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Used Cigarettes A Fire Hazard

Drive Is On To Stop Window Throw-Outs And Trash can Disposal

Stop! Don't empty those ash trays into the waste paper basket! Don't drop ashes, cigarettes, cigars or burned matches on the floor either. Don't throw any of those smoking supplies out of car windows as you drive along arsenal roads, or along roads anyplace.

During recent weeks the arsenal Fire Department has answered calls to more than 25 grass fires, and to one fire in a building where it was determined that burning cigarettes carelessly thrown away had caused the fires.

The janitors in arsenal buildings have been instructed to empty all ash trays into separate fireproof containers, clean the trays with a damp cloth, and keep the contents of all ash trays separated from other trash.

Any violation of the regulation regarding emptying ash trays into waste baskets will be reported by the janitors to Lt. Joseph Delaney, the Fire Marshal, and the violators will be subject to disciplinary action.

The military policemen on duty in buildings after working hours have orders to inspect the waste baskets for cigarettes, cigars and burned matches among the contents.

Lt. Delaney pointed out, that it is the responsibility of every one to help prevent fires by careful disposal of smoking supplies, which are the root of many evils for the Fire Department.

He further suggested that those desiring special containers for disposing of ash tray contents, secure cans, paint them red and mark them for the purpose intended. The cans should contain some sand for safe extinguishing of the cigars and cigarettes. The Post Engineer does not supply such cans but large, empty food cans might be secured from Army messes.

Matches and smoking are the guilty parties which cause more fires than any other one thing according to statistics offered by the arsenal Fire Department.

Aside from possible monetary loss, and danger to surrounding areas, the grass fires require a run by a group of highly trained firemen from the nearest of the five arsenal fire stations.

The firemen are physically, mentally and morally fit for their jobs through years of intensive training and experience. Because they have other duties than answering fire calls, such as fire prevention measures, which is strongly stressed, their time is well filled. Grass fires set through carelessness add increasing burdens.

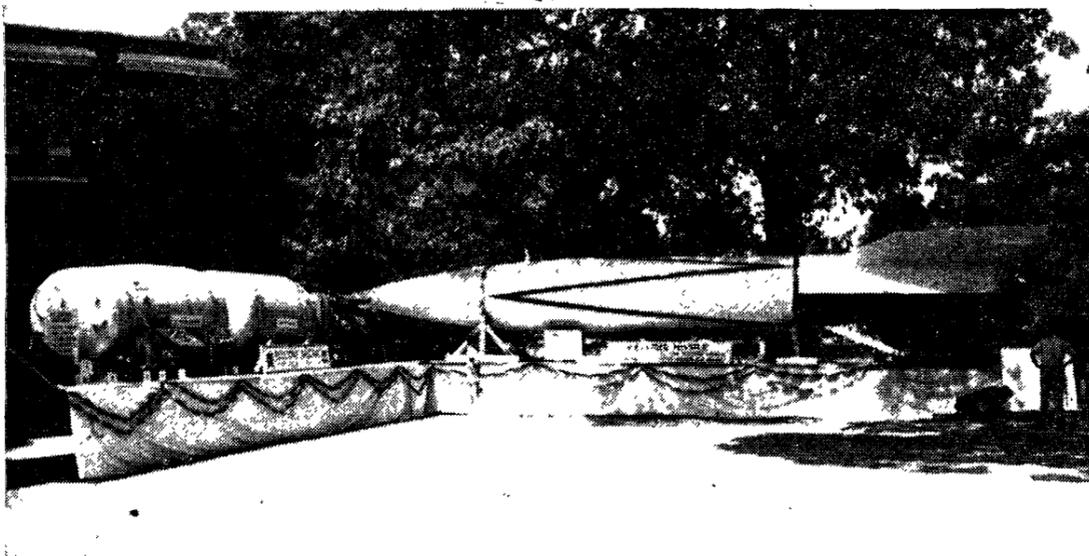
Your help is requested to keep the arsenal grass, forests, swamps, living quarters, and all buildings safe from fire.

DIVISION PLANS REUNION

Veterans of the Army's famous 69th Infantry Division are invited to attend the association's annual nationwide convention to be held in Atlanta, Aug. 21-23.

Joseph Lipsius, president of the Atlanta chapter, estimates that there are in excess of 50,000 men who served with the division during World War II. Of that number, the addresses of only 11,000 are currently on file with the association.

Former members of the Fighting Sixty-Ninth are advised that headquarters has already been reserved for themselves and their wives and



TULLAHOMA EXHIBIT—Here is an overall view of the Redstone Arsenal exhibit showed to an estimated 35,000 people at the three-day Tullahoma, Tenn. centennial celebration, July 3-5 despite

constant rain on July 4. To the right were a rocket display, ammunition exhibit, and test firing films were shown. (U. S. Army Photograph by John Pinkerton.)

Insurance Renewal Notification Lags

Three Ways Are Open To Arsenal Car Users To Post Renewals

Automobile insurance files in the Registration section, Identification Office, Provost Marshal, Bldg. W-442, show that a large number of Redstone drivers have failed register renewal of automobile insurance.

Sgt. J. B. Hawco, in charge of the office, says arsenal drivers can avoid the embarrassment of having their registration cancelled and their post tags revoked by notifying the office of the renewal of their automobile insurance immediately.

The renewal notifications can be made three ways:

1. Mail the renewal policy to the Registration Section, W-442, where the necessary information will be recorded and filed. The policy will be returned.
2. Bring the policy to W-442 so the information can be obtained.
3. Or, Bring the policy and the completed insurance renewal certificate to your section chief for examination and verification. The section chief can sign the certificate and forward it to the Registration Section.

45,000 Boxes Left For Employes Purchase

The Property Disposal office says there are still about 45,000 six-by-11-by-25 inches wooden ammunition boxes available for retail sale.

The boxes, which have been declared unfit for further military use, are being sold in truckload lots from \$1 for a pick-up truck load up, depending on the truck capacity.

Some buyers of about 45,000 of the boxes have indicated they will use them to build structures such as garages and other small utility buildings.

Additional information concerning the boxes may be had by calling the Property Disposal Officer, Extension 3-1250 or 3-1251.

The office also announced that arsenal employes can purchase these boxes as they are being sold on a retail basis.

that arrangements for a full program are about completed.

For details, contact Joseph Lipsius, 1329 University Drive, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia.



WELL!—The thousands of visitors who thronged the Tullahoma centennial showed great interest in the V-2 missile and component parts exhibit. Center, one of the visitors shows his amazement when he looks at the pipefitter's nightmare called the propulsion unit. At right a second visitor also seems to have trouble believing what he reads and sees. (U. S. Army Photograph by John Pinkerton.)

1,000 Plus Bank \$31,000 Savings In RFCU Drive

The latest tabulation of the RFCU drive for new members shows that well over 1,000 arsenalites have signed up in the drive, and have contributed more than \$31,000 in savings in the credit union.

Thurman Smith, treasurer of the Redstone Federal Credit Union, says, however, the drive is continuing at top speed and urged other Redstone personnel to take advantage of the investment organization.

Smith said the union could use \$25,000 immediately to cover a backlog of loan applications. The situation has reached a point where only dire emergency loans are being made.

Membership in the RFCU is but 25 cents. Any amounts, nominal or otherwise can be deposited with any of the 19 area representatives throughout the arsenal. Interest, which is expected to run three per cent or better, is paid on multiple investments of \$5.

FRANKFORT, KY. (AFPS) — State legislator, Earl Rogers insisted that the ballot include his nickname, "Dirty Ear," in the identifications.

Accidental Meeting Renews Acquaintance Born In An Accident

By Sudie Amsler, Field Service Division

Robert W. Black, Jr., says it is fine to meet old friends sometimes.

Recently, Black, who is employed in the Field Service Division Stock Control Point, was travelling to Rock Island, Ill., when the train in which he was riding jumped the track.

Seventeen persons were hospitalized and later one died. Black, fortunately escaped injury.

During the melee the Redstone man glanced into a crowd of passengers and saw a man he had not seen for ten years. The last time he saw the man was when a ship on which they were riding was torpedoed from under them in World War II.

It happens every Sunday: It is estimated that all the passenger cars in the U. S., placed bumper-to-bumper would stretch out 125,000 miles.

HELL, MICH. (AFPS) — It was hot in Hell recently. The temperature soared to an unofficial 103 degrees. In nearby Purgatory, the mercury was five degrees lower.

Minor Building Totals \$493,000

Work Consists Chiefly Of Painting, Changes Road Repairs, Roofing

More than \$493,000 is now being expended on roadwork and paving, building alternations, repairs and painting, and other minor construction projects at Redstone Arsenal. The nearly 30 contracts were successfully bid on by 14 contractors, most of them from this region.

A breakdown of work projects totalling \$493,202.39 that are now in progress or soon will be, shows building alternations to 14 buildings for \$208,143. Forty-nine buildings are receiving waterproofing at an aggregate cost of \$25,014.60.

Headwork and paving contracts, which include 11 parking lots and nearly 10,000 feet of new roads, totals \$138,003.59. Painting of 12 buildings and 29,880 feet of chain link fencing is costing \$22,284.52.

Other work being done includes \$68,716.68 for roofing of 29 buildings, \$1,476 for flooring of two buildings, \$7,693 for repairs to Tennessee River docks, \$7,991 for five railroad crossings, and \$13,879 for construction of a two-room office building.

All of the contracts have been let in the past six weeks on a competitive bidding basis. The firms receiving the bids include: Powell Lumber and Construction Co., Ashburn and Gray, W. A. Mc Waters Construction Co., Harlan Construction Co., Ace Roofing Co., J. T. Schrimmer and Co., Whaley Construction Co., Birmingham Paint and Contracting Co., R. C. Anderson Co., A. and W. Construction Co., J. W. Duncan and Co., Noland Co., and Lower Bros., Athens Paint and Wallpaper Co.

Mercury Skidded Slowly To 52 Low

What's the weather at Redstone, may sound like a silly question as most people agree right now is hot! But exactly how hot or cold, wet or dry, is another question.

Through the courtesy of the Post Engineer water treatment plant, The Rocket will present the high and low temperatures, rainfall, and humidity each week from Thursday to Thursday.

To get the ball rolling, so far this month, the summer thunderstorms have fairly well eluded the arsenal, depositing only 1.038 inches of rain through July 10. This fell on July 9, .07 inches; July 7, .034 and July 4, .001 inches.

Since its crazy streak a couple of weeks ago, the thermometer has nicely contained itself with maximum temperatures ranging from 96 degrees Fahrenheit down to 82. The nights have cooled off also with the minimums going from 69 to a cool 52 degrees.

Humidity wise, the gauge has travelled from 90 per cent to 72 per cent.

The reading for the week, except rain:

Date	H	L	Hmdy
July 3	92	69	72
July 4	87	68	80
July 5	85	69	90
July 6	96	66	90
July 7	95	66	75
July 8	92	62	73
July 9	82	58	90
July 10	84	52	99



DANISH PASTRY—Danish-born Greta Thesen, "Miss Denmark of 1951," indicates she knows how to translate "cheesecake" as she prepares for a new career in Hollywood. The brunette beauty, who comes from Copenhagen, has appeared in 12 European films.

VA Lifts Restrictions On Vets Auto Loans

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — All credit restrictions on veterans loans for automobiles have been lifted by the Veterans Administration.

The move enables WWII veterans who need a car for business to obtain government insured loans for periods longer than the previous 30-month maximum. The only restriction under the new ruling is that the loan's term may not exceed the economic life of the auto.

Government business loans for auto purchases do not require a down payment, but the veteran must show that a car is necessary to his job or business.

ARMY MEDICS NIXED CANIFF; MISS LACE WASN'T IN MILK

NEW YORK (AFPS) — Milton Caniff, celebrated cartoonist, creator of Steve Canyon and the servicemen's favorite, MISS LACE, recently was credited with an honor he modestly declines to accept.

Armed Forces Press Service chronicling the 10th anniversary of Yank Magazine, the famous Army weekly, stated that one of Yank's "firsts" was MISS LACE. The story was incorrect. Since as it may seem, MISS LACE never appeared in the famous war journal.

Since cartoonist Caniff was a civilian, Yank couldn't use his famous character. It was distributed by Army News Service, predecessor of AFPS. When Selective Service later called Caniff, he couldn't pass his physical. Which explains why MISS LACE never appeared in Yank.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Granbenster and daughter Linda, 604 Locust St., Huntsville, spent the July 4 weekend at their country home near Centre, Ala. Mr. Granbenster is the executive assistant at the Post Engineer.

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China Red's Arms Are Big Mixture

(By Armed Forces Press Service)
(This is the second in a series of articles condensed from the Army Information Digest and originally produced in the book, "Red China's Fighting Hordes," by Lt. Col. Robert B. Rigg.)

The Army of Communist China is formally titled the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA). Divided into five field armies, it has a strength of 2,650,000 men and is supported by a people's militia several million strong. Although led by fanatics, it is considered a formidable military machine.

Many Weapons

Elements of this force have known warfare since 1927. It is the only army of modern years that has completely equipped itself from captured materiel. It has a greater variety of weapons and equipment than any other military force.

For more than 20 years the Chinese Reds have succeeded to gain control of China. Succeeding, they are now spreading their theories of brutality to the masses of unformed robots. This new era has created the PLA, whose purpose is known as well as its ability to fill graveyards.

Modern In Size

The PLA is an army that never used tanks until 1946 nor military aircraft until 1949. It has "borrowed" devices of the modern era without developing mechanically. However, the lack of a real ordnance corps or a related industrial establishment is beginning to be felt.

Emerging from their guerrilla cocoon, Mao Tse-Tung and his officers realized after the China Civil War that their problems would be many. There was the mainland's great land space to occupy, the invasions of Formosa and Tibet to prepare, guerrilla uprisings to cope with and the reorganization and integration of captured Nationalist troops.

Korea A Shock

Then came the North Korean aggression. The Chinese waited, but shifted troops back to Manchuria. Confident that theirs was the invincible army, they attacked the UN forces. It was in the ensuing bloody setbacks that they knew their campaign lacked certain factors. Land space for maneuver was not present, the support of friendly people was absent, and fire power they hadn't encountered previously was cutting their ranks to shreds.

Lack Know-how

The Chinese Communist Army is now facing the realization that they cannot win. They cannot win because theirs is not yet a modern army and its leaders do not know how to fight a modern peninsula conflict.

(Next Week: "Ranks of the PLA.")



TAKE YOUR SALT—Miss Betty Jane Gooch, USC Infirmary employe of 911 Randolph St., Huntsville, is taking salt tablet from the supply available at the water fountain outside the office where she works. Arsenalites will find these salt tablets at all water fountains. The little white pill is essential here in the summer because much salt is lost through heavy perspiration in the high temperatures. The effects of salt loss vary from feeling tired and lazy to heat cramps and prostration. (U. S. Army Photograph by John Pinkerton.)

Army Announces Entirely New Tank

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — The Department of the Army has announced that the first completely new medium tank to be developed since WWII - the Patton 48 - is now in production, and sizeable deliveries are expected before the end of the year.

Mounts 90 MM

The Patton 48 mounts a 90 MM high-velocity gun, two 50 and one 30-caliber machine guns. It is in the 45-50-ton class.

A new design gives it a low silhouette, elliptical sides and turrets, and stronger and wider tracks.

It has a powerful engine, cross-drive transmission and power steering. The crew includes a tank commander, driver, gunner and loader.

Sloped Protection

Its sloping sides, elliptical sides make it extremely difficult for an enemy shell to get a "bite" and plow through the armor. Instead of penetrating, the shell would be more likely to glance off harmlessly.

This is the first time it has been possible for armor manufacturers to make a one-piece cast hull. This hull-turret combination gives maximum protection for the least weight.

Range-Finder

Called the T-48 in the experimental stage, the new tank also carries a precision range-finder which quickly calculates the distance to a target and gives the tank gunner an opportunity to fire before an enemy can calculate his position accurately.

Another new feature of the tank is a "quick change" gun tube developed by Army Ordnance which allows removal and replacement of a worn gun barrel in the field.

Capt. Koerner At RSA After Korean Duty

Capt. Paul C. Koerner, son of Dr. and Mrs. Koerner, 6915 North Blvd., has been assigned to Redstone Arsenal.



Capt. Koerner, comes to the North Alabama Ordnance installation from about three and one-half years duty as lantic Operations Division, Post Engineer, Ft. William D. Davis, Canal Zone.

The Tampa officer entered service in November, 1940. During World War II he served with the Third Army in Europe and England. He holds the Bronze Star Medal.

Before entering service, Capt. Koerner was office manager and estimator for a Lake Wales concern. He attended Hillsboro High school, and the University of Florida at Gainesville.

merit of a worn gun barrel in the field.

810 HP Engine

The power plant is a V-12 engine which develops 810 horsepower. Cross drive and power steering allows the big tank to handle as easily as a new automobile.

The tank was developed by Army Ordnance and the Chrysler Corp. and is being produced at three separate plants.

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Field Service Division

By SUDIE AMSLER

The employees of National Maintenance Point donned bathing suits, shorts and the like and struck out to Bell Factory June 26 for a family picnic. After a swim in the lake, with a little fishing thrown in for good measure, supper was spread and the folks ate their fill of fried chicken, baked beans "a la Maf-fett," potato salad, deviled eggs and all sorts of other picnic favorites.

Following the picnic, George Malinoff led the group-singing, accompanied by William P. McNutt on the harmonica, and R. D. Walker, on the electric guitar. Unfortunately, McNutt was forced to leave early, but before leaving, the group enjoyed his harmonica solo "Indian Love Call."

High C Above What?

So high no one could reach that of Cpl. Tom Matcovich, — the only trouble being that Tom was so high no one could reach him. Tom was unable to attend the picnic owing to a previous engagement with his flying instructor; however, he flew over in his paragon colored Aeronca with the silver wings and gave the grand salute to the group below.

Songsmiths

An added attraction was the rendition of the theme song of the Old Soldiers' Home. This was given by three of the inmates — Rigell, Huff, and Walker, with Walker on the guitar. If there's doubt that the corn crop is flourishing at the Plantation, just read the following lines from this original (and how!) composition:

Live on the old Plantation, down at Alabam'

Work out at old Redstone, and we don't give a doggone.

Eat when we get ready-ready most all the time

And we don't give a doggone, if the sun don't ever shine.

Now we can spread the mayonnaise, and cut the mustard, too —

And girls, if you don't believe us, we demonstrate for you. (Copyright applied for?)

Kid's Party Too

A number of the employees fetched along their small fry, ranging in ages from six months to 16 years. Peter Neperud, 18 months, was as cute as could be, toddling from one person to another saying "Hi!" Other sons and daughters present were David and Raymond Tanner, Jane and Stephanie Malinoff, David and Tommy McNutt, Spencer Smith, and the little Olszewskies, John and Larry.

On the planning and management for this outing were Doris McDonald, Laverna Frazier and Ike Rigell. Everything was so much fun till everybody wants another picnic real soon.

Gimmick Party

"Gimmick", that's short for the National Guided Missile Explosive Component Control Point, had a family picnic, too. It was held July Fourth at Sol Cohen's home on Whitesburg Drive. Doyle, Dort and company said they engaged in foot races and softball games; they had plenty of barbecued chicken and other good things to eat and drink. They stated further that there was a "full" attendance of GMEC employees and that they all had a wonderful time.

Wanderlusters

A lot of people have been wanderlusting lately. James E. Thomas and family took a jaunt to St. Louis, Mo. Ike Rigell went to North and South Carolina; William A. Huff took to the hills of old "Kaintuck," and Gloria Pickford to Florence.

Gloria said she spent most of her time in and on the lake. Brown as an Injun is that Evelyn Crabtree after spending about ten days at Miami Beach.

Brown, too, are the H. M. Brown family. They spent several days reveling in sun, sea and sand at Laguna Beach, Fla. Tom Matcovich winged his way to St. Louis where he attended the operetta, "Rose Marie."

Miss Dorothy Hopkins is home again in NSCP. Field Service feels quite proud of Dot. She received orders from OCO to present a course of instruction at the Anniston Ordnance Depot in the use of IBM equipment. It seems she is one of three people in the United States who are qualified to do this work.

I Was Mule-tiated

The Old Grey Mare not being what she used to be, Roy Watts had to take it out on a mule. Roy was driving along some little old lonesome road in "Bloody" Kemper County in Mississippi somewhere between Scooba and DeKalb, when all of a sudden, a farmer came out from nowhere, leading two mules.

Roy said the critters broke loose, and try as hard as he might, he couldn't keep from busting into it.

"But", says Roy, "You can't argue with a mule. The cussed old thing reared up on his feet and let me have it with both heels loaded. He really made an impression on my car (of his two hind feet)."

Bum Trip

Col. Waggoner, says his recent trip to Washington was a disappointment as far as diversion was concerned. No good plays, and no ball games while he was there. And the night after he left, the Senators and the Yankees played a double-header! Only one consolation — that wonderful Maine lobster dinner.

Major Gets Assignment To Redstone Arsenal

Maj. Edward O. McDonald of Jefferson, Tex., has been assigned to Redstone Arsenal.

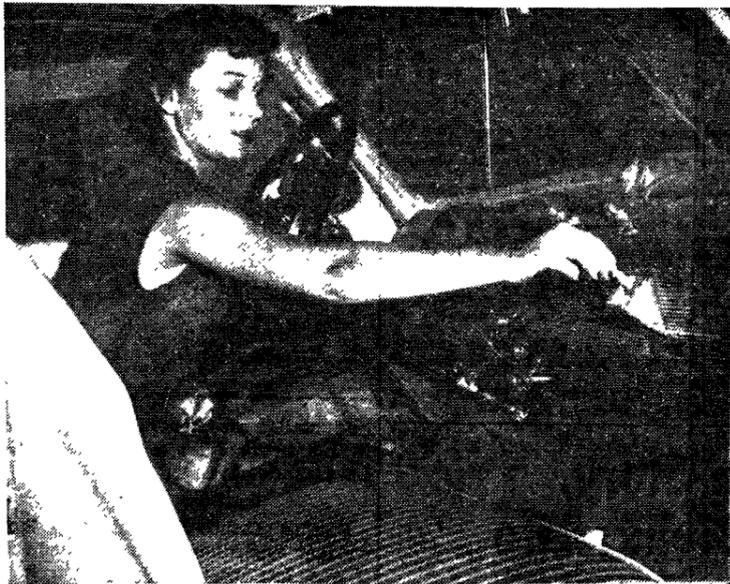


The Texas officer comes to the North Alabama installation from 21 months duty in Korea where he was inventory officer at an ordnance base depot.

Since entering service in June, 1941, the major has about two and one-half years in Iran, and a month in Japan.

Maj. McDonald is the son of Mrs. Lillie McDonald, Jefferson, Route 2. He attended Jefferson High school, and received a bachelor of mechanical engineering degree at Texas A. and M.

Mr. and Mrs. George Potts and son Jackie, 208 E. Bob Wallace AVE., Huntsville, spent the July 4 weekend with Lt-Col. and Mrs. Frank Austin near Brevard, N. C.



DO THIS!—After smoking a cigarette while in a car, carefully put it out before you throw it away, either into the tray, or especially if you throw it out of the window. Miss Martha Carter, 1029 Vanderbilt Dr., Huntsville, employe in Civilian Personnel Section shows how to extinguish a cigarette before it is discarded, to impress on arsenal personnel the importance this plays in prevention of grass and forest fires so often started by careless motorists. Keep the arsenal safe and green too. (U. S. Army Photograph by John Pinkerton.)

Post Ordnance

By WANDA PALMER

Among those people who are returning eagerly to work after being on vacation is Dot Golden. She visited her brother in Houston, Texas.



Mary Sublett spent the week with her mother and father in Winchester, Tenn. Zourie Light and her husband visited with his parents Chattanooga over the weekend.

Florida Reunion

Jean Rossman and four more girls had a reunion in Florida for their vacation. This reunion was planned a couple of years ago when they were in school so we know that she had a vacation that will never be forgotten.

Syble Richardson has returned to work after her vacation. George Reed spent his vacation brushing up on golf in his backyard. He can probably take on competition now.

Office Shifts

The personnel in our office are not playing fruit-basket turn-over but in the past few weeks these changes have been made:

Mr. Bobo and Mr. Wieseman are now working in the S-4 office at headquarters along with Maj. Barrett. Mr. McNaron is replacing Mr. Wiesman, Mr. Reed is replacing Mr. McNaron, Mr. Fox is replacing Mr. Reed, Mr. Fox is replacing Mr. Fox.

More Moves

Emmett Mathews is now working in Expediting. Ruby Fanning has moved to Mission Stock (this was such a change that she received a present.) Velma Johnson is enjoying her new job in the Mail and Records Dept. at Post Ordnance.

Blondes? Redheads?

Guess who this is! A man who tangles with a blond has trouble but when he mixes that with a redhead, he really has trouble. Just look around and you will know by the look on his face.

Mr. Watley, WOJG, is home on leave.

Dawn Massini is looking forward to a visit from her sister, Violet Stanton, who is from Massachusetts. She is to stay a week.

We are afraid that Capt. Hinesley may have to look for another secretary since the secretary's husband was out sick last Monday. Sometimes it affects men that way. At least the crowd that was teasing Dawn had her convinced.

Lucky Girl

Betty Scarbrough not only has a

From The Chaplain

By Ch. John Simpson

So often the question is raised what is faith? There are several ideas as to what faith is. One of these is suggested in the experience of the Bible teacher, who raised the question, "What is faith?"

A young lad rose to answer and said, "Faith is believing what you know ain't so." According to this, the more incredible something is, the greater is the faith displayed by believing it. This, however, sets faith and reason in opposition to each other.

A second idea is to say that faith and reason both have their places but that they deal with different areas. For example, reason is capable of observing certain facts about the universe, such as its orderliness, and drawing the conclusion there must be a first cause. On the other hand there is a higher realm and here only faith can operate. Thus, this idea is to say where God reveals Himself in nature we may use our minds; where God reveals Himself in Christ or the Church we can respond only with faith.

Therefore, we are conceived to feel yet some other conception of faith. The view we are in search of must recognize that all God's truth is one; and that faith and reason are complementary faculties. It is from this point of view that

new dining room suite but a bedroom, living-room and kitchen suites. Give us the formula to the soup that she feed her husband for supper.

Edwina Moreton has double duty trying to work and fix up a new house. It's the kind of work that she likes most, though, and she is doing a fine job of both.

Peachy Deal

Sara O'Neil Mathias has transferred from flowers to peaches. She use to bring flowers everyday and she felt fine. Now she brings peaches but she doesn't feel so good. Maybe it is because she canned them.

Services May Get Atom Arms Soon

WASHINGTON (APPS) — A complete family of atomic weapons for use "not only by strategic bombers, but by ground support aircraft, armies and navies," was declared a definite possibility recently by Chairman Gordon Dean of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Developments Told

Chairman Dean told a House appropriations subcommittee that "recent revolutionary developments" in the field of atomic weapons have "radically revised" the entire concept of atomic warfare.

"No longer," Chairman Dean said, "are these weapons looked upon only as devices to be used in a "Hiroshima-type" way against cities and industrial areas.

Aware Of Change

The Department of Defense is very much aware of this change in concept and atomic weapons are being incorporated into operational plans of all three Armed Forces.

Other Weapons

At the same time other testimony by top Army officials revealed that the Army has developed a 90-mm self-propelled antitank gun to improve the striking power of airborne units, and a fire control device for use in directing fire of 90-mm and 120-mm antitank guns and antiaircraft guided missiles.

Sherwood Eddy has said that Faith is not believing something in spite of evidence, but daring something in spite of consequences.

Faith is an attitude of confident assurance. The New Testament speaks about faith as being "The assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Here we go beyond the immediate, to our inner conviction of what is right and of what the ultimate outcome will be.

Again faith is an attitude of personal trust. It is a basic belief of Christianity that God is a personal being. If that is so, then any relationship to Him must essentially be personal and must involve the commitment of self.

Finally, in Christianity our faith is in God through Christ. In Jesus Christ we have the earthly and heavenly revelation of God. God like Christ and from Him we have learned to have the attitude that is called faith.

Word has been received here that Mrs. Carroll D. Hudson is staying at their beach home at 7006 West Ocean Front, Newport Beach, Calif. until she joins Col. Hudson at the Presidio later in the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Gruel, Redstone Trailer Park, spent July weekend in Toledo. O. Mrs. Gruel is an employe in the Adjutant's office, and Mr. Gruel is employed in the Field Service Division. While in Toledo, the Gruels purchased a cabin cruiser which they will base at the Madison County Boat Harbor.

Miss Joan Hester of Greensboro, N.C. is visiting her aunt and uncle, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Daniel R. Thomas.

Cpl. Ralph E. Metsker 9330 TSU has been spending leave at the Bristol Hotel in Havana, Cuba.

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he installed an air conditioning unit in his home. The address is 1702 La Grande Avenue.

Outdoor Fans

Sandra Cribbs is becoming the outdoor type. The reporter wonders if she has caught any poison ivy yet.

Mrs. Judy Walker is now a stock car fan since her husband has taken up stock car racing—chills and thrills!!!

It is understood that Bill Young is losing more rest over the nomination of the political candidates than the candidates themselves. Bill said he just doesn't have time to get a haircut and we are wondering if someone could lend him a fiddle.

Welcome Back

Robert Hooker has returned to work after several weeks illness.

Bob says it is mighty nice to see the gang again and be back. The gang is sure glad Bob is able to be with us.

It looks as if vacation fever has struck this division. The W. H. Keys have just returned from Daytona Beach with a golden tan.

Mrs. Naomi Millsaps went to Panama City and returned rather red instead of brown.

The Fow's have just returned from New Jersey.

The Smith's have returned from points in Florida.

Miss Joanne Barrett, secretary in the Production Engineering Group, is keeping the home fire burning while her boy friend is in Alaska working during the summer. If you get too lonesome, Joanne, there are several single guys in our division who would spread their coat in the mud for you to

walk on any day.

We had a very interesting visitor this morning. J. D. Maples, foreman of the Proving Ground came to see us. J. D. hasn't proven to us that he has proved anything at the Proving Ground.

REOPEN BLUEBONNET

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — The Air Force has announced that it soon will reopen the Bluebonnet Ordnance plant at McGregor, Tex., for the manufacture of solid-fuel rocket units to assist aircraft takeoffs. JATO (Jet Assist Takeoff) units provide large bursts of jet power for brief periods during aircraft takeoff.

Miss Rita Duran of Cleveland, O. has been visiting at the home of Mrs. Emma Berkheimer, Redstone Depot employee.

Here Is A Miracle Story, The Miracle Of Giving Life

(By Armed Forces Press Service)

Walk through any hospital and you'll see it in the faces of the men. They'll tell you how they'd just about given up when all of a sudden—a miracle.

That's what they call it—a miracle. They'd be playing checkers, shooting pool, just sitting around and gaffing, then they stop and tell it.

You'd be just lying there and waiting, just waiting. For a while you'd listen for the footsteps of the medics. Then you wouldn't care any more. Things would get dark, then hazy, then start swimming around. Then it would happen.

You could feel it coming into you, washing through your body, shaking your body back to life. And then, after a while you began to care again. They might even give you a cigarette. It was the most amazing thing that ever happened.

It was just like somebody gave you a present. Maybe even like being born again. And you thought of the person whose blood it was. Then you closed your eyes and said very quietly to yourself, "Thanks, whoever you are. Thanks for giving me back my life.

It's the same story over and over again. You've heard it a thousand times. But don't ever forget it. And if you've got a minute, think of the guys that told you about the miracle.

Then go to the nearest blood donor station and give a pint.

Manufacturing Division

By HOKE WALLACE

The Manufacturing Division headquarters employes are settled in their new building, of which we are all quite proud. The Welcome mat is out to any of you who would like to come over to see us. A personally conducted tour is offered by any one of the proud employes.

Anybody having an extra piece of liver, send it to Union Drive. Of all things, C. M. Mohr is anemic; at least, that is what he is trying to tell us.

Sure Thing

Paul Kelly is the up and coming politician in our division. He is an authority on both national conventions. His latest prediction, and I quote, "In November we will elect

a President."

The employes of the Production Control Branch are enjoying a much needed vacation. They are ready to welcome Gus Woodward back any day now.

Dewey Meeks says it has been very dry in Cloud's Cove and Bugg's Chapel since they appointed a new deputy sheriff.

The Fow's failed to pay their telephone bill before leaving on vacation; therefore, found no telephone service on returning home. The problem was solved temporarily by using the phone in a nearby empty apartment. Of course, Rose tries to tell us the servicemen took out the wrong phone by mistake.

No Back Talk

John Clarke has arrived at the stage where he finds it more interesting to talk to himself than anyone else.

Just watch the waist lines waste away! "Doc" James W. Jones has lost 21 pounds and is recommending a certain brand of reducing pills that does an excellent job (he says).

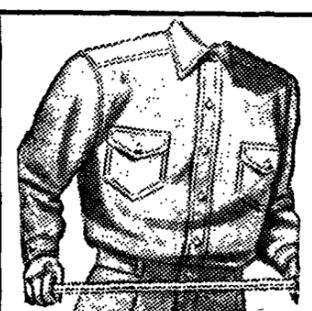
W. R. Pomeroy has had the "whistles" this week. Could it be the promise of a raise to a GS-2, or is it because Bill Young has been in an unusually good MOOD????

It Always Happens

James (Lover Boy) Prestage has a convertible for sale. The reason for selling is because he is being married in the near future; therefore, he will drop the title of Lover Boy and will not need the wagon. P.S. Also, he needs the ready cash for a honeymoon.

It is understood by the employes of the Manufacturing Division that the key given to J. H. Hyer was to the back door of A-156.

John Clarke is really taking life easy during this hot weather since

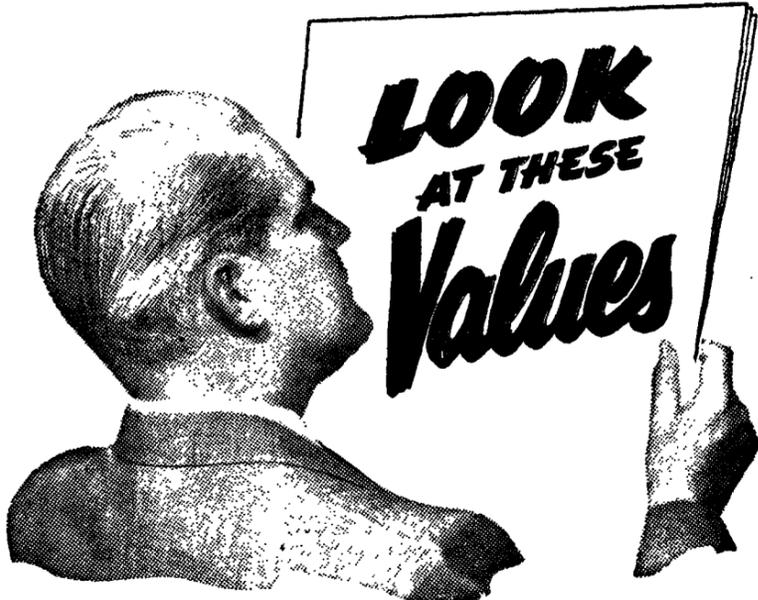


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Sports

Shaughnessy Play-Off Set To Begin This Wednesday

RSA Volleyball Play Due Soon

Redstone personnel can expect soon to have a volleyball league in operation on the arsenal, according to Sgt. Harry Martin of the Special Services office.

Martin says that four courts are now ready, and a fifth is being completed in the Provisional Ordnance School area. The courts are two night-lighted areas in the 3523 area, a court at the U.S.A. Infirmary, and one in the 9330 area.

Already lined up for the loop are a team from the 3523 and two from the 9330th. Teams are also expected to enter from the Provisional Ordnance School, and from civilian organizations on the arsenal.

A meeting set last week to discuss league operations was cancelled, and will be re-scheduled, probably this week, Martin says.

Y Court Leaguers Are Active Now

The YMCA Outdoor Volleyball league resumed play last week after a recess due to bad weather and the Fourth of July.

The loop-leading 3523 netters picked up their winning ways in their first game Tuesday by defeating the Ramblers 15-8, 15-7. The Missilemen dropped a game via the forfeit route to Cumberland Presbyterian on Monday.

Thursday the Ramblers defeated Cumberland 15-8, 16-14. Friday the 3523 and Missilemen were scheduled to play.

This week, on Monday, Cumberland v. 3523; tonight, Missilemen-Ramblers, Thursday, Cumberland-Missilemen, and Friday, Ramblers 3523.

The standings as of Friday afternoon were: 3523 20-5, Missilemen, 15-8, and the Ramblers and Cumberland were tied, 7-18.

Russel Barber, Y secretary, says the break in the heat has apparently renewed the league's vigor, and that new players coming has added to the quality of ball being played.

15 OLYMPIC MEN

NEW YORK (APPS) — Fifteen servicemen have been selected for U.S. Olympic teams so far in competition and at least 15 more are bright prospects to join them, following final track and field and diving tryouts.

Seven of the chosen 15 are Army men. The Navy, Coast Guard, Air Force and Marines are each represented by two in six separate sports. Of the leading contenders remaining to be picked, eight are Army, four are Navy and three are Air Force personnel.

SWIMMING POOL BUSES

Special Services announces that bus runs have been established between the swimming pool and the two troop areas for the convenience of arsenal soldiers.

The first swimming pool bus leaves the 9330th area at 4:30 p. m., goes to the 3523rd area, and then to the pool. A second run starts about 5:15 p. m.



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Thiokol, 9330-2 Fight For Third

Rain Slows Wind-up, Delays Tourney, Start Of 2nd Arsenal League

A meeting will be held Tuesday at 1 p. m. at T-151, of team and league officials of the second Redstone Softball league to discuss rules, schedules and operations of the eight-team league.

Today may be the wind-up of the make-up games for the 12-team Redstone Softball League—weather permitting. Play in the league was erroneously reported as complete last week. Actually nine make-up games remained to be played.

Third Place Tie

Although it is known which teams will be in the charmed circle, comes Shaughnessy time — due Wednesday — a hot contest is going between 9330-2 and Thiokol for third place. Manufacturing and 9330-1 have locks on the first and second places respectively.

Rained Out

The make-up schedule would have been complete last week except for a couple of rainy days, Monday and Tuesday. A total of five games necessary to complete the season play were called off until this Monday and Tuesday.

Two of these games are crucial in the Thiokol-9330-2 struggle. Yesterday 9330-2 was scheduled to win for 9330-1 for another win, and Thiokol was paired with 3523.

Tourney Wednesday

According to Cpl. "Dutch" Bollenbacher, "czar" of the softball league, the Shaughnessy will get underway Wednesday. The first and fourth team will be paired at Field One for a round, the second and third at Field Three. The same schedule will hold for a series to see who wins two out of three. These winners will then be set up for the final three-game series.

Game Results

Last week both of the third-place tied teams picked off their opponents to continue the tie. Thiokol downed Post Ordnance-2, 20-4, and 9330-2 defeated Rohm-Haas 10-9.

Other games played saw Provisional-2 defeat its sister team 12-5, and Post Ordnance-1 down its sister team 9-8.

To be played Tuesday afternoon are: 3523 v. Ordnance-2, and Rohm Haas v. Provisional-2. Slated Monday were 9330-1 v. 9330-2, Rohm-Haas v. Provisional-1, and 3523 v. Thiokol.

RSA SOFTBALL

- 1. Manufacturing, 20-1. 2. 9330-1, 18-3. 3. Thiokol, and 9330-2, 15-6. 4. Ordnance-1, 11-11, and 3523, 10-10. 5. Rohm-Haas, 9-11. 6. Provisional-2, 9-12. 7. Provisional-1, 8-13. 8. Post Engineer, 8-14. 9. Ordnance-2, 3-18. 10. Officers, 2-20.

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Hoppe Retirement May Come Soon

Forty-six years ago John McGraw was baseball's leading manager. Ty Cobb was only a Detroit rookie. Jim Jeffries was about to retire as undefeated heavyweight boxing champion and football had just been legalized.

Boy Wonder

And in March of 1906 at Paris, an 18-year-old "boy wonder" upset Maurice Vignaux in balkline billiards to win his first world title. New faces hold today's sports interest, except in billiards. There, Willie Hoppe still rules.

Gray Emperor

No longer a boy wonder, Hoppe, at 64, is the graying emperor of billiards.

Now, even that must change. He's announced his possible retirement this summer from a field he clearly dominated for almost a half century.

Champ 46 Years

From 1914 to 1940 Willie was undisputed king of balkline play. It

looked as if nothing or no one could stop him. The promoters thought they had a way. They shifted championship play from balkline to three-cushion billiards, a faster, more exacting game.

Hoppe took the switch in stride. Since 1947 he's been uninterrupted king of that domain.

"Batted" 400

A run of 20 points in three-cushion billiards is as rare as a .400 batting average in baseball. Twice he's hit 20, and once, in an exhibition, he racked up 25.

When you realize that his cue ball must hit the other two balls and three of the table's four cushions (sides), it's quite a trick.

Rigid Graining

Ten hours of sleep a night and five hours of practice daily helped Hoppe maintain his overall superiority. He passes up movies and reading to save his eyes and limits his cigarettes to help his wind.

Eleven times he was three-cushion champion. Sometimes deposed, but always bouncing back as master, Willie virtually spread-eagled his field for 46 years.

Top Control

His flawless control and positive conviction won him many triumphs.

Too bad billiards does not attract a wider interest. Then more would realize Willie Hoppe's retirement will mean the passing of a great competitor and a truly authentic artist.

Sports Quiz

QUESTIONS

- 1—True or false? Most fishermen agree that a steady barometer indicates the best time for fishing. 2—In what sport is the term "weight in hand" used? 3—Identify the colleges that have the following nicknames: (a) Fighting Irish, (b) Nittany Lions, (c) Dons, (d) Golden Hurricane. 4—What is considered the newest of boxing's basic punches? 5—Joe Walcott is the oldest man to have worn the heavy-weight boxing crown and Joe Louis defended it most. Who held it the greatest number of years?

ANSWERS

- 1—True. 2—Archery. It's the actual weight of the bow. 3—(a) Notre Dame, (b) Penn State, (c) San Francisco, (d) Tulsa. 4—Probably the left hook, developed by James J. Corbett in 1889. 5—Joe Louis held that honor, too. He was champ from 1937 until he abandoned the title in 1949.

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Cobweb Painting Display To Be Shown At Wives Club

The widely known cobweb paintings of Mrs. J. Blunt Clopton of Huntsville will be displayed at the July 22 meeting of the Redstone Arsenal Officers Wives club at the Officers Open Mess. The meeting is a coffee to welcome and honor newcomers to the post who are eligible for membership, and is scheduled to start at 9:30 a. m. No reservations are necessary for this event, and members are urged to bring prospective members as guests.

Mrs. Clopton will bring a collection of her paintings, and will be present to answer questions and discuss her work with these attending.

The guest artist is originally of Fayetteville, Tenn. She first came to Huntsville in 1896, and taught school for 32 years. While a child, she read about a man in Germany who painted on cobwebs, which inspired her to try the art. She has continued to work with cobweb painting since that time, and has gained world wide recognition.

Two of Mrs. Clopton's paintings are in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D. C., one in a museum in St. Augustine, Fla., and she has had requests to send paintings to several foreign countries.

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Buffet Luncheon Fetes Mrs. Wurz Of Aberdeen

Mrs. William G. Wurz of Aberdeen, Md. was the guest of honor at a buffet luncheon July 11 given by Mrs. William J. Durrenberger at her home on the arsenal. Ten guests enjoyed the event.

Silver appointments were used on the lace covered table with a centerpiece of pink and white garden flowers arranged around a small hand painted green and pink statue. The honoree was presented a corsage of red zinnias by the hostess.

Mrs. Wurz has been visiting her parents, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Thomas K. Vincent at Redstone.

ing System have had Mrs. Clopton as a guest artist. Her most recent invitation requested that she appear on television in Hollywood. She took her exhibit to the Chicago World's Fair for display in the Hobby House.

Her unusual hobby has attracted other hobbyists who have sent her products of their art to add to her collection which she keeps in her home.

Mrs. Donald Brown, program chairman of the club, is making the arrangements for the meeting.

Mirth - Eckardt Wedding Is Set

The announcement has been made here of the approaching marriage of Miss Marilyn Mirth, employed in the Purchasing Section of Thiokol Corp., and Hans Eckardt, chemical engineer employed at Thiokol.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Mirth, Kokomo, Ind., and Mr. Eckardt's parents are Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Eckardt, Stewart Manor, Long Island, N. Y.

The wedding will take place at 2:30 p. m. July 19 at the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Kokomo, the Rev. C. E. Ahlbrand reading the vows.

Miss Mirth is a June, 1951 graduate of Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. with a bachelor of science degree in science. She is a member of Delta Gamma social sorority.

Mr. Eckardt is a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering, and has done graduate study at Purdue University. He is a member of Delta Tau Delta social fraternity.

Mrs. Max Kidd, West Lafayette, Ind. will be the matron of honor and Miss Marilyn Louis Holt, Anderson, Ind., and Miss Virginia Miller, Ft. Wayne, Ind. have been selected as bridesmaids.

Mr. Eckardt has chosen Max Kidd as best man, and the ushers will be Warren Wright and James Moneyhun, Anderson, Ind.

Following a wedding trip to New Orleans, the couple will reside at 402 E. Holmes St., Huntsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Collins visited relatives in Trion, Ga. July 4 weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Schlotterbeck spent the July 4 weekend in Montgomery, Ala. Mr. Schlotterbeck is employed in the Reproduction Photo laboratory, and Mrs. Schlotterbeck is a Field Service Division employe.

WOJG and Mrs. James R. Patterson have returned from a visit to Mount Vernon, N.Y.



VISITS AT REDSTONE—Mrs. William G. Wurz of Aberdeen, Md., daughter of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Thomas K. Vincent, spent the week of July 5 to July 12 with her parents at their quarters on the arsenal. Her husband accompanied her here on their first visit to Redstone Arsenal. It is also their first trip to any locality this far South. They were impressed with the beauty of the area. Several social events were arranged honoring Mrs. Wurz.

Personals

More than 35 guests of both civilian and military personnel from the arsenal honored Lt. Francis Nevils with a surprise farewell cocktail party July 1 in the Blue Room of the Russell Erskine Hotel in Huntsville.

Miss Nannie Belle Gothard of Chattanooga and Robert Bradshaw, Thiokol employe, were married July 6 in Chattanooga. The Bradshaws are honeymooning in Miami Beach, and will reside in Huntsville when they return.

Col. and Mrs. Henry C. Thayer were the host and hostess at Couples Bridge Club July 7 at the Officers Open Mess when four tables of bridge were in play. Mrs. Thayer won high score for the women, Col. Thayer had high score for the men, and Lt.-Col. Stanley Smolensky had the low score. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. July 21 at the Mess with Mr. and Mrs. James J. Fagan as host and hostess. Those planning to attend should call the Fagans at Huntsville 4471-W by noon of July 21.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Daniel R. Thoma entertained with a picnic supper July 10 honoring their niece, Miss Joan Hster of Greensboro, N.C.

Miss Harriet (Happy) Glaze, secretary to the Director of Safety, and Miss Evelyn Coffman, Transportation, are spending the week of July 14 at the Montague Beach Hotel, Nassau, rather than the July 4 holiday as was first reported.

Members and guests of the Redstone Arsenal Officers Open Mess held an informal dance July 11 at the Mess with Charlie Prince's orchestra furnishing the music.

Mrs. Catherine Wilson, Budget and Fiscal employe, was presented a crib blanket by the employes in her section, before she left the section July 11.

Mrs. Daniel R. Thoma complimented Mrs. William G. Wurz of Aberdeen, Md. with a neighborhood coffee July 8 at her home on the arsenal. An arrangement of yellow and white flowers was used on the dining room table.

Col. and Mrs. James P. Snooks,

with son and daughter, recently moved from Birmingham to Quarters 103 on the post. Col. Snooks is assistant commandant of the Provisional Redstone Ordnance School.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Stewart visited Mr. Stewart's family in Collins, Miss. during the holiday weekend. Mr. Stewart is deputy chief of Redstone Depot.

Capt. and Mrs. John A. Pedlar have returned from a visit to Terre Haute, Ind.

Miss Juanita Cope spent the July 4 holiday with her family in McMinnville, Tenn. Miss Margaret Basham visited her parents in Loretta, Tenn. the Fourth. Both are employes in the National Stock Control Point.

Heirs And Heiresses

Capt. and Mrs. William Henry Moore, Ft. Sill, Okla. announce the birth of William Henry, Jr. on June 15. The baby weighed seven pounds, two ounces. Capt. Moore was formerly assigned here as the food service supervisor.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Wilhite, 503 Harrison Ave., Huntsville, are the parents of a son, Stephen Paul born July 8 and weighing five pounds and 12 ounces.

Cpl. Herman A. Ritenour 9330 TSU has been on emergency leave to take his wife to the hospital at Ft. McClellan.

Lt.-Col. Frank J. Austin, Jr. has returned from leave spent with his family near Brevard, N.C. Mrs. Austin and children Michael and Susan will remain at their North Carolina summer home until September.

Mrs. Tom G. Thrasher and children Amanda and Carol are visiting Mrs. Thrasher's parents in Belmont, Miss. The Thrasher's daughter Sharon is visiting relatives in Birmingham.

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By Pat Crick

Haul out the flags and KP the brig!! Ft. Jackson, S. C. is about to be invaded by Tom Burkett, Gene Harvey, Monte Korb, Bob Brooks, and Richard Hudson. We don't know who is the CO in charge of Ft. Jackson, but should rumors reach that far we do hope that the Army Reserve Training program for the next two weeks will remain flexible.

New faces about the company are those of Sebastian D'Alli and Roderick Rose D'Alli is from Reseda, Calif. and works in Statistical Engineering and Reports. Rose comes from New York and works in Mechanical Engineering.

Travellers

Thiokol vacationers have travelled the map this summer. Among those who are just back or in the process of vacationing are the following:

Helen Keel vacationing in Port Arthur, Texas; Lois Jones enjoying the Smokies; Claude McLean visiting New York and Philadelphia; Margo Hussey just back from Kentucky and Margaret Couch from Panama City. Otis Cauthen has been sporting a pair of huaraches which Mac Curtis brought to him from Mexico.

The "Mice" Must Work

Gloom has settled over a corner of the Control Lab. Betty Farrow's husband has just won a furniture selling contest with one week's paid vacation trip. Betty's vacation status is nil! Frances Gates Moore's status is the same and she is "patching" it while Mr. M. is tak-



ing a week in Florida.

Frances believes that some lobbying ought to be done in regard to this sort of situation because, as she puts it, "after all husbands are scarce!"

Guppy Gymnasium

Cheer up, Frances. Now would be a good time to go to the library and bone up on the care and feeding of those six guppies you've acquired. Who knows—in six months time you may be hanging out a shingle for the "Gates' Guppy Gymnasium."

That pleased expression on the face of Marvin Bridges appeared the day his son, S-Sgt. William Bridges, arrived home on leave prior to reporting for overseas duty.

Sympathies

We extend our sympathy to Charley Ellett in the death of his brother and to Shirrel and Jimmy Goodson in the loss of their grand mother.

John Higginson is sporting a new car and some not-so-sporty bandages as a result of a car wreck. There must be as easier way to come by a new car!

Thiokol's softball team in the Arsenal League is tied for 3rd place. By the time this goes to print we have been assured that Thiokol will be out in the lead.

Rocket Development

By R. ROGERS AND T. VAUGHN

The romance of old New Orleans was the main attraction for Emily Brawner, Reports, on her vacation. Traveling in style in her new Plymouth Cranbrook, Emily with Margaret Francis made the trip south through Biloxi and Gulfport, Miss., stopping at both places for short visits. When asked what they did in New Orleans, Emily replied, "Just say we did everything tourists are supposed to do . . . within reason."

I finally got her to be more specific.

Old New Orleans

They visited all the cultural spots such as Stormy's Show Bar, Pete Herman's La Lune, etc. and ended up with coffee and donuts at the French Market. Emily says to put the Show Bar on your "must see" list.

Allegheny Swimming

Ray Dunne, Project, erstwhile film reader, recently returned from New York City where he attended the wedding of an old school chum. Ray reports that the swimming in Allegheny Mountain Lakes is "magnificent." Needless to say, he had a fine time.

By passing out Roi-Tan cigars

and Jacobs Finest candy Bob Cronhardt. Design, announced the latest addition to his family. Seven pounds, seven ounce Jan Ellen made her entrance into the world July 3 in Baltimore, Md. The proud father was on TDY to Dover, N.J. at the time and, luckily, got to be in on the big event. Jan Ellen has one elder sister.

Valve-in-head Lollipops

Overhauling a pickup truck can turn out to be quite a task. If you don't think so, ask Pitt Warren, Design. When he removed the valves, prior to grinding them, he found they looked more like charcoal lollipops. The old valves are now in the waste basket and new ones are in the truck.

Pitt also seems to have had trouble with connecting rods. He lost five pounds tightening them to the crankshaft. Continue reading this column for latest developments on the project.

NFFE PLANS PARTY

The local chapter of the NFFE, in its meeting, last week, announced a picnic-barbecue will be held September 4. The place will be announced.

The celebration will be part of a membership drive to be conducted in August and September

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Carpenter and family spent the past week at Guntersville Lake. Mr. Carpenter is a Civilian Personnel Section employee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Weitenbeck have returned from their wedding trip and are presently residing in Monte Sano State Park.



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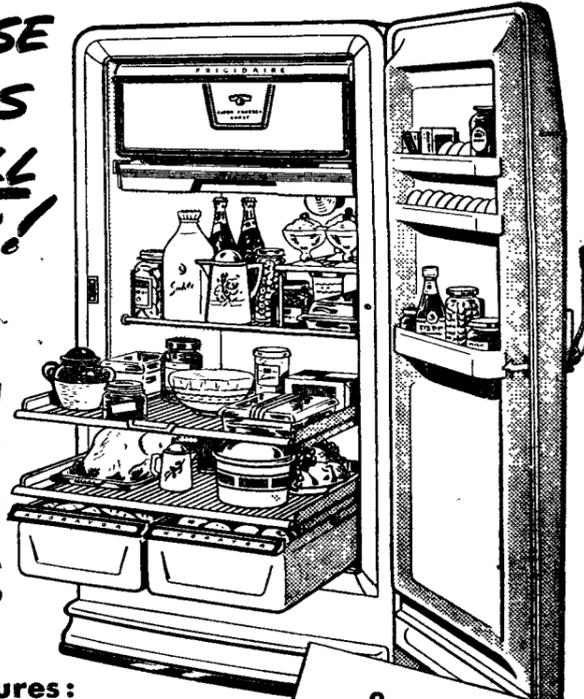


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WHO'S HEAT-CRAZED?—Just because I'm sitting here on the pavement howling my head off doesn't mean the weather's got me! Frankly this delightful late Spring sun-spat finds me ecstatic. People are nuts! They try to take off everything to keep cool. Me, I find wearing my sealskin coat keeps me from catching cold while cooling off. What I'm howling about is the babe in the Bikini who has to sit on the beach and broil because she hasn't enough suit to keep her warm when she's swimming.

Spotters Plan 24-Hour Watch For Red Craft

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — Convinced of the threat of a sneak air attack on the nation by the Soviet Air Force, civilian observers in 27 states will begin a round-the-clock plane-spotting service July 14.

Phase One of "Operation Sky-watch," initiated by the Air Force, will set up 19,400 observation points in 27 states ranging along the North East and West perimeters of the U. S. and following a line as far south as San Diego, Calif., in the West and North Carolina in the East.

Phase Two, soon to be inaugurated, will swell the total to 500,000 volunteers and include nine additional states.

Despite a critical shortage of Ground Observer Corps volunteers, the 24-hour surveillance is designed to fill gaps in our radar fence. Sneak attacks from an altitude of 5,000 feet or lower are difficult to pick up on electronic equipment. Watchful eyes will plug that hole.

The volunteer spotters will feed their observations back through a network of 49 "filter stations."

Capt. Szurgot Is New Transportation Officer

Capt. John A. Szurgot has reported to Redstone Arsenal from duty in Korea to be Post Transportation officer.

Capt. Szurgot is the son of Mrs. R. W. Ezell, Route 5, Little Rock, Ark.

During his 20-months in Korea the Captain served first as liaison officer at Air Force bases for transportation, then as port movements control officer at Pusan.

The new Post Transportation officer entered service in March, 1941. During World War II, he commanded a truck company in the Mediterranean area for about 30 months. From January, 1947 until May, 1948, the captain was manager of an auto parts store and machine shop in Hope, Ark.

He is a graduate of Little Rock High school and also attended the University of Maryland.

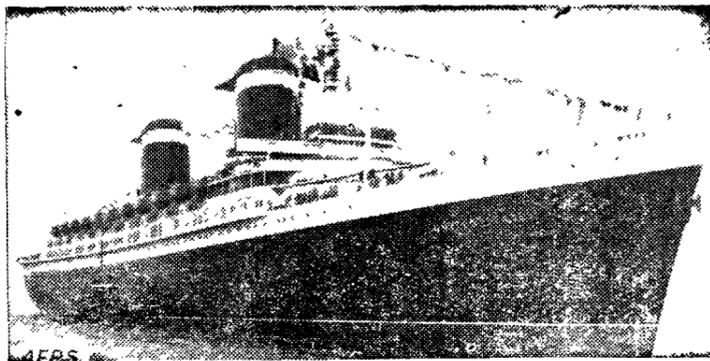
Miss Marie Weeks, Redstone Depot employe, has returned from a vacation spent visiting in Ithaca, N.Y. Her trip included a tour through the Smokies, the Skyline Drive, Niagara Falls, Canada, Detroit, Dayton, Cincinnati and Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brandon and son, 105 Kent Rd., Huntsville, have returned from a month's vacation spent in San Francisco, and the Northwest. Mr. Brandon is a Post Engineer employe.

Sfc. John R. Callender, Jr. has been in Chattanooga on emergency leave.

These, in turn, will evaluate the information and take action.

Gen. Nathan F. Twining, acting Air Force Chief of Staff, says the Soviet Air Force could launch a 400-plane attack by four-engine bombers — capable of carrying both atomic and conventional bombs — against the major American cities.



QUEEN OF THE SEAS—Here is a view of the fastest thing afloat, the SS United States, this nation's contribution to the commercial fleets of the world. The sleek looking luxury liner recently brought home the speed title for the first time in 83 years when the Yankee clippers dominated the waves.

SS United States Is Designed To Be Fastest On The Seas

NEW YORK (AFPS) — Innovations aimed at speed have been built into the new queen of the American merchant fleet, the 53,300-ton SS United States.

That they have accomplished their purposes is readily apparent in the craft's undisputed shattering of the Atlantic West-East crossing record.

Lightweight

The sleek 990-foot ship, which is shorter than both of the British "Queens," is also lighter. Instead of steel, much of the United States' superstructure is made of aluminum to cut down on speed reducing weight, and to lessen the ship's roll.

Its two separate engine rooms with oil-fired boilers, supply high-pressure steam to power turbines developing 16,500 horsepower to drive her four giant propellers.

Smooth Runner

Another speed device is the smooth welded fore and aft plates of the craft. Both of the "Queens" have riveted overlap plates. The welded plates makes the hull lighter and smoother for faster performance.

In her first trial runs off the Virginian coast the United States exceeded 34 knots, faster than any other passenger ship. She can back at 20 knots, which is faster than most ships' forward speed.

Other innovations on the ship are its lack of portholes, which were ruled out by the Navy on the grounds it might weaken the hull. Safety throughout the ship is emphasized.

Fireproof glass fiber is used instead of kapok in furniture and life preservers. And no inflammable materials were used in the interior decorating.

The ship is designed for peace, and if necessary war. On commercial crossings it will carry 2,000 passengers and a crew of 1,000. In wartime it will carry 14,000 fully equipped troops halfway around the world without stopping to refuel.

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