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The Rocket will be taking a long holiday and will not publish Dec. 28 and Jan. 4. It will return on its regular weekly schedule Jan. 11. Happy holidays from the Rocket staff!

Reflections of a soldier

I spent Christmas all alone again this year.
Far away from all the things I've come
to hold so dear.

And I wonder if its worth it,
The sacrifice we make.
Serving God and Country.
Or is it all a mistake.

Am I just playing the fool?
And being used by Uncle Sam.
Or can I hold my head up
And be proud of what I am.

The soldiers life has always been,
One of quiet desperation.
But it's true we've got to have them
to maintain a strong free nation.

At times like these
with the holidays here at hand.
I wonder what I am doing
In this strange and foreign land.

I wonder if it's worth it,
Leaving my family at home.
While I'm here in Germany
feeling so alone.

I wonder if part of the reason
Why the military has such a bad name.
Is because once you've been alone like this
you are never more the same.

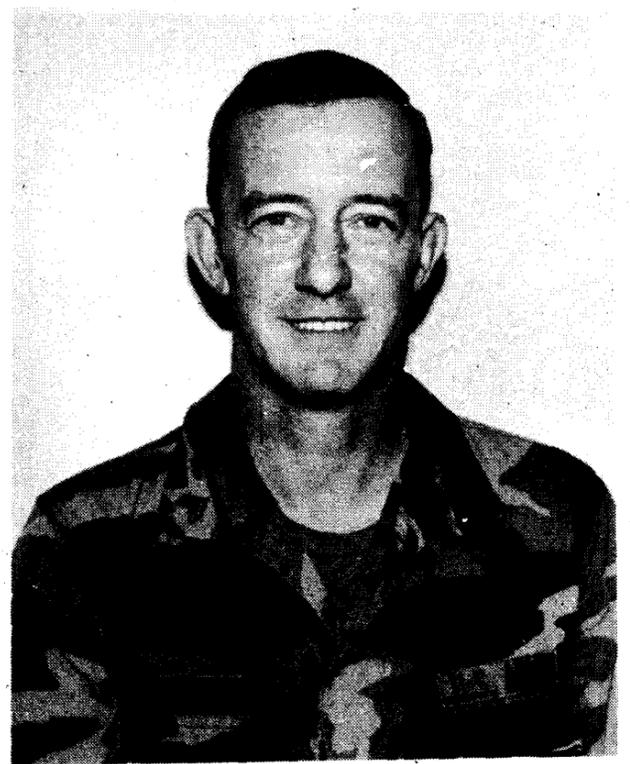
But when I think of all the things
My Country has given me.
Like the freedom of religion
That we treat so carelessly.

The right to say and do
Most anything we will.
The right to travel freely,
or the right to stay and build.

The freedom to raise our families,
The way that we see fit.
The right to criticize our leaders,
and light fires that need to be lit.

Yes, our Country is the greatest!
The best place on this earth,
And I thank God that America
is the homeland of my birth.

By Sgt. John L. Greer
Germany, December 1979



Sgt. John L. Greer belongs to 6th Student Company and is a supply sergeant for 2nd Battalion.

Readiness at any price not the answer

BY ED PETERS

The lieutenant general in charge of procurement and readiness for the U.S. Army Material Development and Readiness Command urges people to ensure a fair price for spare parts "by looking at that item like you are buying it for yourself."

The Army and DARCOM have escaped the spare parts embarrassments of \$400 hammers and \$1,000 plastic caps that other military services have suffered lately and Lt. Gen. Donald Babers is intent on keeping it that way.

But he concedes it is a very tough task, what with DARCOM spending \$4 billion yearly on spare parts in hundreds of thousands of procurement actions.

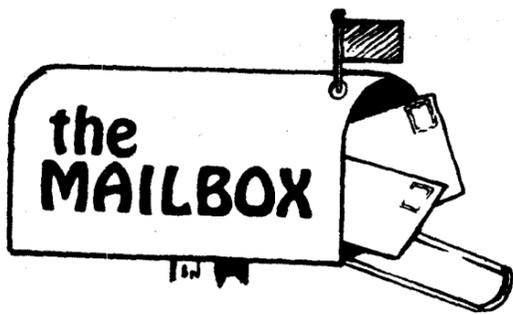
Babers was at MICOM Dec. 8 to attend a spare parts acquisition management conference and to participate in a change of command at TMDE Support Group here.

The general, along with former MICOM commander Lt. Gen. Robert Moore, has been given a mandate by the Army and DARCOM to make sure that the Army gets a good product at a fair price when it spends taxpayer's money. The two deputy commanders are dubbed "deputy scrooges" by *Life* magazine in a humorous reference to their tough stance on controlling cost and quality. The pair are featured by the national magazine in a recent article, "An Angry Army Takes Aim at Wasteful Weapons."

Last fiscal year DARCOM spent about \$4 billion on spare parts and expects to spend about \$5 billion in fiscal 1984. DARCOM buys about 180,000 spare parts that are unique to Army weapon systems or considered critical parts. Defense Logistics Agency handles spares that are common to the military services.

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Eternal shaft

Editor:

Our health benefit costs have skyrocketed. Most of us have taken the health plan that we can afford which is never as good as most private industry workers get for free. The government, supposedly, pays part, and the employee gets the shaft.

Our retirement plan is in trouble. The government, through *Federal Times* (Oct. 1982), announced they could not afford to pay the interest on the money they

borrowed from civil service. Mr. Devine, OPM, has done everything in his power to destroy any benefits associated with civil service. So what happens to federal employees who have over 10 years and hired on with the government, mainly for civil service retirement and health benefits? Postal employees have better benefits and TVA's retirement plan is accruing more interest than will ever be payed out, even without any additional funds being payed in.

Each year, the government pays \$1,000,000 to do a comparison to private industry for pay purposes. Every year they say it will take approximately 15 percent (21 percent is this year's figure) for federal employees to keep up with private industry and every year we get approximately five percent (3.5 percent this year). So where are we when in 10 years we are over 100 percent behind. The further behind we are, the less we get!

With OP, changing the RIF procedures, most of us will be lucky if we are still here to get the eternal shaft.

Dallas Crowell
Missile Logistics Center

Commander's message

To all Members of the MICOM Family:

This is my first Christmas as a member of the MICOM family and I want to thank each of you for the support, cooperation and hard work that has made the past six months very good for me indeed.

In this holiday season our thoughts turn to friendship, family and our good fortune. It is a time for fresh perspective on those things that matter most in our lives.

I think it is also an excellent time to reflect on and accentuate those good things that we're doing as individuals and as a team. I am particularly proud at this moment of some things that I want you to take pride in too. The readiness of our missile systems continues at an all-time high. We should feel good about that, because we exist to support our soldiers all over the world. They depend on us and our products in their proud and sometimes dangerous service.

The eyes of our nation and the world have been upon us lately as we worked, in some cases under

unrelenting pressure and at considerable personal sacrifice, to ensure that we, our Army and our nation met commitments to our soldiers and to our allies to deliver the weapons they were promised to protect and defend themselves. We have done that and done it well.

Let the pride that we share in accomplishing a difficult job in difficult times give us the confidence to meet the challenges of the new year. Let us make 1984, too, a year of excellence and let us dedicate ourselves to quality equipment and support for an excellent Army.

I hope the holiday spirit will glow brightly in your home and that with it will come peace of mind and happiness to you and your loved ones.

Celia and I hope you have a joyous holiday season and happiness in the new year.

Jerry Max Bunyard
Major General, U.S. Army
Commanding

Fauntroy will speak here at King birthday event

The ninth annual Martin Luther King Memorial Service luncheon will be held Jan. 13 in the NCO Club. The guest speaker will be Walter Fauntroy, congressional representative from Washington, D.C.

Fauntroy has a long history of involvement with Dr. Martin Luther King's struggle for civil rights. He is the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The program will start at 11 a.m. with a social and the luncheon will begin at 11:30.

"A capacity crowd is expected and we encourage

everyone to get your tickets early," said Charles Ray, equal employment opportunity officer at the Missile Command. Last year, 857 people attended the memorial luncheon and 910 are planned for this year.

Tickets can be purchased for \$7.50 at the MICOM Equal Employment Opportunity Office, MMCS EO Office, BMDSCOM EEO Office, Corps of Engineers EEO office, and the NASA EEO Office. The EEO Counseling staff and members of the Federal Women's Program Committee will have tickets for sale also.

YOU DULL YOUR DRIVING JUDGMENT WITH EACH DRINK



MPs offer holiday courtesy rides

Military police would rather people refrain from drinking and driving so they're offering an alternative to club patrons here during the holidays.

MPs are offering courtesy rides for people who feel they're unable to drive home because they've had too much to drink. And if someone lives off post, they'll try to help that person get a taxi.

"We do this year-round. We just emphasize it during the holidays because we realize there are more parties during the holiday period," said Capt. Dale McNeely, chief of police operations. "We're here to assist and serve."

All someone at a club on post has to do is call the military police desk at 876-2222. The MPs will provide a ride home if the person lives on post and help an off-post resident get a taxi at his or her own expense. In either case the military police will help ensure that the individual's car is locked so it can be picked up later.

A local group, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, is providing a courtesy ride program for patrons at clubs off post.

"We want people to have a happy holiday season and we don't want anybody to be apprehended for DUI (driving under the influence) and possibly mess up their career," McNeely said. "We don't want anything tragic to happen."

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Many donate to Christmas food basket program

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Donations have come from throughout Redstone for the chaplains' Christmas food basket program to help needy military families.

"We're having just an excellent response," said Chaplain (Capt.) Cecil Ryland, project officer for the program. Today is the scheduled closing date for the annual effort that helped 67 families last year.

Among the many units, organizations and clubs who participated this year were the Test, Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment (TMDE) Support Group and the post restaurant fund. The group of calibrators donated canned goods and a \$100 check that was contributed by a local fishing club.

A civilian in TMDE, Richard Hachey, selected the food basket program to receive the check from the North Alabama Hydra-Sport Bass Club. Each member of the club picked out a Christmas activity in Madison County they wanted the club to make a donation to.

"We're making a \$1,000 donation throughout the county to various activities," said Hachey, the only member who works at Redstone. "All the members picked out an activity they want to make a donation to."

Half of the \$1,000 came from the club's tournament winnings and the other half from Hydra-Sport Inc. in Nashville, the company that makes the boats that every club member owns. "We were glad that we could contribute money to the Christmas charities so we could help people have a little better Christmas," Hachey said.

Canned goods were collected from the 95th Maintenance Company and headquarters TMDE. The food items and the check were to be presented to Chaplain Ryland in a ceremony at TMDE headquarters Dec. 20. "Whatever we can do to help this cause, we certainly want to try," said Capt. Micheal Coleman of the support group.

"It's a most worthwhile and solid Christian effort to assist these families during this holiday season," said Col. James Edge, the group's commander. "The people here in the group are to be highly commended and warmly thanked for their generosity."

The post restaurant fund meanwhile voluntarily set up a box in each of the six civilian cafeterias to collect items for the food basket program. For each donation, people could pick up a coupon from a cashier for a free beverage or a free cup of coffee.

"All this is going to the military families at Christmas time so we're just trying to help out the military community," said Sally Schubert, who did this with post restaurant fund co-worker Cindy Powell. They decorated the boxes in wrapping paper and put a poster above each box telling people to call the chaplain for more information.

"We've also had a few vendors who said they might donate also to the chaplains fund," Schubert said. "That was pretty nice of them."

The chaplains had sent out a letter describing the

need and stating that 67 families were helped last year by the Christmas food basket program. Check donations are distributed to families according to family size. The checks are made out to the commissary for them to purchase perishable goods not in their food basket such as meats, sugar and flour.

"All this needs to be here at Post Chapel by close of business on 21 December," said Chaplain Ryland. "That's our closing date (for the Christmas food basket program)."



PRETTY PACKAGES—NCO wives Dessie Johnson and Elizabeth Marion put Christmas wrapping on a package for shopper Gary Johnson. NCO Wives Club members volunteer their time to wrap packages for post exchange patrons. Proceeds from the service are donated to needy families, charities and scholarship funds.

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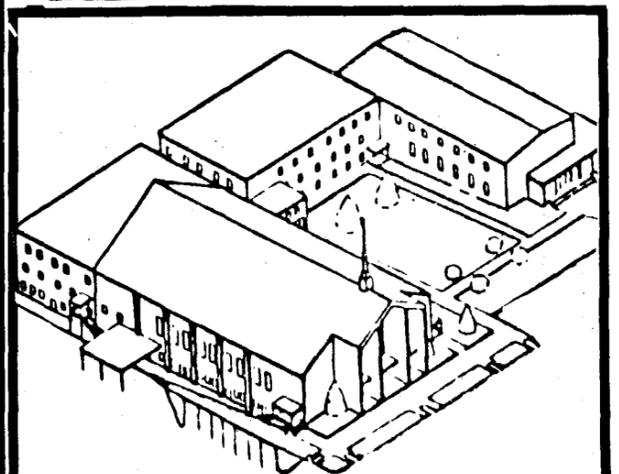
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Readiness

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A businessman

Babers, 52, has a rich background in materiel development and readiness, having spent 18 years in Army Materiel Command and DARCOM. He calls himself a "businessman" and laughs at the "deputy scrooge" characterization. He thinks military shoppers do best in a competitive marketplace like everyone else. As a soldier and as a businessman, he aims to see that the Army's spare parts dollars are spent wisely and wants special recognition for those in DARCOM and elsewhere who make a special effort to ensure that is done. He also wants called into account those who are guilty of spare parts abuses, both vendors and government workers. And he worries about the public perception of how wisely the military spends those dollars entrusted to it.

But perhaps his biggest concern is the effect spare parts abuses may have on the weapons soldiers stake their lives on.

"I'm the deputy commanding general for readiness of equipment in the field and a big part of readiness is directly related to repair parts," said Babers in an interview here. "If you don't have sufficient repair parts in the right place, when you need them, then you've got equipment that's deadlined."

"Readiness at any price is not the answer. Unless you're getting your money's worth, then you're paying too much and if you're paying too much for selected parts then you're not going to have enough money to go around," the general said.

Each commodity command now has a deputy commanding general for procurement and readiness, a new title (since last December) reflecting DARCOM's emphasis on the relationship between procurement and readiness. Newly-established under that general officer is the position of program manager for spare parts acquisition.

DARCOM's effort to insure spare parts are fairly priced and that abuses are uncovered, corrected and punished has three main parts.

"It starts with the involvement of management from top to bottom, all the way from the lowest buyer...up through the commanding general.

"We have reviewed every procedure and regulation that governs the way we do business and have revised them to ensure management is more heavily involved than before," Babers said.

Secondly, DARCOM is working to improve training of all who participate in the acquisition process and to develop "tools" to aid in pricing.

'Breakout' program

The third thrust is a "breakout" program to reduce sole source procurements. In this connection, spare parts are "broken out" of a prime contract when technical data and review of manufacturer's capabilities shows they can be bought competitively or directly from manufacturers eliminating a middleman.

Babers notes with some pride that more than 60 percent of DARCOM's spare parts contracts are competitive as are almost 50 percent of spare parts dollars. "That's by far the highest percentage among the (military) services," the general said. "We've had a commitment to competition and small business for a lot of years and it's reflected in those numbers. But we're not satisfied with it and in fact the direction coming from the Secretary of Defense is that we will do everything in our power to increase those percentages."

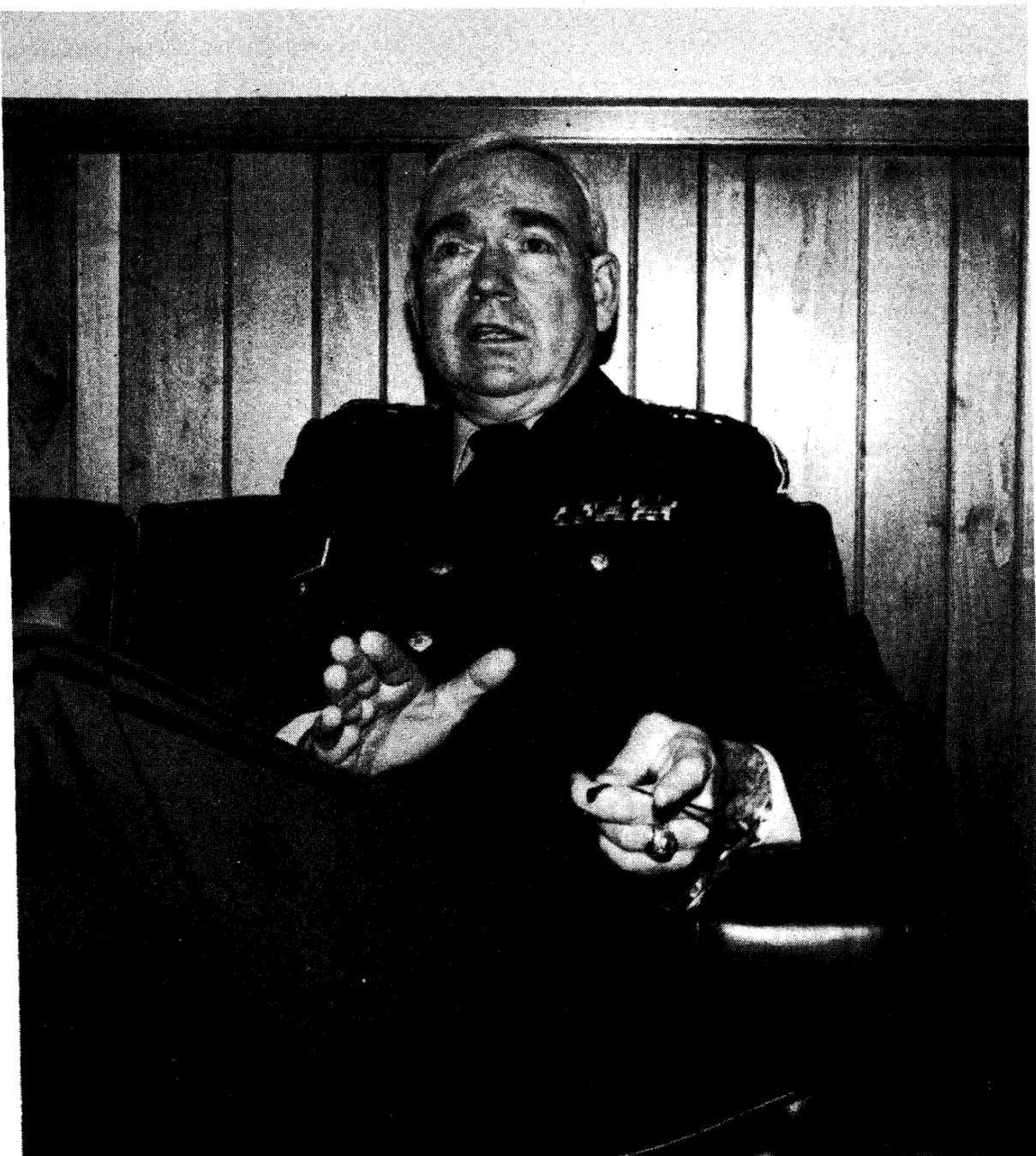
People in the workforce can help in many ways, Babers suggested. Along with approaching each purchase as if they were buying for themselves, one important way is to learn before buying what a part looks like, the material it's made of and the degree of precision and difficulty involved in making it. Overcharging may occur when a person approving a purchase has insufficient familiarity with the part.

Buyers should always scrutinize a price increase and also should take advantage of quantity discounts when buying recurring—need parts.

Finally, people can help by reporting unreasonable prices to the Army's new "hotline" service at Autovon 977-7431.

No headlines

Despite DARCOM's billion dollar volume of spare parts business, the command hasn't made headlines with its buying practices as other military services have. Credit that partly to competitive procurement philosophy, according to Babers. "I think the buying practices I've talked about with 60 percent of our awards being on a competitive basis have helped give



"DEPUTY SCROOGE"—Lt. Gen. Donald Babers makes a point while discussing spare parts pricing. "Life" magazine has called him a DARCOM "Deputy Scrooge" in a humorous reference to his tough approach to spare parts abuses.

us a little healthier atmosphere than perhaps some of the other services," he said.

"Irrespective of that, we have found a number of instances over the past year where we don't think we're getting our money's worth, where we've been overcharged. And I might add that we're going after the firms that overcharged us to get that money back.

"We've also found instances where we know we got a very good buy," he continued. "So we've found some cases where we might have paid too much and we've found some others to counterbalance that where industry gave us an extremely good buy.

"We're interested in both sides of that equation. What we want is a good buy for the Army and a healthy industry that is making a reasonable profit. Current actions on repair parts should satisfy both of

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Summing up, the general said, "There should be no mistake on anyone's mind that we mean business."

"We've got many more things to be proud of than to hang our head about. We're going to build on the positive things; I think programs are in process right now that should overcome our weaknesses.

"I think people can be very proud of what they've done in the past. When we give them the right training, the right procedures, the right supervision, then you can count on them everytime to do an outstanding job."

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Command creates spare parts office; workers at all levels asked to help

BY ED PETERS

A new office is being established here to make sure that when the command buys spare parts, it gets what it needs and pays a fair price.

The MICOM Parts Acquisition Office is being led by a program manager, Lt. Col. Dicky Love, an ordnance officer with logistics and research and development experience. He is assembling a management staff of approximately 10 specialists in logistics, engineering, procurement and computer fields.

"My role is one of pulling together the resources at MICOM to reduce costs through expanding competition in the spare parts acquisition process," said Love, 41, previously chief of the anti-tactical missile program and before that a special assistant to the deputy commanding general for research and development.

While assembling a permanent staff, Love is being assisted by Gayle Genoe of Procurement and Production, Jim Watts representing the missile laboratory, Bill Hannah of Missile Logistics Center and John Daly of Systems Evaluation and Analysis Office.

The four had previously comprised an ad hoc committee that had been studying spare parts acquisition at MICOM. They will be assisting Love about 60 days.

Already MICOM has dedicated item managers to screening spare parts prices and flagging for review these that are suspect, according to Love. Also, value engineering is being done to determine "should cost" and parts are being studied for shifting from sole source or restrictive purchase to competitive procurement.

Love's group activities will be geared to implementing a plan of spare parts acquisition initiatives called "Sprint".

The Sprint plan was delivered here Dec. 8 by Lt. Gen. Donald Babers who is in charge of spare parts acquisition management at DARCOM.

The plan was assembled by DARCOM from the best of individual plans drawn up by commodity commands to implement 25 major acquisition initiatives put together by the Secretary of Defense. There has been stinging criticism by the press and public of military spare parts acquisition practices and contractor pricing that in extreme cases had led to the paying of outrageous sums for hardware items sold publicly at low cost.

Parts acquisition offices are being established at all of DARCOM's commodity commands. General officers from those commands met here week before last to talk out spare parts acquisition problems and the best ways to solve them.

Love calls himself "an advocate of fair pricing and of the necessity to make the government a smart buyer." He believes that a "team effort" is essential to his success as program manager for parts acquisition.

"My job is to orchestrate the efforts of government and industry toward a common goal of reducing costs by enhancing competition, without affecting the readiness integrity of soldiers' weapons in the field," said Love.

The program manager believes that "spare parts is everybody's business." He said he will establish soon a "mini-hotline" people can use to report spare parts pricing problems. In the meantime, Love can be reached at 876-7644.

The new MICOM Parts Acquisition Office is under Brig. Gen. Charles Murray, MICOM deputy for procurement and readiness.

He believes the office will serve "...as a very tangible

reminder of the importance of (parts acquisition) functions and as showing the level of command interest and involvement in those functions."

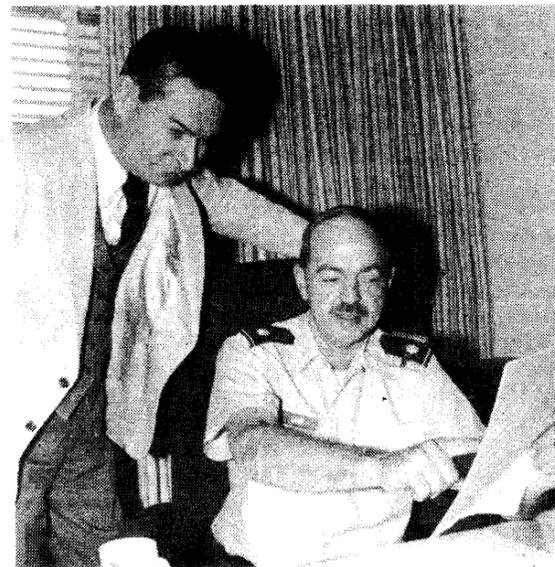
Murray wants people in the command to "act as a whole series of eyes and ears for us.

"Many of our people are involved in the acquisition of repair parts," he explained, "and this involves them reviewing documents and if they find, for example, a price that strikes them as being out of line, they need to surface that and cause that to be challenged to determine if we are in fact getting a bad price.

"If they review a drawing or some other technical document and it seems to them that the part they are looking at is being gold plated i.e. there's a process that's not necessary to accomplish the function of that part, then they need to surface that and have it challenged.

"But this repair parts program manager's office is not going to be able to see all those things," continued Murray, who is the command's special advocate for competition.

"So workers in MICOM at all levels have a very important role to play in this spare parts acquisition business. The office will try to bring together all the efforts, but it's the people, the individual workers at their duty stations throughout MICOM, that will really make this program successful."



NEW OFFICE—Lt. Col. Dicky Love and John Daly look over papers establishing the Parts Acquisition Office. Daly is one of a group assisting in setting up the office.

Several factors can inflate parts prices

Why do spare parts seem to cost so much sometimes?

There are several factors that may work to cause the price the government pays for a part to exceed its true value, according to pricing experts here.

One is error. Something as simple as a decimal just one numeral out of place could cause a ten-fold increase (or decrease) in the price of a part. When a buy includes a large number of parts, a wrong entry among hundreds or thousands may escape detection.

Some items, diodes for example, are inexpensive in retail stores but may become costly when built to special military specifications.

Sometimes parts bought singly or in low quantity are subjected by suppliers to a "minimum order" charge which can make unit cost very high.

Another factor that escalates the price of parts is the "burden" charges that may apply. These are business expenses specified in a contract over and above cost of materials that the supplier is allowed to pass on to the government. These charges may include material overhead for buying, storing, distribution and such; reimbursement for rent, utilities and depreciation; overtime premium; administrative costs and other charges. When these costs are apportioned at the same rate against both high dollar value and low dollar value items in a parts buy, it can give the appearance of the low dollar value parts costing more than they should have, even though the government received good dollar value in the total parts buy.

The Defense Department is changing its way of doing business so that burden charge will not inflate the low dollar value items to make it appear they were unfairly priced.

In nearly all cases where the government has paid an unfair price for a part, the transaction was legal. However, Defense agencies are reviewing purchase documents in an attempt to identify price gouging so that overpayments can be recovered.

Hotline established for price checks

WASHINGTON—Supply items that appear to cost more than they should can now be reported through a central hotline established at the Department of the Army.

The deputy chief of staff for logistics has assigned this function to the management information research assistance center. The center is located at DARCOM's catalog data activity in New Cumberland, Pa.

The hotline operates 24 hours a day and may be reached by calling autovon 997-7431 or commercial (717) 782-7431. Callers must give their name, rank, unit phone number, the stock number of the item, past and current price of the item in question. They should also give the month and year of the microfiche from which the current price may be obtained.

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A Christmas remembrance

BY PATRICIA SHANNON THOMAS

It was Christmas eve and snowing outside. As I sat in my rocking chair looking at the Christmas tree, I remembered a night like this long ago. I could still see it as if it were only yesterday. I must have only been about three or four years old at the time and my sister Rose was five or six.

We lived in France, way out in the countryside, in an old house made of stone. The front room had a couch, a table and chairs made of wood, and a very old grandfather clock that reached right to the top of the ceiling. It was my favorite thing in the whole house. For as old as it was, it was perfect in every way, and the pendulum had a hand-engraved picture in brass and copper of a girl sitting on a swing under a tree. There was also a big iron woodstove that kept the whole house toasty warm, and a large-sized sink by the window also made of stone. It had a water pump and after we'd use the sink, I would look out the window and I'd watch the water drain out into the front road.

In the back, there was a bedroom where everyone slept. There were two double beds—one facing the other as you walked in the doorway of the room. My sick grandfather slept in one and my mother and sister in the other. On each side of the beds were armoires where we kept all our clothes and linens. They, like the grandfather clock, had to be at least two hundred years old. The beautiful detail in the wood made them very special and wonderful. On the side of one of the beds, near the window was my bed. It was an iron baby bed with a mattress filled with hay.

It was Christmas eve, we had just finished putting up our Christmas tree near the couch. It had all kinds of home-made decorations. We were all so proud.

Finally, my mother went to the bedroom and put a hot-water bottle at the end of each of our beds to help keep our feet a little warmer. Then she put my sister and me to bed. As she left the room, she closed the door behind her. It was very dark. I couldn't even see my own hand in front of me. Rose and I could hear my grandfather and mother talking. She was telling him how she didn't have any money to buy a Christmas gift for my sister nor I, to put under the tree; and that she'd try making cookies from scratch and hopefully we'd be happy for Christmas.

After hearing all that, Rose and I whispered to each other—we both were happy to get that much. Living so far out in the country, we hardly even had candy; so once in a while if we were at someone's visiting, and were good, they'd give us a cube of sugar. To us it was a big treat.

Pretty soon, Rose and I talked about our father, who was gone to war, and how we missed him.

As we talked, time seemed to go by quickly and we could no longer hear my mother talking in the other room. My sister got up out of bed and felt her way to the door. She cracked it open just enough to see what was going on out there. As she did that, I could smell the aroma of sweet ginger cookies seep in. Rose quickly closed the door and jumped back into bed. She told me that Mom had finished making cookies and was writing a letter, while Grandpa was reading his book. We both got back to whispering more. After a while, we heard a sound, as if a pebble had hit the window shutter. We got very quiet to listen and soon we heard another pebble hit, only a little harder this time.

Just then, Rose and I decided it was time to investigate. We felt our way to the window and opened it. As we opened the wooden shutters, we could feel the bitter winter chill begin to flood the dark bedroom. As we looked outside, we could see a very old man standing there in the backyard.

The fluffly snowflakes were falling all around him but he didn't seem to mind. Though it was dark, the little old man had a large cane and a candle in one hand that made him seem to glow. In the other hand, he



(Illustration by Jeri Lynn Thomas)

held a big bag. This man had a long white beard and a long red robe with a white rope around his waist for a belt. We asked him kindly what he was doing standing there. He smiled and said in a gentle yet firm voice, "I come for those who believe. If you honestly think I am who you think I am, then I am here for you."

Suddenly, our mother came walking into the room with wonder of what was going on; and as she did, the old man ran off laughing and giggling. By the time our mother looked out the window to see who was there, he had gone.

The next morning when we all had awakened, we looked under the Christmas tree expecting the cookies, but to our surprise there were also tons of chocolates

and candies. There sat a beautiful doll for Rose and a stuffed teddybear for me. My mother and grandfather even got a little something, and as I looked at them both, I could see the stunned and puzzled looks on their faces.

It was the happiest Christmas all of us ever had, but to this day we never knew who that little old man was from so long ago....

Unless, it was who we really thought it was.

Patricia Shannon Thomas is the daughter of Missile Intelligence Agency's Lewis Shannon.

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Christmas party for elderly has spirit of giving

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The elderly woman from the Senior Center downtown looked at the balloon animal she was handed at the entrance of the Officers Club and asked if it was for her.

It was of course and so was the rest of the entertainment and food provided at the Officers Wives Club annual Christmas party for senior citizens. Three busloads of people from the Senior Center were escorted into the club where they ate party snacks, listened to singing and received gifts.

"Very nice, very nice," said 74-year-old Lawrence Maines, a retired minister. "The ladies are especially nice. Very cordial."

He performed magic tricks for two OWC members at his table. His wife, it turned out, wasn't there because she's a teacher.

Those who attended listened to singing by Redstone preschoolers and by the Village Singers from the University of Alabama in Huntsville. They received balloon animals from three clowns, the Cahaba Buffoons, from the Cahaba Shrine Temple. They saw Miss Piggy (OWC's Sally Shepard in costume) and Santa (Chaplain Delbert Gremmels) and his elf (OWC's Linda Williams).

"I think it's very nice," said 58-year-old Lyda Ray who goes to the day care center daily.

About 100 people from the Senior Center were

brought to the club by Army buses. The six officer escorts were from the Missile and Munitions Center and School. "I think it was a noteworthy cause. Very glad to participate," said Capt. Willie Brazile, operations officer for 515th Ordnance Company.

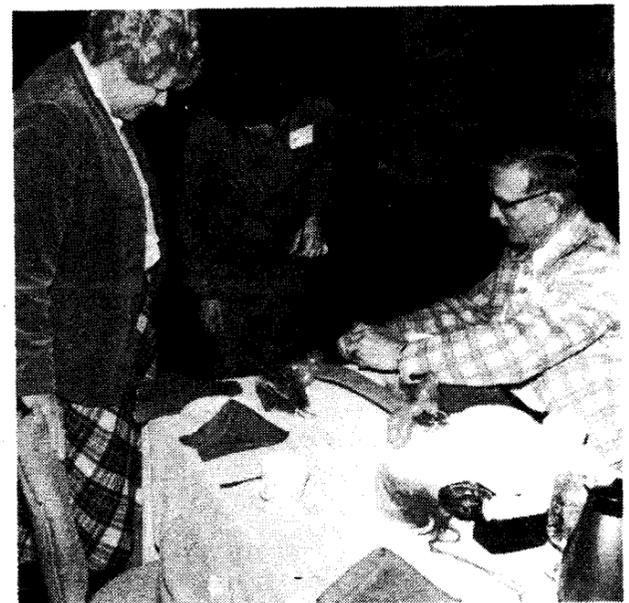
"Merry Christmas," said OWC's Celia Bunyard as she greeted the guests at the door. "Come on in here where it's warm."

The Officers Wives Club sponsored the event that was hosted by the MICOM Ladies group. That group collected more than 125 wrapped gifts for the senior citizens to take home along with their Christmas candy, balloon animal and fresh fruit.

Everyone seemed to be in a giving mood because the OWC donated \$50 to the shriners clowns, \$400 to the Chaplains' Christmas baskets for needy families, \$75 to the senior center, and \$50 to the Village Singers.

More than 120 members from the OWC attended. Members had decorated the ballroom in banners, potted flowers and red velvet bows. The Christmas tree, lighted earlier this month by Maj. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard, was trimmed in red apples, candy canes and red gingham bows.

"It's kind of a gift to the community and we like to share our good fortune," said Susan Carr, OWC publicity chairman. "And I think most of all everybody enjoys doing it."



HOLIDAY FUN—Local senior citizens were treated to clowns, carolers, coffee and snacks at an OWC-sponsored Christmas party.



Picker predicts holiday college basketball games



BY SKIP VAUGHN

The college basketball season is shaping up and into a two team race with Kentucky and North Carolina appearing to have most of the horses.

Others to watch include Georgetown, Houston and UCLA. Louisville seems to be picking up steam and Memphis State is always dangerous.

Picking basketball is more difficult than picking football because the teams play more often. And many teams seem to relax against underrated opponents which sets the perfect atmosphere for upsets. Remember what little Chalminade of Hawaii did to Ralph Sampson—led Virginia last year.

Barring a major upset Kentucky's Wildcats and North Carolina's Tar Heels should continue their winning ways until NCAA tournament time. Kentucky is led by an outstanding front line that includes 7-1 Sam Bowie, 6-11 Melvin Turpin and 6-8 Kenny Walker. North Carolina has All-World Michael Jordan 6-6 at guard and super Sam Perkins 6-9.

The Rocket won't publish again until the holidays are over so this picker had to forecast several days ahead. If Skip's Picks do well, may they be remembered. If not, may they be forgotten with the New Year's toasts. Merry Christmas!

Wake Forest at Marquette (Dec. 21)—Marquette
 Texas Tech at Memphis State (Dec. 21)—Memphis State
 Colorado at Duke (Dec. 21)—Duke
 Western Kentucky at Georgetown (Dec. 21)—Georgetown
 Alabama State at Arkansas (Dec. 21)—Ark.
 Kansas State at Indiana (Dec. 21)—Ind.
 Drake at Iowa (Dec. 21)—Iowa
 Purdue at DePaul (Dec. 22)—DePaul
 Auburn at Mississippi State (Dec. 22)—Auburn
 Tennessee at Arizona (Dec. 23)—Tenn.
 Florida at Florida State (Dec. 23)—FSU
 Boston College at Maryland (Dec. 24)—Md.
 Louisville at Houston (Dec. 25)—Louisville
 Kentucky at Purdue (Dec. 28)—Ky.
 Illinois at Missouri (Dec. 28)—Missouri
 Brigham Young at UCLA (Dec. 28)—UCLA
 Xavier at Georgia (Dec. 29)—Georgia
 Kentucky at Illinois (Dec. 31)—Ky.
 DePaul at Creighton (Dec. 31)—DePaul
 Vanderbilt at Louisiana State (Jan. 1)—LSU
 Florida at Alabama (Jan. 2)—Bama
 Army at Jacksonville (Jan. 2)—Jacksonville

Kentucky at Ole Miss (Jan. 2)—Ky.
 Air Force at Hawaii (Jan. 3)—Hawaii
 Villanova at Syracuse (Jan. 3)—Syracuse
 Louisiana State at Georgia (Jan. 4)—Georgia
 Florida at Mississippi State (Jan. 4)—Miss State
 Maryland at North Carolina State (Jan. 4)—NC State
 Notre Dame at LaSalle (Jan. 4)—ND
 Virginia Tech vs. Virginia (Jan. 4)—Tech
 Boston Univ. at North Carolina (Jan. 5)—NC
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Recruiting command moves 'closer to mainstream'

WASHINGTON—With a recent change in its organizational terminology, the U.S. Army Recruiting Command at Fort Sheridan, Ill., hopes to move the command "closer to the mainstream of the Army."

The change redesignated USAREC "region and district commands" as "recruiting brigades" and "recruiting battalions," respectively. Specifically, says USAREC officials, this results in the following numerical scheme:

The old "Northeast Region" now is the U.S. Army 1st Recruiting Brigade (northeast); "Southeast

Region" now is the U.S. Army 2nd Recruiting Brigade (southeast); "Midwest Region" now is the U.S. Army 4th Recruiting Brigade (midwest); "Southwest Region" now is the 5th Recruiting Brigade (southwest); and "Western Region" now is the 6th Recruiting Brigade (western). No 3D brigade exists.

In place of the "district recruiting commands," the formal title is "U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion," followed by the name of the current "DRC." For example, the Baltimore-Washington DRC now is the U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion, Baltimore-

Washington.

Officials say that the "area recruiting commands" now are called companies, but are not lettered. Example: The Butte, Mont., ARC now is the Area Command Recruiting Company, Butte. Units below company level, officials say, are retaining their current names.

The command is comprised of 56 battalions with more than 250 companies throughout the five brigades. (Arnews)

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Accrued Income	1,690,181
Prepaid & Deferred	120,688
Fixed Assets	3,958,937
Other Assets	772,811
TOTAL ASSETS	\$167,606,115

Liability & Equity

Accounts Payable	\$ 115,890
Dividends Payable*	2,940,880
Accrued & Deferred	156,963
Other Liabilities	(32,730)
Shares	92,059,067
Shares Certificates	66,111,295
Reserves	6,254,750
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$167,606,115

Operating Income

Loans	\$3,915,190
Investments	1,180,043
Other Operating Income	187,132
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$5,282,365

Expenses

Operating Expense	\$1,020,884
Members' Benefits	314,980
Return to Members	\$3,146,312
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,482,176

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MMCS graduates last Nike class

BY MAGGIE CUMMINS

The graduation of the last Nike-Hercules Radar and Computer Repairman Course (MOS 23N) at the Missile and Munitions Center and School took place Dec. 13 at the post theater.

Four U.S. Army students and two from Taiwan successfully completed 43 weeks of instruction on major radar and computer items of Nike battery and support equipment and participated in the graduation exercises.

Members of the officiating party at the graduation were; Brig. Gen. Donald R. Infante, Patriot project manager, the Missile Command; Col. Sammie E. Harrison, deputy assistant commandant at the school, Chaplain Delbert Payne, School Brigade chaplain and Lt. Col. Richard F. Pendleton, director of the Air Defense Training Department.

As guest speaker at the graduation, Infante gave words of praise and encouragement to the graduates. He said there are many plateaus in the field of technology and urged the graduates to come up with a set of goals early in their lives and try to meet them.

"Each one of us can do something better than anyone else," said Infante, "but keep in mind that the someone else can do something better than you. It takes teamwork and don't think that you know everything because of the technical skills you learned here, keep going. Work hard at getting along with people and together accomplish things you may never have imagined possible."

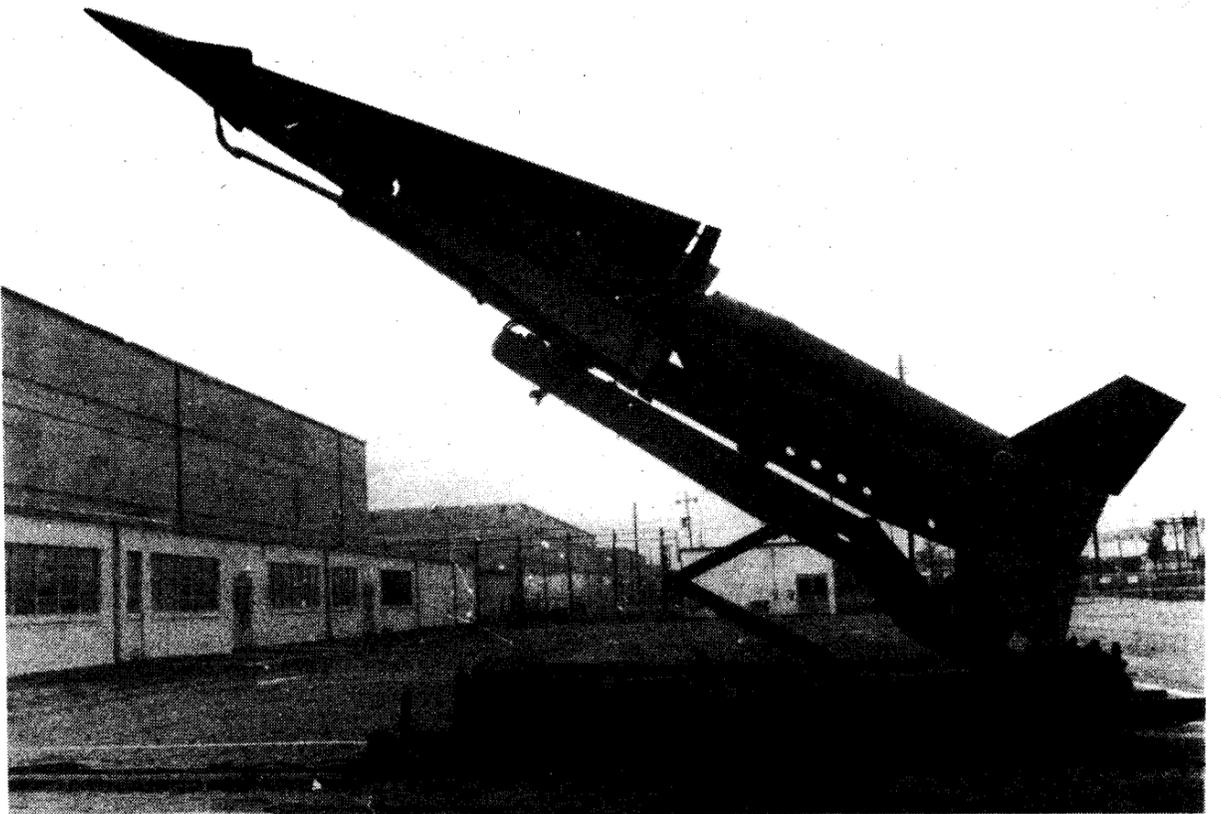
The students seemed to be impressed with their guest speaker, not only because of his rank, but because of the speech he gave.

"I feel lucky that we got a general to be our guest speaker, none of the other classes had it so nicely done," said PFC Robert D. Tabet. "The instructors were good but I don't think they should retire the Nike-Hercules."

PFC Tracy Tompkins said, "It's nice to have been the last class and get this kind of graduation. I didn't know that we were the last class until today, they should have told us."

Over the past 25 years, 4,088 23N personnel have graduated from MMCS.

The major items taught were director station, track-



NIKE-HERCULES missile has been operational since 1958. The school graduated its last class of Nike repairers Dec. 13.

ing station, low power acquisition radar and missile tracking radar. Other major items were; target tracking radar and target ranging radar.

The purpose of the course was to provide enlisted personnel with the knowledge to inspect and perform support maintenance on the Nike-Hercules major items.

Capt. Laura Noble, commander of the 6th Student Company, said, "These people (23N) are needed now. If nothing else they can train foreign countries in these

areas."

The only U.S. forces Nike-Hercules systems still deployed are in U.S. Army Europe and these units are currently being inactivated.

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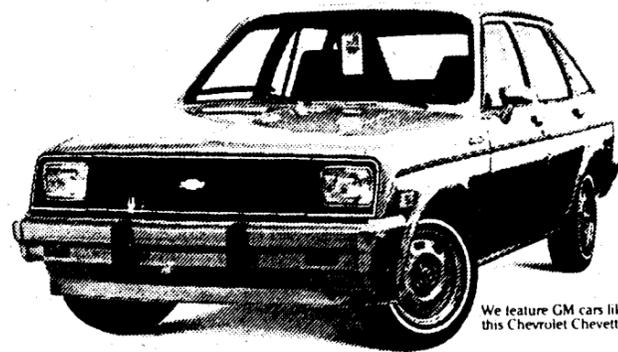
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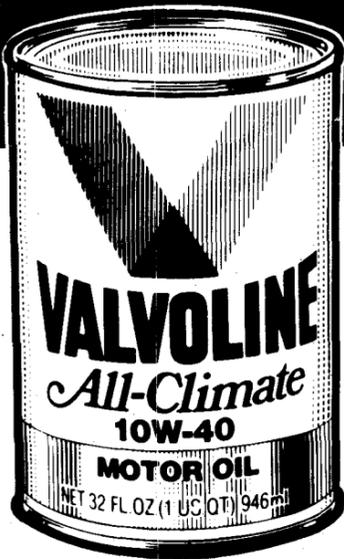
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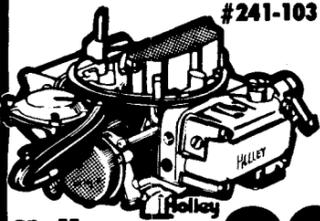
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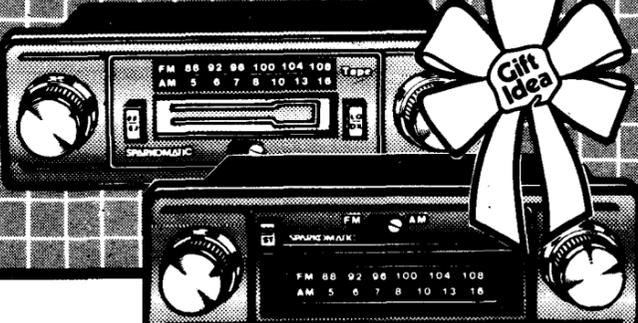


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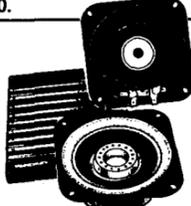
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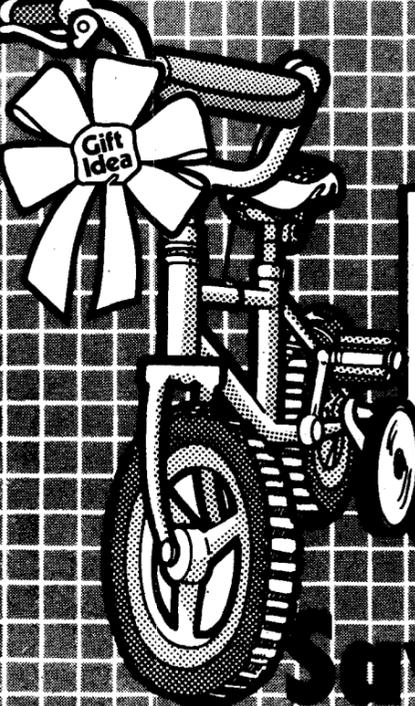
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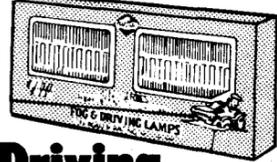
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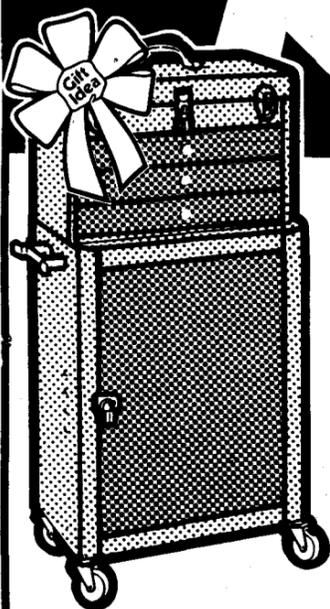
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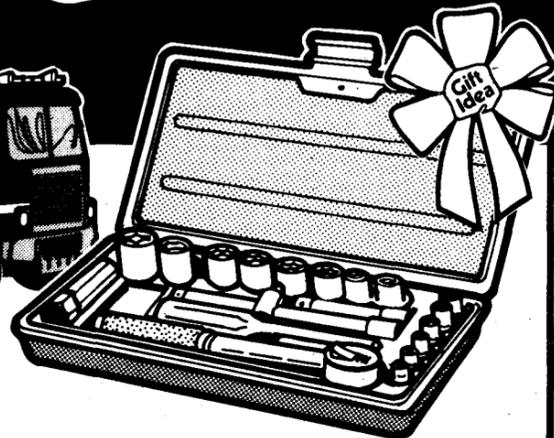
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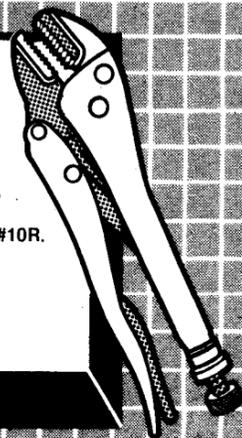
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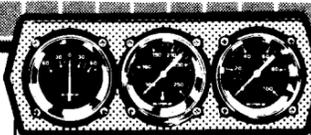
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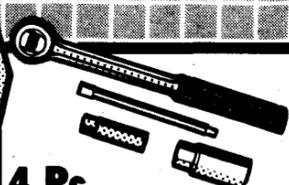
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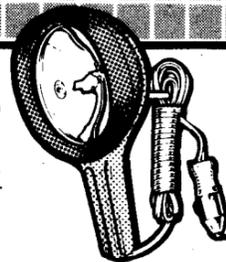
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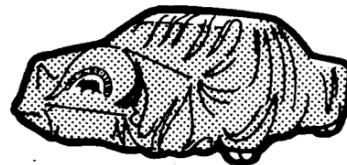
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Computer Christmas card brightens training department

BY MAGGIE CUMMINS

The Missile and Munitions Center and School's Electronic and Technology Training Department offered a different kind of Christmas card display for the holiday season.

The display stemmed from an idea Maj. Andrew S. Rohaly, director of ETD, had while passing by a classroom.

Margaret Morgan was instructing a computer basic language course for the staff and faculty and demonstrating how to use different patterns around a title to add continuity to the material on the computer screen.

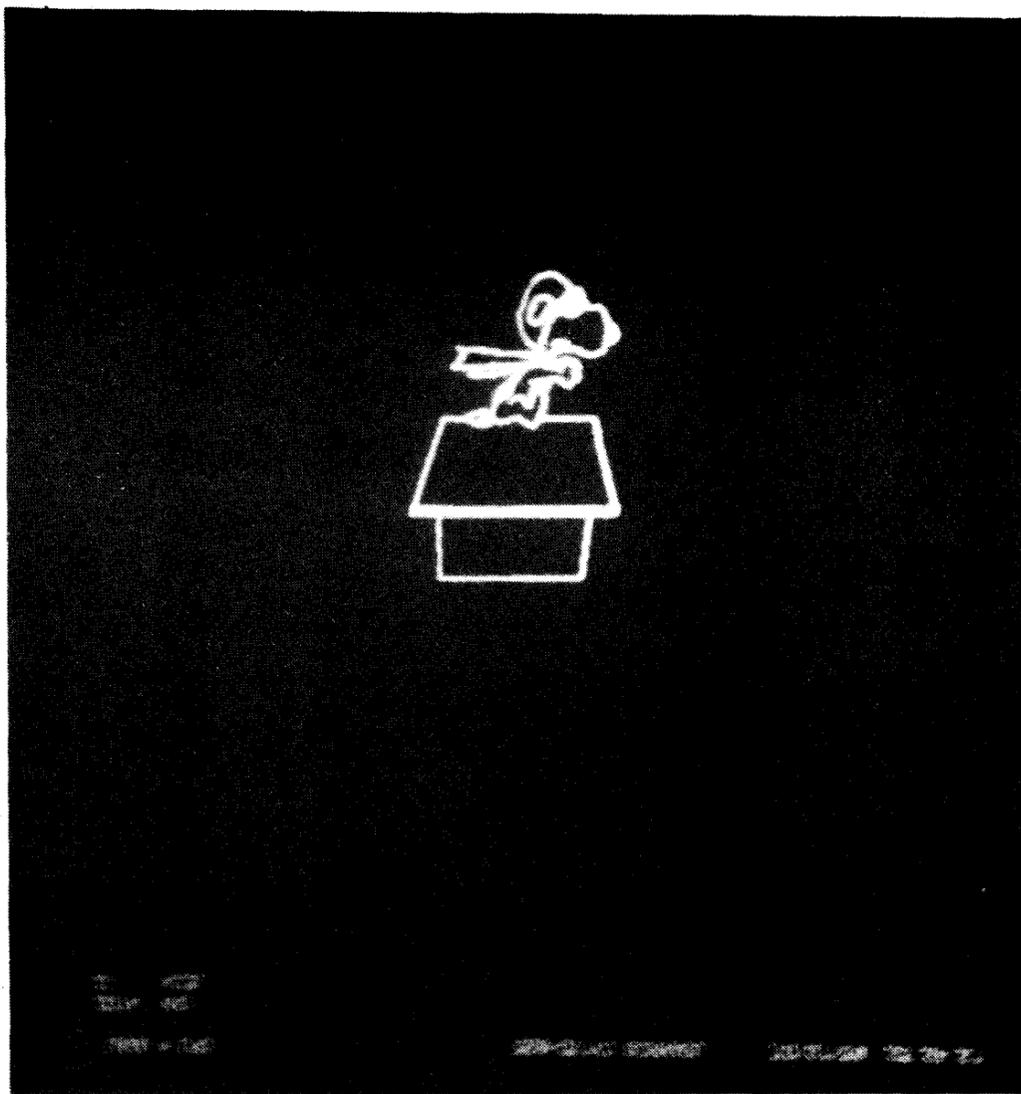
Rohaly said, "Wow, it looks like a Christmas tree or something." That would make a nice Christmas card for the department, he thought to himself and asked Morgan and Leif Robertson, a computer specialist instructor, if they could make a Christmas card on the computer monitor with different patterns.

Morgan and Robertson worked on their own time and created not only the first computer Christmas card for ETD on a computer monitor, but also added music with animation to the scene.

Rohaly said that he had seen the giant Christmas cards that the student companies put up by the Post Chapel and he wanted this card to be ETD's way of showing the kind of talent and technology the department has.

"It's our way of saying Merry Christmas to all the students and guests of ETD," said Rohaly.

Beginning Dec. 20, visitors to the main foyer of the Electronic Technology Training Department were to be greeted by a computer display of a brightly colored Christmas scene with eight tiny reindeer pulling a sleigh with Santa Claus aboard, as "Jingle Bells" played in the background.



SNOOPY was featured in the computer Christmas card display at the school's Electronic and Technology Training Department.



COMPUTER CHRISTMAS SCENE with reindeer on lawn beside the house is shown by computer programmer Leif Anderson. He and Margaret Morgan donated their time weekends and after hours to create the display.

Protocol officer plans her last function; retirement



Davenport

BY ED PETERS

In 1955, the holiday edition of the employee publication at Milan Arsenal featured on its front page a large Christmas tree. The ornaments were cut-out pictures of Milan personnel instrumental in helping their contractor employee turn back a bid by a union to represent workers at the west Tennessee ammunition plant.

Plant management saved the space at the top of the tree for a special employee in the personnel department whose ability to listen to workers and take care of their needs and problems, to represent them in a manner of speaking, was credited with making the workers decide that they did not need union representation.

At the top of the tree, in a cut-out shaped like an angel, was a photograph of Stacy Davenport.

Then, as now, Davenport was known as a person who gave 100 percent and then some to her employer, as any of the dozen or so commanders she's worked for as protocol officer here can tell you.

After 25 years of planning business and social functions for commanders at MICOM, Davenport retires at the end of the month and plans to return to the Medina, Tenn. farm that has been in her family nearly 80 years.

She is fixing up the old home she was born in and says she may get some goats to help clear the brush and briars from her 40 acres.

She came to Redstone Arsenal via Milan Arsenal where she had worked 16 years, six for the Army and 10 for Procter and Gamble which ran the Army ammunition plant under contract. Before that she had taught school five years.

Davenport was among about 500 personnel who made the move south to Redstone at a time this arsenal was booming and Milan was low on work.

She started work here on Monday, Jan. 27, 1958 and that next Friday the Army launched the nation's first satellite, Explorer I.

Davenport was assigned to the command's control office where her boss, then-Col. John Zierdt, asked her to take over the visitors program at a time when the program was in disarray yet many VIPs were wanting to come here because of the space program. She recalls her boss telling her, "See if you can get a handle on it, Stacy, because we don't know who's coming in or going out."

She went to work, taking over visitor control from a major who wanted out due to the frustrations of the job. From that beginning Davenport has molded MICOM's protocol program into one that has long been regarded one of the best in the Army.

She has arranged for the command visits of presidents and princes, as well as congressmen and more military and civilian dignitaries from the defense establishment than she can begin to count.

Among the better known command visitors during her tenure as protocol officer have been Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy and Vice-presidents Johnson and Humphrey.

She recalls a visit by Greek Prince Constantine, whose escort was a U.S. Army colonel who carried a swagger stick, as senior officers here did in those days. They were an odd couple touring the nation's premier missile organization, Davenport remembers. "The prince was a 19-year-old boy. The colonel was as stiff as he could be with that stick and the prince was winking at all the girls," she said with a chuckle.

Another command visit by royalty resulted in a near brush with tragedy. As was often the case with VIP visits, the command had taken extraordinary measures to conceal this visit of a Saudi Arabian prince from the

press and public for security reasons. The prince and retinue were put up in the motel in the airport. "The prince was on the phone with his daddy at 2 or 3 a.m. when he smelled smoke," Davenport remembers. "His valet had caught his mattress afire when he fell asleep smoking." The prince and party were evacuated from the motel. "That's how the town found out a Saudi prince was here," Davenport said.

On one occasion she arranged for former Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird to be secreted onto the arsenal for a weekend to spend Thanksgiving with his daughter living in an apartment in Huntsville. She was married to a student co-oping at NASA out of the University of Tennessee. "I don't know if NASA knows that to this day," she said.

But no matter who the visitor, Davenport's goal was always the same: "to see that their visit was smooth and that they got what they came here for, and that they in turn would give their consideration to the Army that would help the Army along."

"The key to the job," according to Davenport, "is being a detail person. If you're not, something may fall through a crack and that's the very thing that may get you."

"You've got to work at it, got to be able to get what you want. The secret to a great deal of that is to know who to ask to help you."

The job also demands someone who can take pressure—"There are days when the pressure is very high"—and does not mind working long hours.

Davenport's typical week is "40 hours plus however much it takes to get the job done." In a recent week she put in 32 hours of overtime.

She rarely received overtime pay. "I've drawn very little overtime pay since I've been at this arsenal," she said.

Although she gets some compensatory time, she seldom had time to take it and often forfeited annual leave she was unable to take.

"When a person is single and doesn't have children, I think they tend to let their job fill a spot," Davenport explained of her devotion to her job.

So how does she feel about leaving that job and retiring? "Great! I'll miss the people but I'm ready to retire. Everybody who knows me thinks I'll have a hard time adjusting. I don't think so," she said with a confident smile, "but I may get a surprise."



DOLL DRAWING—PX Manager Robert Davis shows Cabbage Patch dolls sold at the PX Friday. The first 48 names drawn got to purchase the dolls which have been a scarce item in high demand this Christmas.

First sergeant wants to 'sit and chat' with troops

BY SHEILA WALKER

Soldiers in Company A are getting a new first sergeant who feels that the troops are his first priority.

"I'm a troop's sergeant. I want to be able to meet with my people, and not to meet out punishments or to hear gripes but to just sit and chat," says Jose Quinones whose first official day as first sergeant started Dec. 15.

"We are here for the troops and to help them solve their problems. Guidance is very important. You learn to be tactful and firm at the same time. I don't like to burn troops, but if they do the same thing the second time, they get it. There's no ifs, ands and buts about it. But it goes back to the time factor. As a leader, I must make time for the troops," Quinones said.

His troop-oriented approach goes back to his days in infantry units. He was also in airborne and special forces until his leg was broken. After that he received special weapons training in ordnance. Quinones points out that because of the ordnance slots here, he has been on Redstone off and on since 1968 and knows quite a few people here. His wife, Joan, is a native of this area.

Quinones, who spent the last five years in Vichenza, Italy with the 559th Field Artillery group and the 69th Ordnance Company, says that being the first sergeant for a company the size of A Company (over 700 personnel) is a new and challenging experience for him. "The job is interesting because you get to meet a lot of people and I really enjoy the contact.

"But what I have to adjust to is not really having the control over my people. Here, the directorate's recom-

mend their soldiers for promotions and that type of thing. In a line unit, as first sergeant I would know all of my people and what was going on in their lives. Here, I'll only get to know some of my people well.

"One of the things I want to do is to meet with the directorates and see what the people are doing," said Quinones.

"It has always been my goal to become a first sergeant. I've strived very hard to wear the diamond. The Army is my life and it's been good to me," he added.

"I want to have everything organized so I can fulfill my commitments and still have time to talk to people and make sure things in the billets are working well," he continued.

"One of the weak spots in the unit now is the communications with the troops. I want to encourage them to use the chain of command in their sections, and to come to me if the section can't handle it. It's more disruptive for me when they don't use their section chain of command. It leaves me less time for administrative things and to check to see what things are needed.

"On the positive side, this unit has a super bunch of people. The people who work in the orderly room and the barracks NCO's are great. Once policy is put out, the action is done at once.

"It has always been my philosophy," says Quinones, "to learn something new every day. If you learn something new, then the day is not lost because you've gained something. If you haven't learned anything, then you might as well have stayed in bed because that day was lost," concluded Quinones.



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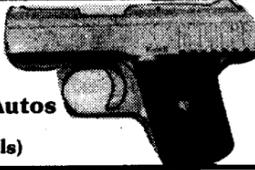


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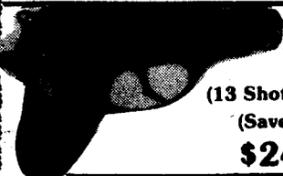
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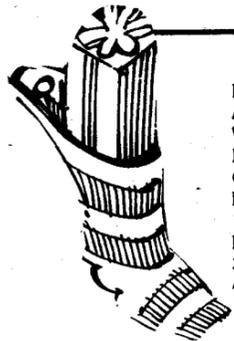
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Her kids are a hit with young and old

BY GINGER STEPHENS

All 32 of "Cathy's Kids" will experience their first Christmas this year. Children and grown-ups alike will be getting these soft sculpture dolls for Christmas made with the talent, handiwork, and love of Cathy Gant.

The dolls, made from a "Miss Martha's" pattern, look as real as Gant can make them. She has added a few of her own touches to give each doll an individual personality.

"I never know what they'll be like, or whether they'll be a boy or girl until I do their faces," said



CATHY GANT shows four of her 'kids'.

Gant. "If they didn't look as real as they turned out I wouldn't have been as excited about them to make some more."

And "make some more" she did. After a year of making the dolls, adding to a collection that filled a room in their house, Gant's husband suggested she sell them.

"It was really hard to sell them because they're a part of me when I finish," said Gant. But she proceeded with the suggestion by applying to participate in her favorite craft show held annually at the Von Braun Civic Center by the North Eastern Alabama Craft Association.

The photographs of her dolls were submitted and she was notified of her acceptance into the craft show in September.

"Being in a craft show is so much fun," said Gant. "The reaction of the little kids and older people was worth the effort, even if I hadn't sold any of them."

Gant sold almost half of her collection and many people took cards to contact her later.

Knowing children would be getting the dolls for Christmas thrilled Gant but as it turned out adults bought them for themselves too.

"One lady, about 60 years old, bought two, a boy and girl. I told her I hoped the child enjoyed them and she said they weren't for a child, they were for her," Gant said with a modest smile.

There are six different sizes of dolls ranging from 12 to 26 inches and each one has a different face. The cradle babies wear pampers, the toddler girls wear hand-made dresses made by Gant, and some of the toddler boys wear overall jeans and tennis shoes.

"At the show a little girl saw one of the babies in a cradle. She walked up, leaned over and kissed it then went on her way. Even older men would study them for a long time, then pinch their knees," added Gant.

Gant believes in making her dolls sturdy enough to withstand a child's love. The dolls can be placed in a pillow case and washed in a washing machine. The skin is made of polyester double knit, they are stuffed with fiber filling and each seam is double stitched. "The only care needed would be to reapply the blushing on their cheeks and knees," added Gant.

Knowing her dolls would make someone happy,

whether young or old, helped Gant get into the Christmas spirit this year but she's undecided on whether she'll do it again.

"Each doll takes 15 to 20 hours to make and by the time I'm finished with one I feel like they are part of me. That's why I call them "Cathy's Kids".



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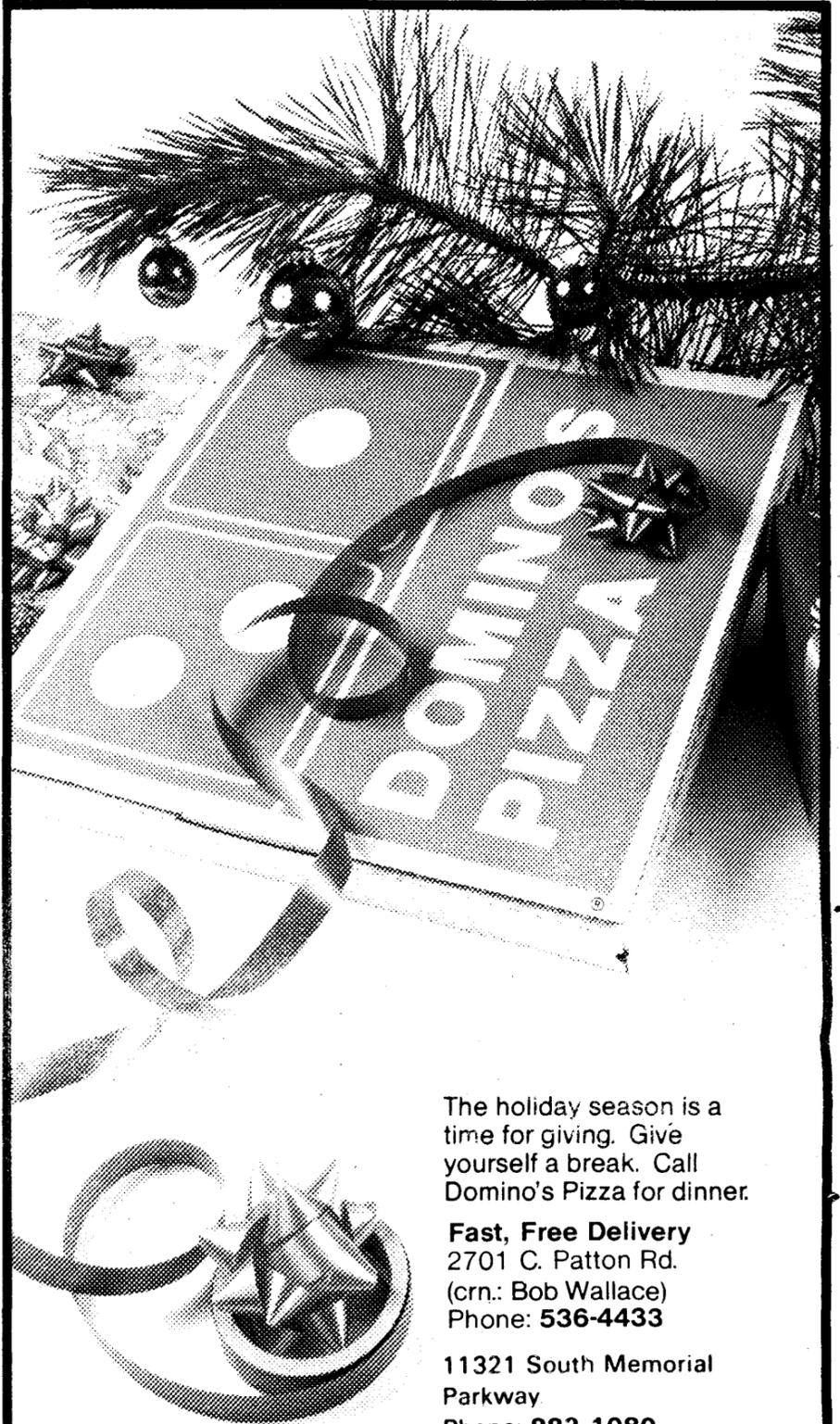


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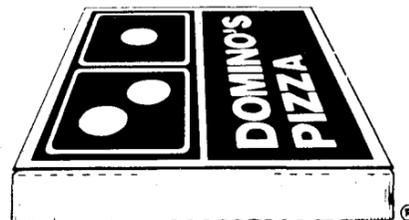
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According to Army safety officials, last year 14 soldiers died during the holiday season as a result of alcohol related traffic accidents. The year before there were 27 deaths. Officials attribute the decline to last year's media campaign, command involvement and general increased awareness among soldiers, civilian employees and their family members.

"However, even one death is too many," said Maj. Gen. John H. Mitchell, director of Army safety, "individual responsibility is the key to reducing alcohol related deaths and injuries. We should be ready to assist others who because of intoxication are incapable

of driving. 'Friends' don't let friends drive drunk.' I urge everyone to be as safety conscious as possible during this season of joy and peace."

Army safety officials advise the moderate use of alcohol. "If you drive drunk you not only endanger your own life and career, but the lives of your loved ones." (Arnews)

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MA 170	Finite Mathematics	MA 150	MW	5:00-7:30
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ENG 111	English Composition I	None	MW	7:30-10:00
PSY 392	Psychology of Adolescence	PSY 101	MW	7:30-10:00
HIST 102	Western Civilization II	None	MW	7:30-10:00
CS 292	COBOL I	CS 190	MW	7:30-10:00
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BUS 360	Organizational Design	BUS 260	TT	5:00-7:30
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ASTRON 101	Introduction to Astronomy	None	TT	5:00-7:30
CJ 411	Criminal Law II	CJ 409	TT	7:30-10:00
BUS 281	Accounting II	BUS 280	TT	7:30-10:00
ENG 112	English Composition II	ENG 111	TT	7:30-10:00
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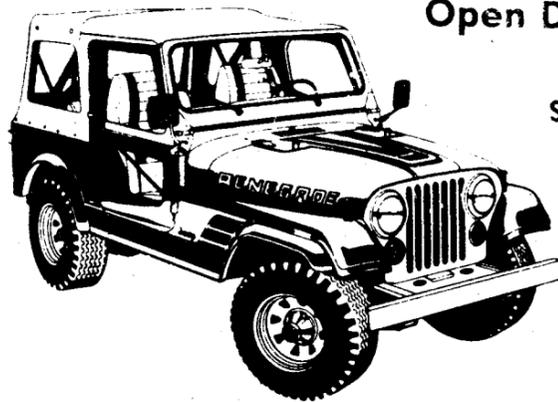
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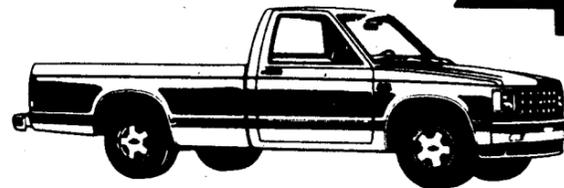
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Holiday happenings

Christmas Eve services

Candlelighting and communion service will be held at the Bicentennial Chapel at 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Chaplin Delbert Gremmels will deliver the sermon "Silent Night, Holy Night." Catholic Mass begins at midnight on Christmas Eve in the Bicentennial Chapel. Christmas and New Year's Day services will follow the usual Sunday schedule but there will be no Sunday School classes. Also, the Redstone Child Care center will be closed both Sundays.

Biscuits & Burgers

The new Biscuits & Burgers fast food facility is located across from the Package Store in the Exchange Area. All Redstone Arsenal military personnel and civilian employees may use this facility. Persons desiring to call ahead for pick-up, may call 882-9631 up to 30 minutes before actual pick-up time. Customers are thanked for their patience and understanding during the opening and employee training period, said Stuart Soffer, assistant installation club management chief.

Catholic programs

Catholic services during the holidays begin on Christmas Eve at 5 p.m. with a Children's Mass at 5 p.m. Later that evening there will be caroling with the choir and congregation at 11:30 followed by a midnight Mass. On Christmas Day there will be a Mass at 9:30 a.m. and one at 11 a.m. A New Year's Eve mass will be held Dec. 31 at 5 p.m. New Year's Day Masses are scheduled at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. and at 12:15 p.m. All above activities are in the Bicentennial Chapel except the 11 a.m. Masses on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1 which are in the Post Chapel.

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The Defense Systems Management College has formed an alumni association. All graduates are invited to join. Membership is open to Program Management Course graduates and former faculty and professional staff members. Those who've completed a short course at DSMC or who hold key defense acquisition program management positions can be associate members. Annual dues are \$5. For information write DSMC, Office of the Registrar (alumni section), Fort Belvoir, Va. 22060.

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Recreation center

Today—Movie "Ordinary People" at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Foosball tourney at 7 p.m. Thursday—Movie "Four Seasons" at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Bingo at 8:30 p.m. Friday—Movie "On Golden Pond" at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Checkers tourney at 7 p.m. Saturday—refreshments served. Sunday—refreshments served. Monday—Video Game Tourney at 7 p.m. Free refreshments. Tuesday—Pool tourney at 7 p.m.

LRC

The Learning Resource Center has a new course "New Age Thinking" which compares traditional ways of thinking with the new concepts that enable people to break out of old "traps". The course content will help people to obtain a deeper understanding and appreciation of what they are missing out of life and what can be accomplished with their faculties. Employees may be nominated for this training by submitting a DD Form 1556 to the Civilian Personnel Office, ATTN: DRSMI-JTE/LRC, Learning Resource Center, Building 7446. For more information call 876-1061 or 876-1416.

Pottery class

The multicraft center in building 3466 will be offering a pottery class beginning Jan. 10. The class will concentrate on use of the potter's wheel. It will be taught by Dr. Clifton Pearson, local potter and educator. The only charge is a 50 cent per day shop usage fee. The class begins at 7 p.m. Call 881-5841 for details.

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Happy Holidays

Security has slender lead in civilian basketball

Security is guarding a slender lead heading into the Christmas break, thanks to an 81-75 victory over Comptrollers last week in the CWF basketball league.

Security ran its record to 3-0 by knocking off the previously unbeaten Comptrollers behind a well-balanced attack led by Abdullah Muhammed with 25 points, Leon "Truck" Williams with 20 points and 15 rebounds, and Mason Hammons and James Naismith with 14 each.

Larry Gopher took honors for Comptrollers with 28 points and James Lanier had 15.

P&P #2 and F&A remain unbeaten and tied for second place with identical 2-0 records.

In other games last week, Green Machine withstood a late rally to nip Missile Systems, 64-61, and T&E notched its first win by stopping Corps of Engineers, 39-37.

Dave Smith sparked Green Machine with 23 points with help from Buphus Nolls with 19 and Harrison

King 10. Adrian Abrams had 18 for Missile Systems and Leonard Luqman and Larry Cable 13 each.

Ray Maples had 14 and Mike Hubbard 11 for T&E while Anthony Long had 16 for COE.

CWF standings

Team	Record
1. Security	3-0
2. P&P #2	2-0
3. F&A	2-0
4. Comptrollers	3-1
5. Green Machine	2-1
6. Missile Systems	1-2
7. COE	1-2
8. T&E	1-3
9. Missile Labs	0-2
10. Structures	0-2
11. TMDE	0-2

German court decides discrimination case

WASHINGTON—The end of the three-year legal action underlines the concern of German courts to provide protection against discrimination based on race or national origin in establishments open to the public.

That is one result of the celebrated legal case recently settled in Bavaria in which a disheveled owner was required to pay a fine for improperly refusing entry to an American soldier based on his national origin.

The complaint to German authorities made by the American soldier, an Army captain who was stationed near Wuerzburg, resulted in a criminal prosecution for insult. Support of the soldier's position was provided by the Secretary of the Army as the case was processed in the German state court system, where it was finally decided by the highest appellate court in Bavaria.

Equal opportunity officials at headquarters, U.S. Army Europe, view the case as an important contribution to their efforts with German authorities to eliminate discrimination. They also highlight the recent agreement with the Federal Association of Ger-

man Hotels and Catering Establishments to undertake joint efforts to heighten understanding and eliminate discrimination. (Arnews)

Third Homing Overlay flight conducted Friday

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.—The Army's Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command announced Friday the third in a series of four flight experiments in its Homing Overlay Experiment (HOE) program to explore the technology needed for nonnuclear exoatmospheric ballistic missile defense. The flight experiment early Friday morning involved the planned intercept, above the central Pacific, of an ICBM target vehicle launched by an ICBM from Vandenberg AFB, California, by an interceptor fired from Kwajalein Missile Range.

Results of the flight experiment are being analyzed.

Entries sought for missile art show

An art show of original Army missile art is being planned by the Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army and Burritt Museum of Huntsville.

The show would be held in the Spring of 1984.

Works to be included will be those of Army artists and Army contractors which show Army missile systems or their components.

Organization elements of MICOM and other Army commands in the area are being asked to nominate art in their possession for display in the show. Only works showing unclassified subjects will be considered.

Persons or organizations who want to nominate art work for the show should contact the MICOM Public Affairs Office, 876-4161.

The Burritt Museum Director, Melinda Herzog, will make the selection of works for the exhibit.

Absentee voting brochure available

WASHINGTON—With the voting season drawing near, the federal voting assistance program will be distributing more than one-million copies of a popular brochure entitled "absentee voting: How to do it".

The pocket-size guides use a question and answer format to provide guidance on the most frequently sought information concerning absentee voting procedures. It is published as Department of Defense fact sheet 13.

Military personnel may obtain copies of the brochure from their unit voting assistance officer or through their publication or supply center.

If there's any difficulty getting FS-13 write to the director, FVAP, Rm. 1B457, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301; or call autovon 224-4928/4960. (Arnews)

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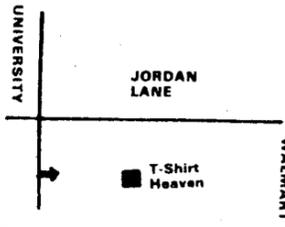
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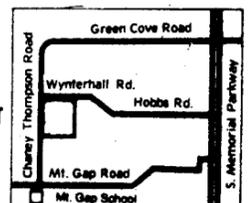
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Retirement is Christmas present for Billy Brooks

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Billy Brooks has traveled a lot during his years as an Army civilian but has always been home for Christmas.

This year will be no exception and he looks forward to what the holidays will bring—retirement. "It's kind of a Christmas present to be able to retire," says Brooks, whose date for leaving civil service is Dec. 30.

The general engineer in Facilities Engineering expected to be on travel almost up to his last day but a trip to Egypt was canceled. Since starting work at Redstone in 1967, Brooks has traveled 2.4 million miles by airline on official business.

"This year I spent the first three months of the year in Korea and Taiwan. And then later on in the year I made a trip around the world," Brooks says. "Sort of a typical year."

Places he has been include Hawaii, Germany, Iran, Egypt, Israel, Kuwait and Japan. His traveling was to provide facilities support for various Missile Command systems. In 1973 for example he spent 26 days surveying the hills in Korea to check on sites for the Hawk air defense system.

Brooks missed four holidays from home while traveling in 1982 including a "round the world trip" to Egypt and Korea. "Those things (world trips) are not all for naught because you stop on the way in places like Bangkok," he says. "You get a couple of good nights on the way that makes up for a holiday."

There was the year, however, that he had a season ticket to the football games of his alma mater Auburn University but only got to see two games. "It has some inconveniences," says Brooks.

"Billy is the only person in these parts that's been turned down and/or cussed out in 12 languages," says Dave Bryant, a co-worker.

Brooks started traveling on his first day at Redstone. He was sent to Washington, D.C. with paperwork on Army land available for a new plant location. If his trip to Egypt had not been canceled, he would have gone out on travel too, just as he and

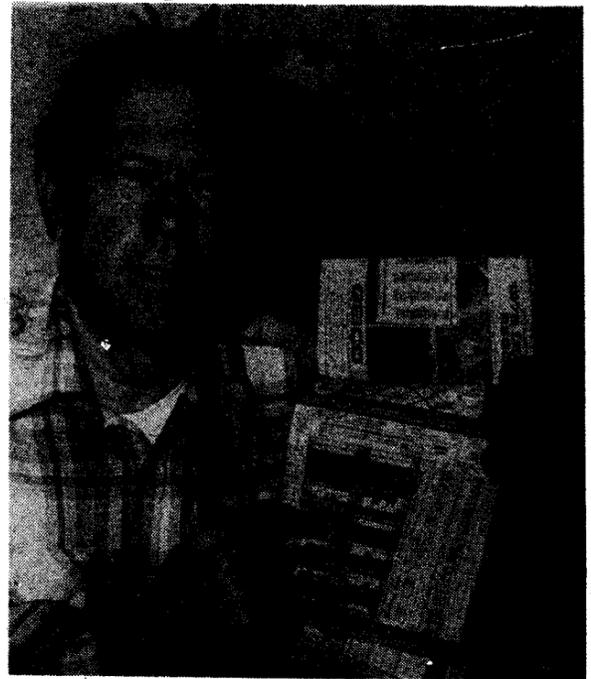
Bryant had predicted.

The 57-year-old engineer grew up on a farm in Center, Ala., just east of here near the Anniston and Gadsden area. He spent two years in pre-engineering at Jacksonville State College and two years at Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now Auburn) where he earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1950.

At 17 he lied about his age and went to work as a carpenter for the post engineer at old Camp Sibert, Ala., a chemical warfare base at Gadsden. He was drafted into the Army in 1945 and served about two years. Brooks was chief of the engineering and construction division at Sewart Air Force Base, Tenn. before coming here when the base closed.

"It's been an interesting career and I have met so many good people and so many hard working people," says Brooks, who has 36 years and 11 months service.

He and his wife Virginia have two daughters, both married, and two grandchildren. His plans for Christmas are to "just spend it with the family."



WORLD TRAVELER—Billy Brooks consults his leave record as he recalls 2.4 million miles of official travel.

Converter replacement program clarified

WASHINGTON—A Ford Motor Company program, which provides low-cost catalytic converter replacement to some Ford owners returning from overseas was clarified recently by that company for officials at the Military Traffic Management Command.

According to those officials, Ford's discount program is limited to those customers who purchased vehicles directly from Ford direct market operations (formerly the Ford export division). Vehicles purchased from Ford dealers in the United States, or otherwise

acquired, may not qualify for the low-cost replacement program. Officials also warn that the purchase price of \$85 is for each converter, not each vehicle, and that some models require two converters.

Ford owners seeking converters may write to: Ford Motor Company, 153 Halsey St., Newark, N.J. 07102. Request must include a certified check or money order for the appropriate amount and a copy of the vehicle invoice or full information from the door plate. (Arnews)

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