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Inert trainers

Old munitions unearthed in I-565 excavations

BY ED PETERS

Road machines excavating I-565 along Redstone Arsenal's north boundary have unearthed several old mortar rounds and a rocket warhead from the red soil where they have reposed more than 40 years.

Fortunately, all have proved to be inert practice rounds but no one is taking any chances because arsenal records indicate the highway is passing through an old munitions test range, according to Maj. Tom Martin, chief of the OMMCS Explosive Ordnance Training Division.

These relics from Redstone Arsenal's past date from World War II when the installation was a munitions manufacturing center.

Munitions believed to have been tested here include artillery rounds, mortars, grenades and bombs.

Arsenal records state that the nine-acre range was used for "aerial drop munitions testing" and that "75 loads of scrap metal and M50 bombs" were removed from it and a smaller range nearby following the war.

Earlier this year, an explosive ordnance team surveyed the right-of-way and found the area surface-clear. The road builders were given a safety briefing and a set of ordnance identification pictures before they began work this summer on the strip of land, which the Army has transferred to state ownership. EOD personnel have been summoned to the construction site four or five times. Unearthed so far have been three 4.2 inch mortar projectiles, a 4.5 inch rocket warhead and a 60 mm mortar shell — all practice rounds, according to Martin, the EOD officer.

"All items found so far have been completely inert," he said. However, he adds, "the indications are that they fired both high explosive and white phosphorous rounds in that area" so the possibility exists that these munitions could be unexploded in the area.

One of the dummy 4.2 mortar rounds was gashed open by a grader blade. Had that been a white phosphorous round, Martin said, "there would have been an immediate fire and perhaps an explosion." White phosphorous ignites in contact with air and there is a high explosive burster in the round.

Not infrequently, excavations here unearth old ordnance items, both live and practice munitions, that have been buried for decades. A 4.2 inch mortar prac-



LONG BURIED — Maj. Tom Martin shows three of the old ordnance items unearthed during I-565 construction.

tice round was found during construction of the new software center southwest of the airfield. Several years ago loggers ran over a white phosphorous munition near the Dodd Road bridge.

Martin said old ordnance may be present over a large area between the airfield and the arsenal's west

boundary. These items could be dummy training rounds or could be smoke mixture, white phosphorous, or high explosive rounds, all of which were made and tested here during the war.

Chemical rounds were also manufactured here but (See I-565 cont'd on page 2)

Efforts under way to prevent substance abuse

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Alcohol is a drug that can lead to problems on the highways, at the workplace and at home.

This is part of the message officials hope to communicate for National Drug Abuse Education and Prevention Week, Nov. 2-9. They concede that it isn't easy to deglamorize alcohol while beer commercials on television openly promote drinking.

"The after-work drinking session is still glamorized on television," said Lt. Col. Rick Grube, commander of Special Troops battalion. Commanders of the units in his battalion are trying to deglamorize drinking, he said.

One weapon for combating substance abuse is the Community Counseling Center, formerly called the Human Resources Development Office. For civilians and military people, the results of abuse include loss of work efficiency, according to Lt. Col. Ronald Bynum, chaplain at the center.

During fiscal 1985, the center counseled an average of 137 people for alcohol or drug problems.

Awareness

The center is among the resources Grube's units use for providing training on drug and alcohol abuse. Others have included legal people, Huntsville police, and driver safety films. "There's another part of the awareness (effort) the units are responsible for," Grube said. He listed these three elements as the following: Making soldiers aware of the post policy for suspending driver privileges and issuing a reprimand from a general officer; the threat of career

destruction from having a driving under the influence case in their file; and the high probability of getting caught.

"This community and this post are on the lookout for drunks," Grube said. The way to get these drug and alcohol abuse points across is to "maintain a constant emphasis on it...and periodically have special periods of emphasis," the battalion commander said.

One problem is that young soldiers tend to not realize the effect that several beers have on their blood level, according to Grube. He added that this makes it difficult for commanders to make them aware so they won't drink and drive. "Despite all the briefings, we are frustrated with our inability to wipe out DUI," he said. "I expressed my frustration about a year ago when the Sergeant Major of the Army (Glen Morrell) visited and asked him if the top leadership realized they were putting all the burden on the elimination of DUI to the unit commanders, if he realized how difficult it was." Grube added that he was pleased to learn that Morrell did realize the difficult challenge.

"I realize we'll have that challenge as long as young adults are exposed to advertising that drinking is the right thing to do," Grube said.

Unit commanders have been trying to deglamorize alcohol by encouraging parties for the entire family rather than happy hours or other events dedicated to drinking, according to Grube. The Special Troops battalion consists of a total of about 1,100 soldiers in two assigned units (HHC and the 291st Military Police) and two attached units (Medical Company and the 95th Maintenance Company).

Family problems can lead to drinking problems, according to Bynum, the counseling center chaplain. If family problems can be addressed early "sometimes we can eliminate the long-term use of alcohol," Bynum said. He recommends that people get help when they have family problems whether it be financial, marital or some other type. "Whatever problem arises in the family, try to seek help," he said.

It is important to prevent abuse of alcohol because of "the damage it does to the individual and because of the far-reaching damage it has on family members," according to Bynum.

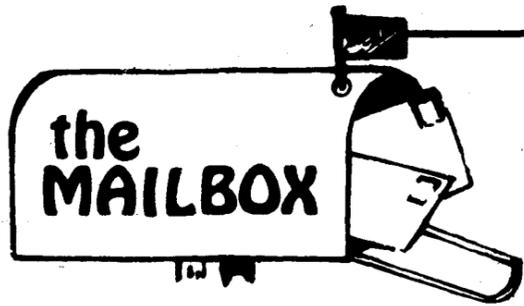
Solomon Greene, education coordinator for alcohol and drug abuse at the counseling center, added that the Army also loses productive workers through such abuse.

"Alcohol acts as a drug, therefore it must react in the system as a drug," Bynum said. "A lot of people don't realize because of the social needs to drink that what they are taking is a drug. It falls in the category of a mood-changing drug."

Of the average of 137 alcohol and drug abuse cases the counseling center had in fiscal 1985, some 79 percent were military, 12 percent were Army civilians, and 9 percent were others. The others or residuals included retired military, or military family members or Army civilian family members.

The military cases consisted of 46 percent drug related and 54 percent alcohol related. The civilian cases consisted of 19 percent drug related and 81 per-

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Travel deduction

Editor:

Filing an accurate travel voucher before the suspense date does not prevent the full amount of any advance from being deducted from your pay. Use of your POV requires that your voucher be routed through the Transportation Office. If there is an unreasonable delay, it may not reach the Travel Pay Branch of Finance and Accounting before the suspense date, thereby triggering the deduction.

You will not be aware of the deduction until you receive your earnings and leave statement. You are informed of the suspense date at the time you receive the advance, but after the voucher leaves your office you have no control and therefore no assurance that it will reach F&A on time.

I understand that a procedure has been set up to alleviate this problem, but the fact that they deduct the advance from your pay is not my complaint. The fact that they can do it without prior notification to an employee is not fair and should not be allowed. This could cause serious economic problems for some employees. The possibilities are staggering! There might be someone's child going to school without lunch money, or being evicted because they could not

'Officer Friendly' teaches children about safety

Students at Morris Elementary School received lessons in crime prevention last week from Redstone's "Officer Friendly," whose real name is Sgt. Carl Cannon.

During an hour spent with the fifth grade on Oct. 30, Cannon and his assistant, Sp4 Doug Haefner, talked with the children about the equipment and uniform of a police officer, and told them how to avoid being deceived by a person pretending to be a policeman.

"We represent every police department in the world. They all have the same mission—to protect you. We protect you before we protect ourselves. How many of you could make that same commitment?" he asked.

Cannon, a military police officer, went on to explain how a police force protects the community by using defensive, not offensive, techniques.

"A policeman is never caught using offensive techniques," Cannon told the children. He went over the progression of methods for helping a person in trouble or for subduing a troublemaker.

"The first method is my big mouth—I'm going to try to talk them out of whatever it is they're doing," he said. If talking isn't effective, he told the class, the next method would be to use a show of force by calling for backup assistance.

He told of the next two methods which involve physical contact: judo holds and use of a nightstick.

Then came what Cannon called the "final" method—guns.

"All guns are dangerous. They are not toys, and we treat them as very serious business," he said.

"Sgt. Cannon has been a military police officer for seven years, and he's never shot at anybody," Haefner

pay the rent. Why? Because someone did not do their job and there is a stupid policy allowing such action to be taken without notification.

Travelers, this ought not to be! Even a condemned man is told when and why before he is hung.

Neil D. Hamilton

Keeping secrets

Editor:

Could someone explain why at the same time Security is trying to educate people on keeping U.S. secrets from the Russians, there are signs mounted on Redstone advertising "Tow II Obscuration Tests" and "Radar Absorption Workshop"?

We have enough spies selling information without giving free information to the people having easy access to the base.

And the answer to my question should not be "But it's unclassified". Any information concerning current work in progress should at least be "For Official Use Only" - and not be publicized!

Graydon K. Parker
AIAMS-YDI

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OFFICER FRIENDLY — Sgt. Carl Cannon asks a question of the fifth grade at Morris Elementary School while Sp4 Doug Haefner prepares to demonstrate a pair of handcuffs.

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would have been tested with inert fillers, for example molasses, that simulated the weight and viscosity of the chemical fillers, Martin said.

Items of old ordnance as may be found here should be left untouched and military police notified, he said. Explosives that may have become unstable with age are considered extremely dangerous.

Martin, whose experience in explosive ordnance disposal includes commanding an EOD detachment in Vietnam, said recovering old items such as those found here is "pretty routine" work, even though an EOD technician can't always immediately tell if a munition is a dummy or live round. At the highway construction site, "In all cases so far we've been able to identify that there was not an immediate hazard, but in two cases we removed the round to further examine what the filler was," said Martin. "We have not found anything with anything other than inert fillers," he said.

Martin's EOD Training Division has 37 explosive ordnance disposal technicians among a staff of 63 who train apprentice-level EOD specialists for the Army and also provide technical escort and EOD-specialized chemical training to members of all branches of the armed forces.

Army EOD technicians must know about not only U.S. munitions past and present but also those of allies and enemies and potential enemies "because you could encounter any in an (EOD) assignment," Martin remarked. They are also taught to handle booby traps and homemade bombs.

"Part of our mission is to respond to explosive items that cannot be handled by local authorities," he noted.

He said the technicians do not fear their work because they are trained to "recognize what the hazards are and what you can safely do."

Even so, Capt. Earl Clark must have felt a twinge of double jeopardy on Aug. 16 when he went to pick up an unearthed mortar round and ran into the tornado that struck the arsenal that Friday afternoon.

Abuse

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cent alcohol related. For both groups, military and civilian, there has been a gradual increase in the number of drug related cases each year, according to Tony Capowski, civilian program coordinator at the counseling center.

People who complete the counseling program are considered successes. In fiscal 1985 the completion rate was 79 percent for the military and 88 percent for civilians. "That compares well with the industry numbers," Capowski said.

Health insurance open season begins

An open season for the Federal Employees Health Benefits program began Nov. 4 and continues through Dec. 6.

This is when people serving in permanent federal employment can select from 13 participating health plans.

"They may enroll if they're not currently enrolled or an enrolled employee may change from one plan or option to another, or from self only to self-and-family," said Martha Couey, chief of the customer services branch of civilian personnel's technical services division.

"Employees who do not wish to make a change need take no action during open season," she added.

Changes will go into effect the first pay period in January 1986.

Comparison charts and brochures should be useful in deciding on a health plan. They should be available at administrative offices and at the customer services branch in the south end of building 7444. Workers who want to enroll or change enrollment should call the branch at 876-4546/5717/5940 for an appointment. "They should be sure of the plan they want to switch to" when they arrive, Couey said.

Premiums have generally been lowered. Constance Horner, director of the Office of Personnel Management, has said "the average savings is 6 percent." More than three-fourths of all enrollees in the FEHP program will see lower insurance premiums next year as a result of the new rates, according to officials.

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Care for special son kept CFC volunteer in work force

BY PAM ROGERS

It was difficult for one Redstone worker to find a suitable place to provide day care to her mentally retarded son 18 years ago.

Mona Moorer, assistant pay examination chief for Finance and Accounting, said day care for the mentally retarded wasn't exactly plentiful back then.

"During the time Baxter was beginning to come up, there was no day care, no kindergarten—I put him into several of these places to no avail. I was a working parent, and I had to work. I didn't want to leave him at home with a sitter, because it wouldn't have been fair to him," she said.

Then she found out about the Opportunity Center, a United Way agency which provides day care and training to Madison County's mentally retarded citizens. The center is a part of the Association for Retarded Citizens.

"It's been a salvation for me and for Baxter. I take him over there at 6:30, and pick him up after work," she said. As long as Baxter attended special education classes in the public schools, the center provided transportation. Now, at 26, Baxter participates in adult training classes at the center.

"They have really molded his physical and mental capabilities, and given him opportunities no other place would," she said.

"I can assure you, as far as Baxter is concerned, he looks forward to each day. The staff is loving—if they weren't, he wouldn't want to go." Besides learning skills, adult clients have a recreational program which includes parties, dances, movies and bowling, Moorer said.

"I'm more fortunate than a lot—Baxter can walk, talk, sit, jump and play. Many of the clients cannot do this. Some can't even sit up. I feel so fortunate that I do have a child who can half way care for himself, and I feel fortunate to have a facility like this," she said.

Moorer believes her son would have led a bleak life if it weren't for the help the Opportunity Center has given him.

"Baxter would have been placed behind doors at home. He wouldn't be part of society. He wouldn't be able to communicate or be as active as he is now. He's not backward. He's just like any other child and loves everything a normal child would love.

"As for myself, I would have had a very hard time working. I'm a sole parent," she said. She added that she has been able to progress in her career even though her situation might be more difficult, or at least different, from that of other workers.

"I feel fortunate that the Lord has seen fit to give me such a child. He's very loving—someone I'm proud to have," she said.

"There is no mental retardation in my family at all, so it can hit anyone. You never know when it will hit home. I've been here at the arsenal for many years, and every year I have either been a solicitor or a monitor (for the Combined Federal Campaign). Everybody should do a double take as far as how much they can contribute. This is our opportunity to give to something that is worthy," she said.

The Opportunity Center receives 12 percent of its funding from the United Way, said Monte Graham, adult coordinator.

"We couldn't exist without them, because we must have local money to match grants from the government," she said.

Although parents pay for services on a sliding fee basis, per hour or per week, CFC plays a vital role in helping the center to provide training and day care services to children and adults in Huntsville and Madison County, she said.

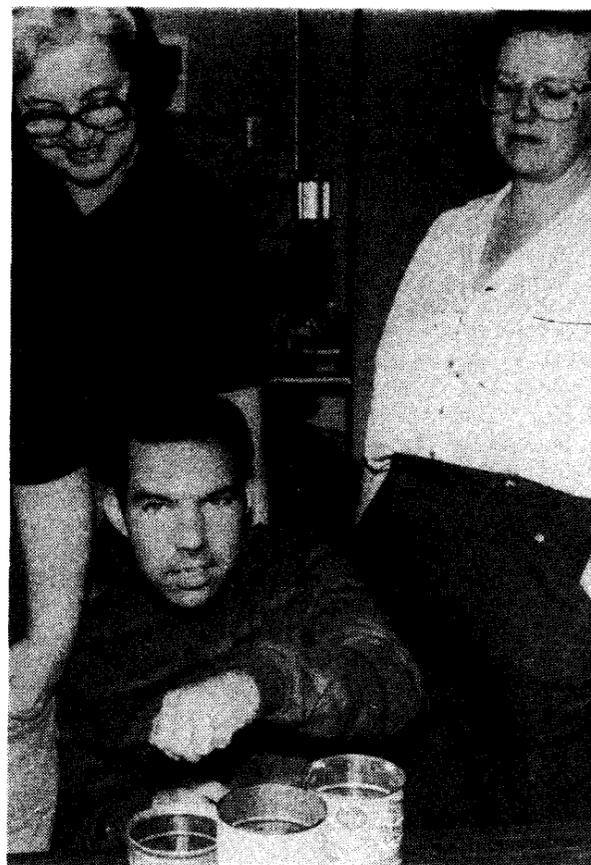
Graham likes to look at the services provided as a continuum. Preschoolers are prepared for attending special education classes in the public schools. When clients complete their education they return to the Opportunity Center to learn job and living skills.

Part of the training program for adults includes work assembling and disassembling items, sorting, packaging, collating and mailing. The work is provided to them by sub-contractors, and clients receive pay on a piece-rate basis. The center is always looking for businesses which could sub-contract this sort of work.

The Opportunity Center also produces ceramics, and ribbons for awards and sporting events, and has a contract with Parisian to recycle plastic coat hangers.

There are several different aspects of the center which Baxter enjoys.

"I like my friends. I have lots of good friends here. I



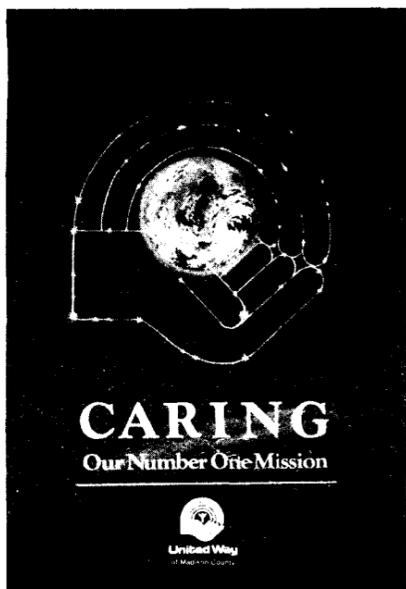
TRAINING — Baxter Moorer does disassembling work in the Opportunity Center's adult training program. Monte Graham (standing, left) and Instructor Imajean Tilson look on.

play basketball—I was in the Special Olympics—and I do ribbons," he said.

He has learned skills at the Opportunity Center which he can use to help out at home.

"I take out the garbage, clean up my room and put my stuff away. I vacuum sometimes, and I also wash the windows," he said.

The Combined Federal Campaign, with a goal of \$700,000, will run until Nov. 8.



United Way
of Madison County

Goal 'in sight' for charity campaign

The Missile Command's fund raising efforts for the Combined Federal Campaign are paying off better than campaign officials thought at the beginning of this year's drive.

Katie Byrd, chairperson for the local federal coordinating committee, said that the overall total for the third week of the campaign is \$591,879.

"Right now it sounds good, and our goal appears in sight," she said. The goal is \$700,000.

At a mid-campaign meeting for agency representatives and financial chairpersons, MICOM was reported lagging behind last year's contributions by approximately \$2,000. That was before contributions by organizations which no longer report as part of MICOM were subtracted from the 1985 figure, said Byrd.

Several attendees at the mid-campaign meeting expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of publicity given

to the campaign in the local media. Byrd has expressed her intention to address the problem during this campaign and suggest a plan for greater publicity during next year's campaign.

Another of Byrd's concerns is that several recipient agencies do not receive recognition because they have little local representation.

"We have United Way agencies, and National Health Agencies here, and they have gotten publicity, but there aren't really any representatives of the National Service Agencies or the International Service Agencies here in Huntsville, and they receive CFC funds as well," she said.

MICOM employees contributed \$44,623.70 during the third week in the campaign, bringing the total for the command to \$217,470.

"The second week was really a good week," Byrd said. The MICOM total for that week was \$98,831.





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Seminar discusses society's struggle in 'war on drugs'

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Those who attended a drug prevention seminar last week heard from victims, a counselor, and legal and law enforcement representatives.

The message was clear: Society in general faces a continuing struggle in what Col. David Adderley calls "the war on drugs."

"The war on drugs is perhaps similar to our involvement in Vietnam," the MICOM security director said in opening remarks. "It got to be such a long war that people began to take a lackadaisical attitude.

"But like the war in Vietnam we have to stop and reflect on the fact that people are dying," he said.

A recovering drug addict, identified as Gary, told of the personal hell he went through for 13 years. He is a member of a substance abuse program and said he has not had "a shot, drink or joint in eight months."

Gary traced the problems he faced after taking "that first joint" until he decided to stop what became a \$1,000 a day habit. "I believe addiction is a disease," he said.

"It started out, it was a game," Gary said. "It ended up, it was a nightmare...I had a disease and it was killing me."

Gary's weight dropped drastically, he was in and out of drug treatment centers, and in and out of jail. He said the drugs he used included cocaine, dilaudid, and heroin. Sometimes he wasn't sure what he was using. "You might think you're getting cocaine and you're getting PCP," he said.

"It caught up with me. It took years to do it but it did," Gary related. He said he expected to end up in one of three places: jail, an institution or dead. "I've stole for my drugs. It became a way of life for me," Gary said.

He spoke of the turning point— from the time he was "a big zero" to the present. He is married, has a job and likes to water ski.

"I know today I want to live, and I have friends," Gary said. "And I'm grateful for that."

Gary's mother, identified as Dorothy, is a member of a group for families of abusers. She told about how the family moved here because of a job opportunity. Gary was one of four children and he "never gave us any problems growing up," she said. The youngest child, a 10-year-old daughter, died 11 years ago from a form of cancer. Gary's "first arrest was in high school for being in a place where pot was being used," she said, adding that his second arrest occurred in another state for having marijuana in a car. She told about

how he got married three years ago and his wife was "also an addict."

"He would visit, get his dad so angry and then leave," Dorothy said. "The next day he would come back and get a loan." She felt her job was to be "peacemaker." She said "our son stole a lot and pawned it."

They gave Gary money, cashed his checks, paid his bills, washed his clothes, and retrieved some of their property from the pawn shop, she said. She said that they couldn't sleep. "Our behavior had become more irrational than his and we weren't doing anything," she said.

They received a call from Gary in New Orleans in which he said he and his wife were addicted to dilaudid, she related. She recalled how bad his condition was— how he kept running his hands through his hair, had sores on his face and kept falling asleep. She said he got treatment but remained volatile. "I felt 'who needs this and what am I doing here,'" she said.

"Our son and his wife were arrested for theft and we did not hire a lawyer. He served six months on work release," Dorothy said. "They hit rock bottom and had no way to go. We were able to change the locks on our door and tell our son he was no longer welcome in our home...I gained hope from other families of abusers.

"I'd like to say how proud I am of Gary and Margaret (his wife). They are maturing. They've been straight for eight months," she said. "This has been a growth experience for us."

Billie Napper, a psychology technician with the Community Counseling Center, discussed what she called popular myths. One is that cocaine is not addictive; another is that all addicts are Skid Row bums.

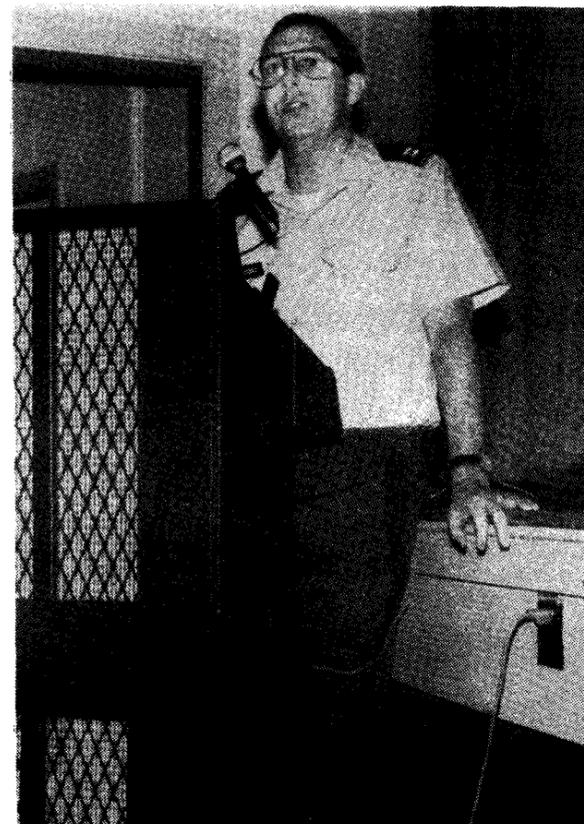
"Drug abuse is an equal opportunity disease," Napper said. "It doesn't matter how smart you are or what age group or race. It can strike anyone at anytime."

Capt. Steven Aldridge, prosecutor in the staff judge advocate office, discussed the penalties and legal aspects. "The penalty is significant. It's something to be concerned about," he said.

A film entitled "Epidemic" was presented by John Garceau, a criminal investigator in Security Directorate. The seminar, held twice on Oct. 30 at the Post Theater, ended with a panel answering questions from the audience.

At one point a soldier in the audience said Gary's problem is Gary's own and whether or not he will recover is up to him. Malcolm Anderson, special agent

in charge of the Redstone resident agency CID, disagreed. "It's society's problem," Anderson said.



PROSECUTOR — Capt. Steven Aldridge, of the staff judge advocate office, discusses drug penalties.



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Suggestions can mean dollars for workers and Army

BY PAM ROGERS

Hundreds of workers here are enjoying recognition for their ideas which have saved the federal government millions of dollars.

Through the Missile Command's suggestion program, workers saved the Army a total of \$17 million last fiscal year, according to Linda Thomas, an employee relations assistant in the special programs branch of the technical services division in the civilian personnel office. The suggestion program is only one part of the incentive awards office, which is composed of Thomas, Wanda Price and Lori Haraway.

"The suggestion program is an employee program. An employee can come up with an idea, submit it in writing, and it's their idea. It doesn't have to go through management," she said.

"We have a lot of good suggesters—there are a lot of good people out there. With the emphasis on spare parts and competition management, that sort of thing, we're getting a lot of quality suggestions. Many have real large savings," she said. She added that management is behind the suggestion program, from the AMC level on down.

MICOM received an award for the largest tangible savings of any command within AMC for its fiscal 1984 savings of \$9.8 million. "We're shooting for the award again," she said.

Here's how the program works. The idea is recorded on a suggestion form, signed and dated. When the incentive awards office receives the form, a determination is made about what office has primary interest in the suggestion. That office receives the suggestion for evaluation.

The evaluating office has 30 days either to recommend adoption of the suggestion, or to reject it. If it is accepted, the savings to the government are determined to be either tangible or intangible. In order for the suggestor to receive a monetary award, the suggestion



AWARDS — Workers in the Incentive Awards Office are (from left) Linda Thomas, Wanda Price and Lori Haraway.

must be outside or exceed his or her job responsibilities.

The most money paid for a suggestion in fiscal 1985 went to Charlotte Sloan, a contract specialist in the Procurement Directorate, Thomas said. Sloan received \$9,997 for saving the government \$1,359,500 on Hellfire test program sets. It was her idea to acquire them directly from the manufacturer rather than the prime contractor.

The greatest savings from one suggestion came from Virgil Hammack and Nolen Swinford, both retirees who formerly worked in the Pershing Project Office. They saved the Army more than \$5 million by suggesting that laser disk technology be used to supplement a reference scene generation facility training base. They did not receive a monetary award for the suggestion, since it was determined to be within the scope of their jobs.

Thomas stressed that ideas don't have to involve missile systems or procurement methods. "We have many suggestions adopted for administrative details," she said. She believes no idea is too small to be submitted.

"Energy conservation is a good area. It doesn't have to be technical. Many are adopted on traffic," she said.

Billy Tapscott, a supply clerk in RASA, has received a partial payment of \$500 for suggesting that all organizations order publications via an account number instead of an office symbol. "He received a partial payment because we haven't been able to determine the tangible savings to the government yet," Thomas said.

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Missile school to train soldiers in using field computers

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A computer system designed for soldiers in the field will affect training at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School.

Sometime next year instructors at the school are to begin teaching soldiers how to use a tactical computer system that the Army plans to use for a variety of functions. It's called the Tactical Army Combat Service Support Computer System (TACCS).

"It's a small tactical computer system designed to process data in the field," said Montez Hinson, a training specialist in the school's New Systems Training Office.

The computer has been made rugged enough for soldiers in the field. It is also said to be transportable, easy to use, does not have to be environmentally controlled, and can operate from a generator or commercial power source.

"The idea of taking a computer and using it in the field is a new concept for the Army," Hinson said.

Plans are to use the system Army-wide in such areas as personnel, medical, supply, maintenance, property book, ammunition, transportation, communications security, command and control, training, and for test, measurement and diagnostic equipment.

Instructors at the missile school will be teaching soldiers how to use the system for supply, maintenance, and ammunition.

In August the school received a TACCS training support system that can be used to teach soldiers how to use the actual field system. Three field systems arrived in September, and the school expects to get 12 more in December.

Data or software to be used with this equipment is expected to finish arriving within the next six months. Plans are to begin training soldiers on the system by the third or fourth quarter of 1986.

"We're trainers here. We train soldiers who will go out in the field and use this system," said Hinson, the action officer for TACCS at the school. The new systems training office ensures that instructors are trained in new areas so they in turn can train the students.



COMPUTER — Montez Hinson of the new systems training office at OMMCS shows a new computer system to be taught to students.

Twelve instructor and key personnel at the school have spent 13 days at a training facility in McLean, Va., run by the SDC/Burroughs Corporation, prime contractor for the computer system. The soldiers and civilians have attended at various times since June. "We still have a couple that are in training," Hinson said.

This is the same system being fielded by the Army's test, measurement and diagnostic equipment units.

"TACCS will impact the training of at least 27 officer and enlisted specialties" taught at the school, according to Hinson. The system's applications to supply and maintenance are on the missile side of the school while the application to ammunition is on the munitions side.

Hinson believes the computer system will be beneficial after the initial fielding and after any problems, common with new systems, have been worked out.

Damian Scherer, a training instructor in the conventional ammunition division at the school, expects there will be benefits in his area. "It will revolutionize the stock accounting of ammunition," he said, adding that it should save time and assure accuracy.

"What's unique about this whole thing is this computer will be able to communicate with other (automated data processing) systems," Scherer said.

TACCS is not the only new computer system at the school. "Automation is affecting training throughout the entire school," Hinson said.

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Soldiers help move wartime memento

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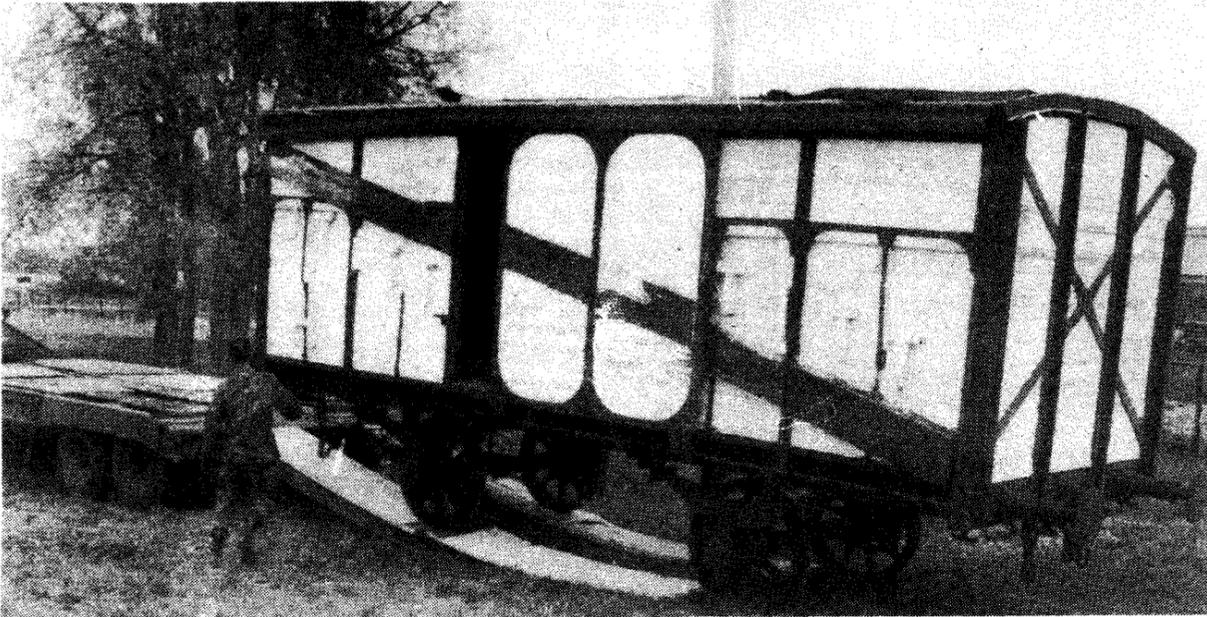
The memento was a French boxcar known as a 40-8 that had been part of the "Thank You Train" of 1947 which had originally consisted of 49 boxcars.

The "Thank You Train" was an expression of gratitude from the French people to the people of the United States for their aid following the devastation of World War II. The 40-8 boxcars, so called because they could carry 40 men or eight horses, arrived in the United States in December 1948 filled with gifts and presents from the French. One boxcar went to each state — there were only 48 at the time — and the ter-

ritory of Hawaii.

Upon arrival in Feb. 1949, to each states' capitol the boxcars were placed wherever the governor decided. How Alabama's boxcar arrived on Route 63 in Marshall County near the town of Grant is still unknown to the members of the Tennessee Valley Voiture 1012, 40 and 8. Members of this veterans group had tried seven years to get permission to move the train car.

After receiving permission to move the boxcar the group called the 515th to help with the laborious task of moving the car to a new site in Huntsville: The boxcar will be completely refurbished and will remain permanently resting at the Transportation Depot on Church Street.



MOVED — Old boxcar was moved to Huntsville with the assistance of 515th Ordnance Company.

Health program has new deputy director

Army Col. Jimmy D. Helton has assumed his new duties as deputy director of the Defense Department's CHAMPUS program. CHAMPUS is the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services.

Helton, 48, replaces Col. Ernest J. Sylvester, who recently retired from active military service.

A native of Kentucky, the new deputy director has served in the Army for 23 years, most recently as director of resource management at Tripler Army Medical Center in Hawaii. From 1980 to 1983, he was professional services administrator for Brooke Army Medical Center, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Helton has also served as comptroller for several other Army hospitals, including the 225th Station Hospital in Munich, West Germany.

More recently, he was resource planning officer, dental car administrator and manpower control officer for the Army Surgeon General (1976-80). Additionally, he served as program administrator for CHAMPUS in Europe (1972-73), and Budget Officer for the U.S. Army Medical Command in Europe (1971-72).

He has a master's degree in public administration from the University of Arizona. His military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards) and the Army Commendation Medal (four awards).

Helton said that, with today's high health care costs, "It's more important than ever for us to use our resources wisely, at the same time as we strive to produce the best possible health benefits package for service families and retirees."

He added that "I'm delighted to be a part of the CHAMPUS organization as it works toward a more refined benefits structure, and greater efficiency in the use of available funds for health care."

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Tournament winner enjoys challenge of fishing

BY JEFF WATSON

Anyone that has been around fishing or fisherman very long has undoubtedly heard of the 'big one' that got away, and probably more than once.

For Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Paul Kondrk however, proof that the 'big ones' didn't get away is now being towed behind his truck.

Kondrk, a Hawk Continuous Wave Radar instructor at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, recently won an \$18,000 bass boat by winning the Eastern Nationals of the 10th Annual National Military Bass Fishing Championships held at Santee Cooper lakes, South Carolina the 11th through the 15th of October.

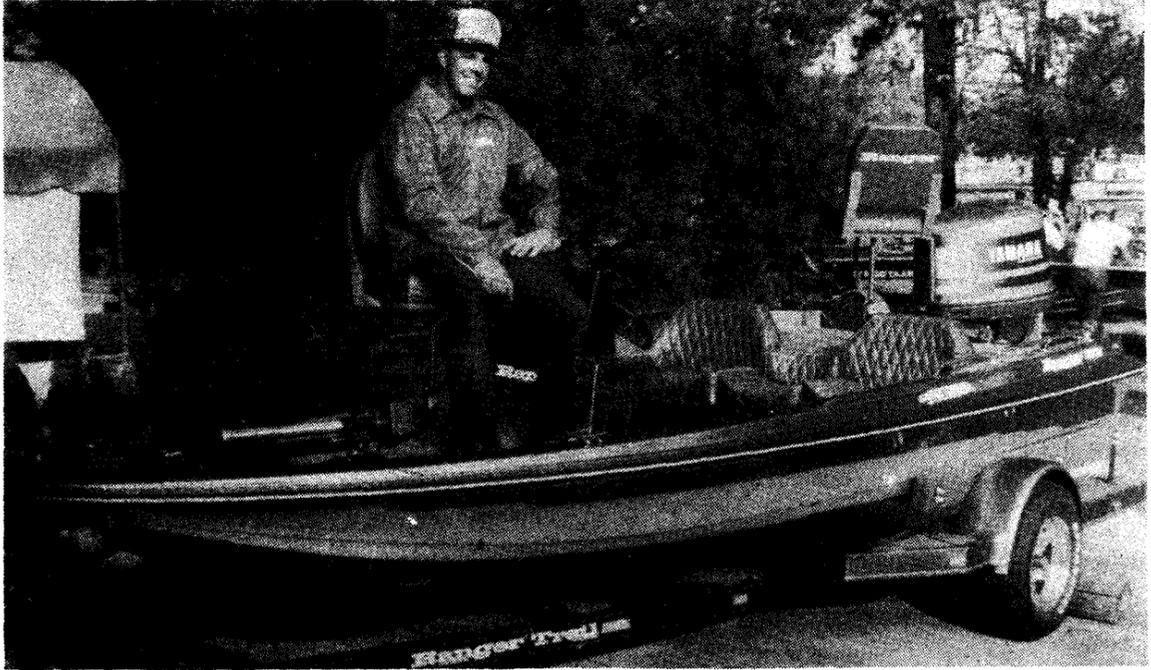
The 35 year-old Kondrk out-fished 174 other anglers to take the top prize with a winning catch of 33 pounds, 2 ounces of bass. This catch not only won him a Ranger 350V bass boat with 150 horse-power Yamaha engine fully equipped for fishing, but also \$300 for the heaviest stringer, \$50 for the individual team competition, and a chance to compete for the title of Military Bass Angler of the Year and another boat.

The contest was one of 317 Military Bass Anglers Association (MBAA) events held nationwide during 1985. The Eastern Nationals was held over three days with anglers being allowed to fish approximately eight-hours each day. To help ensure fairness and deter any cheating each angler fished with a different partner that was selected through a blind draw each day. For half of the day one angler was permitted to set in the back of the boat and choose the area to be fished.

"The fishing was good but very tough," said Kondrk. "I had never fished Santee Cooper before but I knew it was a very big lake (169,000 acres). When I first got there I talked to a couple of the local people and bought some topographic maps of the lake to hopefully pinpoint where the fish might be.

"The first few hours of the tournament was cloudy with drizzle. I was fishing an area known there locally as the 'Swamp' and late that afternoon I caught four bass using a Bang-O-Lure. Later the sun came out and the fish quit responding to that lure so I started throwing them different types. I finally started getting hits using a Bumble Bee spinner and was able to catch eight more fish with that lure the remaining days of the tournament."

"I thought my chances of winning were pretty slim," Kondrk said. "It was about 4 o'clock before I caught my first fish. In fact, out of 175 anglers about 17 never caught anything the entire three days. I just



TOP PRIZE — Gunnery Sgt. Paul Kondrk enjoys the boat he won in a bass fishing tournament.

got lucky. I found where the fish were and just hammered at them.

"On the last day I was surprised to be leading, I had taken an early lead but I didn't think it would hold out. I was surprised that I won and feel lucky that my lead held out."

While this may be Kondrk's biggest bass fishing tournament to date, it is not his only one. A serious bass fisherman since 1977, Kondrk estimates that he has now fished in more than 100 bass tournaments. Since that time he has won more than 50 trophies and several titles for his fishing prowess, including: the USMC Angler of the Year in 1984 and '85, the Military Base Champion for the state of Alabama in August, and most recently the MBAA Eastern National Champion.

"I was always just a casual fisherman, going 10-15 times a year," said Kondrk. "I started serious bass fishing because I thought I could do it, and I had about the best partner a person could have in Robert Callahan of Fort Payne, who was a real sportsman and helped me a lot in my first tournament. After fishing with him in my first tournament I knew I wanted to

fish in another."

Even though the valuable prizes and competitive spirit are all a part of tournament fishing, Kondrk says the real reason he is involved with the sport is his love for the outdoors and the chance to be involved with a fine organization such as the MBAA.

An avid quail hunter, Kondrk also serves as Alabama's northern district director for the MBAA and would like to extend an invitation to anyone interested in fishing, no matter what their experience level, to join their organization. It is open to all military people, active or retired, veterans, and civil service employees.

"I really enjoy fishing," said Kondrk. "It gives you a chance to see things you would normally never get to see. There is also a certain challenge involved that makes it exciting. Moving quietly along the edge of a lake you never know what you may see or what may happen on your next cast."

If anyone is interested in joining the MBAA or interested in buying an '83 Procraft 1750 with a 150 horse power Evinrude, since Kondrk won't be needing it any more, call Kondrk at 876-6611 or 828-9017.



TRICK OR TREAT — Halloween brought out a variety of spooks and other outlandish creatures. The ones pictured here were found at Finance and Accounting, and bottom right, at the Air Defense Command and Control Systems Project Office.

This month in history

41 years ago:

- Redstone Arsenal won its fourth Army-Navy "E" Production Award for high achievements in the manufacture of war material (Nov. 4, 1944).
- The 2-acre recreation field, located in the temporary area south of the MP barracks, was named Marzolf Field in honor of Capt. John C. Marzolf (Nov. 18, 1944). Marzolf, plant superintendent, was killed in a phosgene accident at the Huntsville Arsenal on Sept. 4, 1944.
- The Officers' Picnic Park was named Loeffler Park in memory of 2nd Lt. Jerome Loeffler (Nov. 18, 1944). Loeffler was one of the first officers to test incendiary bombs at the Huntsville Arsenal Airport and gave his life in the performance of this duty on June 27, 1944.

37 years ago: The chief of Chemical Warfare Service informed Huntsville Arsenal that it was being removed from the surplus category and placed on stand-by status (Nov. 9, 1948).

34 years ago: The first successful kill of an aerial target by a U.S. guided missile occurred on Nov. 27, 1951, when the Nike Ajax missile intercepted an aircraft flying at 15 miles range, 33,000 feet altitude, and 300 miles per hour.

28 years ago: Secretary of Defense Neil H. McElroy directed the Army to proceed with the

Jupiter C satellite project (Nov. 8, 1957).

25 years ago: Juno II Vehicle AM-19D placed into orbit the 90-pound Ionosphere Direct Measurement Satellite, Explorer VIII (Nov. 3, 1960).

18 years ago: Toftoy Hall at MMCS was dedicated to the memory of Maj. Gen. Holger N. Toftoy (Nov. 3, 1967). Toftoy was a pioneer in the nation's missile and space programs and served as commanding general of Redstone Arsenal from Sept. 1, 1954, to March 31, 1958.

16 years ago: The Chaparral Air Defense System was initially deployed (November 1969).

14 years ago: Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird visited Redstone Arsenal (Nov. 24, 1971).

12 years ago: Maj. Gen. Vincent H. Ellis became MICOM's fifth commanding general, succeeding Maj. Gen. Edwin I. Donley who retired (Nov. 1, 1973). Ellis was the first commander of MICOM who had not had a previous tour at Redstone Arsenal.

6 years ago: The General Support Rocket System was redesignated the Multiple Launch Rocket System (Nov. 16, 1979) to be compatible with the name already established by the European allies.

*Compiled by Mary T. Cagle,
Command Historian*

Smoke employed in missile test

Overcast conditions have been the rule lately but people passing Test Area I during the past couple of weeks may have noticed clouds of a different color hanging over the missile firing range.

For a test of the Tow 2 system, mechanical generators and tank-fired grenades spewed billows of brown smoke to create a battlefield atmosphere.

"We were trying to replicate the output of a Soviet tank platoon," said Maj. Jim Hodgkin, here from Fort Hood, Texas to test Tow 2's performance in the clouds of obscurant smoke as would be exhausted by enemy tanks as a concealment device.

The tests employed "bispectral" smoke which hides

a target from visual sight and also from infrared detection.

"We want to see how well the missile system can perform in that kind of environment because it has never really been tested in that kind of environment," Hodgkin said.

With the basic Tow system, a gunner must be able to see the target but Tow 2 has a thermal sight that sees heat from the target when visibility is lost.

The tests began Oct. 23 and were to conclude Monday. They were conducted by the Combat Arms Test Activity of Fort Hood. Support provided by Test Area I included operation of instrumentation and tactical equipment involved in the test.

Seven fined for DUI

In the October session of Magistrates Court seven people were fined at least \$400 each for driving under the influence.

The staff judge advocate office reported the following results from DUI cases:

* Sgt. Ronnie M. Kaye of A Company was fined \$750 with 48 hours confinement.

* Frederick C. Austin of 5016 Rickwood Court, Huntsville, was fined \$400 with six months probation, and DUI School.

* Sgt. Raymond M. Casillas of 5th Student Company was fined \$400 with six months probation, and DUI School.

* Chris T. Chapman of 2510 Vista Drive, Huntsville, was fined \$400 with six months probation, and DUI School.

* John S. Copeland of 834 McKee Road, Harvest, was fined \$400 with six months probation, and DUI School.

* Donna J. Hill of Route 3, Eastwood Trailer Court, Lot 4, Athens, was fined \$400 with six months probation, and DUI School.

* Pvt. Chris P. Castalano of Marine Detachment, was fined \$400 with six months probation, and DUI School.

Bowling standings

Here are the troop bowling standings after last week's games:

Tuesday's Conference		
Team	Won	Loss
A Company-1	105.5	19.5
515th-1	80	45
* C Company-1	64	36
4th Student Company-1	72	53
Marines-1	71.5	53.5
* 95th	53.5	46.5
TMDE	63.5	61.5
* 515th-2	42	58
6th Student Company-1	43.5	82.5
291st MPs	39	86
4th Student Company-3	36.5	88.5
* 4th Student Company-2	22	78
* has one match to make up		

200 games bowled on Oct. 29:

Joe Harrington	245
Alan Olsen	203
Phillip Wethington	200

Thursday's Conference

Team	Won	Loss
A Company (E&TTD)	112	38
Marines-2	109	41
B Company-1	102	48
MEDDAC-2	92	58
MEDDAC-3	71	79
5th Student Company	69.5	80.5
C Company-2	65	85
MEDDAC-1	65	85
MEDDAC-4	56.5	93.5
7th Student Company	55	95
B Company-2	49.5	100.5
6th Student Company-2	48.5	101.5

200 games bowled on Oct. 31:

Tommy Blackwell	212
Dave Katolin	212
Bill Norman	212
David Jelks	210
Steve Bellman	208
John Neil	206
Jeff Miller	203
Phillip Heimbecker	201

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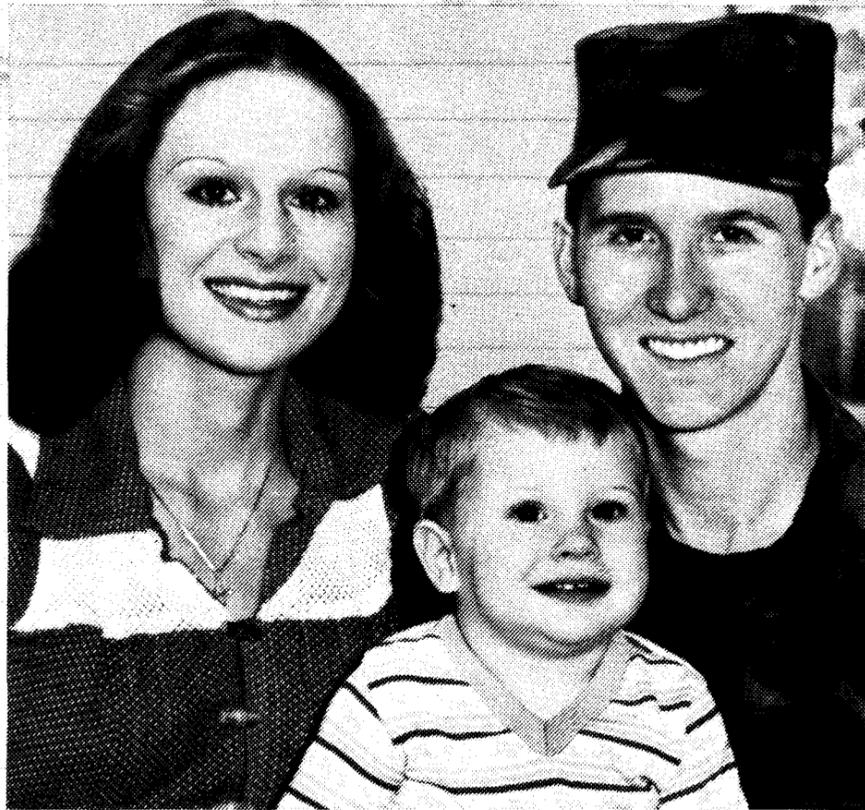
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Picker says Air Force to drop a bomb on Army

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Army will try to shoot down the high-flying, unbeaten Air Force Falcons on Saturday.

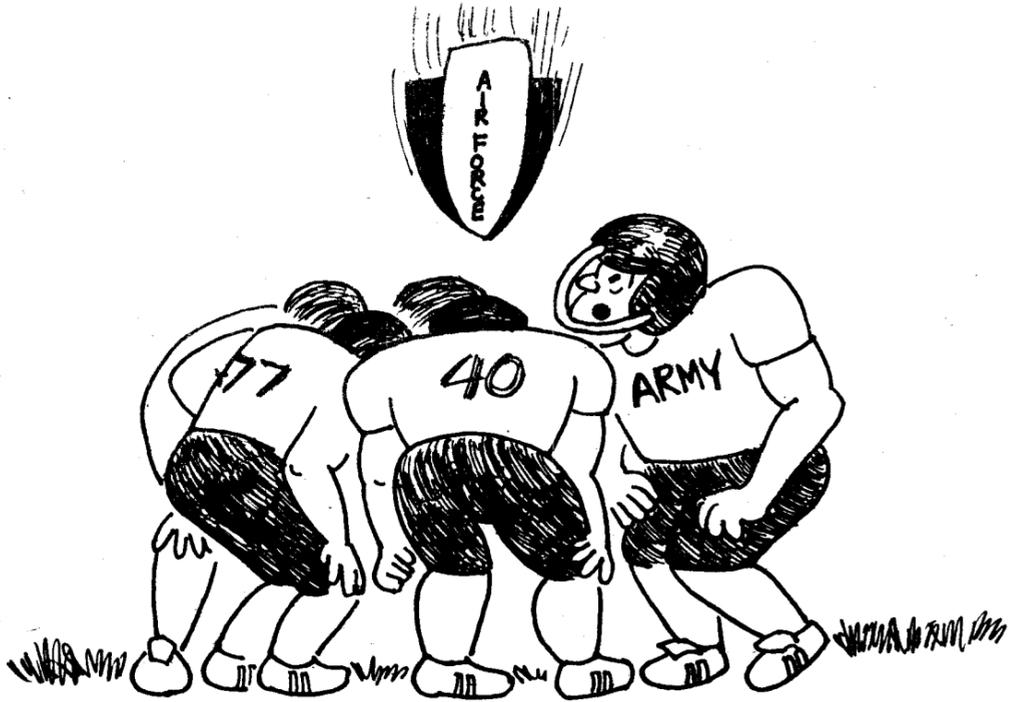
The Cadets are 7-1 with wins over Western Michigan, Rutgers, Pennsylvania, Yale, Boston College, Colgate and Holy Cross, and a loss to Notre Dame.

Air Force is 9-0 with wins over Texas-El Paso, Wyoming, Rice, New Mexico, Notre Dame, Navy, Colorado State, Utah and San Diego State.

Last year the Army wishbone whipped the Air Force wishbone 24-12. The Falcons have improved since then, however, and this time the game is on their home turf. The pick here is...Air Force.

Skip's Picks last week—including a correct forecast of Ohio State over then No. 1 Iowa—delivered a 28-7-1 record. This brought the season totals to 220-79-7 for 74 percent. Here are Skip's Picks for selected games in major college football this weekend:

- Army at Air Force— AF by 7.
- Alabama at Louisiana State— Bama by 3.
- East Carolina at Auburn— Auburn by 30.
- UCLA at Arizona— Arizona by 1.
- Washington at Arizona State— ASU by 7.
- Baylor at Arkansas— Baylor by 3.
- Brigham Young at Utah State— BYU by 21.
- Southern Cal at California— USC by 14.
- Penn State at Cincinnati— State by 21.
- Clemson at North Carolina— NC by 7.
- Colorado at Kansas— Colorado by 1.
- So. Miss at Colo. State— So. Miss by 10.
- Duke at Wake Forest— Wake by 14.
- Florida vs. Georgia— Fla. by 3.
- South Carolina at Fla. State— FSU by 7.
- Tennessee-Chatt. at Georgia Tech— Tech by 14.
- Texas at Houston— Texas by 7.
- Illinois at Iowa— Iowa by 10.



- Michigan State at Indiana— State by 4.
- Iowa State at Nebraska— Nebraska by 30.
- Kansas State at Oklahoma St.— OSU by 21.
- Kentucky at Vanderbilt— Vanderbilt by 3.
- Louisville at Virginia Tech— VPI by 17.
- Miami (Fla.) at Maryland— Miami by 7.
- Tennessee at Memphis State— Tenn. by 14.
- Purdue at Michigan— Michigan by 10.
- Wisconsin at Minnesota— Minn. by 7.
- Ole Miss at Notre Dame— ND by 21.

- Oklahoma at Missouri— Okla. by 24.
- Syracuse at Navy— Syracuse by 7.
- Virginia at NC State— Virginia by 10.
- Ohio State at Northwestern— OSU by 13.
- Oregon State at Stanford— Stanford by 14.
- Pittsburgh at Temple— Temple by 3.
- Rice at Southern Methodist— SMU by 21.
- Rutgers at West Virginia— WVa. by 7.
- Texas Christian at Texas Tech— Tech by 14.

Epps leads P&P-2 team to first win of new season

P&P-2 team was off and running as the Civilian Welfare Fund basketball season started Oct. 28.

Willie Epps led P&P-2 to a 86 to 72 win over the Computer team. In other games MIA nipped Missile Systems-1, 43-42; Green Machine clobbered COE, 74-22; and Security won by forfeit over PAO.

In the "35 and over Slow League," COE beat Pershing 35-32; Pershing won by forfeit over MSRD; and Missile Systems-2 won by forfeit over Laser Locks.

Forenza looked like the team to beat in the Women's League with a 32-5 win over COE. In other women's games, the Hornets won by forfeit over

Redstone Rockets post team; and Security won by forfeit over Lasers.

Epps led P&P-2 with 26 points and eight rebounds. He got help from Dante Emanuelle, 23 points and six rebounds; Harold Jones, 12 points; and Terry Whitman, 10 points. Computer team was led by Jim Datte with 23, followed by Scott Little 13, and Robert Campbell 12.

Ken McCormick led MIA with 22 points. Rob Doherty and Bud Feagan each chipped in six. Missile Systems-1 was led by Artro Whitman who scored 12, followed Glenn Gurley 10, and Larry Cable eight.

Buphus Nall scored 20 to lead Green Machine over COE. He got support from Gary Davis and Harrison King, who each had 11; and Joe Eason and David Kellum, who each scored 10.

In the 35 and over action, Bill Noel led COE with 12 points and nine rebounds. Phil Loftis contributed nine points. Pershing was led by Robin Campbell, 12 points, and Chester Domaracki, eight.

Nita Whitaker scored 10 points with 10 rebounds to lead the Forenza women's team. Missy Richards hit for eight points and Laura Pullum scored six. COE was led by Donna Waldrop with four points and Mary Young who scored one.

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Laser designator reaches production milestone

Hughes Aircraft Company has delivered to the Army the 500th ground laser designator to come off the production line at El Segundo, Calif.

The unit, known as the Ground/Vehicular Laser Locator Designator, (G/VLLD), is currently being fielded with Army units stationed in Europe.

Col. William Schumacher, MICOM project manager for both Hellfire and Ground Laser Designators, said commanders in the field are eager to receive the G/VLLD.

"This system gives them the capability not only to counter, but to defeat the threat," he said. "They can hit and kill a stationary or moving tank with only one precision guided munition such as Hellfire or Copperhead."

Recent exercises in Korea and Europe demonstrated system lethality as Copperhead destroyed 20 of 22 tank sized targets, both stationary and moving, illuminated by the G/VLLD.

The final G/VLLD procurement contract was awarded by MICOM last week. Current Army plans are to develop a lightweight laser which will be compatible in weight and performance with Army light divisions and specialized units.

The G/VLLD will then be employed primarily on



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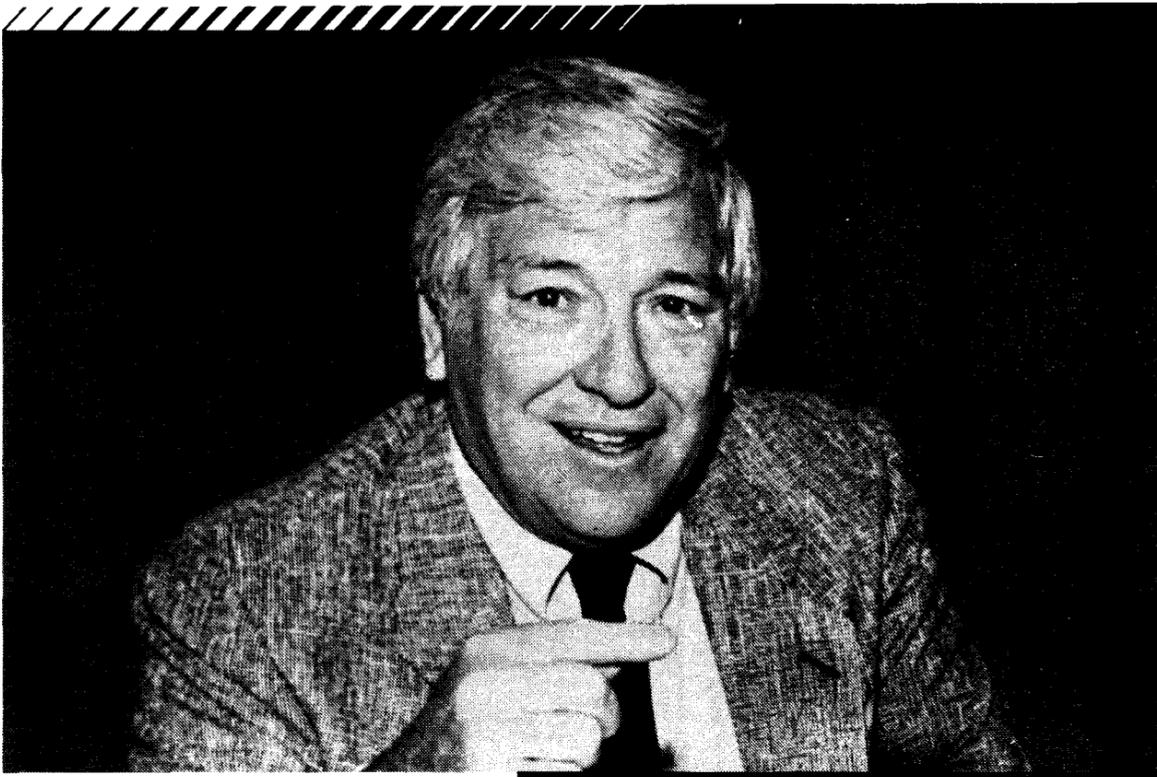
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Announcements

Officer professional development

There will be a mandatory training session for all commissioned and warrant officers assigned to MICOM on Nov. 22 from 2:30-4 p.m. at the Officers Club. Representatives from the office of the deputy chief of staff for operations will give a presentation "Professional Development of Officers Study Surveys" that addresses officer training, education, utilization, professional development and other issues. Civilian supervisors of officers and officers from tenant agencies are encouraged to attend. For information call Capt. Joel Becton, 876-4668.

Reporting time and attendance

Finance and Accounting Division announces the following change in time and attendance reporting: "After supervisors have reviewed and certified T&A cards, they will not return them to the timekeepers but will place them in an envelope conspicuously marked "Priority mail" and "Do not open in the mail room" and forward them to the F&A pick up point. Since timekeeping is an area that is susceptible to waste, fraud and abuse, this provision will preclude changes to the T&A cards after they have been certified by the supervisor. This is to comply with paragraph 4-10i, AR 37-105."

Garden club

The OWC Garden Club will meet Nov. 14 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Etta Dean, 2625 Hickory Flats Tr. SE. Carol Paschal from Constitution Hall Park will present a talk and slide show on "Colonial Christmas Decorations".

Arthritis group

The Arthritis Foundation support group will hold its bimonthly meeting on Sunday, Nov. 10, at 2 p.m. at the clinical science building on the corner of Longwood Drive and Gallatin Street. Pharmacists Kent Parker and Ed Hill will present a program on medications used in treatment of arthritis. There is no charge. For information call 536-9117.

OWC luncheon

There will be an OWC luncheon on Nov. 12. Dr. Frances Roberts will give a "History of Huntsville" presentation. Social hour begins at 11 a.m. with lunch served at 11:30. Past presidents of the club will be honored and remembered during November. Make reservations by Friday noon to A-E Betty Barrett, 837-8426; F-L Pat Harlan, 837-0966; M-R Joann Andrew, 837-5969; S-Z Rita Jo Smith, 837-9265; cancellations by noon Nov. 11 to Marge Kunhart, 830-6621. The OWC lecture series being an hour before the November luncheon at 10 a.m.

Volksmarch

Everyone is invited to attend the first Redstone Stompers IVV sanctioned Volksmarch on Saturday, Nov. 9. The march will start at 8 a.m. at the NCO Club, building 1500. Marchers will have a choice of two courses, a 10-kilometer or 20-kilometer course. Registration is \$4 the day of the event or \$3 for those who pre-register. For more information or to register, contact Outdoor Recreation at building 5129 or call 876-4868/6854.

Luncheon/fashion show

Heart of Dixie Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will sponsor a luncheon and fashion show at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 9 at the Sheraton Inn on University Drive. Fashions will be provided by Jonathan's of Parkway City Mall. Tickets for an \$11 donation may be obtained from all ABWA members. Proceeds will go toward the chapter's scholarship fund. A door prize of a fur coat will be given at the fashion show. For more information call Bobbie Bradley 876-1208.

Business women

The ALA-HUNT Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will have its monthly dinner meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Holiday Inn. Scheduled speaker is James B. Odom, manager of the space telescope project at NASA. Dinner costs \$8.50. For reservations call Adreene Wainscott 852-7491 by noon Nov. 11.

MICOM wives

A MICOM wives coffee will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19 in the Bicentennial Chapel friendship room. Refreshments will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a \$2 Christmas gift (unwrapped) that will be presented to the senior citizens at the Dec. 10 senior citizens Christmas coffee. For more information call 837-7646.

Protestant confirmation

A Protestant confirmation class is scheduled to begin Nov. 6 from 5-5:45 p.m. in room 11 at the Bicentennial Chapel. The class, which qualifies as a Lutheran confirmation class, will be led by Chaplain (Capt.) Bill Meyer. It is suggested that youth in the seventh and eighth grades attend the class, although any youth from seventh through 12th grade may attend. Registration will take place at the first class. For more information call Meyer 876-5707.

Korean Mass

A Mass in Korean followed by a Korean potluck meal is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Post Chapel.

Economy couples

The Economy Couples Club will meet at 4 p.m. Nov. 10 at the Post Chapel. The club is for soldiers E-1 through E-4 who are married and live off post.

Apple computer users

The Apple Users Group will present a Broderbund Software seminar at 1 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Universal Data Systems cafeteria, 5000 Bradford Drive NW, Huntsville. This seminar is for any computer owner who is interested in Broderbund Software's products. For more information call Jack Lundy 876-9414/9415.

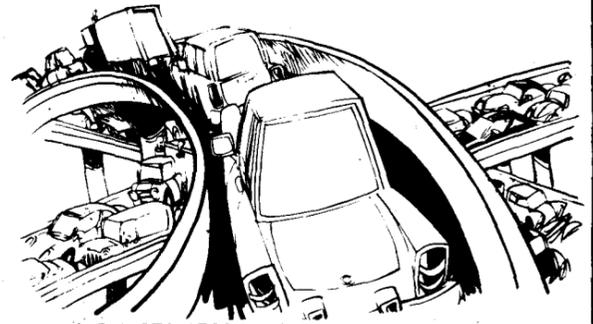
Top graduates

The Honor or Distinguished graduates of OMMCS courses during the week of Oct. 21-25 were: Pvt. Danny D. Slater, LCSS Test Specialist 121-27B10/5, distinguished; Lance Cpl. David A. Sullivan, Improved Hawk Continuous Wave Radar Repair 104-24K10/005, distinguished; PFC Cody S. Evans, Improved Hawk Continuous Wave Radar Repair 104-24K10/005, honor; Cpl. Larry D. Essary, Improved Hawk Launcher & Mechanical System Repairer 121-24L10/007, distinguished; Sp5 Juan M. Convers, Ammunition Specialist 645-55R30 BTC/011, distinguished; SSgt. Peter T. Taube, Ammunition Specialist 645-55R30 BTC/011, honor; Pvt. Mark E. Adams, Ammunition Specialist 645-55B10/093, honor; and SSgt. Charles L. Hoobler, Ammunition Specialist 645-55B10/093, distinguished.

Control systems society

The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers' Control Systems Society will meet Friday, Nov. 8 at the Officers Club. Social begins at 11:15 a.m., lunch at 11:30, and Eric Dalton will speak at noon. Dalton is an engineer for Teledyne Brown Engineering. He will speak on "a Simulation of Flexible Body Disturbances in a Missile Intercept. For reservations call Linda Hooper 895-6316.

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IEEE Seminar

An Expert Systems and Prolog Seminar, intended for viewing by technical and non-technical managers, engineers and programmers involved with planning expert systems applications will be held via satellite at UAH Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The seminar is sponsored by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers. For more information call Gary Workman 895-6015.

Red Cross blood program

Here's the Red Cross blood program schedule for November: **today** 10-2, building 3480 N (515 Ord. Co.); **Nov. 8** 10-4, Fox Army Community Hospital and 7:30-12:30 4488; **Nov. 15** 7-1, 5681; **Nov. 16** 7-noon, 3499 (4th Student Co.); **Nov. 20** 9-noon, 3711 (Recreation Center); **Nov. 21** 7:30-noon, Thiokol (bus); **Nov. 22** 7:30-12:30, 4505 (bus); **Nov. 23** 7-noon, 3496 (6th Student Co.); **Nov. 27** 8-noon, 5435 (bus). For more information call Naomi Whittaker, Redstone Arsenal Red Cross Blood Program coordinator 876-3124/2759.

Indebtedness to government

Under a procedural change, the local finance officer no longer is required to notify a soldier in writing of an indebtedness to the U.S. government. Instead, an entry on the leave and earnings statement will serve notice of the indebtedness and when collection will begin. Debts of less than \$100 will be collected lump sum; debts of \$100 to \$499 will be prorated for three months and those over \$500 will be prorated for six months unless ETS occurs sooner. In extenuating circumstances, soldiers can request additional time for debt payment. A request for Remission or Cancellation of Indebtedness or a Waiver of U.S. Claims for Erroneous Payments of Pay and Allowances may still be processed. For more information call Military Pay Section, 876-4094.

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Property security

Security officials say investigations of thefts of government and private property on post show that failure to secure and account for the property often contributes to its loss. From April 1 to Sept. 30, \$27,000 in unsecured property was taken, as opposed to \$4,000 in secured property. Commanders and supervisors should be aware of crime conducive conditions in their areas and try to improve security and accountability of property, officials say.

Diabetes telecast

Panels of doctors and other health professionals across Alabama have volunteered their time to answer questions called in by viewers during Lifetime Cable Network's presentation of "Diabetes: Update '85." Medical panels for the program to be aired Monday, Nov. 11, from 8-10 p.m. have been arranged by the American Diabetes Association, Alabama Affiliate, as part of a public education campaign for November. This is National Diabetes Month. The program will be available to Alabama Cable Company viewers in Madison on channel 18, and Redstone Arsenal on channel 26.

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Army okays antitank development

The Missile Command has received Department of Army approval to begin development of the Advanced Antitank Weapon System-Medium (AAWS-M), planned as a replacement for Dragon.

Col. Robert T. Walker, project manager of the Advanced Manportable Weapon System project office, said MICOM is preparing the necessary program documents and awaiting Department of Defense approval.

The Army authorized AAWS-M development after reviewing a study group's presentation of what the system will be, what it will do, why the Army needs it, and what it would cost.

AAWS-M is intended as a manportable, medium range antitank weapon system.

"The AAWS-M is urgently needed by Army combat units," Walker said, "especially the light forces. It will replace the Dragon which has been in our inventory for more than 10 years, and will give the soldier substantially greater antitank capabilities than Dragon provides."

"You can't get color pictures on a black and white TV," he said. "In a similar way, soldiers would have

difficulty in the nineties killing tanks with Dragon that was designed in the sixties."

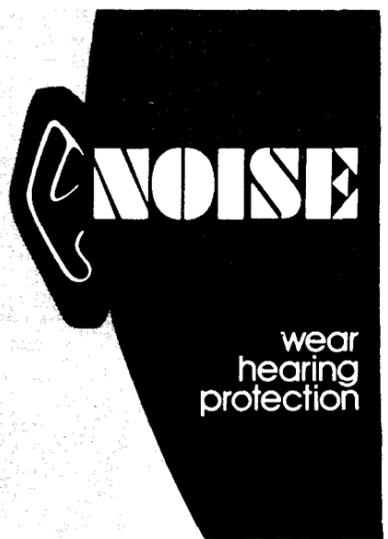
Walker said MICOM is completing formal discussions with the Marines about participating with the Army in the AAWS-M program.

"I expect them to be actively involved in the management of this program," he said.

Flag football

Here are the troop flag football standings as of Oct. 30:

Eastern Conference		
	Won	Loss
C Company	11	1
HHC	11	2
7th Students	9	4
Marines	4	8
Meddac	3	9
Western Conference		
	Won	Loss
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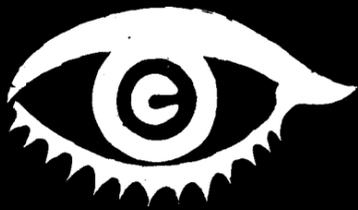
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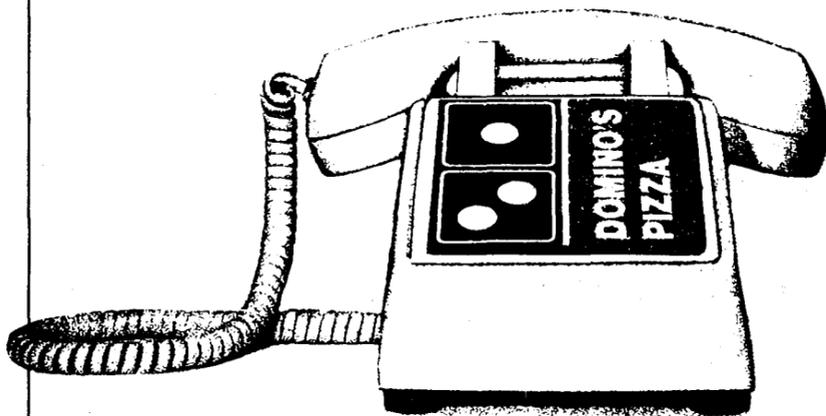
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Duck DDT contamination levels possibly high

With the approach of waterfowl season, hunters should keep in mind that some ducks on Redstone Arsenal have been found to be contaminated with high levels of DDT that render them unfit for human consumption.

Tests performed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1978 and 1980 on mallards and wood ducks taken from a backwater area of Huntsville Spring Branch showed that some specimens contained levels of DDT substantially higher than the 5 parts per million standard promulgated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. A mallard hen tested 480 ppm in 1980.

Ducks ingest DDT while visiting a backwater area between Patton and Dodd roads that is heavily contaminated with DDT manufacturing waste.

Even though the tests are somewhat dated, it can be assumed that there is continuing contamination of ducks, as there is of fish, since there has been no appreciable change in the level of DDT in Huntsville Spring Branch.

It is known from observation that ducks roosting in the contaminated area fly in and out of the arsenal.

Unfortunately, there is no way short of laboratory analysis to determine the presence of DDT in individual birds.

New data will be available soon, as tests are com-

pleted on another sample of ducks collected earlier this year.

Additionally, beginning this hunting season, Redstone Arsenal and the Fish and Wildlife Service are cooperating in a duck wing sampling effort. Wings will be collected over a period of 10 years or longer and analyzed for DDT content in a program to gauge the effectiveness of measures being taken to remedy the long-standing contamination problem. The amount of DDT in the wing is reflective of the amount in the body of a duck.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has conducted a national wing survey for years to gauge the extent waterfowl are being contaminated by DDT in the environ-

ment. In some years the surveys have shown ducks from this area as being the most contaminated in the nation.

The few ducks in the area now will be joined by many more as cold fronts force the seasonal southward migration but numbers are expected to be lighter than usual because of a national decline in the duck population.

To ease hunting pressure while the birds repopulate, the hunting season — Dec. 5 to Jan. 13 — has been shortened 10 days and higher point values have been assigned to some species, notably hen mallards which are now 100 point ducks.

CID offers \$2,000 reward for rapist

The Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a \$2,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the individual responsible for a kidnaping and sexual assault.

The incident occurred around noon on Aug. 19 in the parking lot of Fox Army Community Hospital.

The suspect was described as a white male, 20-25 years old, about 5 foot 11 inches tall, weighing about 170 pounds, with dark hair and fair complexion and wearing BDUs.

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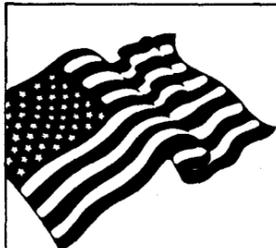
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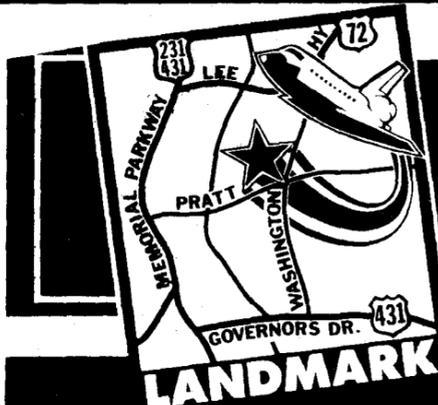
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