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Pay Outlook This Year Prompts Belt Tightening

WASH AFPS - Military and civilian pay raises due in October will be limited by budgetary constraints to an increase in the 3 to 5 percent range, Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld told Congress in his annual defense report made public earlier this year.

Mr. Rumsfeld also talked of Congressional and Executive Branch scrutiny over a wide range of other pays and bonuses, including proficiency pays, reenlistment bonuses, terminal leave payments, paid graduate education, commissary subsidies, CHAMPUS coverage, parachute pay and flight pay.

The Defense Secretary noted that some of these actions have been approved, others are in progress, and yet others need prompt Congressional attention.

All told, the cost savings by FY 1980 could amount to a total of \$1.5 billion annually.

The following is a verbatim extract of the FY 1977 Annual Defense Department Report on the subject of pay.

"The budget assumes that pay increases for GS civilians would range from 3 percent to 5 percent.

Since military pay is adjusted by the average percentage increase given employees under the General Schedule, the military increase also will be 3 to 5 percent.

"On Wage Board civilian pay, the budget assumes that legislation will be enacted to reform aspects of the Federal wage system that result in Defense blue-collar workers earning more than their nongovernment counterparts.

"These changes would be implemented in a way which would assure that no employee would receive less than a 3 percent increase in FY 1977.

"Defense workers, both military and civilian, would thus receive increases in FY 1977 ranging from 3 percent and 5 percent.

"Additional initiatives which require legislative action are now being proposed in the area of compensation and benefits to restrain further manpower cost growth.

"For the Air Force Reserve, these proposals include several adjustments in pay practices, mainly the dual pay for Federal employees who are reservists."

ON THE COVER



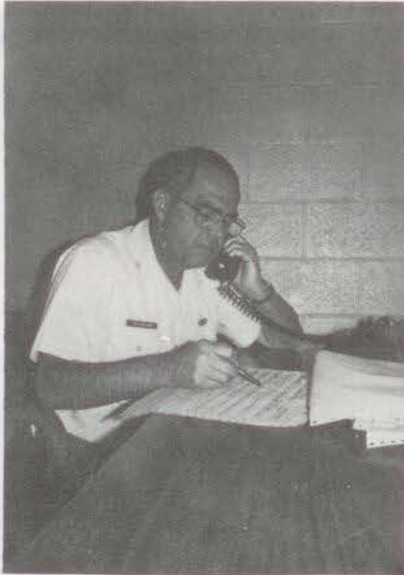
SMSgt. James W. Clark was selected in January 1958 to be one of the first Air Reserve Technicians.

Air Reserve Technician programs have been designed to provide for maximum combat readiness and effectiveness in the Reserve units.

SMSgt. Clark has been an Air Reserve Technician for 18 years.

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Under the Air Force's new tri-deputy system, Lt. Col. William Southerland is the newly assigned deputy commander of resources. Other deputies are Maj. James W. Parker, deputy commander of operations and Lt. Col. William J. Howse, Jr., consolidated aircraft maintenance squadron commander.

Adopt Franklin's Be Mod Log For Adding Zest To Life

The Bicentennial has prompted much reflection into the lives and thoughts of our founding fathers.

Ben Franklin was among the most colorful of these characters. It was no secret even when Mr. Franklin was alive that he possessed an astounding zest for life.

A little known fact was that he kept score on himself every day. A man that was determined to get the absolute maximum out of every day.

Ben Franklin's scorecard was divided to reflect his progress in the following areas:

TEMPERANCE - Eat not to dullness. Drink not to elevation.

SILENCE - Speak not but what may benefit others or yourself. Avoid trifling conversation.

ORDER - Let all your things have their place. Let each part of your business have its time.

RESOLUTION - Resolve to perform what you ought. Perform without fail what you resolve.

FRUGILITY - Make no expense but to do good to others or yourself; waste nothing

INDUSTRY - Lose no time. Be always employed in something useful. Cut-off all

Safety: Lawn mower rules

Spring is here; and in no time you will hear the call of the Lame Footed Yard Bird. His cry sounds like, "Oh,-I-cut-off-my-toe!

And, sure enough, this one did, his big toe. This bird lets out hundreds of cries every year.

His appearance varies, but his lower extremities are usually the same, bare or sneakered. Also, he usually stumbles while backing and forgets to let go of the mower, thus pulling it back, up, and over his toes.

Some common sense lawn mower safety rules are:

- Never store fueled mower inside the house.
- Always pick up objects in the yard before mowing.
- Insure that children and pets are out of the yard before mowing.
- Always wear proper footwear (boots are best).

unnecessary actions.

SINCERITY - Use no hurtful deceit. Think innocently and justly; and, if you speak, speak accordingly.

JUSTICE - Wrong none by doing injuries or omitting the benefits that are your duty.

MODERATION - Avoid extremes. Forbear resenting injuries so much as you think they deserve.

CLEANLINESS - Tolerate no uncleanness in body, clothes or habitation.

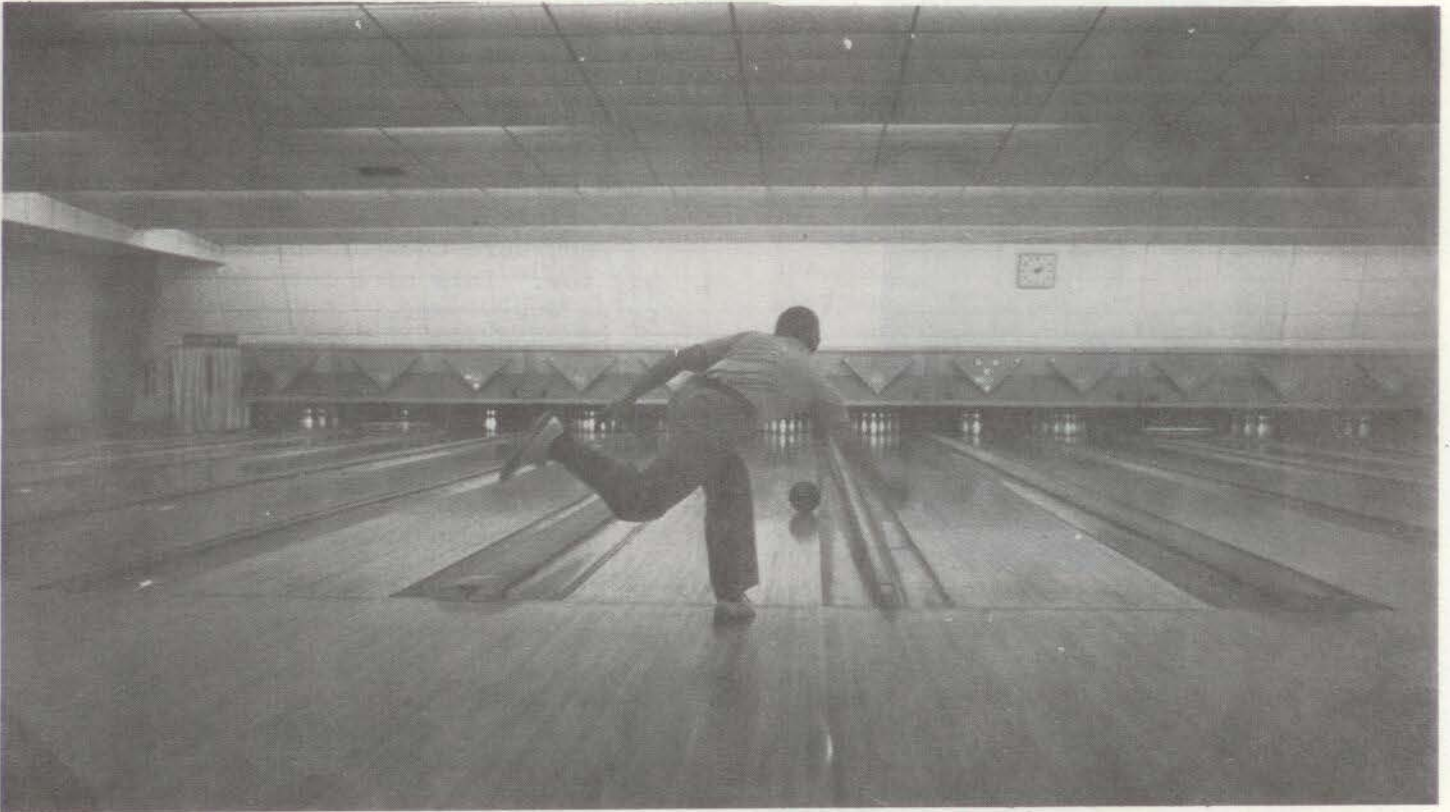
TRANQUILITY - Be not disturbed at trifles or at accidents common or unavoidable.

CHASTITY - Rarely use venery but for health or offspring-never to dullness, weakness or the injury of your own or another's peace or reputation.

HUMILITY - Imitate Jesus and Socrates.

It might be interesting to do a little reflection on your own to see how you might score your self. You might even find some areas that could use a little attention. Benjamin Franklin was a man that history says was never sick but lived in good health and spirits almost to his last day.

Maybe some of his rules could apply to all of us.



IF YOUR BAG IS BOWLING...you can try your luck at that magical 300 in the base bowling alleys.

Warmer Weather, Brings Summer Camp Golf, Bowling....

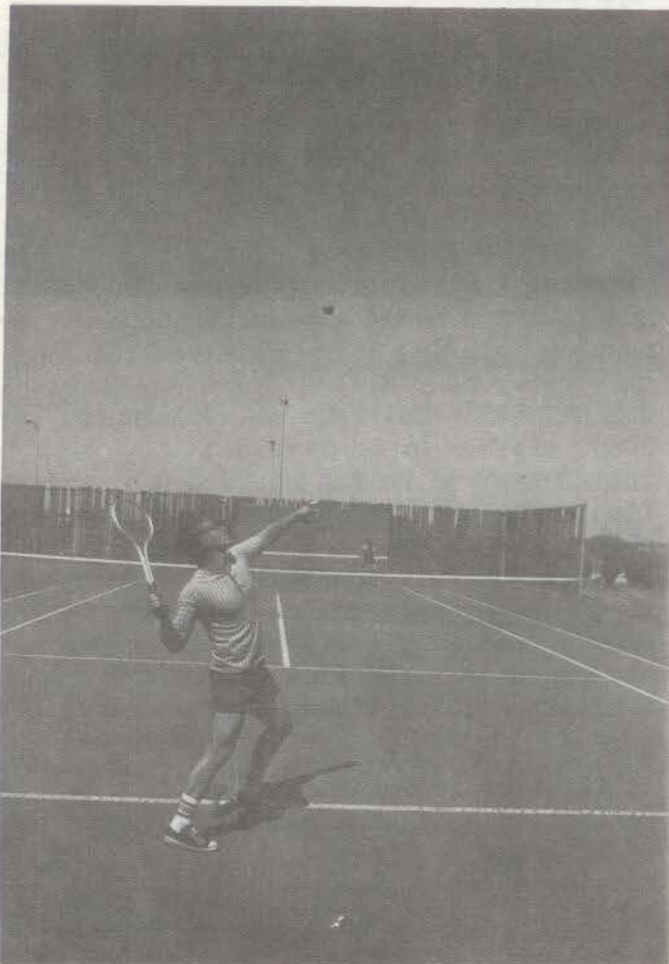
Now that summer camp is just a few months away and Oklahoma weather becoming warmer everyday, the members of the 507th can and should acquaint themselves with the outstanding facilities available at Tinker.

The base boasts one of the finest golf courses in Oklahoma City, and, undoubtedly on any military base in the world.

The course is challenging and tricky. The water hazards are ingeniously located and the greens are in great shape.

The bowling facilities meet all ABC requirements, and feature the most modern equipment. If body building is your thing, then the weight lifting room in the gym is well equipped to workout for the muscle buff.

The gym also has facilities for basket-



TENNIS ANYONE....There are 4 courts that are in great shape and they include wind breaks.

Basketball Handball Tennis ... Hobbies

ball and handball.

The Hobby Shop on base has capabilities for model enthusiasts and the base theater shows some of the finest and latest movies.

A word of caution, however, it will be wise to remember that exercise of any kind is like fine wine or redheads, moderation is the key to success.

The Royal Canadian Air Force has developed one of the finest exercise programs in use today.

In the earliest part of their outline, they advise starting slowly to minimize the change of injury.

The warm-up period should take about five minutes, then a few minutes of increased activity.

Then, start your cooling-off period, which is very similar to the warm-up time.

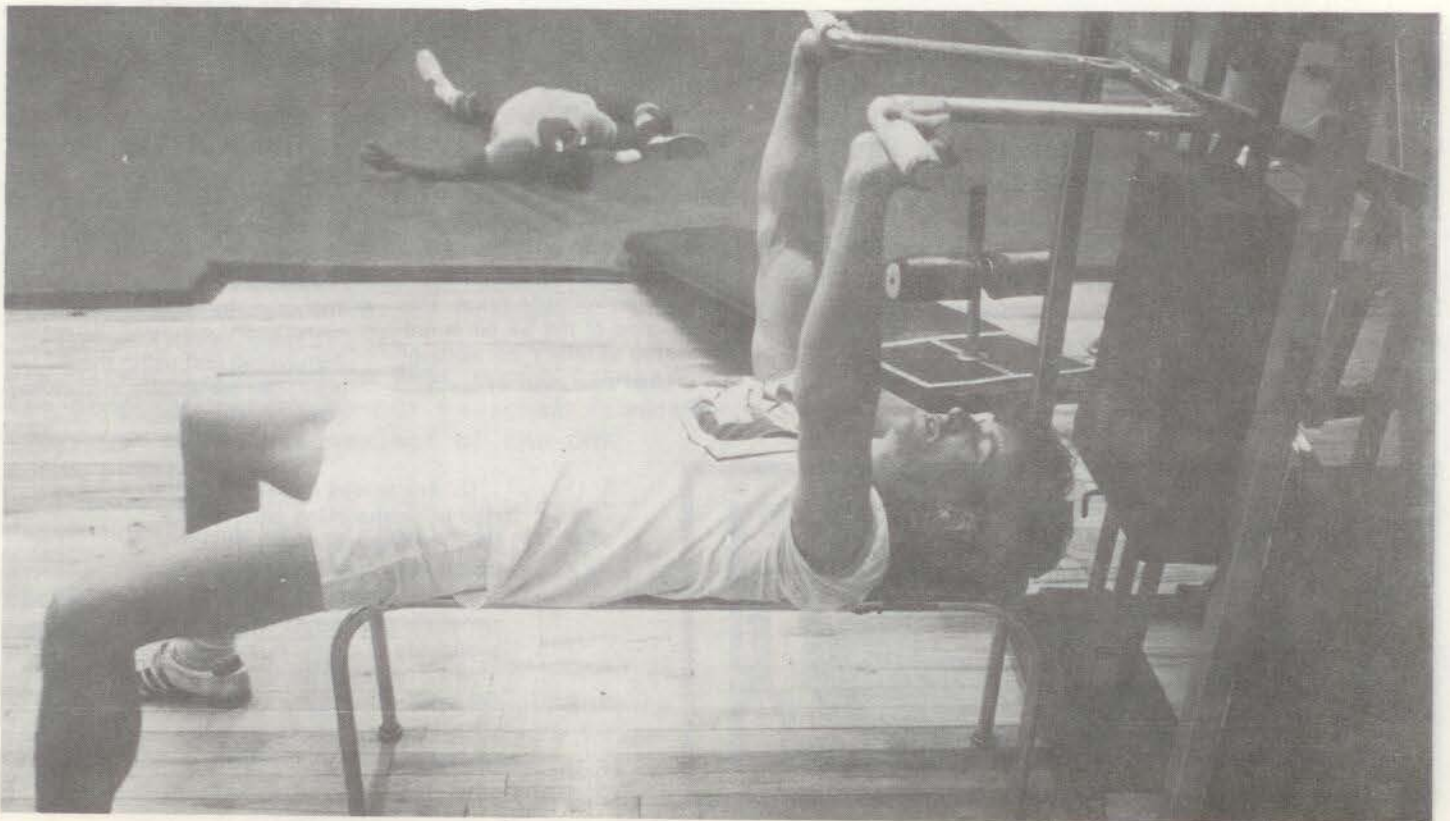
Most programs of exercise advise this going slow attitude for about the first two weeks.

The period of time for going cautious will vary from person to person, but if you are going to use your body, it never hurts to use your head.



ABOVE: AIRMEN and their dependents enjoy one of the best golf courses on any Air Force Base in the country.

BELOW: AFTER A ROUND of golf, you can stretch the rest of your muscles in the gym lifting weights.



"Deuce" Making Bicentennial Come Back



Thomas Jefferson's face has become more familiar with the reissuance of the \$2 bill.

The Federal Reserve note was integrated into the public on April 13 featuring the third President of the United States portrait on one side and a rendition of "The Signing of the Declaration of Independence" painted by John Turnbull on the back side.

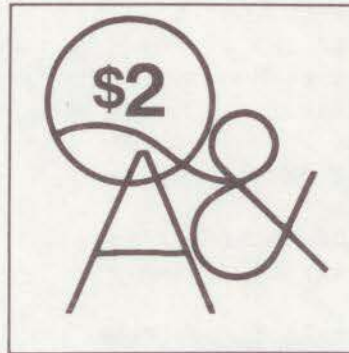
By introducing the \$2 bill back into circulation it is estimated the \$4-7 million per year savings can be achieved by not printing as many \$1 notes.

An average of 1.6 billion one dollar notes are printed every year. This amount is 55-60 per cent of the total volume of currency printed.

The two dollar note will replace about one-half of those bulky "ones." Four hundred million a year is the projected volume--sixty times more than the last series of \$2 bills issued in 1966.

A brief history sees the \$2 bill as first issued in 1862. In subsequent years the bills were issued under several different authorities as U. S. Notes, Silver Certificates, Treasury Notes, and National Currency. There has never been large amounts of the bill produced at any time.

Secretary of the Treasury, William E. Simon said, "the American people are the key to the success . . . reissue of the note can add a new convenience to our currency system and help in reducing the cost of government."



Q: Why will the \$2 bill be accepted by the public now when it was not accepted before?

A: The Harvard Business School study, which included a nationwide Harris poll, clearly indicated that the public would be receptive to the new \$2 bill. Previous lack of acceptance was primarily due to the relatively small number of bills available.

Q: What is the \$2 bill currently worth as a collector's item?

A: The Treasury Department does not set a collector's value for any currency or coin. The numismatic value of the \$2 bill is determined by the collectors, current marketplace price. The reissuance of the \$2 bill is not expected to affect the value of any notes now held by collectors.

Q: Is the \$2 bill intended to become a permanent addition to our currency?

A: The \$2 note will be a permanent, useful part of American currency and will be printed in sufficient volume to assure its availability.

Q: How many old \$2 bills are still outstanding?

A: There are approximately 135,288,000 of \$2 bills outstanding from all previous issues.

Q: What is the life-span of a \$1 bill?

A: The average life for the \$1 and \$5 bills is 18 months and three years, respectively. Old bills are returned for destruction by incineration or maceration (pulping).

Q: What kind of impact will the new bill have on our economy?

A: There will be a positive impact on the U.S. economy since every American, by demanding and using the \$2 note, can participate in lowering government costs.



Q: Are prices expected to rise in conjunction with the \$2 bill. For example, will \$1.85 items now cost \$2.00?

A: Commercial pricing is not generally predicated on the availability of a new currency. The \$2 bill does not alter the consumers' capacity to purchase but it will increase efficiency as twos are gradually substituted for ones.

LIVE & LEARN

by Chaplain
Robert Helmich

PROMOTIONS



What This Weary World Needs ...

Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "...What the weary world most needs is a revival of the spirit of religion.

"Would that such a revival could sweep the nations today and stir the hearts of men and women of all faiths to a reassertion of their belief in the Providence of God and the brotherhood of man.

"I doubt if there is in the world a single problem, whether social, political or economic, which would not find ready solution if men and nations would rule their lives according to the plain teaching of the Sermon on the Mount."

Francis Carr Stifler wrote: "America will remember it to her glory! America will forget it to her doom. America is built on a book. It was the Bible that made America free; the Bible will keep her free."

"In spite of the fact that the communist party is avowedly militantly atheistic, they have not been able to stamp out belief in God. We attended a number of services in Russia, and I estimate that at least one-fifth of the audiences were teen-agers," observed Billy Graham.

These three statements, it seems to me are directly related to what constitutes the greatest threat to our national freedom...our conscious neglect of the ONE great power.

The God who made us free should receive our first allegiance, yet we are guilty of crowding Him out of our lives by social events, political endeavors, and economic selfishness.

His Word is forgotten, His day desecrated, and His money spent on that which brings Him no honor. Consequently, we who are free are placing our freedom in jeopardy by dishonoring Him who gave it

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while those who are not free jeopardize their lives in order to believe in and worship God.

The greatest threat to our way of life is NOT the destructive force, nuclear power and the invasion from without by the disregard for divine power and the resulting moral and spiritual decadence from within.

The decision is not one to be made on a national level but by the individual citizen of the nation.

Our weary world is dependent on the spirit of God in the hearts of men.

Thanks to World War II G.I.s & Marlon Brando the T-SHIRT Business is Bigger 'n Ever!

For getting it off your chest, try a T-shirt. Forty-eight million were produced in 1975, each with something to say, promote, praise, protest, advertise, philosophize over, or portray in drawings, paintings, or photographs.

These talking T-shirts are the biggest chapter yet in the life story of America's favorite garment, the National Geographic Society says, but the fad isn't new. Coming on the scene during World War II, the T-shirt has a quarter century of history behind it, and its predecessor, the sleeveless undershirt, even more.

Title of the T-shirt's biography, lettered across a chest, might be: "Clark Gable Wears No Undershirt." In 1934 that was a headline, and the movie idol just about did in the undershirt business when he stripped off his necktie and shirt before the Nation's movie-goers in "It Happened One Night" and revealed to one and all that he was not wearing anything underneath but a bare chest. The underwear industry still shivers over the way red-blooded American men decided suddenly that what wasn't good enough for a movie star wasn't good enough for them, either—namely, an undershirt.

But in a few years what the sleeveless undershirt didn't have, its descendant did. With the advent of World War II, practically every man in uniform was wearing a new skivvy shirt. Spread flat and with its stubby sleeves, it looked like a T. It came in a choice of three GI colors, white for sailors, green for marines, and olive drab for soldiers. In its way it was closest to a GI's heart, for the civilianized Serviceman took the T-shirt home with him, and the T-shirt era began.

Marlon Brando immortalized a torn version of the garment when he wore it playing Stanley Kowalski in the stage and movie versions of Tennessee Williams' play, "A Streetcar Named Desire."

What the T-shirt lacked in elegance, it made up for in comfort with its short sleeves and lack of a collar. It began to lead a double life as a sports shirt as well as an undershirt. High fashion added colors, stripes, and patterns in rhinestones. The long-sleeve T-shirt appeared, and then the turtle-neck version.

One early T-shirt almost came with steel muscles. "The first Superman wore a T-shirt and trousers," says Joe Shuster, the artist who created the



When actor Clark Gable took off his shirt in a 1934 academy award performance, (photo, left) the undershirt industry all but came to a halt. Seven years later Uncle Sam introduced his nephews to the T-Shirt and the interest returned. Marlon Brando (below) boosted sales after he had his shirt torn in *Streetcar Named Desire*.

comic book hero with writer Jerry Siegel. "But then we added the costume and put an 'S' on his chest."

Since then everything from eyebrow-lifting graffiti to advertising has appeared on T-shirts, with makers of the garment and advertisers puzzled but delighted over Americans' whim to become walking bumper stickers. The only message not yet seen on a T-shirt may be "Post No Bills".