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Team effort brings cost avoidance for repair parts

BY SKIP VAUGHN

A team effort involving Redstone organizations resulted in potential cost avoidance of \$6.2 million in repair parts purchases for the Hawk missile system.

Representatives from the Missile Command, the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, and the Marine Detachment went to Letterkenny Army Depot in Pennsylvania to recover repair parts from obsolete Hawk major items. These parts could then be reused in the Army supply system instead of having to purchase them.

The trip in December resulted in the recovery of 1,176 items. Their estimated purchase value would be \$6.2 million, according to Capt. Stephen Engle, logistics/readiness officer in MICOM's Hawk Project Office.

"It was an example of excellent cooperation between different MICOM elements and tenant organizations here on post. Representatives provided by the Missile Logistics Center, OMMCS, and USMC Detachment did an outstanding job," said Engle, team chief on the trip.

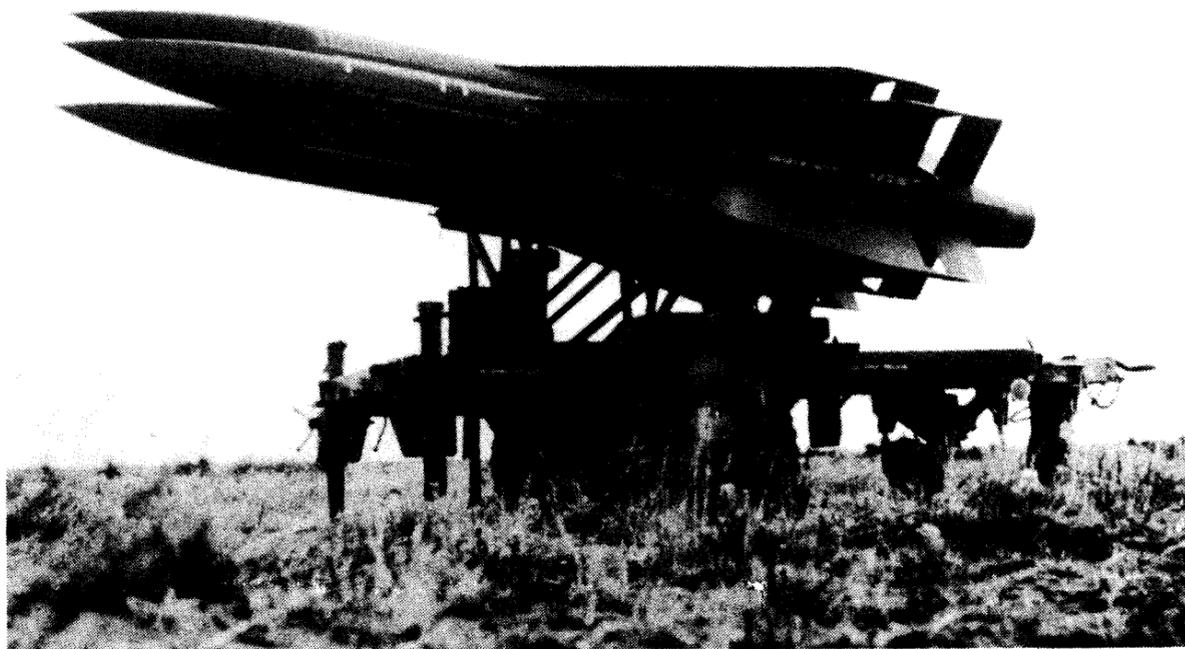
The basic Hawk equipment had been manufactured from 1960-67 and was fielded throughout the world. It was deemed obsolete and withdrawn from the field from 1967-81. Since then, the items were stored at Letterkenny Army Depot.

An eight-member team was sent to the depot by the Hawk project manager to recover repair parts from the obsolete major items. This would be similar to recovering parts from old cars for reuse on new ones, according to Jack Ray, chief of the logistics management division in Hawk Project Office.

"The major item is obsolete however some of the components used in the major item, once modified, are used in today's configuration," Ray said. The modified parts can be used in the product improved Hawk, he added.

The team was sent to Letterkenny as the result of an earlier trip there which led to the removal and reclassification of 152 items with an estimated total value of \$855,000. "Once the concept is proven beneficial, it is hoped that future removals can lead to further cost avoidance," Ray said.

He praised the cooperation among the different agencies. Before the team left Redstone, extensive research and coordination was accomplished with MICOM secondary item managers. Letterkenny provided people and equipment to accomplish the transportation, storage, quality inspection, and classification of items turned in.



HAWK — A Hawk missile system is mounted on portable launcher. Parts recovered recently from storage can be used again.

Removal of the parts occurred over three days with quality inspection, classification and turn-in being accomplished on the final day.

Weather was poor. Team members worked from early morning until late afternoon in open storage areas that were swept by winds at times up to 47 knots. Temperatures hovered around zero most of the time and the members worked in snow for the last two days.

"It was a multi-service, multi-organization team ef-

fort," Ray said. "It wasn't thought of by one person and it wasn't accomplished by one office...The people just performed tremendously."

The eight team members included Engle of Hawk Project Office; Martha Ashburn of Missile Logistics Center; SSgt. Harold Fields and SSgt. Patrick Hardin, both of OMMCS; and SSgt. Paul Quintel, SSgt. Larry Moskol, SSgt. Vernon Frederick and SSgt. Anthony Saladino, all of the Marine Detachment.

Insignia becomes part of uniform for MICOM soldiers

Soldiers of the Missile Command can now be identified by a new crest which portrays their mission in missile systems.

On Jan. 7 Maj. Gen. Peter Burbules, commander of MICOM, presented Mary Cagle with the first of the crests. A longtime arsenal employee, Cagle served as

historian for the old Army Rocket and Guided Missile Agency, and was command historian from 1977 until her retirement in December. It was through her efforts that MICOM soldiers gained the right to wear the insignia.

MICOM's crest is just over an inch high, gold in col-

or, and portrays an upright missile between two gold flashes. The background is scarlet and blue. Engraved across the top and bottom of the emblem are the words, "Excellence in Missilery."

The insignia's cloudlike, four-lobed shape and the
(See Insignia cont'd on page 4)

Federal jury clears MICOM officer

A MICOM officer was found innocent in federal court of charges that he had converted government property to his own use.

Lt. Col. Dicky Love was cleared of the charges by a jury in Birmingham. The federal trial began Monday, Jan. 6 and ended two days later. A jury of eight women and four men deliberated about an hour before returning a not guilty verdict.

According to the indictment, Love had been charged with "utilizing for his own a research report which had been prepared under contract for the U.S. government." A second count charged that he "converted to his own use answers to a final exam for a doctoral

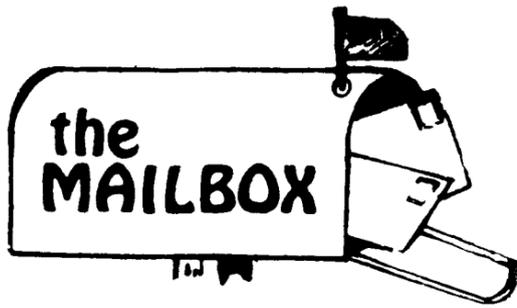
degree knowing said answers to have been prepared by others who charged the United States for them."

The indictment had alleged the offenses occurred in 1981 while Love was chief of the Copperhead Technical Management Office.

In later assignments here, he was repair parts program manager and competition advocate. He was reassigned as a special assistant to the commander of Redstone Arsenal Support Activity shortly before the indictment was returned.

Trial was held before U.S. District Judge James Hancock. The prosecutor was Bill Barnett, an assistant U.S. attorney. The defense attorney was Ron Wise of Montgomery.





Working conditions

Editor:

The Army works in mysterious ways. If something works well, they fix it! It wanted to save money so a contract was let to the lowest bidder for contractor work. It doesn't matter if work is done/not done, or if the workers even show up— just as long as it looks good on paper, that's all that counts. In OMMCS, building 3303, the janitorial service is practically nonexistent ever since the Army "started saving money."

Our building is barely fit for humans to work in. The floors have not been mopped/swept now for over a full month. The trash cans have not been emptied for the same period of time. Every day before leaving, some of the personnel empty our trash cans into plastic bags and haul them out to dumpsters. Needless to say, the bugs and roaches have a field day in this place. The roaches run around in and on your desk, up and down the walls, and all over the floors. You're even afraid that they will get in your personal things that you take home.

I always thought the government was to provide their employees with a reasonably pleasant working environment. It really makes you dread facing another day in this dirty place. Many requests/complaints have been made through proper channels to the appropriate people in this building asking that something be done to alleviate these horrible working conditions, but the standard answer is "there is nothing that can be done" since our doors are secured when we leave and that they cannot, or will not, arrange for someone to remain to open these doors for the cleaning crews. Somewhere out there, there has to be someone who cares and will take corrective action, and soon.

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Food basket drive a big success

More than 100 families received food basket donations during the holidays, according to the chaplains here.

Well into the new year, the families were still using letters of credit contained in the baskets to shop in the commissary. This food drive was the most successful in recent years. One hundred and five families received food baskets— 28 more than the previous year's total.

The drive was conducted by the chaplains and chaplains' staff at the Post and Bicentennial Chapels and by volunteers. The success was due to "a large number of extremely generous monetary contributions from both groups and individuals," said Chaplain (Maj.) Frank Turnbow, coordinator of the drive.

"These contributions enabled us to purchase letters of credit of \$30 to \$55 per family to be used at the

commissary," he said. "Also, the commissary and several of the vendors which serve the commissary made large donations of food and paper products which supplemented food donations from individuals."

A total of \$3,376.50 was contributed. Large donors included the Thrift Shop, \$800; Officers Wives, \$500; NCO Wives, \$300; an anonymous donor, \$300; and the 4th Student Company, \$213. The Non-Commissioned Officers Association assisted the chaplains with the preparation and delivery of the food baskets.

Food basket recipients were referred to the chaplains by various individuals and groups on post. Civilian recipients who were unable to shop in the commissary were given additional food.

AER scholarship program now includes spouses

Spouses are now eligible for loans and scholarships under the Army Emergency Relief Educational Assistance Program for the 1986-87 school year.

Previously the only applicants could be dependent children, according to Juanita Adams, AER officer for Redstone. "And now the regulation has been changed to include spouses, which I was glad to see because we have had so many calls from soldiers about their spouses applying for the student loans," she said.

These are low-interest loans and grants for college education. Now is the time to apply or begin planning. Applications must arrive at AER national headquarters by March 1 for the 1986-87 school year.

Army Emergency Relief provides two programs to

assist with educational needs. One program is for spouses and children of Army members— active, retired or deceased—to apply for a scholarship and/or loan under the Federal Guaranteed Student Loan program. The other program enables Army parents to apply for a Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students under the federal guaranteed program. PLUS loans are available to all Army people, active and retired, and to spouses of deceased Army members, to assist in paying post-secondary undergraduate expenses of their children.

For more information and application forms, contact Juanita Adams in building 3491 (phone 876-5468/5397).

Special Operations soldiers get faster promotions

WASHINGTON — Soldiers in the Special Operations career field will be getting faster promotions to specialist 4 and sergeant since a change in promotion criteria took effect Jan. 1.

According to Sgt. Maj. Dennis Smith of the Enlisted Programs Branch in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, commanders may promote immediately to specialist 4 those privates first class who have at least 12 months of service.

The change in promotion policy also gives commanders the authority to promote specialists 4 and corporals in the career field to sergeant when the soldiers have reached 18 months time in service and have been recommended by the local promotion board. "These soldiers will be promoted the first day of the month following the board appearance instead of waiting the normal three months required for other soldiers," Smith said.

"Specialists 4 and corporals may be recommended and promoted to sergeant regardless of time-in-grade requirements," he added. Additionally, promotion

point cut-off scores for sergeant will be discontinued for Special Operations military occupational specialties.

Even though junior enlisted men are awarded specialties in the career field, job slots are only authorized for staff sergeants and above. "There is a problem recruiting staff sergeants for Special Operations. Enlistments into CMF 18 are closed now, and we have restricted reclassification actions to only sergeants, and to promotable specialists 4 or corporals who have the medical sergeant MOS (18D)," Smith said.

"The Army has junior enlisted men filling these NCO positions who have been trained to Skill Level 3. They are trainers, so the Army should at least promote them to Skill Level 2. This is the reason for the change in promotion policy," Smith said. "We aren't considering changing the promotion policy to staff sergeant because we still want to maintain authorization control on those promotions." (Arnews)

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Hospital commander chose medicine over space travel

BY SKIP VAUGHN

The new commander of Fox Army Community Hospital is a former Army astronaut candidate who decided to stay in medicine rather than travel in space.

Col. Arthur Hadley was selected by the Army as an astronaut candidate in 1981 and spent two years with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. In 1983 he decided to pursue his medical career instead. He left the space program to go to the Command and General Staff College.

"I think there's a saying that medicine is a jealous mistress and I had a very difficult choice to make between medicine and space," Hadley says.

During his two years as an Army officer with NASA, he worked at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. "I had a variety of jobs but I was also a NASA flight surgeon taking care of astronauts and was involved in medical research toward finding the optimal atmosphere for the Space Shuttle," he says.

He was never on a space mission and concedes this "would be a regret."

"I'd be very curious as to the effects of zero gravity and I would have loved to have been on the Shuttle," Hadley says.

The 40-year-old Massachusetts native comes to Redstone after serving a year and a half as commander of the 279th Station Hospital in Mainz, West Germany. He assumed command here last

Thursday in a ceremony in front of Fox Hospital.

The command change ceremony was conducted by Maj. Gen. Floyd Baker, commander of the Army Health Services Command based at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Hadley assumed command from Col. Edward M. Johnson, who retired from the Army after a 28-year career.

"I think Col. Johnson has done a very excellent job in the hospital. I hope to continue that excellence," Hadley says.

He spent most of his early years in West Tisbury, Mass., located on Martha's Vineyard, an island off southeast Massachusetts. Hadley finished high school in Groton, Mass., in 1963. He went to Yale and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology. While attending Tulane Medical School, Hadley joined the Army in 1971. The following year, he received a medical degree and a master's of public health and tropical medicine.

"I was always interested in the community aspects of medicine and how health could be provided. I always felt it could be expanded beyond the hospital doors," Hadley says. "I think that involves the whole question of access, but perhaps through education one can prevent many people from coming into the hospital. It's great that we can take out a cancer of the lung, but perhaps if we can prevent many people from smoking, our effects could be felt more."

Upon entering active duty in 1972, he was assigned as the flight surgeon with the 278th Station Hospital in Berlin. Since then, he has served successive assignments as staff



IN OFFICE — Col. Arthur Hadley has assumed command of the hospital here.

physician at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.; division flight surgeon with 2nd Infantry Division in Korea; division surgeon for 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C.; astronaut candidate and NASA flight surgeon; and most recently as station hospital commander in Mainz.

Hadley was graduated from the Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine in 1979. As a doctor, he is

board certified in aerospace medicine as well as family practice.

He will be joined at Redstone by his wife Beverly. His hobbies include running—he finished the Boston Marathon in three and a half hours in 1982—and flying. He is a private pilot and has the military Parachutist Badge.

"I feel very proud to be the (hospital) commander and yet very humble because I've got much responsibility," Hadley says.

Army has high participation in incentive awards program

WASHINGTON — The Federal Incentive Awards Program is in its 32nd year, and the Army compares favorably with the government-wide averages for officially recognizing civilian employees, according to figures published in November by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

The Army's traditionally high level of participation in the program is apparent from the number of awards granted in four major categories measured for fiscal year 1984, said Willie Fennell, the Army's incentive awards chief at the Pentagon.

The program, established by Congress, is designed to improve government operations and services among all its agencies by rewarding employees for individual or group performance that goes beyond job requirements. The program also recognizes suggestions, inventions, or one-time special acts or services that are in the public interest and are substantially above and

beyond normal job requirements and performance standards.

The Army granted 20,462 awards for "special act or service" that resulted in a tangible savings of about \$36 million dollars to the government. This award is given to recognize a significant act, service or achievement that is in the public interest and connected with official employment. The Army's rate-per-100 employees receiving awards in this category was 6.5, as compared to the government-wide average of 4.0.

For "sustained superior performance," nearly 33,000 awards were granted, representing a rate of 10.4 per 100 employees. The government-wide average was 10.5. Supervisors recommend the award for overall performance that substantially exceeds job requirements and performance standards.

In another category — "quality step increase" — the Army granted 5,280, achieving a rate-per-100-

employees of 2.4, as compared to a government-wide figure of 3.5. Pay increases granted in addition to an employee's regular within-grade increase in recognition of high quality performance would fall into this category.

Finally, out of almost 43,000 suggestions submitted under the Army's suggestion program, nearly 8,000 were adopted in FY 84 resulting in more than \$56 million in measurable savings. Army employees submitted 13.6 suggestions per 100 employees compared to a government-wide rate of 7.1.

"As you can see from our ranking in comparison to the government standards in all categories, we're right up there where we're supposed to be," Fennell said.

Incentive awards for federal employees can range from a certificate of appreciation to a monetary award of \$35,000, depending on the benefit derived from the achievement. (Arnews)



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Insignia

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missile symbolize MICOM's present mission of missile research, development, production, fielding and logistical support, and its historic achievements in America's space program. The scarlet and blue colors symbolize Combat Arms and the Ordnance, Chemical, Engineer and Transportation Corps. The flashes symbolize the support given by the Signal Corps.

CSM Robert Whiteford, MICOM's command sergeant major, believes morale will be improved by the crest.

"Although we are part of the family of AMC, we have the distinctive mission of dealing with missile systems and related equipment. For soldiers, this (insignia) gives them a heightened purpose of mission within AMC, and at the same time sets aside and

distinguishes them as soldiers of the Missile Command," he said.

The distinctive unit insignia became a part of the uniform of MICOM soldiers during a ceremony Jan. 10. At that time, the Post NCO of the Year, Sgt. Carl Cannon, and Post Soldier of the Year, Sgt. Christina Jones received the crests.

"Effective today, this is the crest for MICOM, including soldiers in the Headquarters Company, the 291st MP Company, and soldiers of RASA," Whiteford said.

The insignia will appear above the nameplate on the black sweater, on the epaulets of the green uniform coat, and on enlisted headgear.



THE FIRST — Maj. Gen. Peter Burbules presents the first distinctive unit insignia to Mary Cagle, former command historian.

Girl Scout volunteer wants more parent interest

BY PAM ROGERS

One of Redstone's moms knows the importance of teaching girls the things they need to know to build successful lives— things like good citizenship, outdoor skills, career opportunities, cooking, seeing new places, and self-reliance. And as far as she knows, there's only one group here that teaches girls these things— the Girl Scouts.

Donna Manning, who has been named Volunteer of the Month for Association IV of the Girl Scouts, serves as a troop organizer for Redstone. She helps girls get started as scouts by answering questions and providing information, and she assigns new members to a troop.

Manning has worked a total of five years with Girl Scouts: two years in Germany and three years here. She started as a co-leader, then had her own troop for two years. She doesn't have a troop this year because she thought her family would be moving in January.

"I love kids, and working with them. By working with them, I can handle my own children better," she said. She and her husband, CWO 3 Howard Manning, have two children. Jennifer is 12 and David is 7.

The arsenal has five Girl Scout troops. There are two Daisy troops for 5-year-olds in kindergarten, two Brownie troops for girls in the first through third grades, and a Junior troop, for fourth through sixth graders. The two higher levels, cadets and seniors, for junior high and high school girls, are not represented on the post, not so much from lack of interest among girls as lack of adult support, said Manning.

"It's very popular. We don't have enough troops because we don't have enough parents," she said.

Although she believes older girls have more demands on their time than younger ones, and might not be as active in Girl Scouts, she still thinks cadet and senior troops would be successful here.



ORGANIZER — Donna Manning holds friend Murdock.

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Dedication makes difference for honors graduate

BY PAM ROGERS

It wasn't easy for the top graduate of Columbia College's Redstone division to earn his college degree, but he believes it was an effort that will pay off.

MSgt. Thomas Samsonavicius, curriculum NCO for explosive ordnance disposal at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, had a few college courses behind him when he began taking night classes at Columbia in 1982.

He was graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology last July, and was a speaker during the college's annual commencement exercises Dec. 16. Going back to school wasn't a casual activity for Samsonavicius. It was serious business.

"It takes time and money. For me, I had the time, and the VA supplied the money. Besides that it takes desire and motivation. You must be dedicated to go through with it— have a goal," he said.

The faculty at Columbia is aware of the hard work it takes for a soldier to earn a college degree, according to the director, Mary Morgan.

"Our students are active duty military, and have struggled a long time to receive a degree. We feel they need recognition, and we have graduation once a year," she said.

The faculty also realizes military students usually aren't the only ones who make sacrifices. Families sometimes don't spend much time with their students. That's why spouses were presented with roses and certificates of appreciation from the college at the commencement exercises.

Samsonavicius' wife, Diane, was supportive of his studies, although she did accuse him of being a bookworm on several occasions.

"Weekends were my time to catch up with reading and homework," he said.

Mary McGough, education services officer for Redstone, believes family support is one of the most important factors in working towards a college degree.

"There are barriers to education for active duty military. They may have a spouse who doesn't support them; if the spouse has to work at night, they may have no child care. Going to school four nights a week is a sacrifice in time," she said.

Samsonavicius hopes to use his degree to get a job as a counselor when he retires from the Army in 18 months, and would like to earn a master's degree in clinical psychology.

He, Morgan and McGough agree that any soldier who's even thinking about going to college should stop by the education center.



TOP GRADUATE — MSgt. Thomas Samsonavicius pauses during a discussion of education center opportunities with

Mary McGough (left) and Mary Morgan.

"Employees of our center, as well as college employees, are very anxious to assist anyone. We're going to support them all along the way, with tutors, money, (helping them) select a major— an individual care plan is provided," said McGough.

"If someone is contemplating going back, there's no better time than the present," Samsonavicius said. "At first it looks insurmountable, but keep plugging away, and gradually you'll get there. It takes time and dedication."

SGLI raised to \$50,000 coverage

WASHINGTON — Servicemen's Group Life Insurance was raised Jan. 1 to provide \$50,000 worth of term insurance to soldiers Armywide.

The increase from \$35,000, however, was made retroactive to Dec. 12 for soldiers who died between Dec. 12 and Jan. 1, said Gary Olson, public affairs officer of the U.S. Army Finance and Accounting Center at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Congress authorized the back-dating primarily for the families of the 248 soldiers who died in the air crash at Gander, Newfoundland on Dec. 12. Soldiers who died after Dec. 12 must have been insured for \$35,000 in order for their

beneficiaries to receive the increase, he said.

Increasing coverage from \$35,000 is automatic, Olson said. The monthly premium increases from \$2.80 [for the \$35,000] to \$4 and will be automatically deducted from a soldier's pay.

He said that any soldier who does not wish to have his coverage increased, or wishes to change the coverage, should visit his local finance office and fill out VA Form 29-8286.

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BY SKIP VAUGHN

Don Pettigrew hasn't slowed down after almost 13 years of submitting solutions to problems.

At last count, he had received 41 suggestion awards over the years. A little more than half were non-monetary awards and the rest ranged from \$25 to \$200.

"I have several (suggestions) in the mill right now," says Pettigrew, an inventory management specialist in Missile Logistics Center. He adds that he finds suggestions challenging.

His first award came in June 1973 and he got the last one in November 1985. The total amount exceeds \$1,100. "My feeling is I don't go into the program for monetary awards necessarily, but to resolve problems," he says. "Basically, a suggestion is identifying a problem and giving a solution."

Pettigrew's solutions have dealt with updating and improving regulations, establishing new procedures, coming up with billing methods, and revising forms. One of his ideas was even for improving the suggestion program itself. This resulted in a non-monetary award in 1981.

The first step in coming up with an idea is identifying a problem, according to Pettigrew. "That's basic to the suggestion program, you recognize a problem. Sometimes (ideas) come to me at home and a lot of them I've written down at home at a leisure time," he says.

The 55-year-old New Orleans native will have 34 years of government service in March. He joined the Navy in 1951 after he was graduated the previous year from Shasta Union High in Redding, Calif. (His stepfather was an engineer on the Shasta Dam Project in northern California.) After leaving the military, he was a Navy civilian worker in southern California and New Orleans, a defense agency worker in Columbus, Ohio, and an Army worker since 1963. He has been at Redstone except for three years in the late 1960s in Hawaii.

"I'm considering retirement, I'm eligible for retirement," Pettigrew says, referring to his future plans. He and his wife Dorothy have two sons, two daughters and two granddaughters.

Pettigrew has had suggestions rejected as well as approved. He has contested several of the rejections and some were later approved. "That's why it's a challenge," he says with a laugh. He advises others to keep trying. "Perseverance, it pays off," he says. "Don't be discouraged."

He too has experienced "some frustrations" with the suggestion program over the years. He relates that some evaluators had bad attitudes, were not familiar enough with the subject matter, and did not respond



CERTIFICATES — Pettigrew shows the many suggestion certificates he has received through the years.

on time. He believes the time factor will improve with recent guidance that evaluators must indicate the date they received a suggestion.

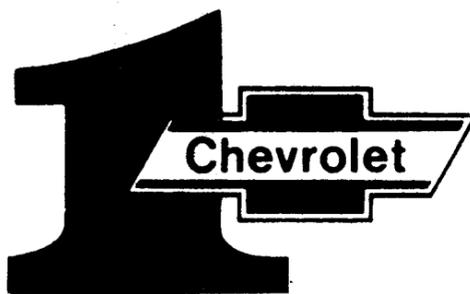
Another source of frustration for Pettigrew has been rejections on the basis of previous management action. No proof is provided as to whether the action preceded the suggestion, he contends. "There's always

a question in my mind as to whether the suggestion was responsible for the manager's action. What came first, the chicken or the egg," he says. "There's no proof one way or the other."

The suggestion program, it seems, is not exempt from Pettigrew's suggestion arena. "I think there's room for improvement," he says. "There always is."



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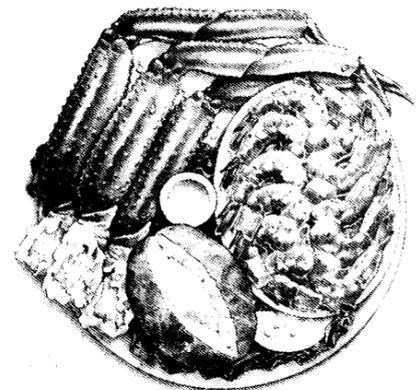
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Adopt-a-school program enhances community relations

Redstone's participation is growing in a nationwide effort in which military bases share knowledge and skills with local school systems.

The Adopt-a-school program was created by a presidential mandate two years ago.

"The whole thrust is military and civilian communities have resources, knowledge and capabilities; and working together we could avoid duplication of effort, and increase understanding," said Dr. William Resha, coordinator of the Family Advocacy Program here.

In addition to efforts of individual volunteers, two programs are overseen by Resha's office. One is the computerized ACT/SAT preparation available at Butler High School. The program has been in place about a month, according to Shirley Mohler of the Family Advocacy Program, and is popular with the students. They can take mock tests in any area in which they feel weak, and volunteers are on hand to help with any problems.

"Students can come (to the program) as much as they want. There are varied subjects, and they can select what they need to study most," Mohler said.

Another part of adopt-a-school is the Officer Friendly program. As Officer Friendly, Sgt. Carl Cannon visits area elementary schools to teach safety rules and to tell children about the role of police officers in the community. Through his efforts, children in three area schools had Christmas parties and received gifts purchased with money donated by local civic groups and businesses.

Later this month, teachers from the city school system will be treated to breakfast, an information fair



CHRISTMAS PARTY — Brandi Fowler and Aaron Salinas, students at Morris Elementary School won bicycles at the Christmas Party sponsored by the Officer Friendly program. Sgt. Carl Cannon (left) and CSM Robert Whiteford were on hand to present the bicycles.

and a tour of the arsenal. The event is intended to improve understanding and communication between teachers and military children, Mohler said.

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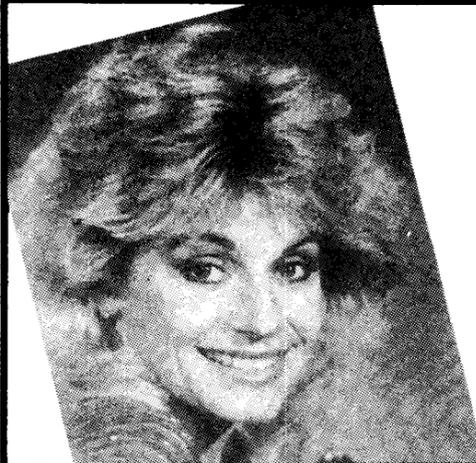
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Top graduates

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Learning center

A course entitled "Security in Automated Systems" is offered at the Learning Resource Center. This 64-hour course covers "all facets of automated systems security, ranging from minimum security requirements for all automated systems, to maximum security requirements for systems processing various levels of sensitive and classified information." To enroll, submit a DD form 1556 to AMSMI-CP-TS/LRC, building 7446, Attn.: Learning Resource Center. For more information call 876-1061/1416.

Protestant women

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will have its annual retreat from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 16 at Bicentennial Chapel. The guest speaker is Claudia Arp, a writer and speaker on marriage and the family. She is coauthor of the book "Sanity In The Summertime" and other writings dealing with children, teens, and married life. This event is open to the public. Those requiring child care are reminded to make reservations at the Child Development Center.

Potluck supper

A Protestant potluck supper is set for 6 p.m. Jan. 19 at Bicentennial Chapel. Everyone is invited to bring two dishes from the following categories: meat, salad or dessert.

Military comptrollers

The Redstone-Huntsville chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will hold its charter banquet Jan. 24 at the Officers Club. Cocktail hour begins at 6:30 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7:30. Business and cocktail attire is appropriate. Members and their guests are invited to attend. Tickets, which cost \$12.50 per person, should be purchased by close of business Jan. 21. For tickets call Penny Cancel 895-4171, Fran Blevins 895-4190, Nancy Rostollan 876-5864, or Laura Lockard 876-4871.

5th Student Company

A change of command ceremony for 5th Student Company is set for 4 p.m. Friday in front of building 3480 south. The departing commander is Capt. Thomas Burgess, and the new commander is Capt. James Naughton. All interested personnel are welcome to attend.

Protestant youth

The Protestant Youth of the Chapel meets from 3:30-5 p.m. Sundays at the Bicentennial Chapel. All youth in grades four through 12 are invited. The PYOC separates into two parts, and the ninth through 12th graders are taken to Post Chapel for their activities. The fourth through eighth graders remain at Bicentennial Chapel for the entire time.

Art museum

The Huntsville Museum of Art has an exhibition on "Contemporary American Wood Sculpture" until Feb. 16 in the newly-remodeled east gallery of the museum. Also featured at the museum is an exhibition on "New American Paperworks" continuing until Jan. 19. Admission to all exhibitions is free. The museum is located at 700 Monroe St., SW. For more information, call 534-4566.

Cross country run

Boy Scout Troop 236 of East Limestone County is sponsoring a 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) cross country run at noon Saturday, Jan. 18. Race day registration is 10 a.m. to noon at East Limestone High School. Registration fee is \$4. For more information call Capt. John Kassay 876-3515/5067.

Government accountants

The North Alabama Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will meet on Thursday at Michael's Restaurant, Ramada Inn, on South Parkway. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., with dinner and program to follow. Guest speaker Dr. Tom N. Glenn, a hypnotist, will discuss "Self Improvement Through Deep Relaxation." For reservations call Lou Ann Burrow 876-8147 or Danny Walker 453-1487.

Education center

On Monday, Jan. 13, the telephone number for the Army Education Center changed from 876-9141 to 876-9761.

Republican women

The Twickenham Republican Women will meet Jan. 21 at the Huntsville Hilton at 11:30 a.m. For reservations call 882-0274 or 881-8134.

Post exchange

The post exchange will be closed for inventory Jan. 24, with the exception of the service station pump island, which will be open regular hours. The service station/retail will open at 1 p.m. The garden shop will be closed Jan. 23 and 24. All concessions—flower shop, tailor shop, dry cleaning, etc. in the mall area—will operate regular hours.

OWC merit awards

The Officers Wives Club will present one or more merit awards valued at up to \$1,000 to graduating high school seniors, and to college undergraduates who are working toward a degree. Applicants must be family members of OWC members. Deadline for applications is April 1. For more information call Atty Allred, OWC merit award chairman, 882-6286.

MICOM wives

Carl Powe will present a program on handwriting analysis at the MICOM Wives luncheon at 11 a.m. Jan. 21 at the Officers Club. For a reservation, mail a check payable to the Officers Club to Mrs. James Lincoln, 496 Cooke Drive, Redstone Arsenal 35808. Cost is \$4.50. For more information call 830-1309 or 837-5090.

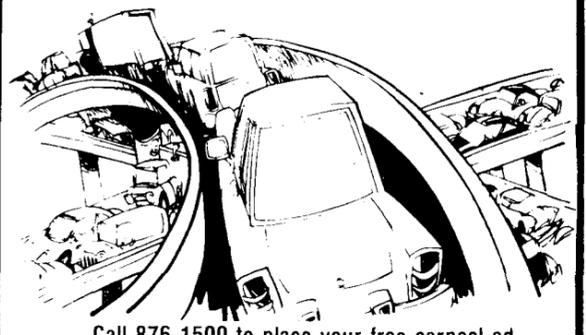
Military briefings

On Jan. 28, there will be separate mandatory briefings for all commissioned and warrant officers assigned to MICOM. The briefing for commissioned officers will be held from 8:30-11:30 a.m. in the post theater, building 3712. Representatives from DA Milpercen will discuss the officer personnel management system, the officer evaluation report system, and the materiel acquisition management program. The warrant officers' briefing will be held from 8:30-11 a.m. in the Toftoy Hall auditorium, building 3495. Representatives from DA Milpercen warrant officer division will discuss current warrant officer issues and the recent Total Warrant Officer Study. Officers and warrant officers from other tenant activities on post and other military organizations in the Huntsville area are invited to attend. For more information call Capt. Paul Proffitt 876-2010.

Parenting classes

Parenting classes are offered to individuals who are having problems with their children and/or people who wish to increase their parenting skills. Classes are open-ended so individuals may enter the program at anytime. Classes are held each Tuesday with parents of pre-adolescent children meeting from 4-5:30 p.m., and parents of adolescent children meeting from 6-7:30. To enroll or for more information, call Dr. Resha or Ms. Mohler 876-9289.

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Redstone

Ride wanted from Redstone housing area to UAH area, hours 8-5. Zella Upshaw 895-0285 or 830-9189.

Money manager course

Army Community Service will sponsor a "Master Money Manager Course" to be taught by Vicki Coffee of Alabama Cooperative Extension Service. The course covers principles of counseling, goals, insurance, budgeting, record keeping, taxes, credit investments, dealing with people, and family transitions. This 10-week course starts Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. to noon in building 3491. The course is free but participants are asked to volunteer at least 30 hours within a year after graduating. For more information or to enroll, call SSgt. Robert Mitchell 876-5468/2859.

Contract managers

The Huntsville Chapter of the National Contract Management Association will meet at 6 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Officers Club. Mary Cates, an attorney advisor for MICOM, will discuss recent legislation affecting government procurement. All members and interested persons are invited to attend. Reservations must be made by Jan. 22. For reservations or more information, call Denise Carter 882-7223 or June Bacon 876-2047.

West Point preparation

The United States Military Academy Preparatory School is an alternative to reserve officer training and officer candidate school, both of which require some college. Through academic, physical and military training, USMAPS readies young men and women to successfully compete for appointments to West Point. A briefing for MICOM personnel is set for 10 a.m. Jan. 23 in the Special Troops classroom in building 3437. For more information call Capt. Holmes 876-1654/2089.

Recreation center

Tonight— Name That Tune and Cribbage Tourney at 7. Thursday— Video game contest, Bingo at 7. Friday— Air Hockey and Foosball Tourneys at 7. Saturday— Belly dance class at 10 a.m., Battleship tourney at 2. Sunday— Nashville tour at 8 a.m. Monday— Chili party at 3:30, Trivia at 7. Tuesday— Pool tournament at 7.

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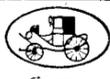
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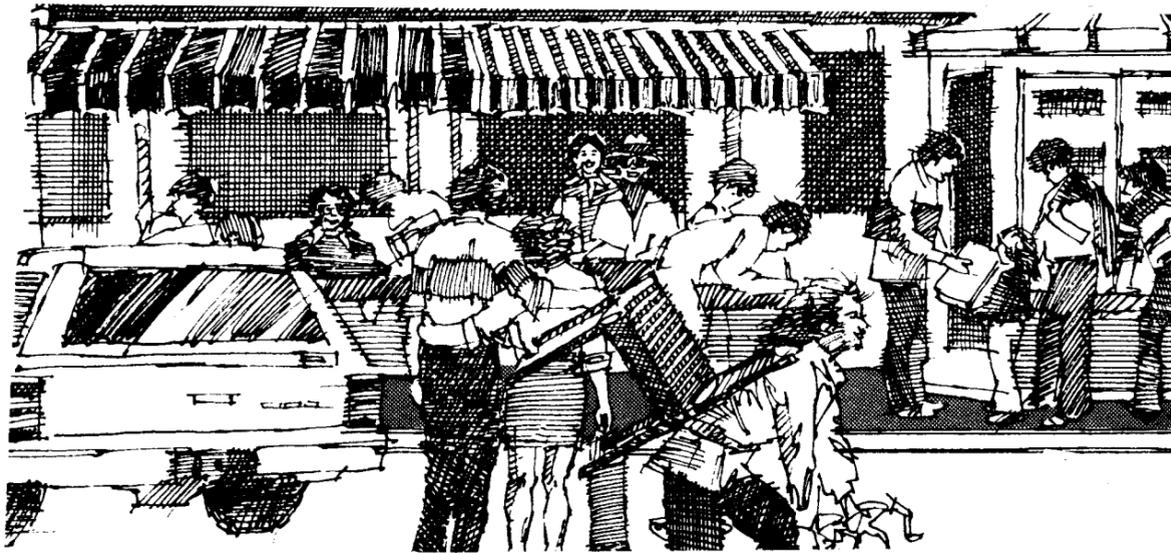
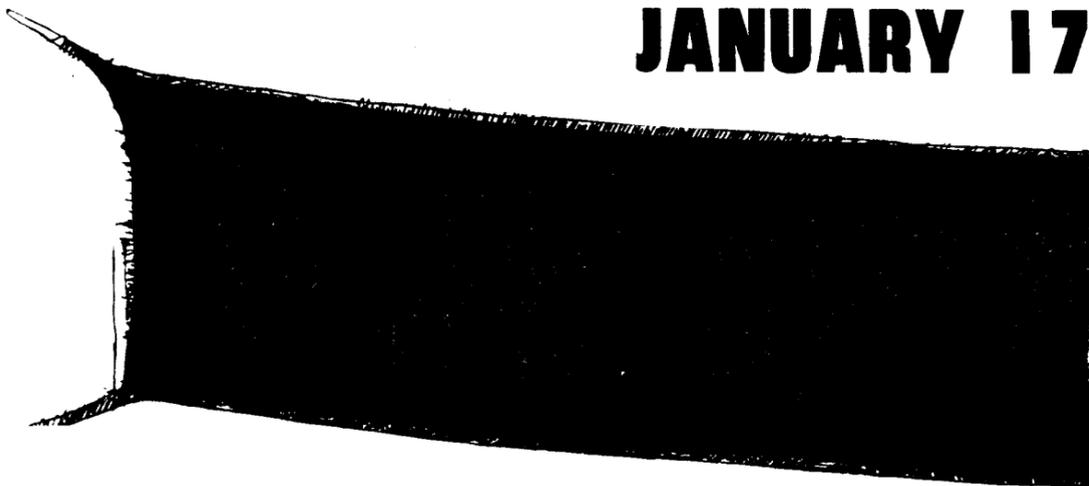
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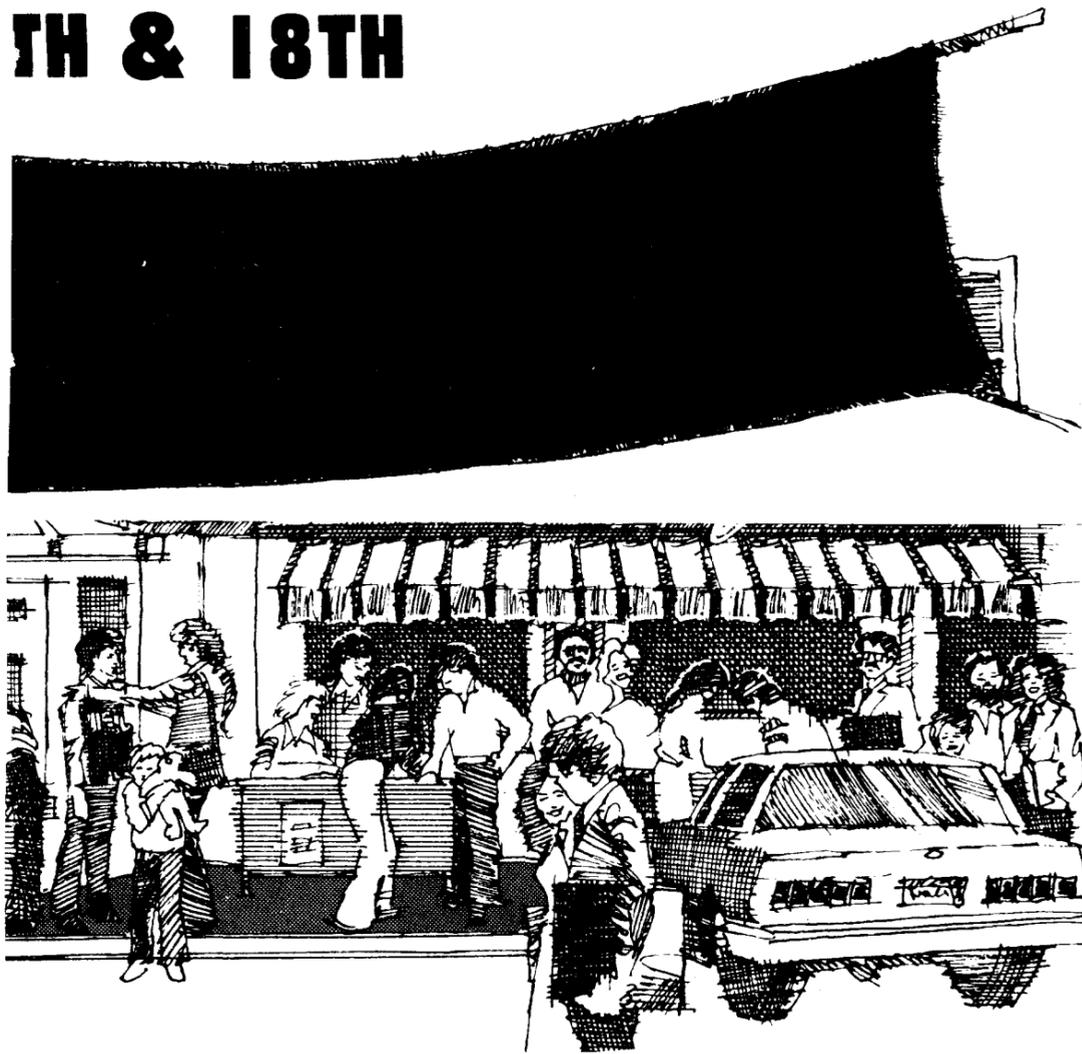
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Military education, training can earn college credit

WASHINGTON— Soldiers working on associate degrees or considering doing so should remember that their military education and training might have already earned them college credits.

For more than 10 years, soldiers enrolled in an associate degree program offered by a Servicemembers Opportunity College have been earning academic credit for some Non-commissioned Officer Education System training and military occupational specialty experience, according to Brenda Karasik, an education program administrator for the Department of the Army.

Credit for skills and training obtained in the Army

could range from a few semester hours to as much as half of the credits required for an associate's degree, Karasik said.

Graduates from the Sergeants Major Academy, for example, can be awarded as many as 36 hours of academic credit. The Advanced Non-commissioned Officer Course core curriculum could lead to six credit hours with additional hours possible based on military occupational skills. Soldiers might also receive credits by passing tests and examinations that evaluate knowledge of a specific area of study, by completing certain correspondence, extension or television courses, or through independent study.

The Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Associate Degree Program has a network of more than 65 civilian colleges offering 19 areas of study, and provides degrees related to over 130 occupational specialties. The colleges have agreed to common curriculums in specific occupational fields — curriculums developed by academic experts under the direction of the American Council on Education, and by Army specialists in those career fields.

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Reagan declares 27 major disasters in '85

More than 145,000 American families applied for federal disaster aid following hurricanes, floods and other acts of nature which required President Reagan to sign 27 major disaster declarations during 1985. The total federal obligation is estimated at almost \$1.5 billion.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, which coordinates disaster recovery activities of all federal agencies, said the number of declarations was only three more than the five year average, but the number of families affected by disasters was nearly three times the average, and total federal estimated obligations was about twice the average.

"The fact that 331 counties were designated as disaster areas is clear warning that no community is immune from disasters," according to FEMA Associate Director Samuel W. Speck. "People should realize it can happen to them and that should be motivation for increased public support for state and local emergency management agencies."

Flooding and mudslides produced the largest number of disaster victims in the year in Puerto Rico. Some 64,000 families were registered in disaster relief centers in the October disaster, while the disaster there five months earlier caused 9,200 families to seek federal aid. FEMA estimates the total federal obligation from the two mudslide-flood disasters at \$169 million.

Speck said 11 of the 1985 Presidentially declared disasters were caused by hurricanes — Elena, Gloria, Juan and Kate — which accounted for \$484 million of federal obligations. Gloria produced a federal obligation of \$136 million, largely for debris removal, while Elena was the most expensive hurricane with a price tag of \$213 million, largely for loans for rebuilding.

The most expensive single disaster of the year was the November flood in West Virginia, with an estimated federal obligation of \$344 million. Simultaneous flooding in neighboring Virginia produced an estimated obligation of \$217 million, which is the second most expensive disaster for the federal government in 1985.

Speck noted that all of the estimates are preliminary, since state and local governments, as well as other federal agencies, are continuing to revise their figures. Roughly half of the expenditures for disasters are made by FEMA from the President's Disaster Relief Fund for the repair and restoration of public facilities, plus grants and temporary housing

for victims. The remaining federal expenditures are by other federal agencies, the largest portion being disaster loans for dwellings and businesses.

While the federal aid dollars suggest the magnitude of the nation's loss to weather phenomena, it is only a portion of the total picture, Speck said. The figures do not include, for example, the millions paid out by private insurance companies or the millions spent by state and local governments in declared and undeclared disasters. Nor does it include the funds spent by the many volunteer agencies, churches and individuals who provide help in many forms in time of crisis.

Following is a list of the major disasters declared by President Reagan during 1985:

Date of declaration	State	Type
Jan. 15	Arizona	Heavy rain, high winds
Jan. 18	New Mexico	Severe storms, flooding
Mar. 18	Florida	Severe freeze
Mar. 20	New York	Flooding
Mar. 22	New York	Snow melt, ice jams
Mar. 29	Illinois	Severe storms, flooding
May 31	Puerto Rico	Storms, mud/land slides, flooding
June 3	Pennsylvania	Severe storms, high winds, tornadoes
June 3	Ohio	Severe storms, tornadoes
Jul. 18	California	Grass, wildlands, forest fires
Aug. 7	Wyoming	Severe storms, hail, flooding
Sep. 4	Mississippi	Hurricane Elena
Sep. 7	Alabama	Hurricane Elena
Sep. 12	Florida	Hurricane Elena
Sep. 18	Michigan	Severe storms, flooding
Oct. 8	Pennsylvania	Hurricane Gloria
Oct. 10	Puerto Rico	Severe storms, flooding, mudslides
Oct. 11	Connecticut	Hurricane Gloria
Oct. 15	Rhode Island	Hurricane Gloria
Oct. 15	New Jersey	Hurricane Gloria
Oct. 18	New York	Hurricane Gloria
Oct. 28	Massachusetts	Hurricane Gloria
Nov. 1	Louisiana	Hurricane Juan
Nov. 7	West Virginia	Severe storms, flooding
Nov. 8	Pennsylvania	Severe storms, flooding
Nov. 9	Virginia	Severe storms, flooding
Dec. 3	Florida	Hurricane Kate

Editor's note: This article was provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency via a press release.

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Health care program revises its rules

CHAMPUS has clarified its rules involving a group of mental health providers classified under the general category of marriage and family counselors. The revised rules become effective on Feb. 1, 1986.

The updated CHAMPUS rules ensure quality of care and protection of the patient. CHAMPUS has always had strict requirements on marriage and family counselors.

Marriage and family counseling itself is not a benefit under CHAMPUS rules. This does not mean that CHAMPUS disapproves of such counseling, which may be helpful to CHAMPUS families. CHAMPUS will, however, share the cost of *psychotherapy* determined to be medically or psychologically necessary, even when providers fall under the general category of marriage and family counselors. This includes pastoral counselors, counseling psychologists, marriage and family therapists and others.

A physician must first refer patients for all psychotherapy involving marriage and family counselors, and must supervise the treatment. This means that the physician must actually *see* the patient and establish a diagnosis for a CHAMPUS-covered psychiatric disorder before referral. The counselor must coordinate with the physician on a regular basis during the patient's therapy.

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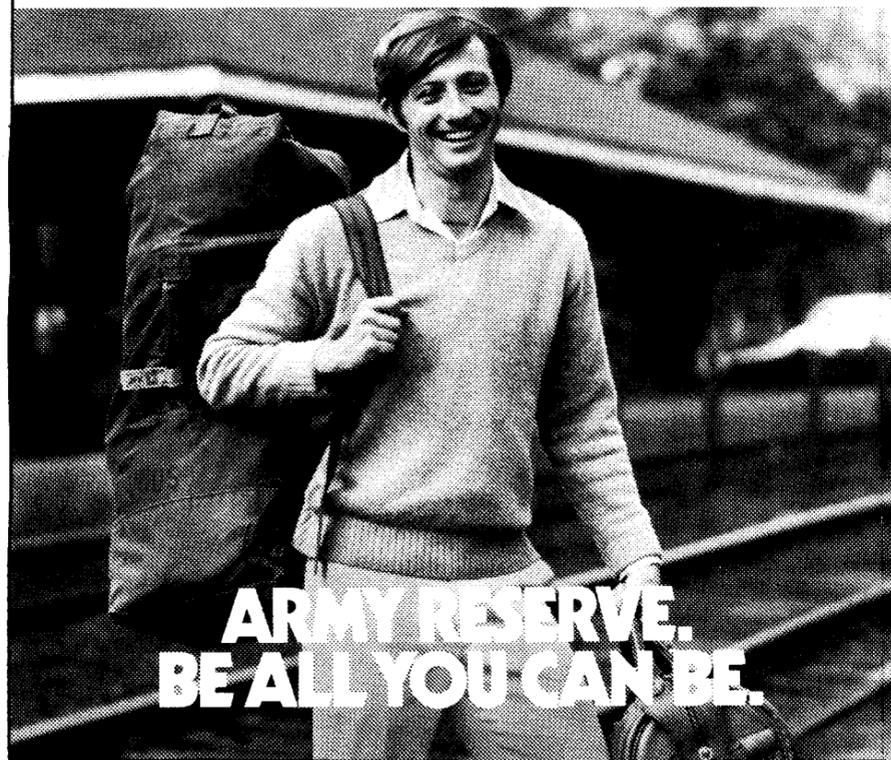
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Danger in those cheery flames?

BY EVELYN D. HARRIS
American Forces Information Service

There's nothing more cheerful on a cold winter day than a glowing fire in the fireplace or a wood-burning stove, but the kind of wood you put in them can make a difference to your health.

The Army's Office of the Chief of Engineers is warning its people about the danger of burning wood that has been pressure-treated with chromated copper arsenate, which turns the wood greenish-yellow to brown in color.

When burned, the wood produces poisonous smoke, fumes and ash.

Said Jerry Kostos of that organization, "Since so many people are building decks and other things out of this kind of wood, we think it is a good idea to get the word out." Chromated copper arsenate wood scraps should be disposed of in an approved landfill — not burned in a fireplace, wood stove or outside incinerator.

A Wisconsin family suffered arsenic poisoning as a result of burning wood treated with chromated copper arsenate in a wood stove over a period of three years. Members of the family suffered black-outs, seizures,

hair loss, nosebleeds, skin rashes and extreme fatigue. Most seriously affected were the young children, who had played on the floor near the stove. Researchers who collected samples of dust, dirt and ash from the living area and from outside the home found extremely high levels of arsenic.

Because ashes and smoke are more likely to enter the room from an open stove, burning treated wood is probably more dangerous in a wood stove than in a fireplace or outdoor incinerator, said Kostos. Moreover, he noted that the manufacturers of wood treated with chromated copper arsenate advise against burning it.

In addition to wood treated with chromated copper arsenate, there are potential hazards in burning other kinds of treated or processed wood in a wood stove, such as lead poisoning from painted furniture. "We recommend burning only wood bought from a vendor or cut from a forest, said Chief Master Sgt. Hugh Pike, an Air Force fire safety expert.

Almost seven million wood-burning stoves were sold between 1981 and 1984, and many of them are owned by military people.

SGLI raised to \$50,000 coverage

Servicemen's Group Life Insurance, or SGLI, was raised Jan. 1 to provide \$50,000 worth of term insurance to soldiers Armywide.

The increase from \$35,000, however, was made retroactive to Dec. 12 for soldiers who died between Dec. 12 and Jan. 1, said Gary Olson, public affairs officer of the U.S. Army Finance and Accounting Center at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Congress authorized the back-dating primarily for the families of the 248 soldiers who died in the air crash at Gander, Newfoundland on Dec. 12. Soldiers who died after Dec. 12 must have been insured for \$35,000 in order for their beneficiaries to receive the increase, he said.

Increasing coverage from \$35,000 is automatic, Olson said. The monthly premium increases from \$2.80 (for the \$35,000) to \$4 and will be automatically deducted from a soldier's pay.

He said that any soldier who does not wish to have his coverage increased, or wishes to change the coverage, should visit his local finance office and fill out VA Form 29-8286.

The increase is the first since 1981 when SGLI was raised from \$20,000. (Arnews)

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'New' milk served cold is hit with troops in the field

BY SGT. MAJ. RUDI WILLILAMS, USA
American Forces Information Service

As the sun beats down on tired, sweaty troops, it's probably not a good idea to offer them a glass of warm five-month old milk — even if it's labeled "ultra-high temperature milk" and is perfectly safe.

But chill that same milk, and you'll get an appreciative reaction. That's one lesson learned about ultra-high temperature milk since it was introduced into the military supply system two years ago.

Unlike instant or "powdered" milk, the ultra-high temperature variety comes straight from the cow, just like the pasteurized milk that's used in dining facilities and sold in commissaries and food stores around the world.

But it is processed differently. Regular pasteurized milk is heated to 160 degrees for 20 seconds. Ultra-high temperature milk is flash heated to 280 degrees for two to three seconds.

The result is a fresh product with no active bacteria and a prolonged shelf life... up to six months or more.

"Pasteurization destroys pathogenic organisms that could lead to human illness," said a spokesman for the American Cultured Dairy Products Institute. "However, there are active bacteria left in the milk. That's why it has to be refrigerated to keep them from growing and the milk becoming sour."

The milk is ideal for use during field exercises and aboard ship. "It's not normally used in dining facilities," said a spokesman for the Defense Personnel Support Center in Philadelphia, Pa.

"All of the services are using it," he continued. "It's a good product for naval vessels because they can't carry fresh milk for too many days. They were depending on powdered milk, but the sailors didn't like it too much."

Demand for ultra-high temperature milk has grown tremendously since it was first introduced in 1983. That year, the services ordered \$2.5 million worth of white and chocolate ultra-high temperature milk. That

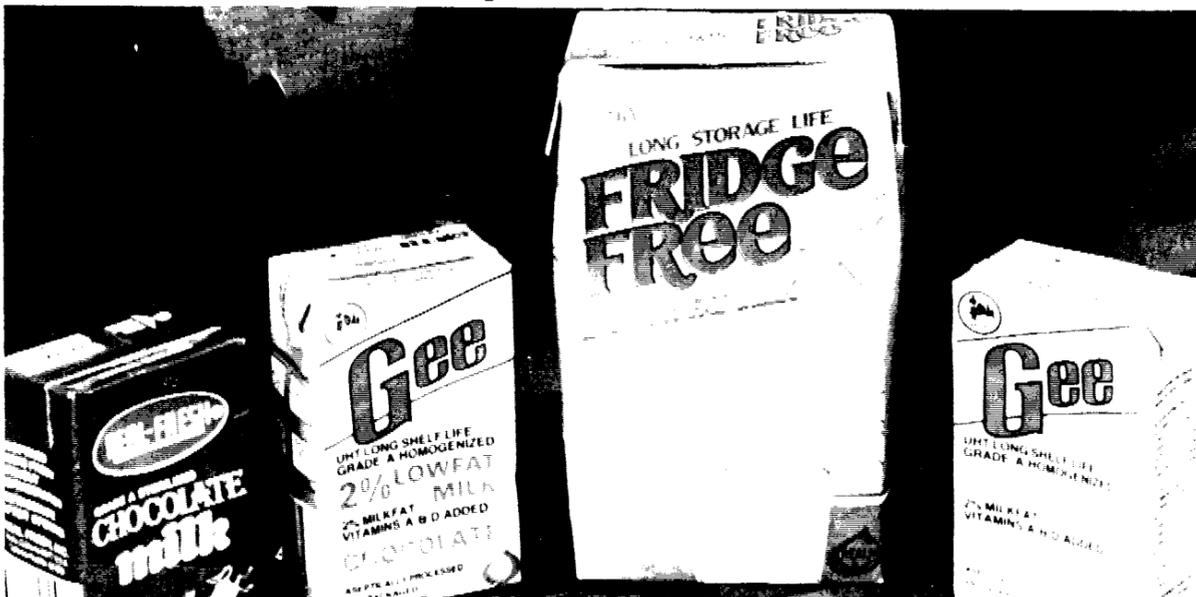


figure jumped to \$4 million in fiscal 1985, and in fiscal 1986, the figure will be \$14.5 million.

Ultra-high temperature milk is not stocked in the Pacific because of high temperatures in that part of the world and the long shipping times, but its use in Europe has soared.

The Army, largest of the four services, is the principal user of ultra-high temperature milk, mostly during field exercises in the United States.

Because the milk withstands extremes in temperature and rough shipping conditions, supplies are regularly shipped overseas for land-based troops in Europe. Much of it is sent to Defense Personnel Support Center's subsistence storage facility in Germersheim, West Germany.

The second largest user is the Navy. Millions of cartons fill the holds of supply ships sailing out of naval supply centers at Norfolk, Va.; Charleston, S.C.; and Alameda, Calif. They are transferred to naval ships on

the high seas.

"In Germany, the monthly usage of ultra-high temperature white milk is 662,000 half pints and 301,000 of chocolate," said the spokesman. "They're really drinking it over there."

Ultra-high temperature milk tastes better when it's chilled, but it will remain fresh as long as six months in temperatures up to 75 degrees. The milk lasts longer under refrigeration. When the temperature goes higher than 75 to 80 degrees, the milk "goes" faster.

Reconstituted, or instant, milk was not popular with troops, and the perishable nature of pasteurized milk made storage for any length of time difficult.

"It's really not bad tasting," said the spokesman. "I drank it in Honduras, and after about three days, you forgot what fresh whole milk is. It's designed to transport and store unrefrigerated, but it should be served cold. It's much better than powdered milk. Remember, this milk comes straight from a cow."

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P&P-2 team hands Security first loss

Willie Epps led the P&P-2 team to a big win over previously unbeaten Security in Civilian Welfare Fund basketball.

Epps, the league leading scorer who averaged 20.2 points per game, hit for 26 in his team's 69-45 win. P&P-2 finished at 6-1 and awaited the outcome of Security's game Jan. 13 against Green Machine to determine the regular season title.

Besides Epps, P&P-2 leaders included Terry Whitman who scored 11 and Harold Jones 10. Security was led by Coy Holden with 11, Leon Williams 10, and Bobby Moore 10.

In other games last week, P&P-2 whipped MIA 79-54, Missile Systems-1 beat Green Machine 64-56, and Computer Bits won by forfeit over COE.

Epps scored 20 in the win over MIA. Dante Emanuel contributed 16, Harold Jones 13, and Tommy High 12. MIA was led by Ken McCormick 16 and John Claxton 12.

Artro Whitman hit for 19 points in the Missile Systems' win over Green Machine. Glenn Gurley scored 11 and Larry Cable 10. Green Machine was led by David Kellam with 17, Buphus Nall 10, and Dave Smith 10.

In the 35 years and over "slow" league, COE beat Missile Systems-2 to stay unbeaten with two games remaining in the regular season. The score was 47-39.

Phil Loftis led COE with 21 followed by Bob Noel 11 and Lester Young 11. Missile Systems-2 got nine points from Robert Rudd and six each from Danny Smith and Larry Couch.

In the women's league, Security upped its record to 6-1 with a 60-10 win over COE. Lanette Onken and Mary Tate each hit for 19 and Chennetta Hill 10. COE received two points each from Mary Young, Donna Waldrop, Jennie Poe, Linda Derrick and Beth Hutchison.

Troop basketball

Here are the troop basketball standings as of Jan. 9:

Eastern Conference:		
	W	L
C Company	2	0
A Company-2	2	1
7th Students	1	1
MEDDAC	1	1
HHC	1	2
Marines	0	3
5th Students	0	3
Western Conference:		
	W	L
A Company-1	2	0
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515th	1	0
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6th Students	0	1
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Bowling standings

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Tuesday's Conference		
Team	Won	Loss
A Company-1	230.5	84.5
515th-1	195.5	129.5
C Company-1	194.5	130.5
95th Maint	193	132
Marines-1	191	134
TMDE	175	150
4th Students-1	166	159
515th-2	165	160
291st MPs	140	185
6th Students-1	110.5	214.5
4th Students-2	103	222
4th Students-3	80	245

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Thursday's Conference		
Team	Won	Loss
A Company (E&TTD)	261	64
Marines-2	216.5	108.5
B Company-1	216	109
MEDDAC-2	193.5	131.5
5th Student Company	161	164
MEDDAC-4	153.5	171.5
MEDDAC-1	146.5	178.5
C Company-2	145.5	179.5
MEDDAC-3	134	191
B Company-2	129.5	195.5
6th Student Company-2	95	230
7th Student Company	79.5	245.5

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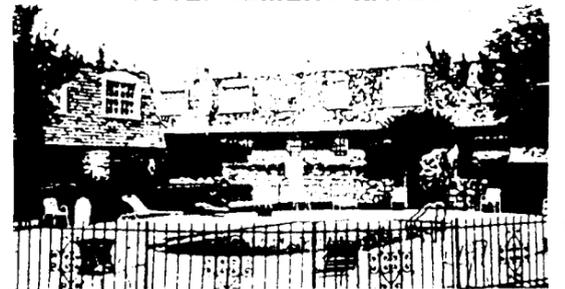
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Bomb school trains police from throughout U.S.

BY JEFF WATSON

During the first half of 1985 the Federal Bureau of Investigation Bomb Data Center reported about 500 bomb incidents in the U.S., an average of almost three per day.

Training personnel to react to and manage these incidents is the responsibility of the Hazardous Devices School. This week is its 15th anniversary.

The concept of a school that could train public safety and law enforcement people to recognize and neutralize explosive and incendiary devices was being considered as early as 1968, a turbulent time in American history.

The concept became a reality on March 25, 1970 when then President Richard Nixon told the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration to improve the capabilities of state and local authorities to handle bomb situations.

Based on the Army's expertise in explosive devices, the LEAA on June 11 asked the Army to start a training program. Less than a month later the Army designated the Missile and Munitions Center and School at Redstone Arsenal as the proponent for the Hazardous Devices School.

The first three-week basic course began Jan. 18, 1971. The course was designed to train public safety people, with little or no experience, in the techniques of bomb disposal.

Originally the plan and contract with LEAA was to train about 200 students who would then go forth and establish training bases at their home locations. Officials say it rapidly became apparent this plan would not work due to lack of funds, time, training aids, and facilities within the civilian departments.

In July 1973, a one-week refresher course was started for Hazardous Devices School graduates who have about 18 months of field experience. In October 1983, the three-week basic course was extended to four weeks.

The Hazardous Devices School continued under the management of LEAA until March 1, 1981 when the FBI assumed financial and administrative responsibility for the program.



INSTRUCTORS — SFC John Mohr and Ray Funderburg of the Hazardous Devices School pose with some of the latest equipment in bomb disposal. Shown are the second genera-

tion Hadrian Remote Controlled EOD Robot and the NABCO total containment vessel (mounted on the truck).

Today classes cover all aspects of explosive and incendiary devices, officials say. Some of the classes include conventional explosives and incendiary devices, the use of X-ray equipment, improvised explosives, fragment and residue analysis, and the use of electricity in explosive and incendiary devices.

People from throughout the U.S. attend the school, according to Maj. James O. Barnett, the school's chief. Since the first class on Jan. 18, 1971, the Hazardous Devices School has graduated more than 3,600 from the basic course and more than 2,000 from the refresher course.



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WASHINGTON — A new pastel-colored paper check is replacing the familiar green punched-card checks that have been issued by the Treasury Department for the past 40 years.

The Army plans to introduce the new check in April with the expectation of completing the Army-wide conversion by December, said Gary Olson, public affairs officer at the Finance and Accounting Center, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Army finance offices will convert to the new checks as paper stock is available and modernized equipment is installed, Olson said.

Conversion to the new check is expected to go smoothly, Olson said. Since 75 percent of all soldiers are enrolled in Sure-Pay and civilian employees are also opting for electronic pay transfer, many personnel

probably won't even know when the conversion begins at their installation, Olson said. "Payments will arrive at the same time, by the same process," he added.

Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III announced in November the government's decision to convert to paper checks. "We're changing the checks because the punched-card technology is obsolete," he said. "We also wanted a more secure check — one that is more difficult to alter or counterfeit."

The new check features more than a dozen security features, most of them encompassed in the ink, paper and design, said Paula Cleggett, a financial management official with the Treasury Department in Washington, D.C.

These features include the word "void" that appears when the check is photocopied and the letters "USA" that disappear. Also, a telltale stain will ap-

pear if someone tries to alter the check by writing or erasing in the name or amount sections. A less obvious feature allows the authenticity of a check to be verified by holding it under a black light — the authentic check will become fluorescent.

By converting to the new checks, the federal government expects to save \$6 million each year, Cleggett said. The start-up cost for the change is estimated at about \$5 million. Less expensive paper stock and storage of the thinner checks account for much of the savings.

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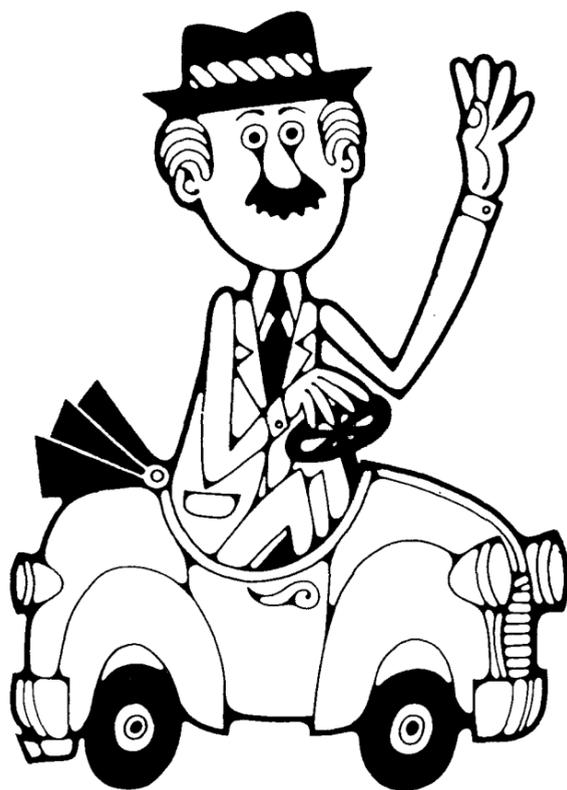
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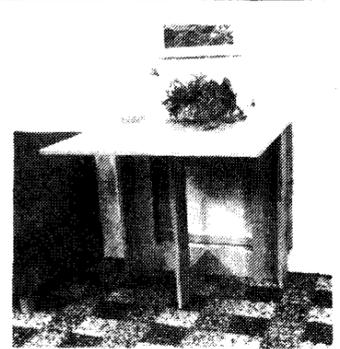


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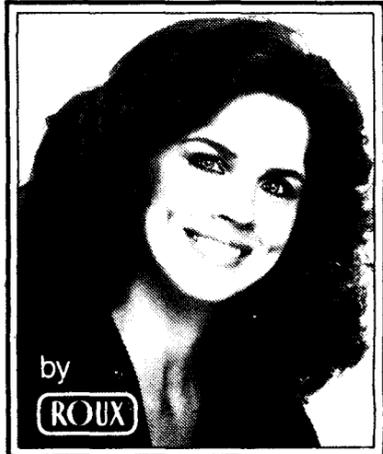
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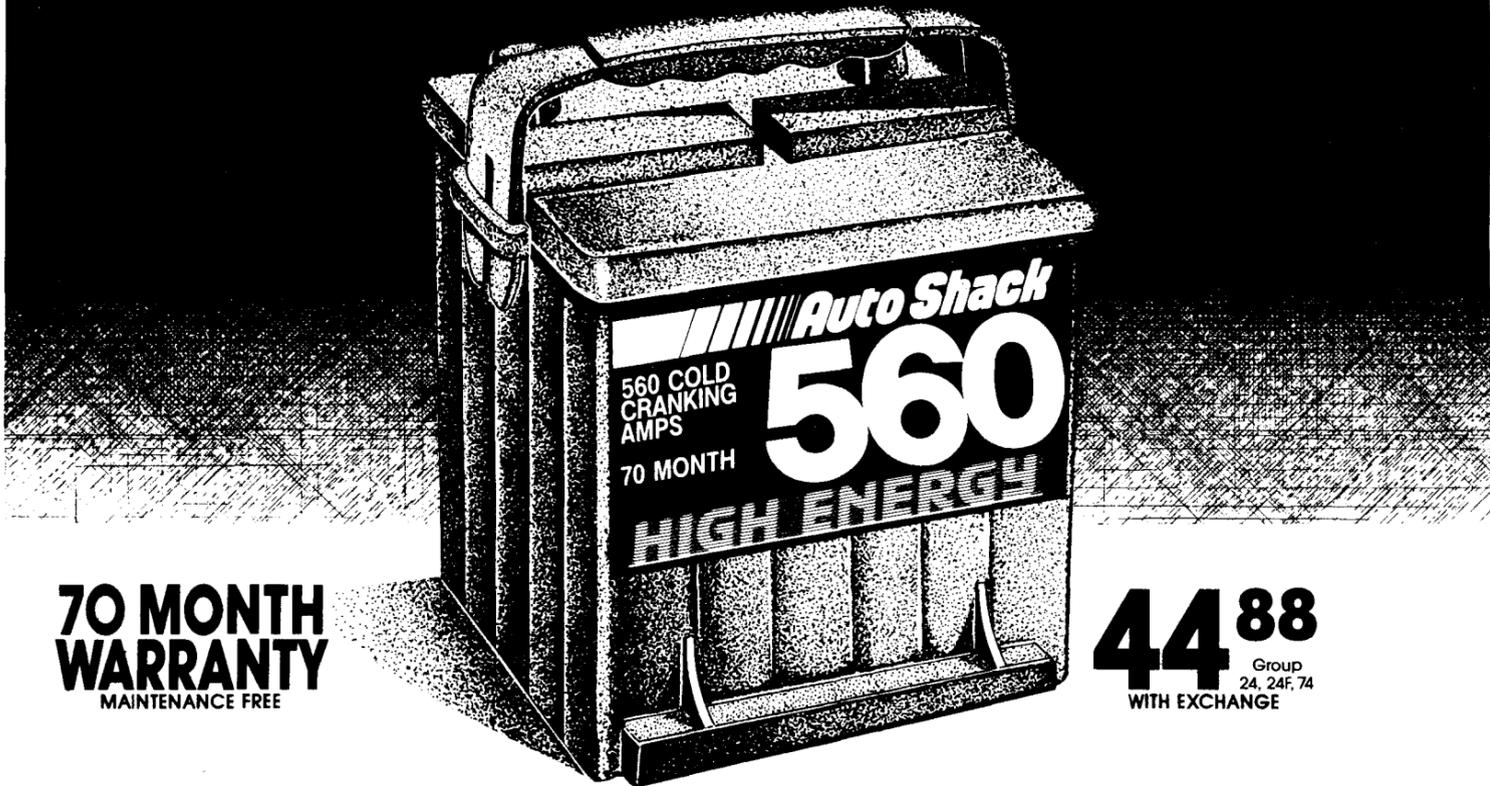
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