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82nd Airborne

Parachute drop slated here

Paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division will make a parachute drop here for tactical training Monday, May 3.

Carried by four C-130s infantry and anti armor troops will drop into fields bordering Rideout Rd., southwest of Fox Army Community Hospital at 12:30 p.m.

About 175 soldiers will be involved in the jump, according to 1st Lt. William C. Bradley, project officer who is coordinating Redstone details of the exercise.

Traffic will be blocked from Rideout Road which is within the jump zone for one hour beginning at noon. Spectators should use Goss Road and park north of Goss. The hospital parking lot will be kept clear of spectator traffic.

The public will be admitted to see the jump.

Following chute recovery and assembly the infantry unit will proceed to take a military objective on Weeden and Madkin Mountains. Aggressors on the mountains will be soldiers from Hq and Hq Company, Special Troops, RASA. The anti armor unit will be transported to a test area where soldiers will fire TOW missiles.

AER drive starts in May

This year's Army Emergency Relief campaign here is scheduled for May 15 through June 30 with a goal of \$20,000.

A kickoff meeting for key representatives who will be soliciting contributions is set for 1 p.m. May 4 in building 5250. Col. Travis Walker, MICOM chief of staff, is to address a group of about 30.

"AER's motto is the Army takes care of its own. This is the fund drive that tries to live up to its motto," said Juanita Phillips, AER officer for Redstone Arsenal.

"We're here everyday handing out the money. This is the one time each year we're asking for money."

AER makes emergency loans and grants to servicemembers, retirees and their family members. The Armywide fund also offers educational assistance loans and grants.

Last year was the best year ever for the local campaign and the success was attributed to a new system of payroll deductions. Allotment forms allow active duty military and retired military to check off what amount they want deducted from their pay for AER.

"Thank goodness that was very successful and we'll have that at our disposal again this year," Phillips said.

Cash contributions last year totaled \$4,296 and payroll deduction pledges

amounted to \$14,468. The amount pledged doubled the previous high campaign total from 1977.

With April, May and June remaining on last year's payroll deduction plan, close to \$10,000 of the payroll deduction pledges have been collected. "We're doing very well. I think that's a pretty good figure," Phillips said.

The purpose of the AER campaign is not only to solicit contributions but also to "let them know we're here," according to the AER officer. Her phone number is 876-5468.

This year's AER campaign coordinator is 2nd Lt. David B. Andrews of Special Troops.

New day for logisticians

BY BOB HUBBARD

Jack Isom foresees a new day dawning for Army missile logisticians.

Those men and women who perform near miracles almost every day at Redstone Arsenal, yet seldom make headlines, are coming of age, according to Isom, MICOM's newest Senior Executive Service member and newly-named Director of the Missile Logistics Center (MLC).

"I'm excited about being selected, and having the opportunity to apply my experience to the challenge," said

the former Deputy Director of Materiel Management.

Having a logistician named to the SES ranks greatly enhances the logistician image, he said, and improves credibility with customers and industry counterparts.

Isom said his first priority involves team building.

"I plan to establish commodity teams to formalize what should be happening in an informal way but

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Isom

Little scooters replace cars and trucks

Several shops and offices on the arsenal will soon be getting more miles out of their gasoline allotment. They are the ones that will receive seven new scooters that arrived here last week.

"We just got them in and they're not assigned yet," said Jerry Quinn, utilization specialist at Equipment Management Division. He said they will be used as replacement for overage and over-

mileage cars and trucks in the arsenal fleet.

The scooters are light utility trucks but one is equipped for hauling passengers. "Six are two-passenger with a little compartment on the back for tool storage and that type thing. One has little fold-down seats in the back. It's a van type and the others are utility-type beds," Quinn said.

The four-wheeled scooters have two cylinder engines and three speed manual transmissions. The carrying capacity is 500 lbs plus two passengers.

One more scooter is due to arrive and two were shipped earlier and are in service, making a total of 10 in the arsenal fleet. "We don't have enough experience with them to determine what they're actually doing" in the way of gas mileage, Quinn said, but one used as a plumbing service truck gets 15 mpg with a load. "Mileage will really depend on how they're used — starts, stops, load and so forth," he said.

The other scooter is used by security guards. Elsewhere on the arsenal there are six smaller three-wheeled scooters in use. One is electric.

The new scooters were unloaded at the motor pool for "safe and serviceable acceptance inspections"

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Workers unload scooters at motor pool

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-Letters Too slow

Editor:

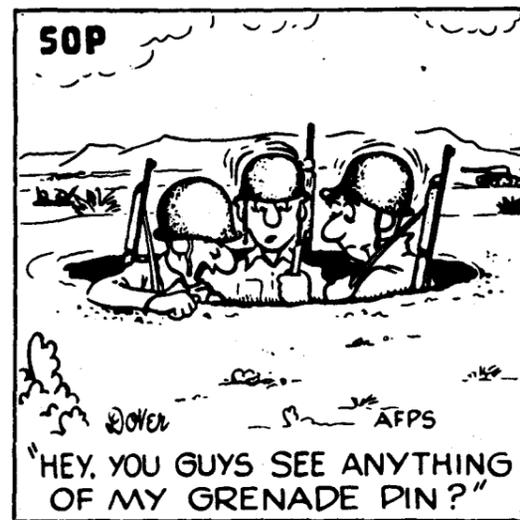
I am writing in concern for the safety of motorists who try to abide by the new speed limit of 25 mph which has been posted for Goss Road.

In abiding by the speed limit, motorists are putting their lives in danger by having vehicles speed up behind and around them showing disgust for

their slow movement — especially around 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. when it is known that the MPs are occupied elsewhere.

Lowering the speed limit does not slow speed breakers down. Better results would be achieved if the limit was changed back to 35 and enforced. The ones who did not slow down to 35 will not slow down to 25.

Name withheld on request



School's soul

Editor:

I have been with MMCS from June 19, 1981 to the present. I see the school as one having all the makings of an outstanding school. At the present time leadership will determine which way the school will go. I'm sure you are aware of the kind of soldiers we have in today's army. There are leaders and there are followers. There are noncommissioned officers and there are sergeants, which brings me to the subject at hand.

Anyone can be a sergeant, but it takes a special kind of soldier to be a noncommissioned officer. The right to lead can be given to anyone, but respect must be earned. As an NCO you must show all the signs of leadership. This is the tool we must use in order to make this a strong and professional school; thereby, creating an atmosphere of esprit de corps. Being a NCO means many things and often doing things we don't feel are right, but doing them anyway because we are NCO's and professionals. Any sergeant who cannot do the job because of his/her unwillingness or inability to work and get

along with others will never earn the title of non-commissioned officer.

It is our duty to do the best that we can give as professionals. We as NCO's are in the position to determine which way the school house will go! We can together make this the best school in the Army, because in many ways we are the "soul" of the school!

SFC Willie Burton
MMCS Proponency Office

Contracting out

Editor:

I recently read where "The decision to contract out is a political decision and not one of efficiency or economy." We have all heard about the gigantic cost overruns, but here are two examples that we are more familiar with. They both deal with Graphics support, which is one of the RASA functions that may be contracted out. Not long ago a local contractor's trial was front page news. The trial alone, probably relinquished any savings the

Army had hoped to realize by contracting out. Is this cost efficient? Here more recently another Graphics support contractor is having trouble. The two aforementioned companies had support (overflow) contracts with the Army. What is going to happen if Graphics goes complete contractor?

Are these just isolated cases, or should the Graphics support the Army needs be contracted out?

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I understand that the majority of Graphics work is for the Missile Command and is not considered

base operation support. Maybe Force Development should look into this matter to determine if Graphic Arts should organizationally be aligned under MICOM.

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Stranded driver

Editor:

My vehicle broke down at the intersection of Martin and Mills at approximately 1620 hrs, April 15th. There was an MP (male) sitting in a parked military vehicle a few hundred feet down the roadway from me. After I placed the flashers on, and raised the hood to indicate trouble, the MP made a U turn and came toward me (I thought to help), but

as he approached and slowed for the traffic signal, he turned his head slightly so as to pretend he didn't see my need for help. There is no way he could not have seen or been aware of the situation. It's quite a walk to the nearest building, but thanks to a lady civilian who gave me a ride to the nearest phone/Bldg. I wonder, are Redstone's MPs not permitted to help stranded motorists?

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Correction

The rank for Oliver Q. Fry, husband of Barbara Fry, was incorrectly listed in a story in last week's Rocket. His correct rank is SFC.

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Two convicted in trials here

Two Redstone Arsenal soldiers were found guilty in separate trials by special court-martial last Thursday and are confined at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Sp4 Ronnie Carl Johnson, of 8th Student Company, was found guilty by a military judge of larceny and conspiracy to commit forgery. He allegedly conspired with another soldier to obtain four sets of battledress uniforms by false pretenses, according to Capt. Joe Lampley, the prosecutor.

The forgery was by signing the executive officer's name to a personnel clothing request form, Lampley said, and the larceny was by using the document to obtain the uniforms.

Johnson was reduced to E-1, ordered to forfeit \$367 per month for three months and sentenced to confinement at hard labor for three months. The 24-year-old soldier is from Brewton, Ala.

Pvt. 2 Edward Desrosiers, of 4th Student Company, was found guilty by a military judge of aggravated assault and making a false swearing. "On the first of February, Desrosiers broke into his own wall locker and alleged that someone stole properties valued at \$225.10 from his wall locker," said Lampley, the prosecutor. "He told this lie because he wanted to submit a claim to the United States government for that amount."

The assault took place on Feb. 8 in the 4th Student Company day room when Desrosiers "kicked another soldier in the face with his boot," Lampley said. The soldier required emergency medical attention and has a "slight scar in the mouth area where the wound was inflicted."

Desrosiers was sentenced to five months confinement at hard labor, reduced to E-1 and ordered to forfeit \$367 per month for six months. The 19-year-old soldier is from Worcester, Mass.

Judge Ralph Lurker of Fort Benning, Ga., heard both cases without a jury. Capt. Robert Swann of Fort McPherson, Ga., represented Johnson; Capt. Allan Hardcastle of Fort Benning, Ga. represented Desrosiers.

Dental Activity goes to field

Redstone's Dental Activity proved itself military ready in a three-day field exercise this past weekend.

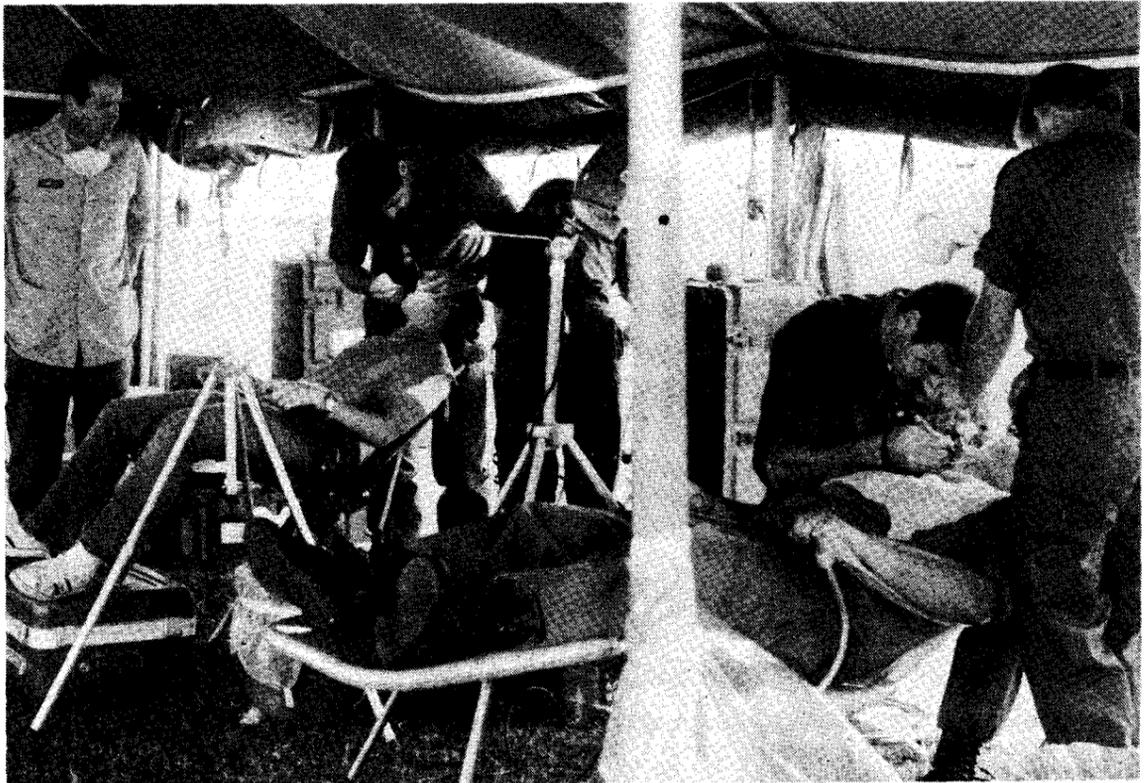
The field training is a yearly exercise which emphasized soldierization training. Every other year the activity conducts a "working field exercise" which includes dental work in emergency or combat conditions.

The training started at 7 a.m. on April 23 and was completed at 5 p.m. on the 25. Col. Edward H. Hirsch, DENTAC Commander, expressed confidence in his company and said that they are as

good or even better qualified in combat skills as any soldier.

Along with weapons qualification (M-16 rifle) and NBC training, the company's schedule included unit perimeter set up, heat stress, leadership classes with sections on smoking and cancer, EEO and Sidpers. Emergency medical care in the field environment, field sanitation, property accountability, preparation and administration of physical fitness test in field environment, and qualification of the .38 and .45 Army pistols were also taught.

Classes were given by officers and enlisted personnel E-5 and above.



TEETH WORK — Working on soldiers teeth in a field situation calls for different methods than in an office environment.

Law Day marks years of progress

A banquet is planned for Saturday, May 1 in observance of the 25th annual national Law Day.

"The Law Day theme this year is "Law Day XXV: a generation of progress," said Frank Faraci, an attorney in the Missile Command's legal

office. "Law Day is by presidential proclamation May 1st of every year."

The program here is headed by the Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association in conjunction with the North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

Judge Robert P. Bradley of the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals will be the speaker at the banquet Saturday evening at Huntsville Hilton. Reservations are necessary for the event which will include presentation of the Liberty Bell Award.

"That (award) is given each year to recognize members of the community for having done something that is embodied in the theme for Law Day," Faraci said. The award consists of a plaque with a Liberty Bell on it.

Other Law Day activities include presentations by lawyers to civics classes in local schools.

Top Redstone officials have signed a proclamation to "join in proclaiming Saturday, May 1, 1982, as Law Day USA and call upon all our members to commemorate the role of law in our lives."

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Sp4 Mark Harkleroad, Co. A — "Someone who understands his soldiers — their troubles and needs — and knows how to help them."



PFC Ernesto Ibarra, HHC MICOM — "My idea of a good NCO is a leader who goes beyond the minimum requirements. He isn't satisfied with things being 'good enough for government work' and does his absolute best."



Sp4 Lauren Orrok, 95th Service Co. — "It's someone who can keep the morale of the individual soldier at a level where he or she can perform in a proper military manner."



Pvt. 2 Jesse Hernandez, 4th S.C. — "A good NCO will listen to both sides in a dispute. He is fair with the troops and is willing to listen to any problem."



Pvt. 1 Danny Person, 6th S.C. — "He's a person who will take time out for the troops and who really knows how to work with them. He should come from a specialty like the infantry for instance, where he'll really learn how to be a cadre."

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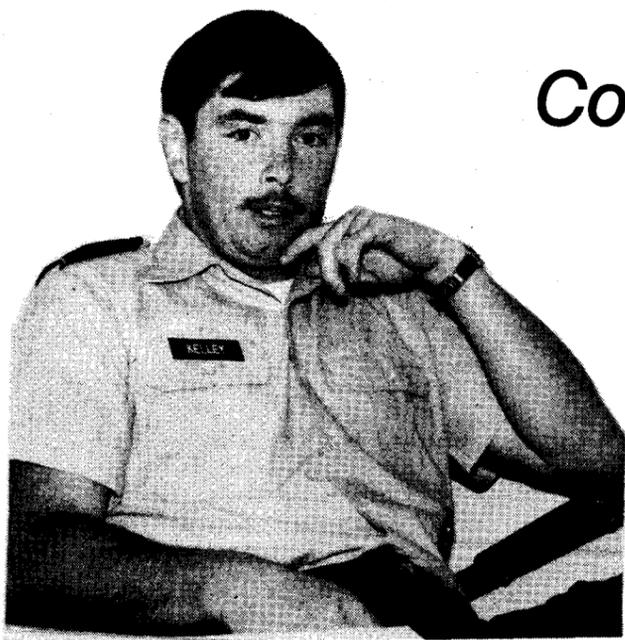
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Council works in junior officers' interest

BY SKIP VAUGHN



Members of the Junior Officer Council are proud of changes they say their group has had a role in.

Included is the bicycle path on Goss and Vincent, the tennis courts in the housing area on Skinner and live entertainment during "happy hour" at the Officers Club (starting May 1).

These were the "results of JOC efforts," says Capt. Bill Dowdy, chairman of the council's morale and recreation committee. Council members say they make suggestions to their adviser, Lt. Col. Steven Gregg, who takes it from there.

The Junior Officer Council's collective voice gets results, members say. Membership in the no-dues-paying group is open to all Huntsville area junior officers — lieutenants, captains, and warrant officers.

"It's an open forum for junior officers to come and air their concerns and suggestions," says 1st Lt. Bill Kelley, council president.

Through its adviser, the council has a "direct communication link to the commander's staff," Kelley says. The group meets monthly at the Officers Club.

Meetings feature speakers on topics of interest to junior officers. Past speakers include several area generals.

"Each meeting has a guest speaker and is meant to be educational," says Capt. Bob Nerz, council vice president. He says there are about 50 active participants in the council.

The council has four main committees including the health and welfare committee, morale and recreation, service and a committee at large. Questions brought up to the council are referred to committee members.

It's not all business; activities include sponsoring "toga" and "shipwreck" parties open to all officers club members. "We're going to try to have some JOC-sponsored event quarterly," says 1st Lt. Karen McNully, a member for two and half year.

Present concerns of junior officers include the economic situation, promotions and assignments, according to Kelley, the council president.

"An organization like this is invaluable," he says. "It fosters the junior officers' interests." For more information on the council, call Kelley 876-4359/5303.

'An organization like this is invaluable. It fosters the junior officers' interests.'

—Kelley

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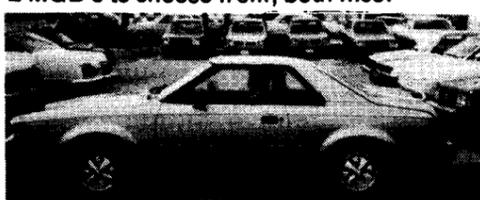
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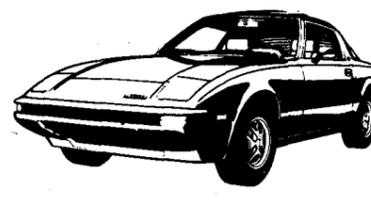
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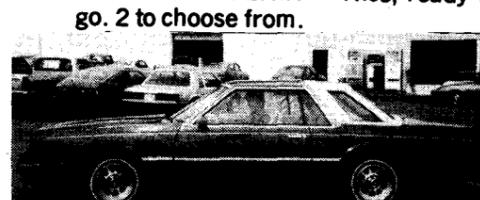
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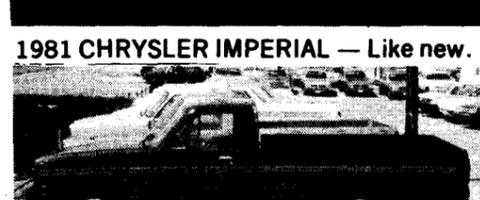
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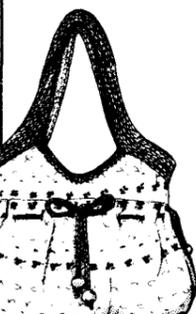
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Eagles more prevalent in area

A Facilities Engineering environmental worker is "certain" that he spotted a bald eagle during a helicopter flight over the arsenal.

"I'm certain I saw one," said Bill Schroder, FE environmental quality coordinator, describing the bird as having a black body and wings and white head and tail.

"I was in the helicopter in the middle seat and I saw this bird. I thought it was a vulture, then a heron, but there was no long neck.

"It had a white head," Schroder continued, "White feathers on its tail and had about a six foot wingspan . . . bigger than my arms spread out.

"I would have thought it was a turkey vulture if it hadn't been for the distinguishing white head and tail."

Schroder was on a flight April 7 with some Justice Department lawyers looking at Huntsville Spring

Branch. He said the eagle was flying over the branch where it joins Indian Creek in Test Area 1. That part of the arsenal is in Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge. He said the helicopter was flying at about 500 feet, with the eagle some 200 feet below. "I tried to show it to this warrant officer but we passed over it" and the bird was lost from view.

"Funny thing, I came back and saw a picture in Dave Bryant's office I think it was, of this eagle from the top and it looked just like what I saw," Schroder said.

Tom Atkeson, manager of Wheeler Refuge, said eagles anymore are "not uncommon here. What is unusual is that it was getting a little late" for one to be in the area. "A big soaring bird with a white head and a white tail . . . it ain't no other" bird but an eagle, he said. "It's pretty distinctive." Eagles customarily are not in the area except from late October to early March.

Eagles are still a federally-protected endangered species, but their situation is "improving a bit here, it's a bit more encouraging," Atkeson said.

During the Wheeler Refuge annual Christmas bird count six eagles were seen, one golden and five bald. In a special eagle count in January four were sighted.

A generation ago bald eagles were prevalent on Wheeler Refuge, even nested there, but almost became extinct when DDT in the environment caused their egg shells to become thin and weak and break in the nest.

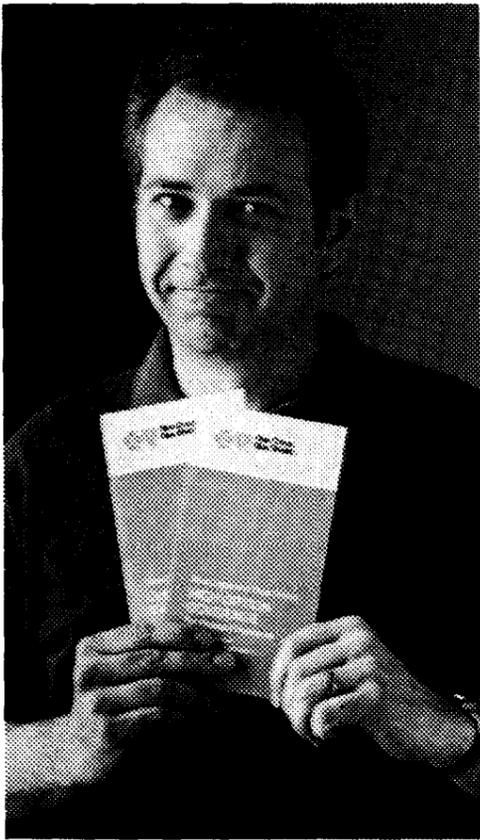
Their current comeback, which is nationwide, said Atkeson "is almost certainly due to DDT being outlawed almost exactly 10 years ago and we're seeing the results of that." Eagles were affected by DDT in the fish they ate usually scavenged dead or dying.

Eagles today may be attracted to the arsenal Huntsville Spring Branch-Indian Creek area because it is remote and dead fish are often present in the streams, which are heavily polluted with DDT and sewage.

"Eagles are a lot more common on the Guntersville Reservoir than here, probably because of the lack of pollution," said Atkeson. Guntersville has 10-12 wintering birds.

He said they are also more common downriver of this area, notably around Waterloo near the Mississippi line where the environment is cleaner.

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Precautions taken in severe weather season

BY MAGGIE CUMMINS

A thunderstorm is something not to be taken lightly.

"April is the worst month for tornadoes and severe weather," says Wilton L. Rodgers, chief of the National Weather Service Station. "There is an average of five tornadoes per year in a 60 mile radius of Huntsville."

The weather station, located at the Huntsville Airport near the FAA Tower, is responsible for monitoring any severe weather activity in the 10 most northern counties in Alabama. Each county has its own Emergency Operation Center (EOC).

Jerral Miller, a weather service special technician at the station, said the public is urged to contact local law enforcement or civil defense authorities with sightings of tornadoes or other hazardous weather conditions. This allows the station to concentrate on tracking and informing local media of present weather conditions.

Ham Radio operators assist the weather station with mobile radios as well as home operated units located throughout the weather watch areas. Local operators known as RACEES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) relay messages to the weather station as they receive them from mobile units.

Rodgers says, "As the RACEES operators get feedback on what has occurred, they relay the spotters report to the weather station. This 'real ground truth' or 'eyesighting' pin points a tornado better than radar."

"The radar system covers vast areas and tracing the exact location of a tornado would be like trying to find a fly-speck on a telephone," says Miller.

"Severe weather seldom comes from the east with an exception of the summer months when a freak storm may occur. This happens about one percent of the time. Four to five percent of the time storms come from the north to northwest and 95 percent of the time they come from the west and south direction," says Rodgers.

Miller states that the job of the weather station is to issue severe weather warnings to the public before property and lives are endangered. He said that the radar system is 80 percent effective during



Weather Specialist Brenda Page tracks a severe thunderstorm on one of the video devices in the

operations room at the Weather Station at the Huntsville Airport. (Photo by Maggie Cummins)

the time of severe weather when tracking unusual activity.

Redstone is notified through the same channels as the surrounding communities.

Also weather band radios and civil defense radios are used on the arsenal to keep informed of weather conditions.

These weather warning system are connected with the weather station at the airport which receives weather watch alerts from the main severe weather storm watch unit in Kansas City.

The Kansas City unit picks out areas of severe weather during a 24 hour time span and reports any unusual activity to the local weather stations who in turn alert the public through various means of communications.

Jackie Motley of the Redstone Arsenal Emergency Plans Branch, says "We do whatever the situation demands. There is someone on duty 24 hours a day to broadcast severe weather problems which may concern the military and civilian personnel on post. Each supervisor is instructed to determine the

safest area to be in case of severe weather and inform the people under him on where to go."

Each company should have an updated policy concerning what to do in case of severe weather within their unit area. Drills are held annually to prepare the post's personnel and to insure proper procedures in time of emergencies.

Pamphlets, tours, helpful lectures, slide shows and other means of preparing the public for severe weather is provided by the National Weather Service," says Frank O'Leary, Weather service specialist at the Huntsville station.

Miller says that anyone interested in learning more about the weather station and its role in the community may call for advice, tour the area or even set up a speaker from the station for a lecture. "Anyone here would be delighted to help. All you need do is ask," he said.

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Hotline started for reporting child abuse

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A child protection hotline for reporting suspected cases of child abuse or neglect has been started at Fox Army Community Hospital.

Anyone suspecting such a case should call 876-8000, the new hotline open seven days a week and 24 hours a day. "Our main concern is the military family," said Jean Capowski, Fox Hospital's social worker.

For child abuse cases in progress, the first call should go instead to the military police, she said. "If it's something they have been worrying about or thinking about, it would be better if they make the (hotline) calls during normal hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. That's not mandatory."

She will be answering the hotline calls along with back-up help. The new service resulted from the efforts of Capowski; Capt. Lowell White, Fox Hospital community health nurse; and Dr. Bill Resha, child advocacy program officer with Army Community Service.

"The intent of this whole thing is to help military personnel when they're experiencing personal problems," Resha said. "If a soldier is having family problems, he's less fit for military duty. So we're

trying to provide a broad range of services to the military community and do it in the most effective and coordinated way possible."

The hotline is expected to improve reporting and follow-up by providing a faster service, according to Resha.

Confidentiality of persons making reports will be protected at their request. Calls will not be tape recorded.

The hospital is designated as the first referral for child abuse or neglect cases to provide any necessary medical help to the child. A hospital-based, child protection case management team consists of doctors, nurses, lawyers, military police, chaplain, civilian child abuse workers and a representative from the drug and alcohol program.

"If the child abuse has occurred, the team would meet and make a determination of how best to be helpful," Capowski said.

"If the abuse were severe, the child might be removed from the home by court order until the parents could be worked with. However, we try to prevent this," she said. In other cases, "the child would remain in the home and you'd work with the whole family."

Sometimes what appears to be child abuse or neglect turns out to be "really a lack of understanding," Capowski added. "In these cases, the allegations are just treated as unfounded with only at most parental retraining needed."

Nationwide, child abuse or neglect is "very prevalent and it's getting more prevalent as economic conditions worsen," according to the hospital social worker.

"We get (at Redstone Arsenal) about 50 reports a year and maybe one a month has some substance to it," Capowski said.

Resha, the child advocacy program officer, pointed out that "an extremely high percentage" of adults charged with child abuse were themselves abused children.

"We've always tended to treat children as property and until recently the parents' treating of children, they felt was a God-given right," Resha said. "We've had laws to protect adults and animals a long time before we had laws to protect children."

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Kiki Olson is a columnist and feature writer for *Cosmopolitan Magazine* and other leading National Publications.

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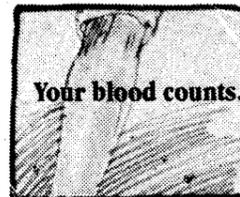
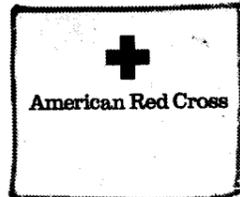
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Orientations help new procurement workers

BY SKIP VAUGHN

An orientation effort is under way at Procurement and Production Directorate because of the increase in new contract specialists.

Informal orientation sessions at P&P supplement basic procurement training at Fort Lee, Va. for new workers.

"In P&P over the last year and a half, we've been in ramp-up posture to increase the size of the organization to better handle the increase in re-

quirements for '82, '83 and '84," said Butch Elliott, chief of P&P's procurement division B.

"So we've had a greater number of new people to deal with than we've had in the past," he said. "And that's the reason we felt we needed this supplemental orientation for these people."

Sixteen new contract specialists in his division are taking 11 two-hour sessions. "We've conducted one session per week (Thursdays at P&P) beginning 25 February and concluding the 6th of May," Elliott said.

The sessions are designed to relate on-the-job training to formal training received at the Army Logistics Management Center, Fort Lee, Va.

"We have a number of paratrainees and we have a number of new hires from outside the government and we have sent them to procurement school at ALMC," Elliott said. "But in order to relate the schooling to the everyday function, we designed this curriculum here to familiarize them with how everything works here at P&P, MICOM."

Five of the instructors, besides Elliott, come from within his procurement division because "I tried to use my own resources as much as possible."

Sessions include an orientation to organization, mission and acquisition by Fred Segrest, P&P; regulations by Bill Bagby, P&P; contract types by Grady Thrasher, P&P; contracting officer by Ray Stephens, MICOM legal office;

Contract pricing by Bill Rencher, P&P; contract file content checklist by Wanda Preston, P&P; funding requirements by Gene Sisson, MICOM comptroller office; security by Ira Landrith, security support office; automated management systems by Bill Bartlett, P&P; contract administration by Bob Fort, P&P; and initiatives for improving defense acquisition by Elliott.

The orientation effort "will be continuing if we have a need for it," Elliott said. Similar orientation is being conducted in procurement division A.

Seventeen new workers in procurement division A have participated in that division's orientation and on-the-job training sessions. The one-hour sessions are held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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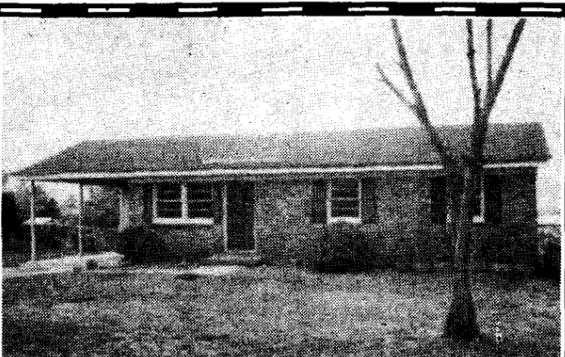
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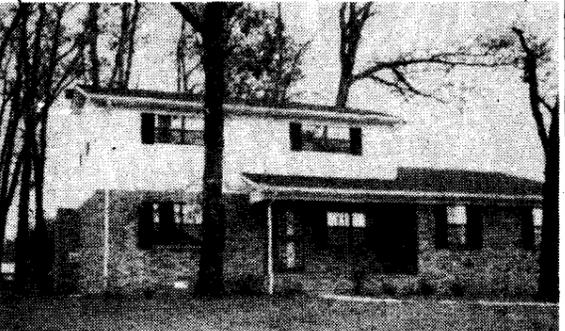


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"We're evaluating food service for the recipient to receive a Connelly award which is given once a year for the best mess (hall)," said Tom Surber, committee chairperson. The committee looked at "total overall operation from receiving to end product."

The other finalists in the large facility category include 1st Signal Battalion, Kaiserslautern, Germany; 1st Brigade, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry, Fort Lewis, Wash.; Hohenfels (Germany) Training Area; U.S. Army Field Station, Augsburg, Germany; Headquarters Company, Seoul, Korea; and U.S. Army Reception Station, Fort Sill, Okla.

The Connelly award for Army food service is named after its originator, a former president of the International Food Service Executives Association. It was established in March 1968 and is a cooperative effort between IFSEA and the Army Troop Support Agency.



Surber watches Margaret Bradford prepare food.

"We go to Germany from here," said Maj. Gilbert Humphrey, a committee member from Troop Support Agency. Committee members include Surber of IFSEA, Humphrey, Capt. Daniel J. Caldwell of the Office of the Surgeon General and Sgt. Maj. Harold Jones of Troop Support Agency.

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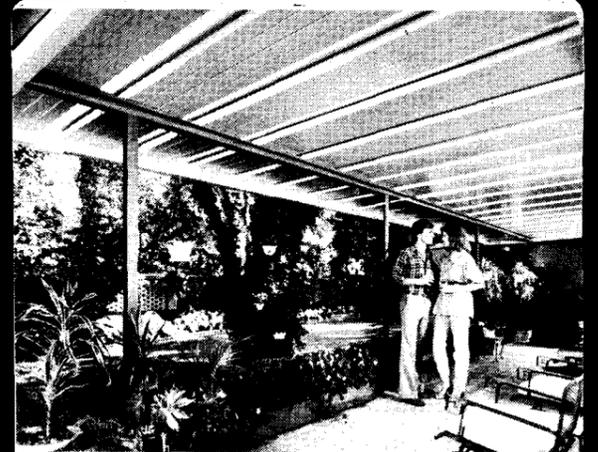
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Fashion shows

The Women-In-Action, AUSA, spring fashion shows will be held May 14, at the Officers' Club. Contact Connie Hennessee, 883-5542, for advance advertisement and reservations. Tickets will go on sale May 1. Anyone interested in participating or supporting the event is invited to attend coordination meetings Friday, April 30 and May 7 at 4 p.m. in the patio room of the Officers Club.

Recreation Center

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Warrant officers

The next monthly meeting of the Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association will be held on May 5, in the Officers Club at 11 a.m. You need not be a member to attend. All Army Warrant Officers, active and retired are invited to attend. For further information contact CW2 Dunlap: 876-3211.

Benefit golf

The third annual John W. Gillespie Memorial AER Benefit Golf Tournament, a nine-hole string-handicap tourney, will be held at 3:30 p.m. April 29 (tee times given at registration). The tournament, open to all, will be held at the Redstone Arsenal golf course. Entry fee is \$10 with proceeds to be donated to Army Emergency Relief. For more information, call Capt. Dan Cunningham 895-4493 or Les Rogers 895-3220.

Summer bowling league

Anyone interested in joining or forming a summer league may come by the Bowling Center in Building 3707 and sign up or call 876-6634.

Red Cross volunteers

The Red Cross will honor its volunteers with an awards ceremony at 10 a.m. May 3 at Bicentennial Chapel under the direction of Gerdy Wyatt, chairman of volunteers. Anyone who has served as a volunteer at Fox Army Community Hospital during the past year is invited to attend as are family and friends. Refreshments will be served.

Dining out

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the United States Army Warrant Officer Association is hosting an informal dining out April 30 at 7 p.m. at the Elegant Steak Room. All active duty and retired warrant officers are invited to attend. For further information contact CWO 2 Kennedy, 876-5387, or CWO 2 Dunlap, 876-3211.

Obituary

Lawrence W. Bearden

Lawrence W. Bearden, 28, of the supply division in Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, died about 7:30 p.m. last Friday in an automobile accident on Hobbs Island Road in Madison County. Bearden, a warehouse worker and forklift operator, came to work here in June 1981. He is survived by his wife, Donnie K. Bearden.

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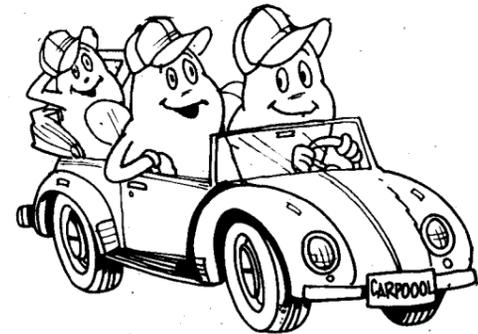
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The scooters "show 60 mph on the speedometer but have got governors on them at 28", Grant said. "Governors kick on and cut them down to 28 mph. It's a break-in speed. I think it's set up that way for the warranty."

He said the scooters must be fitted with a heater modification before they can be issued. Cushman makes the modification free on their scooters to correct a problem that was discovered by arsenal inspectors.

Grant said that after the initial two scooters were issued earlier, "a guard came in with his eyes all red and getting a headache." Arsenal inspectors traced the problem to fumes from a exhaust heater. They notified Cushman. "Their engineers checked into it and found them (leaking heaters) all over the country," Grant said. "They've been making scooters a long time but this heating system was new to them. They're really industrial vehicles and not road trucks."

"It's easy to correct and at no cost to the government," said Grant.

Monthly 'fun run' set for May 3

The second monthly "fun run" for everybody on the arsenal is set for 7 a.m. May 3.

Brig. Gen. William Potts led the first two-mile run in April and will lead this one which should be more challenging.

"A little farther and a little faster than last time," says Maj. Bill Bond, who plans to participate again. Anyone who wants to run should be at the post gym by 7 a.m. May 3 where the run will start and finish.

Future fun runs are to be held the first working day of each month — June 1, and so on.

"We want to encourage more civilians to come and participate," says Bond. An estimated 200 to 300 people showed up in the rain April 2.

"General Potts was more than satisfied and looking forward to the next one, and the next one . . ."



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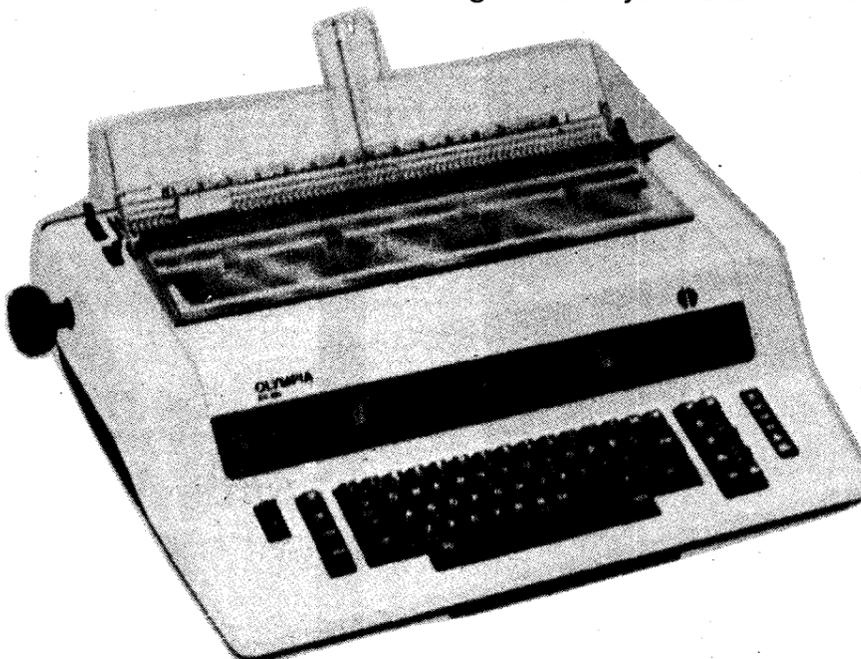
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