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Physicist travels to photograph eclipses

The May 30 annular solar eclipse in which the moon blocked out all but a bright ring around the circumference of the sun was captured on movie film and still photographs by a Test and Evaluation Directorate worker.

Bill Vining, a physicist responsible for filming missile flight tests here, traveled to Rock Stand, Ala. near Roanoke to photograph the eclipse. Tony Scislaw, a photographer with New Technology, a range contractor here, accompanied Vining.

Interestingly, their photographs show that the eclipse didn't display a completely unbroken ring of light around the sun's outside edge as an annular eclipse does.

"One thing we found out from looking at the movie was that the eclipse never was annular, at least not where we were. There was always a portion of the eclipse broken by mountains."

In their photographs, the bright ring around the sun appears blocked out in places by dark spots which Vining said were the result of mountains on the moon.

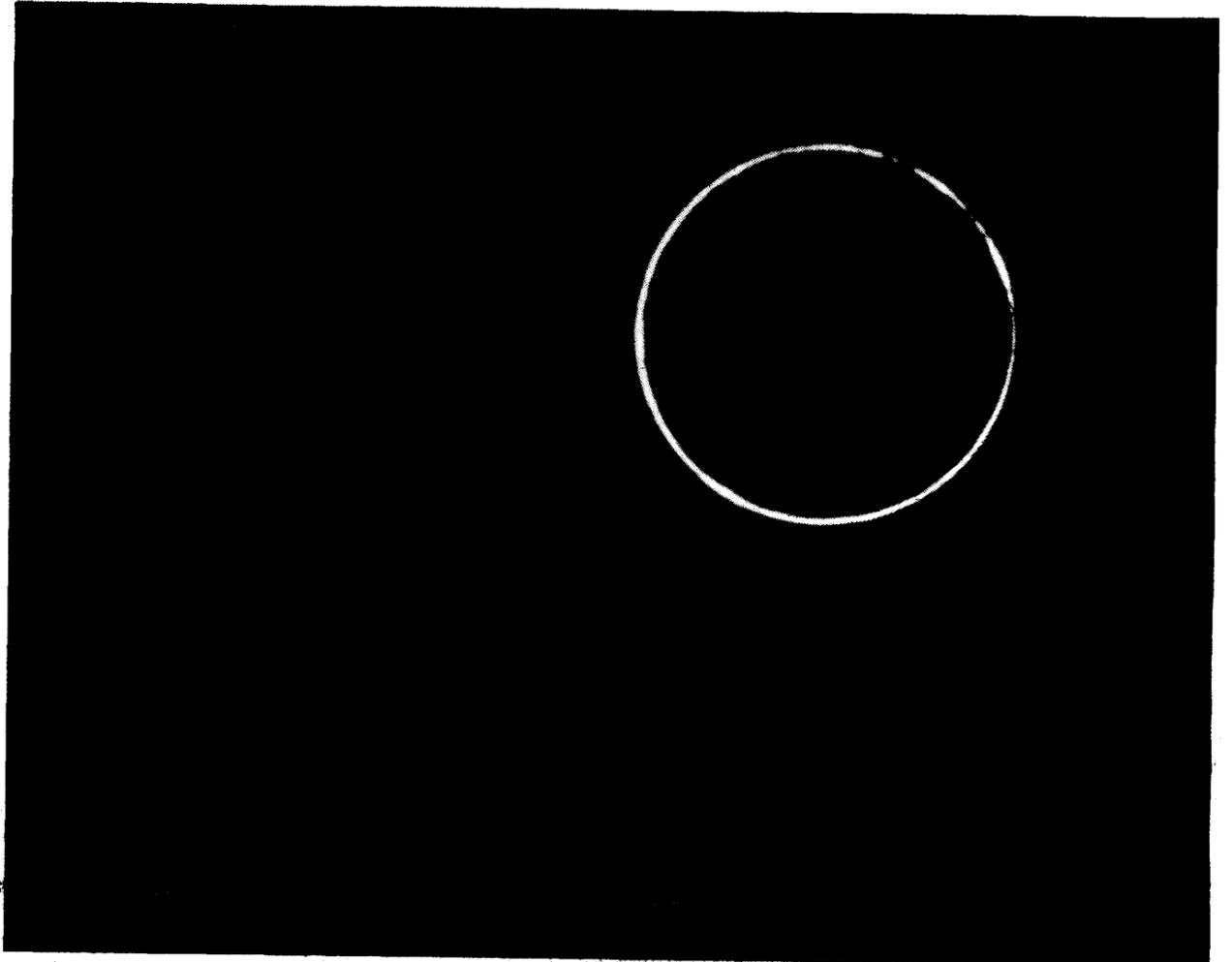
"There was always one point from our vantage point where that annulus was blocked out," Vining said.

He and Scislaw are making their film available to the Naval Observatory near Washington, D.C. for use in plotting the eclipse path.

They traveled to the Rock Stand community with a group from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and Marshall Space Flight Center's solar sciences laboratory.

The south Alabama location was chosen since it was very close to the center line of the eclipse, "the center of the lunar shadow cast on earth. Along that path is where the eclipse would be the most annular," Vining said.

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RING AROUND — Vining's photograph of the May 30 eclipse shows blacked-out spots in the ring resulting from mountains on the moon.

Lots of money, time needed to fix DDT problem

BY ED PETERS

One of the most costly construction projects ever undertaken here will be the responsibility not of the Army but of the Olin Corp. as it tries to put an end to the DDT pollution it caused.

Olin has proposed a remedy that the corporation says will cost "in the neighborhood of \$20 million".

Olin proposes filling in more than a mile of the Huntsville Spring Branch beginning just downstream of the Patton Road bridge and digging a bypass channel to reroute the stream around the affected area.

The project will require more than four years to complete, Olin estimates. The corporation says that if given a go-ahead it could start late this year and not finish till the end of 1988.

Olin proposed this remedy June 1 in accordance with a timetable the corporation and the Department of Justice agreed to in a consent decree more than a year ago. Now a review panel of federal, state and local representatives have until Sept. 1 to consider the proposal and approve it, recommend changes or select an alternative remedy.

The remedial action recommended by Olin calls for constructing a 100-foot dam in Huntsville Spring Branch to divert water flow into an existing loop which would be deepened and widened.

Three-quarters of the way through the loop a second diversion dam will route the flow to a new channel to be cut through an existing land mass back to Huntsville Spring Branch below the area containing most of the DDT. Two additional dams would be built at the lower portion of the bypassed channel and the channel then filled in.

Verrill Norwood, Olin's director of environmental

affairs, said studies show that the area to be filled and bypassed is the major source of the DDT that is showing up downstream.

Olin's recommended solution, according to Norwood, is "responsive to the needs of the situation and the results of investigatory programs (and) . . . has minimum potential for any adverse environmental impact or disruption of arsenal activities."

Simultaneous with announcing its recommendation June 1, Olin released in two thick volumes its report on more than a year of study of the DDT problem by its environmental affairs group based in Charleston, Tenn.

According to the report, the proposed remedy will isolate from people and the environment 75 percent of the DDT in Huntsville Spring Branch and Indian Creek. Olin calculates that this will cause DDT levels in fish in those streams and in the Tennessee River near the arsenal to drop to the federal "safe" level of five parts per million or below. Huntsville Spring Branch and Indian Creek contain more than 400 tons of DDT manufacturing waste in bottom sediment.

It had been thought that the fish were accumulating DDT through feeding but Olin's research indicates exposure to it in the water column may be the cause. Olin is conducting more studies to define the mechanism of DDT uptake.

Among Olin's other findings:

—DDT in sediment ranges from 63,000 parts per million near the old DDT factory site to 1.7 ppm some 10 miles downstream at the mouth of Indian Creek.

—Contaminated sediment is moving downstream.

—Catfish are migrating from the contaminated area into the Tennessee River; bass probably are not. In

tagging experiments, a catfish migrated 26 miles. Bass traveled little. A carp migrated more than 31 miles.

—Tests revealed no DDT contamination in area ground water.

Olin and its predecessor companies manufactured DDT from 1947-1970 in an old factory building leased from the Army Corps of Engineers that was converted to peacetime use when the chemical manufacturing arsenal was closed here after World War II.

At one time, the factory accounted for a significant portion of the world's production of DDT, churning out some 25 million pounds yearly of the potent insect poison.

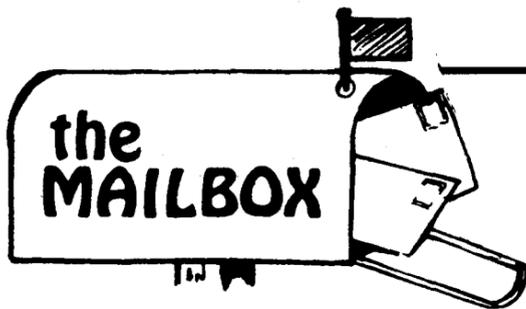
The raw DDT product from the factory was compounded into commercial insecticides at a fraction of its original strength. For several years ending in the early 1950s this was done in the North end of building 5681 where a large facility existed for processing DDT, toxaphene, dieldrin, lindane and other insect poisons of the period.

The DDT factory dumped about 1.5 million gallons of untreated waste water into Huntsville Spring Branch each day. This water had been used to wash the raw DDT product, which resembled slabs of white peanut brittle.

DDT in the waste water settled out into Huntsville Spring Branch where it remains today.

Olin closed its DDT factory here around 1970 after a long dispute with the Army and regulatory agencies. DDT, hailed in the 1940's and '50s as "the miracle insecticide", fell from favor because of its persistence in the environment and detrimental effect on wildlife and its identification as a possible human carcinogen.

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Nonsensical rhetoric

Editor

With all the nonsensical rhetoric about drugs, dog searches, trust and confidence, honor, teamwork and apple pie that has found its way into the Mail Box recently, one can't help but get a laugh or two. The hypocrisy and naivete of it all must astound even the most hard-bitten of cynics.

Paranoiac conservatives seem to have the fanciful need for the canine sniffers, but in reality the dogs net little or nothing. If the people are concerned about their children's drug use the sniffing should be done by daddy's nose, not rover's. It should be done at home in the family Buick, not in my old jalopy after a hard day's work. The conviction rate for these grass smokers and pencil pilferers will be low or nil. Take, for instance, the case of the local RSA felon who got two years' vacation and a demotion. Quite a collar for our constabulary, until you consider he got back pay and no real or effective wage loss. We should all

DDT

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possible human carcinogen.

Tests by the Army in 1977, about seven years after the factory was closed and dismantled, found heavy contamination remaining in the shallow, swampy stream bed of Huntsville Spring Branch that is a continuing source of contamination in the local food chain.

Later tests revealed that fish were contaminated not only in Huntsville Spring Branch but in the Tennessee River adjacent to the arsenal for miles in both directions, and notably at Triana on the arsenal's southwest boundary where poor black residents fished for food for many years.

The U.S. Center for Disease Control subsequently found disproportionate levels of DDT in the bodies of Triana residents and, in one octogenarian, the highest

defraud the Government with that kind of retribution. Makes these expensive on-again off-again prevention programs just so much hyperbolic muscle flexing and hot air.

Significant crime almost never occurs at the lower levels of an organization. Minor pilfering doesn't justify "real" prevention programs. What we get are showy Big Brother infringement/inconvenience fear programs that play on our Christian ethic. They work — on people who wouldn't steal anything beyond a pencil anyway. What they really do is statistically fill out some fiscal year accomplishment report.

Sometimes tactics that invade privacy and come close to being unconstitutional are crammed down the military's and civil service's collective throat. These tactics, if accepted as little more than inconvenience by the Government family, may eventually find their way into general public legislation. That would be just what Der Fuhrer ordered, wouldn't it? The trick is to convince the little people that they want and need more and more stringent control of everything to save the world as they know it. Then to issue, instill and ensure the "correct" political attitude and ethic.

Don't get me wrong, please. I say, give us dog searches, property seizure, midnight madness raids and telephone taps and office surveillance. Issue us ID papers and destination permits. Give it a chance to work, comrade.

Name withheld by request

MISD morale

Editor:

This letter is in reference to the MISD "Morale Problem" letter in the 5 June edition of the *Rocket*. We as a group of employees of MISD wish to categorically state that the individual writing the letter certainly does not speak for all MISD employees. In our association with a substantial number of other MISD employees, we can certainly state that in our opinion, the morale of MISD personnel is quite acceptable, and the perception of the integrity and fairness of management is excellent.

Signed by four people, names withheld by request

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MICOM picnic slated June 23

Preparations are still under way for the annual MICOM picnic Saturday, June 23, at the civilian recreation area.

Activities will include a volksmarch, softball tournament, volleyball tournament, children's games, a pony ride for children, and professional entertainment.

Refreshments will be for sale. The picnic is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. June 23. In case of rain, it would be held Sunday, June 24.

"They're still doing their planning and preparation," said Ed Gollop, picnic publicity chairman.

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Vietnam unknown gave all for his country

BY STEVEN SILVERS

WASHINGTON—On the day they finally buried him the rain came in warm off-and-on drizzles, at times turning to short showers. The mugginess was so thick, the clouds so low, they'd had to cancel a scheduled fly-over by 21 Air Force F-15's.

It was fitting, though, more than one in the crowd agreed. This was Vietnam weather. Whoever was in the silver casket fought, and perhaps died, in weather like today's.

Inside the stark white amphitheater overlooking Arlington Cemetery, 4,000 invited guests fell silent as an honor guard carried in the flag-draped coffin containing the unidentified remains of an American serviceman killed in Vietnam.

Sitting among the audience of senators, medal-of-honor winners and other dignitaries were Reuben and Alice Walier of Richmond, Va. Alice's brother was flying an Air Force observation plane when it was shot down over the jungle in 1966. He was never seen or heard from again.

After ten years Alice's brother was reclassified from missing to killed in action so his daughter could be adopted by her new father.

As the unknown was gently set down where the president would award him the Medal of Honor, Alice Walier wiped a tear that slipped out from behind her sunglasses. She cried for a brother she couldn't let go of. Her eight-year-old son next to her cried also, for an uncle he had never met.

"You wonder if it's your person in there," she said. "A part of you hopes it is. A part of you hopes it isn't."

The same thoughts no doubt plagued other families, friends and comrades of almost 2,500 servicemen still unaccounted for from America's longest war. Now, 25 years after the first two Americans were killed in a Guerrilla ambush, one of those missing had come home a hero.

Poignant symbol

With his interment, the unknown became a symbol as poignant as the 58,000 names etched into the black granite Vietnam Veterans Memorial nearby. While that memorial captures the extent and spirit of sacrifice, the unknown became the single body of those who sacrificed everything, even their names.

The man in the silver casket gave his all for his coun-

try. No one, for or against the war in Southeast Asia, could dispute that on this Memorial Day.

"Today, we pause to embrace him and all who served us so well in a war whose end offered no parades, no flags, and so little thanks," said an emotional President Reagan during the ceremonies.

"Let us, if we must, debate the lessons learned at some other time," he said as it began to rain. "Today we simply say with pride, thank you, dear son, and may God cradle you in loving arms."

The president was interrupted by applause when he said the event would not mean an end to the search for those still missing.

"I ask the members of congress, the leaders of veterans' groups and citizens of an entire nation...to give these families your help and your support, for they still sacrifice and suffer," he said. "We write no last chapters, we close no books, we put away no final memories."

It took 11 years to bury an unknown after Congress passed legislation authorizing it in 1973, two years before the last Americans pulled out of Vietnam. Finding an unknown proved a problem in itself.

Bodies were often immediately removed from Vietnam battlefields. Technological strides at the Army's casualty identification laboratory in Hawaii made matching names with remains so foolproof that many feared there might not be an unknown to bury.

While thousands of Americans remained anonymous after previous wars, Vietnam left only four. In April, after technicians named one set of remains as unidentifiable, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger announced the time had come.

Records destroyed

All records concerning the remains were destroyed, and the Vietnam unknown's return was planned to entail as much military pomp as the nation could muster.

In Washington, the casket was carried by an honor guard—most too young to remember the war—and laid in the capital Rotunda, an honor first shared by Lincoln and most recently by Senator Hubert H. Humphrey.

"This young American understood that freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction," the president had said there.

A steady stream of people passed by the casket during the next four days. Many were camera-toting

memorial weekend tourists who hadn't expected anything special to be going on. For others the visit was far more personal.

"I felt a sense of patriotism and a deep sense of loss," said a young Senate employee after visiting the Rotunda Friday night. Americans should remember there is a price for the freedoms we enjoy."

At noon Monday, the casket began its slow two-hour procession to Arlington. Along a parade route lined by some 250,000 people, many placed hands over hearts or saluted as the horse-drawn caisson rolled by.

Impromptu parade

An impromptu company of Vietnam veterans, clad in various mixes of uniforms, fatigues, jeans and worn combat boots, marched in contrast behind the spit-and-polish procession. Spectators cheered the sight of them; they were ragtag. But they were in step.

"It's about time this happened," one of the veteran marchers, Gary Rocher of Knightville, Texas, said later. "These guys fought just as hard as anyone. This means something."

As the somber parade wound through Washington, howitzers at Fort Myer in Virginia and Fort McNair in the district fired a 21-gun salute, one minute between each round.

Thousands of people, including the veterans who had marched, watched live coverage of the funeral on a large screen outside the cemetery. Many in and out of uniform snapped to attention as the cameras showed the casket being carried to its final spot between the unknowns from World War II and Korea, in front of the World War I tomb.

Many of those veterans locked arms as they watched the president, his face ashen, place a wreath next to the now uncovered casket. Many quietly wept as another 21-gun salute boomed across the rolling hills of white tombstones.

With official ceremonies over, the public was allowed to pay respects to the unknown. In minutes the line stretched around the amphitheater as dignitaries, school groups, tourists, and veterans waited patiently in the rain.

"We brought a friend home and buried him today," said Marine veteran Miles Epling who stood nearby. He glanced toward the casket as someone placed a sheet of plastic over the unknown's medal of honor to protect it from the rain. "We don't know who he is, but he's one of us." (Arnews)

Veterans hiring programs surpassing goals here

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The Missile Command has exceeded the goals from higher headquarters for veterans' employment.

Programs include the Veterans Readjustment Appointment Program for hiring Vietnam era veterans and the Compensable Veterans Program for hiring 30 percent or more compensably disabled veterans.

"MICOM had exceeded DARCOM goals for the Veterans Readjustment Appointment and the 30 percent compensably disabled veterans program," said Ted Acklin, chief of the special recruitment branch in the civilian personnel office. That branch administers the veteran hiring programs.

Within the last year 90 permanent and 123 temporary appointments have been made within local commands under the veterans readjustment appointment program. That program was scheduled to end Sept. 30 but legislation approved by a House committee would extend it three more years.

The legislation would also permit government agencies to hire veterans up to grade GS-11 and would remove the restriction against the hiring of veterans

with more than 14 years of education.

At present the veterans readjustment appointment program permits the hiring of veterans up to grade GS-7 or WG-7. It is restricted to persons with no more than 14 years of school (up to two years in college).

"In order to be eligible for this program, the person must have served active duty during the Vietnam era from 5 Aug. '64 to 7 May '75. The individual must have served at least 180 days fulltime active duty in order to qualify," Acklin said. "And they have to be a citizen of the United States and separated from the military service under honorable conditions."

Some 890 people are registered here as seeking employment under the veterans readjustment appointment program. It was established as a result of an executive order on March 26, 1970.

The compensable veterans program, authorized by the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, helps employ veterans who are 30 percent or more disabled. There is no restriction on the applicant's education and no limit to grade level.

Jobs are filled through the veterans hiring programs

through procedures that are non-competitive. This cuts recruitment time. A job that might take 30 to 60 days to fill under merit promotion procedures may take only two or three weeks to fill through the veterans programs, Acklin said.

"I think they're very good programs and the command has benefited immensely," he said. "We are not only helping those who have served their country in a crisis situation but the command is gaining the experience that veterans have acquired during their military service."

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Eclipse

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For Vining, this eclipse expedition was a short one. In the past, he has traveled to Florida and Montana to photograph eclipses and in 1973 was part of a National Science Foundation group that went to Kenya to study an eclipse.

His interest in eclipse photography is simple. "It's just a beautiful thing to look at. If I had enough money I would follow them all over the world," said Vining, 33.

Photography is his hobby as well as his living since he is responsible for the high-speed photographic instrumentation on the missile flight range. "It's a good thing when you can get a vocation and an avocation in the same field," he said with a grin.

National Guard gets new light division

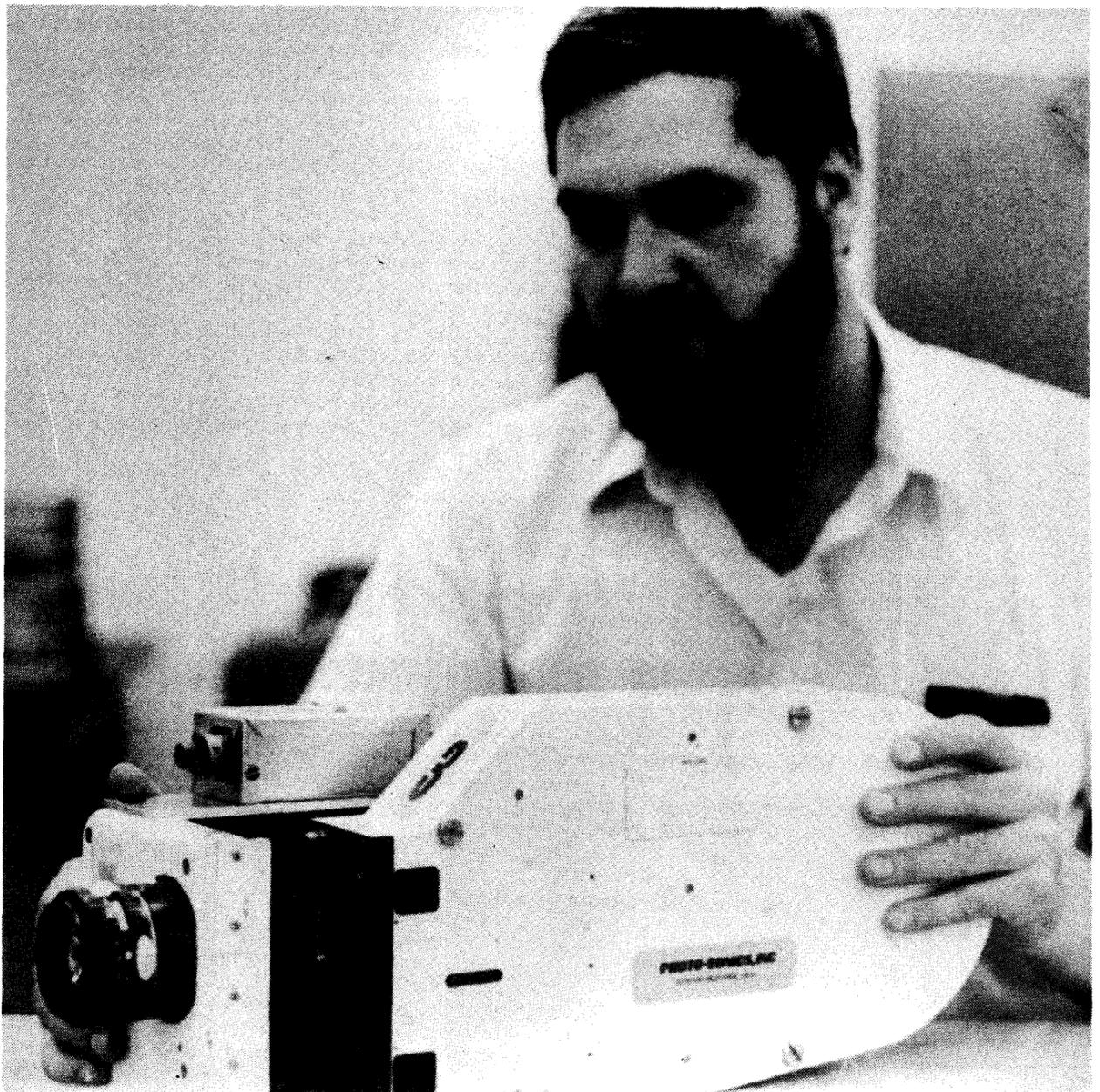
WASHINGTON—Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger has announced plans to form a new Army National Guard light infantry division.

Designated the 29th Infantry Division, it is the Army National Guard's tenth combat and first light infantry division. This activation will increase Army combat divisions to 27, a programmed action to meet the total Army's 27-division goal.

The new unit will be formed from Army National Guard elements from Maryland and Virginia. Maryland's 58th Separate Infantry Brigade and Virginia's 116th Separate Infantry Brigade will serve as the nucleus to begin activation. The remainder of the division will be formed by new units or by converting existing units during fiscal 1986.

The headquarters will be activated in October 1985, at Fort Belvoir, Va., and will be staffed by soldiers from both Maryland and Virginia.

Officials say the presence of a light infantry division in the Army National Guard is in keeping with the total force policy that mandates active and reserve component units staying comparable in both structure and equipment. They add that by having a light infantry division in the guard, a trained, available cadre exists to facilitate future activations or mobilizations.(Arnews)



ECLIPSE PHOTOGRAPHER — Bill Vining shows a movie camera similar to one used to film the eclipse.

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The dog center needs German Shepherds, Rottweillers, and Bovier-Des-Flanders. Originally bred as guard dogs, these breeds have the size, strength, courage and loyalty to perform as military working dogs.

The center, located at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, depends on dog owners throughout the United States to donate or sell their pets. Dogs need not be

registered or purebred. They must, however, be between one and three years old, at least 22 inches tall at the shoulder and weigh at least 55 pounds. Owners of dogs accepted for the program can be paid up to \$400.

Dogs must pass certain psychological tests, like response to gunfire and aggression, and a physical examination.

Dogs accepted into the program are trained in a variety of duties, to include protecting the president, detecting explosives and narcotics and patrolling federal installations.

For more information on how you pet can enlist in the military, call toll-free, 1-800-531-1066.(Arnews)

Childrens storyteller at post library today

"Mr. Ben" Heiman, well-known area storyteller, will conduct five yarn-spinning sessions for elementary school children this summer at the post library.

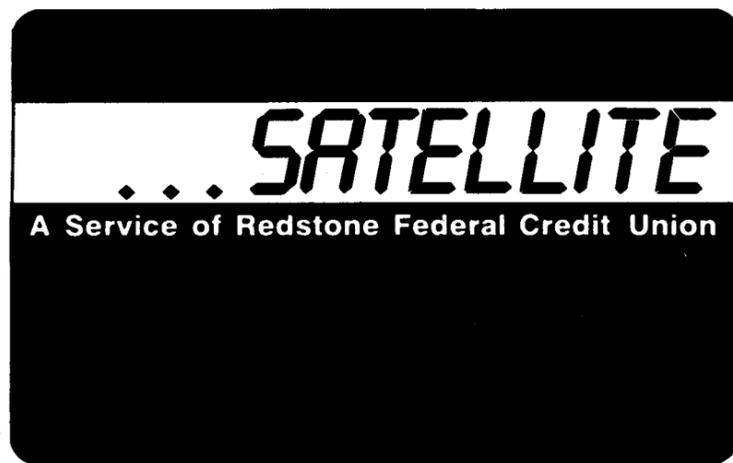
Folklore is Heiman's specialty. He encourages listeners to tell stories of their own and gives them advice and pointers on style and technique.

The first storytelling session is today, June 13, and others are scheduled June 27 and July 11, 18 and 25. Each session is from 1-1:30 p.m. All elementary school children are invited to attend.

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Stallions stay unbeaten in softball with two more wins

BY MIKE McCOLPIN

The P&P Stallions went undefeated through the first round of the Civilian Welfare League softball season. They beat MLC 27-8 and Rachels 19-11. The win over MLC was led by Ken Moore who went five for six with three homers, including a grand slam and nine runs batted in, and John Pitcher who was five for five with two homers and five RBI. Jerry Williams led five other Stallions who had three hits apiece by getting his second round-tripper of the season.

The Stallions versus Rachels game matched the two dominant teams in the West Division and drew the largest crowd in recent memory. Rachels jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead, rocking Jim Chiarizio and then reliever Dennis Evans for three homers in the top of the first. The Stallions mounted a two-out rally in their half of the first with five consecutive singles and a home run by Rudy Cornelius.

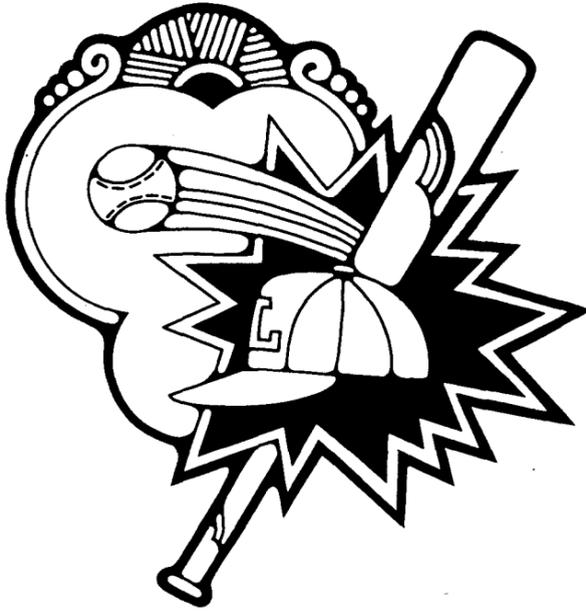
The game stayed close from that point until the Stallions erupted for six home runs in the bottom of the sixth for a 19-9 lead. Rachels could come up with only two runs in the seventh as Dennis Evans and a superb defense nailed down the win. Offensively, the Stallions were led by Chiarizio's four hits, including two triples and six RBI, and Ken Moore's and Blair Johnson's four hits and three RBI apiece. Rachels was led by Randy Pate's four for four day, including two homers. Cleo McWhorter, James "Mooney" Battle, Calvin Harris, and Gary Belue also homered for Rachels.

Rachels managed to slip by Dr. Zoom and the Sonic Boom 7-6 in nine innings. Steve Kestler and Bill McCormick powered Rachels with four hits each. McCormick had the game-winning hit. Perry Pederson had three hits and four RBI for Dr. Zoom, while Doug Wheatly had three hits and Wayne Westerhouse two. Dr. Zoom rebounded with a 31-2 drubbing of CPO as Barry McClure, Wheatly and Pederson had four hits

and five RBI apiece.

The Cougars picked up two wins to get a share of the East Division lead by blasting P&P Engineers 20-0 and beating F&A 19-7. In the win over P&P, Danny Smith got three hits including two homers to back his shutout pitching. James Williams had four hits, Dewitt Palmore three hits, and Ken Lomax and Sam

Meadows each cracked home runs. In the win over F&A, Palmore had five hits and Bob Peagler and Smith three hits apiece. Smith and Bob Nichols each had homers for the Cougars. F&A got three hits apiece from Freddy Teague, Keith Frost and Dana Wilbanks, and two hits from Harold Jacobs and DeWayne Kelly. Jacobs had a homer.



Standings

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RADS	5	1	.833	--
T&E	5	2	.714	1/2
MIA	4	2	.667	1
F&A	3	3	.500	2
SIO	3	4	.429	2 1/2
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Rachels	4	1	.800	2
Express	4	2	.667	2 1/2
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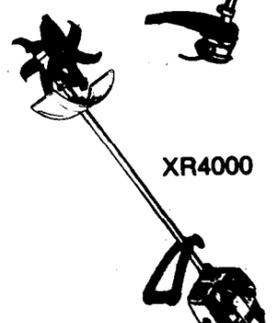
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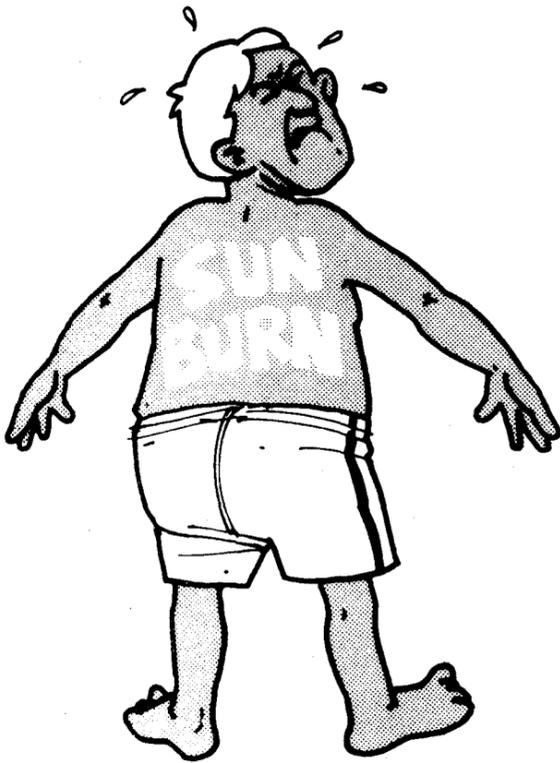
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Exchanges offer check disclaimer

WASHINGTON—Soldiers no longer need be liable for checks cashed by their family members at the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, according to AAFES officials.

AAFES is offering disclaimers to active-duty and retired military sponsors. The disclaimer, good for three years, relieves the sponsor of responsibility if his family writes bad checks. The disclaimer forms are available from any AAFES facility manager.

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Soldiers can further limit their liability, officials say, by requesting that card issuing officials stamp "not for check cashing" on identification cards when new ones are requested for family members.

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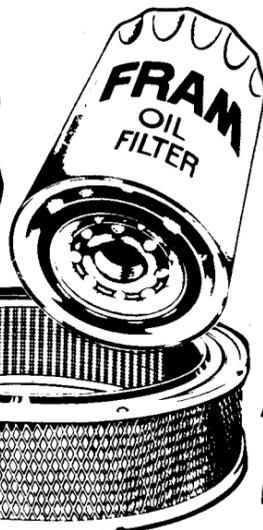
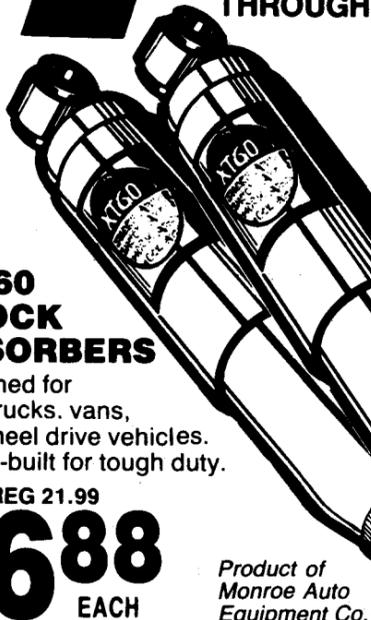
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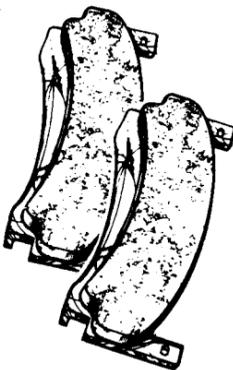
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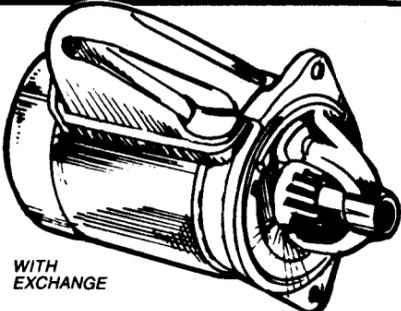
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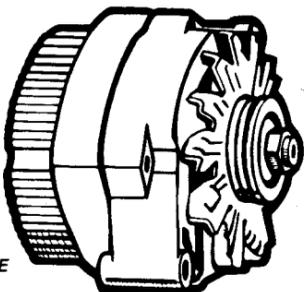
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Sharon A. Weinhold and Lt. Col. James F. McNulty were presented the annual awards by Army Under Secretary James R. Ambrose in a recent Pentagon ceremony.

Weinhold, a Sheboygan, Wis. native, was recognized for developing the fiscal year 1983 operations and maintenance Army budget procedures. She works as a budget analyst in the Army Comptroller's Office.

McNulty, the system coordinator for the Pershing II missile, was cited for management leading to the weapon's deployment. He is assigned to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Research, Development

and Acquisition. He is a native of Wheeling, W. Va. Weinhold and McNulty have been selected to attend the Alfred P. Sloan fellows program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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Old Guard has 200th birthday

WASHINGTON—It is one thing to read about history and quite another to participate in it. Just ask the soldiers of the 3D U.S. Infantry (the Old Guard).

On June 1, the 1,100 members of the unit gathered at Arlington National Cemetery's memorial amphitheater to commemorate the regiment's 200th anniversary. The commemoration included a memorial service, plaque presentation and wreath laying ceremony at the tomb of the unknowns. The Old Guard is the nation's oldest active infantry regiment and the Army's official ceremonial unit and escort to the president. It is a highly decorated unit, with 51 battle streamers and two special unit awards attached to its regimental colors.

During the bicentennial celebration of the units, a letter of thanks from President Reagan was read. The president wrote, "I join my fellow countrymen in expressing great appreciation for your regiment's accomplishments both past and present, and take this opportunity to extend my thanks for the superb work you do in demonstrating the professionalism of our armed forces to the world at large."

Col. Robert G. Krause, commander of the 3D Infantry, attributes the unit's present high standards to

the great traditions it has inherited from its forebears.

"We cannot avoid the plain and simple truth, that on our shoulders ride the regimental traditions and standards of those who have preceded us," Krause said. "And it is our willing acceptance of those traditions, those traditions as ours, that allow this unit to sustain its excellence."

How do the soldiers of the Third feel about being members of this old and elite unit?

Cpl. Timothy Knapp of the honor guard company best sums up their feelings as he reflects, "...Ten year from now, when I look back at my experiences as an Old Guardman, I will remember the pride I felt while wearing by blues, the esprit de corps of the unit, and the determination to always do my best." (Arnews)

Exchanges combining deferred payment plans

WASHINGTON—Soldiers stationed at some overseas locations now will need only one deferred-payment plan account to buy both uniforms and other products, according to the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

A computerized system currently being introduced in Munich and Augsburg, West Germany, and in Fort

Clayton, Panama, will allow the exchange to combine both the deferred-payment plan for consumer goods and the uniform clothing deferred-payment plan.

The DPP program allows qualified customers stationed overseas to buy up to \$1,000 worth of selected merchandise on extended terms with a one-percent per month service charge on the unpaid balance.

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Missile school participates in weapon system display

BY MAGGIE CUMMINS

Six tactical weapon systems were taken from the Missile and Munitions Center and School to Camp Shelby, Miss. to provide a display for the National Guard.

Noncommissioned officers with expertise on the various systems went to the summer training camp to explain the weapon systems to the troops.

SFC Dickie Morgan, area retention NCO of the Alabama National Guard, was the point of contact at the camp to set up the display for the National Guard from the 31st Armor Brigade and two other major commands involved in the training there.

"We are putting on the open display for personnel who are off duty two days to get a better idea of what kind of equipment different training installations have," says Morgan. "Approximately 6000 National Guardsmen are expected to review the display as well as the local public."

An Abrams M1 tank from Anniston was also on display. An aviation section at the camp gave helicopter rides.

Brig. Gen. Russell Summerlin, 31st Armor commander, says that it is vital and essential that the soldiers get an opportunity to see the systems. "It helps morale and retention of the troops. They will have to remember what our systems look like when they're out in the field. This helps give them a better understanding of what the different installations in our Army have.

"The equipment is well maintained by the crews and they seemed well versed with the systems' usage. It is a super display.

On the different tactical weapons systems, SFC Shannon Mormon explained the usage and characteristics of the Vulcan; SFC Dave Carter had the Lance Missile; SSgt. Mark Ripp had the Multiple Launch Rocket System; SSgt. Beauford Brown had the TOW Missile; Sp5 Kenneth Coleman had the Bradley

Fighting Vehicle; and Sp5 Everett Clark had the Chaparral.

Maj. Gen. William A. Jackson, Troop Command commander, says there were three good reasons for the open display at the summer training camp.

"It was a good opportunity for a lot of the troops to observe more modern equipment, which is educational in itself," says Jackson. "People from the Armor Brigade as well as other people will actually see what kind of systems we have.

"It has a morale building effect to let people know the type of equipment being used for security.

"We have determined that when National Guard personnel have extra time available to them that they will take advantage and inspect military hardware over going swimming or even going downtown," he says.

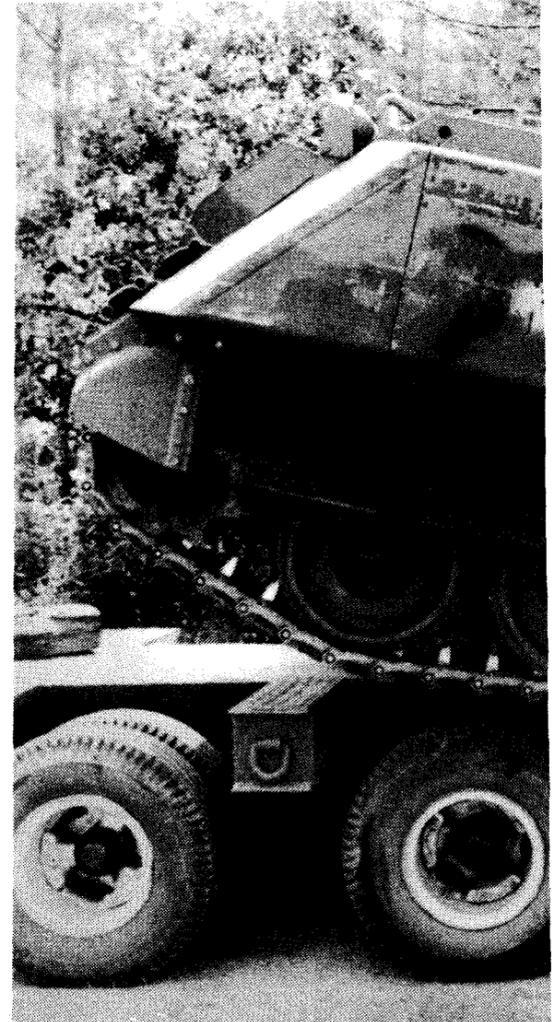
Jackson says the number of people reviewing the display has increased compared to last year and that he hopes to add more to the display in future years.

"Our target audience is, of course, the troops, but it is amazing to see the number of people that will use their personal time to view the display," says Jackson. "It is reassuring to the people to see what we have for their security so they will take pride in our forces."

Jackson says he appreciates the cooperation in setting up the display and hopes to see more next year.

Maj. James Haynie of the 31st Armor Brigade says, "I think it's important to display the hardware we have available for security. It reassures people of the capabilities we have to perform our mission. It helps our troops recognize the equipment at the most important time, in the field."

NCOIC for the team from MMCS, SFC Clarence Putlovic says, "We are proud to demonstrate the weapon systems we have at MMCS to soldiers from different units throughout the U.S. Army. Each display we participate in is different. The response of the people varies but most seem to enjoy seeing the different systems."



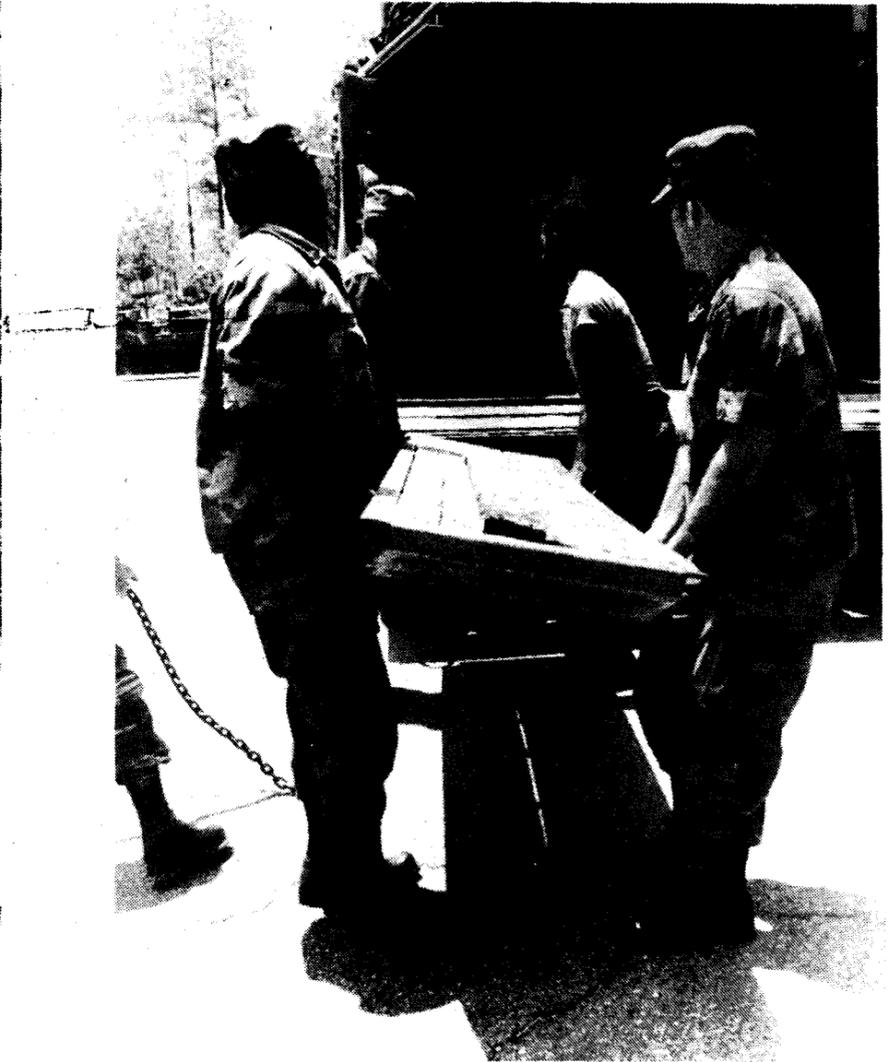
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Aerial photograph shows a weapon systems at Camp Shelby.



truck to take its place in a National Guard display (Photos by Maggie Cummins).



Soldiers position ramps for unloading display equipment.



A Lance missile is set up by SFC Dave Carter (left foreground), SSgt. Mark Ripp and SFC Shannon Mormon (right).

Airlines cut fares for military families

WASHINGTON—Two major airlines now offer service members and their family's new fare reductions that can cut fares up to 50 percent.

The Eastern Airlines and USAIR discounts, according to Military Traffic Management Command officials, "while of considerable value to the entire military community, should be particularly useful to those family members who must travel on short notice because of personal emergencies."

Eastern Airlines has agreed to offer military spouse and dependent reduced fares on most of their domestic routes on a test basis through Nov. 15. Where available, the discount will range from 25 to 50 percent, with no requirements on minimum stay or advance purchase. However, dependents must travel with sponsors, and are required to have dependent identification if older than 10.

USAIR has lifted their restriction that dependents must travel with sponsors to qualify for the 50 percent round-trip discount fare. There are no minimum stay requirements, and tickets may be purchased up to flight check-in time. Again, identification documents are necessary to obtain the reduced-priced tickets, and should be available when boarding the aircraft.

For up-to-date flight reservations and information, contact the airlines directly, the nearest scheduled airline ticket office or a travel agent.

MTMC officials say service members should always shop around for the best fare available. Airlines often offer special promotional fares lower than discount fares offered by other airlines. (Arnews)

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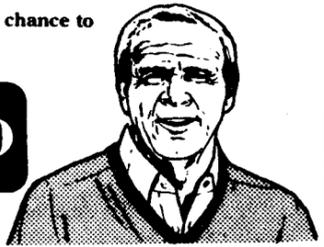
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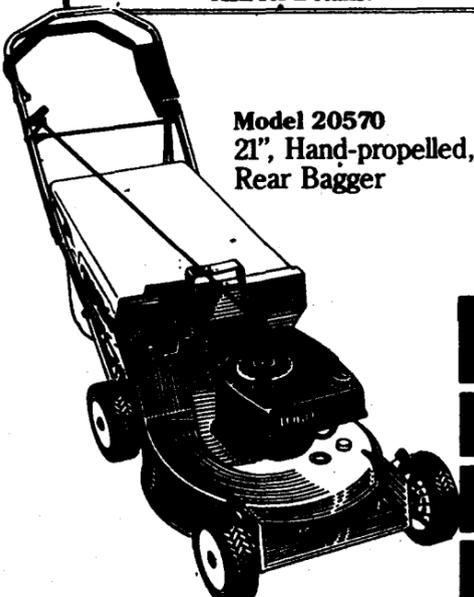
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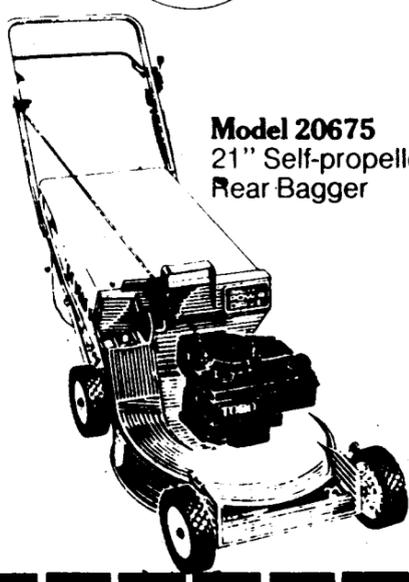
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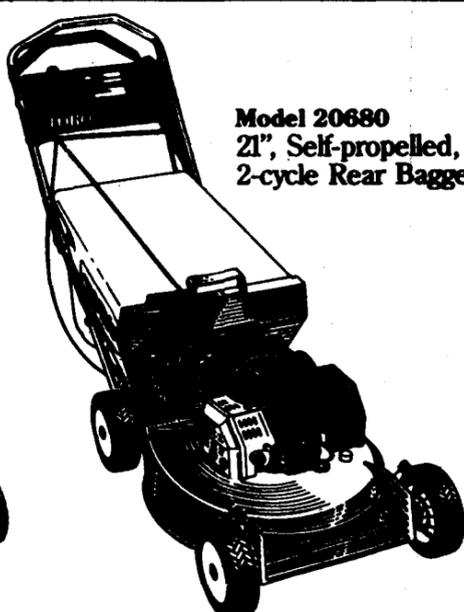
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Outdoor Recreation is sponsoring a white water rafting trip on the Nanthahala River in North Carolina on July 28. Military personnel, government civilians and guests may participate. Cost is \$50 which includes transportation, raft and sack lunch. Sign up at Outdoor Recreation 876-4531 or the Recreation Center 876-4868.

Logistics engineers

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the Society of Logistics Engineers will hold its regular business meeting on June 21 at the Officers Club with a social at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at noon. Maj. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard is guest speaker. All present and prospective members and guests are invited. Cost is \$6. For reservations call Glenn Smith 876-5226 or Marty Martin 876-8166.

Cookbook winners

Four people won cookbooks in an Armed Forces Fiesta Sweepstakes promotion at the PX and their names have been submitted to a national competition for a chance to win a trip to Mexico or a food processor or microwave oven. Local cookbook winners were James Madison, Angela Hernandez, Martha Bouerlein and Chuck Yancura.

Quality control society

The Huntsville Section of ASQC will tour the Parker Hannifin plant on South Parkway on June 21. The tour will start at 7 p.m. at the main entrance of the plant which makes precision fittings and valves. Those wanting to attend should call Ed Delorma or Bill Glass 881-2040 by June 19.

Spiritual support group

The H.E.R.O. spiritual support group of the handicapped holds fellowship meetings on the third Saturday of every month from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Whitesburg Drive. The next meeting will be June 16. For more information or transportation assistance call 882-0909 evenings.

Space Camp scholarships

Local military children have until Friday, June 15, to apply for three Space Camp scholarships to be awarded by ACS. The scholarships are for children in grades 6-8 with a "B" average and an interest in science. Children of active duty and retired military are eligible. Applicants must complete an essay of at least one but not more than two pages on "Why I want to go to space camp". For more information call Cindy Kroll 876-3704 or Rita See 876-2859. Scholarship applications can be picked up at the ACS Office or at the PX, Commissary NCO Club, or Officers Club.

Exceptional children's survey

ACS is surveying the special needs of exceptional children in the local military community for purposes of setting up summer fun activities, possibly to include swimming lessons and summer camp. Military parents, including retirees, are requested to fill out a confidential questionnaire listing the child's age, school, nature of difficulty or handicap and special needs, describing what activity planners should know to best work with the child. Questionnaires and more information may be obtained from Janice Gaultney 876-2859 or 882-9614.

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Discount tickets to area attractions are available at the Recreation Center. Six Flags tickets are \$12.50 adult, save \$1, and \$9.50 child, save \$4; Opryland tickets are \$12, save \$1.25 Point Mallard tickets are \$2.50 adult, save \$2, and \$1.50 child, save \$1.25; Cobb theaters tickets are \$2.75, save 75 cents. Discount tickets are also available to Sea World, Circus World and Disney World. The Recreation Center is in building 3711, telephone 876-5492.

Crime prevention display

A crime prevention display will be in the PX shopping mall from 12 noon to 5 p.m. June 13-15. Crime prevention information will be available to the public and a representative of the military police crime prevention section will be on hand to answer questions. Scribers will be available for use in marking personal property.

Physical examinations

Physical examinations for school, sports and college are being offered each Wednesday morning July through October in the Pediatric Department at Fox Hospital. The examinations are for family members age 4 and older and can be scheduled through Central Appointments. Patients must report to the pediatric clinic within three working days of their appointment to obtain examination forms and laboratory work.

Baseball cards

A baseball card show, presented by North Alabama Chapter 74 of Vietnam Veterans of America, will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 23 at the Old McCormick YMCA at 8th Avenue and Triana. Admission is \$1. There will be a door prize for all those who come to buy, sell or trade.

Federal women

The North Alabama Chapter of Federally Employed Women will hold its annual awards night and banquet on June 21 at the Officers Club. Social hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7:00. Tickets are \$9.50 and must be paid for when reservations are made. Reservations must be made no later than close of business June 18. For reservations call Janet Onkey 876-4846, building 8027; Nancy Rostollan 876-1842, building 5400; Vivian Solometo 876-4206, building 4488; Kathern Pyburn 876-2676, building 5678; or Marjorie Ducote 876-1841, building 7120.

Aviation association officers

The Tennessee Valley Chapter of the AAAA has elected new officers. They are Jack Isom, president; Maj. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard, senior vice president; Col. Travis Walker (Ret), first vice president; Robert O. Wyne, secretary; Maj. Harold Stitt, treasurer; Lt. Col. William Laird, VP member enrollment; Maj. Robert Chastine (Ret), VP programming; Lt. Col. Walter Hinman, VP publicity; John Stap Jr., VP industrial affairs.

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Spot bid sale

There will be a local spot bid sale of government surplus property June 20 in the Rocket Auditorium, building 7120. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. and the sale begins at 9:00. Some of the items for sale are: typewriters, calculators, recorders, transcribing machines, televisions, desks, chairs, washing machines, dryers, beds, drawing table, grocery carts, bicycles, light fixtures, storm windows, electrical and electronic parts, tires and automobiles. The property is located in building 7431 and Property Disposal Yard on Warehouse Road. The items may be inspected each day, excluding Saturday and Sunday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Vacation church school

Ecumenical vacation church school will be held at Bicentennial Chapel June 18-27 from 9-11:30 a.m. with the theme "Share the good news". Activities will include Bible study, crafts, field trips, music, recreation, refreshments and a field trip on the last day. Participants will receive a certificate at the end. Patty Wilson and a staff of 25 will supervise activities for more than 100 children ages three through sixth grade. Parents should register children in person at the chapel. Jessica Harvey, Judith Payne and Paul Dye won a vacation church school poster contest and received prizes.

Civilian counseling

A civilian counseling briefing will be given by the Human Resources Development Office on June 19 from 8:30-10 a.m. on June 19. The briefing is open to all civilian employees.

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Soldiers getting benefit of doubt in drug tests

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A certain number of soldiers undergo urine tests for drugs at Redstone and on other Army bases.

The number here each month depends on quotas set by the drug testing laboratory at Fort Meade, Md. Army-wide, urine tests that were positive during April 27, 1982 to Nov. 1, 1983 are being reviewed.

"They're going back and reviewing all of those test results from that period in which the procedures were questionable," said Capt. James Frees, prosecutor in the Staff Judge Advocate Office here. "This indicates that the Army is willing to admit its errors and give the soldier the benefit of doubt."

The Army is reviewing about 100,000 test results from that time period reported as positive. Soldiers who had positive urine tests between April 27, 1982 and Nov. 1, 1983 will be notified by letter of the results of the review of their tests.

Letters to those affected are to begin going out in June and all letters are expected to be mailed by the end of December. Soldiers and former soldiers who think they had an invalid urine test may petition the Army Board for Correction of Military Records before they get their official notification. These individuals can contact the nearest trial defense service office for assistance.

The board for correction of military records is to review each case individually. An examiner with the board estimates that as many as 20,000 to 40,000 individuals may petition.

"The procedures at the (drug testing) laboratory

have been tightened up considerably," Frees said. "Tests performed by the laboratory after Nov. 1, 1983 are sufficient in a legal and a scientific sense."

Many management and technical changes have been made in the drug testing laboratories. The Army recently conducted a 10 percent review of urine test results reported as positive by Army laboratories from November 1983 through March 1984 and found that 98 percent were scientifically supportable.

By regulation there are certain groups that must have urine tests at least once a year. These include people who are already in a drug rehabilitation program, people in the Personnel Reliability Program, medical department personnel, aviation personnel, and military police.

The remainder of the monthly test quotas are allocated to the company commanders. "The commander has a lot of discretion about who he tests and when he tests," said Jane Seltzer, chief of Human Resources Development Office. "The only limiting factor is the amount of quotas that we get."

Last month the quota was 65 but some months as many as 400 are tested here. "The smallest amount we've ever had is 10," Seltzer said. Her office completes the paperwork and mails the samples to the laboratory at Fort Meade. The urinalysis testing program has received more emphasis here in recent years, according to Seltzer, who said the program serves more than one purpose.

"One purpose is to monitor rehabilitation. That's my office's purpose. It's also for identification (of

drug offenders) and that's the commander's basic purpose," she said. She added that it is also to "verify or help to substantiate reliability" of people who must be tested by regulation.

Frees, the prosecutor, believes the urinalysis program has been effective in deterring drug abuse, in removing drug abusers from the Army, and in leading to successful rehabilitation.

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Army retires Donald Duck

WASHINGTON—After 43 years of honorable service, Donald Fauntleroy Duck has been retired from the active Army.

The Walt Disney character was promoted to the rank of Sergeant E-5, then retired during an armed forces parade in Torrance, Calif., May 19. Lt. Gen. Arthur E. Brown Jr., director of the Army staff and grand marshal for the parade, performed the promotion and retirement honors.

Donald was inducted March 24, 1941, in a film call-

ed "Donald Gets Drafted." He served throughout World War II as a soldier in several other films. His likeness also was used as a symbol on ships, airplanes and unit insignia.

Donald's retirement coincides with his 50th anniversary in show business. The parade focused public attention on 40th anniversary commemorations of the Normandy invasion and other allied victories that brought an end to World War II. (Arnews)

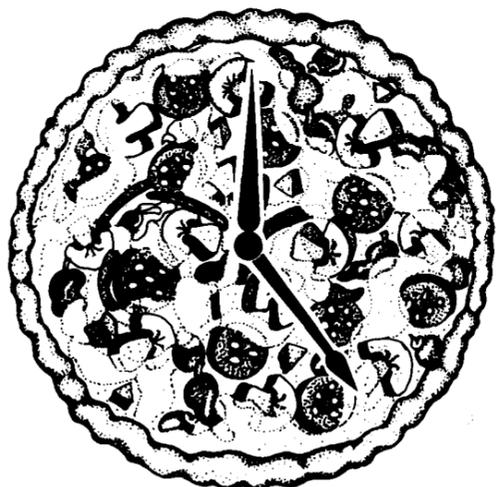
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HEIDELBERG—Heidelberg University, which has hosted many classes and seminars for American soldiers, is seeking names of former students in conjunction with its 600th anniversary.

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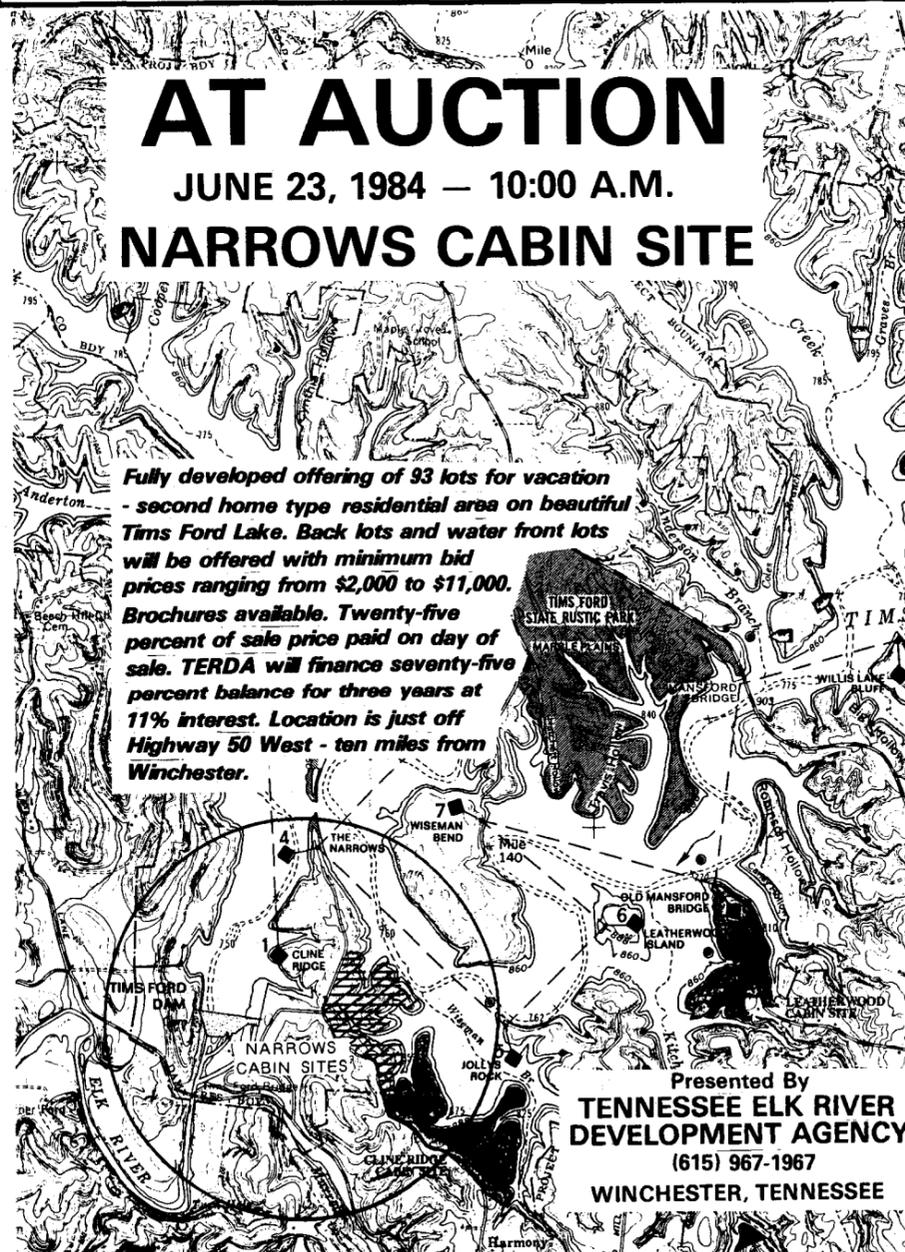
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Army conducts reclassification in maintenance specialities

WASHINGTON—A major enlisted reclassification effort, scheduled to take place July 1, will affect more than 3,200 soldiers with aircraft maintenance specialities, according to the enlisted aviation branch of the Army's Military Personnel Center.

Coding of the Authorization documents for career management field 67 reclassification is nearly complete, according to officials, and will take effect as scheduled.

Still being coded are about 60 military occupational specialty 19D (Cavalry scout) positions and 184 MOS 67 (aircraft repairer) positions. Personnel management officials said these problems appear minor and should be corrected easily during the management of change period from July through September.

Installation personnel officers are scheduled to receive by-name lists, including soldiers to be reclassified and detailed reclassification instructions,

from Milpercen in June. Officials said no aviation maintenance soldiers will be reclassified under this program until lists are released by Milpercen.

The only exception, they said, is for soldiers attending the 66 series technical inspector course at Fort Eustis, Va. They will receive the appropriate 66 series MOS when they complete the training.

Enlisted soldiers in CMF 67 who are en route to new duty assignments on July 1 will continue according to their original assignment instructions. By-name lists will be sent to gaining installations for soldiers who are transferring to new locations. These soldiers will be reclassified when they arrive at their new installations.

Meanwhile, reclassification of selected soldiers in the mechanical maintenance speciality field will proceed as scheduled during July 1984.

The reclassification in career management field 63 affects some soldiers in military occupational specialities

63B (light wheeled vehicle mechanic) and 52C (utility equipment repairer). Soldiers selected for the reclassification will get MOS 52D (power generation equipment repairer) and 52F (turbine engine driven generator repairer), respectively.

Management officials said companies, battalions and some table of distribution and allowances unit with power generation equipment and a motor pool should have had one or more positions converted from 63B to 52D.

Personnel offices should obtain printouts of the latest authorization documents for all company sized units they service, Milpercen officials said. Commanders can then determine the number of soldiers who must be reclassified during July. Reclassification will be made for all positions that are converted through December 1984. (Arnews)

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AT BAT—Jeff Mitchell, who lost his arm in a car accident, is the starting right fielder for his team in the civilian softball league.

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Until this year Jeff Mitchell would watch softball games here from the sidelines but he decided he'd had enough.

Mitchell, an accounting technician at Finance and Accounting Division, had not played ball since losing his left arm in a tragic car wreck four years ago. Now he is the starting right fielder for the F&A Chargers team of the Civilian Welfare Fund softball league.

"I really didn't have enough nerve to get out there until this year. I got tired of just standing on the sidelines," Mitchell says.

Through five games he was hitting .450 (a .300 batting average is pretty good) and his team had a 3-2 record. "I get lucky," he says modestly, adding that his average is not the team's highest.

Mitchell first started playing baseball in a league for 7 and 8 year olds, called farm league back in his hometown of Athens, Ala. He played in summer leagues through high school. Two years after high school, he was attending David Lipscomb College in Nashville when the accident happened.

He was driving when the one-car mishap occurred in Nashville that June of 1980 and the memory is too painful for him to discuss. "There was a guy that was killed in there that was a good friend of mine. It's kind of touchy," he says.

At the time he was working for Service Merchandise in Nashville and had played two or three softball games for the company team. After the accident he returned home until August 1980 when he went back to the college for two more school quarters.

"It's been four years since I tried to play. It took a

little nerve to do that. But I guess I do okay, I try real hard," Mitchell says.

The GS-4 accounting technician has been working here for three years. He plans to attend Athens State College classes on post this fall "as soon as softball's over," he says with a laugh. He wants to pursue a bachelor's degree in business management.

At 24 he is the youngest of four children of Elmer and Willie Mitchell of Athens. Elmer is an equipment specialist here with TMDE Support Group and "he encourages me a lot too," Mitchell says. A daughter, Ann Maples, works with Procurement and Production Directorate. The other daughter, Betty Sandlin, teaches handicapped children in elementary school in Athens. A son, David Mitchell, works with a telecommunications company in Huntsville. All are married except the youngest who describes himself as "single and looking."

Besides softball Mitchell enjoys playing pool, skiing, going camping, and playing tennis. "I don't play tennis too good, but I try," he says.

He was brought up playing sports and that is his main reason for continuing with athletics. In fact he shoots more pool now than before his accident. "I don't really know that I can't do anything until I try really," he says.

Mitchell recommends that anyone with a handicap at least put forth an effort to do whatever he or she wants to do.

"Really just don't let it get you down. Just go out there and try and do the best you can," he advises. "And if you can't do it, you can't. But you never know until you try."



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The first franchised facility is scheduled to open at Ansbach, Germany, late this summer or early fall. Other sites in Germany include Frankfurt, Mannheim, Aschaffenberg and Neu-Ulm.

In addition, during the first year, other franchised

outlets will open at Forts Benning, Gordon, and Stewart in Georgia; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Ord, Calif.; Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Fort Polk, La.; Scholfield Barracks, Hawaii; and Camp Casey, Korea.

The two-year test will help determine sales and earnings potential of a product with brand name recognition. Also being measured is the impact on existing installation food facilities and dining hall usage.

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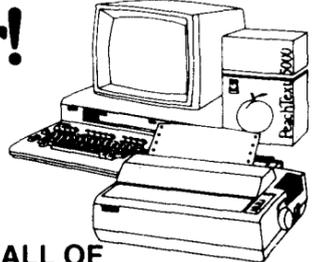
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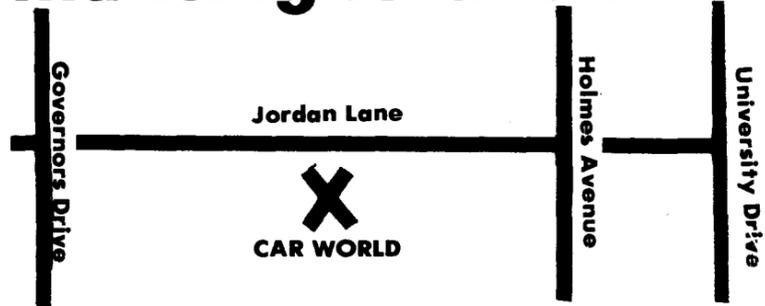
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Army soldier, civilian are astronaut candidates

HOUSTON—An Army officer and an Army civilian employee are on the most recent list of astronaut candidates chosen by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Maj. James C. Adamson and physicist Kathryn C. Thornton will report to NASA's Johnson Space Center here this summer to begin a year-long training program with hopes of being selected for future space shuttle flight crews.

Adamson, 38, is a flight controller with the systems division at the space center. He is a native of Warsaw, N.Y. and holds a master of science degree in aeronautics and mechanical engineering from Princeton University.

Thornton, 32, from Montgomery, Ala., works at the Army Foreign Science and Technology Center in Charlottesville, Va. She holds a doctorate in physics from the University of Virginia.

The two were chosen from almost 5,000 applications submitted for 17 astronaut nominee positions. (Arnews)

Public service award program opens

WASHINGTON—The Government Employees Insurance company, Geico, is conducting their fifth public service award program.

The program will honor four federal employees for their special achievements and contributions to the public in each of the following areas:

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Additional information or copies of the announcement brochure can be obtained by writing: Geico, attention: G.T. Jackson, Geico Plaza, Washington, D.C. 20076. (Arnews)

Army chief wants energy conserved

WASHINGTON—Reminding commanders that "energy conservation is part of the business of operating an Army of excellence," Army Chief of Staff Gen. John A. Wickham Jr. said in a recent message that "commanders at all levels must continue to have sound energy management programs that help meet our energy goal by fiscal year 1985."

The May 1984 message to the Army's major commanders explained that "the energy impact of everything we do must be factored into decisions so that we wisely use scarce resources."

Wickham's remarks cited the cumulative effects of

unnecessary energy consumption on the Army's mission and on soldiers' quality of life and working conditions. "There's no free lunch on resources," said Wickham. "Clearly, the more we consume unnecessarily in one area, the less will be available for other functional areas."

"The president and Congress have set energy consumption objectives for the Army," Wickham added. "Achieving these objectives within the next year and a half requires a determined effort and full support from everyone in the total Army." (Arnews)

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Missile school officers serve as volunteer escorts

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Twenty officers at the missile school volunteered to escort contestants in the annual Miss Wheelchair Alabama contest last weekend.

The 11 captains and nine lieutenants wore dress blues with bow ties for the pageant held at the Von Braun Civic Center playhouse in Huntsville. They escorted wheelchair-aided contestants who came from throughout the state.

"I think it's terrific," said Becki Martin, a member of the Miss Wheelchair Alabama board of directors. "We could not do it nearly as effectively without the military officers there. We would not have the impact that we have on the public's view of this organization without the military escorts."

This was the 11th year for the pageant with four days of activities. On Saturday night the actual pageant was open to the public. Judges selected Miss Wheelchair Alabama, Miss Achievement, and four scholarship recipients. Forty percent of the judging was on personal accomplishments and professional accomplishments after the onset of disability; 30 percent on effectiveness of speaking in public; and 30 percent on personal appearance, poise and grooming.

"It's not a beauty contest. The person who is chosen will be an ambassador for the handicapped throughout the state," Martin said.

"She'll travel throughout the state for a whole year. The purpose of the pageant is to stress the productivity, dignity, attractiveness and the basic values of disabled people whose only limitations are those of mobility."

For the second consecutive year, the Missile and Munitions Center and School responded after being asked to furnish escorts. The volunteers met the contestants at a banquet on Friday, practiced Saturday morning, and then escorted them that night.

Contestants must be 18 years or older and spend at least 50 percent of their time in a wheelchair.

"Anytime the community solicits our assistance, that's what we're really here for. We're a part of the community," said Capt. Jan Spruill, who coordinated the missile school's effort. The 20 officers volunteered their own weekend time, she added.

The volunteers, all members of 5th Student Company, came from within three advanced ordnance officer classes. They included Capt. Terry Patton, Capt. Dennis Jenkins, Capt. Sam Dallstream, Capt. Oscar Valent, Capt. Jan Gabrielson, Capt. Al Agee, 1st Lt. Mike Contratto, Capt. Tom Knutilla, Capt. Jeff Schwartz, Capt. Charles Hughes, Capt. Richard Walters, Capt. Kevin Haggins, 2nd Lt. Roger Reid, 2nd Lt. Martin Konigsdorffer, 2nd Lt. Roger Harlan, 2nd Lt. James Randazzo, 2nd Lt. Charles Hawkinson, 2nd Lt. Michael McCandless, 2nd Lt. Jimmy Fleming, and 2nd Lt. Leonard Grzybowski.

"These individuals have volunteered to support the community in this activity," Spruill said.

Sponsors of the Miss Wheelchair Alabama pageant include the Alabama Rehabilitation Association, the Governors Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, and Pilot Clubs International, an interna-



BEFORE PAGEANT—Capt. Charles Hughes has name tag put on dress blues by fellow volunteer escort Capt. Kevin Haggins.

tional women's group. The pageant winner receives a new wheelchair, a set of luggage, a \$250 wardrobe, and smaller prizes that were donated such as makeup and perfume. Paid for is her travel throughout the state during the year, a week's trip to Washington, D.C. to meet with the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, and a trip to Louisiana to compete for the Miss Wheelchair America title Aug. 8-11.

The 33-member board of directors for Miss

Wheelchair Alabama is a non-profit organization composed of volunteers, said Martin, a secretary with the Vocational Rehabilitation Service in Huntsville.

Pageant winners included Miss Wheelchair Alabama, Cynthia Vincent of Northport; first runnerup, Betty Barnes of Geraldine; second runnerup, Donna Jo Sennell of Dothan; Miss Congeniality, Myra Hudson of Hartselle and Miss Achievement, Louise Asmus of Birmingham.

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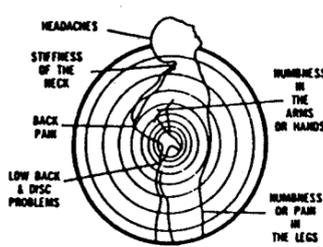


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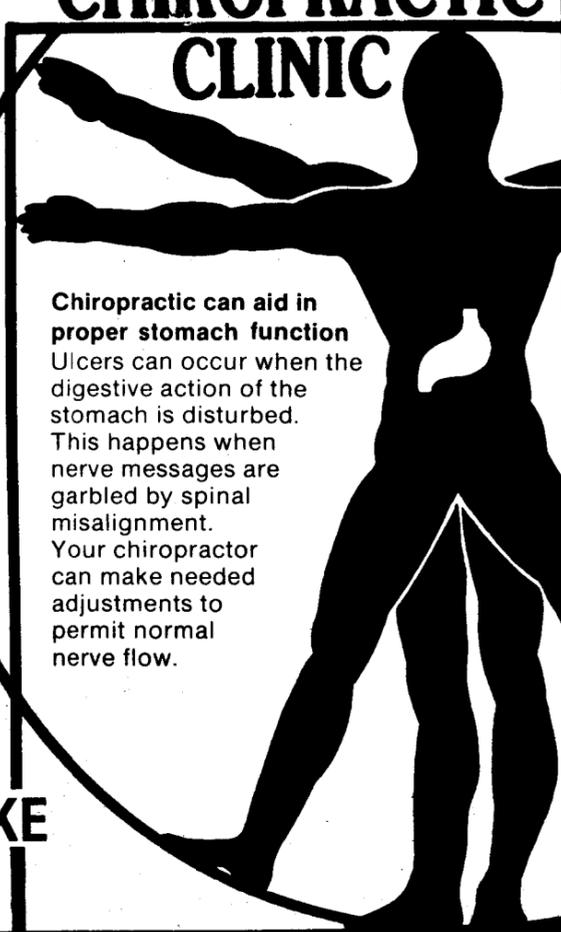
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