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'I want that one'

Ronnie Rios shows his dad, Sp5 Ramiro Rios of Company A, which tree he and little brother Anthony

want for Christmas. They were taking advantage of free trees located in the flagged area north of Marshall Road.

Open season: it's off again

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The on-again, off-again, on-again "open season" for federal health insurance is apparently off again.

Late Friday, Dec. 4, a federal appeals court stayed for 30 days a district judge's ruling that a two-week open season would have to start by Dec. 7.

The U. S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia also stayed the district judge's ruling concerning Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the largest plan under the program, and a government-proposed cut in insurance cost. The judge had ruled Blue Cross should not have to agree to the cut.

"The (appeals) court is supposed to hear the merits of these cases on the 15th of December," said John Scholzen, a spokesman for the Office of Personnel Management in Washington.

OPM, before hearing of the appeals court actions, had already taken steps to start the open season ordered by U. S. District Judge Aubrey E. Robinson Jr. A 62-page "press release" put out by OPM on Dec. 3 included changes in the various plans and the costs.

"Officially we were announcing open season would be from December 7 to the end of the year," Scholzen said. Then OPM got word by phone of the appeals court actions.

The open season for enrolling or changing enrollment in plans under the Federal Employees Health Benefits program is postponed at present. "Meantime, until the first of the year, people not enrolled in a plan can enroll," Scholzen added. "There is that kind of an open season now."

The appeals court took action only to stay the district court rulings and has yet to rule on the "merits" of the cases. "This is the ball we're playing with right now," Scholzen said. "The outcome is yet to be known."

Open season had originally been scheduled for Nov. 9 to Dec. 11. There were negotiation problems, however, between the government and the various plans with the government trying to keep premium increases down to some "reasonable proportions."

The insurance plan sponsored by the American Federation of Government Employees union took the government to court over a proposed six and a half percent cut in insurance cost. The court ruled in favor of the union and the ruling was appealed.

OPM then postponed the season indefinitely and two union plans took OPM to court over the postponement. Scholzen identified them as the Na-

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Multi-national teams get MLRS contracts

The Army Missile Command has awarded contracts to five multi-national contractor teams on the basis of their proposals for the cooperative development of a terminal guidance warhead for the Redstone-developed Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS).

MICOM Thursday awarded approximately \$750,000 each to industrial teams from the United States, Great Britain, France and West Germany. The six-month Concept International Program Definition contracts call for the consortia to propose warhead technical approaches and ideas on how the program might be managed quadrilaterally.

From these studies, the four countries will select the best technical approaches, develop system specifications, and prepare requests for proposals for the next stage of development.

MICOM's MLRS Project Office at Redstone Arsenal directs the multi-national development program, the only one of its kind in the Army.

Heading the teams, each composed of contractors from all four countries, are General Dynamics Corp., of Pomona, Calif.; Raytheon Company of Bedford Mass; Martin Marietta Corp., of Orlando, Fla; Hughes Aircraft Company of Culver City, Calif.; and Hunting Engineering of the United Kingdom.

MLRS is a free flight artillery rocket system consisting of a 12-round launcher mounted on a highly mobile, tracked vehicle. Rockets can be fired one at a time or in rapid ripples.

MLRS may be coproduced in both the United States and Europe. The four countries signed an agreement in 1979 for the cooperative development of a standard NATO rocket.

Requests for proposals on the terminal guidance warhead were released in the four countries on July

31, 1981. A joint steering committee comprised of representatives from each country met with the US source selection authority at Redstone Arsenal Dec. 8-10 for contract awards.

The U.S. Army plans to field the MLRS system in the early 1980s.

Negotiating the contracts was MICOM's Procurement and Production Directorate. Julian Newman was the contracting officer.

Senior-level pay cap lifted

WASHINGTON — Congress has sent to the President legislation raising the upper limit of pay for federal workers to \$57,500.

Senior government officials pay had been "capped" at \$50,112 since 1977. The action means a raise — effective January 1, 1982 — for federal workers in grades GS14 Step 9 and above ranging from \$161 to \$7,388 annually depending on grade and length of service, according to the Office of Personnel Management.

President Reagan is expected to approve the raise. The congressional okay for lifting the pay cap was included in a continuing resolution which passed both house of congress last week. The continuing resolution gives government agencies authority to continue to spend money until Congress has the opportunity to act on the federal FY82 budget.

Federal workers with annual pay below \$50,112 are not affected.

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My memorable Christmas

What is your memorable Christmas? Write and tell us about it and we will share it with our readers. "My Memorable Christmas" will also appear as a

holiday feature in next week's Rocket. To start it off, here are some memorable Christmases of members of the Rocket staff. Send us yours for next week.



By Skip Vaughn

My most memorable Christmas occurred I believe in the early 1960s back when I was living with my family in my hometown of Philadelphia, Pa. I recall seeing Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. It was really my uncle dressed up like Santa with a pillow under his shirt.

I remember having a hard time sleeping that night before Christmas — not only from thinking about the presents but also from being frightened at seeing a strange "fat" man in a white beard.

The next day, I got my first bicycle, a football and several toys. I wasn't frightened anymore.

By Ed Peters

It was spitting snow that morning I called collect from a phone booth to tell them I had to work and wouldn't be home for Christmas. Mama cried.

They had been counting on me, had sent money for a plane ticket home.

I couldn't tell them the whole truth. I did have to work, but only because I'd agreed to pull duty for another sailor after I couldn't go home because I'd lost my plane fare in the slot machines.

P. J. said he'd pay me \$20 later if I'd work in his place that weekend, freeing him to drive to New York City and spend Christmas with his wife and children.

I did not trust P.J. He had been in the Navy nearly as long as I'd been alive, had earned four or more hash marks but wore only two since four looked a little silly with his seaman's stripes. He had been an E-5 but was now an E-3 after getting caught stealing twice.

At first I refused but he pleaded so earnestly that I felt like a heel, depriving this man of the chance to be with his family on Christmas when I had nothing to do but sit around the barracks anyway.

So reluctantly I agreed to work for him. For that Christmas weekend they detailed me to the base hospital, a dreary place with nobody around but a skeleton crew and the very sick. By noon it was snowing hard and apparent that I was going to be stuck inside that place where I knew nobody for three days and three nights.

I was preparing to call it a day that Christmas eve when one of the corpsmen brought me a drink in a paper cup and invited me to the "party" in the laboratory.

There three or four corpsmen were sitting around a bowl full of bad-tasting purple beverage which I was trying very hard to get past the knot in my throat that formed when I tried to swallow.

I joined them and the second cupful went down a little easier and the third and fourth easier still.

After an hour or two or three of jesting and drinking I poured up two cupfuls, one for each hand, to take back to my room. They cautioned me to slow down, that the stuff was made with laboratory alcohol which they said was 200 proof.

Christmas Day I was crippled with a hangover. My first Christmas away from home I had no presents to unwrap since they were at home awaiting me where I wasn't. P.J. I later learned had spent Christmas in town in a motel with a girl friend. And he never did pay me.



By Barbara Horton

Secretary, PAO

The Christmas I remember most was the time my five sisters and I tried to save up enough money to get our mother something she always wanted. And that was a mother's ring. All of her close friends already had a mother's ring and we wanted her to have one too. So we saved, and kept saving until we got just enough money to buy the ring.

The most exciting feeling my five sisters and I shared was the surprised look mother had on her face Christmas morning as she opened the case, and there was the mother's ring she always wanted.

We missed a lot of lunches in the year of '75, but it was worth it.



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Program helps wives new to Army

Army life started out hard for Debbi Webber. Two weeks after she married, her husband, Raymond S. Webber, left for Army basic training. They were separated for eight weeks.

In August, they came to Redstone and took an apartment in Huntsville. As an MMCS student, Pvt. 1 Webber was busy from sunrise or before, to sundown or after.

Debbie said, "When he gets home, he's ready to go to sleep."

That was hard for her to accept at first. She explained, "For the first two months I hardly left the apartment. I didn't know anything about the area or the post. And I didn't know anyone here. Being pregnant didn't help."

Then, in November, she attended a School Brigade orientation for enlisted wives. She learned about the area and the arsenal. She saw the barracks and classrooms her husband spent so much time in. And she met young women who were facing the same difficulties she was.

Before the evening was over, these young women decided to get together to help each other and others like themselves. Their idea gained instant support from 2nd Battalion and School Brigade Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Delbert Payne.

The 4th Student Company's executive officer, 2nd Lt. Lynda Lamitie, volunteered to sponsor the

group. Payne offered chapel facilities and limited funding support.

The chaplain said, "The problems faced by young military couples living off post are not new to the Army. Many installations, especially in Europe, have special programs for them. And I've seen the need for a program here, through the counseling I've done."

He said the advantage of such a program is, "Everybody stands to gain. We reduce the initial shock of military life to the young wives and make them feel like part of the military family."

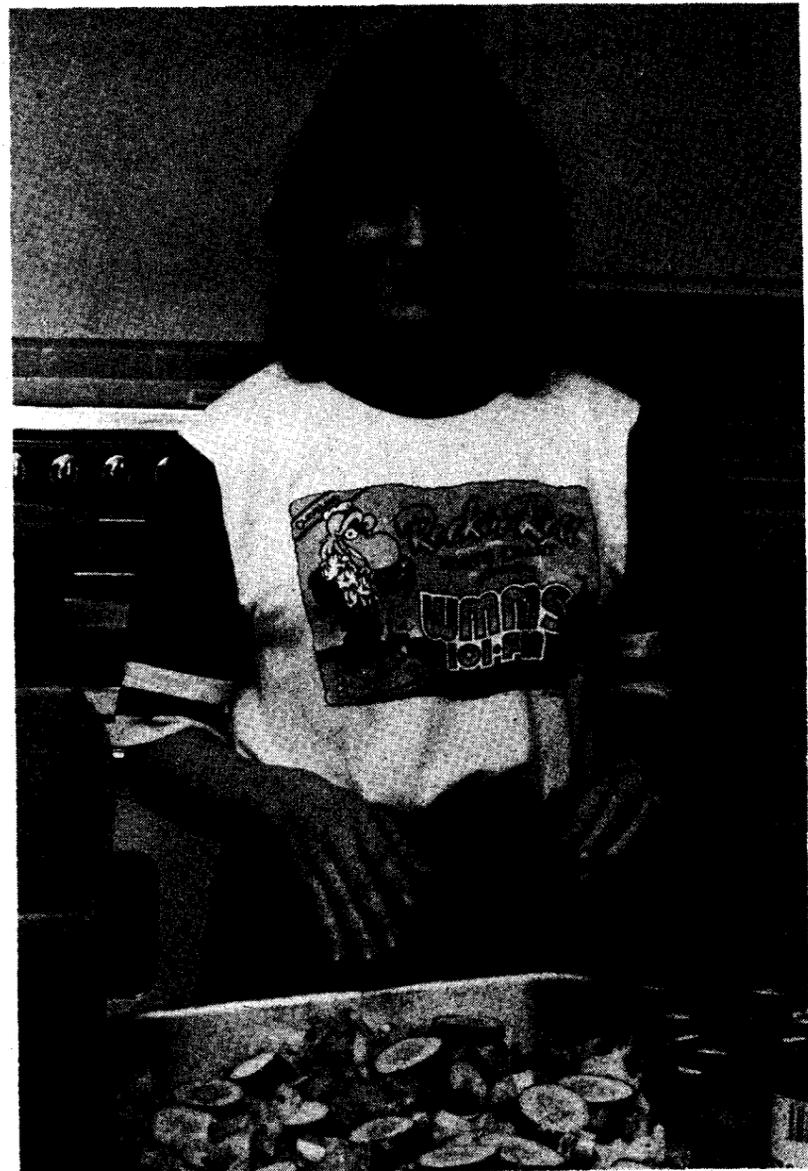
"When we help them to cope with their situation, that will make for a better environment for their husbands. The young soldiers can study better."

"It also puts me in contact with people who may need counseling at a time when I can help. Otherwise, I see them as a last resort — when they've got a big problem and they seek help or are referred by the chain of command."

The local command gains because their counseling load drops.

"The Army gains too. A soldier is more likely to reenlist if his wife wasn't turned off by the Army from the start."

The new wives group held their first function, a spaghetti dinner, at the post chapel Dec. 3.



Salad for 30

Debbie Webber prepares salad for the first meeting of the new enlisted wives group.

Pellegrini gets new assignment

The Department of Army has announced a new assignment for Brig. Gen. Benjamin J. Pellegrini, MICOM's Deputy Commander for Research and Development.

Pellegrini has been named Commandant of the Defense Systems Management College at Fort Belvoir, Va. DSMC was founded in 1971 to assist in the preparation of selected military officers and civilians for assignments in program management positions.

Reporting date to the new assignment is January 8.

His successor at Redstone has not been named.

The 46-year-old Milwaukee, Wis., native has been MICOM's Deputy Commander for R&D since November 1979. He came to Redstone in 1977 as Project Manager for Ground Laser Designators and later, when the two offices combined, was Project Manager for Hellfire and Ground Laser Designators.

A 1958 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, General Pellegrini holds both a master's and doctorate in nuclear physics from Tulane University. He also is a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College and the National War College.

He is married to the former D. Marie Bailey of Montgomery and they have three children, Nancye, Natalie and Ben.

IMAAWS now 'Rattler'

A new, man-portable, anti-tank weapon planned by MICOM as a replacement for the currently fielded Dragon has been named "Rattler."

It was known earlier as IMAAWS (Infantry Man-portable Anti-Armor Assault Weapon System).

MICOM is looking at several concepts for the new system including: laser beam rider, fiber optics, inertial rocket and two color infrared systems. In addition, MICOM is managing another program for the Advanced Research Projects Agency called Tank Breaker which utilizes focal plane array guidance.

Concurrently, the Army Training and Doctrine Command is defining Army requirements for the new tank killer in a study expected to be completed in early 1982.

After evaluating requirements and demonstrating the new technologies, the Army plans to select the most promising concepts for engineering development.

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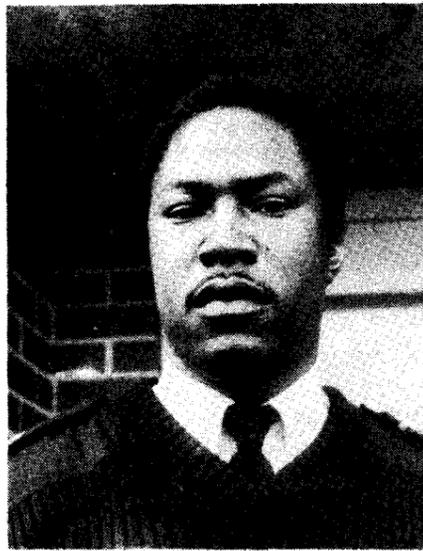
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TROOP TALK

What trait is most important in a leader?



Sp5 Benjamin A Newton, 291st MP Co. — "I think the most important trait is leadership ability. A leader has to be able to take charge and inspire the troops in order to have an effective fighting force."



Sgt. Joseph V. Ocasio, Co. B — "Professionalism is what is most important. It involves knowing how to set right guidelines for the soldiers."



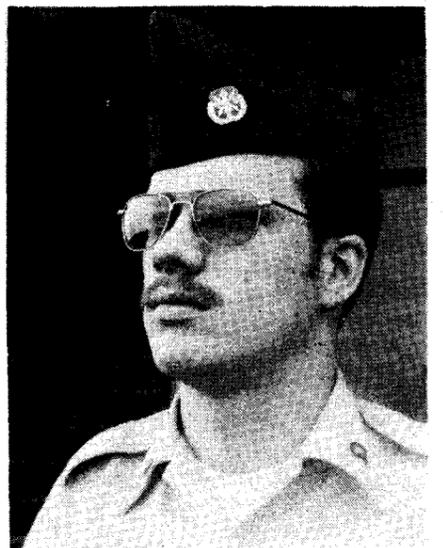
SSgt. Roger D. Thomas, HHC — "The ability to lead by example is important. Also, the leader has to understand the problems of his or her people."



SSgt. Louis H. Demetriades, Co. A — "I think consistency is the most important. A leader has to remain consistent so the troops know where he is coming from. This is necessary for the sake of accomplishing their mission."

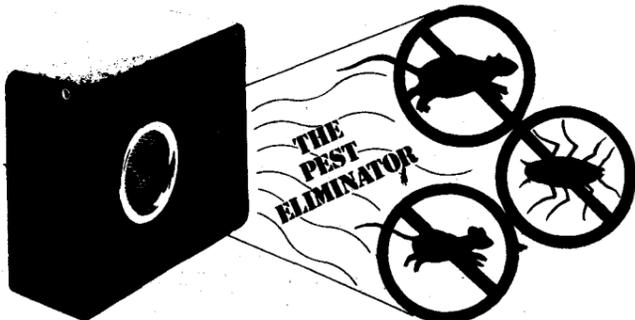


Pvt. 1 Deryl M. Hammons, 8th S. C. — "The leader has to be dedicated and persistent. That's all part of leading the troops and it's good for promotion besides."



Sp4 Mike W. Collins, Co. A — "It's the ability to understand the troops and to help them in any way possible."

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Make sure before you sign

BY JEANNE LANZARO

Soldiers entering into contracts should first bring the completed contract to the Legal Assistance Office to have a lawyer examine it before signing.

"Never sign a contract until you're absolutely sure your interests are protected," warned Col. Allen D. Adams, Staff Judge Advocate.

"In most cases, even after you sign, you have three days to cancel one. So, if you have a weak moment and sign first, still bring it by for a lawyer to take a look at," advised Adams.

This is just one of the services provided by the Staff Judge Advocate's Office in support of soldiers and their family members. The Legal Assistance Office provides counseling and advice on most

personal legal matters ranging from income tax problems to wills.

"A will is an expression of your intentions that survives after your death, designed to dispose of any property you owned in the way in which you wanted it, rather than in an estate, to be divided in accordance with various state laws," Adams said.

"They're especially important for young marrieds and soldiers with families, as a will can provide for guardianship of children." He said that without a will, if both parents should die, their children would become wards of the court.

Here they also provide advice and counseling on divorces, separations, child custody cases, and income tax problems. The Legal Assistance Office is always available to answer legal questions



assured Adams, by just calling and setting up an appointment. "But we're just like a hospital, we do accept emergencies."

This same office counsels and gives guidance to soldiers on disciplinary problems and Article 15s. As far as law suits are concerned Adams said, "In this jurisdiction our lawyers cannot go downtown to represent you, but they can give you advice on how to handle the situation and what steps have to be taken."

Another basic function of the Staff Judge Advocate's Office is the Claims Division. This is where you go to make a claim for loss or damages to your personal property shipped by the government.

Soldiers are urged to obtain advice from the Transportation and Claims Office to find out what their responsibilities are, said SFC Paul M. Nydam. "Carriers may provide wrong information, because they're going to protect themselves."

The Legal Assistance Office is located in building 5250, "C" wing, phone 876-2296. In the same building in room A 133 you can find the Claims Division, phone 876-3166.

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MICOM worker dies in wreck

A Missile Command budget analyst died last Thursday afternoon in a one-vehicle wreck in Marshall County, according to Alabama State Troopers.

Ernest Earl Blackmon, 46, of Albertville, was a passenger in a van involved in a mishap just north of Albertville on U.S. 431. He worked in the budget division of the MICOM comptroller office.

The driver, Fred Manley of Albertville, was in-

jured along with passenger Melvin Cofield of Albertville. The mishap occurred about 4:50 p.m. just 1.1 miles north of the city, troopers said.

Blackmon started working here in March 1964. Survivors include a daughter, Lee Ann Blackmon. "From what I understand, he was in a vanpool and was on his way home," said Geraldine Knox of the civilian personnel office.

Off again

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tional Treasury Employees Union and AFGE.

Judge Robinson ruled Nov. 18 that there must be an open season by Dec. 7. In issuing his ruling, he also ruled that Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the largest plan under the program, should not have to agree to the six and a half percent cut in insurance costs.

After an appeal by OPM, the appeals court stayed both the Dec. 7 open season and the order that prohibited OPM from enforcing further cuts in the plans.

"We won't know the merits of these cases until the (appeals) court decides," Scholzen said.



For anti-armor gunners

Thomas E. Sanders of Integrated Logistics gets ready to experience the roar and kick of a Dragon missile as an instructor shows him how to fire a new trainer for anti-armor gunners. Called STAGS, the computer assisted trainer can be programmed for any anti-tank system and combat scenario and has simulated recoil, hit and miss explosions and numerous other features for realism. The trainer was shown here last week to project managers and others in a demonstration sponsored by Maintenance Engineering's New Equipment Training Division which believes STAGS superior to any such trainer currently in use. STAGS was developed for the Army's Project Manager for Training Devices.

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Buddy Jacobs, volunteer campaign chairman for United Way of Madison County, praised the "generous response as a federal family" in a letter to CFC leaders.

Here is a list of CFC contributions by agency:

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Quality circle has 'brainstorming' session

A group of workers here meeting as a "quality circle" was starting to list work-related problems.

"Give me a raise. Does that qualify?" joked one participant.

This was the fourth meeting of a quality circle led by Sam Sanders in the Army TMDE Support Group, internal calibration function. Six groups of Missile Command workers are meeting weekly to try this popular form of participative management.

They have to go through an eight-week training program during which they begin using techniques for identifying, analyzing and solving work-related problems.

"Today's lesson of our q.c. meeting will be on date collection plus graphs," said Sanders, a supervisory electronic technician.

He handed out three charts and graphs, discussed them for his group and then showed the session's

slide program. Two of the circle's six members were not present for the informal, one-hour meeting.

Maj. Tim Bennett of MICOM's organizational effectiveness office attended to act as "facilitator." He and Dr. Frank Rouse had trained the quality circle leaders.

After the slides, Sanders opened a discussion on data collecting. One idea offered by the slides and cassette tape was that people must have data to solve problems.

"With today's availability of computers, it's easier and easier to get data," said Bobby Birdsong.

The subject turned to "brainstorming," an earlier lesson which means listing ideas for discussion. "It's to solve problems. That's the main thing," said Jim Fugitt.

Sanders, Fugitt, Birdsong, Ann Emerson and

Randy Tucker took turns listing work-related problems as Sanders wrote them down for the group. "Next week we'll just brainstorm some more and we'll have more people who are not here today and we'll see how we come out then," he said.

The group of co-workers usually meets on Wednesdays in a small conference room in Bldg. 7421. Previous sessions covered case study — problem solving techniques; brainstorming; and data collecting techniques. After data collecting formats plus graphs, come sessions on decision analysis; basic and process cause and effect of problem analysis; and the management presentation.

"They have eight different sets of these slides and audio tapes that go with the slides," said Bennett of organizational effectiveness.

A steering committee, headed by MICOM's chief of staff, is to decide after six months whether the voluntary program is open to all organizations.



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His sick leave worth over \$50 per month

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Cecil Bunch knows the value of good insurance. That's why he used his sick leave only when he needed to and saved the rest.

When he retires Dec. 29, one year of unused sick leave will be added to his 36 years of federal service. This will mean about \$54 more each month on his retirement checks.

"I only used my sick leave when I was sick which is what you're supposed to do," said the GS-12 computer specialist. "I fully realized that it was free insurance when you were sick. You didn't have to pay for it."

Bunch describes his case as "mediocre" because he has known people who saved 3,000 or more hours of sick leave. One year equals 2,080 hours, according to the sick leave formula.

"I've used sick leave when I was sick with the flu or whatever and I had to go to the hospital one time and used 22 days," he says. "I've managed to accumulate a little more than 2,080 hours."

Bunch, 55, works in the Management Information Systems Directorate at Bldg. 5678. A co-worker made a retirement poster — "55 plus 35 equals any day now" — and placed it over his desk.

The computer specialist has worked with the Army here since August 1965 after working with the Air Force at Mobile, Ala. from 1948-65. He entered the Navy in 1944 when he was 17 and served two years.

"If you look and see what you've got and don't abuse your sick leave, at the time you get to retire to and behold you'll have a year or more that will be thrown into your retirement formula and it'll cost you nothing," Bunch says.

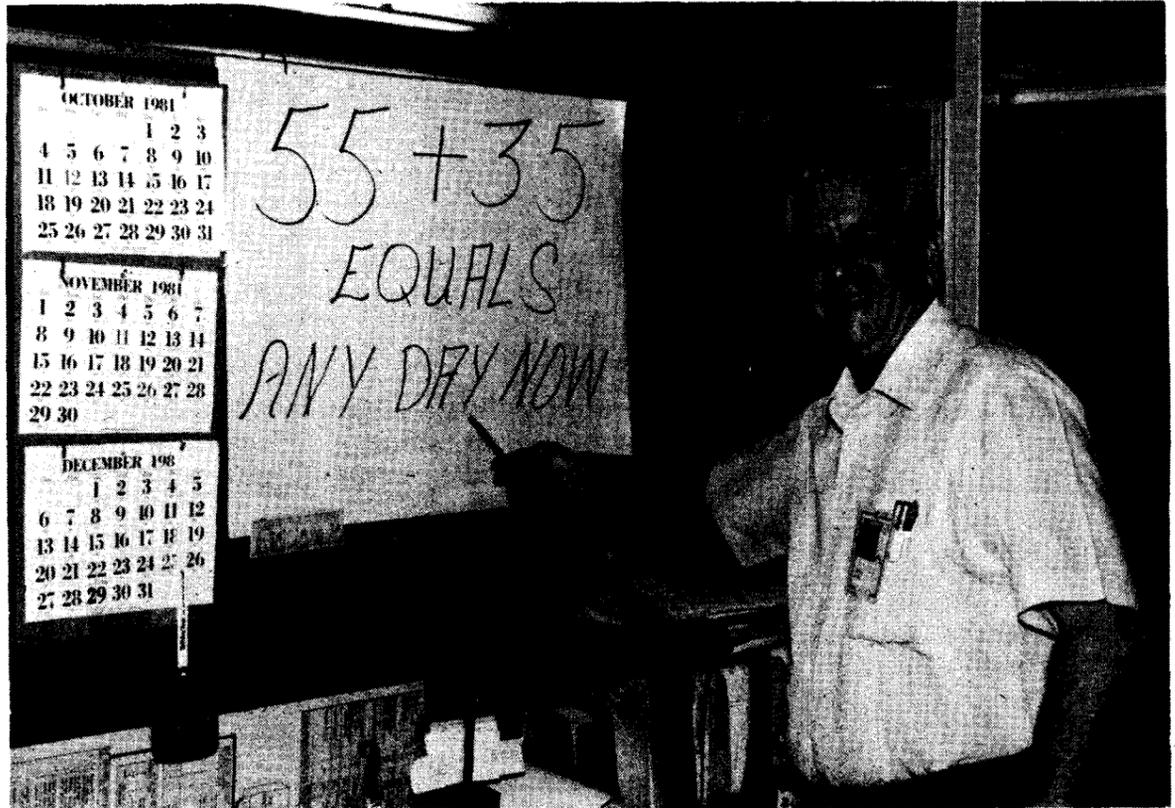
He hopes his extra retirement money will help off-

set inflation. He and his wife Imogene live in Huntsville and have two daughters — Angela, a 21-year-old senior at Jacksonville University, and Felicia, a 16-year-old Grissom High senior.

"Of course everybody is interested these days in inflation, trying to keep up with inflation," he says.

"The more money you can get no matter how small will help you meet your responsibilities."

Bunch believes that most civil servants realize the value of their sick leave. "It's just like having an insurance policy when you're out sick," he says. "You get paid when you're sick."



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'Worst time of the year for fires'

BY JEANNE LANZARO

'Tis the season to be extra careful in preventing fires. "The holiday season is the worst time of the year for fires, said Redstone Arsenal fire inspector, Bill Cross. "During this time there are twice as many fires reported than normally."

Cross attributes this fact to more people being home and a lot more drinking and activity going on. He said that people need to be more careful and aware of what they're doing, especially when dealing with live trees, decorations and wrappings.

"There really isn't any way to make a live tree fire-safe, but there are some precautions you can take if you decide to get one."

Cross advised cutting trees at an angle, about one inch above the original cut, and keeping it in water or wet sand. He said trees shouldn't be located near sources of heat because they'll dry up quicker and they shouldn't be kept longer than two weeks.

"No more than three strands of lights and one extension cord should be used on a live tree and none should be used on aluminium trees," he continued, and "don't overload circuits and connections, and don't run wires under carpets." All wire decorations should be UL (Underwriters' Laboratory) approved Cross said and should not be tacked or nailed as they crack easily.

"Never use lighted candles near trees," he cautioned, "and remember to shut off tree lights when you're not going to be home."

Carelessness with wrappings and paper can also

lead to unnecessary fires, said the inspector. "When throwing wrappings into a fireplace, be sure to watch what you are doing and compress the paper tightly together. Fireplaces have thermal drafts and can draw light papers up the chimney and onto the roof. A fire can start and you won't even know about it until it's too late."

Cooking fires, fuel fires, and smoking fires are also up during the holidays and most could be prevented if people paid more attention to what they're doing, Cross said. "Most kitchen fires are started because cooking is left unattended. People also need to take more precautions against falling asleep while smoking."

Cross advised parents to make sure babysitters know how to get in touch with the fire department, as well as the parents, in case a problem should arise.

"Most fires are caused by carelessness and human error and could be prevented," said the Installation Fire Chief, Clifford E. Dudley.

Although he doesn't recommend placing trees in barracks, Dudley said small, artificial trees are safer. "The most important thing to keep in mind is not to cause an obstruction."

"Exits need to be unobstructed and doors accessible," added Cross. An important safety measure to remember Cross said, is to see that all doors are unlocked and free when using the barracks dayroom.

"By being extra careful and paying more attention, people can prevent fires, and make this

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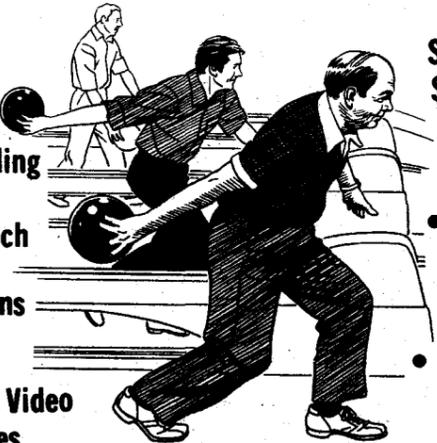
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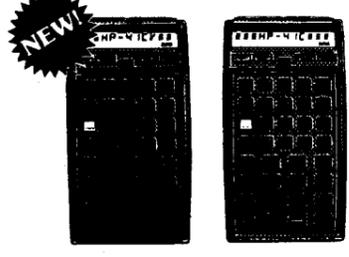
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Cafeterias close for Christmas

The civilian cafeterias onpost will observe the Christmas holiday by closing Dec. 24-25.

All cafeteria facilities will be closed, including two lunch wagons that go to about 60 areas here, according to the post restaurant officer.

There will be limited service Dec. 28-30 in Bldgs. 5250 and 4488 and the mobile units, said Al Sessler. Other facilities will be closed those days.

All facilities will be closed on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, Sessler said. The cafeterias will reopen and resume normal schedule on Monday, Jan. 4.

Limited service Dec. 28-30 means "they're not going to run the full cafeteria lines, probably just the sandwich sections," Sessler explained.

Party trays are available in the cafeterias for office parties or just carry-out. "They're also cooking turkeys and hams for carry out," Sessler said.



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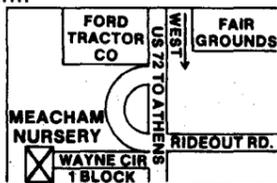
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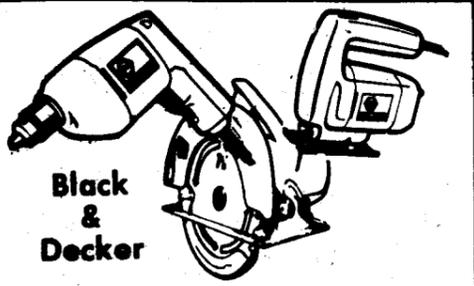
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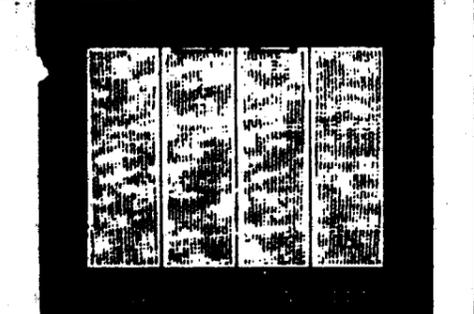
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Soldier recalls unique childhood

BY JOHN WAGNER

SSgt. Gustav Johnson has spent half his life in the orient.

He is an American citizen of Swedish ancestry who was born in China during their civil war. Before the communist victory, he and his family fled to Hong Kong and then to Taiwan, where they remained.

Johnson is the son of protestant missionaries involved in evangelizing in Asia. His parents had been in pre-communist China for several years before he was born in Sichuan province in 1948.

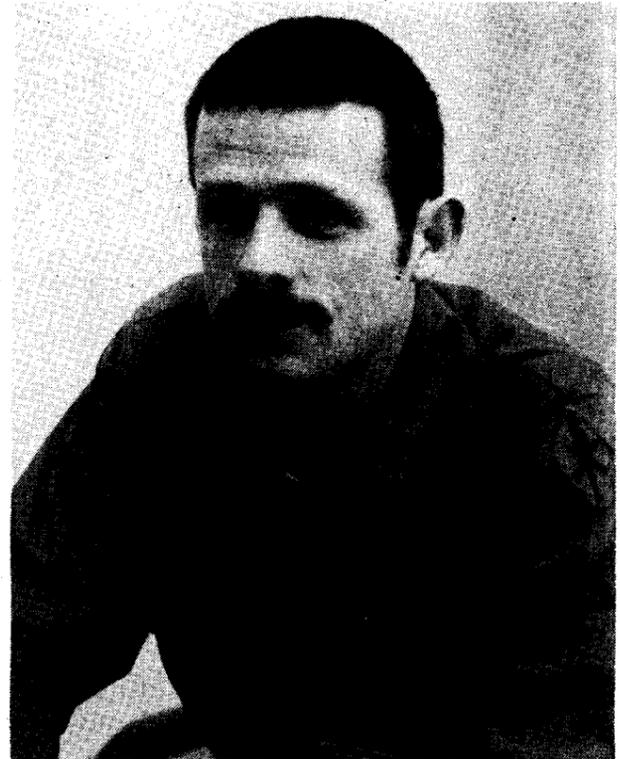
Following their emigration in 1949, he and his family lived on an island in Hong Kong harbor for two years. They then moved to Taiwan, where about two million people affiliated with Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist government had fled. The nationalists had been defeated by Mao Zedong's (Tse Tung) forces.

"My first recollections are of Taiwan," Johnson related. "I attended a missionary school and lived in the city of Taichung for 12 years. Although my family took a furlough to the United States from 1956 to 1960, I would have to call Taichung my hometown. I've lived there longer than anywhere else.

"From the beginning of my education my classmates were the dependents of foreign businessmen, missionaries, and especially military personnel. The U. S. Air Forces, Sixth Fleet, and various advisors were all in Taiwan."

"As soon as the new Nationalist government was formed," he continued, "the military became an essential part of island life. You saw signs of it everywhere. If you walked along the sea shore for instance, you would see soldiers, barbed wire, beach obstacles, and pill boxes. Air raid shelters were a common sight where I lived.

"I remember some of the local conditions there. Many things were made of bamboo — churches, homes, and places of business for example. Much of the landscaping was composed of rice paddies and the local people commonly worshipped idols in their homes and in ornate temples. The mountains and streams were beautiful."



Johnson

After graduating from high school, Johnson moved to the United States in 1967 and soon joined the Army. He became an airborne clerk and then an infantryman and was soon back in Asia — but this time it was Vietnam. He stayed there for nearly a year until he was injured from an exploding artillery round.

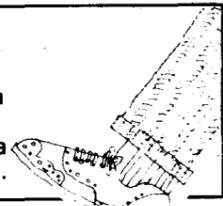
He nevertheless has made the Army his career and has been enlisted for over ten years. "It was the natural thing for me to do," he smiled. "I've been around military people or dependents since I was very young."

Summing up his ideas on living in the orient, Johnson said, "I was very fortunate to have such a great experience. I think it has given me a special world-view. I'd like to go back there to visit but my home is the United States."

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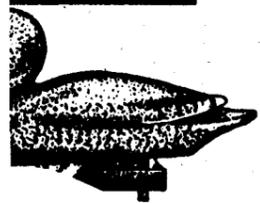


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Discount air fare helps military people

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Over half of the military people who traveled by air on the 50 percent furlough fare would not have flown if not for the discount price.

That was the findings of a survey completed last July on 2,800 military personnel of all services at eight installations nationwide, according to the Military Traffic Management Command.

A total of 650,000 people have used the furlough fare since it started. "Fifty-seven percent of those travelers would not have traveled by air if it wasn't for that special fare," said Pete Shugert, an MTMC spokesman in Washington, D.C.

Nineteen airlines offer active duty military personnel the special half-fare rate. "It's a significant benefit," Shugert said. "People that couldn't have flown before can now afford to fly. And it's a reserved seat. This guarantees you a seat."

A "large percentage" of servicemembers, however, apparently do not know about the special fares. "I think the survey shows that not everybody is aware this fare exists," Shugert said.

The 50 percent furlough fare is for active duty military, Coast Guard and cadets of the various

military academies (such as West Point). Personnel traveling within seven days of their discharge from service are also eligible.

Those not eligible for the reduced rate include family members, Reserve and National Guard.

"You should have the green ID card and be on authorized leave," Shugert said. "You don't have to travel in uniform."

The program started in October 1980 after Maj. Gen. John Bruen, the MTMC commanding officer, wrote letters that summer to the major air carriers in the continental U.S. He requested the reduced fare to make air travel more affordable for servicemembers.

Trans World Airlines was the first to respond and was followed by 20 others. The present total is 19. "One liquidated and one just said it was not going to offer the fare anymore," Shugert said.

Some airlines are only offering the discount to a certain date although MTMC has been able to get

extensions in the past. "The more widely used this fare is, the longer it is likely to continue," the MTMC spokesman said.

Airlines with cutoff dates include TWA and Texas International, both March 31, 1982; Western and Northwest, both May 31; and Air Midwest, Sept. 30. Sixteen of the 19 carriers offer the reduced fare on all domestic flights and the others offer it on selected routes.

"Of course, some super-savers (discounts) are cheaper than military fare. The important thing is to shop around. Get your reservation early; get to the airport early," he added.

"Allow an hour and a half between connections because of the PATCO (Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization) strike," he added.

Airlines offering the 50 percent furlough fare include TWA, U.S. Air, American, Western, United, Continental, Air Midwest, Piedmont, Northwest, Eastern, Pan Am, Republic, Delta, Ozark, Aspen, Air Florida, Altair, Texas International, and Empire.

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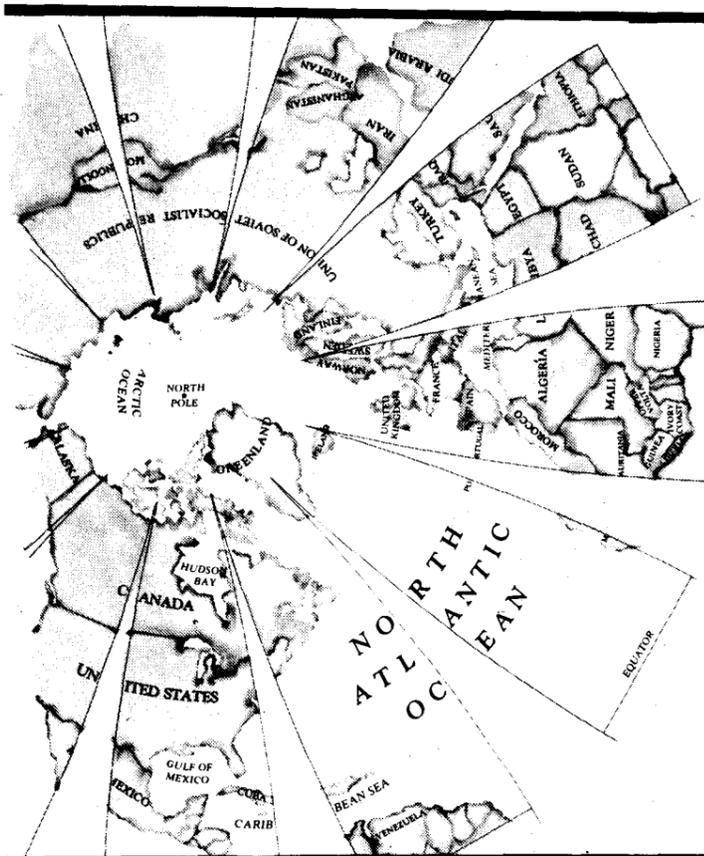
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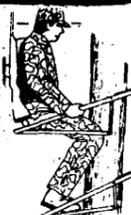
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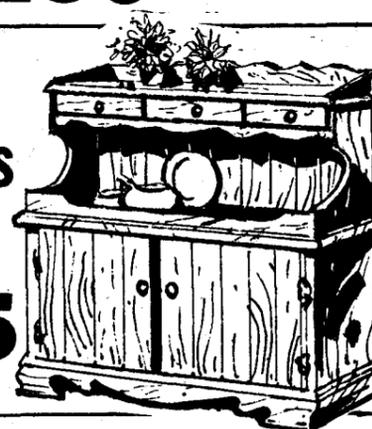
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'My feet stopped working, then my legs, then . . .'

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The stage was set: Overcast but clearing skies; cold but not freezing. The fifth annual Joe Steele Rocket City Marathon was about to begin.

Almost 2,000 runners in assorted shorts and tee shirts were gathered on Bailey Cove Road in front of Grissom High School. I was in the middle of a group at the back with running numbers 1,000 and over.

All of a sudden the group started moving forward. We were so far in the back I didn't hear anybody shout "Go" or fire a starter's pistol.

The first 10 miles weren't too bad. I averaged a little less than eight minutes per mile in this, my second marathon. I knew where I had started walking last year enroute to a 4:10:17 time and was determined to run past that point this time.

We headed toward downtown and I spotted the hill where I started walking. I was slowing down but was able to struggle over it and keep going. Then, at 17 miles, I hit The Wall.

First, my feet stopped working, then my legs, then my arms, then my vision started getting blurred. My subconscious said the obvious, "I think your in trouble."

I walked to the next first aid station where I got water and "Squincher" thirst quincher. Anything tastes good at that point.

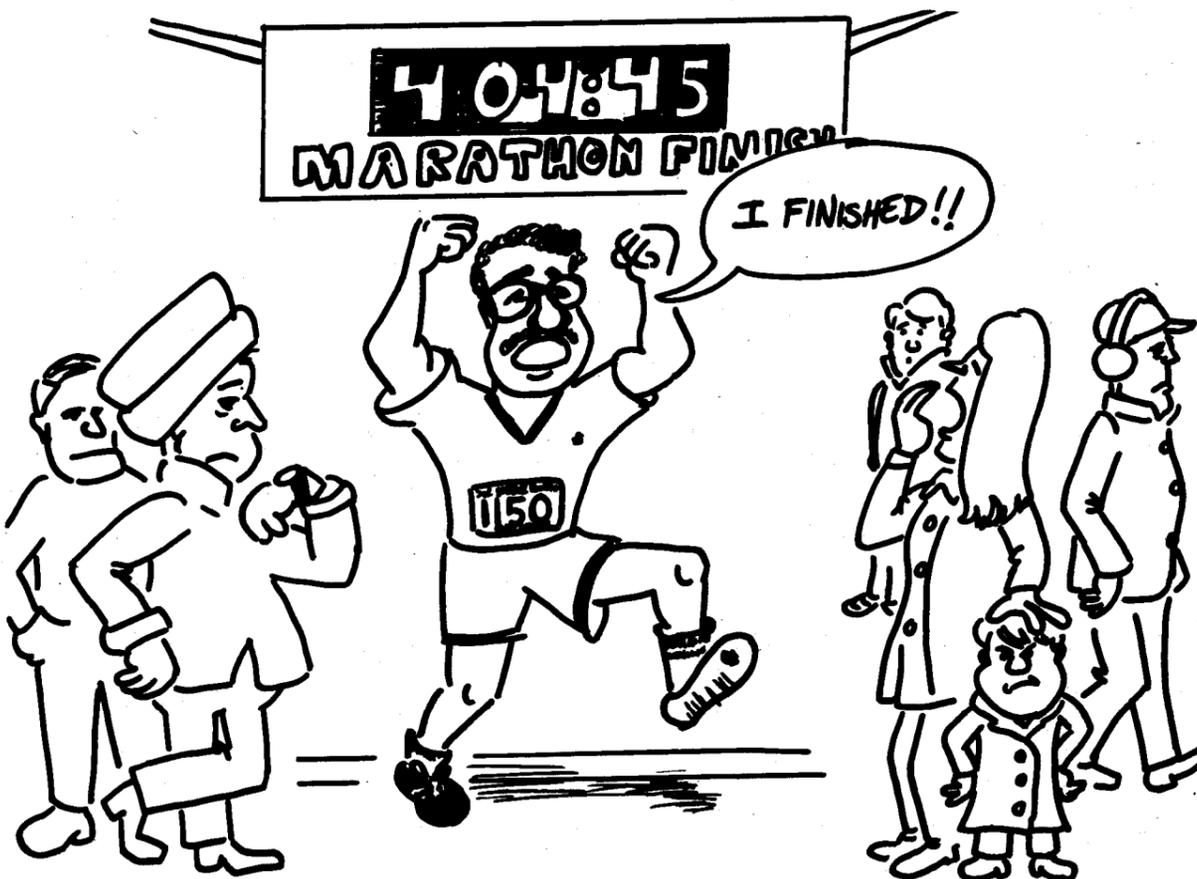
I started looking around for a phone booth but was able to fight off that thought. I thought the guy standing by the road who was saving his iced tea for somebody else was the meanest person in the world.

We were over three hours and a half into the "race" and I still had a couple of miles to go so I gave up on the thought of breaking four hours. I just wanted to finish. . .

By walking and running off and on, I made it to the 26 mile mark. I could hear the loudspeaker at the finish line but it seemed like 100 miles away. Finally, I could see the red and white streamers and I knew there wasn't much farther to go.

I sprinted like crazy and passed about a half dozen or so runners on my way in. The time was 4:04:45, about six minutes better than last year.

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"Military police operations encourages hunters to report game violations as soon as possible to the military police or the Outdoor Recreation Center and to remember that safety should be the utmost concern of all hunters," said Lt. Col. G. B. Sanford, director of security.



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5th S.C.		1	3

Western Conference		W	L
Co. B		3	0
515th Ord. Co.		0	3
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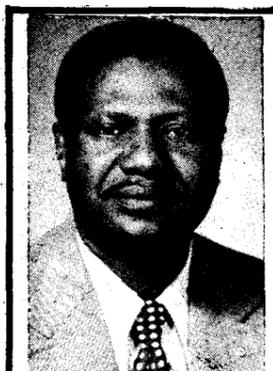
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Commander's Cup retired to HHC in ceremony

Editor's note: MICOM's HHC did the "impossible" and captured the Commanders Cup for athletic excellence and best sports program for three straight years. SSgt. Bill Gaffney, who has been active in unit sports during those year, wrote this account of his company's sports achievements. The cup was retired to HHC in a ceremony last week.

The sports that figured in the 1981 Commanders Cup are bowling, basketball, volleyball, softball and flag football.

There are twelve units in the Redstone intramural sports program with some units fielding more than one team in a particular sport depending on the interest within the unit. Each unit is awarded participation points, regular season points in order of finish, and playoff points for the post season tournament held at the conclusion of each sport.

The 1981 recap showed HHC finishing first in the regular season competition in the 22-week bowling program. Plagued by inconsistency HHC finished fourth in the post season rollofs. The rollofs were won by A Co. with B Co. finishing a close second.

Next was basketball. Finishing second in the regular season conference race, HHC entered the playoffs with high hopes of comeback finish, which was not to be; lack of rebounding hurt MICOM, and they had another fourth place finish. B Co., led by Lewis Lockhett finished off an outstanding undefeated season by cruising through the league playoffs in championship fashion. A Co. finished second in the round ball competition, leaving A Co. and B Co., on top after two events.

Volleyball was next on the sports calendar. In past years, volleyball was not a strong HHC event. The tables turned in 81. Months of hard work and practice were to pay off for HHC. A lot of talent was displayed night after night on the court as HHC finished the regular season with a perfect 14 and 0 record. In the playoffs, the Marines proved to be a formidable opponent for HHC, finishing runner-up in the post season tournament. Team work was clearly the key for the successful MICOM team throughout the season.

Preparation was already underway for the softball dominated by HHC over the last two seasons. In the pre-season tournament MICOM breezed through to the finals where a come-from-behind victory defeated A Co., for the early gold. After 71 consecutive victories, running over a three year period, HHC tasted defeat for the first time, losing to a young 4th S.C. The regular season finished again with HHC on top with an impressive 24-4 record, but A Co. appeared to be the strongest team moving into the post-season tournament. However, HHC prevailed once again, sliding through in four straight games to become softball champions for the third straight year. 515th Ord. was runner-up; after losing the opening game to HHC, 9-0 and fighting back through the loser's bracket to challenge for softball supremacy. But HHC proved to be the stronger team and defeated the 515th for the softball crown.

With HHC, A Co. and B Co., all within a few points in the Commanders Cup race, football was to become the deciding factor in crowning the all-sports champs. HHC was the defending flag football champion, but as in years past A Co. appeared to be the team to beat. With HHC, A Co. & the 515th Ord. in the eastern conference, the regular season race proved to be the tightest ever in Redstone's flag football program. A Co. was the conference winner at 11-1, followed by the 515th at 10-2 and HHC also at 10-2. B Co. was the runaway winner in the western conference. The playoffs would be the determining factor for the prestigious commanders all-sports cup. Losing only to A Co., and the 515th in the regular season the MICOM athletes knew what had to be done to bring home the gold. With a first round victory over the 4th S.C.; A. Co was next. In a heated battle, HHC squeaked by in a come-from-behind victory only to face the 515th the next night. Again, MICOM prevailed in a defensive struggle. After losing their first game, B Co. fought through the loser's bracket to earn the right to play for gridiron supremacy in 1981. Appearing to be a little overconfident HHC struggled in the first game, losing 14 to 6 to set up the championship game. Getting down to business HHC went out with renewed vigor and spanked B Co. 16 to 0 to remain flag football champions and Commanders Cup Champions for 1981.

The 1979 sports program produced post champions in bowling, softball, racquetball, and tennis. The softball team finished with a perfect 39 win, 0 loss record. The tennis and racquetball teams were also undefeated in tournament play. The basketball team was post runner-up.

HHC teams in 1980 were undefeated in softball, racquetball, and tennis. Flag football was added to the collection of post championships. Basketball



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HHC commander Capt. Johnnie Steuber and 1st Sgt. (P) Roger Yuraska put the Commander's Cup on display with some 25 other sports trophies the company has won. Maj. Gen. Robert L. Moore presented the cup to the company for keeps.

and bowling were runners-up in regular season play.

Since 1979 HHC athletes have added 25 trophies to the MICOM trophy case, including eleven post championships in which seven HHC teams have gone undefeated. Three consecutive Commanders Cups have been awarded to HHC for the first time since the cup's inception in 1972.

The athletes extended a special thanks to Capt. Russell L. Frutiger and 1st Sgt. (P) Roger Yuraska for the support and dedication over the last three years, and to Capt. Johnnie Steuber for his concern and support for the HHC athletic program.



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Realignment hits overstrength specialties

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Trying to bring over-strength specialties into line with the Army's needs is the idea behind a new force alignment plan.

The purpose is to "get rid of the overages," says Ed Polite, command sergeant major of the Missile Command. "And get all the overage MOSs (military occupational specialties) in line with the needs of the Army instead of the needs of the individual."

Two years ago the Army was short 16,000 E-5s through E-9s. This has been reduced to 2,650 and in two years the shortage is to be eliminated.

There is, however, an imbalance in certain skills. While some military occupational specialties are over strength in noncommissioned officers, others are short. Most of the shortages are in the combat arms skills.

"We're looking for the quality soldier now, not for quantity," Polite said. "The Army is saying 'For the good of all, you better take hard look if you're in an overage MOS.'"

The force alignment plan is to improve skill match, eliminate "poor" performers, retain "good" performers and support modernization, according to Army officials. It consists of changes to promotion policies, reclassification policy and reenlistment policy; and "orchestration" of selected reenlistment bonuses, and prior service enlistment policy.

"If it works, it's going to be a good plan because there's no sense in having over-strength MOSs," said SFC Ben Cole, reenlistment NCO for the Missile Command and post.

Until the plan is implemented, it is hard to say what its impact will be "but obviously people are

going to have to start thinking about changing MOSs," he said.

Cole does not expect "too much of an effect" on reenlistment here. "When a person comes in here and is in an over-strength MOS, I'll sit him down like a Dutch uncle and tell him 'Look, you're in a deadend MOS and you should get out of it, and you have to,'" he said.

"And we'll try to assist him as much as we can in getting him into an MOS that he's qualified for and that he'll enjoy doing."

Letters are being sent soldiers in over-strength military occupational specialties, encouraging them to reclassify to shortage MOSs.

Effective Jan. 1, reenlistments are to be allowed only in a current specialty or to a shortage specialty. Also that date, an individual must be grade E-4 or above in order to reenlist after three years.

Soldiers on Jan. 1, who are E-4s and not on the E-5 promotion list in their first term of service, must have certain aptitude scores. They will require at least three area scores of 95 or greater on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery given before Oct. 1, 1980. The alternative is three scores of 85 on the current ASVAB.

Another change is that the E-7 promotion board will select by military occupational specialties within the career management field. This means E-6s, effective January, will be promoted to fill shortage MOSs.

E-4s and E-5s in over-strength specialties will have less chance of being promoted to E-5 and E-6 starting in January.

Another part of the plan, implemented last October, restricts prior service enlistments to only critical skills. This means people who have left the service can return only in shortage MOSs.

The Army was looking at the possibility of requiring persons to meet weight and physical training standards in order to reenlist. "They've had the evaluation and the results will be briefed to the vice chief of staff of the Army," CSM Polite said.

The top enlisted soldier here believes the plan is workable. "I think once it catches on, it's going to benefit the Army, but it'll discourage a few," he said.

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GBA 552: Public Management	Wed. 5-8 P.M.
Logistic 572: Product Life Cycle Management	Thurs. 5-8 P.M.

**Registration: Jan. 11 & 12, 1982 From 2-6 p.m.,
Room 53, Bldg. 7442, Redstone Arsenal**

Class Instructions Begin: Jan. 19, 1982

CONTACT:

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MBA Program
Alabama A&M University
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Work underway to 'dry up' DDT area

A project to "dry up" the arsenal's DDT area may permit dismantling the expensive treatment plant that filters water draining off the contaminated site.

"We're trying to dry up the area, remove all extraneous surface water with these diversion ditches," said Bill Schroder, Redstone environmental quality coordinator.

The diversion ditches are 3/4 mile long drainage canals being dug on either side of the old DDT factory area and parallel to the "Olin ditch" that once carried contaminated waste south into Huntsville Spring Branch.

Olin ditch drains the old factory site which is contaminated with DDT and the drainage water is treated before discharge into Huntsville Spring Branch.

Treating the water costs more than \$100,000 yearly. Tests show that DDT filtered out in two year's time is less than five pounds, while just downstream of the treatment plant 800 tons of the persistent pesticide is calculated to be on the bottom of Huntsville Spring Branch.

Schroder said the new diversion ditches are

designed to catch and reroute storm runoff and other surface drainage that did wash across the contaminated factory site and into Huntsville Spring Branch via Olin ditch.

"We're trying to dry this ditch up with the exception of incident rainfall," Schroder said. The ditch does not carry much water in dry weather but flow increased dramatically during rainy periods.

An additional two retention dams are being put in the ditch to go with two already there. The additional dams will increase holding time for any water in the ditch, allowing more time for DDT to settle out.

Along with the diversion ditches and dams there is a planned "general site clean up — stopping-up culverts, improving drainage, excavating and replacing with top soil," Schroder said, and "all activity in the area is going to cease."

A new facility north of Mills road is being prepared for the garbage haulers who are now in the DDT area occupying a building formerly used by the Olin Corp.

Schroder said the intent of the project is "replacing the Calgon (water treatment) system with a passive drainage system" provided the new drainage system results in a level of DDT discharge that is acceptable to regulatory authorities.

"We're trying to obtain a zero discharge," said Schroder.

The DDT contamination built up in soil and streams on the arsenal during 1947-1970 while the Olin Corp. made DDT in a factory south of Mills Road leased from the Army.

The U.S. Justice Department is suing Olin to pay for clean up costs, pegged at \$90 million in one study.



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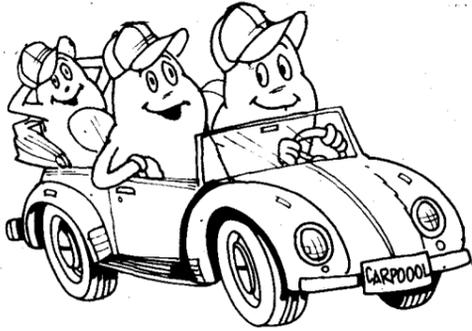
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SM 5024 MANAGEMENT OF PRODUCTION	20 JAN 82	31 MAR 82	WED
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SM 5006 MANAGERIAL STATISTICS I	21 JAN 82	1 APR 82	THUR
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Announcements

Radar report

Military police will be operating radar on the arsenal at the following locations Dec. 17-23:

Thursday, Dec. 17

7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. — Goss Road & Rideout Road. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. — Goss Road & Bennett. 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Vincent & Goss.

Friday, Dec. 18

7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. — Goss Road & Bennett. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. — Goss Road & Rideout. 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. — Patton Road.

Monday, Dec. 21

7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. — Goss Road. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. — Goss & Bennett. 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. — Housing Area.

Tuesday, Dec. 22

7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. — Goss Road & Vincent Drive. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. — Goss Road & Rideout Road. 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. — Vincent Drive.

Wednesday, Dec. 23

7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. — Gate 9. 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. — Golf Course Road & Goss Road. 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. — Goss Road & Rideout Road.

MPs make the radar location list available as a service to encourage drivers to voluntarily obey speed limits but may use radar at unpublished times. Last week's accident rates indicate motorists are most likely to have a collision at the intersection of Rideout and Goss Road and in the NCO Club parking lot.

Mechanical engineers

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers will hold a dinner meeting tomorrow night (Dec. 17) at Michael's Restaurant in the Ramada Inn on Memorial Parkway. Jackson Burwell, Huntsville, attorney, will discuss tax and estate planning for engineers. A social will begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:00 and the program at 8:00.

Bloodmobile

Here's the Bloodmobile schedule for the rest of the month: Dec. 16-Rec Center, 9-12. Dec 18-Bldg. 7442, 8:30-11:45. Dec. 18-BMDSCOM, 7:30-1:30. Dec. 23-Bldg. 5435 8-12. Dec. 28-Bldg. 7120, 8-12. Dec. 30-Bldg. 112, 8-12. Dec. 31-Bldg. 5250, 8-12. For more information call Gwen Sadler or Doris Wobrock 876-4603/6393.

Gate 10 hours

The Dec. 19 through Jan. 3 operating hours for Gate 10 on Patton Road are as follows: 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. weekdays; 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturdays; 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sundays; and closed holidays.

'College mixer'

There will be a "college mixer" party for college students and college-bound high school seniors on Dec. 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the patio room of the Officers club. The cost is \$3.80 for a "western buffet" with dancing after dinner. For reservations call 837-9151 or 830-2490 by Dec. 18.

Holiday notices

Troop clinic hours

Beginning Monday, Dec. 21, medical care normally provided at the Troop Medical Clinic will be provided at the Acute Minor Illness Clinic, Fox Army Community Hospital. During the holiday period the Troop Medical Clinic will be minimally staffed so that medical records may be checked out to individual requiring care at the hospital. The Troop Medical Clinic will resume normal operating hours on Monday, Jan. 4.

Obituary

A long-time Redstone Arsenal worker died at 5 a.m. Dec. 9 from an apparent heart attack.

T. A. Collier, 60, worked as a tool and parts attendant in the supply division of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity. He had about 27 years service here, according to the civilian personnel office.

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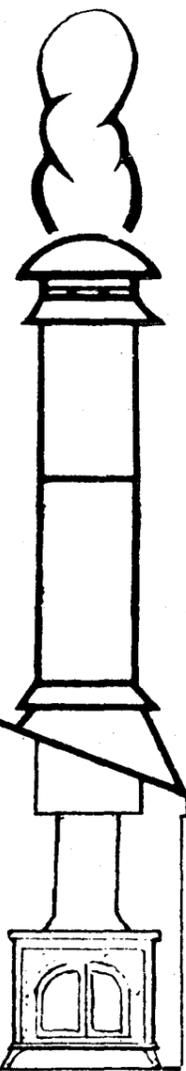
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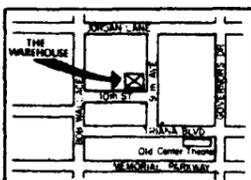
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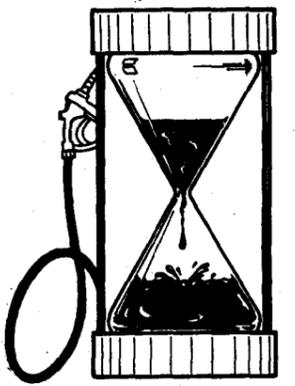
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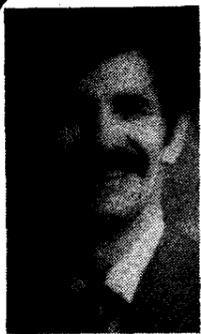
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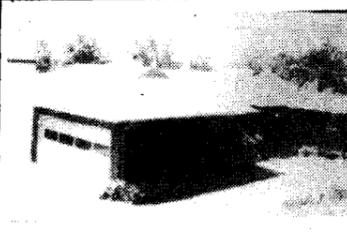


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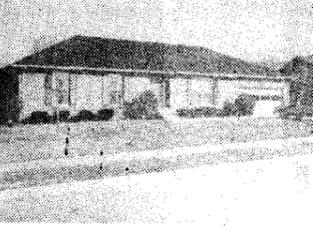


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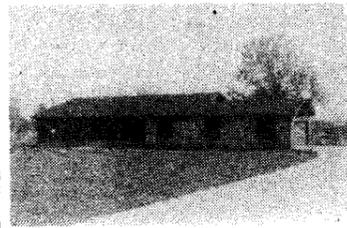
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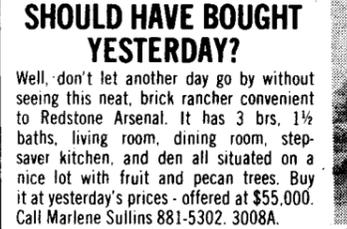


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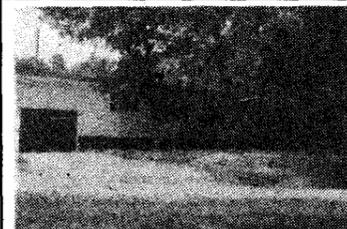


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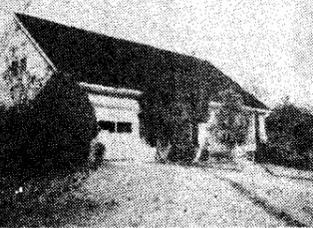


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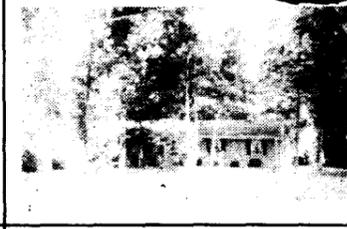


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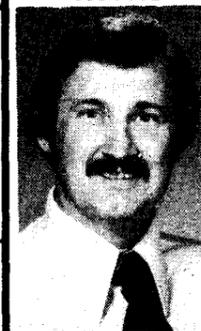
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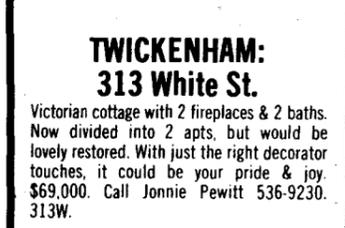
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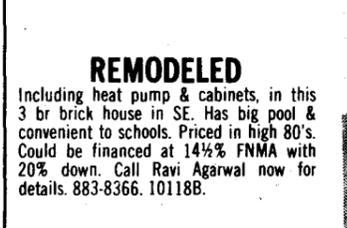
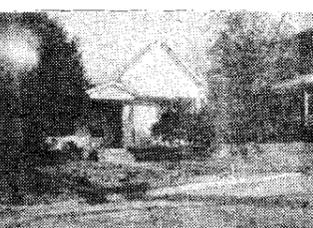


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