speaks fluent English and has earned an associate's degree in auto mechanics. "I still have an accent," he said, "but I don't have any problems communicating."

Operations officer, 1st Lt. Carmine Largo, said Caballero should be an example to young Hispanics in the Army with similar deficiencies. "It just shows what desire and dedication can do. Rafael has excellent command of the English language and is an outstanding NCO."

Caballero, an avid motorcycle and sports fan, said he hopes to retire as a SGM.

"I think my chances of reaching the top in this profession are a lot better than they were as a boxer," he concluded, rubbing his nose.



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'Always something to do' as school's CSM

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MMCS received a new command sergeant major March 16 and he plans on achieving two goals that will effect all the soldiers at the school.

CSM Harold L. Jackson, who replaced retiring CSM Calvin Webb, said that he expects to improve the NCO Development Program and upgrade the quality of life for lower-ranking enlisted soldiers, "So they can have a better sense of belonging to the service.

"One thing I want my troops to know is that they can talk to me," he stated. "From a private on up, if they have a problem of some sort, I want them to know they can come to me and I'll do my best to help."

Jackson entered the Army in 1951 and served seven years in the infantry and two years in artillery before coming here as a student for the Hawk Maintenance Repair course in 1960. After graduating the course, he spent three years in Europe, four years at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., and one year in Korea.

He returned to Redstone in 1970 and has been here since, except in 1976 when he went on his second tour to Korea for 13 months. Jackson has served many roles since 1970, from a Hawk senior instructor to the command sergeant major of School Brigade, before finally becoming the command sergeant major of MMCS. "I've spent more time at Redstone than I have at any one post," he said.

Jackson explained that his prime responsibility now is, "To advise the commandant in all matters concerning enlisted persons, be it

pleasant or unpleasant, and to assist him in the accomplishment of his mission, one of which is to train subordinate enlisted personnel in soldiering tasks.

"It's going to be a challenge," he commented, "but the more I learn about it the more I find I can do for the troops. And there is always something to do."



Checking things out

Jackson (right) talks with a soldier at the MMCS motor pool. "They can talk to me," he said.

Yard of the Month program set for family housing

People who keep their yards neat and attractive may be able to win a free dinner in the Yard of the Month program to be conducted here in the family housing area.

RASA Sgt. Maj. Harrell Foote said four Yard of the Month winners will be selected for prizes each month April through August.

He said two winners will be selected monthly from officer housing and two from enlisted housing. Judging categories in officer housing are best single quarters and best duplex and multi-unit quarters. Enlisted

housing categories are best single and duplex quarters and best multi-unit quarters.

The NCO and Officers wives clubs will provide judges for the program.

Winners in each category will receive free dinner for two at the appropriate club, a certificate, a "Yard of the Month" sign to display at their home and a color photograph of the award presentation. The presentation will be made by the commanding general or a representative, Foote said.

Those receiving honorable mention will have their names displayed with names of

winners on a billboard on Goss Road in the housing area.

Foote explained that yards will be judged against a 14 item check list. Grass will be checked for trimming, edging, raking and watering; shrubbery for trimming; quarters signs for proper display; and open storage, carport and garbage areas for cleanliness and neatness.

Individual initiative in sprucing up yards with flower beds, hanging baskets and the like is an additional item that is judged.

Applications Being Accepted

Applications are being accepted for positions in the NAMSA NIKE Training Center, a NATO Activity, at Ft. Bliss, Tex. These positions are in the U.S. Civil Service. Applicants already having status will be given first consideration in accordance with Ft. Bliss hiring procedures, but all applicants will be considered.

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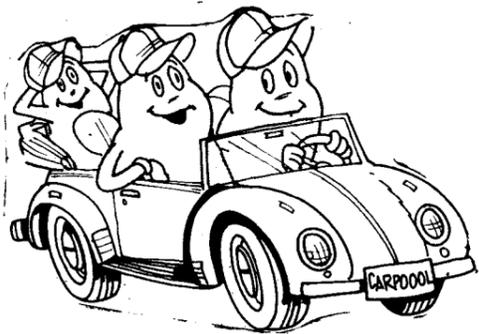
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Announcements

Mountaineering

A Redstone Arsenal organization and a Huntsville group both conduct classes on a scheduled basis in the activities of rappelling, climbing and cave exploring. On Redstone Arsenal call Jim Griffin 876-4868 of Outdoor Recreation Services; in Huntsville call SFC Phil Winkler 876-5033 (home 837-5526) or call the Huntsville Grotto of the National Speleological Society 852-1300.

MX missile talk

The U.S. Air Force will talk about its MX missile program Friday night (April 3) at the Huntsville Chapter meeting of the Reserve Officers' Association. Activities at the "Navy-Air Force Night" dinner meeting will begin with a social at 6:30 in the Redstone Officer's Open Mess. For reservations call Gary Griffin 881-7737; Paul Michael 876-7565 or Iva Yates 453-5961.

Slo-pitch softball

The Civilian Welfare Fund Slo-Pitch Softball League is now forming. Those wishing to join should contact Dan Smith 876-1449 or Beverly Smith 876-4020.

'Southeastcon '81'

"High Technology and Us" is the theme of "Southeastcon '81" being presented April 5-8 at Von Braun Civic Center by IEEE region 3. The program will include presentation of 243 technical papers, manufacturers' exhibits, short courses, a panel, student events, regional meetings and more. John B. Meadows, 876-1313, is registration chairman.

Passover Seder

The Temple B'Nai Shalom Passover Seder for the congregation and military community will be held at the Officers Club on Saturday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m. For information on cost and reservations, call 837-7775.

Purse found

A child's purse was found Sunday in the PX parking lot. It contains a Bible and other items but no identification. The owner may claim it by contacting Val Harvey 876-1441.

Radar report

Military Police will use radar in the troop area three days this week. Here's the complete radar schedule for April 2-8. MPs make the list available as a service to encourage drivers to voluntarily obey speed limits.

Thursday April 2

Patton Road — 6-8:15 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Troop Area — 8:15-10 a.m. Vincent — 12:30-2 p.m. Housing Area-Patton Road — 8:30-9:55 a.m. and 1-2:15 p.m.

Friday April 3

Toftoy — 7:15-8:30 a.m. and 4-5:15 p.m. Troop Area — 6-8 a.m. and 12-1:30 p.m. Ajax and Cajun — 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Rideout-Martin — 1-3:15 p.m.

Monday April 6

Buxton-Patton — 7:15-8:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Goss-Vincent — 6-8:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Patton — 8:45-10 a.m. Martin-Mills — 10-11:25 a.m. and 2:35-3:55 p.m.

Tuesday April 7

Buxton-Patton — 6-8 a.m. and 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Housing Area — 7:15-8:30 a.m. and 3:30-4:45 p.m. Vincent-Goss — 1:25-3 p.m. Neal — 8:30-9:45 a.m. and 1:30-2:55 p.m.

Wednesday April 8

Patton — 6:00-8:00 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Rideout — 7:15-8:30 a.m. and 3:30-4:45 p.m. Troop Area — 8:10-10 a.m. and 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Goss-Vincent — 1-3:15 p.m.

Dental poster contest winners

Winners of the children's dental poster contest sponsored by the post dental clinic during National Children's Dental Health Month are, primary division: first, Stacy Nance, 8; second, Heather Moore, 8; and third, Leanne Holton, 8. The top three in the junior division were Amy Levanson, 10; Amy Hosemann, 10; and David Newby, 11.

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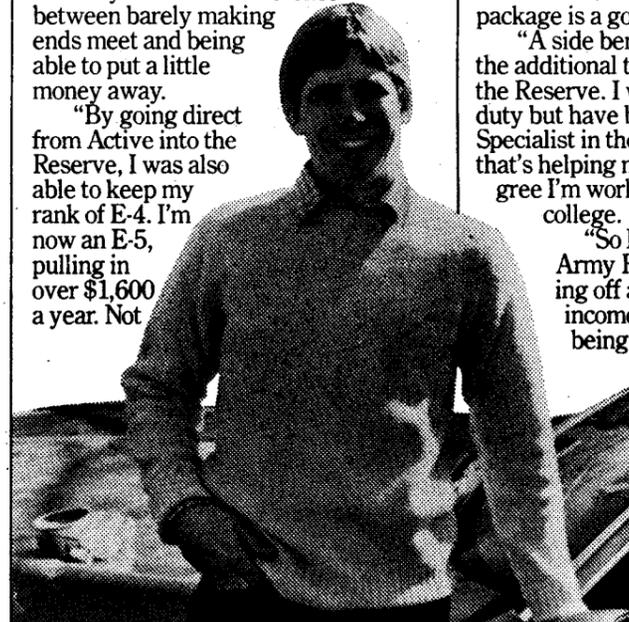
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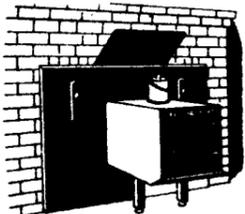


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