Native Air Force Airman **Chooses Explosives**

Few people have the occu-pational risks that Airman First Class Bonnie Richardson faces. She is the first woman explosive ordnance disposal specialist attached to the 2701st Explosives Ordnance Disposal Squadron Hill Air Force Base in

Airman Richardson is the former Bonnie Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Williams of Beulaville. She is a 1981 graduate of East Duplin High School. She and her husband, Airman Troy Richardson of LaPush, Washington, are now stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base in Arkansas.

Recently Richardson had her first chance to participate in disposal at the Lakeside Range in Utah. One of the responsibilities of the EOD Squadron is the elimination of old ammunition. They do this by using explosive charges to blow up outdated ammunition. An EOD specialist places the explosive charges and detonates them.

Major Raymond J. Gonthier, commander of the squadron, explained that ammunition is assigned a

shelf-life during storage. After a cretain period, determined by the type of ammunition, it is designated as not safe and reliable. Then it is turned over to EOD. At Hill AFB this ammunition is taken to Lakeside Range for disposal.

Airman Richardson doesn't view her work as extraordinarily dangerous . . . as long as you do what you're supposed to do," she

She explained that U.S. weapons have built-in safety features making them less hazardous to work with. There's always the chance for a mistake, she admits, but she equates that danger with the chances of an automobile accident when driving. She chose the EOD specialty in November 1980 while she was a high school senior in Beulaville. She decided to go in to the Air Force following graduation and she didn't want an ordinary job.

Airman Richardson said, "I haven't had second thoughts about the decision. The school was rough," she added. "If you didn't give

There were 16 men and two women in the class. That was an unusually large class, but she said it helped her learn to deal with the ratio of men to women in EOD. There are only 54 women in the EOD field in all branches of the military, and just 26 in

Airman Richardson finds that working in a predominantly male field can be difficult for women. She had trouble at first, but the experiences at EOD school helped her adjust.

She grew up in a sheltered small town atmosphere and feels this contributed to her initial difficulties. She said the rough language and constant teasing were the toughest factors overcome, but she learned to take them in stride.

She describes herself as a tomboy who enjoys working with mechanical items and credits this interest as the reason she enjoys being in

Story by Ms. Lucinda Schuft, Ogden ALC Office of Public Affirs



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AIRMAN FIRST CLASS BONNIE RICHARDSON - an explosive ordnance demolition specialist, uses a crimping tool to make a cap well in mock C-4 material. The material is resting on an inert bomb in the 2701st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Squadron's proficiency range at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

Deaths And Funerals

BEN T. WATSON

WALLACE - Ben Tillman Watson, 86, died Thursday. Funeral, Wallace Presbyterian Church. Burial, Rockfish Memorial Cemetery.

Surviving: wife, Mrs. Frances Watson: daughter. Mrs. Frances Cording of Huntsville, Texas; sons, Ben T. Watson Jr. of Plano, Texas, Richie Watson of Raleigh, Robert C. Watson of Wallace; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

PRISCILLA E. HOLT MOUNT OLIVE - Mrs. Priscilla E. Holt, 36, of Coushatta. La., died Monday. Funeral, Tyndall Funeral Home chapel. Burial, Maplewood Cemetery.

Surviving: husband. Johnnie Sherwood Holt: sons, Jamie Sherwood Holt and Jeffrey Edwin Holt, both of the home; father, Louis David Breshears of Goldsboro; mother, Mrs. Johnnie Burch of Virginia Beach, Va.; brother, John Breshears of Goldsboro; sisters, Mrs. Patricia Amory and Mrs. Pamela McDonough of Goldsboro.

LELA S. BLIZZARD

KINSTON - Mrs. Lela Smith Blizzard, 85, died Phursday. Funeral, Howard Carter Funeral Home chapel. Burial, Blizzard

family cemetery near Deep Run.

Mrs. Naomi B. Johnson, Mrs. Rachel B. Jones and Mrs. Wilda B. Stroud, all of Kinston; sons, Herman Blizzard of Wrightsville Beach. Raeford Blizzard of Richlands, J.B. Blizzard of Deep Run, Norman Blizzard and Lonnie Blizzard, both of Kinston; sister, Mrs. Katie Quinn of Pink Hill; brothers. Gurney Smith of Colonial Heights, Va., Glennie C. Smith of Pink Hill; 16 grandchildren; eight great-grand-

LLOYD G. BROWN CHINQUAPIN - Lloyd George Brown, 62, died Wednesday. Funeral. Edgerton Funeral Home

chapel, Beulaville, Burial,

Brown Cemetery. Surviving: wife, Mrs. Maggie Irene Brown; daughters, Mrs. Jean Arsenault of Maysville. Mrs. Vivian Harrell of Kenansville; sons, Donald L. Brown of Rocky Point, Charles O. Brown of Wallage; brothers, Hubert M. Brown of Green Cove Springs, Fla., J.R. Brown of Rose Hill; 13 gradnchildren; nine great-

CARRIE P. HERRING MOUNT OLIVE - Mrs.

grandchildren.

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> Surviving: daughter, Mrs. Lynn Joyner of Mount Olive; a grandchild.

PEARL H. SMITH

MOUNT OLIVE - Mrs. Pearl Harris Smith. 88, of Route 2, Seven Springs, died Wednesday. Graveside service, Maplewood Cemetery.

Surviving: sons, William Harris "Bill" Smith and Roy Smith, both of Mount Olive. Morrison Smith of Seven Springs; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchil-

ROBERT L. BOWEN CHINQUAPIN - Robert Lee Bowen, 67, died Sunday. Arrangements by Edger-ton Funeral Home, Wallace.

LELA H. SIMMONS

BEULAVILLE - Mrs. Lela Hall Simmons, 88, died Saturday. Funeral, Beulaville Baptist Church. Burial,

Hallsville Cemetery. Surviving: daughters. Mrs. Donnie Jackson of Kinston, Mrs. Adell Edwards of Beulaville; sons, Exum W. Simmons of Wilmington. Robert Earl Simmons of Castle Hayne; 25 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grand-

EDNA L. JOHNSON

TURKEY - Mrs. Edna L. Johnson, 67, of Route 1, Turkey, died Thursday, Funeral, Community Funeral Home chapel, Warsaw. Burial, Johnson family

Surviving: husband. Lewis Johnson; sons, Harry Johnson and Durwood Johnson. both of Dudley, Jack Johnson of Raleigh: sister, Mrs. Pearl Corbett of Turkey; brother, A.D. Johnson of Calypso; nine grandchildren.

Mt. Olive

Born in Ayden, Dec. 30, 1934, he was the fourth son of the late Daniel Eason Todd Sr. of Warsaw. He earned a B.S., M.S., and Six-Year Certificate from East Carolina University. He served as Tabor City Primary-High School 21 years, ten as teacher of biology, chemistry and science, and 11 as

assistant principal. In 1955-58 he served the U.S. Army during a tour of duty in Korea. Affiliations with various educational and civic organizations included NCAE-NAESP and NASSP. NEA, Tabor City Baptist Church (young adult men's teacher), Columbus County Wildlife Club (secretary and treasurer 1981-82), Tabor City Lions Club (president 1977-78), Tabor City recreation commission (secretary 1981-82), the committee for the establishment of the Tabor City Public Library, and the Boy Scouts of

America (Scoutmaster). Mr. Todd received numerous awards in his lifetime, including the Jaycee's Outstanding Young Educator, the Lion's Club Faith in God and Presidential awards, and Teacher of the

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Betty Faye Fowler Todd; one daughter, Jami Michelle Todd of the home; his mother, Mrs. Clara be Sutton Todd of Warsaw; four brother, D.E. Todd Jr. of Wallace: Charles Rei Todd of Warsaw; Jacques Ohnne Todd of Houston, Texas, and Tommy Lawrence Todd of Wilmington; sisters, Mrs. Clara Jean Todd Daane of Oostburg, Wisconsin; Mrs. Peggy Ruth Todd Greer of Jacksonville; and Mrs. Rebecca Todd Edwards of Warsaw; eleven nieces and seven

nephews. Funeral services were movie is free.

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conducted Sept. 26, Inman Funeral Home in Tabor City, by the Reverend Daniel M. Deaton Jr. Interment followed in Twin Cities Memorial Gardens, Loris,

It is requested that memorials may be mde to the James W. Todd Educational Fund, Tabor City Primary-High School, Tabor City.

Revival

Revival services will be held at the First Original Free Will Baptist Church of Warsaw beginning Oct. 11 and continuing through Oct. 15. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. The guest evangelist will be Rev. Arnold Price, pastor of Northern Free Will Baptist Church of Durham. The public is cordially invited to

Wednesday Night At The Movies

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JSTC Holds 20th Commencement

The 20th commencement exercises of James Sprunt Technical College were held Sept. 26 in the Kenan Memorial Auditorium. One hundred and twenty-five graduates received two-year associate degrees, one-year diplomas or one-year certifictes in 21 curriculum programs.

In addition, approximately 100 completed the GED test and received the N.C. high school equivalency certifi-

Dr. Carl Price, president, introduced the guests. Dr. W. Dallas Herring, member of the Board of Trustees, indtroduced Dr. Charles F. Carroll, the speaker.

Outstanding graduates were recognized for their academic achievements as follows: highest grade point average in a degree program, Timothy James Bell, criminal justice technology; Linda Scott Harrell, general education; and Claudius James Morrisey, criminal justice technology. For second highest: Debra Hall. executive secretary. James Diston Herring, air conditioning, heating and refreg-eration, and Jeffery Ennis Taylor, electrical installation and maintenance, were both recognized for the highest grade point average in diploma programs. The highest was earned by Elwood B. Jones, air conditioning, heating and refrigeration.

Joy Lynn Lewis, medical office assisting, was the recipient of the Faison W. McGowen scholarship award which is given to the student who in the opinion of the faculty best exemplifies the spirt of JSTC. The award was presented by Mrs. Mc-

Gloria Raynor, business administration, received the C.R. Lentz scholarship in memory of C.R. Lentz, given each year by Mrs. Lentz of Warsaw to a second-year student in business educa-

Benny Batchelor, who is currently enrolled in the welding program, received the Linn Scholarship, in memory of J. Preston Linn and Grave Shulenberger Linn, given each year by

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Mrs. Lentz in memory of her parents. The Lentz and Linn Scholarships were presented by Warren Lentz Brewer and Ellis Craven Brewer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Craven Brewer of Warsaw and grandsons of Mrs. Lentz.

Oscar Lambert of Mount Olive, instructor in the electrical installation and maintenance program, received the outstanding faculty award, given each year to the faculty member who has met

others, attitude toward students and co-workers, occupational meetings and committee work, continued professional growth and excellence in teaching.

criteria such as protessionalism, ability to work with

The following received ten-year service awards: Jack Alphin, agriculture in-structor; Mary Ireland, learning lab coordinator; Gladys Nethercutt, bookstore manager; and Mary Wood, coordinator of curriculum/ staff development. Lou Alice Thomas, library assistant, received a 15-year service

Red Cross News

Phyllis Ellenberg of Warsaw, who is 1982 Fund campaign manager for the Duplin County chapter of the American National Red Cross, reminds Duplinites that October is the month chosen for this year's cam-

She worked during the month of September trying to get all communities covered but still needs volunteer workers for several areas.

Among the co-workers are: Linda Heath, Albertson: Mrs. Henry Shields. Bowden; Charlite Chasten, Beulaville; Donna Cowan, Cedar Fork: Mrs. Walter Rhodes, Cabin: Doris Garner, Faison; Mrs. J.W. Smith, Hallsville; Carol Klemm, Kenansville; Mrs. R.J. Skelton. Magnolia;

District Presbyterian Meeting

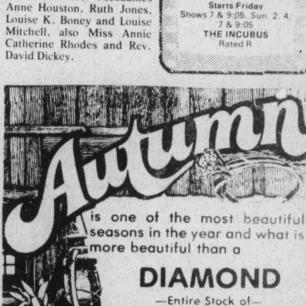
Members of Grove Presbyterian Church who attended the District #5 conference at Pink Hill Sunday afternoon were: Mesdames Hilda Smith, Smith's; Hazel Williams, Sarecta; and Rose Swain for Warsaw.

If you have not already made your contribution this year, please see one of the above co-workers and make your donation or send it to Mrs. N.B. Boney. Secretary. Duplin County Red Cross, P.O. Box 56. Kenansville. NC 28349. We are making every effort to reach our goal of \$6,000, said Ms. Ellen-

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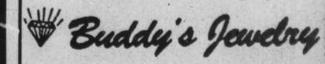
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