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## Capt. Simpson Takes Over Redstone's Chaplain Duties

Capt. John E. Simpson, recently arrived from Korea, is now fulfilling duties as chaplain at Redstone Arsenal. He succeeds Rev. L. A. Williams, Budget and fiscal, who has been acting chaplain since the departure of Capt. W. H. Green for Korea.

Capt. Simpson is a native of Hardwick, Ga. He was formerly pastor at the McIntyre, Ga. Baptist church and at the Gordon, Ga. Baptist Church.

The new chaplain first entered service in June, 1942 as an infantry officer. He was assigned to the amphibious engineers, but within a month received a commission in the Corps of Chaplains.

He served in France, Belgium, Holland, and Berlin with the Second Armored Division. He holds the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in Europe.

Capt. Simpson separated from service in November, 1946, and took up pastor's duties at McIntyre. He re-entered service in May, 1948. He has just completed an 18 1/2 month tour in Korea with the 62nd Engineer Construction Battalion.

The captain received his bachelor of arts at Mercer University, Macon, Ga., in 1939. He is also a graduate of the Georgia Military College, Milledgeville, Ga. Following graduation from Mercer, the chaplain filled the Baptist pulpit at Gordon until called unto service.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Simpson, Hardwick, Ga., and is married to the former Miss Frances E. Hollis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hollis, Hardwick. Capt. and Mrs. Simpson have two daughters, Martha, 11, and Frances Maxine, 9. The Simpsons reside in Quarters 158-F at the arsenal.



**NEW CHAPLAIN—Capt. John E. Simpson, former Baptist pastor at Gordon and McIntyre, Ga., is assuming duties as chaplain at Redstone Arsenal. Before coming to Redstone Capt. Simpson had been assigned to duty in Korea for 18 1/2 months. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Simpson, Hardwick, Ga. (U. S. Army Photograph.)**

## RFCU First Week Brings Nice Gains

**Arsenalites Are Urged To Use Credit Union Savings Feature More**

Arsenalites are joining in the drive to boost the Redstone Federal Credit Union, according to Thurman Smith, treasurer.

In the first week of the drive about 50 new members have made application for membership, Smith said. In addition, the credit union has taken in about \$4,500 in the first week of the drive.

**Half Is New**

"About half of this is in the (Continued On Page 2)

## Appointments Necessary For Military Dependents

The increasing numbers of dependents of military personnel is requiring U.S. Infirmary personnel to make appointments for medical treatment in advance.

Dependents of military personnel desiring appointments at the U.S. A. Infirmary must call Exten. 3-21-57 before hand, Capt. T. C. McOsker, Post Surgeon says. Appointments at the U.S.A. Dispensary can be made by calling Exten. 5435.

Capt. McOsker said that all appointments, including emergencies where possible, should be made in advance.

## RSA Payday Is No Heyday For Payroll's Hardworkers

No matter how much arsenal employes may enjoy working in their jobs, the pay checks which come out on those Fridays every two weeks are probably one of the most fascinating features.

For each individual employe, the "mileage" towards receiving the 'long green' begins after Civilian Personnel orients a new employe, and then notifies Payroll by documents that the employe is ready to go to work.

**Work Divided**

The Payroll Section is set up in four different groups to handle their work. This includes a time keeping unit, a machine unit, leave section, and payroll and control section.

Payroll immediately sets up records on the employe in which are recorded: Regular salary, overtime, deductions for federal tax, retirement, war bonds, social security, and miscellaneous items, and net pay.

**Records To St. Louis**

This record is kept in Payroll for one year, then forwarded to St.

Louis for records storage. Any inquiry about a record after that time must be made by Payroll from the St. Louis office where photostatic copies can be supplied. The supervisor explained that these materials sent to St. Louis must be in specially designed containers.

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## Guests Invited

Personnel are reminded they may bring their families and friends to Redstone, Saturday at 9:30 a. m. to witness the first full re-view arsenal military units will stage in honor of Brig. Gen. Thomas K. Vincent.

Military police will be stationed on the arsenal to direct visitors to the parade area near Post Headquarters.

Gen. Vincent is the first general officer to command the arsenal. He took command June 16.

## Two Checks In For Accepted Efficiency Ideas

Two more Efficiency Awards, totalling \$43.50 will be made this week at Redstone Arsenal.

One, a \$25 award, will go to Burch D. Bagwell, now a millwright foreman in the Technical and Engineering Division, as an additional award ordered by Washington, for a suggestion made at the Alabama Ordnance Works, Sylacauga.

The second, an \$18.25 award, will go to E. C. Wallace, maintenance mechanic, Manufacturing Division, for a device that is saving the arsenal \$750 a year in removing container tops from ammunition containers.

Thomas V. Cornell, explosives operator, general foreman, Manufacturing Division, will also be cited for the container top suggestion.

**Third Award**

Bagwell's award, will be his third received since his employment at Redstone. In February, Bagwell while working in the Special Vehicle Project, received a \$186 award for a trailer hitch invention.

Earlier he received a \$10.43 award forwarded from Sylacauga.

The \$25 check was ordered by the Ordnance Committee on Suggestion Awards, Washington, as additional payment for a suggestion made by Bagwell while at Sylacauga. At the Alabama Ordnance Works he received a \$10 award for suggesting the installation of pressure grease fittings on jeep-truck clutch release cross-shafts.

**Made Standard**

The suggestion was circulated throughout the Ordnance Corps as standard operating procedure through a technical order. For this the Washington committee ordered the second check.

Wallace and Cornell collaborated on the designing of a jig with a hinged gate used in removing the tops from fibre ammunition containers.

The Efficiency Award committee, however, ruled that such a development, was for Cornell, a part of his job as outlined in his job description. He will, however, receive a letter of commendation for his assistance in developing the savings device.

## Explanation, Status Given Of "Proposed" Leave Law

By H. B. CARPENTER

The Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1953, is under consideration by the Senate Appropriations Committee, after passage by the House of Representatives on March 21.



**MATERIALS SPEAKER — Dr. W. H. Steurer, chief of the Materials Test Lab, GMDG, will describe problems of testing materials for rockets and guided missile use, in a talk, July 8, 7:30 p.m. before the American Rocket Society, Alabama Section, at the Huntsville Electric System auditorium. (U. S. Army Photograph.)**

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## Missile Materials Is Talk Subject

**Steurer Speaks July 8 To Local Rocket Meet At Electric Auditorium**

Dr. W. H. Steurer, chief of the Materials Test Lab, Guided Missile Development Group, will talk on "Materials in the Development of Rockets and Guided Missiles," at the American Rocket Society, Alabama section meeting, July 8, at 7:30 p. m.

The meeting will be held in the air-conditioned auditorium of the Huntsville Electric System. Vice-president Hans Hueter, says the public is cordially invited to attend the meetings.

Dr. Steurer, who held a position comparable to his present assignment (Continued On Page 11)

Section 401 of this bill, commonly referred to as the "Thomas Amendment," has a direct effect upon all Federal employes who are under the Annual and Sick Leave Act of 1951.

**Concern Expressed**

Many arsenal employes have heard of this amendment and have expressed concern over its immediate effect on their leave privileges. To the best of our ability at the moment this column will attempt to answer that question.

Section 401 which is the "Thomas Amendment" reads as follows:

**Provisions Given**

"Hereafter no part of the funds of, or available for expenditure by any corporation or agency included in this or any other Act, including the government of the District of Columbia, shall be available to pay for annual leave accumulated by any civilian officer or employe during any calendar year and unused at the close of business on June 30 of the succeeding calendar year:

Provided that the head of any such corporation or agency shall afford an opportunity for officers or employes to use the annual leave accumulated under this section prior to June 30 of such succeeding calendar year:

**More Points**

Provided further, that this section shall not apply to officers and employes whose post of duty is outside the continental United States:

Provided further, that this section shall not apply with respect to the payment of compensation or accumulated annual leave in the case of officers or employes who leave their civilian positions for the purpose of entering upon active Armed Forces of the United States."

The limitations contained in this amendment are basically the same as those which were enacted by Congress in 1950 and 1951 and later repealed by the Annual and Sick leave Act of 1951.

**Difference Given**

The main difference is that the "Thomas Amendment" would make permanent the limitation that annual leave accumulation could not be carried beyond June 30 of the calendar year following that in which it was earned.

The two main questions which (Continued On Page 2)

## Electronics Expert To Talk At IRE Meeting On July 10

An electronic device that threatens to start a major revolution in the radio and electronics field, the transistor, will be discussed July 10 at the second meeting of the Huntsville Sub-section of the Institute of Radio Engineers.

A. E. Anderson, Bell Telephone

Laboratories, Murray Hill, N. J., will discuss and demonstrate the transistor.

Mr. Anderson's topic will be, "Transistors In Pulse Circuits."

The "gadget," which in appearance looks like a three-legged wire spider, performs the functions of the conventional vacuum tubes used in radios, television, and other electronic fields. Several electronic manufactures are now experimenting with them.

The IRE was organized in May. It now has about 75 members. The talk by Anderson, is the first of a series of lectures by expert speakers on subjects of interest to the radio engineering field.

The group is now awaiting the results of its petition for national recognition, and for membership rights within a 60-mile radius of Huntsville.

S. L. Johnston, is temporary chairman of the new unit. Persons interested in membership may contact him at Redstone Exten. 5525, or Huntsville 4565-W.

## Receptionist Finds Young Voyager

"I just thought since I was nine years old on the 31st of May, that it was time for me to get a job and take care of myself."

These are the nonchalant expressions of an all-boy youth who had wandered from a Childhaven blackberry picking, near Cullman, when he was picked up on his way to Jasper, "to get a job."

The boy, Jerome Crawley, was picked up by Patricia Vance (now Mrs. Ed Sokolowski) 20 1/2 miles southwest of Cullman as she drove from Huntsville to Jasper.

**Hears Broadcast**

Pat, said,:

"When I was passing through Cullman I heard a radio broadcast telling of a boy missing from Childhaven, a Church of Christ home for the homeless;

"The announcer said the boy had disappeared about 4 p. m. the day before (June 12) from a group of children who had been blackberry picking;

"The school, the county sheriff, city police, state patrol, and a large number of other people had been searching for him all night."

Pat said,

"They gave his description as being nine, weighing 60 pounds,

black hair, hazel eyes, and so on. And to widen their efforts, the school was asking all motorists to be on the alert for him."

**Hitches Ride**

"I had passed through Cullman and was 20 1/2 miles beyond still listening to the broadcast when I saw him walking barefooted with his shoes tied to his belt. He was wearing khaki shorts and a tee shirt. And his legs were all cut up with bramble scars and skinned places," Pat said.

"I stopped and asked if he wanted a ride, and he got in. I ask- (Continued On Page 11)



**PREPARING PAYROLL RECORDS**—The girls in the Payroll Section are busy posting records so that arsenal employees will receive their pay checks on time. From left to right are Mrs. Alyne Cantrell, 604 14th W., Mrs. Imogene Lively, 1422 Brandon St., and Mrs. Laverne Sarver 110 E. Oakwood Ave., all of Hhntsville. They are the operators in the machine unit of the Payroll Section. Checks

must be ready to go out every Friday to either Wage Board hourly rated employees, or to GS employees. A total of more than 40 people work in the Payroll Section preparing the records which go to the Memphis Finance Office where the pay checks are written. (U. S. Army Photograph by Sgt. Richard Coddington.)



**TOTALS ARE CHECKED**—Miss Bonnie Rigsby (left) 1102 Pratt Ave., Huntsville, and Miss Jennie Ellett, Gurley, Ala. compare the records on payroll totals in the Payroll Section to make sure that there are no errors made. This is part of the steps taken by the four different groups making up the Payroll Section. (U. S. Army Photograph by Sgt. Richard Coddington.)

Possibly the reason that God made women last was that He didn't want any advice while creating men

**RSA Payday**  
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Two kinds of time cards come into the Payroll office, the "clock" cards from the Wage Board employees whose time is recorded by designated individuals in the divisions and sections where they work.

**Joint Board**

The hourly-rates for Wage Board employees are determined by an Army Air Force Wage Board. These rates are scaled by the boards to be in line with local

wages for such work. The boards conduct surveys to establish the hourly rates.

Salaries for GS employees, or employees under the Classification Act are set up by Congress and apply to the nation as a whole.

When the time cards reach the Payroll office, they go through a number of steps in order to assure that you will receive the correct amount of money. First it is checked for regular and over time, next for leave, then for computation of pay.

**Machine Unit**

From the hands of the computation pay clerks, the cards go to the machine unit for preparation of payroll listing and posting of individual earnings record. It must then go back to a payroll clerk for recapitulation and totals must balance with the control clerk's record. Then payroll is prepared for certification, and forwarded to the Finance Officer at the Memphis General Depot where the checks are actually written.

The Memphis Finance Office returns the checks to the arsenal Payroll Section where they are compared with the copy of the records to make certain that they are correct. Now Payroll is ready for the task of preparing the checks for distribution to divisions and sections for delivery to employees.

**Badges Keyed**

At the time a person leaves arsenal employe, his badge number is retired for the rest of the year before it is assigned to a new employe. The first 4,999 badge numbers are given Wage Board hourly rated employes, and numbers from 5,000 through 9,999 go to those who are paid under the Classification Act.

Since the checks come back here from Memphis on Wednesday or Thursday, and payday is Friday, the busiest times fall on Thursdays and Fridays when all machines are busy, and telephones are ringing.

Anticipation of receiving pay checks and actual receipt of them brings forth inquiries from employes.

**Section Head**

Henry L. Strong, 1102 Pratt Ave., Huntsville, is the supervisor of the section. He has been an arsenal employe since May, 1943, and has held his present assignment since 1944. He and Miss Kathleen Johnson, 1609 Whitesburg Dr., Huntsville, are the only two now in the section who have been there continuously since 1943.

**Unit Grows**

In 1947 when arsenal employment was at a low ebb, these two made up the entire personnel of the section. The peak on personnel was in 1945. Since that time a simplification of methods has made it possible to do the work with fewer people. When the number of arsenal personnel started increasing in 1949, more people were needed to help get out the pay checks.

**Explanation**

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have been raised are:

(1) Will this amendment require that annual leave earned in calendar year 1 and not taken before June 30 1952 be forfeited, and

(2) What happens to leave earned prior to calendar year 1951 and not used by June 30, 1952?

The Comptroller General has rendered an advisory opinion which states that:

**Opinion Given**

"If the said section be enacted into law in its present form, my interpretation would be that annual leave accumulated from years prior to the calendar year 1952 would not be effected thereby."

All employes should remember that the "Thomas Amendment" is not yet law. It has been passed by the House of Representatives. It is now under consideration by the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

If recommended by that committee it must be passed by the Senate and signed by the President.

Whether or not it will finally become law cannot be predicted at this time. However, if it does become law in its present form it appears from the advance decision of the Comptroller General that leave accumulated prior to calendar year 1952 would not be affected.

**RFCU First**

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form of deposits by our members and initial investments by new ones," Smith said. The balance of the income was in loan repayments and interest.

The treasurer also said that the RFCU had completed its second loan, one for \$10,000, and that it was being used "as fast as I can write these loan checks."

**Emergency Basis**

Smith, however, warned that loans are still being made on a "first come," first served basis, with emergency needs receiving preference.

He again, urged employes to make use of the savings features of the RFCU, and to contact the representative in their area now.

The telephone was first called a "Membrane speaking" device.

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# Post Surgeon Notes -- Problems Of The Rh Factor Have Long Troubled Doctors

By CAPT. T. C. McOSKER  
There have been numerous requests for me to discuss the RH factor. It was my belief that the subject had been covered fully by the leading magazines but evidently many people are confused by it. My explanation is going to be over-simplified. Therefore, consult your own doctor about your particular case if you have the difficulty.

For many years, baby doctors have been bothered about a fairly rare disease in which a newborn child is either born swollen, yellow, and anemic or becomes that way soon after birth.

It was known that some of these children could be saved by rapid transfusions. It was also known that it occurred only in certain families and that it almost never occurred in a first baby but tended to get worse in subsequent babies.

In the early 1940's it was discovered that the red blood cells of the children contained a material which was identical with that found in the red blood cells of a rhesus monkey. The material was labeled the RH factor after the monkey.

**Anti-RH Factor**  
It was also discovered that the fluid in which the blood cells floated — the serum — contained an anti-RH material. This Anti-RH material attacked the RH factor and destroyed the red blood cells. When the bloods of the mother and father were checked, it was found that in every case the father had the factor in his cells but the mother did not.

By following the simple and well-known laws of heredity an explanation was almost at hand. The baby inherited the factor from the father and since the mother did not have it she made an antiserum against the blood cells of her own child.

**Explanation Varies**  
The biggest "fly in the ointment" was that it was a long-standing belief of physicians that the blood of the mother and the child never mixed. However, only a little mixture was needed and careful study revealed that in many cases a little mixture did occur. It was a lovely explanation but it didn't always work.

I remember the breathless expectation that filled the obstetric floor of Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City when I was a student. A lady who was RH negative, i.e. did not have the factor, and who had a husband who was RH positive, i.e. did have the factor, was about to have a baby. We were sure it would be jaundiced and anemic.

It was with mixed emotions that we finally delivered as nice and healthy a child as one could desire. Since the lady in question had impeccable morals, there was something wrong somewhere.

Since then it has been learned that it is not as simple as we had imagined. For one thing, there are several slightly different forms of the RH factor, but it is not in the scope of this column to discuss all the diluting factors.

Fundamentally, the basic explanation will still hold but the baby is usually not affected. A big help is the fact that only about 10 per cent of the people are RH negative.

Another help is that it usually takes two or three pregnancies before the mother can build up a large amount of the anti RH factor.

**Transfusion Problem**  
However, if an RH negative person is given an RH positive blood transfusion the anti-material is quickly built up. In this case, later transfusion of RH positive blood might be destroyed as fast as it is given, or if it were a woman who

becomes pregnant with an RH positive baby, the baby can be badly affected. We will discuss later how the problem is handled by physicians today.

An error occurred in last week's copy of Capt. McOsker's feature which the Rocket unwittingly picked up and played in its headline for the column. The error gave

the impression that nervous tension and urinary system disorders "stimulate chronic appendicitis." Actually, and correctly, these two troubles "stimulate appendicitis."

**Home Loans Easier**  
WASHINGTON (AFPS) — The government has decreased down payment requirements on the purchases of homes by veterans.

The reductions announced by the Federal Reserve Board and the Housing and Home Finance Agency, range from no down payments on homes costing \$7,000 or less to a

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## Rohm & Haas

By CECIL JACKSON

Bernie Iwanciew, Kathy, and Mike have just returned from a week's vacation in Wisconsin. After that period of cold and rainy weather, Bernie declares himself a staunch Rebel. Kathy's mother returned to Huntsville with them for a short visit.



Jean Stephens of the Library and her husband recently enjoyed a camping trip on the Tennessee. Inasmuch as no mention was made of the total number caught, we shall assume the fish just were not biting.

The softball team has been taking it on the nose for the past couple of weeks. In spite of our setbacks, everyone enjoys the game as a sport and I think this means a lot. Sportsmanship should always be stressed above winning.

Dan Nevels and Don DeYoung of Accounting along with your truly bagged a total of 16 fish on a recent trip above Guntersville Dam. We still have hopes of attaining the inevitable limit of 20 before the season is over.

### Gone South

Dr. Hank Shuey and Dick Ely of Ballistics along with their families are in Mexico on their vacation. We won't be surprised if both Hank and Dick return wearing a deep tan and fancy sombreros.

Welcome to James Thornton, a new employe in the Electronics Group. James is a native of New Hope, but will soon be migrating to Redstone Park.

Ballistics proudly boasts two newcomers: Terrell Jones, a mechanical engineer from Vanderbilt, and William Pennington, Jr., a physicist from the University of Chicago.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery and return to work to Tom Anderson, who recently underwent an appendectomy at the Huntsville Hospital.

We were all very sorry to hear of the death of Elizabeth Stinnett's grandmother, and wish to express our deepest sympathy.

### Now Initiated

Imagine our surprise to see Waite Todd back a week early from his vacation. As you already know, Waite was married in Birmingham on June 7, and he and Doris have now moved into the Crestline Apartments on Monte Sano.

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gile" thing that he it, to take on a new wife and get settled in a new apartment all at the same time, so we understand that maybe he had to return to the office to prevent being overworked.

Charles Prevost and family were recently honored with a visit from their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Prevost, and his brother, Lt. John Prevost, from Silver City, N.M.

Ken Stevenson of Engineering has returned from his recent honeymoon trip. Glad to have you back and extend a welcome from all the other members of the domestic clan.

### Vacationitis

About the biggest news from Ballistics is the number of people who are taking advantage of their annual vacations to see the good old U.S.A. and other spots.

Orval Howard has just returned from visiting relatives in Texas and Charles McEwen recently spent some time with his parents in Shelby County, Ala. Bill and Emily Good are presently seeing some of the northeastern part of the country, planning to end up in Harrisburg, Pa. to visit with Bill's folks for a while.

Among the "stay-at-home" vacationers, we have Cliff Black, who, being very ambitious, spent his time working on his crops, and Norman Harberger, who was not ambitious, spent his time just being lazy, visiting Ossa-win-tha, and enjoying the company of his brother, Arnold Harberger, from John Hopkins University. Incidentally, Norman, we think you have a very nice brother.

### Funny Epistles

Dillard Broadway has been doing quite a bit of fishing and Dick Worley, another fisherman, spent his vacation doing likewise and reports some excellent catches; not revealing, of course, his favorite fishing spots. Your reporter would certainly like to discover some of these fishing spots that actually have fish that bite.

Lila and Johnny Garnett along with Charles and Ovedia Whitworth spent several hours at Guntersville trying desperately to lure some fish from the water, but their only reward was one little buffalo, which they politely walked off and left in the water.

Dan Nevels of Accounting has moved into his new home in Hilldale.

Dot Couch, the very affable red-head in Personnel, has transferred to our Rocket Development Group.

A cordial welcome to the following new employes:

Dr. Robert Walker, and Grady Lowrey of Chemistry; Juanita Black of Personnel, Eugene T. Derieux of Rocket Development, and San Stapler and Max Slate of Plant Engineering.

A couple of feuding cats were about to have a duel. "Shall we fight to the death," demanded one, "or just make it the best five lives out of nine?"

## Purchasing & Contracting

By MILLIE WILKINS

P and C welcomes the following newcomers:

Edgar F. Atkins, Jr., our new mail clerk, who replaced Mrs. Thelma Pearce who was promoted to a job in the Duplication and Assembly Sec of P and C;



Miss Susan Black, a new clerk-typist in the Delivery Order Section; Richard H. Boyd, a Birminghamian, "an ian, "an over-the road expediter";

Mrs. Lollie B. Collier, a clerk-typist in the farmal Bid Room; Mrs. Arline C. Duncan, a clerk-typist in the Duplication and Assembly;

James D. Harper, a new employe in Duplication; Harry W. Johnston, a new purchasing agent who hail's from Augusta, Ga.; Mrs. Audrey B. Melson and Mrs. Ophelia L. Walton; new clerk typist in the Contract Audit and Typing Pool;

John W. Oldham, a new employe in the Delivery Order Section; Mrs. Helen W. Renfro, clerk steno in the Negotiating Section, Mrs. Neida W. Stanley, teletype operator.

### Transfers

Miss Jo Gaskin transferred from P & C to the Provisional Redstone Ordnance School. Good luck Jo, in your new venture.

James Cleaty transferred to the Legal Branch.

### Son Visits

Sara Anderson's other pride and joy, Lt. Oscar Anderson (SN) USN, is visiting in Huntsville after a tour of duty in Cuba prior to reporting to his new duty station. Her other son, Clint, is scheduled to report to the Air Force sometime next month for duty.

Mrs. Betty Bates is resigning on or about June 25 to join her husband who is stationed at Ft. Jackson, S.C.

Wanted—Female passengers to Miami July 20 returning August 2. Contact Mrs. Hunt, Purchasing and Contracting 5505.

AUCKLAND, N. Z. — Authorities here say women in their 20's and early 30's are migrating to Britain.

## Budget & Fiscal

By Elsie Hugel

Could this be the weather we were wishing for back in January? Well, someone certainly got their wish! Anyone in doubt can drop by Budget and Fiscal, Bldg. A101.



Of course, this is the season for vacations, that is, the lucky people who can "out talk" their supervisors. Among the fast talkers this week we have the following: Mrs. Anna Bell Ricks, who is enjoying a vacation at home.

Mrs. Frances Jacks, who is spending her vacation in Daytona and Key West.

Mrs. Doris Neville, who is spending this week at Daytona Beach.

### More Vacationers

Mrs. Helen Curtis, who is visiting in New Mexico and Mexico City.

Mrs. Nora Zeman is enjoying a vacation in Angola, Ind.

Mrs. Jennie Hughes is on leave from the Payroll Section to be with her son and his family who are visiting her from Baton Rouge.

Mrs. Lula Hollingsworth visited her brother over the weekend in Eufala, Ala.

### Newcomers

We welcome into Budget and Fiscal the following newcomers:

Mrs. Margaret Womack and Mrs. Mary Biggs to Fiscal Accounting Unit and Miss Jean McGaha to Cost Accounting. Miss Jean Sparks has rejoined the Payroll Section. Jean resigned last fall to return to the University of Alabama.

Reynold Evans has transferred from commercial Accounts to National Procurement.

nal Procurement.

A. J. Mead has transferred from the Budget Section to Camp Gordon, Ga.

Erskine Cantrell has transferred to Cost Accounting from the Payroll Section.

One of our clerk-typist, Miss Rava Nell Singleton, has been staring into space with a dreamy look in her eye. Someone please tell her this isn't spring, even if her boy friend is home on leave from the Army.

### NO K-VET BONUS

WASHINGTON, (AFPS) — The House Armed Services committee has ruled out action immediately on a combat bonus for servicemen fighting in Korea.

The committee completed its work prior to a summer vacation by approving a military construction bill and a bill to continue \$100-a-month bonuses for doctors and dentists who voluntarily entered the armed forces.

SAN DIEGO — A family 40 miles from the hospital kept tabs on the son by carrier pigeon.

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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 refreshing 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

## (Continued from last week) Manpower Quality

Opening records in war industries show the labor available in the Huntsville area to be of a high level of intelligence, adaptable to the handling of complicated machinery and processes. Knowledge and experience gained in war industries now is available to modern peace time industry.

Twenty-six civic service, study and fraternal organizations flourish in Huntsville. These include Rotary, Kiwanis, Acme, Lions, Exchange, Civitan, Salesmen's, Optimist, Y's Men, Pilots, Business and Professional Women's Club Grace, Newcomers, Qui Vi, Music Study, Music Appreciation, Altrusa, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American War Veterans, American Legion, Masons, Elks, Eagles, Moose, Woodmen of the World and Fraternal Order of Police.

## Tourist Accommodations

Huntsville has three hotels, five motor courts and two trailer courts providing a total of more than 500 rooms. The city is host to many conventions and thousands of tourists each year.

It is wise to mention again that Huntsville is the oldest English-settled town in Alabama and was

the site of the first state constitutional convention which resulted in Alabama's admission to the Union on Dec. 14, 1819. Huntsville had the first national bank, the first newspaper, first public library, first textile mill and is the home of four Alabama governors and eight United States Senators.

## Land Use

In mentioning agricultural pursuits in this area, Madison County is roughly 60 percent in farms and more than 30 percent woodlands. The remainder is urban and industrial lands, government and arsenal property, lands used for recreation and water covered areas.

Tillable lands are largely composed of fertile Decatur clay loam, a rich soil which responds with amazing rapidity to proper treatment, even though it has been in use for a century.

Madison County is one of the leading farm areas of the southeast. Green grazing 12 months in the year is largely responsible for a fast growing livestock industry.

Rural people are active supporters of the 2,000 4-H boys and girls, three vocational agriculture departments, 20 home demonstration club groups, county farm bureau, and other rural organizations devoted

to building a more wholesome farm life.

Madison County leads the state in corn and cotton production. Water cress and nursery products accomplish wonderful results.

## Farm Picture

More than 3,000 farm tractors, with a wide variety of other automatic mechanical equipment, teamed with modern farming methods, relative smooth red lands, a moderate climate, and ample rainfall, are all factors which combine to give the county an annual farm income of more than \$20,000,000.00.

Huntsville is the southern headquarters for the Pfister Associated Hybrid Corn Growers. The average annual sunshine is 2,600 hours, or more than seven hours a day. Rain-

fall averages about 51.76 inches per year, sufficient for successful farming and not enough to spoil the climate. Mean relative humidity is only 69 percent.

With an average growing season of about 200 days per year, the Huntsville and Madison County area is admirably suited to diversified agricultural pursuits.

## Industrial Picture

To return to the industrial picture in the Madison County-Huntsville area, we can list the names of at least 30 industrial plants located in the area, giving employment to approximately 7,000 persons.

These include the Lincoln Mills of Alabama, manufacturers of cotton (Continued on page 6)

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### Legendary Background

Ancient legend has it that upon entrance to either the Naval or Military Academy the plebe begins practicing throwing his hat high into the air and retrieving it with accuracy. This he does for four years, throwing it higher and higher as he progresses toward graduation.

### Good Retrievers

If he cannot master the deft art, special tutors are called in to prep him for the big moment. Thus, by the time he is ready to graduate he is an expert thrower and retriever. No height is too high. He can throw and retrieve with the best of them.

### Aha! The Truth!

But ancient legends sometimes exaggerate.

The truth is that the middle or cadet flings his hat into the air with reckless abandon. He throws it away. He doesn't need it any more.

Instead he stands aside and lets the undergraduates or visitors scramble for them. It is considered his last act of college frivolity before he shoulders the burdens of the world.

## New Bill Would Restore 'Constitution,' Scrap Relics

Washington (AFPS)—The Department of Defense has proposed legislation that will provide for the restoration of the USS Constitution and the scrapping of the USS Constellation, USS Hartford, USS Olympic, and USS Oregon. All the ships are historic relics of past naval engagements.

Under the legislation, the Navy would be authorized to dispose of the ships by sale or scrapping. The "Old Ironsides" during the War of 1812, is now exhibited at the Boston Naval Shipyard.

## Drug Has New Power

CHICAGO, The American Medical Association recently saw a new "wonder" penicillin, developed in Denmark, that promises a better attack on pneumonia, bronchitis, inflammations, and other diseases.

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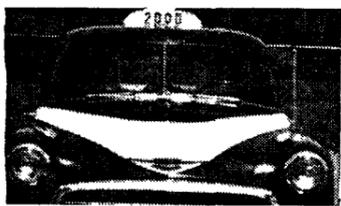
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### Rich History

Huntsville has a rich historic background, but does not live in the past. It is proud of its history, dating back to 1804, when John Hunt came down from Tennessee to "Old Madison County," then a part of the Mississippi Territory, seeking a site on which to build a home.

### Wild Country

It was wild country then, the center of the great Indian territory, but the hardy pioneers who braved the warlike Cherokees have left their stamp on the character of Huntsville's population today. Its people are characterized with a rugged stoicism, honesty and stability which lends an air of solidity and stability to the community.

(Continued next week)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A 34-year old man died in a head-on auto collision within an hour after being released under bond on a reckless driving charge.

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In the receiving line were Gen. and Mrs. Vincent, Col. and Mrs. Holger N. Toftoy, and Col. and Mrs. Henry C. Thayer, Lt. Shepard B. Newell introduced the guests as they approached the receiving line. A bouquet of mixed flowers decorated the table flanked by the general's flag and the American flag.

A committee selected from the Officers Wives Club assisted in serving punch and hors d'oeuvres to the more than 400 guests who called during the reception. The guest included all officers assigned to the arsenal, key civilian personnel, and outstanding Huntsville citizens.

The Wives Club members assisting were:

Mrs. Seward Mott, Mrs. Robert Aguais, Mrs. Archibald Dean, Mrs. Woodrow Crum, Mrs. Thomas C. McOsker, Mrs. James M. Long, Mrs. Charles E. Barrett, and Mrs. Clinton A. Waggoner. This committee was appointed by Mrs. Benjamin D. Beach.

## Miss McMurtrie Is Wed To Alton Eugene Hovis

Miss Bertie Mae McMurtrie, employe in Payroll, became the bride of Alton Eugene Hovis during a double ring ceremony June 7 performed by the Rev. Eugene Steelman at his home in Harvest.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McMurtrie of Harvest, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hovis, also of Harvest.

Mrs. Hovis wore a navy blue dress with ice blue accessories and a corsage of carnations. Her sister, Miss Marie McMurtire, attended her as bridesmaid. She wore yellow linen with navy accessories and a blue carnation corsage.

William McMurtrie, brother of the bride, served Mr. Hovis as best man.

Mr. Hovis is employed by Meadow Gold Dairies. They are residing in Harvest.

OAKRIDGE, N. J. — A fierce looking, but reputedly tame brown bear escaped from his cage, and could not be intimidated to return by police or frightened residents. Only his master could get him to return peaceably, and then only with a command in German. The bear didn't understand English.



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**EMPLOYEE IS WED**—Mrs. Edward Cantrell, the former Miss Alyne Martin, was married June 7 in Fayetteville, Tenn. She is the daughter of Mrs. Laura McDonald of Huntsville, and is employed in the Payroll Section. Mr. Cantrell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cantrell of Huntsville. They are residing at 604 14th St. W., Huntsville.

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## Payroll Employe Weds In Ceremony On June 7

A Payroll employe, Miss Alyne Martin and Edward Cantrell were married during a double ring ceremony June 7 at the First Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville, Tenn. The Rev. L. K. Foster read the vows.

Mrs. Cantrell is the daughter of Mrs. Laura McDonald of Huntsville, and Mr. Cantrell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cantrell of Huntsville.

The bride wore a light blue suit with white accessories and a corsage of white carnations. Mrs. L. K. Foster was her only attendant.

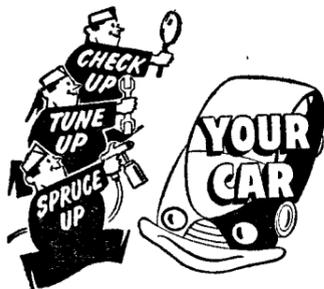
The bridegroom was graduated this month from Peabody College in Nashville. He will be on the teaching staff at Riverton School, Huntsville, this Fall.

The Cantrells are residing at 604 14th St. W., Huntsville.

Mrs. D. S. Hinesley of Corsicana, Tex. is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Capt. and Mrs. Joseph D. Hinesley, 613 Tunlaw Rd., Huntsville, for a two weeks vacation.

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## Heirs And Heiresses

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hamilton, Restone Park, are the parents of a son born June 14.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Roper, 905 Cypress Ave., Huntsville, are the parents of a daughter born June 14.

Both Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Roper are employes in the Development Fabrication Branch of the Guided Missile Development Group.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Burton Stroupe, E. Longwood Dr., Huntsville, are the parents of a son born June 17 at the Huntsville Hospital. The baby weighed six pounds and 14 ounces. He has been named John Burton. Mrs. Stroupe is an employe in the executive office.

Miss Betty Lay of Cold Springs, Ala. became the bride of Max Nesmith during a ceremony June 7 in Cold Springs, Ala. The Rev. Carter, Baptist Minister, read the vows. Mr. Nesmith is an employe in the Guided Missile Development Group. The Nesmiths are residing in Arab.

DETROIT— Acting mayor Louis C. Mikiani's car was stolen as he told a meeting, "crime is on the downgrade in the Motor City."



Mrs. Hansmeier

## 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.

## Personals

Miss Patricia Ruth Dalton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Arthur Dalton, Doniphan, Mo. and Cpl. Amos Barnes, 9330 TSU, son of Mr.

and Mrs. Sam Barnes of Doniphan, were married June 15 at the First Baptist Church in Doniphan. They are residing in Huntsville. Cpl. Barnes is assigned to the Propellant Feeding Section of the Guided Missile Development Group.

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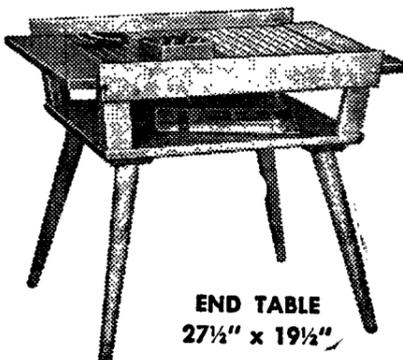
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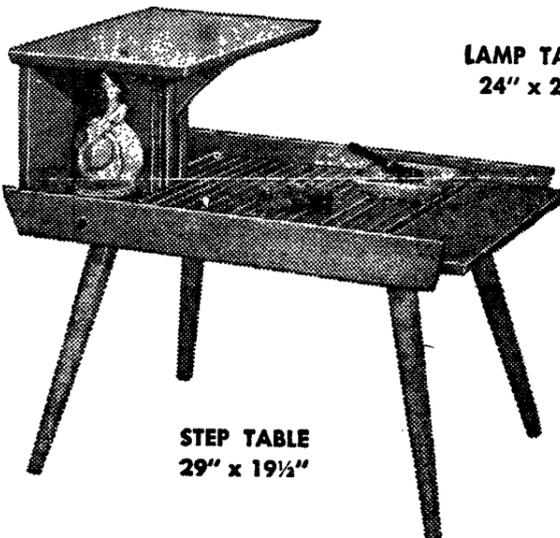
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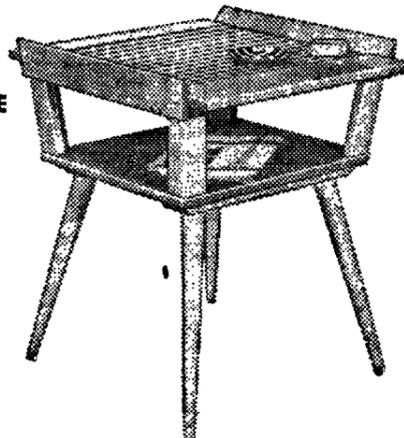
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### DESIGN BRANCH

By Wilma Kmetko

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cathey and boys enjoyed a short fishing trip to the mountains of western North Carolina. No fish were caught but a great time was had by all. What!! An honest fisherman's tale? credible!

Velma Grace, Material Test Lab Section photo-lab technician was ill last week but has recovered. We are happy to see her genial smile again.

We are happy to inform our readers that Johannes Finzel is now chief of the Structures Lab Section. Mr. Finzel replaced Dr. W. Raithel who is now chief of the Design Branch.

Frank Rausa, Structures Lab Section, attended the wedding of his niece, Carolyn Jean Rausa, to Bobby Joe Martin recently at St. Anne's Church in Decatur.

R. B. Newby, Mechanical Lab Section, traveled to Indianapolis to be one of the many spectators at the Speedway Races and reported a big time despite the crowd.

### Welcome, New People

Hearty welcomes are extended to our newcomers: B. F. Bankston, Leonard Smith, John Hall, Chester Norman, Nevel Sebolt, Lee Naftel, James McAnally, William Cawthon, Pvts. Eustace, Fruhling and Duhaime.

Commodore Reginald Gwin of Material Test Lab's Physics Lab made a futile trip to the Knoxville Sailing Regatta, there being no wind to move his RAFT. We suggest that he take C. J. Osia along on his next venture for the wind effect. Incidentally, Commodore Gwin is a member of the "Thistles."

Walt Barber, Structural Analysis Section, can eat again! Walt ran up to Uniontown, Pa. and brought his wife home. It seems that Walt has mastered the can opener in her absence.

### Shirts Speak Louder

From word received from all the folks in Mechanical Lab Section, Howard Jackson has established the reputation of wearing the loudest shirts on Redstone Arsenal.

Sgt. Albert Bonilla's wife has been very ill but is now much improved.

Pfc. Walton Elliott and Pfc. John Monteferrante have been enjoying the nice weather recently, flying a round in their "flying machines." Happy landings boys!!!

Roger Miller and wife, announce the arrival of Randell Brent at the Cullman Hospital on May 10. Randell weighed in at six pounds, seven ounces. Roger is employed in the Structures Lab Section, Design Branch, and very happy over the new addition.

### NACA Picnic

It looks like old home week at NACA around here. Myron Huston is the last to join us from there. In fact, with so many people from NACA on the arsenal Myron and John Hagerman got their heads together and are planning a get-together picnic for all ex-NACA employees and their families. Anyone interested can contact John on Extension 5257.

### Five-Triplets

The R. H. Schlidt family has suddenly increased from six to 15. Miracles???? Not exactly. Eagle and Elpa are the proud parents of nine healthy German Shepherd puppies. Mr. Schlidt is now entitled to the Degree of "Master of the Kennels."

You should see the atrocious looking gadgets or widgets that Wymann Clotfelter and Benjamin Bankston, Material Test Lab Section, have ingeniously contrived. These two can put Rube Goldberg to shame.

Dan Heald and Robert Lindstrom are TDYing and basking in the sunshine at Los Angeles. Reports come back from these two that all goes well and night life is great.

### Dance Very O.K.

A little late but as the old saying goes — Better late than never. The Civilian Welfare Dance was a huge success as far as this branch is concerned.

A big turn out found Dr. and Mrs. Hager, Mr. and Mrs. Quirnbach, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Holderer, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Reed, Adas Verble and John Aberg and their lovely dates, your truly and husband, John, enjoying it very much.

Also mighty proud to see our Paul Fuller walk away with one of the door prizes. We all expect an invitation to the bachelor apartment for fried chicken, etc. prepared in that deep fat fryer.

### DEVELOPMENT - FABRICATION

By Kitty Hollingsworth  
Where's the fire? There's a big cloud of smoke hanging over Bldg. 411. But it's only cigar smoke!

Sidney Hamilton and J. P. Roper each have an addition to their family. They're carrying the title of "father," so that explains the cigars and the smoke.

Wedding bells have rung! Max Nesmith has taken the final leap, so he's no longer footloose and fancy free. Congratulations, Max.

Welcome to our new personnel, and goodbye to a few of our old employees.

Hello And Goodbye  
New employes of this branch are Charlie Phillips, Dewey Collins, Talmadge McDowell, Winston Street, James Keeler, and Willie Wilbanks.

Willie transferred from another area to fill Frank Littleton's position. Frank transferred to Technical & Engineering Division, Vehicle Section, Bldg. 781.

Bruno Helm transferred to Bldg. 481.

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## Patricia Vance Is Married To Lt. Edward Sokolowski

In a single ring ceremony June 21 at the Post Chapel, Miss Patricia Vance became the bride of Lt. Edward R. Sokolowski. Chaplain John E. Simpson read the vows before an altar decorated with lighted pink tapers, and pink gladioli and carnations.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Ruth E. Vance, 302 Longwood Ct., Huntsville, and Lt. Sokolowski is the son of Mrs. Katherine J. Sokolowski of 482 Boulevard, Bayonne, N.J.

Pfc. Doug Farney, chapel organist, furnished the nuptial music.

Mrs. Sokolowski's wedding dress was of pink silk with a matching jacket, and was trimmed with a braid and flower design embroidered on the skirt. Her hat was a cap of pink flowers with a veil decorated with rhinestones, and she carried a bouquet of pink gardenias and stephanotis surrounded with pink tulle and satin ribbon.

Wedding guests were entertained at a breakfast at the home of the bride's mother following the ceremony. The pink tiered wedding cake was placed on a table covered with a white linen cut-work cloth. Silver candelabra decorated

with a bow of pink tulle and centered with a corsage of pink roses, held lighted pink tapers. Pink roses and gladioli were used throughout the house.

For her wedding trip, Mrs. Sokolowski wore a brown and white checked suit with brown and white accessories and a yellow orchid corsage.

After a brief wedding trip, the couple will reside temporarily with the bride's mother.

Mrs. Sokolowski is employed as a receptionist in the Billing and Reception section in Post Headquarters and Lt. Sokolowski is assigned as a research and development project officer in the Rocket Development Group.

All of the wedding guests were members of the family.

Out-of-town guests included:

Mrs. Katherine Sokolowski, Bayonne, N.J., Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cobb, Jasper, Ala., Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Williams, Sheffield, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Huff, Owensboro, Ky., and Mr. and Mrs. Limon Eckles, and Mr. and Mrs. John Thurmond, Springfield, Tenn. The bride's cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton H. Pollard of Huntsville also attended.

it seems that he got too close to the track and the toe was in the way of one of the racers.

### Wedding Bells

The sound of wedding bells grow louder and louder as the number of grooms around here grows larger and larger. May 24 found W. J. Brisentine, Mechanical Lab Section, marching down that aisle to claim Mary Callahan as his wife.

Pvt. Nick Pagoria, Structural Analysis Section, wed Lillian Damiani in Chicago Heights, Ill. on June 1; they spent their honeymoon in Wisconsin and are residing at 409 West Clinton Street.

For Kent Cornelius, Mechanical Lab Section, it is now Mr. and Mrs. Kent was married May 30 to the former Miss Patricia Jordan.

Cpl. Hugh Lusher has returned from leave during which time a wedding ceremony was held making it Cpl. and Mrs. Lusher.

NATCHEZ, Miss. — Heber Lader, Mississippi secretary of state, shocked a Natchez audience recently by addressing them as Vicksburgians. He'd mixed up his talks.

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female personnel, our greatest loss was Pfc. Frank Mullane. He moved to Bldg. 111. But you can bet we'll keep haunting the post swimming pool when Frank is on duty.

### In The Swim

Vacations are in full swing. It's just the type of weather to take a vacation and really enjoy it.

Ruth Drake is enjoying a week in Florida, basking in the summer sun and Florida swimming pools.

What a glorious time Joy Simpson must be having! She is expected to return in another week, from a three-week vacation in California. She followed a route by Texas, and stopped there for a day or so before going on to California.

Mrs. Joe Broome and three children, from Hattiesburg, Miss., are visiting Mr. Broome. They rented a cabin on the mountain for two weeks.

Claude DeLaBar has returned to work, after spending a few days with his parents in Meridian, Miss. A certain lady in Bldg. 412 was sporting a long face during his absence, but since his return, she's all smiles, and happy as a lark.

### Plum Picking

Everyone has found something to do during their lunch hour. The men pitch horseshoes, and the women go plum picking. T. L. Ferguson furnishes the transportation for the plum pickers, Florinne Campbell furnishes the straw hats, and everyone eats the plums.

### I Love You, But

The fellow employes of J. C. Pearce have been telling him that he couldn't stuff his big foot in a small shoe but he just wouldn't listen. After having trouble with his feet for several days, he decided to see a doctor. The doctor says that J.C. must wear a shoe one-half size larger than the one he now wears.

We thought they were building rockets, but it must have been boats, because we see J. C. padd-

ling around in one.

### Travelers

William Barnes took advantage of the holiday and visited his hometown of Dayton, O. On the same holiday, Eugne Kirkland and wife ventured down to Birmingham to shop.

Your reporter and husband shopped in Memphis and attended the White-Stamps wedding in Brownsville, Tenn. Dr. Raithel and family motored over to Gadsden for a sight-seeing trip.

Sam Prestwood and family visited friends and relatives in Staunton, Va. Emil Hellebrand and family are on vacation down in the land of sunshine. Florida that is.

### More Travelers

Bill Dickson spent our long weekend with his parents in Shaw, Miss. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Isbell ran down to Panama City, Fla. recently to soak up a little sunshine.

It seems that Jewel House came to work the other day with an awful sore toe. A good explanation was in the making. House is a starter at the stock car races and



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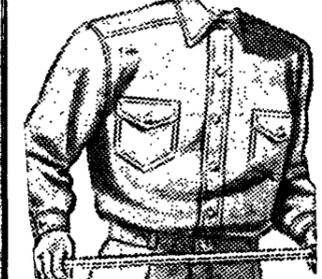
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# Softball Loop To Decide On Third Round Today

## Wednesday Tilt Will Test Lead

### Officers Drop Out; 5 Games Forfeited; Mfg. Div. Still Top

The chances of the Redstone softball league's winding up business with the close of the second round July 3 greatly increased last week with the drop out of the Officers team, and the forfeit of five of the 12 scheduled games.

Also possible is the formation of a smaller, new league at the close of the present series.

Sgt. Harry Martin, Special Services, says that a meeting of the league officials will be held today at 1 p.m. to decide the question. If the league decided to call it off after completion of the second round, a playoff will be held following the Fourth of July holidays.

#### Status Stays Quo

Meanwhile in league play, the situation remained almost unchanged. Manufacturing Division was credited with two victories to bring its first place string to 14 wins and one loss; Second place 9330-1 also picked up two wins to push its vantage to 15-2.

Thiokol followers were surprised when the week came up with a win and a loss for the third-running team and in both cases neither ball nor bat were raised in earnest. The victory was a forfeit from the Officers, and the loss, a forfeit to Provisional-1.

#### Game Results

The rundown for the week shows for June 16:

Provisional-1, 18, Ordnance 2-5; Manufacturing-12, Provisional 2-5; Thiokol-7, Officers-0.

June 17: 3523-12 Rohm-Haas-7; 9330-2-20, Ordnance-1-6; Post Engineer-5, 9330-1-20.

June 18: Provisional-1-7, Officers-0 Provisional-2-11, Post Ordnance-2-5; Manufacturing-7, Officers-0.

June 19: 9330-1-13, 3523-6; 9330-2-7, Post Engineer-0; Rohm-Haas-12, Post Ordnance-1-11.

All of the games with 7-0 scores are forfeit games.

#### Crucial Game

Coming up Wednesday at Field Three is what may be the game of the season in which 9330-1 a long-time threat in second place, may be able to tie up first place Manufacturing Division.

The Manufacturing team has a record which indicates it should win its Monday game with Provisional-1. If it does, then the Wednesday game will be a question of whether the division will win a clear-cut first place in season play, or tie up with 9330-1.

#### GM-1 Gunning

The Provisional team, however, shouldn't be counted out by observers as the team itself is eyeing the Monday game with enthusiasm. Should they win, then the Wednesday game will be strictly a "black and white" affair.

#### Week's Schedule

Schedule for the week includes:

##### June 23:

Field One: Ordnance-2 v. Officers; Field Two: Provisional-1 v. Manufacturing; Field Three Thiokol v. Provisional-2.

##### June 24

Field One: Ordnance-1 v. Provisional-2; Field Two: Post Engineer

### RSA Softball

1. Manufacturing, 14-1.
2. 9330-1, 15-2.
3. Thiokol, 11-4.
4. 9330-2, 12-5.
5. Rohm-Haas, 9-7.
6. 3523, Provisional-1, 7-9.
7. Post Ordnance-1, Post Engineer, 7-10.
8. Provisional-2, 5-10.
9. Officers, 2-14.
10. Ordnance-2, 1-14

## Civilian Personnel

By ROY W. MUMMERT

This issue of The Rocket finds Harry Smith and James Blackburn touring the states of Mississippi, Alabama, and Tennessee beating the bushes in search of skilled trades people.



Advance publicity for this recruiting tour handled by Clara Duggan and Grover Weldon.

It was moving day at Civilian Personnel on June 14. The Administrative Section including the Processing Unit are now together in Bldg. W-441 occupying space formerly held by the Training Section and Civil Service Board.

The Training Section has moved to offices formerly occupied by the W-441.

The Civil Service Board is now located in Bldg. W-441 in the space formerly occupied by the Typing School of the Training Section. The Typing School is now located in Bldg. W-442 in space formerly occupied by the Processing Unit.

The Employee Utilization Section said Farewell and Good Luck to Grover Weldon on 20 June. Weldon resigned to go into business for himself.

### VOLLEYBALL NEXT

Sgt. Harry Martin, Special Services, says plans are now being made for the formation of an arsenal volleyball league to go into operation following completion of the present softball activities.

Additional details of the volleyball league will be announced later.

Rochester, N.Y. (APPS)—Eddy Van Dine was rejected 54 years ago for service in the Spanish-America war. They said he was too old. Mr. Van Dine, who admits to being 108 years old, was accepted recently as a member of Boy Scout Troop 196.

v. Officers; Field Three: 3523 v. Provisional-1.

##### June 25

Field One: Manufacturing v. 9330-1; Field Two: Thiokol v. Rohm-Haas; Field Three: Ordnance-2 v. 9330-2.

##### June 26

Field One: 3523 v. Officers; Field Two: Ordnance-1 v. Provisional-1; Field Three: Engineer v. Provisional-2.

##### June 30

1. Ordnance-2 v. Rohm-Haas; Field Two: Manufacturing v. 9330-2; Field Three: Thiokol v. 9330-1

## 2 Arsenal Clubs In Four-way Tie

Competition in the City Industrial Softball League finds two Redstone area teams in a four-way tie for first place, according to Fred Knig director of softball for the city park system.

### First Place Tie

Tied up with nine victories and only one defeat each, are the Redstone Rockets, Thiokol, John Blue and General Shoe.

In the Women's league, the Redstone Girls have yet to win in their two starts in the four team league. The girls are seeking their first win Wednesday in the second game when they face the league leaders Madison County All Stars (2-0.)

The other two teams in the Industrial loop, Algonquin and the Arsenal Soldiers are spread out in the lower divisions of the 12-team league.

### Other Results

Algonquin, so far, has a 2-5 record for a tie (as of June 19) with Hill Chevrolet and Green Mountain for third place. The Soldiers are still looking for the first victory in seven starts.

Knight said that the teams are presently playing a series of 21 make-up games. The games are those that were rained out earlier. After completing this week's schedule, Knight said, that only five make-ups will be left before the league can get back on its regular schedule.

Other results (as of Thursday) in the City League showed Ideal Bread and Martin Stove with 4-3 records; Star Market, The Times, with 1-6 marks.

### Coming Games

This week's schedule included the Algonquin-Hill Chevrolet mat last night at Optimist Park.

#### For tonight:

At Optimist, Thiokol goes against Green Mountain in the first match; the Rockets against Ideal Bread in the second.

At Big Spring, the Soldiers v. General Shoe in the first game, and Star Market v. The Times in the second.

#### Thursday night:

The Soldiers play Martin Stove in the first Optimist Park game, and Thiokol plays General Shoe in the second.

At Big Spring, it will be Algonquin v. Star Market and The Times v. John Blue.

## Summer Olympics Are Finland's Joy

(By Armed Forces Press Service)

INTERNATIONAL sports enthusiasts will focus their eyes next month on Helsinki, Finland, site of the 1952 summer Olympics.

### Summer Olympics

Just 78 miles from the Russian border a Finnish dream is coming true.

### Dream Come True

Since the mid-30's the Finns have begged a chance to play host to the world's top athletes, but the Depression and WWII upset their capital for 10,000 athletes and officials.

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Several records should fall. New champions will be crowned in the two-month festival.

How should the U.S. fare this time?"

### Best U.S. Team

"We're going to have the best team we've ever had," opines Avery Brundage, 64-year-old president of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Our pole vaulters have bettered the Olympic mark many times. In 1951, 10 world's champions were Americans. No other nation claimed more than two.

Our relay team, sprinters, hurdlers and field events competitors

rank with the best available.

### Good '48 Record

In the '48 Games at London we finished more than 100 points ahead of Sweden, the second-place country. Our women's team finished sixth, but only 30 points behind the winning Dutch.

### Many Sports

Besides track, competing nations will enter teams in water polo, boxing, wrestling, horsemanship, basketball, wimming, boating, and rifle and pistol shooting. The U.S. can hold its own in all of them.

### USSR Competes

For the first time, Russian and American athletes will meet. The Reds are entered officially, but it doesn't mean they'll show up—unless they can be certain that they will excel.

Moscow has claimed many world records, but they've never been witnessed by outsiders. Except for the 1950 European Championships no Russian has competed in track outside his homeland.

### Women Win

In the 1950 European games, they trailed Britain in the men's events, then balked at competing until their women's team score was added to the total. The Red amazons, the best in the world, gave the Russians a four-point edge over the field . . .

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**Dr. W. H. Steurer**

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ment in the German rocket program during World War II will give a rather full outline of what the requirements for materials in rockets are, how they differ from general engineering requirements.

**Basic Factors**

He will point out that one of the basic factors in selection of rocket and missile materials is determined by the materials abilities to perform a certain task for extremely short periods of time under extraordinary conditions of heat and pressure.

Dr. Steurer says that from a general engineering viewpoint, durability and performance is often measured in years of use at normal and medium high temperature requirements; in missiles, the requirements are cut to seconds and fractions of seconds, under almost unheard of temperature and pressure ranges.

**Test Methods**

The Materials Lab chief will tell something of the methods of testing both metallic and non-metallic materials to determine their use for rockets and missiles. He will describe too, the properties of materials used, and their reactions to flight conditions.

The previously unusual demands made by rocket flight on materials

**Receptionist**

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ed where he was going, and we talked a bit about cars and other things," the receptionist said.

**Hears Program**

"Finally when I felt I had his confidence, I told him that I had to tell him the truth, that I knew who he was, where he was from, and that a lot of folks were very worried about him;

"Then I turned the radio back on—I'd turned it off when I picked him up—and let him listen to the search program," Pat said.

"He listened quietly. He didn't cry, but he was very silent. He said he was very sorry that all of the folks were worried about him, and that he did like the school and especially the superintendent, Bernard "Daddy" Brock.

"Then he told me, he guessed he better go back to Childhaven, Pat said.

**Quiet And Sad**

The receptionist said they returned to Cullman. There, the still rather nonchalant boy, became very silent, because as he later asked in surprise of Pat,

"How did you know I had a lump in my throat?"

The police told Jerry that if he ever felt like running away again to come to the homes of any of them, and spend the night.

**Knew Parents**

"Daddy told Pat that Jerry was six when his parents died, that he could remember them, and that it added to the difficulties of readjustment for this very intelligent lad.

"We didn't realize he was so unhappy," Brock told Pat, "The fact he can remember his parents, makes it harder for him."

**Slim Eating**

Jerry in recounting his adventures said he had walked all night, and that "it was very chilly." He said he had been given a glass of

has opened up a new field of study in metallurgy, Dr. Steurer will say. This study involves the high-temperature properties that have previously been ignored by general engineering.

**Illustrations Shown**

The scientist will close his discussion with an explanation of how missile remnants are evaluated after firing to reconstruct events during flight.

His talk will be illustrated with photographs of the various points discussed.

**Engineering Group**

By JEAN WALKER

About the only conversation around here lately has been, "Boy is it hot." The temperature has been about 103 degrees indoors according to our gauges for several days. But cheer up gang cause they tell us its gonna be cooler. (Ed. note: at least by next winter.)



Portrait of Jean Walker.

They are removing the screen louvers on the Engineering Group's side and if this will help any, we certainly will appreciate it.

If only John French was back with the paper sack of fresh air — it would be wonderful to get a breath of that fresh air occasionally.

**Colorado Warm?**

We've just had a weather report from Pueblo, Col. G. Morgan from Design Standardization out there on TDY says that he has found one place that is hotter than Bldg. 781.

For brotherly love and cooperation, the Electronics Branch really sets an example. These boys know the ropes in case you want to buy any household furnishings, such as a stove, refrigerator or TV set.

**Case of The Wandering TV Antenna**  
Sam Glass visited Atlanta recently and while there helped a friend repair his TV set. After they got it fixed the man decided that he didn't need his super-duper antenna so Sam immediately made him an offer of \$10 and came home with an antenna rotor, guy wire, and chimney mount for which the market price would be about \$50.

**Gears, Not TV, Noisy**

Sam installed his new equipment but the gears made so much noise that he decided it wasn't any good so he let it be known that for the right price he would be willing to sell it. L. E. Baker needed some equipment for his TV set which wasn't functioning to his liking, so he offered Sam \$4. Finally after much bargaining they settled for the original price of \$10.

**Satisfied User?**

The equipment was then installed and Mr. and Mrs. Glass went over to the Bakers to see how their TV set was working. Much to Sam's surprise it was working perfectly so he really had some tall explaining to do to Mrs. Glass.

Something must have happened to it then too because we now learn that Glen Sadler bought the same antenna from Baker for \$10.

**Papa Had A Day**

About the smartest gal we know of is Pat Hopper in Mechanical Branch. For years Pat had wanted a lounge chair, so Mama Pat's Father's Day present to Papa Hop was, of course, a beautiful, comfortable lounge chair. Hop's only objection to his present is that Papa never gets to sit in it because its always occupied by either Mama or the kids.

**Not Sun Spots?**

Is there anyone in the group who has not had measles? If so don't be alarmed if you suddenly break out with 'em because Joyce McDonald in Design Standardization was certainly surprised last week when she got up with measles.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bailey say they had a wonderful trip to the

water and a candy bar during his trip, that was his entire eating.

The lad had walked the distance from Cullman to where he was picked up from the time of his disappearance, about 4 p. m. until about 11 a. m. the next day.

For finding and bringing Jerry back, the home wrote Pat a very nice letter, and told her that he seemed happy now.

**A Debt To Pay**

And for finding him, Pat now has a deep obligation to keep. For Jerry shook hands with her when she left, and wouldn't let her go until she promised to "come back and see me."

Smokies and were really looking forward to the remainder of their vacation by just staying home for a rest.

All we got to say is that for someone on vacation and resting Bailey was out here working mighty hard for two days last week.

At times, we all wonder how Vera Benson manages to think up all the things she does.

**Mistaken Identity**

One day Bill Harrison and several in the office were having a break when Vera walks up and asks him is he was in World War I. Bill, of course, protested that he wasn't that old and Vera assured him that she didn't mean that, because she didn't think he looked old — but her uncle was in World War I and he had a tattoo on his arm just like Bill's.

**More Fish Stories**

Members of Engineering Records were certainly glad their chief, Sam Broyles, had such good luck fishing while on his vacation in Florida.

A fish fry was in order so the Madison County Boat Harbor was selected for the party, where they report there wasn't much entertainment but there was plenty of eating. Who wouldn't eat plenty with salt water fish cooked over a charcoal burner and served with hush puppies!

**Little Miss Muffet**

Jeanette Hardison was the only one in the group to have any ill effects from the outing. Seeking a nice soft seat, she sat down on some poison ivy.

As a result Jeanette is very uncomfortable and is now doing most of her work standing.

HASTINGS, Neb. — A family's moving was delayed a day while the mother's purse containing the family funds was hunted. It had been packed by a three-year-old son.

**Arsenalites Can Buy Surplus Ammo Boxes —**

The Property Disposal office at Redstone Arsenal announces the sale of 90,000 wooden ammunition boxes on a retail basis.

The boxes have been declared unserviceable for further military use. They measure six-by-11-by-25 inches in size. They will be sold in truckload lots. Prices will range from \$1 for a pick-up truck load up, depending on the truck capacity.

For further information, contact the Property Disposal officer, Redstone Arsenal, Exten. 3-1250 or 3-1251.

J. B. Engle, arsenal Property Disposal officer, said that arsenal employees may purchase these boxes. He explained that employees may take advantage of any "retail-type" sales of the Property Disposal office.

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### RPO School

**TALES OUT OF SCHOOL**  
By Lt. Richard Plat

The heat is on, and trying to get accustomed to our warm Alabama weather are 11 second lieutenants who have just completed an intensive six month course in electronics at Aberdeen Proving Ground.



They are Edward Bartunek, Russell Biggam, Kenneth Clary, Albert Jaffee, Charles Jones, Peter Kostoff, Ralph Martin, William Schucht, David Shuford, and Walter Walk.

These officers will all be members of the staff and faculty of the school.

Within the next month the longest courses for enlisted personnel will begin. They are of approximately 20 weeks duration and will give the men an opportunity to become

proficient in maintenance of missiles and related equipment.

#### New Faculty

Two men from Douglas Aircraft Co. of California have joined the faculty of the school. They are Ed Brunleve and Dick Nielsen. These men are the first to represent Douglas at the school and are expected to give some invaluable technical assistance.

Other new people to join the school are Miss Jo Gaskin who transferred from T. and E., Mrs. Marguerite Linn, Mrs. Imogene M Cauley, Mrs. Leila Moore, Mrs. Doris Phillips also a transfer from T and E, and Mrs. Marcia Weirich who was with the school organization when it was in formation at Aberdeen.

Better training aids will be result of James Verner's joining the school. Mr. Verner is an illustrator.

#### Fishing Twins

Those "fishing twins", M-Sgt. Alton Sarge and Sgt. Robert Hinkle are taking their leave at the same time. It's not hard to guess how they will spend the time. Also on leave is Pvt. Patrick Greasch who is spending some time at his home in the state of Washington.

Pfc. Frank Pratt is back from the hospital where he has spent the past eight weeks and looks completely recuperated now.

#### Kids Day

It just didn't seem fair to 2d Lt Harold Mattice and his wife that there should be a Mothers Day and a Fathers Day but no Kids Day. So between these two Sundays they fit their Kids Day.

Their three children decided that they would spend the day at Look-out Mountain. A fine time was had by the five.

### Post Headquarters

By MONA KING

This week at Headquarters has passed rapidly. There has been the usual number of visitors, salesmen and the like. Our two receptionists, Peggie Mitchell and Pat Vance see that these people all receive the same warm, friendly greeting and courteous service, which is quite an asset to Headquarters.

Since Peg is in the position, to know many people, she frequently finds rides for new personnel.

Bob Axelson, who was our public information specialist is not here any more. He has accepted a job with the Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn. "Once a newspaperman, always a newspaperman" is true, because once a person gets printers ink in his veins, he just "ain't no good" unless he is writing. We'll miss Bob, but we know he'll be happier at his new job.

Another HQ personality leaving the arsenal is Maj. Paul McCune, director of Logistics. He left Saturday to go on leave. Then on Aug. 1 he will go overseas. The major came here in March, 1949. His secretaries, Eunice Danner and Irene Adams say he sure was a nice guy to work for and that they will sure miss him.

**LETTER IS TOO CONVINCING**  
Pfc. Sam Ringel, MIB is avidly interested in all sorts of instru-

ments and equipment. Often when he sees a good ad he writes to the company for full details as to how it work.

Recently, he wrote to a crane equipment company and this is what happened. A salesman called from the airport to say that he had flown over from Atlanta, Ga. to see Mr. Sam Ringel. A new typist said, "He isn't here today. He's on KP". Wonder what he thought Sam could do with a crane? Maybe use it to lift the dishes he was washing?

Bill Chandler will soon be a member of those souls who yearn for the good old horse and buggy days. His blue Oldsmobile lost a fender June 6-or at least it was dented beyond repair.

Lula Frances Grider and Genese Griggs of Technical and Engineering Division, and Chris Bassham, Field Service Division, say beating the heat at the swimming pool downtown is the best way to beat this "late Spring" weather.

Nome, Alaska, received its name because chart readers misspelled "No Name."

### Group Bows To Heat; Cancels Summer Meets

The June 23 meeting of the Tennessee Valley Accountants Association which was scheduled to be held at Athens College was postponed because of the hot weather. The July and August meetings have also been cancelled for the same reason.

Members will be advised of a special meeting to be held prior to resuming regular meetings in September.

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### Building 713

By B. P. CARTWRIGHT

I suppose you read in The Rocket about two months ago where Frank Grace had traded his Studebaker for a Buick, well the story is now that he has traded his Buick for another Studebaker.



Jack Oakes spent the weekend in North Carolina fishing, but said that those fish simply refuse to bite.

Friends will be glad to know that Mrs. Mary Toney is back at work after a recent illness.

Howard Blair has recently returned from an Inspection trip at Columbus, Miss.

#### Traveling Fever

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brackeen spent the weekend at the University of Alabama.

Seems that everyone in Inspection has the vacationing fever this hot weather.

William C. Trice and wife are vacationing in Florida, Mrs. Jeanette Cowley and husband are vacationing in Texas, Mrs. Pearl Cooper and husband are vacationing in Florida, Imogene Piazza and Jean Regale are vacationing in Tennessee, and Dennis Garrison is on vacation but the whereabouts is unknown.

NEW YORK — A prospective draftee found that parking space reserved for "government business," in front of the draft board, didn't apply to his visit. He was ticketed for parking in a restricted zone.

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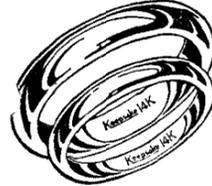
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