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Energy-efficient dome may serve as field laboratory

BY SKIP VAUGHN

An experimental 18-foot-tall dome was being constructed by the calibrators group to test the idea of a field laboratory.

A plastic membrane was filled with air until the inside could be coated with sprayed polyurethane. The plastic covering would then be removed and the structure would support itself.

"We're adapting a technique developed by the Construction Engineering Research Laboratory, part of the Corps of Engineers, to find out if soldiers can build a laboratory under tactical, field conditions," said Fred Seeley, acting deputy to the commander for the Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment (TMDE) Support Group.

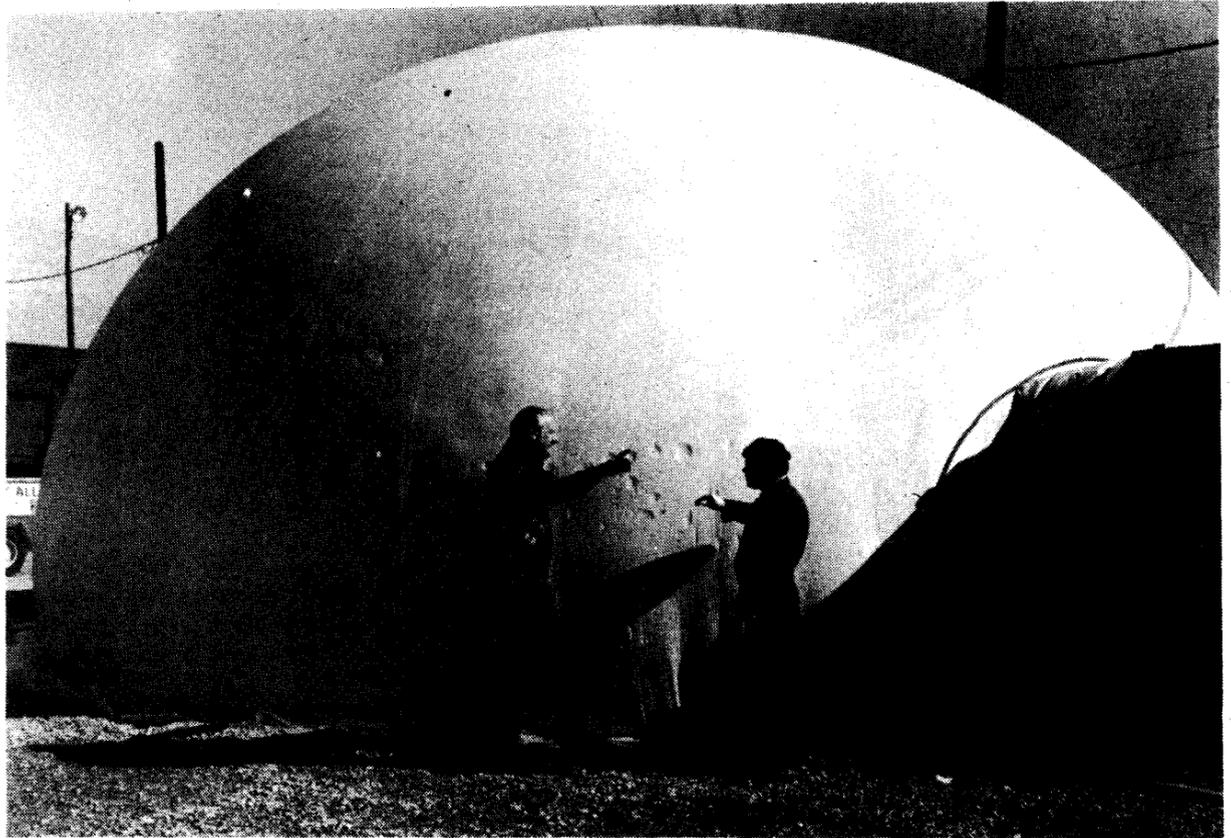
"Right now our labs are only built by contractors. This doesn't provide us the readiness that we need for our calibration laboratories," he added. "If this test is successful, we'll have a way that we can put up a laboratory during time of war or mobilization."

The structure, called a tactical calibration laboratory, is located behind a chain-link fence near building 5437. Polyurethane foam was being sprayed Friday to form the dome's six-inch thick walls. After the plastic is removed, the structure is to be painted in camouflage colors.

"This gives us a free-standing structure which, by the way, also gives us an extremely good, well insulated building. It doesn't take much energy to heat or cool it," Seeley said. "The real reason for using this technique is that it can be put up in three to four days with relatively unskilled labor."

The \$5,000 structure is 36 feet in diameter. It provides 1,075 square feet of floor space. The dome was being constructed by TMDE Support Group personnel who were getting technical advice from the Construction Engineering Research Lab. That lab with the Corps of Engineers is located in Champaign, Ill.

A mobile calibration laboratory or a three-dome area calibration laboratory could result from the new concept, according to Ken Magnant, a TMDE electronic engineer. The area calibration lab would consist



DOMES — Ken Magnant, left, and Harold Elkins, both of TMDE Support Group, discuss the new structure.

of three attached domes. One would house an electrical/electronic calibration lab, another would house a physical calibration lab, and the third would store customer equipment and spare parts.

"This is an experimental structure here," Magnant said. The dome will probably be heated with a small heat pump from a 5-ton calibration van.

Magnant sees two benefits from the dome idea.

"One is it's a quick, cheap mobilization laboratory concept. And the second benefit is it's very energy efficient," he said.

Harold Elkins, an engineering technician with TMDE Support Group, sprayed the walls inside the structure. "I can see where this will probably make one of the better tactical structures in the field today," Elkins said.

'Real troopers'

Meager maintenance force struggles with freeze damage

BY ED PETERS

Maintenance workers who braved the coldest weather in a century to repair plumbing and heating in freeze-ravaged homes and buildings here are credited with "a Trojan effort" by Facilities Engineer Paul Hancock.

Members of the arsenal's shorthanded maintenance force worked day and night, sometimes 16 or more hours at a stretch, to repair burst pipes and heaters that broke down in the bitter cold.

Many, said Hancock, worked "very, very long hours, pushing beyond the limits of normal human endurance" and had to be cautioned "to get proper rest for health purposes" after working under temperature and wind chill conditions considered potentially life-threatening.

"They were aware of the impact on occupants and activities and felt a personal responsibility to fix the problems and they overtaxed themselves," the facilities engineer said. Still, the struggling workers faced a huge backlog of repair projects all last week.

Hiring restrictions in effect here during the continuing contracting-out litigation have resulted in substantial shortages in the arsenal's skilled maintenance force. The housing maintenance shop, for example, is operating at 60 percent of strength.

Burst pipes were reported in about 100 dwellings here. A few families had to be moved into new quarters, according to Housing Officer Marjorie Campbell. She said others were able to "bunk up"

with neighbors while their own dwellings awaited repair.

Dean Curry, housing maintenance foreman, was expecting residential plumbing to be restored by nighttime last Thursday but said other damage such as ceilings that caved in when overhead pipes burst and holes made in walls to get access to pipes could not be repaired immediately.

Most of the residential damage occurred south of Goss Road but there was some damage north of Goss, notably on Wadsworth and Ripley Drives.

The extent of freezing was reminiscent of Christmas 1983 when many military residents returned from holiday trips to find their homes flooded and belongings ruined. There is less damage this year because more people were home to report emergencies as they occurred, Curry said.

Claims Examiner George ShROUT said residents should contact the Legal Office here to file claims for damaged personal property but first should have the damage verified by Housing Management Office. Damage to major appliances should be estimated by a qualified repair person. Any cost of this estimate is reimbursable.

ShROUT said he and Capt. Brynn Bennett, a claims lawyer, planned to go door-to-door handing out claims packets in affected neighborhoods, and would establish a claims booth in the housing area if needed. Most claims can be paid within 10 days, according to ShROUT.

Elsewhere on the arsenal, plumbing and heating

problems were reported in many office and shop buildings. Even so, utilities branch chief Arthur Barnette said more widespread problems were avoided because "we got a head start" on the storm.

"When we found out what the temperatures were going to be, we started getting people in here early Sunday to make sure heat was on in the buildings.

"We had patrols all Sunday and Sunday night and that helped keep the damage down," he said.

Still, the freeze left many buildings without water and rest room facilities and some lost heat as a result of ice blockage in steam traps and other causes. A total of 448 instances of frozen or burst pipes, loss of heat and other "events of breakdown" were reported in arsenal work buildings here last week, according to Facilities Engineering records.

During the coldest periods, Barnette instructed his people to work in pairs lest a lone individual fall and perish in the cold.

Maintenance personnel were scheduled to work this past Saturday and Sunday in an attempt to catch up on week-old repair orders.

During the freeze emergency, trade and craft distinctions were ignored and electricians and other skilled workers labored alongside plumbers and heating and refrigeration mechanics to make repairs, according to Hancock, the facilities engineer.

Curry, the housing maintenance foreman, said some in her group worked all day Jan. 21 and then stayed on the job till 10 that night, with the temperature never rising to zero. "They're real troopers. They really are," she said.



Says change menu

Editor:

Everyday people are becoming more and more aware of the nutritional value of food. They are reading labels, counting calories and buying more natural products with little additives.

With the high rate of heart attacks, people suffering from high blood pressure, cholesterol and cancer, people need to watch their intake of fats, cholesterol and carbohydrates. Plus, they need to add an exercise program to their daily routine in order to benefit with proper diet.

I know it is very hard to stay on a diet because it takes a lot of will power. But some people don't realize how vital it is to be selective in choosing from the right food groups.

I for one am on a very strict diet and I must go by it rigorously without cheating. I have a meat, vegetable, bread and fruit exchange on my diet that I must eat plus the exact amount allotted on my diet. I know everyone isn't on a diet, but what is a diet? A diet is eating properly.

The other day I came to work without a vegetable for my lunch so I decided I would go into the cafeteria

and buy my vegetable. I was standing in line and the lady behind the serving line asked me what could she serve me and I asked her what kind of vegetables were they serving. She replied, "we have baked beans, mashed potatoes and peas." I said, "those aren't vegetables, they are starches which are considered breads." I said, "you aren't serving any vegetables today?" Needless to say the kind of look I received from the lady.

So I proceeded to the salad bar and put some raw vegetables on my plate. You know, it would be nice to have a choice of at least two selections of vegetables in the cafeteria on a daily basis. I think our menu in the cafeteria could withstand some major readjustment.

They serve too many fried foods and not enough baked, boiled or broiled items. Their other foods when being served such as cabbage or broccoli are cooked entirely with too much butter or oil. When foods are cooked with a lot of fats such as shortening, oil or butter it adds a count of fat to your daily diet.

Vegetables should be cooked with less seasonings and shouldn't be overcooked. When preparing food in this manner it takes away a lot of the nutritional value.

We have enough fast food restaurants around town that add too many starches and fats to our daily diet. I am sure there are a lot of people who feel the same way I do and would like to see a change in the daily menu, plus a change in the preparation of the food that is being served. So for a better life and feeling healthy let's all work together by eating right and exercising daily.

Sue Ann Fair
P&P Directorate

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Space museum gets donation

The Alabama Space and Rocket Center, where several youths from Redstone Arsenal have attended a space camp, has gotten a boost from private industry.

Texas Instruments presented \$50,000 to the space museum located in Huntsville. Texas Instruments is an electronics firm, a components producer, a defense contractor and a systems company.

The space and rocket center contains a \$30 million space and rocket collection that has become the largest in the world, according to a center spokesman. The center attracts about 750,000 visitors per year.

Its expansion plans include exhibiting Army missile systems. "In addition to the NASA hardware we'll also present the Army's story," said Ed Buckbee, director of the center since it opened in 1970.

Space camp is the center's newest program. Last year four children attended the camp on scholarships offered through the Army Community Service.

Emergency room not a convenience clinic

The hospital commander here encourages better use of the emergency room at Fox Army Community Hospital.

"It has been brought to my attention that our emergency room is being utilized as a 'convenience clinic' after normal duty hours by a segment of our patient population to the possible detriment of good patient care," says Col. Edward M. Johnson, the commander. "In the past several months this situation has become progressively more of a problem."

About 35 percent of the use of the emergency room in a 24 hour period occurs from 5-11 p.m. "One segment of our patient population appears to be the worse offenders, namely the family members of active duty personnel," Johnson says.

"In a review of the problems that bring patients to the ER after duty hours, the vast majority do not appear to be of an emergency nature but consist of either chronic complaints or those that could well have been dealt with during regular duty hours," he adds.

Family Practice and Pediatric Clinics can deal with most emergency complaints on a same-day basis for routine problems in an acceptable appointment time. Johnson says that being seen in these regular clinics accomplishes the following: The patient will be assured of seeing a specialist in the particular problem; waiting

time for the patient is reduced; ancillary services such as laboratory, X-ray, and consultative services are more readily available; and "we are not overloading our emergency services to the detriment of critical patients."

"I would encourage all of our patients to cooperate with us to facilitate better and more responsive care for those true emergencies that arise," Johnson says. "In return, I am sure that everyone will obtain the quality of care that we all desire. In the event that this trend of abuse of the emergency room continues, we shall be forced to take other steps to enforce the use of the emergency room."



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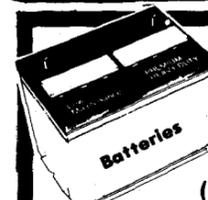
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Military to expand family dental care

FORT SAM HOUSTON — Military dentists will be able to provide more dental care to military family members on a space-available basis starting July 1. The provision was included in the Defense Authorization Bill passed by Congress in October.

Col. Jack S. Trawick, deputy director of dental services for the Army's Health Services Command, emphasized that active duty soldiers' needs will be met first, and their family members will be worked into schedules where possible. Neither staff nor facilities will be increased to provide care to families.

"We don't expect a great shift to dental care for dependents," Trawick said. "The first priority is taking care of soldiers and always will be. That's why we're here. We don't expect a soldier to have to wait for an appointment more than two weeks."

Currently, family dental care is available in areas

where there are not enough civilian dental services available. There are 65 military bases in the United States, including 39 Army locations, plus overseas installations that may provide the care now. About 70 percent of soldiers have some form of dependent dental care now available, according to Trawick.

Trawick said the change in policy was desired by the Army to get the most efficient use of its dental resources. "When the troops went to Grenada, for example, the dentists at Fort Bragg, N.C., didn't have anything to do," he said. "This will enable us to keep the dentists busy when the troops aren't around."

Col. James R. Fay, chief of the command's dental clinical services division, pointed out one of the changes will be to permit permanent treatment of emergency cases, instead of only temporary relief of pain. He said permanent treatment often could be

done as quickly and easily, but has not been permitted.

"What we do we want to do well, and we can't do it for everyone," said Trawick, recognizing that care will not be available for all family members who need it. He said he hoped future changes could address the problem. "Congress is recognizing there is a terrible need for family dental care and the G.I. needs some help. We are hopeful we will get a type of pre-paid insurance, maybe like Champus, for some type of dental care for dependents," he said. Such a policy would require further legislation by Congress.

Trawick said, "Each post will try to develop some system to allow family members to receive an examination and be told what is available. The office of the surgeon general is publishing guidelines on how the system will work, but basically, the local commander has the authority to decide how much space he has available." (Arnews)

Annual prayer breakfast set for Feb. 6

Each year a national prayer breakfast brings together men and women in worship.

The tradition, originally called the presidential prayer breakfast, was established in 1953 by members of the Senate and House prayer groups and President Eisenhower. The breakfast has taken place each year since then and has become known as the annual national prayer breakfast.

A local observance will be held Feb. 6 at the NCO Club. It has been sponsored here at least since 1977 by the chaplains office.

"The national prayer breakfast is an annual testimony that our nation is indeed established on the precepts of justice and liberty under God," said Astrid Lahiere, program assistant for the office of the chaplain.

"Leaders of the executive, judicial and legislative branches of government are committed to this fundamental premise. So too are the military men and women who participate in regular prayer groups of a

special significance such as our annual national prayer breakfast."

Everyone is welcome to attend. Last year about 400 people attended the affair at the NCO Club, according to Lahiere.

Maj. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard is to be the speaker. Music will be provided by the Allegro Ensemble, a string quartet from Huntsville. The breakfast is to begin at 6:30 a.m. Feb. 6. For tickets and reservations call Chaplain (Maj.) Frank Turnbow, the project officer, at 876-5751.

"I think after you have gone to one prayer breakfast, you would want to go back each year to make this an annual event on your calendar," Lahiere said. "It is very impressive and makes you feel good that we have a privilege in this country to attend a national prayer breakfast."

The NCO Club "really goes all out to just make this a super breakfast for us," she said.

Black history month activities planned

Black History Month activities will begin Monday, Feb. 4, with a "peek review" at the Recreation Center.

The preview of coming events is set for 3:30 that afternoon. Other events include an educational display at the Post Exchange during the week of Feb. 10, a prayer breakfast at the Post Chapel Feb. 13, a fashion show and disco Feb. 16, gospel music Feb. 23, and a variety show Feb. 25.

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Army Nurse Corps has 84th birthday



WORLD WAR I ERA — Army nurses receive gas mask instruction at Camp Kearny, Calif., on March 30, 1918.

BY JOHN MOSKOVITES

The U.S. Army Nurse Corps, one of the most widespread and active of all the branches of the military, celebrates its 84th birthday on Feb. 2 and probably considers itself 84 years young.

Although the Army Nurse Corps was officially founded in 1901, the real beginnings go back to 1775 when the first nursing service for the American Army was authorized by George Washington. At that time each woman was paid two dollars per month to care for two sick or wounded soldiers (in 1877 that salary was raised to eight dollars). Then in the years before the War Between the States men were brought in to serve as hospital stewards. One example of the many changes that have taken place over the years is the place of men as Army nurses. Probably the most famous of the men serving in Army nursing was Walt Whitman. Best known for his poetry and his years as newspaper editor of the *Brooklyn Eagle*, Whitman worked as a volunteer nurse both in the Washington, D.C. area and in field hospitals.

By the time of the Spanish-American War many medical lessons learned in our Civil War and the reforms and improvements advocated by that pioneer nurse, Florence Nightingale, had been put into practice. And despite high casualties from various diseases, the American soldier in Cuba or the Philippines was better cared for than in any previous war. Almost as quickly as the call was put out for volunteers to fight, the Surgeon General of the Army had set up an examining board to enroll trained nurses to care for the wounded and ill. The success of these medical volunteers was so great that on Feb. 2, 1901, a

"Female Nurse Corps" became a permanent corps of the Medical Department.

By 1945 there were over 57,000 members of the Nurse Corps and they had served in combat conditions everywhere there were American troops. By serving where the fighting men were, the Army nurses lost 16 of their members to enemy action and had 66 captured. In Korea the nurses were among the first to go ashore and easily earned the title of "Front Line Soldiers." As in World War II they were busy giving nursing care from the hospitals in Japan to the battle zones. In Vietnam, 6,000 nurses not only helped serve American servicemen, but also played a major role in the Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP). This program has sent medical equipment, doctors and nurses into the most remote parts of the country to treat Vietnamese civilians for minor illnesses and injuries and sent the serious cases on to hospitals. Increased responsibilities were also seen in Vietnam. There, using very sophisticated equipment, Army nurses were performing duties that only doctors could have done in earlier times.

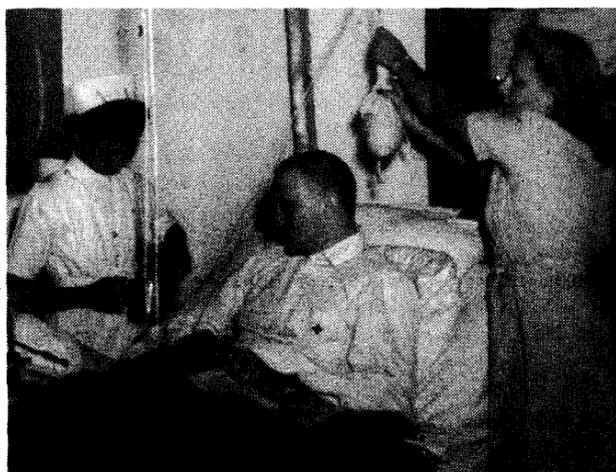
On Aug. 1, 1970 the Army Nurse Corps had another reason to be proud — the first female general of the U.S. armed forces had been appointed and she was Anna May Hayes, chief of the Army Nurse Corps. Since that time she has been succeeded by Brig. Gen. Lillian Dunlap, Brig. Gen. Madeline Parks, Brig. Gen. Hazel W. Johnson and in 1983, by Brig. Gen. Connie L. Slewitzke.

Serving here or abroad, in peace or wartime, is all part of carrying out the Army Nurse's Pledge: "As an Army Nurse... I shall bring to the American soldier

wherever he may be, the best of my knowledge and professional care."

That pledge is one that the Army Nurse Corps and each of its individual members has carried out with dedication and devotion ever since their official organization began. And they will continue to fulfill that pledge in the future as they meet and solve new challenges.

(Lt. Col. John Moskovites is chief of the Department of Nursing at Fox Army Community Hospital.)



IN 1944 — American Army nurse Lt. Jane Easton of Atlantic City, N.J., fixes a pulley on the bed of Cpl. George Sammy of Gary, Ind., as Chinese nurse Dora Chu pours him a glass of water. American nurses worked side by side with Chinese nurses in caring for sick and wounded American troops in China.

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AT REDSTONE — Capt. Carolyn Driver and 2nd Lt. Daniel Sengstacke are Army nurses at Fox Army Community Hospital.

VIETNAM — An Army nurse administers to a child during the Vietnam era.

Nursing career includes professional development

BY JOHN MOSKOVITES

The word "professional" when placed before the word "nurse" describes a particular type of person within the nursing occupational group. Flexner (1915) identified seven criteria for determining whether an occupational group merits the title "profession." One of the criteria was that a profession be learned in nature and its members constantly resort to the laboratory and seminar for a fresh supply of facts.

Although professional nurses possess many attributes characteristic of other professional groups, professional nurses are uniquely recognized by their educational preparation, demonstrated competence in nursing practice, and their endeavors to maintain standards of practice while continuing to broaden their knowledge.

Military nursing provides opportunities for growth and maturation of the professional military nurse. Of-

ficers in Army Nurse Corps have many opportunities to maintain and expand their professional status and to enjoy continued goal-directed professional development throughout their careers.

Within the Army Nurse Corps, professional development is an integral part of career planning and is an on-going service for the individual officer.

With input from individual officers, progressive careers are planned to meet mutually defined goals. Without question, ANC officers are encouraged and expected to participate actively in those development activities which serve to enhance their knowledge and expertise in clinical practice, education, research, administration, and military issues.

The Army Nurse Corps provides for both a diversity of professional experiences and a variety of educational opportunities.

The professional nurse entering active duty without prior experience of military life usually has many questions. The most obvious concern is probably, "Where do I learn about the Army?" New ANC officers are provided their first military experience at the Officers Basic Course.

In this setting nurses have classroom and experimental learning activities which prepare them to assume positions as military officers and professional nurses. Basic, as it is frequently called, is an exciting time of meeting new people and sharing ideas and concerns, while preparing to enter a new world filled with challenges and possibilities. During this time officers have their first experience in providing care for combat injuries. Although a simulated exercise, the exposure

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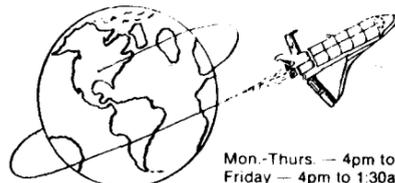
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Students vie for \$1,000 essay prize

WASHINGTON — Thousands of U.S. high-school students have been invited to take part in the Army Reserve's third annual "National Essay Contest."

The contest, part of an effort to increase public awareness of the Army's reserve forces' role in national defense, is expected to see participation more than double this year because of a 100-percent increase in distribution of contest materials to the nation's high schools. Essay packets are expected to reach the high schools by mid-February.

The theme for this year's contest comes from a quote from Woodrow Wilson, the 28th U.S. president and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1919. He said, "The American plan is a great body of citizens who are ready to rally to the national defense... when it is necessary to do so."

Students are asked to consider, in a 300- to 500-word essay, how this statement reflects the historic tradition of the citizen-soldier and explore how the citizen-soldier concept traces its heritage in America from the colonial patriots under Gen. George Washington during the Revolutionary War, up to today's Army reservists.

April 22 is this year's deadline for students to submit essays to their schools. Each participating school will select one essay finalist and submit the entry by May 13 to the contest center in New York City for the national competition.

The finalists will be judged by a panel of journalists, educators, historians and Army reserve officials, who will select three national winners. Each winner will receive a U.S. savings bond, courtesy of the Reserve Officers Association. A \$1,000 bond for first place and \$500 bonds for each of the two runners-up will be awarded. Trophies will go to the three winners and to their high schools. In addition, the first-place winner will be honored in June at the annual ROA convention in Portland, Ore. The winner and an escort will be the guests of the Army reserve.

Last year's figures show that more than 5,200 high schools were invited to take part in the contest; nearly 4,500 students from 300 schools entered. The first-place winner was Tien Dang. A 14-year-old Vietnamese Refugee. She was then a freshman at Owen J. Roberts High School in South Coventry Township, Pa. Dang now lives in Philadelphia with her family, with whom she recently was reunited. (Arnews)

Bowling standings

Tuesday's Conference		
Team	W	L
HHC	283.5	91.5
C Company 1	277.5	97.5
HHD, USATSG	276	99
A Company	227	148
Marines 1	220	155
515th 1	182.5	192.5
B Company 2	179.5	195.5
B Company 3	165	209
6th Students 1	149	226
7th Students 1	116	259
7th Students 2	87.5	285.5
515th 2	78.5	296.5
200 Games Bowled on Jan. 22:		
E. Kurotobi	227	
M. Gabree	207 & 215	
H. Wise	204	
J. Gerych	201	
L. Avizinis	200	
D. Howard	200	
B. Wallace	200	
Thursday's Conference		
Team	W	L
B Company 1	276	99
Meddac 1	268	107
B Company 4	262.5	112.5
7th Students 3	259	216
95th	178.5	171.5
Meddac 2	145	205
C Company 2	154.5	220.5
Meddac 3	147	228
291st MPs	131.5	243.5
Meddac 3	108	267
6th Students 2	100	275
7th Students 4	90.5	284.5
200 Games/600 Series Bowled Jan. 24:		
R. Soliz	234	605
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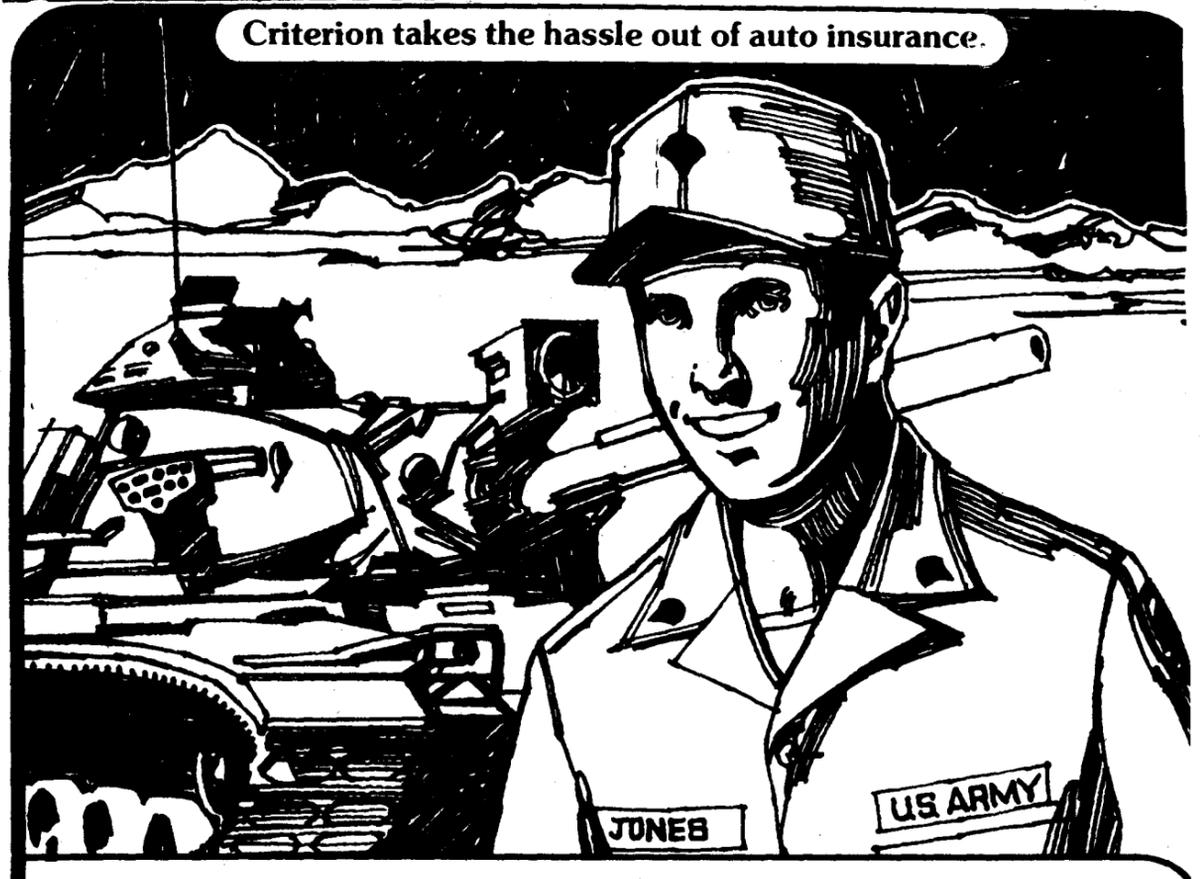
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'We care' booth welcomes newcomers at airport

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A booth at the city airport is to be started soon to help incoming or departing military personnel and their family members.

At present soldiers arriving by plane at Huntsville airport can only see a small sign with some Redstone telephone numbers. They may wait hours for a ride, according to CSM Harvey Kahl, command sergeant major for the Missile Command.

"Our basic aim is to welcome the soldier to the Huntsville-Redstone community and get him from the airport to his final destination," Kahl said. He appointed two noncommissioned officers to plan an armed forces assistance point at the airport. Kahl suggested this booth after seeing some soldiers waiting some two hours for a ride.

SFC Joey Simpson of HHC has been appointed as NCOIC of the welcome booth and Sgt. Maj. James Stockstill is serving as project coordinator.

"We're doing a lot of coordination," Stockstill said. "We're at the ground level stage right now." He and Simpson have talked with a Huntsville Jetplex official and were working on a letter asking permission for the booth. "Verbally they like the idea," Stockstill said.

Plans are for a noncommissioned officer to be in uniform at the booth with a telephone and a listing of phone numbers of military organizations in this area.

The NCO will be able to help an incoming servicemember be reading over his or her orders.

After leaving a plane, a servicemember will find a sign in the airport telling military personnel to go to the booth downstairs in the lobby near the baggage area. He or she will go to the booth, find SFC Simpson or another NCO sitting there, have a cup of coffee, and get help finding transportation. "Within 10 to 20 minutes, he'll be on his way to his final destination and unit of assignment," Kahl said.

The booth, expected to open by Feb. 10, will also be there to help family members to get with their military sponsor.

"This should eliminate personnel spending several hours at the jetport unnecessarily," said Simpson, who is to serve as NCO in charge. He believes it will also help newcomers form a good opinion of the Redstone and Huntsville community.

"I think it's a super idea," said Stockstill, the project coordinator. "It's something we should've had years ago."

A sign on the booth is to state something to the effect: "Welcome to the Huntsville-Redstone community. We care."

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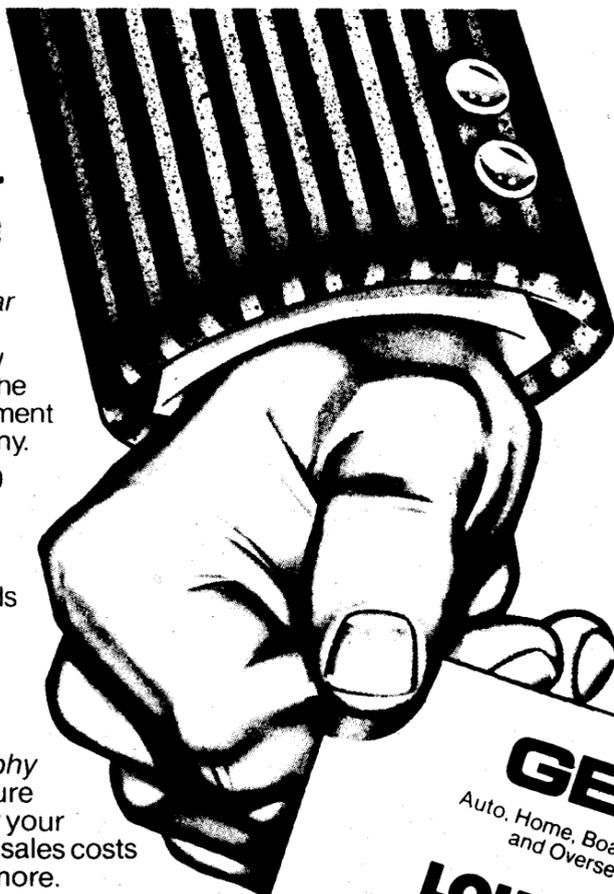
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'Child's fantasy' leads to firefighting career

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Jim Krause comes to work at 8 a.m., just like many other workers at Redstone, but he doesn't go home after an eight hour shift.

That's because Krause is a Redstone firefighter and a work shift for him means 24 hours. "We work a 24-hour shift on and 24-hour shift off or 72 hours a week," says Krause, a Redstone firefighter for 17 years.

Krause is a captain at Fire Station 2 on Vincent Road. His duties include keeping records, supervising the crew, and answering emergency calls. He oversees fire inspections in arsenal buildings and upkeep for his station. When an emergency comes in, he rides the truck with the rest of the crew.

"In actual emergencies I'm in there with them. What I do is size up the emergency when I get there and determine the needs and assign the men it takes to extinguish the fire or close out the emergency, either one," Krause says.

Many times the calls are false alarms or "emergencies" such as faulty light ballasts. Building inspections take up much of his time. These consist of inspecting a building and extinguishers, fire alarm systems and sprinkler systems. Most buildings have inspections quarterly, some monthly, and post housing semiannually.

The first thing Krause does when he starts his 8 a.m. shift is to make sure the equipment is ready to go. He

then oversees the station housekeeping before planning the day's inspections.

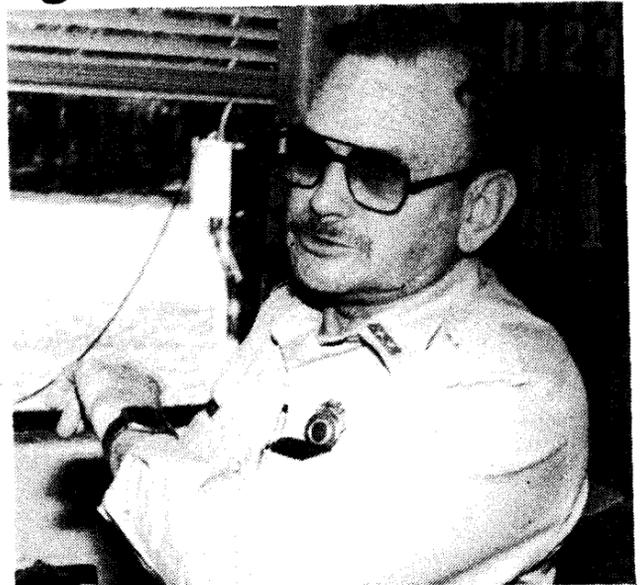
"It's a good job," says the 58-year-old firefighter. "There's times where you don't have a whole lot, then there's other times it keeps you very busy. And I'll say on that, if the firefighter has a slack day he's due it because when he don't have one, he's busy."

Krause was born in Boynton, Ga., and raised in nearby Chattanooga, Tenn. His mother was a homemaker and his father was a truck driver. What he calls a "child's fantasy" is what led him to a firefighting career.

"I used to live pretty close to a fire station and I used to go visit there a lot with the firefighters. And talking with them, seeing them just sort of made me want to be one," Krause says. "It gives me a feeling of accomplishment when we do have an emergency and we do a good job on it."

After high school in Rainsville, Ala., he took fire service training at a state fire school at Middle Tennessee State Teachers College. This was about 1947-48 while he was working in the Red Bank, Tenn., fire department. He worked there from 1946-53. "At that time I reckon I was one of the youngest assistant chiefs in any fire department because I was 20 years old," he says.

Krause worked in supply at the old Brookley Air Force Base in Mobile, Ala., before transferring to the Redstone fire department when that base closed. He



FIREFIGHTER — Jim Krause is a captain with the Redstone Fire Department.

started as a driver-operator on Nov. 19, 1967. In 1970 he was promoted to captain.

Better equipment is the main change Krause sees from his early days as a firefighter here. The old worn-out GI pumpers, Air Force boxcar pumpers and crash trucks at the airfield have been replaced by newer equipment. Krause adds that the working conditions are better. "The buildings that we stayed in were old and hard to heat. Now we have two new fire stations and one that's older but they're all good fire stations," he says.

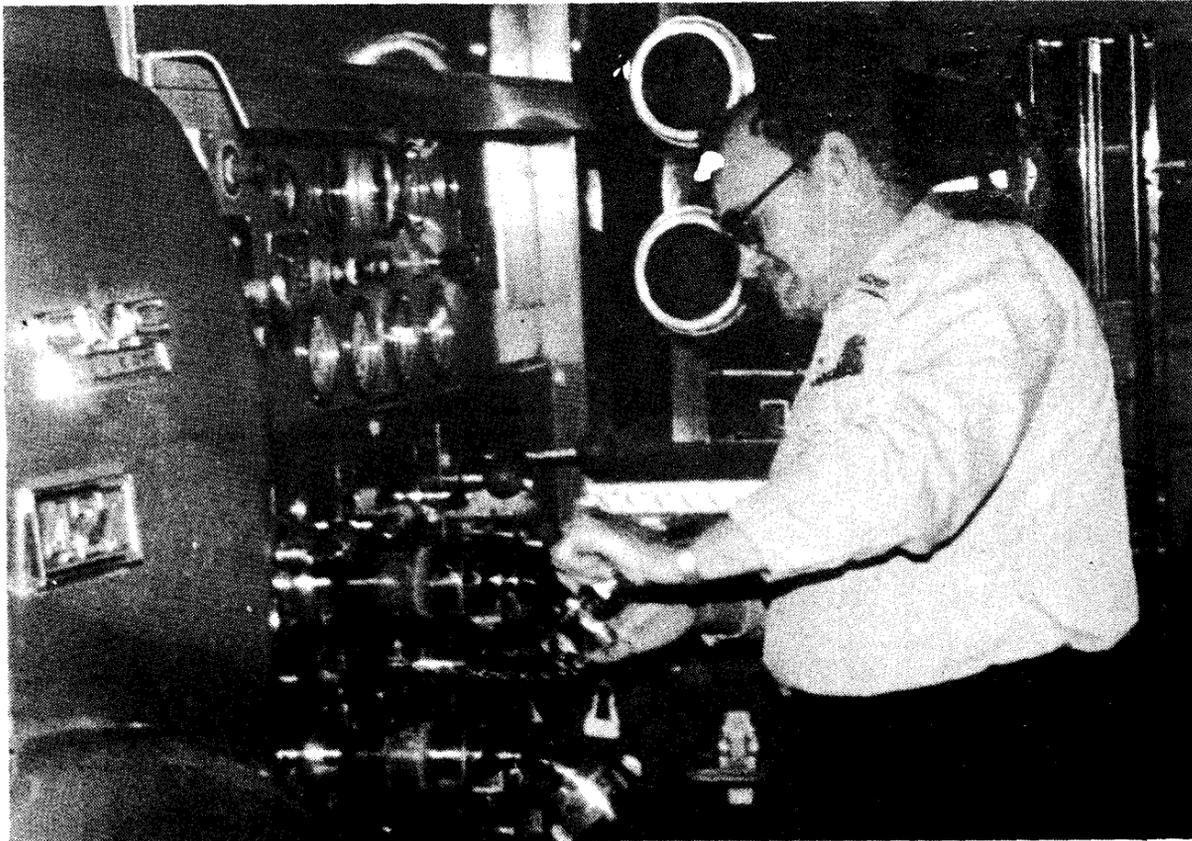
He cannot tell any difference from the fire calls today compared to back then. "It pretty much stays the same there," he says. But he does feel that civilian fire stations, such as the one he worked for in Tennessee, stay busier than those on military posts. He thinks there are more fires off military posts because "the outside departments only inspect your homes on request where we go into them here by regulation."

Fires here that stand out in his memory include a family housing fire on Skinner Drive in the fall of 1982. "The MPs helped us immensely on that one that night," Krause says. Another fire he recalls was the first one he had after his promotion to captain. A barn full of hay on Neal Road burned to the ground. He could not recall ever responding to a fire here that resulted in an injury.

"Anytime that you answer a fire call the potential of danger is there," he says. "It really don't enter my mind. The only thing I think about if we get a fire reported is, 'Is everybody out of it' and to find out on arrival if they are out. Life is number one priority; property is number two priority to the firefighter."

Krause and his wife Peggy live in Stevenson, Ala. A daughter, Sandee, lives in Mobile while son Jimmy attends Auburn University.

What Krause likes about his job is "the feeling of accomplishment, of helping someone," he says. "Someone in distress, that's the main thing. Being able to help someone in distress."



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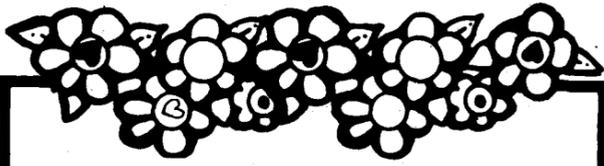
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Victor William Ruwe was originally scheduled to be sentenced Jan. 21 but the sentencing was delayed after he challenged the government's pre-sentencing report. This is a procedure permitted by federal rules.

"The defendant has challenged some of the matters before the court with regard to his sentencing," said Charlie Truncale, an assistant U.S. attorney in Montgomery. "A separate hearing is going to be held before he is sentenced in order that the government can prove the accuracy of the challenge statements."

The hearing is set for 10 a.m. Jan. 31 before U.S. District Judge Truman Hobbs who presided over Ruwe's trial. A jury convicted Ruwe in December on 10 counts of criminal acts including conspiracy to defraud the U.S. government and obstruction of justice.

It was brought out in trial testimony that Ruwe favored an Auburn, Ala. firm, Microelectronics Corp., with contracts for Army missile work and in return received gifts valued at more than \$4,000. He was employed in the manufacturing technology section of Army Missile Laboratory. He resigned in 1982.

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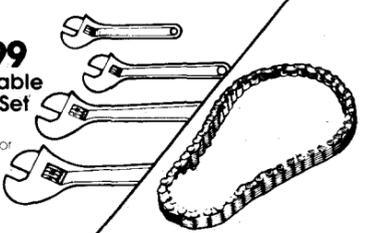
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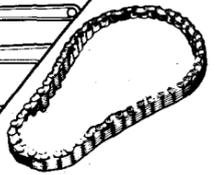
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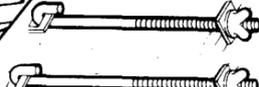
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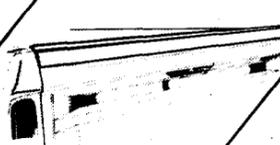
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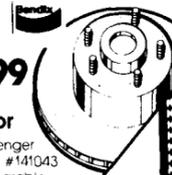
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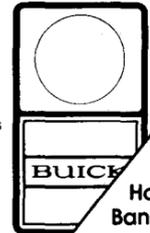
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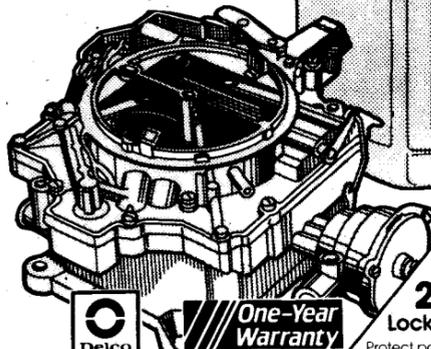
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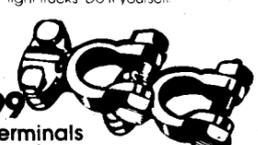
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Jesse Fuller, a supply systems analyst and training coordinator for the Materiel Management Directorate, said item managers must be familiar with the latest technology and equipment in order to do their jobs of keeping troops supplied with missile weapons and repair parts.

"These jobs are challenging and stressful, and require dedication," said Fuller. "These people sometimes work a 6-day week, 10 hours a day. Some work much more. They have to be on call pretty much around the clock—it's a matter of our national defense."

Major item managers, who might have one item consisting of an entire missile system, and secondary item managers, who are responsible for hundreds of components (items) of the same system, work together to determine availability, location, and need for parts, repairs or rebuilding. Fuller said that although major item managers deal with more money, and generally have more experience, secondary item managers account for more volume, and their jobs should certainly not be viewed as less important.

MICOM's stock availability, or the amount of

materiel available for use at a given time, is 87.4 percent now. "That's a key yardstick of how well we're doing," said Fuller. "Stock availability of about 85 percent is good readiness."

This year, each item manager will receive as much as 300 hours of classroom instruction. "The training will range from nuts and bolts to critical mobilization training," said Fuller. The MLC also wants at least 10 percent of its workers trained in CPR and first aid.

Fuller said he will be an instructor for some courses, but much of the teaching will be done by item managers themselves. "These people have volunteered to train others in their areas of expertise," he said.

"No one has been directed to teach a course."

Item managers who instruct others will still have their work waiting for them after class. Fuller said he hopes to limit their teaching time to three hours a day.

Beginning in October, "para-trainees," who formerly received most of their training from on-the-job rotations, will spend the first six months of their new jobs in classroom instruction.

"We're not totally getting away from on-the-job training," said Fuller, "but there are some things that can better be explained in class. The students can concentrate on a particular subject with no distractions."

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The Scheduled Airline Ticket Office here cautions travelers that some new discount airfares carry a substantial penalty for ticket change or non-use.

Clarence Secor, manager of SATO, said the fares, referred to as "ultimate supersavers," have the same restrictions as regular supersaver fares, and also have up to a 25 percent penalty for any change or refund.

Secor used one airline as an example, saying it was the first with the promotion, but added that others probably would follow, resulting in a price war this summer.

"You'll be seeing advertisements for these fares soon, and they'll really look good on T.V., but you need to make sure your plans are firm before you buy a ticket," said Secor. "Any change, whether it's date or time, anything, will be penalized."

Secor said the airlines are using the penalty system to recover some of the profits they would otherwise lose from the cheaper fares.

"I want people to be aware of this change," he said. "I'd hate for someone to buy a ticket from us, be penalized and then come back, saying they were not aware of the situation."

Secor said he doesn't expect the fare to be utilized for official travel, since people on TDY often have to

change their plans at the last minute. He expects to sell the tickets to people traveling for personal reasons.

Although SATO's primary mission is official travel, they also help with leisure travel. Foreign and domestic tours and cruises can be booked through the office. SATO will also make hotel and rental car reservations. Secor said he hopes to open an office just for leisure travel by next fall.

"A lot of people don't seem to know about the services we offer," Secor said. "I want everyone to get the benefit of every dollar they spend. Every major airline is represented here. We don't care which airline people use, we just try to get the cheapest fare."

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New program requires baby sitter certification

A new family child care program requiring certification of those providing in-home child care has been established at Redstone Arsenal.

The certification requirement applies to those in government quarters keeping a child on a regular basis for 10 or more hours per week.

"The steps for certification are simple and designed to aid the provider in all aspects of operating a small business," says Ellen S. Guttridge, family child care director here.

Arsenal residents 18 or older who provide child care in their homes should call Guttridge at 876-3704. Attendance of an eight-hour orientation is required and home visits will be conducted to ensure that health and safety requirements have been met, she said.

The mandatory orientation may be attended on either Friday, Feb. 8, or Monday, Feb. 11, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Education Center, building 3222, room 8. Anyone wishing to attend one of the classes should call the Family Child Care Office to reserve a space.

The family child care program is designed to train home care providers in all aspects of child care, development, nutrition, first aid, discipline and home safety, according to Guttridge. "The program sets standards for health, safety and fire conditions in the home and will offer parents who need providers the satisfaction of knowing that there will be limits sets on the number of children being cared for," she says.

"Any parent who utilizes a home child care provider should encourage and help their provider to become certified. Once the provider is trained, parents will see the benefits that are being offered to their children. Parent support is a necessary factor in keeping this program alive. Once a month, nightly meetings are offered to the providers to offer more training opportunities in child care and self-awareness. Parents will always be invited to attend," Guttridge says. "Certified providers benefit from having a support group, monthly training classes, a referral service and many more benefits," she adds.

Arsenal residents who are baby sitting or want to start should call the family child care office, 876-3704, and attend an orientation class.

Slogan supports theme leadership

A new slogan supporting the Army's theme for 1985 — leadership — has been adopted by Army Materiel Command.

"AMC - providing leaders the decisive edge" has been selected by Gen. Richard H. Thompson as the slogan the headquarters command will use on military correspondence, bulletins, posters and the like.

In announcing the Army's 1985 theme, Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr. and Army Chief of Staff Gen. John A. Wickham Jr. characterized leadership as the key ingredient that bonds civilian and military members of the Army into an effective organization able to meet goals of deterrence, readiness and battlefield success.

In a recent memorandum for his command's soldiers and civilian members, Thompson said "an intensive examination of the dynamics of leadership" involving everyone in AMC will take place in 1985. Thompson wrote: "We intend to look at our organization, its leaders, and those led, and at fostering an institutional climate of competence, commitment, concern, common goals and caring."

He described leaders as "centers of responsibility, decision and action" who teach by example and instill standards that "become the legacy of tomorrow's leaders. This legacy must be the focus and cornerstone of all our endeavors. It must be our highest achievement."

Continuing, Thompson stated, "Our goal of a proactive leadership climate is attainable largely due to the great reservoir of quality people within our organization. Every leader will have a role and directly contribute to our mutual goal. As our leadership action plan is developed and carried forth, you will be challenged in line with the Army ethic to 'be all you can be' as individuals, as leaders, as an organizational entity, and as carriers of the Army tradition of excellence in defense of our national interest."

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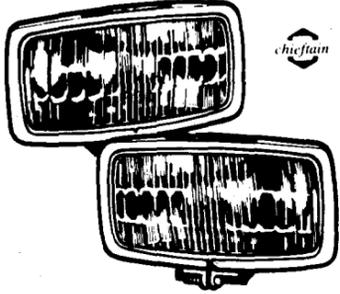


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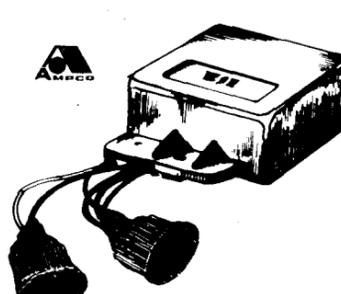
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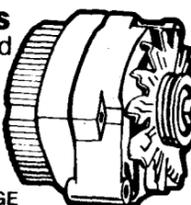
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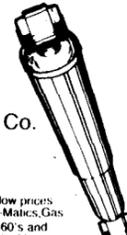
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Further military education is provided at Command and General Staff College and/or senior service colleges. Within the military school system courses of study are offered in non-resident as well as resident settings.

Perhaps the most exciting of all learning experiences are those opportunities for assignments at a variety of military installations. These experiences reinforce and provide daily observations of the many military concepts learned in academic settings. In any event, there are many opportunities to learn about the military, and there are many experienced people available to assist the new officer.

Following Basic, the officer is assigned to a medical treatment facility, usually as a staff nurse. This initial assignment is of key importance in transition from the civilian school or work setting and allows time for a sound orientation to military nursing. Subsequent assignments are planned to broaden the nurse perspective of health care delivery practice while developing functional skills in administration, education, and research.

This developmental progression is accomplished by alternating assignments between major medical centers and community hospitals within the United States and overseas. As the officer gains both clinical expertise and commensurate military and/or civilian educational preparation, assignments are planned to utilize specialty skills.

Planning and coordination between the individual officer and the chief nurse leads to mutual professional and personal satisfaction.

Educational opportunities integrated into the ANC officers' career progression include advanced military education, clinical specialty courses, long term civilian training, and continuing health education programs.

The military education opportunities have been discussed.

Clinical specialization preparation is provided through ANC developed courses. These courses prepare the nurse to function in such specialty areas as intensive care nursing, operating room nursing, psychiatric-mental health nursing and practitioner courses in adult medical-surgical nursing, pediatric nursing, and obstetric nursing.

These six month courses provide a real challenge and opportunity for professional growth. Attendance at these courses is through application and then selection of the best qualified applicants by a selection board. There are other courses for specialty areas such as community health, and a series of developmental courses in management, i.e., head nurse course and chief nurse orientation. Attendance at these courses is designed to prepare the officer to function in a new role-setting with a sound base of knowledge and the skills necessary for success. Usually after two or three tours in this area, graduate education at the masters level is encouraged.

GRADUATE EDUCATION

One of the most desired of all the educational programs is the fully funded or partially funded Long Term Civilian Schooling Program for completion of a masters degree or a doctorate degree. These programs provide the officer with full time study for periods of 12 months to three years, depending upon the program.

At the masters level, applicants are encouraged to pursue courses of study in a clinical specialty, education, administration, research, or teaching. Upon completion of the program, a utilization tour is designed to assist the new graduate to reintegrate into the military, while being in a position to utilize newly acquired skills and knowledge. Attendance at these programs is by application and then selection by a selection board based upon the best qualified. There are many rewards and successes in the Long Term Civilian Schooling Program.

Travel to exotic places has always been a major at-

traction of the military. Army Nurse Corps officers serve at Medical Treatment Facilities (MTF's) in the continental United States, Asia and Europe.

Thus the professional nurse is in a position to increase significantly the scope of knowledge about health care services and nursing practice. A related concern of the professional nurse probably is, how does one participate in accredited continuing health education programs? These are often necessary for relicensing and/or for maintaining competence in a specialty area. In all medical treatment facilities, the Department of Nursing offers a variety of educational programs designed specifically to meet these needs.

REDSTONE'S PROGRAMS

The Department of Nursing at Fox Army Community Hospital at Redstone Arsenal has a Nursing Education and Training Service whose sole purpose is to develop programs for all Department of Nursing personnel as well as advise ANC officers concerning educational pursuits, and coordinate enlisted training as appropriate.

There are several types of educational programs within Fox Army Community Hospital, i.e., accredited Continuing Health Education Programs, in-service education, and a variety of programs coordinated with the local community. Continuing health education in nursing consists of planned learning experiences beyond the baccalaureate preparation and are designed to promote the development of knowledge and skills and to explore attitudes for the enhancement of nursing practice.

At Fox Army Community Hospital continuing health education programs are developed and implemented by the Department of Nursing which offers approved continuing education credits for defined learning needs. This is one of the more advantageous methods of obtaining continuing health education.

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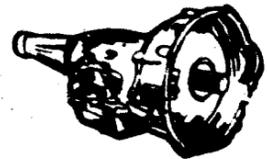
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well as participate in educational programs. In addition, civilian programs in the local community provide a variety of continuing health education in various subject areas. ANC officers are able to participate in these during their off duty time and in some instances may attend during duty time.

The Professional Post-Graduate Short Course Package (PPSCP) provides a series of continuing education programs planned by the Professional Development Branch for all Army Nurse Corps officers. The one week courses are developed with the coordination of specialty consultants for various areas of nursing. Participants are selected based upon defined guidelines and the focus of the course and this temporary duty is funded by the Professional Development Branch.

This program also provides ANC officers an opportunity to present papers, to participate in group work, and to problem-solve current issues with their peers. Basically these programs are held in the United States and, depending upon funding constraints, officers from overseas facilities may attend when the program being presented is essential to the accomplishment of their assigned mission. Programs in the PPSCP focus on such areas as operating room nursing, nursing methods analysis, and others. There are similar types of programs offered for officers assigned to various overseas areas which are sponsored by nurses in the area.

For example, nurses assigned in Europe may have an opportunity to attend the Medical-Surgical Conference in Garmisch; officers in Korea may become members of the 38th Parallel Nursing Society. The ANC recognizes that professional development is not limited to activities at the local facility and encourages officers to be innovative in their approaches to professional growth and maturation.

Within the Army Nurse Corps career planning is a purposeful goal-directed process that involves the individual officer, assignment counselors and the Professional Development Branch. Although the primary focus is accomplishing the mission of the Army Medical Department, the ANC recognizes and encourages professional maturation as a military officer and as a nurse. This goal is realized by continuing dialogue between the officer and the responsible career planners. The importance of timing and coordination of efforts cannot be overemphasized, as these lead toward mutually satisfying goal accomplishments.

Educational programs are designed to prepare the officer to assume progressively increasing responsibilities commensurate with the officer's educational preparation and military rank. Career planning and professional development working together serve to make the Army Nurse Corps an occupational group that has earned the title "professional."



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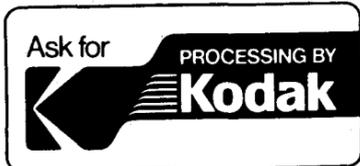


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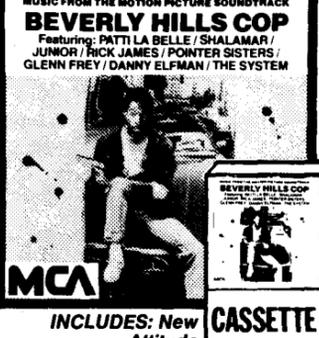
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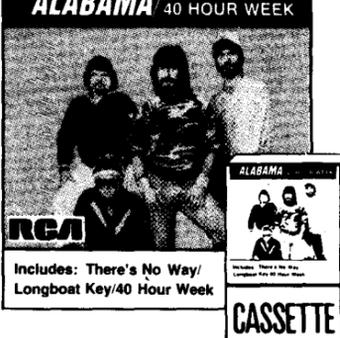
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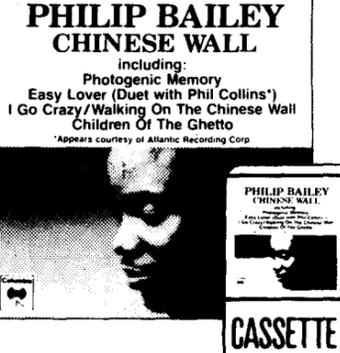
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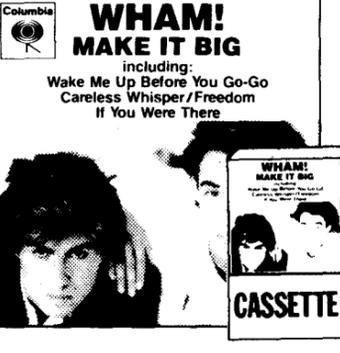


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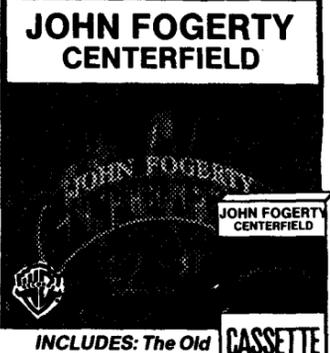
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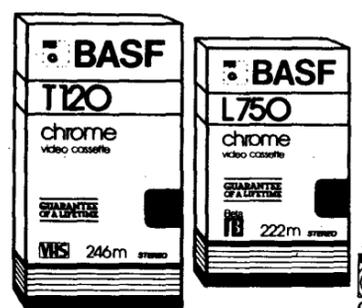
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Rockets zero in on league championship

It's almost over but the shouting and AML has the inside track in the race for the 1984-85 Civilian Welfare basketball championship.

Boasting an 8-1 record, the Rockets have only to defeat PAO tomorrow night to win the regular season crown.

PAO, meanwhile, 7-1 going into this week's final round of action, was still in the running but had to face tough Missile Systems last night and then defeat AML to win the title.

AML stayed in the driver's seat by taking a hard-fought 58-48 win last week over MIA. James Stewart led AML with 15 points, followed by Terry Whitman with 14, Mike Christian 13 and Aubrey Askew 10.

Ken McCormick was tops for MIA with 20.

PAO, meanwhile, notched two wins, defeating Green Machine 79-53, and turning back F&A, 60-53.

PAO was led by the sharpshooting of Craig Crossfield, league leading scorer, who tossed in 42 against Green Machine with help from Mike Hubbard with 19 and James Simmons 10.

Harrison King had 20, Trevor Washington 15 and Mason Hammons 10 for Green Machine.

Against F&A, Crossfield had 27 and Simmons 18 and 10 rebounds. F&A was led by Cedric Wherry with 19 points and 14 rebounds, and Rod Bolden with 12.

Elsewhere, P&P-2 nosed out Missile Systems, 67-63; Security rolled past Pershing 80-66; and Pershing won by forfeit over Computer Bits.

Willie Epps led P&P-2 with 35 points and Dante Emanuel 21. Larry Cable had 17, Glenn Gurley and Autro Whitman 14 each for Missile Systems.

Security was sparked by the longrange bombs of Abdullah Muhammad who had a career high 34 points in defeating Pershing while teammates Bobby Moore had 14, Leon "Truck" Williams 10 points and 13 rebounds, Tony Acklin and Gerome Grath 10 each.

Troop basketball

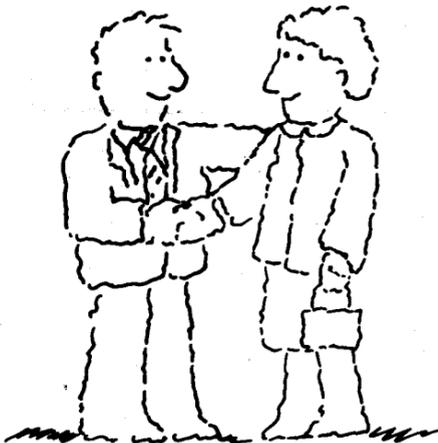
Here are the company level basketball standings as of Jan. 24:

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Meddac		4	0
A Company		4	1
95th		4	2
5th Students		3	3
Marines		3	4
291st MPs		2	4
B Company 2		1	4
7th Students		0	6
Western Conference		W	L
B Company 1		4	0
515th Ord		5	1
HHC		4	3
6th Students		2	3
4th Students		2	3
C Company		1	5

CWF standings

Teams	W	L
AML Rockets	8	1
PAO	7	1
P&P 2	6	2
MIA	6	3
Green Machine	5	3
Missile Systems	4	3
Security	3	5
F&A	3	5
Computer Bits	2	6
Pershing	2	7
COE	0	8
Top Scorers		
Players	Team	Avg.
Craig Crossfield	PAO	29.1
Willie Epps	P&P 2	26.3
Scott Little	Computer Bits	24.9
Dante Emanuel	P&P 2	23.1
Larry Cable	Missile Systems	22.5
Leon Williams	Security	22.0
Mike Christian	AMI	20.8
James Simmons	PAO	20.1
Buphus Nall	Green Machine	20.1
Kenneth McCormick	MIA	20.0
Cedric Wherry	F&A	20.0
Bobby Ford	AMI	19.3
Abdullah Muhammad	Security	19.2
Autro Whitman	Missile Systems	18.5
Glenn Gurley	Missile Systems	15.8

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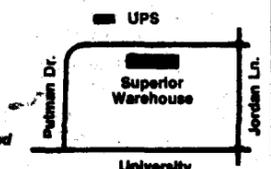
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9mm Beretta picked to replace .45-caliber sidearm

WASHINGTON — The Army has announced that the Beretta U.S.A. Corporation of Accokeek, Md., won the competition to produce a new 9mm military sidearm to replace the .45-caliber pistol throughout the Department of Defense.

The Beretta will be the first new standard military sidearm since the adoption of the .45-caliber pistol in 1911.

According to an Army report, what the services wanted was a modern, safer, more durable pistol that was compatible with weapons and ammunition used by NATO.

The new 9mm pistol is more reliable and performs better than the .45-caliber pistol and is compatible with NATO ammunition.

The need for a new standard handgun was reflected in a 1978 House Appropriations Committee survey that showed there were 25 to 30 different types of handguns and ammunition among the services.

The last large purchase of .45-caliber pistols was made before 1950, and many of these weapons are nearing the end of their service life. Maintenance is also a problem.

The Beretta pistol was chosen from eight weapons submitted by both American and foreign manufacturers. The Beretta was one of only two candidates to satisfactorily complete a rigorous test program to verify performance and durability under normal and adverse firing conditions.

Although eight firms competed for the contract, including the U.S. firms of Colt and Smith and Wesson, only the weapons presented by Beretta and Sig-Sauer, a West German-Swiss manufacturer, met all the mandatory performance and durability standards of the joint service requirements.

The Beretta pistol met or exceeded all mandatory requirements and has the lowest overall cost. Its durability also provides potential savings over the life of the weapon.

All the weapons were tested at three different locations.

At Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., the Army's Test and Evaluation Command performed engineering and technical evaluations. The weapon's performance under adverse conditions such as mud, sand, water and various degrees of lubrication was tested, as was its performance under extreme heat and cold. Ballistic performance, such as shot dispersion, was also tested.

At the North American (NATO) Regional Test Center, Fort Dix, N.J., the Test and Evaluation Command performed durability testing by firing a large number of rounds to see if the weapons could meet the required 5000-round service life.

And at Fort Benning, Ga., the Army Infantry Board let men and women of all armed services fire the weapons to determine accuracy under actual operating conditions.

The weapon can be quickly field-stripped into four parts for cleaning and maintenance. "You can't get

much simpler than that for the individual "soldier," said the Army's project manager, Lt. Col. Mike Roddy.

The weapon weighs 33.8 oz. with an empty magazine, 40.9 oz. loaded. The magazine holds 15 rounds, and a round can be safely carried in the chamber because the safety mechanism secures the firing pin in place.

It can fire the first round double-action by releasing the safety and pulling the trigger. The safety can be operated either left- or right-handed, and the magazine catch can also be reversed to accommodate left-handed shooters.

Sights are similar to those on the .45. The front sight is fixed, while the rear sight is adjustable for windage.

The weapon will come complete with holster and cleaning kit, according to Roddy.

This new standard handgun will be used by all the services the initial contract, to be awarded in about 30 days, will be for five years and calls for more than 315,000 handguns to be produced at a fixed price.

The long-range plan calls for approximately 500,000 9mm pistols to replace the 400,000 .45s now in stock, of which the Army has slightly more than half, and about 100,000 .38-caliber pistols.

There remains a requirement for a small, easily-concealable handgun for criminal investigators; so a small number of the short-barrelled .38-caliber pistols will remain in the inventory. (Arnews)

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Announcements

Tests rescheduled

The TABE pre- and post- tests for permanent party military are now being offered on Mondays at 7:30 a.m. at building 3650. For information call 876-9141.

Blood drive winners

Blood drive winners for last month were, 1-50 category, echnology Integration Office with 25 percent participation, Ann sslinger coordinator; 51-100 category, Support Services Division ith 16 percent, Brenda Boyett coordinator; 101-150 category, Ad-anced Sensors Directorate with 18 percent, Peggy Cook coor-inator; 151-200 category, Civilian Personnel Office with five per-ent, Teresa Davis coordinator; 201-400 category, Finance and Ac-ounting Division with 11 percent, Brenda Ellison coordinator; 401-over category, Missile Logistics Center with 13 percent, Cindy lcDougal coordinator. Donna McVay, 876-7621, is Redstone rsenal blood program coordinator.

Effective parenting classes

Free classes on the positive aspects of parenting and practical ap-lication of parenting techniques are offered weekly by the ACS mily advocacy program. Parents with children under 12 may at-nd a class on Tuesday or Wednesday from 4-5:30 p.m. Parents of enagers may attend on Tuesday from 6-7:30 p.m. The classes are r those wanting to improve parenting skills or those with children aving discipline, behavioral or school problems. The classes are for ilitary family members. Arsenal government civilians may attend a space-available basis. There is no charge and a textbook is pro-vided. For information call 876-3704.

Domestic conflict containment

A 10-week course on domestic conflict containment for couples at have been involved in spouse abuse or other domestic violence as been established by ACS. Classes meet on Tuesdays from 4-5:30 m. Couples meet in group sessions lasting 1 1/2 to 2 hours. For in-ormation call 876-3704.

Volunteers needed

The local Big Brother/Big Sister organization needs volunteers to end three to five hours per week in one-to-one relationships with ildren from single parent homes in Madison County and Redstone rsenal. The purpose is to help the children mature with emotional ability, mental growth and physical well-being. Volunteers must be 3 or older and submit to an in-depth screening. For information on oming a volunteer or to refer a child call 533-5077, 536-0279 or /6-3704.

Black federal employees

The next scheduled meeting of the Black Federal Employees ssociation will be held Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Alpha House meeting om, 4301 Oakwood Ave.

NCOA activities

The Redstone-OMMCS chapter of NCOA will hold a general embership meeting Feb. 6 at 6:30 p.m. and a membership meeting id luncheon on Feb. 14 at 11 a.m. Both activities are at the NCO lub. Guest speaker for the luncheon meeting is CSM William atrick, NCOA region 5 director, and tickets can be obtained from rectorate sergeants major. For information call MSgt. Michael iCiacca at 876-1534/7733.

Foster care program

Military family members planning to be in the area at least one ar and interested in becoming foster parents should contact Katie ark of Madison County's foster care licensing agency, 539-2211, r. William H. Resha, ACS foster care coordinator, 876-3704. labama law and Army regulations provide for programs of foster re and protection for dependent, neglected, abused and otherwise ndicapped children, including placement of a child in substitute re outside the child's own home when necessary. The Madison ounty Department of Pensions and Securities licenses and trains w foster parents and enforces foster care standards.

Cycling club

The Spring City Cycling Club will meet Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at ando's on Jordan Lane. A guest speaker is scheduled. For in-ormation call Rob Glover at 876-2121.

Catholic women

The Catholic Women of the Chapel will meet at 9 a.m. Feb. 1 at ne Bicentennial Chapel. Rita and Ken Knowles, area coordinators or North Alabama for World-Wide Marriage Encounter, will pre-nt a program called "Understanding Your Spouse." All are in-ented.

College fair

The Army Community Services Education Committee is planning College Fair for the afternoon of Saturday, March 30. Volunteers re needed to represent their respective colleges. If you will simply at the committee know the name of the college or colleges you wish o represent, the committee will write the schools to request the app-ropriate literature for you. You just need to be available to answer uestions at the fair. Participation by both military and civilian orkers is encouraged in order to get the broadest possible repres-entation for the students. Call Capt. R.A. Clinton 876-3166 or the CS office 876-2859 no later than Feb. 1.

Spanish Mass

A Mass in Spanish followed by a Spanish potluck is scheduled for :30 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Post Chapel.

Tax course

The 1985 IRS volunteer tax assistance course will be held Feb. 7-8 in the auditorium at Missile Command headquarters. Course hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1-5 p.m. Feb. 7 and 8 a.m. to noon Feb. 8. The afternoon of Feb. 8 will be spent completing an examination which, if passed, will certify the volunteer as an IRS VITA tax assistor. Instructors will be Capt. Brynn Bennett, an assistant staff judge advocate, and Murray Argo, of the Internal Revenue Service criminal investigation division in Birmingham.

Winter musicale

A "Winter Musicale" will be presented at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, in Ridley Hall at the Episcopal Church of the Nativity. The church is located at 208 Eustis Ave. in downtown Huntsville. Featured performer will be Marcia Ott, violinist. She will be assisted by Hope Duve, piano; Joyce Green, violin; and Connie Sharp, soprano. The program is to consist of music by Handel, Beethoven, Chopin and Moszkowski. There is no admission charge. For more information call 533-2455.

After hours

The 1985 Business After Hours series starts Thursday, Jan. 31, from 5-7 p.m. at the Sportsplex at 1641 Sparkman Drive. The mixer, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Huntsville/Madison County, gives local business people a chance to meet other chamber members and new business prospects. All chamber members are welcome to attend. For reservations call the chamber 533-4141.

Art museum

Showcase '84 will be open Feb. 3 through Feb. 24 at the Huntsville Museum of Art. This is an exhibition of about 50 works in various media created by students in the Visual Arts Department of Alabama School of Fine Arts in Birmingham. The art museum, located at 700 Monroe St. SW, is open to the public free of charge. Its hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The museum is closed Mon-day.

Red Cross awards

A coffee honoring the annual blood service award winners will be held Feb. 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the Officers Club. All blood donors are invited. Those who plan to attend should notify their local blood coordinator who should then phone the number of attendees to Donna McVay or Naomi Whitaker at 876-3124/7621. All coord-inators and their organization chiefs should attend. Permanent trophies and plaques will be presented.

College choirs

The Alabama Center for Higher Education will present "Lift Ev'ry Voice," the 15th annual choral festival, at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Alabama A&M University gym. Participating college choirs include A&M, Oakwood, Talladega, Alabama State, Stillman, Miles, Lawson State, and Tuskegee. Adult tickets are \$5, student tickets \$3, and children under six will be admitted free. For ticket information call Harold Batts 859-7252.

Benefit association

Redstone Benefit Association is no longer authorized to send or receive mail through the Redstone Arsenal message distribution system. Its new address is Redstone Benefit Association, P.O. Box 4164, Huntsville, Ala. 35815-4164.

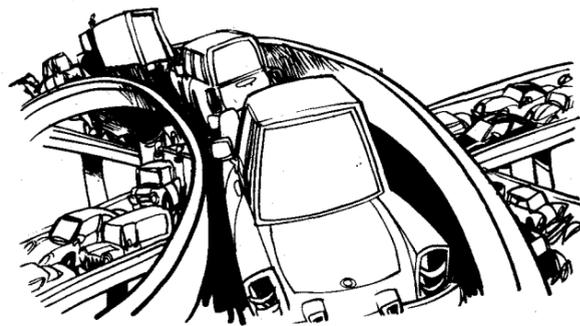
Learning center

The Learning Resource Center offers an "Artificial Intelligence" course. It consists of three parts. Part one provides background, part two describes technology ranging from oil-well instrument reading analysis to computer systems configuration, and part three covers computer vision. For more information call 876-1061/1416.

Computer users

The Apple Computer Users' Organization will meet at 1 p.m. Feb. 9 at Universal Data Systems Cafeteria, 5000 Bradford, Huntsville. Meeting subject is Applying Computer to Tax Problems. For more information call Jack Lundy 876-9415.

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Hazel Green

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Obituary

Fred D. Grigsby

Fred D. Grigsby, a Missile Command worker since 1974, died Jan. 21 at Humana Hospital in Huntsville after an extended illness. He was 64. Grigsby worked in the radar technology area of the Army Missile Laboratory where he provided support to the High Energy Laser Weapon System and Roland Project Offices in radar and weapon system applications. He also supported the Chaparral Of- fice and Shorad C2 offices. Grigsby is survived by his wife, Marceline, and three children.

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