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Alcoholic drink sales limited to after duty hours

The bar is no longer open here during duty hours. Sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises during duty hours has been stopped on all Army Materiel Command posts, including Redstone. This policy went into effect Feb. 1.

"After the duty hours, bars will be open for the sale of alcoholic beverages," said Earnest Sands, acting installation club manager here. Duty hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

He listed these facilities as affected by the policy: Officers Club, NCO Club, Post Exchange snack bars, and the bowling alley. The golf course is the only exception to the rule on sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises.

"The golf course snack bar will be allowed to serve beer after 1 p.m. to golf members and their guests only," Sands said.

Facilities exempt from the policy include the Package Store and the PX Shoppette, he said. There was no change in the operational hours of bulk package sales for carry out.

"At the Officers Club, it won't have any impact whatsoever, in my opinion, due to the fact we really

don't sell any beer for lunch— only one or two, very minimal," Sands said. "At the NCO Club, it will cause us to realign the workforce due to the closing of the bar."

Instead of opening at 11 a.m. as before, the NCO Club bar has to wait until 4:30 p.m.

The Army has an ongoing effort for the control of alcohol and drug abuse. "There is a problem throughout the Army as a whole but I do not see us as having a problem at Redstone Arsenal," Sands said. "But the Army policy does affect us and we must abide by it. The days of reduced (price) alcoholic beverages are a thing of the past."

A message from Army Materiel Command headquarters ordered the Feb. 1 policy change for all AMC installations. It was signed by Maj. Gen. J. G. Boatner, deputy chief of staff for personnel.

"It will have some effect on the sales at the NCO Club," Sands said. "At this point in time, I don't have hard facts but hopefully we can make up for it in other areas such as our food program."



Briefing stresses preparing for production needs

MICOM is taking part in an effort by the armed services to prepare for unexpected production requirements.

A briefing for Missile Command people will be conducted next week on the importance of industrial preparedness. This means planning for those times in which items would have to be quickly made available, such as in a national emergency.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff in 1984 selected the missile industry for a study on the effects of mobilizing that industry in all the armed services. Several MICOM systems participated in the study that was completed in 1985.

"It was the first time that there was a study performed simultaneously for all services with specific production targets for specific systems," said Steve Gierhart, chief of the industrial preparedness branch in Procurement Directorate.

Results of the study included recommendations that "surge funding should be one of the major budget allocations in the future," Gierhart said. A surge means a rapid increase in production during peacetime. This is short of mobilization, a national emergency in which the normal rules for procurement and production of hardware would be relaxed.

A weapon system here, TOW II, was the first Defense Department system selected for surge funding, according to Gierhart. Congress approved \$16.2 million for fiscal 1985 and \$22 million in fiscal '86. "Under that program we're buying long-lead components to put in our stock bins, and production equipment to increase capacity where necessary," Gierhart said.

Awaiting congressional approval is an additional \$15.5 million in surge funds for TOW IV in fiscal 1987. Other systems here that have been recommended for future funding in the program include MLRS and Stinger.

Besides surge funding, there are a number of other initiatives related to the missile industry study. These include mobilization tech data packages that would "in essence describe those production processes and military specifications of test requirements that can be relaxed in a wartime environment so we can increase production and output," Gierhart said. Another effort would be to balance cost and schedule concerns with the need for capacity for surge or mobilization.

"Our industrial base in the United States is not going to be a deterrent unless the enemy knows we can

rapidly increase that production for war," Gierhart said.

An industrial preparedness briefing for the command group here will be held Feb. 11. The next morning at 8:30, a briefing will be held in room A-115 of building 5250 for working-level personnel. At least 130 people are expected to attend.

The industrial preparedness branch of Procurement Directorate is giving the briefing. In addition, participants are to include Col. Kay Kimura, of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Logistics; John Shelley, chief staff officer for surge and defense guidance for Department of Army; and Scott Moody, of Harris Corporation of Melbourne, Fla. That corporation was a voluntary consultant for the study.

"It (the briefing) is to educate MICOM personnel on the seriousness and the need of thinking about mobilization," Gierhart said. "This we hope will be an educational process in getting people to think about that possibility."

For more information on the upcoming briefing, call the industrial preparedness branch 876-5560.

Certain Army civilians selected for drug-abuse testing

WASHINGTON — Army civilians occupying such critical areas as law enforcement, aviation operations and nuclear and chemical surety are to begin this summer undergoing the same kind of drug abuse testing currently in force for soldiers.

This new policy, along with a full list of the affected job categories and specific jobs, recently received the Defense Department's approval and is being published in a forthcoming change to Army Regulation 600-85.

The testing program, said Ross Deck of the Army's alcohol and drug policy branch in the Pentagon, will rely on urinalysis to identify drug abusers within critical job areas. Its operation is intended not so much to punish abusers as to direct them toward available counseling and rehabilitation services. Of course, it will act as a deterrent as well as help the Army reduce the potential for disrupted operations, destruction of property, threats to on-the-job safety, and drug-related blackmail in matters affecting security, Deck said.

10,000 to 12,000 employees to be affected

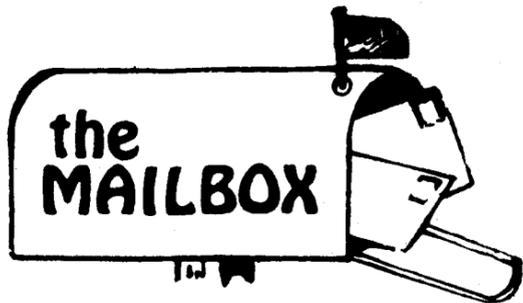
Deck pointed out that the program is expected to cover 10,000 to 12,000 persons Army-wide. He said that in addition to the jobs specifically cited by the policy, the program also gives the local commander the latitude to recommend other critical jobs that should be included in the local testing. In such cases, command approval from the pertinent major Army command, as well as from HQDA and the Defense Department, is required.

Most of the same rules and procedures for soldiers' testing apply to the civilian program. One major similarity is the chain-of-custody — whereby sample collection is observed and samples are documented and processed under strict command control, so as to avoid contamination, alteration or mishandling. Just as with the military, civilian testing will be unannounced, and will take place at any time of the year and as frequently as the commander deems necessary.

The new policy applies to candidates for federal employment or newly hired employees and to those currently in the federal service. For all employees in designated critical jobs the policy is a "condition of employment." Therefore, candidates for critical jobs must both agree to the testing and pass it to be selected for employment. Once hired, the employee will be subject to continued testing, at the discretion of the local commander, Deck noted.

Testing explained

Commanders may use local urinalysis equipment authorized by DOD guidelines to conduct "field tests" of employees. Positive results from these field tests may be used for temporary measures only — such as referring the employee to an assistance program, detailing the employee to other, non-critical duties, placing the employee on administrative leave, or (See Testing cont'd on page 2)



Hungry machines

Editor:

It's time to publicly inform the vending machine operators (building 4488) that those machines are not, I repeat— not, operating properly. Those machines function like those in Las Vegas. They gobble up the money and rarely give you something in return.

If someone wants their money back after losing their money to those hungry machines, one must go to the cafeteria (they're not open all the time, you know), pick up a "form," and fill it out (we're supposed to know all the pertinent details; i.e., the machine number, etc.). That means a trip back to the bloody machine. Then you turn the form in to the mail room. Then you wait.

Well, all that happened to me, which was months ago. Did I get my refund? No. Early in the week of Jan. 27, once again I "braved" it to the vending machine and Lo! Sure enough, it gobbled up 30 more cents. That's a total of 75 cents now that those vending machine operators made out like a bandit. I swear, I'll never feed those bloody, money-hungry machines again. I'm not going to use up government time, nor mine, to accommodate inefficiency's requirements.

Gloria P. Simmons
Building 4488

Retirement date

Editor:

An article in *The Huntsville Times* (Jan. 26) titled, "Civil Servants Say Plan to Tax Pensions Unfair" by Randy Quarles, *Times Washington Correspondent* was quite noteworthy to federal civil servants who are eligible to retire. The article addressed a portion of the pending Reagan tax bill which proposes to tax federal civil servants immediately upon retirement.

This letter would be far too lengthy to cover the merits/unfairness of the proposal. The purpose of my writing is to alert those who are contemplating retirement and who may be unaware of recent changes (1982) to the retirement rules. In light of the Reagan proposal, it is extremely important to know when one must retire in order to escape the immediate taxation of his annuity. Since the new rules delay the effective retirement date until the first day of the month following the date applied for, and since the proposed effective date of the new tax system is July, 1986, the federal civil servant wishing to escape (retire under the wire) the immediate taxation of his annuity must apply for retirement no later than June 3, 1986. Applying for

retirement June 4-30 would merely result in an effective date of July 1, 1986 and would therefore be too late to avoid the Reagan bill.

I learned of the unawareness of the new rules from our administrative office when I retired December 3. I was told of those who applied for retirement on various dates in December, including the 31st. Since January 1, was a holiday, also the effective date of any retirement requested after 3 December, and since federal civil servants may retire through the 3rd of a month, I can't imagine why a knowledgeable person would forfeit a holiday's pay by applying for retirement December 31.

The federal government will honor any requested retirement date; they simply won't provide compensation for any days beginning with the 4th and going through the 30th/31st of a month. Their effective dates for your retirement are the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd; all other dates requested are deferred until the 1st of the next month for purposes of pay, leave, etc. In driving the point home, I have been redundant. But I cannot overemphasize the adverse impact that goes with ignoring the importance of selecting the right time to retire.

It is recommended that those interested/affected by the above keep a close watch on the July 1 effective date of the new tax system (there could be a change) and contact the OPM retirement office at phone number 632-7700 for confirmation of this or other matters regarding retirement; the mailing address is:

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Sharing the guilt

Editor:

In Iran, there have been incidents where goods shipped to the U.S.A. were pilfered by Iranian postal workers. When those cases were taken to court, the Islamic oriented judges usually apportioned the guilt for the crime 60/40; 60 percent of the blame went to the Iranian postal worker, 40 percent to the American shipper—the idea being that the person shipping the goods "tempted" the postal worker (that apportionment usually led to the dropping of all charges).

While that Middle East cultural anecdote may appear bizarre or much unlike our Occidental culture, an article in the Jan. 22 Daily Bulletin, item 6 shows that sort of thinking exists here. The writer of that article has seen fit to blame the "victim who created the opportunity (for personal property larcenies)." This transference of guilt for such crimes to the victim is the usual response for those amongst us seeking to blame anyone but the perpetrators themselves for crimes against society.

Edward F. Herbert

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Possible cause eyed for shuttle tragedy

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A rupture in the right rocket booster may have triggered the explosion that destroyed the Space Shuttle Challenger and killed its seven-member crew, according to NASA officials.

Investigators were said to be almost certain that a spurt of fire from a booster rocket seen on launch films sparked the blast that tore apart the shuttle's fuel tank, taking the orbiter with it.

The rupture theory remained just a theory early this week, however. NASA's acting administrator, William Graham, said that the agency still is looking for other causes for the explosion.

On Jan. 28, an explosion 73 seconds after lift-off killed shuttle commander Francis "Dick" Scobee, pilot Michael Smith, astronauts Ellison Onizuka, Ronald McNair, Judy Resnik and Greg Jarvis, and New Hampshire teacher Christa McAuliffe.

NASA's interim investigating board took time out from its probe Sunday, Feb. 2, to attend memorial services for the Challenger crew in Huntsville, Ala.



"If you had attended the advance technical school like me, you'd know to push that do-funny before activating the thingamajig!"

Testing

(Cont'd from page 1)

suspending access to classified information. The duration of these temporary measures will depend on the results of the mandatory confirmation test. Deck explained that positive field-test results must be confirmed by a certified forensic drug testing laboratory. Otherwise, the result may not be used to take further action against the employee. What's more, any temporary measure must be rescinded.

Certified testing, including use of the latest equipment and technology for confirmation, will take place at one of the Army's three forensic drug testing laboratories or at the Army's contract lab. The Army's regionally designated forensic labs are located at Fort George G. Meade, Md.; Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii; and Wiesbaden Medical Center, Germany.

Persons whose urine samples are confirmed positive are subject to such "adverse personnel actions" as denial of further consideration for the job vacancy, reprimands, suspensions, demotions, involuntary transfer, and removal from service, Deck said. In some positive-tested cases, the policy allows for eligible employees to undergo counseling and treatment through the local employee assistance program. In no case may test results be turned over to law-enforcement authorities for legal prosecution, Deck said.

Deck explained that no adverse action will be taken against employees whose test results are not confirmed as positive by the certified lab. He added that any temporary measures then in force must be rescinded. (Arnews)

Critical jobs slated for drug tests

WASHINGTON — Here is a breakdown on the general civilian job categories, titles, and occupational series currently comprising the Army-wide list of critical jobs slated for testing:

CATEGORY—JOB	OCCUPATIONAL SERIES
Aviation Positions	
Air traffic controller	2152
Pilot	2181
Aircraft engine mechanic	8602
Aircraft overhaul specialist	8801
Prop and motor mechanic	8807
Aircraft mechanic	8853
Aircraft servicer	8862
Guard and Police Positions	
Guard	085
Police	083
Criminal investigator	1181
Correctional officer	06/07

NOTE: Also slated for testing are the following categories/positions: persons involved in the Personnel Reliability Program filling chemical or nuclear surety positions; Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Program direct service staff, such as specialists having direct contact with clients or involved in the processing of samples; and all employees at Army forensic drug testing laboratories. (Arnews)

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Army begins testing soldiers for AIDS virus

BY THOMAS SURFACE

WASHINGTON — Beginning in February, screening for the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome-related virus HTLV-III will start for all active duty soldiers.

Family members worldwide and Army civilian employees working overseas who are authorized medical care at U.S. medical facilities may also be tested under certain conditions, according to the recently approved Army AIDS policy.

The Army's policy, approved by Secretary of the Army John O. Marsh Jr. on Dec. 23, is based on the current understanding of the natural history of HTLV-III infection. The policy addresses the risks to individuals because of military service, methods of transmission of the virus and the safety of the military blood supply.

"The Army is taking action to protect soldiers, their family members and our civilian employees by first testing for the presence of the HTLV-III antibody and establishing appropriate follow-up procedures," said Lt. Col. Gary M. Quay, a personnel staff officer in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel in the Pentagon.

According to the Army's policy, soldiers who test antibody positive but who demonstrate no clinical evidence of the illness and can continue to perform their assigned jobs will not be separated solely for having the AIDS antibody. Also, presence of the HTLV-III antibody cannot be used as a basis for disciplinary actions under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or as the sole reason for giving a soldier a less than honorable discharge. Soldiers who test positive will be considered temporarily non-deployable, he said.

No Overseas Deployment

"HTLV-III antibody-positive soldiers will not be deployed overseas and those currently assigned overseas will be reassigned to the United States as soon as possible regardless of PCS rules," Quay said.

Additionally, soldiers infected with the HTLV-III antibody will be limited to stateside duty assignments. For this purpose, Alaska and Hawaii are considered stateside assignments. "These soldiers will receive a temporary profile limiting their duty assignment to the U.S. Their profile will not exceed 12 months but may be reissued upon medical review. As long as the soldier meets the medical retention standards in Chapter 3, AR 40-501, soldiers confirmed to be HTLV-III positive may reenlist or transfer to new duty assignments within the U.S.," Quay said. He added that information relating to assignment limitations will be kept in the soldier's medical files and will be provided to personnel authorities for assignment preparation.

The new policy specifies that soldiers who test positive will not be assigned to Ranger units, Special Operations units or to COHORT units scheduled for overseas rotation.

Testing Procedures Explained

Quay explained that HTLV-III infections have been medically categorized into six stages indicating the degree of severity. Stage 1 is an early stage, indicating the presence of HTLV-III antibody but with no symptoms or clinical evidence of the disease. Stage 6 is the most serious when the victim's ability to fight off simple infections is destroyed.

Quay explained that an initial screening test, known as the ELISA test, will be done on blood samples drawn from all active duty soldiers. Those testing

positive on the ELISA will have another, more conclusive test called the Western Blot. Those soldiers testing positive on the first Western Blot test will be retested using a new blood specimen.

Individuals will be informed of the test results and counselled on the significance of the test and methods to prevent possible transmission of the infection. Quay stressed that medical and command personnel will take all the steps necessary to safeguard information on test results from unauthorized individuals. "Our intent is to protect the confidentiality of that information as best we can," he said.

All individuals wishing to join the Army will continue to be screened for the HTLV-III antibody and if they test positive will not be accepted into the Army or, if tested during initial active duty training, will be separated. This includes officer, warrant officer and enlisted applicants for both the active and reserve components, he added. The provision also applies to students of the U.S. Military Academy, Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets and candidates going to Officers Candidate School, he said.

Family and Civilian Employee Testing

Quay said that family members of active duty soldiers will be offered the test if it appears that they are at some risk of having acquired the infection. Consent for testing must be given by the family member or by the parent or guardian. Ordinarily, all household members of HTLV-III antibody positive soldiers will be offered the test, although current medical knowledge indicates that casual and non-sexual contact does not increase the risk, said Quay. He added that family members may, at any time, voluntarily request to be tested on a space available basis.

The new policy allows family members confirmed to be HTLV-III antibody positive to accompany their sponsor overseas. The soldier, however, may request deletion from orders or, if already overseas, a compassionate reassignment. "A soldier won't get an automatic PCS based solely on a family member being HTLV-III positive," he added.

The Army's civilian employees will not be required to be tested for the HTLV-III antibody but civilian employees working overseas and authorized to use

U.S. Army medical facilities may request to be tested on a voluntary, space available basis, said Quay. Test results will be confidential and will not be used to terminate the individual's employment. "Existing civilian employment policy provides guidance relating to appropriate action when an employee is no longer physically able to perform his or her job," he added.

Use of Information Limited

Quay emphasized that information obtained during medical testing and follow-up assessment pertaining to a soldier's personal drug use and consensual sexual activity may not, as a general rule, be used against the soldier in disciplinary actions. Nor, would the information normally be the sole basis for a less than honorable discharge, Quay said. He added that the only two cases where this information could be used are physical disability separations or separations for the convenience of the government after a hearing by a board of officers. The latter instance requires the approval of the secretary or assistant secretary of the Army. "It is important to understand that these limitations on the use of personal information do not prevent the Army from taking action against soldiers based on information received prior to talking to the medical personnel or obtained at any time by other means. If the soldier is already under investigation for possible administrative separation or UCMJ action, the information given by the soldier to the doctor will not necessarily stop the action," said Quay.

"However, use of the information given by the soldier is limited."

All soldiers testing positive are required to participate in follow-up medical evaluations and preventive medicine counselling. The latter is designed to explain to the soldier the risks and prevention methods of disease transmission to close personal contacts and family members, Quay said.

Disability separations can occur if the soldier is not able to continue on active duty. Quay said when doctors determine that a soldier is physically unfit to continue military duty, he will be processed for separation through physical disability channels as long as the soldier is eligible for a physical disability separation. (Capt. Thomas G. Surface is the chief of the Army News Service.)

Kids' phone book has emergency tips

The Post Exchange and the Security Directorate here are making a combined effort to help keep Redstone kids safe.

Members of the Investigations Division will be fingerprinting children Feb 5-8 at the post exchange. Fingerprint records for this session are attached to a "Children's Emergency Phone Book" designed to be personalized by the owner.

The phone book has drawings representing emergency services, so that even very young children who are just learning to read can look up numbers for emergency medical care, police, and fire protection. There is also a picture section with spaces for parents' work numbers, and grandparents' numbers.

At the back of the book is a section for friends'

numbers, complete with a space for photos of the child's friends.

Robert Davis, post exchange manager, believes the book will come in handy for teaching children to deal with emergencies, and could be quite valuable if a child disappears.

"It will make parents aware of the child's friends. If the child is not home on time, they can take the book and call friends to locate him," Davis said.

Also included in the phone book are tips on what to do during an emergency, how to make an emergency call, and how to deal with threatening or prank calls.

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Tree derives from Sir Isaac Newton apple tree

A descendant of an apple tree that led to the discovery of the law of gravity has been planted on Redstone Arsenal.

Officials of the TMDE Support Group dedicated the tree in a ceremony last week in front of their headquarters building. According to history, an apple falling from a tree in England sparked Sir Isaac Newton to study gravity.

"The ideas and traditions to research and study the unknowns that were developed by this famous scientist still live today," said Col. James Edge, commander of the U.S. Army Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Support Group. He added that these ideas are "exemplified through the research of measurement traceability."

"It is only fitting with this dedication here (last Thursday) that the USATSG be the first to plant a Sir Isaac Newton apple tree descendant on Alabama soil," Edge said. "As a symbol of our worldwide mission, we are about to add the soil from every state of the union and every foreign country in which the U.S. Army TMDF Support Group operates."

About a year ago, the group began efforts to obtain an heir of the famous apple tree through the Department of Agriculture. Finally, Bill Kerley of the group's Metrology Directorate here was able to pick up a small tree Jan. 16 while on business in Maryland. It came from the U.S. Plant Introduction Station in Glenn Dale, Md.

"Originally it was brought in from England," said Fred Seeley, director of metrology for TMDE Support Group. "It's a direct descendant from the very tree."

Participants in the dedication ceremony included Lt. Col. Gerry Sellman, commander of the 517th Maintenance Battalion in Europe; Lt. Col. Michael Boyd, commander of the 74th Maintenance Battalion in the Pacific; and 1st Lt. Mark-Thomas Bray, acting commander of 95th Maintenance Company at Redstone.



CEREMONY — Dr. Frank Westmoreland, deputy to the commander of TMDE Support Group, and Dr. James Jones, chief of TMDE Support Activity- Conus, participate in tree dedication.

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Communications hobby leads to rewarding notion

BY SKIP VAUGHN

Pete Johnson scratched his car while transporting his proposed antenna to tests but a big suggestion award makes it all worthwhile.

Johnson of Patriot Project Office got a \$7,500 check for suggesting a less expensive, lighter weight antenna for Patriot's communications system. The antenna will be used for communications between the air defense missile's engagement control station and the launcher station.

Projected first year savings is estimated at \$1.2 million.

"It was really more of a dollar value and reliability improvement than just weight," says Johnson, an electronic technician in Patriot's hardware engineering division. "The fact that it was a lighter weight kind of came as a second advantage."

His idea came from one of his hobbies. As a ham radio operator, he tends to be "curious about communications," he says. He traces his idea's origin back to more than four years ago to a discussion with Gene Wood, then chief engineer for Patriot. "We were discussing why the antenna's so big, why it's so bulky and complex," Johnson recalls.

"And the thought came to my mind, there's got to be a better way. So we discussed it a little further and I said 'Why don't we use what's known as a five-eighths wavelength, base loaded antenna,'" he says.

Wood encouraged him to pursue his idea as a suggestion for cost savings. The Patriot Project manager at the time, then-Brig. Gen. Jerry Max Bunyard, gave permission to investigate it. Through contracts, Georgia Tech did a study on the design and later built two prototype antennae. Johnson credits Tom Pierce, an engineer in the then-Army Missile Lab, with being "instrumental in working the contract with Georgia Tech."

Johnson made trips to White Sands Missile Range, N.M., where the prototypes were tested with the assistance of Raytheon, prime contractor for Patriot.

"I carried the two prototypes out on the top of my car," Johnson says. "I scratched my car and my wife fussed about that."

The suggestion award that came Jan. 24 made it all worthwhile, of course. It resulted from the only idea he has submitted to the suggestion program in his career.

Johnson, 53, is a native of Tuscaloosa, Ala. He came to work at Redstone in August 1955 after serving two years in the Army. His first job here was as a GS-3 engineering aide with the Ordnance Missile Laboratories.



VALUABLE — Pete Johnson holds an antenna prototype that resulted in a suggestion award.

A year earlier, he had come to Redstone as a soldier to attend the Nike and Corporal missile schools. "Then I spent the balance of my two year (military) tour at White Sands Missile Range with a Corporal missile test team," Johnson says.

Now a GS-12 technician, he and his wife Margaret reside in Rogersville, Ala. They have a son, daughter and grandson. Greg, 25, is married and resides in Huntsville. Cindy Green, 29, is married, has a 13-month-old son Tyler, and also resides in Huntsville.

Johnson's hobbies include woodworking, welding, boating, hunting and (of course) operating a ham radio.

"When I put the suggestion in originally I got a rapid response back acknowledging receipt of it and I would get periodic notification that the evaluation was still being considered and giving me an individual to call if I had any questions on it," he says. "I think the suggestion program works."



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Retired officers donate new furniture to hospital

Families of intensive care patients at Fox Army Community hospital have a more pleasant waiting area, thanks to the hospital staff and The Retired Officers Association.

The family waiting room, which is just outside the door of the intensive care unit, had a very cold and institutional atmosphere, said Lt. Col. John Moskovites, chief of the Department of Nursing. Last August he asked the Huntsville chapter of TROA if they would be interested in redecorating the room as a community service project.

The response from TROA was overwhelming, according to chapter president Art Ousley. In a little over two months, after final approval for the project from the chapter and from the Department of the Army, TROA members had given more than enough money to fund the redecorating.

In addition to the new furniture, there also is a trust fund for upkeep of the room.

"I really feel our organization is responsible for activities that are involved in, and revolve around, the military community, and we need to put the thrust on post," Ousley said.

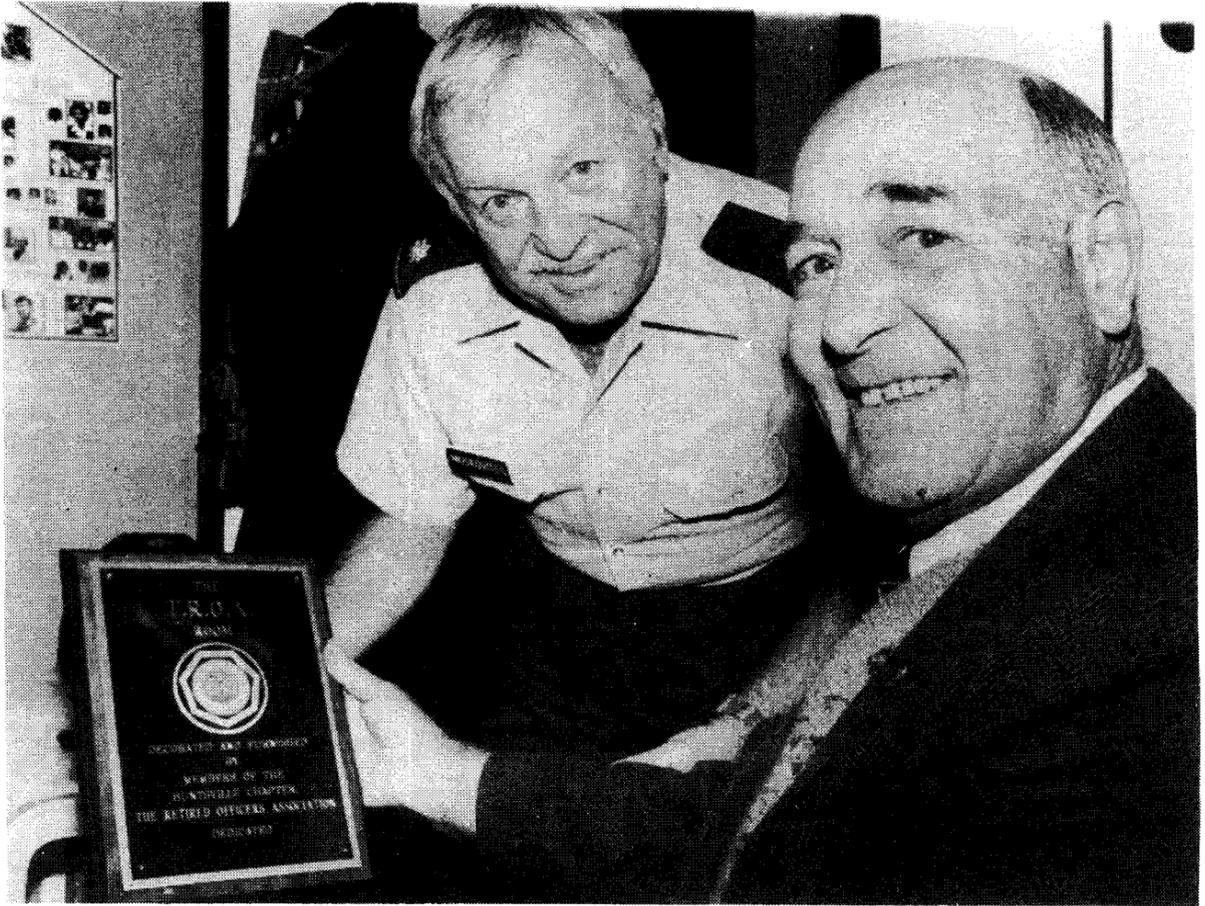
TROA purchased items in the room from Holderfield's furniture store. Holderfield's contributed to the project by giving the group a discount, Ousley said.

The room's new furnishings will include 18th century reproductions and traditional pieces, with Oriental accents, according to Linda Clark of Holderfield's.

The room, which can accommodate up to eight people, is furnished with two sofas, a chair, a writing table, and several lamps.

"It's homey, warm, serene—the kind of room that tells a family member who's waiting for good or bad news, 'we really care.' It's a statement of caring, and the retired officers are telling them they care too," Moskovites said.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the room was held Monday, followed by a tea. Monday also was the 85th birthday of the Army Nurse Corps.



COMMUNITY PROJECT — Lt. Col. John Moskovites and Art Ousley display a plaque which will hang in the newly redecorated family waiting room.

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Children to receive dental care advice this month

The dental clinic here will observe Children's Dental Health Month by giving basic screenings to kids in the Redstone preschool, and talking to the third grade at Morris Elementary School.

The American Dental Association sponsors Children's Dental Health Month every February to give parents a chance to stop and think about their children's dental health, and to teach kids the importance of caring for their teeth, according to Maj. Mike Mann of the Dental Clinic.

At the preschool, Mann and an assistant, Connie Voorhees, will give very basic exams, pass out dental care kits, and give what Mann calls an "informative, entertainment-type" program. There will be no exams at Morris, just the program.

Mann did the same type program last year, and felt it was successful with the children. However, he's not sure how many parents responded to suggestions to bring their children in for further examination.

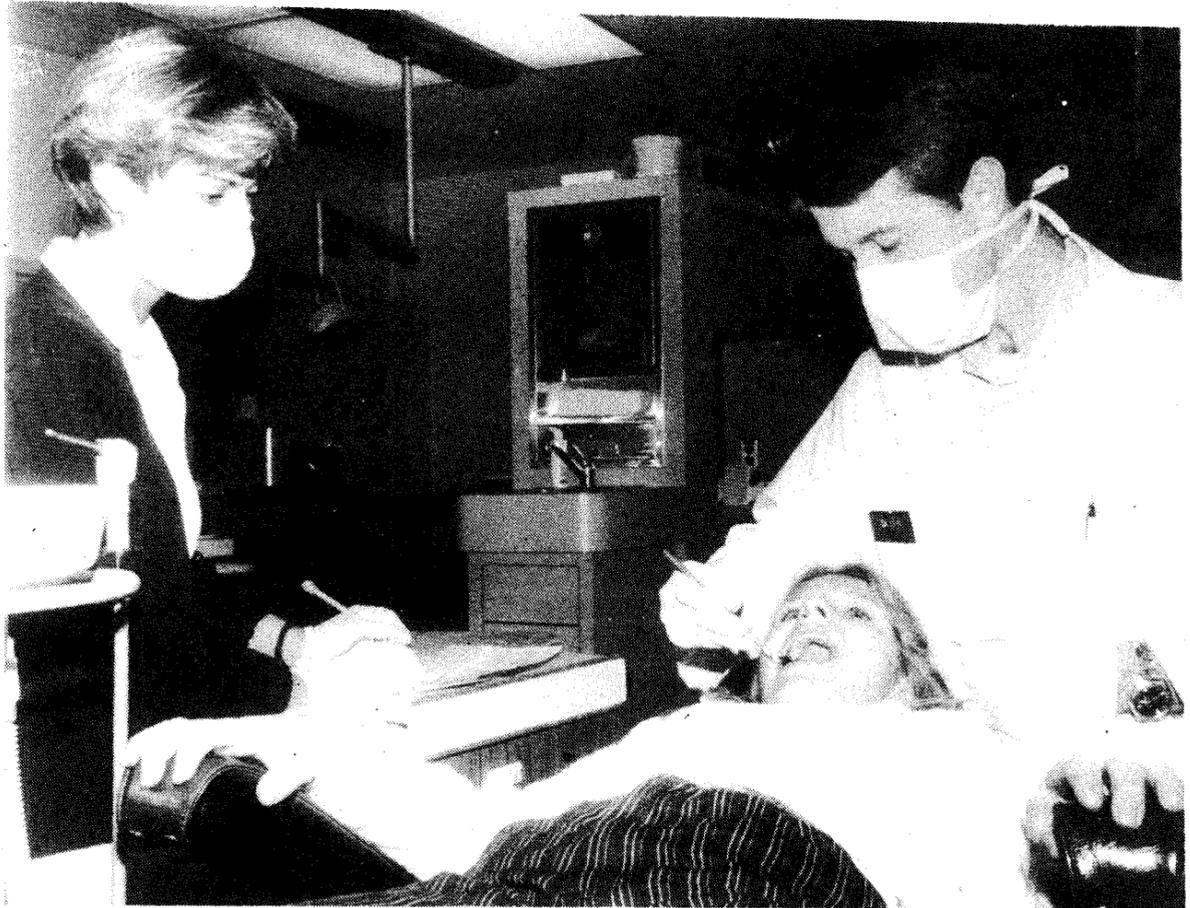
"I had told the other doctors to expect an onslaught of patients, but it never happened. I don't know whether they trickled in or if the parents just didn't bother," he said. He added that there is very little time for routine treatment of dependents with the "space available" rules.

On the other hand, anyone who's eligible for treatment can walk in and be guaranteed a check-up or emergency treatment. In other words, parents should have no trouble getting their kids a check-up, but treatment of any problems may have to come from a dentist downtown at the family's expense.

Mann believes strongly in the educational benefits children can gain during this month.

"First, we make them aware of the importance of maintaining their teeth— good oral hygiene. We also introduce them to the dentist in a non-stressful atmosphere and non-emergency situation. Unfortunately, that (an emergency) is the way we see a lot of kids, and it's a bad impression any way you put it," he said.

Mann and Voorhees will be at the preschool Feb. 26. Parents must sign a consent form if they want their child's teeth examined. The presentation at Morris will be Feb. 25.



CHECK-UP — Teresa Martin, 11, daughter of SSgt. Ron and Terry Martin, receives an exam from Connie Voorhees and Maj. Mike Mann.

Meeting set to establish energy controls

Redstone's commander will meet with top managers of all the arsenal's commands and agencies Feb. 10 to put into effect tough controls on energy use.

Maj. Gen. Peter Burbules scheduled the session after reports for the first quarter of the fiscal year showed the arsenal's use of facilities energy (electricity and steam) jumped 3.4 percent above the same period last year.

Redstone workers can expect renewed emphasis on energy conservation; such steps as keeping work area temperatures at specified levels, cutting off lighting on sunny days and shutting off equipment when not in use.

Facility Engineer personnel monitoring energy use are convinced a key to making Redstone stick to its energy diet is educating the work force to eliminate waste.

Energy audit teams visited most MICOM work sites

in the past two weeks assembling data to be presented to managers at next week's meeting. According to Joe Dickey, energy conservation officer, the teams found windows open, lights on, personal coffee pots and heaters and other examples of lax energy discipline everywhere they went.

Another point certain to be made at next week's meeting is that it will take cooperation from all the Redstone family to achieve energy goals and cut soaring energy costs. The arsenal's electricity bill, for example, is running about a million dollars a month now and will get higher during the summer.

MICOM accounts for about 35 percent of the total facilities energy used on post. Other major users include the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School, Thiokol's Huntsville Division and the Marshall Space Flight Center.

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Marine pursues opportunity for technical training

BY JEFF WATSON

An Indiana native hasn't been disappointed with his decision to interrupt his college education to join the Marines.

Lance Cpl. James Wagner, a Marine for almost three years, has been selected as the Marine of the Quarter here. The Hawk Radar Repairer student at the Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School won the honor by his past military record, professional appearance, and his knowledge of military and Marine Corps subjects.

Wagner of Muncie, Ind., was studying business in college and working part-time in a restaurant when he decided it was time for a change.

"I couldn't work and attend college at the same time. That just wasn't working out," said the 23-year-old Marine. "I saw joining the Marine Corps as an opportunity to get an education in an advanced field. At the time I didn't have the money to continue college and the Marine Corps offered me a lot of technical training that I was interested in."

After boot camp at Parris Island, S.C., Wagner attended the Hawk Pulse Radar Repairer Course at Fort Bliss, Texas. His first duty station after graduation was with C Battery, 3rd LAAM (Light Anti Aircraft Missile) Battalion at Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, N.C.

While at Cherry Point, he reenlisted for an additional five years in order to attend the Continuous Wave Radar Repairer Course at Redstone Arsenal where he has completed about seven months of the training.

Wagner eventually would like to return to college and study aeronautical or mechanical engineering. His wife Jean, whom he married just before coming to Redstone, recently received a degree in finance from Ball State in Indiana.

"I would like to make the Marine Corps a career," he said. "But that decision will have to be made by me, and my wife, when the time comes."



HONOREE — Lance Cpl. James Wagner is the Marine of the Quarter.

At present, Wagner has about two months of training left at Redstone. In his free time, he enjoys racquetball, swimming, and running.

Bowling standings

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

Tuesday's Conference		
Team	Won	Loss
A Company-1	278	122
515th-1	257	143
95th Maint	250	150
Marines-1	241	159
C Company-1	239.5	160.5
515th-2	214	186
TMDE	200	200
4th Students-1	192.5	207.5
291st MPs	173	227
6th Students-1	146.5	253.5
4th Students-2	115.5	284.5
4th Students-3	95	305

200 games bowled on Jan. 28:

Shelly Showell	203
Dave Kiel	201

Thursday's Conference

Team	Won	Loss
A Company (E&TTD)	326	74
B Company-1	276	124
Marines-2	262.5	137.5
MEDDAC-2	249	151
MEDDAC-1	194.5	205.5
C Company-2	192	208
5th Student Company	182.5	217.5
MEDDAC-4	181.5	218.5
MEDDAC-3	176.5	223.5
B Company-2	148	252
6th Student Company-2	110.5	289.5
7th Student Company	82.5	317.5

200 games/600 series bowled on Jan. 30:

John Neil	223
Keith Warters	221, 211 & 612 series
Bill Hollifield	217
Rich Knop	213
Tommy Blackwell	208
Dave Katolin	208
Brian Eads	205
Frank Lasher	205
Mark Englert	204 (his first 200 game)
Phill Candelaria	203
Deb Fraser	202
Bill Parks	202
Chuck Pennington	201
Ken Vance	200

* Rich Lynn had a 145 triplicate series

Security women win regular season title

Security has won the womens league title in Civilian Welfare Fund basketball.

Led by league most valuable player Lanette Orken, Security finished the regular season with a 9-1 record. Orken led the league in both scoring (17 points a game) and rebounding (9.1 a game).

Forenza took the second place trophy with an 8-2 record, followed by COE at 4-6 and the Lady Panthers 1-9. The regular season ended with Security beating COE 45-24. Orken led her team with 15 points and eight rebounds with help from Denise Crutcher's 10 points and eight rebounds. Sandy Mosley led COE with 16 points.

In mens action, Security and Missile Systems-1 met in the finals of the tournament for the 34 years and under "fast" league. The outcome was unavailable at presstime but Security only needed one win to take the tournament. Missile Systems-1 needed to beat Security twice in one night to win the tourney.

Security advanced to the finals in the winner's bracket with a 55-40 win over Missile Systems-1. Coy Holden led the way with 16 points and nine rebounds, followed by Leon Williams with 14 points and eight rebounds. Larry Cable scored 13 for Missile Systems-1.

Missile Systems-1, last year's tournament winners, came back with a tough 40-38 decision over P&P-2 as Donald Fitchard hit two free throws with six seconds left. Cable led his team with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Willie Epps led P&P-2 with 16 points, followed by Tommy High who scored 10.

In other games in the tournament, Missile Systems-1 beat Computer Bits 62-54, Green Machine nipped MIA 58-55, Security got by COE 64-61, Missile Systems-1 defeated P&P-2 59-53, Security hammered Green Machine 66-57, MIA won by forfeit over COE, P&P-2 clobbered MIA 65-44, Green Machine won by forfeit over Computer Bits, and P&P-2 slaughtered Green Machine 93-59.

Grass fire burns hay

A grass fire that spread into rolls of hay in a pasture east of building 5250 occupied firefighters for more than an hour Wednesday morning.

A spark from a broken power line touched off a grass fire in the field where rolls of hay are stored and three of the round bales caught fire. Firefighters had to break the tightly-rolled bales apart to extinguish them.

"They're like a bale of cotton — you can't put them out unless you tear them all to pieces," remarked Assistant Chief Bobby Elder.

Capt. Jim Krause and crew from Station 1 extinguished the fire.

The fire caused no monetary loss except for the hay, which commonly sells for about \$25 for a 1,500 lb roll.

'Buffalo soldiers' remembered

The term "buffalo soldier" probably wasn't meant as an insult, according to an official's research of black history.

Al Hampton, chief of administration and operations division in OMMCS professional development training department, is compiling notes on the history of black soldiers. He serves as publicity co-chairman for a Black History Month committee here.

"Withdrawal of troops from the frontier to support the war efforts during the Civil War had been interpreted by the plains Indians as cowardice and inferiority," Hampton says. The Blackfeet Indians were running wild in Montana; the Cheyennes were becoming a

force along the Platte and Arkansas Rivers; and there were "rumblings of activity" among the Apaches in New Mexico, he adds.

Due to the Indian uprising, two black cavalry regiments were ordered formed in 1866—the Ninth and Tenth regiments. According to Hampton's research, they proved to be among the best of those fighting the Indians. They were dubbed "buffalo soldiers" shortly after their contact with the Indians. Since the Indians had high regard for the buffalo, it was "reasonable to assume they meant no insult to the soldiers," stated notes compiled by Hampton.



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A member of the old team looks back

BY PAM ROGERS

A man who was connected with America's space program during its infancy took a few moments last week to reminisce about those early days.

Last Thursday was Gilbert Appler's 80th birthday. He spent it in the intensive care unit of Fox Army Community Hospital, where he is recovering from bronchitis. For him, it was a good time to think back to a day in 1945 when he was sergeant major at Fort Bliss, and a young Army officer and a German scientist visited his office.

"They introduced themselves as Maj. Hamill and Dr. Von Braun, and asked to see the commanding general. I took them in and introduced them and left. A little later the buzzer rang. The general told me these men were on a classified mission called Project Red Ball, and indicated to me that this program might move to Fort Bliss," Appler said.

"Since I could speak a smattering of German, they decided to borrow me for a while," he recalled with a chuckle.

With that, his association with the race for space and the old team began. He served with the 9330th Technical Service Unit which supported the team of German scientists brought to this country during Operation Paperclip, and later came with them when they moved to Redstone. Appler remained at Redstone until his retirement from federal service in 1970.

Maj. James Hamill (later Col. Hamill) and then-Col. Holger Toftoy ran Operation Paperclip, which involved getting over 100 rocket scientists and their families out of Germany and into the United States.

"Col. Toftoy convinced the War

Department to get them in the U.S. so the Russians couldn't get them. They were the brains behind the V2, the buzz bomb and the V1," said Appler.

Appler helped each contingent of scientists get settled in their new "homes"—old 65-man barracks.

"At Peenemeunde, the rocket center on the Baltic Sea, they loaded up every possible thing—parts, machinery, everything—and hauled it out in the dark of night clear to the French coast. They put it on U.S. vessels, and ended up with 81 boxcar loads of parts and machinery that eventually went to Fort Bliss," Appler said.

"The Paperclip specialists were paid per diem of \$6 per day—each and every one, from Von Braun on down. Out of that, the government held out \$1.20 for food. The net was \$4.80 per day. But, the government took care of all their families—the entire expense of food, clothing, what have you. The Germans were conservative, hardworking, sincere and honest. Those people worked night and day for a lousy four dollars and eighty cents," he said.

One of Appler's German friends was Dr. Arthur Rudolph, who recently was accused of war crimes and forced by the United States government to give up his American citizenship and return to Germany in 1984.

"He was a close personal friend of mine. Arthur Rudolph got a dirty deal. I hope it gets straightened out. He's a man that got us up there (space). He's a smart man, a nice man. One you could get acquainted with quickly," Appler said.

Appler has grand memories of the

early space program. As he told his stories to a small but eager group of listeners last Thursday, he also shared photographs and other mementos from two scrapbooks. Included were photographs of the launch of the first V2 produced at Fort Bliss, photos of groups of German scientists and their families becoming U.S. citizens, and his pass to the blockhouse for the

launch of Apollo 11—the rocket that put the first men on the moon.

Appler's memories of the early days of rocketry are more than just nostalgia. At a time when America has been shocked by disaster, they serve as a reminder that as far as space exploration is concerned, we're still pioneers.



THE EARLY DAYS — Gil Appler (left) paused in 1958 for a photograph with Lt. Col. James Hamill and Maj. Gen. Holger Toftoy.



MEMORIES — Appler and his wife Marguerite reflect on his experiences with the old team.

Army Nurse Corps turns

BY JOHN MOSKOVITES

The U.S. Army Nurse Corps, one of the most widespread and active of all the branches of the military, celebrated its 85th birthday on Feb. 2, 1986 and probably considers itself 85 years young.

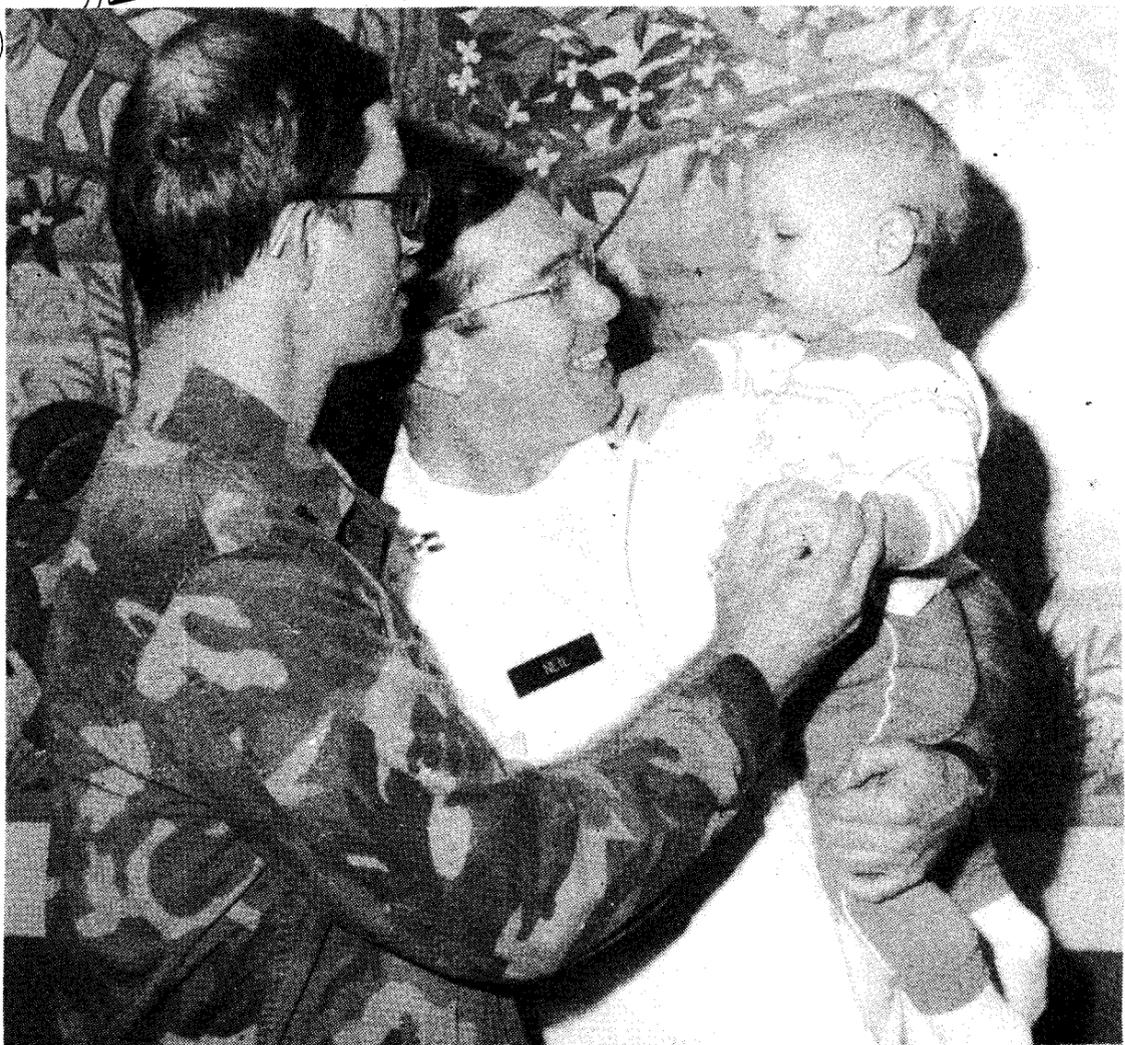
Although the Army Nurse Corps was officially founded in 1901, the real beginnings go back to 1775 when the first nursing service of the American Army was authorized by George Washington. At that time, each woman was paid two dollars per month to care for two sick or wounded soldiers. One example of the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

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

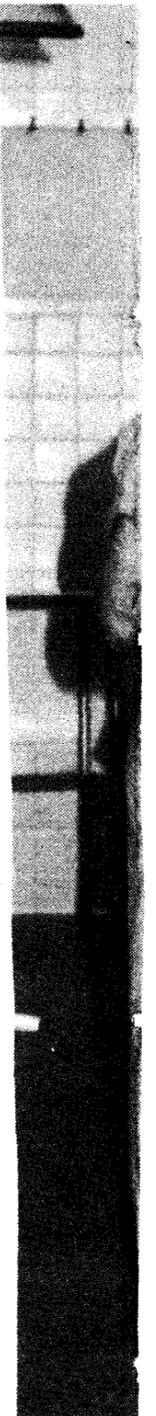
great that on February 2, 1901, the "Army Nurse Corps" became a permanent part of the Army Department.

By 1945 there were 10,000 Army Nurse Corps members everywhere there were American soldiers. In Korea the nurses were everywhere where the fighting was. In Vietnam, 6,000 American servicemen, the Medical Civic Activity program has sent many nurses into the most dangerous areas to treat Vietnamese civilians. There, using very few resources, they have done in earlier times what would have been considered impossible.

Military nursing has grown and matured into a professional status. Officers in the Army Nurse Corps were first authorized on Aug. 1, 1970, and today there are several early female generals in the Corps.



PEDIATRICS — Capt. Clayton Neil (at center), adult nurse practitioner, greets 1-year-old Joseph Smith and SSgt. William G. Smith in the pediatric clinic.



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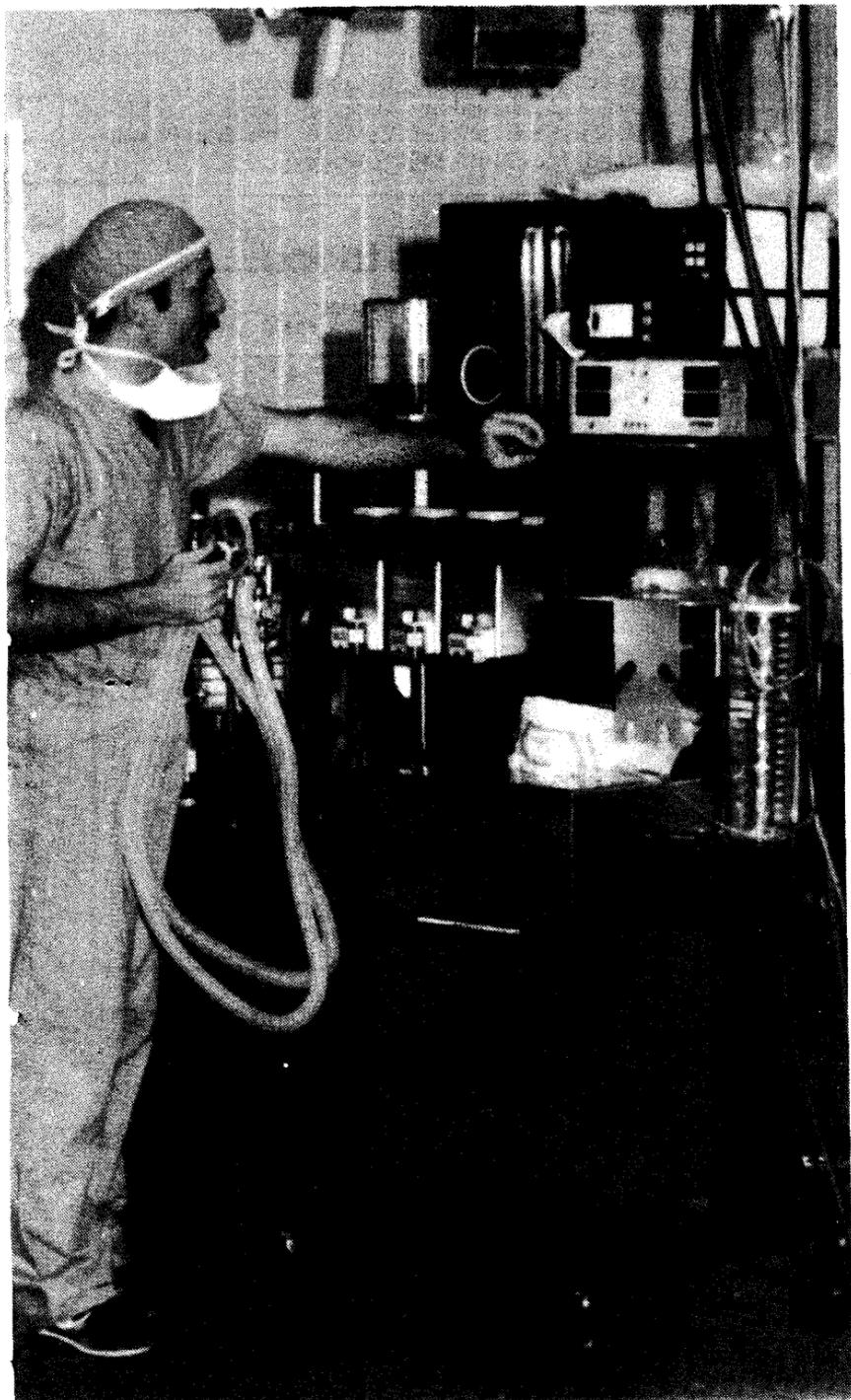
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s provided opportunities for n of the professional military Army Nurse Corps have had s to maintain and expand their id to enjoy continued goal evelopment. An example of this hen Anna May Hayes, chief of ., was appointed as one of the f the U.S. armed forces. Since

that time, she has been succeeded by Brig. Gen. Lillian Dunlap, Brig. Gen. Madeline Parks, Brig. Gen. Hazel W. Johnson and in 1983, by Brig. Gen. Connie L. Slewitzke.

The Department of Nursing, Fox Army Community Hospital, subscribes to the continued development of the professional nurse in the military. New nursing advances and technologies, shifts in health care patterns and consumer expectations, and continuing legislative and financial considerations have made education and training a necessary component of today's Army nurse. Without question, Army Nurse Corps officers are encouraged and expected to enhance their knowledge and expertise in the clinical practice, education, research, administration, and military issues. These activities include completion of masters and doctoral programs, as well as senior service schools such as Command and General Staff College. These exemplary credentials broaden the officer's nursing and military perspective, preparing them for increased responsibilities in patient care and leadership. shall bring to the American soldier wherever he may be, the best of my knowledge and professional care."

That pledge is one that the Army Nurse Corps and each of its individual members has carried out with dedication and devotion since their official organization in 1901. They will continue to fulfill that pledge in the future as they meet and solve new challenges in caring for the active duty and retired soldiers and their families. (Lt. Col. Moskovites is chief of the Department of Nursing at Fox Army Community Hospital.)



— Maj. William Richling, nurse anesthetist, checks equipment before the day's



ICU — 1st Lt. Michele Saxon (at left) and 2nd Lt. Theresa Heibert prepare medication in the intensive care unit.

Additions being made to Army's regimental system

WASHINGTON — Twelve Combat Support, Combat Service Support and special branches plus the Corps of Engineers will be incorporated into the Army's Regimental System by Sept. 30.

Plans for regimental affiliation, recently approved by the Army Chief of Staff, will extend to these soldiers the same benefits already offered to combat arms soldiers under the system. Affiliation will offer the opportunity for long-term identification and the potential for recurring assignments. It will also help to carry on the history, customs and traditions of the corps.

Because these branches are not legally considered regiments, their regimentation plans will not follow the same guidelines as those for the combat arms units. All branches will retain their "corps" titles and be implemented into the regimental system as whole branches, said Lt. Col. James T. Dowdy of the New Manning System Division at the Pentagon. Under this "Whole Branch Concept," these soldiers will automatically be affiliated with the branch of their primary military occupational specialty. Once the corps are implemented under the regimental system, they will be counted as regiments and referred to in regimental terms.

Under the Regimental Implementation Plan that governs the affiliation process Army-wide, the branches are developing a "regimental" crest and color [flag] for their respective corps. Individual plans for

each corps must address a personnel assignment system that will give soldiers the opportunity to serve recurring assignments. These assignments might be, for example, in a particular geographic location or within a specific unit.

"Our soldiers need to know, however, that no assignment guarantee can be made since soldiers will serve within their corps in both Table of Organization and Equipment (TO&E) and Table of Distribution Allowances (TDA) assignments to meet Army requirements and to achieve individual professional development needs," Dowdy said.

The implementation plan further requires that each corps designate a homebase where the "regimental" color (flag) and memorabilia will be kept. The 13 corps and their homebases are:

- Adjutant General Corps — Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.
- Army Medical Department Corps — Fort Sam Houston, Texas
- Chaplains Corps — Fort Monmouth, N.J.
- Chemical Corps — Fort McClellan, Ala.
- Corps of Engineers — Fort Belvoir, Va.;
- Finance Corps — Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.;
- Judge Advocate General Corps — Charlottesville, Va.
- Military Intelligence Corps — Fort Huachuca, Ariz.;
- Military Police Corps — Fort McClellan, Ala.;

- Ordnance Corps — Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.
- Quartermaster Corps — Fort Lee, Va.
- Signal Corps — Fort Gordon, Ga.
- Transportation Corps — Fort Eustis, Va.

A time-phased program for implementing the regimental plan will be developed by each corps before March 15, Dowdy said. (The Ordnance Corps' implementation plan already has been developed.) The program should include a marketing strategy designed to inform and educate soldiers regarding their corps' plan and to demonstrate to them the benefits of the Regimental System to both the Army and the soldier.

Command sergeants major, sergeants major and colonels have been invited, by letter, to affiliate with their corps or to any active or proposed Combat Arms Regiment in which they have previously served while holding a combat arms occupational specialty, he said. This procedure is similar to that used for general officer affiliation.

By the end of fiscal year 1986, when the 13 corps are fully implemented, the Army Regimental System will total 64 regiments servicewide. The Army will continue to implement as many regiments and corps as possible in FY 87 and FY 88 to bring the total to more than 149 by the end of FY 88, Dowdy said. The entire Army is planned to be under the Regimental System by the end of FY 92, bringing the servicewide total to 183 regiments. (Arnews)

Army proposes disposal plan for chemical stockpile

WASHINGTON — A notice announcing the Army's intent to initiate an environmental impact statement for the disposal of lethal chemical agents and munitions within the continental United States was recently published in the Federal Register.

The notice comes as the first step in complying with the 1986 Defense Authorization Act directing the Defense Department to destroy its unitary chemical stockpile by Sept. 30, 1994, according to a DOD news release.

The unitary weapons, in which chemicals are mixed and the munitions ready-to-use, are being replaced by safer binary weapons. Because no chemical warfare agent is produced until two non-lethal chemicals are combined, the storage and handling of binary weapons will be safer. The two components will be stored separately and will not be combined until the munition is launched, said Maj. Bill Miller of the Army Chemical Office at the Pentagon.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act, the Army will analyze and document the impact associated with different procedures for destroying its unitary chemical munitions and agents. The Army will either destroy the stockpiles at the sites where they are currently located, transport them to regional disposal sites or move them to a national site.

Regardless of the option chosen, the Army will build facilities at those sites where the disposal process will take place, Miller said. The facilities will use incineration, coupled with comprehensive pollution control systems, for the disposal because this method has been demonstrated to be the most efficient and environmentally safe process for destroying chemical agents, he added.

The environmental impact statement will thoroughly analyze the potential environmental consequences of each choice by assessing risks, scheduling and costs, according to the release. The Army expects to have a draft EIS prepared by late summer, 1986.

Army installations currently storing chemical agents and munitions in the continental United States are Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; Anniston Army Depot, Ala.; Lexington-Blue Grass Army Depot, Ky.; Newport Army Ammunition Plant, Ind.; Pine Bluff Arsenal, Ark.; Pueblo Army Depot Activity, Colo.; Tooele Army Depot, Utah; and Umatilla Army Depot Activity, Ore.

Because of the expanded scope of the chemical stockpile disposal program, the Army is extending the public scoping process and is seeking participation and input from the public and interested organizations, as well as federal, state and local agencies. To accom-

modate this input, public meetings will be scheduled as required by public interest.

Any person or organization having questions or comments about the proposed disposal program or the issues to be analyzed in the environmental impact statement should write to: Commander, U.S. Army Toxic and Hazardous Materials Agency, ATTN: AMXTH-ES-E (Lt. Col. Vocelka), Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. 21010-5401. (Arnews)

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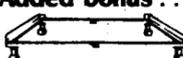
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Sports injuries can be prevented

By Charles R. Scoville
Fort Lewis Public Affairs Staff

Athletic participation can lead to injuries, and some cannot be prevented. In fact, injuries can occur even under ideal conditions. However, there are ways to decrease the chance of injury or at least its seriousness.

First, stay in good condition. People frequently participate in sports to "get in shape" rather than getting in shape to participate in sports. Those who are out of shape tend to tire quickly, thereby increasing the risk of injury.

When exercising to improve your physical condition, listen to your body: Do not overdo. Substitute the adage, "train, not strain," for "no pain, no gain." By gradually increasing the amount of exercise, you can safely improve your level of physical conditioning.

In sports training, there are three variables which can be changed: 1) the frequency of exercise, 2) the duration of exercise, and 3) the intensity of exercise.

You should not increase more than one of these variables in any given week. But with proper conditioning you should be able to participate longer with fewer risks.

Second, take time to inspect your equipment and ensure it fits properly and is in good condition. Each

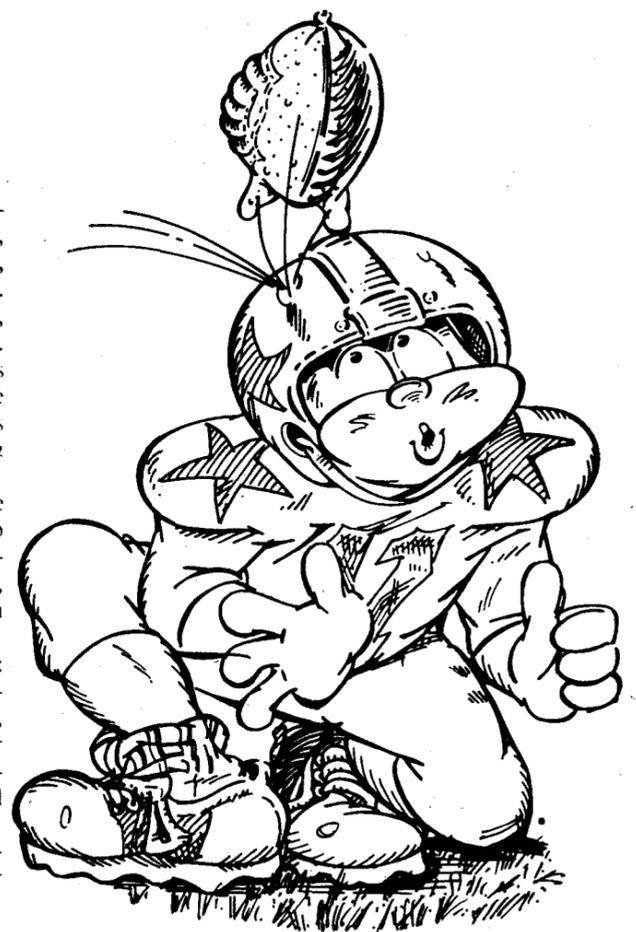
sport needs specific equipment. It may be good running shoes for jogging, eye protection for racquetball, or football gear. Whatever the necessary equipment, it will not prevent injury unless it functions properly.

Third, watch for safety hazards and, if possible, correct them. Each activity carries its own dangers. Runners should watch for holes and broken glass while basketball and racquetball players should be aware of slippery floors. Swimmers and divers should be familiar with the water they're swimming in.

Fourth, proper warm-up and cool-down exercise also helps prevent injuries. But improper warm-up and stretching can be more harmful than not warming up at all. Spending about ten minutes on slow, gradual warm-up activities, using the muscles you will be exercising.

Mild injuries should be treated with "RICE": Rest, Ice, Compression, and Elevation. Rest the injury. Apply ice. (Freeze water in a styrofoam cup, then use this ice cube to massage the injured part for five to ten minute.) Bandage the injury to help prevent swelling (Compression). Elevate the injured area.

While there is a potential for injury in all sports activities, you can prevent most injuries by using your judgment and maintaining good condition.



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Wind Chill Table

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Wind Chill Index: (Equivalent temperature) Equivalent in cooling power on exposed flesh under calm conditions

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Wind MPH 0	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45
5	33	27	21	16	12	7	1	-6	-11	-15	-20	-26	-31	-35	-41	-47	-54
10	21	16	9	2	-2	-9	-15	-22	-27	-31	-38	-45	-52	-58	-64	-70	-77
15	16	11	1	-6	-11	-18	-25	-33	-40	-45	-51	-60	-65	-70	-78	-85	-90
20	12	3	-4	-9	-17	-24	-32	-40	-46	-52	-60	-68	-76	-81	-88	-96	-103
25	7	0	-7	-15	-22	-29	-37	-45	-52	-58	-67	-75	-83	-89	-96	-104	-112
30	5	-2	-11	-18	-26	-33	-41	-49	-56	-63	-70	-78	-87	-94	-101	-109	-117
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45	1	-6	-17	-24	-31	-38	-46	-54	-63	-70	-78	-87	-94	-101	-108	-118	-128
50	0	-7	-17	-24	-31	-38	-47	-56	-63	-70	-79	-88	-96	-103	-110	-120	-128

(Wind speeds greater than 40 mph have little additional chilling effect.)

How Cold is Cold? Both temperature and wind affect the heat loss from the surface of the body. The effect of these two factors is expressed as an "equivalent temperature," which approximates the still-air temperature which would have the same cooling effect as the wind and temperature combination. For example, from the table above, with a temperature of 20°F. and a wind of 20 mph the effect on exposed flesh is the same as -9°F. with no wind.

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At the time of delivery, you can list loss and damage to your shipments on DD Form 1840, "Joint Statement of Loss or Damage at Delivery." Three copies of this form will be supplied by the mover. You have until 70 days after delivery—the old rules gave you only 45 days—to inspect your property more thoroughly for loss damage.

During the 70-day period, service members have only to fill out the reverse side of the DD Form 1840 and send it, with appropriate records, to the local claims office. The "appropriate records" should include the bill of lading, which provides the weight of the shipment and the shipper's name. At that point, it is not necessary to provide the original bill of sale for any damaged or lost goods.

The claims office will notify the carrier of all loss and damage and will advise you about filing a claim. (The old procedure required a trip to the transportation office before proceeding to claims.) Although you must notify the claims office of your loss within 70 days, you have up to two years to file a formal claim.

If your claim is supported by such records as moving inventories and repair estimates, you will not need a government inspection report in most cases. You should have an original receipt or bill of sale for expensive items, as these not only establish the validity of your claim, but save the government time in determining how much money you are owed. The result should be faster payment of your claim.



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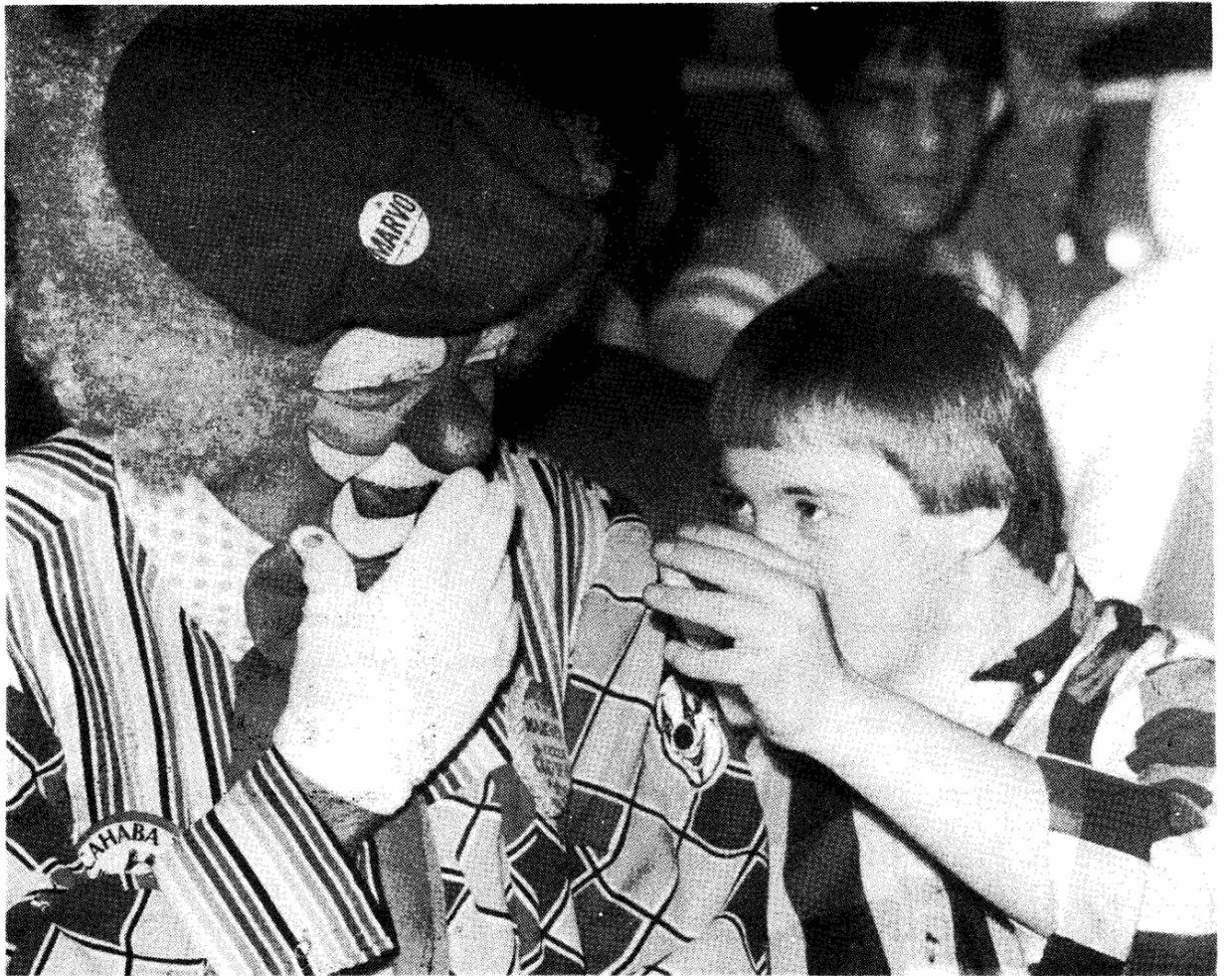
About 352 bowlers from all across north Alabama participated in this year's tournament held at the Pin Palace Bowling Lanes in Huntsville.

"This (the bowling tournament) is the third event I have helped with," said Sp4 Joseph Barney of the 515th Ordnance Company. "I love kids and I have a mentally retarded sister so I can understand what some of the parents are going through. I like to help handicapped and underprivileged kids because they need the attention."

"I thought it would just be fun to help them out," said Sp4 John Gogel. "It's very fulfilling and inspiring to see them bowl. And it makes you feel good just to come out and cheer them on."

This year's tournament was again coordinated and sponsored by the Council 4080 Knights of Columbus and a host of other local businesses and organizations, including OMMCS.

In addition to the bowling, participants were provided lunch and each bowler was awarded a medal.



CLOWNING AROUND — Doug Perry has fun with clown.



ALL SMILES — Sp4 Joseph Barney enjoys bowling outing with Jim McHugh.



AAFES stops selling Kodak instant cameras

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has stopped selling Kodak instant cameras. The action results from a court decision prohibiting Eastman Kodak Company from producing the cameras and film because of an infringement of patents owned by the Polaroid Corp.

The exchange system, however, will continue to sell film for the cameras until stocks are exhausted. "There is plenty of film available in the AAFES system," said AAFES spokesman Ken Boniface.

Boniface said that customers who purchased cameras in an exchange store could return the instant cameras for a refund of the original purchase price, but recommends they contact Kodak for details of Kodak's refund policy.

"From a practical point of view, customers will come out ahead if they contact Kodak," Boniface said. "AAFES will stand by its policy and accept the cameras and film back. But what the customer gets is

just a refund of the purchase price." Kodak's refund options provide something more than a refund of the purchase price.

Kodak is offering camera owners a new disc camera and two rolls of film, a book of 10 mail-in rebate coupons worth \$50 or one share of Kodak stock in exchange for their Kodak instant cameras.

A Kodak representative will explain the refund options to customers in the U.S. if they call 1-800-792-3000. The customer will then be sent an option selection letter and a mailing container for returning the camera, he said.

Kodak coupons will be available in overseas main exchanges within a month, he said. The coupons will explain the options and should be mailed to Kodak with all necessary information requested on the coupon. Kodak will then send the overseas camera owner an option selection letter and a mailing container for returning the camera. (Arnews)

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Recruiting team adds member

A Knoxville native with more than fifteen years of active duty service in the Army has become the latest addition to the Army recruiting team in the Huntsville North Army Recruiting Station.

SFC Josephus Thompson Jr. comes to the assignment from Germany where he served as two years as a career counselor.

Thompson is a graduate of the Army's Non-Commissioned Officers' Course, Army Recruiting School, and Army Retention Course.

He has been awarded four Army Commendation Medals, the Non-Commissioned Officers' Professional Development Ribbon, four Good Conduct Medals, two Overseas Service Ribbons, and the Recruiter's Gold Badge with sapphire, presented for excellence in recruiting.

Thompson and his wife Cherry have two children, Josephus and Branden.

Anyone interested in meeting Thompson to talk about what today's Army can offer should contact him at the Huntsville North Army Recruiting Station or call him at 539-7431.

Veterans job training gets year extension

President Reagan has signed legislation extending for one year Federal veterans job training programs for certain unemployed Vietnam War and Korean Conflict veterans.

The law also authorizes an additional \$65 million for the program in fiscal year 1986. However, additional legislation would be required for such funding to actually be appropriated and made available to the VA. Under the new law, veterans may apply to participate effective Feb. 1. The application period would end Jan. 30, 1987. The measure also extends, until July 31, 1987, the deadline for eligible veterans to be enrolled in approved training.

To participate in the program, a veteran must have been unemployed for at least 10 of the last 15 weeks immediately preceding the date of his or her application. Eligible veterans are furnished a certificate of eligibility by the Veterans Administration to be

presented to an employer offering a job training program that meets specified requirements.

The job training program, which is jointly administered by the VA and the Department of Labor, has put more than 37,000 veterans back to work since it became operational in November 1983. Employers may be reimbursed 50 percent of a veteran's starting hourly wages, up to \$10,000. The program provides a maximum of 15 months of training for certain service-disabled veterans, and up to nine months for other participants.

The program also allows employers to enter into agreements with educational institutions to provide vocational instruction under approved GI Bill training programs.

Korea and Vietnam era veterans and employees interested in participating should contact the VA Regional Office or local state employment service office. In Huntsville, dial 539-7742.



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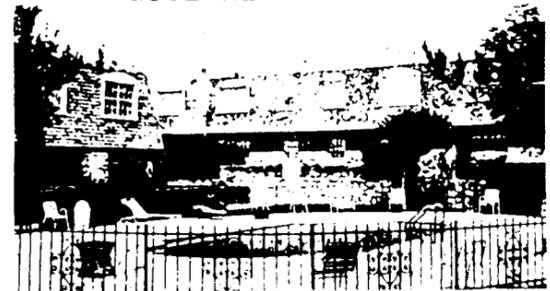
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Announcements

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"The Abilene Paradox" is a one-hour videotape course offered at the Learning Resource Center. This course deals with "the management of agreement in organizations." It describes symptoms of paradox, probes reasons behind the behavior, and offers strategies for eliminating this form of collective decision-making confusion. To enroll in the course, submit a DD Form 1556 to AMSMI-CP-TS/LRC, building 7446, Attn: Learning Resource Center. For more information, call 876-1061/1416.

Insurance

Maximum SGLI (Servicemen's Group Life Insurance) coverage was raised to \$50,000 effective Jan. 1. Lower coverage is available in \$10,000 increments at 80 cents per \$10,000 of coverage. Here is a schedule of the monthly deduction for each increment of coverage: amount of coverage \$10,000, premium deducted 80 cents; coverage \$20,000, deducted \$1.60; coverage \$30,000, deducted \$2.40; coverage \$40,000, deducted \$3.20; and coverage \$50,000, deducted \$4. Soldiers' pay accounts established under JUMPS-Army have a deduction of \$4 or \$50,000 coverage effective Jan. 1, according to Finance and Accounting officials. Soldiers wanting reduced coverage or who might want to waive their right to be insured, must file a new SGLI election form with the military personnel office, building 3710.

Chapel events

Feb. 7—*Annual Catholic Marriage Renewal* at 6:30 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel; the evening celebration includes Mass, a renewal of marriage vows, and dinner for all Catholic couples; for more information, call Gerdy Wyatt 881-8254. Feb. 11—*Widows or Widowers* group meets at 7 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel; this month's program is a talk on wills given by a local attorney; all military and civilian widows and widowers are invited. Feb. 12—*Black History Prayer Breakfast* at 6 a.m. at Post Chapel features music by the Edwards Gospel Ensemble; all military and civilian personnel are invited. Feb. 12—*Protestant Women of the Chapel* weekly Bible study at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 12—*Ash Wednesday Service* at 7 p.m. at Bicentennial Chapel.

Engineers Week

The 1986 Engineers Week Banquet will be held Thursday, Feb. 20 in the west exhibit hall of the Von Braun Civic Center, with 32 separate engineering organizations participating. Social hour will be at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30. The scheduled speaker is Vice Adm. Glenwood Clark, commander of the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command. Cost of tickets is \$12 per person. For more information on this or other activities during the special week Feb. 16-22, call Bill McCallum 533-3311 or Dr. Frank Tatom 533-9391.

Personnel management

The Huntsville-Rocket City Chapter of International Personnel Management Association will meet Feb. 18 at the Carriage Inn on University Drive. Social half-hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the business meeting will start at 6. Price of the meal is \$8.75 for non-IPMA members. Investment counselors Pam and Charles Eye will speak on "the professional money manager." Anyone interested in the growth and development of personnel administration is invited to attend. To make reservations no later than close of business Feb. 13, call Karen Norris 876-2172 or Carole Sams 876-8664.

Noncommissioned officers

Redstone Missile Chapter of the Noncommissioned Officers Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at the NCO Club, Redstone Room. All members or potential members are invited. Soldiers E-4 and above can contact their first sergeant or sergeant major for more membership information.

Veterinary clinic

Redstone's veterinary clinic has a female, brindle-colored boxer free for adoption. The dog is about 1 year old. For information call Kathy Yawn or Steve Milks 876-2441.

Smoking Cessation

Fox Army Community Hospital will hold smoking cessation classes Feb. 24-28 from 6 until 7:30 p.m. For information and registration call 876-5780 no later than Feb. 18.

Officers wives

Mrs. Jeremiah Denton will speak at an Officers Wives Club luncheon Feb. 11. She will tell about her experiences as the wife of a man who has been a Naval officer, prisoner of war, and a U.S. senator. Reservations for the luncheon, which begins with a social hour at 11 a.m., must be made by noon Feb. 7. Make reservations with the following: A-E, Betty Barnet 837-8426; F-L Pat Harlan 837-0966; M-R, Joann Andrew 837-5969; and S-Z, Rita Jo Smith 837-9265. Newcomers should make reservations through Carolyn Hutchins 830-4753. Cancellations must be made through Marge Kunhart 830-6621. The February lecture series guest is Judge Jeri Blankenship, who will speak on the juvenile justice system. She will speak Feb. 11 at 10 a.m. in the Big Springs Lounge at the Officers Club.

Academy for Arts and Academics

The AAA (Magnet School) will hold a meeting for the parents of new applicants and anyone else interested in learning more about this public school Thursday, Feb. 20 at 9:30 a.m. Questions will be answered, and a tour of the school will be given. There will be a PTA meeting Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. For more information call Kathy Cook 830-9084.

Youth soccer

The American Youth Soccer Organization, Region 388, is accepting applications for spring soccer. Children born in 1967 through 1980 are eligible to play. All new and returning players must register at building 114, Youth Activities Center. For more information call 876-KIDS.

Ladies golf

The Redstone Ladies Golf Association will have a welcome coffee Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. at the Recreation Center. For more information, call Mary Parker, golf publicity chairman, 881-5487.

Contract managers

The National Contract Management Association is sponsoring a workshop entitled "Cost Accounting Basics," led by Dr. David Hudson of the U.S. Army Strategic Defense Command. The workshop will be held at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Sheraton-Huntsville. Cost is \$24 for members, \$26 for non-members and includes dinner. Guaranteed reservations must be received by Feb. 10. For more information, call Tommie Conners 876-2426, J.B. Lathan 533-1644 or Jim Reynolds 895-5631.

Computer users

The Apple Computer User Group will meet at 1 p.m. Feb. 8 in Universal Data Systems cafeteria on Bradford Drive, Huntsville. The library's public software will be available for copying.

Test subjects

A briefing team will be here Feb. 10-12 to recruit soldiers interested in serving as test subjects for Army research at Natick, Mass. Briefing and interviewing of candidates is to be held in room 217 of building 3305 from 2-4 p.m. Feb. 10 and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 11. On the 12th, the team is to complete physical examinations and have administrative actions. For more information, call Jeanette Kinney, chief of the administrative support branch at OM-MCS, at 876-5896.

Red Cross blood program

Here's the Red Cross blood program schedule for this month: Feb. 7—building 5400 (bus) from 7-12; building 4566 (bus) from 8-12. Feb. 8—building 3209 (8th Students) from 9-1. Feb. 12—building 111 (bus) from 8-12. Feb. 14—building 4488 from 7:30-12:30. Feb. 18—building 4752 (NASA) from 8:30-12:30. Feb. 19—building 3711 (Recreation Center) from 9-12. Feb. 21—building 5681 (bus) from 7-1; building 7442 (bus) from 8-12. Feb. 28—BMDSCOM (bus) from 7:30-1; building 8027 from 7:30-11:30. For more information call Naomi Whitaker, blood program co-ordinator for Redstone, at 876-3124/2759.

Childbirth classes

Redstone Arsenal Childbirth Classes are conducted from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Fox Army Community Hospital. For registration and more information, call Maj. Forsythe 876-8831 or Maj. Trent 876-5863.

COMPACT building

Due to renovation of the Consolidated Military Personnel Activity (COMPACT) building 3710, the following branches of that office have been temporarily moved to building 5452: enlisted management branch, phone 876-3296/3297; enlisted records branch, 876-1297; student Milpo, 876-3878; customer services branch (including ID card section), 876-5430; and transfer point, 876-1671. Building 5452 is located just off Burose Road next to the Photo Lab.

Sweetheart banquet

The Protestant Sweetheart Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Officers Club. Tickets cost \$4 per person. Luther Kramer of The Key in Huntsville is the speaker. The Huntsville Sweet Adelines, under the direction of Naida Williamson, will provide "easy listening" music. For reservations, call Bicentennial Chapel 876-5707 by Feb. 11.

Deer-auto collisions

The Safety Office provided the following list of deer-auto collisions on Redstone Arsenal to encourage drivers to be alert while traveling in these areas: Mills and Patton intersection, 1:30 p.m. Jan. 1; Toftoy, north of Martin Road, 8 p.m. Jan. 12; and Patton Road & Cajun, 8:40 a.m. Jan. 24. There have been 36 collisions reported so far in fiscal 1986.

Military comptrollers

Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers will have a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Feb. 13. The scheduled speaker is Dr. Harry West, deputy comptroller of the Army. Cost for the luncheon is \$6 for ASMC members and \$7 for non-members. For reservations call: AMCMEA—Mary Milam 895-5500; COE/SDI—Penny Cancel 895-4167; Finance & Accounting—Betty Holdcraft 876-8385; AAA—Debbie Colvin 876-2615; MLC—Jeanne Henry 876-9011; and all others can call Linda Readus 876-7212.

Smoking cessation

Smoking Cessation Classes will be held at Fox Army Community Hospital from 6-7:30 p.m. on Feb. 24-28. To sign up for the class, call 876-5780.

Carpool Hotline



Call 876-1500 to place your free carpool ad.

Woodville/Gurley

Ride wanted from Woodville/Gurley area to Strategic Defense Command building, hours flexible. Rita Townsel 876-5970.

ASMC officers

Officers of the Redstone/Huntsville Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers were installed Jan. 24. They include Col. George Laslo, president; Pauline Cason, first vice president; Harriett Tribble, second vice president; Lois Spruiell, third vice president; Judy Buchanan, corresponding secretary; Frank Rouse, recording secretary; Anna Cox, treasurer; and Billy Harbin, assistant treasurer.

Top graduates

The following service members received honor or distinguished graduate awards in OMMCS courses which graduated Jan. 20-24: Sp4 Joseph A. Duran Jr., honor, Sp4 Daniel C. Swift, distinguished, for the Ammunition Stock Control & Accounting Specialist course; SSgt. Billy W. Jarman, distinguished, PFC Timothy S. Smith, honor, Multiple Launch Rocket System Repairer; PFC Ramon Tarin Jr., distinguished, Pvt. Barry M. Hachett, honor, Vulcan Repairer; Sgt. Michael W. Anderson, honor, Pvt. Harvey J. Matthews Jr., distinguished, Ammunition Specialist; and Pvt. Michael A. Turner, honor, Pvt. Anthony Blood, distinguished, TOW/Dragon Repairer.

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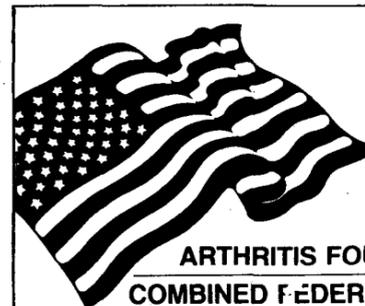
Here are the new officers of The Retired Officers Association. Arthur Ousley, president; Edgar Pevey, first vice president; George Holt, second vice president; Maynard Furney, secretary; Henry Beall, treasurer. The three service representatives are: Robert Bundy, Army; Ronald St. Louis, Air Force; and William Howard, Navy.

Alcoholics Anonymous

The Redstone Arsenal group of Alcoholics Anonymous has a "happy hour" meeting each Friday afternoon at 5:15 in room 11 at Bicentennial Chapel. This is an open discussion meeting and anyone interested in the subject of alcoholism is invited to attend.

Garden Club

The OWC Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 13 at the home of Judy Boschma, 10100 Shades Road, SE (phone 882-9359). Guest speaker Mary Lou McNabb will present a program entitled "Cut and Dried." She will tell what flowers to plant, how to dry flowers and how to use them.



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1985 Camaro air, AM/FM cassette, auto, PS, PB, rally wheels, 19,500 miles, dark blue with tan interior. Asking \$8,900, must see to sell. Cindy 876-8001 before 3:30.

For Sale: Couch and two chairs, newly upholstered, attractive. \$245. Call 881-1934.

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For Sale: Soccer game, stand up, manual. \$15. Call 881-1934.

1980 Chevrolet Citation X-11 two door hatchback, four cylinder, four speed, very good condition, \$2500, call Brian at 883-6647 or 876-4628.

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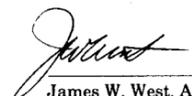
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ASSETS		
Loans to Members	\$168,738,568	\$177,602,140
Lines of Credit	3,400,645	3,658,061
Collateral in Process of Liquidation	247,238	308,186
Assets Acquired in Liquidation	26,669	190,442
Other Loans	396,426	-
Allowance for Loan Losses	(523,930)	(880,209)
TOTAL LOANS	172,285,616	\$180,878,620
Cash on Hand and on Deposit	6,188,351	7,858,202
Accounts Receivable	56,228	74,872
Investments	32,146,305	99,040,298
Accrued Income	1,655,120	3,326,872
Prepaid and Deferred Items	102,948	220,368
Land	867,251	1,132,032
Building	2,499,962	4,186,927
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	1,503,877	1,440,475
Leasehold Improvements	214,656	158,709
Other Assets	100,461	3,119,317
TOTAL ASSETS	\$217,620,775	\$301,436,692
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Accounts and Notes Payable	\$ 269,625	\$ 244,923
Accrued Interest Payable	707	707
Taxes Payable	9,027	44,684
Dividends Payable	4,509,913	5,553,255
Accrued and Deferred Items	178,644	145,293
Other Liabilities	(20,479)	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 4,947,437	\$ 5,988,862
Equity		
Shares	\$123,003,913	\$188,061,820
Share Certificates	79,326,131	94,065,689
Regular Reserve	6,317,793	7,073,643
Undivided Earnings	4,025,501	6,246,678
TOTAL EQUITY	\$212,673,338	\$295,447,830
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$217,620,775	\$301,436,692

Accompanying Notes to these Financial Statements appear in the 1985 Annual Report.

I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, this statement and the related statements are true and correct and present fairly the financial position and the results of operations for the period covered.


James W. West, Acting President

Statement of Income and Expenses

	1984	1985
OPERATING INCOME		
Income from Loans		
Interest on Member Loans	\$21,447,727	\$24,283,025
Interest on Lines of Credit	559,331	609,098
TOTAL INCOME FROM LOANS	\$22,007,058	\$24,892,123
Income from Investments and Other Income		
Income from Investments	\$ 3,286,854	\$ 6,059,788
Fees, Charges, and Rent	726,235	941,835
Miscellaneous Operating Income	232,268	296,333
TOTAL INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS AND OTHER INCOME	\$ 4,245,357	\$ 7,297,956
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$26,252,415	\$32,190,079
EXPENSES		
Operating Expenses		
Employee Compensation	\$ 1,934,079	\$ 2,532,452
Employee Benefits	355,982	454,102
Travel and Conference	46,388	54,602
Dues and Membership	11,506	11,346
Office Occupancy	850,784	985,932
Office Operation	1,371,490	1,626,159
Loan Servicing	63,988	112,095
Interest on Commercial Money	-	-
Cash Over and Short	15,575	2,115
Miscellaneous Operating Expenses	18,517	77,928
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 4,668,309	\$ 5,856,731
Members' Benefits		
Education and Promotion	\$ 146,890	\$ 199,556
Professional and Outside Services	313,828	346,030
Federal Supervision and Examination	28,632	25,281
Members' Insurance	161,184	16,427
Provision for Loan Losses	826,567	1,047,397
Annual Meeting Expense	30,666	53,527
TOTAL MEMBERS' BENEFITS	\$ 1,507,767	\$ 1,688,218
Return to Members		
Interest on Borrowed Money	\$ 2,812	\$ 2,805
Dividend Expense — Shares Accounts	9,138,803	12,933,194
Dividend Expense — Certificates	7,739,743	8,910,757
TOTAL RETURN TO MEMBERS	\$16,881,358	\$21,846,756
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$23,057,434	\$29,391,705
INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	\$ 3,194,981	\$ 2,798,374
TOTAL NON-OPERATING GAINS (LOSSES)		
	\$ (19,403)	\$ (20,214)
NET INCOME	\$ 3,175,578	\$ 2,778,160

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