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Christmas is another work day for them

BY SKIP VAUGHN

It will be Saturday and, on top of that, Christmas Day. But many Redstone Arsenal workers will come to work, anyway.

These include law enforcement people, utilities workers, hospital personnel, firefighters and telephone operators, among others.

It will be business as usual for over 25 military police officers working the day shift or the night shift. "I think anybody who has to work on Christmas is making a sacrifice; however, we understand in our line of work it's a necessary service that we provide that has to be provided on

holidays as well as duty days," said Capt. Larry Forster, deputy provost marshal.

Also working will be about 40 civilian guards on each shift (day shift, afternoon shift and midnight), according to the civilian guard office.

Redstone's utilities have to operate around the clock every day of the year, including Christmas. "Being in this line of work, basically furnishing utilities to all of Redstone Arsenal, even during the holidays these people have still got to be out here to keep the place running," said Ron Harmon, chief of utilities branch, Facilities Engineering.

"They do receive their normal pay and holiday pay but they're not at liberty to be off four or five days like you or I might," he said.

Harmon was referring to the 12 water plant operators, 24 boiler plant operators, five electric power controllers and four sewage plant operators who will be working Christmas.

At Fox Army Community Hospital, a minimal crew will be working. "There will be a skeleton crew in the emergency room," said 1st Lt. Michael Carlisle, adjutant. "Each department sets up their own schedule and duty roster."

Fourteen Redstone Fire Department people will be working the 24-hour "B" shift from 8 a.m. Dec. 25 to 8 a.m. Dec. 26.

"It's terrible ain't it?" quipped Fire Chief Sam Taylor.

The fire chief acknowledged that these workers are making a sacrifice "to themselves and their family." But he said their presence is necessary "for the protection of lives and government property."

"We work all holidays," Taylor said, explaining that holiday pay is included in regular pay. "If your shift comes up regular to work, you just work that day."

Three telephone operators will be working eight-hour shifts on Christmas, according to Patricia Haynes, chief of the telephone operations branch.

"I guess anytime you can't be with your family, it would be a sacrifice but I guess some of them prefer to work," Haynes said. "I have some that like to work it because they do get extra pay."

"We try to let off anybody who asks for time off, but I do have to have 24-hour coverage on the switchboard."

She'll have holiday duty

For Sharon Irwin, Christmas will be just another working day.

The civilian guard since Nov. 4 is scheduled to work Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's. She also worked Thanksgiving.

"It's just the schedule. It rotates and it just so happens mine falls (on the holiday)," she says. "I'm off two days after Christmas — the 26th and 27th. Then I can hit all the Christmas sales."

While others will be watching family members open presents, Irwin will work 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Christmas day. She wasn't sure last week which one of the three patrols, three gates and 20 posts she would be on.

Irwin, who doesn't have a holiday off until the Fourth of July, says she doesn't mind working holidays — even Christmas.

"I'd like to be at home with my kids but somebody has to work and I need the money so I'll just have Christmas a little later," she says.

The holiday pay she receives in addition to regular pay "makes it a little better to work," according to the civilian guard.

Irwin is a single parent raising two daughters, ages six and 10. "That in itself is a job nowadays," says the Gary, Ind. native.

She served in the Army in 1971 and '72 at Fort Dix, N.J. and has been a hairdresser for 10 years. She says she likes her first government job more than hairdressing.

In addition to her normal guard duties, Irwin is working on special detail to the civilian guard chief's office until the end of the month. That office is closed on the holidays so she'll be on patrol.

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All you need is heart to play Santa

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The first time SFC John Tyburczyk volunteered to play Santa Claus was when he was stationed in Korea about 14 years ago.

He did it for an orphanage his company was helping and got to keep the costume. Since then, Tyburczyk has worn it just about every year for a variety of groups and charitable causes.

"When you only use it once a year, they don't get worn out too well," Tyburczyk says with a laugh. He wore the Santa suit, complete with toy bag, last Friday for a get-together at Special Troops battalion headquarters.

The 34-year old soldier believes that Santa Claus can be a lesson for everyone.

"We can learn something by the Santa Claus image," he says. "Santa Claus through his sharing and his giving is reaching out and touching others in such a way he's making people smile and be happy. Maybe we all should do more of that."

Tyburczyk believes today's society can use more of this spirit of sharing because "we pretty much isolate ourselves."

He has played Santa for hospitals, schools, stores, chapels, the needy, retirement homes, and military units. "You name it," he adds.

Since stationed here in 1976, Tyburczyk has posed in costume with whoever was serving as MICOM commanding general. He recalls one year when he interrupted a conference room meeting but the then commander, Louis Rachmeler, told him it was "a refreshing break."

Tyburczyk says he enjoys being around children and making people laugh and smile. "And because

of the Santa Claus image, it seems to automatically happen," he says.

The Wayne, Mich. native started his military career in 1966 and serves as S-3 projects NCO at Special Troops.

Just who qualifies to play Santa Claus? "Anybody that has the heart, because you can always buy pillows and all the necessities to do the stuffing," says Tyburczyk.

"I guess it's just wanting to do something nice for people," he says.



Jeremy Lovelace, 3, son of Sgt. James Lovelace, sits with Santa at Special Troops affair.



The Rocket will take a holiday and not publish Dec. 29. It will return on its regular weekly schedule Jan. 5. Happy holidays from the Rocket staff!

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Opinion

Keep in mind

Statistics bore most people but the National Council on Alcoholism has published some that are worth keeping in mind this holiday season.

Predictably, they show drinking contributes to a lot of car wrecks, but they also show it may increase dramatically your chances of being assaulted, robbed or raped or of committing those crimes; of being burned up; of drowning; of committing suicide; of beating your wife; of abusing your children; and of committing or being the victim of other forms of intentional or unintentional violence.

The National Council on Alcoholism says drinking is involved in

*Highway accidents — up to 64 percent of drivers in fatal accidents, killing 23,000 people annually.

*Fire — up to 83 percent of fire and burn victims

*Murder — 86 percent of offenders, 40-60 percent of victims

*Rape — 50 percent of perpetrators, 31 percent of victims

*Drownings — 69 percent of victims

Growing up

When I was a kid growing up in Philadelphia, I used to watch all the Christmas cartoons they showed on television.

There was Mister McGoo in a version of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Who can ever forget his confrontation with the Ghost of Christmas Future? It used to scare me.

Then there was Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer who Santa needed to get through a terrible winter snow on Christmas Eve.

Of course, there was always Frosty the Snowman. I used to be on the verge of tears when it looked like ol' Frosty would melt.

There were others that I just can't seem to remember anymore. But they were always entertaining and left me feeling good about Christmas.

Something has changed, however. Christmas cartoons still come on TV — in color yet — but they just don't seem to be as good as they used to.

Nowadays, there are things like a "Smurf" Christmas. You tell me what that is.

A Smurf Christmas was coming on one of the channels the other day. I, understandably, turned the dial and found the Vanderbilt-Illinois basketball game.

I don't know what it is. Those Christmas cartoons just don't seem to be able to compete with sports events anymore.

There was a time when I would gladly watch Mister McGoo as Scrooge than sit through a basketball or football game.

Those times are gone. Now I would rather watch a slam dunk than a dumb-looking rednosed reindeer. The cartoons just don't seem the same.

Something has changed. Maybe it's just part of growing up.

—Skip Vaughn



*Suicide — 64 percent of attempts, 80 percent of suicide deaths

*Job accidents — More than 40 percent of 18,000 deaths and 10 million injuries on the job are alcohol related

*Domestic violence — violent husbands, 52 percent; abusive parents, 38 percent.

You can infer from all this that if you drink you are far, far more likely to do bad things or have bad things happen to you. Keep that in mind as you enjoy the holidays and remember the Army's theme this season: "Christmas is special. Don't spoil it".

—Ed Peters

Time to quit

If I live up to my New Year's resolution all credit belongs to the cafeteria in MICOM headquarters building.

Lately I've had a recurring dull pain in the chest area. I'm not sure what's causing it but it is not the type of pain or in the location that in my uninformed judgement would involve heart trouble.

I do know that I drink way too much coffee mornings and I've sort of been able to establish a link between the presence of the pain and excessive coffee consumption.

So several weeks ago I resolved to resolve to quit drinking coffee come Jan. 1. It was a difficult decision since I count on coffee to wake me up when I'm sleepy, warm me up when I'm cold, fill me up when I'm hungry and pick me up when I'm in a mental rut.

So quitting coffee would be a severe test for me, an undertaking I feared possibly couldn't be done alone without help.

The MICOM headquarters cafeteria has provided that help, somewhat in the manner of aversion therapy I've read about. I seem to recall that it involves helping people break habits like smoking by jolting them with an electric shock when they put a cigarette to their lips.

The cafeteria has helped me quit coffee in a manner akin to that. I bought a cup last Wednesday morning, was sipping it on the way back to the office when something solid passed my lips. I rolled it to the tip of my tongue and picked it off in my fingertips. It was a percolated cockroach.

Thanks, cafeteria. I needed that.

—Ed Peters

Letters

In the road

Editor:

Of all the places! Today, I observed a troop-type formation of personnel in sweat suits running on Patton Road. They did not have any road guards; only one person out in the middle of the next lane, appearing to be in charge of the formation. I could not identify any of the personnel, nor the unit (if any) of these personnel.

This is the second time I have observed a group of this sort running on Patton Road. Needless to say, Patton Road is one of the most busiest roads on the Arsenal. There are many side-roads that are infrequently used and several ball and PT fields that are available for such use. One with common sense would not endanger human life.

If it is essential that major roads be used for such training, appropriate safety measures must be observed at all times. The Installation Safety Office and the Military Police should also watch for such safety violations and cite those responsible in order appropriate action may be taken.

Name withheld by request

A job well done

Editor:

As we reflect on the events of the year as it draws to a close, we tend to ask ourselves the piercing question "what have we accomplished".

The medic at Redstone Arsenal has accomplished great things during the year of 1982. Each individual medic plays an essential role in the health care delivery system in our military community. Even though there may not be individual accolades every time a job is well done, the effort is noted.

The team effort of the medics at Fox Army Community Hospital is tremendous and enhances the buddy system, which is the bedrock of our military partnership.

To all the soldiers of Medical Company, MED-DAC, thanks for a job well done.

Capt. Leary E. Bonnett
Commander
Medical Company

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Army will buy new M16 rifle

WASHINGTON — Though it may not happen for a few years, the Army has officially announced that when it buys rifles in the future, it will buy the new, improved version of the M16 — the same rifle recently purchased by the Marine Corps.

While the Army did participate in developing the new M16A2 rifle, officials explain the Army does not have a planned buy of new rifles at this time, and added the M16A1 in the field now still is considered one of the best light weapons in the world.

The new weapon, however, is said to perform "better or equal to" the M16A1 in all respects. Improvements to the rifle include:

- the barrel changed to accept the heavier NATO standard 5.56mm ammunition, although it will still accept U.S. ammo without changing lethal range;
- the handguards, pistol grip and butt stock made of a more durable, break-resistant material;

- slip ring redesigned to simplify removing and replacing handguards;
- handguards made round instead of triangular;
- full automatic fire changed to three-round bursts;
- flash suppressor changed to muzzle compensator, which retards "barrel climb" during three-round bursts;
- upper receiver changed to deflect cartridges away from faces of left-handed shooters;
- rear sight changed to provide easier range and windage adjustment;
- front sight changed from round to square shape;
- butt stock lengthened five-eighths of an inch to improve line of sight.

The new M16 is the result of a project started in 1981 by the Marine Corps, which at the time was faced with a "critical inventory shortage" of rifles.

The Army took part in the program by helping to write test plans, providing soldiers to test weapons and by observing and evaluating results.

While the Marines have already begun buying the new weapon, the Army must "look at the inventory and the budget," an Army official said. "The earliest we would consider buying the new weapon would be 1985, and in any event the M16A1 will be with us for a long time."

Officials point out, however, that while the new weapon out-performed the M16A1 in a 1980 NATO small arms test, recent studies indicate the A1 version is "one of the most effective and reliable" small arms weapons in the world, with many distinct advantages over the Soviet AK47 rifle.

"The M16A2" the official added, "is simply a better mousetrap that improves an already superior weapon." (ARNEWS)

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recipients tomorrow. Gremmels said more than \$1,500 in cash donations had been turned in also. The chapel conducts the Christmas food basket program annually. Last year 65 families were helped. The chaplain said more were expected to be in need this year because of the economy.

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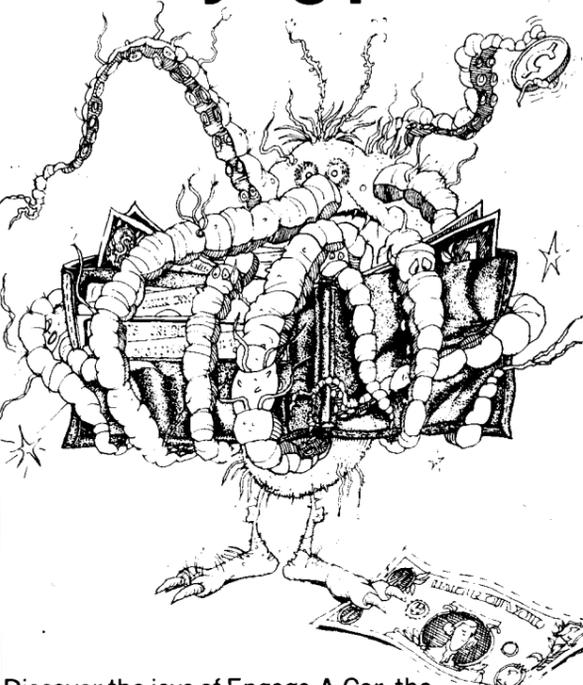
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Christmas party entertains senior citizens

BY GINGER STEPHENS

Eddie Fletcher is 96 years old and never misses an OWC senior citizens Christmas Party.

Fletcher and 99 other senior citizens from the Huntsville area enjoyed the annual party given by the Officers Wives Club Dec. 14 at the officers club.

The Redstone preschoolers and the Butler High School Choir sang carols and Santa, Chaplain (Col.) Delbert Gremmels, was on hand to pass out presents and candy to the young and young at heart.

Homemade cookies and candies were among the favorite gifts made and donated by the OWC.

Other donations made by the OWC were \$400 to the chaplain's food fund for needy military families and \$75 to the Butler High School choir. Also, a \$100 contribution went to the senior citizens center in Huntsville.

The senior citizens center selects 100 people to attend the OWC Christmas party. The day of the party military buses are provided to transport the senior citizens and MMCS students serve as escorts.

"I don't miss them," said Fletcher about the Christmas party. The WWI veteran was accompanied by his wife Lucille, 70. "I keep going with the bunch because it keeps me young. When I catch up with her (Lucille) I'll be grown."



Santa Claus (Chaplain Delbert Gremmels) jingles his bells for OWC welfare chairman Jackie King,

who has just handed him a \$400 donation for the chaplain's food basket program for needy military families.

Zones change for military medical care

As of Jan. 1, the zones around military hospitals within which military families must get nonavailability statements for non-emergency inpatient care in civilian hospitals will be determined by zip codes.

Champus claims for non-emergency care obtained after Jan. 1 for families within the new zones may be denied unless a nonavailability statement is included. Families on the periphery of the former zones — that is those who live approximately 35-60 miles from military hospitals — should check with the local military hospital to find out if their homes fall within the new boundaries. Families closer than 35 miles should assume that the nonavailability statement requirement applies to them. Previously, the requirements applied only to families living within a rough 40-mile radius of a military hospital. The action by the Defense Department is intended

to contain costs without cutting the medical benefits available to service families. Skyrocketing health care costs in the civilian sector have forced expanded use of existing military medical facilities. Using military hospitals and clinics, instead of Champus, saves money for service families and for the government.

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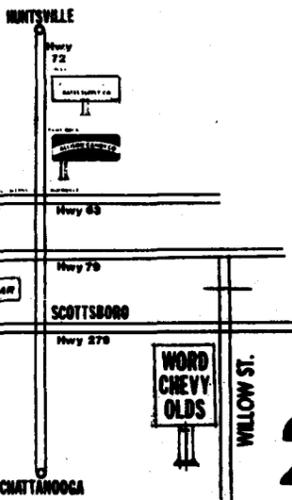
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Military personnel and authorized civilians will be allowed to hunt Dec. 27-30, Jan. 9, 15 and 16. On those days only, portions of Wheeler Refuge within the arsenal boundary will be open to the either sex hunt.

Persons desiring to participate in the hunts may sign up in advance at the Outdoor Recreation Center. The Center will be on holiday schedule beginning Dec. 23 through Jan. 2, opening at 4:30 a.m. daily and closing at 6:30 p.m.

Persons desiring to hunt Dec. 26 and 27 may sign up Dec. 23. Those hunting Dec. 28 and 29 may sign up Dec. 27. Those hunting Dec. 30 and Jan. 2 may sign up Dec. 29.

The Outdoor Recreation Center will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and 31 and Jan. 1. No hunting is permitted on those days.

Families honored

Three Army families have been nominated here for Great American Family Community Awards.

They include Capt. and Mrs. Alton Jones, nominated by the Officers Wives Club; retired SFC and Mrs. Byron Parrish and retired SFC and Mrs. Kenneth Way, both nominated by Army Community Service. Certificates signed by Nancy Reagan were to be presented to them Dec. 20 by Col. Robert Parsons, deputy post commander.

Army installations were to submit names of families who had helped their community for a program to honor Army families for National Family Week in November. A family is to be selected to participate in a White House Rose Garden ceremony with Mrs. Reagan next spring.

HUNTING HINTS



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2. Watch the muzzle.
3. Unload guns when not in use.
4. Be sure barrel and action are clear of obstructions.
5. Be sure of your target.
6. Never point a gun at anything you do not want to shoot.
7. Never climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch with a loaded gun.
8. Never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface.
9. Store guns and ammunition separately.
10. Avoid alcoholic beverages before and during shooting.

When you go hunting, always remember to let someone know where you are going and when to expect your return. Don't travel alone, especially in rough terrain. Plan your activity, and be aware of the terrain and landmarks. Take enough food for a few extra days, and have basic survival equipment and proper clothing. Be familiar with first aid procedures.

CWF league takes break

The Civilian Welfare Basketball League has taken a break for the Christmas Holidays and will resume play on Jan. 4 in the old post gym.

In last week's games, P&P #2 notched its second win by defeating Controllers 65-56 behind Calvin Boone and Willie Epps who scored 16 points each.

James "Mooney" Battle had 22 for Controllers. Elsewhere, Finance and Accounting stopped TMDE, 67-9, and Green Machine nipped Missile Labs, 54-49.

DeWayne Kelly sparked F&A with 19 points. Buphus Nolls was tops for Green Machine with 20 points while Mark Kannapel had 15 for Missile Labs.

7th Student Company wins card contest

The 7th Student Company took top honors in the annual Christmas card contest during the Christmas tree lighting ceremony at Post Chapel last Wednesday.

Lt. Col. William Greer, 2nd Battalion commander, awarded plaques to the contest winner and runner-up. Second place went to the 291st Military Police Company and third place to Company B. All other participating units received honorable mentions.

Chaplain (Capt.) Cecil Ryland, project coordinator, said he appreciated the unit participation and is looking forward to more entries next year.

The lighting of the post Christmas tree took place after the awards ceremony. Christmas carols were sung and Post Chaplain (Col.) Delbert Gremmels presented a Christmas message.

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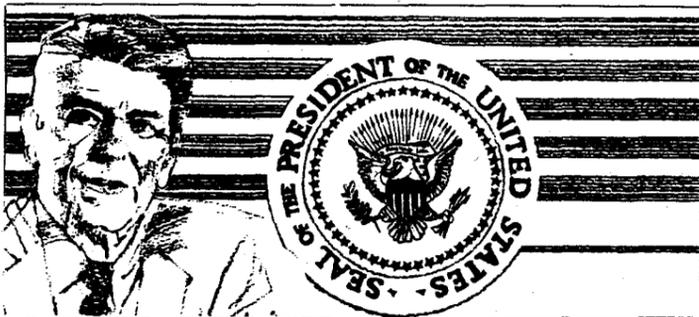
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Santa's lap

Davy Miller, left, son of Sgt. Davy Miller got a chance to tell Santa all that he wanted during the Foreign

Student Support Office Christmas Party. Below, Marwa Khalaf of Egypt gets a hug from Santa. (Photos — Maggie Cummins)



Holiday Message From PRESIDENT REAGAN

Merry Christmas and the best holiday wishes from all your countrymen.

We appreciate the sacrifice you are making far from home today. Whether your image of Christmas is the crisp cold snow of the northeast or the clean dry wind of the western deserts, for all of us this holiday is a time when our families draw together in faith and love.

Though your place is empty and your family table, you are with us in our hearts and remembered in our prayers. I know this is a particularly difficult time to be far from your loved ones. I know you miss the traditional exchange of gifts and worshipping with your family. But because of you, your families are free to go about the joyful traditions of Christmas.

We are grateful for that special gift of security and peace you've made possible for America and so much of the world.

On behalf of Nancy and myself, your families, friends and countrymen, I send you our warmest holiday wishes. We look forward to the day when you'll be back in your home town in the arms of your loved ones. Until then, may God bless you and keep you and return you safely home. Happy holidays to you all.



Holiday Message From The Secretary Of Defense

As 1982 draws to a close and the challenges and opportunities of 1983 come clearly into focus, America's Armed Forces maintain a proud presence and a strong posture around the world. Our aim is peace coupled with freedom and prosperity. It is a worthwhile goal...a very worthwhile goal...but a very demanding one.

We ask a lot of those of you who serve our country in uniform. And you give a lot in return. You give your loyalty, your dedication, your courage, your skills and your strength. You endure hardships and make sacrifices, including separation from friends and loved ones during the holiday season.

It is your continued, uncompromising dedication to duty and professionalism that provides the leverage that is so essential in our being able to maintain the balance of power and assuring our own national security.

I am very proud of you who keep the watch during this holiday season. Americans everywhere join me in saluting you and wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

FACT...

The highest incidence of problem drinking is no longer among middle-aged men. Today the highest-risk group is males in their early twenties.

Mail clerk has his day in court

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Milton Bone was on his way to work here one day last October when a military policeman pulled his car over.

The MP said Bone was going 51 mph in a 40 mph zone that morning on Patton Road just off Hansen Road and gave him a \$20 ticket.

Last week, the mail clerk in building 5250 had his case heard in magistrate's court on post. He had never been in court before but he represented himself because he felt he was right.

"I decided to fight it because I knew at the time he said I was going 51 miles per hour, I had just peeked down at my speedometer and the speed was 26 miles per hour," Bone said.

The prosecuting attorney called the MP as a witness and asked questions and then Bone was given a chance to ask his questions. At one point, Bone asked the MP if he had calibrated the radar on the day the citation was issued.

"And he stated yes, at 7 o'clock on the morning the citation was issued," Bone recalled. "But the citation was issued at 6:40."

The judge asked the prosecuting attorney if he had any further questions and then asked Bone if he had anything else to add. The mail clerk showed a traffic diagram, and two receipts from where he had gotten his car worked on within several days after the citation. "My car wasn't running right at first no way. Therefore I knew I couldn't get up to the speed the MP said I was," Bone explained.

When the judge reached a verdict, he found the mail clerk not guilty.

Bone was understandably elated about his experience with the court system. "This is my first opportunity to defend myself and I really feel great about it," he said. "And I would advise anybody who anytime they receive a ticket and they feel it's not right, to fight."

The mail clerk knows what the benefits can be, even though he did have to wait several hours before his court case, scheduled for 8:30 a.m., was heard about 2 p.m.

"That's \$20 I have for Christmas," Bone said.



'It was this way, Judge'

Milton Bone shows a visual aid he used in arguing his case in traffic court. He was cited for going 51 mph but says his actual speed was much lower.



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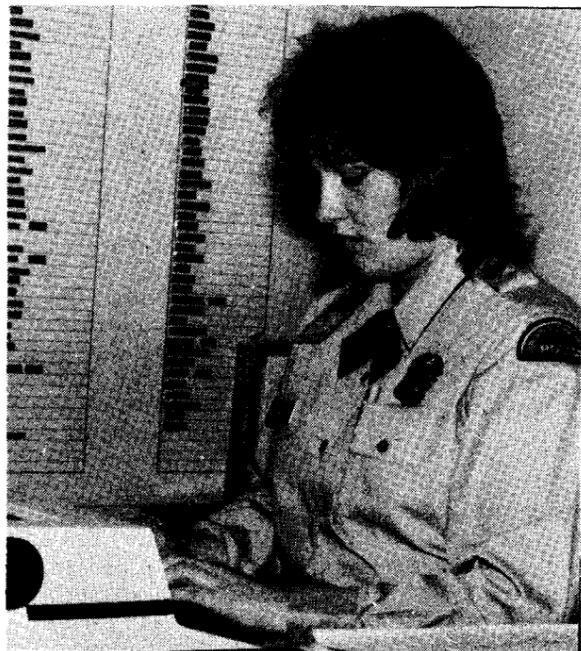
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"I feel (working Christmas) is taking away from my kids but I think if I wasn't working they wouldn't have a Christmas, so it's helping them too in the long run," Irwin says. "I think it's all in the mind anyways. You ought to have Christmas spirit all year long instead of just one day.

"I think if you want to be nice to somebody, you ought to be nice to them all year long instead of just having a certain day."



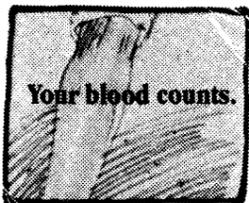
Irwin



Hand-made decorations

Nurses 2nd Lt. Karen Fisher, Joyce Thomas and Jean Grady show decorations hand-made by volunteer Red Cross worker Pearl Elser. She made a stocking, 16 total and everyone different, to hang on each patient's door in the medical-surgical ward and also crafted two wall banners. Col. Graham

Beard M.D., hospital commander, said the hospital relies on volunteers for many things, and praised Elser for making the decorations, saying that they are a hit with patients and staff alike and lend a holiday atmosphere to the second-floor ward.



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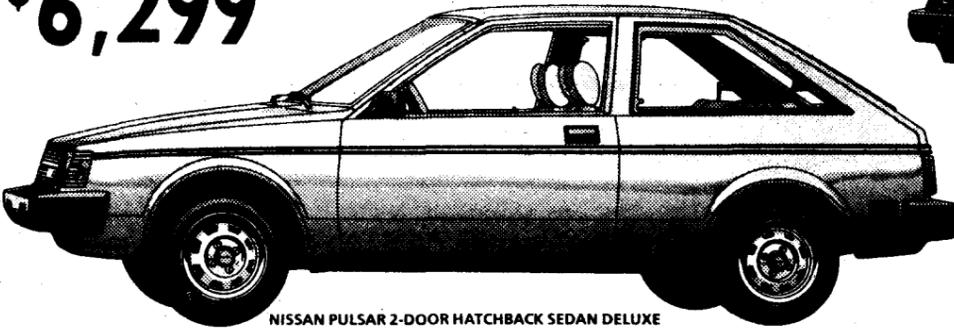
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Birth Records of Persons Born In Foreign Countries Who Are U.S. Citizens at Birth

Births of U.S. citizens in foreign countries are normally reported to the nearest American consular office as soon after the birth as possible by the parents or the attending physician or midwife. The parents are given a certified copy of the full Consular Report of Birth (Form FS-240) and a short form, Certification of Birth (Form DS-1350).

To obtain a copy of either, or both, of these records, write to Passport Services, Correspondence Branch, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20524. State the full name of the child at birth, date of birth, place of birth, and names of parents. Also include any information about the U.S. passport on which the

child's name was first included. Sign the request and state the relationship to the person whose record is being requested and the reason for the request.

The fee for each copy is \$4.00. Enclose a check or money order made payable to the U.S. Department of State.

Ask for:

- A full copy of Form FS-240 as it was filed, or
- A short form, Certification of Birth (Form DS-1360), which shows only the name and sex of child and the date and place of birth.

The information in both forms is valid. The Certification of Birth may be obtained in a name subsequently acquired by adoption or legitimation after proof is submitted to establish that such an action legally took place.

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Birth certifications for alien children adopted by U.S. citizens and lawfully admitted to the United States may be obtained from the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20536, if the birth information is on file.

Certification may be issued for children under 21 years of age who were born in a foreign country. Requests must be submitted on INS Form G-641 which can be obtained from any INS office. (Address can be found in a telephone directory.) For Certification of Birth Data (INS Form G-350), a \$5.00 search fee, paid by check or money order, should accompany INS Form G-641.

Certification can be issued in the new name of an adopted or legitimated child after proof of an adoption or legitimation is submitted to INS. Because it may be issued for a child who has not yet become a U.S. citizen, this certification (Form G-350) is not proof of U.S. nationality.

Death Records of U.S. Citizens Who Die in Foreign Countries

Reports of deaths of U.S. citizens who die in foreign countries are made to the nearest U.S. consular office. With the exception of members of the Armed Forces, the reports are permanently filed in the U.S. Department of State.

To obtain a copy of a report of death of other than a member of the Armed Forces, write to Passport Services, Correspondence Branch, U.S.

Department of State, Washington, DC 20524. The fee for a copy is \$4.00.

Reports of deaths of members of the Armed Forces are filed with the branch of the service to which the person was attached at the time of death.

For members of the Army, Navy or Air Force, write to Secretary of Defense, Washington, DC 20301. For members of the Coast Guard, write to Commandant, P.S., U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, DC 20226.

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When a birth or death occurs on the high seas, whether in an aircraft or on a vessel, the place where the record is to be filed is determined by the destination or location of the vessel or aircraft at the time the event occurred.

• If the vessel or aircraft was outbound or docked or landed at a foreign port, requests for copies of the record should be made to the U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520.

• If the vessel or aircraft was inbound and the first port of entry was in the Uni-

ted States, write to the registration authority in the city where the vessel or aircraft docked or landed in the United States.

• If the vessel was of U.S. registry, an additional source of information is the U.S. Coast Guard facility at the port of entry.

Records Maintained by Foreign Countries

In the event one of the above instructions does not produce results or does not apply to the case you are concerned with, most, but not all, foreign countries record births and deaths occurring within their boundaries. It is not possible to list here all foreign vital records offices, the charges they make for copies of records or the information they may require to locate a record, but most of them will provide certifications of births and deaths upon request.

U.S. citizens who need a copy of a foreign birth or death record may obtain assistance by writing to the Office of Special Consular Services, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20520.

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Announcements

Symphony volunteers

Volunteers are needed to participate in a music enrichment program conducted in local schools. Volunteers do not need training in music. They will familiarize students in grades 4-6 with the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra prior to the orchestra's young people's concerts Feb. 26. An orientation for volunteers will be held Jan. 6 at 9:30 a.m. at Mountainview Baptist Church. Interested persons may call 881-4923 or 539-4818.

Recreation Center

Tonight — Yahtzee at 7 p.m. Thursday — Movie "Caveman" at 2:30 & 6:30 p.m. and Bingo at 8:30 p.m. Friday — Movie "Future World" at 2:30 & 6:30 p.m. Christmas day — Coffee and snacks at 4:30 p.m. Sunday — Spades at 7 p.m. Monday — Domino tournament at 7 p.m. Tuesday — Pool tournament at 7 p.m. Wednesday — 500 rummy night at 7 p.m. Thursday — Movie "2001" at 2:30 & 6:30 p.m. and Bingo at 8:30 p.m. Friday — Movie "Big Red One" at 2:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Signal Corps Association

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Ordnance classes list top graduates

Capt. John A. Homerin was the Alden Award winner for the last Ordnance Officer Advanced Class of the year at MMCS.

The award is presented to the outstanding graduate of the advanced course and is named after Col. Herbert W. Alden, a founder of the American Ordnance Association.

Homerin is a five-year Army veteran who has a master's degree in business administration. He has been a project officer in the school's Directorate of Combat Developments.

He led a class of 39 United States and five foreign officers which had two distinguished graduates, Capt. Thomas B. Hauser and 1st Lt. Drew N. Early. Honor graduates were Capts. Richard P. DeFatta, Joseph D. Myers and Kurt P. Ponting.

The year's last Ordnance Officer Basic Class graduated 41 students. 2nd Lts. Karl E. Reinhard and Steven R. Pelley were distinguished graduates. Honor graduates were 2nd Lts. Jeffrey H. Fargo, Robert D. Krafting, Kirk J. Teitge, John W. Lindberg, Mark Sisk and Steven S. Stoleson.

Holiday notices



Chapel Christmas

Chapel activities and services for Christmas include distribution of Christmas baskets at Post Chapel at noon Dec. 23. On Christmas Eve, two Protestant services will be held at Bicentennial Chapel — a worship service at 7 p.m. and a candlelight and communion at 8 p.m. Catholic chapel activities on Christmas Eve include a Penitential Service at 3:30 followed by a mass at 5 with another mass at midnight. Christmas Day mass will be held at 9:30 at Bicentennial Chapel and 11 a.m. at the Post Chapel.

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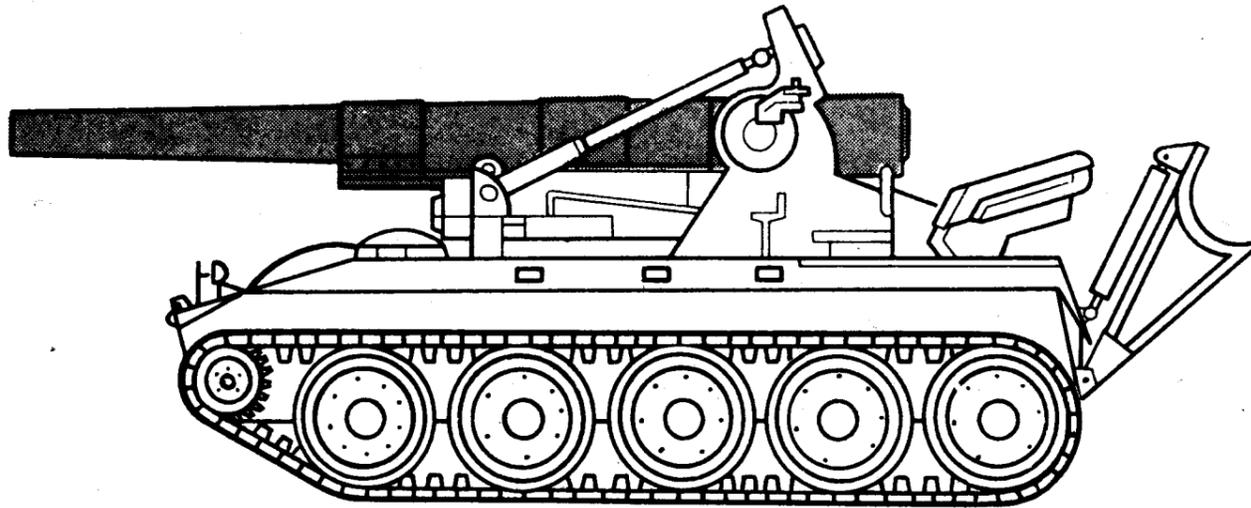
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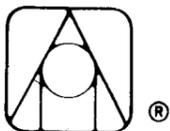
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