

Appeal board reverses contracting out decision

MICOM said Monday that an appeal board has reversed a decision to award a contract to a California firm to assume certain support work at Redstone Arsenal now done by about 600 Army civilian workers.

The work should continue to be done with government workers, the board decided.

Appointed by the U.S. Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command, MICOM's higher headquarters, the board ruled on an appeal filed by Local 1858, American Federation of Government

Employees, the union which represents most MICOM civilian workers.

AFGE contended that in deciding whether to con-

Union reaction: 'pleased tremendously.' Story on page 9.

tract the work, the Army incorrectly interpreted federal law when it applied inflation rates in computing certain government labor costs over the five year life of the contract. The board agreed.

Recomputations of the labor rates based on the board's decision showed the cost of continuing with

government workers to be \$106,583 less.

The board's decision is now subject to appeal by the contractor, the California-based combine of Holmes and Narver and Morrison-Knudsen.

MICOM first announced March 14 that cost comparisons showed it would be to the government's advantage not to contract, but a day later auditors discovered that the contractor's proposal was actually lower than the government's by \$986,867. MICOM then awarded a conditional contract to the California firm subject to appeal.

AFGE filed its appeal March 30.

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Ceremony marks grand opening

BY GINGER STEPHENS

With a ceremony Tuesday at 4 p.m. Redstone Arsenal will become the proud owner of the most modern of officers club in the world.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in which the contractor, Kenalty Corp. of Mountain Home, Pa., will turn the key over to arsenal officials, then club members will file into the club for a celebration — with an Army band leading the way.

Inside, they will be presented a 20 page color souvenir brochure of the grand opening event, and will be given a guided tour of the \$3.9 million club.

The entrance reveals a foyer surrounded by wall size lithographs of new and old landmarks in Huntsville. Two leather sofas, just shades from the color of the Mexican tile floor are in the center of the foyer on a light brown and blue area carpet. Live plants are growing in the foyer and throughout the club.

The various rooms in the club are named after Huntsville landmarks. The lounges are the Big Spring and the Twickenham, and the dining room is the Monte Santo.

The Big Spring Lounge has a more casual atmosphere with backgammon tables, a 50" television screen, and a dance floor to enjoy live bands or disc jockey entertainment. Brass railings surround and divide the room ac-

cented by brass hanging lamps for low lighting. Behind the bar is a lithograph of Huntsville's old courthouse emphasizing the brown tones of the room.

The Twickenham is a more casual lounge. Wooden floors, an open beam ceiling with couches and occasional chairs allow for comfortable socializing. For more privacy, there are booths separated by bookcases along the walls.

Designed for comfortable, convenient dining the Monte Sano room seats 120 people and the Greenhouse, a glass room extension on the west side of the building overlooking the golf course, seats 40.

For lunch, cafeteria style dining and a salad bar give customers a wide variety of hot meals, sandwiches, soups, and salad.

The new evening meal menu has increased prices "but the quality of the menu is better plus you now get a 30 item salad bar," said Stuart Soffer, deputy installation club manager.

The decor and design are not the only modern aspects of the club. Computerized dining and bar equipment has been installed to help insure the service in the dining room and lounges will be efficient and orders will be precise.

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A band will lead the way through this entrance when the new club has its grand opening May 3.

MICOM office throws out 300 lbs trash

Garbage bags were filled at Product Assurance last Friday as the directorate held a cleanup day in its building.

The day was held in conjunction with MICOM annual spring cleanup week. Product Assurance workers were given garbage bags to clean their work areas from 10 to 11 a.m. A scale was used to determine the winner for the most trash picked up.

"It certainly made all of our offices neater and cleaner and I think we all had a good time doing it,"

said Judy Moore, management assistant in the administrative office. "We tried to make it a fun day as well as a work day."

The air defense systems branch of quality engineering division took the prize for most poundage with 300 pounds of garbage collected. The prize for most improved work area neatness and cleanliness went to administrative services office, mail room.

A booby prize, a broom with garbage bags tied

around it, went to the one whose work area looked the worst after the cleanup. That dubious honor went to air defense systems branch of system performance assessment division.

All seven Product Assurance divisions participated in the cleanup held inside building 4566 because of rain. Afterwards about 75 people attended a picnic luncheon in a conference room.

"Everybody really cleaned up some in their area," Moore observed.

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Letters

Sense of pride

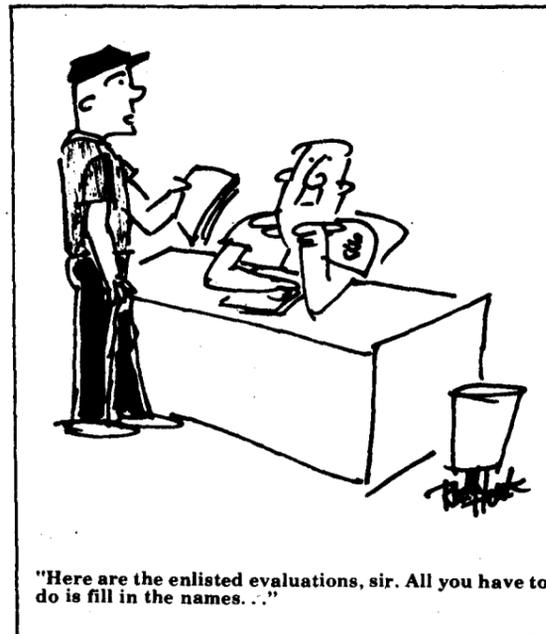
Editor:

I would like to applaud the Rocket on the fine job it did in giving volunteers the credit they so richly deserve during National Volunteer's Week. I truly enjoyed reading all the articles and was left with a sense of pride in my fellow Federal Employees.

I know it would take too many pages to cover all the volunteer work everyone does, but I do feel a special thanks is owed to the "Unknown Volunteer". I'm speaking of the person who takes

the time to stop and help broken-down motorists, or to turn off your headlights in the parking lot when you forgot to. The person in your office who makes sure that a sick co-worker is sent flowers, or that a birthday is remembered. I'm talking about the people who take their own time to help their fellow man whenever they are needed, knowing that probably no one will know who did the service, or even that a special service has been rendered. I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank-you, I appreciate your caring."

Loretta Owens
Finance & Accounting



Blown off road

Editor:

I have been contemplating writing about the speeding problem on Rideout Road for sometime now, but after getting "blown" off the roadway twice this week, my patience will stand no more. For some time now, I have driven the Rideout/Tof-toy interchange both to and from my way to work.

And the problem with speeding individuals is becoming a constant threat.

I know that the Military Police are busy, with more than just speeding problems, however, I consider the safety of myself, and others using the roadway somewhat important also. Now it could be that in recent past the Military Police have received criticism because of "over radaring", but evidently the "person complaining" must have been one of those speeders, instead of someone like myself who has his Volkswagen blown off the road.

I'm just a lower grade Government Service Employee, however, whether politics or jurisdiction between the Military Police and NASA Police has anything to do with the radaring problem, something should soon be resolved before an accident occurs. Then you have a speeder to blame again. Evidently someone mistakes Rideout Road with the Airport Runway.

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This blood program goal's no joke

BY SKIP VAUGHN

When Lt. Col. Dave Peaster got his boss' goal for the blood program April 1 he thought it was an April Fool's Day joke.

He went to Col. Dave Wyatt, project manager for the air defense command and control systems project office, and learned the colonel was "dead serious." But it was not long before he saw an overwhelming response to the blood program by the project office.

"It was the easiest goal I've ever had to meet," Peaster said. "It seems like the only thing the people needed was to be asked."

Of the 67 people in the ADCCS project office, 47 had pledged a pint of blood. Thirteen were ineligible to give because of medical reasons so this means a whopping 87 percent of those eligible gave.

A blood donor goal chart is displayed on a wall inside the project office located off post at Research Park. Beside many of the names was placed a small heart with the message, "Be nice to me. I gave blood today."

"Look at all the little hearts already. Isn't that wonderful?" said Ivy Barber, a secretary in tech management division. She asked Peaster if he had given yet that day and he replied "Not yet."

Three messages from Col. Wyatt, the project manager, were taped near the chart. "Do you often feel low?" one stated. "Maybe its because your hands are dragging. That could be a result of heavy



Jake Roden gives blood for the first time.

arms caused by too much blood. We can fix that."

The ADCCS project office, part of the Missile Command, is responsible for air defense command and control projects for the Army. It has a software support center at Fort Bliss, Texas. The 67

people at Research Park include seven soldiers, all of whom gave in the April drive.

"I think the goal is to continue the impetus and continue maximizing participation," said Peaster, chief of the logistics management division. He was assigned as the drive's initial coordinator and attributes much of the work to his secretary Peggy Solomon.

"The response is outstanding and really it's indicative I think of the teamwork within the project on a day to day basis," Peaster said. "I attribute (the response) to the leadership which has put emphasis on the program and also just the caring of personnel due to the importance of it."

Janice Ray, a logistics management specialist, has given over three gallons of blood. "I was glad to see everybody take part and participate as willing as they did," she said. "I know it's helping someone so I just keep giving."

A visit to another room in the BMDSCOM building showed many people donating blood, including Jake Roden of the program management division. It was her first time. "I couldn't think of a good enough excuse," she joked.

Many donating blood were not taking the leave time authorized for being a donor, according to Peaster. He explained, "It's really the caring aspect."

Improper car upkeep cited in 10 accidents

Driving a vehicle with defective equipment poses a major hazard to the operator and other motorists on Redstone Arsenal.

In the recent past 10 traffic accidents on the arsenal have been caused by defective equipment or improper maintenance, according to Bobby Noles, Security Directorate's traffic program specialist.

"The most common problems are poor brakes, improperly adjusted headlights, defective turn signals, treadless or regrooved tires and obstructed windshields," he said.

Although the state of Alabama does not have a vehicle inspection requirement, arsenal MP's en-

courage motorists to frequently check the mechanical condition of their vehicles.

"Postponing the purchase of new tires or a brake job can be false economy," explained Sgt. Maj. Joshua Perry, MP operations sergeant major. "The expense of vehicle repair or recovery from injuries sustained as a result of defective equipment can be many times the cost of preventive maintenance.

"In keeping with MP efforts to make the arsenal safe for all motorists," he continued, "gate guards and MP patrols will attempt to identify problem vehicles.

"An operator, if stopped for driving a vehicle with defective equipment, can expect a citation," Perry said.

A related problem noted by military police is the number of vehicles abandoned on the arsenal. If a vehicle is suspected to be abandoned, MP's attempt to locate and remind the owner that post regulations allow the owner a maximum of 72 hours to move the vehicle.

In situations where the vehicle is blocking a roadway or is otherwise a safety problem, it may be removed immediately to the MP impoundment lot.

Also, said Traffic Program Specialist Noles, "abandoned vehicles take up valuable parking space and contribute to a junkyard look in some areas."

Adds Perry, "These vehicles are often vandalized and thus become a matter for MP concern."



He requests that people report suspected abandoned vehicles to the MP's.

"The Military Police feel that if each operator takes responsibility for his vehicle to insure that it is in proper mechanical condition, Redstone Arsenal will be a safer and more pleasant place for all members of the community," Perry concluded.

Pershing II tests at halfway point

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. — The Army fired a single stage Pershing II missile April 24 in a test of the missile's radar terminal guidance system and said later that the missile "impacted in the target area with the required accuracy."

The test, ninth in the missile's engineering development program, marked the halfway point in the planned series of 18 test launches. The last eight in a row have achieved primary test objectives.

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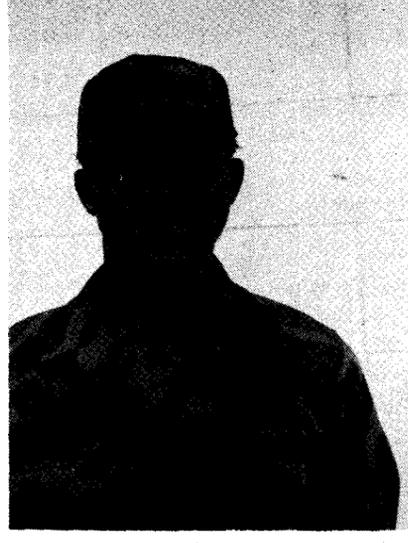
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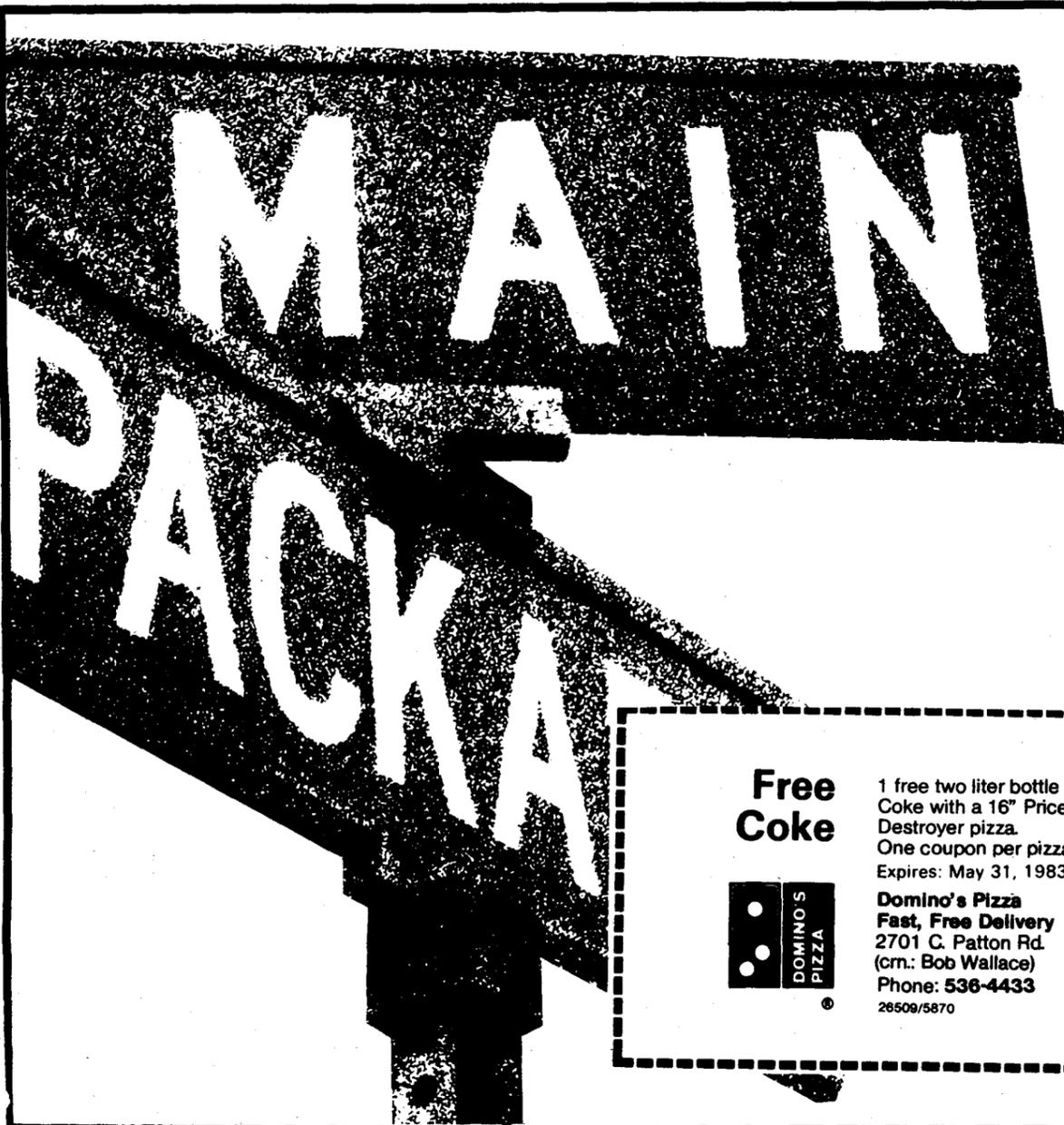
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New Soldier's Manual aimed at NCO

BY HARRY SARLES

Soldier's Manuals in a new format will be aimed at the NCO trainer rather than at individual soldiers. The revised Soldier's Manuals will begin being distributed later this year for some MOSs, according to Dwayne Kennedy of MMCS's Training Analysis and Design Division.

The change to the soldier's manuals is in support of Army Training 1990 concepts and force modernization requirements. The new manuals will be a tool for NCOs to support year-round individual training and evaluation programs at unit level.

"The new soldier's manual gives the commander in the field flexibility. He can select the hands-on

tasks that are most critical to evaluate and to train," explained Bob Lovell, of the munitions branch in Training Analysis and Design Division. "The commander can also conduct an informal evaluation at any time rather than just during the SQT test period."

The two biggest changes in the new format manuals are the inclusion of evaluation checklists and the elimination of some instructional material which is available through other references such as technical manuals, field manuals and regulations.

"The new manual provides evaluative steps for the trainer to check," said Lovell. "It also provides for immediate feedback to the soldier when he makes a mistake."

MOSs 55B, 55D, and 55R will be the first specialties to get the new manuals produced here at MMCS. Writers and editors are putting the finishing touches on those manuals right now and they are due at the Army Training Support Center in May. Once delivered at the center they will go into production and should be in soldiers' hands in approximately six months, said Lovell.

In addition to the new format for soldier's manuals the soldier's job book will become an increasingly important training tool under the new training guidelines.

The job book is used to record demonstrated proficiency in skill level one and two Soldier's Manual tasks. Information in the job book is intended as an NCO training management tool and is not subject to formal inspection except by the unit chain of command. Under the new policy the job book will be forwarded as part of the Military Personnel Records Jacket to the next duty station upon permanent change of station. This will provide a continuous record of proficiency and give new supervisors an idea of a soldier's capabilities when he reports to a new unit.

One of the advantages to the revised SQT procedures is an Army-wide reduction of printed material.

"Before, we had to produce six booklets: the Soldier's Manual/Trainers Guide, SQT Notice and Job Site Component, Skill Component, Manual for Administration of the Hands-on Component, Hands-on Component and Alternates for the Hands-on Test," explained Kennedy. "Now we produce only the Soldier's Manual/Trainers Guide, Written Test and an abbreviated SQT Notice."

Other Soldier's Manuals in the new format produced at Redstone will be making their appearance over the next 18 to 24 months. Manuals for some Land Combat MOSs go to the printers this July with the bulk of the Land Combat MOSs due next March. All HAWK MOSs are scheduled for completion in July 1984. Until the new format manuals are fielded, Soldier's Manual supplements will continue to be issued for those MOSs. These supplements contain task checklists similar to the ones in the new manuals.

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Secretary runs Boston marathon, wants to again

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Alene Park waited behind the Boston Marathon starting line with the 6,514 other runners and wondered if her old running shoes would hold up.

The 57-year-old secretary here had tried three brand new pair in training but her feet always hurt after a dozen miles. Park finally found an old pair she had discarded after a marathon a year ago and hoped they would suffice.

"That was my biggest concern that day," she said. The old shoes "saved the day" and Park finished the 26.2 mile distance in three hours, 39 minutes and 15 seconds. It was her second fastest marathon ever.

Last Wednesday, two days after the Boston run, Park was back in her office at Redstone. "Seems like Monday morning to me since I'm just getting back to work after such a long weekend," said the secretary for Gerald Price, supervisor of command and control of the missile system software center, Army Missile Lab.

A blue T-shirt the office staff made for her proclaimed Park "winner Boston 1983 3:39:15." On her desk was a laurel wreath a woman friend presented to her at the airport the night before.

"It was a tremendous experience," Park said of her first trip to Boston. "It was very exciting to know that I was finally there. And to see the interest, and participation, and enthusiasm and support that the whole community gives. The entire course is lined with people."

She and her husband Frank were hosted by Chat and Nancy Watts who drove them over the course two days before the prestigious marathon. "They told me it made them tired just driving over it," Park recalled.

Frank and his Winchester, Mass. friend Chat were responsible for her going to Boston because they found out there was an age group there for women 50 through 59. Park met the 3:40 and under requirement with five seconds to spare.

At the starting line in Hopkinton, Mass., she wondered how she would do on the hills and what the outcome of her marathon would be. Before the start a speaker system put out religious music at a small community church.

The runners lined up on a narrow two-lane road in Hopkinton. "The whole town population where the race starts is about 7,000 people," Park said. "On this particular day they have almost that many runners and countless spectators so it's just like a sea of humanity."

At Wellesley, Mass., 15 miles into the race, a crowd of students from a women's college there



Park shows running form on Boston street

cheered on the runners. "They turn out just thousands of them and just scream and yell real real loud," Park recalled.

"I remember thinking I wish I could just run in the open country where it was quiet and not so noisy."

She maintained an 8 minute per mile pace through 17 miles and would have finished in 3:30 if she had kept it up. But then Park met the hills and finished the last nine miles at a 9 minute per mile pace.

The runners finished in front of the Prudential Insurance building in downtown Boston. A medical area was set up in the basement parking lot.

"You just wouldn't believe how many people were in those cots getting treatment of one kind or another," Park said. "It just looked like a battle front — casualties from the battlefield. That's what I thought when I saw so many doctors and nurses and attendants running around."

Her finishing time under 3:40 qualified her for

next year's Boston Marathon "so it was really a thrill to do that," she said. "I really wanted to do it under four hours and my second wish was to do it under 3:40 which would requalify me again for Boston so I actually did that."

She was interviewed on television after the race with the new women's world record holder, Joan Benoit. Park, at 5-foot-3 and 107 pounds, describes Benoit as "a very petite little brunette, 25 years old, smaller than I am I think in height and weight."

It was Park's sixth marathon. She had run the marathon in Huntsville the last three years and marathons in Savannah and Columbus, Ga. Her personal best was 3:36:45 in Huntsville December 1981. She qualified for her division in Boston by running a 3:39:55 in Huntsville last December.

She has been running the past 15 years but did not move up to the 3 mile distance until three and a half years ago. Jimmie Bradford, the friend who gave her the wreath at the airport, encouraged her to increase her distance. Now she runs six days a week, 5-12 miles a day with a 15-miler on Saturday.

Park and her husband have a married daughter, Sylvia Diekman, who helped celebrate her Boston feat with a welcome home, family party.

"Until I ran Boston one time I thought that would probably satisfy me but now that I have already run it one time I'm already thinking about doing it again," she said.



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'Law Day' features banquet, presentations

"Sharing in Justice" is this year's theme for Law Day, May 1 which is observed here with a banquet and presentations in local high schools.

A federal judge from Atlanta will be the speaker at the annual Law Day banquet, a joint effort of the North Alabama chapter of the Federal Bar Association and the Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association. Judge John C. Godbold is chief judge of the new 11th Circuit based in Atlanta.

The banquet is set for Friday, April 29 at the Huntsville Hilton. In addition, members of both bar associations will participate in a program where an attorney makes a Law Day presentation in the city high schools.

"Basically this year's theme talks about our rights and duties under the system of law and justice in this country," said Sharon Robison, an attorney adviser in the MICOM legal office, adversary proceedings division.

Robison is a member of the Federal Bar Associa-

tion and co-chairman of the Law Day committee with Bob Gammons of the Huntsville-Madison County Bar Association. "I guess the basic purpose of Law Day is not just so all the attorneys can get together but also to inform the public. That's why we go to the schools," she said.

Proclamations have been signed by Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville and Madison County officials. Also, public service announcements are to be aired on some radio stations.

"This is the 26th year we've celebrated it," Robison said. "It's a chance for the legal communi-

ty to try to inform the public of what we do and how we and they fit into the American legal and justice system."

The Law Day Banquet will start with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. Friday with dinner at 7:30. Cost is \$12 per person. For more information, call Robison 876-7117.

A highlight of the banquet is the presentation of the Liberty Bell award to a citizen selected for outstanding community service. The recipient receives an engraved plaque.



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Union 'pleased tremendously' with decision

In the wake of the appeal board's ruling, AFGE Local 1858 is "just pleased tremendously for the employees," said Bob Fletcher, president of the Local.

Fletcher learned Monday that the appeal his union filed in an effort to keep the support services contract in house had been ruled on favorably by an appeal board appointed here by DARCOM.

"We feel, shall I call it, 'restrained elation' at this point because the contractor can appeal this decision now," said Fletcher.

He conceded that the union local had not been optimistic about its chances of having the appeal sustained. "I certainly did not walk around with a lot of optimism because of the very nature of the thing and the overall closeness of the figures. Therefore we had a very reserved feeling about the outcome."

Among those locally who worked on the appeal Fletcher mentioned Herb Ivey, executive vice president of the local, and "Cuz" Gray, a union steward.

Fletcher said the appeal was prepared by Harry

Muller, an attorney and accountant with AFGE's national office, using data gathered by the Local.

"We appealed on four major elements and the board ruled on two of them in our favor," said Fletcher.

"For the employees, we feel wonderful," continued Fletcher. "That's what it was for — we did it strictly in their behalf. It was altruistic. We do care, we really do."

He said credit for the appeal belongs ultimately "to our dues paying members who made it possible."

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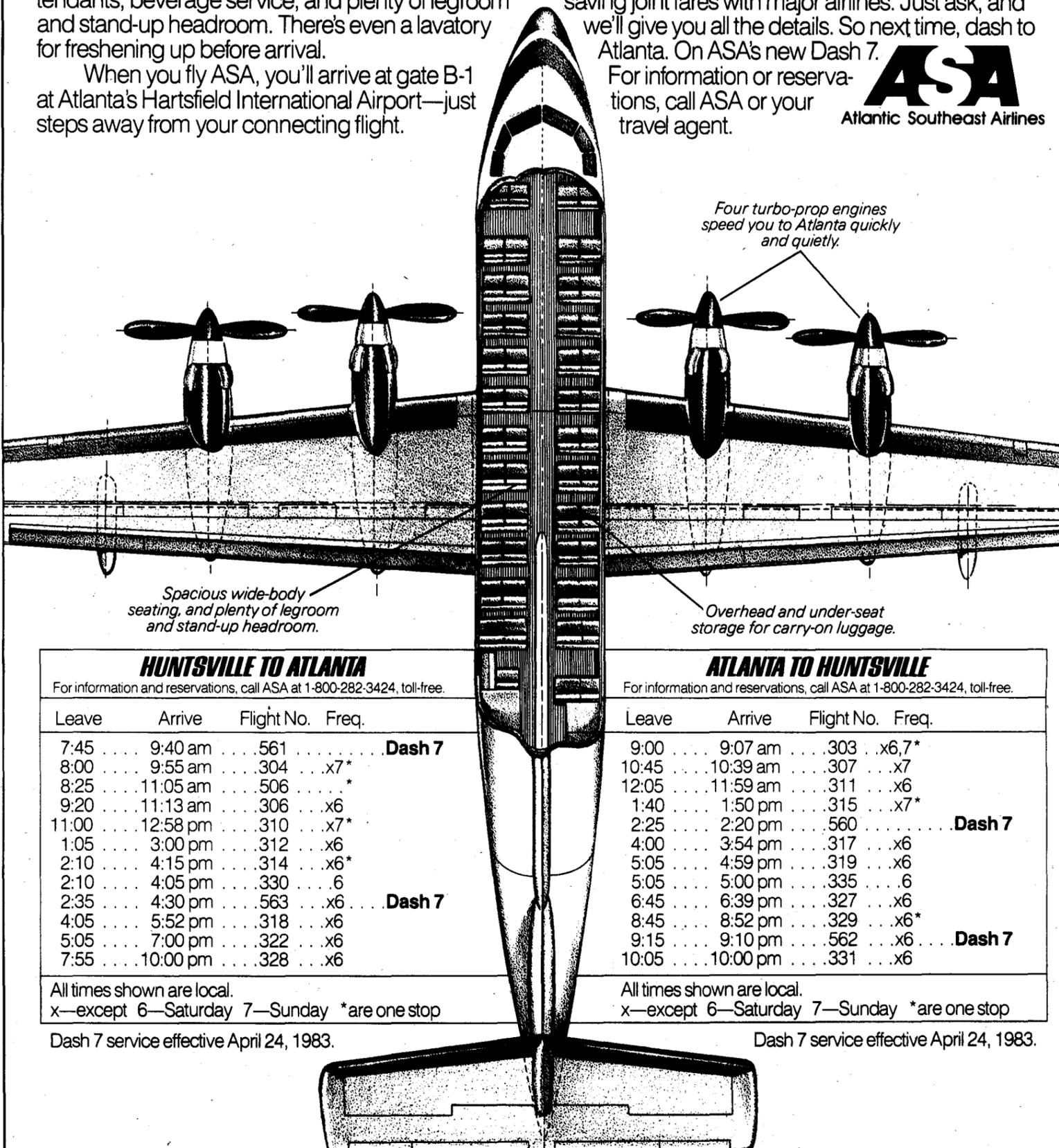
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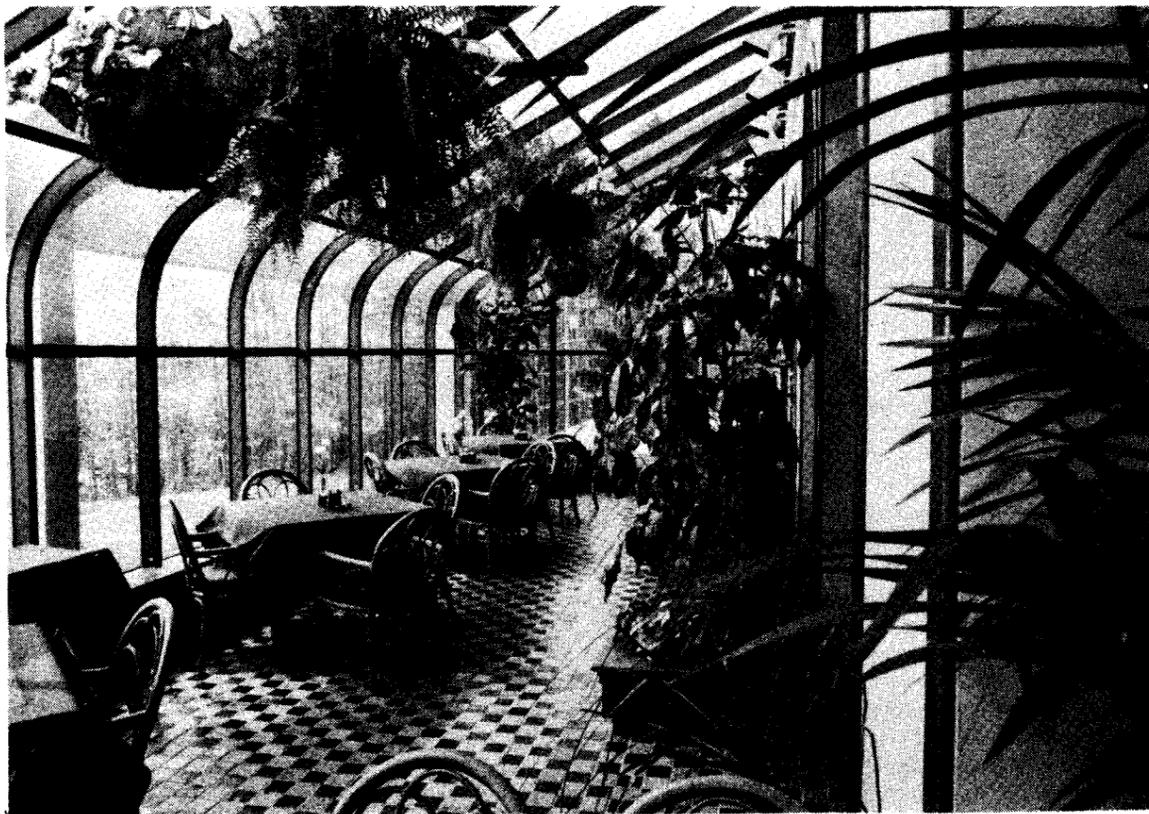
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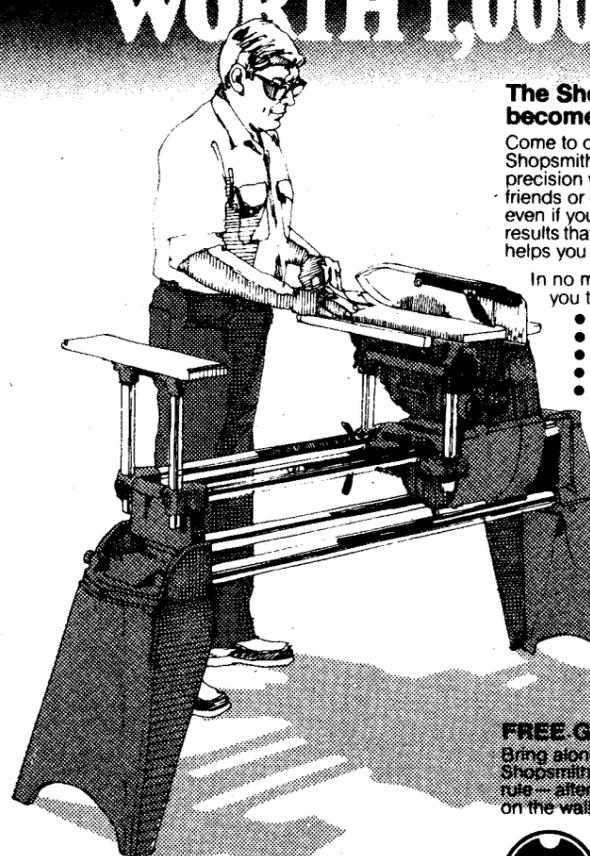
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Bass spawning for tournament

The North Alabama District of Military Bass Anglers Association plans its next bass tournament stop April 30 at Browns Creek on Lake Gunterville.

"This event, the second of five contests, promises high potential for a good catch as the Gunterville bass are active in preparation for spawning," according to Association President Jim Porter.

"Plastic worms are the hot lures now, followed closely by shallow crank plugs. Spinner baits over shallow grass beds have also been accounting for good strings of fish," he said.

Membership in the Association is open to military people, including reserve components, DOD civilians and honorably discharged veterans. Family members can join too.

Within the Associations' four active Alabama districts, Howard Fredrick of the central district is currently the Alabama state point leader and is eyeing the state "Angler of the Year" title.

A general membership meeting and pairing of partners for the Saturday contest is scheduled tonight at 7:00 p.m. on the patio at the NCO club. Porter encourages prospective members to attend. For more information call Porter, 837-3227, or Yogi Paetz, 883-1153.

7th wins team run

The 7th Student Company took first place in team competition in the annual 10-mile run held here last Saturday.

Running for the first place team were Sp4 Donald Nicholson, Pvt. Bryan Tripp, Pvt. Christopher Chevalier, and Pvt. Steven Hummel. Their combined total time of 4:42:20 eclipsed that of the second place Marine Corps team and third place 291st Military Police Company. Fourth and fifth place also went to 7th Student Company teams.

"We have been training for it ever since we found out about it," said Capt. Billy Dowdy, 7th Student Company commander. "Capt. (Tom) Palguta is a real close friend of mine and he helped us out and set up a training schedule for us. It was a team effort from some motivated guys who went out and knew what they wanted to do."

Staff sergeant wins racquetball tourney

SSgt. Prentiss Thomas, HHC, was the top racquetballer and SSgt. Charles Wesley and SFC Ronald Cornish were awarded good sportsmanship awards in the Individual Racquetball Tournament which concluded recently at the Post Gym.

Thomas was the top player in A level in the tournament. He was followed by CWO 4 James Buchholz of the Marines and 1st Lt. Richard Brooks of 5th Student Company.

In level B play retired CWO 4 Joe Collins was the champion and CWO 4 James Upshaw, Company B, and SFC Dennis Schlegel, 5th Student Company took second and third.

The C level championship was captured by HHC's John Lanthripp. He topped SFC Ronald Washington, Company B and SSgt. M. C. Gamble of HHC.

In women's play Elizabeth Schlegel took top honors followed by Hazel Buchholz. Maj. Rosa Faulkner, Company A, came in third.

Racquetball now moves to unit level with a unit level tournament scheduled to start May 9 at the post gym. The unit level tournament will be part of the annual Commander's Cup All-Sports Competition.

The Huntsville City Racquetball Championships are scheduled May 6-8 and players interested in participating in that event can pick up entry forms from Thomas at the post gym. Entry deadline is May 2.



Top racquetballer Prentiss Thomas

Marines take bowling championship

Jim Owens was Redstone's best bowler and the Marine team captured the post championship for the 1982-83 season.

Lt. Col. Steven Gregg, deputy director of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity, presented trophies to team champions and runners-up from regular and post season play and to the top individuals in the Arsenal Roll-Off.

The Marines were runners-up in the Western Conference, but captured the post title in the tournament. Their team included CWO 4 Brent Bofenkamp, GySgt. Marshall Martin (team captain), GySgt. Daniel Simmons, SSgt. James Estill, SSgt. Jeffrey Kiefer, Sgt. Thomas Traxler and

GySgt. Donald Stinson.

Second place in the post championship went to Company B. The Company B team included MSgt. James Farmer, SFC Grant Cowan, SFC Kenneth Clonts, SSG Ronnie Kirk, MSgt. Robert Lucas, CWO 2 Thomas Hollingshead and SSgt. Kenneth Moore. Company B was the Western Conference champion in regular season play.

In the individual Post Roll-Off Owens was first followed by Fred Valentin in second, Farmer in third and Bofenkamp in fourth. PFC Pat Smith was the women's champion.

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Jets	2	3	2	6
Screamers	1	5	1	3
Firebirds	-	6	1	1

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Warriors	2	4	2	6
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Misfitz	-	7	1	1

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Team	W	L	T	Pts
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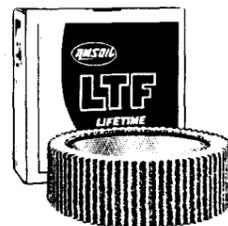
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Child care logo

A \$50 savings bond has been awarded to the winner of a contest here to design a logo for Army child development services.

Pete Way was the winner and Laura Randle was runner-up. Both logos will be sent to headquarters Washington to be considered for use as the official logo for the new Army child care regulation, according to Dr. Bill Resha.

Resha, child support service coordinator and family advocacy program officer for Army Community Services, said three people judged the contest here. They were Lt. Col. Steven Gregg, Betty Bland, secretary of the NCO Wives Club, and Etta Dean, president of the Officers Wives Club.



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Family education is drug program strategy

BY SHEILA WALKER

More emphasis on family education is the new strategy developed by the Army to fight drug and alcohol abuse.

According to Jane Seltzer, Chief of the arsenal's human resource development office, the focus on family participation has always been in the regulation, but there hasn't been any push in that direction until recently.

In the previous program, efforts have emphasized the soldier. Now, education for the entire family is stressed, said Seltzer.

"We are getting new directions from Department of the Army," she said. "We want to reach people with information before they get involved with drugs."

The office has been tasked to develop a prevention program for Redstone Arsenal. The Drug and Alcohol Intervention Council, headed by the RASA commander, will direct and develop the program. Chaplain (Capt.) Robert Countess will be establishing long-term goals for Redstone's Drug and Alcohol Program, according to Seltzer.

The new Drug and Alcohol Program will be much more aggressive. "We want to reach as many people as possible," continued Seltzer.

She thinks that there will be some advantages to the new program. "In the long run, people will be able to use the information to make intelligent decisions about how they are going to conduct their lives. They won't be peer-pressured into anything. Ideally, this will reduce the number of people needing counseling service," said Seltzer.

The new program will focus on positive peer-pressure. It will concentrate on the things that keep people from using drugs. According to Seltzer, peer-pressure is an important factor, especially for

youths. "We must let our youths know that it is all right not to do drugs; that it is normal and fun not doing drugs. Getting the children involved is good."

Strategies for the information campaign will mean more interface with the housing areas on post. Seminars and discussion groups, youth groups at churches and on post groups are available sources for educating the families. The real key for the housing area is developing a rapport with the families, according to Seltzer.

Seltzer points out that as of now, her office does not have direct access to the civilian community. The public service campaign has been primarily limited to the school system. The office has presented drug information programs for various student age groups and Parent-Teacher Associations and conducted some in-service training for teachers.

"One of the things we need to do is let the civilian community know they are welcome to use our facilities," explained Seltzer.

"My approach is that it is not my position to tell people not to use drugs. I give them reasonably unbiased facts and tell them that they must make the decision," said Seltzer.

The new program will provide information to people so they will be able to choose intelligently rather than emotionally, she concluded.

Exchange drops furniture program

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has announced the discontinuation of its U.S. drop shipment furniture program everywhere except in the Pacific.

The program, which has permitted authorized customers to purchase furniture through a catalog service for delivery in the United States since 1978 attracted less than a thousand sales orders worldwide during the past three years.

AAFES officials gave a number of reasons for the lack of acceptance of the program including personnel assigned to Europe are now allowed their full household goods allowance, commercial carrier damage and lack of provisions in the program to permit prospective buyers to see the furniture before ordering it.

Customers whose orders arrive prior to June 1 will still receive their merchandise, officials added.

The U.S. drop shipment furniture program will continue to be available to customers throughout the Pacific.



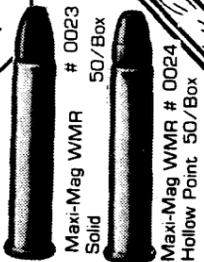
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Attorneys last week filed the consent decree with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Birmingham. There will be a 30 day public comment period before the judge signs the settlement.

The decree provides for health care for the private plaintiffs and for environmental cleanup of DDT contamination on Redstone Arsenal.

During more than 20 years of DDT manufacture in a plant leased from the Army, Olin discharged DDT waste that polluted soil and streams on the arsenal. High levels of DDT were discovered in area wildlife and in people living in the vicinity of Triana on the arsenal's southwest border downstream of the DDT factory.

Under terms of the environmental settlement, Olin must undertake a solution to the problem of tons of DDT residue in Huntsville Spring Branch and Indian Creek on the arsenal.

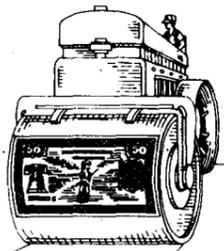
Also, Olin's work must over a period of years lower to 5 parts per million DDT levels in local channel catfish, largemouth bass and buffalo.

The settlement with the private plaintiffs amounts to \$24 million. It includes a \$5 million health care fund plus individual payments to each of more than 1,000 plaintiffs. Olin and its predecessor company began making DDT here in 1947. They were forced to shut down in 1970 as a result of pollution problems; however, army tests in 1977 found that contamination from the factory was still widespread in the area. The government sued to make Olin clean up the DDT pollution and Triana area residents and local commercial fishermen sued for private damages and economic loss.



Alabama A&M University students inspect the Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle on display during the school's ROTC week. Lance and Pershing missiles stand in the background. Also on display at the university was the TOW and Vulcan weapons system. All the displays were provided by MMCS's Land Combat Department. (Photo by Harry Sarles)

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'Very best' apprentice selected for conference

BY SHEILA WALKER

The Apprenticeship Program Office here is planning to select an outstanding apprentice of the year to represent Redstone Arsenal at the Southern Apprenticeship Conference in Nashville.

According to SFC Wanda Starling, administrative NCO of the apprenticeship program, this year will be the first year that the military will be represented at the conference. "We want to select the very best to represent us, but we have so many outstanding apprentices that the choice will be very difficult to make," she said.

Any soldier active in an apprenticeship program is eligible for consideration.

Selection criteria have not been formalized, but will probably be a composite of several areas, continued Starling.

Starling and MSgt. Delma Smith, project NCO for the program, will be visiting duty sections to speak with the supervisors of individuals enrolled in an apprenticeship program.

The supervisor's recommendation is one of the things that will qualify the soldier for further consideration, according to Starling.

The soldier chosen will go TDY with Starling and Gene Reed, Chief of MMCS staff and faculty division to the conference which will be held in Nashville the week of July 18.

The conference will last four days. On the first morning, there will be a breakfast honoring all of the outstanding apprentices.

The conference is set up into panels that represent each apprenticeship program. This gives the representatives from other programs a chance to ask questions and find out how different programs are run, said Starling.

This type of group discussion actually does two things. It allows for smoother transitions from a military to a civilian apprenticeship program, and it helps to standardize the military programs, Starling pointed out.

A good thing about selecting an outstanding apprentice is that it will provide incentive for enrolling in a program because students will know their achievements will be recognized, she said.

Pentagon display honors women

WASHINGTON — Establishment of a permanent corridor in the Pentagon to honor military women has been approved by the Secretary of Defense.

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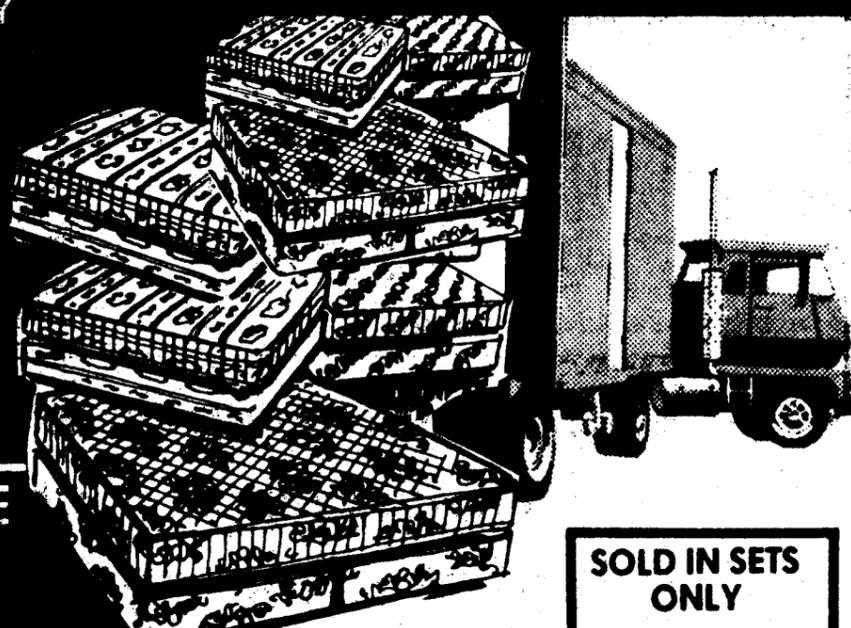
tifacts and memorabilia dating from the Revolutionary War to the present.

The project officer, J. B. Hudson, has asked that anyone with information or materials which might assist this project call his office (202) 697-6900 or Autovon 227-6900.

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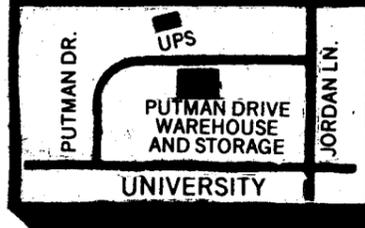
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The post chapel group of Alcoholics Anonymous holds an open discussion meeting each Thursday at 8 p.m. at the post chapel, Bldg. 3714. These meetings are open to the public, and anyone who is interested in the A.A. program is welcome to attend. For more information call the A.A. answering service at 534-8524.

Family day

Family Day will be celebrated for the second year on May 22 at Sharon Johnston Park. Family Day was organized by the Madison County Commission to celebrate the importance of the family. Those interested are encouraged to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the entertainment and special ceremonies honoring those who have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Entertainment will be provided from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Soft drinks will be available. The ceremony is at 3 p.m. If you know of any couple who has celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, please notify the Madison County Travel & Tourism Board at 534-0638.

Recreation center

Today — Movie "Excalibur" at 7 p.m. Thursday — Movie "Bustin Loose" at 2:30 & 6:30 p.m. Bingo at 8:30 p.m. Friday — Movie "Circle of Iron" at 2:30 & 6:30 p.m. Saturday — 500 Rummy Tournament at 7 p.m.

Red Cross juniors

Orientation for Red Cross junior volunteers, age 14 through 18, will be held on May 7 at 9 a.m. at Fox Army Community Hospital. To register call Gerdy Wyatt 837-6967 or Sandra Chen 830-5592.

ROTC ball

Jackie Flakes was crowned "Miss Army ROTC Queen" at the annual ball sponsored April 21 by the Alabama A&M First ROTC Bulldog Brigade. Cheryl West was first attendant and Olivia Battle was second attendant. Brig. Gen. Charles D. Bussey, Army deputy chief of public affairs, was featured speaker for the ball which completed a week of activity commemorating activation of the A&M ROTC unit in 1971. Approximately 600 cadets, cadre and guests attended the event.

Friends of Wine

Les Amis du Vin (Friends of Wine), a non-profit international wine tasting society, will present the French wines of Barton & Guestier at their May 9 meeting. A guest speaker from B & G will explore the burgundy district of France along with tasting of appropriate wines. Friends of Wine meet monthly at the Huntsville Hilton at 7:30 p.m. For more information and reservations call 883-4150 or 883-1495.

Girls State delegates

Local American Legion auxiliary units are trying to locate 250 Madison County delegates to the Girls State program during 1942-1982 for a 40th anniversary reunion and get-acquainted tea May 1. Former delegates should call Juanita MoneyMaker 883-7435 or write American Legion Auxiliary Unit 237, Box 3188 Blue Spring Station, Huntsville Ala. 35810.

Motorcycle safety course

A motorcycle rider course will be offered again this spring by the Huntsville City Schools. The course is good for beginners or for the professional motorcycle rider. There is no fee and all equipment is furnished. Safety information is stressed and care and maintenance of the motorcycle is given in addition to the basic riding program. The course is open to both students and adults. To register, or for additional information, call Johnnie Becton, Huntsville City Schools, 539-2111, ext. 232.

Bloodmobile

Today the bloodmobile will be at 3480 S (6th Student Co.) from 4-8 p.m. For more information call Naomi Whitaker 876-3124 or 876-2759.

Magnolia Ball

The Magnolia Ball sponsored by the officers wives club will be held Saturday, May 7. The Ball will be the first formal event held in the new officers club. Cocktails will be at 7 p.m., dinner at 8 and dancing to the music of Southern Comfort will begin at 9 p.m. Door prizes will be given away during the evening. Tickets can be purchased through May 6 by calling Peggy Rogers 837-7343 or Dottie Cento 837-4583.

Logistics engineers

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Society of Logistic Engineers business luncheon meeting on April 21 was rescheduled to April 28 at the new officers club. A social (cash bar) begins at 11:30 with lunch at noon. Chris J. Leachman, Jr. of TOW Project Office, will speak on recent developments of the TOW missile system. All present and prospective members, as well as guests, are invited to attend. Cost is approximately \$5.00. For reservations contact Ken Oard, 830-1200 or Marty Martin, 876-1111.



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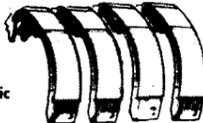
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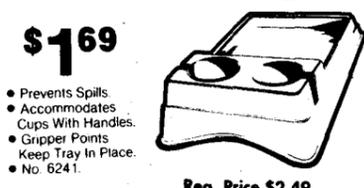
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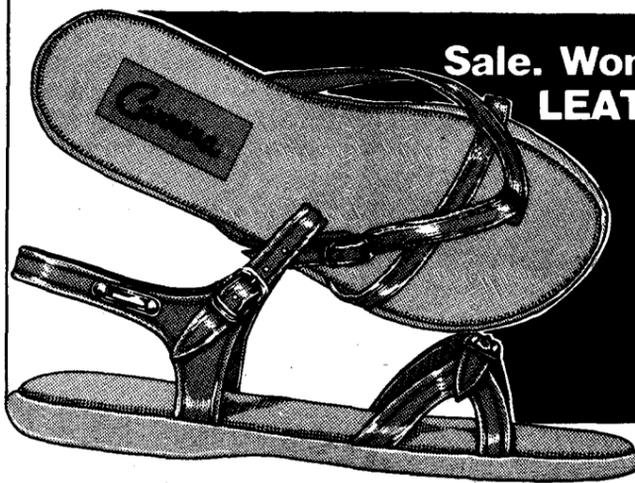
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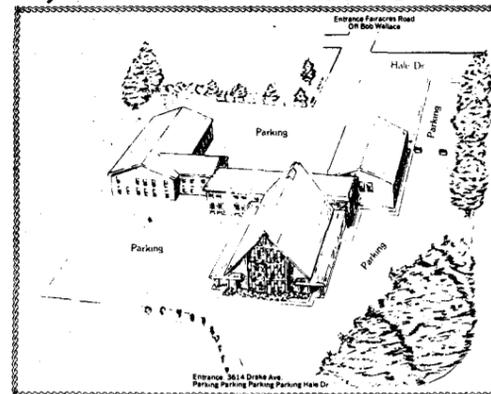
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