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## Army buys AT4 for use in tests

The Army has purchased 1,000 rounds of the Swedish AT4 and will begin tests in August to evaluate the 14-pound weapon for possible acceptance as the U.S. Army and Marines' new light assault system.

Preparing for the tests, the Army Missile Command awarded \$3.7 million to Honeywell on May 25 for 1,000 rounds, training equipment, and data.

Honeywell is teamed with FFV of Sweden to produce the AT4.

Rounds were delivered to the Army June 15, more than two months ahead of schedule, according to MICOM's Advanced Manportable Weapon System project office which coordinates and manages AT4 activities for the Army and Marines.

Col. Robert T. Walker is project manager and James Hughes is his civilian deputy.

There will be a two-phased test program by the Army and Marines, Hughes said.

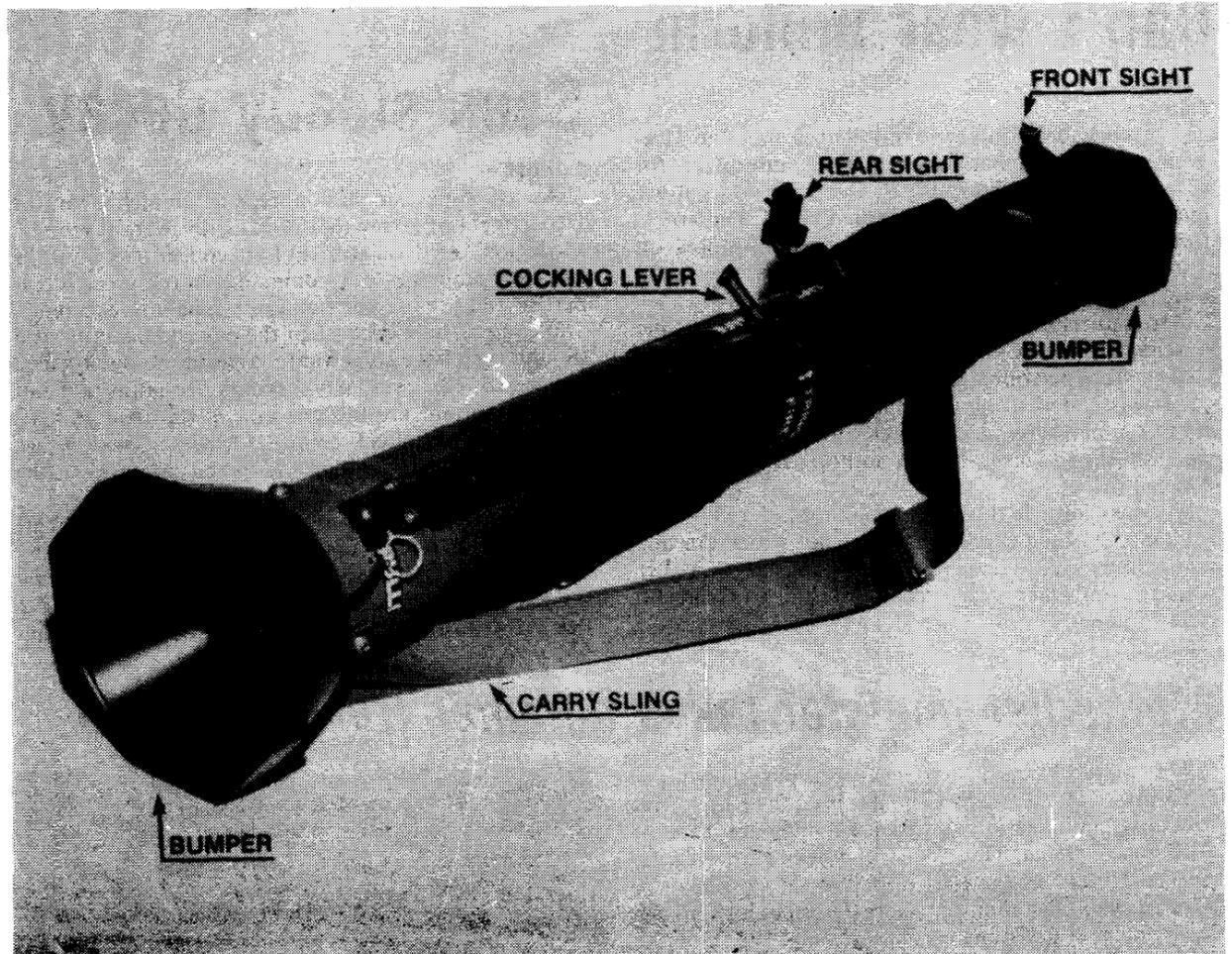
Development tests at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., will demonstrate and evaluate safety and performance of AT4 rounds. The Test and Evaluation Command will conduct the test program under management of the AMWS project office.

Subsequently, operational tests at Fort Benning, Ga., will be run to evaluate weapon system effectiveness when fired by soldiers in the field. The Army's Operational Test and Evaluation Agency will conduct these tests.

Hughes said the Army will conduct an in-process review in late 1985 to examine test results and determine if the Army will buy the AT4.

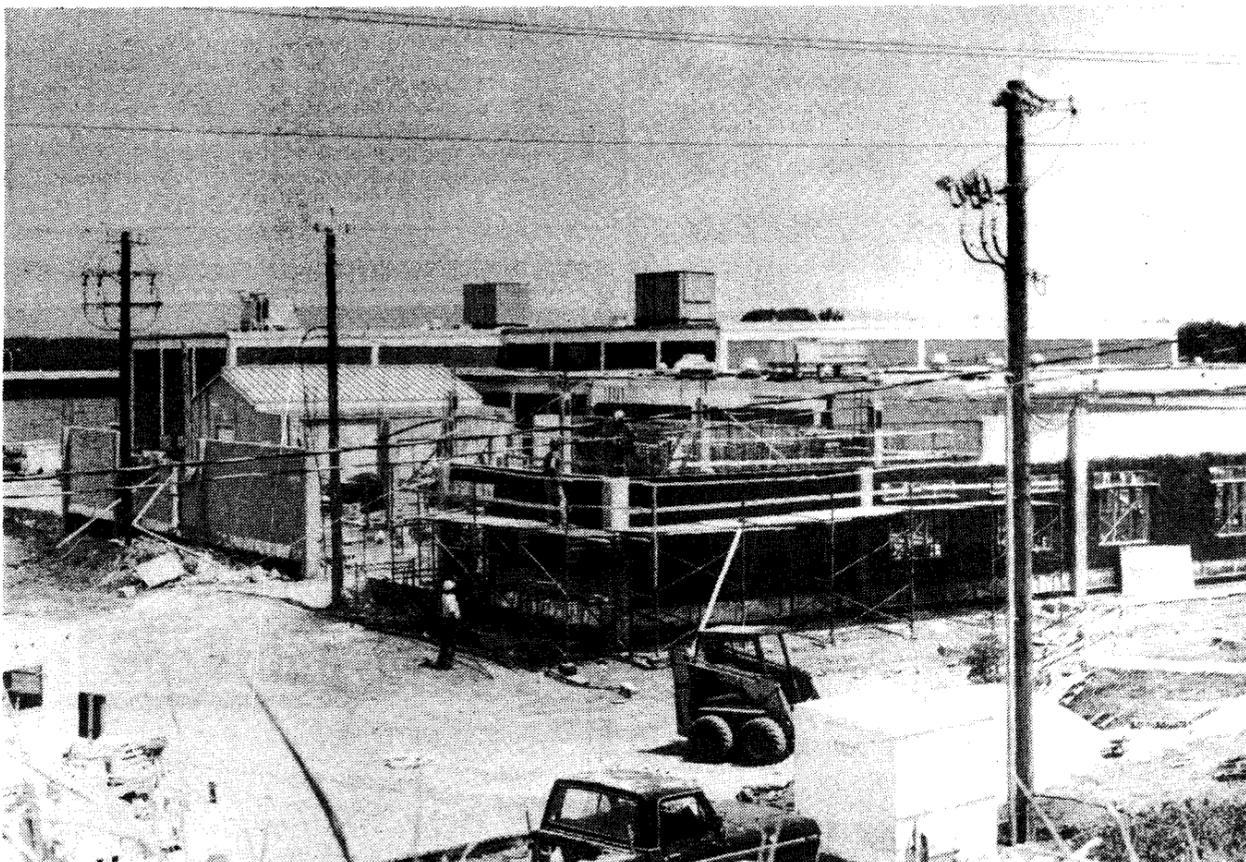
The AT4 was judged the overall best in late 1983 of six foreign and domestic systems in a competitive test and evaluation of all available light antiarmor systems.

There is no U.S. commitment to buy the AT4, the Army said.



SWEDISH anti-armor rocket proved best in a six-weapon competitive evaluation.

## TMDE management consolidated here



**TMDE EXPANSION** — Walls are going up for a \$1.25 million expansion to the main building at TMDE Support Group, adding nearly 19,000 square of laboratory and office space that will be used primarily to support new weapon systems coming into the Army inventory. The project began early this

year and is scheduled for completion early next year. Meanwhile, the Army has announced that the support group will manage all U.S.-based calibration facilities for test, measurement and diagnostic equipment.

**WASHINGTON**—The Army has announced that all U.S. based test, measurement and diagnostic equipment calibration facilities will be centrally managed by its TMDE Support Group at Redstone Arsenal.

The support group has been tasked by its parent headquarters, the U.S. Army Material Development and Readiness Command, to develop a phased implementation plan to bring 30 facilities and 548 personnel throughout the United States under its control.

Currently, the TMDE Support Group operates all other Army TMDE calibration and repair support facilities worldwide and supports 481,555 items of test, measurement and diagnostic equipment. Bringing all facilities under central management will complete a time-phased transition of calibration responsibility from each Army major command. This transfer began in Europe in 1979, included the Pacific area in 1980, and began in the continental United States in 1981.

Placing all TMDE calibration and repair facilities under the central management of a single command will result in a more efficient and productive support system and provide the management and operational flexibility required to accomplish a number of initiatives, including:

—Centralized programming, budgeting, and procurement for calibration equipment.

—Standardization of equipment, facilities and procedures.

—Better use of resources and consolidation of facilities located on the same installation.

—Increase flexibility to meet mobilization and post-mobilization support requirements.

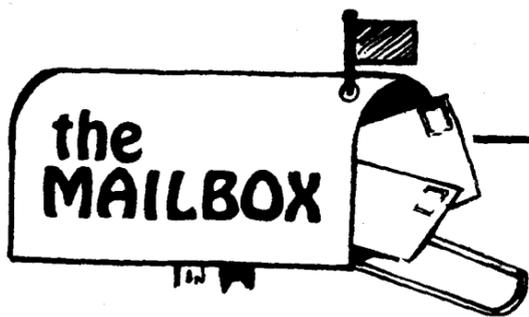
Although implementation of centralized management and related TMDE support initiatives will result in some personnel savings, no personnel reductions will take place at any of the installations affected.

The phased implementation of centralized TMDE management will extend through the fourth quarter of fiscal year 1985.

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## Can't wear uniform

**Editor:**

I recently read in the Army Times that the Hot-Weather (Jungle) Fatigues had been authorized for wear on certain military posts. Redstone Arsenal was mentioned as one of the respective posts. The article further stated that the military clothing stores on those posts authorized would stock the fatigues at \$8 a set.

After purchasing the fatigues from the Redstone Arsenal Military Clothing and Sales Store and being told by store personnel that the fatigues were authorized, I was elated to have found relief from the scorching temperatures which later turned to dismay to find that the fatigues were not authorized on Redstone Arsenal (MMCS).

My questions: Is this some type of joke? Why is the Military Clothing Store selling articles which are not authorized? Why does Redstone Arsenal (MMCS) seem to contradict or be exception to the article in the Army Times?

## Methodist minister takes summer training here

For two weeks every summer for the past three years, Chaplain Col. Albert N. Gore has been the I.M.A. (individual mobilization augmentee) chaplain here at Redstone Arsenal. The other fifty weeks of the year he serves Outer Banks Parish in North Carolina. A United Methodist minister, Gore describes his summer assignment at Redstone very specifically. "In the event of a national emergency, I would come to Redstone Arsenal to assume all the duties of the chapel program. The post chaplain and the others would possibly move out. I'm already on orders."

This summer and the two weeks spent here in past years prepare Gore to take over in case of an emergency. He is familiar with local chapel programs and the procedures.

Before joining the Army reserve, Gore was on active duty from 1961-1974. He was stationed with tactical units in numerous locations around the world. While at Fort Bragg, N.C., he was an instructor at the Special Warfare Center where he taught everything from counterintelligence and population control to indigenous religions of various countries.

After hearing and reading numerous claims that the current Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) is ill-suited for hot weather, it would seem plausible that Redstone and any other post with similar heat categories would jump at any opportunity to purchase/wear the cooler, least expensive uniform.

**Ellen D. Holloway**  
PFC, USA  
Company C, 1st Bn, Sch Bde

## Sees steady decay

**Editor:**

As an American and a federal employee of the Department of Army (MICOM) with over 30 years in the legion (federal service), I am concerned about the Missile Command (our command) in the areas of expertise and the present flophouse-type housekeeping.

We are all here because of the pay and benefits even though they have somewhat deteriorated over the last few years. However, pay/benefits are important but most important are those troops in the field and the defense of our great country. Most employees are looking forward to riding off in the sunset as in the movies (retiring) and being down at the mall.

However, what good is retiring when one day your country is destroyed not by a nuclear attack but by decay from within. Expertise is not what it was during the 1970s era. Some of you may disagree and you have that right. Just take a walk through most buildings and

one may observe the steady decay of the work force and the buildings. Managers paint a pretty picture in their Botany 500 suits during briefings and the charts look beautiful. However, just talk to them in private and they have concern over the present peril.

Deterioration over the years has occurred due to retirements/private industry/morale /internal promotion and hiring tactics by managers. In the next 5 years, there will be approximately a 40 percent to 50 percent turn over the personnel at this command. Secondly, the average age is over forty. MICOM is not the Lone Ranger concerning the above. These conditions exist at other commands.

The above comments are given in good faith and with the sincere hope that someone with the authority will take positive action to correct the above. The above is a personal opinion of the undersigned and represents my "True Grit" feelings. Secondly, it is in no way meant to be derogatory toward any individual and/or this command. I would like to retire in the near future with a positive feeling and not feel like a rat leaving a sinking ship.

**Hershel D. Cramer**  
DRSMI-EDA

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# Civilian guard credited with saving fellow guard's life

A civilian guard is credited with saving a fellow guard who collapsed and apparently stopped breathing during company formation.

Roger Hornbuckle was standing in line with the other members of D Company the morning of June 1 when he saw Sammy Smith fall forward. Smith's nose and mouth hit a podium as he fell.

"I slid across the floor and rolled him over," Hornbuckle said. "When I turned him over he was blue and his eyes went back into his head. There was blood all over his face and everything. The first thing I did was unbuckle his belt and loosen his clothes real fast. His jaws and teeth were locked."

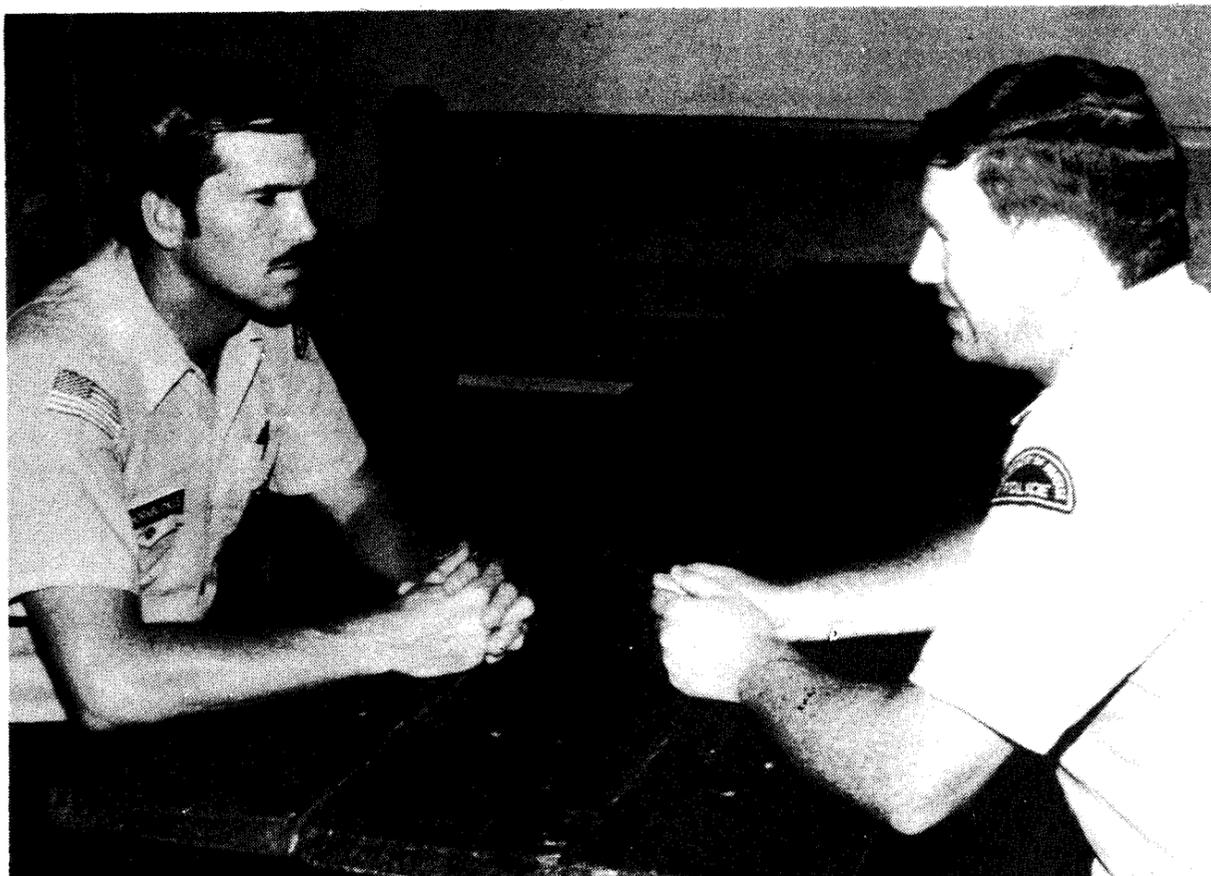
Hornbuckle, who had taken a refresher course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation only days before, put his right hand on top of Smith's head and his other hand behind Smith's neck. He jerked Smith's head back to open the air passage.

Smith regained consciousness as Hornbuckle was starting to administer CPR. An ambulance, called by another guard, arrived within minutes to take him to the hospital. Originally it was thought that he had suffered a heart attack but later Smith's collapse was said to be caused by a reaction to his blood pressure medicine.

"I spent five days in the hospital. What they came up with is my blood pressure medicine," Smith said. A doctor at Huntsville Hospital changed the medication and Smith returned to work June 8.

He could not remember much of what happened at the formation held inside the military police station at 5:30 a.m. June 1. The some 15 civilian guards in D Company were standing in two lines when Smith collapsed. He suffered a scratched nose and cut mouth from hitting the podium as he fell.

"I'm awful grateful that (Hornbuckle) was there and knew the CPR," said Smith, 36, a civilian guard since January. "And as far as I'm concerned, he did save my life and I'll always be grateful for that."



OFF DUTY — Roger Hornbuckle talks with Sammy Smith who he helped during a civilian guard company formation.

Hornbuckle, a former police officer, has been a civilian guard since November 1981. On May 23 he took an eight-hour refresher course in CPR, required training for the guards every year. He felt the training

helped him.

"I feel glad that I could help save somebody's life," said Hornbuckle, 35. "And it makes me feel I could help other people in the event of an emergency."

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# Redstone resident happy to make U.S. Olympic team

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Wanda Jewell had already had a hectic day. She had just gotten back from Los Angeles the day before, it was her birthday, and people were calling to find out about her making the U.S. Olympic team.

The Redstone Arsenal resident was emotionally drained from the competition in which she became the national champion in the women's small bore standard rifle event. But her eyes appeared alert and she was happy about representing this country in the Olympics.

"I feel great," Jewell said, while sitting in her living room June 19. "Today is my birthday, it's a great birthday present."

About 57 women competed for the two slots on the team June 14-16 in Los Angeles. They shot for three days with 20 shots in each of three positions — prone, standing and kneeling. The highest possible score was 600, making 1800 the highest possible score over three days. Jewell scored 1729 to win the championship by two points. The second qualifier was Gloria Parmentier, an Army captain from Fort Benning, Ga.

To appreciate the difficulty of the competition, imagine trying to shoot at a target 50 meters away that features a dime-sized bull's-eye. The target is about six inches in diameter.

Jewell, a captain in the Army Reserve whose husband is an Army captain on active duty, has her sights set now on an Olympic medal.

"Right now my goals are just to keep my training scores up to the point that I believe I'll medal with them," she said. "After the competition we had this year just to get on the team, I have a very good chance of getting a medal. We had a very intense competition. Going into the last day, we had five girls tied for the top spot and I had to pull it out just to make the team.

"I'm really drained from just the excitement," she added. Jewell started competing internationally in 1974 when she made the U.S. team for the world shooting championships. She also made the world championship teams in 1978 and 1982 and the Pan American teams in 1979 and 1983.

This marks the first time the Olympics will have  
(See Olympic team, cont'd page 7)



NATIONAL CHAMP — Wanda Jewell shows medal she won at the national shooting championships.

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# Retirees can be recalled in partial mobilization

WASHINGTON—Regular Army retirees and pension-earning reserve retirees with 20 years active duty are now subject to recall under conditions of less than full mobilization, according to new Army policy.

Affected retirees began receiving letters earlier this year notifying them of the policy change, which came after exercises showed they will be needed in the early stages of a national emergency, officials said.

"Their expertise would be needed ahead of the full mobilization to help handle the crunch of thousands of people processed," said Mel Schelich of the Army Reserve Personnel and Administration Center in St. Louis.

"During a full mobilization retirees will fill the place of active components. But you can't wait until the active guys are shipped out somewhere to find out there is no one manning the fort," he said.

Some 125,000 retired soldiers already have

preassignment orders telling them where to report if called to mobilize. In a "partial mobilization," the Army would instead notify a portion of that number, depending on specific defense requirements.

"Under partial mobilization, the Army could call up reservists by installation, unit or job skill," Schelich said. "There wouldn't even have to be an announcement of a full mobilization. We could just get them any time they're needed in the interest of national defense."

A December 1983 message authorized the services to call back certain retirees before full mobilization, but it wasn't until last February that DOD issued a directive that actually allowed the policy to take effect.

The change affects retirees drawing retired pay after 20 years of active duty because an earlier 1983 Defense Authorizations Act authorized their recall in the same way regular Army retirees could be returned in the in-

terest of national defense, Schelich explained.

Not affected are Army reserve retirees who have completed 20 qualifying years toward retirement but who will not receive retired pay until age 60, officials said.

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Cash & Receivables .....	4,685,301
Investments .....	45,661,557
Accrued Income .....	1,475,485
Prepaid & Deferred .....	177,654
Fixed Assets .....	4,746,833
Other Assets .....	316,089
<b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>	<b>\$201,473,512</b>

Liability & Equity	
Accounts Payable .....	\$ 112,101
Dividends Payable .....	2,632,699
Accrued & Deferred .....	187,220
Other Liabilities .....	56,625
Shares .....	115,231,566
Shares Certificates .....	74,779,865
Reserves .....	8,473,436
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# Blood donors, Red Cross volunteer get together again

BY SKIP VAUGHN

It was a happy reunion when a longtime Red Cross volunteer met with two workers here who together have donated about 25 gallons of blood over the past 30 years.

This time one of the workers, Gene Widenhofer, received a 15 gallon pin. His co-worker, Doug Crosswhite, has given nine and a half gallons.

They sat with longtime Red Cross volunteer Ruth Martinus at the blood donation site at the Recreation Center where eight years earlier Widenhofer received an 11 gallon pin and Crosswhite a seven gallon pin. They passed around a 1976 Redstone Rocket photo clipping of them sitting together.

"We're calling this our together again album," said Widenhofer, a research physicist at Army Missile Laboratory. He has given 15 gallons of blood since 1951 when he gave in Cleveland, Ohio with his mother's permission. "I was only about 17, you had to be 18 to donate," he recalled.

Along with his pin, Martinus gave him a gold-plated miniature horseshoe to help celebrate the occasion. Martinus, 76, has been a Red Cross volunteer since 1942 and has been coming to Redstone since 1962. "She's the mother of the bloodmobile here," Widenhofer said.

"Her stroke slowed down her speech but nothing else. She just goes full speed," he said.

Martinus has been coming here for blood donations every month for 22 years except last month when she went to Florida for a vacation. Asked what she thinks about the prolific blood donors, she searches for words.

"I don't know what to say. I have so much in my heart for all the boys," she said.

Crosswhite, 47, is an engineer in the same office as Widenhofer. He first gave blood in 1956 at what was then Florence State College and now finds himself in a friendly competition with his co-worker who leads him by five gallons. "I'm going to keep chasing him. What I'm going to have to do is get him to slip up," he said



FRIENDS — Gene Widenhofer, Red Cross volunteer Ruth Martinus, and Doug Crosswhite reunite at blood donation

site at the Recreation Center.

with a laugh.

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# Olympic team

(cont'd from page 4)

women's shooting events rather than having open events for both men and women. It was difficult for a woman to make an open team because women usually do not stay in the sport long enough, Jewell said. Although she did qualify for an open event for the Pan American games in 1979, she did not qualify for the Olympic team in 1980. That team of course did not go to the games because of a U.S. boycott and this year there is a boycott by Eastern bloc nations.

"For women's shooting the East Germans are a real strong power along with U.S. women and it will affect the level of competition by not having the East Germans there. It'll bring it down just a little bit," Jewell said. "Right now I think the West Germans will present us with our hardest competition."

Her view is that politics has no place in the Olympics. "We're athletes. Our goals are excellence in sports, not making political points," she said. She added it was sad that athletes who trained hard won't be allowed to compete.

Jewell practices about five days a week. In Huntsville she practices at an indoor range at Lee High School for about three hours a session but travels to Fort Benning for five hours a session on a fully-equipped Olympic style range. For the last four months she spent about two and a half weeks of every month at Fort Benning.

The 30-year-old native of Great Falls, Mont. started shooting when she was 16. Both her parents had shot some and there happened to be a newspaper ad for someone to come out for the junior rifle club. "I did and I guess what kept me in the sport is a month after I got started, I shot a match and I won," she recalled.

"Shooting is a real nice sport and everything but after 14 years it's not the shooting that keeps me in the sport, it's the winning," she said. Winning has become important to her. "It helps me sustain my self image, I guess, as a successful person," she said.

Six men and four women will represent the U.S. in the shooting events at the Olympics. In each event two people make the team. The three men's events include English match which is 60 shots prone; 3-position free rifle in which participants take 20 more shots in each position than in the women's event; and men's air rifle. The women's events include 3-position standard rifle and the women's air rifle. "I tried but I didn't make that (air rifle) team," Jewell said. Shooting is among 21 sports in the 1984 Summer Olympics and has been in every Olympic Games except two (1904 and 1928).

Jewell's husband is Capt. Max Oliver, a military police officer assigned to the Redstone Readiness Group. Jewell prefers to use her maiden name. The couple has adopted two Korean children—a boy, Chad who turns 3 on July 16, and a girl, Koren who is a year and a half. "We got Chad in December of '82



TAKING AIM— Jewell will compete in Los Angeles as a member of the U.S. Olympic team.

and Koren in July of '83," said Jewell. Her own parents are Robert C. Jewell, an elementary school principal in Great Falls, and Marleen Jewell, an officer in a bank.

"I have two brothers (Robert, 28, and C. Jay, 23) and they're both shooters also. For them it's a hobby," she said. "I've got I guess what you might call the killer instinct. They do it for fun, I do it to win."

Her hobbies are oil painting and needlework but "right now I don't have time for any hobbies," said

Jewell. "Plus taking care of two kids under 5 is quite a hobby in itself."

She planned to leave July 5 for Los Angeles where there will be about eight days of exclusive U.S. training on the Olympic range. Her event in the Olympics is set for Aug. 2 and she will stay until Aug. 5. Jewell looks forward to competing in the first Olympics with women's shooting events.

"If I win a gold medal in this Olympics, I will have my name on the first issuance of the medal in this sport and that's kind of an exciting thought," she said.

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# Thiokol delivers upset in softball

BY MIKE McCOLPIN

Thiokol pulled off a major upset by beating Rachels 17-16 barely a week after winning its first ever league game.

The Thiokol team generated a 33-hit attack to overcome a 14-6 deficit. It got five hits each from Forest Emfinger and John Seigh, four hits each from Danny Holt and Steve Harvison, and three hits apiece from Jesse Murph, Bart Fulmer, Scooter West and Lance Abbott.

Rob Smith delivered a game winning pinch-hit single in the bottom of the seventh inning to cap a three run rally. For Rachels, Ken Smith cracked two homers, Randy Pate had one, and Steve Kestler had four hits.

In other reported games, the Cougars beat Pershing Project 27-12, RADs got by Dr. Zoom 4-1, T&E slipped by the Express, the Stallions ripped P&P Engineers 33-2, F&A squeaked by MLC 10-9, MLC got revenge by beating SIO 9-8, and CPO picked up its first victory 19-9 over the P&P Engineers.

The Cougars hit 11 home runs against Pershing Project with Danny Smith getting four, Charles Lovejoy two, Sam Meadows two including a grand slam, and Ken Lomax, Paul Vogt and Lenord Hatcher, one each.

RADs versus Dr. Zoom & the Sonic Boom was a

real defensive struggle with a three-run fourth inning spelling the difference. Jim Knaur delivered the game winner by slapping a bases loaded double for two runs.

T&E's victory over the Express was paced by Bobby Alongi who had a homer among his four hits and five runs batted in. He was also the winning pitcher. Support came from his brother Ken Alongi, Danny Spencer, and Jim Springer with three hits apiece. The Stallions' win was highlighted by homers by Don Sutton and Ken Moore.

In F&A's win over MLC, Emmett Mathis and Harold Jacobs had three hits apiece and Gary Paseur drove in the game winner as F&A got three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning. Bob O'Donnell's four hits and Tim McGinnis' two RBI paced MLC. MLC turned the tide on SIO as Bob Johnson's three hits paced MLC's 14 hit attack. Rich Fuller, O'Donnell and Jeff Willis each had two runs batted in to support winning pitcher Juanes Alexander. Losing pitcher Billy Broach had two hits for SIO.

CPO's first win of the season was led by the hitting of Walter Shoulders, Van Durr, and Joe Holder. Shoulders had five hits while Durr and Holder each got four. Kevin Plank was the winning pitcher. CPO had 30 hits in the ball game.

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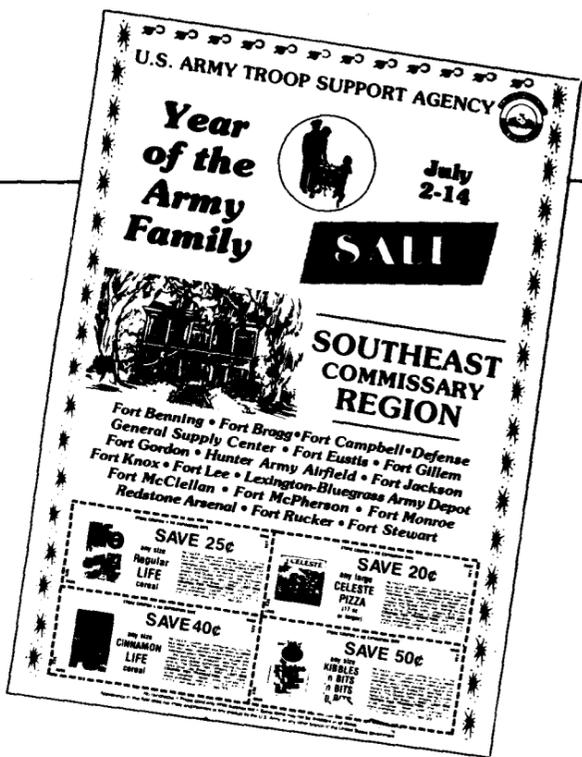
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# Little League team here sets base stealing record

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Maury Wills, Lou Brock and other base stealing kings in baseball history would probably be proud.

A team here has unofficially set a record for number of stolen bases by a Little League baseball team in one season. The team, aptly named Sprints, had 200 stolen bases with three games left in a 15-game season.

When the head coach called the Little League national headquarters in Williamsport, Pa., he found that there was no official record for team stolen bases in a season. "So what they'll do is teams will call in," said SSgt. Mike Garner. "The greatest stolen bases figure they'd ever heard about is 104."

The record comes in Garner's first year of coaching at Redstone although he has coached for 13 years including five years of Little League ball.

"I'm a firm believer you don't need big bats to win ball games. Every team I've ever coached, I've tried to build it on speed and this year I got very lucky," he said. "We started out when we drafted (players) at the beginning of the season. Since this is my first year here and I didn't know any of the boys, I had to draft blind and I got extremely lucky. I picked up one power hitter, one big sized boy. Everybody else runs toward the small size and just rabbit quick."

In practices the team worked on building up speed, base running techniques and base stealing techniques. Most of the boys started off running the 90 feet between bases in from three and a half to four seconds. When the season started, the times had improved to two and a half to three seconds, according to Garner.

After three games the Sprints had 69 stolen bases and Garner let his players know they had a chance to reach 200.

The players are 11 and 12 year old boys whose games are six innings long. At the end of 12 games, the Sprints were in first place in the Redstone Little League, major division. The other three teams in the division include the Ajax, Hercs, and Hawks. "I've coached for 13 years and this is probably one of the most even leagues I've ever coached in," Garner said.

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SAFE—Donnie Bridges uses headfirst slide to steal second base.



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before the pitched ball reaches the batter. Despite some catchers with good arms, the Sprints had only been thrown out seven times trying to steal in 12 games.

"Basically what you do is put them in a stand-up sprinter stance and get their timing straight and let them go," Garner said. The team uses a system of signals where the runner's responsibility is watching the next base and the player covering it. The coaches let the runner know when to go and the runner tries to slide away from the glove.

Jarred Harris, who does a hook slide, led the team with 33 stolen bases. Casey Thomas, only 10 years old, was next with 31. Letroy Dixon had 26; Donnie Bridges, who does a Pete Rose headfirst slide, and Mike Lafferty, another hook slider, had 20 apiece; Bryan Jones, 17; Dave Goolsby and Scott Meyers, 13 each; Carlos Frazier, 10; and Rhett Cockrell, a new addition, had two. Woody Elmore had recently joined the team. Four other boys started off with the team and contributed 15 stolen bases to the total before moving away.

Garner, an instructor in explosive ordnance disposal at the missile school, has two assistant coaches who are also EOD instructors at the school. Sp5 Dave Lewis and SSgt. George Bray are "out there strictly on a volunteer basis and without them helping, there would be no way we'd be where we are now," Garner said.

The 33-year-old coach has been playing ball since he was 7. Garner volunteers his time because he enjoys working with the youngsters.

"Sometimes they'll make plays that are unbelievable and the same kid will come up next time and make a boner that'll bring you to your knees laughing," he said. "It's also fun just listening to the parents yell."

He and his wife Sherry have a daughter Jeniffer, 11, and a son Scott, 8. Scott should be "coming up in it next year so I'll stay in as long as he's in," Garner said. Who knows, he may have another base stealer.



SPRINTS COACH — SSgt. Mike Garner watches from dugout.



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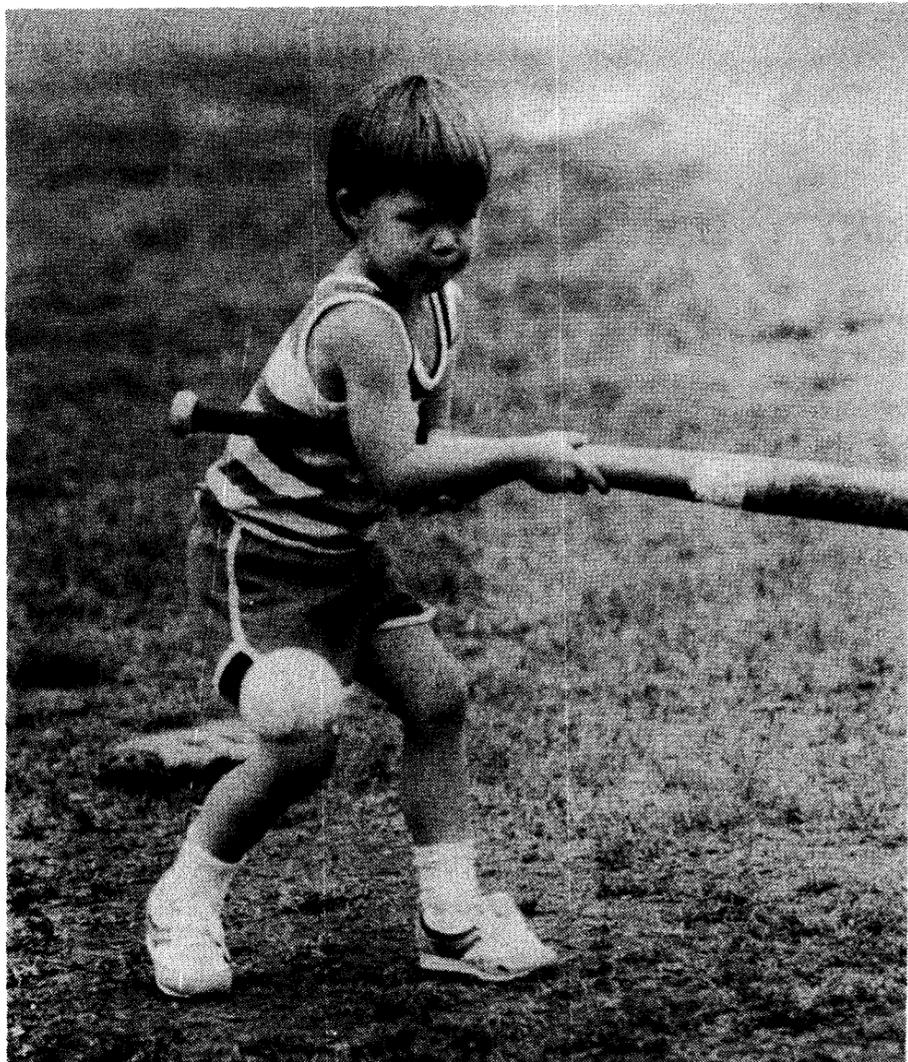
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**RELAXING**—Corbet Cornelison of Stinger Project relaxes while listening to picnic entertainers.



**BATTER UP**—Matthew Wilbanks, 3, whose mother Dana Wilbanks works at Finance and Accounting, tries for a hit after tossing up the ball.



**STRIKE ONE**—Wilbanks takes a mighty swing but fails to connect.

The annual MICOM picnic on Saturday, June 23 offered something for all ages.

Among the activities were pony rides and sack races for children, professional entertainment, a dunking booth, and a number of sports and games.

Afternoon rains sent some home early but generally the picnic goers seemed to have a good time.



**SACK RACE**—Daniel Vaughn participates in children's sack race in which everyone was a winner.

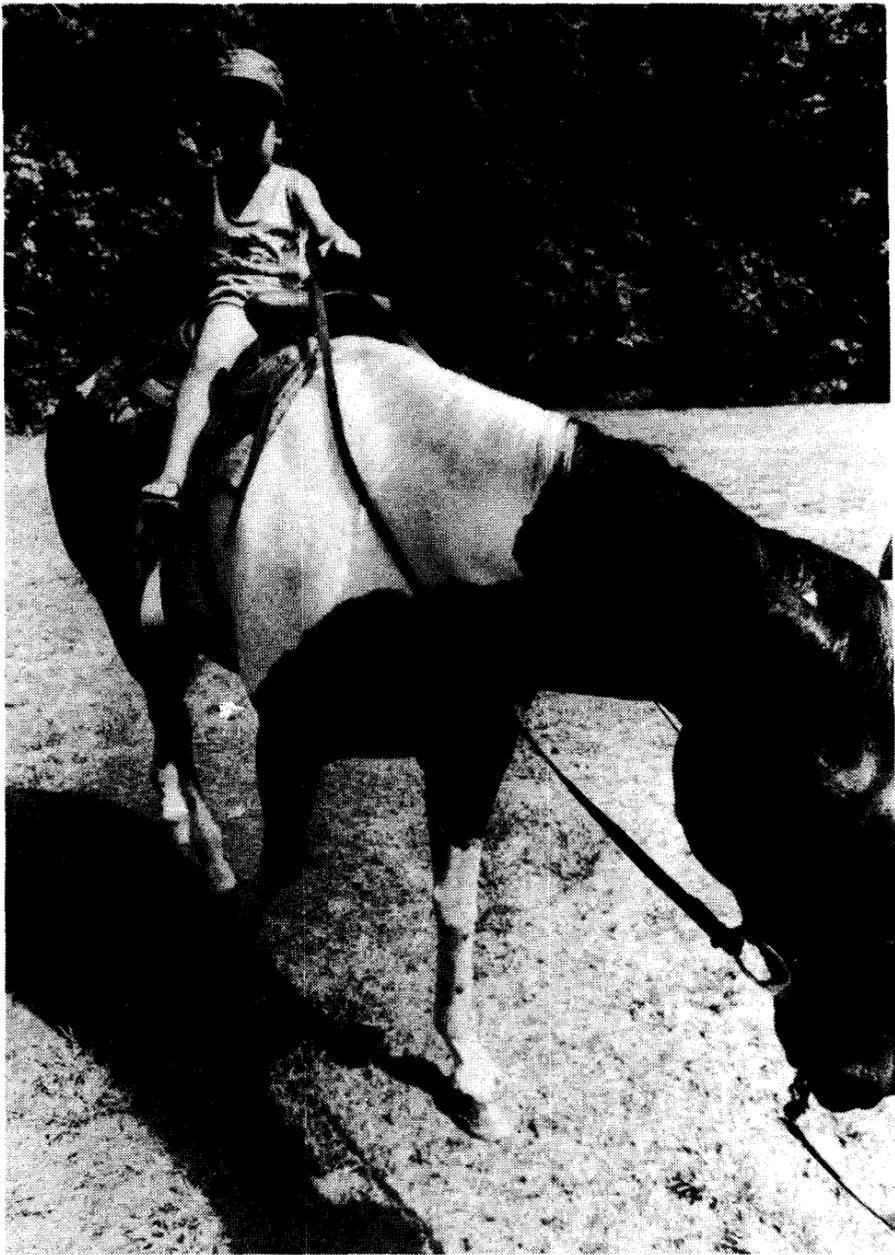


**BALLOON TOSS**—Cressi Crandall, 2, enjoys balloon toss game at picnic.



**HIT**—Wilbanks watches as his bat meets the ball.





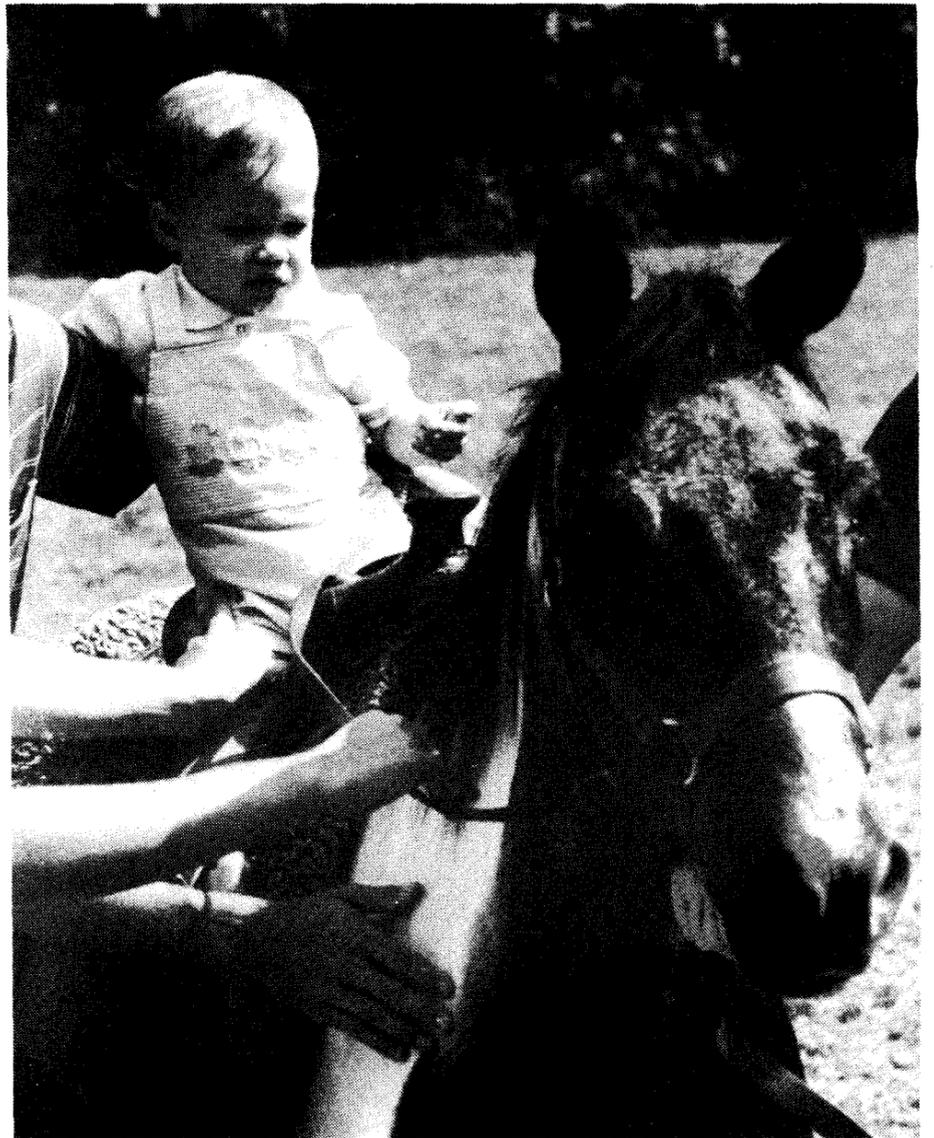
RIDING—Jesse Davis, 6, appears to be an experienced horseman at pony rides.



DANCER—Melisa Bagwell, a 15-year-old dancer whose parents Sim and Charlotte Bagwell both work at MICOM, performs at picnic.



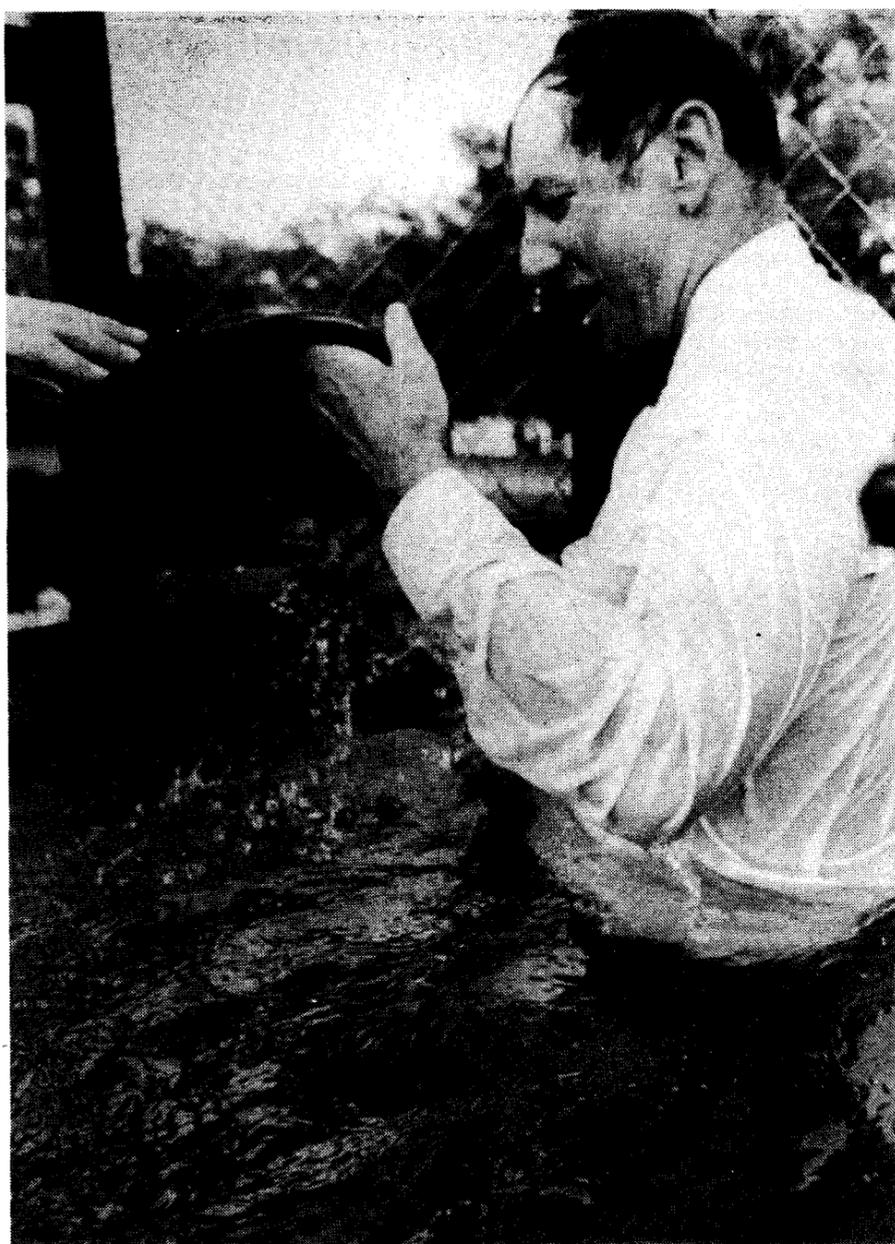
SOFTBALL—Byron Thornton of KBM team rounds first base in picnic tournament championship game against Finance and Accounting. He eventually scored the winning run.



YOUNG RIDER—John Moyer, 10-month-old son of 1st Lt. Greg and Paula Moyer, gets support at pony rides.



**SHOWER**—Afternoon rains sent some picnic goers home early.



**DUNKED**—Col. Bob O'Donnell, director of maintenance at Missile Logistics Center, takes his turn in dunking booth.



**BOATING**—Launching boat are Tim Wood, Keith Davis and Lee Reynolds.

## Exchanges raise limit on deferred payment plan

DALLAS—The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has received approval from the Department of Defense to increase overall maximum account limits for the overseas deferred payment plan from \$1,000 to \$1,200, AAFES has announced.

This is the first increase in account limits since the deferred payment plan was implemented five years ago. The request to the Defense Department to increase the account limit was a joint effort by AAFES and the Navy and Marine Corps exchange systems through the armed forces exchange coordinating committee.

The new \$1,200 limits will apply to customers in pay grades E-6/GS-6 and above. Account limits for the lower grades will remain unchanged. The limits for E-1/GS-1 are \$300; E-2/GS-2, \$500; E-3/GS-3, \$750; and E-4/GS-4 and E-5/GS-5, \$1,000.

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## Children's play

A children's play based on the Guinness Book of World Records will be presented June 28 at 6 p.m. at the Recreation Center. "Is That A Fact" uses music and dance to teach boys and girls the importance of setting and achieving goals. There is no admission charge.

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The Overeaters Anonymous mutual help organization for compulsive overeaters has six groups in Huntsville, including one that meets Friday nights at Fox Hospital. There are no dues or fees. For more information call 532-7013.

## Testing services

The Education Center in building 3222 has testing services for Defense Department civilians and military family members. Pre-GED, Strong-Campbell and CAI career interest tests are free; CLEP, DANTES and certification exams are available at cost. Call 876-9141 for more information.

## Warrant officer education

The Education Center advises warrant officers to read DA pamphlet 600-11 pertaining to civilian education and professional career development. The Education Center is in building 3222, telephone 876-9141.

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# Absentee voting may set record

WASHINGTON—Absentee voter participation may reach a record high in the 1984 election year, say Defense Department voting officials.

"The figures thus far this presidential election year are very encouraging," said Henry Valentino, director of the federal voting assistance program. "At this rate, we could surpass the national average."

Yet despite a 55 to 60 percent increase in registrations and requests for absentee ballots over statistics gathered about this time in 1980, Valentino is concerned that some military personnel and their family members, as well as civilian employees overseas, are being denied the opportunity to vote because of barriers to absentee voting.

To help alleviate as many barriers as possible, Valentino said federal voting assistance program officials will continue to work with state legislatures and election officials in an effort to change laws that "could disenfranchise absentee voters who need sufficient time to request a ballot, execute it and return it in time to be counted." Voters encountering problems should notify their unit voting officer.

Valentino encourages voters to return their ballots to their voting districts even if it appears the ballot might not arrive in time to be counted.

"Court action could be taken which would direct counting of ballots received beyond the normal

deadlines," he said.

Unit voting officials are encouraged to prepare for heavy voting participation by having an adequate supply of all materials necessary for voter assistance. The materials should include guides, posters, brochures, and enough federal post card applications to provide four for each person in the command.

In the following text, released by Defense Department officials, Secretary of Defense Caspar W. Weinberger and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. John W. Vessey stress the importance of voting to military personnel:

"Every four years we as U.S. Citizens have an opportunity to elect a president and other national leaders. Men and women in the military service should have a special interest in our electoral process since that is one of the basic freedoms they have pledged to defend. Like 74,000,000 other Americans, more than half our citizens in uniform did not vote in 1980. Many thought their vote wouldn't make a difference or they thought none of the candidates deserved their vote. If you do not vote, somebody else will make decisions for you. It is important that each of you participate in the election process. Our president and members of Congress, state and local officials, all make decisions that affect each of you. Don't let somebody else select these

leaders for you. Commanders at every level of command have been directed to provide assistance to each of you to be sure that you have the opportunity to vote. Many states have changed their procedures to make it easier for you to vote. Each military unit has a voting assistance officer or counselor to assist you in the voting process. If you don't know who to go to for help, ask your commander. You must act to vote. No one can make you vote. A number of elections are decided by a few votes. Your vote does count. It can make a difference. Be sure you participate and vote."

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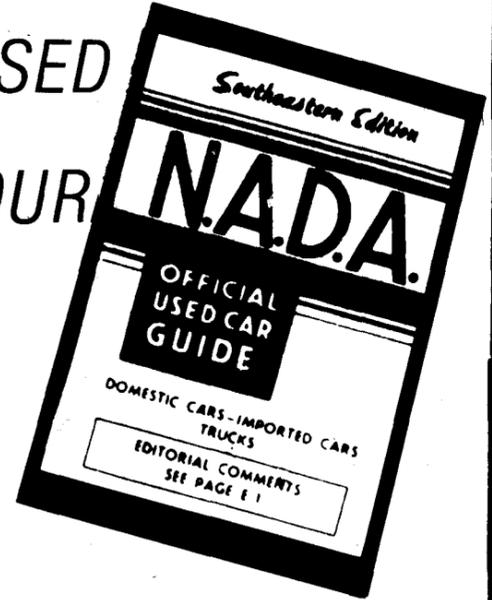
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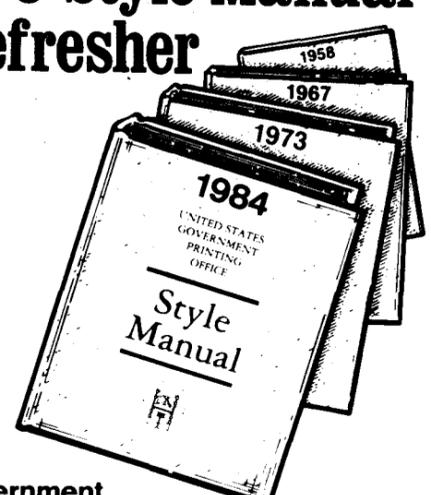
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## Computer clerk among national contest winners

A worker at the missile school is among the winners of a national contest sponsored by a computer publication.

Jeffrey A. Smith, a GS-4 computer clerk in the production branch of the data systems office at MMCS, was among four runners-up in the contest sponsored by Government Computer News. He won a scholarship for four days of computer classes in Washington, D.C. and also a set of reference works.

"I'm just grateful for all the support I've had from my supervisor and upper management in being able to participate in something like this," said Smith, 25. He was nominated for the contest by his supervisor Maxine Doherty. His Washington, D.C. trip to the Government Computer Expo '84 was scheduled to start June 26.

Judging was based on a nominee's impact on activities served, tangible benefits of performance, and personal resourcefulness.

Smith has worked in the same organization for almost three years, beginning as a clerk typist at the word processing center in November 1981. After courses on his own time and experience on the job, he became a computer clerk in November 1983. Most of the growth in government offices will be in the computer area, Smith said.

"I find (computers) interesting and challenging and there's certainly a future there. And I just enjoy working with them," he said.

He and his wife Joyce have two daughters — Jamie, 5, and Jana, 3.

## 'Yes' weight entry requires comments

WASHINGTON—A change in Army regulation will soon require rater comments explaining a "yes" entry on military evaluation reports when a rated soldier's weight for height exceeds that for their age group, say officials from the management support division evaluation systems office at the Military Personnel Center.

Comments on the report, officials say, should support the rater's "yes" entry. For example, the comment should state if the entry is based on the soldier passing a required body fat examination. Further, if the rated soldier is a bodybuilder or a trained athlete, it would be to the soldier's advantage if the rater provides that information.

The body fat examination determines whether or not the soldier complies with the standards of the Army weight control program.

Officer (AR 623-105), enlisted (AR 623-205), and academic (AR 623-1) evaluation regulations will be revised reflecting this change. (Arnews)

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# Officer record no longer kept

WASHINGTON—Military personnel offices are no longer preparing and maintaining part II, DA-form 2-1, of the personnel qualification record for active Army officers.

The DA-form 2-1, the green, hard-copy record found in the field 201 file, was a manual record maintained by local military personnel offices containing personnel management information such as duty assignments, awards, home-of-record and next-of-kin.

As of June 1, military personnel offices now maintain only part I, DA-form 2, of the personnel

qualification record for information and accuracy of data for in-processing and annual audits of the officer's record brief. The DA-form 2 contains personnel information off the local automated data base.

The only record now used by career assignment managers and selection boards on officers will be the ORB, DA-form 37.

This change affects only active Army officers and does not apply to the reserves and national guard.(Arnews)

# Applications accepted for training courses

WASHINGTON—Enrollment applications for primary and basic technical courses are being accepted from soldiers in the combat service or combat support specialties, according to the Military Personnel Center.

Commanders should nominate qualified soldiers for courses beginning in fiscal year 1985 within 30 days after they attain E5 or E6 promotion list status. The course helps soldiers qualify for the next higher skill level in their primary military occupational specialty.

First priority for acceptance into the primary course will go to soldiers selected for promotion to grade E5. Soldiers in grade E4 serving in grade E5 positions for which the training is necessary will be given secondary

consideration.

Soldiers selected for promotion to grade E6 will be given first consideration for the basic course. Soldiers in grade E5 will be given secondary consideration if they are serving in grade E6 positions for which the training is necessary.

Soldiers may request the course either "tour of duty enroute" or "TDY and return."

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