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## New Director, Agents Named

**RFCU Places Bagwell, Dalrymple As Agents; Atkinson Is Director**

Two new area representatives, and a new board of directors member have been announced by Thurman Smith, treasurer of the Redstone Federal Credit Union.

The new representatives are Burch D. Bagwell, Bldg. 824, who will take care of credit union business in the Field Service Division area, and E. O. Dalrymple, Bldg. 827, who will be RFCU agent in the Ammunition Storage areas.

Edward H. Atkinson, Rohm and Haas, was named to the RFCU board of directors to fill a vacancy left by John Geisel, also Rohm and Haas.

Smith said credit union officials expected a visit yesterday from Julius M. Sparkman, managing director of the Alabama Credit Union League, Inc.

In addition to problems in connection with the negotiating of a \$10,000 loan by the RFCU, credit union officials will also discuss general operating problems of the credit union.

The loan is being floated by the local employees' savings and loans group, to cover \$14,000 in loans applied for. Smith, said again, that arsenal personnel, are still short in their realization of the savings program available to them in the credit union.

## Howard Blakeslee, Noted AP Science Writer Is Dead

Funeral services were held this week-end for Howard W. Blakeslee, 72, veteran Associated Press science editor and staff writer.

Blakeslee, who died of coronary thrombosis, May 2, at his home in Port Washington, N. Y., was a guest at the arsenal for about a week beginning with the dedication of the Josiah Gorgas Laboratory on Feb. 15.

Probably Blakeslee's key contribution was the popularization of science; the bringing of the message of the importance of science to the layman.

Blakeslee's visit to the arsenal resulted in a series of widely read Associated Press articles on Redstone and its work throughout the nation.

At 72, the veteran of more than a half-century of newspapering, was going strong in his 24-year old job of science reporting and science editing for the AP. He had just returned from the recent atomic bomb blasts in Nevada, and from the Boston meeting of the American Society of Bacteriology.

Prior to his science assignments, Blakeslee had been in the Associated Press's news department for 23 years. During this time he opened AP service in Texas, served as bureau chief in Atlanta, Chicago, and other important points.

Blakeslee married twice. His first marriage resulted in two sons and two daughters. Following the death of his first wife he remarried. His second family of two sons and a daughter ranged from eight to 14 years.

His son Alton, is familiar to many newspaper readers as a science reporter for The AP.

Fisherville, Va. (AFPS) — H. L. Lockridge has asked authorities to do something about neighbors throwing tin cans on his property. He said his herd of 75 goats cannot keep pace with the large number of cans.

## Pay Bill Action May Come In May

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — Two bills of vital importance to servicemen — the Armed Forces Pay Bill and the K-Vet Bill — will probably have to wait until May for any concrete congressional action.

The pay bill, passed recently by the Senate, is now awaiting the action of a joint conference committee that must reach a compromise version of the bill acceptable to both houses.

The joint conference will not be scheduled until some time after the House reconvenes at the end of its Easter recess. House members are expected to return for business on April 21.

The K-Vet Bill, now carefully being drafted by members of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, also will not be ready until after the Easter recess. The finished version will then be put before the House.

There is little likelihood that a final version of either bill will be passed in April, but observers pin their hopes on May for final passage of both bills.

With political convention time fast approaching, it appears that Congress may begin to put on pressure for passage of important pending legislation sometime before the end of May.

## Capt. Monyak Receives New Overseas Orders 1st Lt. Bolvin Fills Post

Capt. Charles Monyak, transportation officer at Redstone Arsenal, is being transferred to Ft. Lawton, Wash., for eventual assignment in the Far East Command.

1st Lt. Ralph Bolvin, assistant signal officer, was assigned as post transportation officer, and assistant Safety officer, on transfer of Capt. Monyak.

The departing captain has been stationed at Redstone almost two years. He came here in October, 1950, from the Schenectady, N.Y., general depot where he was transportation officer.

Capt. Monyak served from 1929 to 1943 as an enlisted man, was appointed as a warrant officer from 1942 to 1943 and commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1943. During World War II, he was overseas for five and one-half years in Africa, Sicily, Italy and England as a platoon commander in the 62nd Co Anti-Aircraft Artillery.

The officer is originally from Vintondale, Pa., and attended the local high school. He is married to the former Miss Margaret J. Zeh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Zeh of near Central Bridge, N. Y.

## Lovett Asks Congress For \$6 Millions For RSA

Secretary of the Defense Robert Lovett is today seeking \$6,447,000 for Redstone Arsenal for military construction, according to an Associated Press story.

Lovett made the request of Congress May 1 among other requests for funds for constructions and military installations totalling \$3,027,752,000.

The sums do not include funds to be asked for construction beginning with the fiscal year on July 1, according to a statement by Lovett.

Seven other Alabama installations will receive benefits from the funds requested if Congress gives its approval.

The Scottish Marine Biological Association has an underwater TV camera powerful enough to distinguish zoological features of a codfish at 16 feet.

## To Our Mothers, May 11



## Column Capsules

Understand there are a few—but not few enough—arsenalites that can give fair descriptions of the Alabama Highway Patrol's new anti-speed, anti-accident devices: multi police cars. Some hurry-to-workers have been reported coming in at 70 mph; about 20 minutes extra sleep too fast.

What's for the first full week of May?

Well, Sunday began: Be Kind to Animals Week, National Family Week (no connection); National Music Week (some connection); and National Cutlery Week (suspicious.) Monday started the British Industries Fair—an 11-day affair.

Today is the day in 1626 the Manhattan Island real estate hoax was pulled by the Indians on the white settlers. And Thursday will be Truman's birthday (68), and

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## Shaddix Is New Auditor, Non-Appropriated Funds

A new Third Army Resident Auditor office has been set up at Redstone Arsenal and will be headed by Cooper D. Shaddix.

The office has been established at Redstone by Mr. Shaddix who will be the Third Army Auditor of non-appropriated funds. It is located in Headquarters, A-101 in Room three, the same office utilized by the Army Audit Agency. His extension number is 3-4231.

Shaddix came here from the Air Force Specialized Depot at Gadsden where he was the depot budget and fiscal officer. He is originally from Gadsden and has been in government service for the past 13 years in auditing and accounting work. A majority of this work was in the General Accounting Officer where he was working out of the regional Atlanta office and assigned to Alabama.

## MPs Investigate Death Accident

A 19-year-old National Guardsman of Route 5, Boaz, was killed and three companions, all members of the 31st Dixie Division from Camp Atterbury, Ind., were injured in a head-on car-truck collision early Thursday on U. S. 241 south near Owens Cross Roads.

Provost Marshal authorities identified the traffic victim as Pfc. Paul E. Morrow, 19, of Route 5, Boaz. He was fatally injured after being pinned in the wreckage.

Those injured were identified by arsenal authorities as Pvt. Justice G. Burke, Jr., Route 1, Pyffe, Ala.; Pfc. Charles M. Epps, 25, Route 1, Horton; and Pfc. Edward L. Ratcliff, 20, Route 5, Albertville.

Those injured in the collision suffered from severe lacerations and multiple abrasions around the face. Examination at the arsenal infirmary disclosed no broken bones and the three soldiers were reported

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## Plants 2 Area Gets Cafeteria

Redstone's Post Exchange system expects to add its sixth cafeteria this week, with the opening of a cafeteria in Plants Area Two in Bldg. 718.

Andrew C. Foster, cafeteria manager, says Post Engineer crews are now completing installation of equipment. The new cafeteria will have complete facilities including a salad section, hot foods section, cold drink box.

The new arsenal eating spot will serve sandwiches, short orders, as well as breakfast and lunch. It will be open from 6 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Norma Cramer, formerly manager of the cafeteria in A-171, will manage the new cafeteria.

Foster said plans are now being completed for the installation of eating facilities in the Redstone Provisional Ordnance School area in Plants Area Three.

## Safety Awards Won By Corps

**Redstone's '51 Record Said Materially Aided In Overall Performance**

The Ordnance Corps will receive the National Safety Council's highest award, the Award of Honor for Distinguished Service to Safety, for the Corps' outstanding 4.1 accident frequency record in 1951, according to a letter from Maj. Gen. E. L. Ford, Chief of Ordnance.

W. E. Albright, arsenal safety director, says that Redstone personnel's excellent 3.1 accident frequency record during 1951 was a major factor in qualifying the Ordnance Corps for the Award of Honor.

Albright pointed particularly to the Manufacturing Division's present safety record of "over 1,000,000 working hours without a disabling injury," as a determining factor for the arsenal's low accident score. The Manufacturing Division's last disabling accident was July 6, 1951.

According to Gen. Ford, the award is the first to be received by the Ordnance Corps. He pointed out that in seven of eight categories in the Department of the Army's strict safety program the Corps bettered the requirements. In the eighth category, the Corps' record was equal to Army requirements.

The 3.1 accident frequency at Redstone during 1951 means there were only 3.1 disabling accidents for every 1,000,000 working hours. This record is about 24 per cent better than the Ordnance Corps' winning 4.1.

A disabling accident is one where a worker is unable to return to work the day following the injury.

Gen. Ford's letter to all of the Ordnance installations and activities says in part:

"It is with a great deal of pride and satisfaction that I have received the news that the Ordnance Corps is to be presented with the National Safety Council's Award of Honor for Distinguished Service to Safety for our safety program and its achievements for 1951:

"This is the highest safety award, and it is the first time that the Ordnance Corps has won it. In addition, several of our installations have been nominated for individual awards."

The general's letter continues: "My great satisfaction comes not only from accepting, for the Ordnance Corps, the National Safety Council's highest award, but also from the knowledge that my desire

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## Maj. Davis Transfers To Benning Hospital

Margaret E. Davis, chief nurse at the U.S. Infirmary at Redstone Arsenal, is being transferred to an Army hospital at Ft. Benning, Ga.

The departing Army nurse has been at Redstone since April 6, 1950, and came here from Ft. Jackson, S. C. She is the daughter of Mrs. W. A. Davis, Route 4, Birmingham. Maj. Davis was graduated as a registered nurse in 1937 from Bryce Hospital, Tuscaloosa.

Prior to entering the Army Nurse Corps in 1942, she was employed as a nurse for four years at the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co. hospital at Fairfield. During World War II, she was assigned to the 170th General Hospital at Le Havre and Limoges, France, for 15 months.

Maj. Davis also spent two years with the Army of Occupation in Germany. During this period she was assigned to the 150th General Hospital at Regensburg and the 117th Station Hospital at Weisbaden.

A veteran nurse, the regular Army nurse completed 10 years of service on April 25 of this year.

## Guided Missile Group

### EXPERIMENTAL ASSEMBLY By Kitty Hollingsworth

Listen! I hear Frank Sinatra singing! Oh, pardon me. It's Charley Major giving his tonsils a workout. Charley used to sing for a college band and a dance band while in service. There's rumors that he can still sing. Let's ask for a performance and see.

Against our wishes, Mrs. Crutchfield has decided to leave us. she reconsidered Birmingham Southern and has definitely decide to leave. We're sorry to see her go, and everyone in our branch wish her all the luck in the world.

Another regretted loss is Ray Spier. He's still on the arsenal so he isn't considered a complete loss. He transferred to Bldg. 421. Good luck Ray, and hurry back to Bldg. 412.

Harry Christain is R.O.D. crazy these days. He walked the bottoms out of his shoes, as the result of running from building to building chasing down R.O.D. numbers on desks and chairs.

We have a number of fishermen in our branch, and everyone comes back with a string of fish or a fish tale.

Nicky Neville's fishing expedition was almost spoiled, by the loss of a wheel from his trailer. He was casually driving along the highway when suddenly the wheel from his trailer went rolling past him down the highway. With a broken trailer, he couldn't bring home the fish he caught.

The most successful fisherman is Sol Hall. And he probably tells the tallest, although truthful, fish tale. He dived in the river after this one and came out with a seven and nine-tenths-pound fish.

Our safety slogan contest is in full swing, and our branch is very near 100 per cent in membership. Jimmy Burns, our janitor, brought flower seeds for the women and started distributing them and discovered they were cotton seeds instead of flower seeds.

We would like to introduce and say welcome to Dick Taylor and Mr. Mounts, new personnel of Bldg. 412.

Joe McGuire, our messenger boy, is home with a speckled face. He's in bed with measles. William Messer and Harry Colburn are taking care of our message run while he's sick.

The carnival has been providing entertainment for several of our employees. Joy Simpson enjoyed the carnival so much, she plans to make a second trip.

Mr. Desmond proved the statement, "As Young As You Feel". We saw him at the carnival looking for someone to ride the merry-go-round with him.

Wilma Billions was loaned to the

warehouse for a few days to help with their inventory, and everyone is ready for them to pay their debt.

Betty Matthews needs a birthday calendar to keep her birthdays straightened out. She arrived home from work, thinking it was her father's birthday, and rushed to town to buy him a gift. She purchased the gift, carried it home, and presented it to her father.

To Betty's surprise, she learned it was her mother's birthday. So Betty again rushed to town, and this time purchased a gift for her mother.

We're proud of our entry in the city soft ball league, sponsored by Star Market. Rod Chamberlain has been putting his team through a daily workout to get the kinks out before the league opens May 12. Take it easy on the boys, Rod.

## Thiokol Corp.

By PAT CRICK



Welcome to four new Thiokol employees James W. Hampton, Jr. from Huntsville, reports to Mechanical Engineering; Robert H. McClanahan and Kyle C. Long, both of Hartselle, are new at the Machine Shop; Barbara D. Polinka, native of Dekalb, Ill., will be seen in Mechanical Engineering as the new stenographer.

Twinkle, twinkle little star Now I KNOW what you are Miss that extra hour of sleep Daylight schedule I find so hard to keep . . . Courtesy of THE YAWN PATROL.

SEEN AROUND . . . Bill Haite, Chem Engineering, collecting for Junior Chamber of Commerce Cancer-Drive. Haite's observation: the largest number of contributors are those who appear to have the least . . . Hal Ritchey, "Russ" Ignatius, and Joe Wiggins accompanied by wives at the Horse Show. Much guess-timating was being done, and sampling of the barbecue stayed at a fair minimum . . . Evelyn Lipscomb bending over that four-foot square plot of flower garden located between the Control Lab and Mechanical Eng. building. Evelyn comments that the snapdragons are up! How did you rate that garden, Evelyn? . . . Most unusual bird nest . . . a hollowed out brick at the corner of the Chem Eng building. Are the birds the mascots of Building 500? If so may we suggest that Betty Gooch, Mary Smith, or Marie Hucks knit sweaters for the birds since one foundling perished from the cold.

OFF THE RECORD . . . seems we have a "Prime Minister," a "Senator" and a "Governor" in our midst. For information on these "election" results contact Lee Russell, Maintenance, who is the "behind-the-scenes" man for these "political" figures.

So you think a fraction of a fraction doesn't matter! Okay, walk over to the next desk and type out a fast paragraph on a different make typewriter. Missed the carriage handle, didn't you! Swung on around and slapped yourself on the back, didn't you! Uh huh. You can also wind up losing your balance and graze the keys with your nose!

Our hats off to the precision experts but it makes us wonder what ever happened to that thing called standardization? (Remember that fraction the next time you find yourself becoming accident-prone.)

John O. Lawrence, Thiokol's office manager, presented a talk April 28 over station WFUN in behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. The week beginning April 27 was designated Alabama Industry Days. Lawrence did a fine job in compiling some interesting facts concerning Alabama Industries.

Vickie Locke, Ima Bufkin, and Faye Musgrove of the Steno Pool hasten to explain that they were

not down on their knees playing a close game of poker recently, but were laboriously searching for a tiny spring out of the duplicating machine.

"There it is", pointed out Jesse Anderson with barely a twist of an eyelash. This sort of thing can be mighty wilting after an half hour search on one's knees.

The last printing presented the Want Ad section for Thiokol. Seems Thiokol has no problems for Advice to the Lovelorn so this week we're featuring a recipe for a working girl's dilemma:

**Recipe for Frozen Nylon Hose**  
Take one pair new and never worn nylon hose, immerse in one freezer tray of water and freeze 24 hours in ince box. Remove and thaw at room temperature.

Sprinkle hints gently to family that this is not sufficient reason for commitment to institution. Recipe will serve longer wear a great portion of time. (This recipe has been tested by Irmatruide Cracker of Fair Homekeeping Institute) Recommendations will be furnished upon request.

Thiokol sends its sincerest best wishes to Mildred Seaton, Personnel, as she departs from California and points west. Mildred's husband, Lt. Paul Seaton, has just returned from a year's service in Korea and will be stationed in California. Goodbye Mildred, and good luck to you where ever you may go.

SPORTS The following is the line up for Thiokol's Arsenal Softball League team:

Pitchers: Wilson Weeks, Arlice League; Catchers: Jimmy Hipps, Richard Parker; 1st, John Gaught, Lee Jordan; 2nd, Marion Price, Art Bowling; 3rd, William Acklin, Floyd Fann; Shortstops, Hannah Reese, Charlie Ellett; L.F., Earl Foster, Billy Michael; C. F., Taylor Rousseau, Billy Joe Walker; R. F. Harold Dillon, Frank Gardiner; Manager, Art Bowling.

These position assignments are tentative and will in all probability change as the season progresses.

Thiokol's entry in the City League this year will warrant competition which will be fast and rugged. At the present time the team has no name so any suggestions will be considered. Let's make it original! Turn suggestions in to Charley Ellett at Pilot Line one. Roster of the City League team is as follows:

Pitchers, "Bo" Williamson, Wilson Wells, Joe Parsons; Catchers, Arlice League, Bill Haite; 2nd, Marion Price, William Acklin; 3rd, "Tut" Fann; Shortstop, Hannah Reese; L.F., Billy Michael; C.F., John Gaught, "Simp" Smith; R.F., Taylor Rousseau, Earl Foster; Manager, Charley Ellett;

Please note that the two team rosters are similar and many names are duplicated. Additional players are badly needed and will be welcome. Anyone interested please contact either of the managers.

Mrs. Lena "Pat" Crick, Thiokol's Rocket correspondent, is a Kansas girl who has been living in Alabama, Florida, and Louisiana for the past several years. Now, she lives with her husband, Ed, on a 360-acre farm on Huntsville, route 2.

Fat is with the Personnel Dept. at Thiokol. Formerly she was in Southern Bell's accounting office at Birmingham.

Off-duty, Pat says she likes to read, play her record collection of popular, semi-classical, and classical music, dance, and work in her newly created flower garden.

She attended Colorado Women's College at Denver.

## Two Campaigns Named In Korea

WASHINGTON AFPS—Two new Korean battle campaigns have been officially designated by the department of the Army. They are:

1. The United Nations Summer-Fall Offensive, applicable within the territorial limits of Korea and adjacent waters between July 9, 1951 and Nov. 28, 1951; and

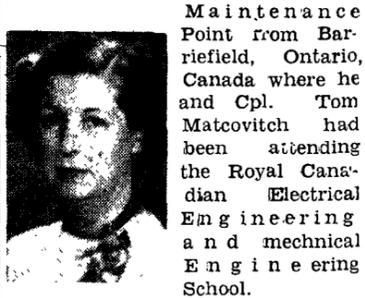
2. The Second Korean Winter, applicable to the same area between Nov. 28, 1951, and a date to be determined.

Previously announced campaigns

## Field Service Division

By SUDIE AMSLER

How some people do skitter about! Take that fellow, Ed Drost. The spring thaw got him. He parked his parka and munched back to National



Maintenance Point from Barriefield, Ontario, Canada where he and Cpl. Tom Matcovitch had been attending the Royal Canadian Electrical Engineering and mechanical Engineering School.

Drost reported that although the weather was cold and chilly at times, not so the Canadians. He found them to be very hospitable. Drost witnessed the opening of the Great Lakes shipping season, at which time the ice leaves the lakes and the shipping business begins for another year.

Our friend Matcovitch, stretched his hitch in Canada for a few days longer and is expected back this week.

This Mark Smith character, who is Chief of the Tech Manual Section of the Publications Branch of NMP, and whose home is in Santa Monica, Calif., made his premier tour of Yankee-land last week.

While away, Smith visited Philadelphia, Pa., Whippany, and Metuchen, N. J. He says that after living in the west and touring the north, he prefers that old-time Southern comfort. A diplomat, eh?

A jeep station wagon carried Dave Stephenson and Lawrence Cooper from Redstone Depot to Frankford, Rossford, Rock Island, and Letterkenny, (AND RETURN TO RSA).

Imagine a trip through the Smokies in the spring! Especially in a Buick Riviera. Anthony J. Roman and Joseph V. Olszewski made such a trip last week to Burlington, N.C. and said it was DEE-light-ful.

Monday found ~~the~~ Chalker back in NMP from a six week's stint spent partly at Silver Springs, Md. and Philadelphia, Pa. Kyle said that he was VERY glad to be back home. You should have seen Chalker and Drost grin when the girls in the office greeted them with: "Why, hello there! How're ya'll?" They said they hadn't heard anything like that since leaving Redstone.

You know about those "now-you-see-him, now-you-don't" fellows? Ben Jennings is one of those. Right upon the heels of his return from Colorado, he was off again—this time to Rossford Ordnance Depot. Ben brought greetings from (former 1st Lt.) John Druckenmiller to personnel in FSD where he was once affiliated with the Planning and Management Branch.

Harold M. Brown was an ambas-

with the time limits are:

United Nations Defensive, June 27 to September 15, 1950;

United Nations Offensive, September 16 to November 2, 1950;

Chinese Communist Forces Intervention, November 3, 1950 to June 24, 1951;

First United Nations Counter-offensive, January 25 to April 21, 1951; and the Chinese Communist Forces Offensive, April 22 to July 8, 1951.

MAIDENHEAD, Eng.—Mrs. Mercy Coffee, recently celebrated her 100th birthday by smoking a plug of pipe tobacco presented by the mayor.

sador from National Stock Control Point to OCO in Washington last week.

GAD-ABOUTS: Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Schlotterbeck (she is Margaret with NMP, and he is "Obie" with the Rocket Photographic Lab) spent a pleasant week-end with friends in Birmingham recently. And William A. Huff ran up to Middlesboro, Ky. for a few days with his family.

It has been raining good-looking girls at FSD. Miss Dorothy Hopkins transferred from Rossford Ordnance Depot to be head of the EAM section of NSCP. Miss Hopkins if from the old Indian reservation—Oklahoma (Stillwater, to be exact).

Mrs. Frances J. Goodwin came from Decatur, Ala. to be a clerk-steno in the Technical Branch of Mr. Cohen's NGMECCP.

James E. Thomas' Publications Branch acquired three clerk-typists. Mrs. Joe Meeler, Jr. (Helen E.) is a transfer from Post Engineers. The Meeler's have a little daughter, Deborah, who was one year old April 30. Helen took a day's annual leave to bake a cake for Debby.

Mrs. Lutheda Jackson came April 21. Lutheda is a native of Huntsville but has worked two and a half years in Chicago. She says she is very glad to be South again. She and her husband, Grady, live with her mother on Madison Pike.

Florence, Ala. gave Miss Gloria Pickford to us. Gloria is a newcomer to Huntsville and says she likes it fine — finds everyone to be very friendly. She is a former employe of Reynolds Alloys.

1st Lt. William W. James recently inherited the position of Chief of the Administrative ranch of the FSD when M-Sgt. Leroy Arch reluctantly (?) relinquished it to return to Mail and Records.

Some people aspire to build bigger mouse traps, some, to fly to the moon. But the secret ambition of Redstone Depot's Martha McClure's life has been that long-lost art of catching doodle bugs.

She had nourished and petted this ambition from childhood, making many vain attempts to land one. Finally last Tuesday afternoon, this ambition was realized when she coaxed a great, big, fat, juicy doodle bug from his lodging.

In order to accomplish this feat, it was necessary to employ a secret weapon. Don't tell any doodle bugs — it was the stem of a wild onion. No doubt the poor, guileless, unsuspecting doodle bug thought a poison gas attack was under way. But anyway, it proved that Martha was smarter than the doodle bug.

Anyone wishing further information on how to catch a prize doodle bug should call Martha at 3-2219.

It seems a number of housewarmings are in prospect. Lt. Col. and Mrs. Clinton A. Waggoner are now pleasantly located in their new home at 617 Tunlaw Road.

The Randy Mears (the wife, Ruth is with FSD and Randy is with GMDG) moved Thursday to 611 14th St., West. The truth about Ruth is that she is now looking for a ride to Bldg. 827.

Ralph and Anne Neunlist purchased 1707 McAllister, Jordan Lane Park.

"Simon Legree" (Roy E.) Wa. and wife, Bennie, evaded their spring cleaning at Longwood Courts by moving into new quarters at 617 Lowell Drive, Blossomwood.

Good-by, Good Luck, and God Bless You: Colonel and Mrs. Hudson.

## Release Is Scheduled For Officers Serving Involuntary Extensions

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — Army officers who have had their terms of service extended involuntarily for 12 months by presidential directive may be released immediately from active duty, providing they do not volunteer for additional service.

Officers affected will be those currently in category V. This category consists of those officers who were involuntarily extended after the expiration of their original categories.

They may, however, elect to stay on active duty by changing their categories to II or III. Or they may stay on for the remainder of their 12-month period if they elect to do so in writing.

Separation will be effected for officers in the continental U. S. who so desire on or before May 20. Those overseas will be brought home and separated not later than June 20.

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## Manufacturing Division

By HOKE WALLACE

The Manufacturing Division's softball team started the season off with a bang! Under the leadership of James Talley and Charles Sneed the team won their first three games.



However, the competition is going to be rough. Since we have better pitching and hitting than last year, we believe our team will finish around the top.

With regard to fishing, which seems to be the main topic at this time of the year, contact Joe Duskin for a real fish story. He can give you the latest information on "Jet" fish. He is also capable of giving lessons on casting.

Opal Burks, employe at Line 2, is a good car saleslady. She bought a car one day and sold it the next day for a nice profit. Opal says she has two hounds for sale.

Emmett Powers, foreman at Line 2, is a very happy man over the weather conditions. He is a farmer and reports a favorable cotton crop.

Howard McKinney, who hails from Owens Cross Roads, stays rather busy. He works shifts and finds time to grow a pretty flower garden. Howard is also a handy man around the house. He cooks, sews, and helps his wife with the laundry.

Talk about working shifts! If you haven't had the "Pleasure" of working on the midnight to 3 a.m. shift, you have really missed something. You lose contact with the people at Redstone, forget the day of the month, the day of the week,

the time to eat and the time to go to bed.

At this writing Capt. James M. Long, division chief, and I. D. Lewis, chief of Operations have gone to Joliet, Ill.

Milton Frank resigned as superintendent of Line 2. Charles Sneed, who has been charged of the line for some time, will take his place. Alvin Graves, who lives at Athens, lost his entire household furnishings when his house burned last week. Alvin has the sympathy of the entire division.

John H. Hyer, deputy chief of the division, has just returned from a visit to Ordnance Ammunition Center, Joliet, Ill.

There seems to be a great demand for strawberries at present. Any one interested see Emmett Couch at Line 2. Emmett really enjoys picking them.

Brownie Gooch says he plans to reduce a few pounds. He had cut down on his food and runs races with anyone that comes along. Brownie is a former Huntsville High grid star.

Captain Paul Linton should feel pretty good about the changes of the Boston Red Sox this year. Capt Linton's home is in Boston.

A safety committee is being organized on all the shifts in the Manufacturing Division. It is expected that a lot of good ideas will be brought up.

Spring has arrived at Line 2. The shift superintendents and foreman have taken the lead and have planted flower beds around the line. It is expected that the place will really be pretty in a few weeks.

## New IRE Chapter Will Meet May 16

Plans are being made to form a local chapter of the Institute of Radio Engineers during an organizational meeting at 7:30 p. m. on May 16 at the Huntsville Electric System auditorium, S. L. Johnston, temporary chairman, reported today.

The local chapter will be known as the Huntsville sub-section of the Atlanta section of the IRE. Johnston estimated that there are at least 200 radio and electronic engineers at Redstone Arsenal who are potential members.

A survey is now under way to contact these engineers at Redstone. Membership blanks can be obtained by calling Johnston at Exten. 5525, Bldg. 781 and Huntsville, 4565-W.

The Huntsville sub-section will hold monthly meetings. Speakers of national reputation will be invited to present technical papers and demonstrations of interest to Redstone personnel.

The temporary chairman said the IRE is a professional organization to promote the science of radio communication and keep its members abreast of rapid technological changes in the field. It was organized in 1912 and is now a worldwide professional organization with more than 29,000 members.

Membership in the institute also entitles the radio engineer to two publications. The first, "Proceedings of the IRE", a monthly, informative technical journal has been printed since 1913. Subjects included range from mathematical analysis to descriptions of equip-

ment and operating practices.

The second publication is an IRE yearbook which contains a list of all members listed both alphabetically and geographically with a directory of electronics firms and their products.

In addition, standards are issued periodically as a part of the "Proceedings." They contain various electronic phases including precise definition of terms, symbols, and descriptions of methods and equipment for testing electronic apparatus.

Recently, a number of professional groups in specialized electronics fields have been organized nationally by the IRE. They include such diverse fields as teleterming, instrumentation, audio equipment, antennae, vehicular communication, circuit theory, information theory and quality control. The IRE also prepares and distributes papers of interest to members.

In addition, the annual convention held in New York each Spring is a highlight in the field. During the week-long sessions, programs consisting of technical papers, equipment demonstrations and manufacturer product displays are held.

### KING OF SWAT IS BACK AGAIN

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — Agriculture department entomologist say recent tests in Florida and California show that mosquitoes have a "definite resistance" to DDT. The insect killer was once deadly poison to them.

COPENHAGEN—An almost perfectly preserved body of a redheaded man, 2,000 years old has been found in peat bogs.

## Audit Has New Man

James W. Atkinson, industrial cost accountant from Biloxi, Miss., has been transferred to fill a vacancy in the arsenal Army Audit Agency office, E. O. Tolonen, regional auditor, reported today.

Atkinson has worked for the AAA since April, 1951, and was formerly with the government agency at the Biloxi regional office. He previously was employed from 1934 to 1943 as a resident auditor for three shipyards in the Mobile area under U. S. Maritime Commission supervision.

Originally from Pass Christian, Miss., he owned and operated a small Gulf coast resort hotel there for eight years. The Atkinson family has moved to Huntsville and are living at 108 Second St. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson have one son, Capt. Berkley Atkinson, an Air Force pilot now stationed at a base at Fairbanks, Alaska.

CHICAGO — Fifteen persons were injured in a high school open house when a chemistry teacher's demonstration became too realistic and blew up.

Cigarets started fires have cost an estimated \$250,000,000 in the past five years.

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## Apprentice Training Is Quicker Today

(This is the first in a series of articles on the training program at Redstone Arsenal as written by the Training Section of Civilian Personnel.)

Little-known to many people is the fact that Redstone Arsenal with the rest of industrial America, is engaged in the practice of perpetuating the many skills, knowledges, and techniques of industry through a soundly planned apprenticeship program.

In the olden days, youths were usually apprenticed for seven-year periods. They learned in a leisurely, non-systemized fashion the tools of their trades alongside a master craftsman. Basically they learned by doing.

Today, the demands of industry and the individual are such that apprenticeship training has been intensified and compacted into shorter time periods. The basic concept is still learning by doing, but it is now done with modern teaching aids and skilled instructors.

During World War II the apprenticeship time was cut to four years. Used were such modern devices as trade information textbooks, motion pictures, working models, and demonstrations.

The routine is employed at Redstone whereby the apprentice spends a portion of his time in related classroom instruction, and the balance of the time in the shop learning the skills of trade in actual working conditions. The shopwork is achieved under the direct surveillance of qualified journeyman shop instructors.

Upon successful completion of the course, the apprentice receives a certificate of apprenticeship signifying his journeyman status in that particular trade or craft.

Arsenal apprenticeship training plans have been approved and registered with the Bureau of Apprenticeship of the U. S. Department of Labor.

Long range training programs are in progress at this arsenal with special emphasis placed on machinist, sheet metal, electrician inside plumber streamfitter trades and electrician lineman.



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## Post Surgeon -- Diabetes Control Needed To Live

**By CAPT. T. C. McOSKER**

Diabetes is seen in two major forms.

When the disease is first noted in childhood it is an immediate danger to life. Before the discovery of insulin very few of these children lived to adulthood. Now a days they have to be watched carefully through out their life and have to take insulin all their life but they do live otherwise normal existences.

The other form usually develops later in life and is not nearly so spectacular. Usually it is picked up on a routine physical examination or at a time when a doctor is consulted for an infection of some kind. For many years the symptoms may be very slight or non-existent. This fact is also a snare and a delusion to patients who are found to have the disease in an apparently mild form. They wonder why they should keep running to a doctor every month or so when the doctor does nothing for them and they feel perfectly well.

The answer is that uncontrolled, mild diabetes insidiously damages every organ in the body. These patients are subject to all sorts of infections and the infections heal poorly.

Early hardening of the arteries occurs, and too, often progresses to gangrene of toes and feet with resultant amputation. The arteries of the heart harden and heart attacks are more common than in normal individuals.

Neuritis or inflammation of the nerves is a painful affliction that eventually comes to heedless dia-



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## From The Chaplain

**By L. A. WILLIAMS**  
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In the Biblical account of creation we are told that man was created in the likeness and image of God. Since God is not a physical being, but as Jesus said, "God is a spirit," that is, a spiritual being, man was created in the spiritual likeness and image of God. Man, therefore, embodied all the spiritual attributes of God.

As a mirror reveals the physical likeness of the one standing before it, man revealed or reflected the spiritual nature and character of God. As an image is usually a symbol to portray to all who behold it, the greatness of the one so imaged, thus man was created to symbolize the greatness of God.

However, man was different from God in that he, in addition to his spiritual nature, was clothed with earthly flesh. He was also endowed with mental powers, with which man was created a complete being. It was through an appeal to the physical nature of man that he, with his mental powers, chose to believe Satan rather than God. As a result of his choice man lost the likeness and image of God. As a result of his choice man lost the likeness and image of God.

Milton's PARADISE LOST depicts the fall of man, his banishment from the Garden of Eden, his eternal separation from God.

As man, through choice, lost the

likeness and image of God, also, through choice, man can be restored to favor with God. God is not responsible for man's eternal destiny. Man, himself, through his decision determines his relationship with God, and consequently his destiny.

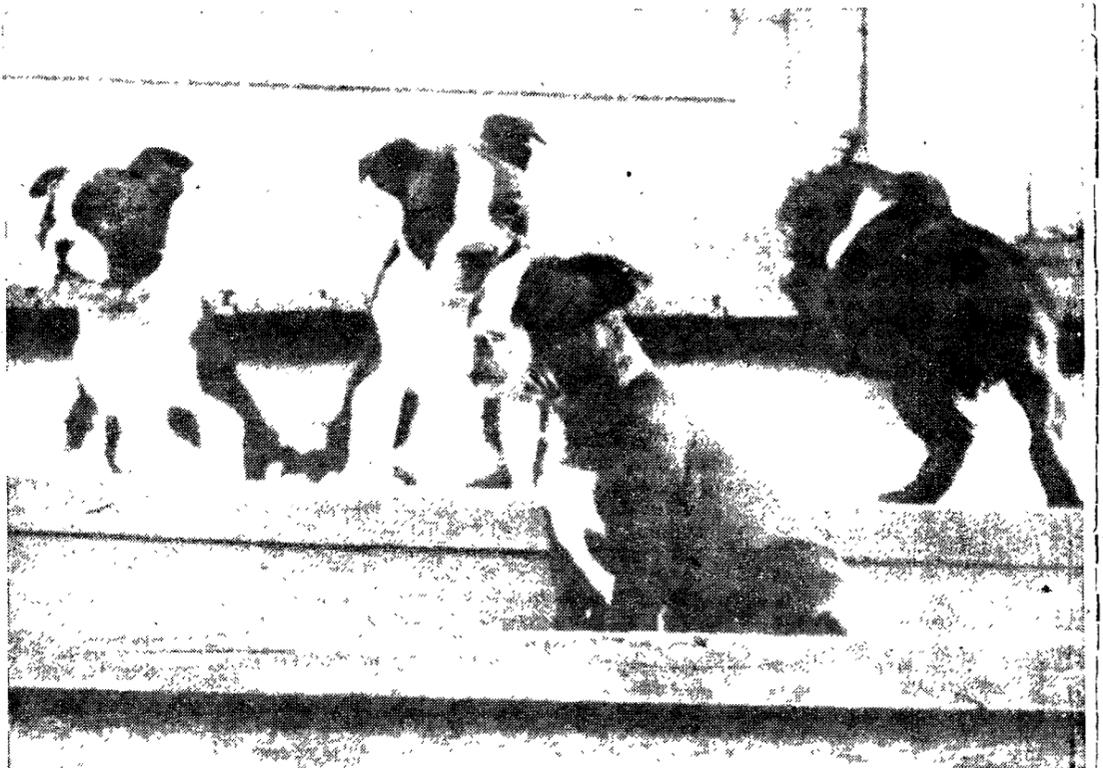
betics. Cataracts, which result in great loss of vision even after successful operations, are common. A well controlled patient needs to watch his diet and with modern management does not have to fear operations for other conditions or serious injury but the uncontrolled patient may die because he cannot stand the necessary operative procedures.

The thing that must be remembered about these complications of diabetes is that they are the result of years of neglect and that if a diabetic is discovered early and treated persistently they may never appear.

There are a few, relatively rare, conditions in which sugar may be passed in the urine besides diabetes. For this reason blood tests, some of them rather complicated, are needed to be sure of the diagnosis.

Diabetes cannot be prevented in the ordinary sense because the tendency to it is inherited. However, as is the case in so many other diseases, it occurs much more commonly in fat people.

Individuals with diabetes in the family history should refrain from overeating, a practice which one famous man stated was "digging one's grave with his teeth".



**MUSINGS BY MOONLIGHT**—Naw, we don't mind the early workin' hours. It will just mean we'll feel like "dogs" a little earlier in the mornings. Take Wide-Eyed Pete at the left. He just finished big breakfast five minutes ago, and is wondering now just what the heck he ate. For myself, Sad-Eyes Sam, I'm not even sure I've

eaten. My other buddy, Squint-Eyes Spike, doesn't even know he's up, and Back-Track Billy, at right, knows he's not awake and is trying to go back in the house and go to bed. For me, I still think it is a pretty sight to watch the moon set and the sun rise while going to work . . . Just wish it were some other "son" rising, and not me.

## Post Ordnance

**By WANDA L. PALMER**

The Post Ordnance softball team got off to a flying start. It has won one game and lost two. The men are going to have to start working less over time so they can stay in shape.



Jane Graham surprised the office with a new hair-cut Monday morning. She went all the way to Chattanooga to get it cut by a style specialist, and is very becoming.

The Mission Account of Post Ordnance enjoyed April 26-27 off (which was like a holiday to them) before starting their inventory. The Standard Stock Account had the same privilege after completing theirs.

Martina Giles and Lavene Jean

went to Birmingham and shopped for clothes and material. They will be blossoming out in a couple of days with a complete new wardrobe.

Hazel Robertson enjoyed an early vacation. She and her husband and two children took a trip to Maine. She particularly enjoyed the scenery, getting to see snow and sunshine. With the children to take care of she isn't sure whether it was re-creation or recreation.

Some of the girls are talking about a bowling team. Seems that we have a few champions in the crowd.

We have enjoyed having the inspectors work with us for the past couple of weeks. They have proven to be very conscientious workers.

We suffered the loss of a great man. Our advisor, counselor, philosopher, and friend, Euclid Womack, resigned May 2. He will be missed greatly.

## Wives On 90-Day Visas Have To Quit Germany

**FRANKFURT, GERMANY, (AF-PS)** — Dependents of soldiers in Western Germany who hold tourist visas must return to the States after a 90-day visit. At that time their visas will expire. They may not be renewed within the calendar year.

Tourist dependents, the Army said, have created a problem in Western Germany that is too much of a strain on the local economy.

Actually the Army does not throw upon short visits by wives and families, but due to the housing shortage and strain on the economy it is believed unfeasible to allow them to stay more than 90 days.

## Tilting Moon Gives Peek Behind Edges

**WASHINGTON** — Nearly 60 per cent of the moon's surface has been viewed by earth observers, at one time or another, according to U. S. Naval Observatory officials.

They explained that although the moon takes about as long to turn on its axis as it does to circumnavigate the earth, and presents the same side to the earth, the moon wobbles abit in its rotation allowing moon-watchers to see "around the edges" a little bit.

Mapping of the moon's edges is being done by the Naval Observatory to aid detecting slight changes in the earth's rotation, and other earthbound projects.

**OTTAWA**—A thief answered a want-ad for a custom-built radio and wound up in jail. He tried to sell the stolen radio to his victim.

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# Huntsville's 140th Parade of Progress

By MRS. COYNE CLEVELAND, Tenn., especially for this series.

Words are inadequate when one attempts to describe the struggles and sacrifices of a previous generation. But, too often the written word is the only medium by which the pioneer lives and conditions can be described.

Henceforth, we extend the sincerest congratulations to those who have spent years in research and have prepared comprehensive studies of conditions throughout the years.

For the benefit of those who have just come into our communities to reside, as well as for those who always enjoy re-

freshing their memories on these subjects, we hope that the material reproduced from varying sources will be of interest to them.

We wish to give credit to James R. Record for his "Report on Madison County", from which we have secured material, and also wish to admit that the following pages would have been almost impossible without the assistance of the "Early History of Huntsville, Alabama" by Edward Chambers Betts.

ed Dec. 13, 1808, by proclamation Madison County was erected of Gov. Robert Williams of the Mississippi Territory.

After reciting that within the boundaries of the proposed county were "several thousand inhabitants, having, as yet, no laws or officers among them" Gov. Williams proclaimed that this county was created, "To the end that the inhabitants residing in the said tract of country may have the benefit of law—".

The new county, the second political subdivision to be created in what is now Alabama, was named in honor of James Madison then Secretary of State and later President of the United States.

On Dec. 22 an act of the Territorial Legislation reorganized the county as a fully organized political entity, by specifying that the circuit court in Madison, as in the remaining Mississippi Territory counties, was to be known as the "Superior Court of Law and Equity."

The original settlers of Madison County appear to have been inclined to piety, and churches of various denominations were organized early.

Joshua Boucher, who came to Madison in 1808, though at first a layman, served the Methodist community in what was soon to become the town of Huntsville as an exhorter. In 1811 he was licensed to preach. Daniel Thompson, an ordained Methodist minister, came to the county in 1809.

Methodist societies, which worshiped in the houses of their members, were organized at Shiloh, Huntsville, Jordan's Camp Ground, Ford's Chapel, Blue Springs, McGhee Camp Ground and Ditto's Landing. A church was later erected at Ditto's Landing and called Lebanon.

The first deed made to a lot on which to erect a church for the Methodist congregation at Huntsville was dated Aug. 20, 1820.

What is reputed to be the first Baptist congregation in the county was organized Oct. 2, 1808 as the Flint River Church at the James Deaton home on Flint River, northeast of what is now Huntsville.

It seems generally agreed that the first Presbyterian congregation organized in Alabama was formed at Huntsville on June 15, 1818.

By 1835, Presbyterian, Methodist, Cumberland Presbyterian, and Episcopal churches had been built in Huntsville.

In 1897, 92 churches, of all denominations, in Madison county had 11,852 members.

In that year Methodist churches numbered 42, with 4,061 white members and 2,000 Negro members; Cumberland Presbyterian churches 19 with 1,850 members; Baptist churches, 16 with 1,500 adult members; Christian churches, 10, with 1,409 members and Presbyterian churches, three with 500 members. At the same time there was a Roman Catholic church with 500 members, and a Jewish Synagogue with 32 members.

It is reported that early in 1861, the Episcopal, Methodist Presbyterian and Cumberland Presbyterian churches dismantled their spire bells and sent them to Holly Springs, Miss., where they were made into cannon.

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Numerous "firsts" are on record for Madison County. Here was the state's first cotton mill, cotton factory, ice factory, flour mill, river canal, bank, newspaper, public waterworks, hostelry, chartered Masonic Lodge, land office, Baptist church, Presbyterian Church, bookmobile, rural electric line, and many others.

Among county residents have been the first governor, William Bibb; first U. S. Congressman, John Crowell; first CSA Secretary of War, Leroy Pope Walker; first commander of the troops of the "Republic of Alabama", Jere Clements; during the Civil War, and the first State Commissioner of Agriculture, E. C. Betts.

Too, Huntsville was the home of the famed physician, Dr. Thomas Fearn, who discovered the nature of quinine - thus introducing the cure of malaria, the famed actress Tallulah Bankhead; Howard Wee-

den, the famous painter, and John Hix creator of "Strange as it seems".

Here also lived Edward Troye,

nationally famous race horse painter, and reputed designer of the Confederate flag and uniform.

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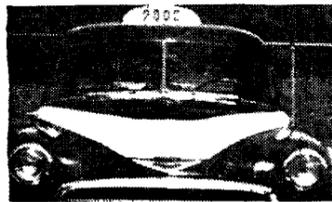
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# Huntsville Celebrates It's

(Continued from page 5)  
Madison County also has the oldest continuing library in the state. James Birney, the first candidate for President on the Abolition (Liberty Party) ticket also lived in Huntsville.

The county has furnished during its history, more governors (nine) and U. S. Senators (ten) than any other county in the state. For this reason it is sometimes referred to as the "County of Governors".

Madison County has been the residence of many other famous political figures. These include: John W. Walker, who presided over the first state constitutional convention, and for whom Walker County is named; Clement C. Clay and Henry Chambers, U. S. Senators, for whom Clay and Chambers Counties, are named; and James McClung and William Lowe, state leaders of the old Whig and Green-

back parties.  
It is believed too, that Madison County had the first home in the U. S. illuminated by gas. (Dr. Francis Newman's home where the Double Cola Bottling Co. is now).

We will give further details later of the establishment of Green Academy, the second college of its kind in the state, which was founded in 1812, and became renowned throughout the nation for its teaching. Many of the outstanding Alabama statesmen of the 1800's received their training at this school. The Huntsville Military Academy, the Scientific and Classic School, the Huntsville Female Academy and College, the Carlos Smith School, the Huntsville Seminary, and a New Market Seminary also were among the older noted private schools of the county.

The use of the private school was largely supplanted by the in-

Many of us, speaking facetiously ment that our country is in such a s to "Give it back to the Indians." We basically we are very proud of our a science, medicine, religion, etc.

We realize that it has taken ma the part of the pioneers of our coun from each ensuing generation to insu advantages which we are now able to

It is with justifiable pride then, tour of our communities and boast of learning, our facilities for caring n amusement, our seat of county gov our many places of worship, plus an offering the finest in value and vari

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ture in 1908, the auto in 1903, local  
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in 1937, and television in 1950.  
In the olden days recreation, of  
necessity, was confined to each  
community. Today it is county-wide  
due to improved communications,  
roads, health conditions, and the  
introduction of the many comforts  
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However, the forms of recrea-  
tion found in the county have not  
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Residents still enjoy their square  
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lies, box suppers, drama, art shows,  
and Saturday night "shindigs".  
Still a common sight today, as  
in the early days, is the Saturday  
crowds at the county seat, and the  
farmers sitting around in the shade  
of the courthouse lawn talking  
politics and crops.  
(Continued next week)

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# Society

Persons desiring items to appear on the society pages of The Redstone Rocket should contact Mrs. Helen Hansmeier in the Public Information Section, Bldg. A-101, Ext. 3-2201, by noon Wednesday.



## Sorority Celebrates Anniversary At Dinner

The 21 anniversary of Beta Sigma Phi sorority was celebrated at a dinner meeting of Alabama Alpha Beta chapter members and guests April 30 at Cambron's Aero Club, Huntsville. A decorated cake and arrangements of spring flowers carried out the sorority colors of yellow and black.

"The Pie-eyed Driver" was the topic of the speech given by the Rev. Jack Forstman, guest speaker, of the Mayfair Christian Church, Huntsville.

Miss June Turner, Redstone secretary, who is president of the local chapter, presided at the meeting. Miss Alda Jacks, employe in the Test Stand Design Section furnished piano music before dinner and during the evening.

The 30 persons attending enjoyed dancing to juke box music after the dinner.

The next meeting will be May 8 in the Red Room of the Russel Erskine Hotel, Huntsville. Recently elected officers will be installed at this meeting.

## NCO Committee Plans Informal Dance May 16

An Armed Forces Day informal dance is scheduled for May 16 at the NCO Open Mess according to an announcement by the entertainment committee of the Mess. The hours are 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Doug Farney's orchestra will furnish the music for dancing, and plans are under discussion for presenting a floor show. Decorations for the dance will follow the Armed Forces Day theme.

The dance is free to club members and accompanied invited guests. Tables will be available to couples only.

Pfc. Don Kittrell 9330 TSU has been named as a new member of the entertainment committee.

Susan Hansmeier celebrated her twelfth birthday May 3 with a luncheon at her home, 617 Locust St., Huntsville, and a theater party during the afternoon. Michael and Susan Austin, Ingeborg Haukohl, Karin Gruene, Annegret Henning, Sharon Thrasher and Linda Grabensteder were invited to attend.



**WEDS REDSTONE OFFICER** — Mrs. Walter Stemler was the former Miss Shirley Anne Thompson before her marriage May 3 to Lt. Stemler at the St. George's Episcopal Church in Perryman, Md. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Thompson of Aberdeen, Md. Lt. Stemler is assigned to the staff and faculty of the Provisional Redstone Ordnance School. The Stemlers will reside in Huntsville following a wedding trip to the Great Smokys.

## Stemler Wedding Held on May 3 In Perryman, Md.

At 4 p.m. on May 3 Miss Shirley Anne Thompson became the bride of Lt. Walter Stemler in a ceremony at St. George's Episcopal Church in Perryman, Md. The Rev. Lyon-Vaidon read the vows.

Mrs. Stemler is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Thompson, Aberdeen, Md. and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Stemler of Columbia, Ill.

The bride's father gave her in marriage. She wore a bridal gown of white nylon tulle with lace bodice over satin, and a finger-tip length veil. Her bouquet was a white orchid with stephanotis streamers on a prayer book.

The maid of honor was Miss Alice Shomberg of Cambridge, Mass. who wore a pale blue satin dress. She carried an old fashioned bouquet of pink roses with streamers. The bridesmaids were Miss Jean Spurney, Miss Kathy Jones, and Miss Mary Lynne Thompson of Aberdeen, Md. Their dresses were pale pink satin, and their bouquets were old fashioned arrangements of spring

## Arsenal Employe Marries In Iuka

Miss Wilda King, employe in the Mail and Records Section, and Sgt. Jack Blevins were married in a double ring ceremony April 26 in Iuka, Miss. The Rev. Hamilton of the Iuka Baptist Church officiated.

Mrs. Blevins is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar King of Morgan City, Ala., and attended schools in Arab and in Memphis. Sgt. Blevins is the son of Mrs. James Blevins of Morgan City.

The bride wore a beige suit with navy blue accessories, and an orchid corsage. She was attended by her sister, Miss Ramona King, and by Mrs. Quinton Bagwell, Mail and Records employe of Guntersville. Mr. Bagwell served the groom as best man.

Sgt. Blevins is on leave from Ft. Bragg, N.C. prior to transfer to Camp Kilmer, N.J. where he will report for assignment in the European Command.

Mrs. Blevins will continue her employment in the Mail and Records Section following a wedding trip.

## Surprise Stork Shower Honors Mrs. G. Ledford

Mrs. Alvy G. Jochenning and Mrs. Archibald Dean entertained 15 guests at a surprise stork shower honoring Mrs. Gerald Ledford on May 1 at Mrs. Dean's home, 612 Randolph St., Huntsville.

Pink and blue colors were used throughout the decorations, which included a bassinet containing the gifts. The bassinet was a gift from the hostesses.

A refreshment course of ice cream and cake was served.

flowers.

Kathleen Sue Stemler, niece of the groom, served as flower girl, carrying a basket of spring flowers with pink streamers.

Fred Stemler of West Lafayette, Ind. served his brother as best man. Milton Embree of Morristown, N.J., Walter Giffhorn of Columbia, Ill., Edward Nieman of Dupo, Ill., and Arthur Fleming of Savannah, Ga., were the groomsmen.

Following a reception given by the bride's parents, the Stemlers went on a wedding trip to the Great Smokys. They will reside in Huntsville.

Mrs. Stemler attended the National Cathedral School in Washington, D.C. and is a graduate of Friends School in Baltimore, Md. Lt. Stemler has a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill. He is assigned to the staff and faculty of the Provisional Redstone Ordnance School.

## Mrs. Monyak Is Guest During Dessert Bridge

Mrs. Charles Monyak was the guest of honor at a dessert bridge April 28 when Mrs. Robert C. Bailey and Mrs. Archibald Dean entertained at Mrs. Dean's home, 612 Randolph St., Huntsville. Mrs. Monyak is moving from Huntsville as her husband has been transferred.

Mrs. Stanley R. Meeken, Jr. won the prize for high score, Mrs. H. H. Birney won second high, and Mrs. Bailey had low score. Mrs. Monyak was presented a gift by the hostesses.

The favors for the party were small maps showing the route Mrs. Monyak expects to travel when she leaves here, which includes New York, Chicago, and points along the West Coast.

Mrs. Carroll D. Hudson and Mrs. George Fotts and son Jackie, left May 2 for Newport Beach, Calif. Mrs. Fotts and son will also visit in Tuscon, Ariz.

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### Personnel To Assist At St. Mary's Benefit

Mrs. Donald Graham, wife of Donald Graham of the Technical and Engineering Division, is the general chairman of the P. T. A. sponsored lawn party and dinner May 13 at St. Mary's School in Huntsville.

Members of the organization plan to raise funds to enlarge the school lunchroom through the sale of bakery goods, handmade clothing and novelties, and ham and barbecue dinners.

Booths with goods for sale, games and entertainment features will open at 2 p.m. The dinner hours are 5 to 7 p.m., and barbecue meat will be on sale after 7 p.m.

The wives of arsenal personnel who are making arrangements for the event include:

Mrs. John Dawson, Mrs. John Tyson, Mrs. Charles Benson, Mrs. Krafft Ehrlicke, Mrs. J. J. Fagan, Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. A. G. Smith, Mrs. Robert J. Nuber, and Mrs. Herman Lange.

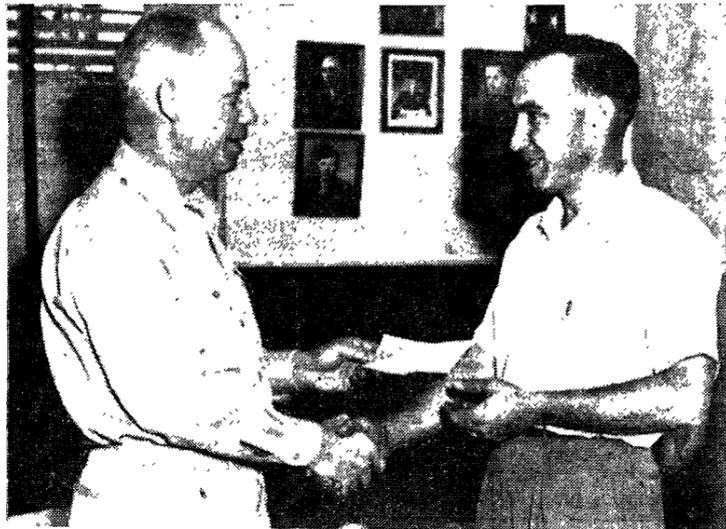
### Heirs And Heiresses

Pfc. Jack Fryer 3523 ASU, and Mrs. Fryer are the parents of a daughter, Sandra Lee, born April 25 at the Huntsville Clinic. The baby weighed seven pounds and 13 ounces. The Fryers reside on 9th Ave., Huntsville, Pfc. Fryer is assigned as a driver in Post Transportation.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Sparkman, 1708 Whitesburg Dr., Huntsville, announce the birth of Paul Gregory on April 23 at the Huntsville Hospital. The father is a Technical and Engineering Division employe.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammie G. Adams, Route 5, Athens, announce the birth of Jerry Wayne, April 22. The baby weighed six pounds and four ounces. Mr. Adams is a Thiokol Corp. employe.

Sergeant First Class John Kronenberger, 8523 ASU assigned in the Mail and Records Section, returned this week from leave spent in Belleville, Ill.



**WINS \$175**—Walter Roden, 901 Pine Ave., Huntsville, Redstone Arsenal explosive operator, receives a check for a \$175 Efficiency Award suggestion which will save the government an estimated \$6,000 annually. Col. Carroll D. Hudson, arsenal commander, said it "is always a pleasure to make these presentations." Roden devised a means of straightening bent striker pins for re-use. (U. S. Army Photograph by Jake Gurley.)

### Personals

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Marcroft, East Providence, R. I. were May 4 weekend guests of Capt. and Mrs. Thomas C. McOsker.

Mrs. Daniel R. Thoma and Mrs. Woodrow Crum were the hostesses at Ladies Bridge Club May 1 at the Officers Open Mess when seven tables of bridge were in progress. Mrs. Noble Jahnke had the high score, Mrs. Charles Monyak was second high, and Mrs. Frank Austin won the low score, and also the door prize. The next meeting will be on May 15 at 12:30 p. m., instead of the usual 1 p. m. Mrs. John R. Hagerman, Huntsville 1133-W, and Mrs. Frank J. Austin, Jr., Exten. 3-2221 will be the hostesses. Those who plan to attend are asked to call one of the hostesses.

Three tables of bridge were in play April 26 at the Couples Bridge Club with Lt. and Mrs. Robert Yeager as host and hostess. Capt. James Hoey won the prize for men's high score, Mrs. Robert Aguails won women's high score, and Mrs. Yeager had the low score. Capt. and Mrs. Hoey will be in charge of the next meeting May 12 at the Officers Mess. The meeting time has been changed from 7:30 to 7 p. m. during the summer. Please call the Hoey's at Exten. 5863 by noon of May 12 so that even tables may be arranged.

The Redstone Arsenal Officers Wives Club members will have a "white elephant" sale following a luncheon May 6 at the Officers Open Mess. There will also be a presentation of farewell gifts to departing members.

Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Daniel R. Thoma attended the Birmingham Dog Show April 27.

Capt. and Mrs. James Long and son have gone on a vacation to New York and other points in the East.

Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Frank Austin and children spent May 4 week-end in Asheville, N. C.

Maj. James C. Miller spent May 4 week-end in Laurel, Miss.

Capt. and Mrs. Robert Merchant are on leave to Blacksburg, Va. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Collins were Birmingham visitors April 25

where they toured Vestavia. Mr. Stewart and Mrs. Collins are Redstone Depot employes, and Mr. Collins is a Fire Department employe.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Fohrell Jr. left May 2 for a week's vacation in Staunton, Ill. and St. Louis, Mo. Mrs. Fohrell is a Mail and Records Section employe and Mr. Fohrell is employed in the Rocket Development Group.

### Edgar Drake Dies While At Redstone

A Post Engineer employe, Edgar H. Drake, 52, 706 Seminole Dr., Huntsville, succumbed to a heart attack about 3:50 p. m. April 28, while at work at the arsenal.

Funeral services were held at the West Huntsville Methodist church May 1.

Drake is survived by his wife, Mrs. Stella Drake; two daughters, Mrs. Clyde Caldwell, Shelbyville, Tenn., and Mrs. Henry Gooch, Florence; a son, E. H. Drake, Jr., and a step-daughter, Gloria Lambert.

Also surviving are five grandchildren, two sisters, and five brothers.

Burial was in the Hayden Cemetery, New Hope.

Celery is one of the more difficult vegetables to grow in home gardens.

### Naomi Ransom Is Wed To Redstone Sergeant

Miss Naomi Ransom and Sgt. Andre G. Fagan 9330 TSU were married in a ceremony May 3 in Iuka, Miss. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ransom, 8096 W. Holmes St., Huntsville and the groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Fagan, Main St., South Ashburnham, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jamar, Jr., of Huntsville attended the couple. Miss Joyce Boyd, Huntsville, Cpl. Bobby Jones and Sgts. Ray Ruble and Ray Perkins of Redstone accompanied the wedding party to Iuka.

Mrs. Fagan is a graduate of the Monrovia High School. Sgt. Fagan attended the Worcester Boy's Trade School, Worcester, Mass. The sergeant is assigned as a machinist in the Test Stand Service Section of the Guided Missile Development Group.

The Fagans plan to reside at Hillcrest Court No. 5, Rt. 4, Huntsville.

### American Male To Wear American Lounge Look

NEW YORK (AFPS) — Men's fashion experts are saying a middle of the road style, called the American Lounge, will "sweep" through the wearing habits of the nation's males.

The new look for men will supplant the flamboyant ties and shirts, wide-brimmed hats, padded shoulders, exaggerated collars. The new silhouette will be "natural looking." Accent of the new male look will be single breasted suits, somber ties and shirts, smaller-brimmed

YORK, Eng. — An ad for free permanents brought over 100 applicants to a beauticians school here. Many turned away when they found they would also have to be models for shampoos, tintings, and trimmings.

MOOREHEAD, Minn. — Air raid wardens faces turned red when "flying saucers" they reported began to quack. The "saucers" were ducks reflecting neon lights.

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**Stock Car Racing Is Sport Says Redstone Driver Kelley**

"Wild Bill" (William O.) Kelley, who became Huntsville's top stock car driver, at the inaugural stock car races here, says whirling the short, dirt tracks in souped-up stock cars is fun for the drivers as well as for the audiences.

Kelley, who is a precision electrical wiring technician in the Guided Missile Development Group's Guidance and Control Branch, has been racing only since July, 1951. The heavy-set driver got into racing by climbing into a car and enjoying a race.

In the first track event at Huntsville the Lovelady Machine Shop of Cullman, won the 24-lap main event, and also the fast cars trial heat.

Explaining the fun in driving statement, Kelley said that "most of the drivers are in it for the sport, as are most of the people who put up the cars. A lot of the sponsors, such as mine, also get advertising benefits from it."

"To make a living at driving, a fellow would have to race at five tracks a week that guaranteed at least a \$500 purse. He would have to win at least three tracks. The first money in the main event is usually about \$100," he said.

"Out of his winnings, he'll have all of his expenses to pay, as well as living costs, and maybe a split with the sponsor," Bill added.

Bill began stock car racing to provide competition to another car previously built by Lovelady. "The first three times on the track I turned over, and the fourth time I went off the track out of control."

"The first car I raced was built in such a hurry that the first time it was driven was with me in it going around the track," Bill recalled.

Despite the noise, and seemingly dilapidated appearance of the cars, Kelley says they are probably safer than your family cars, and that the drivers' chances of injury or death are lower than on the highways.

In two years of racing for the North Alabama Stock Car Association at Florence and Cullman and now Huntsville, there hasn't been an injury requiring more than a \$1.50 medical bill, Kelly says.

Last year during Memorial Day holiday, when there were so many stock car races, and when the na-



**STOCK CAR DRIVER**—Redstone Arsenal employe, William O. (Wild Bill) Kelley, is shown above with a trophy won in one of his stock car races. Kelley, recently whirled to local prominence by sweeping the events at Huntsville's inaugural stock car races.

tion's highway fatalities were so great, there wasn't a fatality on the tracks, Kelly said.

He pointed out that safety requirements eliminate many of the seemingly hazardous conditions. Cars are fueled from the inside, there aren't any outside spouts which could spew gasoline on hot engines in a possible collision.

The cars are heavily reinforced inside with "roll bars," which allow the cars to be turned over without injury to either driver or car. All of the upholstery is taken out also, cutting down on possible fuel for a crash fire.

In addition, all cars are required to have at least two-wheel hydraulic brakes, but most of them have four-wheel brakes.

Drivers, of course, are required to wear crash helmets, and must wear safety belts, Kelley said.

Bill says most of the cars have engines which have been stepped up from 100 horsepower to 130 horsepower "or better." It costs from \$800-\$900 to convert a stock car into a racer. "The engines last an average of 20 races, although my cars plant has about 60 races under its hood."

"On the highways a stock racer would be like driving a family car in second gear; the racers are all built for fast acceleration," Billy says. "In the straight-a-ways, the stocks do about 70 mph. The straights are about a block long. The tracks are about 3-8 of a mile.

The average track speed of a race, Kelley says, is about 60 mph. Kelley is an Auburn graduate.

He spent about two years in the Marines as an automatic pilot technician. He is married and has a son Bill, Jr., 19-months. "Bill isn't driving yet, though he'd like to," says his dad.

When asked what his wife thought of his driving, Bill said:

"She was like a lot of folks who thought it was pretty bad, and she didn't like it. But she finally came out and saw a couple of races, and saw there is a lot more noise than danger, and says now its okay."

**Rohm-Haas Keeps Big Lead In Redstone's Hot Twelve-Team Loop**

The Rohm and Haas softball team is still on top of the pile at the end of the second week of play with six wins to no losses, according to Special Services records. However, two other teams also had perfect records, Manufacturing, 4-0, and Thiokol, 3-0, as the week's major play ended Friday. However, both teams were slated to defend the zero in games Monday.

The field stretched out some from fourth place 9330-1 on down

as a result of the skirmishes on the arsenal's three playing fields. 9330-1 held fourth with a 5-1 tabulation, with its sister team, 9330-2, next with 2-2. 9330-2, was slated in a special make-up game Saturday with Provisional School-2.

Provisional-2 is the last team in the league's first division with a 1-2 record, barring results from Saturday, and a tilt with second place Manufacturing yesterday.

In the lower half of the league, 3523 and Post Engineer are tied

up at 1-3, each; and Post Ordnance and Provisional-1 each compiled 1-4 records. Bldg. 781 is next with 0-3, while the Officers have yet to win in four starts.

Thunder a-plenty must have been heard around the arsenal last week as batters slammed in the runs judging by the high scoring.

May 1, 9330-2 downed 3523 18-8; 9330-1 beat Post Ordnance 9-6, and Rohm and Haas hung up its final victory of the week by shutting out Post Engineer 8-0.

April 30, Rohm and Haas and 9330-1 had a fairly close battle with R-H coming out on top 10-9. Provisional-1 circussed the Officers 22-8.

April 29, Manufacturing mauled 3523 17-4; Thiokol took Bldg. 781 23-4, while Post Engineer and Post Ordnance took things easy in an 8-5 game with the Engineer tribe winning.

April 28, 9330-2 and Provisional-1 battled to a 14-12 decision for 9330-2; 9330-1 overwhelmed Provisional-2, 24-0, and Rohm and Haas sharpened its seige guns on the Officers 11-5.

A make-up game April 25, resulted in a sedate victory for Manufacturing 6-1 over the Post Ordnance crew.

Besides Saturday's make-up game and the Provisional-2 v. Manufacturing; Officers v. Thiokol, and Provisional-1 v. Bldg. 781 matches, yesterday, the coming schedule includes:

Today: 3523 v. Rohm-Haas (1); Post Ordnance v. 9330-2 (2); Post Engineer v. 9330-1 (3).

Wednesday: Provisional-1 v. Thiokol (1); Provisional-2 v. Bldg. 781 (2) Officers v. Manufacturing.

Thursday: Rohm-Haas v. Ordnance (1); 9330-1 v. 3523 (2); and 9330-2 v. Post Engineer (3).

May 21 it will Provisional 2 v. Thiokol (1); Provisional - 1 v. Manufacturing (2); and Officers v. Bldg. 781.

**City Softball Plans Are Due This Week For Both Leagues**

Scheduling for the City Softball League will be announced this week, W. E. McBride, Huntsville parks superintendent, says.

Also a meeting to be held during the early part of the week will determine the course a proposed girls' softball league will take.

Play in the men's league is expected to get under way at Big Spring Park, and Optimist Park on May 15.

Four arsenal teams from Redstone will be in the city-sponsored softball melee. They are, The Redstone Rockets; a Special Services-sponsored team, Guided Missile Development Group, and Thiokol.

Two women's teams may represent the arsenal in an expected six-team loop.

**Arsenal Keglers Sweep C'petition**

Redstone keglers swooped down on the Huntsville Bowling Association tournament last week and walked off with all of the top honors. In some divisions, it was a question of which bowlers from the arsenal would be tops.

Pfc. William Jones, 3523 ASU and MP detachment member, bowled 712 in the handicap tournament to walk off with individual honors.

Maj. John Tallman, who led the alley-men the first day, finished third with 672. Jones also was high man in the all-events title scrap with a total of 1,951 pins.

In the doubles, an arsenal team, composed of 1st. Lt. Ralph Bolvin and 1st Lt. William Poteat, racked up 1,233 pins to win the title. Another arsenal team, Capt. Charles Monyak and Maj. Tallman, were fourth with 1,167.

The Redstone Independents, an arsenal civilian team, rolled to a 2,933 pin first in the team title kegling. The Independents were also league winners in the Major bowling league.

Members of the Independents include E. W. Ertl, Purchasing and Contracting; P. K. Schaeppi, A I Muller, Hugh Camp, all of National Procurement Division; Joe Johnson, Guidance and Control, GMD Group and Mike Anzek, a non-arsenal employe.

Jones 712 record is the first 700 score on Huntsville alleys.

**Georgia Tech Grads Will Organize Alumni Chapter**

A campaign is now under way to organize a local chapter of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association according to a report yesterday by E.S. Moshkoff of the Engineering Group, Technical & Engineering Division.

Moshkoff is going ahead with plans to contact Georgia Tech graduates to determine if there are a sufficient number at Redstone and this part of North Alabama to organize such a group. If such is the case, a definite meeting date will be picked to invite alumni association officials here from Atlanta to organize the chapter.

Interested Georgia Tech graduates can contact Moshkoff at Redstone Arsenal Exten. 5515, or see him in Bldg. 781. He has no home phone and lives at 921 Ridgeway St. in the housing development near Gate 11.

**Churchmen Upsets Volleyball League**

The Cumberland Presbyterian volleyball team is continuing its surprise sweep through the YMCA summer league, and was, late last week, up to second place after a season start of four straight losses.

The church team added to its two previous victories with wins over the arsenal's Missilemen, April 28, 15-4, 15-9; and on May 1, over the Ramblers, 15-10, 15-11.

Earlier in the season the church team showed promise of stellar competition by either winning or making a stiff contest out of the first games in a series. Inexperience usually handicapped them in the final and winning games of the series.

Redstone's 3523 team, still holds its lead in the league with a 6-1 win-loss record.

The soldiers Tuesday night took the Ramblers 15-13, 15-11. They were also scheduled to meet the missilemen Friday night.

The third place Missilemen team, assisted in the dropping back of the Ramblers, April 25, with a 15-8, 15-9 win.

Games scheduled for this week included:

Monday night, Cumberland v. 35-23; Missilemen v. Ramblers on Tuesday; Thursday, Cumberland v. Missilemen, and Friday, Ramblers v. 3523.

**API Alumn To Hear Jordan See Film At May 8 Meet**

Madison County's Auburn alumni will hold a reorganizational meeting May 8, 7:30 p. m. in the courtroom of the Madison County Courthouse.

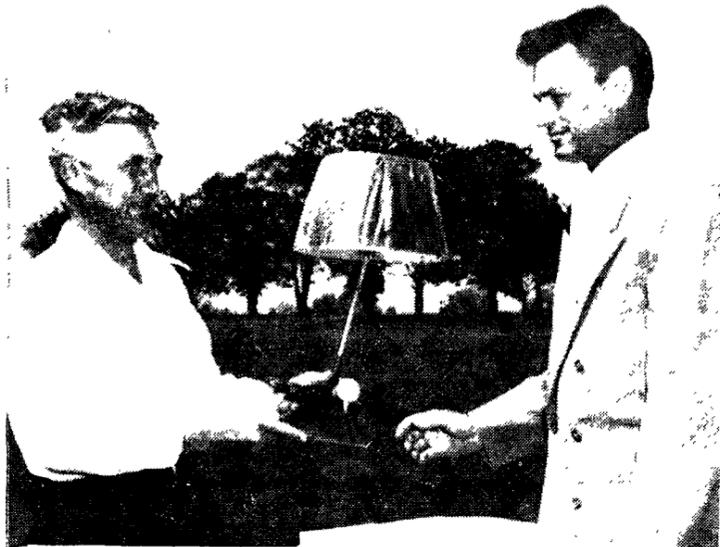
On hand for the meeting will be Ralph "Shug" Jordan, API football coach; Jeff Bear, athletic director, and Joe Sarber, Auburn alumni secretary.

In addition to talks from Jordan, Sarber, and Beard, the county's former War Eagles will elect new officers, and see a film of the 1951 Auburn-Tulane tilt which ended with a 21-0 score for Auburn.

All former students of Auburn are urged to attend the meeting.

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**RECEIVES UNIQUE LAMP**—George D. Reed, Post Ordnance supply requirement officer, 1930 Thornton Cir., Huntsville receives a unique lamp for his second place shooting in the first Weathervane tournament at Huntsville. Bob Ford, club pro, presents the trophy. Reed's score was only one shot below the turney winner, Redstone soldier, Pfc. Carl Winkler. (U. S. Army Photograph by Sgt. Dick Coddington.)

## Redstone Golfers Are Tops In Local Weathervane Match

Two golfers from Redstone Arsenal topped a field of 70 contestants to take first and second place in the first Weathervane tournament held in Alabama on April 25 at the Huntsville Golf and Country Club.

The tournament winner was youthful Pfc. Carl Winkler, electrical engineer in the Research Section of the Guidance and Control Branch, GMDG. Winkler shot a net 62 in the "blind bogey" tournament under the Calloway system of scoring.

In second place with only one point separating them was George D. Reed, supply requirement officer at Post Ordnance, who lives at 1930 Thornton Cir., Huntsville. Reed has played golf for the past two years, but had never entered a tournament before.

Another arsenalite, Cpl. Herbert P. Valker, Jr., mathematician in the Computation Laboratory Section, GMDG, finished in the sixth spot with a net 67.

Because of the number of golfers participating, scoring wasn't completed until the following day and Winkler's notification that he was the top tourney golfer came as a complete surprise.

"I thought they were kidding at first when they told me," Winkler commented yesterday. Winkler's winning of the trophy marked the first time he has had a golf club in his hand in more than a year.

He was introduced to golf as a senior at the University of New Hampshire and was a regular player in 1950 at the Derryfield Country Club at Manchester, N. H.

The one-day tournament, the first held in Alabama, was one of more than 500 scheduled throughout the country for the United Cerebral Palsy campaign. Sponsored by Al-



**IT'S WINNING PUTT**—Pfc. Carl Winkler, victor in the first Weathervane golf tournament in Alabama, demonstrates his ability with a putter on one of the greens at the Huntsville Golf and County Club, Huntsville, Ala. The young soldier, stationed at Redstone Arsenal, key Ordnance Corps rocket and guided missile center near Huntsville, topped a field of 70 other contestants with a net score of 62 under the Calloway system of scoring. (U. S. Army Photograph by Dick Coddington.)

vin Handmacher, the tournaments are held to raise funds to carry on the fight against the disease. All entry fees were turned over to the fund and \$214 was raised locally.

The tournament victor was presented with a sterling silver trophy, a replica of the famed Weathervane cup, by William H. Johnston, country club president. Reed received a lamp designed to delight the heart of any golfer. It was fashioned from a driver and a ball and tee was fastened to the lamp base next to the driver. It was donated by Bob Ford, club pro.

For sixth place, Cpl. Valker was presented with a green sport shirt contributed by Dunnavant's.

Despite the fact that the local tournament was on a handicap, medal play basis, all three of the winning arsenal contestants are seeking new golf worlds to conquer, for they were champions for a day.

John Caldwell, San Pedro, Calif., will sail for Australia in a 36-foot ketch. In 1946 he sailed from Panama to Australia in a 29-foot boat to pick up his war bride. The second trip will include his wife and their two small sons.

## Mechanical Branch Engineers "Build" Super-Secret Car

By JEAN WALKER  
Engineering Group

Fans who've had to go to other cities for stock car races are glad to see the races start in Huntsville. Particularly glad, seem to be a number of people in the Engineering Group's Mechanical Branch.

After a recent race we noticed E. C. Roberts, chief of the Mech. Branch down in the pits inspecting the engines of the racers. We now understand this unusual interest goes deeper than a mere hobby of building racers.

Information has leaked out that Mech. Branch personnel are using their spare time on a super hush-hush project. Roberts is reputedly the designer.

The project seems to be the development of a rocket propelled race car with twin jets. The specifications, as well as we are able to learn, are as follows:

The name of the car will be "The Mamie F. Special."

This car is to have a radio aerial, designed by Gene Crump. The purpose of this aerial is not clearly understood but it is not believed to be for remote guidance since Billy Jones is assigned as driver.

Developed by Frederick Feld, the fuel is to be a special low flame temperature and which has something to do with baking soda and vinegar.

The fuel tank, designed by J.S. Kernachan, is a special lightweight aluminum type, that looks to us like a beer barrel.

Charles W. Sandlin is figuring the low center of gravity, but the first figures submitted are being rechecked because it came out three inches below the road level.

The car is to have beauty as well as mechanical perfection. Pat Hopper and Rita Garfinkel are working on the color scheme and the car emblem.

The one defect yet to be overcome is that it takes Carl Jones and the rest of the Mechanical Branch as pushers to push this car up to its starting speed of 30 m.p.h.

Ocie Waites estimates that the speed of the car so fast that it can only be run on the track in Indianapolis.

**PROVIDENCE**—A motorist was arrested for speeding for trying to make up an hour lost to daylight saving time.

**RESTONE ARSENAL** — Scientists at 7 a.m. May 1, reported sleep occurs only among animals with a fairly highly developed central nervous system.

## Initial Diamond Tilts Ends In 13-4 Defeat

An inexperienced Redstone baseball team received its baptism in night playing Thursday night when the Huntsville Manufacturing Co. nine trounced them 13-4.

Pfc. Eric Gotthilf, manager of the soldier team says, "The potential is there, and we'll win some good games. Our inexperience under the lights caused us to lose some important fly balls."

Gotthilf said the team also used the practice game to switch its men around in various positions to see how they performed.

Allen Holtzman and Sgt. Hunt took care of the mound duties during the six inning game. Holtzman pitched four innings, and Hunt finished the game.

Top hitting for the evening was turned in by Pvt. Norman Huff, center fielder and first baseman, who pounded out a triple, and by Cpl. Mike Sweeney, first baser, with a double.

Due to a late start, the team is scheduling its games as it can. The next game will be announced in The Rocket.

## K-Vet Bill Vote May Be In May

**WASHINGTON (AFPS)** — The K-Vet Bill is finally ready for approval by the House-Veterans Committee.

Congressional observers feel confident that the bill will reach the House floor for a vote before the end of May.

The bill will carry free school benefits similar in many ways to those granted WWII veterans. It is expected to cost approximately \$13 billion. The program has, however, been tightened up to prevent abuses.

The bill may also contain benefits to include loan guarantees for homes, farms and businesses, social security and possible unemployment insurance coverage. It is not known, however, whether these benefits will actually be a part of the schooling bill or be contained in later legislation.

## Stamp Club Plans Events For Summer And Fall

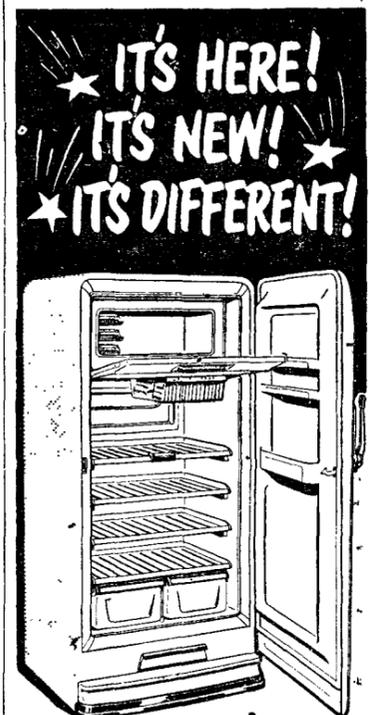
Russel Barber, YMCA secretary, said Friday, that persons interest-

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ed in stamp collecting are invited to join with a newly formed philately club at the Y.

The club is now seeking national affiliations to gain access to information concerning new stamps coming out. Plans are also in the making for a stamp show in Huntsville this Fall.

Persons interested may contact Barber at Huntsville 66.



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### Safety Award

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### Column Capsules

(Continued from page 1)

The seventh anniversary of VE Day.

On May 9, 1926 Byrd flew over the North Pole; May 10, 1869, the Atlantic and Pacific were linked by railroad, and on May 10 begins National Defense Week.

Sunday is Mother's Day.

Monday is National Hospital Day,

which might have some connection with Children's Aid Society Week, beginning then, and or Irish Linen Week and National Cotton Week, which also begin Monday.

### MPs Investigate

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ed in good condition.

The accident occurred about 4:30 a. m. when the four soldiers traveling in a 1949-two-door Ford sedan collided with a one and one-half ton Ford truck driven by Jack Gann, Jr., Boca Raton, Fla. At the time of the collision the soldiers' car was headed south and the truck north.

Provost Marshal authorities said the left front and side of both vehicles were damaged completely. Both the car and truck skidded after the impact and glanced off to the sides of the road. There were no accident witnesses except those involved.

The truck driver was enroute to Humboldt, Ind., and the four soldiers were on 15-day leave from Camp Atterbury headed to their respective homes. All were members of the 167th Infantry Regiment of the 31st Dixie Division.

The injured soldiers were brought to the Redstone infirmary by a Laughlin-Service funeral home ambulance and the traffic victim was taken to the Spry Funeral home. Meantime, an investigation of the wreck is continuing by arsenal provost marshal authorities.

### Post Headquarters

By MONA KING

If it seems unusually quiet at Headquarters lately, it is due to the absence of some of the Military personnel. Among the ranks of the missing is M-Sgt. Gilbert H. Appler who is in the hospital at Ft. McClellan for medical observation.



But according to his friend Sgt. Michael Carter, Appler is not seriously ill, or at least he was not too sick to come home payday.

In case you've missed something out of the S-2 Office, it is Sgt. Styles. He is off on a five-day leave looking over the great Southwest - more specifically El Paso. (We now bow our heads in reverence). By now, he is probably down in Juarez, Mexico, promoting the good neighbor policy.

Remember M-Sgt. Maurice Terry of Mail and Records? He was in the cafeteria the other day in civilian clothes. He was on leave before going to Camp Stoneman Calif. After that, he will embark for the Far East.

There is something very peculiar about the Army Audit Agency. They move around more than anyone. A few weeks ago, they moved in with the Legal Section and the other day, Legal moved out.

Art Stambaugh gave as the rea-

## Engineering Group

By JEAN WALKER

Happy birthday Helen Blanton, A. W. Camp, Albert W. Hooper, and Douglas Farney.



Does anyone know of a Ford dealer who needs a good salesman? Ford himself, Ralph Oden in Design Standardization preaches what he practices. All of us have listened to his sales talk

and as yet not all of us have been convinced but given time Oden will probably have us all driving Fords. Some people don't believe in signs but apparently C. H. Dyess, in Electronics Branch does. Over his desk are two signs, appropriately illustrated.

One that is especially clever is an example of a fellow that never gets anywhere unless he sticks his neck out and is illustrated by a turtle. If this turtle is a sample, we commend you as an artist, Dyess.

Everyone in Specs and Standards Branch looks to Pat Connor for the latest hair styles, and Pat certainly didn't let them down when she came in the other morning with her blond tresses dyed red. Pat, we think the red hair becomes you.

The wife of Albert W. Hooper, Design Standardization Branch is ill in Colbert County Hospital. We certainly hope that Mrs. Hooper is well and back home again soon.

Our sympathy to Howard F. Thames, whose father died recently. Mr. Thames was well-known throughout Alabama.

During our recent invasion of termites in Bldg. 781, Engineering Records was not bothered but now they have little black gnats in the upstairs offices. They declare that these are worse than our termites because they bite. After spraying, these were gone too though and we are now waiting to see what else will happen.

son for the exodus, "They wouldn't pay their rent." Mrs. Johnnie Hamilton of Legal says, "And to think we took you in when no one else would have you". It is all in fun though and the real reason for such moving is more space.

A weiner roast is a sure test of stamina, for nowhere else will a person eat so much burnt food. If you've ever seen a cement mixer, then you know how people eat on such occasions.

On April 18, the Management improvement Branch went on such an outing. The first people there were Mr. and Mrs. Shank and their two children. They had driven up from Birmingham to join in the fun.

Surprise of the evening was the arrival of Cpl. James Johnson, who was thought to be on his way to Japan or Korea.

A few days earlier, Jim was off on a three-day pass, blissfully unaware that he had orders for Fecom. waiting for him at the arsenal. After he returned to the barracks and read them, he came to the office, cleaned out his desk and said goodbye. Naturally, we assumed that he was on his way. Then he showed up at the weiner roast to inform us that his orders had been cancelled. Except for a case of nerves Jim is okay now.

At ye olde weinie roast, Myron Uherka, MI chief, displayed his culinary arts by grilling hotdogs for the group. He did quite well. Of course a few weiners were black and had ashes clinging to them - otherwise they were good.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lutz, Budget and Fiscal, did not even stop eating to watch the attempts at square dancing by some of the energetic crowd.

Two MI newcomers who did not arrive in time for the outing were Mrs. Emmy Lou Runyan and Mr. Paul W. McClung.

Modern girls prefer to be well-formed rather than well-informed.

### Re-Up Bonus Returnable If Hitch Is Not Served

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — Enlisted personnel of all Services who for certain reasons do not complete the full term of their reenlistment will have to refund a pro rata portion of their reenlistment bonus.

According to a new Defense Department directive to be implemented by the Services, the policy is retroactive to Oct. 26, 1951. Refunds will be based only on the number of whole years that are not completed.

The refunds will affect those who either voluntary or by their own misconduct do not discharge the full obligation for which the bonus was paid.

### "African Queen" Wins Four Academy Award Nominations

The widely-heralded "The African Queen," produced in Africa and starring Humphrey Bogart and Katherine Hepburn, won four Academy Award nominations—for best actor of the year, best actress, best director and best screenplay.

It is interesting to note how the two stars, Bogart and Hepburn, the director, John Huston, and the screenplay won these nominations.

To qualify for the awards the movie had to be shown for at least one week in 1951. Producer Eagle had the print rushed from England to Hollywood, getting it there the very week of the year—but still eligible.

A second print was needed, in case anything unforeseen occurred to disturb the running of the film. As nobody was available at this strategic moment to take the second print from New York to Hollywood, it was finally entrusted to the wife of Danny Kaye. She delivered it to the proper theater just in the nick of time.

For his work in the picture, Humphrey Bogart was awarded the Academy Award "Oscar" for the best actor of 1951. "The African Queen" is showing today through Wednesday at the Lyric theater.

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