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Local Marines receive many calls about Beirut

BY SKIP VAUGHN

It was business as usual at the Marine detachment headquarters here...except for some of the phone calls.

As the number of U.S. Marine casualties in the Beirut bombing continued to rise, the detachment here received more and more calls from news media and concerned citizens.

"At this point, there's really nothing I can do to relieve the tension except cooperate with the media as much as we can and help to ease the feelings of some of the parents with Marines in Beirut," said Capt. Scott Ryan, detachment commander.

The detachment's only role in Beirut was training its Marines to support the fleet Marine forces "of which some of these Marines could end up going to Beirut, as we already have Marines in Beirut that we did train," Ryan said.

About half of the junior Marines that are graduated here go to Camp Lejeune, N.C. Another unit, the Marine Corps Air Station, is located about 30 miles from there at Cherry Point, N.C.

The Marines in Beirut and those who participated in a combat mission last week in Grenada in the Caribbean were dispatched from North Carolina.

Last Wednesday Ryan received notification from Marine Corps headquarters of the first casualty from this area.

The detachment commander expressed regret over the killings in Beirut but had no misgivings about the Marine mission there under President Reagan. The president sent Marines to Beirut, Lebanon as part of a multi-national peace keeping force.

"My feelings are the Marines are trained to follow orders be it in peacetime or under combat conditions. And if we're ordered to perform a mission, by damn, we'll do the best job we can," said Ryan.

Asked about the risk involved in carrying out a mission, he said "we'll do the best job we can regardless of the risk involved."

The approximately 197,000 Marines have a primary mission of "amphibious warfare"—to seize or defend advanced bases and to conduct land operations as needed for a Naval campaign. A co-mission would be to conduct "any mission that the president of the United States so desires," Ryan added.



MARINE Detachment Commander Capt. Scott Ryan stands beside sign in front of detachment headquarters.

Marines are a force in readiness, trained in the spirit of offense, and are normally the first to enter conflict, according to the detachment commander.

Training for enlisted personnel includes three months of "boot camp" at Parris Island, S.C. and San Diego, Calif. Officers attend 12 weeks of officers candidate school then six months of the basic school, both at Quantico, Va.

"Of course all Marines are infantry first and this training is instilled in them while they're in boot camp. Here at Redstone, we continue to develop their infantry skills. However, our primary mission of the detach-

ment is to provide Marine instructors here at USAM-MCS and to train Marines in the MOS's of Hawk maintenance, ammunition, and explosive ordnance disposal," Ryan said.

The 165 Marines here represent about the average strength for the detachment. They include one woman who is an administrative clerk. Women Marines serve in occupational fields that are non-combat related such as administration or disbursing.

Instructors in the detachment include 13 teaching ammunition classes, 12 teaching Hawk, and one in-

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Army tests use of traveler's checks

WASHINGTON—Eighteen Army finance and accounting offices will begin issuing traveler's checks Nov. 1 as part of a six-month test. The checks will cover all types of payments except mid-month and end-of-month trainee pay and commercial accounts. Advance travel payments will account for most of the checks.

About \$5 million in traveler's checks are expected to be issued during the test. If implemented Army-wide, the potential volume could exceed \$500 million a year, according to officials at the U.S. Army Finance and Accounting Center at Indianapolis.

Finance officials view the program as an effort to help reduce, by half, an estimated \$90 million a day that is currently being held outside the treasury for cash disbursements. Traveler's checks also will provide the Army an interest-free reserve to protect against unexpected demands for cash. Officials project a \$4.3 million savings during the first year of implementation.

The issuing offices will dispense the checks at no

cost to the government or the recipient. Since the payment must be supported by a disbursement voucher, personnel will be unable to obtain the checks in exchange for cash. Officials remind the users that the checks are expected to be safer than cash because they're controlled by serial number and must be countersigned when they're negotiated.

Officials explain that the overall effort to improve cash management was adopted by the president's private sector survey on cost controls (Grace commission) and included in recommendations to the president. It is also part of the Army's cash-management contribution to "Reform 88," the president's program for improving and modernizing administrative systems in government.

Besides determining Army workload requirements and measuring reduced cash holdings, the six-month test will evaluate workload and profit impact on financial institutions serving military installations. The tests also will evaluate contractor performance and the negotiability of a given brand of checks. Four major

companies will provide Bank America, Mastercard, Visa and Republic Traveler's checks for the test.

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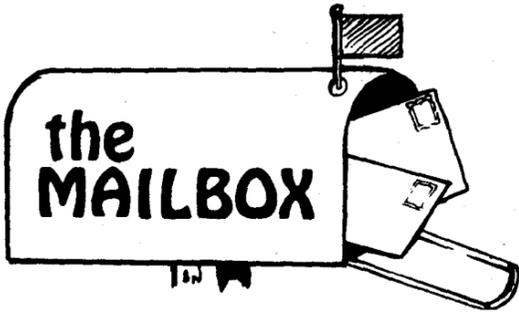
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Dollar donations

Editor:

I can honestly state that I have never written a "Letter to The Editor" in my life. I am doing so now because I feel so strongly about comments that appeared in your article "CFC in trouble in final week."

I am directing my comments directly to Ms. Peggy Burns. I cannot believe that in your capacity as chairperson of the local CFC coordinating committee you would be so careless as to berate dollar donations publicly. You are of course entitled to your opinion. But as public spokesperson you must contain yourself to the facts of the campaign.

I feel your comments reflected directly on the CFC campaign and only added fuel to the fire of those who already feel that this campaign is only a device of the government to separate people from their hard earned money.

I am a solicitor for the campaign this year and am more than happy to do it. I ran into some objections as I am sure all solicitors did. I also attended a four hour seminar to help us (solicitors) to overcome these objections where it was possible. At no time was it stated to us that dollar donations were anything but acceptable. At times we (solicitors) were darn lucky to get that.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I do believe in the CFC campaign and to you Ms. Burns I would just like to say, "add up those dollar donations and see how many there are. I am sure that it will add up to an acceptable donation."

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Qualifies statement

Editor:

I want to qualify the statement that appeared in the Redstone Rocket dated Oct. 26.

The dollar donations that I spoke of were not coming from organizations with low graded civil service or low ranked military personnel. To these people let me say that I recognize that a \$1.00 is precious. I have been in the same situation and I can relate to these people. Indeed, for them—the \$1.00 is caring and sharing.

The dollars I was speaking of were coming from organizations that had established, well-graded civil service and military personnel. My remarks were directed to their management personnel. Apparently, management still considers this campaign as a "numbers game", to gain quotas or percent factors for donors. A 100 percent givers factor is not the intent of this campaign. Rather, it is to allow employees to support the health and welfare agency(ies) of their choice. The dollars, coming from these organizations, were a token—to meet a goal—and in these terms were truly not caring and sharing of and with other people. These donors were only trying to appease management.

The bottom line is we need to educate management as to the true meaning of this campaign—which is not percentage of donors. In closing, let me state that if each person within the Huntsville Area CFC had donated \$1.00, we would not have collected even \$20,000.00. Thank you for letting me explain my previous quoted remarks.

Peggy Burns
1984 CFC Chairperson
Coordinating Committee

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structing explosive ordnance disposal. They generally teach students from all branches of the armed service but a few are assigned to instruct Marines in "Marine-peculiar" subjects such as the "Marine Corps integrated maintenance management system."

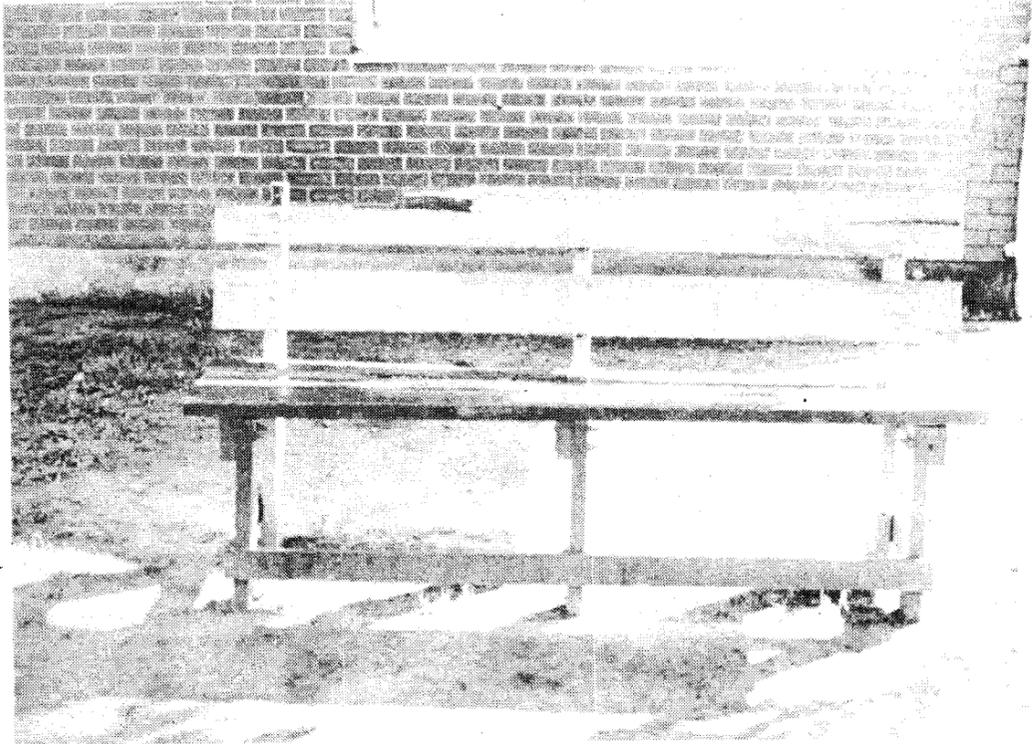
At detachment headquarters five Marines provide administrative and supply support. Ryan and 1st Sgt. Herb Wise are also located there.

"I feel great about it, proud to be a Marine. I always was and I always will be," said Ryan. The 28-year-old commander has been a Marine seven years and is from Fairfax, Va.

Lance Cpl. John Davis joined the Marines a year ago this November. "Probably the best thing I've ever done," said the 23-year-old clerk from Zanesville, Ohio. "It seems like you get more respect like (from) people at home, people I went to high school with."

Lance Cpl. Kenneth DeWert has been a Marine about a year and a half and believes he joined the best of the armed services. "Marines just go in there and do a better job and they're proud to do it," said the 19-year-old personnel clerk from Tallahassee, Fla.

The terrorist bombing in Beirut that killed more than 200 on Sunday, Oct. 23 didn't make him reconsider being a Marine, DeWert said. "Be proud to go over there."



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Top NCO 'honored' to win title



Knierim

Sgt. Steven Knierim, platoon sergeant and training NCO at the 8th Student Company has just been named NCO of the Year at MMCS.

To win the title, Knierim, a former NCO of the Quarter, had to compete and outperform other NCOs of the Quarter.

The competition was in the form of a screening board similar to a Soldier of the Month board.

Knierim had to demonstrate to the board his knowledge of common soldier tasks as well as advanced skill levels 2, 3, and 4 as outlined in Field Manual 21-3. The board tested him on military bearing and appearance and on the potential to develop supervisory, management and leadership abilities.

He confessed that although he was "nudged" a little by his first sergeant to enter the competition initially, his number one reason for doing it was for recognition. "I wanted to be recognized for being the best and above average."

"I'm honored to hold the title. As far as the prizes for winning are concerned, they weren't an incentive. Win or lose, the experience you gain is invaluable. It is satisfying to work and compete hard for something and get what you went after."

"I had prior experience with boards as the Soldier of the Month at my former unit in Germany."

Presently enrolled as a electrical engineering major at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, Knierim plans to attend officer candidate school next spring. "I intend to make the Army my career," he states emphatically.

Knierim advises soldiers to try to go before boards when they have the opportunity. "You can't beat the exposure and the excellent experience you gain. You

would be amazed at how much military knowledge you gain and how much knowledge you gain about yourself, too. You learn to relax under pressure but still remain alert.

"These boards make me appreciate my military career more. It's a morale factor involved. I feel good about myself and my accomplishments."

Donations pass \$650,000; CFC exceeds objective

The Huntsville Area Combined Federal Campaign made a comeback last week and passed its \$625,000 goal with donations still coming in.

As of the end of the fourth week, \$654,915.74 had been collected, according to Peggy Burns, chairperson of the local CFC coordinating committee.

"This is not the total for the campaign," she said. "We still have more money coming."

The total not only met this year's goal but exceeded last year's collections, according to Burns. She was optimistic about the possibility of a much higher figure. "I have good vibes about it now because some of the smaller agencies have not reported as of yet," she said.

A week after the campaign, which officially ended Oct. 28, is for doing any "cleanup" and final reporting.

Organizations to benefit from the campaign were evaluated under Office of Personnel Management guidelines. Criteria included that they meet a direct health and welfare function and show a local presence.

MMCS selects soldier of year

The MMCS Soldier of the Year title has just been won by Sgt. (acting) Ruth Gustafson, an instructor in the Ammunition Stock Control and Accounting course.

To be selected, Gustafson competed before a military board. The board judged her on such a qualities as military appearance and bearing, potential for developing leadership abilities and demonstrated knowledge of soldier essential subjects.

According to Gustafson, she had competed on the company, battalion and post levels. She lost the post title by one half point. "When my first sergeant asked me about it, I really didn't need much encouragement. I was anxious to compete again. I am a highly competitive person."

"The real big reason for competing is the recognition. I think women have to show men that we are knowledgeable. I like playing war games and going out to the field. I wanted to prove that I can be a good

soldier and see how much I could learn."

The Decatur native, who has a bachelor of science degree in accounting, says winning the title gave her a great deal of personal satisfaction. "My parents were very supportive of me," she added.

"The boards help you to react well under stress. It's very important for a female to be the best she can be in her job. Boards also improve your overall knowledge of the Army."

"I would advise others to compete on boards. I'd tell them to learn about current events and to get to know the post and where the special services are located. This is miscellaneous information that you will need to know to be the best," she said.

Gustafson's future plans include getting more education. She says that she would like to get more computer training or be licensed as a certified public accountant.



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Missile veteran gets \$6,380 performance award

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Twenty-six years ago Raymond Hase finished his military tour at Redstone and decided to work on missile projects as an Army civilian.

"I worked elbow to elbow with members of the Missile Command, then Redstone Arsenal, and liked the work, found it challenging and I saw opportunities for advancement," says Hase, the deputy project manager for Patriot Project.

Last week he received a senior executive service performance award for "noteworthy achievement of quality and efficiency in the Department of Army." It was signed by Gen. Donald R. Keith, commander of the Army Materiel Development and Readiness Command.

The \$6,380 award was presented by Brig. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard, MICOM commander, who had nominated Hase for the award while serving as Patriot project manager.

Hase has been with the project since its beginning in 1965 and became the civilian deputy in March 1980.

"It's an extremely exciting and challenging job," he says. "Provides a lot of personal and professional rewards as you see the weapon system progress from the research and development and into production. The acquisition process is full of problems that require resolution and there's no pat set of answers to the kinds of problems that weapon systems run into.

"Every day presents an opportunity for innovation and creativity. And the best part about the job is being surrounded by a very competent project staff," he adds.

The project was originally called SAM-D for surface to air missile development. It has always had a combination of military and civilian workers and the number grew from about 50 at the start to the present

280.

Most are located in the Patriot project office at the ballistic missile defense annex in Huntsville's Research Park. Some are in field offices at White Sands, Fort Bliss, Orlando, Fla., Andover, Mass. and Germany. Patriot, in production, is the Army's new medium and high altitude air defense system.

"The project started as a fire control system mounted on a single tracked vehicle and as we found that technology wouldn't fit on a single vehicle, the system has physically grown and is mounted on standard wheeled vehicles," says Hase. "But the basic concept of the weapon system has not changed."

Hase, a 53-year-old St. Louis area native, was drafted into the Army in 1955 and sent to Redstone for two years. After leaving the service he became project engineer on Nike Hercules 1957-60, chief engineer on Mauler project 1960-65, then chief engineer on SAM-D in 1965.

The name was changed to Patriot in the mid-1970s while Brig. Gen. Charles Means was project manager. Brig. Gen. Donald Infante is the eighth military project manager for Patriot and Hase has worked for all of them. Hase served as acting project manager when Bunyard left to become MICOM commander last July.

He has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Washington University in St. Louis and a master's in public administration from the University of Oklahoma. He and his wife Peggy have a son and two daughters, all married, and three grandchildren (soon to be four, he says).

"I guess if I had a goal it would be to continue to play a role in assisting the Army in modernizing its weapon systems," Hase says.



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Dental Activity learns life-saving CPR technique

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The Dental Activity here has a goal of having all its workers familiar with CPR life saving technique, according to its commander.

A dentist and his wife taught cardio-pulmonary resuscitation to the dental clinics' civilian workers and Red Cross volunteers last Friday. Both the main clinic and the one at Fox Army Community Hospital were closed to all except emergency cases that day.

"Not only people working in a dental profession, but everybody should be trained in CPR," said Capt. Bob Manga, a dentist at the main dental clinic. Both he and his wife Bonnie were certified by the Red Cross in May to teach the life saving technique.

They provided the training at the main dental clinic as part of the "ongoing continuing education that we have here at the dental clinic," the captain said.

The 16 students included civilian personnel of the Dental Activity and five Red Cross volunteers at DENTAC.

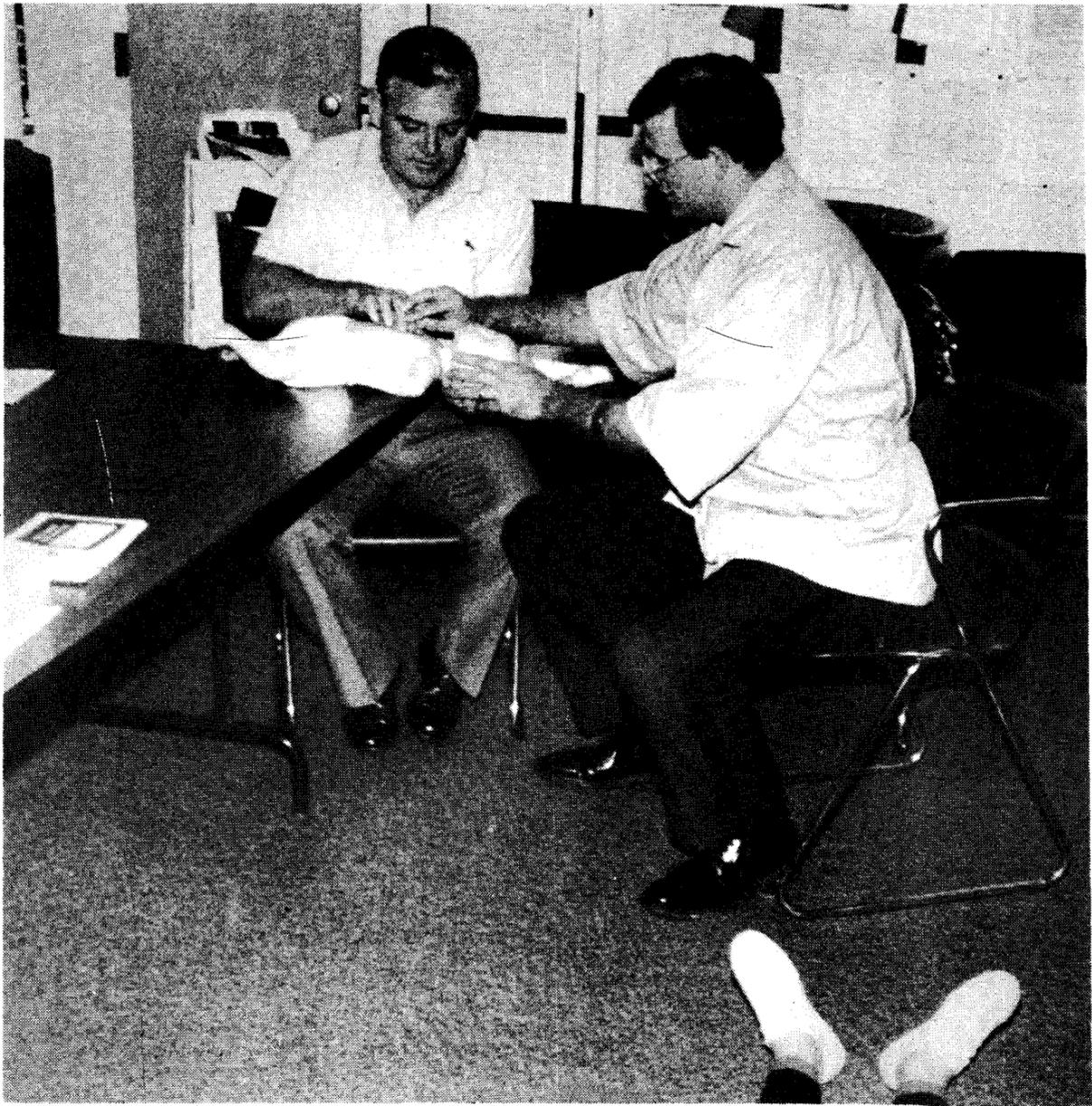
"If someone's in need of assistance and you're a trained individual, you may can help save their life," Manga said. "Very seldom do we have any type of emergency here but it's a good idea that they be trained so they can save lives. I hope the case would never arise that we do have to use it but if we do, they'll be trained."

Five adult mannequins and four baby mannequins were provided for the training by the civilian personnel office and the Red Cross. "It's an eight hour course and it's taught in a modular type system where it's basically a self-taught course," Manga said. "And we monitor to give any assistance that's necessary and give final checks and certification."

By giving CPR to a heart attack victim before professional medical assistance arrives "you're increasing that person's chances immensely," according to the dentist.

Col. William Cruse, the DENTAC commander, said "we hope to have another session for the military enlisted personnel (of Dental Activity)."

"Our goal is to have 100 percent of all the DENTAC personnel trained in CPR," Cruse said. "So that we're able to provide a better service to our patients if they are confronted with a life threatening problem while visiting our dental clinics."



X-RAY Technician Walter Manasco is taught CPR on baby mannequin by Capt. Bob. Manga

Soldier spends spare time coaching children

BY SHEILA WALKER

Being in the Army has given him a chance to coach many children in many places. At each post where he has been stationed, SSgt. Ronnie Williams, curriculum NCO/instructor in the Conventional Ammunition Division, has spent the better part of his after duty hours working with children.

"I love children, says Williams, the father of three (Kenyun, 9; Kevin, 6; and Kanicka, 4). "My Dad never had the time to watch me play ball when I was growing up. He wanted to but he just didn't have time. He worked two jobs. He would get off of one job and then have to leave again to get to the second one."

Sports have always been important in the life of Williams. As a young man just completing high school he was awarded college scholarships to play football and basketball. He chose Bethune—Cookman College in his native Daytona Beach, Florida. He spent two years there playing ball before deciding to work fulltime at Pan Am Airlines.

By the time he had been with the company a few years, the draft for Vietnam had started. Hoping to retain the seniority on his job, Williams enlisted. After completing his two-year hitch, he returned to civilian life, but not to his old job and after a year and a half of various jobs, he came back in.

"During my second enlistment, I was in Vietnam. There was an orphanage close to where I was stationed. I got a chance to work those kids. They would hang around the post during the day but at night they had to leave. I would take them home because I was afraid they might be hurt. I started coaching them in a game similar to soccer. I loved it," he says.

When Williams left Vietnam the second time, he was sent to Fort Rucker as a recreation service worker with Dependent Youth Activities. He helped arrange for the

orphanage there to get recreational items the Army was disposing of. He also helped arrange for Army engineers to build a softball field.

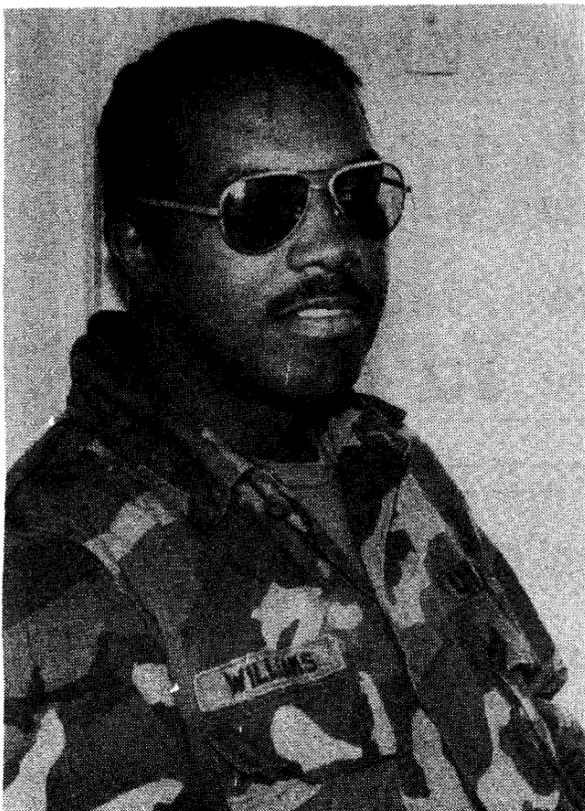
Coaching helped him meet his wife Sandra. "I was coaching the girls' softball team and she and her sister were my best players," he says. "Her parents warned against military men, but I was accepted in the community because of the work I was doing with the children. So, when it was time for her to go off to college I married her instead."

Williams spent the next several years overseas and came to Redstone in 1980. When his oldest son started to play soccer, he started going to meetings and to the games. That first year he assisted with the coaching and the team went undefeated. The next two seasons he coached soccer and baseball and is now coaching football.

"The kids love it. I wish I could inspire the fathers and the mothers to come out and share the joy with their kids," Williams says. "We need more support from community. A lot of kids go out there and play but don't always get recognition for it. We need more morale support. We need a place where the kids can go after school that it is for them only. I'd be more than happy to be on hand to monitor because I think guidance is very important. This way we can keep the kids busy all year round. Some adults would be available to talk to the children and be involved."

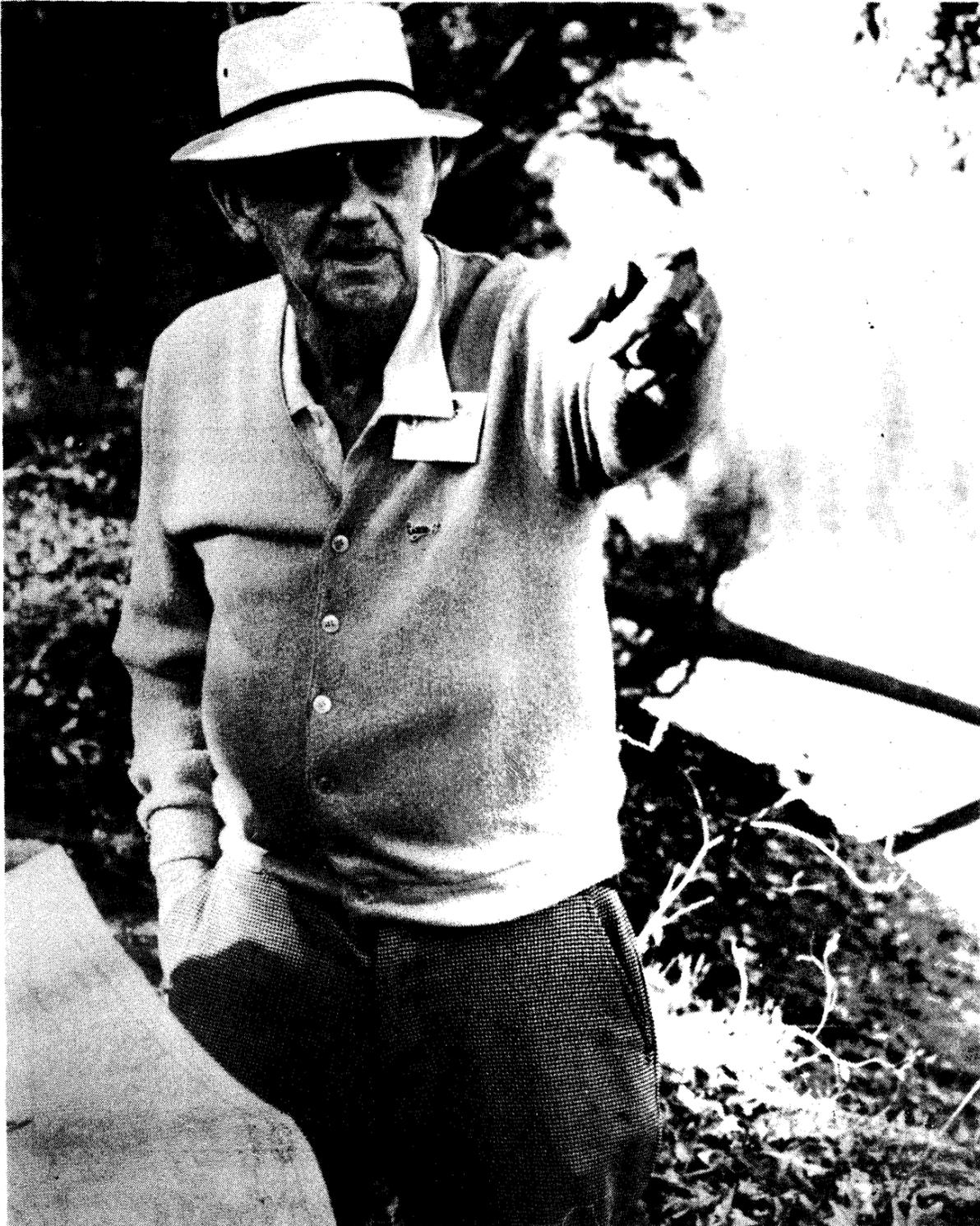
The usually soft-spoken Williams becomes animated when speaking about children. "I devote a lot of time to my children. I want to give them the things I didn't have as a child. I want them to see the things that I'm doing and do the same things for their own kids," he says.

"After I retire from the Army, I want to do community work. I want to help children and other people who are not as fortunate as I."



Williams

Former arsenal resident visits old home place



SWIMMING HOLE—Walter Cooney Penland points to where he swam in Indian Creek as a boy. The home built by his pioneer grandfather stood nearby on a high spot.

BY ED PETERS

An octogenarian visiting his old home place here last week provided a unique glimpse of what the Redstone Arsenal area was like before the Army came.

Walter Cooney Penland, a former resident of the Pond Beat community that once thrived on what is now Army land, revisited Thursday the place several generations of Penlands called home.

His grandfather, David Alexander Penland, was one of the areas first settlers. Before the Civil War, he came down from Tennessee and bought or homesteaded 600 acres of bottom land in the arsenal's southwest corner bounded by the Tennessee River and Indian Creek.

He built a two-story, seven-room house on a high spot near the creek just east of Bradford Mountain. That house was home to four generations of Penlands spanning a century until the family had to move around 1940 when the Army bought the house and the last 17 acres the family owned. The rest of the farm had been taken by Tennessee Valley Authority in 1935.

David Alexander Penland came in to the area soon after the Indians had left. He was a farmer, preacher and school teacher. He taught Latin and Greek at the Hobbs Island and Taylorsville Schools and was pastor of Hobbs Island Presbyterian Church for 55 years. He is buried at Hobbs Island Cemetery.

When David Alexander Penland settled on the land, it was native hardwood forest except for three acres on the river that had been cleared by Indians.

But Walter Cooney Penland, who will be 81 next month, said the land was all cleared and in crops as far back as he remembers.

The land is presently in a remote part of Test Area I. Some of it once again embraces mature hardwood timber, some has been planted in pines and some is in scrub vegetation.

"It's grown up to where I can't tell much about it. It just don't look right," said Penland as he looked

over his old neighborhood.

Penland was accompanied by his nephew, also named Walter Penland and who like his uncle was born on the arsenal, and his great nephew Richard Penland.

They were escorted by Murphy Stolz, a Test Area I worker who has a map showing the location of roads and who the property owners were when TVA bought the land in the 1930's.

Using his maps and the Penlands' description of their home place as being on a high spot near the creek, Stolz was able to pinpoint the old house location.

While the old house was torn down when the Army bought it, the Penland's instantly recognized the place from the presence of ornamental "bear grass" plants in the yard still thriving after more than 40 years.

They found remnants of tin and chimney rock that had belonged to the old house and just down an old road they discovered bars of mortar that had chinked cracks in the logs of a house that had belonged to Walter Penland's (the nephew) mother.

Walter Cooney Penland located what he identified as his old garden spot behind the house and a burial plot that he said contained three Indian graves. The graves, which aren't apparent now, were identifiable by depressions in the earth many years ago, Penland said, he said they were present when his pioneer grandfather built the house on the site in the early 1800's as the area's first settler.

He said the old house contained 7 rooms, three rock chimneys and five fireplaces. It was built around cedar posts sunk five feet in the ground and set two feet apart. It had yellow popular siding and pine floors. Penland was born in the house as was his nephew Walter who is 59 years old.

The Penlands' visit to the arsenal also included a stop at the site of the old Lee home which stood on Buxton Road until about 1975. That home belonged to Walter Cooney Penland's great aunt, and his father,

"D.A.", had been born there.

The Lee home was used as a military residence until about eight years ago when it was sold, and relocated off the arsenal to Madison, Ala.

The Lee home was one mile west of the Penland place and Walter Cooney remembers going there many times in his younger years to see his relatives.

The house, he said, had 18 rooms and was built in "slave times." His great aunt owned more than 1,000 acres, and prior to the Civil War owned many slaves, Penland said.

After the war many blacks remained in the area and lived and worked on the Penland farm and other large farms. There were numerous black land owners in the area, some of whom amassed large farms.

The Pond Beat community was along the present day Buxton Road which was known then as the Farley—Triana Road. It continued west where Dodd Road turns north today, and crossed Indian Creek into Triana.

Penland describes life in the community as "just country life. We fished in the creek and river, hunted rabbits and squirrels. There were little truck patches around, and gardens.

"People generally had a cow they milked by hand. There were no tractors, no trucks, now and then maybe you'd see a Ford car."

"There was a whole lot of good corn and cotton land and good hay land. Rises from the river fertilized it every year, maybe twice a year." Before TVA installed dams in the river, it would rise out of its banks every spring and cover the fields with standing water for a week or so. The receding waters left behind a layer of rich sediment which renewed the soil's fertility. "After it quit doing that, that land was just about as poor as anywhere else," Penland said.

Another consequence of damming the river was that it raised the water level considerably in Indian Creek, Penland said.

Game was plentiful in the area, except for deer and wild turkey. "There were a few deer when my papa was a boy, just a few and a few wild turkeys. But I never did see a deer down there or a turkey either," said Penland.

Bradford Mountain which loomed near his home place wasn't called that, as Penland recalls. It was known instead as Bear Tail Mountain.

The last stop on Penland's sentimental journey was at the Simpson Cemetery to visit the grave of Henry Simpson which he helped dig when he was 16 years old. Simpson was a wealthy bachelor who owned some 400 acres in the area of present-day McKinley Range just east of the Penland place.

Depressions in the cemetery indicated where the graves were located but Penland couldn't identify one he helped dig because the marker was gone. All of the tombstones that had been in the cemetery, including one six feet tall, had been removed, according to Penland.

"They used to have a song, 'Time Changes Everything'. It sure does," said Penland, taking a last look at the old cemetery, now indistinguishable from the surrounding forest, save for a rusty fence around it.



'BEAR GRASS'—Penland and his nephew, Walter, examine a blade of 'bear grass'. The ornamental plant is still growing in the yard of their old home place after more than 40 years.

Health care nonavailability statement rules change

Does your home zip code fall within a military hospital's health care zone? If so, be aware of some new rules on "nonavailability statements."

As has always been the case, when the military hospital can't provide the medical care that's needed, military families must get a nonavailability statement before using civilian hospitals for non-emergency inpatient care under CHAMPUS. But now:

—You must be admitted to the civilian hospital within 30 days after the nonavailability statement was issued. Otherwise, you have to get another one.

—After you're released from a civilian hospital, your nonavailability statement is good for the same medical condition for 15 more days. If you have to be readmitted to the hospital after 15 days, you need to get another nonavailability statement. There are no exceptions to this rule. So for a chronic condition that requires repeated hospital admissions, you must get a

nonavailability statement each time.

—Nonavailability statements are no longer issued automatically when the mother lives on the border of the military hospital's health zone.

—Nonavailability statements for maternity care will be good from the time that the mother starts prenatal care until six weeks after delivery. If the newborn stays in the hospital after the mother is released, a separate nonavailability statement is not needed, unless the stay is longer than 15 days. A separate nonavailability statement is not needed if the newborn is in an intensive care unit.

You still do not need nonavailability statements for: —Outpatient care (including that which you get in a civilian hospital) except in the three sites where the services are testing the use of nonavailability statements for outpatient care (Fort Ord and, Vandenburg AFB, Calif. and NARMC Pensacola, Fla.).

—True medical emergencies.

—Any type of care when you have other health insurance that pays 75 percent or more of the bills that CHAMPUS would have covered. (Check with the health benefits advisor on this because it can get complicated!)

—Residential treatment centers, skilled nursing facilities or college infirmaries.

Other rules on nonavailability statements still apply. Military hospitals can issue nonavailability statements after you've gotten care only if they could not have provided the care you needed at the time you received care at a civilian hospital. You can use the nonavailability statement only for the type of medical care indicated on the form itself.

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Will won't prevent family fight, but does specify who gets what

BY LONNIE GROOT
Legal Assistance Office

Upon learning of the battleground death of her husband in the movie "A Man Called Horse," an Indian woman cut off the main three fingers of her right hand. Thereafter, the other village squaws took the woman's children away, tore down her teepee, ransacked and plundered all that was in it and left the widow to scrounge for food. This is the way some Indian tribes and other primitive societies distributed a warrior's estate.

Countries with roots in the common law or canon law have developed what is said to be a more civilized way to distribute a person's property upon death. Some people may claim that the bitter legal feuds among relatives about who gets what after a death or cases such as Howard Hughes' where numerous wills materialized are actually less civilized. But, it is generally believed that a certain amount of predictability is obtained and chaos avoided by people making wills and societies enforcing them.

Who needs a will and why? Everyone should, at least, consider making a will. Far too many people put off this task until it is too late. Death without a will often results in confusion, inter-family squabbles, and unnecessary legal costs and irritations. Mark Twain once said "the rumors of my demise have been grossly exaggerated." The messes caused by death without a will cannot be exaggerated.

A will enables you to distribute property and determine who will be your children's guardians after your demise. You have the right to say what you want done to your possessions and who you want to act as parents

for your children when you check the keys in for the last time. You have the right to set down the conditions under which your property is given to your beneficiaries. A will allows you to impose your terms and desires—your will—upon those loved ones you leave behind as to your desires concerning the property acquired during your life time. If you don't take the time to do it before you die, a judge who doesn't know you or your kids will do it after you die.

Basic terms

It's important that certain terms be understood regarding a "Last Will and Testament": Here are some basic terms:

TESTATOR or TESTATRIX: A male or female maker of a will.

TESTATE: Death with a will.

INTESTATE: Death without a will.

PROBATE: The process of proving a will in court.

EXECUTOR or EXECUTRIX: A man or woman named in the will to handle the assets of the estate.

ADMINISTRATOR or ADMINISTRATRIX: The court appointed equivalent of the executor or executrix.

BEQUEST: A gift (legacy) of personal property (cars, furniture, etc.) in a will.

DEVISE: A gift (legacy) of real property (house, land) in a will.

LEGATEE: A person given property in a will.

If you die without a will (intestate), the courts will take over your possessions and distribute them in accordance with the laws of your state. State laws differ,

but, an example would be that if a married, but childless, Alabama resident were to die without a will, the dead person's spouse would receive the first \$100,000 plus one-half of the remainder of the estate. The decedent's parents, if living, would receive the rest. If the decedent had children, the spouse would have to be content with the first \$50,000 and then one-half because, by law, the remainder of the estate would go to the children. As you might imagine, legal hassles and legal expenses can easily result in such cases.

Additionally, without a will, the court will appoint an administrator or administratrix, known or unknown to you, to manage your estate. The costs of probating may be greater than if you had planned your estate with a will. The court could set up trust funds for your children and determine who will handle the money. Once again, added expenses may result when the court has to act in your stead.

In short, unless you're single and want everything to go to your parents or brothers and sisters or unless you don't care what happens once you die, it's advisable that you have a will.

Some people may think that they don't need a will because everything is owned jointly with a spouse. An accident taking both spouses' lives quickly spoils that plan.

Assistance available

Military members can consult a legal assistance officer for help in planning your estate and drafting your will at no cost to you. All you need to do before

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BY SKIP VAUGHN

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BUS DRIVER Robert Pierce has been at it for almost four years.

and Munitions Center and School and to community service events.

In September, for example, the section transported on a fishing trip residents of a nursing home and students from here.

"Our main mission here is maintenance of the vehicles and transportation of personnel," says SFC Willard Blanks, operations sergeant for the vehicle maintenance section. "The school couldn't function without this section. We are sort of the backbone of the school."

Its 50-some vehicles include sedans and six 44-passenger buses. Support personnel number 45 including six civilians. Almost half of the personnel are drivers.

The section operates every day, normally 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. "A lot of times it's much, much longer. We do maintain a round the clock operation when necessary," says SSgt. Larkin Parks, assistant operations sergeant.

Students are transported back and forth to classes, the ranges they have to go to, and for meals. When they arrive in town "we pick them up from the airport and we take care of them through their whole training classes," says Sgt. Willie Reese, a dispatcher.

There is also the Sunday church run. The section has a bus that goes through the housing area, picking up children and taking them to Sunday school for both the Bicentennial and Post Chapels.

"Every Saturday we also have a shuttle bus that goes to the Space and Rocket Center to take the newly arrived students to tour the Space and Rocket Center," says Reese. "They get free tickets to go into the center. They get a tour of Redstone before we go out to the center so we show them the PX and different recreation areas."

Robert Pierce is one of the drivers who transports troops to class on weekdays. "I just enjoy driving,

hauling them troops, talking to them," he says.

Ivan Toney and Sherman Hazel make their bus trips to bring in law enforcement people for hazardous devices training. "I meet new people every few weeks," says Toney.

"I'm trying to make up a great decision right now on whether to (retire) in two months," says Hazel, 65. "I like everybody down here, military and civilian. They're really good people to work with."

The vehicle maintenance office has a tactical section that can perform maintenance on some 166 different vehicles and a commercial section that can repair some 51 vehicles, according to Blanks, operations sergeant.

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BY SKIP VAUGHN

Pittsburgh travels to Notre Dame this weekend to take on the Fightin' Irish in major college football action.

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Notre Dame is also 6-2 with wins over Purdue, Colorado, South Carolina, Army, Southern Cal., and Navy. Its losses were to Michigan State and Miami (Fla.)

Pitt is looking for revenge because the Irish pulled an upset 31-16 last year. Notre Dame seems to be peaking, however. The pick here is...Notre Dame.

Last week's picks delivered a 26-5-1 record, bringing the season totals to 195-64-7 for 75 percent. Here are Skip's Picks for this week in major college football:

- Virginia at Georgia Tech—Tech by 13
- Hawaii at Air Force—Air Force by 14
- Pitt at Notre Dame—Notre Dame by 10
- Alabama at Louisiana State—Bama by 10
- Boston College at Army—BC by 24
- Maryland at Auburn—Auburn by 7
- Baylor at Arkansas—Ark. by 14
- Brigham Young at Texas El Paso—BYU by 17
- Rutgers at Cincinnati—Cincy by 10
- Clemson at North Carolina—NC by 13
- Duke at Wake Forest—Wake Forest by 21
- East Carolina at Miami (Fla.)—Miami by 10
- So. Carolina at Fla. State—FSU by 27

- Georgia at Florida—Georgia by 10
- Texas at Houston—Texas by 24
- Illinois at Minnesota—Illinois by 7
- Ohio State at Indiana—OSU by 30
- Iowa State at Nebraska—Neb. by 40
- Iowa at Wisconsin—Iowa by 13
- Colorado at Kansas—Kansas by 14
- Kentucky at Vanderbilt—Ky. by 7
- Southern Miss. at Louisville—Miss. by 10
- Memphis State at Miss. State—Miss. State by 3
- Purdue at Michigan—Mich. by 30
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Halloween brings out the best of the worst in some, and others just come as they wish they were. At Redstone Monday, some workers celebrated the day with color, a few grins, and lots of laughs.



CHEWBACA (Lt. Ken Noland), left, and his hideous friend (Steve Johnson) were part of the Chaparral/FAAR Project Office Halloween decorations.



RAGGEDY ANDY (PFC Joseph Johnson in pediatrics) made a lot of people laugh.



MOUNTAIN FOLK—Program analysts Myrna Sharpe and Bob Lipscomb of Chaparral/FAAR dressed as "Pa and Daughter." She came with a sore toe and he brought a jug of "medicine."

CLOWNS, Alice Smith, left, and Peggy Schrimsher, from the pediatric clinic, clowned around for the young and old alike.



MARY FERGUSON, chairman of Red Cross volunteers, is surrounded by comical characters at Fox Army Community Hospital.



eréz) and Raggedy Ann (Marty Bentley, head nurse little faces smile in the pediatric clinic.



LAB AND BASE Support Branch of P and P was celebrating Halloween with their chief, Lt. Col. Daniel McCarthy, center.



MARY LEAGUE, Chaparral/FAAR administration office, assumes a flapper pose. Her garb is made from a plastic garbage bag.



PEDIATRIC PATIENTS were seen by clowns and other comical Halloween characters of Fox Army Community Hospital.

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Wills

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your appointment is determine who you want as your primary and alternate beneficiaries, decide who you trust to execute your estate in a businesslike manner, and choose who you wish to have guardianship of your children should you and your spouse pass away. If you desire to bequeath certain items (because of sentimental value, etc.) or to devise specific parcels of real estate, that can be done for you, too. You might also want to evaluate whether or not you would want to set up a trust for your children should you and your spouse not be available to provide for them during their years in the educational system.

Also, before talking with your legal assistance attorney you might want to review these commonly asked questions:

—Does life insurance pass through a will? No. Generally, the only time a policy is included in the probate of an estate is when the beneficiary is designated as "my estate." You can route your insurance through your children's trust fund which is created in a will, however. Life insurance is not subject to estate taxes unless the estate, itself, is the beneficiary.

—Can a will be changed? Yes. A will means nothing until the testator dies. A will can be destroyed or changed at any time.

—Can a person exclude their husband or wife from their will? Most states have statutes which allow a surviving spouse to have a "forced" share of the estate.

For example, a North Carolina surviving spouse is guaranteed a one-third share while a Florida surviving spouse is guaranteed a one-half share. In Alabama a surviving spouse's share depends on how much their own estate is worth, but would generally be about a one-third forced share.

—Are there technical requirements for the signing of a will? Yes. No other legal document requires solemnity in its execution as a will. The reason for ceremonial formality is to prevent fraud and insure that the testator is distributing property in the manner desired. A will must be signed in the presence of two or three witnesses depending upon the state law. Your legal assistance office also uses a self-proving clause which will greatly eliminate the later request of all witnesses to testify regarding your signing of the will.

—Who can be a witness? Witnesses, under most state law, must be disinterested and not gain or lose from the provisions of the will.

—Does divorce affect a will? Maybe. If a spouse does not change a will after divorce, the former spouse will take even after divorce unless a state statute automatically eliminates the former spouse. A new will is advisable after divorce.

—Does an illegitimate child get anything? If left out of a will, an illegitimate child gets nothing. If the father files intestate, most state laws leave out such a child, unless the parents marry or legitimize the child after birth.

—Can a child be disinherited? Yes. You need not leave the child \$1.00, but sometimes it is safer to do so or specifically exclude the child so the child can't challenge the will by saying he or she was "overlooked."

—How can a will be challenged? A will can be challenged by a person who claims a right to part of an estate and says a will is the result of fraud, undue influence, or mistake. Perry Mason fans will remember well the episodes where 80 year old Uncle Herman marries the scurrilous and lascivious 20 year old former Watermelon Queen only to mysteriously die shortly thereafter having revoked his prior will and made a new one leaving his new bride all his wealth.

—Where should you keep your will? The signed copy is the important document. The safest place would be in a bank safe deposit box. Sometimes banks will keep wills in their vaults at no charge. Otherwise a trustworthy relative or storage device would be your best bet.

—Does joint ownership of property avoid the necessity of a will? As mentioned above, not always. Joint ownership does avoid a freeze of the family assets and reduces court proceedings if one owner survives, however.

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Called the "Family Assistance Handbook for Mobilization" (DA Pam 360-525), the new publication aims to help soldiers and their families prepare for and deal with problems caused by mobilization.

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- ID cards for family members, housing, Army emergency relief;
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Army officials say that although there is no indication that the United States will be mobilized now or at some future date, soldiers must be prepared for that prospect. U.S. forces have mobilized in 1812, 1917, 1941, 1950, 1961, and 1968. (Arnews)

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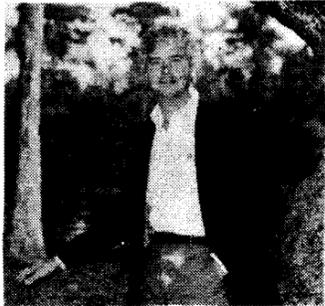
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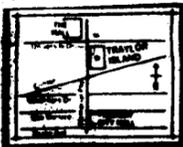
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Often such ads are there because someone wants to make a profit. The “credits” advertised are not free. In fact, they may prove quite costly. Many such services are offered to soldiers and their adult family members through the local education center at far less cost. If you want to earn college credits or a college degree, the Army Continuing Education System may be your answer.

“You’ll find professional education counselors at every education center to help you to identify career goals and to see that they match your abilities and interests,” notes Col. Dennis J. Flynn, director of Army education. This service is free.

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These SOCAD programs differ among the various schools in the 16 curriculum networks, but all offer degrees related to military training and experience. You can receive credit toward your degree based upon a combination of American Council on Education guide credit recommendations (military schools and MOS skill levels), defense activity for non-traditional education support, other non-traditional sources of credit, and resident instruction.

Soldiers in any specialty may enroll in any of the programs. Your adult family members also may take courses on a space-available basis. Schools taking part agree to:

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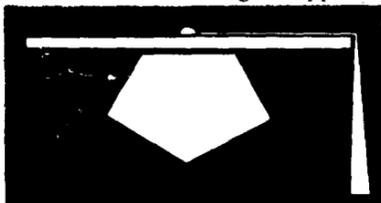
—Accept without prior approval courses of other colleges in the same degree area for guaranteed transfer.

If you decide to answer an advertisement for credits or degrees, bring the reply you get to the education center. Sit down with the education counselor and compare the institution’s response with what the Army Continuing Education System program can offer.

“In many cases, ACES can offer an equal program at a much lower cost,” said Flynn. “And by all means, bring any documents the school wants you to sign to the post legal office. Be sure you’re not signing a contract to pay dollars for a service the Army offers at less cost or free of charge.” (Arnews)

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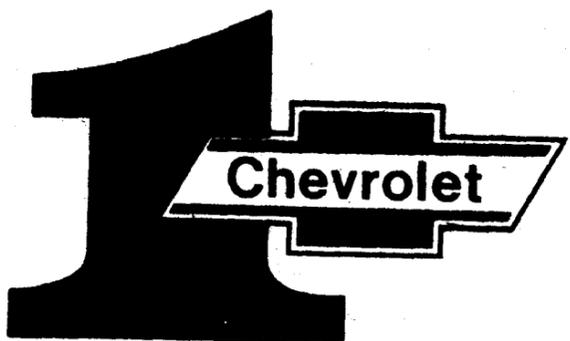
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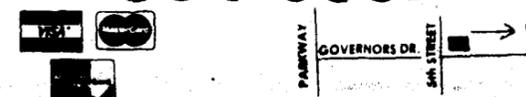
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German clubs boost friendship with Americans

WASHINGTON—If you're stationed in Germany or get orders for there during your military career, you won't have to restrict yourself to military installations or to their American residents. A soldier and his family can learn about the German lifestyle from those who know it best—the Germans themselves.

No, you won't have to go out on the streets and try to talk to a German who doesn't speak English. You won't have to go to a German market and accidentally bump into a German shopper in order to make an acquaintance. All you have to do is join one of the German-American friendship clubs located throughout West Germany and Berlin.

Since 1946, 53 German-American friendship clubs have been established, according to Hilde Rittelmeyer, president of the federation of German-American clubs. The clubs provide the opportunity for Germans and Americans to meet, establish friendships, and have fun.

In a recent interview, Rittelmeyer explained the benefits that American servicemembers and their families can receive from participation in the clubs. "A soldier can feel so much more comfortable in a foreign country when he has contact with people from that country; he does not feel so much alone," she

said. "He can meet German friends and develop a much better understanding of the country when he happens to know the people of the country."

The 53 clubs include something for almost everyone. There are men's clubs, women's clubs, a "youth work" program, 25 family clubs and numerous smaller, special-interest groups for those interested in such areas as art, sports, cooking and dining.

Though the federation takes pride in all the clubs, Rittelmeyer said that the federation prides itself most on its youth work program. This program offers weekend seminars to German and American teenagers aged 14 to 18. The youngsters meet in seminars and receive a subject on which to work. Rittelmeyer cited a past discussion topic, "the difference in law systems—German and American," as an example.

She said, "that is just the framework: the aim is that young people get to know each other. Very, very often from these seminars lasting friendships are formed. I know that some Germans and Americans plan to stay in contact and visit each other even though the military family has moved away..."

All German-American friendship clubs are organized under German law and follow a written constitution. However, according to Rittelmeyer, most of

the clubs have a "double board"; that is, they have a German and an American president and perhaps a German and an American vice-president. So even though these are German clubs joined by American members, Rittelmeyer stated that "Americans have the same rights and privileges as the Germans do."

American service members usually can obtain information about German-American clubs at the local public affairs offices. Also, the clubs often work together with the officers' wives clubs; information might be available through their boards.

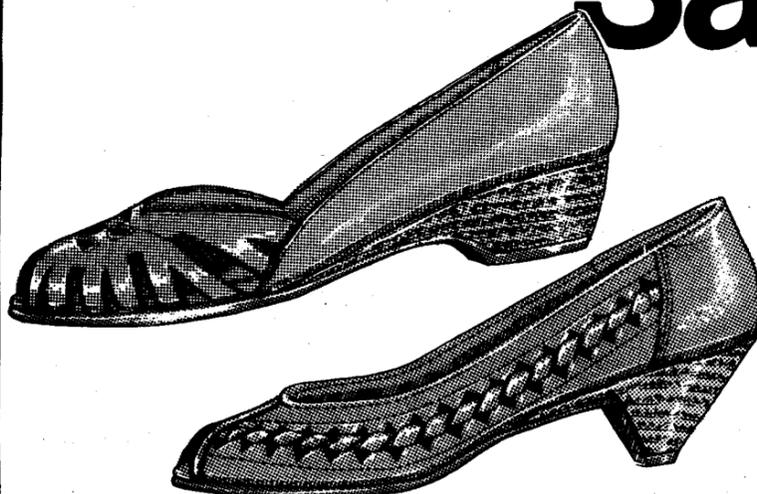
The first German-American friendship club was founded just after World War II by an American Army captain stationed in Bad Kissingen, Germany. Though the club was dissolved and its founder relieved of his military duties for violation of the non-fraternization policy (then officially recognized by the American military occupation Army) he persisted in his ideal. He appealed to Gen. Lucius D. Clay, who changed the entire policy. Clay did away with the non-fraternization policy, made the officer a member of his staff, and gave him the task of forming German-American friendship clubs throughout the American zone. (Arnews)

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Troop football

These are the troop standings for regular play in football as of Oct. 27.

Western Conference		W	L
MEDDAC		8	3
515th Ordnance Company		7	4
B Company		6	4
6th Student Company		5	7
291st MP Company		4	6
7th Student Company		2	9
4th Student Company		1	8
Eastern Conference		W	L
A Company		10	1
HHC		8	2
95th Service Company		6	3
Marines		4	5
5th Student Company		4	6
8th Student Company		2	8

Troop bowling

Here are the troop bowling standings as of Thursday, Oct. 28:

1st place:	B Company
2nd place:	HHC
3rd place:	MEDDAC #1
4th place:	A Company
5th place:	515th Ordnance Co. #2
6th place:	MEDDAC #4
7th place:	6th Student Co.
8th place:	515th Ordnance Co. #1
9th place:	7th Student Co.
10 place:	8th Student Co.
11th place:	MEDDAC #3
12th place:	95th Service Co.

Arsenal soccer teams take three of five titles

Redstone Arsenal's youth soccer teams representing AYSO Region 388 captured three out of five championship titles in the American Youth Soccer Organization's Area 5C Tournament held here last Saturday and Sunday. Twenty-three teams from six AYSO Regions in Tennessee and Alabama competed.

The Under-17 Black Hawks, coached by Dennis Campbell, defeated teams from McMinnville, Tenn. (11-0) and Cullman (5-0) to win the gold medal. Coach John Calbreath's Under-14 Cosmos defeated Cullman (11-0), Paris, Tenn. (9-0), and won the championship by defeating the Huntsville Cougars (3-2) in a come-from-behind victory. The Under-12 Panthers defeated Fort Payne (4-0), Paris (9-0), and Cullman (4-1) enroute to the finals. Coach Clay Harris' booters felt the toll of the three game grind as they fell short in their title bid, losing to crosstown rival, the Huntsville Impalas, 3-1, Sunday evening. The Under-10 Knight Raiders ran their unbeaten string to 11-0 as they were victorious over McMinnville (9-0) and Cullman (9-0), enroute to 2-1 sudden death overtime victory over Huntsville. Coach Lilianna Golden's hard work paid off as Candi Freed booted home the winning goal in the first overtime period. Coach Ron Henry's Under 8 Falcons ran into big trouble in their first game and were defeated by a larger Paris team 3-0. They were eliminated by Fort Payne 2-1 in an overtime shootout. Paris went on to win the tournament.

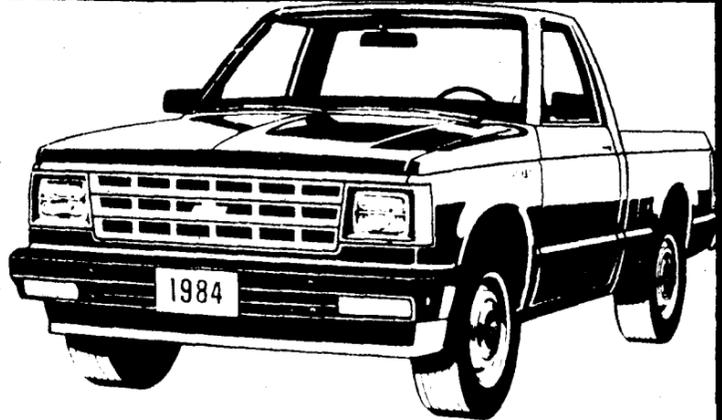
This coming weekend, Nov. 4-5, Redstone Arsenal All Star teams will participate in the Alabama Parks and Recreation District Tournament in Huntsville. The district winners will advance to the state tournament in Mobile, Nov. 18-20.

Region 388 will conclude its regular 1983 Fall Season activities with an awards ceremony at the Recreation Center a 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8. All teams will participate in the event and over 500 players, volunteers and parents are expected to attend. The Youth Activities Office will provide refreshments.

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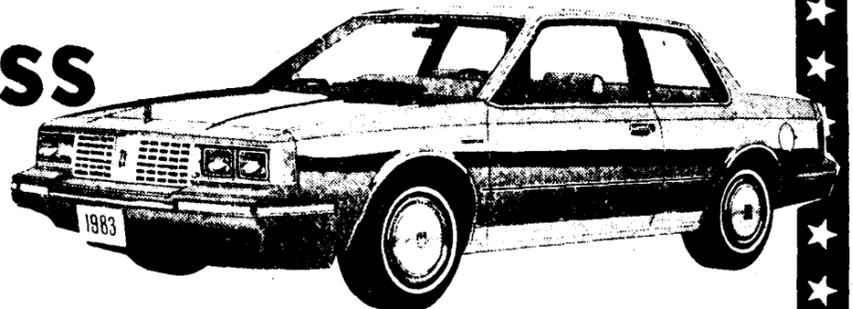
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9990 MG 420 Strategic Management	5	McCall	3650
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9988 BU 460 Introduction to Procurement	5	Casteel	3650
9987 EC 415 Managerial Finance	5	Edmondson	3650
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9870 GS 307 Small Computers for Business	5	Zorn	3650
9979 MG 420 Strategic Management	5	Campbell	3650

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NOTES:

1. THIS WILL BE THE ONLY PERIOD OF REGISTRATION AT REDSTONE ARSENAL. Registration priority is given to military active duty, retired military, military dependents, the Redstone Arsenal employees, and government employees at the Redstone Arsenal. Other individuals will be admitted on a space available basis.
2. Students may come to ASC main campus to register and pay fees anytime during the "Pre-registration period."



—ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jump rope event

Students throughout Alabama will participate in the fourth annual jump rope for heart event during November. The event is a combined effort of the American Heart Association, Alabama affiliate and the Alabama State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Nov. 14 is the deadline for registration. For registration forms and information contact your local school physical education department. All students are urged to participate.

Safety training mobile unit

The state of Alabama's safety training mobile unit will be set up in the parking lot of the arsenal's shopping center today from 2:30—5:30 p.m. Inside the mobile unit is a "breathalyzer" and other safety education exhibits focusing on drinking and driving. The public is invited to view the exhibits. For more information call Chaplain Robert Countess of the human resources development office.

Prayer Breakfast

Retired Army Chaplain (Col.) and Oakwood College Chaplain J. Tiffany Powell will speak Nov. 9 at the post chapel's weekly prayer breakfast. The breakfast begins at 6 a.m. and lasts for about 45 minutes. The breakfast is open to everyone.

LRC

The Learning Resource Center has acquired four new courses: Commodity Command Standard Systems (CCSS) Executive, Contracting Officers' Representative, Cost Estimating for Engineers, and Defense Small Purchase. For more information contact the LRC at 876-1061.

Recreation center

Today—Movie "Tron" at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Ping Pong tourney at 7 p.m. Thursday—Movie "Star Trek II" at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bingo at 8:30 p.m. Friday—Movie "Alien" at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Saturday—Battleship tourney at 2:30 p.m. Sunday—Yahtzee tourney at 7 p.m. Monday—Video Game tourney at 7 p.m. Free refreshments. Tuesday—Pool tourney at 7 p.m.

Bloodmobile

The bloodmobile will be at Bldg. 3480 today from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Nov. 4—Bldg. 5250 from 7:30 a.m.—noon. Nov. 7—Bldg. 3338 from 8—11:30 a.m. Nov. 10—Bldg. 4488 from 7:30 a.m.—1 p.m. and Fox Army Community Hospital from 10 a.m.—4 p.m. For more information call Naomi Whitaker at 876-3124 or 876-2759.

Soccer tourney

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Clogging lessons

Classes for clogging, contemporary dancing similar to tap dancing, will start Nov. 12 at the Recreation Center. Classes will be held on Saturdays for one hour per week for 10 weeks; the cost is \$1.80 per lesson or \$18 for 10 weeks. Classes start at 12:30 p.m. for ages 5-9 and 1:30 for ages 10 and up. Sign-up and pay in advance at building 3711, the rec center (phone 876-5492).

Parent's Advisory Council

A Child Development Services Parent's Advisory Council is being established to provide "consumer input and patronage support" for families using the Redstone Arsenal Child Care Center or the Children's Center. Membership will consist of active or retired military personnel, however, meetings will be open to all community residents. Sponsors who wish to serve on the council should call Ms. Creel 876-3704.

Open meeting

Open meetings will be held here Nov. 2 and Nov. 9 for people to watch and then discuss an alcohol and drug abuse program being shown nationally on public television. Meetings are being encouraged nationwide for viewing the two-part TV show called "Chemical People." Here the time and place both Wednesdays will be 6:45 p.m. at the auditorium of Bicentennial Chapel on Goss Road.

History lecture

The Historic Huntsville Foundation will present the second in its 1983-84 lecture series at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3 in the City Council chambers at the Municipal Auditorium. Debby Mason, executive director of Historic Nashville Inc., will give a slide presentation entitled "Lost Nashville." Refreshments will follow the program. Admission is \$1 for foundation members and \$3 for non-members.

PX holiday schedule

Here is the holiday schedule for the Post Exchange: Nov. 11—Main Store, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Shoppette, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Troop Store, closed; Theater, 7 p.m.; Service Station-Pump Island, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Retail & Service Area, closed. Nov. 24—all facilities closed.

Carpool Hotline



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Riders wanted from Hulaco/Ryan area in Morgan County to Redstone Arsenal, hours 6:30—3. Jim Mills 876-5082.

Help for burned children

An internationally-known burn surgeon will be in Huntsville with a team of doctors and specialists to see burned children who could be helped by the Shriners burns program. Dr. Bruce Mac-Millan, chief of staff on the Shrine Cincinnati Burns Institute, will hold a mini-clinic at Crestwood Hospital in Huntsville on Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Parents and guardians of children under 18 who think their children can be helped by the Shrine burns program should call Cahaba Shrine Temple at 859-4470 for an appointment. Parents and guardians of children already registered in the Shrine burns program will be contacted and given appointments. There is no charge.

OBITUARY

Maj. Gen. Leslie E. Simon

A funeral for retired Maj. Gen. Leslie E. Simon will be Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. at Arlington National Cemetery.

Simon was a former assistant chief of Army Ordnance and former director of the Ballistic Research Laboratory at Aberdeen Proving Ground. He is survived by his wife, Marie; son, Leslie A. Simon of Albuquerque, N.M. and a daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Hubbs, of Winter Park.

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The Officer's Wives Club will have its annual "Western Night" on Nov. 12 at the officer's club. The Western Night is one of several projects the OWC works on to earn funds to benefit local and on-post charities each year. Ladies donating items to the Country Store are urged to remember

the Nov. 4 deadline. Making preparations for the western night are, from left, Gretchen Cody, chairman; Carolyn Hutchins, publicity co-chairman; Linda Simcox, decorations co-chairman; and Nancy O'Donnel, country store co-chairman.

Insurance open season dates scheduled

Open season for federal employees to select their health insurance plan has been tentatively scheduled for Nov. 14 through Dec. 9, according to the MICOM civilian personnel office.

"We have tentative dates. But we have nothing official," said Phyllis Partridge, a personnel management specialist, last Friday.

"We have been notified by DA (Department of the Army) that it is scheduled," she said, adding that a formal announcement is to come through channels from the Office of Personnel Management.

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