

## Col. Hudson To Leave Arsenal

ORDNANCE CORPS  
REDSTONE ARSENAL  
Huntsville, Alabama

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TO: MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL, REDSTONE COMMAND

As you know, I have received orders transferring me to Headquarters Sixth Army, Presidio of San Francisco in California where I will be the Ordnance Officer for the Sixth Army. In my stead, Redstone will be commanded for the first time by a general officer: a positive indication of the arsenal's rising importance and of its great achievements.

It has been my fortunate experience to have been commanding officer at Redstone for eight years, most of the arsenal's active life. I shall always carry with me the fond memories and recollections of the many employees who combined efforts to create Redstone and assist in its tremendous growth in recent years.

The associations of the past three and one-half years will be remembered always with particular pleasure. During this period, the arsenal has successfully gone through a difficult period of transition. In addition, arsenal employees have measured up to the new and history making missions assigned.

In the years to come, I shall always feel a personal glow of pride when I read and hear of your achievements which are certain to come in the great future which awaits Redstone. Arsenal personnel have already taken the first steps toward changing man's history. I will be proud that I was able to join with you in these foundation-making ventures.

My deep feeling for my many friends here extends beyond those I've known through our mutual work. It goes out to friends and associates in Huntsville and throughout the area. They have been most helpful and cooperative in making us feel as neighbors and not interlopers. They too have helped in making the Redstone goal a reality.

As the time draws near for my departure, I desire to take this opportunity to wish you Godspeed---I know you will succeed.

Sincerely,

CARROLL D. HUDSON  
Col, Ord Corps  
Commanding



Col. Carroll D. Hudson

### May Day Dance Set For May 2

#### Welfare Board Considers Softball League Finances During Recent Meeting

Jerry Wald, and his 14-piece dance orchestra, will play for Redstone Arsenal's civilian employes at a May Day dance at the Huntsville Armory on May 2.

The dance is one of a series of social events sponsored by the Civilian Welfare Council for civilian personnel at regular intervals. The events, promoted for morale factors, are financed by income from soft drink machines located about the arsenal.

The dance will be free for a Redstone employe and his or her companion, on presentation of an arsenal badge or identification pass at the door.

The council in approving plans for the dance at a recent meeting, also approved payment of umpires fees for civilian employe teams to play in the coming arsenal softball league.

Representatives from civilian softball teams also placed estimates of equipment needs before the council for consideration.

### Column Capsules

Strange things, strange people and strange mail have a habit of winding up in Redstone's Public Information office. But a recent bit of mail addressed to the Madison County home demonstration agent arriving at PIO takes the cake. It came all the way from Ontario to go astray!

Personnel at Redstone Arsenal consumed 116,624 cups of coffee during the month of March according to a report made by Andrew C. Foster, cafeteria manager. This amounts to 2,592 gallons.

Redstonites are invited to attend the Huntsville Horseshow, April 24 the classes of gaited and walking horses will be shown. This supplants the defunct Arab show which use to open the Alabama Show season.

How it happened we don't know, but last week's Rocket incorrectly gave game time in the softball league. Correct time is 4 p.m.

Always check the level of battery water in your car's battery. And periodically have it tested with a hydrometer. It should read no less than .1175. These two checks will insure the battery's life.

### Gen. Vincent Will Command

#### Colonel To Be Assigned To Presidio; Has Served 8 Years At Redstone

Col. Carroll D. Hudson, Redstone Arsenal commander for more than eight years during three tours of duty, is being transferred to the headquarters of Sixth Army, The Presidio, San Francisco.

At Sixth Army headquarters, he will be assigned as the staff ordnance officer. As such, Col. Hudson will have charge of arrangements for the supply, maintenance and issue of ordnance equipment, supplies and ammunition.

He also will be the staff advisor for the commanding general on all technical ordnance problems. The Sixth Army area covers a considerable area including the states of Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Utah, and Arizona.

Within the Army, transfer to The Presidio has been long regarded as a preferred assignment. For Col. Hudson, it means he will be stationed in his home state for the first time in his long Army career.

The departing arsenal commander is expected to leave around April 30. He is due to report at The Presidio in June. As is customary for arsenal commanders in a change of station, he will receive travel time to California plus 30 days of leave.

His successor at Redstone will be Brig.-Gen. Thomas K. Vincent, presently serving as deputy commander of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and head of the Ordnance Training Command at the Maryland installation. Gen. Vincent visited Redstone last October in connection with establishment of the guided missile training courses here.

Gen. Vincent was born in Ohio on Oct. 30, 1895, and graduated in 1916 with a degree in mechanical engineering from Kansas State College. He obtained a BS degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1932. Gen. Vincent has attended the Ordnance School, Command and General Staff College, and Army Industrial College.

In commenting on his departure, Col. Hudson said, "It is with a deep feeling of regret that Mrs. Hudson and I find ourselves saying farewell to the Redstone personnel and Huntsville.

"However, it is time that the importance of the rocket and guided missile program at Redstone is recognized. A general officer should be assigned to Redstone because of the vital part this installation has been assigned in development of these weapons for our nation's defense.

"I am glad the Chief of Ordnance saw fit to send General Vincent here. He is a very fine officer and has the technical background necessary to supervise the research and development program now under way. He comes from Aberdeen, one of the largest and most important ordnance installations," Col. Hudson said.

"During my many years at Redstone, I have been proud of the ex-

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### VA Dividend Delivery Is Assured For August

Washington (AFPS)—Carl R. Gray, Veterans Administration head, has assured Defense Secretary Robert A. Lovett that servicemen will receive their 1951 special NSLI dividend some time before Aug. 1, 1952.

The VA head also requested that further inquiries regarding the special dividend be withheld until after July 31, 1952. An estimated 1,333,000 dividends still remain to be processed.

## Civilian Employes Will Get Chance To Buy Group Hospital Insurance

### Service Life And Health Plans Are Accepted By Council For Employe Use

The group hospitalization and medical insurance plan proposed by the Service Life and Health Insurance Co., has been selected by the Civilian welfare Council and approved by Col. Carroll D. Hudson for Redstone Arsenal employes.

B. K. Chreitzberg, state manager, was notified of the selection and approval of a meeting of the Welfare Council on Thursday.

Agents of the insurance company will canvass the Arsenal by geographical areas as soon as plans can be completed, Chreitzberg, and Stuart H. Jones, Civilian personnel Officer said.

The hospital insurance will offer two basic plans to the employes, one for a semi-private room, and so-called semi-private benefits, and the other for private rooms and so-called private benefits.

The policies will take effect as soon as the company agents have had an opportunity to offer the plans to all arsenal personnel. At the council meeting, Chreitzberg estimated it would take possibly 15 days after canvassing again.

Collection of premiums for the insurance will be a sole responsibility

of the company, and no costs or responsibilities will be incurred by the government.

In contracting hospitals, under both the private and semi-private plans, the policies will provide for all services and medicines offered by the hospitals for 31 days for any one confinement or recurrence of that confinement, Chreitzberg said.

In non-contracting hospitals, the private plans will provide for a \$100 payment for miscellaneous hospital services, other than room and board. The semi-private plan provides for \$80 benefits in non-contracting hospitals, the insurance representative added.

An emergency benefit of \$100 is provided in the private plan, and \$80 in the semi-private plan. Both plans have a schedule of surgical and medical benefits attached.

The cost of the private room plan will be \$1.91 a month for an employe; \$5 a month for an employe and wife, and \$6.75 a month for an employe and his dependents. The private plan provides for \$10 a day room cost.

Cost of the semi-private room plan, which provides for an \$8 a day room payment, is \$1.64 a month for an employe; \$4.50 for an employe and wife; \$6.25 for an employe and dependents.

Under arrangements of the plans, waiting periods for maternity benefits and pre-existing illnesses for

arsenal employes are waived if the employes take the insurance within 31 days after it is offered to the entire arsenal.

Maternity benefits for wives of arsenal employes, who are not themselves employed at Redstone, will not begin until the policies have been in effect for nine months. However, waiting periods for pre-existing illnesses for dependents of the plans are waived, Chreitzberg said.

Similar arrangements for waiver of waiting periods will be made for future new employes if they take

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### Alabama Wins Plaque Second Straight Year

The Calabama Chemical Corp., located in Plants Area Two, received the second award for 100 per cent participation in the arsenal's annual contribution to the Madison County Community Chest, and for having the highest average contribution per person, \$8.40.

The award was made Monday by Col. Carroll D. Hudson, arsenal commander. B. H. Wilcoxon, plant manager received the plaque.

The firm won the 1950 plaque also for its 100 per cent participation and for its average individual donation of \$10.07.



**GENERAL, COL. HUDSON DISCUSSES TRAINING**—Brig.-Gen. Thomas K. Vincent (left) incoming commanding general of Redstone Arsenal, and Col. Carroll D. Hudson, present commander, are shown during a recent conference at the North Alabama Ordnance Corps installation. The officer on the right is Col. Gunnar C. Carlson, deputy commander of Ordnance Training Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. At the time this photograph was made, Gen. Vincent was deputy commander of Aberdeen and head of the OTC. The conference was held at Redstone in connection with the establishment of guided missile training courses here. Col Hudson is expected to leave Redstone around April 30 for assignment at Sixth Army headquarters, The Presidio of San Francisco, as staff ordnance officer. (U. S. Army Photograph by Col. John Campoy.)

**Gen. Vincent**

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Excellent community relationships and cooperation established between town and arsenal. Without it, it would have made our job impossible to do.

"However, we have never failed in any one of the army missions assigned because of that spirit of cooperation. Our many friendships we have formed over the years here, are among our most valued treasures. Consequently, Mrs. Hudson and I will always look back on our happy life at Redstone. We speak from the heart, when we say we will never forget you."

During the past three years and five months under Col. Hudson's command, Redstone Arsenal has been expanded from a standby-ammunition arsenal to one of the foremost research and development centers in the United States. The years, 1949 and 1950, were milestones for Redstone Arsenal. In those years it was changed from a standby operation left over from World War II to its present vitally important role.

In 1948, the Chemical Corps decided to abandon its facilities at Huntsville. They were turned over to the Ordnance Corps. Late in 1948, the Office, Chief of Ordnance decided to establish the Rocket Development Center (later the Rocket Development Group) at Redstone.

Redstone officially came back to life in July, 1949, when it was once again declared an active arsenal. In the Fall, 1949, the Ordnance Corps began plans for moving the guided missile research and development facilities from Ft. Bliss, Tex., here.

Today, it is one of the eight permanent arsenals and its personnel are responsible for the Army rocket and guided missile program. With a program extending into millions of dollars, a vast array of scientific laboratories test stands, drafting rooms and flight ranges

are utilized.

The man who directed this tremendous expansion was Col. Hudson. He was reassigned to Redstone on Nov. 30, 1948, when the arsenal was designated as the center for rocket research and development.

He was recalled from Okinawa by the Chief of Ordnance to handle the scores of details and planning necessary for the establishment of the entirely new facility for Ordnance—first rockets and later guided missiles.

It was the second time that Col. Hudson was placed in such a role. In October, 1941, he was sent to Alabama by the Chief of Ordnance as a major to handle the building responsibilities of Redstone Arsenal.

During World War II, Redstone personnel were awarded the coveted Army-Navy "E" award five times for outstanding achievements in the manufacture of ammunition. At this time, the Redstone workers assembled explosives for chemical shells and produced complete rounds of ammunition.

Col. Hudson remained in command until March, 1946, except for three months in 1943 when he was reassigned in the Office of Field Director, Ammunition Plants, St. Louis. The arsenal commander left here on March 15, 1946, for duty as commanding officer of Joliet Arsenal, Ill. He left there in April, 1947, for service in the Philippines and then moved to Okinawa as ordnance officer for the Ryukyus command.

During the years at Redstone, Col. Hudson set up the arsenal, planned it, built it, and expanded the installation until it became one of the outstanding ordnance production centers in the United States.

Originally from Los Angeles, Col. Hudson attended Stanford University and received a degree in mechanical engineering. He served in the Navy during World War I. The departing arsenal commander obtained a reserve Army commission in 1925 and was on active duty in the C.C.C. from 1935 to 1938.

In a civilian capacity, Col. Hudson was president of the Hudson Construction Co., a Los Angeles concern, until his appointment in the regular Army in 1946. He still retains his financial interest in the firm.

**Guided Missile Group**

BY WILMA KMETKO

Welcome to Bldg. 421!! GMDG staff has moved in and new faces are all around.



Some of the new additions are: Maj. Henry E. Attaya, Jr., Capt. James K. Hoey, Capt. Robert P. Merchant, Dr. Werner von Braun, Don Davidson, Dr. Kurt Debus, Betty Ray, Gay Vance, Pfc. George James, Cpl. Robert Severns, Margaret Johnson, Cpl. Mervin Scheider, Elise Hairston, Hazel Huber, CWO Robinson and not to mention the many others of the capable GMDG and Graphics Section staffs.

Welcomes are being extended in every direction this week. Welcome to all new employees: Bill Cleveland, Johnnie Lynch, Robert Grant, Ralph Shotts, Sgt. Donald Hilty, Eli Nelson, Walter Cooley and Sgt. James Harshman.

Welcome back from TDY: Ludwig Roth, Konrad Dannenberg, Gustav Kroll and all the others mentioned as being away in our last column in the Rocket.

A & S covers a lot of territory and fills a lot of buildings. Thus, it is most impossible to get all the news from the scattered buildings. For this reason an aide has come to the rescue from each section not housed in Bldgs. 421 & 422. They are:

Buddy Gilbert, Mechanical Lab, Bldg. 331; Walt Barber, Structures Lab, Bldg. 311; John Cathy, Material Test Lab, Bldg. 423; and Paul Warren, Chemistry Lab, Bldg. 431.

These fellows are pretty hep on calling in news in order to represent all our sections. Thanks to each.

It has been rumored around the office that Cpl. Willie Barnes plays a mean harmonica. In fact, so mean that the fellows in the same barracks in the 9330 Area are reported to be saving up all their shoes just for Willie instead of using them on the proverbial singing stray cats.

Cpl. Katshiro Horiuchi has returned to work after being in the Infirmary several days. He had a little mishap in a ball game and ended up with a broken finger.

Walter J. Barber, Jr., has his sister-in-law, Carol Burwell of Uniontown, Pa., as a house guest. She is single and also interested in joining the ranks of Redstone.

Some of the boys have become air minded and are interested in buying a small plane. Anyone having knowledge of a "good buy" contact Cpl. Ed Shriver, Cpl. Richard Fisher or Cpl. Carroll Caskey on Extensions 5259, 5496 or 5773 respectively.

A & S was well represented March 30 when the Chamber Music Guild of Huntsville presented the University of Alabama String Quartet. Seen in the audience were:

Jim Wade, Margaret Speake, Cpl. James Wickerty, Cpl. Ed Shriver, William Mrazek, Pfc. Alvin Gardbanc, Cpl. John Aberg, Hans Paul, Hans Lindenmayr and Pfc. Ken Fagerlund. This could be because Pfc. Fagerlund was one of the promoters and had tickets available at all times.

As every one has noted by now—the wrong picture was under this column last time. Since that time most commonly heard and answered to has been the title "The Changed Woman". (Ed. Our faces changed too—to red.)

Myrtle Esslinger had difficulties in getting to work recently. It is believed that Myrtle didn't want to leave her new Ford Victoria at home with her husband.

Dr. Karl Hager is visiting in Milwaukee, where he will participate in the American Chemical Society conference. An item of interest for the visitors will be a tour of one of the huge breweries. Dr. Hager is the envy of all left behind in the Chemistry Lab. First question when he returns, "Did they give away samples?"

Charles Norton has been accused of papering his room with his driver's licenses. Charles has a pretty good collection from all the various states that he has driven in to any extent.

**EXPERIMENTAL ASSEMBLY**

By Kitty Hollingsworth

Spring has sprung, but instead of getting spring fever, Bruno Helm came down with a case of "cat

fever". He came to work recently two hours late, driving a new green Pontiac. What a beauty!

The chair at the desk of Cpl. Jim Pusch is filled after being vacant for several days. He went on TDY with the basketball team, and we're sorry to say that they were defeated. Better luck next time.

We would like for everyone to know that our branch tops the list for membership in the Credit Union, and that's where it will stay, if possible. Mrs. Florrine Campbell and Ray Spier have been doing some wonderful work for the Union. Let's keep it up.

We know definitely that it is spring, because the birds are whistling. Mrs. Gloria Pickett and J. C. Hollis can tell you about this bird whistling every time someone passes. Just walk down the sidewalk, on your way to the cafeteria, and hear for yourself. This bird doesn't wear pants, either.

Pvt. Jim Conner was a homesick lad Monday. He pulled K.P. and washed dishes, pots, and pans all day.

Take a look at Miss Joy Simpson! She's ready for spring with a new hairdo, and we've been wondering what a certain guy thinks of the change in hair style and the length? Or maybe this guy is the reason for the change. Huh, Joy? It looks very nice, but we think she should have gotten a poodle cut.

We were glad to hear that Mrs. Lola Crutchfield decided to stay with us. She had planned to leave and go to Birmingham-Southern for another position, but she's so fond of her fellow employees that she just couldn't bear to leave us.

She extends her thanks to her co-workers for the pretty compact they gave her, and we return the thanks for the cake she baked, and presented to us. We understand that Chef Harry Christain has asked for a copy of the recipe. Next time, Mrs. Crutchfield, bake one large enough for the entire building.

Miss Wilma Billions attended the Ice Follies in Birmingham Sunday, and we gather she had a wonderful time, from the way she was dragging around, sleepy-eyed, Monday morning.

Just look at that Georgia sultan on Pfc. Frank Mullane! How we envy him! He went to Atlanta over the weekend, and made the trip in a convertible.

One of our machinists' sister is a good beautician, evidenced by the permanent given him.

**Civilian Employees**

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the insurance within 31 days after employment. Details of plans will be included in the new employees orientation program, Jones said.

Chreitzberg said that employees who take the insurance and then leave the arsenal could keep the coverage, although at a higher, individual coverage rate.

Hospitals in the area contracting with Service Life and Health include:

Huntsville Hospital; Decatur General Hospital, Ellis-Meyer Hospital, and Baugh-Wiley Clinic, all of Decatur; the Athens-Limestone Hospital, Athens; Arab Infirmary;

**National Procurement**

By EARL STRIDDE

Did you know that we have a number of speleologists in our division?

On March 29, Joe Williams, Emmett Mayes, Calvin Siddall, Allen Waldrop, and George Ferrell explored four caves in the Huntsville area. One of the caves they explored is located on Monte Sano; they say it was a stag party. The other caves are located out along Pulaski Pike.



Many bats were seen during the explorations and blind insects were found which had unusually long antennae. Unusual crystalline rock formations were also found.

One of the caves had a room which is larger than Bldg. 781. Food and refreshments were devoured at this point.

After a few successful practice sessions, the 781 team is shaping up nicely. The team has its first game on April 15 with Post Engineers. The game will be played at Athletic Field No. two which is located near the Provost Marshal headquarters.

The village blacksmith finally found an apprentice willing to work hard at low pay for long hours. The smith began his instructions to the lad: "When I take the shoe out of the fire, I'll lay it on the anvil, and when I nod my head, you hit it with this hammer." The apprentice did just as he was told. Now he's the village blacksmith.

Hartselle Hospital; Irwin-Dyar Hospital, Moulton, Ala.; City Hospital, Guntersville, and the Sand Mountain Infirmary, Albertville.

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# Field Service Division

## FIELD SERVICE BUILDING 827

By SUDIE W. AMSLER

The Rocket reporter took the "grand circle tour" of Field Service Division in Bldg. 827 the other day and spent a fascinating hour.



The first stop was the remote left corner of the building where Major Sparks, chief, and Melvin R. Greuel, deputy chief, join in the management of the National Stock Control Point.

Both have just returned from a visit to Washington. Most of the employes from NSCP have been introduced, but Margaret Bassham is making her initial appearance. Margaret has been the sole secretarial functionary of this department until a few days ago when she proudly and happily introduced Miss Juanita Cope, who arrived from Post Ordinance to be secretary to Mr. Greuel. The welcome mat, all pretty and fresh, was displayed for Juanita.

William D. Cosden was missing for a few days from his regular spot in NSCP. Cosden made a rapid and unexpected descent from a ladder while in the process of doing some clearing on his lot on Montecano. The ladder slipped and Bill came tumbling down. Fortunately, no broken bones. Bill says he "bruises easily but heals quickly."

Francis W. Marsh, chief of the Requirements Branch, was wearing a grin. Frank had at last found a house, and at the most opportune time. By the time he returns from visits to Toledo and Detroit, he may find his family ensconced at a new address in Hilldale. His enthusiasm over having his family with him is contagious; everyone is delighted for him.

Bidding farewell to NSCP, the reporter arrived at Redstone Depot where "there is never a dull moment." (By the way, have you noticed in the Funk and Wagnalls new standard dictionary that the word "depot" should be pronounced "dy-po?" A fine way to talk!) Here we find that Col. James P. Snooks, chief, and A. A. Stewart, deputy chief, have the situation well in hand.

Employes in RSD are crashing into the news for one reason or another. For instance, Mrs. Robert A. Martin (Aileen) is exulting over the fact that her husband, Sfc. Martin, has a release from the Army, pending a formal discharge in July.

Bon voyage to CWO Walter Lumsden, who has shaken the dust of Alabama from his shoes in order to see how things are progressing in the Pacific. Capt. John Pedlar is settling down to active duty after a recent appearance in a fashion show.

Chloe Walling, daughter of Mrs. Irene Walling, is busily engaged in scratching out a case of chicken pox.

Cpl. and Mrs. Robert S. Fow, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Isbell, spent the March 29 week-end sightseeing in Nashville. Mrs. William P. (Sara) Hix is now pleasantly located in her new

home in Huntsville on West Rhett Ave.

John D. Stephenson packed his "shootin' arn" and went big game (turkey) hunting in Black Warrior Forest. David reported having lots of fun, nary a turkey, "but the other fellow bagged one."

Mrs. Nell Stolarz, who resigned March 31, is now residing in Virginia. Cpl. Henry Kudenholdt transferred to the Safety Section. Both are being missed by friends in Field Service Division.

Leaving Redstone Depot, the reporter stopped at the establishment of Sol Cohen, whose shingle reads "National Guided Missile Explosive Component Control Point. It seems that NGMECCP is experiencing growing pains.

Cohen announced that David G. Turvey, formerly ammunition inspector in charge at Redstone Arsenal, has been reassigned as chief of the Storage and Shipment Section of the Technical Branch of the NGMECCP. Turvey is presently on temporary duty at White Sands.

Cohen introduced Cecil B. Estes, Jr., who had just arrived to assume the duties of chief of the Complete Round Section of the Technical Branch of the NGMECCP. He will also serve as acting chief of the Technical Branch.

Estes transferred from Joliet Arsenal where he was assigned as ammunition inspector. He received his degree in chemical engineering from Georgia Tech in 1939 and has held a number of key positions in the field of ammunition and explosives, both in OCO and in other field installations. Estes hails from Columbus, Ga. is married to the former Miss Helen Buckner of Ferrum, Virginia, and has one child.

Other new employes are expected almost momentarily at NGMECCP.

The next port of call was National Maintenance Point. Here Col. A. L. Kobernat was temporarily missing from his duties as chief.

Many of the engineers, not to be confused with those "Ramblin' Wrecks from Georgia Tech," have traipsed off here and there. Corporals George Mandy and Maxfield J. Brown, together with Bill Huff, Ike Rigell and Roy Neperud are still in California;

Ben Jennings and Reid Allen remain in Colorado, but are expected home soon. Kyle Chalker is on duty in the Quaker City. Edward J. Drost and Cpl. Tom Matcovitch are musing around in Canada.

A note from Drost stated that they are receiving royal treatment from our friends north of the border.

Mrs. Evelyn Crabtree, and Lt. William H. Griswold attended the performance of "Holiday on Ice." Mrs. Jean Clark ALMOST made it. That is, she made it almost as far as Morgan City. Her bus had left Huntsville at 8 a. m. and her husband, Arnold, arrived in Huntsville five minutes later on a surprise visit.

Upon learning of Jean's departure, Arnold forthwith hopped into his car, overtook the bus, and kidnapped his wife. Some excitement — and right in broad open daylight.

### REDSTONE DEPOT

By JAMES G. WATSON

Charlie Given, one of the oldest and most reliable employes of Storage Branch, has been ill since March 11. He is now in Whitaker's Clinic. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Charlie.

We of Storage Branch are glad to have Capt. A. J. Galuska, who joined our branch only a short time ago. We are also

glad to have WOJG James R. Patterson who is now on leave for a few days.

Marvin Pogue of Storage Branch has been on the run for the past two weeks. Looks like he has a job to do.

Yes, Mrs. Daphne Y. Collins has a good job every Tuesday delivering The Redstone Rocket.

Capt. Thelma Crowell, nurse at the USA Infirmary, has been transferred to duty at the USA Hospital, Ft. McClellan, Ala. Capt. Crowell, who is a native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., only recently arrived at Redstone after a 17-month tour of duty in Korea.



**WALKING BLOOD BANK!**—Alfred H. Hand, Route 2, Arab, who is a steam-fitter-plumber at Redstone Arsenal, has donated nine and 7-8 gallons of blood according to his tally. The arsenal worker says he has never received a cent of money for his contributions which were in the form of transfusions or donations dating back to 1927. (U. S. Army Photograph by Mrs. Jean W. Walker.)

## Post Engineer Employe Says He Has Given 10-Gal. Blood

As reported by NITA FLOWERS

Need any blood?

The man who could be called a veritable "walking blood bank" is a 58-year-old Alfred H. Hand of Route 2, Arab, steamfitter-plumber in Post Engineer at Redstone Arsenal. According to Hand, he has donated almost 10 gallons of blood or nearly 80 pints since 1927.

Madison county Red Cross officials when questioned about blood donors were astounded. They noted there are three local residents who have contributed one gallon of blood each. But 10 times that amount—it was almost unbelievable.

What makes Hand's donations even more fantastic is that there are only about five quarts of blood in the average human system. In Hand's case, if his claims are true, he has reproduced his entire blood supply almost 10 times in two decades and five years.

Actually, he will not reach his 10-gallon goal until sometime in May when the Red Cross bloodmobile will visit Arab. According to his count, he has contributed nine and 7-8 gallons through blood donations and transfusions.

When queried closely on his 10-gallon claim, Hand had this to say, "To the best of knowledge, I have donated or given free transfusions for this amount. I have two daughters who are nurses and they keep close track of my donations." The Redstone Arsenal employe explained that he gave his first donation, in the form of a transfusion, to a fellow worker in a automobile plant in 1927 in Detroit. This was of course before the days of blood banks.

With the beginning of the second World War, Hand started giving blood in earnest on an eight-week cycle. On several occasions, he do-

minated blood on a six-week basis. An exceptionally healthy man, Hand says he has never been sick a day in his life and has yet to enter a hospital for treatment. His blood type is O, and contributors with this type are known as universal donors. The Redstone employe advances

this reason for his blood donations: "When I was just a young boy, I came from North Georgia as an uneducated kid. I made my home with the Tom Wright family of Arab and they taught me from the first to do something good for people."

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## Engineering Group

By JEAN WALKER

We have had some strange goings on in Bldg. 781 lately. Several sections of Engineering Group were on the verge of being moved out by an invasion of termites.

What we are at a lost to understand is why termites would pick a building, not only made entirely of concrete and tile, but as John Powell Chemical Co. occupies one end of the building, is thoroughly saturated with DDT.

Some of the men have explained to the girls that termites would not hurt them but so far none of the girls have shown any love for the pets that crawl all over their desks. Mac Cannon in Electronics Branch seems to have a talent for imitating animals, especially cows. Everyone has been wondering why he gives out with a moo when meeting certain people. They finally explained that Mac has been initiated into a fraternal order known as the Cow Club and this was part of his initiation.

Happy birthday Mae Lanier in the Chief's office; Sue Jean in Engineering Records, and James Calvert in Design Standardization. Most of us in Engineering Group saw and enjoyed the Lion Club's welfare fund benefit production, "Trippin' Around." Canada Broyles, chief of Engineering Records was black face "Lazy Bones." With a choral background he sang "Lucky Old Sun."

Probably everyone around here has heard of that famous establishment, "The Plantation." However, to the inmates it is better known as the old soldier's home.

About six miles out in the country, The Plantation is the home of R. D. Walker, Clayton Morgan, and Max Ashworth in Design Standardization, and John French in Electronics.

Since the five boys moved out there last summer, they have welcomed anyone willing to sample their cooking and hospitality.

Of the original five only Walker and Morgan are there now but the other three will return from TDY soon and then a big party is scheduled to celebrate the occasion. Also, the five of them plan to take leave and go on a fishing trip.

In July, Percy J. Matter, chief of Specs and Standards transferred to Redstone Arsenal from Rock Island Arsenal where for the past 15 years his work had been with the design and production of artillery and rocket launchers.

When Mr. and Mrs. Matter and four daughters, Sherry, Mary Beth, Dorothy, and Janet moved to Huntsville, none of them had lived on a farm. However, they believed that they would like the country and decided to buy a farm.

Not far out on Pulaski Pike they found a 37-acre farm with the house on a hill, which gave them a beautiful view of the valley. This suggested the name, "Valley View Farm."

They have a garden of course and also a big flock of chickens, six cows and seven pigs.

Matter says that everyone in the family helps tend the stock and do the chores. His pressing problem right now is removing rocks from the garden which is down-hill from the house.

## Lynch Leaves Service; May Keep Old Job

1st Lt. James C. Lynch, former director of security and intelligence at Redstone Arsenal, is leaving for separation from active duty at Camp Kilmer, N.J.

The departing officer has been assigned as Redstone security director for the 17 months of his current active duty tour. At the North Alabama installation, he has been responsible for all security measures in force.

Upon separation, Lt. Lynch expects to return to Redstone as a civilian security officer, the same job he held in a military capacity. During World War II, Lt. Lynch served in North Africa, Salerno, Italy, and Germany. He was overseas for two years.

Among the decorations he is entitled to wear are the Silver Star medal with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, Purple Heart and five battle stars.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Lynch, 819 Canton St., Elizabeth, N. J., and attended the St. Benedict's preparatory school at Newark. Lt Lynch is a graduate of Rutgers University with a degree in business administration.

## Summer League Is Now In Operation

Summer volleyball gets underway April 7 with the Cumberland Presbyterian church team meeting the Missilemen. April 8, tonight, the Rhambler meet the 3523 ASU.

No games will be played on Wednesdays. Thursday night Cumberland meets the Ramblers, Friday, 3523 plays the Missilemen.

The first round will end April 14, 15, when Cumberland plays 3523, and the Missilemen and Ramblers go.

The league is following NVBA rules, allows a minimum of six players to a team, with new teammates being added on 24-hour notice. Each team puts up a \$30 entry fee.

Games begin at 5:30 p. m. with ten minutes allowed before a forfeiture is called.

Persons wanting to play in the league, but having no team to play on, should contact the Y; potential players can be placed on one of the teams now in the league.

Oklahoma City, Okla. (AFPS) while Mrs. Harry Koeppel was receiving an award for safe and courteous driving, her husband was paying a \$6 fine for speeding.

## Manufacturing Division

By HOKE WALLACE

The Manufacturing Division employees displayed their fine cooperation and spirit in the Red Cross drive which has just ended. It is a pleasure to work with people who are so generous in making contributions to such a worthy cause.

Thanks go to everyone who took part, and Charley Sneed, superintendent at Line two, E. L. Baucem, superintendent at Line six and W. H. Key, superintendent at Line seven.

The shift superintendents on the lines did a magnificent job in helping raise approximately \$450 in our division. The softball season is just around the corner. The players of the Manufacturing Division held a meeting recently and elected James Talley as their field manager and Charley Sneed, general manager. They plan to have several workouts before April 15.

Joe Cantrell has been a busy lad for the past several days trying to find some of the property the wind carried away at Line six. Ladies here is a hint: John H. Hyer, deputy chief of our division, is quite a big fellow, but he will steer clear of your toes while dancing.

Things are beginning to take shape again at Line six, since the Post Engineers have taken over. Work is progressing nicely. You can hardly find your way around in Bldg. 819, the chiefs have been doing quite a bit of office swapping.

Mrs. Edith Cribbs, the only woman employe at Line eight, has been busy trying to straighten out her new quarters. She moved to Line eight from Line six after the big blow. If you need a cost account number just call John Clark. That fellow has a different cost account for every step he makes.

Hans Bock, the man in our division who wears a big smile, says he and his wife are planning on going to Canada before long. Nice trip, Bock. What's cooking Latimer? You have been making a number of trips to Huntsville recently. What's her name??

Mrs. Helen Collier and Mrs. Helen Lee have been absent from Bldg. 819 lately. They have had some chores to perform at Bldg. 827. If you see two nice looking young soldiers around Bldg. 819, they are likely to be Pfc Rogers Hunt and Pfc Jerome Kassel. These two fellows are eligible girls, even though they seem to be a little timid at times.

### LINE TWO

By MARY L. ALLEN

Mrs. Ethel Webb and Mrs. Bethel Brewer have been transferred to Line Seven. They are missed at Line Two.

Charley Collin's son has had the measles and has been seriously ill. Lawrence Brockway has the flu. Hope he soon recovers. Mrs. Marjorie Marks and Mrs. Susie Bryan have also been on the sick list. Hope they are soon back on the job.

Mrs. Virginia Lawrence underwent an operation recently. Here's wishing her a speedy recovery.

William McClendon fell recently and broke his arm. Hope he can

be back with us soon.

New in our office is Miss Marie Decker. Marie transferred from Line seven to the 4 p.m. to midnight shift. Welcome Marie.

Charley Sneed, James Smallwood and Howard McKinney attended the Boston Red Sox-Birmingham Barons game in Birmingham Sunday.

It looks as though the softball team is under way. A meeting was held at Line two recently for the Manufacturing Division team.

### LINE SEVEN

By LUCY PAYNE

We are glad to welcome back to work Mrs. Minnie Steele, William Haney and Burrel Dunlap, who have been on the sick list the past few days.

We also wish a speedy recovery for Mrs. Della Anders and Mrs. Ethel Vann.

We miss Mrs. Ollie Ransom, who has joined her husband in Maxwell Field, Montgomery.

Girls we wonder if Ervin Parcus is getting ideas. He was seen on the streets of Huntsville adoring some beautiful flowers.

Mrs. Agnes Adcock and family motored down to Hartselle recently to view the ruins of the twister.

Stop! Look! and Listen! If you want the "low-down" on fishing, just ask Joe Tuck and O. E. Cribbs. We hear they went fishing March 27 and actually brought home some fish. They were mighty fine, says Cecil Satterfield.

WASHINGTON (AFPS)—A 33-day tour for newspapermen is being sponsored by the Army Ordnance Corps. The tour will follow the trail of tanks and other automotive equipment from the drawing board to use in overseas areas. Beginning in Detroit it will cover Alaska, Hawaii, and the Far East.



## To Sell Salvaged Trucks At Redstone April 18

Eight Chevrolet one-half ton pickup trucks and a one and one-half ton Ford stake truck, vehicles un-serviceable for further Army use, will be sold to the highest bidder on April 18, at Redstone Arsenal.

The vehicles will be sold by sealed bid through the Post Salvage Section at Redstone. Those entering bids must include a deposit of 20 per cent of the total amount bid. Postal or express money orders and cashiers' or certified checks made out to the U. S. Treasury are acceptable.

Prospective bidders may inspect the trucks from 8 a. m. to 4:30 p.m. on week-days until April 18 by contacting J. B. Engle, salvage property disposal officer. The deadline for all bids will be 1 p.m. April 18. After that time, bids will be opened and tentative high bidders determined.

Arsenal workers, because of their government employment, are not eligible to enter bids.



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## 9330 Team Bows Toy Volleyballers

The arsenal's contenders for the Huntsville YMCA Volleyball League, passed the honor last week as the 9330 team bowed two nights in succession to the YMCA team.

The first set, March 31, showed the Y-men topping the season's leaders, 15-5, 15-11. The second set, April 1, proved the first set was no April Fool joke as the Y again took the 9330, 15-12, 15-8.

The 9330 was awarded second place trophy for the team's tournament performance.



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Mrs. Hansmeier

## Catherine Pylant Is Wed At First Methodist Church

During a double ring ceremony April 6 at the First Methodist church in Huntsville, Miss Catherine Pylant became the bride of James Robert Sandlin. The Rev. A. T. Nabors read the vows before an altar trimmed in smilax, white flowers and greenery, and lighted candelabra.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Leland Pylant, 291 Whitesburg Dr., Huntsville, and Mr. Sandlin is the son of Luther Emmons Sandlin, 108 N. Grove St., Huntsville. Both the bride and groom are employed at the arsenal.

Mrs. Frank Ware, organist, and Nick Flood, Athens, vocal, presented the nuptial music.

Mr. Pylant gave his daughter in marriage. She wore a floor length dress of white nylon lace and net, made with a short train. A bonnet of padded medallions and seed pearls held the finger-tip length veil of nylon net. Her bridal bouquet was made of white roses and valley lilies centered with a white orchid.

The matron-of-honor, Mrs. Eddie Miller of Tampa, Fla., wore a floor-length dress of yellow nylon net made with a pleated cape buttoned at the neck. Her bouquet was of blue carnations tied with blue satin ribbon.

The brides matrons were Mrs. Jack Buchanan, sister of the groom, Mrs. Ted Hudson, Flintville, Tenn.; Mrs. Jimmy Pylant of Fayetteville, Tenn.; Mrs. F. B. Parrior of Decherd, Tenn., and Mrs. Floyd Sandlin. Their blue nylon net dresses matched the one worn by the matron-of-honor. They carried bouquets of yellow gladioli tied with yellow satin ribbon.

The eight branched candelabra held white tapers lighted by Jimmy Pylant and Jack Buchanan.

Floyd Sandlin served his brother as best man. The ushers were Ramon Wenger of Winchester, Tenn.; Jimmy Pylant of Fayetteville, Tenn.; Willard Hill of Birmingham, Tenn.; Jack Buchanan of Huntsville, and Howard Sandlin, brother of the groom.

The bride's parents entertained with a reception at the Russel Erskine Hotel following the ceremony. The table holding the cake was decorated with white satin ribbons, white carnations and fern. White centerpieces were on each of the serving tables, with lighted tapers in silver candelabras.

Miss Connie Houston kept the bride at the door by Mrs. E. E. Camp and Mrs. Gordon Forbes. Mrs. Ramon Wenger and Mrs. Floyd Sandlin served the cake and Mrs. James A. Jackson and Mrs. John Walker Phillips presided at the punch bowl. Others who assisted at the reception were Mrs. Charlie Cummings, Jr., Mrs. Ted Heddon, Mrs. Frank Morgan, and Miss Nancy Sparks.

The Sandlins left for a two-week wedding trip to Florida after the reception. Mrs. Sandlin wore a light green suit with luggage accessories. When they return, they will reside at 526 Blossomwood St., Huntsville.

Out-of-town guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Larline Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Adams of Albertville, Ala., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alford, Mr. and Mrs. Linsey Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. John Andrews, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Wilson all of Lewisburg, Tenn.

Mrs. Dan Huffman, Mrs. Bill Crockett, Mrs. Eddie Wenger, Miss Virginia Wegner, Mrs. John Jones and Ed Wegner of Winchester, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen White, Florence, Ala., Capt. and Mrs. War-

die Harvey of Denver, Col., and Mr. and Mrs. Lan Harper of Chattanooga.

## Pre - Nuptial Parties Honor Arsenal Employee

Two pre-nuptial parties honoring Miss Catherine Pylant, employe in Mail and Records Section, were given during the last week.

Mrs. Frank Morgan and Mrs. Paul Carter were hostesses at a miscellaneous shower April 3 at Mrs. Morgan's home, 500 Locust St., Huntsville.

The bride-elect wore a blue linen dress with a corsage of pink carnations.

More than 20 guests were invited to the party, and games were played during the evening.

On April 1 Mrs. John Walker Phillips and Mrs. James A. Jackson entertained at a dessert bridge and linen shower for Miss Pylant at the Huntsville Country Club.

The honoree wore a navy blue dress trimmed in white with navy accessories. She was given a corsage of white sweet peas.

The four tables were each centered with a large gold ring mounted on a white stand. Inside the rings were miniature wedding bands tied with white satin ribbon and an arrangement of white sweet peas.

Mrs. Charles Cummings, Sr. won the prize for high score, and second high was won by Mrs. Leland Pylant.

## Holder's Give Dinner At Home In Huntsville

Lt. and Mrs. Louis Holder entertained with a spaghetti dinner March 30 at their home 132 Linwood Ct. Dr., Huntsville. The guests included WOJG and Mrs. Arthur Lumsden, who are leaving Redstone and WOJG and Mrs. Charles Whatley, who recently moved into their home at 131 Linwood Ct. Dr., Huntsville.

CWO Hubert L. Stone was also present at the dinner.

## Epsilon Sigma Alpha Plans Dinner Meeting

Members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority will have a dinner meeting at 7:30 p. m. April 8 in the Red Room of the Russel Erskine Hotel.

The membership includes nine women who are employed at the arsenal. They are: Mrs. Eunice Danner of S-4, Miss Chris Maddox of S-2, Miss Helen Maddox of Technical and Engineering Division, Miss Betty J. Gooch of the USA Infirmary, Mrs. Alredge Stephenson of Post Ordnance;

Mrs. Dorothy Blackburn of Salvage, Mrs. Salie Fohrell of Mail and Records, Miss Mary F. King of Civilian Personnel Section, and Miss Margaret Landers of Technical and Engineering Division.

## Ladies Bridge Group Meets At Officers Mess

Mrs. Davis Foxworthy, Mrs. Edward Atkinson and Mrs. Richard Cahill were the winners at Ladies Bridge Club April 3 at the Officers Open Mess. Mrs. Foxworthy won second, and Mrs. Cahill had low score. The door prize was won by Mrs. James K. Hoey.

The hostesses were Mrs. Stanley Smokensky and Mrs. Ira T. Clement. The next meeting will be at 1 p. m. April 17 at the Mess. with Mrs. Thomas C. McOsker and Mrs. William James serving as the hostesses. Those on the post who plan to attend should call Mrs. McOsker at extension 3-2229, and those in town may call Mrs. James at Huntsville 2259-W.



WED IN MARCH—Shown here are Lt. and Mrs. George Edward Elmore, Jr., following their wedding March 6 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Henderson, in Jonesboro, Ark.

Lt. Elmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Edward Elmore of Jonesboro, was recently assigned to the arsenal.

The Elmore are residing at 1313 Ward Ave., Huntsville.

## Henderson-Elmore Vows Shower Honors Employee At Home In Huntsville

The announcement was received here this week of the marriage of Miss Bettye Jean Henderson and Lt. George Edward Elmore, Jr., which took place March 6 at the home of the bride's parents in Jonesboro, Ark. The vows were read by the Rev. John M. McCormick before a mantel decorated with white blossoms and greenery.

Mrs. Elmore is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Henderson of Jonesboro, and Lt. Elmore's parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Edward Elmore, Jonesboro.

Mrs. Fred Troutt, pianist, presented the nuptial music.

Miss Mary Jane Henderson was her sister's maid of honor. She wore a floor length dress of pink net over taffeta. Her bouquet was an arrangement of blue flowers.

The bride wore a white satin dress made with a train. The finger-tip veil was held in place by a halo of illusion. The bridal bouquet was made of a white orchid, valley lilies and satin ribbon on a white Bible.

Following an informal reception, the couple left on a wedding trip before coming to 1313 Ward Ave., Huntsville, where they are residing.

## Couples Bridge Club Meets At Officers Mess

Six tables of bridge were in play March 31 when the Couples Bridge Club met at the Officers Open Mess, with CWO and Mrs. Henry Behr serving as host and hostess.

Mrs. Daniel R. Thoma won women's high score prize, and Lt. Robert Aguais won men's high score. Mrs. David Lane had the low score for the evening.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 p. m. April 14 at the Mess. Lt. and Mrs. Robert Yeager will be the host and hostess. Those planning to attend should call Huntsville 3684-R. by noon of April 14 so that even tables may be arranged.

Baltimore, Md. (AFPS)—Mrs. Johnette Myers, 23-year-old cab driver, won a divorce after testifying her husband went home to his mother.

## Mary Cooley Announces Plans To Wed April 15

Mrs. Mary Cooley, whose marriage to CWO Stanley Scott will take place April 15, has announced further wedding plans. The ceremony will be performed at the First Methodist Church in Conway, S. C.

Mr. Scott will be attended by Lt.-Col. W. C. Woodward of Vienna, Ga. as best man.

Following the ceremony, the couple will go on a wedding trip to Myrtle Beach, N. C. and S. C., and return to Huntsville by way of the Great Smoky mountains. They will reside at 127 Linwood Ct. Dr., Huntsville.

## Winners Are Announced During Party Contests

Four persons won prizes at the party honoring husbands given by the Redstone Arsenal Officers Wives Club March 29 at the Officers Open Mess.

Lt. Vincent Culbert won the door prize, a mint julep set. A decorated tray was awarded Lt. Robert Bailey for making the closest estimate of the number of beans in a jar.

Mrs. Carroll D. Hudson and Maj. Paul McCune won a cake plate and a cake for the highest score in a "cake sale" contest.

Lt.-Col. Tom G. Thrasher served as master of ceremonies during the evening.



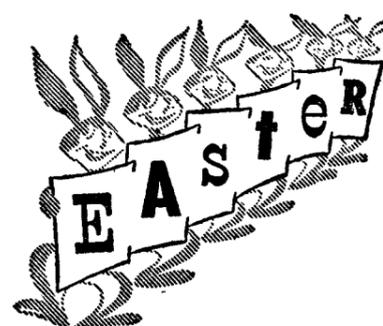
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### Initiation Is Planned For Sorority Pledges

Members of Alabama Alpha Beta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will meet at 7:30 p. m. April 10 at the Russel Erskine Hotel for initiation of pledges and initiation ceremonies for the ritual of jewels. Five girls are in this latter group including Miss Margaret Francis, arsenal employe.

A sorority member will be cho-

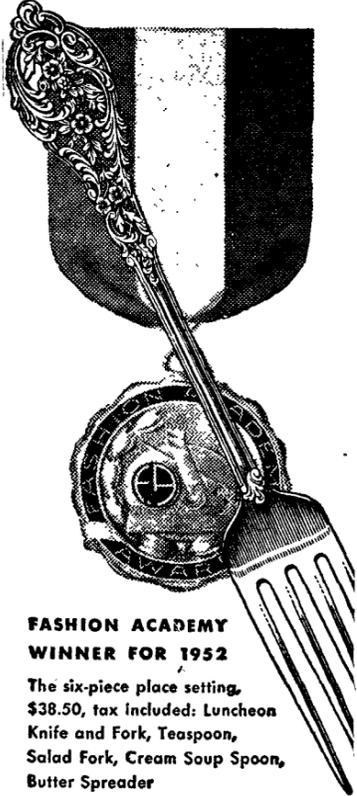
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**PLANS TO WED**—The announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Miss Mary Elizabeth Palmer, daughter of Mrs. Curtis Palmer, Skippack, Pa., and Lt. Robert Paul Gehman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gehman, Lansdale, Pa. The wedding will take place at 4 p. m. April 12 at the Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church in Skippack.

Lt. Gehman is assigned to the Provisional Redstone Ordnance School.

### Palmer - Gehman Wedding Is Set

Miss Mary Elizabeth Palmer, daughter of Mrs. Curtis Palmer, Skippack, Pa. announces plan for her marriage April 12 to Lt. Paul Robert Gehman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer N. Gehman, Lansdale, Pa. The wedding will take place at 4 p. m. at the Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church in Skippack, the Rev. DeChant officiating.

She has chosen for her matron of honor, Mrs. Betty McCahill, Collegeville, Pa., for maid of honor, Miss Grace Stridde, Plainfield, N. J., and for junior bridesmaid, Miss Shirley Anne Gehman, Lansdale, Pa., sister of Lt. Gehman.

William Casey of Allentown, Pa. will attend Lt. Gehman as best man. The ushers will be Russell Schaedler of Philadelphia and William Walter, Lansdale.

Miss Palmer is a graduate of Philadelphia Conservatory of Music.

Lt. Gehman holds a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. He was recently transferred to Redstone from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and is assigned here as a student in the Redstone Provisional Redstone Ordnance School.

Miss Palmer will lead the discussion on "Test of Expression" during the evening.

Pledges and exemplar members were honored at a coffee party April 7 at the home of Mrs. Cecil Roach, 519 Walker St., Huntsville.

### Cooley Will Go To Tank Center For New Duty

Maj. Marvin G. Cooley, administrative inspector at Redstone Arsenal, is being transferred to the Tank and Automotive Center at Detroit.

The departing officer came to Redstone in March, 1950, from the island of Guam where he was a post ordnance officer. During World War II, he served in Europe and the Pacific theater. He was assigned at Guam from 1948 to 1950.

Maj. Cooley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Cooley, Route 8, Littleton, N.C., and is married to the former Miss Helen Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Butler, Roanoke Rapids, N.C. The Cooleys have one child Patricia Rose, 5.

A veteran career officer, he first enlisted in 1933. During the last war he was assigned to an air Force mapping squadron.

Sfc. and Mrs. Richard Macomb left April 4 for a 10 day vacation trip to Lakeland, Fla.

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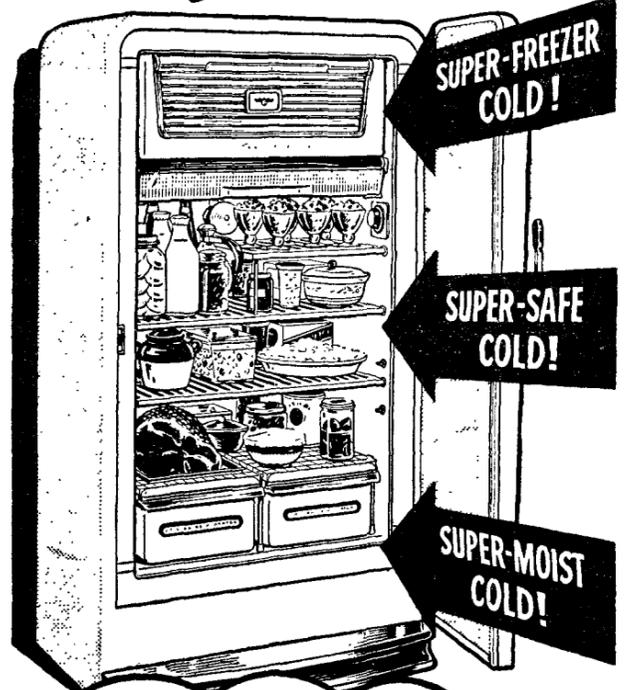
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### "Antiques" Is Subject At Wives Club Meeting

Mrs. Claiborne T. Geron and Mrs. Dwight Beeson of Huntsville will be guest speakers at a luncheon meeting of the Redstone Arsenal Officers Wives Club at 12:30 p. m. April 8 at the Officers Open Mess.

Mrs. Geron's topic will be "Early American Glass and Imported China." The first antique dealer in Huntsville, Mrs. Geron was associated with her husband in business for 20 years. She has retired from active business at this time, but continues her interest in antiques, and is an experienced and well-informed speaker.

"Wedgewood" will be discussed by Mrs. Beeson. She collects antique china as a hobby.

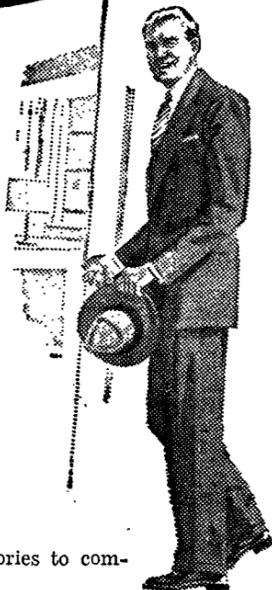
Mrs. Robert Brenneman, hospitality chairman, has named Mrs. Stanley Smolensky, Mrs. John R. Grace, and Mrs. Woodrow Crum as hostesses for the luncheon meeting.

### Vickie Locke To Wed Sgt. Franklin Hampton

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Locke, Harvest, Ala., announce the engagement of their daughter Vickie, and Sgt. Franklin Hampton, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hampton, Huntsville.

Miss Locke is employed by Thio-kol Corp. Sgt. Locke is on leave at present, and will be assigned at Ft. Jackson, S. C.

The wedding date will be announced later.



### Heirs And Heiresses

Mr. and Mrs. Brownie Gooch, 18 E. Clinton St., Huntsville are parents of a son born March 30 at the Huntsville Hospital. The mother is a shift superintendent at the 2, Manufacturing Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hooker, 10 Alabama Ave., Huntsville, announce the birth of a son March 30 at the Huntsville Hospital. Mr. Hooker is training instructor in Manufacturing Division.

Mr. and Mrs. James McNulty announce the birth of a son, James Michael, on March 26 at the Springfield, Vt. hospital. The baby weighed nine pounds and five ounces. Mrs. McNulty and son are in Lowell, Vt. Lt. McNulty is assigned as a student at the Provisional

### Redstone Ordnance School.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Haite, 1022 Sewanee Rd., Huntsville, are the parents of a daughter, Margaret Elaine, born March 30. She weighed six pounds and twelve ounces. Mr. Haite is employed by Thiokol Corp.

Mrs. Maggie Manning, explosive operator at Line 2 of the Manufacturing Division, announces the birth of a granddaughter March 22. The baby's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Suns, 108 Sycamore St. Huntsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Penney, Maysville, Ala. have a son, Robert Michael, born March 25 at the Huntsville Hospital. The father is an employe at the National Maintenance Point, Field Service Division.

You have to feel low to milk a cow. (AFPS.)

### Personals

Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Frank J. Austin, Jr., and children Susan and Michael, spent the April 4 weekend in Asheville, N. C.

Maj. and Mrs. Henry Kincaid were in Cincinnati, O. last week where they were called because of a death in the family.

Mrs. Cleo Cason, director of the Rocket Library of the Technical and Engineering Division, was called to Dahlonega, Ga. April 3, due to the serious illness of her father.

Mrs. Lola Crutchfield, employe in the Experimental Assembly Branch, has gone to Gadsden to attend the funeral of her brother, Mr. Cook.

Maj. and Mrs. Marvin Cooley entertained at dinner March 31 in the private dining room of the Officers Open Mess. The guests were Col.

### Civilian Police

#### COMPANY "B"

Mr. and Mrs. Vernal Burnett spent this past week-end with family and friends in Oneonta, Alabama.

Thomas Gambrel has returned from a visit in Anderson, S.C.

W. F. Kennemer has been appointed as our leader for the Red Cross Drive.

We are glad to have Chief Green back with us after having been away in school for five weeks. You should see him smile when he shows

and Mrs. Carroll D. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Hutchens, Huntsville, Maj. Paul McCune, Capt. Margaret Clark, and Capt. and Mrs. James Long.

that diploma. Aubrey Irvin was back at work Friday for the first time in five weeks. He has been a patient at the Thayer General Hospital in Nashville.

Mack McClendon is back at work again after being at home with his family who have been ill.

Howard Hicks, Eldridge Stanley, and Hoyett Cook have been appointed as motor-cycle riders for Company "B".

Doctor: "I'm sorry to tell you this, but your wife is out of her mind."

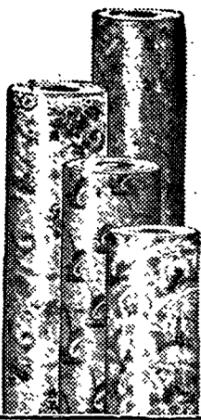
Husband: "It was bound to happen sooner or later. She's been giving me a piece of it for years."

Detroit, Mich. (AFPS)-Charged with knocking down a policeman, a local citizen retorted: "A bee landed on his neck and I didn't want him to get stung, so I hit the bee as hard as I could."

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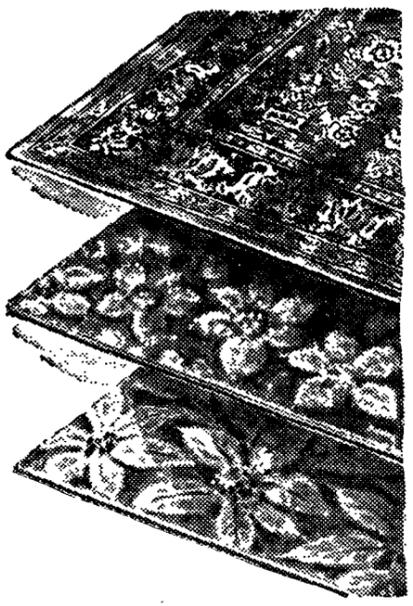
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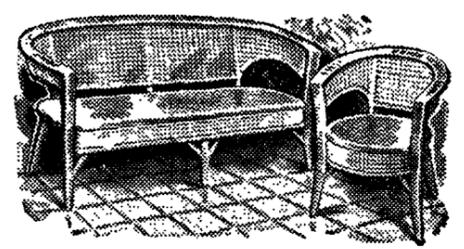
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Thiokol dusted off the welcome mat for Paul S. Davis of Huntsville, and Hershel Compton of Union Grove. Paul and Hershel will be found on the line as operators.



Evelyn R. Stidger, a native of Huntsville, replaces Vera Dryer in Col. Lawrence's office. Better be nice to her if you are allergic to walking for Evelyn will be responsible for allotting your transportation.

Then there's minute but mighty Ima Bufkin from Lacey Springs. Ima has a fine reputation as a stenographer and, we note, service in the WAVES.

Here and There . . . you may have noticed that the large conference table in the Administration Bldg. is receiving a refinishing job. According to Col. Lawrence's secretary this action was necessary due to a bad surface resulting after numerous employees and other persons of suspect, propped their elbows on the table (catching a few winks?) during conference periods. This is not to say Thiokol employees go to sleep on the job but that a bit of elbow grease is applied from time to time!

Test Section has "The Thing" and the "Thang" but the Administration Bldg. claims more recent notoriety with "The Whatzit"! "The Whatzit" is the mangled implement that planted the lawn in front of the Administration Bldg. Incidentally we noticed several pairs of eyes that reflected the thought "If I just had that 'Whhatzit' at home I'd—".

The Purchasing Dept. claimed two new additions this week. No, not new employees: A new Chevrolet owned and admired by Frank Quinn and a new diamond worn and admired by Vickie Locke. Vickie hasn't named the day yet but the lucky young man in question is Franklin Hampton, son of employe James W. Hampton. Thiokol believes in "keeping it in the family."

Ima Bufkin confided recently that her given name was bestowed in honor of a Governor's daughter. Governor Hoag (or Hogue—exact spelling unknown) named his children as follows: Ima Hoag (daughter), Youra Hoag (daughter), and Mora Hoag (son). This is a fact—believe as you will.

According to statistics it is the woman who controls the world's wealth. Yet Jimmy Medlock reports that all 26 Thiokol members of the Redstone Federal Credit Union are men!!! This could be a subject of issue but in fairness to the women let it be suggested that perhaps it just takes longer for a course of action with the fairer sex.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Mary Brewster in the loss of her father and the illness of her mother.

## Technical Services

By MAC HARRIS

After weeks of speculation and rumor it has finally been settled that Tech Services (at least most of it) will move.



The new offices will be in Bldg. 481, located in Plants Area One.

The Chief's office moved the week of March 24. The planning office is expected to follow soon. And as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made (such as converting a boiler room into a vault for storing classified materials) the technical library will take up its new quarters.

The only remaining branch in Bldg. 111 will be Reproduction.

If no tears have been shed, there seems, nonetheless, to be a general feeling of regret among the many persons moving from Bldg. 111 to other locations.

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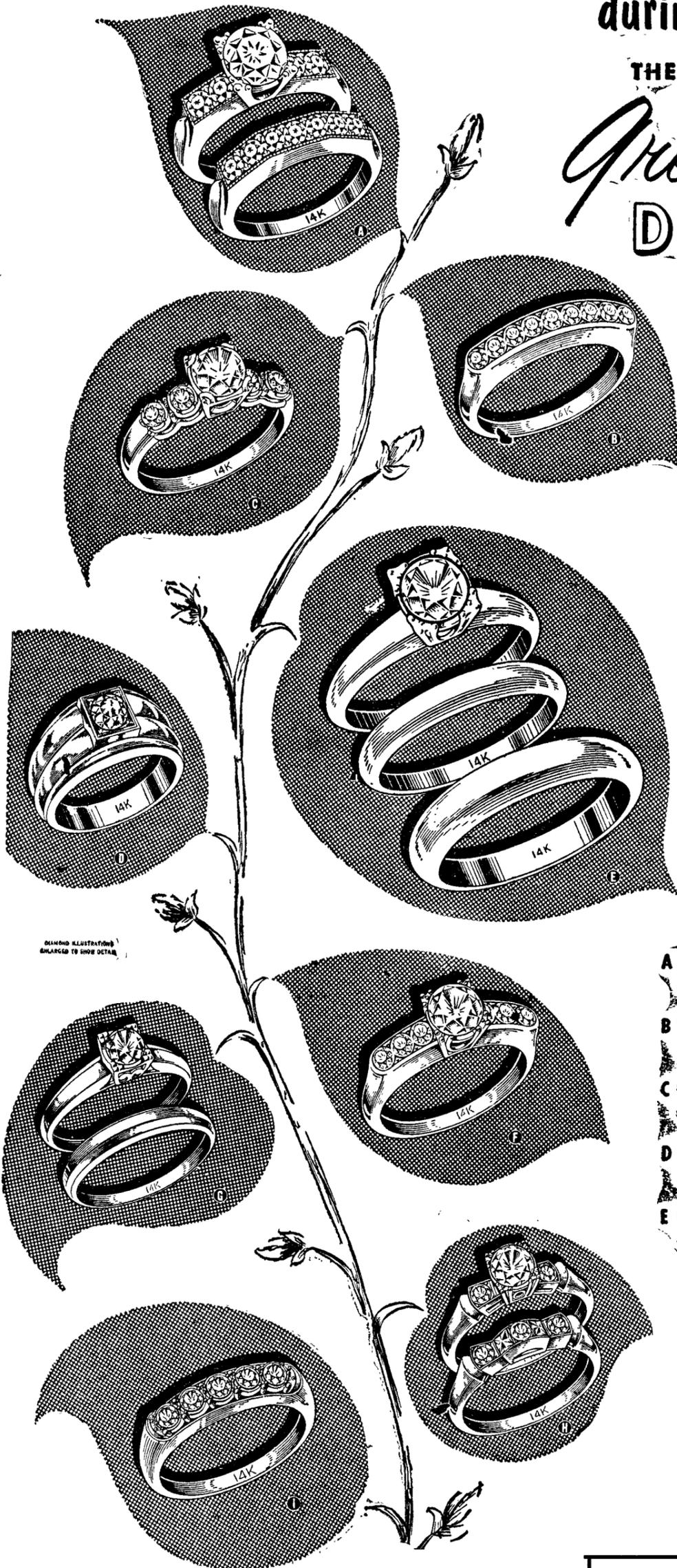
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