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Briefs

Open season

Open season arguments were to be heard in a federal appeals court in Washington today.

A ruling could come as early as this month on when to schedule the season for enrolling or changing enrollment in plans participating in the federal health insurance program.

The 1981 open season was originally scheduled for Nov. 9 to Dec. 11 but was postponed by the Office of Personnel Management because of negotiation problems with the various plans.

A federal district judge in Washington agreed with several employee unions and health plans and ordered an open season. OPM appealed the ruling to the U.S. Circuit Court in Washington which stayed the lower court's order pending another full hearing.

Meanwhile, several federal workers voiced their displeasure about being locked into a health plan without the benefit of an open season. The average employee premium has increased 31 percent, according to OPM, while benefits have been reduced by 6.5 percent.

Record spending

WASHINGTON — President Reagan has proposed continued record spending for defense of \$258 billion during the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, an 18 percent increase over the FY 82 level.

According to Congressional sources, most of the new defense funds will go for strategic weapons — bombers, intercontinental ballistic missiles and submarine launched missile systems — but there are also increases proposed to buy more tactical weapons including Army missiles.

DOD spokesmen gave congressional aides attending a briefing on the FY83 spending proposals this breakout on Army missiles and other programs managed by commands at Redstone Arsenal and in Huntsville:

Procurement: Hellfire/Laser Designators \$269.6 million; MLRS \$506.2 M; Patriot \$976.8 M; Pershing II \$619.9 M; Roland \$61.3 M; Stinger \$214.6 M; TOW \$147.2 M; Targets \$14.0M.

R&D: Rattler \$17.9 M; Ballistic Missile Defense Advanced Technology \$163.2 M; Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Technology \$754.4 M.

IRS charges 20%

The annual interest rate charged on tax underpayments and paid on overpayments, effective Feb. 1, 1982, rose from 12 to 20 percent, the Internal Revenue Service said.

The rate on the underpayment of individual and corporate estimated taxes and most other tax law provisions imposing interest also will be 20 percent, according to the IRS.

This rate change stems from a provision of the Economic Recovery Act of 1981, requiring that the rate be set by each Oct. 15 and be based on 100 percent of the average prime interest rate for the preceding month.

Previously, the rate was changed every two years to equal 90 percent of the prime, which is the rate commercial banks charge their largest corporate customers.

Dozier an example

Army secretary stresses fitness

WASHINGTON — In remarks at a recent Pentagon briefing, Army Secretary John O. Marsh Jr., set the tone for development of a revitalized physical fitness training program for the total Army.

Senior Army staff representatives briefed the secretary on current physical fitness training in the Army and plans for improving that training among all components. The significance of the session is highlighted by the recent designation of the theme "1982 — U.S. Army Physical Fitness Year" by the Army Secretary and Army Chief of Staff Gen. E. C. Meyer.

Marsh said, "The readiness of the U.S. Army begins with the physical fitness of the individual soldiers, the non-commissioned officers, and the officers who lead them." Citing increased stamina, improved health, and greater discipline as goals, Marsh charged the Army leadership with developing a physical fitness program that would work equally well for every soldier, regardless of age, sex, job, or component. He urged the use of techni-

ques recently developed by specialists in sports medicine, where these techniques have been shown as more effective than traditional military methods.

History, according to the Army secretary, provides evidence of the critical role of physical fitness in military operations.

"The most successful military units in our own history," he said, "were those whose soldiers were physically capable of conducting forced marches to get to the battlefield and still had sufficient physical reserves to successfully engage the enemy." Sophisticated weaponry, the secretary asserted, has not changed that. "The best-equipped soldier is not effective if he is not physically capable of operating his equipment and weapon."

Citing "positive addiction" as a natural product of regular exercise, Marsh challenged leaders at all levels "to create an attitude of achievement for the individual, the unit, and the Army, which encourages participation."

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Homes tested for chlordane

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Thirty-eight buildings in the family housing area are to be tested beginning next week for the presence of chlordane pesticide.

Those buildings were selected by the Army Environmental Hygiene Agency under its Armywide effort to test quarters of certain construction for possible chlordane contamination.

Chlordane, used in termite control, was banned in May 1980 by the Department of Defense for use in slab-on-grade government quarters with sub or intra-sub heating or cooling ducts. These are quarters with concrete slabs for foundations that have forced air heating and cooling ducts cast into or below the slabs.

Chlordane was last in widespread use in the housing area in the 1973-74 time frame and was used on an occupant demand basis until the DoD ban, according to Dr. Dave Lukins, an ecologist in Facility Engineering's environmental office.

The Defense Department has directed these tests be conducted at all military bases with this kind of construction, not because any hazard has been identified here.

"The reason the chlordane tests came about was for punctured duct work. We have no record, no history of duct work being punctured on Redstone Arsenal," said Lt. Col. Steven Gregg, deputy commander of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity.

Black history activities continue

Black History Month activities continue tonight on Redstone Arsenal with a gospel sing-in at Bicentennial Chapel.

The sing-in will begin at 7 p.m. Scheduled groups include the Little Indian Creek Gospel Group and the First Baptist Young Adult Choir from the Little Indian Creek Baptist Church, St. James Gospel Choir, the Pentecostal Lighthouse Gospel Choir, and C. H. and Company.

Other activities set for this month include a per-

formance by the Back Stabber Band at the recreation center at 8 p.m. Feb. 14.

Artwork by Alabama A&M University students will be on display during duty hours Feb. 17-26 at the Post Chapel, Library, Craft Shop, and buildings 3300 and 5250. Awards for the best artwork will be presented at the Post Chapel at 7 p.m. Feb. 17. Entries will pertain to black history and black awareness. Any member of an arsenal organization may enter. For more information, ask your company commander or phone the Post Chapel 876-2337.

Testing here is being coordinated by the Occupational Health office and the Housing Management Office. Occupants are to be notified before air samples are collected in their quarters. "We will try to accommodate the occupants' time needs," said Norm Copland, an industrial hygienist with occupational health.

A small pump will be used to collect an air sample from a unit without requiring the occupants to leave. An industrial hygienist should be able to install the pump within 30 minutes and return to remove it within five hours, Copland said.

The samples will be sent to the Army Environmental Hygiene Agency in Maryland and analyzed within a month to six weeks.

Dr. Irene Roan, chief of preventive medicine and occupational health, said the body may retain chlordane but there are "no known chronic effects."

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Letters

Potential pitfall

Editor:

... Federal Civilian Servants (FCS), unlike any other employees, must beware of the potential pitfall (of Individual Retirement Accounts) that exists for them alone.

No one, including the president of the United States, can guarantee that FCS will not have their federal retirement annuities reduced, in some relative manner to the accumulated IRA, once they decide to withdraw funds ... at age 59½ or later. After the government has given tax free interest and \$2,000 a year exemption on income tax, it may very well take the attitude that it has a vested interest in the federal civil servants' IRAs. This could be the excuse Congress could use for reducing FCS annuities (as if they need an excuse).

If anyone thinks this is too ridiculous to happen, they need only read the AFGE Local 1858 "Highlighter" of Dec. 23. There is a piece of infor-

mation in that issue so unbelievable that I called Senator Heflin's office for clarification. His aide confirmed that the following is now law:

The Senate voted 96-0 to reduce the earned Social Security benefits of future Federal Civil Service retirees one dollar for each dollar above \$300 received from a government retirement plan. . .

The aide had no answer to my questions: Since SS is a tax and if one works and one pays, what can a 55 year old retired PCS expect if he sells real estate till he is 70? Does he have to pay SS tax with the unequivocal promise that he can never get one dime in benefits?

This latest onslaught on FCS retirement benefits will result in FCS with 25 years of Social Security annuity and 20 years of FCS annuity retiring after 45 years' employment with only 36.25 per cent (High 3) benefits. FCS with 42 years get 80 percent.

If the government can do this, they can surely reduce FCS retirement benefits for those who receive IRA annuities.

George Street

Flimflammed

Editor:

I am writing in regard to the recent increase in federal health insurance premiums and reduction of benefits. After reviewing most of the plans, I have concluded that the federal employees have been flimflammed.

It is unreal to me that anyone, and I emphasize anyone, has license to issue such a damaging blow to an individual without: (1) Giving that individual an opportunity to review and realize the conse-

quences, and (2) allowing the individual to adjust (in this case change plans) to protect his interests.

I do not profess to be well-learned in legalese; however, common sense tells me that arbitrarily changing terms of a contract without consent and knowledge of the parties thereto is a violation of rights guaranteed under the First Amendment. Surely, a non-partisan court will eventually reverse this action and only then will our eviscerated health plans be worth having.

Name withheld by request

Still a problem

Editor:

Is there still a problem pending final evaluation of the DDT at the plant that was located on Redstone Arsenal? I have not heard of a final evaluation.

This past weekend while hunting on Wheeler Refuge, I saw several people fishing at Triana and also saw two fishermen in a boat go up and down Indian Creek, both days, and unload their fish boxes in the boat.

If the fish are so contaminated that the people can file a lawsuit, then how can the people still fish and eat the fish that are contaminated?

Name withheld by request

Answer: There is a continuing problem with DDT. Army studies found about 800 tons of almost pure DDT spread in the bottom of Huntsville Spring Branch from a point about a quarter mile west of Patton Rd., all the way to Triana. Most of it (more than 90 percent) is between Patton and Dodd Roads. Army and TVA tests found that fish in the Spring Branch and Indian Creek and in the Tennessee River near the arsenal are heavily contaminated with DDT. Fishing is prohibited on the arsenal in Indian Creek and Huntsville Spring Branch. Numerous federal agencies including the Environmental Protection Agency have made repeated recommendations to Alabama health authorities to ban fishing in Indian Creek and the Tennessee River near Triana. The state to date has refused to take any action.

Children's Dental Health Month

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. As part of the observance, Redstone Arsenal Dental Activity contributed the following item.

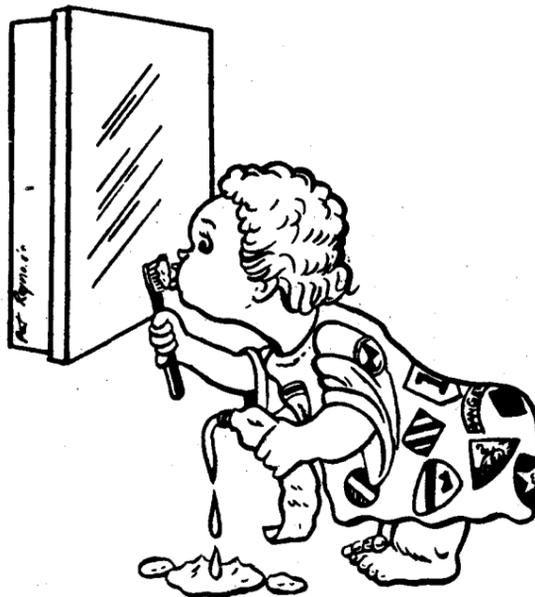
I've heard that many foods contain "hidden" sugars. How can I tell which ones?

As the American lifestyle has changed, consumption of prepared and processed foods has increased.

The term "hidden sugar" has arisen because many food products are sweetened before they reach the home. Sugars, depending on the frequency eaten and the form in which consumed, are the dietary components which contribute most to tooth decay. One must read food labels to know if sugar has been added to a product. This practice is especially important when choosing snack foods.

There are many different types of simple sugars, with different names. Sucrose, the most widely used, is usually listed as "sugar" on a package. Other forms of sugar are: fructose, glucose, maltose, dextrose, lactose, malto dextrin, corn syrup, malt syrup, molasses, honey, brown sugar, and unrefined sugar. Remember that even the so-called "natural" sugars promote dental decay.

Product ingredients are listed by weight, so if a sugar is the first or second ingredient listed, a large



percentage of that food may be sugar. If the label lists several types of sugars, the food may contain a substantial amount of added sugar. When these sugary foods are eaten between meals, the potential for the development of dental decay is increased.



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Cafeterias need those borrowed trays and utensils

Several thousands of dollars in small items are missing from the civilian cafeterias onpost mainly because people forgot they borrowed them.

"Silverware, trays and salt and pepper shakers are probably the worse items. They just take them and don't bother to bring them back," said Al Sessler, the post restaurant officer.

Replacing missing items from the seven civilian cafeterias could cost the Post Restaurant Fund \$5,000, Sessler said. This would reduce the profits given to the Civilian Welfare Fund for civilian recreational activities.

"That (\$5,000) is just the post restaurant share," Sessler added. "That doesn't include the contractor's share."

Missing items include salt and pepper shakers, serving trays, silverware, cups and saucers, ash trays and furniture.

In a survey several weeks ago, about \$50 in merchandise was found by restaurant officials in one wing of Bldg. 5250. Eight sets of salt and pepper shakers and four or five sets of silverware were found in the cabinets of one office.

"Obviously, it's not done with any malice or intent to steal. They just borrow them and forget to bring them back," the post restaurant officer said.

The problem is "pretty widespread," according to Sessler. "It's bad everywhere; everywhere

there's a cafeteria. People don't mean to do it."

Cost of missing items can add up quickly. Cafeteria trays alone cost over \$30 a dozen and ash trays are 50 cents each. "Some of this is being stolen. There's no question about it," Sessler said. "But we know there's a great amount of it down in the offices; that's what we hope to get back.

"If they want to borrow it, fine. We just want to know about it so it can be kept track of."

People with cafeteria items that need to be returned are asked to call anyone on the Post Restaurant Council and the items will be picked up. Personnel may also call the cafeterias. Sessler's number is 876-2073.



Soldier demonstrates Viper

Second Viper buy 60,000 rounds

The Army Missile Command has awarded approximately \$89.3 million to General Dynamics Corp., in Pomona, Calif., for the second production buy of the Army's Viper anti-tank system.

For that amount, the Army is buying 60,000 tactical rounds, training hardware, additional production facilities, and is implementing a cost reduction program.

Deliveries of Viper hardware to the Army will begin early next year.

Weighing approximately nine pounds, Viper is a small, unguided, anti-tank rocket that will be issued to soldiers as rounds of ammunition. The shoulder-fired Viper will be more powerful, accurate and effective than the M72 LAW it replaces and will have a much longer effective range.

Viper represents something new in Army-missile development.

From propellant formulation to a complete weapon prototype, the new

tank killer was developed by MICOM's Army Missile Laboratory. General Dynamics won the competitive contract in February 1976 to become prime contractor and begin engineering development of Viper.

The first production contract of \$14.4 million was awarded to General Dynamics in December 1981.

GD will perform most of the work in its Camden, Ark., facility, including component production and final assembly of the weapon system.

Other major team members include Atlantic Research Corp., which will load rocket motors at its Camden plant; Brunswick Corp., Defense Division, for rocket motor cases and launch tubes at Lincoln, Neb.; Bulova Systems and Instruments Co., Valley Stream, N. Y., for arming and safety devices; Mason and Hanger-Silas Mason Co., Iowa Army Ammunition Plant at Middletown, Iowa, warhead; and Callery Chemical Co., Callery, Penn., propellant additive.

Recruiting seeks civilians for jobs in Europe

Four representatives from the U.S. Army in Europe are to visit here Feb. 11-12 to recruit civilians for overseas jobs.

"They are recruiting for employees with a background in facilities engineering (construction) to work for three years in Europe," said Phyllis Conner, a MICOM personnel staffing specialist. "They will be looking for engineers in the following specialties: Civil, mechanical, environmental, electrical, industrial and general. Also, engineering technicians and construction inspectors."

The recruitment team is also looking for employees in other fields, she added. These include supply, finance and comptroller and also architects and master planners.

Salaries range from \$14,138 to \$32,000, Conner said.

The team members are Robert Mousel, James Lelander, Harry Greveris and Ed Zawaisa. They are to be available from 9 a.m. to the end of the day on Feb. 11th and 12th in room 5, Bldg. 7446. "There

is going to be a presentation on at 9 o'clock and then the team will meet individually with employees that are interested," Conner said. "They would like to encourage attendance by the spouses, also."

All the jobs are with the U.S. Army in Europe. Civilian workers would attend the recruitment session on duty time and the public is encouraged to attend.

"This is the first time MICOM has hosted this type of presentation," Conner said.

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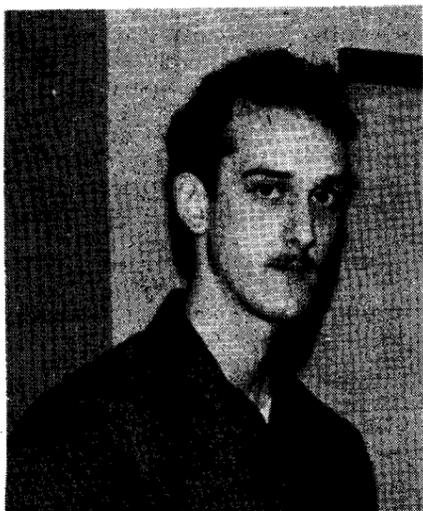
Have you had any problem with the battledress uniform?



Pvt. 2 Jeff Baker, 291st MP Co. — "I had trouble getting them where I was last stationed. Until the MP's turn to them, I'll not get them. I hear they shrink, so I'll wait until they're corrected."



Sp4 Blanch E. Watkins, Co. A — "I've had a little trouble with shrinkage in the sleeves. I like the new uniforms, they're much better. My advice for anyone buying them would be to buy a size larger in case there is a shrinkage problem."



PFC Larry L. Soliday, Co. B — "They (the Post Exchange) had the uniform but they didn't have the cap and that presents a problem. They look nice though."



Sgt. Jack W. Shields, Jr., Co. B — "When I first washed it, it shrank. I found that if you let it drip dry, you will have no problems with it. They're definitely not worth what you pay for them, but they are comfortable."



Pvt. 2 Greg Fowler, 291st MP Co. — "We're having trouble getting them. We had a roster that we filled out, and we are waiting for further word on them. I do not like their appearance."



PFC George W. Henderson, 7th S.C. — "No, I love it, it's the best thing the Army ever came up with. A little shrinkage in the arms is the only thing I can think of which has given me any trouble."

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The course and workshop will be conducted by Professor D. Brian Spalding.

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PREREQUISITE: Knowledge of Engineering Mechanics

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Topics will include: review of vector analysis, determinants, matrices, and group theory; infinite series; second-order differential equations; and special functions.

DATE: MARCH 22 - APRIL 16, 1982
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Instrumentation systems ranging from voltmeters and oscilloscopes to microprocessor based instruments will be studied as examples.

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Local Navy recruiter tops district for 1981

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The big question at the Navy recruiting station in Huntsville may be what recruiter Jim Harvell will do for an encore.

Petty Officer 1st Class Harvell was so successful in his first year as a recruiter that he won the "recruiter of the year" award for the Nashville district.

Now he's awaiting orders to go on instructor duty at the recruiting school in Orlando, Fla. — the state where he was born and raised.

"I enjoy recruiting; that's one of the big factors of it," Harvell said. "Just explaining to them what's available and what they can do and letting them make the decision. I'm more or less a counselor."

He tells prospective recruits the opportunities in today's Navy. "First of all is the job security but education is the biggest factor," Harvell said.

"Money is a factor but they're looking for what can offer them more in the form of training," he added. "Our biggest program in my area is nuclear power; then advanced electronic, which is usually the one most people go into; and then the advanced technical field."

He enlisted 77 people in fiscal 1981 and was credited for 81 people because he got double credit for two nuclear power recruits. His total was tops among the 56 Navy production recruiters in the Nashville district which includes north Alabama, east Tennessee, southern Kentucky and a small part of Virginia.

Harvell received a certificate and trophy at an award ceremony at the district headquarters in Nashville. "It was in October that I knew of making it," he recalled. "I wasn't awarded the award until December. I was awarded a Navy achievement medal along with it."

The 27-year-old arrived in Huntsville in September 1980 after being stationed with a patrol squadron in Jacksonville, Fla. for two years. Before that, he was aboard ship near Jacksonville as a sonar technician in electronics.



Harvell counsels recruit

"I came into the Navy right out of high school," Harvell recalled. "I had a scholarship but I turned it down and went into electronics in the Navy."

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Harvell works at the recruiting office on Huntsville's North Memorial Parkway and resides on Redstone Arsenal. He and his wife Scarlet have a daughter who will be eight in March and a two-year-old son.

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Office links Army family to Pentagon

WASHINGTON — The head of the Army's new family liaison office (FLO) says the establishment of her agency affirms the Army's commitment to improving the quality of life for the military family.

Betty Hart assumed duties at the Pentagon Jan. 18 as the principal civilian aid and advisor on family matters to the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel. Hart will assist the Army in developing and directing overall policy, programs and procedures that affect the family.

An Army family member for 18 years, the new executive entered government service in 1976 after a teaching career, two years as a community service coordinator for Columbus College in Georgia, and extensive volunteer experience. For the past two years, Hart worked in the office of the assistant deputy chief of naval operations on affirmative action and training for navy civilian employees.

"Developing communication" between the Army's family members throughout the world and its policymakers at the Pentagon is how Hart views her new job. "FLO is one of the avenues now available for input to the way the Army runs its programs for families," she said.

"The image of the traditional family is changing," Hart continued. "We recognize that the Army family, like the soldier, comes in many sizes and shapes. Personnel policies and plans will consider family impact wherever possible."

Hart says one of her first duties will be to examine existing Army-wide family support programs and the various pilot family programs now underway at some installations. Calling FLO a "listening vehicle," The FLO chief says she plans to keep Army leaders abreast of the areas of concern and interest and family matters being expressed at installation level.

"The work will remain at installation level," stressed Hart. "FLO will be a clearing house to make sure the information is shared across the organization."

The creation of FLO was one of six recommendations that emerged in 1980 from the first Army family symposium in Washington D.C. In the follow-up report to the Army, delegates cited the need for an official family liaison agency to study findings of the symposium, review Army policies that impact on families and establish a network to identify family problem areas. (ARENEWS)



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Training starts in July for new MOS

BY JOHN WAGNER

Training for a new military occupational specialty, ammunition stock control and accounting specialist (55R), is scheduled to begin July 6 at MMCS, according to George Foster, a training specialist with Directorate of Training Development.

The MOS was proposed by the school March 4, 1981 and approved by the Department of the Army Dec. 31.

"We expect approval of the proposed program of instruction by the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command within 60 days," Foster said.

The draft program of instruction for 55R describes the course as teaching the essential skills and knowledge necessary to function as a stock control specialist in manual and automated ammunition supply systems at ammunition supply points

and at Corps Material Centers. The course includes instruction in the operator and systems skills necessary to run ammunition software programs on computer hardware.

"Our Standard Army Ammunition System Committee assisted in developing this new MOS," Foster explained. "The 55R specialty will accomplish two things. First, it will replace the 'L4' additional skill identifier connected with the ammunition storage specialist (55B) MOS. There have been major personnel management problems with the L4 — ammunition stock control and accounting — ASI. Converting it to an MOS will change that.

"Secondly, we're adding computer training because the Army's entire ammunition supply is becoming automated step by step," he continued. "That's what the Standard Army Ammunition System is, and it requires skilled personnel.

"The SAAS operates at the theater level on a centralized basis and at the corps level. In the future it will be implemented at the ammunition supply point level," Foster said.

The 55R course will last 12 weeks and will be divided into five phases. The first 4½ weeks consists of learning basic ammunition subjects and how to manually keep records. Computer instruction comprises the next 6½ weeks and the final week is for practice and testing, according to Foster.

Personnel serving in MOS 55B who perform ammunition stock control accounting duties will be reclassified to MOS 55R, effective Sept. 1. Those satisfactorily completing on the job training in their units, extension training, or who attend the resident course, will be awarded the "T" Skill Qualification Identifier. Once everyone holding MOS 55R has a "T" SQI, the "T" will be dropped and the MOS will revert to 55R.

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The commissary helps by distributing to its patrons "Ladycom," a military lifestyle magazine, according to Boutelle. The February issue has \$12.44 in coupons. "We also put coupons out with the products themselves," the deputy commissary officer added.

"Some shoppers are very avid about saving their coupons," Boutelle said. "It would not be unfeasible for them to save 5 percent off their shopping bill."

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Inspector General oath given

All Army inspectors general and their investigators now take an oath that sets them apart from the rest of the Army.

The symbolic oath was first administered to about 150 inspectors general by the Secretary of the Army at the worldwide IG conference in Washington, D.C. Jan. 14. A letter from the Army inspector general authorized commanding generals to administer the oath to their inspector general office.

"It's an oath that you take the reminds you of the special trust and responsibility that you have as an

inspector general," said Lt. Col. James E. Milliner, the MICOM inspector general.

He and Jack Fohner took the oath from the Secretary of the Army at the worldwide conference. On Feb. 1, the remaining eight investigators under Milliner took the oath from MICOM commander Maj. Gen. Robert L. Moore.

"I think that reminds them of the special trust and responsibility that has been assigned to them and it also reminds them of the need for unquestionable integrity while serving in their position as

inspectors-investigators," Milliner said.

The administering of the oath tells others in MICOM that the IG investigators will perform their duties "impartially and again with a high degree of integrity," he said.

Before the worldwide conference, the Department of Army inspector general was the only one who took an oath of office. Now subordinate IG's and their investigators are to take an oath from their commanding general upon entering office.

Lt. Gen. Richard Trefry, the Army inspector general, wrote "It is not intended that the oath be administered by inspectors general to inspectors general, but rather that the oath be administered by the commander to his inspector general which should further the bond between the commander and the inspector general . . ."

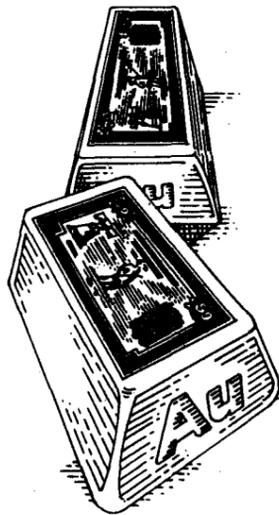
The oath was recommended by Trefry to Secretary of the Army John Marsh. "The additional oath would tend to set inspectors general apart from the rest of the Army," Trefry wrote.

"As inspectors general, we are different and must be if there is to be validity to the concept," he wrote. "That is why there is inspector general insignia and why there are specific criteria for the selection and the length of tour as an inspector general."

Those who take the oath pledge to accept the "special obligations and responsibilities" of the position; uphold the standards for inspectors general prescribed by regulation; and "without prejudice or partiality" discharge the duties of the office.

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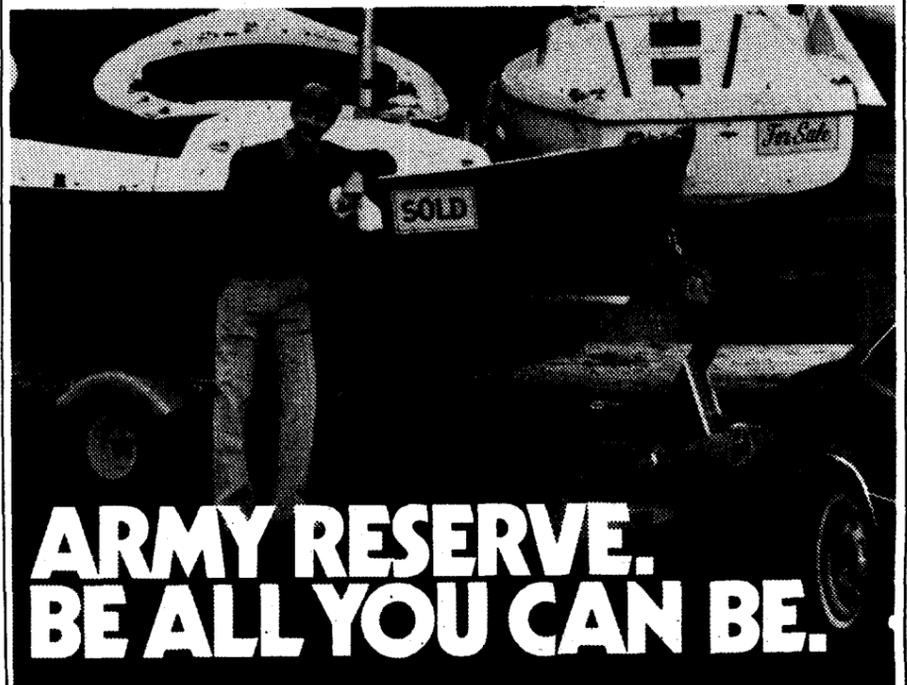
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CSM says over 40 physical fitness studied

Physical fitness testing for soldiers over 40 is being studied, the TRADOC command sergeant major said during his visit here last week.

CSM James B. Craft said the three-event test will



Craft talks to NCOs

be extended to soldiers over 40 after times, counts, scores and age group brackets are calculated.

Craft's two-day visit at the Missile and Munitions Center and School included tours of MMCS facilities; a briefing on the proposed Individual Training Evaluation Plan; and an NCO call with more than 200 E-7s and above in attendance.

"Through 1985 the first sergeant's course will be graduating approximately 300 people each year," he told the school's senior NCOs. "The people we're looking for at the course are E-7s on the promotion list and junior E-8s."

The 300 graduates per year is expected to double when first sergeant's training begins in Europe, Craft said. In 1985 the number of senior NCO's com-

pleting the course is expected to jump to 1,200.

On the subject of new uniforms, Craft said it may be 1986 before the Battle Dress Uniform is fully standardized. "One problem we've had is with the brown T-shirts for the uniform," he said. "Some training posts have been able to issue only three (of the required) six and some have had to issue six white T-shirts."

New equipment training for senior NCOs is "another thing I'm concerned about," Craft said.

"Many junior NCOs have come to me complaining that the senior NCOs are not getting new equipment training," he explained. "It is the duty of all soldiers, especially NCOs, to become competent on any new equipment in their area."

Fitness

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"Fitness is more than losing weight and exercising regularly — it requires a change in attitudes which can result only from strong leadership," said Marsh. But, he advised caution in implementing demanding fitness programs for older or previously unfit soldiers until medical screening occurs.

As an illustration of the real significance of fitness, Marsh cited the case of Brig. Gen. James Dozier. The secretary attributed Dozier's "physical toughness and great self-discipline as the qualities which sustained him during his captivity." (ARNEWS)



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Over-40 PT program goes to next phase

WASHINGTON — The Army is taking its over-40 physical training program to the next phase, as efforts to continue building an "Army fit to fight" proceed.

That and other details on where the Army is taking its over-40 program surfaced during a recent ARNEWS interview with Col. J. L. Bedynek Jr. medical consultant in the Army Surgeon General's directorate of professional services.

Progress of the over-40 physical training program has a new dimension in the designation of 1982 as the "year of physical fitness in the Army." This renewed emphasis was recently declared by Army Secretary John O. Marsh Jr. and Army Chief of Staff Gen. E. C. Meyer.

Part of the job of translating that call to action into specifics falls upon Bedynek and his associates. A prime consultant on the over-40 program since it was first proposed in July 1979, Bedynek explains that the program currently consists of two parts — a medical screening program and a physical testing program.

"The basic concept behind the over-40 program is an emphasis on increasing stamina and endurance through aerobic exercise," notes the Army doctor. "Increasing one's stamina and endurance has to do with working the muscles of locomotion. Aerobic exercises — such as running, biking, swimming, rope jumping — are designed to do that, as well as enhance the flow of blood through the heart and improve respiratory functions."

SCREENING

The medical screening program for Army personnel over 40 aims to safeguard from overactivity soldiers susceptible to developing heart disease.

"We want to have a safe program," Bedynek explains. "We want to look at those people to make sure it's safe" for them to take part in sustained physical training.

The screening procedure consists of the seven Framingham study risk factors that identify those soldiers likely to develop coronary disease well in advance of the appearance of symptoms.

Among the risk factors are sex, age, cigarette smoking habits, high blood pressure, high blood-sugar content (diabetes), electrocardiogram abnormalities, and high levels of cholesterol. Although these aren't the only factors that might be considered in assessing the extent of risk, Bedynek maintains they're the "most objective risk factors."

Once it's determined a person falls below the risk index set by Army medical experts. He or she may then take part in a six-month training program the Army has developed for its over-40 population. That program currently involves running and other aerobic exercises.

TESTING UNDERWAY

The Army now is conducting a test at the Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., to refine the program. "The Carlisle effort is primary in refining the program," Bedynek states. "It should tell us how far we should go and how rapidly we can do it."

According to the doctor, the two-week, voluntary program at Carlisle includes screening of the college's 274 students and faculty members. The refinement work will put each of the participants through a standard treadmill test — one of the follow-on tests for any of the risk factors for possible heart problems.

Bedynek notes that the screening process has several other evaluation channels set up for those persons who are in the high-risk category. Further work on those procedures will continue as the over-40 physical training program develops.

The Carlisle test of the over-40 program continues the Army's move, begun in April 1980, toward establishing new physical fitness standards for the entire Army. Back then, the Chief of Staff approved a new Army physical readiness test program for soldiers. The test includes three events in which soldiers under age 40 are tested: push-ups, sit-ups and a two-mile run.

Soldiers over age 40 now are required to test in the two-mile run only, with participation in the push-up and sit-up events deferred as the over-40 program undergoes study and approval.

Subsequent pilot projects for the over-40 program were conducted at Fort Benning, Ga., and at the Pentagon. Their results allowed the Army medical community to refine the basic screening program procedures and risk-factor index.

"The Benning study proved to be a reasonably effective program to detect heart disease," said Bedynek. "We have not had people over the age of 40 to go through a physical training and test program before. We may go up or down (on the age cutoff) and we want to be sure it's a safe and effective program." (ARNEWS)

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Once again, as they have for the past ten years, members of the Redstone Arsenal Officers Wives Club, are preparing for their annual Exhibition and Auction of Fine Art. This year's event will be held in the Officers Club ballroom Saturday, Feb. 27 and Sunday, Feb. 28.

Guests will have ample time to browse through the art work as the exhibition begins at 3 p.m. with the auction set for 7 p.m., Saturday. The following morning, any remaining art will be available for sale from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Complimentary wine, cheese and hors d'oeuvres will be available before the auction with a cash bar

provided throughout the evening.

Tickets are \$2.50 and may be purchased at the cashiers cage of the Officers Club, from unit reps or by calling 837-6844 or 837-1823. All military and civilian personnel are invited to attend.

Art may be purchased by cash, personal check, VISA or Mastercard.

"The exhibition will provide an enjoyable evening whether you're a collector or just browsing," said an OWC spokeswoman. Some proceeds will benefit local charitable organizations as well as the OWC scholarship fund.

MMCS library had good ideas

The MMCS Technical Library staff has received a certificate of achievement from the school's commandant in recognition of their 100 percent participation in the Army Suggestion Program.

The eight members of the staff made a total of nine suggestions for improving library operations.

Eva Cathey, administrative librarian, encourages everyone to participate in the program.

"Ideas can evolve into tangible benefits for those whom we serve," she said. "I think everyone should try to analyze anything which may improve their job or the jobs of those they serve."

The suggestion program is open to any Army employee, and money saving suggestions may net cash rewards for the suggestor. Suggestion forms and suggestion boxes are available in work areas throughout the Arsenal.

Walkers, joggers should be careful

Several accidents involving pedestrians have been reported recently to the Missile Command's safety office.

"Recently, two accidents and numerous incidents have been reported to the MICOM safety office involving marching troops, pedestrians and personnel jogging on the roadways of Redstone Arsenal," according to a safety office report.

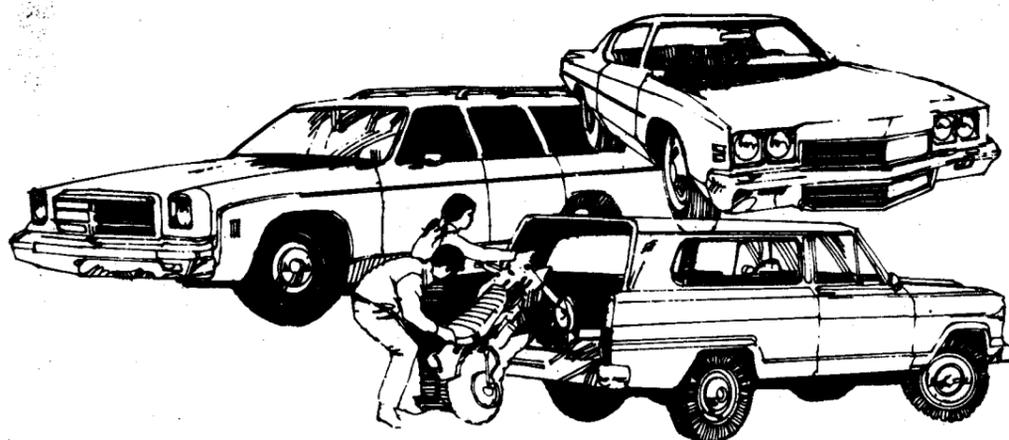
People walking or jogging on roadways can reduce traffic hazards through "the wearing of proper clothing and observance of established rules," the safety office said.

It recommends wearing bright and reflectorized clothing and also carrying a flashlight to increase visibility.

"Second is the proper procedures for walking or jogging on roadways utilized by motor vehicles," the safety office added. "Except at properly marked crosswalks and troops marching in formation, vehicles on Redstone Arsenal have the right of way over pedestrians; therefore, pedestrians must follow the safest procedures to prevent injury to themselves or create a traffic hazard."

Safe practices include using bicycle paths; walking or jogging in single file on the left side of the road, facing the flow of traffic, when paths are not available; and crossing roadways at designated crosswalks.

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Activities

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The NCO Club will sponsor a dinner, fashion show and dance at 5 p.m. Feb. 25. The fashion models will show contemporary clothing, some of their own fashion and some loaned by the Post Exchange.

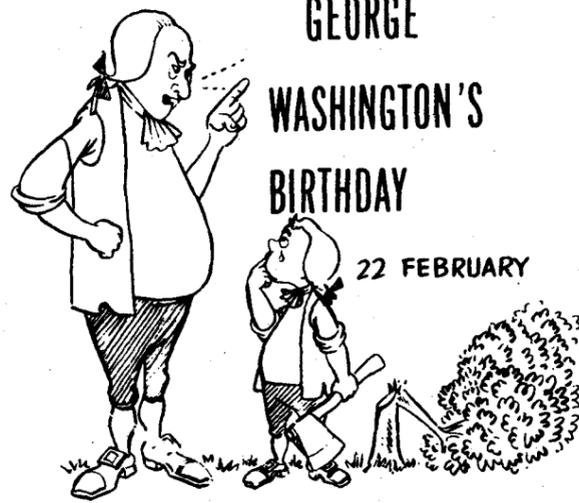
Throughout the month, video tape showings of black historical lecturers will be shown in conference room 115 of Bldg. 5250 during lunch.

For information about transportation to and from these activities, call SSgt. Lawrence Strong 876-2326.



Not ready

The "Not Ready for Motown" band plays 1950s music as it traces major black music artists from the 1950s through the '70s. The musical tribute was part of a variety show for Black History Month Feb. 2, at the Recreation Center.



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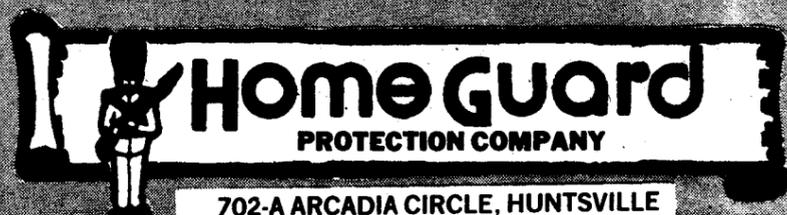
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Absentee voting help available

WASHINGTON — A number of soldiers and Defense Department employees who vote by absentee ballot may be using a new, revised federal post card application (FPCA, Rev. 1981) form for the 1982 general elections.

The new FPCA will be issued for use by more than five million U.S. citizens entitled to vote by absentee ballot, according to federal voting assistance program (FVAP) officials.

Military voting assistance officers and counselors have been advised to use present stocks of the old FPCA (Rev. 1979) before issuing the new 1981 FPCA. Officials note that both application forms are identical in purpose and look very similar.

The new FPCA has been changed to include a small vertical post card that local election officials will return to the voter explaining the status of their request.

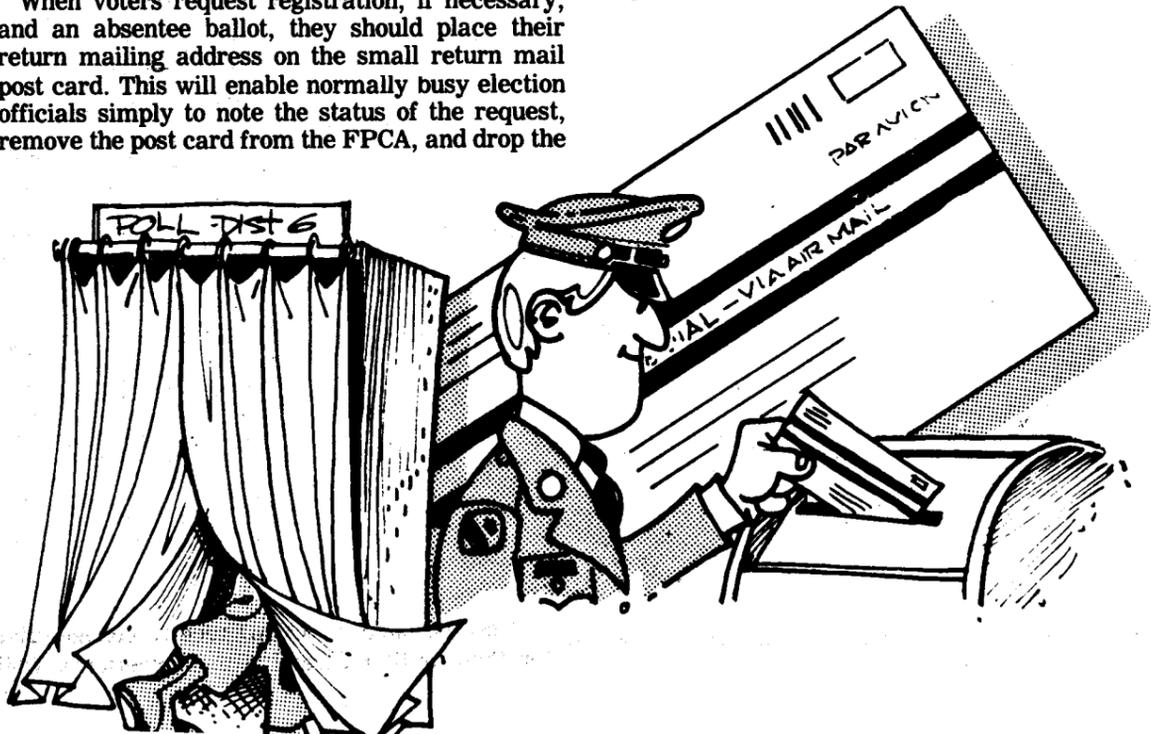
When voters request registration, if necessary, and an absentee ballot, they should place their return mailing address on the small return mail post card. This will enable normally busy election officials simply to note the status of the request, remove the post card from the FPCA, and drop the

return post card in the mail.

Help in preparing the FPCA can be found in the newest voting guide. The 1982 voting assistance guide is being sent to all military voting assistance officers and to other government agencies having absentee voting responsibility.

Voting assistance officers should be receiving copies of the guide in late January and February. Anyone having difficulty getting copies of the 1982 guide or other voting information material should contact their next higher voting official or the FVAP. "Be part of America's future vote", is this year's voting slogan. A poster carrying the slogan will be distributed during the election year.

Any question about the new FPCA or voting assistance guide that cannot be answered at the local level may be answered by contacting the Federal Voting Assistance program at the Pentagon, Autovon: 224-4928. (ARNEWS)



F&A aims toward hoop title

It's five down and five to go for Finance and Accounting for the championship of the Civilian Welfare Basketball League.

F&A notched its fifth win and remained undefeated by turning back Corps of Engineers, 71-61, last week behind the hot shooting of Robert McDonald with 16 and Dewayne Kelly with 15.

Bob Noel took game honors, however, with 26 for the losers.

Rachels rebounded from their loss to F&A the previous week by defeating Controllers 47-42 behind James Battle, the league's leading scorer, who had 19.

Autro Whitman had 18 for Controllers.

Elsewhere, P&P No. 1 defeated P&P No. 2, 49-37; Corps of Engineers stopped Missile Labs, 58-44; Supply nosed out Metrology, 55-53; and Green Machine edged TMDE, 66-63.

CWF TOP TEN SCORERS

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2. Autro Whitman	Controllers	19
3. Terry Whitman	Controllers	18.8
4. Larry Cable	Rachels	17.1
5. Abdullah Muhammad	F&A	16.2
6. Bob Hubbard	Supply	16.2
7. Dewayne Kelly	F&A	16
8. Calvin Boone	P&P No. 2	15.9
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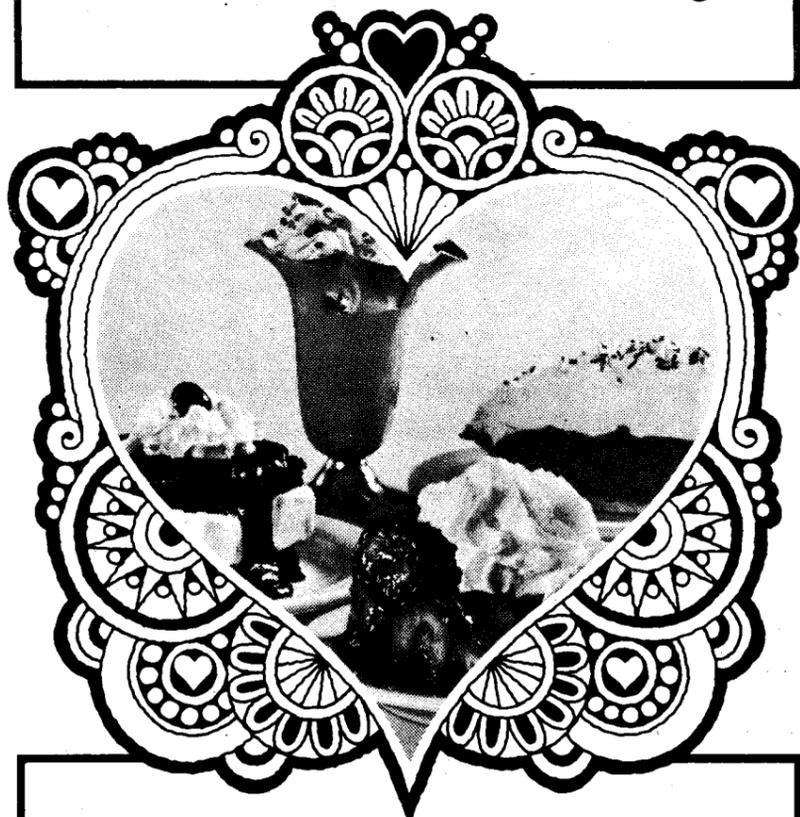
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Don't lose out when you move

BY ED PETERS

The only thing worse than losing your household goods during a move is losing a second time because you failed to get insurance or lack ownership records to back up your claim for loss or damage.

Soldiers and civilians on government moves need a detailed record of their personal property and should consider buying supplemental personal property insurance, according to SFC Paul Nydam, MICOM chief legal clerk.

Records are necessary to establish proof of ownership for claims purposes and supplemental insurance is recommended to make sure that actual value can be recovered for property lost or damaged during a move.

"You shouldn't rely on the government paying for all your property" in damage or loss cases, said Nydam. "Without private insurance to assume some of the risk, you wind up assuming the risk in many cases," the legal clerk said.

When you file a claim with the government or an insurance company you have to prove ownership of the property you claim is lost or damaged. That can be difficult when you have no records, particularly when property destruction is total as in a fire.

"Suppose it burns up and everything is in cinders. You have no proof unless you have photographs or property receipts," Nydam cautioned.

He recommends photographs as a good way to establish a property record. "What I did personally was take black and white 35mm photographs," the legal clerk said.

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It cost him only 10 cents at the PX to have a 36 exposure roll of film developed. He said there is no need to have the pictures printed — just put the negatives in a safe place, other than your home. Perhaps give them to a friend or relative for safekeeping.

"You should open all cabinets and use different angles to show everything," Nydam added.

He also suggests making an alphabetized property inventory of your home, room by room. "Put the

price next to each item. You'll be surprised how much you have accumulated," he said.

A detailed property record is useful not only to cover loss or damage when moving but also, in the event of fire or other damage to your home, to help in filing claims with an insurer or, if you live on a military base, with the government.

Nydam cautioned that the property inventory completed by a mover may not be adequate for claims purposes. "That inventory requires a general description — 'Carton of books' may be expensive encyclopedias," he said, or it may be cheap paperbacks. If a claim were filed for encyclopedias a photograph or receipt would prove ownership.

Receipts too should be safeguarded. "Putting receipts in with the items in a no-no," said Nydam.

The more detailed records you keep, the easier it is to process claims with the government or an insurance company. In the absence of good records, claims normally processed in a few days may drag on for months, Nydam said.

EMPTY HOUSE

One military family recently found themselves with an empty house after the moving van carrying all their belongings caught fire and burned up. "The people are now trying to reconstruct a list of what they had . . . so far they've claimed \$11,000 on major items and haven't got to the smaller items yet," Nydam said.

He advises planning a move well in advance. Know your responsibilities before you receive your orders. Know before the confusion of the move begins what you have and what it is worth.

Where the government's liability doesn't cover the cost of an item you should consider supplemental insurance and always, Nydam stressed, "understand what your policy covers. If you're not sure, ask the salesperson. If you're still in doubt, check Legal Assistance."

He cited a case of a misunderstanding with an insurer where a Redstone civilian lost \$3,500 on an expensive furniture item damaged in shipment from Germany.



College program expands to Europe

WASHINGTON — Soldiers stationed in Europe may take advantage now of SOCAD — the servicemembers opportunity associate degree program.

Those enrolled in SOCAD receive college credit for their military training and experience while they work toward an associate's degree.

Under the SOCAD program, soldiers agree to follow a set curriculum with a "home" college or university. Upon reassignment to another post, they may continue their studies at another SOCAD institution offering the same curriculum network.

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State troopers honor soldiers

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Two soldiers with the Redstone Readiness Group each received a recognition award from the state of Alabama for aiding an injured traffic accident victim.

SFC James Robert Hensley, the group's supply sergeant, and Sp5 Richie Alonzo Martin of the admin team received the award Feb. 4. The document cited their actions when they came upon a one-car mishap early Saturday, Sept. 19, 1981 on U.S. 278 west of Attalla, Ala.

The accident involved Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Norton of Route 3, Altoona and the man suffered "deep cuts, choking and shock following the accident," the award stated. The soldiers applied "proper and suitable first aid techniques promptly and effectively to prevent further harm. . ."

Trooper Sgt. Larry Hardin, safety education and public relations officer for the Huntsville troop, said the award was from the governor's office and the director of public safety.

At the time of the accident, the two soldiers were

on TDY enroute to Anniston to assist the 490th Chemical Company, Army Reserve Center. "We were both in uniform," Hensley recalled. "People thought we were police officers because of the shoulder boards. They thought we were state troopers."

Hensley and Martin rendered first aid "a good 40 minutes" before an ambulance arrived at the isolated location, Hensley said. A truck driver gave them a blanket for the victim and an unidentified man helped render first aid.

"The sad part is people would pull up and ask if the police department had been called but none of them would stop and help us render first aid," Hensley recalled.

"They cannot become libel for rendering first aid. And that was why a lot of people did not assist us, and God knows we could've used it," he said. "The only thing they were willing to do was call the authorities."

He and Martin finally arrived at Anniston but were "about two hours late."

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REDSTONE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION HAS SHORT ANNUAL MEETING

The annual Redstone Federal Credit Union meeting was held in the Von Braun Civic Center concert hall Thursday evening, January 28, 1982. The meeting was called to order by President Richard J. Allen at 7 p.m. Approximately 100 members attended, at least one-third of whom were credit union officers and committee members, their families and guests. Upon announcement of a quorum by President Allen, Jim Breece moved to change the order of the agenda to make elections the first item of business. The changing of the order of the agenda required a two-thirds majority vote, and the show of hands, as counted by the president, was 55-for and 31-against. The motion failed, being two votes short. Mr. Winslow Hill moved for a recount, as his own count did not agree with that of the president. Mr. Allen denied the motion, on advice of the parliamentarian, stating that the show of hands was too difficult to count and that his count was good enough. Subsequent motions to amend the agenda in a manner different from the first motion were denied by the president, and with that, the meeting moved on to the Secretary's reading of the minutes of the 1981 meeting, a motion to forego reading of the minutes was made and carried. The President's report was dispensed with on a similar motion, but the manager, Mr. Roy Hollihan; Mr. Edward Collier, Chairman of the Credit Committee; and Mr. James Blackburn, Chairman of the Supervisory Committee, were permitted to make their reports, none of which took much time.

President Allen then moved to the election results, inadvertently bypassing old and new business. His attention was called to this error part of the way through his discourse, and he apologized for the oversight. Mr. Jim Deaton moved that the president continue with the election report and take up old and new business later. This motion required a two-thirds majority to carry but that requirement was overlooked. A simple show of hands was made and the motion carried. The result of the election was given to the president by a representative of the election tellers (the accounting firm of Ernst and Whinney) and the results announced in the approved manner. The Board's nominees swept the ticket except for a three-year term on the Credit Committee, which was won by independent candidate, Donnie I. Huggins, with 54 percent of the votes cast.

The Board's nominees drew 54% of the votes for 3 year terms on the board, against 46% for the independent candidates. For the 1-year term, the tally was 51% for Jim Blackburn versus 49% for Don Hervig. The independent candidates and their supporters were greatly encouraged by the vote and say they will be back next year with more activity and publicity than that which characterized this election.

With the election results completed, old and new business was entertained. Mr. Singh attempted to introduce a motion on reducing overdraft charges, suggesting that present charges were excessive. He further suggested five dollars as a reasonable amount. Before the motion could be seconded, President Allen disallowed the motion on the grounds that the subject lay entirely within the province of the board and was not a proper motion from the membership. In the context of such a motion being binding on the board, President Allen was correct. In the context, however, as being the sense of the membership that the Board reconsider the level of such charges, he was not correct. It is the opinion of this member that the motion should have been allowed if properly rephrased. Mr. Jarman C. McKinney, Jr. who accompanied past president Luther Adams, expressed his appreciation for the progress the Board has made in the past year. For the record, the Credit Union loss in 1981 was .745 million dollars, compared to a loss of 1.02 million dollars in 1980.

The meeting adjourned, the members to their homes and the Board of Directors, wives and guests, to the Hilton Hotel for dinner where the Credit Union picked up the tab.

In all, some forty minutes elapsed from the opening to the closing of the meeting, as adjournment came at 7:40 p.m.

Candidates elected were as follows:

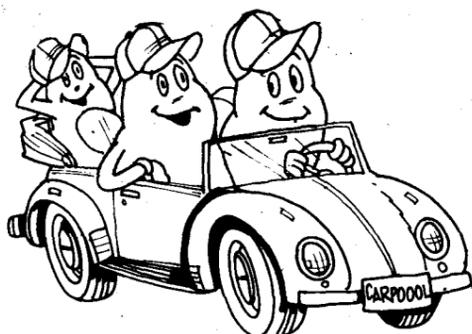
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Carpool member wanted from Arab to 4488, hours 7:30-4. Pat Phillips 876-2713.

Announcements

Preretirement orientation

The semi-annual preretirement orientation for military personnel with 19 years or more active federal service will be held at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 18 in the post theater. Representatives from the Veterans Administration, Employment Services, Finance and Transportation offices will attend to assist and counsel military personnel planning to retire soon. Spouses are encouraged to attend. For more information, call the Retired Service Office 876-2022.

Army secretary in AUSA speech

Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr., will speak at a dinner meeting of the AUSA Tennessee Valley Chapter on Feb. 11, at the Officers Club. A social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m.; tickets are \$8.50. For tickets, call Betty Gardner 876-4542 or Betty Whitman 876-4504.

Bloodmobile

The Bloodmobile will be at Bldg. 3481 (7th SC) today beginning at 10:30. Other stops scheduled in February include: Feb. 12 — Bldg. 4488, 7-12. Feb. 16 — Bldg. 4752 (NASA), 8:30-12:30. Feb. 17 — Bldg. 3711 (Rec Center), 9-12. Feb. 19 — Bldg. 7442, 8:30-11:45. Feb. 22 — Bldg. 7120, 8-12. Feb. 26 — BMDSCOM, 8-12. For more information call 876-4603.

Hail & Farewell

A Mardi Gras theme and Dixieland jazz band are planned for the Hail & Farewell to be held Feb. 25 at the officers Club ballroom. The event will begin with a social at 6:45 followed by dinner at 7:30. Tickets cost \$7.65 per person. Comptroller Office is sponsor. For tickets or information call Protocol Office, 876-7135.

Boating safety course

Interested persons may still enroll in the nine-week "Boating Skills and Seamanship" course being taught locally on Tuesday nights by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. The next class meeting will be Feb. 16 from 6:45-9 p.m. at Jones Valley Community Center, 4908 Garth Road. For more information call Duncan Wilkinson 837-9142.

Civil defense drill

A statewide civil defense drill is to be held Feb. 11 or 12 for Severe Weather Preparedness Week, Feb. 7-13. The drill will begin as a Tornado Watch, proceed to a Tornado Warning and end with an All Clear. Messages will be preceded and ended with "This is a drill." The goal is to increase public awareness of potential severe weather threats and of protective actions that should be taken during severe weather.

Saigon club

A club, the Saigon Mission Association, has been formed for people who were involved in the American evacuation of Saigon. They meet once a year to keep alive the memory of Vietnam and discuss ways to help friends left behind. They publish a quarterly newsletter. Eligible to join are people in Vietnam before April 30, 1975 with the Defense Attache Office, American Embassy, USAID or government contract employee. For more information write Barbara Wilson Rudzinski, 101-Shaffer Ave., Westminster, Md. 21157.

Protestant women

The Protestant Women of the Chapel of Redstone Arsenal invite you to join them in the assembly room of the Bicentennial Chapel for a Prayer Workshop Seminar led by Marguerite Adams, a Bible Study teacher, of Huntsville, Feb. 18, the Workshop will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a break for lunch at 11:30. You may bring a sack lunch, then join the second class from 1-2:30 p.m. Drinks will be furnished by the Chapel. Free child care will be provided at the Child Care Center for mothers who attend, but reservations must be made for each child.

Friday worship

"Thank God it's Friday," a brief informal time of worship, will be held from 11:30-11:45 a.m. Fridays at the executive dining room in Bldg. 5250. The open sessions will be led by Chaplain (Capt.) Cecil Ryland.

Sweetheart banquet

A post wide "sweetheart banquet" will be held at the Bicentennial Chapel at 7 p.m. Feb. 14. Ed and Carole Sanger of Huntsville will be the speakers for an evening of fun, food and fellowship. They will discuss "communication skills that will help in making a good marriage better." The cost is \$1.50 per person; free child care will be available at the day care center. For reservations, call 876-5707 or 876-5751.

Child care council

A Child Care Center parents' council meeting will be held at the Bicentennial Chapel at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 26.

In-service recruiter

The in-service recruiter for the Army National Guard and Army Reserve will be at the Transfer Point in Bldg 3710 on Wednesday Feb. 17 to obtain assignments and answer questions for service members who are planning to leave active duty. For more information call the Transfer Point, 876-1671.

Government accountants

The North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will meet on Thursday, Feb. 18, at Michael's Restaurant, Ramada Inn. Social hour will be at 6:15 p.m. with dinner at 7:00. Eleanor M. Clark, AGA National President will speak on "New Directions in AGA." The meeting will have a Valentine theme with special decorations and door prizes. Members are urged to bring a guest. For reservations call Dot Jenkins or Jessie Gee, 876-2107.

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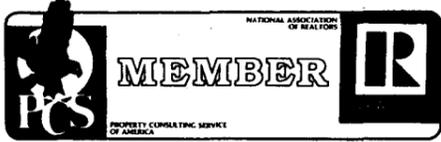
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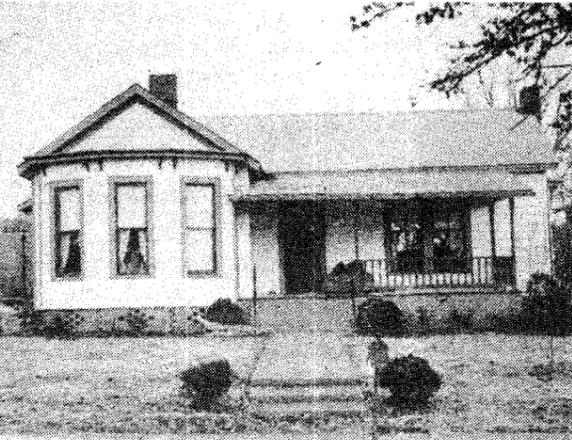



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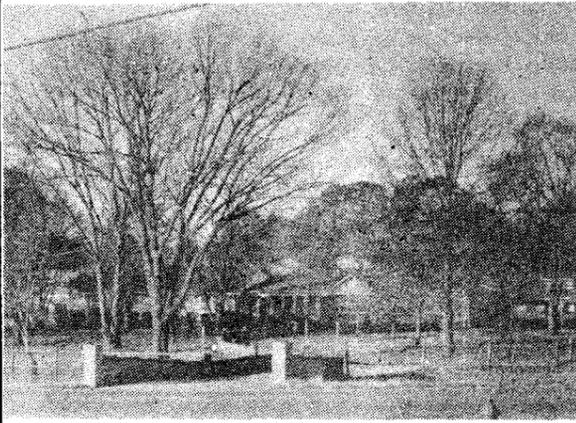


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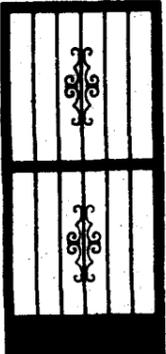
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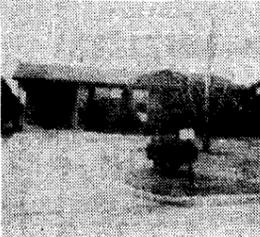
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