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Special process neutralizes toxic PCB

Electrical transformers on the arsenal are being rid of PCB in a process that chemically destroys the dangerous compound.

Some 60,000 gallons of transformer fluid are being treated here to remove the PCB.

The removal process is accomplished at the transformer using filtering and chemical destruction equipment contained in tractor trailer rigs driven to the job site.

The oil is removed from the bottom of the transformer, pumped through the treatment process and returned to the top of the transformer. The process is continuous and never exposes the transformer's internal contents to the atmosphere.

The treatment process, called PCBX, is performed by Sunohio, a Canton, Ohio firm working under government contract. PCBX uses a chemical reagent to destroy the PCB molecule. The chlorines are con-

verted to a salt and the biphenyls are converted to a harmless polymer.

PCB, short for polychlorinated biphenyl, was widely used in electrical transformers for many years before it was found to be a potent cancer-causing agent. It was used in an oil solution to cool, insulate and fireproof the transformers.

Besides removing PCB from the insulating oil, the treatment process also cleanses it of impurities, according to Arthur Barnette of Facilities Engineering.

"This filtering system filters out water and sludge and they heat the oil and actually wash the transformer," he said. "So we wind up with clean oil, a clean transformer and no PCB."

The Sunohio crew will be working here a month or more as they treat PCB oil in transformers in as many as 30 areas of the arsenal.

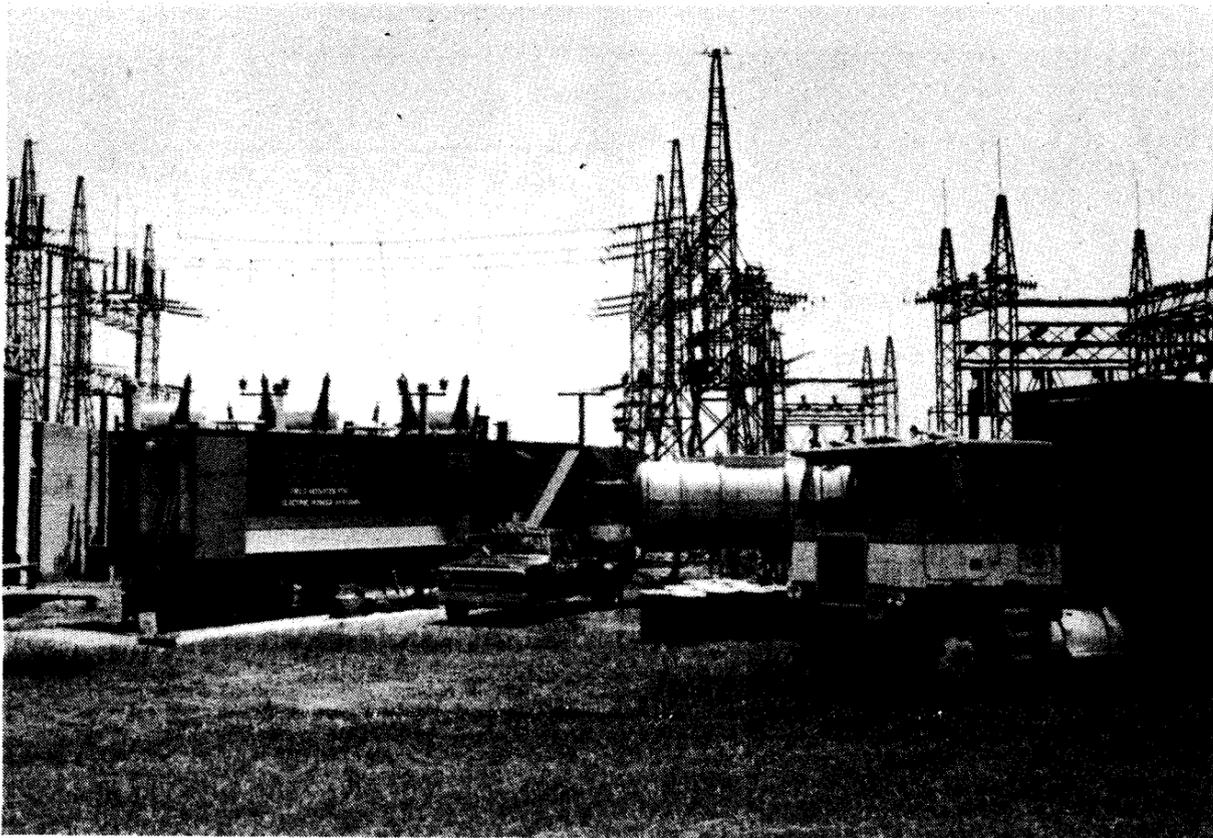
The project is costing \$375,000 which Barnette says is cheap in comparison to the alternative of draining and refilling the transformers with new oil and then having to pay for disposal of the PCB oil by incineration or special burial. "By the time you figure labor, drums, transportation and everything, you're probably talking three times what we're paying here," Barnette said.

He added that Sunohio will drain and arrange incineration of the contents of one transformer here which contains PCB in excess of the quantity that the treatment process can remove.

Strong controls on handling, storage and disposal of PCB and on human exposure to it have been put in effect in recent years as the carcinogenic nature of the compound became known.

A transformer blew up here in December 1980, spraying PCB oil on the outside wall of NASA building 4708. The Missile Command paid \$23,700 for removal of the PCB oil from the building and surrounding pavement and for disposal of the damaged transformer.

The contractor that did the work, American Electric Corp. of Jacksonville, Fla. was later indicted on felony fraud charges after it was discovered that PCB waste picked up on government disposal contracts was being stored in the back yard of a company official and elsewhere instead of being placed in environmentally safe landfills as the company was paid to do.



PCB TRANSFORMER — Only a small portion of electrical transformers on the arsenal contain PCB oil. The domed cap atop this transformer identifies it as one containing PCB oil. Equipment inside tractor trailer rigs treats the oil inside transformers at an electrical substation on the arsenal's east

boundary. The oil is pumped out, cleansed of PCB and returned to the transformer in clean condition. The PCB is chemically destroyed in a process that converts it into harmless matter.

Parade, displays scheduled Armed Forces Day

Supervisors may give workers time off to attend the big equipment display and parade scheduled here tomorrow for Armed Forces Day.

Various missile systems and other equipment will be on public display Thursday from noon to 6 p.m. at the parade field behind the Recreation Center on Patton Road and an Armed Forces Day retirement parade will be held there at 4 p.m.

Missile Command Chief of Staff Col. George T. Shepard put out a message last Wednesday encouraging civilian workers to attend Armed Forces Day and authorizing supervisors to grant "a brief excused absence" to those wanting to participate in the observance.

Armed Forces Day activities start tomorrow with a luncheon by invitation at the Officers Club co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Association of the United States Army and American Defense Preparedness Association. Along with the invitees some 50 soldiers will be attending the luncheon courtesy of local businesses who purchased complimentary tickets and presented them to CSM Harvey Kahl for use by the troops.

The public is invited to the Armed Forces Day observance. The parade field is just inside Gate 10 on

the east side of Patton Road behind the Recreation Center. Refreshments will be on sale at the parade field.

The public and the arsenal workforce will have the opportunity to see a large collection of Army missiles along with other equipment and informational displays.

Weapon displays will include Patriot, Hawk, Chaparral/Faar, Vulcan, Stinger, MLRS, Lance, Tow and Dragon and GLLD. Missile system support equipment will be exhibited as will helicopters and the Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

Crime prevention, field religion and field kitchen displays will also be set up. There will be Special Forces and TMDE exhibits and a display of construction equipment. A field ambulance will be on view as will an explosive ordnance disposal exhibit.

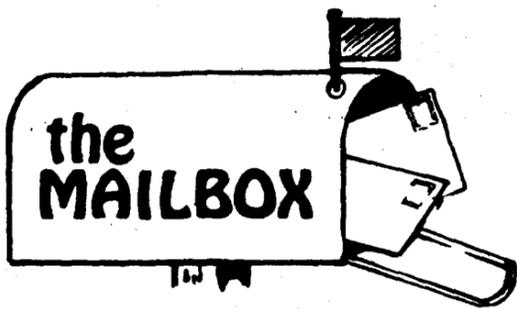
As a follow-on to Armed Forces Day, a local soldier will travel to Montgomery Friday to receive the Governor's Award. Sp4 Gary Skinner was selected to represent Redstone when Gov. George C. Wallace presents his annual awards to outstanding enlisted servicemembers from throughout the state. Skinner was post soldier of the month in December.



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Never let die

Editor:

World War II ended in Europe 39 years ago last Tuesday (May 8, 1945). The event was called VE (Victory in Europe) day. I was appalled at the local/national attention given by the news media.

During World War II, I was in my early teens.

However, I was old enough to remember the landing at Normandy, D-Day, the 6th day of June 1944.

A lot of people in Decatur, Ala. were at church that day praying for our boys in the fighting. Later, everyone celebrated VE day and the war in Europe was over.

Of course, as I stated earlier, I was too young to be in service but I still have that pride (special) in our military right or wrong. In addition, I have never forgot those dark hours of 1941-1942 when the war's balance was still in question.

Today, we as Americans should never let such above important events die. Regardless of drugs/pot head music and easy living, let's all instill in our children/grandchildren the greatness of such above events. In doing so, those deeds/sacrifices so long ago shall never die.

Hershel D. Cramer
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President's message to armed forces

"I am pleased to send greetings to the members of the armed forces of the United States of America on the occasion of Armed Forces Day.

"The American people owe a deep debt of gratitude to the men and women who serve in our armed forces, for it is your dedication and commitment to the ideals of our nation that ensure the preservation of our freedom.

"The theme of this year's Armed Forces Day is "Meeting the Challenge." Meeting challenges is something you have always done well. Whether the challenge is passing inspection, preparing an aircraft for a predawn launch, participating in military maneuvers, or defending the cause of freedom on the

battlefield, you have proven time and again that you are willing and able to get the job done.

"Your story is really the story of America. With all the bounty and benefits we enjoy as Americans, the underlying and lasting truth about liberty is that it, too, is a challenge—a challenge worthy of our strength and resolve.

"The men and women who serve us all so well in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard are American's vanguard and our front line in defending the cause of freedom.

"Nancy and I are proud to join your fellow citizens in saluting you on this special day of recognition. You have earned the respect and appreciation of all of us."

FTS phone system for official use only

Official-use-only is the rule when making long distance calls on the Federal Telecommunications System.

Personal calls on FTS are prohibited, and disciplinary action can be taken against abusers, say communications officials.

Developed for use of federal civilian agencies, the system allows the user in most cases to dial 7 and get a commercial number. The Autovon system, on the other hand, is a Defense Department service that permits users to dial 8 and reach a military agency.

Both systems are for making long distance calls for official U.S. government business only, according to the Army Communications Command, a tenant agency here.

Since 1981 Redstone has had access to FTS and the system has saved money on the monthly long distance telephone bill. A study in 1980 determined the system would reduce Redstone's long distance costs by \$8,800

a month. The number of direct dial access circuits for FTS here has grown to 59.

"It's a good service," said Bill Dortch, director of Army Communications Command here, "in that it's not distance sensitive. It's time sensitive. It's just as cheap to call San Francisco and talk for five minutes as it is to call Nashville and talk for five minutes. You're charged for that five minutes without regard for distance or mileage. You're charged the same per minute rate."

The General Services Administration prorates the costs of the system to each using agency, such as the defense department. There is no direct cost to Redstone, according to officials here.

All FTS calls are recorded at the switches. "Periodically we do receive printouts of where the calls are placed in Redstone Arsenal, Ala.," Dortch said.

Tornado shelter

Editor:

With so many tornadoes this spring, and the fact that the arsenal is located in an area that has a history of high tornado incidence, RASA should have a shelter plan for on-post family housing residents.

Due to the absence of basements and floor plans that do not have interior rooms without windows, housing occupants are exposed to great danger if they remain in their quarters. Said residents cannot comply with generally accepted Civil Defense recommended precautions, which include, "in a home, stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. Go to the basement or to an interior part of the structure and the lowest level. Get under something sturdy to protect your head."

Housing residents are really totally unprotected. Lying in a bathtub is not adequate. Sitting in a hallway is a worst-case alternative. Neither meets the Civil Defense recommendation.

The same degree of emphasis should be placed on providing tornado shelter as is given to contingency planning for radiological fallout shelter.

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Attractions added to this year's MICOM picnic

BY SKIP VAUGHN

There will be some changes this year in the MICOM picnic at the civilian recreation area.

New additions to the picnic set for Saturday, June 23, include a volksmarch, a pony ride for children, and professional entertainment.

Also there will be one softball tournament for all ages rather than two age group tournaments like last year. A volleyball tournament and refreshments for sale are among traditional picnic fare. Sign up is under way for certain events.

A volksmarch, common in Germany, means taking a long walk on an outdoor course with friends and neighbors. There will be two courses at the picnic with ribbons awarded to finishers. The long course is to be 10 kilometers (6.2 miles) and the short course 5 kilometers (3.1 miles). "It's not a competition," said Shelia Hartsfield, who is on the planning committee at Patriot Project.

"You don't have to start together. You start anytime you want to between 8 and 9:30 (a.m.). The latest you can start will be 9:30 to be able to finish by 11:00," she said.

Water and a medical team will be available along the way. Entry fee is \$1 and pre-registration is encouraged. Register for the volksmarch by calling Hartsfield 895-3733 or Maj. David Pendergrass 895-4033.

"It's an occasion to get out and have a little exercise in pleasant surroundings, walk in the countryside," Pendergrass said, "a time at least for some people to get with their friends and neighbors and do so under enjoyable circumstances."

Children's Events

Children's activities at this year's picnic include pony rides, frisbee toss, balloon toss, sack race, youngster's volleyball, relay races and soccer kick. "I don't think we've ever had pony rides down there before, I think the children will really like it," said Bob Webb, children's events chairman who works in Roland Project Office. Pony rides are to cost 50 cents with a dollar extra for those who want a picture of their child on a pony.

Sack races will be held for three age group categories including 3-5 years old, 6-8 and 9-13. The first race is to begin at 11:00 that day. "Every child who participates will win a ribbon," said Capt. John Intile, a systems integration officer who is chairman of the children's sack race. "Then we're going to have a runoff in each age group for first place and the winner

of the runoff will win a gold medal." To sign up a child call Intile at 876-8957.

Entertainment

Continuous entertainment by professionals and semi-professionals is planned for 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., said Mike Sheehy, audio-visual management officer for Army Missile Lab. He and Naomi Shankle, a supervisory contract specialist in P&P Directorate, are in charge of entertainment for the picnic. Unlike last year, there will not be a talent show. "I believe it's going to be more entertaining," Sheehy said.

Plans are to set up bleachers seating about 300 in front of a covered pavillion. Those scheduled to perform include the 27-piece Huntsville Concert Band, the Singing Kops barbershop quartet from Decatur, the Huntsville Cloggers dance group, and Bama Ramars square dance group. Also to perform is Melisa Bagwell, a 15-year-old student instructor at the Huntsville School of Dance. She is the daughter of Sim and Charlotte Bagwell who both work at MICOM — Sim with systems simulation directorate of Army Missile Lab and Charlotte with Missile Logistics Center. Their daughter has had "eight years of dancing, tap and jazz," Sim said.

Stan Hisaw, who works in finance, is to sing and play guitar at the picnic. "We're looking forward to a great day of entertainment," Sheehy said. "There will be something there for everybody."

Military Spouse Day activities May 23

A luncheon and fashion show, featuring military men here as models, will highlight Military Spouse Day on May 23.

"We promise this is going to be a day to remember with the all-male fashion show," said Rita See, volunteer supervisor at Army Community Service.

Sponsors for the free event include ACS, the NCO Club, Officers Club and the Post Exchange. It will be held at the NCO Club with the salad bar luncheon set for 11 a.m. to noon and the fashion show from 12-1 p.m. Tickets are free and may be obtained by calling Harry Hoover at the Officers Club 830-2582, See at ACS 876-2859, or MSgt. Gene Hilliard at NCO Club 837-0750.

Other events set for National Military Spouse Day include special drawings at the commissary and Post Exchange and activities planned by School Brigade and Special Troops. There will be some discount prices

Softball

A softball tournament for organizational teams will be held with two place trophies and a third place plaque. "There will be no military or civilian league teams allowed," said Ken Thomas, softball chairman who works in Missile Systems Readiness Directorate. "We're mainly looking for organizational participation."

Entry fee is \$20 per team to cover expenses including trophies. Deadline for entries is June 1. Those interested should call Thomas 876-1988/2912 or William Epps 876-5010.

Volleyball

The volleyball tournament is for teams that can be made up of MICOM employees, their families or affiliated contractors. There will be a one round, single elimination tournament and then a championship game to decide first and second place. "We are going to give trophies for the first and second place winners," said Capt. Logan Cox, who works in the systems support division of Chaparral/FAAR Project.

Plans are to play the elimination games in mid-morning followed by the championship in the afternoon. Teams can have an unlimited number of members but only nine playing at one time including at least two women. There is no entry fee. Teams should register by June 1 by calling Cox or 1st Lt. Ken Noland 876-1125/3229.

"The idea is just to have a good time," Cox said.

that day for military spouses at recreation activities.

"This is a time for the spouse to sit back and relax after supporting the military member for so long and the military member is going to say thank you by providing some special and fun things to do," See said. "They're going to do the work for us for a change," she added with a laugh.

From 200 to 250 spouses are expected to attend the luncheon and fashion show, according to See, wife of SFC Bruce See.

The Secretary of Defense proclaimed the special day. A number of committees worked together to plan the observation here.

"It shows the teamwork that this arsenal can produce," said See, who has been here seven months. "This is my first experience to work with a committee like this on the arsenal since we've been here and the response is just fantastic."

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Army illustrator does portraits in his leisure time

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Art is more than just a hobby for Doug Thornton. It's how he makes his living and he really doesn't even consider it a hobby. Asked about his spare time pursuits, he says "Gee I don't really have any. Gardening, I guess."

Thornton, a visual information specialist here, spends some off duty time doing portraits in pastels. He also does sculptures of religious saints. Most of his work has been sold.

"I like working here because I'm trained to draw and that's what I like to do. And also working with the Army has given me an opportunity to continue to do portraits and things without feeling that financial pressure," Thornton says.

He is one of two artists in the technical information division of Army Missile Laboratory. Technical illustrations and diagrams represent most of the work he does. But after work he likes to do portraits of people, drawing from life rather than a photograph "to catch that twinkle from the person's eye."

"Doing portraits is a challenge I like to try to meet," he says. "I enjoy the contact with people. I like people too. And also I like to indicate something from the person's personality and I can't really do that from a photograph."

One of his pastel portraits, of Rosa Leonard of Huntsville, won first prize in the drawing category at an art contest held recently in Decatur. Her father William E. Leonard works here in Pershing Project. Her mother Marcia gives portrait workshops and "has been a super help to me," Thornton says.

He usually completes a portrait in about three sittings for a total of four or five hours. "It's not like hard at it. I stop, look, drink coffee," he says with a laugh. He puts the subject in a comfortable pose, does a drawing in black-and-white or sepia brown, then adds color on top of that.

The 36-year-old Scottsboro native received a bachelor of fine arts degree in painting from the University of Alabama in 1972. Two years later he received a master's in art from there. He came to work at Redstone in June 1983.



ARTIST — Doug Thornton puts finishing touches on a portrait.

"For my next project I'm thinking about doing some old houses in Scottsboro. But I continue to do portraits," Thornton says.

Besides working in pastel, he sculpts figures of saints. About three years ago he sold 15 pieces of sculpture at a show in Tucson, Ariz. He works in

paper-mache and wood or mixed media and has also used clay.

"It (art) is a way of expressing my feelings about the world around me and it's a way of making money," he says with a laugh. "It's mainly a way of expressing my feelings about the world around me."

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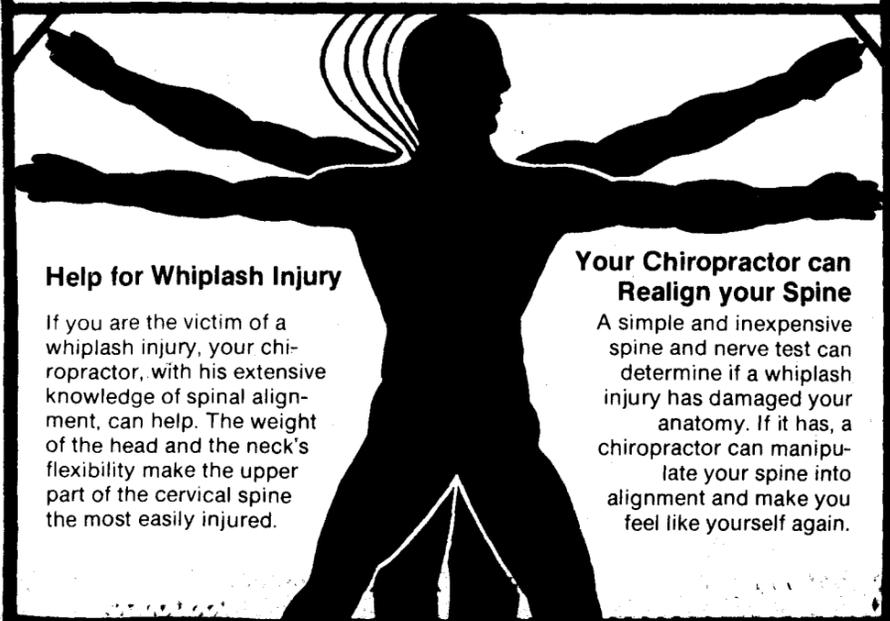
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Demonstration shows students what soldiers learn

BY MAGGIE CUMMINS

A demonstration of what soldiers learn in the missile school's Electronics and Technology Training Department is proving popular with visiting high school groups.

"We try to give the students an idea of what electricity can do and what we teach the troops at ETD. We teach them how transmitters and receivers work, actually the basics of electricity," said Lief Anderson, an instructor at ETD.

Anderson said the demonstration for visitors has been improved in the year's time his group has been putting it on. Last week they hosted Air Force ROTC students from Heritage High School in Maryville, Tenn.

Visitors get to see a tesla coil transmitting volts of electricity to different objects along with demonstrations of a transistor, laser and computer. A display of the test equipment used for training troops at the missile school is shown also.

"Our demonstration is given to visitors to help them understand what we have done with electricity and how not to be fearful of it," said ETD instructor SSgt. Kenneth Pitcher.

Anderson tries to interest visitors in computers by showing how problems that may take hours to solve manually can be done easily and quickly with a computer.



COMPUTER TALK — Lief Anderson tells students about the computer disc he is holding.

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The Redstone-Huntsville Chapter plans to give the award to a high school senior who is either enrolled in Army ROTC or a family member of an AUSA member. The award will be presented at the end of the 1983-84 school year. Deadline for applications is Friday, May 25.

Applicants must have been accepted at an accredited college, school of nursing, or an approved technical

school. They have to submit an essay on "why I am proud to be an American." Applicants will be evaluated on academic standing, activities, achievements, content and structure of the essay, and individual need.

Details of the program and application forms may be obtained from counselors or Army ROTC instructors at high schools in this area. For applications on post, contact Betty Whitman at RASA in building 112 at 876-2924 or Joyce Gardner, Visitor Reception Center, 876-4542.

Patriot people rise early to attend breakfast social

Members of Patriot project planned to get out of bed early yesterday morning to have breakfast together at 6:30 a.m. at a local restaurant.

The project office scheduled the early-morning social event because "we thought our AUSA drive was sagging and wanted to boost it in its final week," said Maj. Edward D. Bishop, Patriot's executive officer.

Retired Maj. Gen. Oliver D. Street, local AUSA chapter president and former Patriot project officer,

was invited to speak to the breakfast group. Also invited were membership campaign leaders Col. Jack Ferrick, CSM Harvey Kahl and Dr. William E. May.

This marks the second time recently that Patriot people have met in a breakfast social. One held about two months ago for military officers was well attended and "this time we wanted to include everyone in the project office," Bishop said.

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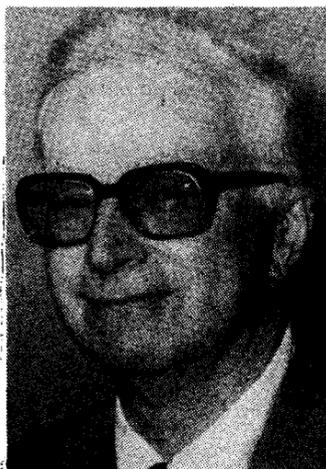
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Military families should enroll to get health care

BY SKIP VAUGHN

It will soon be tougher to get medical care for family members who are not enrolled in the defense enrollment eligibility reporting system.

Two separate denial policies will start later this year for family members of active duty and retired military people.

On Oct. 1 Fox Army Community Hospital will begin denying nonemergency medical care for people not enrolled in DEERS. On Nov. 1 the company that handles Champus claims for Alabama will begin denying those claims from people not enrolled in DEERS.

"We're just going to run it stricter than what we're running now," said SFC Robert McKinney of the patient administration office at Fox Hospital.

He recommends that family members and military retirees make sure they are enrolled in DEERS so their names are listed on computer. The hospital will honor an enrollment form from the military personnel office for up to four months, he said. That should allow enough time for their names to be added to the computer.

"When they come in we'll check for the ID cards and we'll check the computer to see if they're eligible. They need to have both," McKinney said.

At the military personnel office, the same procedure is used for enrolling in DEERS as is used for getting an identification card. In fact getting an identification card there means automatic enrollment in the defense enrollment eligibility reporting system.

Until age 10 a child is not entitled to an ID card so must be enrolled in DEERS, said Pat Evans of the military personnel office. She pointed out that a child would have to be re-enrolled in DEERS if his or her sponsor is due to leave the service but decides to reenlist.

"You also have to dis-enroll people from DEERS,"

said Evans, supervisor of the customer services and ID card section. This would be in cases of lost dependency such as marriage, reaching age 21 (unless a fulltime student or other exceptions) or divorcing the sponsor. "If your eligibility has terminated for any reason please come by personnel's ID section and have your dependents terminated from DEERS," Evans said.

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Exchange officials also point out that a proof-of-purchase receipt is required by most manufacturer's

authorized repair stations. Without a receipt, getting service may be difficult, even on items under warranty.

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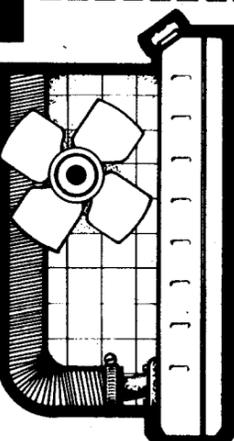


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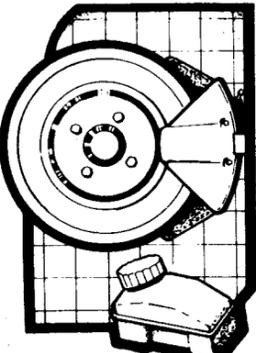
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Soldiers need legal advice before signing lease

BY HELEN GAMMONS AND LONNIE GROOT
Legal Assistance Office

Due to the transient nature of military life, a recurring problem with clients at the Legal Assistance Office involves the interpretation of a lease or rental contract for a house, apartment or trailer. The lease often spells out in detail the rights and obligations of both tenant and landlord. Laws and customs regarding these rights and obligations vary from state to state.

A servicemember should consult the Legal Assistance Officer before signing a lease. You can be sure that most landlords have paid an attorney to draft the lease in their favor so you should take advantage of the lawyers available to you without cost.

You may be asked to post a security deposit, usually before you move into the leased premises. This deposit may equal one or two months rent. Unlike many states, in Alabama the landlord is not limited to any amount of deposit nor is the landlord required to pay interest on the deposit while it is held. These security deposits can be used by the landlord for costs such as nonpayment of rent, damage to the premises, and non-fulfillment of the rental period. Since you are required to return the property to the landlord in the same condition that you received it, to protect yourself you should inspect the property carefully when you move in. Make a complete list of all damages noted and have the landlord sign it. Inventory any furnishings that come with the property. Have the landlord sign that, too. Keep these documents with your lease in a safe place.

The lease

The lease itself is a contract, and the rights and obligations of the landlord and tenant come into being with the signing of the lease. Don't sign just because the rental agent says it is a "standard form" or that

"everyone signs it." Read it over, make sure you understand it and consult your Legal Assistance Officer before signing.

As a general rule, a lease must accurately describe the premises to be leased. It must state what the rental cost is and when the term begins and ends. If the terms are clear, verbal and other agreements to alter the terms of the lease usually have no legal effect. Therefore, it is important to include all the terms desired in the written lease so that no misunderstandings will arise later. In Alabama, the law does not presume that the landlord will guarantee that the property is habitable (can be lived in). Alabama law does not require the landlord to make repairs or provide upkeep unless the lease so states.

Unless it is expressly forbidden in the lease, a tenant may assign or sublet his leasehold interest without the landlord's consent.

In Alabama, a tenant in a rental relationship of less than a year must give at least ten days notice prior to the end of rental period, unless the rental contract provides otherwise. Leases often provide for 30 days notice, and the notice usually must be given 30 days prior to the end of the rental period (on or before the first day of the month departure). Tenants must also give notice if they require repairs if the landlord is obligated under the lease to make repairs.

Military clause

The military clause is a provision intended to let a military tenant end a lease prematurely for reasons connected with military service. The clause generally states that the tenant can terminate the lease prematurely subject to payment of a specified amount.

There is no standard military clause and no state or federal laws require a military clause to be placed in a lease. The wording is a matter for negotiation between

the prospective landlord and his tenant. The wording of the clause may permit the tenant to end the lease on 30 days' written notice to the landlord in any of the following events'

1. If the tenant receives permanent change-of-station orders to depart from the area where the premises are located.
2. If the tenant is relieved from active duty.
3. If the tenant has leased the property prior to arrival and his orders are changed to a different area before he moves in.
4. If the tenant gets orders to move into on-post quarters. Remember, it is the military tenant's responsibility to request that a military clause is placed in a lease.

In Alabama, the landlord/tenant law generally is in the landlord's favor. Eviction proceedings can take as little as 20 days to complete. The landlord's ability to collect rent has been extended in Alabama to allow the landlord to put a lien on all goods and furniture within the rented premises. In addition to household property, the lien extends to the tenant's automobiles if used on the landlord's common drives or parking areas.

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She wants a college degree and Army career

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Thirty years from now Sp4 Andrea DeGroat expects she will still be in an Army uniform.

"I think it's one of the best jobs you can have," says the post soldier of the month for May. DeGroat mentions how the Army recognizes achievement and, adds with a laugh, "you don't have to worry about what to wear to work the next day."

The unit clerk for 515th Ordnance Company is due to go to Germany in September for an assignment in her main specialty— mechanic. She plans to finish college when she returns to the states.

DeGroat was the next to the youngest of a family of 14 children born in Puerto Rico. There were 10 boys and four girls. "The six youngest of us were put up for adoption when my parents separated," she said. She was brought to the states at age 6 and was adopted by Theodore and Lucille DeGroat of Hampton, Va.

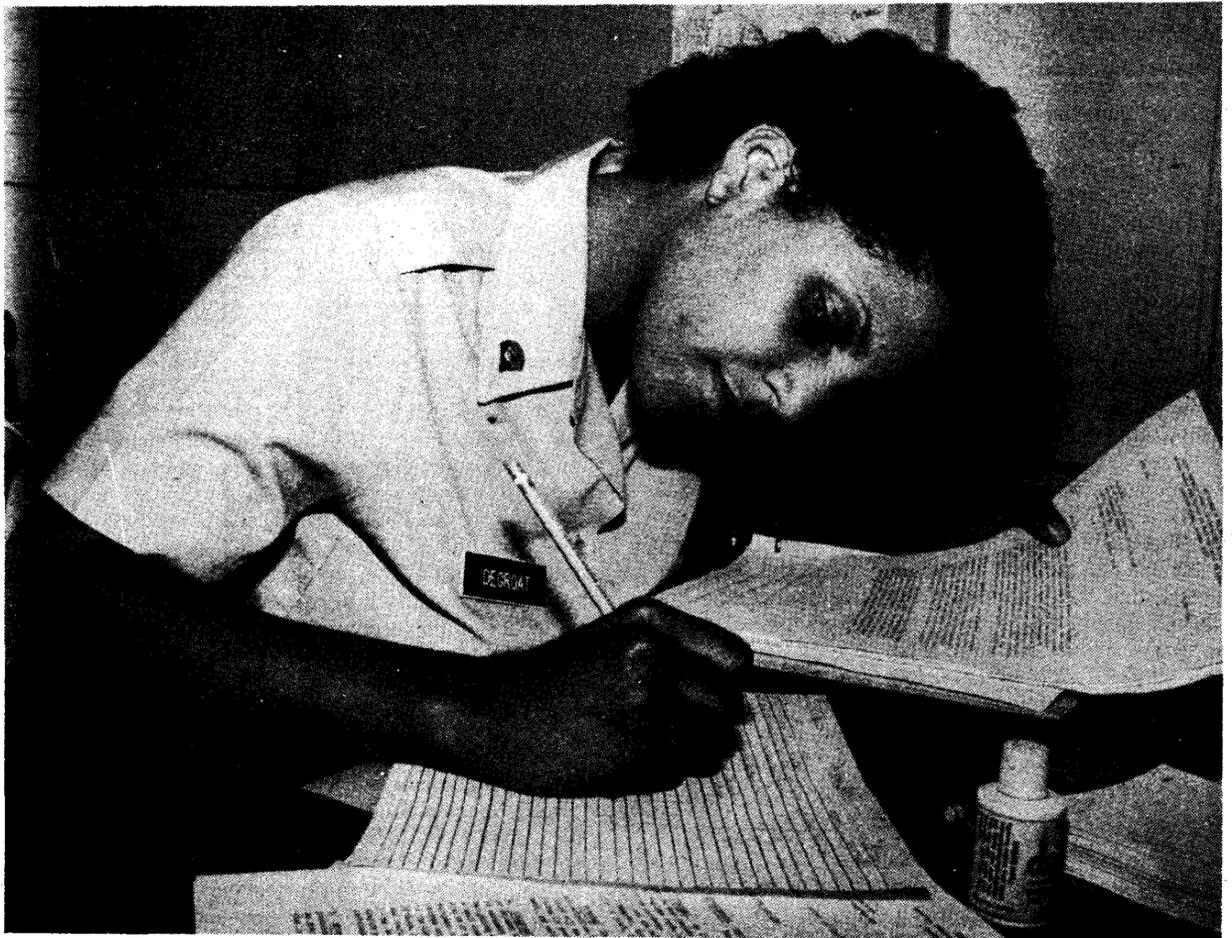
In 1976 she was graduated from Hampton High School in the top 10 percent of a class of about 400. She entered Hampton Institute as a music major that September but changed to a physical education major after three semesters.

"I still have I think 27 semester hours to finish," she says. "When I come back from Germany I want to ask for Fort Eustis home station so I can go back and finish."

She joined the Virginia Army National Guard in October 1980 to help pay her college expenses and decided to join the regular Army in December 1982. She arrived here the following February, originally assigned as a wrecker operator. Her daughter Tiffany Rene DeGroat is eight months old.

DeGroat's hobbies include music (especially jazz), art, tennis, swimming and other sports such as softball and volleyball. She pitches on the women's post softball team.

"When I come back from Germany, I plan to finish school, put in for OCS (Officer Candidate School), become an officer. Thirty years from now I'll probably still be in uniform," she says. "I plan to make it a career."



SOLDIER OF MONTH — Sp4 Andrea DeGroat does administrative work for 515th Ordnance Company.



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Program considers exceptional family members

Soldiers can tell the Army about family members who require special treatment so this will be considered for duty locations.

This is possible under the Exceptional Family Member Program. The idea is to assign service members to an area where the needs of the exceptional family member can be accommodated, says Capt. Hector Rosado, chief of the patient administration division at Fox Army Community Hospital.

These assignments are made provided "there is a valid personnel requirement for the service member's grade of specialty; however, service members remain eligible for worldwide assignments," he adds.

Under the revised program, the Army Medical Department is responsible for identifying and coding the special education and health related needs of family members.

The medical department in turn sends the coded needs to the Army Military Personnel Center who considers them in the assignment process.

"Evaluations may be voluntarily requested by sponsors or sponsors may be referred by the local Military Personnel Office as a part of standard outprocessing procedures," Rosado says. "This latter part will be accomplished during the service member's reassignment interview when he or she is completing the Overseas Movement of Family Members Checklist (DA Form

5116-R) and request for evaluation of Dependent Medical and Educational Problems (DA Form 4787-1)."

The military personnel office then directs those soldiers to Fox Hospital's patient administration division where they will get questionnaires to fill out. A physician reviews the completed forms, documentation and medical records and conducts the necessary tests to determine if the family member qualifies for the program.

B Company soldier wins bowling trophy

A staff sergeant took first place in a post rolloff for top bowlers here.

SSgt. Ron Kirk of B Company knocked down the most pins over three days of bowling. There were seven games a day for a total of 21. He was credited with 3,929 pins.

Second place went to SSgt. Fred Valentine of HHC with 3,861; third, SFC Steve Cook of B Company with 3,850; and fourth, SFC Chester Bennett of HHC, 3,766. Lt. Debbie Blanton of 515th Ordnance Company took first for the ladies with 2,867.

The competition open to active duty soldiers was held May 8-10, according to Sports Director Irv Lyles.

Once the determination is made, the exceptional family member program administrative officer processes the paperwork. It goes to the Military Personnel Center through the Regional Medical Center, Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Fort Gordon, Ga.

For more information contact Katie O'Gurek, the program administrative officer, or Rosado 876-8513/7026.

Trophies were also presented Friday for regular league bowling and post champion teams. HHC took first in the regular season eastern conference followed by the Marines. B Company took first in the western conference followed by MEDDAC.

B Company won the post championship and HHC was the runner-up in competition held April 16-18 after the regular season.

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Modifications make Bradley vehicles run, handle better

BY MAGGIE CUMMINS

A 13-member team of mechanics, sheet metal workers, electricians, welders and other specialists came to the Missile and Munitions Center and School last week to modify Bradley Fighting Vehicles.

The team of FMC Corp. personnel is modifying the new vehicles to increase maneuverability and make it easier to maintain the transmissions, suspension and brakes.

"There are about 23 different modifications to be done, depending on the requirements of the vehicles," said the team's inspector, Jim Rice.

The team pulled engines from the vehicles, checked track tension adjusters and completed various other procedures to improve the vehicles.

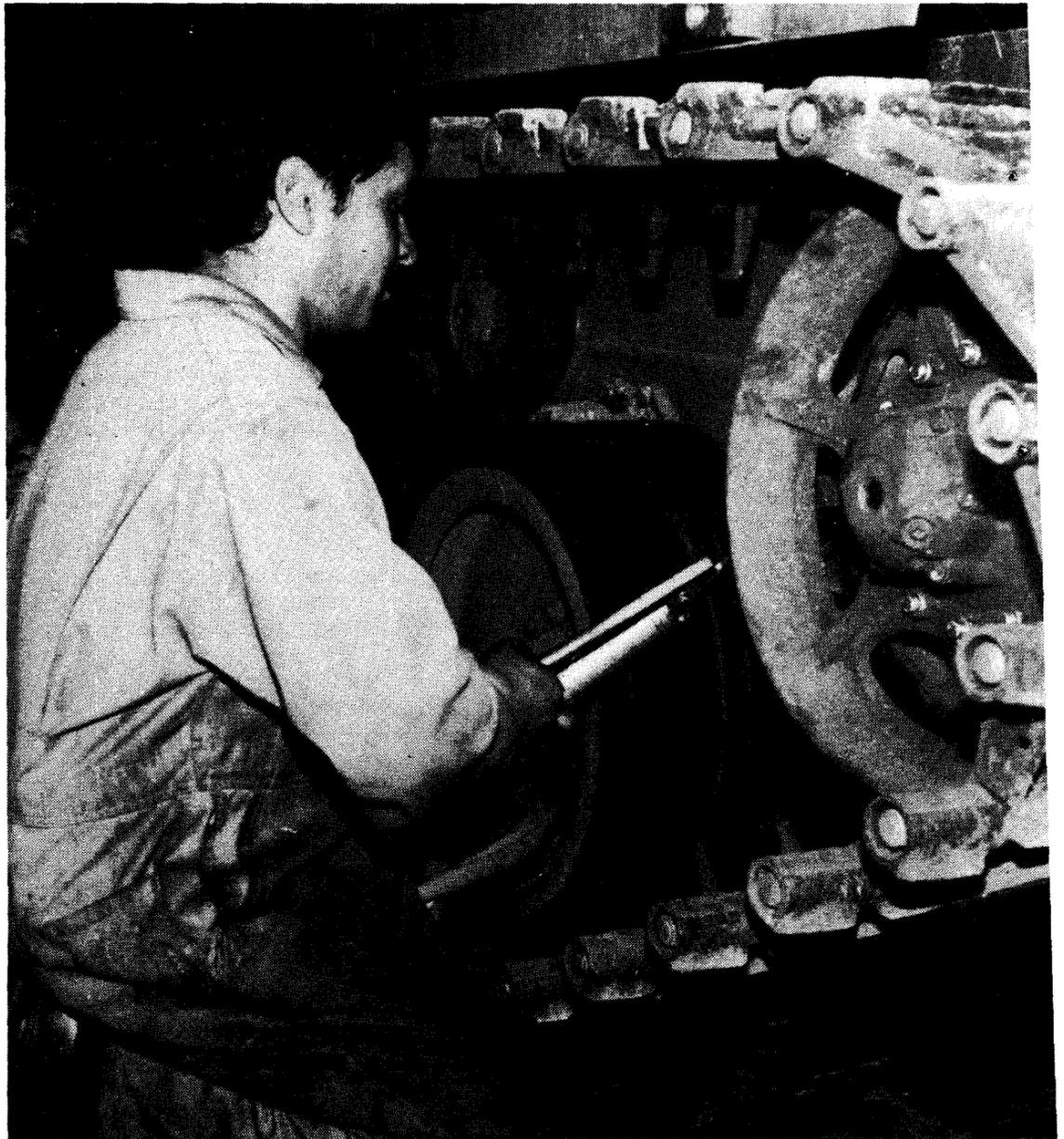
Vehicles were road tested to check acceleration and maneuverability and ensure top performance before being returned to their training stations at the missile school. While here the team also worked on an MLRS vehicle.

The modification team was made up of workers from FMC factories in San Jose, Calif., Pittsfield, Mass. and Gibraltar, Mich. They are visiting Army installations in a tractor trailer rig filled with tools and repair parts.

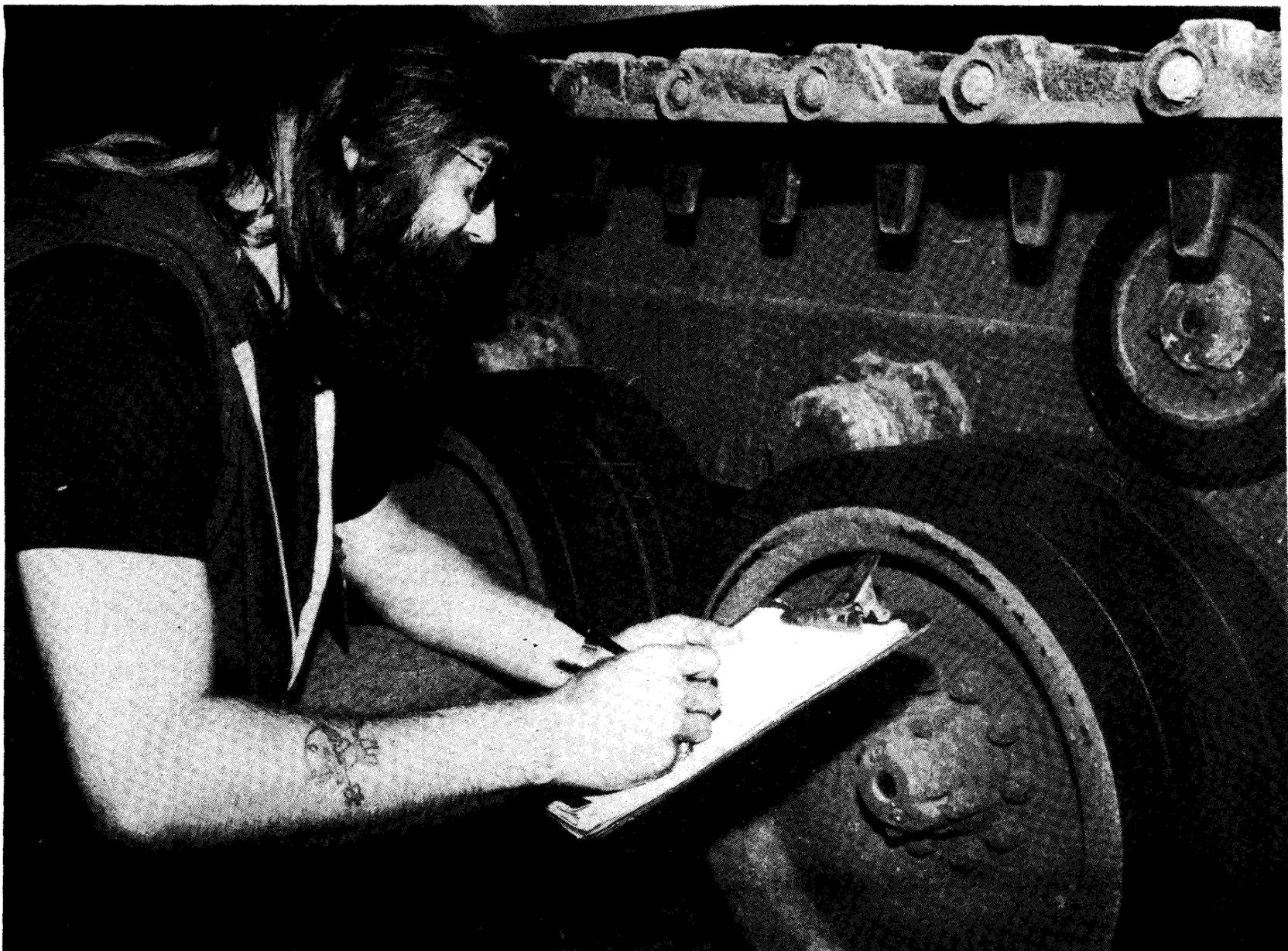
"We've been on the road since last June," said team foreman Everett Albrecht. "So far we haven't had any major problems and will probably be on the road about 14 more months before completing the modification requirements." After finishing their work here, the team's next scheduled stop is Fort Knox, Ky. They possibly will return to Redstone later this year to do more modifications.

Albrecht said the team got good support from the missile school. "Anything we needed they have been helpful with," he said.

Sgt. Lonnie Cook, NCO in charge of the commercial vehicle section at the motor pool said the Bradley vehicles will be easier and quicker to repair as a result of the modifications.



TRACK WORK — Mechanic Hugo DaSilva shoots grease into a lubrication point as part of a track tension adjustment.



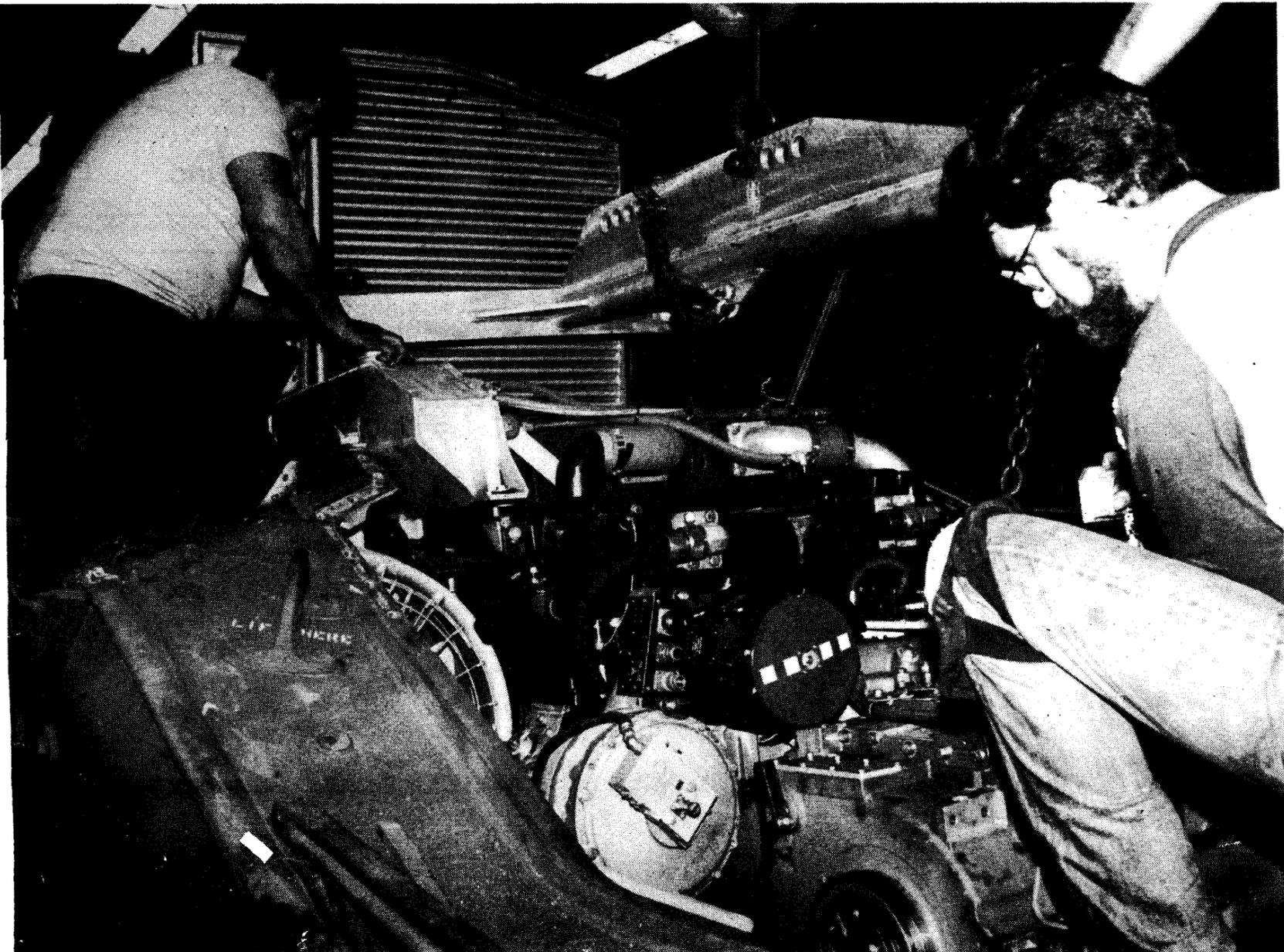
INSPECTOR — Jim Rice checks to make sure modifications have been properly done.



nt procedure.



EASY DOES IT — David Gillians, right, and Mark Sims ride the Bradley Fighting Vehicle engine into position following modifications. Both are mechanics with FMC Corp.



THE VEHICLE — The Bradley's engine is in place and Mark Sims, right, and Bill Daniels make final adjustments.

Minor flooding experienced here

The Tennessee River crested at 565.6 at the arsenal at 9 a.m. Thursday, 5.6 feet above flood stage.

The river and its feeder creeks overflowed their banks, causing localized flooding on the installation. Recreation areas on the river were inundated. Shields Road at the NASA docks was flooded and workers had to be shuttled to the main water treatment plant in a high-wheeled truck and a boat.

The Tennessee Valley Authority had predicted early last week a river crest of 568 feet which would have caused extensive flooding on the arsenal. Range equipment was moved to high ground and marker poles were placed on the shoulders of Patton Road in anticipation of it going underwater along Huntsville Spring Branch. As the week wore on the crest prediction was revised downward. By Thursday water was lapping at the edge of the pavement on Patton Road but

never did spill onto it.

Two truckloads of sand were brought to the water treatment plant for use in building sandbag dikes should they have been needed.

In the big flood of 1973, water plant workers were completely cut off from the rest of the arsenal by flood waters. Having to be taken to work in a truck or boat is part of their spring routine. "We just come and go. We've gotten used to it," said the water plant's Robert Spray.

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Learning Resource Center

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Quality control society

The Huntsville Section of the American Society for Quality Control will meet Thursday, May 17, at 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Leeman Ferry Road. J. Bruce Donaldson, marketing manager for the Sheffield management division of Cross and Trecker Corp. will speak on the Quadrax dimensional inspection system. For reservations call John Allen 882-4320 or Mac Chaney 882-4136 by May 15.

Poster contest

Children in grades one through six have until May 21 to enter a vacation church school poster contest at Bicentennial Chapel. Prizes will be awarded for the three best posters, which will be reproduced and displayed in the arsenal community. For rules and details attend Sunday morning church school at Bicentennial Chapel or call Patty Wilson 876-5707.

Government accountants

The North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday May 17, at Michael's Restaurant, Ramada Inn. The evening's business includes chapter awards, officer installation and the AGA National President, Susumu Uyda. Reservations may be made by contacting Sharal Huegele 876-8147 or Tom Bair 895-3192.

Recreation Center

Tonight—Dominoes at 7 p.m. Thursday—Bingo at 8:30 p.m. Friday—Football at 7 p.m. Saturday—Risk at 2 p.m. Sunday—Basketball at 2 p.m. Monday—Video games and free refreshments at 7 p.m. Tuesday—Pool at 7 p.m.

Yard sale for blind

The Huntsville chapter of the Alabama Council of the Blind is having its annual fund raising drive and yard sale May 17-19 at 408 Triana Blvd. For more information call Betty Armstrong 837-1267 or Earl Patton 852-4848.

Handicapped spiritual support

The H.E.R.O. handicapped spiritual support group holds fellowship meetings on the third Saturday of each month. Their next meeting will be May 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Whitesburg Drive. Those who work or live with the handicapped are also welcome. For information or transportation call Lois Render 876-8391 or 882-0909 (nights).

Summer bowling league

The Thursday night summer mixed Bowling League has been formed with enough members for 8 teams and officers have been elected. There is plenty of room for more bowlers, teams and time to sign up. Members must be active duty or retired military or their family members. This league is strictly for summer enjoyment and many members have no league bowling experience. If interested call Walt Cannizzo 876-8348. First night for bowling is Thursday, May 24. All bowlers are asked to be at the bowling alley by 6 p.m. for final formation of teams, information and to answer any questions.

Protestant women

New Protestant Women of the Chapel officers will be installed May 20 at 10:45 a.m. during the Protestant worship service. They are Carolyn Grube, president; Carol Bachtold, first vice president; Audrey Adams, second vice president; Pat Neely, third vice president; and Sharon Willis, secretary.

Space Camp scholarships

Three scholarships to Space Camp are available to children of active and retired military personnel in the community. Eligible candidates must be in grades 6-8 with a "B" average, be interested in science and complete an essay on "Why I Want To Go To Space Camp". For more information and applications call Cindy Croll 876-3704 or Rita See 876-2859.

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Potluck dinner

A Protestant potluck dinner is scheduled for May 20 at 1 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Bring the family and a dish to share.

Bloodmobile

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be at the Recreation Center today from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; on Thursday at Thiokol from 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon and at 6th Student Company (building 3207) from 12 noon to 5 p.m.; on Friday at building 5681 from 7 a.m. to 12 noon.

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Award honors excellence in civilian personnel field

WASHINGTON—The 1983 William H. Kushnick award went to a management specialist from the Army civilian personnel center's San Francisco field office.

Willard J. Dittmar, a 51-year-old Los Angeles native with 21 years of federal service, accepted the awards plaque from Army Secretary John O. Marsh Jr. during a recent Pentagon ceremony.

Dittmar, 17 years an Army employee, developed a position management blueprint revising certain position and grade classifications which provided a more economical and effective workforce. During the first year, the Army saved \$1.4 million from the changes. Dittmar also developed an advanced position man-

agement course, and a position management handbook and instructor's manual.

Marsh said the Kushnick award, presented annually for excellence in the civilian personnel field, "brings attention to the exceptional standard of excellence to which we all can aspire."

The award was established in the name of Secretary of War William H. Kushnick by a group of civilian personnel administrators who worked on his staff during World War II. This award, first presented in 1968, is sponsored by the Army Civilian Personnel Alumni Association. (Arnews)

Army wins gold in wrestling meet

WASHINGTON—The Army won the 1984 USA Sombo National Championship for the second consecutive year, edging the Marine Corps team by a score of 103 to 99.

Sombo, a Russian form of self defense, blends wrestling and judo. The term "Sombo" is an acronym for the Russian words meaning "self-defense without weapons."

Individually, Army wrestlers took two gold, three silver and two bronze medals in the this year's competition, held in April at Virginia Beach, Va. (Arnews)

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Conservation winners receive energy awards

WASHINGTON—Winners of the sixth annual Secretary of the Army energy conservation awards have been announced by Army energy officials.

The Iowa Army Ammunition Plant in Burlington, Iowa, received top honors in the active Army category. The Indiana State National Guard won the Army

National Guard category's first place award.

Fort A.P. Hill, Va. was named winner in the Army Reserve category.

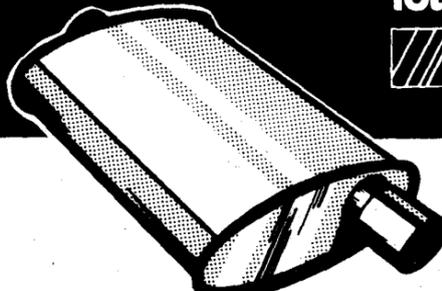
Awards are scheduled to be presented to the winners at a Pentagon ceremony in June.(Arnews)

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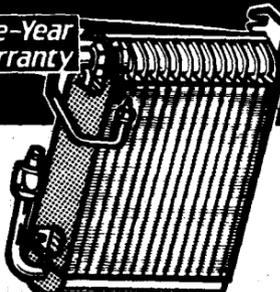
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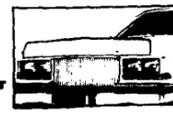
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The display honoring the 200th anniversary of the

Old Guard will remain open through October.

The Old Guard, the Army's oldest regiment of infantry, was originally named the "First American Regiment" when organized at Fort McIntosh, Pa. in 1784. The Old Guard was redesignated the 3rd United States Infantry in 1815. (Arnews)

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WASHINGTON — Maj. Gen. E.R. "Vald" Heibererg III, program manager of the Army's Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, has been nominated for appointment to the rank of lieutenant general as the next chief of engineers.

Heibererg will succeed Lt. Gen. Joseph K. Bratton, who will retire from military service this fall.

The announcement May 11 by Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger did not specify when Heibererg will assume the new position, nor did it name his successor as BMD program manager.

The BMD program is the Army's strategic weapons program which develops technology and systems to counter strategic ballistic missiles launched against the United States. Heibererg has headed the program since May 1983. His office and staff are located in Arlington, Va. but most of the 900 civilians and soldiers assigned to this national strategic program work in Huntsville.

As chief of engineers, Heibererg will have the principal responsibility for the development and management of the nation's water resources programs which

include navigation, flood control, hydroelectric power generation and water supplies for municipalities, industries and recreation.

In addition, he will be responsible for worldwide military construction for the Army and Air Force. Heibererg graduated from West Point in 1953 into the Corps of Engineers, has three masters degrees and has earned the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star and Distinguished Flying Cross. He was born at Schofield Barracks in Honolulu in 1932.

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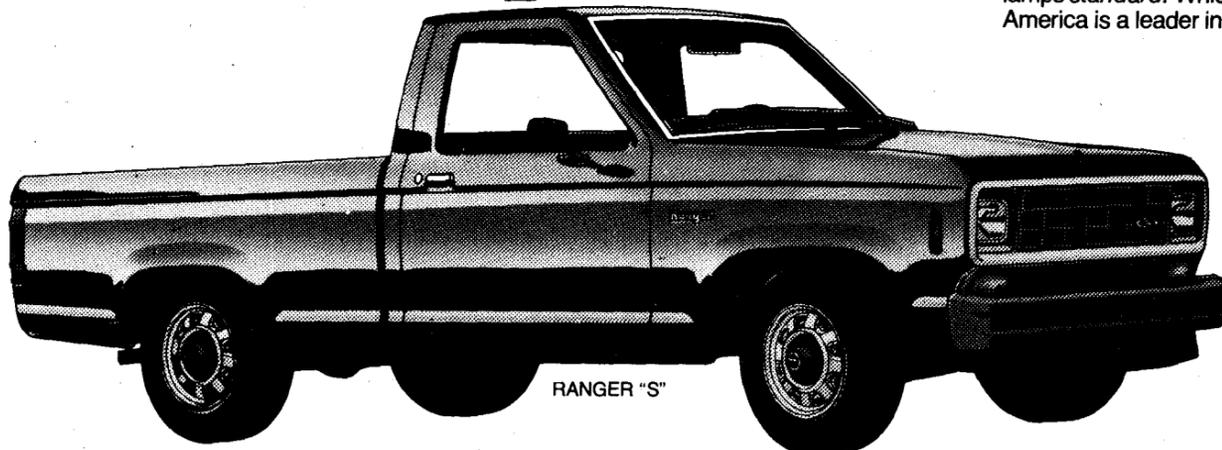
ESCORT L 4-DOOR

1. ESCORT,
WORLD'S
BEST-SELLING
CAR.†

ESCORT PRICES START AT ONLY

\$5,620*

Score one for our side: The Escort is the car more people buy than any other in the world, based on 1982 sales and export data. Because Escort has a reputation for bumper-to-bumper quality, and a starting lineup of features most imports can't match. Such as 4-wheel independent suspension *standard*, 4-speed manual transaxle with overdrive *standard*, steel-belted radials *standard*, halogen headlamps *standard*. Which all goes to show you America is a leader in more ways than one.



RANGER "S"

2. RANGER,
AMERICA'S
BEST-SELLING
COMPACT TRUCK.

RANGER "S" PRICES START AT ONLY

\$5,993*

Ford's leadership in truck sales is legendary, and once again, Ranger outsells Chevy S-10 and all the imports. (Based on R. L. Polk & Co. registrations, calendar year 1983.) Not surprising, when you consider Ranger scores with more head room and standard leg room than Toyota and Nissan, offers more engine choices than any import around and tops its class with the most powerful V-6 you can order. All of which makes picking a pickup easy for a lot of truck buyers. Obviously.

*Manufacturer's suggested retail price. Title, taxes, and destination charges not included.

†Based on sales and export data for 1982

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