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Market-based bond interest reaches 11.09%

U.S. savings bonds will earn 11.09 percent interest during their first market-based interest period, Nov. 1, 1982 to April 30, 1983.

The rate is effective for Series EE Bonds purchased between November and April, and for Series E and EE Bonds and Savings Notes with semiannual interest periods beginning during those months, when they are held at least five years.

"The purpose of the market-based rate is to provide a competitive interest rate for bondholders regardless of market conditions," Treasurer of the United States Angela Buchanan said in announcing the interest rate. "Now there is no limit on how much savings bonds can earn."

As of Nov. 1, 1982, interest on U.S. savings bonds in no longer set at a fixed rate but changes with market rates.

Bonds held at least five years will earn 85 percent of the average return on five-year Treasury securities. As the rate on five year Treasury securities changes, so will the interest rate on savings bonds.

Each semiannual savings bond rate is based on the Treasury five-year rate for the preceeding six months.

The current 11.09 percent rate is based on an

average market return of 13.05 percent on five year Treasury securities between May and October 1982. The next savings bond rate will be announced in May 1983, based on the average five-year Treasury rate between November 1982 and April 1983.

The redemption value of a bond held five years or longer is determined by the Treasury by averaging each of the six-month rates and compounding semiannually from the first period. Bondholders can find the redemption value of their bonds using the Table of Redemption Values provided by the Treasury Department to banks and other redemption agents.

New bonds are guaranteed to earn a minimum rate of 7.5 percent, compounded semiannually, if held five years or longer, according to the Treasury Department.

Bonds held less than five years would get a fixed rate of interest that would depend on how long they were held. A bond held for one year would get 5.5 percent, two years 6 percent, on up to a guaranteed 7.5 percent after five years.

Series EE Bonds purchased before Nov. 1, and all Series E Bonds and Savings Notes issued since November 1947, retain their guaranteed yields as a minimum to the end of their current initial or ex-



tended maturity periods. The minimum yield is effective only if the market-based rate falls below the guarantee.

Series E Bonds issued from May 1941 through October 1947 will reach final maturity, and stop earning interest, before Nov. 1, 1987, and are not eligible for market-based interest. They receive their guaranteed yields to final maturity.

All Series H and HH Bonds will continue to pay a fixed yield.

Pershing II fired on long-range test flight

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The Army fired a Pershing II missile on a long range flight on the Eastern Test Range Friday.

Launch and operation of the missile's two solid fuel rocket motors appeared normal. The Army said complete evaluation of the test results will require analysis of data gathered by the range tracking ship Redstone operating in the impact area. That will take several days, the Army said.

The missile lifted off at 9:49 EST, eleven minutes ahead of the planned

10 a.m. launch to take advantage of clear weather that developed during the count. An attempt to fire in a pouring rain the previous day had been cancelled when a range safety computer malfunctioned.

It was the third flight test in the Pershing II engineering development program. The first flight, at the Cape in July, ended after 14 seconds when the missile's first stage motor exploded. The second flight, November 19 at White Sands Missile Range, met primary test objectives, but the re-entry vehicle did not maneuver as

planned as it neared the target because of a hydraulic system failure.

Terminal maneuvers were planned in the Friday test which took the missile almost 200 miles high and more than 800 miles out into the Atlantic.

The Army said the purposes of the third test included evaluation of the missile structure and propulsion system in a long range flight as well as terminal maneuvers of the re-entry vehicle. Accuracy was not tested.

Prior to the launch, the Army said that the Pershing II flight test program had been restructured because of a problem encountered in the November test at White Sands when the expended second stage rocket motor did not land as predicted but instead came down near the range boundary.

Until a simple, effective means is devised to overcome the range control problem at WSMR, the Army said it would continue to fire two stage tests from the Cape and fire single stage shots at WSMR to test the missile's accuracy over land targets there.

'They hit me', driver says of deer collisions

It wasn't daylight yet as Margie Garner slowed for a turn on the access road behind Finance and Accounting where she works.

It happened in a flash. She got only the briefest glimpse of the charging animal — she remembers the eyes — then the thud which sickened her just as it had the first time. She recalls muttering "Oh no, not again" as she got out to survey the damage to the front of her Trans Am.

It was Garner's second collision with a deer on the arsenal in less than a year but she likes to keep the record straight: "They hit me. I don't hit them."

The mishap occurred as they customarily do here. The animal bolts directly into the car, usually in darkness or semi-darkness. The driver can't react.

"There was no time to brake. There's a loud thud and you see this thing out there. It sort of put me in shock," the accounting technician said. The accident occurred earlier this month on her first day back at work after the holidays.

Road kills of deer occur with some frequency on the arsenal, especially during hunting season. In one recent period there were road kills every day for a few consecutive days.

Typically road kills occur just before daylight when hunters are in the woods making the deer move about. In most instances the deer runs into the car, according to Bobby Noles, Security Directorate's traffic program specialist.

"There's little a motorist can do to defense from perhaps hitting a deer," said Noles. "In places where trees are close to the road they'll come down the tree line and pop out and you don't have a



chance. You don't have time to react. The most dangerous time is early in the morning when it's getting daylight when there are more hunters and more traffic," he said. Records show deer accidents are most likely to occur on the arsenal on Rideout Road near the airfield, on Patton in Wheeler Refuge, on Mills between Patton and Fowler, "and at night just about anywhere", Noles said.

When driving in a area where they suspect deer to be, motorists might consider slowing down and exercising a little more vigilance. "I can't say slowing down will keep you from hitting a deer because it's a matter of time and distance," said Noles, but added that slower speed could reduce the damage to your vehicle.

Rarely are motorists injured in the mishap but usually a deer is killed and a vehicle damaged. Repairs to Margie Garner's Trans Am cost more than \$1,000. She got to keep the deer, an eight point buck.

Her earlier collision with a deer occurred last March on Patton Road as she topped the rise descending to Buxton. "I never saw either of them until it was there. And I've tried to be so cautious about it since that first time. . .", she said.

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Jean Daniel
Executive Director
National Health Agencies
Alabama Committee
Birmingham, AL



Time to write

Editor:

Last week's (19 Jan) letter to the editor by Mr. Couvillon was both appropriate and timely. The assault on federal wages and benefits are many:

- Recently adopted 1.3 percent deduction for social security
- Recently enacted delay of pension check receipt until the beginning of the month following retirement
- President Reagan's proposed FY84 wage freeze
- President Reagan's proposed changes to the retirement system

These changes to our wages and benefits should not go unanswered. Would the Rocket please print the Washington D.C. addresses of the Senators for Alabama and Tennessee, and the Representatives for the Northern Alabama and Southern Tennessee districts?

A. Russell Asson
Force Development

Editor's note: Addresses are, senators: Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. 20510; representatives: House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Medicare

Editor:

Please include an article in the Rocket explaining the new Medicare payroll deductions and giving a point of contact for further information.

Steve McKay

Editor's note: See the story elsewhere in today's Rocket. If you still have questions call us at 876-4161 and we will try to get the answers.

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Vietnam veterans tell about experience

BY HARRY SARLES

There they were, 250 men and women in uniform standing at attention and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was an inspiring sight, especially considering that the soldiers of the 4th Student Company had marched to the post theater at 7 a.m. on a Saturday to learn about patriotism and why we serve from members of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

"I think that the cadre has been brave in asking us to come today," said Maj. (ret.) Hal Meeker who headed the veterans team. "They don't know what we are going to say or do.

"We would like the students to see the importance of the job they're doing. They might believe us more than their sergeants because we're not part of the establishment. If they do, then they might spend the extra hour or two to learn to do their job better," he added.

The veterans opened their class with a slide presentation which featured general information on Vietnam and its people as well as pictures of military operations and activities.

Then Russ Rufer, a helicopter door gunner during the war, opened a question and answer session.

"There's no glory in fighting a war," said Rufer. "The glory comes in coming home. I trained hard and went over there and worked hard to be the best crew chief and door gunner I could, because I wasn't going to become a statistic."

The panel of five Vietnam Veterans Association members agreed that their training in the Army was adequate to prepare them for their jobs. But, they said it takes a combination of training, fortitude and luck to survive combat. "We did have one advantage over soldiers coming in today," said Rufer. "We knew where we were going to fight."

"No training is going to put you in a frame of mind to cope with war," added Don Chandler, a scout helicopter pilot during two tours in Vietnam.

Students asked many questions about the political situation during the war which led to restraints in pursuit of the war effort and to protests of the war at home.

"It's not our fault we didn't win that war," said Rufer. Meeker added that 82 percent of veterans who saw heavy combat and 75 percent of the public believe that the war was lost because of political leadership.

"How long did it take you to get back into everyday life?" asked one soldier.

"Some people never got over Vietnam," answered Rufer. "This last year has been the best year we've had since we've been home. The memorial and Vietnam Veteran's activities in Washington did a lot to ease the pain, but it didn't ease it all."

According to an association handout, while many veterans do not believe the war had a long term negative effect on their personal development, it is clear that the impact of combat and exposure to death was profound. While the end results of the experience, such as becoming mature, may have been positive, many men acknowledge that pain and stress were associated with the process.

"I didn't know about the POWs still there," said Pvt. 1 Theodore Mack after the class. Mack was referring to questions about the approximately 2,500 military personnel who served in the war and are

not accounted for. According to the veterans, one of the things that their organization would like is to be able to account for these missing people. Journalists and other observers have reported seeing Americans used as slaves in Vietnam since the end of the war.

The veterans' presentation did open a few eyes. "It made me realize what it was really like over there," said Pvt. 1 Robert Ciesla. "The part about not becoming a statistic really got to me."

"I enjoyed it a lot, and found out more about Vietnam, especially the GIs who are still there," added Pvt. 1 Gary Nixon.

"I think the Army today would do better in com-

bat," Nixon continued. "The technology is far advanced and we're better trained."

Meeker wouldn't dispute that. "Today's soldier is just as good as any soldier who ever wore the uniform," he said.

"Soldiers must be continuously prepared to fight. To sit back and say it (war) won't happen is totally ridiculous," Meeker concluded.

The veterans were greeted by a thunderous standing ovation at the end of their class. Students cheered and clapped for several minutes in a tribute which one veteran said, "nearly moved me off the stage."

Emergency travel options expand

WASHINGTON — Army personnel assigned overseas and those on temporary duty who are granted emergency leave will find new options open to them with the change in travel regulations that became effective Jan. 3.

According to army personnel officials, recent changes in the joint travel regulation now permit servicemembers round-trip commercial transportation when government-procured transportation is unavailable.

There are some restrictions, officials say, commercial transportation may be approved only if space required government transportation is not reasonably available and the cost of commercial

transportation will not cost more than government-procured transportation.

Also, the new changes to the regulation include travel of the family members when they accompany the sponsor on emergency leave. Round-trip commercial transportation may be approved for command-sponsored family members to accompany a servicemember who is authorized to travel at government expense in connection with emergency leave.

The change will be printed as change no. 361 of the joint travel regulations (volume 1). Right now, up-to-date information can be obtained from the post transportation office. (ARNEWS)



Flying low

Kelly Eldredge (foreground) and David Ashbrook, both four year olds, get junior flying lessons from SFC Billy Gaines. The maintenance sergeant and other airfield personnel showed MICOM's unusual Caribou aircraft and other airfield attractions to a

group from the arsenal children's center one morning last week. The children also got a demonstration of weather machines from Sp4 Willie Williams, flight dispatcher, and went up into the observation tower to see Army air traffic controllers at work.



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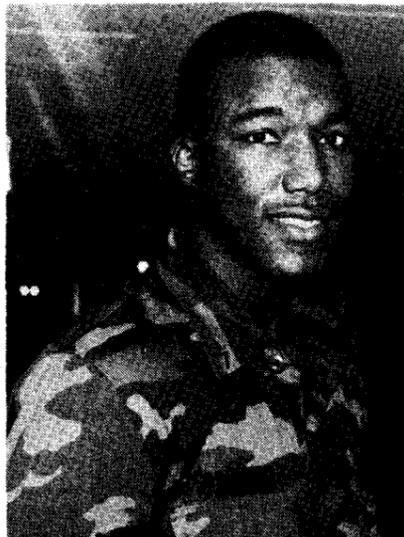
Sp4 Dwayne Nelson, Co. A — "I feel it's based on what you make of it."



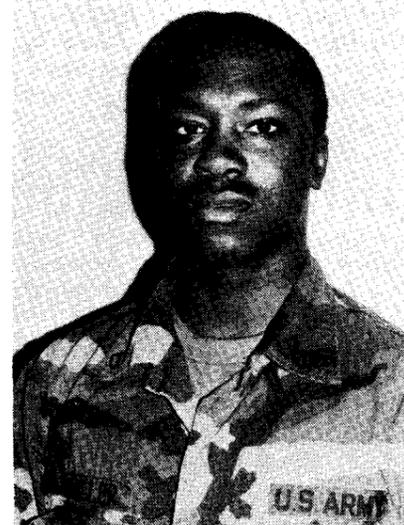
Sgt. Rasaland Brackett, Co. A — "More so now than ever before. But only when you take advantage of the opportunities available. The individual who wants to be better will take advantage of those opportunities."



Sgt. Tony Loadholt, 4th S.C. — "I'm not doing everything that I can do, but in the Army I'm doing better than I could on the outside."



Pvt. 2 Curtis D. Tamlin, 6th S.C. — "Yes, for the reason that when passing my Toftoy test they gave me a chance to make it to my systems."



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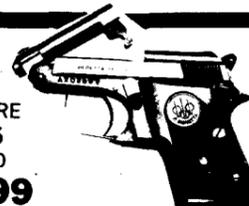
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Soldiers here take income tax assistance course

BY HARRY SARLES

Officers and NCOs from arsenal units spent two days early this month learning to help other soldiers with their tax returns.

Approximately 40 officers and senior NCOs recently completed the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Course taught by the Internal Revenue Service. These soldiers will now become unit tax assistance officers.

"Primarily we are here to help soldiers with the form 1040EZ and 1040A," said 1st Lt. Ralph Hooks, School Brigade assistant adjutant. "It's a self help program. We show the individuals how to properly

fill out the forms and they do their own tax return."

According to Hooks the program is mainly for soldiers who don't know what they're doing and who can file the 1040EZ or the 1040A. Soldiers who fill out the long form 1040 can get help from tax assistance officers too, since the course also included instruction on the long form. And, tax information given to each assistance officer includes a supplement on military topics. He recommends that soldiers who must file difficult returns seek professional help.

"If I can't handle a soldier's tax problem I will call the VITA Hot Line for assistance. If we still don't get a clear answer I'll refer the soldier to the

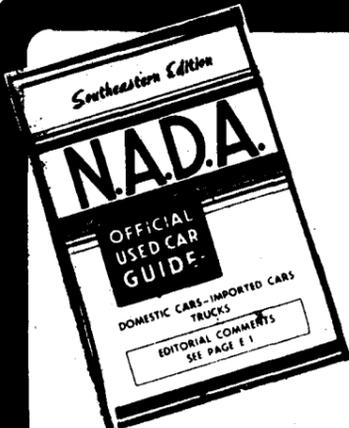
appropriate IRS publication or to the IRS office," said Hooks.

"One thing that the IRS is pushing is the new form 1040EZ," he said. "It's for single taxpayers with under \$50,000 in taxable income, so it applies to many single soldiers. The form can be completed in five minutes. To use the form you can only claim yourself as an exemption, and you must not have made more than \$400 in interest income for the year.

"The main thing is that people need to file as fast as possible after they get their W-2s. The W-2s should be included with the end of month pay vouchers.

"According to the IRS, people who file the 1040EZ can expect the turn around time to be between two and four weeks," added Hooks. "Of course the earlier you file the better."

Unit tax assistance officers are being appointed for all Redstone Arsenal units. Soldiers needing tax assistance should contact their unit first sergeant or orderly room personnel to find out who the unit tax officer is and where and when the tax officer is available for assistance.



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Response mixed to Medicare tax

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A quick survey of how federal workers feel about the Medicare tax found a disappointed worker, an older worker who sees it as advantageous for older workers, and someone who looks forward to the benefits.

Federal employees began earning quarters of coverage for Medicare eligibility Jan. 1, 1983 through the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 signed into law by President Reagan. The 1.3 percent deduction from salaries is being

made on biweekly gross pay. For example, a biweekly gross pay of \$459.58 would have \$5.97 deducted for Medicare Part A.

"I don't think it's very good at all," said Dave Bryant, landscape architect with Facilities Engineering. "Well, I'm disappointed that we've been taken advantage of again. And I wonder where it's going to stop.

"I realize there's nothing I can do about it now," he added. "It just disappoints me and makes me have to adjust."

Ernest Balarzs, a human factors engineer in the Human Factors Engineering Detachment, said he's 60 years old and the Medicare tax comes at an "opportunity time" for him and other older workers.

"The guy that's going to benefit from it quicker is the older person," Balarzs said. "As soon as I go under Medicare, I just may cancel my insurance.

"A younger guy is going to have to pay an awful long time into Medicare and he's going to have to pay his insurance too," he added. "I'm saying that I can take advantage of it quicker because I'm older."

Jimmy Temple, chief of the management employee relations and incentive awards branch in the civilian personnel office, looks forward to the Medicare benefits down the road.

"Well I don't like the tax but I can use the benefits," Temple said. "And you have to pay for what you get so I guess I'm in agreement with it.

"If we're going to get those benefits when we get ready to retire, we have to pay for them," he added.

"Of course I'd also have to add I don't know what those benefits are since I'm not ready to use them."

Federal workers will pay 1.3 percent of their annual salaries up to a maximum of \$35,700 in 1983, which will eventually entitle them to Medicare Part A hospital insurance coverage if certain requirements are met.

Workers will pay only the 1.3 percent Medicare portion of the Social Security tax. They will not be eligible for other Social Security benefits unless they have coverage for non-federal work.

Medicare Part A insures inpatient care in hospitals and skilled nursing facilities and home health services. Employees who become entitled to Part A may enroll in Medicare Part B Supplementary Medicare Insurance by paying a monthly premium after age 65. Medicare Part B insures physician's services, outpatient hospital and physical therapy and other medical supplies and services.

Any individual who is an employee of the federal government at any time during January 1983 and who was employed by the federal government before 1983 will receive deemed federal quarters of coverage for their service prior to January 1983.

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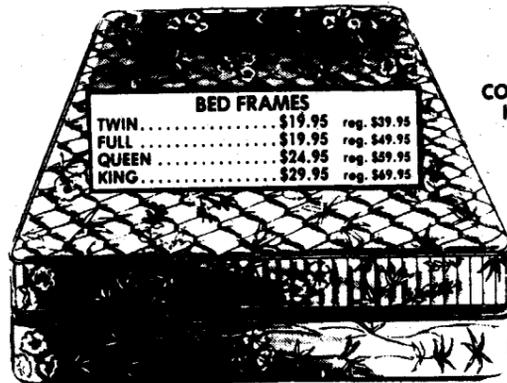
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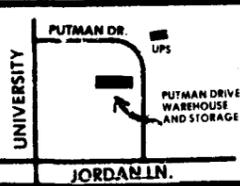
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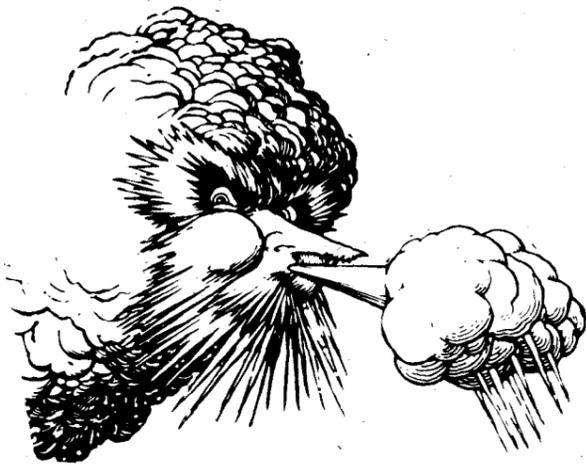
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BY ED PETERS

A winter storm tried to add some unexpected realism to a demonstration set up here by a calibration team last week.

Rain and sleet were falling as the team put up huge camouflage nets to hide their calibration trucks in a pine thicket next to the arsenal's Tin City complex of buildings.

They were getting ready to put on a demonstration for Daniel F. Weiner Jr., DARCOM deputy executive director for TMDE, who was scheduled to visit them Friday.

"We're trying to make it look as tactical as it can

Storm adds realism

Calibration team hides in thicket

be in a garrison environment," said 2nd Lt. James Gutierrez, executive officer for MICOM's 95th Service Company, a group closer to combat than Redstone units customarily are. The 95th's calibration teams serve with 10 U.S.-based combat divisions.

"When the division deploys the team goes out and sets up in this type configuration," said WO 1 Peter Shreve, a team chief. "The camouflage netting is so when the big bomb comes it won't wipe out the whole team," he added with a grin.

For the demonstration the team set up under camouflage two calibration workshop vans, a third office van for production control, and a generator power supply on a trailer.

"On a battlefield they would be attached to the maintenance battalion of a division to calibrate and repair TMDE — test, measurement and diagnostic equipment," said Gutierrez.

Some of the items they calibrate are radar test sets, torque wrenches, pressure and vacuum gauges, micrometers, counters and oscilloscopes.

"We take the customer's TMDE and compare it to our equipment, our standards" which are traceable to the National Bureau of Standards, explained Shreve, the team chief. "We make sure that it's accurate, that it does what it's supposed to do," the warrant officer said.

Besides 10 nine-man teams with combat divisions, the 95th has eight teams based at Redstone that travel around helping the others "catch up." They call back here and ask us for a little help," said Sp 6 Jimmy Holaway, chief of one of the traveling teams. He has been to Forts Campbell and Stewart on recent trips.

The 95th has a strength of 260 including technicians, supply people and clerks. Ninety-one are based here. The service company is part of the Army's TMDE support group at Redstone.

Shreve says calibration technicians have an important place on today's battlefield where missiles, tanks, helicopters and the like are employed. "They can fire a gun without us. They can do that. And a tank can work without us, for a while. But it has to be maintained, and the equipment they use to maintain the tanks, we have to support that equipment.

"For example," continued Shreve, "the M-1 (Abrams) tank is all high-tech electronics and we have to support it. We calibrate the equipment used to troubleshoot the electronics. And if the electronics break down. . ."

Shreve said too that as the calibrators' importance on the battlefield has increased, the way they look at their jobs has changed as has the way other soldiers look at them.

Calibration is regarded as a difficult skill that is tough to get into and calibrators have traditionally not been especially popular with their fellow soldiers. Until recent times they did not serve directly with the combat units they support but visited them on a TDY basis.

"We were prima donnas," said Shreve an eight-year veteran calibration specialist. "Nobody wanted to be around us, and we didn't want to be around them.

"But we're now part of the Army, soldiers first. We've started going to the field. In the division we're usually with a maintenance battalion. When the battalion goes to the field we go with it. And we set up like this," he said from inside a truck hidden under camouflage.



2nd Lt. James Gutierrez, Sp6 Jimmy Holaway, Sp4 Jonathan Nemer and Sp5 Michael Dressler strike a

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Calibration skill in high demand

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"I love it. Sometime this week I'm going to see my reup NCO about extending a year and a half," said Sp 5 Michael Dressler.

"It's a clean job. The training is good. You're constantly training, constantly improving yourself," he said.

To enter the calibration field soldiers must do well on aptitude tests and have particularly high scores in electronics. They learn the calibration specialty at a tri-service school at Lowery Air Force Base in Colorado.

Sp4 Jonathan Nemer chose the calibration field "because it was the best thing the Army had going that I could get training out of."

He has worked in the calibration field 2½ years. Asked about his plans, he said, "I may reenlist. The way things look on the outside it's looking more and more like I'll reenlist."

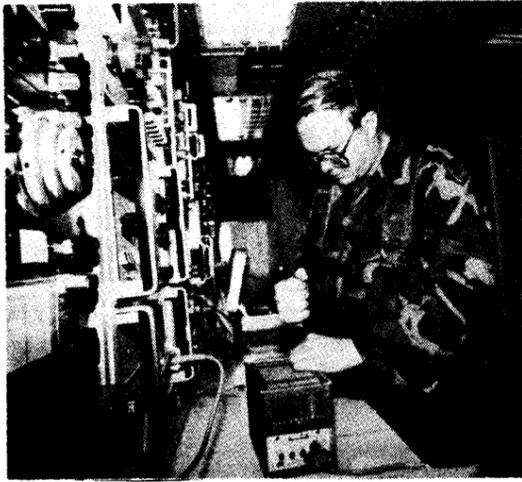
Of his job, he said, "You work hard. There's never a day you don't learn something new because they're always coming in with different and better equipment and you've got to be qualified to fix it."

WO 1 Peter Shreve, who has been in calibration eight years, thinks his field ranks with advanced hospital equipment repair and computers as one of the three best in the Army.

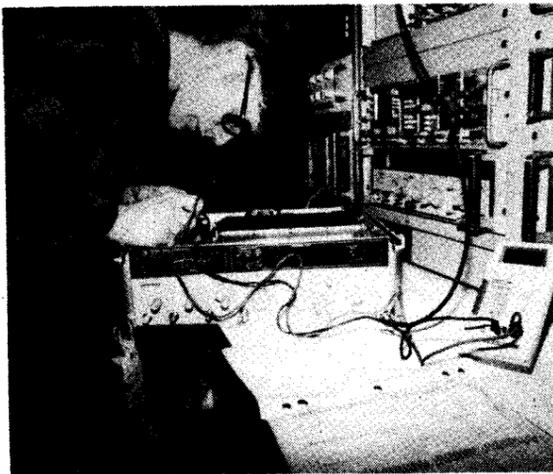
"A soldier that has three or four years hands on training (in calibration) can get a good job, or he can stay in and the advancement is fairly good and it's good duty. If you wish to stay in the military you can always get training," he said, mentioning a new course on microprocessors that calibrators can take.

"One problem," he acknowledges, "is that 35 Hotels (calibration specialists) are highly trained and civilian industry is willing to grab them up.

"Every high-tech industry in the world uses calibrators," he said.



Dressler does calibration work inside a laboratory van.



Nemer checks voltages on a signal generator.

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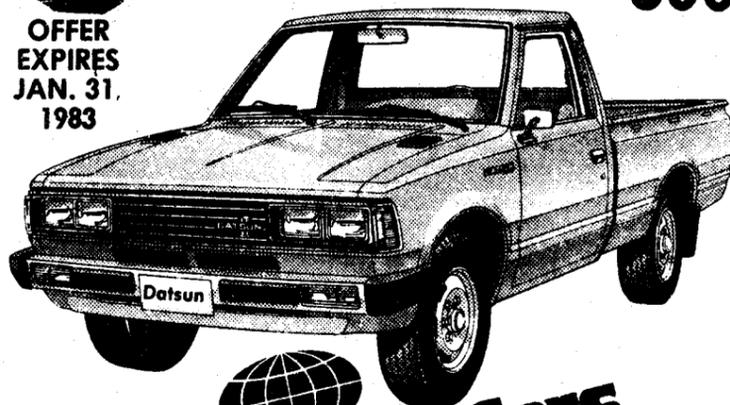
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The charge for bad checks will increase to \$15 as of March 1 at Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities.

This increase by AAFES should drop the percentage of bad checks, according to the official who processes and collects on bad checks at the Post Exchange here.

"It might put a kink in some of them cashing (bad checks) but it'll still be some that'll fall in it," said Julia Harris, a retail operations supervisor at the PX. "It's really steep but it costs quite a bit to process bad checks and it's really a pain collecting some of them."

"It should lower the percentage," she added.

The number of dishonored checks has decreased at the PX. Harris received 978 bad checks totalling \$43,179.74 for the period Jan. 26 through Dec. 24, 1982. This compares to 1,237 bad checks totalling \$53,414.06 for the same period in 1981.

Last year one out of every 200 checks received by AAFES cashiers bounced the first time it was sent to the bank. Eventually 90 percent of the checks were made good, but the \$14.93 cost of handling each bad check and the time spent trying to get the money decreased what AAFES was able to give to the morale, welfare and recreation funds of the Army and Air Force.

Maj. Gen. Richard D. Murray, USAF, commander of AAFES, said the increase in the surcharge for bad checks from \$10 to \$15 is to put the cost of recovering the money where it belongs — on the bad check passer and not on all of AAFES' customers.

"We considered an across-the-board service charge to cash checks but we didn't want to penalize all of our customers because of the few who write bad checks," he added. The increased surcharge for bad checks will cover AAFES' costs and hopefully act as a deterrent to those who take advantage of this service.

Murray added that not only is writing a check when you don't have the money to cover it illegal, but it could also result in the loss of exchange privileges, or prosecution in a civil court or military court martial.

"It would be a shame to ruin a military career or a promising civilian career because of a bad check," the general said.

Bergquist nominated for third star

WASHINGTON — Maj. Gen. Robert L. Bergquist has been nominated for promotion to lieutenant general and assignment as commanding general,

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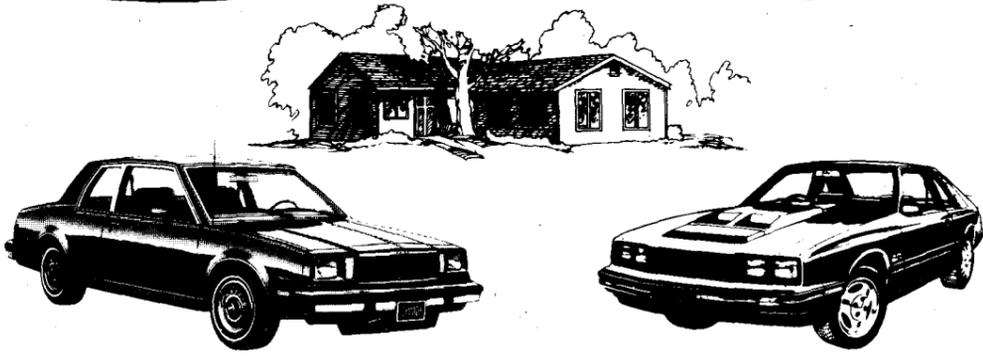
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Preventive dentistry stressed for children

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Four and a half year old Shree Mintz got a toothbrush for posing for a picture in the dental clinic at Fox Army Community Hospital the other day.

"Is that the going rate?" joked Dr. (Capt.) James Kretzschmar who posed with the daughter of SFC William Mintz.

Kretzschmar, preventive dentistry officer of Redstone's Dental Activity, had been talking about Childrens Dental Health Month in February. This is an annual observance of the American Dental Association.

Children's dentistry "is important for the total well-being of the child," said Kretzschmar.

For those age 2-4, dentistry is primarily their parents' responsibility. "If they notice anything that should be looked at by a dentist they should bring the child in for an examination," the dentist said.

Children by age 4 or 5 will have all their primary teeth and should have a complete dental examination. They should visit the dentist at least once a year.

"It's nice if you can see a child as soon as they get all their teeth in," said Dr. (Maj.) James Putnam, chief of oral surgery of Redstone's DENTAC. "If for no other reason than to introduce them to a dental environment."

Parents should take an active role in educating their children about dental matters, according to Putnam.

Helpful advice for avoiding cavities includes brush after eating; eat a balanced diet (meats, vegetables, breads and milk products); and avoid eating too much candy.

"It's the parents responsibility to see that their children are eating properly," said Kretzschmar, the preventive dentistry officer. "When they're developing they should have foods that are high in calcium. You get those in your milk group."

What are some common misconceptions about children's dentistry? "A common misconception is held by children that a trip to the dentist is going to be uncomfortable," replied Kretzschmar. "A misconception that's held by the parents is that baby teeth are going to come out anyway so they're not important."

Baby teeth, on the contrary, hold the space for permanent teeth to come in. This avoids crowding or future orthodontic problems, he said.

DENTAC, which consists of the main dental clinic and the clinic at Fox Hospital, can provide total dental care for active duty family members with the exception of orthodontics (braces).

For the past two years, screening examinations have been conducted at the preschool at Bicentennial Chapel. "If we see something that needs attention, we tell the teacher and they tell the parents," Kretzschmar said.

A poster contest will be held for these children at Bicentennial Chapel in mid-February for childrens dental month. The Officers Wives Club is to provide funds for plaques for first, second and third prizes. Winning posters will be displayed in the main dental clinic.

"The poster is supposed to be a child's point of view of what's necessary for good dental health," Kretzschmar said. "We get some pretty wild posters."



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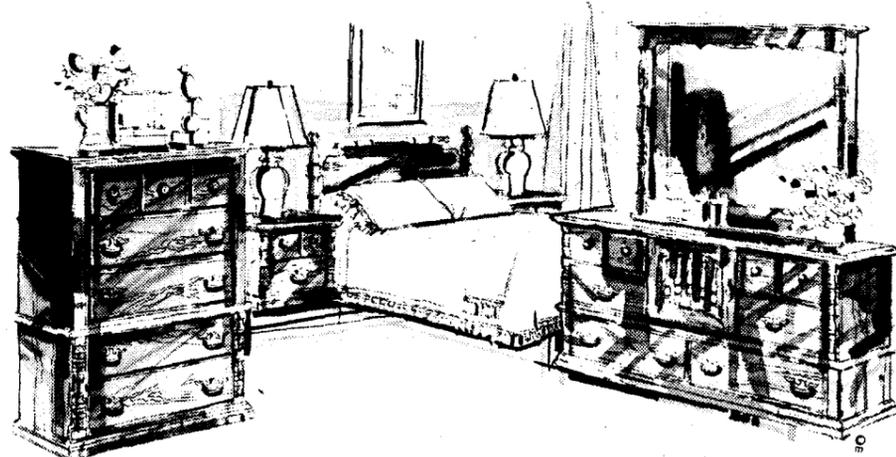
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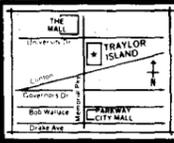
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Childhood stress

A new parent group called "A Stitch-in-Time" is forming to help adults identify the causes and symptoms of childhood stress and learn how it can be managed and prevented. For more information call the Family Services Center 539-5717.

Surplus sale

There will be a local spot bid sale of government surplus property Feb. 2 in the Rocket Auditorium, bldg. 7120. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the sale begins at 9:00. Some of the items for sale are: amplifiers, electrical motors, calculators, typewriters, photographic equipment, voltmeter, power supplies, military clothing, recorders, chairs, televisions, lamps, tables, shipping boxes and security cabinets. The property is located in building 7435 on Warehouse Road. The property may be inspected each day, excluding Saturday and Sunday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Redstone Toastmaster's

Interested people are invited to attend Redstone Toastmaster's meetings. The club meets weekly on Tuesday nights from 6-8 at Sambo's on University Dr. Their new officers for 1982 are president, Pete Robinson; educational vice president, Dr. Chris Olsen; administrative vice president, Ellen Bomer; secretary, Gary Indikar; treasurer, Jim Foreman; sergeant at arms Glenn Hillested.

A&R bowling rates

A special discount rate for troop A&R activities went into effect Jan. 24 at the bowling center. The discount rate is 50 cents per game with free rental Tuesday through Friday from 12 noon to 3:30 p.m. A company or duty section wishing to participate in the program should have their first sergeant or duty section supervisor contact the bowling center and request a certain number of lanes for a specified number of bowlers and the date and time they would like to bowl. Calls should be made at least 48 hours in advance to insure lanes are available. Lanes will not be available to individuals at the reduced rate.

Film makers

Greg Killmaster, a professional film maker for the past six years, will present films at 8 p.m. Friday at the Alabama Film Makers Co-op (200 White St., Huntsville). On Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., the guest film maker will teach a workshop on "special effects — optical printing for the beginner." For more information or to register for class, call the film co-op at 534-3247. Space is limited.

Warrant officers

The monthly meeting of the Warrant Officers Association will be held 11:30 a.m. Feb. 2 at the Officers Club. All warrant officers are welcome. You need not be a member to attend.

Recreation Center

Tonight — Birthday party with snacks at 7 p.m. Thursday — Movie "Stripes" at 2:30 & 6:30 and Bingo at 8:30. Friday — Movie "Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid" at 2:30 & 6:30 p.m. Saturday — Coffee and snacks. Sunday — Taco night. Monday — Chess at 2:30 p.m.

ROA Scholarships

Forty college scholarships worth up to \$500 will be awarded for the 1983-84 school year to members of the Reserve Officers Association, the ROA Ladies, or their children and grandchildren. Applicants must be attending or accepted for full-time study at a college, have a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale, be of good moral character and show appropriate leadership qualities. For scholarship applications write Chairman, Scholarship Board of Trustees, Henry J. Reilly Memorial Scholarship Fund, ROA, 1 Constitution Ave. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002.

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The Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, Huntsville Chapter, is featuring Missouri State Sen. David Doctorian with a message for "American Survival" on Thursday at the Sheraton Inn. An optional dinner begins at 6 p.m. and the main program at 7:30 p.m. The fellowship is open to all. For more information, call 881-4797 or 536-6832.

SOLE luncheon

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Society of Logistics Engineers has re-scheduled its regular business luncheon for Thursday, Jan. 27 at the Officers' Club. A social (cash bar) begins at 11:30 with lunch at noon. Matt Thome, the featured speaker, will give a presentation on the challenges of combating the after effects of a volcano eruption in Iceland. All present and prospective members, as well as other interested parties in the Redstone community, are encouraged to attend. Cost is approximately \$6. For reservations contact Ken Oard 830-1200 or Marty Martin 876-1111.

Movie schedule

Here's the post movie schedule for this week: Tonight at 7, The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas (R); Thursday at 7 p.m., Jinxed (R); Friday at 7 p.m., Jinxed (R); Saturday at 7 p.m., The Beastmaster (PG); Saturday at 9:30 p.m., Enter the Ninja (R); Sunday at 7 p.m. First Blood (R); Monday at 7 p.m., First Blood (R); Tuesday at 7 p.m., First Blood (R).

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