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Slips, trips and falls top MICOM mishaps

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A Missile Command worker once missed 10 work days after slipping on a paper clip in the hallway and fracturing a rib on a Xerox machine.

Accidental trips, slips and falls like that have been occurring at an unusually high rate at MICOM. They have accounted for 59 percent of the disabling injuries here in fiscal year 1980 through April 1981.

This is above both the national rate and the rate for DARCOM activities. "It's a very serious problem," said Dian Avery, a safety specialist intern in MICOM's safety office.

The safety office in June distributed information packets on accidental falls to the directorates here. This "Watch your step" campaign is said to be an ongoing effort.

"We're hopeful that by alerting the command to the problem, by education, the experience will turn around," Avery said.

The number of accidental falls started increasing the past two years and has not leveled off, she said. In fiscal 1980, 23 of the 39 injuries experienced in MICOM were attributed to falls. Seventeen disabling accidents were reported through the second quarter of fiscal 1981 and 10 were blamed on falls.

"We seldom have anybody injured in a hazardous operation," Avery said.

"Generally, it's more or less in administrative areas."

Two accidental falls reported in fiscal 1980 each resulted in 45 lost work days. One worker fractured a hip from slipping and falling onto an entrance landing that had just been wet-mopped. The other suffered pulled ligaments in the ribs and right side by falling on an icy driveway while returning a ladder to a truck.

Safety specialists are encouraging supervisors and managers to stress the importance of preventing such mishaps and to monitor injury reports, Avery said.

Her advice for prevention includes making sure proper and stable equipment is used for climbing to reach shelves; watching out for slippery walking surfaces; and being careful in high heels or wet shoes.

"Hold on to handrails when walking up or down stairs," she added. "And notice and report hazardous walking surfaces to your supervisor."

Avery broke two bones in her left foot when her heel caught in a carpet at DARCOM safety school in Charleston, Ind. in June 1980. "It was very painful, both to my foot and to my pride," she recalled.



Movin' out

Sp5 Ulysses Gadsden hauls his gear out of Co. A barracks. See story on page 6.

First step taken for new handgun

WASHINGTON — The Department of the Army is taking the first step toward making the 9mm handgun the standard handgun for all military services.

This week, the Army requested contract proposals for producing 220,000 of the new weapon. Designated the XM9, the handgun will replace the M1911A .45-caliber pistol and the .38-caliber revolvers now in use. A contract award is expected by next January, after contract proposals are evaluated.

Initial delivery of the weapon will be made in mid-1982 to the U.S. Coast Guard. The planned phase-in period is 10 years. The Army will be the last service converted to the new weapon.

This will be the first time that the military services will have a single, standardized, common-purpose handgun. It is also the first major change in U.S. military handguns in more than 50 years.

The 9mm ammunition is already the standard NATO weapon. The weapon's advantages include reduced weight, improved safety and reliability, and reduced recoil. Also, it has a higher hit probability and double-action firing, and needs less training for operation. (Arnews).

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Opinion

The seven-year silence breaks

BY JIM WITTMAYER

I did something odd this Fourth of July. I thought about what Independence Day means in 1981.

Seven years ago, the last U. S. soldier escaped from the roof of our embassy in Saigon and we turned away, as if from a rotting corpse.

Seven months ago, the last U. S. hostage escaped from an airstrip in Tehran and we turned back, looking through tears of joy and pride.

In these seven months we have watched movie stars like Goldie Hawn and Bill Murray "find themselves" in the Army doing films like "Private Benjamin" and "Stripes".

We have listened to men like Dan Rather — the guy who stood up to the President of the United States — tell us that we need a stronger

national defense; this in a program which drew a larger audience than any news documentary ever broadcast.

Finally we've joined parades honoring our Vietnam veterans in cities and towns across the nation.

We've felt, perhaps for the first time, the hammer blow of gratitude emanating from their faces, the raw power of embittered men breaking into laughter and tears.

It was no small thing, that hostage return. It was the spark in the tinderbox, lighting the hearth for our sons to come home.

Seven years ago I listened to a young woman say that Vietnam veterans were animals who napalmed babies and shoved old people into ditches to be shot.

She saw a war of cowardice and brutality. If many of us disagreed, few of us spoke. Our silence wasted the courage and

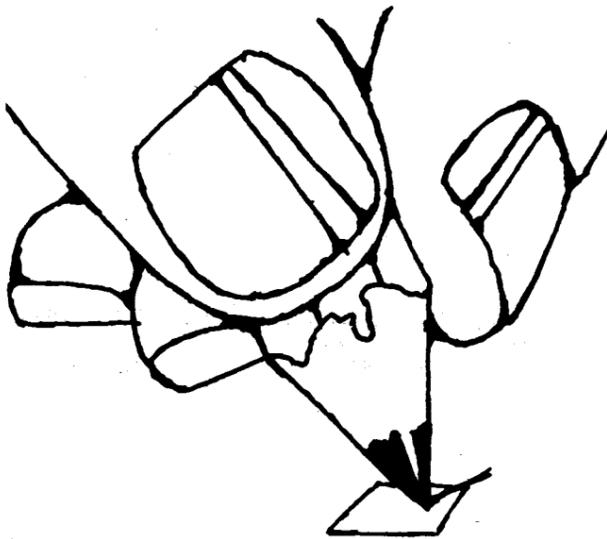
sacrifice of our sons in Vietnam. Worse, it has, over the seven discontented winters since that war, robbed them of the meaning of their lives.

It has taken time for us to learn that war springs from politics, courage from individual character. Time to learn that we can't forestall the next war by banishing those who fought the last; that by doing so we only rob ourselves of the heroes we so desperately seem to want.

That knowledge will give Vietnam veterans their independence, not from Saigon or Tehran, but from seven dark years of ignorance.

In 1981, that is something to celebrate.

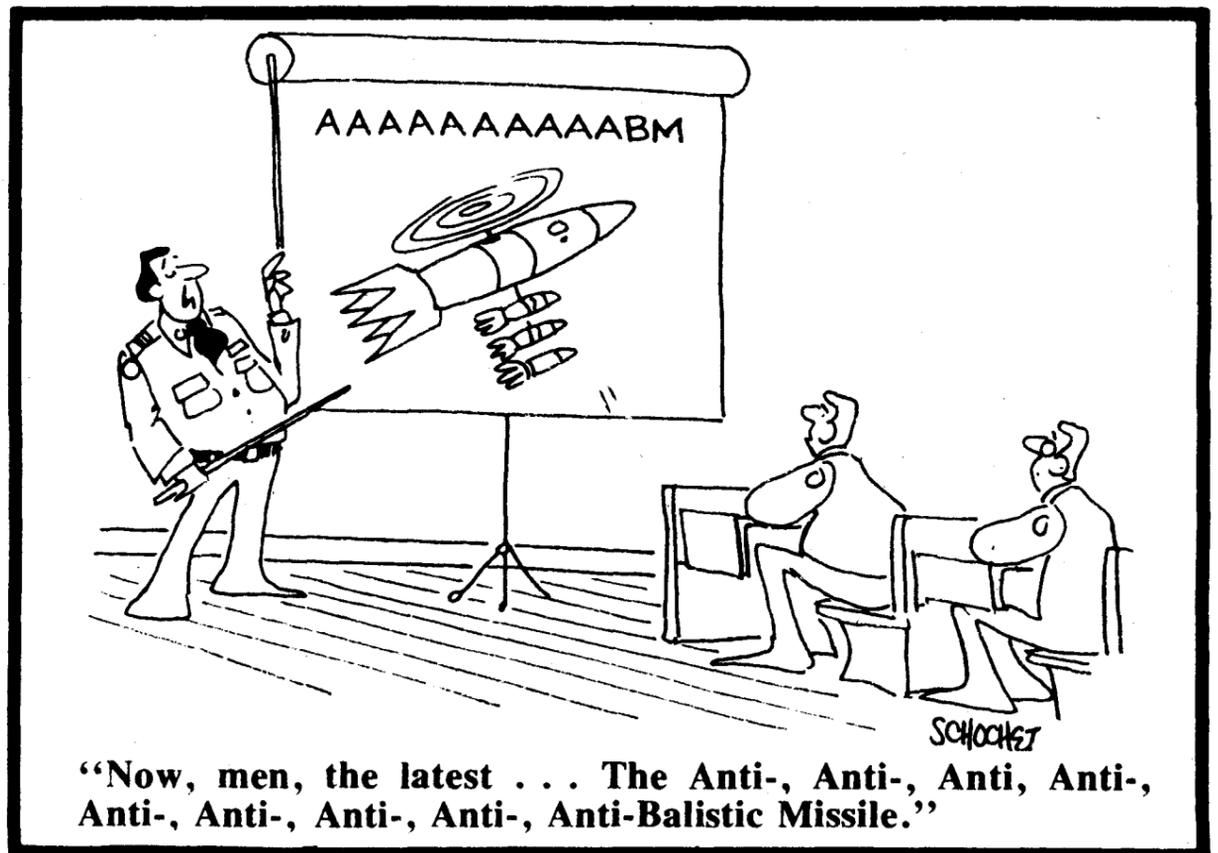
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Team checks condition of Army cars

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Government vehicles here are being checked for maintenance upkeep in an intensive effort started in June.

"The main idea is to improve maintenance of vehicles. We've had several vehicles damaged from lack of oil being added, things like that," said John McCoy, equipment specialist with the installation readiness office under Redstone Arsenal Support Activities.

One and two-man teams of that office and the equipment management division started their random checks of Army vehicles on June 25. There are about 800 vehicles in the arsenal fleet.

The three to five minute inspections are being conducted in several ways. These include early in the morning when the vehicle is checked out of the motor pool, at the gas pumps, at roadside blocks, and at the vehicle's assignment site.

"This team will have the authority to impound the vehicle if they feel it is not fit to run," McCoy said. Emergency vehicles will be checked only when parked at their work sites.

This is an ongoing program by the six-



member installation readiness office. It is being helped in the concentrated effort by five people from RASA's equipment management division.

"We asked them for additional help because we've had some problems with the maintenance of the vehicles and we're trying to get some emphasis back on the program," said McCoy who serves as acting chief of his office in Charlotte Bagwell's absence.

Someone who drives a government vehicle should, first thing in the morning, raise the hood and check oil and water level in the battery, coolant in the radiator, and fluid in window washers.

He or she should also check tire pressure, lights, turn signals and backup lights, McCoy added. "One of the real important things is to keep the vehicle clean — the interior and exterior. The driver's responsible for both."

A driver should be sure to have accident report forms and a valid government driver's license. Vehicles equipped with a catalytic converter should have a fire extinguisher.

"This intensive effort will run until we think we've done some good. We'll be doing this as a routine thing from now on," McCoy said.

"Also, we'll be looking for vehicles going off-post, any unauthorized use of vehicles. We'll also be checking security of vehicles parked on the arsenal — to see if they're locked, to see if any cargo is secured."

The inspection team is to give a list of any deficiencies to the driver of a checked vehicle. Another copy is to be forwarded through channels to his or her organization chief and a reply on corrective action will be requested.



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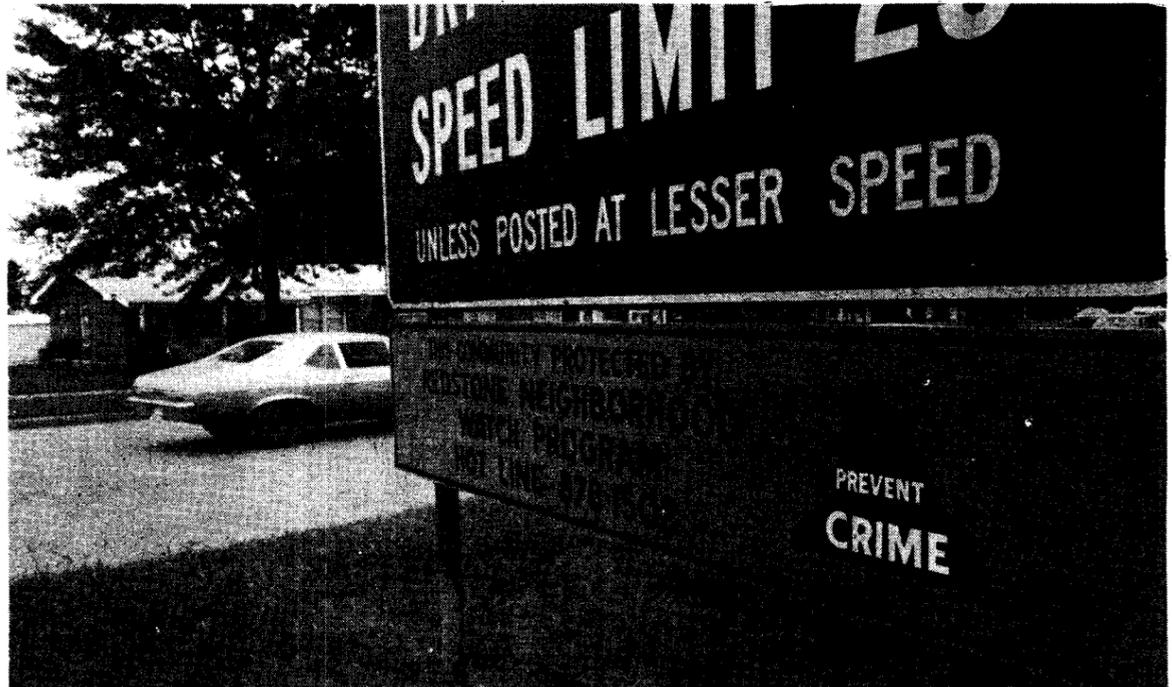
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Shoulder marks go on sale soon

WASHINGTON — The new shoulder marks for NCOs are scheduled to go on sale at post exchanges later this month.

The NCO marks are authorized for wear by corporals E-4 and all soldiers grades E-5 through E-9. Depending on the rank, the shoulder marks will cost between \$2.65 and \$3.50.

The new insignia is to be worn on the epaulets of the gray-green uniform shirt. They will be worn on the shoulder loops of the black sweater, as soon as they go on sale in exchanges this fall.

No date has been set for the mandatory wear of the insignia on the gray-green shirt. It has not yet been decided when the shoulder marks will become part of the enlisted clothing issue.

When a soldier is promoted to or within the NCO ranks, new shoulder marks with the appropriate rank will be automatically issued, say Army officials. (Arnews.)

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PFC Maureen Stockdale, HHC — "I think the public's image is that the Army stinks. They have the wrong impression of us. They think we don't do anything but if only they knew what we had to go through."



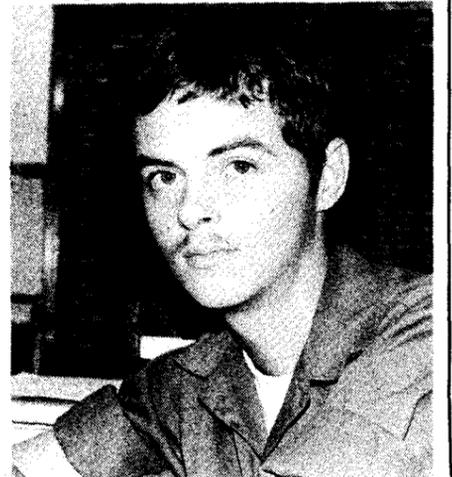
Sp4 Andre D. Baxton, HHC — "I think it's exaggerated. People don't really know what it is all about. They have a tendency to form their views and ideas based on previous and trivial actions by some soldiers."



Sgt. Jerry A. Stacey, 4th S. C. — "Green uniforms and short hair cuts. Because of the way we carry ourselves, by the way we stand and things like that they can pick most military people out of a crowd."



Pvt. David W. Drees, 4th S. C. — "They probably think we are a bunch of drunken hell-raisers but I don't think we are. We are the same as everybody else but dressed in green."



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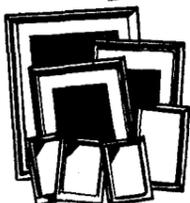
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If more people took the time to find out about the opportunities of reenlisting, they might start talking differently."

The Army needs good soldiers to stay in. But making the right decision involves talking to someone who deals in facts, not opinions.

So have a talk with your Reenlistment NCO. And make up your own mind about reenlisting.

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Some E-5s get to move off post

About 30 1st Battalion NCOs moved out of barracks rooms in June as Redstone's military population outgrew existing billeting space.

Most of the new commuters are E-5s and E-6s assigned to the 561-man Company A.

Until last week, Co. A's bachelor enlisted soldiers were quartered in the east half of building 3435 and on the third floor of building 3436. The west half of 3435 housed Company B and the Foreign Student Support Office (FSSO) occupied the first two floors of 3436.

Now, FSSO has all the billets in 3436, Co. B soldiers are billeted on the first two floors of

3435 west, and Co. A soldiers are billeted in both ends of the third floor and the east end of the lower two floors of 3435.

The reallocation of billeting space has been planned for several months. 1st Sgt. Larry Bland of FSSO said the number of foreign students attending MMCS is expected to reach an annual peak this month.

"We're expecting 43 enlisted men from 20 different countries to arrive in July. To billet them we need the third floor rooms that Co. A has been using."

The NCOs who moved off post were all volunteers selected by the commanders and

first sergeants of Co. A and Co. B. School Brigade Commander, Col. Joseph R. Cote, authorized quarters and subsistence allowances to help the soldiers meet the costs of living on the local economy.

According to Dick Smith of the arsenal's billeting office, the completion of the new 550 space barracks on Aerobee Road should alleviate space problems next spring.

He added, "Commanders can recall soldiers from off-post housing to the barracks if space becomes available, or if the commander decides it's necessary because of disciplinary problems."



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Four Years Experience

Health care head wants best care available

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The second in command at Fox Army Community Hospital started military service as a private with a high school education. He later earned a medical degree.

Maj. H. Sprague Taveau, the officer in charge of health care, hopes to improve outpatient care at the hospital.

"I want folks to believe that they are getting the best medical care available anywhere and getting it in a reasonable amount of time," said Taveau, chief of professional services since May 19.

His goals are "to improve the outpatient services of this facility" and "to continue the excellent in-patient care that's been given here."

Taveau originated an acute minor illness clinic to replace the hospital's walk-in clinic effective Aug. 1. The new clinic will be staffed by two general medical officers and a pediatrician until 8 p.m.

"It's different in that there are three doctors instead of one; it's different in that every patient will see a physician; it's different in that my goal is to reduce waiting time," he explained. "It's different in that we're encouraging every patient to call before they come."

The 38-year-old Philadelphia native was a staff family practitioner at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash. before coming to Redstone. He became chief of professional service and chief of family practice here.

"I have six family practitioners including myself and the family practice clinic where we take care of all active duty military families and about 900 retiree families on a space available basis," Taveau said.

As chief of professional services, he assumes command of the hospital when the hospital commander is absent. This includes the administrative functions that are normally under the hospital executive officer.

Taveau served at the Tacoma facility for four years, including three years as a resident in family medicine and the last year as a teacher of family medicine. He also directed the facility's computer system used to automate patient records for research purposes.

People who feel they did not receive adequate and timely care at Fox Hospital "can write me a letter, they can come see me,



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— Taveau

they can call me on the telephone, but when they do, I need specifics," he said.

Taveau's father was in the Air Force "so I was raised all over the United States." He was graduated from Plattsburgh (N.Y.) High School in 1961 then worked two years before joining the Army as a private in February 1963.

In November 1965, he went to Vietnam and served as a squad leader and platoon sergeant. He got a battlefield commission as a 2nd lieutenant in December 1966.

Taveau commanded a basic training company for a year and a half at Fort Benning, Ga. after leaving Vietnam in January 1967. He then returned to Vietnam for a year and received a Purple Heart for being wounded in April 1969.

He branch transferred from infantry to

medical service corps in 1972 and earned a degree in psychology in August 1973 through off-duty education courses. He left active duty for four years to earn a doctor of osteopathy degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine 1973-77.

Taveau and his wife, the former Maria Curvino of Easton, Pa., have two sons. Sprague, age 15, will be a freshman at Butler High School and Jon, 13, will be an eighth grader at Westlawn Middle School.

"I'm very, very much interested in improving relations with the community that we serve," the hospital official said. "I want people to be able to look at this facility with a great deal of pride as a community hospital.

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Sale items include jewelry, cosmetics and weed eaters — a far cry from the snuff, knives, horseblankets and whiskey sold by "sutlers", roving merchants who set up shop at Army garrisons before post exchanges were established.

Because soldiers were sometimes cheated by these roving merchants, Congress abolished the sutler system in 1866, and a system of "post traders" was established in its place. The traders, too, failed to provide the intended service, and soldier cooperatives known as "canteens" began to appear, especially at posts and garrisons throughout sparsely settled regions in the American West. Troops pooled their own money and operated the facilities themselves, putting their profits back into merchandise inventories and into unit funds to be used for recreational equipment.

Recognizing the apparent success enjoyed by those soldier-businessmen, the War Department issued General Order No. 10 on Feb. 1, 1889, establishing a canteen for enlisted personnel. The system worked well; when the post exchange was brought into being six years later, the best of post canteen features were retained.

It is from War Department General Order No. 46, issued on July 25, 1895, that the exchange marks its actual beginning.

The operational framework of post exchanges remained essentially unchanged from 1895 to 1941. Although it was discovered during World War I that the exchange was unable to keep up with expanded overseas operations of the armed forces, no corrective actions were taken until World War II.

Realizing the existing system could not meet the needs of an expanding Army such as that of 1940, the Army Chief of Staff appointed a committee of merchandising executives to study the problem and make recommendations. Based on the findings of the committee, the Army Exchange Service was established on June 28, 1941, as a separate agency in the Morale Branch of the War Department. Forty-six years of independent operation of exchanges came to an end, and all post exchanges were brought under a single staff supervision.



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In Dec. 1941, the United States entered World War II. The Exchange Service found itself providing support to 11 million troops serving around the world.

By 1947, it became apparent that only minor support of the military welfare program could come from congressionally appropriated funds. If the program were to continue at post-war levels, financing would have to come from earnings generated by exchanges and other nonappropriated-fund agencies. The Exchange Service answered the challenge, and through this system an acceptable level of important morale activities was assured to all posts and bases, regardless of size, for the first time in the history of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Also in 1947, with the establishment of the Air Force as a separate military organization, a joint Exchange operation with the Army was recommended by officials of Air Force Headquarters and each Air Force command.

The familiar acronym "AAFES" came into being in 1948 when the Army and Air Force Exchange Service was designated to provide exchanges for both the Army and the Air Force.

AAFES has been faced with many challenges — the Korean War in 1950, the Lebanon Crisis in 1958, the Berlin Crisis in 1961, Cuba in 1962 and the Dominican Republic and Vietnam in 1965. Quick response to these situations testifies to the mobility of AAFES.

The war years had broadened the exposure of the Exchange Service to worldwide proportions, eventually leading to the establishment in 1964 of the European Exchange Service (EES) and the Pacific Exchange Service (PACES) under the responsibility of the overseas theater commanders. The CONUS exchanges came under the general supervision of the Chief, AAFES, in 1968. All Army and Air Force exchanges worldwide were placed under the direct

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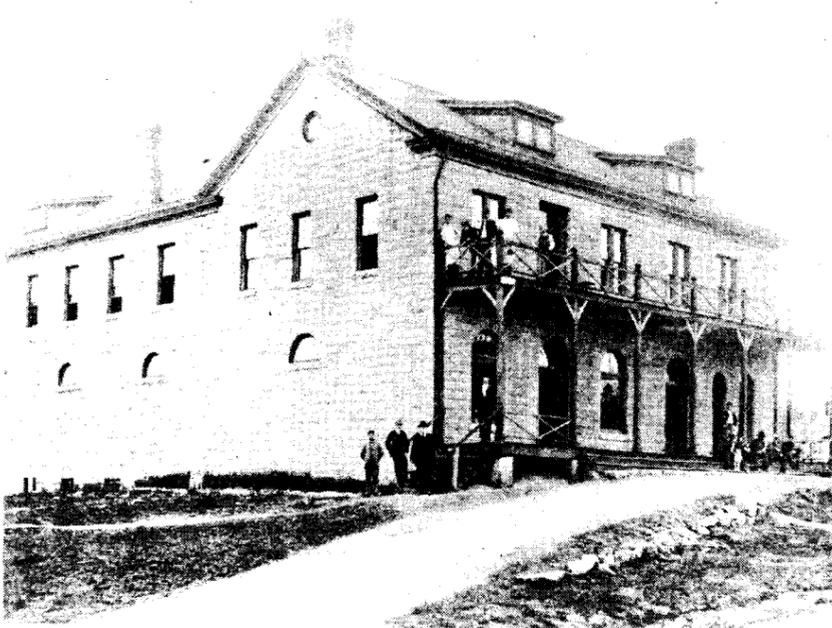
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The Fort Riley PX, about 1900

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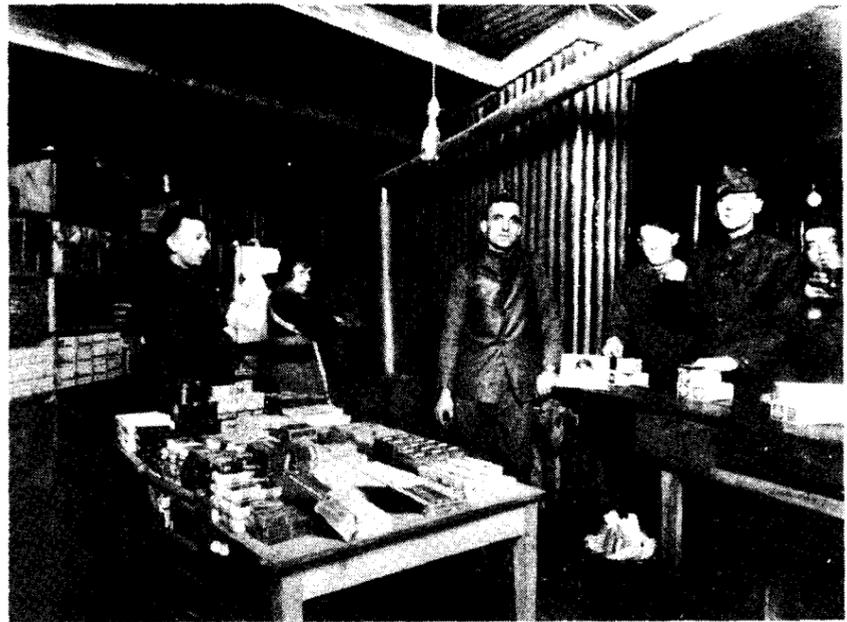
The Exchange Service operates under the supervision of the Armed Services Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. Guidelines are established by the Department of Defense and the Departments of the Army and Air Force, and a Board of Directors composed of Army and Air Force officers and

noncommissioned officers. AAFES is an instrumentality of the Department of Defense, and a military command in its own right.

To serve its almost seven million customers worldwide, AAFES employs more than 60,000 civilians to stall 17,914, retail, food, service, vending and motion picture facilities in the United States and 22 foreign countries.

The Exchange Service is almost completely

self-supporting and returns its earnings to customers through contributions to the morale and recreation programs of the Army and the Air Force, such as sports and recreation, hobby shops, youth activities, and libraries. In the past 10 years, AAFES has contributed more than \$656,000,000. In 1980, the dividend payments amounted to \$72.23 for every active duty man and woman in the Army and Air Force.



A canteen in France in WWII

NCO wives list donations, scholarships

The Redstone NCO Wives Club presented scholarships and student merit awards worth \$2,200 in a ceremony here recently.

First place scholarship winner was Gregory Hicks, a Butler graduate attending North Carolina A&T, who received an award of \$1,000. A \$750 scholarship was won by Diana Cutts, a Butler graduate attending Alabama A&M.

College student merit awards were presented to Roderic Johnson, \$300, attending Auburn; and Ellen Bomer, \$150, attending UAH.

During the 1980-81 club year the NCO Wives Club with 25 active members made donations totaling \$6,760. Recipients included needy

families at Redstone Arsenal and in the Huntsville community and Calvary Church of the Nazarene, Hospice of Huntsville, Madison County Foster parents, Harris Home for Children, United Cerebral Palsy, Redstone Nursery, Alazhar Shrine Temple.

Also, Salvation Army, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Club, Big Spring Manor Nursing Home, Christmas Charities, Chapel Food Basket and Downtown Rescue Mission.

Key combat NCOs receive pro pay

WASHINGTON — Soldiers serving in certain key NCO positions will begin receiving proficiency pay in Oct. whether or not they hold the rank of the position.

The new pro pay is earmarked for about 22,000 combat arms positions at company, troop and battery levels. It will be authorized

for soldiers serving as squad leaders, section leaders, platoon leaders and first sergeants.

Soldiers will receive the pro pay monthly according to grade: E-6 — \$90, E-7 — \$125 and E-8 — \$150. They need not hold the rank of the position they are filling. For example, an E-6 who is serving as an E-7 platoon sergeant would receive the pro pay of an E-7.

The Army hopes the pro pay will act as an incentive to attract and keep the most qualified combat arms soldiers in key leadership positions. Presently, the migration of NCOs from the combat arms specialties has resulted in a shortage of leaders. The rigorous demands placed upon combat arms NCOs are considered to contribute to the chronic shortage of leaders, officials note.

Although the Army has decided which positions are eligible for the pro pay, commanders at company, troop and battery levels will determine which soldiers to assign to their authorized pro pay positions. Only soldiers serving in designated pro pay positions will draw the bonus.

The new pro pay plan is now being crafted as a change to AR 600-200. Instructions to implement the plan should reach the field by Sept. 1. (Arnews).



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Girls softball coach says patience needed

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Elles Craig has found that not everyone has the patience to coach a girls softball team.

Craig should know. She started coaching a Dependent Youth Activity team here when her husband had to leave on assignment temporarily in 1973.

She has been involved with girls softball here ever since and has served as DYA girls softball director the last three years.

"It's really rewarding and it's very important that you meet the right personality," Craig said. "You have to be patient with the girls because they have their problems. You can't come on too strong because that'll turn them off."

"You have to have the right attitude and personality," she said.

As director, she structures the program, schedules games and attends games in support of the volunteer coaches. She also handles any problems that might occur.

Girls learn teamwork and other things "they can carry over in life" from participating in the program, Craig said.

"I had four graduate from Butler (High School) this year and one got a scholarship," she said. "So you're motivating them for a lifetime."

The recipient of a basketball scholarship to the University of Montevallo was Joan Copeland, who started in DYA sports at age seven.

Craig became a director-coach three years ago and served as the non-coaching director

this year. "But I enjoy coaching much better," she said.

"It's much more rewarding because you're right down there with the girls. I enjoy their responses because, you know, when one hits the ball, they just jump up they're so happy."

This year, DYA started an "Angels" division for girls age 7-10 who learned softball basics. They joined the "Ponytails" for ages 10-12 and the "Belles" for ages 13-15. A "Debs" division for ages 16-18 has been inactive here for the last two years.

Most of those older girls have cars and jobs and "usually desire to work" rather than play 16-18 softball, Craig explained. Those interested might play on one of the community teams.

DYA had one Angel team, two Ponytail teams and one Belle team in the season that started May 4 and ended June 30. The Mustangs, a ponytail team, placed second out of 10 teams in its division.

"We're not as fortunate as community teams because we have to make a new team every year," Craig said, referring to the greater turnover in military dependent teams. "This year, we came in second place in the district. That's a feather in your cap because you have to make a team."

She and her husband James, an enlisted soldier stationed in Germany, have five children. All have participated in DYA activities.

"That's something military people are getting away from. If they live in the community, they don't willingly go back to DYA," Craig said.

"I feel as long as they have DYA programs, we should support those programs."



Craig shows pictures and awards from her years with DYA

Arsenal angler leads in state

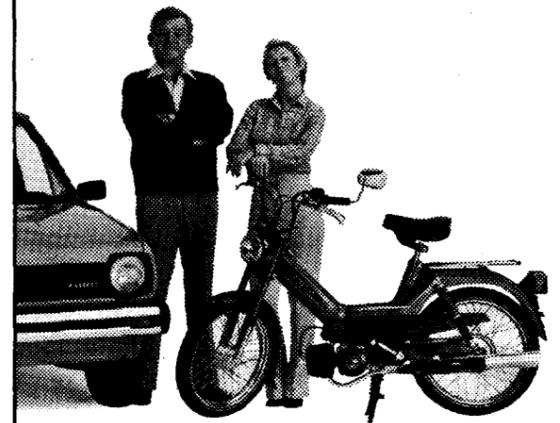
After tallying the results of early season local tournaments, the state chapter of the Military Bass Anglers Association (MBAA) has named Redstone's SFC Bob Ballard the leader in state-wide competition.

Ballard, who heads the North Alabama Chapter of MBAA, eased into first place with a big haul in the final local tournament June 27 on Lake Guntersville. Ballard weighed in 17 pounds and 15 ounces of fish, good enough for a first place win in the tournament, and ran his season total to 276 points. Doyle Campbell of Enterprise is in second spot with 270 total points.

Other winners of the final North Alabama contest were Gil Dinger of Scottsboro, 12 pounds 10 ounces, and C. H. Bake of Huntsville, 11 pounds 10 ounces.

Under MBAA rules, Ballard and the other four top men from the local group will have their entry fees paid for the state tournament scheduled August 19-22 at Goost Pond on Lake Guntersville. Others in order include Tom Stokes, 236; Bill Cobb 233; B. J. Reta 232 and Jim Porter 225.

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Comeback win for military netters

After losses to SAI and NASA in rounds three and four of Huntsville Industrial Tennis League competition, the Redstone military tennis team rebounded in round five.

The team beat the Redstone blue (civilian) tennis team 7-2.

Singles winners were Sid Roberts, Bill Reeves, Paul Curry, Pierre Deletang and Dave Marks. Winning doubles teams were Roberts-Reeves and Marks-Seth Ferrara.

The military tennis team took a 23-22 wobble record into its match with Brown Engineering in the next play period.

Diving cylinders should be checked

DALLAS — Officials in the quality assurance division of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, have learned of two instances in which aluminum diving cylinders failed while being filled, resulting in serious injury and property damage.

The information has been made available to AAFES by Luxfer USA limited, the manufacturer of diving cylinders, and U.S. Divers Company, an AAFES supplier.

While investigations are not complete, preliminary reports indicated that the two cylinders were being filled for the first time since being painted or refinished by a method which involved high temperature curing of the paint.

AAFES urges customers who own cylinders which have been painted, refinished or heated, to have them hydrostatically tested

before filling to make sure that there has been no loss of cylinder strength.

Customers should also let the serviceman filling the tank know that it has been tested.

Officials also emphasize government regulations prohibit the use of cylinders exposed to fire. In addition, the Compressed Gas Association Specifies that a cylinder which has been exposed to more than 350 degrees Fahrenheit be condemned. Failure to heed the regulations could cause cylinder failure resulting in property damage, bodily injury or death.

Although the reported incidents involved aluminum cylinders, Department of Transportation regulations and Compressed Gas Association publications apply to all diving cylinders regardless of the material from which they are manufactured. (ARNEWS)

MICOM weather balloons drift off post and find new owners

A local man found a rubber balloon with Army Missile Command written on it while he was fishing near Guntersville, Ala. recently. His wife called the MICOM public affairs office.

It turned out to be a weather balloon released at Test Area 1 on Redstone Arsenal to

measure wind velocity from ground level up to several thousand feet.

"On a busy week, we may release five and some weeks we don't release any," said Joe Smith, supervisor of instrumentation for the Test and Evaluation Directorate's flight test division.

The balloons are tracked by a "unique" laser radar, he said, and are "only useful to us when they get 7-8,000 feet." They might go as high as 90,000 feet and drift hundreds of miles before bursting and falling harmlessly to earth.

"It's unusual that one fell so close to home," Smith said of the recent finding. Several years ago, post cards came from people who found balloons in North Carolina and Virginia.

"It's just interesting to know how far they might drift," Smith said. "They have no value. They can just be thrown away."

The rubber balloons, usually red in color,

weigh only a few ounces. Three balloons each about four feet in diameter are tied together and have an 18-inch plastic ball under them. The ball is covered with silver reflective material.

This covering is "what we bounce our laser signal off of so we can measure altitude and velocity of wind," Smith said. In some cases, an eight-foot balloon is used instead of three smaller ones.

"The balloons rise about 1,000 feet per minute. Once they get to the point where lift equals weight, they stay stationary," Smith said. The winds cause them to drift a few miles or hundreds of miles before the balloons burst from the sun or atmospheric pressure.

Laser radar, primarily used to track missiles, has been used to track the balloons for about four years.

"We've been doing weather balloon releases down here since the early 1950s," Smith said.

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Soldiers tell the story of the Abrams tank



"Is this tank really any good?" a curious soldier wanted to know.

The Army's most sophisticated ground combat vehicle, the M-1 Abrams tank, has also been its most controversial. In the beginning, during early testing of first production vehicles, critics painted a gloomy picture of the tank's shortcomings.

In the midst of all the controversy over the Army's newest tank, soldiers who work with the weapon support it enthusiastically. When the M-1 Abrams tank was displayed on Armed Forces Day at O'Hare Military Airfield in Chicago, 2nd Lt. Walter F. Rant II stated, "The critics should talk to the guys who drive and maintain the M-1. No one else knows better than we do."

"It is the best! Most of the problems that arose during testing have been corrected. There isn't a better built tank in the world," the 23-year old Rant, Abrams tank platoon leader, told visitors.

Rant and the other M-1 crew members from H Company, 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry, Fort Knox, Ky., have a lot of confidence in the Abrams.

Tank commander, SSgt. Randy Garrett feels this tank is the best thing since "Coca-Cola." Garrett, a professional soldier with almost a decade of experience added, "Things (problems with the tank) are being worked out. Unfortunately, those problems have been turned around and blown out of shape."

Teamwork's important

Specialist Glenn Gipp isn't having any problems with the M-1 though, "Everyone works together." Gipp explained how soldiers serve as a crew on the Abrams, "This new tank has an emphasis on teamwork. We all know the other man's specific tasks, that's why we're called crewmembers." The 25-year old Gipp's specific task is gunner. Knowing the next soldier's job is crucial on the battlefield where casualties are a reality.

The design of the new tank provides better crew protection and survivability on the bat-

tlefield than previous tanks. Special armor for anti-tank weapon threats, a low 93.5-inch silhouette, separation of the crew-fighting compartment from fuel tanks and on-board ammunition, and an automatic fire suppression system are some of the revolutionary features of the Abrams.

More special features

For travel across the battlefield, the Abrams tank features a 1500-horsepower turbine engine, double the power supplied by the M60's 750-horsepower diesel engine. The quiet, smokeless turbine engine seldom needs an oil change and is capable of operating on a wide range of fuels including diesel, various grades of jet fuel and even leaded gasoline in an emergency.

Officials say the turbine is expected to operate up to 12,000 miles without an overhaul. In the event the power pack does need servicing, nearly 75 percent of the engine and transmission components can be removed and replaced without "pulling the pack." And, when the engine needs to be removed from the tank, it will take less time to do it. The Abrams' power pack can be removed and installed in less than one hour compared to four hours for other tanks.

Extensive operational testing of the M-1 Abrams recently completed at Fort Hood, Texas, brought favorable comments from the soldiers who took part in the tests.

Sp5 Michael Sherman, another gunner on the M-1, said the tank's main gun, a 105-mm cannon, is able to hit targets at ranges of a mile or more while the tank is moving. "I've only fired about 40 rounds with this tank but I haven't missed yet," Sherman said.

The tests also showed that the Abrams could actually reach a better night-marching speed without headlights than with them. The night vision equipment enabled them to average approximately 43 kilometers an hour (25 mph). The tank was also able to sneak up on the opposing forces because it is quieter than a diesel engine and doesn't smoke. Being two feet lower than other tanks, the M-1 moved through brush undetected much of the time.

"The M-1 provides us an edge to fight outnumbered and win," said Lt. Col. Jon Collins, an Abrams tank battalion commander. "I'll take 'em (the enemy) on in the nighttime and do better than they would in the daylight. "Our job's to win," he explained, "and that's what I'll do it with."

"It's a vehicle that anyone can learn to drive easily," Collins added. "I can take a medic or a cook and teach him to drive this thing."

Part of the controversy surrounding the Abrams tank was that it was too complicated for the average soldier to operate. SFC Benjamin Palacios, a nine-year veteran tanker, disagrees, "It's just unbelievable what I'm looking at inside the tank. It's so simple that any soldier could learn how to operate it in no time at all."

The testing at Fort Hood also proved that maintenance could be accomplished in a short period of time. Troubleshooting a problem on the Abrams was more difficult for the crews, however, because they hadn't yet learned what symptoms to look for.

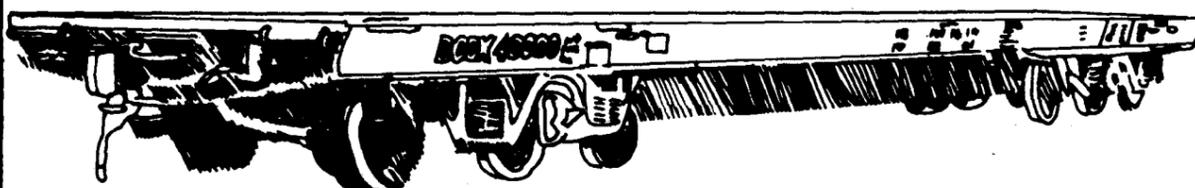
Tank to go overseas

The Abrams is scheduled to go to Europe this fall. A decision will be made in late August or early September whether production of the tank should be stepped up. As of 31 May there were 107 M-1 tanks off the assembly line at Lima, Ohio.

The M-1 received the blessings and praise of a recent combat veteran. David Halevy, an Israeli tank battalion commander during the 1973 Arab-Israeli War, writing for the Washington Star newspaper said, "I have driven American, British, French and Russian-made tanks in combat and in training." Having first-hand knowledge, Halevy remarked, "I am convinced that doubts and clouds which are hanging over the operational future of the Abrams tank should disappear."

"The M-1 is the best, most advanced tank the U.S. Army has had yet. In spite of all the criticism and bad rumors, it is an excellent, sophisticated war machine, probably the best the Western Alliance can employ in any foreseeable future battlefield."

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2800 managed by the Military Traffic Management Command.

The flatcar will be transported to the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland soon for an impact test designed to test the securement system. In the test, the 140-ton flatcar will be loaded with two Abrams tanks. With strain gauges attached to the 64 chains holding the tanks in place, the stress on each chain will be measured until a total impact force of 1 1/4 million pounds is reached.

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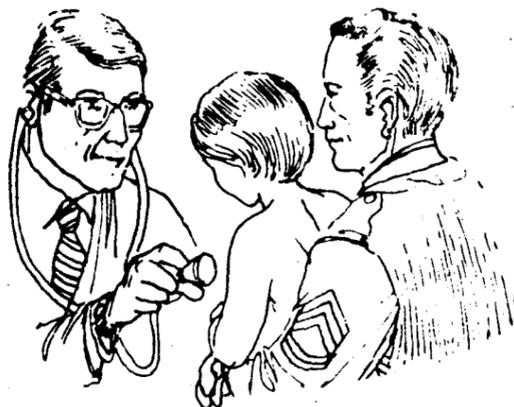
Hospital offers school physicals

Physical examinations for school-age children of active duty and retired military personnel will be administered at Fox Army Community Hospital in July and August.

Dates and times for the annual exams are 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. July 16, July 23 and Aug. 6. Appointments must be made through the hospital's central appointments service by calling 876-3247 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Dependent children ages four through 18 are eligible. "A lot of schools require those kids to have physicals, especially for those going into football or soccer," said Capt. Harold Drayton, the hospital's administrative officer for Department of Primary Care and Community Medicine.

A physical, conducted by a physician, includes checking weight, height, eyes, ears, teeth and blood pressure. Preliminary laboratory work must be completed on the Monday before the scheduled examination.



Parents must accompany children age 17 or younger. If a guardian brings the child, the guardian should have a power of attorney slip from the parent, Drayton said.

Examination forms and immunization records must be brought in at time of physical, he said.

Safety program gets recognition

The safety program at Redstone Arsenal has been recognized as one of the best in DARCOM.

A certificate commending MICOM for "exemplary achievement" preventing accidents and maintaining a sound safety program was presented recently to Maj. Gen. Robert L. Moore by Gen. John Guthrie, DARCOM commander. Moore turned the certificate over to Francis Hart, MICOM safety officer.

MICOM received the commendation based on improvement in lost time accident statistics, promotion of safety and safety education and training, and getting a good score on the annual DARCOM safety inspection.

On receiving the certificate Hart said the commendation belonged to all MICOM people for working safely and for achieving a good safety record.



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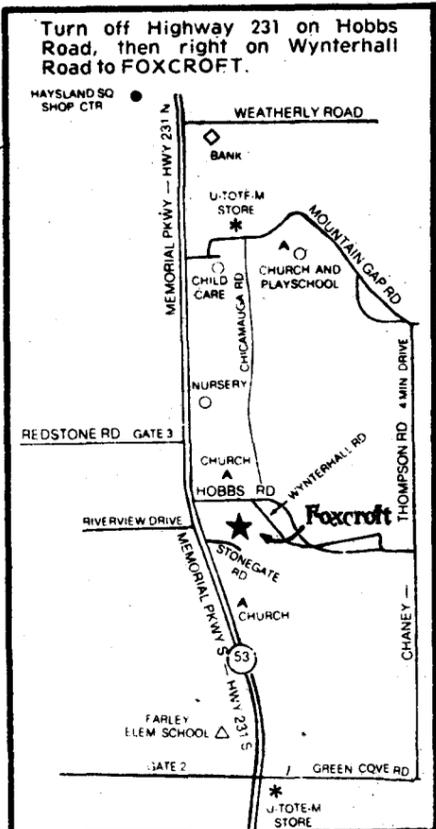
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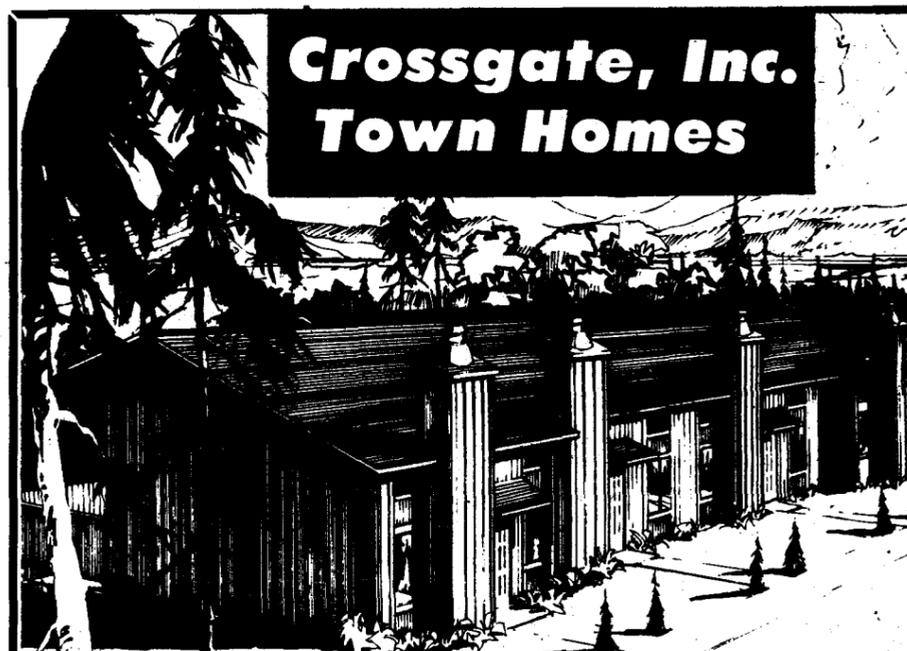
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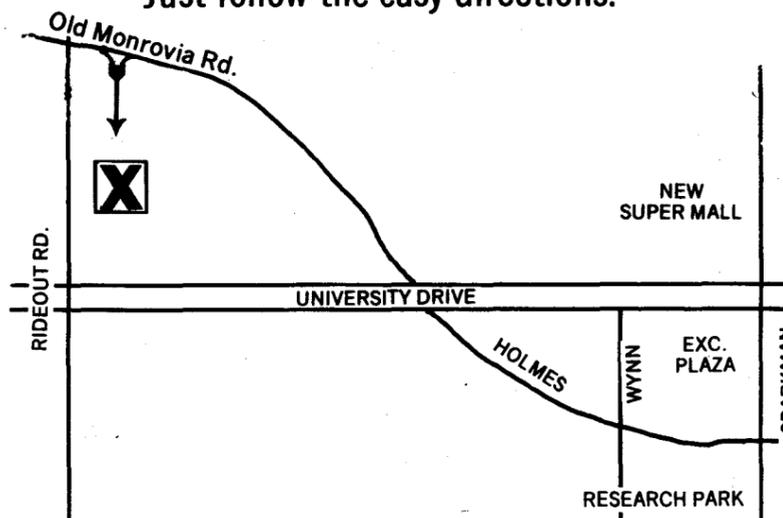


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Announcements

Radar report

Military police will use radar on the arsenal at the following locations during July 9-15. MPs make the list available as a service to encourage drivers to voluntarily obey speed limits.

- Thursday July 9**
 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. — Vincent Drive. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. — Goss Road. 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. — Rideout Road
- Friday July 10**
 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. — Martin Road. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. — Patton Road. 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. — Goss Road.
- Monday July 13**
 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. — North Housing. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. — Buxton Road. 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. — Rideout Road.
- Tuesday July 14**
 7:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m. — Goss Road. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. — Vincent Drive. 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. — South Housing.
- Wednesday July 15**
 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. — Rideout Road. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. — Martin Road. 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. — Patton Road.

Recreation Center

Tonight — **Travel Films** at 7 p.m. Thursday — **Bingo** at 8 p.m. Friday — **Pool Tournament** at 7 p.m. Saturday — **Archery** at 2 p.m. Sunday — **Sounds of Horizon Show** (soul & rock) at 7 p.m. Monday — **Coffee & Snack** at 7 p.m. Tuesday — **Foosball** at 7 p.m.

Best yards

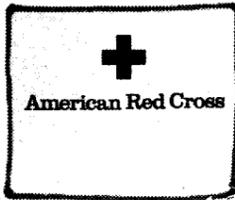
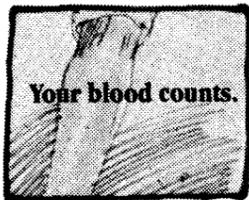
Yard of the month winners for June are Capt. R. L. Frutiger, 464 Tripp Drive, and Sp5 P. S. Thomas, 1245-B Hermes Road, best single unit; and CWO 4 J. D. Galloway, 466-B Tripp Drive, and Sp5 R. S. Holmberg, 210-A Dyer Circle, best multi-unit. Winners receive a certificate of appreciation, two free dinners, a color photograph of the awards ceremony and the display of the Yard of the Month sign for one month. Receiving honorable mention this month were Col. E. H. Hirsch, 488 Cooke Drive, and MSgt. W. V. Keisler, 1385-A Lance Drive.

Program on blue collar jobs

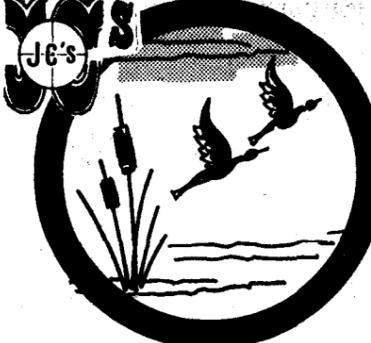
A program "Different Perspective: Women in Apprenticeship and Blue Collar Jobs" will be presented July 16 in the conference room in the lobby of Bldg 5250. Blue collar jobs available and how to apply for them will be discussed and a tour will be conducted of some of the shops that have blue collar jobs. Anyone who wants to attend the program should call 876-2525.

DYA soccer

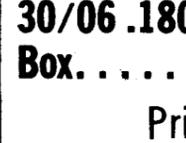
Boys and girls age five through 16 (as of Dec. 31, 1981) are eligible for the fall soccer season. Parents of interested youths may register them at the Dependent Youth Activity office, Bldg. 114, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Proof of age is required unless recorded previously by DYA. Registration costs \$5 except for those who participated in the spring soccer program (who must also register). For more information, call 876-5437.



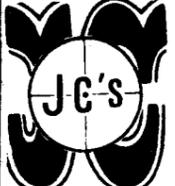
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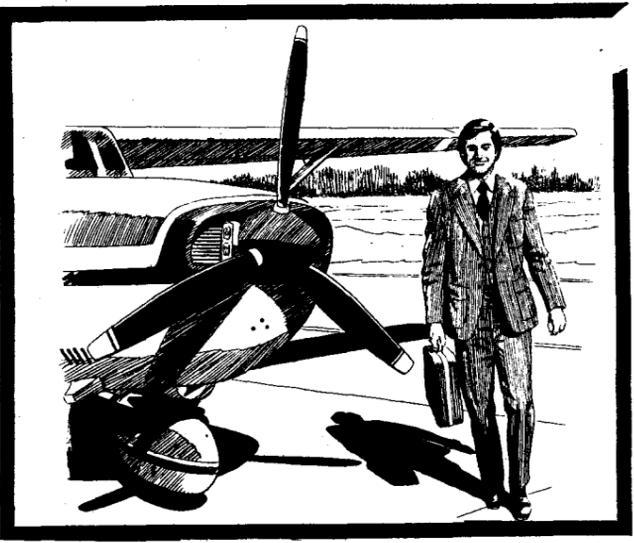
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The construction site is located on the west slope of Ward Mountain and is adjacent to the Golf Course car parking lot. The project will remove about 3 acres of woodland habitat from the environment. Some pollution problems from storm runoff and noise during rock removal may result during construction. These can be mitigated by the contractor.
The alternatives of no action & alternate site selections were addressed. The cost of maintaining the old Officers' Club was found to be excessive and inefficient with no accommodations for the handicapped. There would be no impact on the environment at this site. Alternate sites were less desirable with equivalent or greater impact on the environment and excessive siting and construction costs. The club will include a one-story (24,000 sq. ft.) building with a 300-car (95,000 sq. ft.) parking lot.
The EA concludes that this action will not have a significant impact on the environment nor is it a major Federal action. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not necessary.
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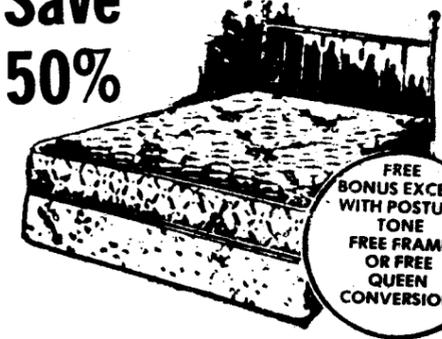
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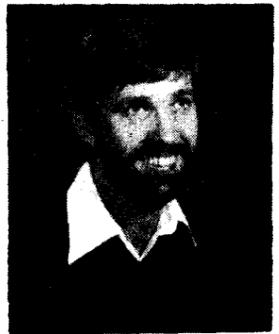


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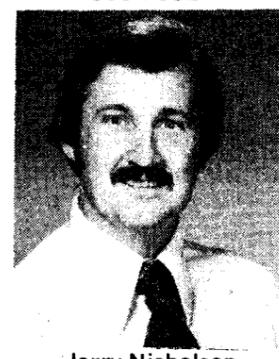
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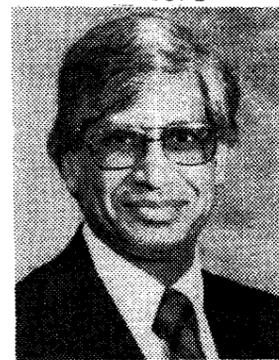
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