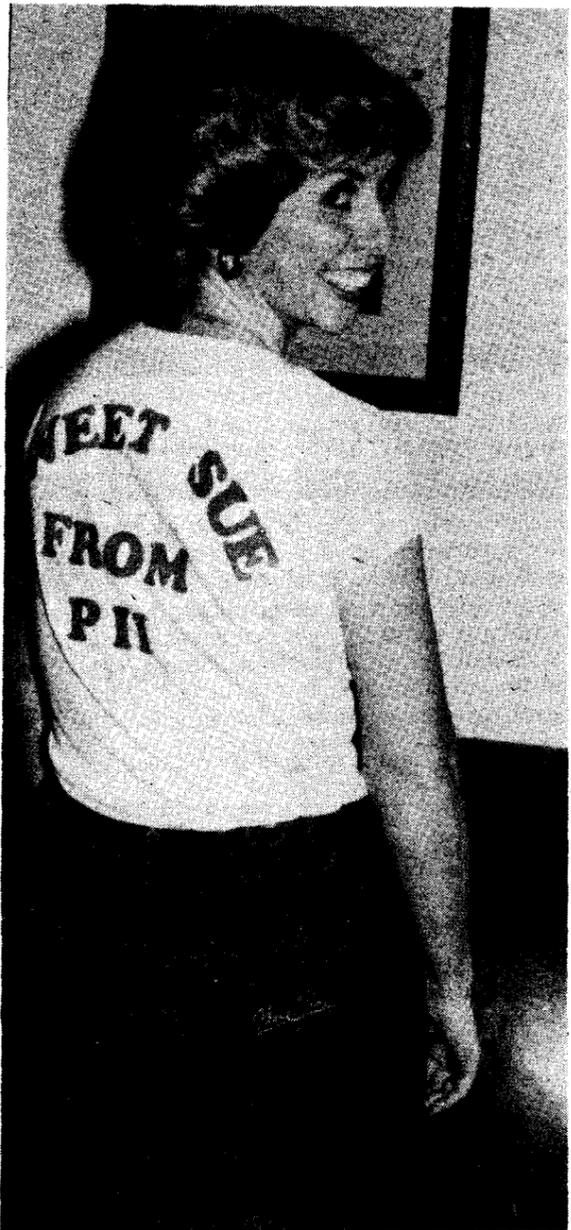


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Sue Meeker of Pershing Project models the "Sweet Sue from Pershing II" T-shirt she wore to work last Thursday. She said she was getting ready for a four-mile running event Sunday. "Plus, it's just a joke," the secretary and avid jogger added. "Everybody calls me Sweet Sue from P-two."

MLRS fired with full load

BY BOB HUBBARD

MICOM's Multiple Launch Rocket System is being developed to give the Army a new battlefield weapon with punch, rapid fire and range.

And the free flight artillery rocket has demonstrated all three.

Vought Corporation, the MLRS prime contractor, fired for the first time Thursday a full load of 12 rockets to conclude MLRS development tests at White Sands Missile Range, N.M.

The 12-round ripple, launched in less than a minute, hurled thousands of submunitions — each similar to a grenade — and destroyed a variety of targets located nearly 10 miles away.

Col. Monte Hatchett, MLRS Project Manager, said the test was successful and test objectives were accomplished.

Plans are for the Army to proceed into operational tests, with soldiers operating equipment under simulated tactical conditions, later this year.

MLRS, planned for fielding in the early 1980s, is a free flight 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.

The system is being developed for use by the U.S., French, German and British armies.

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SA says spend tax dollars wisely

The Secretary of the Army said here Feb. 11 that he is convinced the American people will support strong national defense but must know that their tax dollars are being spent wisely.

Addressing the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, John O. Marsh Jr. said:

"We must control the costs of our weapon systems if we are to win and maintain citizen support."

Doing that, Marsh said, is the responsibility of every soldier and civilian in the Army and the industry that supports it.

"It is absolutely essential that we develop a keen sense of cost awareness and cost discipline . . . The taxpayers must be confident that their dollars are being spent wisely and that we are getting our weapons on cost and on time."

The Secretary said the Army could expect increased emphasis during 1982 on physical fitness. "The readiness of our Army begins with the fitness of every soldier, NCO and officer," he said.

More than 400 members of the local AUSA chapter heard the speech in the Officers Club. Earlier in the day, Marsh visited MICOM, BMDSCOM and the Patriot Project Office.

Open season decision 'expedited'

A federal appeals court in Washington heard oral arguments Feb. 10 on the postponed open season and has promised "an expedited decision."

The court is to rule 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.

"The (OPM) director (Donald Devine) is going to hold public hearings on whether or not to have one and the hearings are going to be held Feb. 22-23 here," said Ed Shell, an OPM spokesman in Washington, D.C.

Reserve component readiness takes much training, travel

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Unless you're a reservist or national guardsman, you may not have heard of the Redstone Readiness Group which has its office off post in Huntsville's Research Park.

The eight-year-old Readiness Group, which is supported by Redstone Arsenal, may be the largest such Army group in the United States. Most readiness groups assist the Reserve Components in one state but the Redstone group covers three.

It consists of over 160 people — including about 60 officers, 80 enlisted soldiers and 20 civilians. Most of them spend their weekends away from home training and assisting guardsmen and reservists.

"Our job is to assist all national guard and reserve units in the states of Alabama, Tennessee

and Mississippi," said Lt. Col. Hans Wagner, the operations and training officer.

The readiness group is under the Army Readiness and Mobilization Region 4, Army Forces Command (FORSCOM). The higher headquarters is located at Fort Gillem near Atlanta.

There are four readiness groups within the region that covers Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Redstone's group is one of 27 within nine regions in the continental U.S.

"The units request us by what kind of assistance they need and we respond to those requests," Wagner said.

"We get more requests than we can provide assistance to," he added. When this happens, the ac-

tive Army readiness group tries to get help from other active Army posts.

It serves about 50,000 reserve component soldiers including national guardsmen in the three states and reserve units of the 121st Army Reserve Command.

The readiness group is organized into nine different teams that assist units in their specialty. These include armor, infantry, artillery, engineer, combat support team, special purpose team, maintenance assistance inspection team, admin team, and aviation assistance team.

"Since we assist National Guard and the Reserve units, they always drill on weekends. So our working hours are weekends, which makes it tough on

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Letters

Doesn't like Talent Bank

Editor:

Numerous Federal Personnel Manual requirements to insure rights of careerists referred for merit placement are only being given lip service here. In a cruel hoax, the Talent Bank is being used in referral as the final instrument for merit placement.

Due to its brevity, the Talent Bank blocks from a selecting official's view more than 90 percent of a careerists' experience. It is fraudulent concealment when a selecting official uses the absence of data in the Talent Bank as evidence of the absence of bona fide experience of the careerist.

Once upon a time, the Official Personnel Folder was used in screening qualifications for careerists. The folder affected employee rights, determined benefits and eligibility and gave legal force to personnel actions. Once upon a time, the FPM took precedence over MICOM Regulation 690-45 in merit placement. But those times are no more.

The automated Talent Bank, designated as a "semi-screen" by DARCOM, is being used by MICOM as a final instrument in merit placement . . . The Official Personnel Folder is not used in merit placement by any MICOM regulation.

Utilization of the Official Personnel Folder should be mandatory in merit placement. Perhaps the present Talent Bank referral reflects the desires of management to "play games" with the careerists future job opportunities . . . And it may be a convenient foolproof tool used to "stack the deck" in favor of a preselected candidate.

The Talent Bank, constrained by a brevity of space, represents at best 10 percent of the careerist experience. Only six entries are permitted. What if the careerist has held 12 different positions? . . .

It should be obvious that a return to using the Official Personnel Folder in merit placement would resolve this problem. There is no impetus for this, however, because managers want to promote from within. And CPO, as a subordinate command entity, is placed in the undesirable position to "find a way to accommodate the desire of management." Thus constrained, CPO can not effectively function as an agent of the careerist.

It is not possible to receive bona fide consideration by comparing a 10 percent Talent Bank referral against a 100 percent two-page job description requirement. It is even possible to "prove" by the absence of data on the talent bank that the careerist is not qualified to hold his assigned job description . . . Remember, the absence of data in the brief Talent Bank is used in referral as evidence of the absence of qualifications . . .

The new MICOM Automated Career Appraisal and Referral System (MACARS) will use job ele-



"In lieu of no other suggestions, I am going to take Lieutenant Barne's recommendation and rotate the chart one quarter turn clockwise!"

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ment descriptors. This is another attempt to quantify experience. It obviously does not address the real issue. What ever happened to Official Personnel Folder and job descriptions that established employee rights? Why was it necessary to make an exception to DA Career Management regulations in order to implement MACARS? Who knows? Perhaps General Moore should explore this area.

Name withheld by request

Refreshing

Editor:

Too often we hear complaints about the poor treatment that soldiers receive from personnel, finance, medical facilities, etc. within the Army. Some such complaints may very well be warranted, but that hardly excuses us from passing on the good experiences that we have had.

Recently, I went up to Fox Army Hospital to attempt to assist a young woman whose husband was

injured in a motorcycle accident. The couple has recently been transferred to RSA from Germany. They haven't gotten to know anyone here, so the wife was without friends or family around while her husband was in surgery. I was very much impressed with the kindness and caring shown to her.

The patient administrator, Capt. Ronald Sullivan was assisting her in getting in touch with her family, and offered assistance in any other way that she may need it. Jean Capowski, the hospital social worker remained with her throughout the surgery. She also offered to arrange lodging for their families when they arrive in town.

Capt. Sullivan and Jean Capowski are doing their jobs well, and I am sure there are others involved in the medical care of the soldier that deserve just as much credit.

I find it refreshing to see that there are those within our organization that perform their jobs as if they were more than "just a job".

Nancy G. Smith
Sp5, U.S. Army
Missile Branch A



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Marking valuables

Question: Should we use Social Security numbers to mark our valuables? I understand some police departments have discouraged this because the Social Security Administration won't release the names of owners.

Answer: It's up to you whether you would rather mark your property with your Social Security number or your driver's license number. Army personnel are encouraged by regulation to mark their property with "USA" followed by their Social Security number, according to SFC Robert Langford of the military police crime prevention section. The Army locator system can be used to notify the individual.

"We tell people: If they want to put the Social Security number, fine. If they want to put their driver's license number, fine," said Huntsville police officer Ronnie Fudge.

"We have in the pas. found Social Security numbers on property and it takes an act of Congress to get anything out of the Social Security Administration," Fudge said. He added that the driver's license number won't change as long as the individual lives in this state. "I guess one (method) is just as good as the other," Fudge said.

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Changes in uniform wear cause confusion

BY JEANNE LANZARO

Changes to the Army uniform as to wear and appearance regulations are causing soldiers some confusion.

"Some people interpret Interim Change 101, to Army Regulation 670-1, dated Dec. 1, 1981, to mean that shoulder marks should be worn 'in lieu of pin-on insignia' on raincoats, overcoats, and field jackets," said School Brigade's CSM Clifton Powe.

This interpretation was never meant and soldiers are not authorized to wear shoulder marks with these items, said Powe. "A change clarifying this change is being written and will be coming," he added.

The proper wear of sweaters with Army uniforms has also been misunderstood by soldiers. According to a message from Headquarters, Department of the Army, dated Feb. 2, 1982, in reference to AR 670-1, "Only uniforms, accessories, and insignia prescribed in this regulation, as approved by HQDA or contained in current authorization documents, will be worn by personnel in the U.S. Army."

Soldiers are authorized by regulation to wear the Army black pullover sweater when wearing the green shirt, green raincoat, black all-weather coat, and black windbreaker.

The HQDA message and AR 670-1 do not state that black pullovers can be worn with the green wind-

breakers. "This means that wearing of the black pullover with green windbreakers is not authorized," said Powe.

The message also states, "It has been noted that some soldiers are wearing the U.S. Marine Corps green wool pullover ('Wooly Pully') sweater with field and work uniforms. Neither the USMC sweater, which is not an approved Army item, nor the Army black pullover sweater are authorized for wear with field and work uniforms."

Soldiers having questions concerning the wear and appearance of their uniforms should refer to AR 670-1, said Powe. "If they still have doubts, they should check with their immediate supervisor."

Sunday night services start

Sunday night services at Redstone's Bicentennial Chapel will begin Feb. 21 as the result of requests from families.

The services, open to the public, are to begin at 7 p.m. Sundays and last about an hour. "This is in response to a community request for a Sunday evening worship service," said Chaplain (Capt.) Guy L. Lindsey.

About 80 families requested the service in a survey conducted here last June by the Alban Institute Inc., of Washington, D.C., he said.

"This was an evaluation of the chaplain's programs and activities at Redstone Arsenal," Lindsey explained. "That evaluation was done under the direction of the Staff Chaplain (Col.) Delbert Gremels."

The evening worship service will be held in the Bicentennial Chapel's activity room. "We're going to start in the activity room and if the response is like we hope it's going to be, we'll move to the sanctuary," Lindsey said.

The evening services were held sometime in the past but were discontinued because of unsatisfactory response. The survey, however, showed there was renewed interest.

"It will be an informal type of worship service with congregational singing, personal testimonies and fellowship," said Lindsey, who will conduct the services. "Messages will be centered around Bible-related subjects."



Lindsey

Lindsey, a 39-year-old Mississippi native, came to Redstone last December after a three and a half year tour in the Republic of Panama. The assistant staff chaplain serves as chaplain for youth, religious education and Fox Army Community Hospital.

Commercial BDU not for duty wear

WASHINGTON — Army officials are reminding soldiers that the only battle dress uniform "authorized for duty wear is that which is obtained through Army sources." Officials note those sources are military clothing sales stores (MCSS) and clothing initial issue points. Battle dress uniforms obtained through commercial sources "are not certified," explain officials. "They are not certified because they are not passed through the Army's quality assurance test.

"There are no Army-certified BDU's currently being sold through commercial sources," officials emphasize.

The governing Army uniform regulation (AR 670-1 "Wear of Army Uniforms and Insignia," Chap. 2) defines each person's responsibilities for ensuring that (1) uniform items conform to appropriate military specifications or (2) are manufactured in accordance with the Army's uniform quality control system.

Traffic collisions

unusually high

The number of traffic collisions on Redstone Arsenal this year has averaged an unusually high rate of more than one per day, according to military police.

There were 34 collisions during January and 12 from Feb. 1-10. The normal monthly average here is about 20 collisions.

"We're getting overloaded on these accidents. We're trying to prevent the wrecks, not work them after they've happened," said 1st Lt. Robert Rudolph of MP operations.

Surprisingly, the only time the collision rate dropped this year was during the snow in January. "I guess people were just driving less on the road and being more careful," Rudolph said.

"Most of the accidents involve people failing to yield," he added. "They're just not paying attention close enough in some cases."

The "most serious" wreck reported to MPs this year through last week occurred at 6:20 p.m. Feb. 2 when a car pulled out in front of a motorcycle at Jupiter and Goss Roads. An Army sergeant was thrown from the motorcycle and required hospitalization. His wife riding with him was treated and released as was the driver of the car.

Parking lot collisions have remained stable and escaped the upward trend in collisions, according to Rudolph, officer in charge of the MP road and range section.

"But the ones that are happening on the roadways — the more serious collisions — these are the ones that are going up."

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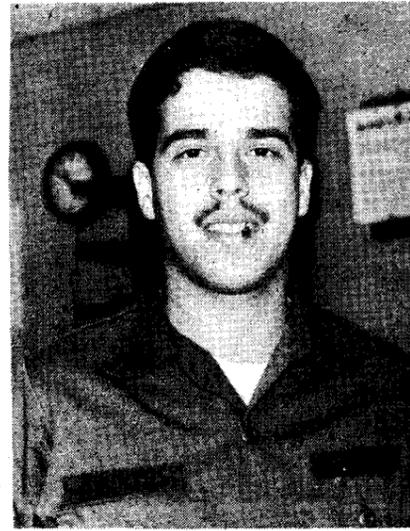
Pvt. 2 Larry D. Lowden Jr., 291st MP Co. — "Being physically fit, you will be able to perform your duties better. You look better, feel better and its easier to concentrate and put a better effort towards performing your duties as a soldier."



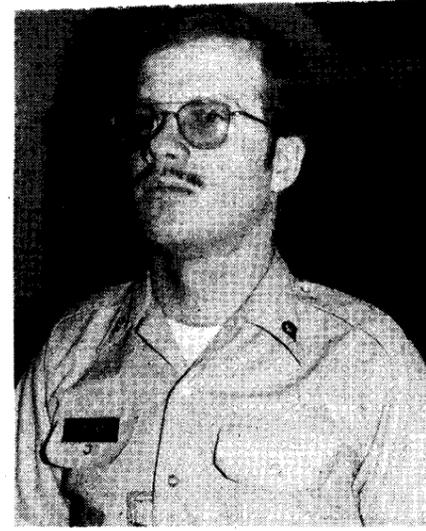
SSgt. Olmand Strickland Jr., Co. B — "Helps you stay alert, helps you perform your duties, and it also teaches self discipline along with a good physical appearance."



Sp4 Michael L. Dressler, 95th Service Co. — "It's needed because I get out of condition because of my job."



Sgt. Clemente Fuentes-Aponte, 95th Service Co. — "All military persons are to be trained well, especially in physical fitness, to be ready in combat situations. I think that it is important for every soldier. It helps get people motivated in doing their job by having a good physical fitness program."



Sp4 Ralph W. Collins, Co. A — "I believe that physical fitness should be mandatory. In time of war it is good to be physically fit so you can be ready to hit and run. Everyone should be as physically fit as possible because if you are overweight and go into battle you are going to die!"

F&A pulls out 65-59 victory over P&P No. 2 in CWF play

The overall team strength of Finance and Accounting was just too much for P&P No. 2 as F&A pulled out a 65-59 victory Thursday night in the Civilian Welfare Basketball League.

Milton Bone had nine to lead the league-leading F&A cagers but was backed by Donald Battle, James Love, Jimmy Keith, Charles Hosea and Abdullah Muhammad with eight each.

F&A's sixth victory wasn't easy, however, as Willie Epps kept P&P No. 2 in the game with 33 points in a brilliant performance.

Rachel's, meanwhile, held fast to second place by rolling over TMDE 103-45 behind Larry Cable with 24, James Battle and James Lanier with 18 each. E. Brooks had 18 for the losers.

Controllers defeated Corps of Engineers 55-44 behind Terry Whitman who gunned in 16 although Bob Noel grabbed game honors for the Corps with 30 points.

Elsewhere, Green Machine stopped P&P No. 1, 50-34; Metrology turned back P&P No. 2, 49-37; and Missile Labs downed Supply, 48-41.

CWF TEAM STANDINGS

	W	L
1. F&A	6	0
2. Rachels	5	1
3. Controllers	5	2
4. Green Machine	4	2
5. COE	3	3
6. TMDE	3	3
7. P&P No. 2	3	4
8. Supply	2	4
9. Missile Labs	2	5
10. P&P No. 1	1	6
11. Metrology	1	6

Troop basketball

Troop basketball standings as of Feb. 11.

EASTERN CONFERENCE		W	L
Co. A		14	3
4th S.C.		12	5
7th S.C.		11	6
HHC Team 1		11	6
5th S.C.		6	11
291st M.P. Co.		3	14
MEDDAC		1	16
WESTERN CONFERENCE		W	L
Co. B		16	1
HHC Team 2		15	2
6th S.C.		10	7
515th Ord. Co.		10	7
8th S.C.		7	10
95th Svc. Co.		3	14
Marines		0	17

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MLRS
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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. Hardware will be standard except for communications equipment.

The four countries recently awarded contracts to five multi-national contractor teams for the cooperative development of a terminal guidance warhead for the MLRS. The contracts, awarded to industrial teams from all four countries, call for the consortia to propose warhead technical approaches and ideas on how the program might be managed quadrilaterally.

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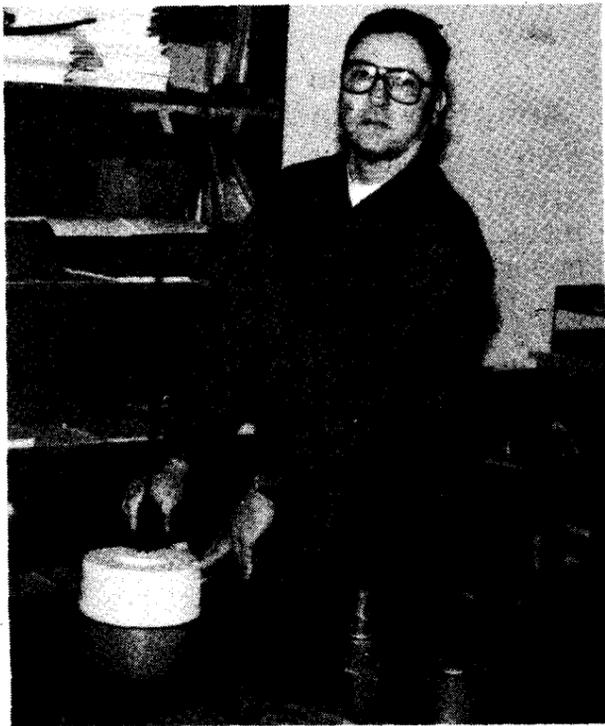
Readiness

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the families," Wagner said. "So what we do is give them compensatory time during the week." This means trying to give them two days off during the week.

"Each guy is on the road approximately 136 days a year," the lieutenant colonel added. The annual TDY travel budget is about \$800,000.

They have a fleet of 35 military sedans and vans maintained by the Redstone motor pool. They also use military air transportation at Redstone. The vans are needed because of times they have to carry training equipment and for cases in which four or five people travel, Wagner said.



MSgt. Franklin Pyle of the Readiness Group demonstrates Claymore anti-personnel mine, a type of instruction he gives to national guard units.

Besides the weekend work, teams usually go with national guardsmen and reserve units on their two-week summer camps. The main locations are Camp Blanding, Fla., and Camp Shelby, Miss.

All but about 30 people in the readiness group actually do the traveling. Most of the military personnel are senior NCOs or above.

"I enjoy this assignment because the people that are selected for this type of work are some of the best in their field and it's a pleasure working with people who are as knowledgeable as they are," said Sgt. Maj. Neal Buckelew, stationed with the group since Jan. 11.

Master Sgts. Harold A. Thomas and Jerry R. Trew have both been with the readiness group almost two years. Thomas on Feb. 1 moved to training, management and development after working with the engineer team for 22 months.

Thomas recalled traveling throughout Mississippi with some travel in Alabama and Tennessee. The engineer team trips would average four days, he said, and he spent part of the last two summers at Camp Shelby, Miss.

"We trained them in all the engineer subjects to prepare them for SQT's (skills qualification testing)," Thomas said. "We trained the trainers so they could in turn train their soldiers."

Trew, who is assigned to the armor team, gives instructions on how to deploy weapons, how to use weapons and offers assistance on training. "In January, I was gone from here 23 days out of 31 so we normally travel about every weekend," he said.

OPEN MIND

"I think it's a very important job. I think individuals being assigned here need to be very dedicated and you've got to come here with an open mind," Trew said. "You can't go out there and tell those units it will be done this way; you've got to sell yourself. Once they see that you know what you're talking about, then they're willing to ask you for help."

"In other words, you've got to gain their respect before they ask you to help them."

Being away from home when the children are off from school can sometimes be hard on family life,



Stotser: 'These are top-notch people'

Trew said. "But I enjoy working with soldiers," he added. "If I feel I'm able to teach one man during the weekend, then I feel I've accomplished something."

Col. Don M. Stotser, a 51-year-old Tennessee native, has been chief of the readiness group since June 1979. He took over from Col. Charles Scott who then went to FORSCOM for a month or two before joining the U.S. Embassy in Iran. Scott, one of the hostages held for several months in Iran, has since retired and resides in Atlanta.

"Our overall goal is to work toward bringing all the Reserve Component units in the three-state area to their highest readiness potential — to the highest potential readiness possible," Stotser said.

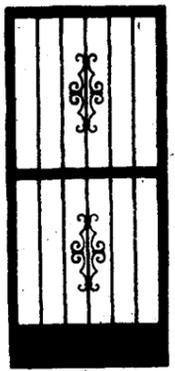
The readiness group was established July 1973 and was organized October 1973 in Research Park. At the time, there was not enough floor space available to locate at Redstone Arsenal.

"We've got some very fine professionals here — officers, NCO's and civilians," Stotser said. "People don't realize these are top-notch people we've got out here."



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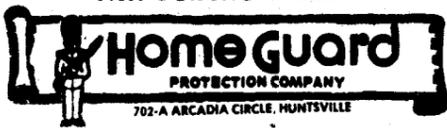
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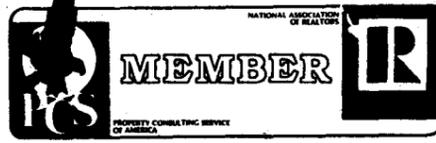
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BY MAGGIE CUMMINS

A new contractor for the vending machines in the military areas has brought about changes in their stocking, maintenance and appearance.

Professional Vending Inc., a local firm, was awarded in December a contract to supply vending outlets on post.

"Our main objective is to provide service to meet the desires of the customers," said Ann Minn, Post Exchange vending services supervisor.

For those with complaints and suggestions about the vending machines, Minn's office at the Main Exchange is the place to go.

Requests for machines in new locations or new products in available machines may be made in writing to the vending services office. Minn added that the number of persons making the request is one factor in deciding if a need for new machines or products exists. "After the requests are considered and the product is in the machine for the first time, the sales are checked to see if the new product is selling," she said.

Machines are stocked on a trial and error basis, according to Jorge Kuzmicic of Professional Vending Inc. After observing sales, top selling products are listed and the highest selling items continue to be furnished.

Machines taking coins should not be a problem with the company's equipment "Most of the machines are new, and you must give them time to work," said Kuzmicic. "Sometimes the coins take a while to drop into the proper place in order to release the product. If one takes their time and waits for the coin to reach its destination, the machine will not malfunction."

Refunds of lost coins are easily obtained said Minn. The PX cafeteria, small PX stores on post and the vending machine route men will refund lost money. If any problem occurs, machines have a decal with the contractor's name and phone number to contact for help.

Most of the machines are located in the hospital, school brigade and billeting areas. "Soup, coffee, hot chocolate, soda and candy are at the hospital," Minn said. "Multiple snacks, soda, beer and juice machines are available in the billeting area."



Keeping vending machines filled is the responsibility of route men like Ernest Carter. Here Carter fills

the juice machine at Fox Army Community Hospital. (Photo by Maggie Cummins)

TG(literally)IF

A slogan that passes through most workers' mind at the end of the week is the theme of an informal worship service here.

TGIF or "Thank God (literally) it's Friday" is held from 11:30-noon Fridays in the executive dining room of Bldg. 5250. Civilians and military personnel can bring their lunch trays or "brown bags" for the informal service.

"It should be appealing to all denominations of the Christian faith," said Chaplain (Capt.) Cecil Ryland. "The accent is on worship with thanksgiving, being glad the day is Friday. You know, the week's over."

The format is "they'll eat and I'll give a brief devotional message at the same time," Ryland said.

TGIF replaces the Bible study sessions that were previously held in the cafeteria of 5250 by Chaplain (Capt.) Bob Countess. "My idea was: Let me try something different," Ryland said. "I felt a more structured worship service probably would be more meaningful."

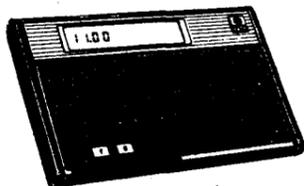
Other installations likewise are trying to have activities during the week aimed at civilians as well as military personnel, according to Post Chaplain (Col.) Delbert Gremmels.

"It's been my desire since I have been here to try to get something going aimed at the civilian workforce," Gremmels said. "I think that really has prompted the beginning of the things in 5250."

The people seem to want a "worship experience" rather than a Bible study, he said. "We try to listen to what people feel they need and meet those needs, rather than us trying to impose our ideas on folks."

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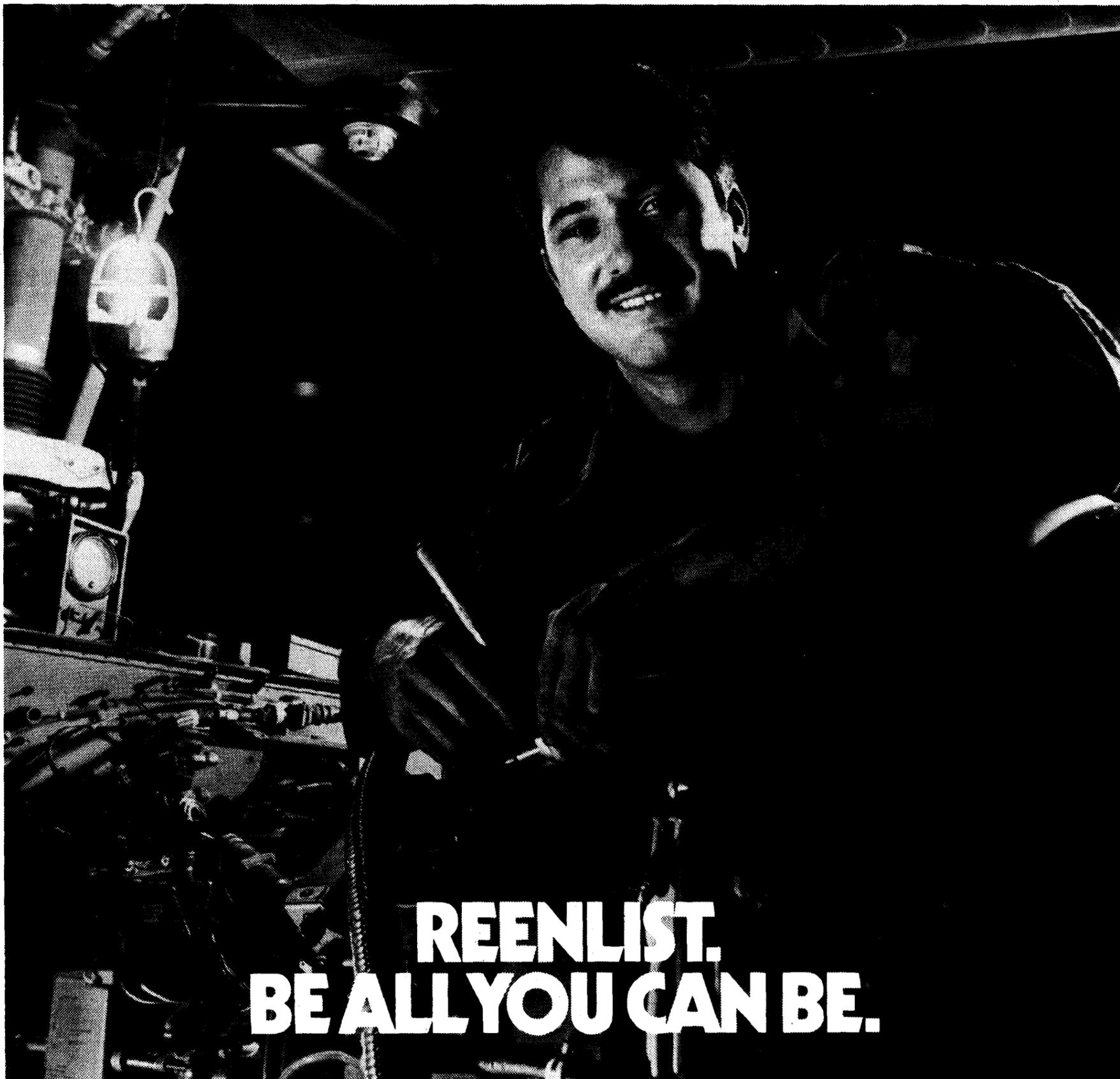
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"We're just getting models from all over the arsenal — military, people here at the Exchange and dependents," she added.

The fashion show is scheduled for 6-7:30 p.m.. The NCO Club will be "building our program for that evening around the fashion show," said Melvin Mitchell, the club's manager.

Music for a dance that night will be provided by the band Rose'. The MMCS motor pool is to provide transportation for MMCS students to and from the activities.

A bus will pick up students in front of the receptionist station at Bldg. 3481 and another bus will pick up students in the EM Club parking lot; both will leave about 5:45 p.m. One bus will return to the company area after the fashion show and dinner and the other will return after the dance, according to SSgt. Lawrence Strong 876-2326.

For more information about the activities, call Sgt. Randolph Billups of the School Brigade equal opportunity office 876-3736/6427.

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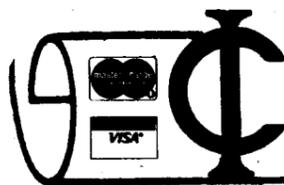
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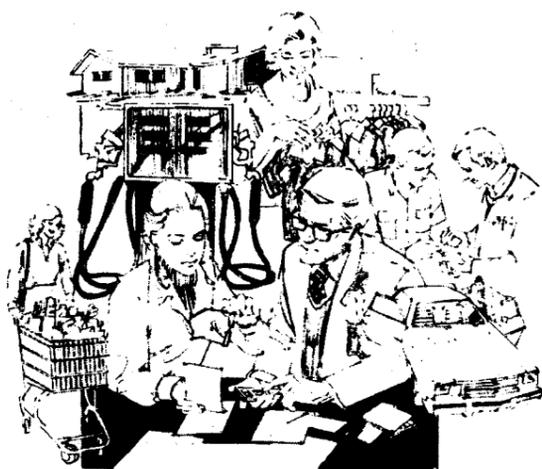

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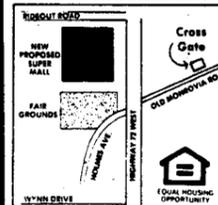
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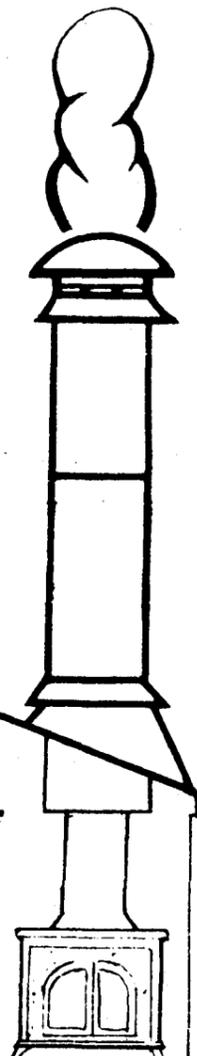
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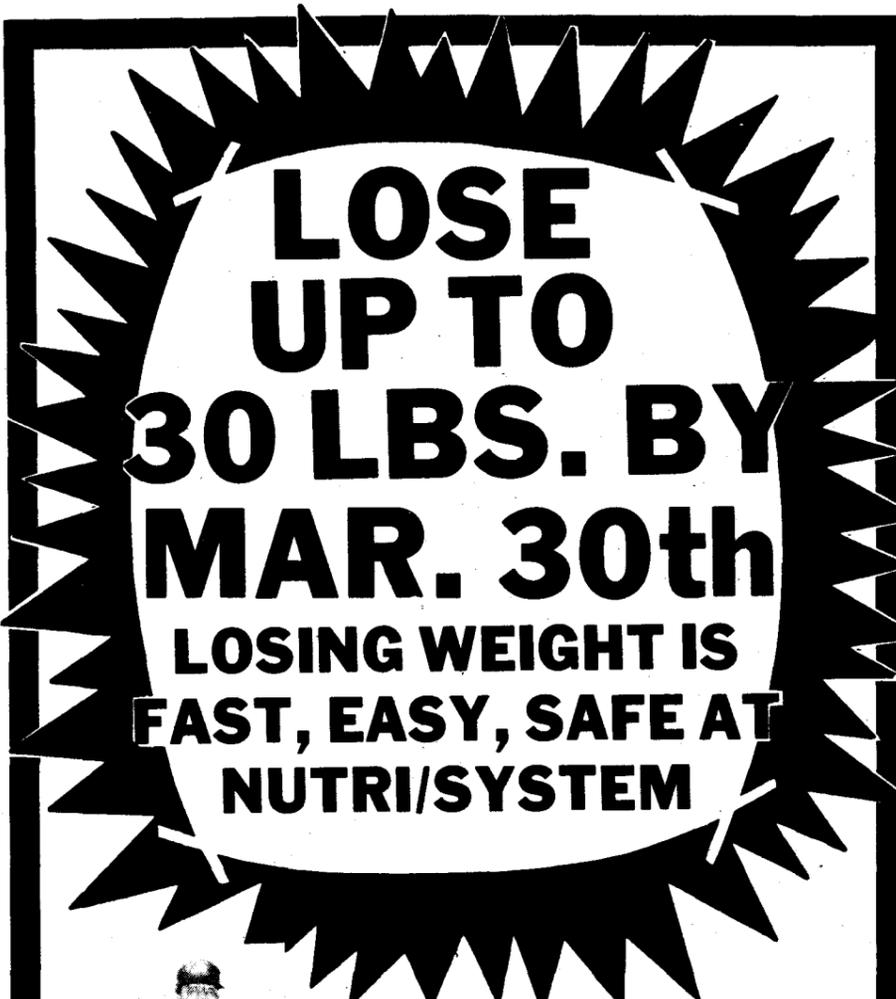
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Redstone gets first community health nurse

BY JOHN WAGNER

Capt. Lowell White became the first community health nurse in Redstone Arsenal history when he arrived here Jan. 18, according to Fox Army Community Hospital officials.

White said he will be the only community health nurse on post and will work in a broad capacity based on military community needs.

"My duties will be on three general levels," he said. "I'll be involved in the prevention of disease, aiding sick or disabled people to recover, and helping people cope when recovery is not possible.

"My area of concern is all people in uniform within the Huntsville area, including retirees and family members," he continued. "They are all beneficiaries of the uniformed services health care system including those who are referred to civilian health care providers."

White said he'll be coordinating his services with other Army health care personnel, social programs on post, and civilian public and private health agencies.

"There were a number of reasons why we needed this type of nurse," said Lt. Col. Shirley Fortson,

chief of nursing at Fox Hospital. "The biggest one was that we were unable to offer patient-care follow-up services outside the hospital. This is important because nation wide, patients are not staying in the hospital very long and many need instruction and advice on care in the home."

This type of discharge planning, according to White, involves the community health nurse coordinating with the military hospital or civilian agencies. This enables the nurse to provide necessary services and equipment to the patient when he returns home.

The civilian counterpart of military community health nursing is public health nursing and, according to White, he'll be concerned with preventing the spread of communicable diseases such as measles, tuberculosis, and hepatitis. This will involve following up cases in the emergency room and clinics of Fox Army Community Hospital. He will also work with civilian public health agencies for this purpose.

White said he'll have an important educational function. He expects to be giving health classes to soldiers; instructing in such subjects as family planning and personal hygiene. He also expects to

be routinely visiting expectant mothers and mothers of new babies to provide information and encouragement.

"I'll probably be doing the same with personnel who have newly diagnosed health problems," White added. "A newly diagnosed diabetic, for example, will usually appreciate further information and counseling in his own home."

A further duty of a community health nurse is serving on various health-related committees on post. Included in this group is the child protection and case management team which investigates reports of possible abuse or neglect of children.

White is one of 130 community health nurses in the Army. He earned a bachelor of science in nursing degree from the University of Oregon in 1973. He did general duty nursing at Fort Polk and completed the community health course at Fort Sam Houston. He has served in Germany and Fort Lee, and worked for the U.S. Public Health Service in Wisconsin before he arrived here.

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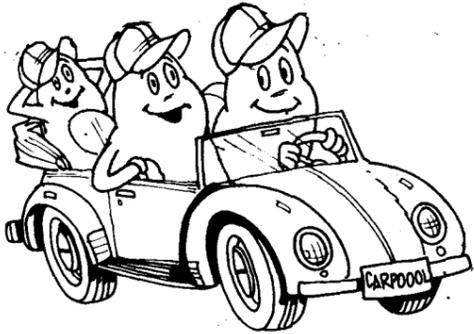
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IEEE meeting

The local chapter of the IEEE Control System Society is having a luncheon meeting on Thursday, Feb. 18, at the NCO Club, beginning with a social at 11 a.m. Harlon Yates, Gerald Johnson and Willy Albanes will give a program on the UAH entry in the Southeastcon '82 "Seeker" contest. For reservations or information call Linda Hooper, 895-6316, or Bill McKerley, 895-7624. Interested people are invited.

Finance planning

The IEEE Huntsville Section will meet Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the NCO Club, beginning with a social at 11 a.m. James F. Valentine, a financial planning specialist will discuss the mechanics and benefits of financial planning for individuals. The public is invited. For reservations call Linda Hooper, 895-6316, or Bill Jones, 876-3452.

Contract managers

The monthly meeting of the National Contract Management Association Huntsville Chapter will be held Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Officers Club beginning with a social at 11:30 a.m. Allen Smith, Dean of the University of Alabama Law School, will speak on "The Current State of Legal Education and Its Role in Providing Communication Skills and Ethics for Lawyers and Non-Lawyers". The meeting will be held jointly with the Federal Bar Association. For reservations, call Judy Hobbs 876-3052 or Jean Riggs 539-8196. Members not receiving monthly flyers, the Contract Management Magazine, or membership pins and certificates, call Judy Hobbs 876-3052.

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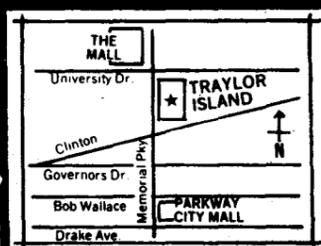
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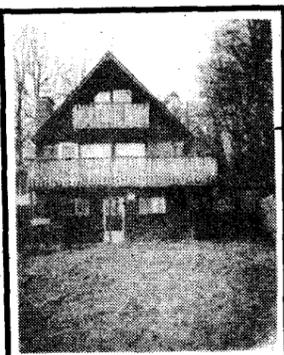
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