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Bradley gets TOW 2

The Missile Command has awarded approximately \$23 million to Hughes Aircraft Company of El Segundo, Calif., for full scale engineering development adapting TOW 2 to the Bradley Fighting Vehicle System.

Hughes will perform most of the work under the 28-month, Cost Plus Incentive Fee Contract at company facilities in El Segundo and Tucson, Ariz.

Total potential value of the contract is approximately \$53 million.

TOW 2 is a major improvement program to MICOM's basic TOW, deployed with the U.S. Army since 1970 and currently in the arsenal of some 36 countries. TOW 2 will counter more sophisticated enemy armor with its new six inch warhead, new flight motor and improved guidance system.

Meanwhile, MICOM has another major program underway to counter near-term enemy threats, called Improved TOW. I-TOW features a redesigned five-inch warhead that will penetrate heavier armor than the basic TOW.

Both programs will utilize to the fullest extent existing TOW equipment, thereby protecting the Army's investment in fielded missiles and launchers.

Col. Byron L. Powers is TOW project manager at the Missile Command. George Williams is his civilian deputy.

The Bradley Fighting Vehicle is a full-tracked, lightly armored vehicle that will mount a 25mm automatic stabilized cannon, a 7.62mm machine gun and TOW 2 subsystem.

Hughes is the prime contractor for TOW 2 subsystem and FMC Corporation of San Jose, Calif., is the prime for the Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

Texas Instruments of Dallas, Texas, is the major subcontractor to Hughes on the TOW 2 subsystem.

Brochures late

There has been a delay in the shipping of health benefits brochures for the May 3-28 open season, according to the Missile Command's civilian personnel office.

"Brochures for all of the health plans still have not been received by this office," CPO said in a prepared statement. "We have been informed that the brochures are being shipped from the U.S. Army AG Publications Center, Baltimore, Md., however some of the brochures were erroneously shipped fourth class (space available) instead of first class, thus causing the delay."

The personnel office will not be provided a sufficient number of brochures for distribution to all employees, the statement said.

A synopsis of benefit changes for all plans in which employees are enrolled will be forwarded "as soon as possible" to each MICOM primary organizational element. A synopsis will also be sent to each activity serviced by the personnel office.

"A copy of this synopsis should be posted on each bulletin board for review by employees who did not receive brochures from the (health plan) carriers," CPO said. "Further information on the brochures and open season will be provided upon receipt from (Department of Army)."

Soldier of Year

Medics 'soldier with best'

BY SKIP VAUGHN

An Army medic at Fox Army Community Hospital has his next goal in sight after being selected as Redstone's Soldier of the Year.

"I'm working towards my college degree. I'm going to attempt to go to OCS (Officer Candidate School) which is my next goal," says Sp4 Todd Rickman.

Rickman wasn't surprised at being named soldier of the year by a board of sergeants major last week. "It's an honor to be selected. I've been working at it for the past year," he says. "I spent a lot of time working towards this goal."

"It's something to work for. You spend all your spare time working toward this — studying, and going before prior boards."

Rickman, who was earlier named soldier of the year by Redstone's Medical Activity, is a medical specialist at the hospital's intensive care unit. This is his first permanent duty station after advanced individual training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

He has no plans to stay in medicine but plans to stay in the Army. "My main thing is just being in the Army," Rickman says. "It's been enjoyable just working as a medic but I have other things in mind that I want to do. I plan to go to OCS and work where ever the Army needs me."

The 23-year-old Rochester, N. Y. native has been

stationed at Redstone for 21 months. He spent six months working in the hospital's emergency room before moving to the intensive care unit last February.

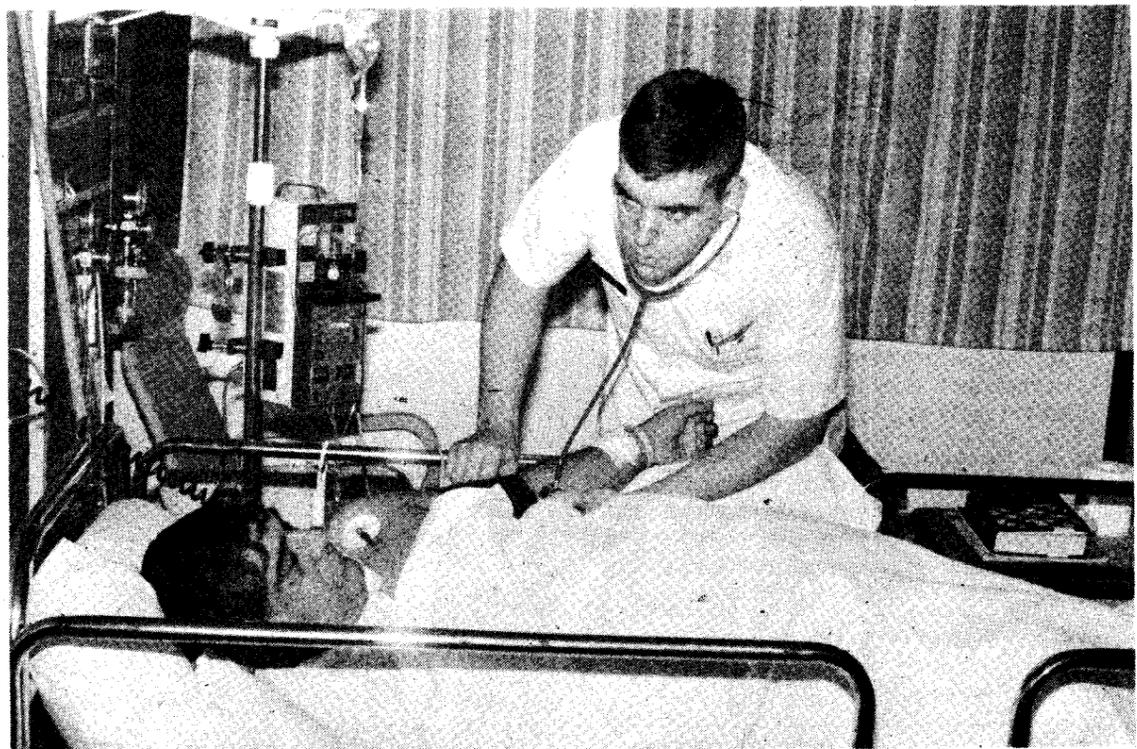
"What I've found personally satisfying is watching people get well and doing what I can to help them get well and seeing their appreciation for it," Rickman says.

"Fellow soldiers often make the mistake of viewing medics as non-soldiers, and we can soldier right along with the best of them," he says. "I see (medics) as very professional people doing a job that needs to be done, often that doesn't go appreciated until someone is actually in the position where they need that person's help."

Rickman was graduated from E. J. Wilson High School in Spencerport, N. Y. in 1976. He joined the Army in February 1980 and picked out the medical specialty at random. "I never had any real aspirations to work in a medical field but it has been very interesting," he says.

He and his wife, Sandra, have an eight-month-old son, Daniel. She is to accompany him on the trips he will receive for being named soldier of the year.

"I think it's fantastic," Rickman says of Army life. "Joining the Army is the most intelligent decision I've made in my life. They have so much to offer in the way of education benefits and opportunities. I do intend to make it a career."



Soldier of Year Rickman takes patient's blood pressure.

Inside

Common Task SQT

Training begins April 14 for soldiers taking SQT. Page 6

Surplus Sale

Excess property on sale today at Rocket Auditorium.

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Letters

Telling age

Editor:

I would like to know if it is mandatory to have your picture taken when you receive an award?

I'm aware of the policy which came from CPO some time back stating that personnel receiving awards should be given proper recognition etc. I think this is fine if the person receiving the award desires a public ceremony, including photographers. If he does not, then I think his supervisor should give him his award privately. I feel this

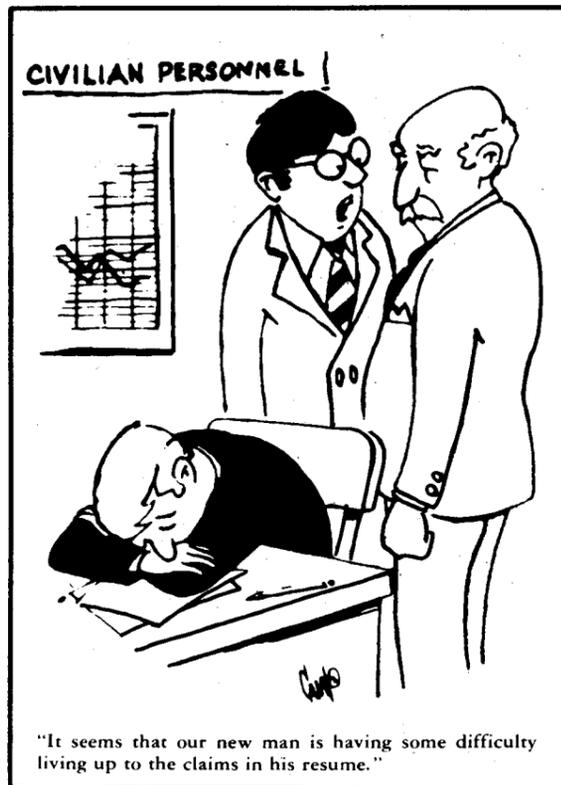
to be one of the basic rights of an employee, his desire for privacy.

Awards such as length-of-service are an invasion of the Privacy Act in that they practically tell a person's age.

So, if an employee requests an award (whatever type it may be) be given to him privately by his supervisor, can this be done?

Name withheld on request

There is no requirement for presentation ceremonies and photographs. Tell your boss if you want your award in private.



Laterals

Editor:

The question presented was, "Why is it so hard for a black person in Mat. Mgt. Dir. to get a lateral? And so easy for a white person in Mat. Mgt. Dir. to get a lateral?" The letter (Rocket, March 10) was credited to (Mr.) Henry Paul.

Attempts to contact Mr. Paul in order to gain specific information and provide assistance have been unsuccessful. There is no record of an employee by that or a similar name.

It appears that Mr. "Paul" may not understand the process of laterally transferring from one organization to another. A lateral of any individual within the Materiel Management Directorate occurs only after another organization selects that person from a lateral referral list provided by CPO. The first action the Director of Materiel Manage-

ment influences is the establishment of a release date. In approving the release date the Director is limited by MICOM policy. He will normally release a selected candidate NLT the beginning of the second pay period following the one in which the release date was requested.

There have been no cases in the recent past where the Director has opposed a lateral selection by another organization, and Materiel Management Directorate has no policies that even inhibit laterals based on race.

If Mr. "Paul" is having a problem, the Director and/or Deputy Director of Materiel Management Directorate will gladly provide whatever assistance they can in resolving it if he will contact them.

Michael A. Cody
LTC, GS
Director of Mat Mgmt Dir
Missile Logistics Center



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What it's worth

Editor:

The patent which will issue on the Shore et al invention titled "Preparation of Decaborane (14) Through Hydride Ion Abstraction Reaction" defines a property right for the government resulting from an assigned invention under a Government contract. How much is this property worth? The savings achieved by making Decaborane (14) by this process as compared with making this product by the present commercial process is calculated at \$2.9 million per year which amounts to about \$50 million over the 17 year life of the patent. Assuming royalties estimated at about 5%, then it follows that just the royalty on the savings over the life of the patent would be about \$2.5 million. The royalty on the true value of the product made by this process would be much higher indeed; however, as a result of paying for the research the government owns the patent, and therefore, does not have to pay royalty on the patented process.

This is just one example that R&D coupled with patent protection pays off. Many other examples can be cited on how our innovative scientists and research personnel find cheaper and better ways of doing things thereby resulting in new technology with a high dollar savings to the government.

Winslow L. Hill
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Answer: Tentative date for issuing RIF notices is April 18 — that's assuming, of course, that bids are opened on schedule in December and that a contractor beats the in-house bid. And, yes, you could retire and work for the contractor.

Flexitime will continue

Question: If the flexitime bill is not extended beyond March 29 will the present practice of permitting alternate starting times for an eight hour day be discontinued?

Answer: OPM authorized some activities to experiment with alternate work schedules. The authority for this experiment expires March 29. Flexitime schedules such as MICOM has would continue to be authorized; however, alternative work schedules such as a four day week and other plans which require in excess of eight hours in a work day must end March 29 unless permanent legislation is enacted.

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Prayers answered, young son survives

BY MAGGIE CUMMINS

A 5th Student Company soldier believes prayers were answered when his infant son lived despite a "very slim chance of survival."

Moises Abraham Perez was born Dec. 23, 1981 at Huntsville Hospital, six weeks premature with symptoms of Downs Syndrome.

The father, 2nd Lt. Moises O. Perez, works at the Missile Command's Hawk Project and awaits word on a compassionate reassignment here.

When the baby was born, he had a heart murmur which doctors said was normal in premature babies, Perez said. Later, after taking Moises to a cardiologist specializing in infants at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, doctors found symptoms of cardiac disorders.

The Perezes anticipated only three to 10 days for the doctors to run tests on their son. It turned out that they stayed for 26 days because the tests were followed by required treatment.

Their car hit a pot hole on the way to Nashville and they had to rent a car while their's was in a repair shop. They had to find a place to stay with reasonable rates after learning their baby's condition.

The Perezes found out about the Nashville Hospital Hospitality House where they stayed without charge. The house is financed by donations and was "a blessing" to them on their stay in Nashville, Perez said.

"The major thing that helped was the Lord working with us through our friends," he said. "We attended a church that was just starting while we were there. My wife, Julia, played the piano while I



Perez family

led the congregation in singing. This helped us keep our minds off our troubles.

"Our friends' support and visits really helped us through this time. There were a lot of prayers answered by the Lord through the members of our church (Hillsboro Heights Baptist Church)," he added. "He had a very slim chance to survival and he pulled through."

The Perez family resides at Redstone and the baby's health has improved — from a weight of four pounds to a healthy seven pounds.

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HOOP TALK

**If you could choose anywhere
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Capt. Lester Price, Co. A — "I'd like to be stationed at U.S. Army Europe headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany. The reason is that it's an example of what the entire Army should be like."



PFC Santiago Garcia, 6th S.C. — "Fort Ord, Calif., is where I would choose to be. It's a beautiful post and Hollister, my hometown, is nearby."



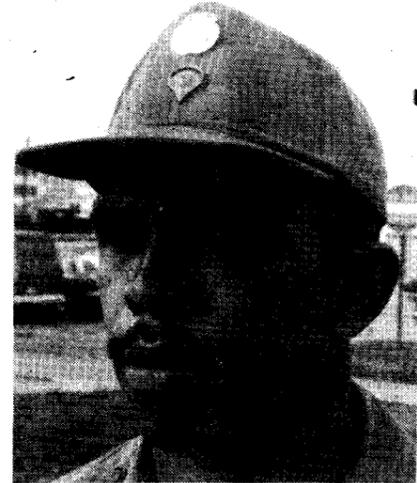
Sgt. Floyd Kelly, 95th SVC — "Definitely Anchorage, Alaska. That's where Fort Richardson is, which is a very good post. Plus there's great hunting, fishing, and camping in that area."



Pvt. 2 Debra Mallet, Co. A — "Alaska is where I would choose to go because it's a very beautiful place. And it would be a big change from the South, where I've spent most of my life."



PFC Larry Soliday, Co. B — "I would like to work in Hawaii. I've never been there and exploring the outer islands would be fun."



Sp5 William Brown, Co. B — "I'm hoping the Army will send me to Germany. I could train with sophisticated equipment there and I would be experiencing a different culture first-hand."

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Turkey season, safety class slated

Starting tomorrow, safety class for turkey hunters will be held afternoons Tuesday-Saturday at 4 p.m. on the porch of the Outdoor Recreation Center.

Director Jim Griffin said attendance at the class is required of all people who plan to hunt during wild turkey season on the arsenal April 1-14.

"Turkey hunting is new to Redstone Arsenal, we have a lot of new turkey hunters and the safety orientation is to get them off on the right foot," explained Griffin. "It's lot different than deer hunting. You're camouflaged from head to toe, you don't wear an orange vest and hat like in deer hunting.

This is the second season for turkey hunting at Redstone. It began last year with a two-week season that marked the first turkey hunting in the part of the state in this century.

Turkey hunting is restricted to active duty and retired military, although dependents and civilians may hunt as their guest. Hunters must have a state license and arsenal permit which can be bought at the Outdoor Rec Center.

Shotguns with number two or smaller shot must be used. Gobblers only may be shot. There's a limit of one bird per day, five for the season "but we don't anticipate anybody limiting out on that five," said Griffin.

Turkey seem plentiful on the arsenal this spring but it's doubtful hunters will bag many. Last year, some 120 hunters tried but only four birds were shot. Actually only two hunters were successful — they shot two birds apiece. "They knew what they were doing. They can call, and you've got to be able to use a call.

"Turkeys are probably the smartest animal we hunt out here, the wariest," said Griffin.

He said their are "four or five good flocks in various parts of the arsenal . . . Bradford Mountain, down by the river, back behind Thiokol pond, around the airport. They're spread out pretty good."

The turkeys originated with 13 wild birds released in 1973 on the southeast slope of Bradford Mountain after being trapped in Clark County.

Top NASA team wins tourney

NASA's top ranked Bombers are champions of the 1982 Army-NASA basketball tournament.

The Bombers turned back Teledyne Brown, 65-52, in the all-NASA finals to win the championship last week and end a five year drought against Army civilians.

Grey Settle and Pat Lewallen, both named to the All-Tournament team, led the Bombers with 17 points each as the champions finished with a 26-1 record.

Army Finance and Accounting took third place by defeating Boeing No. 2, 72-52, behind James Love with 18 and Abdullah Muhammad with 14. James Thompson had 20 for the losers.

In addition to Settle and Lewallen, the all tournament team included Love and Muhammad of Army F&A, James Thompson and Mike Crutcher of Teledyne Brown, and Lewis Pierce of Boeing No. 2.

In other tournament games, NASA Finance nipped Army Supply 53-49; NASA Ringers stopped Corps of Engineers, 55-42; Boeing No. 2 edged Controllers, 66-60; Bendix turned back P&P No. 2, 55-47; Army F&A nosed out NASA Finance 69-67; and Boeing No. 2 got by Rachels 78-76.

In the semi finals, Bombers rolled over Boeing No. 2, 82-49; and Teledyne Brown defeated Army F&A, 77-72.

Arsenal bowlers win 3 divisions

Redstone teams took first place in three divisions in the city bowling tournament.

The Redstone Rockets won the ladies team division with 3,021 pins. Team members were Nancy Reily, Betty Lau, Florence Tier, Lilo Launais and Annette Myers.

Frank Vicuna, Clyde Young, Bob Sullivan, Joe Korveniewski and Bob Senn of the Pin Boys won men's team competition with 3,114 total pins.

The junior and senior team division was won by the Hi Counts with 3,380 pins. Chuck Des Rosier, Calvin Lorder, Jesse Hawthorne Jr., Phillip Hawthorne and Roger Sal Kil are members.

Shooters on busy schedule

BY JOHN WAGNER

The Redstone Arsenal Marksmanship team is off and competing in a busy schedule for 1982.

"We've been representing the post and participating in military and civilian matches nearly every weekend this year," explained Maj. Howard Miller, officer in charge.

The team, sponsored by S3 Special Troops, is on a membership drive. "Any active-duty person serving on post is eligible," Miller said. "Even if someone is inexperienced he or she can come and practice with the team at Shields Range every Wednesday afternoon until dark."

"We only require that a member be actively involved," he continued. "He or she should practice weekly to strive for improvement and support the competitions. In Army matches only the top five people will compete for a team award, but everyone can participate and win individual awards in National Rifle Association events."

"Shields Range, which is by the military recreational area, has excellent facilities for practicing," noted 1st Lt. William Bradley of S3, a team member. "It has stationary and silhouette targets distances from 50 to 500 meters which people can shoot at from standing, prone, and kneeling positions."

The team furnishes and competes with four types of weapons — the .22, .38, and .45 caliber handgun and M-14 rifle. "Ammunition and transportation to the competitions are provided by the Army," Miller said. "Those are important benefits to keep in mind for people interested in joining."

The team will participate in "conventional pistol" competitions Sunday in Guntersville, April 4 in Birmingham, and April 18 at Fort Campbell. They will also enter a pistol silhouette match April 11 in Birmingham and a high-power rifle competition April 24 and 25 at Fort McClellan.

Active-duty military personnel desiring more information should contact Miller or 876-5597 or Bradley at 876-2089.

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Common Tasks SQT training to begin

BY MAGGIE CUMMINS

For soldiers who cannot take an MOS-specific SQT, the upcoming Common Tasks Skill Qualification Test could be the key to getting ahead.

Training for the hands-on and job site components will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays, April 14 through May 7, from 1-3 p.m. at the Special Troops Conference Room in Bldg 3437.

Testing on the hands-on and job site components will be May 14 and 21 at a site to be determined.

Skill Components training will be on June 16, 18, 23 and 25 from 9-11 a.m. at the post theater. The skill component test is set for mid-July.

The SQT booklet for the common task test is available at the Education Center, Building 3222. Billy Hughes may be contacted at the Education Center, 876-4349, for more information.

Skill level 1-4 soldiers who have not had or will not have an MOS specific test available during the period Sept. 1, 1981, through Nov. 30, 1982, will take the common task test. Also, soldiers exempted under Chapter 5, AR 600-200 from primary MOS testing, but physically able to maintain proficiency and be tested on common soldier's tasks, will take the test. There are approximately 300 soldiers at Redstone in this category.

Soldiers with the following primary MOS will be scheduled for the common task SQT:

00U	23W	35U	74F	81E
03C	24R	36H	75D	84F
16H	27H	41J	75E	91E
22L	27N	52C	76C	91T
22N	32G	71G	76J	91Y
23N	35B	72E	76P	93E
23U	35G	72G	76Y	

The common skills test consists of three components: skill, hands-on, and job site.

The skill component will contain performance-oriented, multiple choice tests which evaluate a soldier's ability to apply the knowledge and skills necessary to perform critical wartime tasks. It consists of seven tasks.

The hands-on component contains performance tests which require a soldier to perform critical tasks using actual or simulated equipment. It will be administered by specially trained scorers and consists of three tasks.

The job site component will be given by immediate supervisors in the work area. It consists of three tasks.

EOCCT changeover nearly complete

BY JOHN WAGNER

Changeover of the end of course comprehensive test (EOCCT) to SQT format is nearing completion here.

The EOCCT format change for 17 military occupational specialty, or additional skill identifier producing courses taught at MMCS, will be finished by July 31, according to Paul Michael, educational specialist, Directorate of Evaluation and Standardization.

The change began in April 1981 when the explosive ordnance disposal course (55D) was the first at MMCS to receive the new EOCCT.

The EOCCT for the nuclear weapons electronic specialist (35F) and nuclear weapons maintenance specialist (55G) courses were changed in June. The four Improved Hawk specialties (24H, J, K, L) followed in July. Today the EOCCTs for a majority of the 17 MOS/ASI producing courses planned for have been changed to the SQT format.

"The MMCS commandant decided upon this for the benefit of the students," explained Dr. J. M. Gullick, Jr., supervisory educational specialist in Directorate of Training Developments. "It was in order for the young soldier to be able to experience an evaluation instrument like the SQT while still in training. This will in turn help him when he later takes the real SQT."

A TRADOC Inspector General team here in July said in a report that the new format was a distinct improvement and directed that as many EOCCTs as possible for initial entry training and AIT courses be changed, Army wide.

"TRADOC saw the SQT format as a way to increase student retention of training skills and decrease 'pigeon holing' of information — where students temporarily learn something then forget about it," Michael said.

The new EOCCTs largely consist of material arranged according to the hands-on and skill component of the SQT, according to Michael.

The hands-on portion is where a series of specialized tasks are performed in a controlled environment. Receiving a "go" on each task is based upon a number of "performance measures."

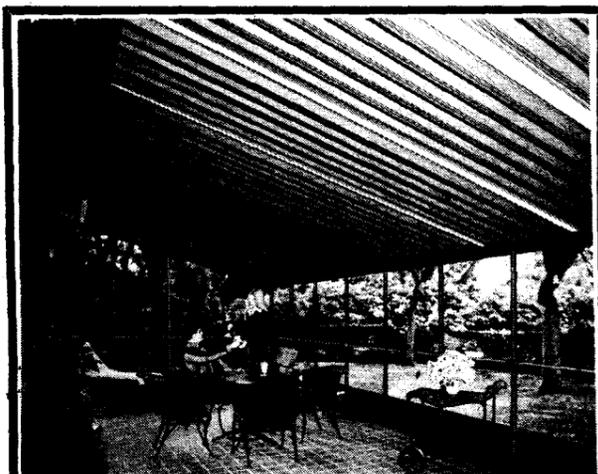
The skill component is a formal written test. It

consists of multiple choice questions that may be answered on a computerized answer sheet or "marksense form."

The SQT format includes a third portion called the job-site component. This involves the soldier performing a variety of practical tasks at his duty station. However, duplication of this in the EOCCTs is optional, according to Michael.

The new EOCCTs are designed to last four to ten hours for courses that are less than ten weeks in length. For longer courses, the final testing can be up to 40 hours in length. A passing score is 70 percent, Michael said.

The forthcoming MMCS regulation on the EOCCTs is 350-51, Michael noted.



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Sales dispose of government surplus items

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Over 170 surplus items — ranging from calculators to refrigerators — were to go on sale this morning in a local spot bid sale.

This was one of the local sales held periodically by the Property Disposal Office here that services the Army activities and also an Air Force base at Tullahoma, Tenn.

"What we have is property that's no longer needed by the government. It becomes surplus at that time," said C. J. Copeland, a property marketing specialist.

Before anything is sold, the office first sees if the property can be reused by other federal agencies and the state. There are two types of surplus sales: the local spot bids and the national sales. The national sales are handled by the Defense Property Disposal Regional Office at Memphis, Tenn.

Property is lined up individually and in groups at property disposal's two warehouses where it can be viewed before local spot bids.

"The customer is encouraged to come in and screen the items," Copeland said. "We offer the item for screening and inspection usually a week prior to sales day."

On sales day, registration is held at the Rocket Auditorium in Bldg. 7120 and the sale starts at 9 a.m. "When they register in, we give them a bidder's number. They bid by their number," Copeland said.

Items are numbered in sequence and listed in a bidder's catalogue. The contracting officer announces the opening of bids for each item.

"You can't see the property inside the Rocket Auditorium. That is strictly where the sale is held,"

Copeland said. "Of course, we do have people who come in and never look at the property and actually put bids on the property."

Bidders, who usually number about 100, bid by raising an index-like card. The cards are picked up by "runners" and the award is made to the highest bid. Each card must have the item number, the price bid, the customer's signature and his and her bid number.

The contracting officer announces the top bidder and the price before going on to the next item. Bidders are told before the sale when they can go to the property disposal office at Bldg. 7408 to pay for items. "Our criteria for this is try to get \$10 per item," Copeland said.

"It's old, outdated and most of it is in need of repair," he said, adding that he would not describe the items as junk. "No, it's not junk. I would definitely describe it as old and outdated."

"All of it is used. In most cases, it's unfeasible for the government to repair it."

Today's sale is to be Copeland's last after two years at Redstone because he is to transfer to Germany in April. He will be working with the Defense Property Disposal Regional headquarters in Europe.

When he first came here, there was about one local spot bid sale every month because of a backlog in property. "Now we try to get one at least every three months," Copeland said. "It just depends on the flow of the property."

Each military base is serviced by a property disposal office. Before 1973, the office was under the military branch of the base it serviced. The offices became part of the Defense Supply Agency in 1973 which became the Defense Logistics Agency in 1975.

"We're considered a tenant agency on all bases," said Copeland, one of 13 workers under the property disposal office here.

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Property accountability 'everyone's business'

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The Army uses over \$300 million in government property here and keeping track of that property is every worker's business.

"Property accountability means accounting for government-owned property," says Bob Blevins, chief of the property management and accountability branch under RASA's equipment management division.

Government property, required to perform the work at this command, represents a large expen-

diture of funds. The \$300-350 million figure doesn't even include government-furnished equipment used by contractors, according to Luther Pitts of the property management and accountability branch.

Organizations get funds for new equipment to replace old equipment, based on set standards for depreciation.

"The responsibility of accountability rests with the private through the general and the GS-1 through the super-grades," says Pitts, a general supply specialist. "It rests with each individual; it's everyone's responsibility."

Taking inventory is part of property accountability. This means looking at the equipment and making sure that it is used properly. "It's designed for a

purpose. If it's not used for this purpose, certainly it's not going to perform or last as it should," Pitts says.

There is also a formal record-keeping process by which the property management branch controls each piece of equipment. This is called a "mechanized property control accounting system."

Loss of equipment is "loss of money and without the equipment, we cannot do the job we're tasked to do here at Redstone," Pitts says. Poor property accountability can also mean money out of the worker's pocket.

"There's a lot more emphasis being placed in this area now than there was a few years ago," Pitts says. "A lot more people are paying for lost or damaged equipment."

Property accountability is "an important area, an area of interest all the way up the chain of command," says Marvin Barber, chief of the equipment management division.

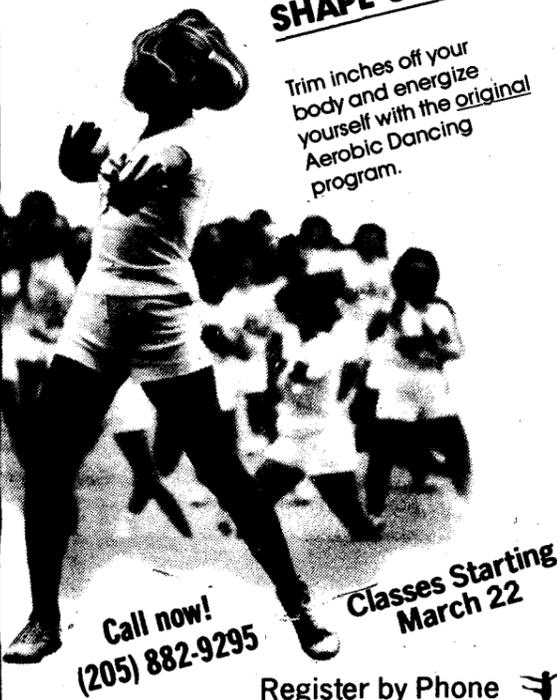
Pitts suggests regular inventories to keep track of property. An annual inventory is required by regulation "however I feel to properly control the equipment, inventories should be a continual process," he says.

Government property means several different items. "We're talking about from a pencil to a missile system. It all adds up to a lot of money," Pitts says.

"Of course that money comes from taxes that you pay and I pay and everyone else pays."

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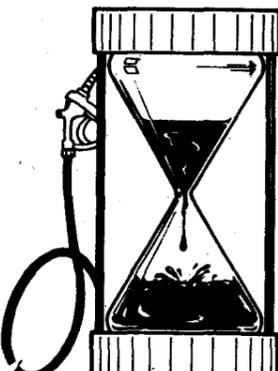
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MPs have had the moped for about a month but are "beginning to use it now because the weather's warming up," she said.

"We've got a lot of trucks now that use a lot of fuel so we've got to save as much fuel as we can," she added.

Savings fuel shouldn't be difficult with this vehicle. It gets an estimated 150-160 miles per gallon.

"That surprised me," Jones said. "They've only filled it up once. We've been riding it about a week."

The MP line duty platoon will be using the moped. "It's going to really help us out in our fuel consumption because we've really been getting low mileage on those trucks," Jones said.



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Steps planned to change customer perception of prices included dropping the price of 101 health and beauty aid items and intensifying weekly sales promotions, southeast region exchange officials said.

Errors delay tax refunds

WASHINGTON — Errors in filing out 1981 income tax forms have caused delays for many taxpayers due to refunds, report officials of the internal revenue service.

A frequent error thus far, noted the IRS, is taxpayers' failure to reduce their adjusted gross income by \$1,000 for each exemption claimed, last year's tax returns included the exemption deduction in the tax tables. This year's forms, however, require taxpayers to calculate the exemption themselves, that amount then is entered on line 33 of Form 1040 or line 11 of Form 1040A.

The IRS listed also these other common errors:

- Selecting the incorrect tax form the tax table;

- Not claiming the earned-income credit when eligible to do so;
- Claiming an incorrect amount of earned-income credit;
- Incorrectly computing medical and dental expenses when itemizing deductions on schedule A; and
- Not excluding form income up to \$200 in qualifying interest and dividends (\$400 for a married couple filing a joint return).

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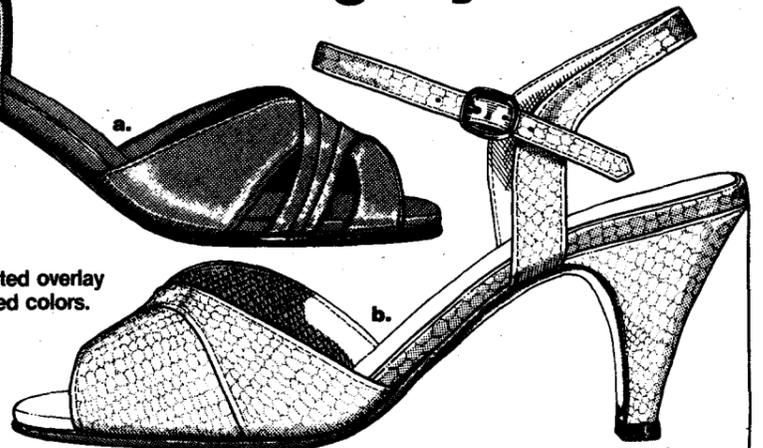
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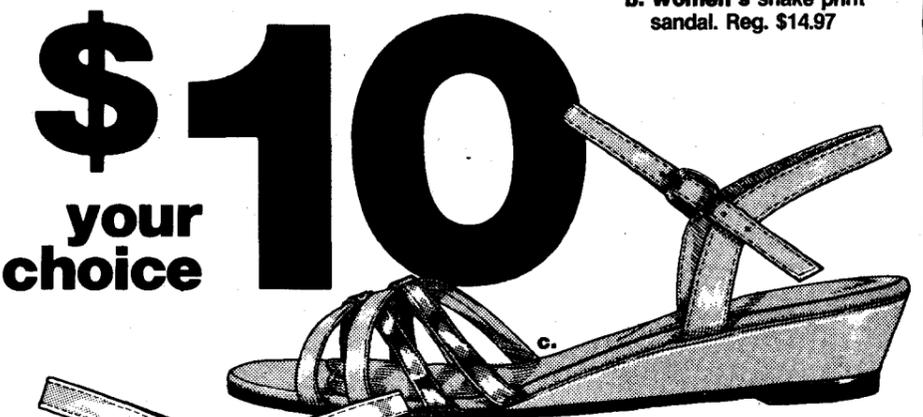
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BY JEANNE LANZARO

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Holliman suggested that before buying consumers should first consult their sources, then comparison shop and pick the three best prices. Then call the BBB, gives them the name and address of each business, and information about the company will be furnished on the phone.

"The bureau does not make recommendations for or against any company, but provides consumers with facts to make wise choices.

"It's not so important if a business has a complaint filed against it, but how they handle a complaint is. Some companies have files an inch thick of complaints not handled," Holliman added.

The BBB is a private non-profit corporation supported by local business and professional firms. It

was founded on the principal of self regulation rather than government regulation.

Consumer and businesses alike are protected from the unethical and unscrupulous in the market place through the BBB, according to Holliman.

In addition to being a vehicle for mediating complaints, the BBB furthers consumer education. In over 200 free publications, a consumer can become knowledgeable in such areas as common problems in money management or obtain assistance with everyday or special purchase decisions.

"Over 90 percent of our work is in reliability reporting," said Holliman. The bureau has records on over 10,000 businesses, charities and civic organizations and will furnish an information report upon request. "If we don't have a record on a company, we'll develop information and produce one."

The Better Business Bureau publishes a "Guide to Wise Buying", available in local bookstores, that's designed to help consumers get better values for their money. The guide is based on the organization's 67 years of experience and resources. It gives factual information about products and services available in the marketplace.

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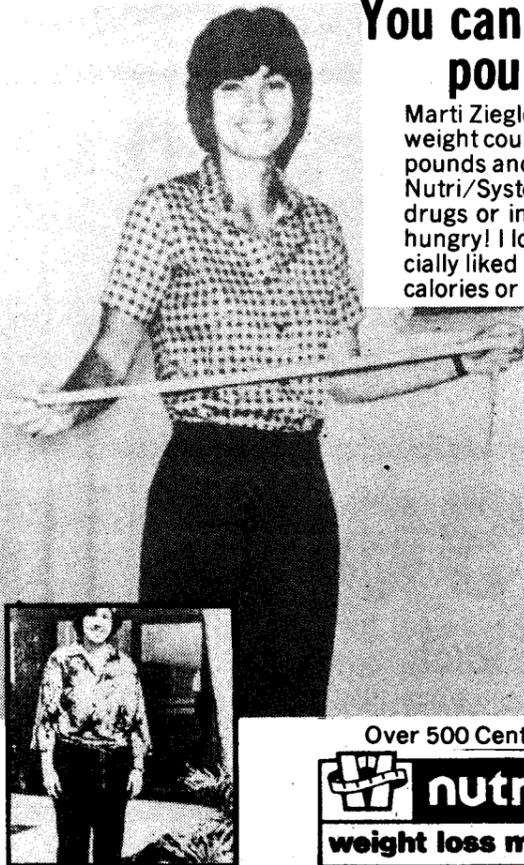
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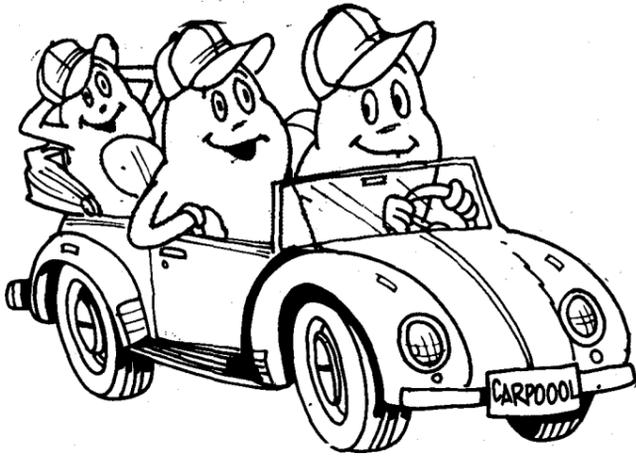
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FEW meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will be held at the Officer's club on Thursday, March 25. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00. After a short business meeting, Dr. Delia Black will present a slide travelogue of China. Reservations are required and must be paid for when reservations are made. Tickets are \$5.00. Contacts are: Nancy Rostollan, bldg 5400, 876-1842, Bonnie Kilgore, bldg 5250, 876-3919, Jane Armstrong, RASA, 876-5161 and Mary Maxwell, bldg 8027, 876-4233.

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TOPS

New officers for Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) at Redstone include Fay Young, leader; Marsha Koehn, co-leader; Susan Pospisil, secretary; Lorene Washko, treasurer; and Penny Lampe, weight recorder. The group meets every Tuesday at Bicentennial Chapel (5:45-6:15 p.m. weigh-in and 6:15-7 meeting). For more information, call Fay Young 837-4326.

Burglary prevention

The Huntsville Police Department will host a two hour burglary prevention clinic on March 31 in Butler High School. Beginning at 7 p.m. the clinic will show new methods of securing homes against burglaries and present the investigator responsible for the southwest section of the city. Subsequent clinics for other city sections will occur April 21 in Huntsville High, May 19 in Johnson High and June 16 in Lee High. For further information contact Officer Ronnie Fudge at 532-7205.

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The Huntsville Section of IEEE will hold a luncheon meeting Wednesday, March 31 at the Officers Club. Robert Thibodeau of General Research Corporation will discuss the use of models in software cost estimation. The social will begin at 11 a.m. followed by lunch and then the program at 12 noon. For reservations and information call Linda Hooper, 895-6316 or Frank Lane, 876-8580.

Bloodmobile

The Bloodmobile will be at bldg 3202 (8th SC) today from 4-8 p.m. March 29 it will be at bldg 4505, 7:30 a.m.-12(30 p.m. For more information call Doris Wobrock 876-4603.

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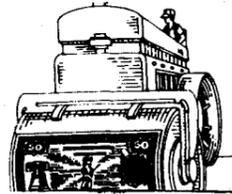
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An intensive comparison of management and administration throughout the world. Instructor: Donald Jackson, Ph.D.; DJ Associates, Inc.

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A study of budget development and control in the Federal Government. Instructor: Phillip W. Williams, D.P.A.; U.S. Army Ballistic Msl. Sys. Cmd.

24-632 ACCOUNTING FOR MANAGEMENT MW 4:30-6:40 p.m.
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31-561 NUMERICAL COMPUTING MW 4:30-6:40 p.m.
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11-691 MODERN RADAR DESIGN May 10-13, 8:15 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
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