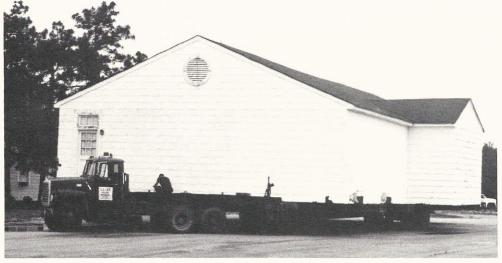
Oommm's and Ozo



On June 15, 1987, CMA's library journeyed across Woodward Field's apron to its new, central location.

CMA FAMILY GATHERS

"Oommm's" resonated around the world from New Age disciples and from mocking scoffers last August 16 to bring on an era of peace and harmony. Whether or not the three-planet, new moon lineup marked the end of the "materialistic" world, members of the globally dispersed CMA family began to gather—often nervously because of airlines safety scares—to march forward into another year.

In late summer, Iran-Contra affair figure Oliver North and presidential hopeful Gary Hart were fading before media focus, although North's devoted secretary Fawn Hall and Hart's almost local (Columbia) party girl Donna Rice continued to capitalize on the limelight of their notoriety. Jim and Tammy Bakker for a time held media attention, then abruptly quit PTL and South Carolina. Bakker's paramour Jessica Hahn, more press resilient than he, almost certainly continues to stare barebreasted from pages of Playboy in barracks recreational reading stacks. Of greater historical import, at a UN sponsored convocation, 24 countries signed a milestone accord, the Montreal Protocol, promising to halt production and use of ozone destroying chemicals by 1999 and offering hope for averting potential environmental catastrophe from ozone depletion and from global warming. In the turbulent Middle East, the Iran-Iraq conflict intensified to crisis levels as the United States reflagged Kuwaiti oiltankers and guaranteed their safe passage through international waters of the Persian Gulf.

While these events transpired, students and staff, including new Assistant Commandant LTC Harry T. Woodmansee, assembled for the new school year. After two years as Dean of Academic Affairs, Major Burton Gale returned to fulltime classroom teaching and Major Kelly Schrader replaced him as academic dean. A formalized study skills program for all grade levels enriched the curriculum.

School plant improvements happened too. In midsummer the library building rolled across Woodward Field's apron to rest on new foundations in a more central location. Now, fully renovated and with a wing added to house laundry room and barbershop, we can boast another first class school facility.

Adding sartorial distinction to the cadet uniform issue are white trousers. This new item provides plenty of sparkle to dress occasions.

As we settled into the school year, Pope John Paul II visited Columbia and at a September 16 Celebration of Citizenship, The Honorable Robert J. Sheheen, Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives, addressed the assembled student body on the 200th anniversary of the signing of The Constitution. Cadet LTC Lamar Shaw led the Pledge of Allegiance, spoken to coincide with recitations all across America.

By Black Monday, October 19's stock market implosion, the school year was well underway. These pages record moments in that day-to-day progression, Camden Military Academy marching forward.



On new foundations, the library



"New boy" in-processing day, 25 August, with Burton Gale, and Mrs. Eleanor Born ready to