Benefits Looking Better and Better Youth Finding Military More Rewarding (\$)

W DAVID STASNEY ents ln 1947, Alfred L. Wymola was just

dual student. dual student. a assisted greatly by about the service. Of course, this "Number one, we an international st pas right at the end of World War II, more men. Secondly, because the found him sensitive and there were not many volunteering. and eager to serve But I decided to take a crack at it." translator. At time He joined the Navy for a starting economy."

d me, at other time, py of \$78 a month. In 1970 he preted me to othen etired, a master chief petty officer in me, and often is charge of food services. The first reason was caused, of volunteer armed forces. "When I got out, my base pay was d me when other

fficult. To this may \$888 a month. With allowances, my ombined pay was over \$1,100." the progress I have Wymola now works as a postman make and much of o accomplish in the full time. For his 23 years in the Navy,

continues to receive a retirement as Dr. Koldus an check equivalent to 57.5 percent of his inal base pay plus adjustments for ey are desperately cost-of-living increases. He is now lly in the field of etting close to \$600 per month.

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n a locked apart. ting was taking place in the living prices." om of the farmhouse recently purwas one of the hased by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Paschtag. ne house present One by one the family huddled around ke out. He manthe old fireplace while the cold air w of his clothes from outside kept shifting in through ng else was lost. the cracks between the floor and walls. Velson, a profes-Mr. and Mrs. Paschtag live in ogy Department Houston during the week. The farmnouse is a weekend home they pure house. He was

his home where chased in 1972 at Washington-on-theparty to witness Brazos. The Paschtags represent one of number of families moving from ban to rural areas in the past decade. "We decided to buy this farm as a ekend home just to get away from ton, especially for our children,"

aid Paschtag, a lawyer. The Paschtags own 130 acres, which in 1972 sold for ise? 500 an acre "We bought our farm as a retire-

nent investment and as a place to relax hen we can get away from Houston,' aid Mrs. John Mikulka, wife of a lesman. The Mikulkas raise cattle on their 64 acre farm in the William Penn mmunity, which is cared for by their ghbor. Their farm cost \$450 an acre The Mikulkas try to buy their eggs

and vegetables from their country abors to save money. Like the Paschtag farmhouse, the Mikulka home has fallen into a state of

Tony Stigliano, a central supervisor Wymola used these to finish high other 19-year-old pondering his for Air Force recruiting in Central school.

Texas, said that starting pay for those t sight of the new "I had a job at Texas A&M College enlisting in the Air Force was \$327.10, available. In the food services department. I including benefits. He gave the reasons "You 'Number one, we need to attract

> economy goes up, pay must go up. We try to stay a little above the

Department of Defense statistics in The New Republic magazine of July 7 show a desired active-duty forces level of 2.23 million. They show that 354,000 enlistments will be needed in the fiscal year of 1974 (July 1, 1973 to

June 30, 1974). The new volunteer programs have increased the military payroll in 1973 by \$2.7 billion, and will add another In view of today's tightening \$3.1 billion in 1974. Wymola explained that the benefits

ginning to look better and better to go much farther than just the pay. The big one is the opportunity for

A survey of jobs for college grad- education. In his first three years he ates in the February Changing Times had already received training in fire gazine found that-despite improve- fighting, fire prevention, and damage nts in some areas-"The time when control. "Actually, they were geared for

rate recruiters to come to them is Navy and shipboard procedures, but ne." Untrained high school graduates they could be utilized in civilian life, ust often resort to 70-hour work too," he said. Stigliano said that about 75 percent eeks to obtain a decent living. And present energy crisis may make of Air Force training could be used

outside of the military. Free college and high school cor-

respondence courses are also available. out of port."

its enlistment goals.

Many of the non-college-bound

prospects are seeking their training

from vocational studies at high schools.

Gayle Todd, the vocational supervisor

for public schools in Bryan, Tex., said

that participation in vocational pro-

"Vocational education is socially

more acceptable than it was several

years ago," he explained. The fact that

15 percent of his students go on to

this group, as a whole, is a prime

recruiting area. The programs channel

portion fail to meet the stiffening

he's not going to get in." In his district,

less than two-thirds of the applicants

for the last two years have been

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standing of the military. Some have

Of those that do apply, a large

Stigliano spoke for the Air Force:

"If he's not a high school graduate,

The recruiter said that, in some

most, however, into civilian jobs.

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accepted.

military career, response has been little For those who qualify, even more is

"You can go to college if you want to," said Wymola. "They've actually sent college instructors out onto the ships. There were a lot of guys that finished school like that."

He added that, more recently, qualified service personnel have been allowed to attend colleges in between periods of active duty. They feel that the more education years.

you get, the better you'll be." Even after discharge, the G.I. Bill will pay for college or almost any type

of job training. For the already-skilled technician professional in the services, the bonus is monetary. The U.S. News and World Report of April 2 pointed out

that those in critical-skill areas, such as radar and computer technology, can receive up to \$10,000 in re-enlistment bonuses. An increase of this amount to \$15,000 is being sought. Living conditions have continued to

improve. The magazine reported that \$3.2 billion had been spent in the 1973 fiscal year for the improvement of barracks, medical facilities, and housing. Another \$3.5 billion is expected to be spent this year. Most of the tedious "kitchen

police" or K.P. duties have been taken over by hired civilians. "Of course, on ship they are always

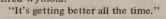
going to have to have them," Wymola said. "They can't recruit civilians to go

For all of the favorable aspects of a "No one really understands the more than sufficient. The Army-even military," he said. "That's why we're with its \$1,500 bonus for enlistment in trying to bring the service to the combat arms-has fallen well short of people.

The requirement of a major commitment, no matter how necessary, is also a deterrent. The Air Force calls for a minimum hitch of four years. The least is two years, in the Army.

And even though retirement pay is more than adequate, a minimum of 20 grams had more than tripled in six years of service is required for any eligibility at all.

As the possibility of an economic downslide approaches reality, however, the disadvantages may seem insignificant. As for the advantages, just ask, enter the armed services indicates that Alfred Wymola:



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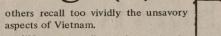
by agricultural prices according to nearby stream, but during July and Wooten. However, that is no longer the August, the stream nearly dries up. case in Texas. The land is now being "During these months, we space our baths, change linens less fre-There is increasing beef production quently, and turn the water off when in herds of 28 cattle or less. This trend we are brushing our teeth," Mrs.

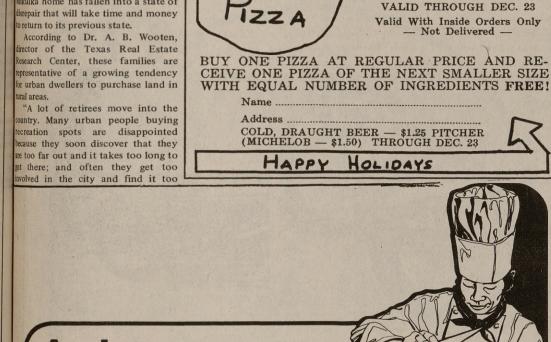
Valero said. "There are rats, flies, and wasps in our farmhouse, and plenty of holes in the walls and floors to let them in. The fuses blow if the vacuum cleaner and TV are on at the same time.'

According to Mrs. Valero, farm families are feeling the pinch of inflation too. Many country people hold down more than one job, and that (See HOMES AWAY, Page 6)



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