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A home no longer

Fate of old farm house undecided

BY ED PETERS

An old farm house on Buxton Road believed to have been lived in since log cabin days apparently won't be a home any longer.

Officially known as arsenal building 8012 and sometimes called the Harris home, the six room house, said to contain a log room, was purchased by the Army from its owners in 1941 and has been used as a military residence since.

Most recently it was inhabited by MSgt. Glen Johnson who left in June for Germany. It has been vacant since and housing officials have moved to have it declared excess to their needs. Its future is uncertain since its size and location do not lend it to use other than as a residence.

"We're going to take it out of our inventory. We're not going to use it any longer for housing," said Margie Campbell, Housing Management Division chief.

"It's down there by itself in an out-of-the-way location but our big thing, the reason we're taking it out of the inventory, is because it is not up to standards according to the other quarters that we have and it would cost so much to bring it up to standards," said Bill Smart, chief of family housing. "We took that building over when the arsenal was purchased — it was acquired with the land."

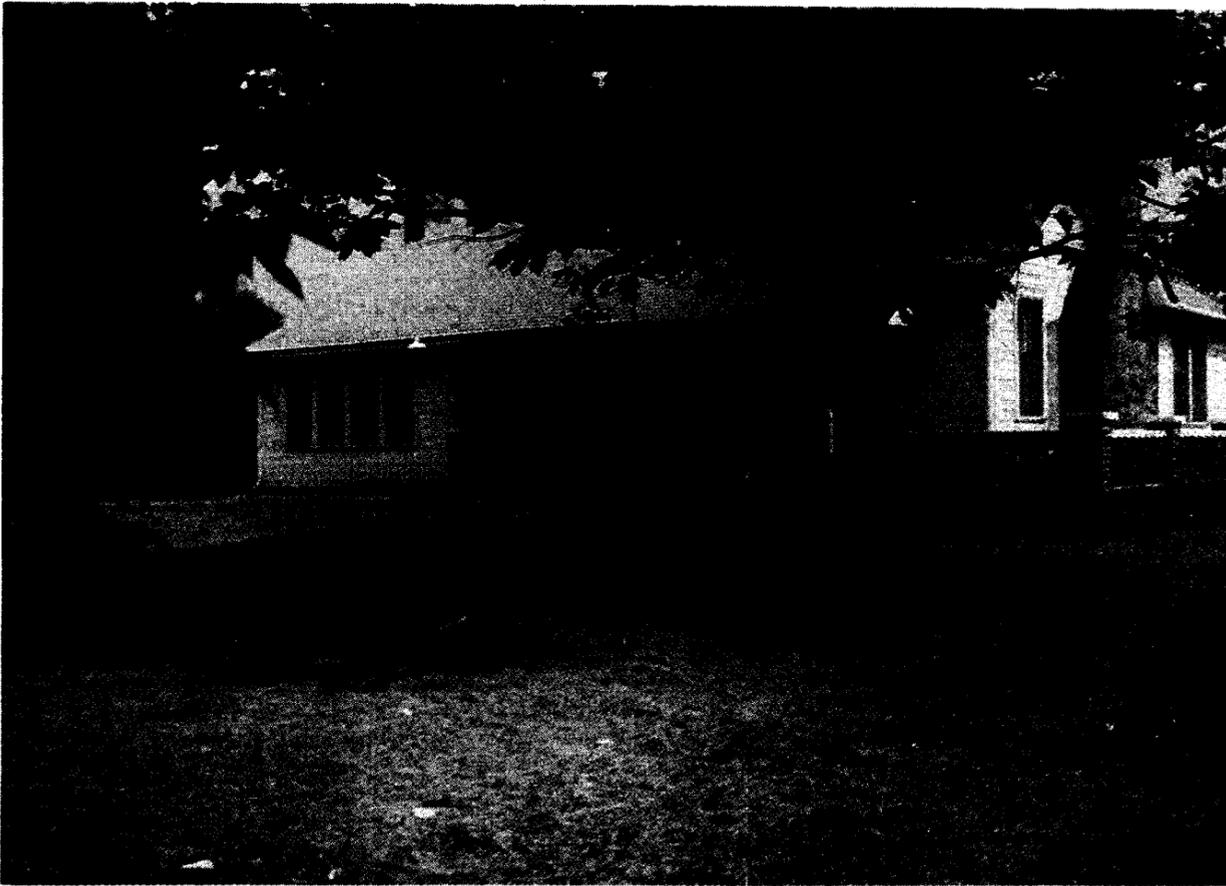
He mentioned specifically that the house lacks central heating and air conditioning, insulation and exterior aluminum siding and that its electrical wiring is "outdated". Those factors notwithstanding, "We usually had a volunteer who liked the privacy of living down there," Smart acknowledged.

In fact, said Campbell with a laugh, "we've almost had fights at times over who got to live there." She said families like the roominess of the house — it is half again as big as other three bedroom homes on post — and has been especially sought after by those with rural backgrounds.

The house is in a pretty setting with trees and a large yard. There are no close neighbors. Fruit and nut trees remain from the days when a farmstead was present. The farmstead also included the Lee mansion, a large house built in the early 1800s. It stood about 100 yards to the west of the Harris home. It was sold by the Army in 1973 and moved off-post.

Tom Hood, deputy facilities engineer, says he doesn't see the house having any usefulness to the Army except as a residence. "We don't have any activity small enough to set in it.

"I don't know of any entity we could put in it right



A PIECE OF HISTORY — The Harris house on Buxton Road sheltered farm families before the Army established Redstone Arsenal and since 1941 has been used as a now, outside of using it as a club house or something like that," he said.

Leaving it vacant but preserving and maintaining it as a piece of the arsenal's history is "a bad trip from the taxpayer's standpoint," according to Hood.

He said the arsenal tried to dispose of the Harris house at the same time it sold the Lee mansion a decade ago but the Army disallowed the move because the house was in good shape for continued military residential use.

There has been speculation that the house will be torn down or sold and moved but the historic nature of the property will probably prevent that being done swiftly.

military residence. The high cost of bringing it up to modern residential standards has prompted arsenal housing officials to discontinue using it.

Bill Schroder, who has historic preservation responsibilities as environmental quality coordinator at Facilities Engineering, said a local architect and preservationist, Harvie Jones, has agreed to make an evaluation of the house soon. Schroder wants to see the house preserved because "It's really the only structure left on post that's got any historical value relating to pre-arsenal days."

Last year the house was designated a "Class III" structure of minor local importance in a study to identify historic properties on Army Materiel Command

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Harris family farmed 1,000 acres here

BY ED PETERS

Besides being the only structure on Redstone Arsenal that is virtually unchanged from the days before the Army came, the Harris house on Buxton Road is also a remnant of what was once a 1,000 acre farm that extended south to the Tennessee River.

The house belonged to Sam Harris Sr. who built it in the 1920s, reportedly around an existing log cabin.

"The story I remember is that they started with an old log house and added on to it," said Sam Harris Jr., whose family lived in the house until 1941 when the Army bought it. Beginning with the log house, the Harrises converted it to a six room frame country home.

Sam Harris Jr., 54, born on the arsenal in the Harris house, now farms on Bob Wade Lane near Meridianville. He remembers fondly his early boyhood here. "There's an old saying that you tend to forget the bad things and remember the good ones and I have very good memories of the place," he said, in a telephone interview during a break from harvesting a 12 acre

alfalfa crop.

His grandfather, J.B. Harris, and father purchased their arsenal home place about 1920 in a foreclosure sale. "Daddy and granddaddy bought it from the First National Bank", the younger Harris said. The grandfather lived in the Lee mansion, called "the big house" by his grandson. It was an old plantation house some 100 yards west of his son's residence. It was dismantled and moved off the arsenal 10 years ago.

There were 10 or so other houses on the place occupied by tenant farmers. It was a fertile farm and about 600 of the 1,000 acres were worked in cotton, corn and other crops by sharecroppers, Sam Harris Jr. recalled. "You would furnish the land and mules and the individual families worked the land for half the crop," he said. The Harrises and their tenants split the cost of seed and fertilizer.

"My father was pretty much a truck farmer and had 10 or 15 acres in cantaloupes" and was known as Madison County's "Cantaloupe King", Harris

remembers.

Despite their large land holdings, J.B. Harris and his son were not wealthy people, according to Sam Harris Jr. "They had a little net worth but they worked for it," he said. His father worked till he was 80 years old. He died in 1977 at age 86. J.B. Harris died in the late 1930s.

After the Army bought their land, the Harrises purchased a farm near Meridianville. Sam Harris Jr. is on that place now raising cotton, soybeans and cattle on 1,500 acres. He owns 900 acres and the rest belongs to others in his family.

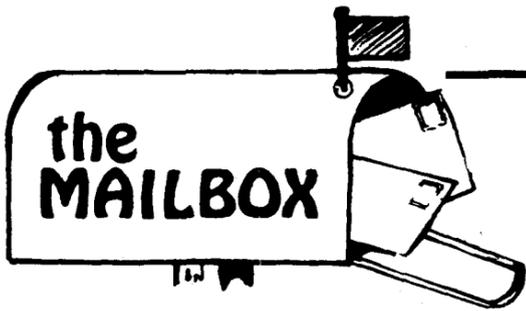
The Army paid them \$75 per acre for 800 acres of land. Two hundred of the original 1,000 acres had been purchased by Tennessee Valley Authority for \$50 per acre a few years earlier. Comparable farm land in the county sells for \$2,000 per acre today, Harris said.

The Harris house was in the Green Grove community which was part of a larger area known as Pond Beat (See Harris family, cont'd on Page 3)

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John L. Dumbacher
Patriot Project Office

Seems inconsistent

Editor:

Your "Announcements" on page 18 of the August 15 issue of the *Rocket* gave notice of a meeting for "Black Federal Employees" and described this as a newly-formed organization.

Motto sought for new command insignia

A contest to find a motto for the Missile Command's unit insignia is under way while the insignia itself is being designed.

Designers at the Institute of Heraldry are to leave a space for the motto so it should not delay the arrival of MICOM's first insignia in 22 years.

"They'll just reserve the 24 spaces which they can modify if it's shorter," said Mary Cagle, the command historian. "That's all they'll add and it won't hold it up."

By Aug. 15 she had already received the first four entries in the motto contest announced two days earlier. The Institute of Heraldry originally discouraged mottoes but relaxed its policy and MICOM officials indicated they would like a motto.

"We can just propose one but they (at the institute) would rather have at least three listed in order of preference," Cagle said. "There's a reason for that. If we submit one and they find that somebody already has it, we'd have to go through the whole process again. If we submit three, and no one has that first one, then we'll get it."

Hospital provides school immunizations

Fox Army Community Hospital has the state-required forms for immunization and gives shots, according to hospital officials.

The state of Alabama requires an immunization form before children can be registered for school. At least one school official, Assistant Principal Jerry Davis of Butler High, has had to inform people from elsewhere that they did not have the necessary blue form to register their children.

"State of Alabama requires an immunization form before they can register in Alabama," said Davis, adding that this would be useful information for soldiers

Mottoes have a long history. Many were originally war cries selected to represent a unit because of their tradition and call to action.

The winner of the contest open to all MICOM personnel will receive a \$50 savings bond. Deadline is Sept. 7 for entries which should be sent to the historical office at command headquarters.

"We're looking for a motto that will reflect the command," Cagle said. The contest announcement stated the proposed motto should not exceed 24 letters, including spaces; should be appropriate to all of MICOM; should be idealistic; and must not stress the destructive nature of warfare. Contractions should be avoided.

"Once it's approved it's set in concrete, there's no way of changing it," Cagle said. "So we're looking for the very best one we can get and that's why we're giving them to the 7th of September."

Judges will be MICOM officials. Cagle is the person to talk to about the contest and she can be reached at 876-1770/5302.

from out of town.

The Army hospital here has the small blue certificates of immunization put out by the Alabama Department of Public Health, Bureau of Clinical Services. It would include what shots the child received and when.

For children, two months through 13 years old, immunizations are given at Fox Hospital from 1-3:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Adult immunizations, for ages 14 and above, are given Monday through Friday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m.

Medical laboratory here receives accreditation

The laboratory at Fox Army Community Hospital has been awarded a two-year accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists.

This was based on the results of a recent on-site inspection. The laboratory is one of 3,000 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide.

"It's the most important thing the laboratory has as far as any type of professional inspection," said Maj. John Crum, chief of the hospital's department of pathology (clinical laboratory). "It's a more stringent inspection than you have under ordinary government requirements."

The inspectors examine the records and quality control of a laboratory for the preceding two years, as well as the education and qualifications of the total staff, the adequacy of the facilities, the equipment, laboratory safety, and laboratory management to determine how well the lab is serving the patient.

College of American Pathologists is a national medical specialty society of physicians certified by the American Board of Pathology.

The lab here probably does some 300 different types of tests and procedures. About 350,000 tests and procedures are done each year. This can include chemical tests on blood and urine, blood bank functions, microbiology, and other clinical areas.

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Fate

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installations. Class III is the lowest category of structure eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

Architectural historians who conducted the study said the house is "locally unique to its historic era and contributes to an understanding of pre-military land use".

The Harris house is distinctive because of only three structures remaining here from pre-Army days, it alone has not been altered or moved. The child nursery on Goss Road is a pre-Army building, said to have been a community store. Goddard House on Redstone Road dates from the early 1800s but was moved from its original north arsenal location in 1955 and converted into guest rooms.

Housing Management Division's Campbell said the Harris house "is in good condition considering how old it is" but needs \$39,688 in improvements, according to an engineering estimate. "So that's nearly \$40,000 to bring it up to today's standards," she noted.

It is a wood frame house with drop siding. There are two fireplaces with exterior brick chimneys. The original tongue and groove wood interior has been covered with sheet rock. Asphalt tile had been put over the hardwood floors.

The house is said to be built around one and possibly two one-room log cabins. A hand hewn log sill can be seen underneath a piece of the drop siding which is loose.

The fate of the old house hasn't been decided yet. "As far as I know there hasn't been a determination if there is a need for it anywhere else," Campbell said.

Carrie Henson of the physical space section at Facilities Engineering said that before the house can be disposed of the commander must declare that it is no longer needed and it could then be sold by the Army Corps of Engineers' Mobile District which is responsible for the real estate and buildings at Redstone Arsenal.



LEE MANSION — This large dwelling was located just west of the Harris house.

Mary Cagle, Missile Command historian, feels the Harris house is important to the community's history and wants it saved because "It indicates what the land was used for before the Army got it."

She firmly opposes its destruction or sale. "I told someone the other day I would go down there and chain myself to the door to keep that from happening," she said with a laugh.

Harris family

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before the Army came. There was no electricity. The family heated and cooked with wood. The house has fireplaces on each end and the kitchen wood stove flue is still in the roof.

Harris said water was pumped to the house by a gasoline engine from a well at "the big house". It was piped into a tank on a platform and flowed by gravity into the house.

A favorite fishing spot back then is the present-day "finance pond" which was on the Harris farm and is located near the Missile Command finance and accounting building.

Harris' father built a couple of boats which his son rented to people who came to use the pond, regarded as the best fishing hole in the community. "If I had

that lake today I'd give up farming," Harris said with a laugh.

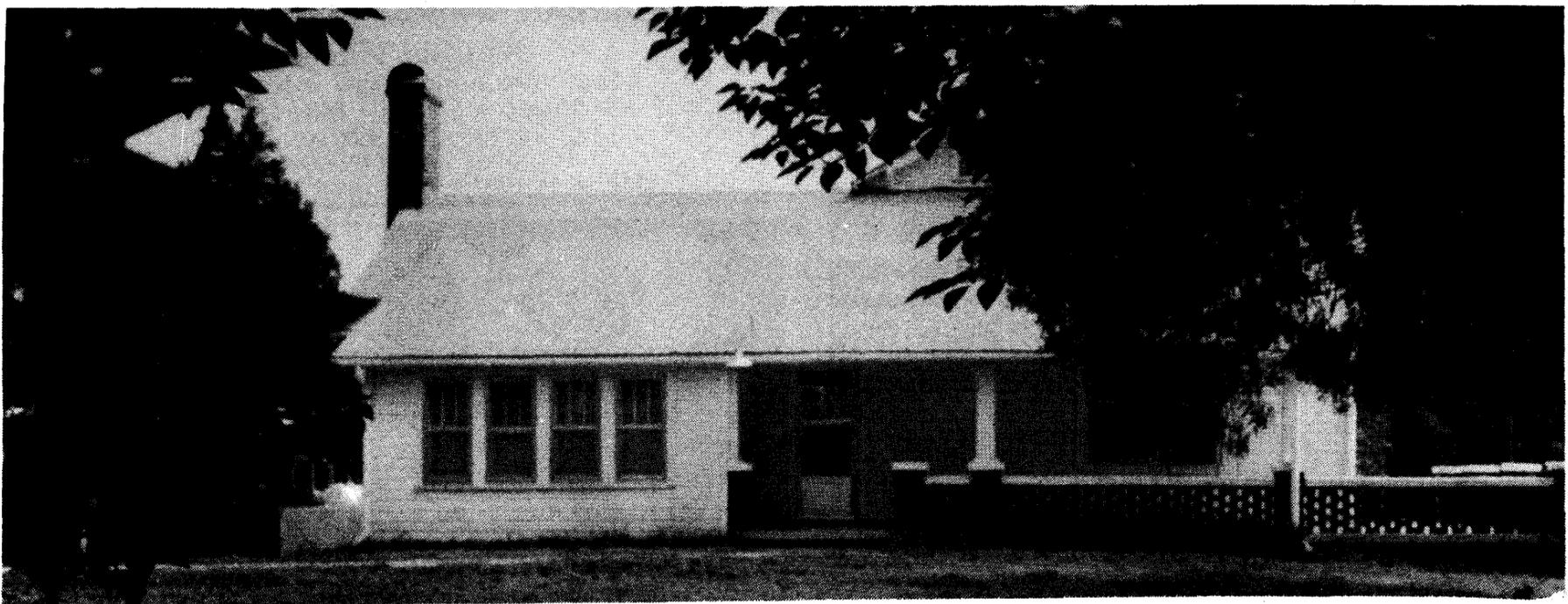
When the family sold the farm for \$75 per acre they and others forced to sell to the Army received the going rate for farm land in the area, Harris said, but no allowance was made for the difficulty of having to move all the equipment and livestock of a large farming operation and reestablish a farm elsewhere.

"It was a tremendous injustice to the people down there. They paid them fair market value for land being put up for sale at that particular time but what they didn't pay you for was the hardship and adverse circumstances they put you under. It really wound some of the people up," Harris recalls.

Further, he continued, the price of farm land elsewhere in the county went up as much as 20 percent as a result of the seller's market created by the Army transactions and those who had to move off the arsenal had to pay inflated prices when they bought new farms.

Harris acknowledges that he's "a little bitter" because the family farm that "they ran us off of" is being put to no use that he can see. "In my humble opinion the bulk of that old place is being wasted," the farmer said.

He hopes, though, that the Army will preserve his old family home. "It has sentimental value to me. I was physically born in that house," he said.



BIRTHPLACE — Sam Harris Jr. was born in the Harris house. In that era, there was no electricity or other amenities in the Green Grove Community which became a part of Redstone Arsenal.

Oh no, Skip's Picks return for another football season

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Just when you thought it was safe to reenter the pages of **The Rocket**, this issue marks The Return of The Picks.

Before anyone tries to call ghostbusters to rid the newspaper of this unwelcome guest, relax because there's just one game for this picker to predict this week.

Auburn, who finished number three in the major polls last year, faces Miami, the final top-ranked team, on Monday, Aug. 27.

The Auburn Tigers should be tough. They're led by Bo Jackson, the Southeastern Conference's leading rusher last season who is a contender for the Heisman Trophy.

Miami's Hurricanes counter with quarterback Bernie Kosar. He set school records for completions and touchdowns last fall as a freshman.

In case you don't remember, Miami upset Nebraska 31-30 in the Orange Bowl to win the mythical national championship. Auburn, meanwhile, nipped Michigan 9-7 in the Sugar Bowl. Both teams finished at 11-1 but Miami got the number one ranking despite the fact that Auburn had been ranked above it before the bowl games.

Many people, especially in Alabama, felt that Auburn should have gotten the nod because of its schedule. Auburn's only loss was to Texas in a slate of opponents that included Alabama, Georgia, Maryland, Florida, Florida State and Tennessee. Miami lost to Florida and whipped the likes of Notre Dame, Cincinnati, West Virginia, East Carolina and Florida State.

Auburn has a chance now to prove who might be number one, at least at the start of this major college football season.

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Stallions clinch division title in civilian softball

BY SANDRA RECIO

The Stallions clinched the western division title of the civilian softball league by winning two games last week.

They defeated COE 14-4 and smashed Pershing Project 18-6. In other games RADs continued to fight for the eastern division title by beating SIO 17-2 and Thiokol 14-6. The Cougars defeated F&A 20-7. Rachels beat F&A 11-1 and romped past CPO 17-2. F&A beat P&P III 12-4 while COE edged Dr. Zoom 4-3 and MLC squeaked past COE 7-6.

The Stallions used a balanced attack in their win over COE. They were led by Art Snow's four for four while Don Sutton, Ken Moore, and Gary Payne each had three hits. Greg Hays led COE by going two for three. Jim Chiarizio was the winning pitcher. The Stallions then picked up another victory over Pershing Project. Chiarizio went four for four, Blair Johnson hit a homer and a single while Snow, Jerry Williams, Gary Payne, Moore and Larry Crandall had two hits each.

In RADs' win over SIO, Jay Loomis went five for five, John Rose went four for four and David Bagwell went three for four and was the winning pitcher. RADs went on to beat Thiokol with a 10-run rally in the first inning. Loomis, Floyd Brooks and Barry Belew each batted three for four. Jerry Arszman added a double and a triple to help Bagwell pick up another win.

Cougars beat F&A— even though Emmett Mathis of F&A had a home run and three hits and Frank Thomas of F&A had three hits. The Cougars also beat RADs 17-2 as Danny Smith had four hits, including a grand slam homer, and six runs batted in. Sam Meadows added four hits, Charles Blackburn had three hits and a home run, and Paul Vogt had three hits.

Rachels beat F&A as Ronnie Walton was the winning pitcher. They also defeated CPO. F&A managed to get one win last week by beating P&P III. Emmett Mathis slammed another homer, DeWayne Kelley ad-

ded three hits and Ricky Prince had two hits. Bruce Coker was winning pitcher.

COE edged Dr. Zoom by playing tight defense. Jerial Henderson had three RBI and Dennis Morgan collected the win.

After nine innings of play, MLC slipped by COE 7-6. Bob Johnson had three RBI and Tim McGinnis added two RBI. Amy Strickland was the winning pitcher.

Redstone represented on All-Army softball team

Two Redstone soldiers made the All-Army softball team that placed second in a tournament of service teams.

SSgt. Prentiss Thomas of HHC and Sp4 Donnie Gee of C Company were both selected for the 15-member squad. The team finished second to the Marines in an inter-service tournament held at Camp LeJeune, N.C.

Thomas and Gee were also selected for a military team that will compete in national competition from Aug. 31 through Sept. 5 in Duluth, Minn. Thomas, due to leave for Korea, is considering the offer but Gee is leaving the Army to return to school.

"During the (All-Army) trials we played all over North Carolina and South Carolina as a team so the coaches could take a good look at us," Thomas said. "I think Gee had the highest batting average of all the guys going into the inter-service championship."

Thomas, who had the second highest batting average, was chosen as assistant coach and player. The training at Fort Bragg, N.C. included early morning runs of five to six miles and three practices a day.

"It was rough. I couldn't imagine trying out for a pro ball club be any worse," Thomas said.



Marine Detachment wins softball tourney

The Marines won the troop softball championship by winning a tournament among eight teams.

They beat 7th Student Company 8-2 in the deciding game. Earlier in the tournament 7th Student Company came from the loser's bracket to beat the Marines 5-3.

Final results were Marines, first place; 7th Student Company, second and HHC MICOM, third.

The tournament included the top four teams from each conference, according to SSgt. Thomas Morrisette, NCOIC of the sports office. Teams from the Western Conference were the Marines, HHC MICOM, Meddac-2, and Air Force. Eastern Conference teams were B Company-1, 7th Student Company, TMDE/95th, and 6th Student Company.

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Exchange patrons get answers at symposium

A recent symposium for exchange customers in the southeast region was informative, according to attendees from Redstone.

Army and Air Force Exchange Service patrons heard presentations on the AAFES quality assurance programs, purchasing policies, and the overall workings of the exchange service.

The four-hour program included a question and answer session with Brig. Gen. John E. Long, AAFES deputy commander. The symposium was held at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

"I thought it was very informative," said Robert Davis, Redstone exchange manager. "Many of the wives got a chance to ask the general questions and got very good answers. And from listening to the wives, they felt it was very informative."

Those who attended from Redstone included Davis, three NCO wives and two officers' wives.

"The purpose of the meeting was to inform Army wives throughout the southeast region of the changes we'll be seeing at our post exchange," said attendee Dessie Johnson, president of the NCO Wives Club. "The post exchanges will become like some of our larger department stores."

Johnson is pleased with the post exchange here. "They really have updated the merchandise and overall I think it's a great PX. People are really utilizing the services. Mostly they can find everything they can find downtown and at a cheaper price and they have quality and quantity," she said.

About 140 people attended the symposium.

Represented were Maxwell AFB, Fort McClellan, Redstone, Fort Rucker, Columbus (Miss.) AFB, Fort McPherson, Ga., and Fort Benning, Ga.

"I thought it was very informative myself," said Ruth Bachman who traveled there with fellow NCO wives Johnson and Sandra Davis. "We learned a lot about the post exchange. It was well planned. They had a program to go by and you could ask questions about the post exchange."

Comments there ranged from a question concerning the lack of certain clothing sizes in AAFES stores to an observation that AAFES carries "second quality" items from name brand lines.

Long, the AAFES deputy commander, explained that stocking is based on demand and that only the larger exchanges have significant demand for very large or small sizes.

In response to the quality question, Long said that AAFES buys only first-quality merchandise and all its products are the same quality as those purchased by commercial retailers. "Manufacturers do not distinguish between goods sent to AAFES and goods sold to other large commercial retailers," he said.

The Maxwell symposium was the third since the program began in January. The first symposium was held at Fort Belvoir, Va. and the second at Eglin AFB, Fla. The symposiums are organized by regional and area managers. AAFES headquarters supplies the speakers. The next symposium will be held Aug. 28 at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Publication has news for family members

WASHINGTON—Army family members soon will find copies of the summer 1984 issue of "News for Army Families" at their local commissary, post exchange, hospital, library, and other centers of family activity.

This issue of the 8-page quarterly, published by the Army Family Liaison Office in Washington, hopes to keep every household abreast of the programs, actions, and issues affecting the Army family.

The summer issue highlights reader-publisher rapport with its feature titled "Getting credit you deserve: volunteer experience." This article addresses a key issue from the Chief of Staff's 1983 white paper on the

Army family, which noted "Families say one of their needs is 'Documentation of professional development acquired as a volunteer,' there are concerns voiced that volunteer experience is given less weight than paid experience when used in job applications."

From that feature, the remaining pages present information on how Army family members might fit into the federal and non-appropriated fund employment picture and information on priority placement and overseas internships.

Persons unable to find this summer's issue at the installation may call 800-336-5467 to obtain it. (Arnews)

Arlington burial slated for Virginia Medaris

A requiem Mass was scheduled in Maitland, Fla. Tuesday for Virginia Smith Medaris, 73, who died Aug. 16 and is to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

At Redstone Arsenal, she was active in officers' wives and golf groups while her husband, retired Maj. Gen. John Bruce Medaris, who survives, was senior commander here from 1956-1960.

Other survivors include a son, retired Army Lt. Col. John Bruce Medaris Jr. of Huntington Bay, Long Island, N.Y.; daughters Marilyn Stillings of Owen, Wis. and Martha Smith of Albuquerque, N.M.; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Virginia Smith Medaris Memorial Fund at the Anglican Pro-Cathedral of the Incarnation, 1550 Edgewater Drive, Orlando, Fla. 32804.

Professional group cites contract specialist

A contract specialist with the Army's Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command has been honored by a contracts association.

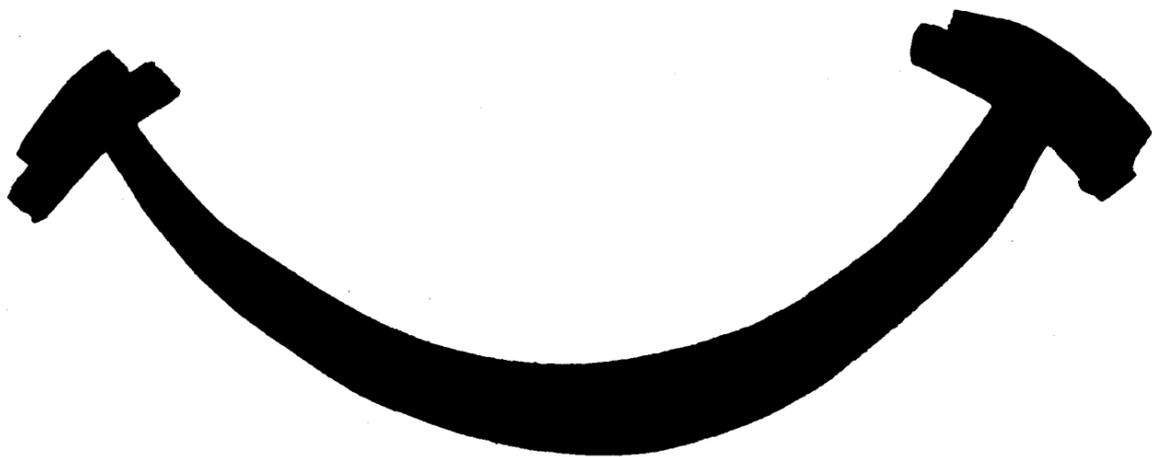
Jay R. Snyder of Huntsville was named a Fellow Member of the National Contract Management Association by a vote of its board of directors.

That designation is conferred on those who have made significant, outstanding contributions to the field of contract management and to the association. Only some 30 NCMA members, out of about 15,000, are selected to become Fellow Members each year.

Snyder is serving as a contracting officer at BMDSCOM. He is responsible for contracting support to the Airborne Optical Adjunct demonstration program, a key element of the U.S. Strategic Defense Initiative.

Snyder has been employed in the fields of government contracting and systems acquisition for 14 years. A 1968 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, he earned a master's degree in administrative science in 1976 from the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

A major in the Army Reserve, Snyder was graduated in 1981 from the Army Command and General Staff College.



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Pair get stiff fines, Jail terms for DUI convictions

In Magistrate's Court here August 14, a pair of three-time DUI offenders were handed year-long jail terms and 15 received lesser sentences for drunk driving, according to the Staff Judge Advocate Office.

Royce Bright, a civilian, was sentenced to a year in jail and fined \$500 after being convicted of drunk driving on the arsenal the third time. Earl Ray, also a civilian, was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to a one-year jail term for his third offense. Ray received another \$1,000 fine and year in jail for violation of previous probation. The jail sentences are to be served concur-

rently.

Deborah Tant, a civilian, received a \$500 fine and was sentenced to perform 200 hours of community service work for her second DUI conviction.

First offenders receiving \$500 fines (\$250 suspended) and 90 days probation were Larry Thornton, civilian; Sp5 Deric Galloway, 95th Maintenance Company; Shawnee Garrison, civilian; Brian Herbert, civilian; SFC Frank Lee, Redstone Readiness Group; SFC Dennis Riehle, BMDSCOM Pvt. Joseph Salava, 6th Student Company; Pvt. Steven Mogray of 6th

Student Company and Sp4 Gary Smith of A Company.

Offenders also were ordered to attend DUI school, lost their drivers' licenses for 90 days and had their post driving privileges revoked for one year. Also convicted of DUI and scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 20 were PFC Watson Baumgartner, MEDDAC; Sp5 Angel Cruz, 6th Student Company; LCpl. Matthew Shirley, Marine Detachment; and Winfred Moore, civilian.

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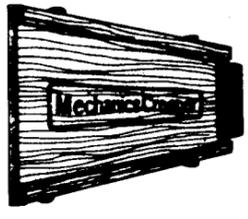
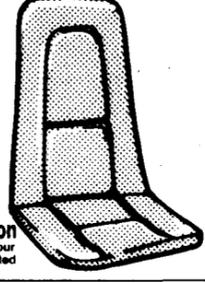
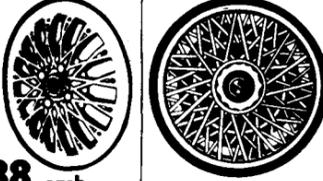
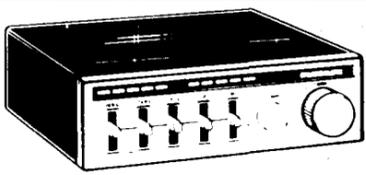


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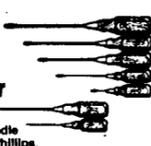


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Bloodmobile

The bloodmobile will be at the BMDSCOM building in Research Park on Friday, 7:30-1:30.

Protestant women

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will have their annual "Welcome to the Chapel Family" program on August 23 from 9:30-11 a.m. at Bicentennial Chapel. Newcomers to Redstone Arsenal are invited to meet the chaplains and assistants and learn about religious programs and services on post and the Protestant Women of the Chapel. Those requiring child care should make reservations at the Child Development Center.

Wheeler commemorative birthday

The annual commemorative birthday for Gen. Joseph Wheeler and Civil War living history will be held Sept. 8-9 at Point Mallard Park in Decatur. Activities are free, begin at 9 a.m. both days and include troops in authentic Civil War uniforms and drill and musket and cannon firing demonstrations along with a display of period relics.

Haircut price increase

Effective August 27, the cost of haircuts at the main exchange and troop PX will increase from \$3 to \$3.25.

Officers bowling

The Wednesday night officers bowling league will hold an organizational meeting Wednesday, August 22, in the Big Spring Lounge at the Officers Club at 4:30 p.m. All team captains are urged to attend. Active or retired officers and warrant officers interested in joining the league are invited. Call Bob Arnold 895-3061 or Ed Ogozalek 453-0437 for more information.

Free bowling clinic

For military family members ages 6-20, the Redstone bowling lanes will present a free bowling clinic by a certified coach at 9 a.m. Sept. 1. Sign up at the bowling lanes as soon as possible; groups will be made up by ages. For more information call the bowling lanes 876-6634 or Ray Weinberg, the instructor, 859-1469.

Hispanic Week luncheon

A luncheon at the Officers' Club is among the plans for National Hispanic Week, Sept. 10-16. The luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 13 and will feature vocalist Rebecca Rocha and dancers Juanita and Aurelio Rocha. Dr. Bert Pena, attorney and community leader, will be guest speaker. Tickets are \$5.50 for the luncheon which is open to the public. For more information call Juan Manchego 876-4475 or Cathy Gant 876-3436.

Winter bowling

The Redstone Arsenal Thursday night mixed doubles bowling league will conduct its first business meeting on August 23 at 7 p.m. at the post bowling alley. Experienced, inexperienced and non-bowlers are invited to sign up. For more information call Walt Rosa 830-4187 or Linda Engelhardt 830-0422.

Home security checks

Home security checks are available for family housing occupants away from their quarters on leave or other extended absence. Military police encourage residents planning to be away for an extended period to contact the Crime Prevention Section and schedule a pre-departure inspection. A check list will be given to the occupant who notifies military police to pick up the list and double check the quarters.

Community services day

Military families new to Redstone Arsenal are invited to a "community services day" orientation on Tuesday, Aug. 28, at Bicentennial Chapel on Goss Road. The orientation will explain the wide range of services available to military personnel and family members. A bus tour of the arsenal highlighting recreational facilities will be conducted from noon till 1 p.m. For reservations for the bus tour or more information call 876-2859. For free child care reservations call the Child Development Center at 837-6464.

Youth soccer

Registration for youth soccer continues at the DYA office, building 114 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Children born 1968 through 1979 are eligible. For more information call 876-KIDS.

Carpool Hotline



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Carpool members wanted from Athens to BMDSCOM, hours 8-4:30. Doris Wilson 895-4081.

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PX catalog

Exchange Catalog '85 is now at the Post Exchange for use by mail order customers.

Women's Equality Day luncheon

In observance of Women's Equality Day, the Huntsville area federal women's group will have a luncheon Thursday at the Officers' Club. Social (cash bar) will begin 11:30 with the luncheon at noon. Guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Eugene Fox, deputy BMD program manager. Tickets are \$5 and the public is invited. For more information call Becky Currey 895-4011.

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Warrant officer candidate plans to do well at her job

BY CINDY WATSON

It has not been easy for the only female warrant officer candidate in the Nuclear Weapons Maintenance and Electronic specialty.

But the 23-year-old female soldier, Calvin Evans, is an achiever.

Evans joined the Army in June 1979 after her uncle told her it would be a good experience.

"He (the uncle) always expects me to be first in everything," Evans said. "I try to make him proud of me. He always challenges me and tells me how he made first sergeant in his few years in the Army."

Not only did her uncle influence her to excel but two other people added to the outcome.

"He was the first warrant officer I had contacts with in my field, or so-called 'experience' in the field," Evans said of CWO 3 Charles Bruce.

The other influence was SFC Aderion Barney. "His warrant officer application was not accepted. I wanted to go but I thought if he did not get selected I surely would not," Evans said.

As for her excelling, good grades are the reason. "In high school I was the salutatorian, so even then everyone expected me to stand out," she said.

"I like relating to other people, the Army gave me the chance to do it," she added.

Evans decided to become a warrant officer after coming here for her training in the nuclear weapons maintenance field.

"When I first came here for training I met some warrant officers. I was very impressed with them. That's when I knew I wanted to be a warrant officer."

SFC Barney talked Evans into applying for warrant officers candidate school.

Evans attended eight weeks of physical and mental training at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. She said she was not given any special privileges as the only female in the company.

"I feel a woman has to do three times as good as a man to get the same recognition," she said.

"I am not out to prove anything. I want to do it."

Evans has completed her warrant officers' training and will be in charge of a Calibration Bay at Seneca Army Depot in Romulus, N.Y.

She expects that "a lot of people will be watching me."

"I do not like to draw attention but it seems to follow me wherever I go," Evans said. "I plan to do my job and do it well."

What does she expect of her workers? "I want them to look at me as a warrant officer and not be intimidated because I am a female," she said.

Evans was graduated as distinguished graduate and received the Association of the United States Army Certificate and Award for maintaining a high average.

She and other class members are to receive their warrant officer appointments on Sept. 10. Col. Joseph Cote, commandant of MMCS, will give the Oath of

the Warrant Officer.

As for Evans' goals, "I hope to make chief warrant officer 5 and 6 when they approve it," she said.



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Some former military spouses eligible for benefits

BY HELEN S. GAMMONS
Legal Assistance Office

Effective Feb. 1, 1983, the Uniformed Services Former Spouses Protection Act authorized a number of unremarried former spouses of military members an entitlement to certain military related benefits and privileges.

The Act also affected retirement rights which will be discussed in a later article.

Commissary, Exchange and theater privileges are authorized to an unremarried former spouse of an active duty military member or a retired military member if the following requirements are met:

1. The marriage ended in a final divorce, dissolution or annulment dated Feb. 1, 1983 or after;

1. The marriage lasted for at least 20 years **during** which the military member had at least 20 years of service creditable for retired pay; and

3. The former spouse has not remarried.

If all the requirements as stated above are not met, the eligibility for commissary, exchange and theater privileges does not exist. CHAMPUS and military medical care are authorized if all requirements mentioned above are met **and** if the spouse does not have existing medical coverage under an employer-sponsored health plan. Also, if Medicare entitlement exists, then the military medical care is not authorized.

How do you get your Military ID Card if you meet the above eligibility requirements? Go to the Military Personnel Office ID Card Section and bring with you the following documentation:

1. Final divorce, dissolution or annulment decree dated Feb. 1, 1983 or after.

2. Marriage certificate.

3. For retirees, DD Form 214 reflecting 20 years service, (if not available, the Identification Card Section will help you request a statement from RCPAC, certifying dates of services reflecting at least 20 years total service).

4. For active duty - statement from sponsor's military personnel office revealing that the entry on active duty date was and has been continuous to total active duty time equal or exceeding 20 years, (again, if unable to obtain this yourself, the Identification Card Section of Military Personnel will assist you in obtaining such a statement).

Regardless of when you divorced, if you have a service connected illness, you may apply to the Secretary of the particular branch of service in which your

former spouse served on active duty and ask for permission to obtain medical privileges for the treatment of only that particular illness.

When in doubt about rights under the Uniformed Services Former Spouses Protection Act, contact the Legal Assistance Office.

Machine gun fielded with 82nd Airborne

WASHINGTON—The Army's new M249 squad automatic weapon, or "Saw," has been fielded to the 82nd Airborne Division, the first combat unit to receive the weapon.

The new machine gun, developed at the Army Armament Research and Development Center, has twice the effective range and six times the sustained fire rate of the M16A1 rifle currently used by Army and Marine Corps infantry squads.

Officials at the research and development center said the new weapon, designed to fill the need for an automatic weapon in the infantry squad, will greatly

improve firepower and survivability on the modern battlefield.

The weapon, weighing 15.5 pounds empty including sling, bipod and cleaning equipment, fires newly-designed ball and tracer ammunition assembled in a four-ball-to-one-tracer ratio with a rate of fire of between 700 and 850 rounds per minute.

The new M855 ball round incorporates a steel penetrator in the bullet's nose and can penetrate helmets at almost three times the distance of the standard M193 ball round. (Arnews)

New medal recognizes reserve duty overseas

WASHINGTON—Soldiers in Army Reserve components who pull overseas duty are now authorized a decoration recognizing such service.

Established by the Secretary of the Army on July 11, the Army Reserve components overseas training ribbon will be awarded to service members successfully completing at least 10 consecutive days of annual training or active duty for training outside the United States and U.S. possessions and territories.

Army National Guard and Reserve members must have been serving on active duty, but not on extended

active duty, with the Army, joint services or allied forces to be eligible. Active Army personnel are eligible provided they were members of the national guard or reserve at the time annual training or active duty for training took place.

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The red, white and blue ribbon bars should be available through supply channels by November of this year. (Arnews)

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Army retiree has been playing golf for 61 years

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Golf is the only hobby for Army retiree Jimmy Stewart who can be found most days trying to improve his game at the Redstone golf course.

Stewart (not the movie star) has been playing ever since he was taught by his father in 1923.

"That was 61 years ago, I must be getting old. I'm only 70 now though," he says. He started on the old Idlewild Golf Course at Long Island, N.Y. which has since become Kennedy Airport, a landing spot for jet planes rather than golf balls.

His father was a building contractor from Scotland who had moved to Montreal and then to New York. "In Scotland everybody plays golf. They say it's a rich man's game but it isn't because everybody plays there," Stewart says.

He remembers the way golf used to be. Back then there were wooden clubs with old Scotch names and tee boxes rather than tees to place the ball on. Golfers played with eight clubs instead of today's 14.

"The clubs we had in those days— for shorter range we had a niblick which was equivalent to a 9-iron today," he recalls. "The next club was a mashie niblick which was equivalent to a 7-iron today. Then came the mashie, equivalent to a 5-iron today and then a midiron, equivalent to a 2-iron today."



GOLFER — Jimmy Stewart started playing in 1923.

BMD officials cited for minority business support

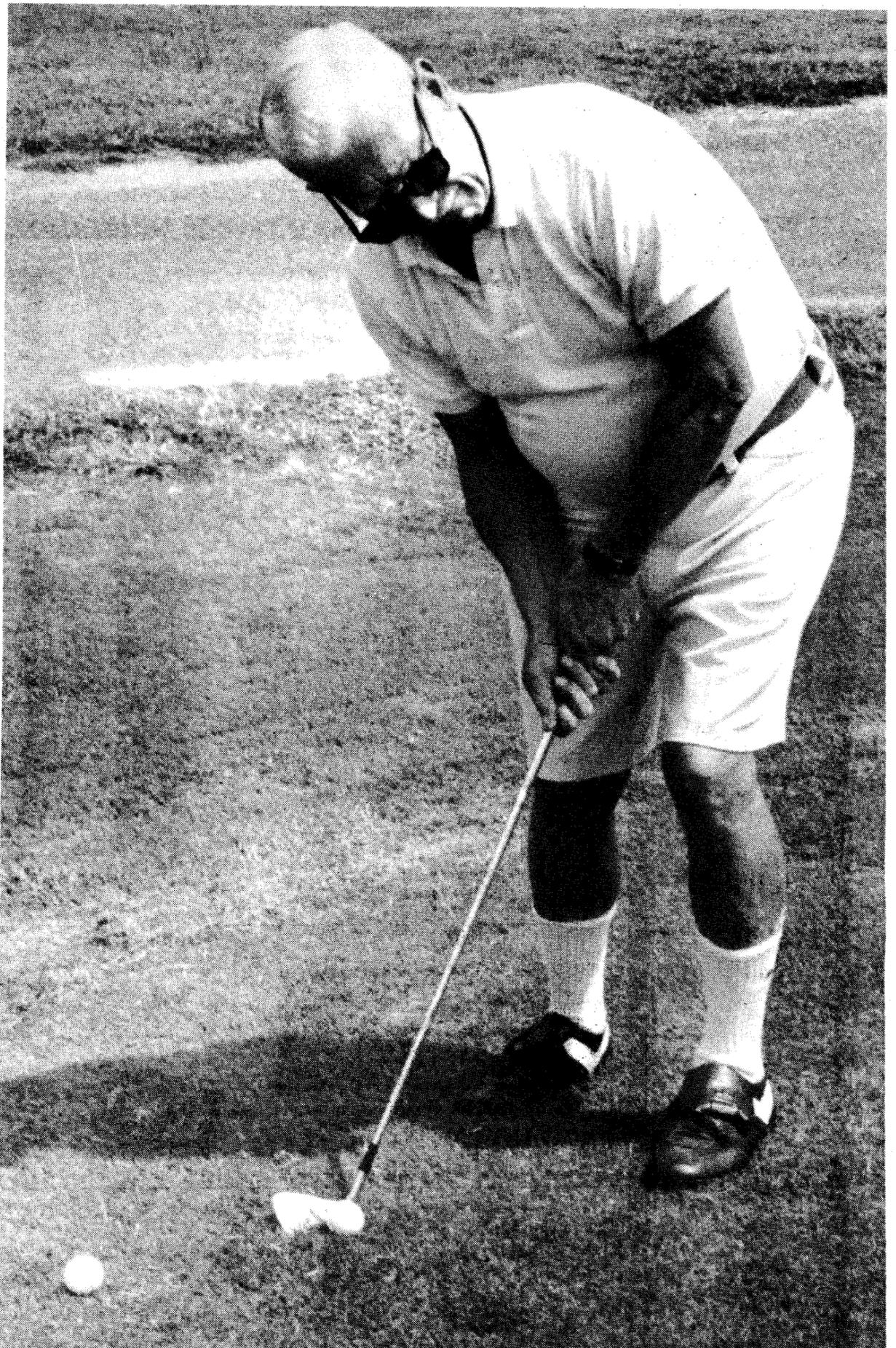
Three officials of the Army's Ballistic Missile Defense Organization have been cited for their support of the government's "8(a) program" which assists firms owned by persons who are socioeconomically disadvantaged.

Brig. Gen. Eugene Fox, deputy program manager-Huntsville for the BMD Organization, Virginia B. Wright, small business advisor for BMD, and Alan D. Sherer, chief of the High Endoatmospheric Interceptor Project Office, were presented plaques on Aug. 10 at a meeting in Atlanta of the Section 8(a) Contractors Association, Region IV (Southeastern U.S.)

Each was cited for vigorously supporting the 8(a) program, under which certain government purchases are reserved for firms qualifying as socioeconomically disadvantaged under terms of the Small Business Act of 1953.

The BMD Organization's participation in the program during fiscal 1984 will consist of reserving 30 acquisitions for such firms. Three of those requirements will result in contracts exceeding \$10 million each.

Two \$10-million-plus contracts under Section 8(a) have been awarded already: one for \$15 million to a Tennessee firm for providing guard services at Kwajalein Missile Range in the Marshall Islands, and a \$10 million contract to Colsa Inc. of Huntsville to operate the computerized simulation center at the BMD building in Cummings Research Park.



PRACTICING — Stewart practices his hobby at the Redstone golf course.

Tee boxes were about three-foot long and divided into two parts, one for water and the other for sand. Golfers would go to the box, moisten some sand and then build a small mound to place the ball on. "In 1931 a New Jersey dentist invented the wooden tee and the tee boxes disappeared forever," Stewart says. "In 1932 Bobby Jones retired from golf as the amateur champion and went to work for the Spaulding Company and developed the first numbered set (as names for clubs)."

Stewart plays golf five or six days a week. He estimates that in an average year he hits 25,000 golf balls and walks miles on the course. He says he is a 17-handicap golfer. "That's a little better than bogey golf," he adds. "Only 10 percent of the people that play golf can hit bogey golf or better. It's not an easy game."

It may not be easy but Stewart enjoys the exercise and the companionship he gets by playing in foursomes.

He retired in 1976 from the old Army metrology center where he was a civilian physicist. His last responsibility was to make a movie about calibration and he wrote the script and did technical direction. "I

was in one scene so they could say they had Jimmy Stewart in their last movie," he says.

Stewart, who was born in Montreal, enlisted in the Army in 1942. He served as a rifle platoon leader in World War II. In 1954 he came to Redstone as an instructor at the old Ordnance Guided Missile School. He retired as a major in 1968 and joined the metrology center. Except for the war and a tour in Greece as an Army officer, he has spent much of his spare time playing golf.

"When I went to Greece (1951-52) I couldn't play. There was only one golf course there and that was at the king's palace. The king never invited me to play so I sold my golf clubs to a guy going back to the states," he says.

He has tried unsuccessfully to interest his daughter Victoria, 26, in golf. She is studying medical science at Emory University in Atlanta. Stewart's wife died in 1959.

"In Scotland they say golf was God's method of keeping the Scots humble," he says of his hobby.

"You can play golf basically forever. You lose a little distance but it's fun."

Huntsville firm gets \$58.3 million assistance contract

The Ballistic Missile Defense Systems Command has awarded a \$58.3 million, three-year contract to Teledyne Brown Engineering of Huntsville for system engineering and technical assistance in support of BMDSCOM research and demonstration programs.

The award was made to Teledyne Brown as a result of a competitive procurement initiated by BMDSCOM in January with solicitations issued to 26 firms. Two proposals were received, reviewed and evaluated

before the selection was made.

Work under the new contract may begin immediately. In addition to the three-year period of performance, two one-year extension options are available to the Army.

Major subcontractors to Teledyne Brown will be Titan Systems, San Diego, Calif.; Dynetics Inc., Huntsville; IRT Corp., San Diego; and DP Associates Inc., Huntsville. There will also be a number of smaller sub-

contractors assisting in the work.

The system engineering and technical assistance contractor plays a significant role in BMDSCOM activities by developing plans, conducting studies and performing analyses relating to ballistic missile defense system experiments, technology demonstrations and advanced engineering development programs. The work will also include analyses of hardware and software produced by other contractors and evaluating test results.

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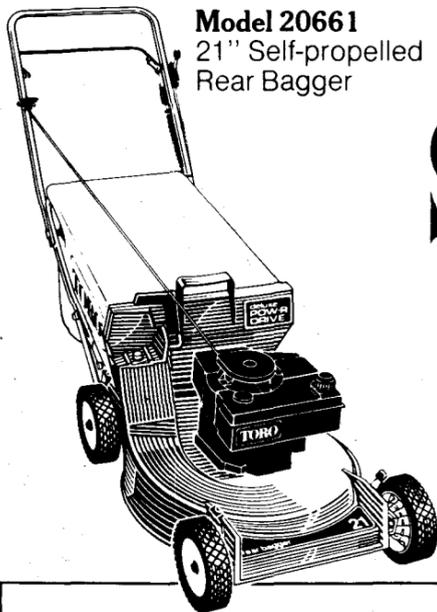
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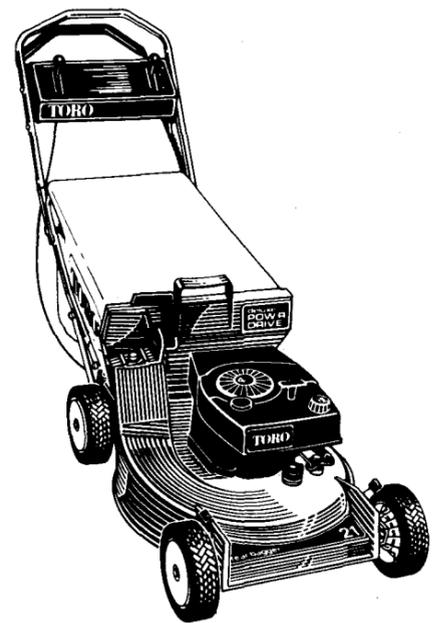
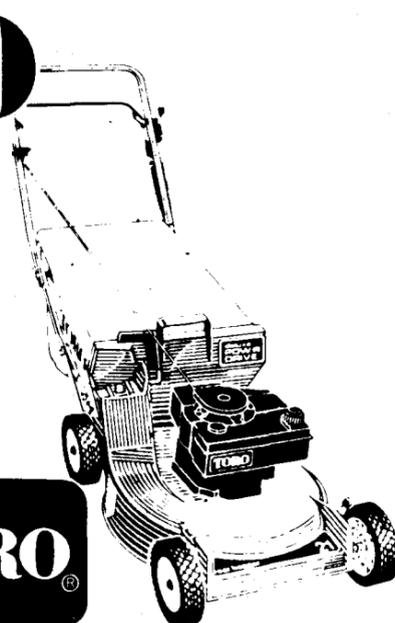
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Army helps its own through emergency relief program

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A financially-troubled soldier turned to Army Emergency Relief as a last resort and found the help he needed.

AER assistance is available to soldiers and their families in time of emergency financial need.

In this case Sp4 Robert Spiegel was stationed in Korea while his pregnant wife was in Huntsville. He came here on emergency leave June 15 in time for the birth of their twins in July. Meanwhile the medical and other bills were piling up. The children were born a

month and a half premature so they had to be kept in Huntsville Hospital.

"It got up to be quite a bit of money after a while," says Spiegel, a 21-year-old Huntsville native. His wife Teresa and their son Robert III were able to leave the hospital but Spiegel did not have the money to pay their daughter Rebecca's way home.

Army Emergency Relief gave him a \$500 loan to pay his bills. "It sure made me a believer," says Spiegel. "There wasn't no amount of money I wouldn't pay to bring my little girl home from the hospital."

The soldier tried at first to find a second job to pay the bills. He was reluctant to try AER because he did not know much about the program.

"This was a last resort for me. I had never considered doing this but it was the best thing for me," he says. "I could afford to have a few dollars deducted from my pay check rather than not paying the bills."

Since established on Feb. 5, 1942, AER has been the Army's emergency financial assistance organization. Its sources of funds include loan repayments and an annual AER fund campaign.

In the 1984 drive here \$38,312.90 was collected, including \$5,081.90 cash and \$33,231 by allotment. The 1983 drive raised \$32,499.

"The money that AER collects during the fund raising drive is reinvested so that the program can carry on," says Juanita Phillips, Army Emergency Relief officer for Redstone.

There were 176 people assisted through the end of July. This included 160 loans totaling \$48,378 and 16 grants totaling \$6,418.47. For the entire year 1983 there were 299 loans for \$80,542.28 and 18 grants for \$9,893.99.

Spiegel's case was an example of AER's interest-free loans. In another case, the wife of a retired soldier needed money for a special diet that was required as a result of her surgery. Her husband was in a veterans' hospital in Tuscaloosa so was unable to work. AER gave her a \$250 grant. "Since her husband's in a VA hospital and her income is fixed we felt it would cause her further hardship if we'd do it as a loan," Phillips says. "That's why it was done as a grant because she's not sure of when her husband will get out of the hospital and be able to return to his job."

Army Emergency Relief means the Army taking care of its own; Army people helping Army people, according to Phillips.

"I certainly see that it's a worthwhile program," she says. "When we have people like Specialist Spiegel, that makes you know that the program is necessary."



HELPED BY AER — Sp4 Robert Spiegel with sons Robert III and Brandon, 3, while wife Teresa holds Rebecca.

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White ground hog treated at veterinary clinic

The white ground hog seen lately near the reception center at the main gate on Martin Road apparently isn't the only such animal on the arsenal.

CWO 2 Alex Stokes of the post veterinary staff said a white ground hog in a sickly condition was picked up by military police in the housing area on Nike Street and brought to the veterinary clinic.

"It was a true albino — ivory claws and a total lack of pigmentation in the eyes," Stokes said.

Brought to the clinic on June 18, the 12 pound animal was treated for internal parasites and released in healthy condition the next day. Stokes said the white ground hog was released near the clinic and is seen frequently.

"So there is more than one (albino ground hog) on base unless it migrated down there" to the visitor reception center, he said.

Albinism, a lack of pigmentation in tissue, is a rare condition that occurs in all animal life.

Reenlistment screening requirement removed

WASHINGTON—The Army has eliminated the requirement for reenlistment screening boards.

In a recent message to the field, Lt. Gen. Robert M. Elton, deputy chief of staff for personnel, said the ac-

tion, due to take effect Oct. 1, "should not be taken as a lessening of quality standards for initial-term soldiers."

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Study shows third of POWs getting disability payments

A new Veterans Administration study shows that more than one-third of the nation's living former prisoners of war are now receiving VA disability compensation payments. The VA says claims have increased by more than 30 percent since the agency began intensive POW outreach in October 1981.

The study, presented to a recent meeting of the VA's Advisory Committee on Former Prisoners of War, summarizes the results of physical examinations conducted of special POW legislation in 1981. The vast majority of the claims—nearly 8,000—were filed by World War II veterans with European Theater service.

The committee, formed in 1982, provides the VA administrator with recommendations concerning the delivery of health care and other benefits to the nation's 88,000 living POWs. The 12-member commit-

tee is chaired by retired Air Force Lt. Gen. John P. Flynn, a prisoner of North Vietnam for 5-1/2 years. Membership includes physicians and other individuals who have personal knowledge of the POW experience.

Outreach activities by VA have been directed toward informing POWs of priority access to medical care and the claims review process. Among several steps taken to make information more readily available was the installation of a toll-free POW hotline (800-821-8139). VA is also developing a computer system for analyzing POW claims and health data.

While the VA study reflected increased claims activity, it also showed that 63 percent of the POWs already assigned disability ratings did not request reviews. The VA continues to urge all POWs to participate in a special protocol examination designed to gather in-

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Former POWs can schedule examinations by contacting any VA medical center, clinic, or regional office.

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Carpenter commands light infantry division

WASHINGTON—William S. Carpenter Jr., a brigadier general with over 24 years active duty, has been selected to command the Army's newest light infantry division scheduled for activation early next year.

Carpenter, 46, recently completing two years as assistant commander with the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash., will proceed with the new assignment in conjunction with his promotion to the grade of major general.

Carpenter, a 1960 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy and known nationally as it's "lonesome

end" during his cadet football days, has served in Vietnam, Korea and in various positions with the Army staff at the Pentagon.

Pending selection of a home base for the newest division, Carpenter and his staff will work at Fort Gillem, Ga.

Pentagon officials note that this location is not related to the division's home base, which still has not been announced. They explain that Carpenter and his staff will work at Fort Gillem only until the Army determines the permanent headquarters for this, the 17th active component division. (Arnews)

Family council disbands; mandate fulfilled

WASHINGTON—The Army Family Action Council, a private organization advocating support programs for Army families, disbanded Aug. 1.

The 18-month-old organization fulfilled its mandate to establish consistent and credible communication between Army families and leaders, according to the council's former president Vivian L. Reynard.

Reynard noted the decision to discontinue operations was reached based on assessment and evaluation of current Army initiatives in support of DLC families. "The council's board of directors felt the group's objectives are being met," she said.

"We are proud of the leadership position the Army has assumed in the family support arena," Reynard said. "We feel that family member involvement in our communities not only supports the soldier and strengthens the community, but also contributes to the total Army mission."

Early efforts of the council and the influence of three national Army family symposia, led to ongoing initiatives including establishment of the Family Liaison Office, the family life communication line, and a newsletter addressing family issues. (Arnews)

"Gallant Eagle '84" set in September

WASHINGTON—"Gallant Eagle '84," a U.S. Central Command-sponsored exercise that will involve some 50,000 military personnel, takes place Sept. 5-11 at several locations in and around California.

Its major objective is to exercise the joint deployment of forces, followed by a rapid set-up for combat operations. Army Guard and reserve units will provide combat service support in all phases of the exercise.

The exercise will provide a simulated combat environment to exercise, train and evaluate the U.S. Central Command headquarters and portions of its multi-service forces in tactical employment operations in a desert environment.

Ground maneuver operations, force-on-force and live fire, will be conducted at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Fort Hunter-Liggett and the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms in California.

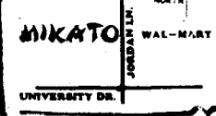
Air operations will be held on the three reservations and surrounding airspace and at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. Air support for the exercise will be staged from George and March Air Force Bases and El Toro Marine Corps Air Station in California.

Deployment operations for the exercise will begin August 29. (Arnews)

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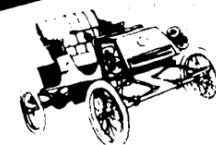
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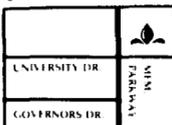
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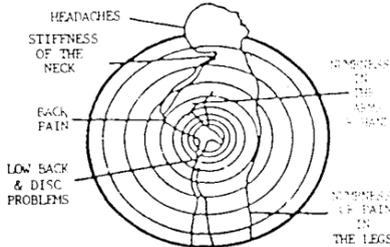
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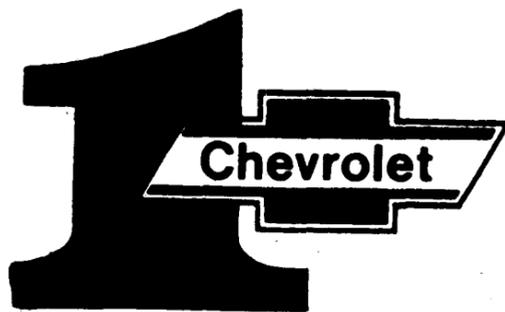
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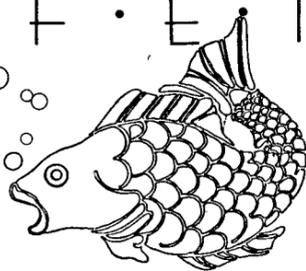
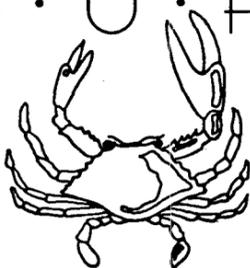
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Army helps find malaria vaccine

WASHINGTON—Research and development findings recently released by a team of biomedical scientists that included Army medical researchers concludes that prospects have markedly improved for the development of a practical, universal vaccine against the deadliest form of malaria, falciparum malaria.

Walter Reed Army Institute of Research officials point out that the military has a vested interest in the prevention of malaria. The disease, which infects millions of humans each year, has had a major impact on American forces in every major conflict since the Revolutionary War. In Vietnam, malaria infected some 40,000 service members that resulted in 78 deaths.

According to a paper co-authored by WRAIR and National Institute of Health scientists, a vaccine against the initial stage of infection "would, if effective, prime the human immune system to kill sporozoites, malaria parasites, injected by the mosquito and thus prevent the subsequent stages responsible for the disease and transmission of the infection to others."

Research included genetic engineering by WRAIR scientists and National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases researchers. Their work, independent of New York University's malarial protein "gene-cloning," represents a breakthrough in the search for a vaccine candidate.

Army medical officials anticipate future laboratory studies of the vaccine candidate will lead to field trials in human subjects.

The announcement coincided with the publication of two research papers in the Aug. 10 issue of "Science." (Arnews)

Butler High School announces schedule

Butler High School has announced its class schedules for the 1984-85 school year.

Students and their parents need to be aware that class schedules will be given out Aug. 31, according to Jerry Davis, assistant principal at Butler High.

"You should meet in the commons area at the following hours: 12th grade, 8 a.m.; 11th grade, 9 a.m.; 10th grade, 10 a.m.; and 9th grade, 11 a.m.," Davis said.

Sept. 4 is the first full day of school, he added.

VA funding fee rises on home loans

WASHINGTON—The Veterans Administration's .5 percent funding fee collected on all VA guaranteed or direct home loans will increase to a full percentage point for such loans closed on or after Aug. 17. Explaining that the increase derives from the requirements of the Deficit Reduction Act of 1983, VA officials cite only two exceptions to the rate hike: Veterans receiving VA compensation for service-connected disabilities, and surviving spouses of veterans who died in service or as a result of a service-

connected disability.

The funding fee applies to all types of VA-guaranteed loans to include refinancing loans, interest rate reduction refinancing loans, home improvement loans, graduated payment mortgages, growing equity mortgages and loans with buy-down plans.

Officials say the fee may be included in the loan and paid from loan proceeds without regard to provisions limiting the loan amount. (Arnews)

Service members get tax break on home sale

WASHINGTON—Service members can now receive an IRS-tax break on home-sale capital gains. A new federal law permits service members who sell their primary residence up to eight years to buy a new home without incurring the tax.

To qualify, the service member must reinvest the sales price of the old residence into a new residence, be

stationed outside the United States, or return from an overseas station and be required to reside in U.S. Government quarters at a remote site.

Army personnel officials view the new law as easing the relocation burden on families compelled to sell because of changed duty assignments. (Arnews)

Benefits pamphlet for POWs updated

WASHINGTON—The Veterans Administration has updated and reissued "VA benefits for former POWs," a pamphlet that outlines medical care and other benefits available to former prisoners of war.

The pamphlet, available at VA offices, is part of the administration's effort to ensure that the some 88,000 living former POWs are aware of and know how to apply for benefits for which they may be eligible.

The pamphlet includes information on special benefits and services for which eligibility was liberalized by laws enacted in 1981 and 1984.

Under law, certain disabilities are now presumed to be service-connected and a former POW may qualify for disability payments without the need for additional proof. Since the changes apply to dependency and indemnity compensation, the pamphlet also encourages surviving spouses, children, and needy parents of deceased former POWs to file a claim for service-connected death benefits or reopen a previously denied claim. (Arnews)

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