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Civilian Council Discusses Plans

May Dance, Softball League, And Health Insurance Are Talked

The Civilian Welfare Council discussed plans for the coming May dance for Redstone's civilian personnel, approved plans of financing softball teams for the arsenal league, and heard a report on moves to obtain group health insurance for arsenal employees.

The May dance has been tentatively set for one of May's five Friday nights; final date selection will depend on when an orchestra can be obtained.

The Council approved financing the necessary balls, bats and umpire's fees for the civilian share of the coming softball season.

The council heard that companies offering group insurance plans had been asked to submit additional proposals to provide the council members a better comparative basis. The council will make the final decision regarding the group policies.

April 3 will be the next regular meeting of the Civilian Welfare Council.

Column Capsules

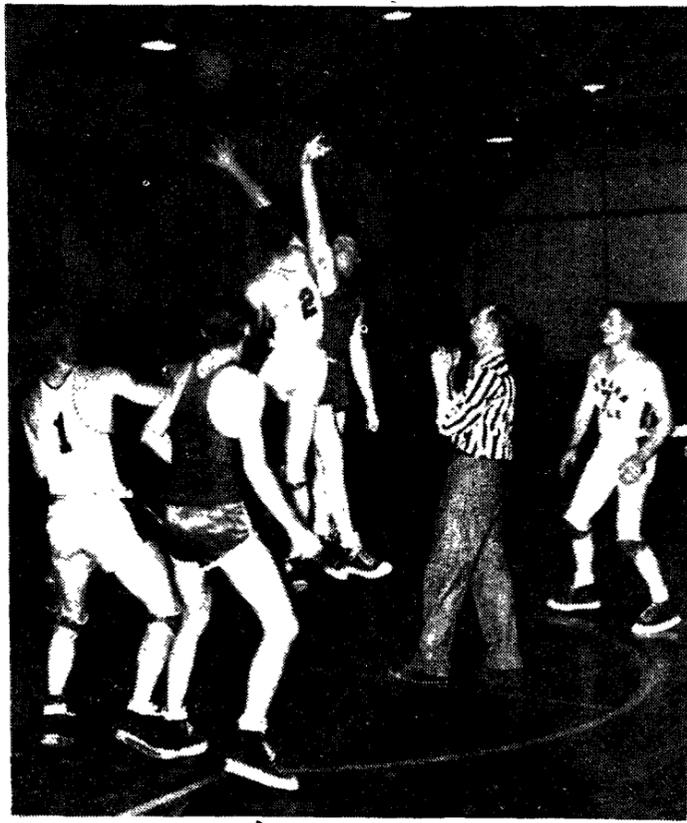
Members and guests planning to attend the Shamrock Ball on the night of March 15 at the NCO Open Mess need make no table reservations. Sox Smith and his orchestra will furnish music for dancing, and W. B. Bynum's floor show is also on the program.

Pfc. Billy R. Darnell 3523 ASU, is on emergency leave to Tyler, Texas to attend his grandfather's funeral.

Sgt. Charles S. McCutcheon 3523 ASU has taken emergency leave to Columbus, Ga. where his wife is awaiting birth of a child.

Mrs. Alleene Payne, 408 Eustis St., Huntsville, who has had considerable experience in baby-sitting according to Post Ordnance personnel, is seeking such work among Redstone Arsenal employees. Further information as to fees charged and qualifications can be obtained by calling Mrs. Payne at No. 1104-R.

Walter Wiesemann, currently treasurer of the Huntsville Junior Chamber of Commerce, is seeking election as first vice-president of the young men's civic organization. At Redstone, he is chief of the Stock Control Section in Post Ordnance.



CHAMPION TILT—Above is a scene from the exciting and close game Friday night when Thiokol's cagemen came within an ace of winning the YMCA City League tournament championship title. The Redstone company's players were edged 34-31 by Howard Gentle. Above Howard Gentle's Tower, No. 2, and Thiokol's Rousseau, dark uniform, go up for a jump ball. At left is Milam of Gentle, No. 1, Arlice League, Thiokol, No. 12. At far right is Gentle's Garrison No. 7. See story on page 5. (Photograph by Tom Sanford, Thiokol photographer.)

Delegates Meet For Discussions On Procurement

A four-day conference on guided missile procurement planning is now in session at Redstone Arsenal, Col. Carrol D. Hudson, arsenal commander, reports. The conference opened Monday. About 30 delegates are attending the meeting.

A series of morning and afternoon meetings will be held from Monday through Thursday on 10 different projects now under Ordnance Corps contract or supervision. Representatives are expected from the Office, Chief of Ordnance, Ordnance districts, and contractors within the respective districts.

During the conference series, officers and technical specialists from the Office, Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C., will explain plans for obligating available industrial funds for various guided missile and rocket systems.

Melton Is Injured In Auto Accident

By PFC. EDWARD RUETZ
Cpl. Riley Melton, 9330 TSU, is recuperating in the Army Hospital at Ft. McClellan, Ala., from a skull fracture and other injuries received in an automobile collision in Huntsville, March 1.

The accident, which involved a car driven by Melton, and one driven by Andre T. Shelton, Huntsville, occurred at McCullough Ave. and Third Ave. in Huntsville.

According to an investigation, Cpl. Melton's car was traveling south on McCullough Ave. Shelton was driving west on Third Ave.

The impact of the collision threw the Redstone soldier from his car. Both vehicles careened to the curb.

Melton received emergency treatment at the Huntsville Hospital. He was transferred to the USA Infirmary at Redstone and then taken by Army ambulance to Ft. McClellan.

His condition was originally described as (Continued On Page 8)

Redstone's Red Cross Drive Is Extended Until March 15

500,000 Seedlings Have Been Planted On Redstone Land

A half million pine seedlings have been set out at Redstone Arsenal in the past three years through the cooperation of four government agencies to prevent silt from eventually clogging up reservoirs in the TVA system.

This Spring, 200,000 pine seedlings obtained from the TVA free in connection with its reforestation program, have been planted and a like number are on order for the following year. The reforestation program will continue indefinitely as an erosion control measure. Eventually, the trees will have a market value as timber.

W. L. Brandon, post real estate manager working under Capt. Robert C. Brenneman, explained that the seedlings were planted in areas subject to sheet erosion throughout the arsenal. Most of the arsenal acreage is within the TVA drainage area and the planting program is being carried out to prevent soil from draining off into streams and eventually clogging up reservoirs.

Agencies cooperating with arsenal personnel in the program include the Soil Conservation Service, state Forestry Service, TVA, and the Madison County Agent's office. A. R. Carlton county SCS work unit conservationist, and C. R. Kearley, district SCS conservationist, have assisted in drafting land management plans so that areas not suited for crop purposes have been planted in seedlings to conserve soil resources.

Planting assistance was given by Paul Rodgers, forest ranger for Madison County. The state Forestry service has the responsibility for quenching fires which occur in arsenal timbered areas.

Help has been rendered also by D. S. Loyd, county agent, from the standpoint of resources conservation.

Loon Shoot Set

The Navy let go with another of its jet-propelled submarine-launched guided missiles recently during fleet exercises off the coast of southern California.

The missiles were given the name "LOON" and were first fired from the USS Cusk in March, 1947. They were developed from the German V-1 or "Buzz Bomb."

Since then they have been fired during exercises to allow anti-aircraft gunners and plane crews to test their ability to bring down the missiles as they streak along their guided trajectories.

Redstone Arsenal's Red Cross appeal has been extended to March 15, Capt. John J. Horan's office reports. Capt. Horan is the drive chairman for the arsenal's 1952 effort.

A meeting of the sub-chairmen for the drive was held last week. Thurman Smith, Employees' Services officer, presided over the meeting in place of Harold Carpenter, civilian drive head. Carpenter was absent due to illness.

Members of the sub-chairmen group include:

Elizabeth Patton, Adjutant Section; Harry Smith, Civilian Personnel; Mrs. Kay Hopkins, Budget and Fiscal; Mona King, Management and Improvement;

Mrs. Ruby Flynn, Provost Marshal's Office; Mrs. Todd, Purchasing and Contracting; Mrs. Russell, Ammunition Surveillance; Mr. Cook, Safety; Mrs. Libby Cochran, Army Ordnance Inspection;

C. L. Bishop, Post Surgeon; W. L. Brandon, Post Engineer; Mrs. Morris, Quartermaster; Ira Adams, Post Signal; Miss Gibson, Post Transportation; Mrs. Annie Adcock, Post Ordnance;

Hoke Wallace, Manufacturing Division; Mrs. Clark Mrs. Betty Smith, Jack McCalmont, and Mr. Green, all from National Procurement;

Mrs. Sudie Amsler, Field Service Division; Mrs. Alma Reasin, Tom Smith Helen Blanton, Ann Waldrop, Barbara Burtram, and Leta Thompson, all of the Technical and Engineering Division.

T. Smith Gives T. Smith A \$10 Awards Check

Another Redstone employe joined the growing list of people winning in the Suggestion Award program. He is Thurman Smith, \$10.

Thurman, the chairman of the Suggestions Award program at Redstone took his own advice about making a suggestion. He won.

The suggestion was of a safety nature, it called for the installation of handrails around the steps leading to Bldgs. 471 and 481. It was an inspiration piece following a near-fall.

April Draft Call

Washington (AFPS) — A call for 19,000 inductees in April has been announced by the Department of Defense. This represents one of the smallest monthly quotas since the outbreak of Korean hostilities.

The Army will get 15,000 of the inductees and the Marines will receive 4,000.

Providing Arsenal Communications Keeps Post Signal Busy

The busy signal is always up in the Post Signal Office as it keeps flowing the vast volume of telephone, wire, and radio communications required by Redstone Arsenal personnel.

And it should be when you consider about 18,000 telephone calls are placed each day by arsenal employees, and 23,000 are received.

In addition to keeping Redstone's heavily used telephone communications in operating order, the Signal Office is also responsible for Redstone's teletype communications, the operation of a short-wave radio station, and maintenance of the fire and police radio and telephone equipment.

The heart of the signal operations is located in the Post Signal Office. Its operations are directed by Maj. Henry C. Kincaid, Post Signal Officer, and his assistant 1st Lt. Ralph E. Bolvin.

The Communications Center in

Post Headquarters is the central point for teletype and telegram communications. Here are the teletype outlets to Third Army at Ft. McPherson, to Birmingham, to Western Union, and to the intra-arsenal teletype hook-up.

The other operator switchboards are located in Thiokol and the Rohm and Haas buildings.

Operators Average 53,500
Besides the 23,000 outgoing telephone calls and 18,000 incoming calls handled by the automatic boards, the post operators, of Attendance Cabinet, handle a monthly average of 53,500 long distance calls, and calls coming into the arsenal.

To take care of all of this talking traffic, there are about 50 miles of telephone cables connecting the arsenal 1,350 telephones. These cables range in capabilities of carrying from 10 to 606 conversations at one time.

"There is enough cable wire out," Lt. Bolvin says, "that if it were laid end-to-end it would stretch 6,708 miles, or a fourth of the way around the world."

Provide Radio Outlets
Besides all of this telephone traffic the Communications Center, and the short wave radio station average the transmittal and reception of 5,300 messages a month. Also responsibilities of the Signal Office are the upkeep and operation of the mobile radio units used by the civilian and military police. This includes the 50-watt transmitter, controlling the fire-police net, and the three remote control units of the VHF (very high frequency) equipment.

The fire fighters also have a telephone net of 88 fire phones hooked to two fire reporting boards; one located in Station 1, near Post Headquarters, and the other in Bldg. 424.

That in brief, is what the Post Signal Office works with.

Heavy Responsibility
"The unsung heroes of the arsenal," says Lt. Bolvin, "are the installation and repair crews, and the cable splicing crew."

There are three two-man installation and repair crews who have the job of switching phones for moving offices, installing new instruments, and keeping all of them in repair.

The cable splicing crew, has of course, the job of finding trouble outside of the buildings, and repairing it. "About half of our cable is buried," the lieutenant added.

Probably the heaviest work load on a piece of signal equipment falls on the two automatic switchboards which are the nerve center of the arsenal's dial telephone system.

These boards, one located in the main Signal Office, and handling

the 30,000 numbers, and the other in Bldg. 113 and controlling the 5000 numbers, handle traffic comparable to that of a city of 20,000.

However, all of the traffic running through the automatic boards comes from business phones, and "business phones are used about five times as much as a residential phone," Maj. Kincaid said.

Up-Ended Mailboxes
The first impression of the automatic board in the main office, is that of hundreds of solenoid type switches clicking madly up and down inside of what appears to be up-ended mailboxes.

These switches are controlled by the telephone user when he dials a digit in a number, Charles V. Lee, inside plant engineer, explained.

When a user picks up a telephone he should wait until the first of the four switches in a switch-train "finds" his number. When it does, (Continued On Page 3)

Field Service Division

BY SUDIE AMSLER

At break periods in National Maintenance Point, "the game" is guessing the distributor's name on the bottom of the Coca-Cola bottle. It is played very much like "20 Questions" and begins by eliminating Huntsville.

If the bottle bears the name of any source other than Huntsville, "the game" is on. The first question: "Is it in Alabama?", and so on, the purpose being to locate the section of the country.

Evelyn Crabtree has an uncanny way of hitting the Tennessee bottles by saying "Pulaski."

Among the "stumpers" have been Cpl. Floyd Sabin with a bottle from Hickory, N.C.; Dot Sublett, whose bottle traveled all the way from Erie, Pa.; Doris McDonald with one from Fort Pierce, Fla.; and Anita Hall's came from Wyandotte, Mich. It is really a fast game, with wrong guesses coming from right and left.

Is this game indigenous to NMP, or is it played elsewhere? It's fun. The life of a security officer is a hard one. Take Martin L. Kingsmore, for example. He makes his rounds every afternoon to make certain that everything is secure that should be secure.

Not only that, but he has the cubious pleasure of introducing new personnel in Ordnance techniques and publications, and to the standard order of procedure of the NMP. This task of orientation has been no small thing lately, as hardly a day passes without the arrival of at least one new employe.

A few of the latest recruits to

"Marty's" class of orientation have been the following: Mark T. Smith from California; now Chief, Technical Manual Section, formerly with Douglas Aircraft Corp.; Miss Martha Baker, clerk-typist, from New Hope, transfer from T&E;

Thomas Tanner, clerk-typist, a native of Huntsville, who transferred from Post Ordnance; Oliver M. Eslinger from Gurley, clerk-typist, who is beginning his business career with his present position;

And James Davidson, an engineer, whose native city is Vicksburg, who was formerly with Lockheed Aircraft Corp. All appear to be making fine progress under "Marty's" supervision.

It is always "Hail and Farewell" at the Field Service Division. The Travel Bureau is always in operation.

Latest departures are CWO Walter C. Pool; Lt. William W. James; Kyle Y. Chalker; Col. B. D. Beach; Joseph V. Olszewski; Isom A. Rigell; Roy M. Neperud, Jr.; and William Huff. William P. McNutt is vice-president-in charge of sending people away and of procuring reimbursement for them upon their return; namely, TRAVEL VOUCHERS.

But there is one member of the family whose travel reservations were made for him, outside of McNutt's jurisdiction. WOJG Arthur D. Lumsden, who was recently welcomed to Redstone Depot, is now busy getting his "sea Legs" in condition preparatory to taking a sea voyage at "Uncle Sugar's" invitation—all expenses paid. Best

of luck, Mr. Lumsden.

In the "bureau", most of the ones whose departures were noted in this column in the last issue of The Rocket have returned.

Col. James P. Snooks' absence did not go unnoticed by the Redstone Depot personnel. Everyone is glad to know that Mrs. Snooks' condition is improved.

Redstone Depot has received four new employes by reassignment. They are Mrs. Sarah (with an "h") Spurlock from Budget and Fiscal; Mrs. Rose D. Fow, Payroll Unit; Miss Marie Weaks, Adjutant's office; and Mrs. Anne Neunlist from National Procurement. Absent is Mrs. Nell Stolarz who is on "lend-lease" to Transportation.

Mrs. Emma Berkheimer is a better-versed employe on correspondence procedure after completing "Mrs. Amos' Preparatory School for Typists."

A new addition to FSD is M-Sgt. LeRoy A. Arch who replaced M-Sgt. Joseph Warren. Glad to have you with us, Sgt. Arch.

Mrs. Sudie Amsler, is the latest of The Rocket reporters to join in the coverage of Field Service's extensive activities. She is a native of Laurel, Miss., but has lived in Huntsville for the past seven years.

When not engaged in work as a clerk-steno and librarian in FSD's Administrative Branch, she looks after her sons Gordon, 18, Floyd, Jr. (Corky), 17, plays bridge, works crossword puzzles and does anything that is fun.

Civilian Police

COMPANY B
BY CHARLES CAVENDER

Jesse Long, was high man recently in Co. B when the company went on the pistol range. Long shot 308 out of a possible of 350. Jack Kearney was the second best with the .38 caliber revolver with 299 out of 350. Carl Melton finished third with 285.

Capt. Glenn has been acting as police chief while Chief Green has been at Camp Stewart, attending courses in the Provost-Marshal General's school.

Carl Melton, Co. B, and Howard Hicks, Co. A, were among the many trained personnel who volunteered their services recently when tornadoes struck Ft. Payne and Fayetteville. Melton and Hicks drove to Fayetteville to assist with traffic problems, and to aid in the search of demolished buildings for trapped people.

Both Melton and Hicks agreed that the traffic tie-up, reported to have been the biggest hindrance in the rescue operations was bad.

Wendell Stewart and Oscar Hancock are owners of new cars in the company. Both bought Fords.

C. V. Lawrence recently returned from a short trip to Georgia.

Chess Club Will Plan Tournament

Chess tournament plans are in the offing for the newly-formed Redstone Arsenal Chess Club according to a report yesterday from Capt. L. K. Schreiber, post dental surgeon, who is temporary group chairman.

Approximately 10 members attended the second meeting of the group on the night of March 6 at the Post Chaplain's office. Anyone desiring to attend, enlisted men, civilians or officers, will be welcomed, the chairman said.

The chess club meets at 7 p. m. every Thursday in the chaplain's office. Those who plan to attend such sessions should bring their own boards and chess sets with them as the group does not own equipment.

No dues are charged and the skills of current members range from rank amateurs to near professionals. In addition to the forthcoming tournament, officers will be elected and the club organized officially soon, Capt. Schreiber said.

Wife (to husband sick in bed) "Darling, I'm just writing to mother-er-how do you sepll cemetery, with an "S" or a "C"?"

Roger - dodger Will Change To A Romeo

By SUDIE AMSLER

Roger-dodger, of World War II fame, will soon be a dead codger, according to Time Magazine, which reports that the widely publicized military phonetic alphabet is being changed.

According to the national publication, new names will be given for the letters of the alphabet by the International Civil Aviation Organization to keep foreign pilots from "stuttering and stammering," all over the "wild blue yonder." The change is expected to occur in the U. S. this Fall.

Roger, the phonetic for R, and also the symbol for "received message, or correct," was pulled into wide use in American slang by ex-Air Force personnel.

Roger's fate is typical of many of the changes—he's now—Romeo! Other changes in the familiar phonetic alphabet will see Baker becoming Bravo, Fox jogging into Foxtrot, George changing to Gold, and Jig switching to Juliet.

Peter becomes Papa, and Queen goes to Quebec. The Tare shifts into Tango, Uncle into Union, and William changes to Whiskey. X-ray is now Extra, Yoke is Yankee, and the Zebra turns to Zulu.

Other changes include: Able to Alfa; Charlie to Cocoa; Dog to Delta; Easy to Echb; How to Hotel; Item to India; King to Kilo; Love to Lima; Mike to Metro; Nan to Nectar; Oboe to Oscar; Sugar to Sierra; Only Victor stays the same.

San Francisco, Calif. (AFPS)—Everybody's on his trail. A thief looted Buddy Clark's Roundup of \$400 and escaped with the money in a paper bag. Seems the bag had a hole in it and everyone pursued the cash instead of the bandit. He wasn't caught.

Capt. McOsker's Mother Dies In Providence, R. I.

Mrs. John E. McOsker, mother of Capt. Thomas C. McOsker, post surgeon, died Feb. 26 after a brief illness. She was a patient at the Jane Brown Memorial Hospital in Providence, R. I.

Funeral services were held Feb. 29 at St. Patrick's Church in Providence, and burial was in St. Francis Cemetery, Providence.

Mrs. McOsker is survived by her husband, and three sons, Fergus, of Stamford, Conn., John of Providence, and Capt. McOsker of Redstone.

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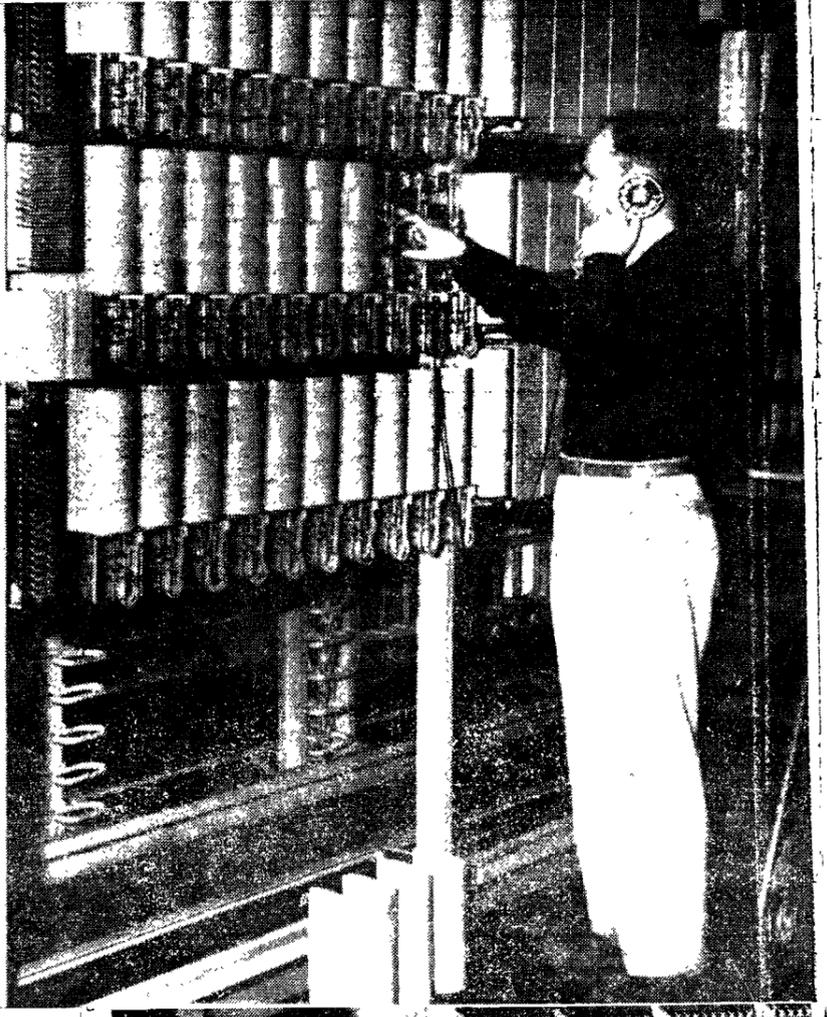
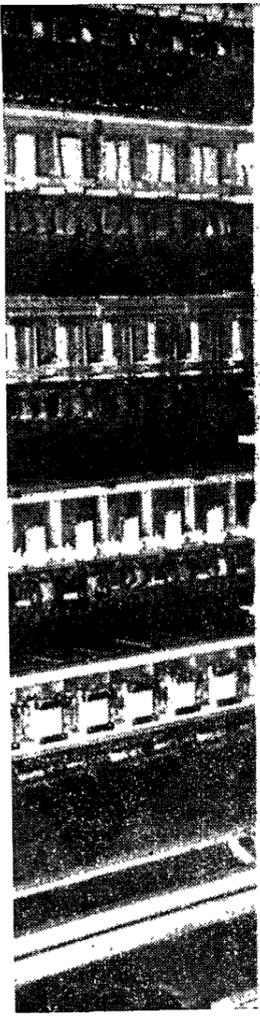
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SIGNAL OFFICE SCENES—Here are scenes typical of the operations of the Redstone Arsenal Signal Office operations. At top left Cleo Neal, test board operator, is shown at the test board, often called "the nerve center of the outside system." It is here that all phones are tested and okayed for the installation crews. Trouble reports also funnel through the test board. At lower left, John Douma, radio engineer and operator, is shown at the control board of the amateur short-wave station located at Redstone. Douma "works" in the widely known MARS network, and also in the official Army Emergency Net. The local station has a power output of 100 watts. At top right, Clarence V. Lee, inside plant engineer, is using the

"buttinsky," a switchman's test set, used to check the adjustments on the Strowger automatic switches. He is checking one of the "line finder" switches. These solenoid switches are covered by the up-ended mailboxes to protect the sensitive contacts from trouble-causing dust. At lower right, Cpl. Fred J. Schlutterback, central office maintenance technician, makes a routine check on the gadget that produces dial tone, ringing current, and the busy signal. The test of the equipment is part of the constant testing done by Signal personnel as preventative maintenance to keep the vast system operating. (U. S. Army Photographs by O. B. Schlatterbeck.)

Repairmen Are The "Unsung Heroes"

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he will be turned into the dial tone generator and can begin dialing his number.

Three other of these Strowger automatic two-motion switches operate to find and ring the number you dial.

If the called number is vacant the last switch throws the call into the ringing circuit of the dial tone generator. It also begins the operation of the "psychological ring" which is heard when a called number is being rung.

Callers Are Bell-Happy

"The only reason people hear a bell ring when the number they're called is being rung, is to keep

them happy," Lee said. "That ring has nothing to do whatever with the actual ringing of the number."

If the called number is busy, the caller is still switched to the dial tone machine, but to a circuit on which an interrupted electrical tone is produced by brushes on an eccentric cam. The results— Buzz—buzz—none other than the busy signal.

Talking current for the conversations is supplied by 23 wet cell batteries. Another three are available on a stand-by basis in case of an emergency.

Lee and Bolvin explained why telephone users often get a busy sig-

nal after dialing the first two digits of a number, in case of the 3,000 numbers, and the first digit in case of the 5000 numbers.

Although there are 1,350 telephones on the arsenal, it would be impossible for all of them to be in use at the same time. Actually only about 20 telephones in any 100 group (for example, numbers from 3-1100 to 3-1119 in the 3-1100 group can talk at one time. After 20, there are no more open switches, thus only busy signals.

Persons calling from a 3-0000 number to a 5000 number or vice versa may get a busy signal as all of the 10 connecting trunks may be busy.

and civilian radio amateurs."

Redstone is tied to the net through the Third Army with the net control station in Ft. McPherson.

Persons having messages they wish transmitted should contact Douma at Exten. 3-2292.

If the messages are to be sent to military personnel, the name, complete military address and serial number should be included. For messages going to civilians, the telephone number is preferred.

Messages should be about 50 words or less. Delivery is made by transmitting them to a station nearest the address. The message is then called to the person by telephone, or it is often mailed on a two-cent post card.

Douma pointed out that delivery of messages cannot be guaranteed. He also said messages should be sent only to areas where amateur radio stations are likely to be founded.

The local MARS station operates on 3497.5 kilocycles with 100 watts power on code, and on 34,020 kilocycles on 100 watts power by voice.

Hartford, Conn. (AFPS)—A job survey asked state employees how much time they spent at each of their duties. An elevator operator replied, "Up 50 percent, Down 50 percent."

Post Ordinance

By WANDA LIMBAUGH

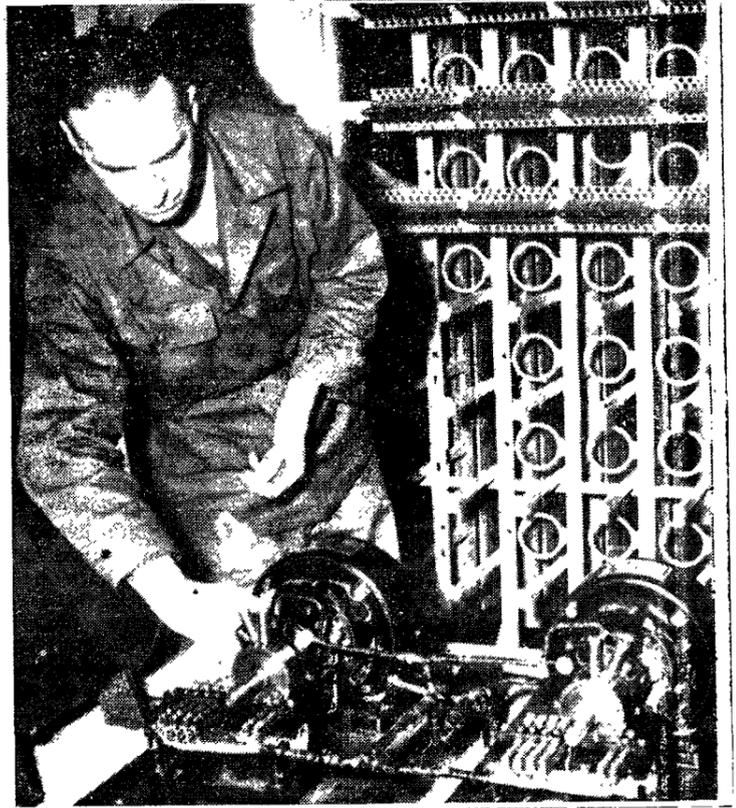
Let's talk about our favorite subject, vacations. During the Feb. 22 week-end, most everyone seemed to have a good time.

Mrs. Florence Palmerlee went to Mobile to the Mardi Gras. She needs special recognition because she spent a month's pay in two days. That's our gal "Flossie", always extravagant. But she says it was worth it.

Sam Walker and Herman Hollingsworth took a trip to Florida. They didn't come back with a darker complexion, but they seemed to have plenty to laugh about.

Some people enjoy working late because of the ride home. Euclid Womack is responsible for part of this. His Ford convertible is ready to render this service to any needy girl. Jewel Kelley and Velma Johnson are two steady passengers. The three spaces left vacant are filled by the first ones to ask.

Mr. Bobo is now in the "detached service" to Warehousing Sec-



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USA Infirmary

By C. L. BISHOP and HENRY CARDIN

Cpl. Calvin Ellis spent the March 1 week-end visiting his daughter Patsy and other relatives in Chattanooga, Tenn.



We were sorry to hear of the illness of little Carol Wilce, daughter of M-Sgt. J. M. Wilce.

Pfc. Billy Darnell is on emergency leave due to death of his grand father. Bill Howard had to remain at home two days this week due to a peni-

cillin reaction.

Mrs. Mary Patterson has traded cars. Mary is driving an Oldsmobile now.

Miss Eleanor Cokes, R. N., is already bragging about the trout she is going to catch when she doesn't have to break the ice on the back-waters of the Tenn. River at Town Creek, Ala. Good Luck Eleanor.



Sgt. Lon Canady is confined to bed in the Infirmary, a victim of flu. In the opinion of the personnel here, the winning of the "Best Mess" award was too great a shock for Sgt. Canady.

Rocket, the mascot of the two army nurses here, has been on the sick list for two weeks. He is now under observation for gastric ulcers. Dr. Smith, veterinarian up-town, is waiting for the report from the GI Series and Rocket may undergo surgery next week.

Seattle, Wash. (AFPS)—Lost in the Cascades foothills, Dick Benham heard a response when he whistled for help, and started through a canyon. A sheriff finally rescued him after he had spent 24 hours following his own echo.

Send Messages To Mars--Radio

Local Amateur Station Glad To Radio Message Free For Arsenal Folks

Why write when you can radio? That could almost be the slogan of the MARS radio station located in Redstone's Post Signal Office.

MARS will send message for anyone, free of cost, that will not normally be sent through commercial channels.

MARS stands for Military Amateur Radio system. It is a nationwide amateur, short-wave radio net, and to some extent, it has international connections.

At Redstone, the MARS station is operated by John Douma, who also uses the equipment to work in the Army Emergency Net.

The MARS net is the outgrowth of the pre-war Army Amateur system. It is designed:

"To foster the development and progress of military radio communications, and to promote through example and active effort, greater cooperation in the correlation of the working activities of military

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Promotional Centrifuge Whirls Career Desk To The Heights

The Post signal Office has a sure method of rating arsenal incomes, 1st. Lt. Ralph E. Bolvin, assistant Signal officer says.

The system was worked out after watching a number of arsenalites rise through the ranks, and the telephone changes caused by these promotions.

It begins:

A man gets a job as a GS-2. His desk is jammed up against the wall. He gets a raise and the desk is turned so one end is against the wall.

The man gets a second raise, he turns his desk around so he faces

into the room, back to the wall. He gets the third raise and he pushes the desk out in the middle of the room.

Comes another promotion and the desk goes back to the wall catty-cornered in one end. With the fifth increase he pulls the desk out from the wall and has a telephone stand installed behind it.

He reaches the top when he receives another grade hike. He removes the telephone stand, and puts a long table behind his desk. When you see a man with a long table behind his desk, he's in!

Civilian Personnel --- Annual Leave Use Rules Are Given

By H. B. CARPENTER

Full time employees, who are permanent for leave purposes, accrue leave as a matter of right. However, the use of leave is a privilege and is subject to certain laws, rules and local policies.

In the use of annual leave, there are certain phases which are controlled by annual and sick leave acts and the Annual and Sick Leave Regulations of the Civil Service Commission. Other phases are established by policy of the Department of the Army, and still others by policy of the installation commander.

It is the policy of the Department of Army to grant its employees annual leave at such time and in such amounts as local conditions permit. However, regulations of the Civil Service and Department policy will be applied uniformly to all employees of an installation. When employees can be spared from their duties, annual leave should be granted freely for personal or emergency purposes.

Management has the primary responsibility for determining when and to what extent annual leave is to be granted, as well as the responsibility of requiring annual leave to be taken when circumstances require such action.

Determination as to the time and amount of annual leave which is to be granted, generally, should be on a basis of mutual agreement between the employee and his supervisor.

Although annual leave is a right of an employee, as far as accrual is concerned, it, nevertheless, is the prerogative of management to make the final decision on when annual leave is to be used. For this reason, the use of annual leave is subject to the PRIOR approval of the appropriate supervisor. Failure to secure the proper approval may result in the period of absence being charged as AWOL. Employees must initial the time card for leave in order to be paid for the time. (Use of Sick Leave will be discussed next week.)

National Procurement

EARL STRIDDE

The main topic of discussion for the past few days has been the forthcoming party of NPD. By the time this column is in print, the party will be long gone, but I'm sure it won't be forgotten. Any way, the party is being held at the Huntsville Country Club on March 4 in the honor of

Cols B. D. Beach and H. C. Thayer.

Have you seen the aerial photographs of Fayetteville on the quality control bulletin board? Bill Archer flew up there in his Taylorcraft to look over the situation and got a couple of good pictures.

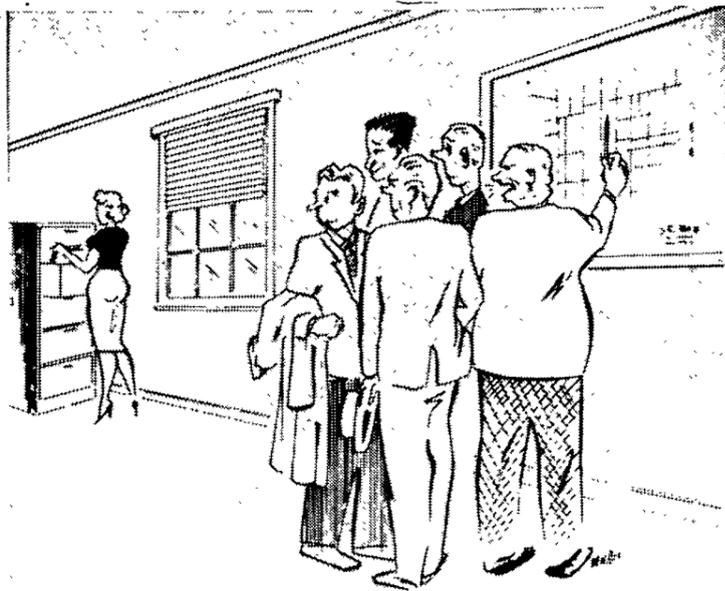
A number of recently employees have joined NPD newly. Among them are:

Mrs. Virginia Black, Administrative Branch. Mrs. Black lives in Redstone Park with her family; Mrs. Irene McKinney, Administrative Branch; Mrs. McKinney lives in Gurley.

Other new employees are Miss Carolyn Webb, Administrative Branch, Carolyn lives in Huntsville; and Mrs. Sarah Hightower, Methods Planning Branch, who also lives in Huntsville.

Robert S. Ferguson, Procurement Planning, is another new "hand." Ferguson lives in Huntsville. Prior to joining NPD, Ferguson was with the Trade and Industrial Division of the Alabama

Mulling With Mullis



NOW, GENTLEMEN, HERE IS THE SITE FOR THE NEW...UH THE NEW...UH...GENTLEMEN!!

From The Chaplain

By CH. WILBUR H. GREEN
"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." (Prov. 3:6)

Much of our failure and frustration stems from our insistence upon "Having our own way", regardless of consequence. To think,

to act, and to live, as though one were a law unto himself, is to challenge deliberately God's right to rule the life He has given. Refusal to contemplate and heed divine law is invitation to disaster.

In too many confused lives, the "Will to power" has emerged triumphant over the spirit of the prayer, "Thy will be done". God's will can be done in our lives only in that proportion to which we seek His Truth and obey its dictate. Acknowledging Him in all of our ways means, as Tennyson so aptly phrased it: "Our wills are ours, to make them Thine".

Protestant Worship Service
Sunday, 10:30 a. m. at Post Chapel.

Catholic Services
At Church of the Visitation.
Sunday at 6, 7:30, 9, and 10:30 a. m.

Jewish Temple
At Clinton and Lincoln,
Friday, 7:30 p. m.

Spring Hope, N.C. (AFPS)-
While driving his car Baker Barnes struck and ran over a mule. The mule got up and kicked the vehicle, toppling it into a ditch and causing \$300 damage. The mule suffered only slight injuries.

Charleston, W. Va. (AFPS)
Game warden John Johnson reported that a fisherman hooked a real fighter while casting for bass. The angler finally landed his catch but to his amazement found he had hooked a raccoon.

State Department of Education.
Another new employe is Miss Della Eubanks from Arab. She is also in Procurement Planning. Della recently graduated from Snead Junior College, Boaz, where she majored in English and biology.

Purchasing & Contracting

By MILDRED WILKINS

Jo Ann Gaskin spent the Washington Birthday holiday in Memphis. While there she met Jeffrey Lynn, the famous screen and stage star. She says she hasn't washed her right hand since.

Virginia Holly also spent the week end in Memphis.

Jane Pitts, Betty Hunt, Jean Wall and Mamie Cruse have been on the sick list for the past week.

Martha Wright spent the long week end in Birmingham shopping.

Helen Todd has moved into her new house on East Bob Wallace Ave.

Jeff Darwin and wife spent the March 1 week-end in Atlanta.

Betty Bates accompanied her husband to Fort Jackson, S. C. last week, where he has been stationed since his return from Korea. Betty will return soon and be back at her job as Mr. Pierce's secretary.

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Guided Missile Group

BY WILMA KMETKO

Sgt. Hiram H. Doster is on leave prior to shipping out to Korea. Sgt. Doster will be missed very much by his many friends. We say "many friends" because he has been in the branch since Ft. Bliss days.

Here's wishing Charles Smith a speedy recovery. Charlie has been confined to his home in Memphis for the past two weeks with pneumonia.

Also missing from the scene of activities is Thomas Reed who underwent an operation at the Huntsville Hospital. Hope he can be back with us soon!

Looks like car trading fever has hit again. John C. Boger came driving up in a Mercury and James D. Willard is sporting a Studebaker.

TDY has again beckoned and left empty desks where people ought to be. Seen rushing off to White Sands Proving Grounds were Pfc. Daniel A. Herald and Cpl. Robert E. Lindstrom; William A. Mrzcek dashing for the airport for the flight to Los Angeles; John Hagerman and George Smith hitting gas in the car for their trip to Aberdeen, Md.; and Hans Lindenmayr and Herbert Bergeler headed toward Birmingham.

Warm welcomes are extended to the newcomers: Pvt. John P. Monteferrante, Emmett T. Vinson, Eugene M. Maples, Billy G. Kennedy, Pvt. Walton Elliott and Jerome O. Crabtree.

Billy S. Isbell's smile has expanded tremendously in recent days. Could be from the paper he received reading "Promotions." Congratulations Billy.

Mary Lou Horne, secretary in the branch for 19 months and also reporter for the Redstone Rocket, departed Feb. 29, for the Peach State and Atlanta to make her home with her parents. Mary Lou left with well wishes, a piece of luggage and a desk set from the branch. Her personality will be missed here but will brighten up Post Engineer of Ft. McPherson.

Mrs. Wilma Kmetko, who is replacing Mary Lou Horne as Rocket correspondent, has been at Redstone for about 16 months. She is the wife of John Kmetko, Jr., who is a lab technician in the USA Infantry.

Wilma says her main interests outside of work are her 17-month old daughter, Deborah Ann, and knitting.

She is a native of Huntsville, and attended George Peabody college, in Nashville.

Thiokol Corp.

By JESSE ANDERSON

SPARKS . . . H. C. "Rusty" Havon was a visitor in Huntsville for the March 1 week-end. Rusty, chemical engineer formerly with the Redstone Division, was en route to Moss Point, Miss., to take over his new assignment as chief chemical engineer of Thiokol's new plant there.

Miss Faye Musgrove served as bridesmaid in the wedding of her sister, Miss Virginia Musgrove, to Robert O'Reilly at the Central Church of Christ in Huntsville, Friday, February 29.

The sparkler Faye is wearing on the proper finger tells us she may be searching for a bridesmaid in the near future.

NEW EMPLOYEES . . . Newest employees are Allen M. Thomas, James W. Holt, James R. Allen and Raymond A. McElvogue. Thomas and Allen are operators on the Pilot Line. Thomas is from Lacey's Spring, and Allen is from nearby Union Grove.

Holt, a pipefitter, is in the Maintenance Section of the Mechanical Engineering Department, and is a native of Huntsville. Engineer McElvogue is in the Mechanical Engineering Department. He is from Muskego, Wis. and likes to be called "Ray". Welcome to Thiokol, fellows, we want you to feel at home with us.

73,000 Reserve Officers To Be Released By July

Washington, (AFPS)—The Defense Department has revealed that all Services will release a total of about 73,000 Reserve officers from active duty between now and June 30, 1953. Of the total, the Army will release 41,000; the Navy 14,000; the Air Force 13,000; and the Marine Corps 5,000. They all will have completed their current tours. It is expected that the losses will be made up by Reserve officers volunteering for extended active duty, the output of officer Candidate Schools, Platoon Leader and Aviation Cadet classes, graduates of ROTC, appointments from enlisted status and graduates of Service academies.

Thiokol Takes Second In "Y" Basketball Final

Drop First Place To Gentle 34-31 In Top Tilt Friday

A darkhorse Thiokol team came within a twinkle of completing its upset sweep through the YMCA City Basketball League Friday night when it dropped a heart-break tournament championship game 34-31 to Howard Gentle.

Fifth in regular season's play, Thiokol's fast-breaking cagemen overwhelmed the seventh place Redstone Bulldogs in the tournament's opening night 73-32. The arsenal company then moved on to bounce the season's leaders, Modern Finance, 48-45, and gain a berth in the finals.

Howard Gentle, the second place regular season team, dropped Mason Furniture, 64-32, in its opening tournament tilt, then won over the Redstone Eightballs 47-41 for the finalist spot.

The Eightballs, Redstone's other serious contender for the Y loop crown, won 47-43 over Martin Stove in its tourney debut. During the season, the Eightballs compiled a 14-2 record to place third.

Other tournament results saw the Redstone Cottonbalers lose 59-54 to Martin Stove; Mason Furniture take Cedar Crest, 63-32; Ideal Bread down the Redstone Rebels

71-58.

Modern Finance went into the semi-finals with a 68-54 victory over Ideal Bread.

In the final game, Thiokol led Howard Gentle at the end of the first quarter, 8-6. The arsenal-men held on at the half with a 16-16 tie. Gentle began to forge its small winning margin in the third period and was leading 25-22.

Thiokol's Arlice League, paced the loser's with 13 points. The game's second high scorer was Howard Gentle's Gordon Garrison with 12 points. Garrison was the league's season top basket shooter.

Others scoring, Paul Ransom of Thiokol and Robert Milam of Gentle, each bagged eight points; others for Thiokol: Rousseau 4, Ray League 1, Wallace 3, Criscoe 1.

Howard Gentle scorers were: Owens 2, V. Milam 2, Allen 4.

Arlice and Ray League of Thiokol, placed on the top all-tournament team. Arlice is a forward, and Ray a guard. Howard Gentle's Garrison, Robert Milam, and J. H. Allen, took the other three spots.

On the second team, are Thiokol's Marion Price and Paul Ransom. Gentle took two second team berths with Vernon Milam and Bill Towry. Wes Mitchel of Martin Stove gained the fifth spot.

Arsenal Softball Opens April 15 With 12 Teams

A 12-team Redstone Arsenal softball league will begin the first of its three round robins April 15, according to Sgt. Wallace Hurst, Special Services athletic non-commissioned officer.

The season will last until the latter part of August and will be capped by a "Shaughnessey play-off among the top four teams.

Hurst said that trophies will be awarded for the league-leading team, and one for the winner of the play-offs.

An umpires' clinic for the softball league will be held during the week before the beginning of the season, Hurst added. He said that anyone interested in umpiring to contact him at Ext. 5615. Umpires will be paid \$2 a game.

Expenses of equipment and umpires will be borne by the Central Post Fund for the military teams, and by the Civilian Welfare Fund for the civilian groups.

A schedule is now being worked out calling for each team to play twice a week. The fields to be used will be one near the Rohm and Haas area, one near the Provost Marshal's office, and the Post Athletic field south of the 9330 area.

In addition to the regular daytime games which will be played beginning at 4 p. m. on Monday through Thursday, there will be night exhibition games on the Post Athletic field.

Hurst said repairs are now being sought for the softball diamonds and the bleachers.

Teams entering the league are: Two from 9330; one from 3523; an officers team composed of officers from 3523 and 9330; two teams from the training officers.

Other teams include, Manufacturing Division; Thiokol; Post Ordnance; National Procurement and Engineering; Post Engineer, and Rohm and Haas.

Hurst said that the league will be managed through the Special Services office to assure a focal point for smooth organization. The office will supply the 12 umpires to be sought for the season.

Dog Show Is Set For April 29 By No. Alabama Club

Redstone dog fanciers are invited to enter and attend the second annual dog show of the North Alabama Kennel Club to be held at the Decatur Armory, Decatur, April 29.

The club president, Sam Hobbs, T. & E. Photographic and Reproduction Branch, said entries for the show must be in by noon April 16. Entries may be addressed to Miss Ruby L. Jones, secretary, PO Box 604, Decatur, or may be obtained from Hobbs, by calling Ext. 3-1151.

Judging for the show will begin at 10 a.m. and will run until 11 P. M. The judges will be Forrest N. Hall, Dallas, Tex., and Reese L. Davies, St. Petersburg, Fla.

The show is open to any purebred dog. It is licensed by the American Kennel Club. The North Alabama club is one of Alabama's four active showing clubs.

ment; and Stephens' bad leg. Aging players will slow by summer.

5. Philadelphia — One-two batting punch of Pain, Zernial combined with pitching of Schanz, Hooper, Martin, and Kellner can top second division teams.

6. Detroit — Houtteman and youngster Hoeft must carry pitching load for old hands. Groth, Wertz, Kell alone supply batting strength. Evers should hit this season.

Did You Know...

By BILL FLEMING

... That an American was barred from competing in the Diamond Challenge Sculls of England, Royal Regatta, in 1920, because of his occupation... The fellow's name was John B. Kelly of Philadelphia. His occupation... bricklayer!

It was believed that a gentleman was weaker physically than a laborer, hence the reason for Kelly's being barred. The same year, Kelly, proved his mettle by winning the Olympic sculling event.

... That "Casey" Stengel, now manager of the New York Yankees of the American League, played all of his baseball in the National League. Teams for which Stengel played included Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Boston, New York and the Pittsburgh Pirates.

... That Mel Ott, out of 22 years with the New York Giants as player and player-manager, hit over .300 in 11 of the 22 years. In his long career with the Giants he also hit 511 home runs, an average of 23.23 per season.

He still holds the N. L. record for home runs in 1936, 1938 and 1942. He was tied with Charley Klein in 1932, Jimmy Collins in 1934, and Joe Medwick in 1937 for home run honors.

... That from 1901 to 1950 there were 86 regular nine innings, no hit games pitched in the major leagues. Bobo Newsom, Birmingham Baron pitcher in 1951, pitched one of these games. He pitched his no-hitter in a game between Boston and St. Louis in 1934.

... That the New York Yankees have won 18 pennants since 1901. No wonder people think the Pinks are unbeatable.

... Going from the maximum to the minimum, we might mention that the St. Louis Browns have only won one pennant since 1901. That win game in 1944.

AFPS Wagers Guess On Majors' Outlook

By AFPS

Baseball's back! The major league season opens in six weeks. Service commitments and salary disputes have been the big news so far, but who's supposed to win? Here's the way our crystal ball sees the final standings:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

1. New York — Maglie, Jansen, Hearn, and Lanier make up the league's top pitching staff. Williams can fill Stanky's shoes. Mays' loss to the Service may mean Thomson's return to the outfield.

2. Brooklyn — Newcombe's Army duty hurts the Bums. Roe is getting older, and these two kept Brooklyn in the '51 race to the end. Not even the power of Campanella, Hodges, Robinson and Snider can make up for Newk.

3. St. Louis — Stank's version of a new gashouse gang will be powered by Musial, Lowery, Westlake and Hemus. But only Staley and Chambers count in pitching. The others are old and suffering sore arms.

4. Boston — Fireball sensation Gene Conley can replace ERA leader Chet Nichols, off to the Service, but who can keep hitters like Cooper, Gordon, Jethroe perpetually young? Spahn and Bickford add to an effective pitching staff.

5. Philadelphia — New deal

have helped strengthen middle positions and pitching of Roberts, Fox, Church is strong. But the Phils need batting strength to move up.

6. Pittsburgh — Rickey still building a team of youngsters for the future. Outfield of Kiner, Bell, and rookie Merson add power threat to Buca.

7. Cincinnati — Pitchers Blackwell, Raffensberger, Wehmeier and rookie Niles Jordan are all that keep the Reds out of the cellar. No hitters.

8. Chicago — Phil Cavaretta must first boost morale, then find a team. Pickings are slim—between untested rookies and aging veterans.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE—

1. New York — Unbeatable pitching staff and steady hitters. Morgan, McDougald, Mantle came through as rookies, should be better in '52. New rookies Carey, Wilson, Segrist and Weaver will add power, youth.

2. Cleveland — Runners - up in '51 with pitching, they'll repeat with better hitting. Feller, Wynn, Garcia can't expect 62 wins, 50 complete games again.

3. Chicago — Speed hustle, youth will pay off for 154 games. Rogovin, Pierce, Stobbs, Aloma represent steady pitching foursome. Mino, Robinson and Fox supply hitting.

4. Boston — Boudreau's hopes dimmed by Service calls for Williams and Kiely; Doerr's retire-



YMCA Volleyball Tournament Will Begin Wednesday Night

The 1951-52 YMCA Volleyball loop begins its final fling Wednesday night when play opens in the annual tournament.

The last game of the regular season will be played tonight when the 9330 meets Rohm and Haas at 5:30. Lastnight, the Missilemen and General Shoe closed their regular season schedules.

Also lastnight, team managers and captains met at the Y to decide if the tournament will be the single elimination "sudden death" type, or if it will repeat last year's double elimination.

In any event trophies will be awarded to both the top tournament team, and to the top season team.

The soldier-players of the 9330 team are definitely on top with their 20 wins and four losses so far. The Y team is second with 19-6, and the Rams third with 12-13.

General Shoe, now in fourth place with 11-13 record, has a chance to tie the Rams for third. The combination of tonight's results with lastnight's game will determine if Rohm and Haas will be next to last, or tied with the Missilemen for last place. Prior to Monday night's game Rohm and

Haas had a 6-18 record, and the Missilemen a 5-19 tally.

Last week the Rams clobbered the Missilemen for three straight games to win their 12th series. The scores, 15-7, 15-2, 15-8. Thursday night YMCA took three games straight from Rohm and Haas, and Wednesday 9330 topped the Rams 15-2, 15-6.

Tuesday, General Shoe was hard pressed to stave off Rohm and Haas aggressiveness and win 2-1 over them. Monday, the Y-men handily took the Rams 15-5, 15-2. Feb. 29, the 9330 downed the Missilemen 15-7, 15-6, 15-5.

With graceful feet a maiden sweet

Was tripping the light fantastic, When she suddenly tore

For the dressing room door. . . You never can trust elastic. (AF-PS)

Then there was the street cleaner who was fired because he didn't keep his mind in the gutter. (AF-PS)

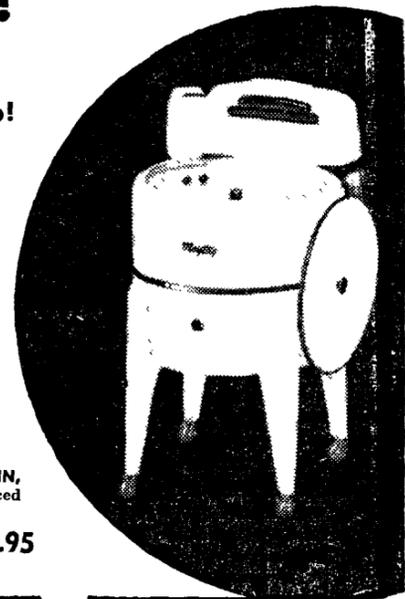
And then there was the moth that ate so many overcoats it had ulcers of the stomach. (AFPS)

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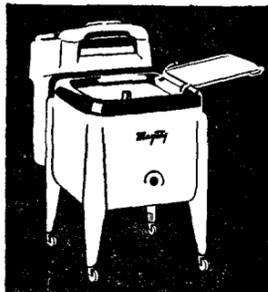
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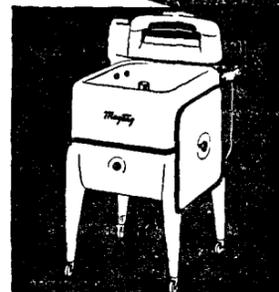
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Mrs. Hansmeier



PLANS TO WED—Announcement is made this week of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Betty Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hill, Huntsville Park, and Pfc. Andrew D. Wood 9330 TSU, son of Mrs. J. H. Porter of Spokane, Wash.

Miss Hill is an employe in the Rocket Development Group.

The wedding is scheduled for March 29 at the Huntsville Baptist Church. (Photo by Olan Mills.)

Contract Companies Hold Novelty Dance

Employes and guests of Rohm and Haas and Thiokol companies enjoyed a program of novelty dances March 7 at the Huntsville Armory.

There were three periods of special mixed dances, a waltz contest, a mysterious couple dance, a statue dance, and a flashlight dance. A total of eight prizes was awarded to the winners of the various contests.

Each person wore a colored name tag, one color representing Thiokol, and one, Rohm and Haas.

The entertainment committee of the Rohm and Haas Welfare Association and three representatives of Thiokol planned the social event.

Those from Rohm and Haas were Thomas Anderson, chairman, Willie Mae Dearing, Bernard Iwanziow, William Cannon, and Robert Whitworth.

Representing Thiokol were Tony Guzzo, Jesse Anderson, and Lloyd McMurtrie.

Charley Price's orchestra of Huntsville furnished the music for dancing.

Baptist Society Meets At Stewart Quarters

Circle 7 of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Huntsville met on the morning of March 4 at the home of Mrs. Eugene Stewart on the arsenal.

Mrs. Stewart, chairman of the circle, opened the business meeting. The program started with a prayer by Mrs. Fred Malone of Huntsville, who also gave the devotional.

A talk on the Annie Armstrong offering was given by Mrs. Veda Lankford of Huntsville. Mrs. Gordon Lofton closed the meeting with a prayer.

After the business meeting a handkerchief shower was given for Mrs. W. H. Green of Redstone, and Mrs. R. C. Green of Huntsville who plan to move away from this area in the near future.

At noon, Mrs. Stewart served a Mexican luncheon to the 13 guests.

Smith - Grider Nuptials Are Set For March 17

The announcement has been made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Lula Frances Smith, employe in the Rocket Library, and Pfc. Kelly Grider, Clarksville Base, Clarksville, Tenn.

Miss Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Smith of Stevenson, Ala., and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Grider of Stevenson. Both the bride and groom attended Stevenson public schools, and Miss Smith is a graduate of Edmondson School of Business, Chattanooga.

Mrs. James R. Crownaver of Chattanooga, sister of the bride, will be matron of honor. Donald McCreary of Stevenson will serve Pfc. Grider as best man.

The wedding will take place on March 17 in Rossville, Ga.

Twins Are Christened During Chapel Ceremony

Karen Mary and Kathryn Mae Barker, three-month-old twin daughters of Capt. and Mrs. Lyle Barker, were christened March 9 at the Post Chapel. Chaplain Wilbur Green conducted the christening ceremony.

Mrs. Earle Ford, Jr. and Robert Ward of Huntsville were named Karen Mary's godparents, and Mrs. Ward and Earle Ford, Jr., are Kathryn Mae's godparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Heneke of Preston, Ia. are the twin's maternal grandparents. The paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Barker of Beloit, Wis.

Following the christening, those in the party had dinner at the Officers Open Mess.

Betty Hill Will Wed Pfc. Wood On March 29

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hill, 370 Bradley Ave., Huntsville Park announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Betty Hill, to Pfc. Andrew D. Wood 9330 TSU, son of Mrs. J. H. Porter of Spokane, Wash.

Miss Hill is employed in the Administrative Branch of the Rocket Development Group at the arsenal. Pfc. Wood is assigned to the Propulsion and Fuels Branch of the Guided Missile Development Group.

The wedding date has been set for March 29 at the Huntsville Park Baptist Church.

Arsenal Employe Weds In Huntsville Ceremony

Miss Joyce Magness, employe in the Purchasing and Contracting Section, was married to Cpl. Marion Bryant, Huntsville, on Feb. 22 at the home of Rufus Underwood, minister of the Church of Christ, who performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Grace Magness, Huntsville, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Bryant, Huntsville.

Mrs. Bryant wore a light blue suit with a corsage of pink rosebuds, and her accessories were black.

The couple's attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Smith.

Both the bride and groom attended Huntsville schools, and Cpl. Bryant recently returned from 14 months duty in Korea.

They are residing at 1201 McCullough Ave., Huntsville.



SUPPER IS SERVED—Shown here (from left to right) are Lt.-Col. Alvy Johanning, Pvt. Walton Elliot, Miss Ruth Gilbreath, and Howard Lanier as they serve themselves at the buffet supper given by N. P. D. honoring Col. Henry Thayer. Col Thayer was recently appointed chief of the

division. The party was at the Huntsville Country Club March 4. More than 150 employes of the division and their guests attended. Following the supper, Hilding Holmberg's orchestra furnished music for dancing. (Photograph by Cpl. Earl Stridde.)



WILL WED THIS MONTH—Miss Lula Frances Smith, employe in the Rocket Library, is engaged to marry Pfc. Kelly Grider of Clarksville Base, Clarksville, Tenn., on March 17 in Rossville, Ga.

The announcement is made by Mr. and Mrs. James L. Smith, Stevenson, Ala., parents of the bride. (Photograph by Jerry's Studio.)

Surprise Shower Given For Mrs. Wilbur Green

Mrs. George DeWitt entertained with a surprise stork shower for Mrs. Wilbur Green on March 1 at her home on the arsenal. Fourteen persons enjoyed the occasion.

Pink decorations were used throughout the appointments for the party. The centerpiece for the table was a small basket filled with sweet peas. Gifts were presented in a pink basket. Cake and coffee were served during the refreshment course.

Mrs. Lewis Wins High At Ladies Bridge Club

Ladies Bridge Club met March 6 at the Officers Open Mess with four tables of bridge in play. Mrs. I. D. Lewis won both high score and door prize, Mrs. Bernard Iwanziow had second high, and Mrs. James K. Hoey won low. Mrs. George DeWitt and Mrs. Clayton Huggett were the hostesses for the afternoon.

Mrs. Ralph Bolvin and Mrs. I. D. Lewis will be the hostesses for the meeting on March 20 at the Mess. Those from town who plan to attend should call Mrs. Lewis at Huntsville 2756-J, and those on the post should call Mrs. Bolvin at Extension 5806.

Tommie Hall Weds At Arsenal Chapel

Mrs. Tommie Hall became the bride of WOJG Charles O. Whatley in a double ring ceremony on the afternoon of March 2 at the Post Chapel. Chaplain Filburn Green read the Vows before an altar decorated with gladioli.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Tombello of Birmingham. Mr. Whatley's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Whatley of Dutton, Ala.

Mrs. Charles M. Jaco, Jr., organist, furnished the nuptial music.

Mrs. Whatley wore a navy blue suit with blue accessories and had a corsage of pink carnations.

Mrs. Hubert L. Stone was matron of honor. She wore a black suit with white carnations.

Mr. Stone attended Mr. Whatley as best man.

Following the ceremony, the wedding party dined at the Officers Open Mess.

Mrs. Whatley attended Birmingham schools and Birmingham Business College. She is employed in the office of the project officer for Rohm and Haas Co. Mr. Whatley is assistant Post Ordnance supply officer.

The couple is residing at 404 Longwood Ct. until their home at 131 Linwood Ct. Dr., is completed.

Huntsville Florist Appears Before Club

Tony Pearsall of Pearsall's Flower Shop in Huntsville will demonstrate corsage making at a luncheon meeting of the Officers Wives Club on March 11 at the Officers Open Mess, it has been announced by Mrs. Donald E. Brown, program chairman.

The recently elected officers of the club also will be installed at this meeting. They include:

Mrs. James K. Hoey, president; Mrs. Benjamin Beach, vice-president; Mrs. Jack Florence, secretary; and Mrs. Charles M. Jaco, Jr., treasurer.

The retiring officers are: Mrs. Robert Merchant, president; Mrs. John O. Tallman, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Monyak, secretary; and Mrs. Wilbur Green, treasurer.

Albany, N.Y. (AFPS)—Not even Gabriel could help William Constantino when he was arrested after "causing a terrific blast" with his auto's 39-inch horns. He was given a suspended sentence for not having an "adequate horn or suitable signal device on his auto."



WED THIS MONTH—Mrs. Charles O. Whatley was married to WOJG Whatley in a double ring ceremony on March 2 at the Post Chapel. The bride is employed in the office of the project officer for the Rohm and Haas Co., on the arsenal. Mr. Whatley is assistant Post Ordnance supply officer. They are residing at 404 Longwood Ct. in Huntsville. (U. S. Army Photograph.)

Mrs. Bryant Is Honored With Bridal Shower

Mrs. Gwen Moore and Mrs. Doris Buss entertained at a shower honoring Mrs. Marion Bryant on Feb. 29 at the home of Mrs. Moore, 100 N. Plymouth St., Huntsville.

Among the gifts presented the bride, who is an employe in the Purchasing and Contracting Section, was a gift from the other employes of the section. Twenty persons attended the party.

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Heirs And Heiresses

Sgt. and Mrs. Acy L. Saxon, 903 O'Shaughnessy Ave., Huntsville, are the parents of a daughter born March 2 at the USA Infirmary at the arsenal. The baby has been named Sylvia Alicia. Sgt. Saxon is assigned to the Infirmary.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Vreul, 102 College Hill, Huntsville, announce the birth of a son, David Frederick, on Feb. 29 at the Huntsville Hospital.

Mr. Vreul is employed as an aeronautical engineer in the Aerodynamics and Structures Branch of the Technical and Engineering Division.

Cpl. and Mrs. Calvin Berry, Town Creek, Ala., announce the birth of a daughter March 1, in Town Creek. Cpl. Berry is assigned to the USA Infirmary on the post.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dillon, 703 Beirne Ave., Huntsville, are the parents of a daughter, Karen Amanda, born March 2. Mr. Dillon is an engineer in the Chemical Engineering Department of Thiokol Corp., Redstone Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hill, Rt. 3, West Huntsville are the parents of a son, Randy Hazan, born March 3. The baby weighed 5 pounds.

Mr. Floyd is an operator on Thiokol's Pilot Line.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Hosenstien, 701 Locust St., Huntsville, announce the birth of a daughter, Darlene Kay, on March 1 at the Whitaker Clinic. The baby weighed eight pounds.

Mr. Hosenstien is employed in the Guidance and Control Branch of the Guided Missile Development Group, and Mrs. Hosenstien is on leave from the Administrative Office, Technical and Engineering Division.

Rohm & Haas

By WILLIE H. DEARING

The big news with Rohm and Haas while we have missed appearing in a regular Rocket column, is that most of us have been busy moving.

We now have the following departments operating smoothly in their new quarters in the million-dollar Josiah Gorgas Laboratory: Analytical, Organic and Physical chemistry groups, Propellant Research, Library, Accounting, Personnel, Engineering, Purchasing, and Executive offices.

On the occasion of the dedication of the building, Feb. 15, many nationally and locally important people were shown through the new building while employees carried on regular routine work.

Company visitors who came from other Rohm and Haas establishments included E. C. B. Kirsopp, vice-chairman of the Board of Directors; Dr. Ralph Connor, vice-president in charge of research; Dr. F. Otto Haas, son of one of the company's founders; and Arthur M. Miller, general manager of the Redstone Arsenal Research Division at the time plans for the present building were drawn up. He is now Rohm and Haas' representative in Washington, D. C.

Mountain climbing, tennis, playing the piano, and singing are some of the many preferred activities of Rohm and Haas' Rocket correspondent, Miss Willie M. Dearing.

Willie acquired the mountain climbing fad when she went to the University of Washington, Seattle to study library science. She is originally from West Point, Miss. In addition to the U. of Washington, she has attended Mississippi State. Along singing lines, Willie, sings with the Huntsville Community Chorus, and also in the choir of the First Baptist Church.

She has been at Redstone since July, 1950. She is librarian for Rohm and Haas.

Bridge Group Meets At Home Of Mrs. Bolvin

Mrs. Ralph Bolvin entertained with two tables of bridge on the night of March 4 at her home on the post. Mrs. Francis Nevils won the prize for high score, and Mrs. Robert Breneman was low score winner.

The hostess served refreshments of cake and coffee at the end of the progressions. The group will meet with Mrs. Nevils at 7 p. m. on March 18. at her home on the arsenal.

Mrs. Fagan, Capt. Lane Are Winners At Bridge

Mrs. James J. Fagan, Capt. David Lane, and Lt. John Glenn were the winners at Couples Bridge Club on March 3 at the Officers Open Mess. Mrs. Fagan held high score for the women, Capt. Lane had men's high score, and Lt. Glenn had low score. Seven tables were in progress.

Capt. and Mrs. James K. Hoey were the host and hostess for the meeting. Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Daniel R. Thoma were appointed to have charge of the arrangements for the next meeting at 7:30 p. m. on March 17 at the Mess.

Technical Services

By Mac Harris

Pvt. Allen Holtzman, Planning Office, left Thursday for Pensacola with the Arsenal volleyball team to play in the Alabama YMCA Volleyball Championship Tournament.



After the games Holtzman took a plane from the Florida city to his home, St. Louis, where he is spending a ten-day furlough with his mother, who is sick.

Volleyball is just one of the activities that make this 23-year-old Missourian's life at Redstone a busy one. He is also a member of the baseball team, and this past season he was high scorer on the arsenal's basketball team.

And if he isn't engaged in some sport, he might be found in the barracks listening to records, New Orleans jazz or a Bach symphony, he likes them all. He has a collection of over 1000 records.

But his main interest is his work. As an architect-engineer, his talents are fully utilized by the Planning Office. Before being drafted, he worked for Millstone Construction Co., Inc., one of the largest general contractors in the Mid West.

He seemed destined for his work here at the arsenal, and the irony of his last civilian job still makes him chuckle: he designed a 120 unit apartment for officers at the Finance Center, St. Louis.

After seven months with Tech Services, Mrs. Georgia Sullivan transferred to National Procurement, Bldg. 781.

Lt. John Dec, chief, Tech Services, and John Tyson, reproduction, last week TDY'ed to Raritan Arsenal, Pa. They visited this center of Army reproduction to work on a better system of co-ordination of reproduction photograph facilities.

Though she isn't in black, Mrs. Norma Blair feels that she is in mourning anyway. Her dog, which she had for over 14 years, had to be put to death by a veterinarian.

NFFE Members Hear Credit Union Talk

Members of the local chapter of the National Federation of Federal Employees heard a discussion of the newly formed Redstone Credit Union, and proposed legislation revising provisions of the Whitten Amendment, Frank Speer, Post Engineer, president of the group, reported.

The NFFE met March 6.

Mrs. Ophelia Mitcham, clerk to the RFCU Board of Directors, de-



OPEN HOUSE REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE—Above are members of the Rohm and Haas, Redstone Division, refreshments committee, which acted as hosts during the recent open house of the company's facilities. The open house for members of the employees' families was the first to be held at Redstone. Left to right are: Doug Weath-

erly, Dot Couch, Chuck Nolan, Evelyn Hipp, Lila Garnett, Wilma Smith, Norma Skelton, Bill Shelton, Tina Cwierniewicz, Leona Lowery, Jean Stephens, Ellis Payne, Janet McWhorter, and Lavonne Matthews. (Photograph by Banks Warren, Rohm and Haas Photographer.)

livered the talk on the credit union. Speer said the group also outlined plans for obtaining additional members.

Phoenix, Ariz. (AFPS)—Police broke up a chase in a residential district just as the pursuer had overtaken a fleeing woman. "My wife won't cook breakfast for me and I am hungry," he explained.

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Accounting 3—Intermediate Accounting	Accounting 2	3
Chemistry 1—General Chemistry (Lab. 8:05-10:00)		4
Drawing 32—Engineering Drawing (6:00-10:00)	Drawing 31	2
English 2—English Composition	English 1	3
Marketing 1—Industries and Commerce		3
Mathematics 11—Algebra		3
Political Science 7—Political Institutions	Consent of Instructor	3
II. SECOND PERIOD: (8:05-11:00)		
Accounting 2—Principles of Accounting	Accounting 1	3
English 1—English Composition		3
Mathematics 49b—Integral Calculus	Mathematics 49a	3
Political Science 16—American Diplomacy	Consent of Instructor	3
CLASSES MEETING ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY		
I. FIRST PERIOD: (6:00-7:55)		
Advanced Cost Accounting	Accounting 101 (Certificate Cr.)	
English 9—American Literature	English 2	3
History 49—Current World History	Consent of Instructor	3
Mathematics 15—Trigonometry	Mathematics 11	3
Music 46—Survey of Music Literature		
Physics 2—General Physics (Lab. 8:05-10:00)		3
Political Science 1—American Government		4
II. SECOND PERIOD: (8:05-10:00)		
Accounting 53—Advanced Accounting	Accounting 3	3
Economics 1—American Economic History		3
Political Science 16—American Diplomacy	Consent of Instructor	3
Speech 1—Basic Speech		3
History 22—The U. S. Since 1865	Consent of Instructor	3

Official registration dates are March 20 and March 21. To avoid the late rush, pre-registration will be held during the period from March 10 to March 19. Students are urged to complete their registration during the pre-registration period.

Manufacturing Division

BY HOKE WALLACE

The employes of the Manufacturing Division, along with some of the inspectors on the lines, did a magnificent job of raising more than \$400 for Jesse Williamson, who when his two children and home were burned at New Market, Ala.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Jesse and his wife.

O. E. Cribbs, superintendent of Line 8, deserves credit for the fine work he did in raising the funds.

J. H. Hyer, chief of operations, and I. D. Lewis, chief production control, have just returned from Kansas Ordnance Plant, Parsons, Kan.

Capt P. M. Linton has just returned from a visit to White Sands, N. Y. Capt Linton hails from Boston and is a big supporter of the Boston Red Sox.

If you see a small, neat package walking around in Bldg. 819, it is Joanne Barrett. Joanne is proud to let you know she hails from Hartselle.

Joe Cantrell has been a busy chap lately running down the property in the Manufacturing division.

If you have a hammer or screwdriver be sure to report that to Joe.

Tom Shrout has been talking about moving to Arab, Ala.

Mrs. Betty Jones is the young lady we all look for on pay day. Betty handles the checks for the Manufacturing Division, channeling them to the proper places.

The real live wire around Bldg. 819 is Mrs. Louise Steakley. She does her chores well, besides keeping the morale built up with her good-natured chatter. Thanks to Louise's influence, Bldg. 819 now has a new candy vending machine.

The New Hope basketball fans (and there are many) in our division are proud of their team this year. New Hope won the district tournament and will play in the State tournament at Tuscaloosa.

Plans are already being made for the softball season. James Talley will manage our team this year. He did a swell job last season (won the championship).

The Red Cross drive is coming up soon. The division did a fine job during the March of Dimes campaign. It is well to take note that the Red Cross has been active during the last few days in the tornado area so near to us.

J. M. Julich, assistant to I. D. Lewis, has been a busy man for the past few days, even if his boss is out of town. Julich lives in Decatur, but expects to move to Huntsville soon.

Mrs. Mary Kate DeYoung is a lucky girl. If her maid fails to show up, her husband, Bob, will stay home with their young son "Bubber."

BY MARY ALLEN

Ores Preston was in Nashville, Feb. 20 to see the doctor.

Our sympathy is extended to Walter Landess in the death of his mother, and to Frank Johnson in the death of his father.



Melvin Parker and family have been visiting in Baitsville, Ark.

Eugenia Cochran has returned to work. Eugenia has been away for weeks, recovering from a broken back sustained in a motorcycle wreck last October.

Robert Yarbrough has finally come down out of the clouds. The first grandbaby will put you there every time.

We are sorry to hear Tomey Putman's wife is ill. We hope for her an early recovery.

There are lots of new faces at Line 2. We want to welcome the employes from Line 6.

Joe McCowan has been transferred to Post Ordnance.

Mrs. Vera Bowling's little girl is very ill. We hope she is better soon and Vera can return to work.

By EDITH CRIBBS

Earnest Baucom is having a wonderful time away from the line this week. He and his wife, Edna, and son Larkin, are taking a sun bath in Florida.

Line 6 welcomes Leonora Odom from Line 2. Everyone is glad to see Lenora in the mornings. She is taking over the coffee and doughnut sale for the PX Mobile Food Unit.

It seems that everyone is trying to get out of this Alabama rain and into the Florida sunshine. Gordon shorty Bowen needs a rest and he thinks Florida is just the place. He is taking a few days off from work to go to Florida.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Walter Landess' mother.

Ernest Gurley is taking a few weeks off from work. Wonder if he went to Iuka??

Line 6 employes have been wearing a long face this week. Is it because they miss their fellow workers that have been transferred to Line 2, or is it because there is no one to play checkers with them??

By OLLIE RANSOM

We are all wondering why Ear-

Workers' Families See Laboratories At Open House

The old question of "what do you do all day" of the stay-at-homes was largely answered for members of the families of Rohm and Haas employes when the employes and their guests toured Rohm and Haas' Redstone facilities at an open house.

About 300 employes and members of their families saw much of the research and development facilities during the open house March 1.

In addition to a tour of the new million-dollar Gorgas Laboratory, they saw work areas in Lines 3 and 4, and witnessed a static test-stand demonstration and the firing of the M-28 bazooka rocket, the rocket now being used in Korea.

The open house is the first of its kind to be held at the Redstone Division of Rohm and Haas. The guests saw the chemistry labs, instrument-making and repair shops, propellant preparation laboratory facilities, the test ranges, and the administrative offices.

During the open house refreshments were served.

Before beginning the conducted tours of the labs and work areas, the guests viewed a model table display which visually outlined the channel of operations in the birth of a rocket and rocket propellant.

Audience Approves Oakwood Chorale

A concert lasting one hour and 15 minutes and featuring the combined Oakwood College Choral groups was presented to an enthusiastic audience of about 200 Redstone Arsenal soldiers and guests March 5 at the post theater.

The men's and women's choruses, under the direction of Prof. Samuel C. Jackson, received ovations which did not slacken throughout the recital.

The audience refused to let the group leave the stage after hearing the male chorus give renditions of: "Let There Be Music," "The Lord's Prayer" featuring Harcord Bahming, tenor soloist, "The Creation," Ringwald's "All Through the Night," and "Jacob's Ladder" arranged by Prof. Jackson.

The women's chorus sang Mamselle Marie," a Creole plantation song, and the combined groups did Wolfe - Reiger's "Iris" featuring Joseph Follette, baritone.

Thanks was expressed by Special Service Office personnel who arranged the program to Frank L. Peterson, college president, for the co-operation which made it possible. Best wishes were also extended for a successful West Coast tour which the Oakwood College chorus will undertake in the near future.

M-Sgt. Fred E. Hamlin 3523 ASC has gone to Corbin, Ky. due to illness in his family there.

vin Parcus doesn't smile these days. Could it be he has lost a friend?

The employes of Line 7 wish to extend to Jesse Williamson and his wife their sympathy in the loss of their children and home.

Our line superintendent, W. H. Key, has a new secretary. She is Marie Decker of Lacey Springs. Marie takes the place of Mrs. Vera Williams, who resigned a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Hilda Sanders and Mrs. Ruth Adams have both recently moved into new homes.

Mrs. Mamie Craig, along with all the other basketball fans from New Hope, is all smiles. You would smile too if your off-spring has been awarded a trophy for being the County's most valuable player.

Line 7's Rocket correspondent, Mrs. Ollie Ransom, says working and looking after her two daughters are her major occupations. Ollie also looks forward to her visits with her husband, Sgt. Ransom, who is now stationed at Ft. Benning.

When she has time, Ollie says she likes to read. She lives at valhermosa Springs.

Starlets Wearing Paint-on Dresses

BY AFPS

Starlets in Hollywood are now being literally poured into their gowns. Give a Hollywood dress designer a set of curves such as U-I's Noreen Michaels possesses and they'll glue the creation right to her. The evolution of glued-on raiment began with the zipper which eliminated bulky buttons, seams, and other distractions from the long-sweeping curve.

Marlene Dietrich wasn't content with zippers. She was actually sewed into her dresses. But every time she undressed it required four seamstresses to sew her back in again.

Once more the glamour creators racked their brains. This time they discovered liquid plastic skin adhesive.

The substance is poured over the starlet and the design is painted over the substance. Dress designers believe this is the pinnacle of skin-tight perfection.

HOBBS RECEIVES PICTURES

John O. Hobbs, Sr., Post Engineer employe, kept hearing from his son John, Jr., 21, that it was cold in Korea. Recently Hobbs has been showing his friends and fellow employes pictures his son sent him from Korea that adequately indicate the winter weather, and also the extremes of living conditions.

In the snapshots, the ground is covered with several inches of snow, and marks shows it was snowing when the snapshots were made.

One of the pictures shows John, Jr.'s houseboy, a South Korean youth dressed for the weather. In the background is the "house," a squad tent complete with an outdoor washstand.

Hobbs' son has been in service a little over a year. He went to Korea in December, 1951.

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May 17 Will Be Armed Forces Day

WASHINGTON, (AFPS) — Unity Strength, Freedom, will be the official slogan of the third annual Armed Forces Day, May 17, Secretary of Defense Robert A. Lovett, announces.

The celebration, in addition to giving the nation its annual review of military strength, will be based on community level participations, stressing the military-civilian and relationships.

The Third Army Area, Sixth Naval District, and 14th Air Force, have been designated to co-ordinate Armed Forces Day in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Melton Is

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cribed as serious. He sustained severe lacerations of the head and left ear, in addition to the skull fracture.

A second minor accident involving Redstone personnel was also recorded last week. It involved a government bus and truck. Damage is reported as light, and no one injured.

MAJ. SMITH AT CROWDER

Maj. Willard B. Smith, first chaplain at Redstone Arsenal, has returned to the States via San Francisco and has been assigned to the Station Complement at Camp Crowder, Mo., which is in the Fifth Army area.

He had originally requested an assignment within the Third Army area. In his letter to Col. Carroll D. Hudson, Chaplain Smith remarked that he was close enough to Houston, Tex., so that he could attend his own methodist conference meeting for the first time in ten years.

ities, the local sheriff has asked for a new jail. Recently, two prisoners stepped from a cell block

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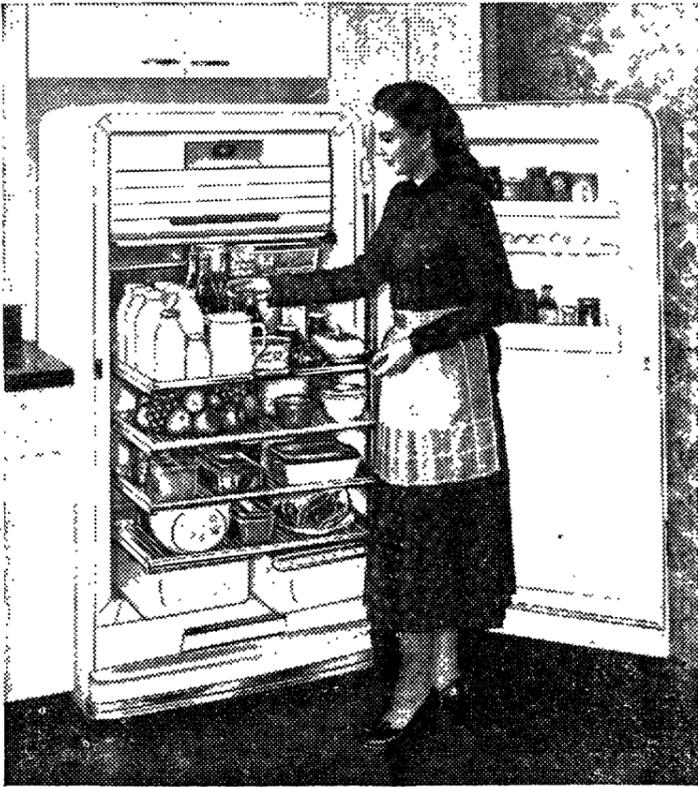
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