

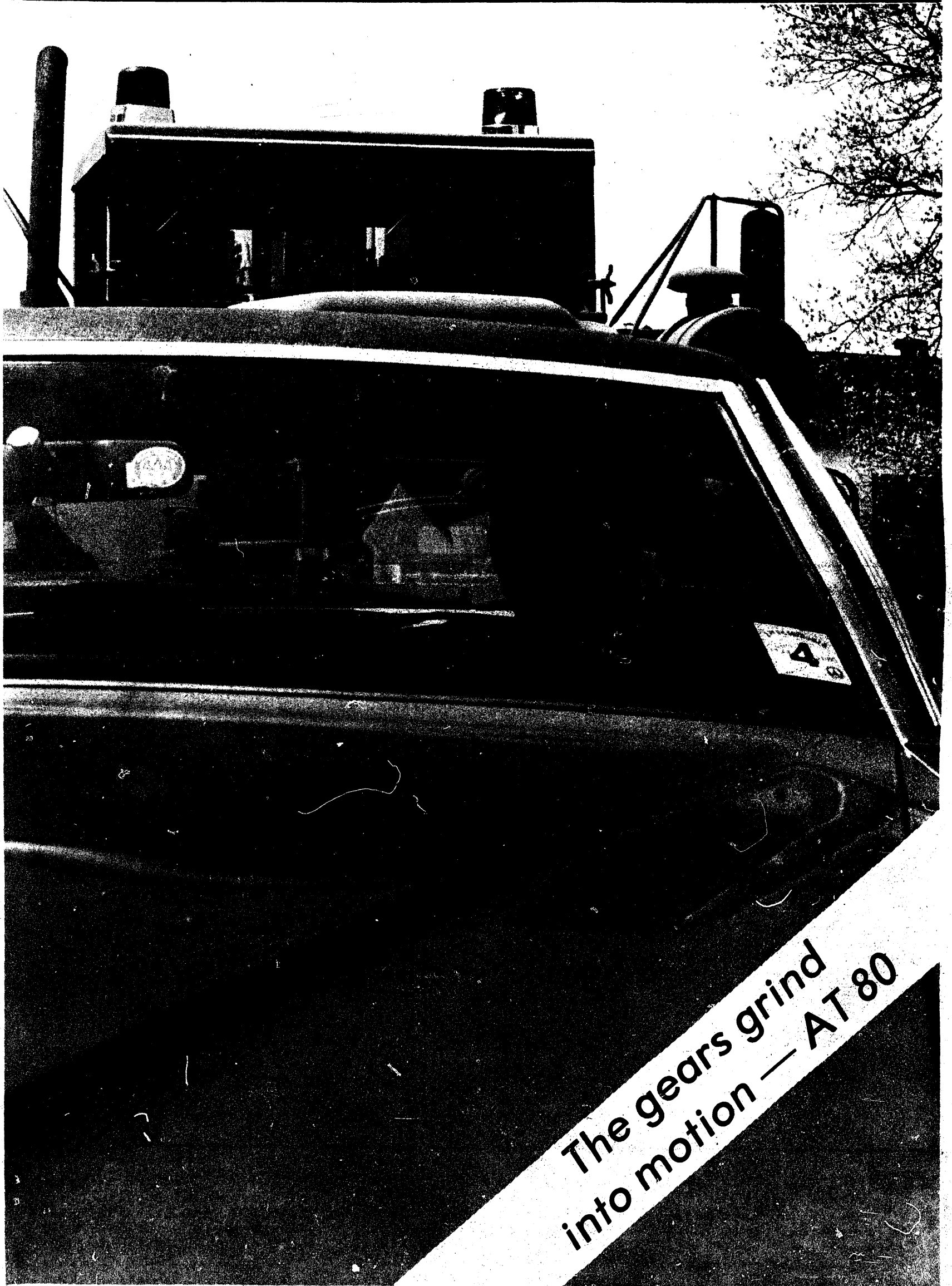


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The gears grind  
into motion — AT 80

# Commander's note --

Welcome to Fort McCoy, your installation for Annual Training Season 1980.

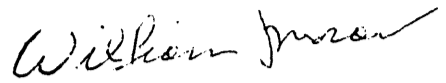
As in previous years, installation personnel, military and civilian, have but one goal in mind and that is to provide the best training environment possible. We understand that regardless of the intensive preparation that has been made for your annual training, problems will occur.

It is imperative that these problem areas be identified as early as possible in order for the right problem-solvers to get involved. I ask for your support in helping us to support you.

Two specific areas are of considerable concern--safety, not only on duty but off duty as well, and security of government property, to include vehicles. It will take a con-

certed effort in both areas by everyone to preclude loss of life, limb, training time or equipment.

Working together should permit AT 80 to be a success.



WILLIAM J. MORAN  
COL, AR  
Commanding



## Speak out:

### How does military training help in your civilian job?

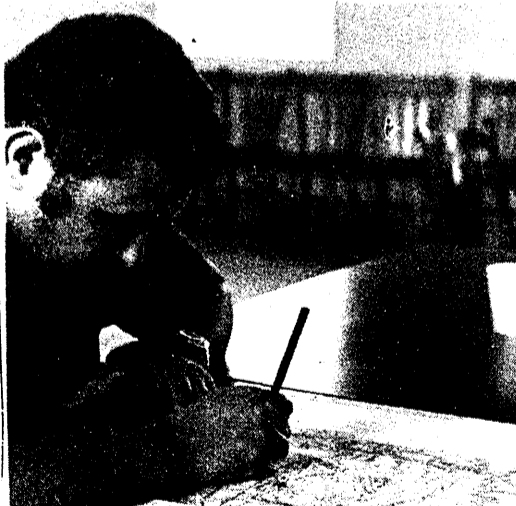


SSgt. James Rock, Co. C, 389th Eng. Bn.: "The training helps keep me up to date with the military a little better, together with my job. It's something to look forward to."



SSgt. Gene Nichols, Co. C, 389th Eng. Bn.: "I think it helps me through guidance with the leadership and team

work. Probably the most beneficial aspect to me is the discipline that is learned with the training."



SSgt. William Cash, Co. C, 389th Eng. Bn., Middletown, Iowa: "For me it helps keep the tension and pressure down. Training is a real break!"



Sgt. William Reimers, Co. C, 389th Eng. Bn.: "It helps emphasize the professionalism that teamwork provides and that in itself benefits any job."

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# It's your club system

by Dave Caryl

The Installation Club System, comprised of the NCO, Senior NCO and Officer clubs, has swung the door open for Annual Training Season 1980.

Although there have been no major changes to the system, there are several minor modifications to the clubs which should prove pleasing to the patrons.

The most marked change in the club system is the revamping of the menus. Gone are the traditional fast food items such as hot dogs and the all too common bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwiches, which according to Mr. H.L. McKenzie, the installation club manager, "were not very good sellers."

Replacing them on the menu will be more savory items such as shrimp and chicken, which McKenzie maintains, will take about the same amount of time to prepare as a hot dog.

McKenzie stated that one

of the goals of the club system is to provide better service to the customers. In order to accomplish this task McKenzie has hired a staff of 50 people to operate the clubs. Many of these people bring a lot of experience into their respective jobs. At the same time, these people are well aware of the importance of quick and efficient service to the client.

In the effort to satisfy the customer, the club system is also seeking every means of providing better entertainment for the soldiers.

According to McKenzie, the best way to achieve this objective is to respond to the desires of these men and women. For this reason, suggestion boxes are posted in the clubs, providing patrons with the opportunity to improve on their club.

The NCO Club is currently featuring four nights of entertainment weekly. On Thursdays and Sundays, the walls vibrate to the latest disco sounds,

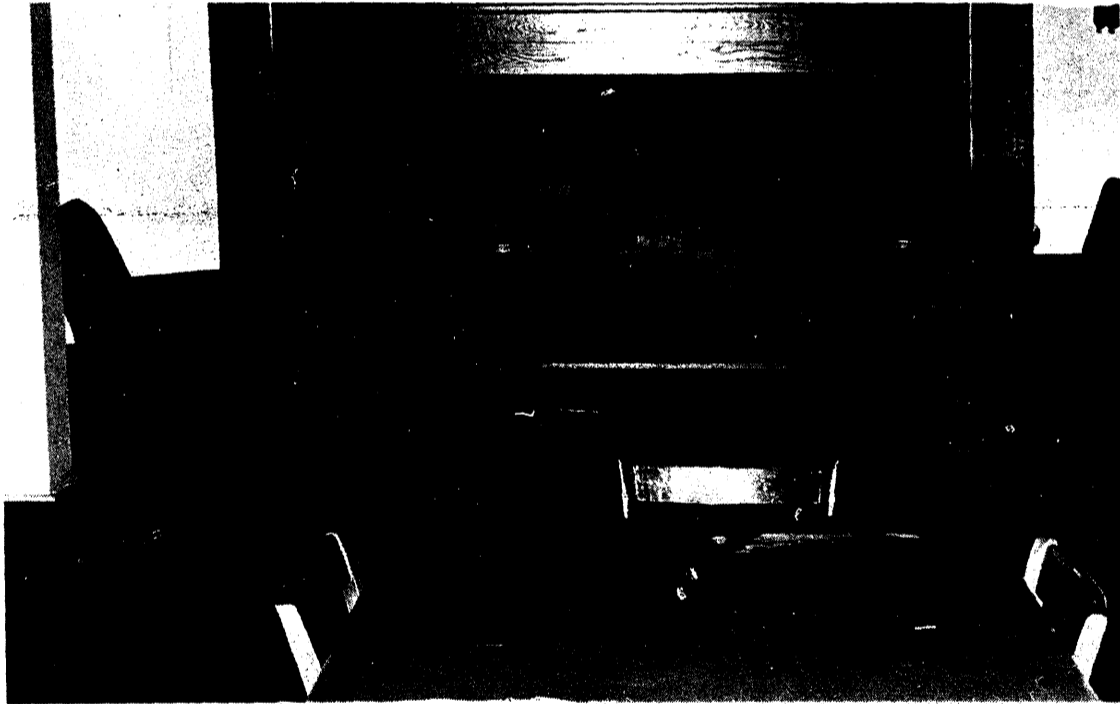
while on Fridays and Saturdays a live band performs. Featured this Friday will be Phase II. On the line of entertainment, the Senior NCO Club has added a pinball machine and a new color television.

According to McKenzie, the Officers Club should be featuring live entertainment by June or July, depending on the number of patrons frequenting the facility before then.

The Officers Club now has a daily lunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. McKenzie, also expects to have a daily lunch hour at the NCO club in the near future, but due to a shortage of personnel, the start of this program has been delayed.



Mr. H.L. McKenzie



The Officers Club offers an informal and relaxed atmosphere. During the winter months, the fireplace can be found subtly lit by embers. (Photo by Caryl)



The Officers Club underwent extensive renovation in 1979. The changes started at the entrance and were carried on throughout the club. (Photo by Caryl)

## McCoy has 25-mph limit

A new speed limit for all roads on Fort McCoy took effect on May 2nd.

Because of the safety factor and the energy conservation effort on post, all drivers must now observe a 25-mile per hour speed limit.

The reduction of the past 30-mile per hour limit to 25-mph also applies to the section of County BB, located on South Post, between Hwys. 16 and 21.

The only exception to the new posted limits is when passing a marching soldier formation. A 10-mph limit must be observed in this instance. Violators will be subject to loss of their driving privileges on post, and the new limit will be strictly enforced.

A large number of vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians are expected at Fort McCoy during AT 80 and motorists are advised to drive cautiously.

# It's an outdoor schoolroom

by Richard Gibson

"I don't need a building to have a classroom," claimed SFC Lee Orman, non-commissioned officer-in-charge of a skill qualification testing site (SQT).

His group of students from the 416th Engineer Command were furiously operating backhoes, earth movers, pneumatic air hammers, and a ditching machine. They had two weeks to learn or reacquaint themselves with all of the equipment.

"This is an outside classroom," Orman explained.

"Classroom experience for these students is hands-on training. I didn't even take them into a classroom, I just brought them to this site, explained how the equipment operated and the rest is up to them."

Orman, from Indianapolis, is a civilian earth mover engineer.

"That machine (ditching machine) is probably one of the best ideas ever developed," Orman said. "You can

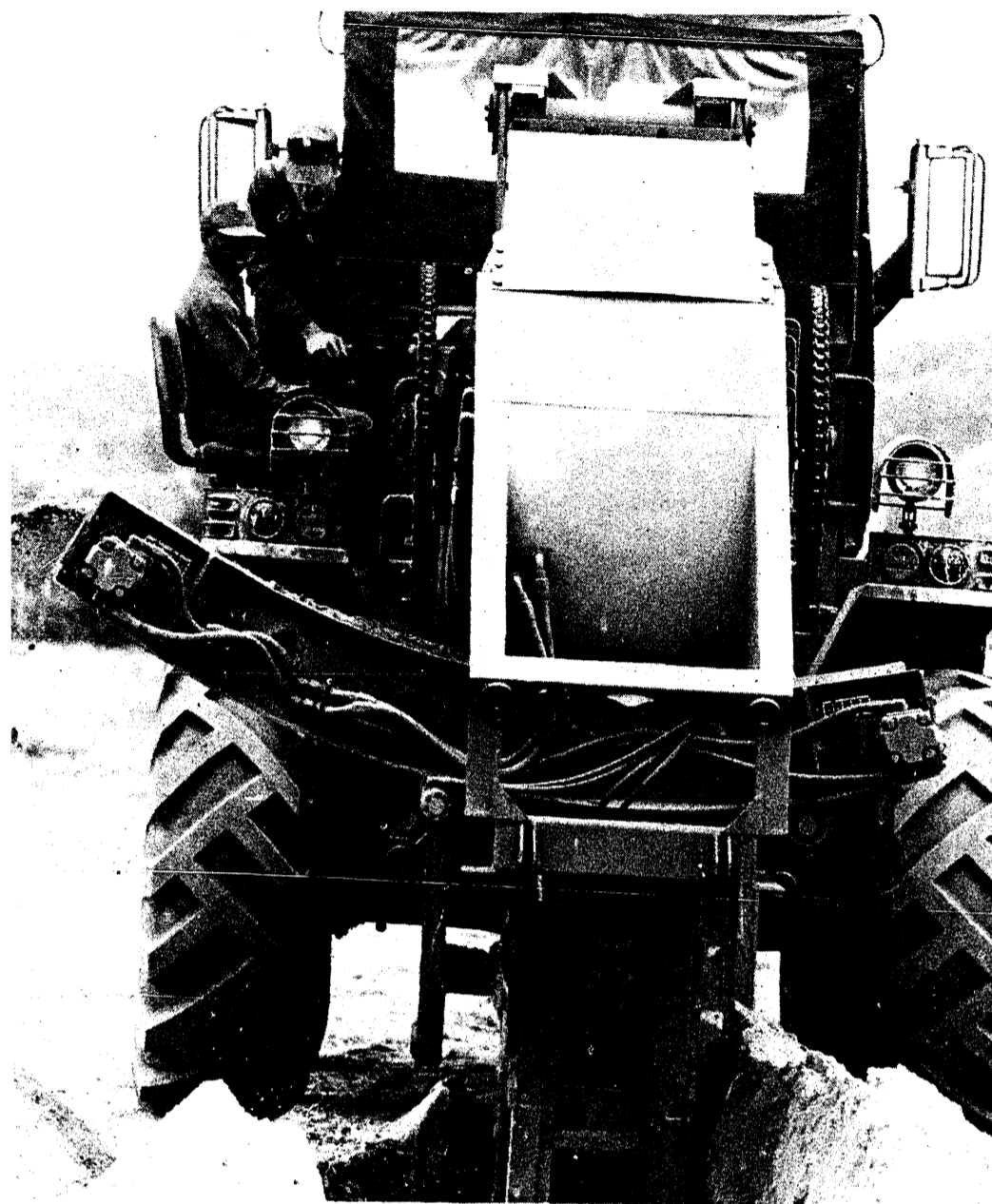
dig a line around a fire-base and provide good cover for your men. They can just jump in and move without being threatened."

Sp4 Tom Busch, a mason cleaner from Chicago, had left the regular Army three years ago and joined the reserves this spring. "Some of the equipment is all new to me," he said, "but I like the hands-on training." Busch is from Co. A, 863rd Eng. Bn.

Pvt. 2 Thomas J. Lawler Jr. of Chicago, from Co. C, 863rd Eng. Bn., was operating a backhoe.

"I was graduated from Advanced Individual Training on April 11th," said Lawler, "but this SQT training is giving me much more experience. I have about 17 hours of operating time but these controls are really sensitive. You've got to be gentle with them."

"Two weeks is a very short training time," added Orman, "but I'll train all of these men. I can do it!"



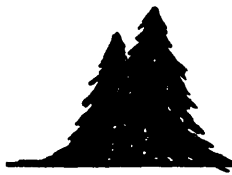
PFC Harman Carter Jr. (L) gets a lesson in operating a ditching machine. (Photo by Davis)



SSgt. Bill Brown fills the "trenchers" hole right back up again. (Photo by GIBson)



Pvt. 2 Thomas J. Lawler Jr. "dumps a load" with a backhoe. (Photo by Gibson)



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## Seven faces in a crowd

by Richard Gibson

You have seen the problem before;

"David is Robert's nephew, Willard is Roger's brother, Bruce is Dennis's brother, but he is also David's cousin and Roger is Dennis's uncle, but only because Robert lives within an 85-mile radius of Willard and David who are/are not father and son.

What relation is each to the other?"

With all things being relative, you "kin" just imagine the problems of having seven members of the same family in one unit.

"Problems? What problems??" said Sgt. Maj. Robert F. Strom. "If someone has a problem in this company, they just see a Strom!"

Robert Strom is an administrative technician with the 882nd Personnel Service Co., 88th Army Command (Army Reserve) from Fort Snelling, Minn. He has become the guiding influence in bringing the other six Stroms into the unit.

"Not exactly six Stroms," the 48-year old Strom was qu-

ick to add, "PFC David A. Chilton, the company armorer, is my nephew but that's close enough, isn't it?"

Besides Robert and David, the other family members include Robert's two brothers; Roger W., the company 1st Sgt.; and SSgt. Willard D., the senior offpress operator. Robert's two sons are also part of the team; 25-year old Sp5 Bruce R., an administrative specialist; and 22-year old Sp4 Dennis J., the Nuclear, Biological and Chemical training non-commissioned officer.

Sp4 David W. Strom, Willard's son and company cook, is the seventh member of the clan.

What is it like having such a preponderance of Stroms tipping the scales of the duty roster?

"I'm always looking over my shoulder," said Maj. Robert Stirling, the company commander. "I'm afraid of a coup!"

Robert Strom joined the unit in July 1974 and has used his good influence over the years to convince the others to join. Dennis was the last to enlist in the Army Reserve in December 1979. He had just left the regular Army after being sta-



### Recruiter?

*Sgt. Maj. Robert F. Strom has every reason to smile. He has been instrumental in "bringing the family together". He retired from the regular Army in 1973.*

tioned in Bad Hersfeld, Germany.

"When I first joined this unit," Dennis explained, "everyone here said, 'Oh boy, another one!'. But I'm not them, I'm me."

The Stroms (and Chilton) may have set a record, but they see themselves as only part of a larger team training for two weeks at Fort McCoy. As for family squabbles, Bruce said, behind his longish hair and sunglasses;

"I refuse to answer on the grounds that it may incriminate me!"



### The family —

(From left) Willard, David W., Bruce, Roger, David Chilton and Dennis.  
(Photos by Gibson)

# A '4-Star' special meal



Gen. Robert M. Shoemaker (L), commander of U.S. Forces Command, visited Fort McCoy last Tuesday and Wednesday.

He enjoys sharing a meal with his men and they have an opportunity to share their views with him. (Photo by Smith)



Gen. Shoemaker (R) talks with SSgt. Bill Wheismact from the 486th Eng. Co. about daily life as a soldier. (Photo by Smith)

## Save a life with water safety

by Raymond L. Smith

The American Red Cross has developed a number of helpful hints over the years concerning water safety.

This list of items should draw your attention to protect yourself, your family or a friend.

Water safety actually should begin before you reach the water's edge.

\*Swim with a buddy who has the capability to help in an emergency.

\*Follow the rules of each pool or resort area. Many people have frequented the area before you and the lessons need not be repeated.

\*Know the techniques of artificial resuscitation.

\*Report any unsafe beach conditions to the lifeguard.

\*Never substitute the use of floating devices for swimming ability.

\*Respect the judgement and experience of trained lifeguards. Follow their instructions, and do not interfere with the performance of their duty.

If this brief overview saves a life this summer, these hints and your concern are the best assets someone has if they find themselves in trouble.

### theater after dark

Tues., May 20th  
7:30 p.m.

Tues., May 20 (7:30 p.m.)  
"Killer Fish", PG, with Lee Majors and Karen Black.

Weds., (7:30 p.m.)  
"A Force of One", PG, with Jennifer O'Neill and Chuck Norris.

Thurs. & Fri. (7:30 p.m.)  
"...And Justice For All", R, with Al Pacino, Jack Warden and John Forsythe.

Sat. (7 p.m.)  
"The Legacy", R, with Katherine Ross and Sam Elliott.

Sun. (7 p.m.)  
"The Black Hole", PG, with Maximilian Schell, Anthony Perkins and Robert Foster. Adults--\$2, Children--\$1.

Movies are shown at Theater #5 (Bldg. 2017). Adult admission is \$1.50 and children 75¢ unless otherwise noted.



"It's programs like these that everyone should be aware of," said Gen. Robert M. Shoemaker (C), commander of U.S. Forces Command. He presents the Second Annual Energy Con-

servation Award on May 13th to Mr. Harold Needham (L), director of Facilities Engineering and Mr. Ken Kirkman, energy conservation manager, looks on. (Photo by Smith)

## 'Your post' has recreation

by Raymond L. Smith

So you are going to be here for a few weeks. Glad to have you aboard. Be sure to take the time to enjoy yourself during the few moments that you are not training.

What did you say? No place to go?

If your idea of fun here is to count the blades of grass on post, you are doing yourself a disservice.

First, have you seen the post field house (Bldg. 1122)? It is really fantastic. It has three basketball courts, two racquetball courts, volleyball facilities, gymnastic equipment, a weight training room with a 36 square foot wrestling mat, and boxing equipment. There is even a suana and an Olympic-size swimming pool.

Are you interested in softball? There are sixteen diamonds located on various spots around post. These must be reserved, however, by calling the Sports Director's office (tel. 2619). This is only to assure that the field has not been already reserved and to prevent a possible conflict.

If you are a junior Arthur Ashe, you will want to check out one of the four lighted

## Fish have ulcers — two

Last year a number of fishermen reported finding cigarette filters and metal tops from beverage cans in the stomachs of fish, primarily trout.

These items are not passed through the fish's digestive tract and will eventually kill the fish.

Every precaution should be taken to avoid littering and harming the very sport fish many anglers are looking for.



The sports program on post even includes playing against the local civilian teams. Here the Fort McCoy Post Team

tries to stop a "Chicken" from scoring. The Post Team lost 13-10 but all in good fun. (Photo by Smith)

tennis courts. Two are located on McMullin Field, between the post headquarters and the post exchange. There are two on "F" Street, near the Chapel Center (Bldg. 2675). These must also be reserved by calling the Sports Director.

You are not a sportsman?

There are plenty of craft shops here to spend those seemingly dreary hours. The Multiple Craft Shop (Bldg. 751) has the necessary materials for a person to become involved in mold casting, macrame, painting, photography, leathercraft, quilting and rug making. Even though a person may not presently be familiar with these crafts, the staff will be pleased to insure that the novice gets started on the right track with his first project.

The Woodcraft Shop is also a place where a person can go to spend a few hours making something that he can keep or proudly give as a gift. This shop is Bldg. 1133.

With inflationary times being what they are, it is a safe bet that the Autocraft Shop will be busier than ever this summer. It has the necessary tools for the beginner or the more experienced mechanic to make repairs on his vehicle. A mechanic is there

to help the auto owner with any problems that may occur.

The Squaw Lake outdoor recreation area will also give soldiers, dependents and their guests a place to go for camping, a picnic, fishing and general outdoor fun. It has 67 camper sites complete with electric hook-ups, picnic tables, a sewage dump station and three comfort stations with latrines and showers.

The picnic area has two large covered shelters, tables, and barbecue areas.

If this is not enough, the lake area also has two miles of hiking trails with scenic surroundings, a swimming beach, paddle boats and canoes. If Squaw Lake interests you, call 3717 for more information.

This summer, as every summer, trout, smallmouth bass, and pan fish are keeping a wary eye on the fishermen. There is little doubt that the lakes and streams on post will be crowded this year.

The Sports Rental Shop, Bldg. 1121, behind the gymnasium, is equipped to assist you in your outdoor recreational fun. Boats, canoes and camping equipment are available at your convenience.

You say the only thing you really enjoy is counting blades of grass--you are weird!

## How big was the fish?

Recreation Services is sponsoring a fishing contest from May 3-Sept. 30.

Active duty military, Dept. of the Army civilian employees and their dependents, retired military, and reserve and National Guard members and their dependents are eligible to compete.

All contestants are required to have a valid Wisconsin fishing license with a trout stamp and a post permit. Permits are available at the Ren-

tal Shop (Bldg. 1121, behind the gymnasium) on Tuesdays-Saturdays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Valuable prizes will be given for the largest brook trout, rainbow trout, German brown trout and largemouth bass caught this season on post.

All prize-winning fish must be taken to the post fire station (Bldg. 1555) to be weighed and recorded. The winners will be notified when the season closes.