

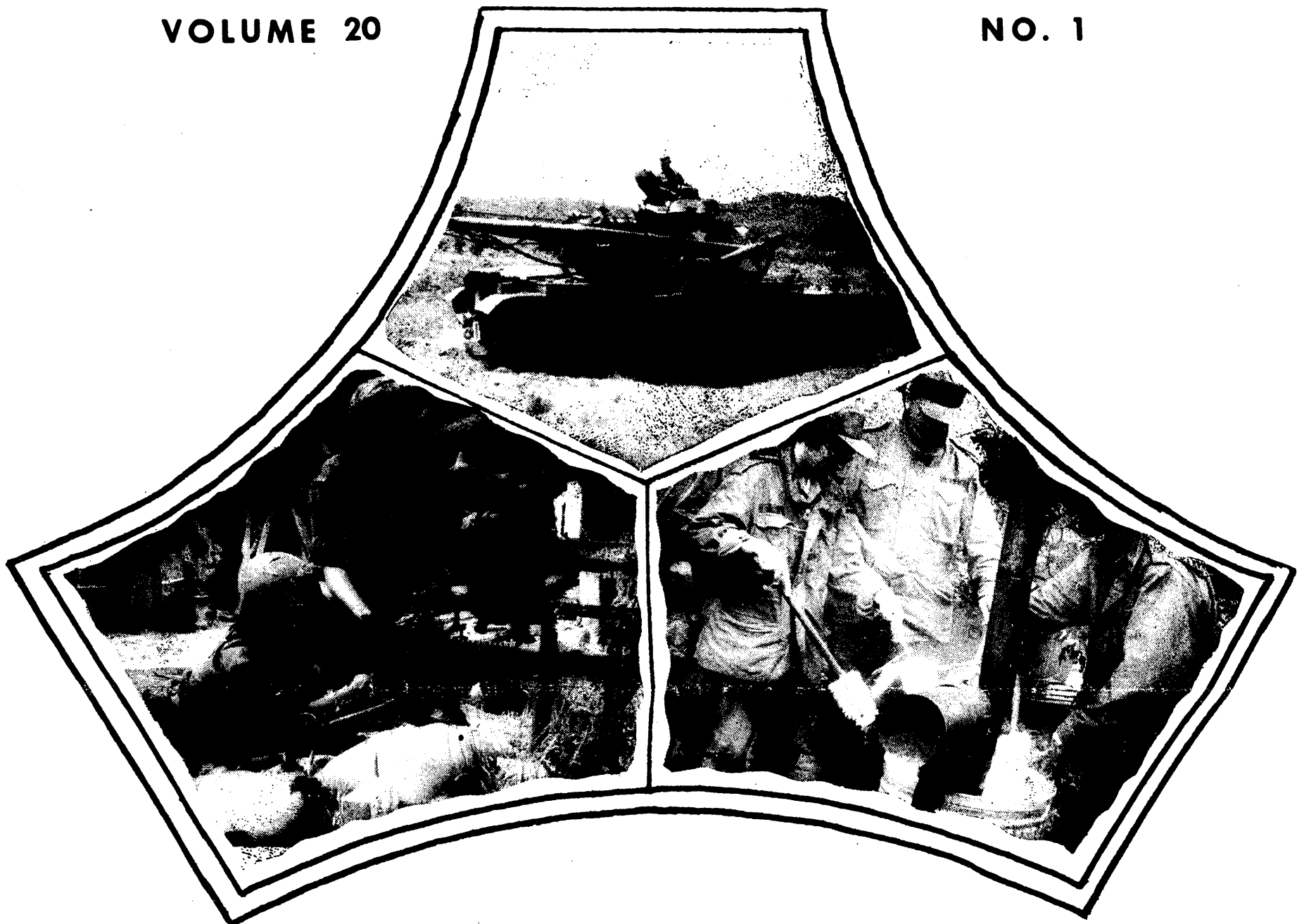
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Annual training begins at McCoy

When summer arrives in Fort McCoy, everything changes. The post blooms into the annual training site for the United States Army Reserve and National Guard.

This year more than 60,000 soldiers are expected to arrive at Fort McCoy and begin their annual two weeks of summer training.

The post's mission is to provide logistical and administrative training to the Fifth U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard units. The post is also open to the Boy Scouts, Wisconsin Reserve Officers Training Corps units, and several civic action groups.

Some of the units presently training on post are the 882nd AG Co, 416th Engr. Cmd. 103rd Spt. Bde., 5501st. USA

Hospital, and the 29th JAG Det.

In 1926 the post was unofficially named Camp McCoy in honor of Maj. Gen. Robert B. McCoy, who served with distinction in the 32nd Div., Wisconsin National Guard, during World War I.

In 1941 the camp was expanded to 60,000 acres and in 1974 it was redesignated as a Fort. Since 1953, the "semi-active" installation has been the major training center for the Fifth Army Guard and Reserve units.

During the winter, USAR, ARNG, and Air National Guard utilize the post for weekend training.

The training here gives the Reserve and National Guard a unique opportunity to meet the demanding challenges the U.S. Army has to offer.

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Strength of Spirit Still Prevails

To instil esprit in military personnel and provide a standard for their actions particularly in wartime, situations, the Code of Conduct for members of the Armed Forces was established by executive order in 1955.

The Code's forward states: "the foundations of this code are faith in God and country, knowledge of the basic truths and advantages of American institutions, pride in one's service and respect for national, military and unit's history and traditions. It is buttressed by your confidence in the fidelity and courage of your fellow servicemen."

After the Vietnam war some POW returnees attributed their survival to the inspiration provided by the Code of Conduct.

There have been various reasons for the "esprit de corps" of military forces throughout the centuries. The armies of ancient Israel were inspired by their God, as were those of Oliver Cromwell in England, centuries later. Some have been inspired by their leaders, such as those under the command of General Robert E. Lee or General George S. Patton. Other fighting units such as the buccaneers, were fired by greed and the early Vikings by their love of fighting. Whatever the motivation, where there has been good esprit, the performance of the unit has been good; where bad, the performance has been bad.

Material amenities or lack

of them have never been the dominant factor in the esprit of American Armed Forces. For example, the sailors of the American Revolution who bunked in quarters that were often wet, and who ate wormy bread and moldy meat were capable of taking the best of what the British Navy had to offer. Men and officers of the U.S. Indian-Fighting Army lived under conditions that their contemporaries described as worse than those of slaves, but for several decades they fought the American Indians while protecting the settlers of the west and eventually prevailed.

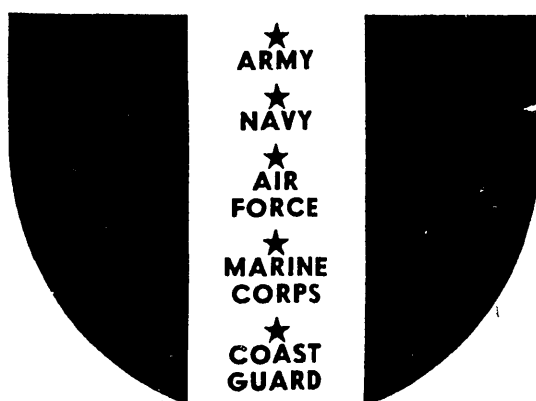
Clearly "esprit" is a matter of the intellect and the spirit. Although it is a subject often left to philosophical writers, it is necessary in every group activity

of everyday life. Team spirit is fundamental to success in group sports, business projects, and the defense and security of our nation.

Verbal phrases are often used to express this intangible quality, such as the various slogans and nicknames of military units. Some examples are; "Duty, Honor, Country" of the U. S. Military Academy; "Second to None" of the Air Force; "Can Do" of the Seabees, and "The Marines are looking for a few good men" of the U. S. Marine Corps.

As to the power of the spirit, the ancient writer Ovid stated, "A spirit is superior to every weapon." And Shakespear said in his play, "Julius Caesar," "No strong tower or walls of beaten brass.... can be retentive to the strength of spirit."

Such strength of "esprit de corps" continues to be the superior weapon of the worlds best trained, best equipped military force -- the U.S. Armed Forces. (AFPS)



Parade set for Sparta

From screening missions to the parade in Sparta Saturday, is the task given to the Scout Platoon, Combat Support Company, 4/54th Infantry Battalion from Fort Knox, Kentucky. Along with the platoon, the 4/54th will provide the Color Guard and also two armored personnel carriers, complete with crews.

As an added attraction from Fort McCoy, a UH-1 helicopter will be displayed in the field adjacent to Sparta Junior High School on East Main St. The helicopter will be open for interested persons from 1330 to 1530 hours. A crew will be available to answer questions.



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Eleven receive

Milton degrees

Eleven people from Fort McCoy were graduated from Milton College Sunday. This was the 110th annual commencement at Milton. Receiving their Bachelor of Arts Degrees were: Jim DuBois, DIO; CPT George Durham, DPTS; Maj. Roger Greenwood, DPTS; MSG Dennis Janni, F&AO; John Keevin, MISO; William Klein, EEO; CSM Hans Kleinschmidt, Cmd. Grp.; Frank Orrico, DPDO; CPT Robert Phillips DPTS; L.W. Todahl, MISO and Maj. Jack Van Allen, DIO.

"Adrian Muck, I presume"

by Bob Giblin

Who is Adrian Muck? Ask any member of the 378th Engr. Det. (USAR) and they will probably laugh. Adrian Muck is a type of soil found around many of the waterways at Fort McCoy--waterways which the 378th surveyed during their two-week training stint here.

The 378th is a small unit, consisting of only five men, but their job is a big one. They're making a study of all the waterways and streams on Fort McCoy.

The study is very general, according to CPT. William Hawes, originally of Woodridge, Ill., and member of the 378th. Hawes explained the surveying method, called hydrography. "We gather basic information at various points along a waterway to determine its width, depth, bank heights and slope and velocity of water flow." They also sample the soil in, and around the waterways.

The information is basic, and so are the tools used by the team...a tape measure, pole, shovel, and clinometer.

Velocity of water flow and stream width are obtained with the tape measure. Velocity is determined by dropping a small stick in the water and timing it as it travels over a measured distance. Velocity is expressed in feet per second. Width is expressed in general terms such as 3-6 feet, 6-9 feet, and so on.

Soil samples are taken with a shovel, and an on-the-spot analysis made. Hawes remarked, "We're just trying to make generalizations about the soil, such as whether or not it is compactable and hard enough to support a vehicle, or tanks without sinking or turning to mud.

The angle of the stream bank is found by reading a clinometer. A clinometer is similar to a compass. The surveyor looks through a sight, and takes a reading of the degree and percentage of incline. Those measurements can also be used to decide whether or not a vehicle is capable of crossing a stream at that point.

After the measurements are taken, they are marked on an aerial map of the area. Such measurements are taken at many points along a waterway or stream.

"Hydrography is only one part of a more thorough and complete study," continued Hawes. "Other studies are also taken to find available engineering materials, vegetation, available cover, and chemical makeup of the soil and water.

The final product will be an overlay to be used with the Fort McCoy map. This information, according to Hawes, can be used by training units to aid them in finding soldier and tank crossings, and water sources.

Units can also use the information to avoid the most dreaded terrain of all--muck!



1Lt Richard Hammond and CPT. William Hawes, 378th Engr Det (Res) check the depth of a small creek. Look, over there. CPT William Haws measures the incline of a stream bank. Photo by Robert Giblin



Weekend Leathernecks Train at McCoy



story and photos by

Dutch Meier

Approximately 90 members of the United States Marine Corps Reserve from Waterloo, Iowa were on-post last weekend for their unit's first season.

Personnel from Battery C, 1st Battalion, 14th Marines (Reinforced), arrived for live firing after convoying up Saturday morning. The unit brought ten vehicles and four 105 mm towed howitzers for their drill.

Battery Commander, Captain Don Black, indicated that the unit will be returning to Fort McCoy three times during the annual training season; twice for artillery firing and once for rifle and machinegun qualification and familiarization.

advisers

The unit has five active duty non-commissioned officers who act as advisers. Sergeant Major E. Alvarado, Gunnery Sergeant John Davis, and Staff Sergeant Albert Rodriguez were with the unit during its weekend firing offering guidance and assistance.

travel

This artillery unit does not spend all its weekend drills at Fort McCoy or at its Reserve Center. One weekend drill during the past winter found unit members participating in a mobilization exercise. They were packed on a U.S. Air Force Reserve C-141 and airlifted to California.

They will spend their two weeks of annual training this year at Coronado, CA, an island near San Diego.

The unit wasn't without notable characters; Sergeant Michael Montgomery was presented with an award yesterday as "Marine of the Year" for Iowa by the governor, Robert D. Ray.

Iowa Man 'Marine of Year'



Marine Sergeant Michael Montgomery is a special Marine. He was commended yesterday as the Marine of the Year for the State by Iowa governor Robert D. Ray.

Sgt. Montgomery, 30, is a naval gun-fire spotter with Battery C, 1st Battalion, 14th Marines (Reinforced), a Corps reserve unit, in Waterloo, Iowa.

He joined the unit and the reserves in July 1975.

Since that time he has been active in unit military and civil affairs. When he was on active duty he saw action in Viet Nam as a machinegunner.

He is mayor of his hometown, Lisbon, Iowa. Sgt. Montgomery is married with two sons: wife Cindy; sons Mark and Jason.

firing

Their afternoon and evening of fire expended 100 rounds of high explosives, 20 illumination rounds, and six smoke rounds. No white phosphorus, "Willie Pete", was fired due to the extreme forest fire danger existing in the area.

Captain Sam Jensen, the unit executive officer, stated, "the unit fired well, some of our younger members have never fired with us before and they really looked good"

observing

Forward Observers (F.O.) from the battery confirmed a good afternoon's shooting; Captain Mike Klobertantz, F.O. leader, confirmed three direct hits on targets called in during fire missions. "Three fireballs, that's pretty good spotting, calling, and shooting!", he said.

Marine Staff Sergeant (2d from left, back row) observes his gun crew during a firing mission called in to the unit's Fire Distribution section from the Forward Observers. Upper Left

Members of Battery C, 1st Battalion, 14th Marines (Reinforced) take time for chow before moving to a new firing position during their training at Fort McCoy. Top Center

After a fire mission has been completed, Gunnery Sergeant John Davis indicates the flash of the round as it explodes in the impact area. Upper Right

Marine Reservists from C Battery, 1/14th Marines load up their 105mm gun after a day's successful firing. They then moved to a different location for night firing. Lower Right



after hours : rec. services, craft shops offer variety of activities

by Bob Giblin



With the flick of a brush, Helen Goodenough, ceramic sales clerk, turns greenware into a colorful pot. (Photo by Robert Giblin)

Toastmasters meet Wednesday

The Fort McCoy Toastmasters will meet at 11:30 a.m. in the upstairs lounge of the Four Seasons NCO club. All members, and those wishing to join are invited.

Toastmasters International is an organization whose members are interested in developing communication and leadership skills that will benefit them in business, community and social life.

The club was formed in 1924 by a group who assembled in Santa Ana, Calif. Their purpose was to form a club that would give them practice and training in the art of public speaking and presiding over meetings, and to promote good fellowship and sociability among its members.

Membership is challenging and exciting, and offers an unlimited opportunity to develop communications and leadership skills, and put them to use.

Interested in ceramics, woodworking, or auto crafts? Fort McCoy has an active arts and crafts program for all active duty soldiers, Reservists, civilians, National Guardsmen, and all dependants.

The auto crafts shop, building 1764, has facilities for general repair and other automotive work. There are three work bays, and tools can be checked out for use in the shop. There is no charge for using the shop, but users must provide their own parts. Parts can be purchased at a discount from United Auto Supply in Sparta with a note from a shop staff member. The auto craft shop is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6 to 9 p.m.

The woodshop is located in building 1113, near the gym. It's also well equipped with tools. Again...workers must provide their own materials. Wood may not be purchased through the shop. Use of the woodshop is free. The woodshop is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For those of a more artistic nature, there is a ceramic shop located in 1113. Materials are available for glazing, making pottery, and decorating greenware, or pre-molded pottery. They may be purchased at a sales store in the ceramic shop. The ceramic shop is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday. The sales store is open Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

The recreation center, building 2000, near the finance office, offers a wide variety of diversions to occupy spare time. Records, ping-pong, pool, table games, foosball, and puzzles are at the rec. center. This year, they've added electronic tennis. A color television is upstairs.

Many special events are planned for the Summer. Dates will be announced periodically.

The Information, Tour, and Travel service is also in the rec. center. ITT has information about places to go, things to see, and local festivals and events.

For more information, call Ms. May Wixson, at the post rec. center. Phone 3213.

Many people enjoy an end-of-the-day workout, and the post fieldhouse, building 1122, is the place to do it. This well equipped, fieldhouse offers a large gymnasium, raquetball court, olympic-sized pool, game room, and TV lounge.

Athletic equipment and clothing can be checked out at the gym office.

The gym is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Swimmers may use the pool from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The raquetball court is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Unit organizations may check out recreation equipment at no charge. Equipment must be signed out by a unit representative in the grade of E-6 or above.

The Recreation Services Rental Shop will open later next week. For a small fee, interested personnel may rent boats, canoes, bicycles, camping equipment, fishing rods and reels, and golf clubs. This equipment is available now through the field house office.

Recreation Services also operates several recreation areas on post. The outdoor pool is scheduled to open June 15th. A golf driving range will open next week. Ball fields and tennis courts may be reserved through the rec. services office in the fieldhouse. For more information, phone 2973, 3202, or 2619.

At the movies...

Movie schedule for the week of 19-25 May
at theater #5 is:

Thursday and Friday MIDWAY (PG)

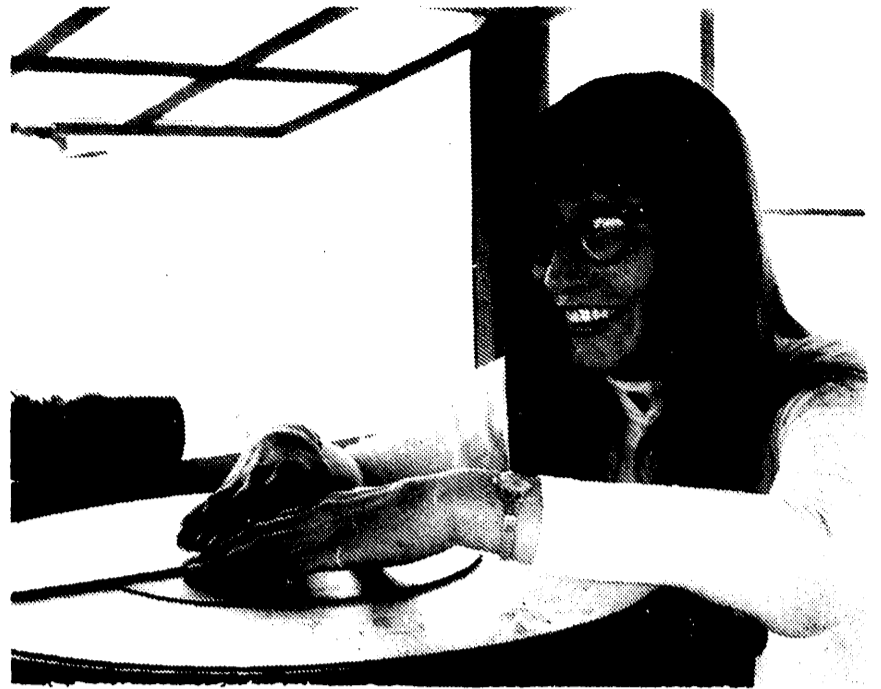
Saturday THE NEXT MAN (R)

Sunday and Monday SILVER STREAK (PG)

Tuesday and Wednesday TAXI DRIVER(R)

Lady firewatch keeps eye on surrounding areas

by Tom Caroompas



Once a fire has been spotted within her area of sight, Bessie Kmiecik, a DNR Firewatcher, uses her alidade to get the direction of the fire. Once she has the direction, she plots it on the map then calls the information in to Black River Falls where the information is relayed to firefighters in the area of the fire. (Photo by Val Avalos)

Many people go to work each day and sit behind a desk in a dull office. To Mrs. Bessie Kmiecik the idea of doing such a thing is absurd. Instead, she goes high to work each day -- 1550 feet high that is. Bessie is employed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as a fire watcher at the Greenfield Tower.

She has been a 'DNR' employee since October 1965, but her tower climbing began long before then. When she lived on a nearby farm, she often rode her horse out to the tower and was climbing it by the age of 12.

Now, six days a week, from the beginning of April through mid December, Bessie climbs the 100-foot tower to her seven foot square cabin to watch for fires.

The cabin is equipped with an alidade, a pair of field glasses, and a walkie-talkie. With these instruments, she can keep watch from Black River Falls to the north, Necedah to the east, Ridgeville Ridge to the south, and a mountain range about 45 miles to the west.

When a suspicious sighting or "smoke" is sighted, Bessie looks through the alidade to get a bearing on the location, then estimates the distance and plots it on the map.

Once she has the approximate location of the fire she rings the other towers. If the smoke is seen by them they also plot the location on their maps. When the lines are drawn on the map from the tower's locations, the point where they intersect is the location of the fire. This method is accurate to within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.

Black River Falls is then notified and given the location. The authorities then notify the local firefighters in the area of the fire.

"Communication from my tower only goes to the other towers and to Black River Falls. All other communication has to go through Black River Falls," explained Bessie. "I have many regrets about the lack of direct communication with local authorities. A lot of the property that is lost each year might be saved if there was a direct line with them."

"Common sense has to be used before a fire alarm is raised. If the smoke remains in the air for several minutes, the chances are it's a fire. Otherwise it might be dust raised by vehicles on the road or powder charges from the artillery firing at Fort McCoy. I average two to five sightings a day and sometimes as many as 20 that bear investigating."

Once in a while visitors drop by and climb the 84-rung ladder to the top of the tower and visit Bessie. The conversations vary, but inevitably come around to Bessie's other hobbies and interests. Don't be surprised if she asks for your shoulder patch or a unit crest to add them to her collection.

As an avid naturalist and amateur photographer, she has a collection of many of the birds and animal life she has spotted from her tower.

"It's a real thrill during a high wind to watch the birds soaring." Bessie may not be able to fly just like the birds but that doesn't stop her from soaring in the sky. As a licensed pilot, she occasionally takes a plane for a spin. "There is nothing like taking a plane high in the sky then stalling the engine. It's a great feeling."

To pass the time, Bessie has taught herself how to crochet and play the harmonica. A radio also keeps her company, but she is dead set against TV. "If I ever saw a TV up here I would throw it out the window and if I had a rifle, I would shoot it on the way down to make sure it was destroyed."

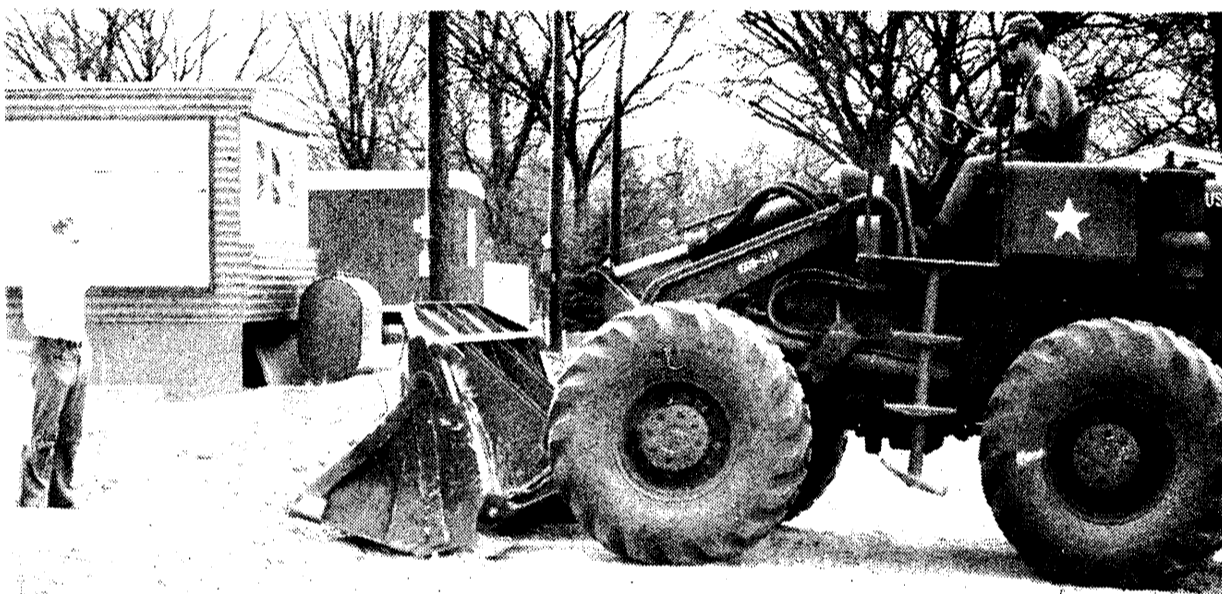
If you happen to be in the area of Greenfield Tower and have the time, stop up and visit Bessie. If you're in a hurry and don't have time to chat, a friendly wave will undoubtedly add a bright spot to her day.

Southpost housing beautification underway



(Photos by Dutch Meier)

Top left; PV2 Jerry Freeman and SP4 Walter Cox are installing playground equipment in the south post family housing area. Top right; fire department personnel are overseeing a controlled burning to clear the area of unsightly brush and leaf and grass buildup. New grass seed is being planted to make the area more attractive. Bottom; Maj. Charles Rowell (U.S. Army, Retired) and Lt. Col. Wilbur Lee (Post XO) are working in the housing area removing unsightly and unused coal bins from behind the family housing trailer park. The project was begun at the direction of the Post Commander, Col. Jack Weissinger.



Secure it or lose it

by Val Avalos



It's 4:30 p.m. and time to head for the barracks. After chow it's time for a cold shower and off to Sparta--the city of lights. In all the rush you forgot to check if your locker was locked before you left.

Fairly common thing to forget, you're sure nobody would rip you off -- especially in the barracks. But can you, really be sure?

Afterwards, you come around after the lights are out, and you don't really feel like checking that locker out because last night it was your best friend's- birthday you celebrated, and you couldn't find your nose if you looked for it. So you check it out in the morning and POW--it's gone, your treasured beer can collection, and so is your digital watch.

Last year Fort McCoy's principal problem was petty

larceny; most of it occurring in the barracks. The largest amount of property was stolen in the barracks themselves.

But probably the biggest problem was common negligence by the individual. Soldiers simply take too many things for granted.

It's not simply a matter of locking your valuables up, but also making sure the serial numbers are recorded and turned into the orderly room.

This way if there is anything stolen from your locker your stolen goods will immediately be recorded and investigated by the Military Police.

It won't really hurt much, and it just takes a little time off the individual. Remember, the barracks thief is there when you least expect him. His next victim may be you.