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Soldiers get to fire Tow

Nine soldiers from Fort Knox, Ky. and Fort Benning, Ga. got a chance to fire Tow missiles here last week.

They fired Tow rounds that had been stored and come due for light reliability testing. This was to make sure the rounds were still operational.

"They don't get to fire much in their unit because of the cost of live rounds," said SSgt. Bill Stankiewicz, missile logistics NCO for Tow Project here. "Anytime we're going to do a live fire test, we're going to try to bring the soldiers in."

Bringing soldiers here to fire the missiles is an ongoing program. Last week five soldiers came

from Fort Knox and four from Fort Benning to fire 20 Tow missiles with live warheads at Test Area 6.

The missiles had been stored in a local ammo depot for an extended period before being tested. Four of the soldiers from Fort Knox were combat personnel and the rest were instructors.

"This is just a program set up by the Tow Project to let soldiers fire the rounds, the people that are going to be working with the actual system itself," Stankiewicz said.

Last Wednesday morning, practice rounds were being fired before the soldiers were given the live

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MMCS plans big party

MMCS is having a birthday party on July 22. Organization Day, as the party is called, marks the 30th anniversary of the U.S. Army Missile and Munitions Center and School's establishment at Redstone Arsenal.

Only MMCS personnel, military and civilian, and their family members are invited to participate in the day's activities.

The events will start at 9:30 a.m. with a formation of all military assigned to the school. The formation will be on the parade field, and after completion of the formation, troops will be released to change clothes for the informal Organization Day, which starts at noon.

Lunch will be served on the parade field, with fried chicken, barbecue chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, beer, salads and baked beans. Tickets are being sold through directorates and companies, and will be free for meal card holders. Military on separate rations will be charged \$1.55, other adults \$3.70, and children under 12 will be fed for \$1.80.

Day-long music will be provided by D.C. Ron's "Sweet n' Funky Disco", and will be not only disco, but a mix of music for all tastes.

For the kids, there will be games, with ribbons, free swimming all day for adults and children, free movies for children accompanied by adults, and static displays.

Unit competitions in tug of war, volleyball, "izzy dizzy", wheelbarrow races and piggyback races will be going on all afternoon on the field, as well as individual competitions in sack races, balloon bursts, log pulls and egg races. For team competition, members should sign up in their units. Individuals who want to compete in the individual

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Troopers prepare to fire practice rounds

Metrology engineer selected for war college

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A metrology engineer here is among 10 Army reservists selected to attend the U.S. Army War College this year.

Chad George will be going to the Army's senior service school located at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. Each year about 250 students are selected to attend the war college. Mostly from the active component, they include 10 Army reservists.

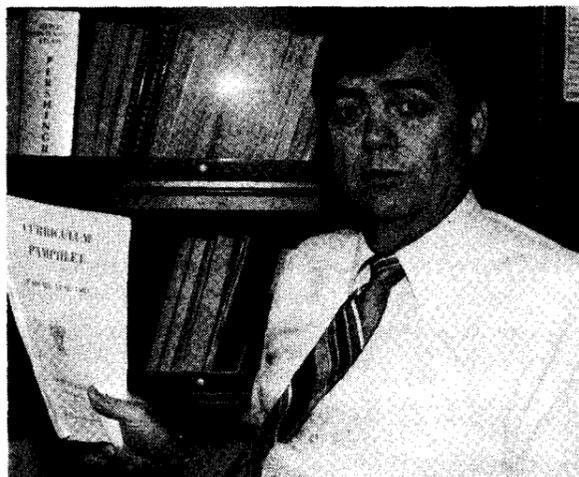
"There's a certain amount of pride in being selected. The competition is from all over the United States, the total U.S. Army Reserve program," George said. "I'm really looking forward to the challenge of the course itself."

Applications go before an Army selection board consisting of active and reserve members. George's reporting date for the one-year course is July 29.

The 42-year-old engineer works in the Logistics Directorate of TMDE Support Group. As a reservist he is a lieutenant colonel in the 87th U.S. Army Maneuver Area Command in Birmingham.

George will be taking leave from his civilian job and going on active duty for the duration of the school. When finished he will return to his job here and to his reserve assignment. He is to complete the course in June 1984.

"There is not a formal degree," George said.



George

"It's a qualification for holding positions of higher responsibility within the Army Reserves, is what it amounts to."

The course is designed "at a strategic level rather than the tactical level," he said. "We're dealing with policy decisions rather than the day to day operational decisions."

He served eight years on active duty, including two tours to Vietnam, before entering the reserve program. He has been a reservist 12 years.

George holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Alabama in 1963 and a master's in business administration from the school in 1972. He had worked in civilian industry and also was self-employed before coming to work here in July 1982.

"As an Army reservist, I'm looking forward to applying some of the concepts from the Army War College in positions of higher responsibility within the Army Reserve program," George said.

"Within the TMDE Support Group, the strategic nature of the Army War College will be directly applied in my civilian job because the U.S. Army TMDE Support Group is charged with the responsibility for the calibration and repair of all the general purpose (test, measurement and diagnostic equipment) for the U.S. Army worldwide."

The Alabama native and his wife Sara have two daughters. Lisa is 16 and Meredith 7. His "biggest hobby" is the Army Reserve and he is building a full size, fiberglass kit car.

"As a matter of fact, I've got to hurry up and get it finished so I can drive it to Pennsylvania," he said.

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Letters

Irritated

Editor:

While watching the 6:00 news one night and fuming over the 91 proposals being offered by the "Grace Commission" to cut benefits to Federal Civil Servants (FCSs) and retirees, I became especially irritated over one of the suggestions. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) likes this one: FCSs should contribute 11 percent to the Federal Civil Service Retirement Fund (FCSRF) and work until age 65. There has to be a limit after which we must say, "We don't want retirement benefits, we simply cannot afford them!" During the TV commercial, I fetched my calculator and ran a computation to see how far out this proposal really is. I selected a 25 year old intern who makes \$25,000 a year as a test case and hypothetically donated all previous (7%) contributions. To eliminate inflation and relate to 1983 dollars, I froze his salary at \$25,000; no promotions, no step increases, and no "comparability" raises. I compounded his \$2,750 yearly contributions to the FCSRF by 10%, investing exclusively in U.S. Government T-Bills.

Not surprisingly, after 40 years (age 65), this intern would have in excess of \$1,200,000 in his retirement account and as an incentive to continue working, his fund would be building at a rate of \$120,000 a year even though his salary would still be only \$25,000.

The only contribution required of the U.S. Government would be the difference between T-Bill rates and 10%; i.e., if T-Bills drop to 8% the Government would have to contribute 2%, and if they accelerate to 10% or higher, no Government contribution would be necessary. Should the T-Bill rate return to 12 or 13 percent, the Government would actually profit since they would be paying 2 to 3 percent less on T-Bills sold to the FCSRF. In other words, the Government's role in the FCSRF would be to insure 10% interest on the employee's 11% contribution.

It is inconceivable that the Government would want to impose the 11% contribution until age 65 and still pay benefits according to the current "high three" formula. In the above case, the retiree would get \$19,062 a year until death after which his spouse would receive \$10,484 for life while the account is earning well over \$120,000 annually.

It is interesting to note that after 25 years of contributing 11% and reaching age 50, the intern could be retired at full salary (actually \$26,770) on interest alone, leaving the principle (\$267,704) for the Government to confiscate after the death of the worker and his wife. Giving the principle to the Government should compensate it many times over, for whatever contributions it had made. Based on the current 7% deduction for the FCSRF, the above employee would need to work 28 years (age 53) to earn full salary at retirement (actually \$25,835) from interest on his retirement account. Finally, at the current 7% input and an assurance by the Government of only 7% yearly return on that input, the aforementioned employee could be paid 56.25% of his high-three year's average salary (current formula) after only a little over 27 years service instead of the presently required 30 years. This would leave the Government \$140,625 to confiscate after the retiree's demise.

The figures above are facts and totally refute the lies and misleadings of the administration, the OPM, and the Grace Commission about our (mismanaged) FCSRF. Most of us are sick and tired of the false reports and misrepresentations that are skillfully designed to deceive the public into supporting unfair cuts and changes to our earned annuities.

A congressional aide once informed me that a hundred letters to a congressman carries ten times the weight of one petitional letter with a thousand names affixed to it. Therefore, I exhort all FCSs to write to our congressmen and let them know how we feel.

George Street

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Student soldiers take senior citizens on fishing trip

BY SHEILA WALKER

Saturday was a great day for fishing. At least the residents of Madison thought so. So did the 35 volunteers from the 6th Student Company who served as escorts, monitors and "hook-baiters" for 20 senior citizens and 9 handicapped children during a fishing derby on June 25.

According to 1st Sgt. Roy Strout of the 6th Student company, his company was asked to participate in the fishing derby sponsored for the Madison Manor residents. "Our operations sergeant, coordinated the outing with Mrs. Edna Hummel, administrator of Madison Manor.

"We had at least 70 volunteers. We had to turn half of them down. Even our married soldiers of-

fered to spend time away from their families to participate in the fishing derby," said Strout.

Most of the cadre of the 6th was on hand for an afternoon of fishing with the Madison Manor residents on Lake Rosemary, a wildlife refuge, on Wall Triana Highway between Huntsville and Athens.

Strout explained that buses were provided by the motorpool. "By 10 a.m., we had the buses loaded and were on our way to the lake. We stayed out until 3:30 p.m. We even had an advance party to go out ahead of us to set up a canopy (supplied by Bridage S-4) so the residents could have some protection from the sun.

A picnic lunch was provided by Madison Manor

and the residents were also treated to fresh watermelon by Robert Hill, sponsor of the outing and owner of the lake property fished on.

"The residents really enjoyed their day. I think the soldiers got as much out of it as the residents did. The children especially, got to see a side of a GI that is not normally seen — compassion," Strout said.

"Many of our soldiers have asked when there will be another outing like this so they can volunteer for it.

"We want to support the community. The 6th Student Company will be happy to participate in future outings like this during non-duty hours any time we're asked," Strout concluded.

Survey shows exchange shoppers save over 20%

DALLAS — The annual Army and Air Force Exchange Service price comparison survey shows that exchange customers in the 48 states save 22.7 percent over identical items sold in communities outside military installations. This is almost one percent greater savings than last year.

The A. C. Nielsen Company survey was conducted in March and April and covered 300 nationally branded items at 17 locations in the United States.

The category with the highest percentage of savings was clothing and furnishings where AAFES customers can save an average of 33.6 percent over the same items sold outside the gate. Other savings

included stationery, 23.8 percent; household items, 24.2 percent and jewelry, 26.2 percent. Average savings since last year's survey improved in five of AAFES' nine departments surveyed with the greatest increase coming in the sundries department where savings increased from 9.6 percent to 15.1 percent. AAFES proved most competitive in linens, stationery, school supplies, national brand clothing, undergarments, baby-care items, luggage, clocks, watches, toiletries and small appliances. Commercial "prices of the day", including specials and other promotions, were compared with AAFES regular, everyday prices for

identical items. Five test shoppings of each item in each location were attempted. AAFES officials noted that if the sales tax were included on commercially purchased items, the AAFES prices would show even more savings.

The Nielsen survey was commissioned by AAFES to document the savings provided by the exchange service to service members and their families, and to assure that AAFES is meeting or exceeding its goal of providing its customers an overall dollar savings of 20 percent on purchases.

The individual markets surveyed in the south were areas around England AFB, La.; Fort Sill, Okla.; Randolph AFB, Tex.; Fort Jackson, S.C.; Patrick AFB, Fla.; and Robins AFB, Ga. In the east, Cameron Station, Va.; Fort Monmouth, N.J.; and Pease, AFB, N.H. areas were surveyed.

Ellsworth AFB, S.D.; Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Knox, Ky.; and Scott AFB, Ill. areas were surveyed in the midwest and in the west areas around Fort Lewis, Wash.; Norton AFB, Calif.; Fort Ord, Calif. and Williams AFB, Ariz. were surveyed.

In addition to meeting its savings goal to the military customer, AAFES generates earnings, which are returned to the service community through dividends to the morale, welfare and recreation programs of the Army and the Air Force.

Commissaries set all-time sales record

Fort Lee, Va. — Officials at the U.S. Army Troop Support Agency predict that the Army commissary system will set an all-time sales record of \$1.56 billion in fiscal year 1983.

They cite uniform management practices as one reason for the steady increase in sales in the Army's 179 resale stores, managed and operated by Troop Support Agency. Their success is reflected in the 41.7 percent total sales increase during FY 78-83.

The commissary construction program, paid for primarily with surcharge funds (the 5 percent added to a customer's total bill), is a big factor in increasing sales. Since last July, three new commissaries opened at Fort Belvoir, Va., Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. and Kitzingen, Germany and renovated annexes opened at Kirchgoens, Germany and Hannam Village, Korea.

Experience shows that new commissaries average a sales increase of 25 percent for the 12-18



months after opening. The Fort Belvoir commissary exceeded expectations, posting a sales gain of 56.5 percent in six months.

A triennial survey, conducted in 1981 throughout Army commissaries in the United States, revealed an average customer savings of 24.91 percent. Customer awareness of available savings helps to increase sales. Shoppers are encouraged to take maximum advantage of vendor price reductions such as promotions, special voluntary price reductions and vendor coupons. Promotions, reductions and coupons saved commissary customers \$38,273,841 in FY 82 compared to \$25,347,285 in FY 81, an increase of 51 percent.

Brig. Gen. Eugene L. Stillions Jr., Troop Support Agency commander, said, "We in the Army commissary business are dedicated to improving service and savings by increasing sales to our authorized customers and we are making real progress."

Pediatric clinic offers examinations

The Pediatric Clinic will offer physical examinations for patients four to 21 years old not assigned to Family Practice who need a physical for a specific purpose. Medical problems detected will be evaluated in the proper clinic through the central appointment system.

Patients need a lab work request from the pediatric clinic no later than three days before the scheduled appointment and their immunization record.

From July through Sept. physical examinations will be offered every Wednesday morning but no routine examinations will be given through the pediatric appointment system.

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KROOP TALK

Do you feel the Army should update its regulations covering grooming policies i.e. hair length, beards and earrings for females?



Sp4 Danny Scott, MEDDAC — "I think they should leave the policies as they are because the grooming policies we have now are to benefit us. Plus, it gives us a neat appearance to civilians."



Pvt. 1 Michael Beavers, HHC — "Not really, but we should be able to wear at least a quarter of an inch beard. Basically, it's a good policy, but shaving sometimes messes up a person's face."



Sgt. Brion Holmes, HHC — "From what I see now, yes. If you prove that you are able to take care of a beard you should be allowed to have it. You shouldn't have one during combat situations, it would interfere with the wearing of protective masks."



Sp4 Samuel Levester, 7th Student Company — "I don't think the hair standards are too tough. For females, I don't see why they can't wear some small, cute earrings but not the ones that dangle. Wearing afros now is out anyway."



SSgt. Robert Love, Company A — "I think they should be more liberal with the beard policy, but as far as personal jewelry is concerned, no."



Pvt. 1 Patricia Dicocco, 8th Student Company — "Not really, although we should be able to wear our hair longer and we should be able to wear earrings if they're small."

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Chairman outlines plans for picnic

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Col. George Crowder has a message for those who could have a big impact on the MICOM picnic set for Saturday, July 16.

"We hope for good weather that day so if there are any weathermen out there, make the clouds move away for one day," the picnic chairman said.

Little remained to be done in preparation for the picnic. The picnic committee at Missile Logistics Center held its last scheduled meeting. Judges were being sought for the talent show, a new addition to the annual picnic.

The picnic is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 16 at the civilian recreation area with a rain date scheduled 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, July 17.

"We have more activities than last year, more teams than last year, more food than last year. Everything's better than last year. If the weather holds, everything will be great," said Crowder, director of maintenance engineering at Missile Logistics Center.

Sports competition starts earlier in the day. The schedule of events is 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., over 35 and under 35 softball tournaments; 9 a.m. to noon,

*'Everything's better
than last year'*

—Col. Crowder

volleyball competition; 10 a.m. to noon, youth activities; 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. talent show; noon to 12:45, over 35 softball final game; 1-1:45, under 35 softball final game; and 2 p.m. presentation of sports trophies.

A dunking booth is set for 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For a quarter, someone can get to throw two balls to try to dunk a MICOM official sitting in the booth.

Youth activities are to include tug of war, soccer kick, relay races, sack races, a "disco deck" for dancing competition, and something called the MICOM rapid deployment game. "I don't know what's involved but the chairman of youth activities has devised this (rapid deployment) game for children," Crowder said.

There will be prizes for the youth activities. Besides candy, bubble gum, ribbons and others, Crowder said plans are for a grand door prize "which I think is two tickets to (the movie) Return of the Jedi."

A variety of food and drinks will be for sale including ice cream, sno-cones, cookies and brownies, hot dogs, hamburgers, beer and soft drinks.



"We do have a talent show this year which I think is the first time in several years," Crowder said. There were about 10 acts — including singers, dancers and musical groups — set to compete for cash prizes for first, second and third place.

Planning the picnic has been a Missile Logistics Center team effort, according to Crowder. About 15 active committee and subcommittee chairmen have been helped by "probably 75 to 100" people.

The picnic is for all MICOM employees (military and civilian), their families and guests; MICOM retired employees and families; and contractor personnel and families.

Why should people try to attend? "To have fun," Crowder said. "Enjoy seeing their organization play in the sports activities, see and hear some good entertainment, enjoy a picnic."

It also offers "a chance to say goodbye to (MICOM commanding) General (Robert) Moore and say hello to the new commander (Maj. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard)," he said. "They'll both be there that day."

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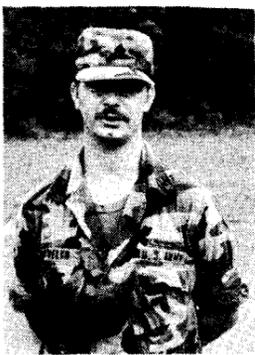
SSgt. Glenn Miller, an instructor in the weapons department at Fort Knox, was looking forward to firing his 45th missile Wednesday afternoon. "It's good," he said of bringing soldiers here for firings. "It gives someone an opportunity to lay their hands on it, the actual round, putting steel on steel... You really don't know how to explain it to someone else unless you've actually experienced it."

"I think it's good because the individual gets a chance to experience the actual feeling of a live round," said Sp4 Mike Lee, an Improved Tow Vehicle gunner from Fort Knox.

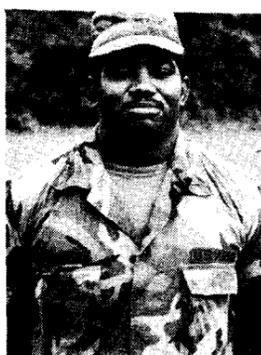
SSgt. Julius Welch, an instructor from Fort Benning, had been in the Army 11 years and had not had a chance to fire a missile until last week. "I feel it's a great opportunity to actually come down here and be able to fire a missile," he said.

SFC Michael Benson, a senior instructor from Fort Benning, saw it as an opportunity to give firsthand experience to students. He teaches Improved Tow Vehicle, regular Tow and the Dragon missile.

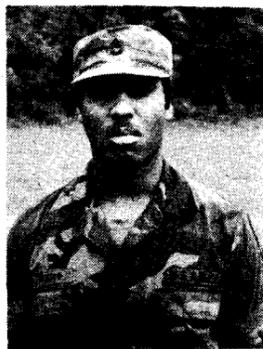
"This gives us an opportunity to give firsthand knowledge and firsthand experience on how a Tow missile is fired and things a gunner must do to get a hit on a target," Benson said.



Welch



Lee



Benson



Miller

Army takes tougher stand against drug abuse

The Army's new policy against drug abuse puts the emphasis on taking steps to remove abusers from the service.

Effective July 1, soldiers E-5 or below would be processed for administrative separation if twice caught abusing drugs. Those E-6 and above would be processed for separation if caught once. Soldiers in certain sensitive military occupational specialties will have mandatory urinalysis at least once a year.

Getting processed for separation doesn't mean automatic removal but only the separation authority could decide to retain a soldier.

"The past policy put more emphasis on attempting to rehabilitate the soldier and return him to his unit," said Capt. James Frees, a prosecutor in Redstone's staff judge advocate office. "The emphasis under the new policy is on separating those soldiers who abuse drugs rather than rehabilitating and retaining them."

Any of the methods of determining drug abuse are

applicable under the policy. A drug abuser could be caught by the military police, drugs could be discovered in health and welfare inspections or a drug abuser could be identified under the Army's new urinalysis program.

"Commanders can now require soldiers to provide urine samples which would be sent to the Army lab at Fort Meade (Md.) for scientific analysis," Frees said. "And that urinalysis can detect any drug use within the past month or so."

It is hoped that the Army's new policy against drug abuse will deter use of illegal drugs. If successful this would have a positive impact on the Army's efficiency and readiness, according to the prosecutor.

Army officials believe it is critical that soldiers at all levels of the service understand the intent of the policy, the means of identification, and the mechanism for disposition of identified abusers.

"I think because of the stiff penalties under this new policy that it will have the desired effect of deterring drug abuse," Frees said.

Becton retiring on August 31

WASHINGTON — After more than 39 years of active military service, Lt. Gen. Julius W. Becton Jr. will retire from the U.S. Army.

According to a recent announcement by Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger, the president has nominated Becton to be placed on the retired list in the grade of lieutenant general on August 31, 1983.

A native of Bryn Mawr, Pa., Becton is currently serving as deputy commanding general for training

at the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Va. He has held that position since July 1981.

According to the announcement, Maj. Gen. Charles W. Bagnal who has been nominated for promotion to lieutenant general, will replace Becton in the Fort Monroe assignment. He currently commands the 101st Airborne Division (air assault) and Fort Campbell, Ky. (ARNEWS)

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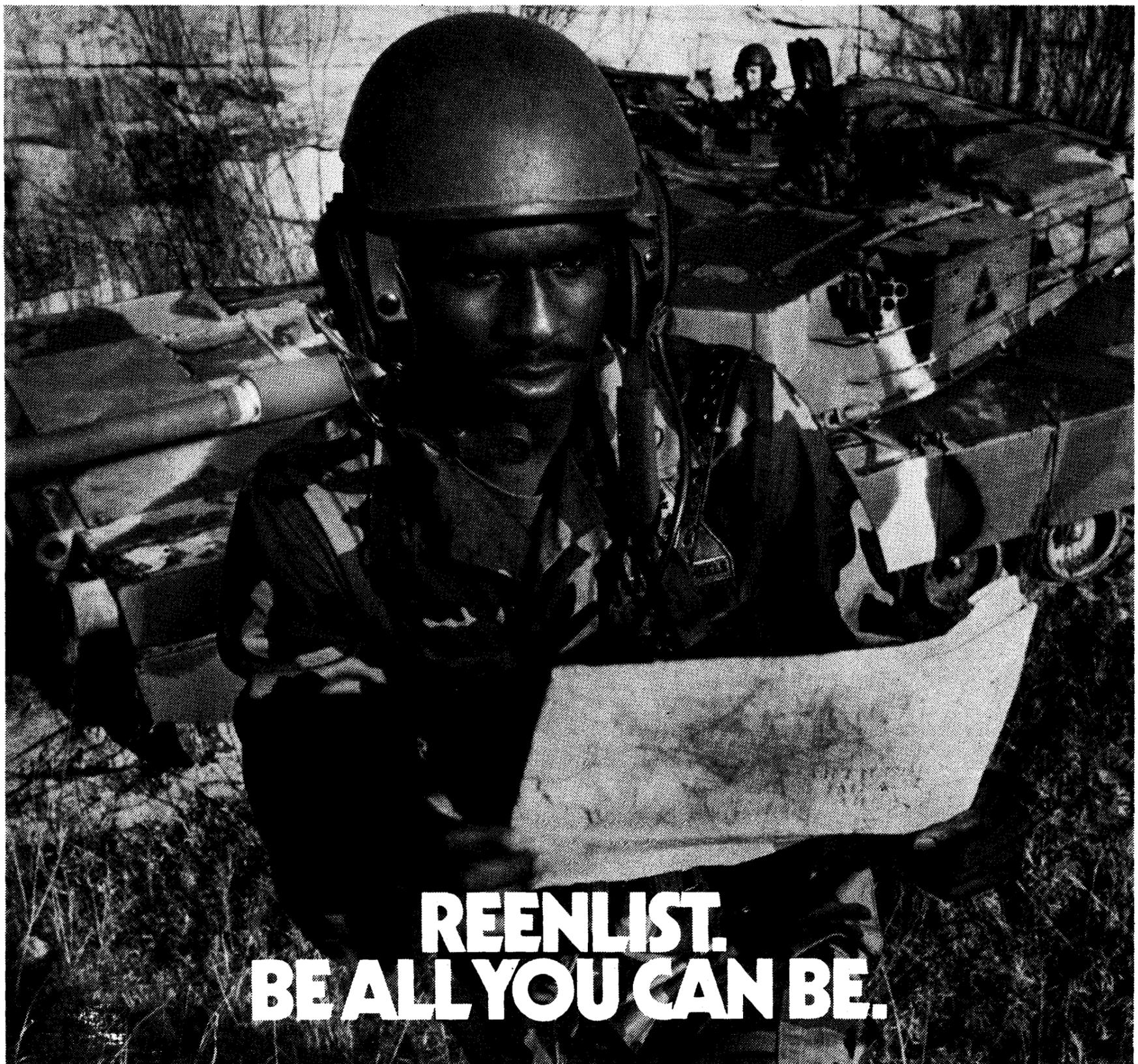
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Federal women present awards

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women recognized two members for outstanding service at its annual awards banquet June 23 at the NCO Club.

The Distinguished Service Award, given to a manager, was presented to Pauline Cason, of Comptroller Office. Mary L. Bryson, retired former chief of the operations and resources branch in Army Missile Lab was honored with the Rebecca J. Stokes award.

The following officers were installed for 1983-1984: Donna Brock, president; Mary Smith, first vice-president; Kathryn Pyburn, second vice-president; Mary Spears, third vice-president; Laura Lockard, corresponding secretary; Jeanne Henry, recording secretary; and Jacquelyn Clark, treasurer.

Thurman appointed vice chief of staff

WASHINGTON — Gen. Maxwell R. Thurman, the newly appointed Army vice chief of staff, took the oath of office on June 23, rounding out the recent shift in the Army's top leadership upon the announced retirement of former Chief of Staff Gen. E. C. Meyer.

Thurman formerly served as Meyer's deputy chief of staff for personnel — a post he held for

almost two years. In that capacity he brought his extensive command experience and strong managerial style to bear upon the personnel upgrade and recruitment challenges posed by an Army in transition.

During his swearing-in ceremony at the Pentagon, the 52-year-old general voiced his intention "to bring the 'people business' to the hallowed halls of the Pentagon." (ARNEWS)

Top enlisted soldier retires from Army

WASHINGTON — At a ceremony held at Fort Myer, Va., Army Sgt. Maj. William A. Connelly retired at the end of June with over 33 years of military service.

During the retirement review hosted by Gen. Edward C. Meyer, Connelly received the distinguished service medal for exceptionally meritorious service as the Army's senior non-commissioned officer and senior enlisted advisor to the Army's chief of staff from July 1979 to June 1983.

A native of Monticello, Ga., Connelly began his career as a National Guardsman in Americus, Ga. Since 1954 he has served in active duty positions from tank crewman and tank commander through platoon sergeant, 1st sergeant and command sergeant major. Connelly has held a variety of assignments during his career including four tours in Europe as well as service in the Dominican Republic and Vietnam. (ARNEWS)

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Two battalions in rotation program

WASHINGTON — Two battalions have been selected as test units to participate in a battalion rotation program under the new manning system.

According to Army personnel officials, the 1st Battalion, 502D Infantry, currently assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (air assault) at Fort Campbell, Ky., will exchange locations with the 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry assigned to the 193rd Infantry Brigade in Panama. The rotation is scheduled for August 1984.

Officials say that plans call for the 4th Battalion, 10th Infantry to be redesignated as the 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry in October 1983. This redesignation would bring the battalion in line with the new regimental numbering system. The battalion will be reorganized as an air assault unit upon assignment to the 101st Airborne Division. The 1st Bat-

talion, 502nd Infantry will not change unit designation upon rotation to the 193rd Infantry Brigade.

This test program expands on the Army's company-level Cohort concept. It will evaluate the rotation of battalion-sized units as a means to improve unit cohesion, training, readiness, and personnel stabilization. Under the battalion rotation concept, battalions would be programmed for rotation as units within their regimental affiliations.

Army personnel officials add that this is the first time a battalion-sized unit will have participated in a cohort operation. Officials also say that the rotation will see a headquarters and headquarters company stabilized and deployed under the Cohort concept for the first time. The battalions are scheduled to rotate back to their parent units in August 1987. (ARNEWS)

American soldiers bid farewell to German friends

Good friends came together recently to say good-bye and good luck to Sgt. Maj. Klaus Demmart, former first sergeant of the German Air Force Detachment here at Redstone Arsenal and to welcome in a new one.

Demmart, who served as first sergeant for three years, was replaced by Sgt. Maj. Lambert Jungmann on June 29. Demmart has been in the German Air Force since 1960. He and his wife, Hannelore and their son, Delf, 9, left Tuesday for his new assignment as first sergeant at a support and maintenance Hawk unit in Heide Holstein.

"I'll be glad and sorry to leave. I've made many good friends and have many good memories," said Demmart.

Said MSgt. Thomas Young, NCOIC of Electronics and Technology Department which initiated the party, "He is a good friend. His students go to our school. We work together. We wanted this party to express our appreciation for his help."

The farewell party at the Soldaten Stube — the German Air Force Detachment's soldier's club here — also welcomed in the new first sergeant, Jungmann, who has been in the German Air Force since 1960.

Jungmann has served in the United States before. In 1964, he completed training at Fort Bliss, Texas. He has two grown children and will be stationed here at Redstone until 1986. He says that he is looking forward to the new job and that he thinks he'll be happy here.

Cpl. Guenter Poeltl was also welcomed into the detachment. He replaces Cpl. Juergen Masopust as administrative assistant for student support.

Party

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events can sign up on the site. All events will have trophies.

There will also be a baseball dunking machine sponsored by the NCO Wives Club. The troops will get a chance to dunk their favorite first sergeant, sergeant major or company commander.

Door prizes will be awarded all through the afternoon, and drawings for them will be from ticket stubs from the lunch meal. Some of the prizes are a color TV donated by the Non-Commissioned Officer Association, a string clock donated by Association of the United States Army and an oil painting.

Athletic and camping equipment and small household appliances will also be purchased as door prizes from money donated by the German Air Force Detachment and NCO Wives Club.

The Officers Wives Club have donated 12 cookbooks and stationery.

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Personnel director schedules visit

The director of civilian personnel for the Department of the Army will visit Redstone July 14-15.

Raymond Sumser is to receive briefings and demonstrations in the use of automated systems at the Missile Command's civilian personnel office. This office is said to be an innovator in use of computers and automated systems in civilian personnel management.

"It is an important visit. There has not been an Army director of personnel to visit Redstone in several years," said Mary Spears of the civilian personnel office.

Programs which Sumser will receive briefings on include the standard civilian personnel management information system, the MICOM automated training administration system, and the Learning Resource Center.

Sumser is to address the annual meeting of the Huntsville Chapter of the International Personnel Management Association at 7 p.m. July 14 at the Officers Club. All interested military and civilian managers and employees are welcome to attend. Tickets cost \$12. For more information, call Spears 876-5850, Joyce Higginbotham 876-2076, Brooks Woerner 876-2172, Anne Rorex 453-0894, Jim Quinn 453-5050 or Phyllis Partridge 876-5840.

Sumser was assigned as the Army's director of civilian personnel effective Jan. 3, 1982. He had previously served as the principal deputy assistant secretary for personnel administration, Department of Health and Human Services, from April 1980 until December 1981.



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Youths honored by local AUSA chapter

The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter of the Association of United States Army has selected area youths for AUSA awards.

Andres "Andy" Sharples, son of retired Sgt. William and Doris Sharples, won the 1983 merit award. This annual award is for \$1,000.

Local outstanding ROTC cadets were recognized with a savings bond and plaque. Honored cadets were Capt. Lisa Ann Hall, Athens High School; Col. Carl E. Durham, Alabama A&M University; Capt. Jeff Vinson, Bob Jones High; Maj. Harold E. Parks, Grissom High; Capt. Brian K. Cloud, Sparkman High; Lt. Col. Mike Cowart, Brewer High; Lt. Col. Todd M. McIntyre, Albertville High; Lt. Col. Charita L. Hinton, Lee High; Lt. Col. Frank L. Packard Jr., Boaz High; and Maj. Debbie Oden, Scottsboro High.

Sharples, the merit award winner competed with

many other candidates who were either children of AUSA chapter members or were enrolled in the Army ROTC program at a school served by the chapter.

All candidates were evaluated on academic standing, activities and achievements, individual need and the content and structure of a required essay entitled "The Importance of Registering for the Draft During Peace Time."

Sharples was recently awarded the Eagle Scout Badge, the highest award scouts can earn. He is a recent graduate of Butler High School and has completed his fourth quarter as a student at the University of Alabama. He was enrolled in the university's academically talented high school student program in the 11th grade of high school.

The merit award winner plans to major in physics, minor in Russian and German and eventually enter a research and development field.

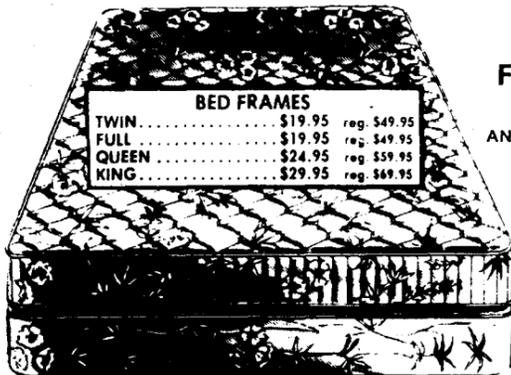
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Pair put heads together for winning idea

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The idea of saving taxpayers' money brought together two co-winners of a suggestion award.

John Knight of Product Assurance Directorate and Ann Grainger of Procurement and Production Directorate split a \$4,098 award. Their idea was to use competitive contracting for the Lance missile system repair parts program rather than getting the parts from one source.

The award was based on estimated tangible savings to the government of \$179,548. But the savings from buying the 16 circuit card assemblies from the low bidder could reach as much as \$1 million, according to Grainger.

"We're estimating now the savings are going to be about \$1 million over a three-year period," she said, adding that this is based on the cost of five items bought so far.

Grainger and Knight say they aren't finished yet. They're preparing a suggestion on buying repair parts for the Chaparral system. It was this system that brought them together in April 1982.

Grainger was looking into the purchase of circuit card assemblies for Chaparral when she phoned the quality requirements branch at Product Assurance. Knight happened to answer the phone, checked through his records and agreed there might be a cheaper way to get the parts.

"And he said, Hey that's my tax money too," Grainger recalls. "And that's how it started."

They put this idea on hold for a while in favor of their Lance idea but hope this suggestion will be approved too.

"This other one should pay off like \$1300 (apiece) if it's approved like we hope it will be," said Knight. "They're worth working on once you find the key."

Knight formerly worked with the calibration center so has a knowledge of test equipment. In coming up with their award-winning idea, he did the technical study while Grainger checked on the cost history. They both credit a number of organizations and individuals with helping them.

Their award-winning suggestion was first submit-

ted as a value engineering proposal and approved then it was submitted as a suggestion in August 1982. They got their award this June.

"We didn't do it all by ourselves," said Knight, a GS-12 quality assurance specialist. "We had a lot of help."

He has worked with the Army at Redstone for 26 years and this was his second winning suggestion. He put his \$2,049 share into savings.

Grainger, a GS-7 contract specialist, has 17½ years service including eight years with NASA procurement. This was her fourth accepted suggestion.

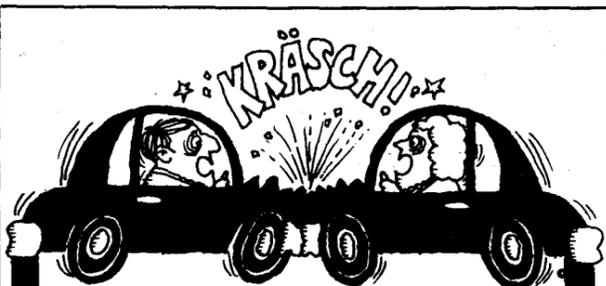
"I'm glad to get it," she said. "I've already spent it but it was personally rewarding just to be a part of the team and see that it could be done."

She and Knight hint at future suggestions but as Knight says, "We don't want to give all of our secrets away."



Grainger and Knight look over their suggestion award certificate

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A&M soccer coach has come a long way

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The new Alabama A&M University soccer coach, who will be conducting a clinic at Redstone in August, introduced himself to a visitor in his office.

His neat, smallish office was carpeted and wood paneled. A group photo behind the desk was flanked by soccer plaques with a soccer field chart on one wall and a bookcase with a trophy near another wall. A television set was on a nearby table.

William Aboko-Cole has come a long way since playing soccer in the streets of his native country in Africa as a child.

"I started playing really when I was maybe 5 or 6 in Freetown, capital of Sierra Leone, a country right next to Liberia," said A&M's first-year coach.

He played soccer in the streets with a makeshift ball and something used to make a goal, such as "somebody's shirt." They would get out of the way for cars, he recalled. "We didn't have the opportunity to go to (soccer) camps and all that. If I had the opportunity to go to camps when I was growing up, I guarantee I would've been a genius in soccer."

Aboko-Cole went on to do well, however. He played in high school and up through the soccer ranks. After coming to this country almost 14 years ago, he played on two NCAA Division I championship teams at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

The championship years were 1971 and 1972. In 1973 Howard lost in the semifinals. He was assisting there in '74 when the school won the championship again.

Next Aboko-Cole played semiprofessional ball in Wisconsin with the Fox Valley Bombers. He was invited to attend camp with the Baltimore Comets of

the professional North American Soccer League but didn't go because he had to work. In Appleton, Wisc., he coached Xavier High School to a conference championship.

Aboko-Cole started youth soccer programs in Huntsville when he arrived in 1977. He has experience not only playing and coaching but also refereeing and has refereed at the college and pro levels. He was an assistant at A&M for four years before being named head coach.

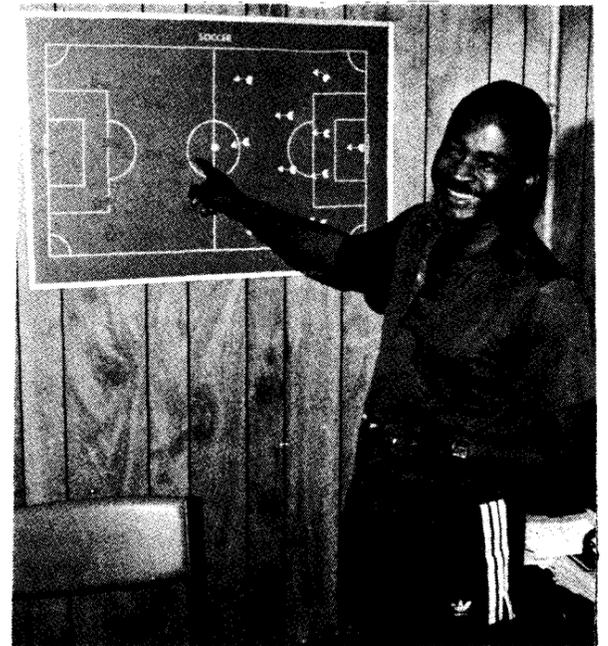
"Well the first thing I'd tell (youngsters) is that if they're looking for a sport that will develop them for a lifetime, soccer is that sport," said Aboko-Cole. "Because in real life all what transpires is no different than what transpires in a soccer field."

"Give you an example: You may not like the people you're working with but the job has to be done. You have to cooperate in order to get the job done. Ninety-five percent of what happens on a soccer field is instantaneous. Life, for any individual, is unrehearsed. And you handle the situation as it comes up and it's the same thing that happens in a soccer match."

The 34-year-old coach also said no other sport to his knowledge can develop "a man's physical abilities and reflexes" like soccer. Most sports that use a ball evolved from soccer, including American football, he added.

His clinic at Redstone for ages 4 through 18 is set for Aug. 15 through Aug. 19. A&M soccer players are to serve as counselors for the five-day 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. clinic. Check with Redstone's youth activities office (876-4050/3030) for registration information.

Aboko-Cole is married to the former Vivian Chambers of Huntsville, a local physician, and the



Aboko-Cole outlines a play

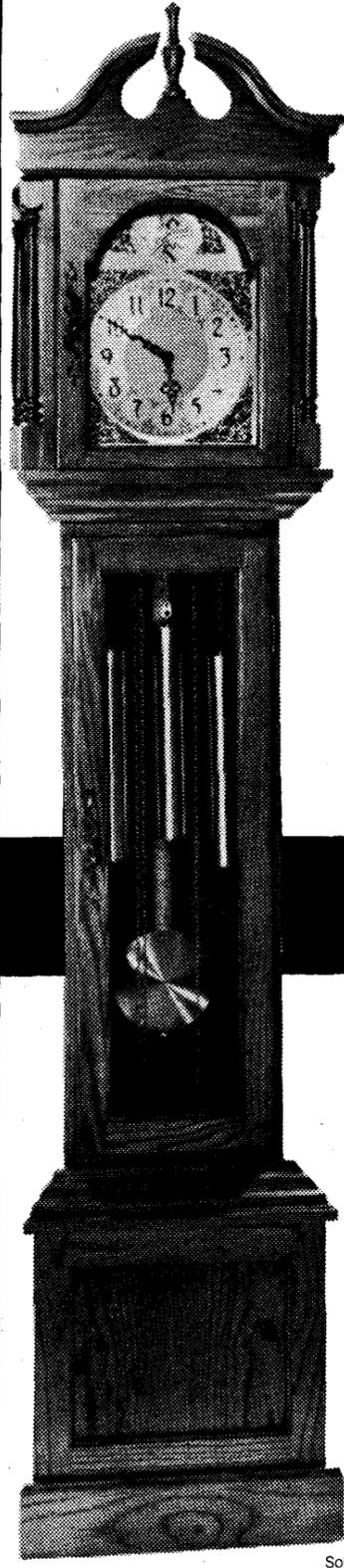
couple has in his words "a son on the way." He replaced Salah Yousif as A&M soccer coach and the team opens its season Aug. 28.

"Well, it's demanding," he said of the coaching job. "It's a lot of work. You got to love it and I do and I think I have a bunch of great players, beautiful attitude and we're very very optimistic for a national championship. But we're going to have to take it one game at a time."

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Doll show

The Twickenham Doll Club is holding a doll show and sale at Von Braun Civic Center on Friday, July 8 from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. and on July 9 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Antique, composition, vinyl, original and reproduction dolls will be featured. Admission is \$1.50 for adults; 50 cents for children.

Education benefits

Enlisted personnel who entered the service between Oct. 1, 1980 and Sept. 30, 1981 are entitled to education benefits if their service contract includes words like Army College Fund, Ultra-VEAP, "Kickers", Non-Contributory VEAP, or Loan Repayment Program. A book of all Army Education Centers in the U.S. and overseas with names of colleges and degrees offered is available at the Education Center, Bldg. 3222. For an appointment to see an education guidance counselor call 876-9141.

Youth judo

The Youth Activities Judo program has openings in its current class of sport judo and self-defense. The basic teaching method stresses patience, tenacity and self-discipline. Classes are open to active and retired military dependents assigned to Redstone Arsenal. The class meets Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in bldg. 3197 just outside gate 8. Register at the YA building (114) from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. or call 876-2501/4050.

Wine tasting

The Huntsville Chapter of Les Amis du Vin (Friends of Wine), an international wine tasting society, will meet at the Huntsville Hilton on Monday, July 11. D. Lee Howard, area sales manager for Heublein Wines Group, will present a program and tasting of Inglenook Vineyards California red varietal wines. For more information or mandatory reservations for the tasting, call 883-4150 or 883-1495.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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

Personnel association banquet

The Huntsville chapter of the International Personnel Association will have their annual banquet at the officers club on July 14. The speaker will be Raymond J. Sumser, director of civilian personnel, Department of Army. Tickets are \$12 each and may be purchased by contacting Joyce Higginbotham, 876-2076, or Phyllis Partridge, 876-5840.

Retired Regulars

The Association of Retired Regulars will hold its first meeting on the arsenal on July 10 at 6 p.m. at the NCO club. The association meets monthly to discuss retired military issues and work on community service projects. Membership is open to active duty personnel with 18 or more years service who plan to retire in the area. For more information call Bill Bone at 876-7281 or Sam Dockery at 876-8470.

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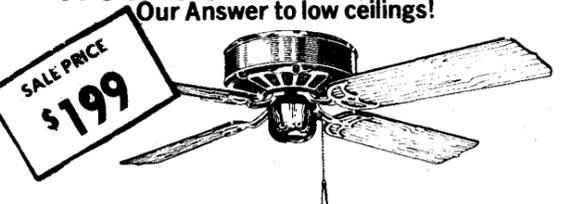
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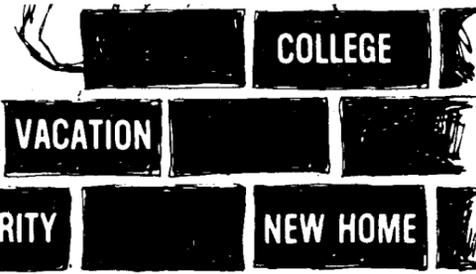
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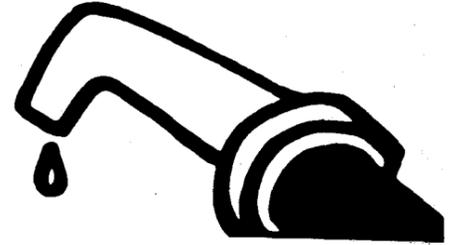
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