

New Leave Use Is Explained

Effects Will Be Felt This Year

Old Accrued Leave Carry - Over Protected But No New Building

The accumulation of annual leave has been limited for Civil Service employes by the recent adoption of the Independent Officers Appropriations Act of 1953.

Generally, under the new law, beginning with the current leave year, annual leave accumulated during any leave year must be used by June 30 of the following year or be forfeited.

However, employes who are carrying over maximum accumulations as allowed previous laws, will lose any unused annual leave accrued in 1952 or subsequent year at the end of the leave year. These employes will not have the six months grace given to those having less than maximum accruals.

The new law does not affect the old maximum carry-over limits provided the leave time was accumulated by the end of the 1951 leave year.

Leave Year Defined

A leave year is measured from the last day of the last complete pay period in a calendar year, to the last day of the last complete pay period in the next calendar year.

The end of the leave year for 1952 for Classification Act employes is Dec. 20, and Dec. 27 for Wage Board employes.

How It Works

The following example will show how the law works for anyone who may or may not have any leave accumulated before the beginning of 1952, but who does not have any maximum accrual:

An employe has 15 days leave accrued by the end of the 1951 leave year. During 1952 he accumulates ten days more. He must use the ten days by June 30, 1953 or lose it. The previously accrued 15 days, or any portion of it that is not used, can be carried over. He cannot add to it though.

If an employe was legally entitled to a maximum of 60 days accrued leave before the beginning of 1952, and had that time, he can carry it, or any portion of it, over. But, if during 1952 he accumulated additional time, it must be used by the end of his 1952 leave year, or forfeited.

The law definitely stipulates management must give employes an opportunity to use leave they might lose.



Miss Martha Carter



Miss Nancy Wells



Miss Billie Dove Jacks



Miss Marjorie Kelly



Miss Jean Brewer



Miss Jean Sparks



Miss Marlene Isbell

7 Arsenal Lovelies Go For Maid Title

Seven of Redstone loveliest were among the final contestants in the 1952 Madison County Maid of Cotton contest. The finals were held at a banquet, July 23 at the Russel Erskine Hotel. In addition to the seven contestants, the banquet was also attended by the former Miss Peggy Ramsey, now Mrs. Ralph Weitenbeck, a Post Engineer employe who was the 1951 Madison County Maid of Cotton.

This year's candidates included: Miss Martha Carter, 1028 Vandebilt Dr. and Miss Nancy K. Wells, Meridianville. Both are Civilian Personnel employes.

Miss Billie Dove Jacks, New Market Route One, Post Engineer, and Miss Marjorie Jewell Kelly, Gurley, Post Ordnance.

Miss Jean Brewer, Harvest, employed at the Provisional Redstone Ordnance School, and Miss Jean Sparks, 221 Alpine Ave., Payroll employe.

Miss Marlene Isbell, Hazel Green, Guided Missile Development Group, Technical Library. (All photographs except Miss Sparks are by Bryson's Studio; Miss Sparks is a U. S. Army Photograph.)

September Draft 30,000; 54,000 Due In October

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — The Army has announced a 30,000 draft call for September along with an increased quota of 54,000 men a month beginning in October.

The increased draft calls are necessary to replace men inducted in late 1950 and early 1952 who are scheduled to be discharged soon. The September quota will bring the number of men drafted since the outbreak of the Korean conflict to more than 1,000,000.

Here's How Vets Can Buy Homes On Gov't. Loans

By Armed Forces Press Service
Wanna buy a home?

The Veterans Administration recently explained the down payment requirements for veterans who are considering purchasing a home with a government loan.

Four Methods

There are four methods of computing loans since credit controls were relaxed June 11, 1952.

1. Veteran loans for repairs, improvements and alterations where the cost is \$2,500 or less. No cash payment is required.

Closing Fees

2. Government loans for houses ranging in price from \$2,501 to \$7,000. Closing fees in this price range must be paid in cash. But in no case will the required minimum cash payment exceed four percent of the sales price.

3. Loans for houses where the

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Arsenal Mercury Hits 106 Degrees

Think it was warm working last week?

Maybe you are right as "only" six of last week's seven days were 100 degrees or 100-plus days. The seventh day missed it by only one degree.

106 — Again

Observers at the Water Treatment plant say the mercury zoomed back to the 106 degree mark last Wednesday for the highest maximum so far for the month. The mercury began its climb upward July 17 from a 97 degrees reading. It climbed to 99 on July 18; 100 on July 19; 101, July 20; 102, July 21; 104, July 22; jackpot-106, July 23.

Last Thursday saw a "break" in the heat wave when the thermometer registered a mere 104 degrees.

Cool Nights

Hot as it may have been, the

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Employes Sight Another "Saucer"

No lights, no noise, no wings, just a circular shape, a couple of mouth-to-mouth black cones, and terrific speed. This summarizes the latest "flying saucer" as witnessed by three Redstone Arsenal employes last week.

The "saucer, or whatever it was," was sighted by Mona King, Management Improvement, her father Herman King, firefighter, and Woodrow King, Post Engineer employe, as they sat on the Kings' front porch about 6:45 p. m., July 22. The Kings live at 909 McCul-

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Tech Staff Surveys Drawings, Wonders Which Bank Is Best

BY R. ROGERS AND T. VAUGHN

Rocket Development Group's Design Branch personnel thought they had a smooth-working bank rotter in their midst not so long ago.

It all started when Casper Koepfer, Chief, Design, went on TDY to Sandia Base.

As he prepared to return to Redstone, he was asked, as a personal favor, to deliver some unclassified material to the Technical Staff. Being a generous fellow, Cas agreed to act as messenger.

When the material was opened here at Redstone, it was revealed that the package was jammed with complete and detailed drawings of various banks in Texas.

Unable to believe that Cas was involved in a gigantic bank robbery scheme, a check by the airlines was initiated by Design.

The airlines found a Texas banker, with material he couldn't possibly use, frantically trying to trace his lost drawings.

A mix up of checked parcels at Albuquerque was the cause of the whole thing.

Hot Or Not, Steam Plants Operated 24 Hours, 365 Days

One of the hottest spots on the arsenal—and in this heat wave, too! —is the Main Steam Plant in Bldg 425. Here men operate heavy equipment in temperatures that run as high as 140 degrees Fahrenheit to provide the arsenal's working areas with its main supply of steam.

The Main Steam Plant, and its "assistants," the 11 central steam plants, have other distinctions than being hot places to work.

The five-story bomb-resistant, concrete hulk of the Main Plant is one of the largest industrial steam plants in the Military Establishment (that means in the Army, Navy, or Air Force.)

Long Steam Line

The three-mile long steam line snaking its way across Redstone is one of the longest of its kind in the

world. It is called the "cross country line, and is never out of service for more than about two days a year. It takes from four to six hours are required to put it back into operation again.

Steam going to the test areas, to office and building heating units, to government lessees, throughout the arsenal travels through the cross country line at 90 mph.

Efficiency Necessary

The efficiency needed in the steam plant is readily apparent when you consider that it receives sudden calls for steam equally to a load of 300,000 pounds an hour, and that these demands are just as sudden cutoff.

The main plant's generating capacity is about 440,000 pounds per

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Three - Day School Is Here On Mechanized Bookkeeping

Eighteen persons from fiscal officers of eight Ordnance installations or offices will begin today a three-day study of Redstone Arsenal's new mechanized bookkeeping system.

The system has been put into full use only in recent weeks by the arsenal's Budget and Fiscal Section.

Gradual conversion to mechanized bookkeeping machinery began in May. Redstone is one of the first Ordnance installations in this Region to use the new equipment.

Eventually, the equipment is expected to eliminate the necessity of manually prepared monthly financial reports, and also of special reports. It will also do away with the periodic need for overtime work

preparing reports common to any accounting office.

The electrically powered equipment consists of a bookkeeping machine, similar in appearance and operation to a huge typewriter, and an electronically connected card punching machine.

Desired information is entered automatically on the cards from the bookkeeping machine. These cards represent a running capitalization of business at the guided missile and rocket installation.

Mailed daily to Washington, the cards, by use of card selector machinery, will provide running close-of-business reports throughout the month. At the end of a month, within only mailing time, the center

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Here's How

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 Sales price is more than \$7,000 but not more than \$12,000. Minimum down payment is computed two ways.

\$280 Down

a. If sales price is more than \$7,000 but not more than \$10,000, the minimum down payment is \$280 plus 10 percent of the excess sales price over \$7,000.

b. If sales price is more than \$10,000, but not more than \$12,000, the minimum down payment is \$530 plus 16 percent of the excess of the sales price over \$10,000.

Here's How

Example: Sales price of home is \$8,000, the minimum down payment is \$380 (\$280 plus \$100) under bracket "A" of payment procedure. If closing fees are \$200, the transaction price becomes \$8,200 and the maximum loan is arrived at by deducting the required down payment of \$380 from \$8,200, which sets the maximum permissible loan at \$7,820.

\$12,000 Homes

4. Sales price of home is more than \$12,000. Four brackets are involved in this category:

a. More than \$12,000 but not more than \$16,000, the minimum down payment is \$900 plus 55 percent of excess of transaction price over \$12,000.

b. More than \$16,000 but not more than \$21,000 minimum is \$3,100 plus 57 percent of excess over \$16,000.

\$21,000 Homes

c. More than \$21,000 but not more than \$25,000 the minimum down payment is \$5,950 plus 70 percent of excess over \$21,000.

d. For transaction prices over \$25,000 the minimum down payment is 35 percent of the transaction price.

Hot Or Not

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 hour, which is equivalent to about 600 tons of coal burned in 24 hours. At maximum capacity 1,267,707 gallons of water would be evaporated in 24 hours.

Operation Outlined

Steam is generated at 400 PSIG (pounds per square inch gauge,) at 600 degrees fahrenheit. This is called superheated steam. For use in the plants areas it is "desuperheated" to 175 PSIG and 475 degrees fahrenheit, and then shuttled through the cross county line.

Run-of-the-mine coal (just as it comes from the ground,) barged or freighted in, is used at the steam plant. It is conveyed into the plant's pulveriser where 10 tons of steel balls grind the fuel into a powder finer than all-purpose flour.

While the coal is being ground it is also being preheated to 165 degrees fahrenheit, and is then blown into the furnace where it is burned in suspension.

Local Water Used

Water for the boilers comes from the arsenal's industrial supply and is run through a water softener plant before entering the boilers to eliminate scale formation inside the boiler.

A protective measure from oxidation and corrosion of the boilers walls calls for the addition of four special chemicals to the water.

Maintenance of the main steam plant and the other operating plants is done by personnel whose skills

Gloria Beams



Film star Gloria DeHaven swings into action on the only swing available in Las Vegas to get a bit of exercise while enjoying her stay in the sunshine state. Summer visitors have reached an all-time peak, but perhaps that's because they knew Gloria would be there.

include boilermaking, machine work, steam fitting, welding, millwright, an electrical work.

Five of the 12 plants operate on a year-round basis, 24-hours a day. A sixth plant is tied to the five plant system, but is held in reserve.

Speedy Initial Use

Aside from being one of the largest industrial plants in the Military Establishment, the Main Steam Plant also has the distinction of going into operation 17 weeks after the first concrete in the \$1,250,000 construction job was poured 1942.

Built originally to supply steam for plants manufacturing chemical shell fillers, the shell production was outstripping the steam supply. To get the steam out, the staff set up an old railroad boiler in a temporary wooden shelter and went to work.

Rule Still Stands

The original limited steam supply of this locomotive boiler required the present-day rule that no steam valve on a service to a building be turned on by other than authorized personnel. The rule was kept and today is still an excellent economy and safety device.

40-Year Old Boilers

The steam plant in Bldg. 1024 probably has the most unusual history of any on the arsenal. The boilers for this plant were 40 years when they were bought at tonnage scrap prices in 1943. Because of the care during the rehabilitation of the equipment, as compared to the wartime haste in construction of the other plants, the old boilers performed with greater reliability.

The Operating Heads

Charles Cornelson, 715 Rison Ave., Huntsville, is the Main Steam Plant supervisor. He came to Redstone in 1946 from duty with the Navy. Before entering service he worked for five years in a Chicago steam plant.

Collier Lewter, 409 7th Ave. W. Huntsville, has charge of the station laundry plant and the other smaller plants. Leonard Crabb, 709 8th Ave., W., Huntsville, is head man at Bldg. 1024.

Arsenal Mercury

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 nighttime cool-off was comfortable with readings ranging generally 70 or under. Night temperatures dropped to 63 on July 24, and 64 on the hottest day.

Humidity joined with the high temperatures to make the days somewhat less than comfortable. The highest was 96 per cent coupled with July 21's 102 degree heat. The lowest was July 24, 58 per cent.

Dry Skies

Measurable rain continued nil, making eight straight days of dry skies, and the 16th day of July sans rain. Rain total so far for the month is a scant 2.01 inches.

Employees Sight

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 lough Ave.

According to Miss King, the object was black, disc-shaped, and rose before their eyes in a sharp vertical zoom. It made a sharp levelling off turn at an altitude about equal to a scattered layer of summer clouds, and travelled eastward over Monte Sano. The speed was judged to be extremely fast.

In its flight, according to Miss King, the object tilted in such a manner to reveal it was apparently a couple of shallow cones placed mouth-to-mouth. Its relative size to the viewer was about 20 inches in diameter, she said

Three Day

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 tral Ordnance fiscal office will have a complete summary of Redstone business for the month.

Manually prepared financial reports usually required up to ten days of intense regular and overtime work. The new equipment will eventually lead to a substantial savings by eliminating these arduous report preparation periods.

In Redstone's Budget and Fiscal section there are three of these mechanized accounting units. Each complete unit costs about \$8,000.

The first day of the three-day school will be devoted to a conference on background material of the bookkeeping machinery, its uses and advantages.

The second and third days will be used for observation and actual operation of the equipment as being used by Redstone personnel.

The installations represented are: Office, Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C.; White Sands Proving Ground, N. M., Anniston Ordnance Depot, Augusta Arsenal, Blue Grass Ordnance Depot, San Jacinto Ordnance Depot, Birmingham Ordnance

ce District, and Birmingham Ordnance I G.

From Washington will be John B. Lenning; from Anniston, Floyd F. Nuhn, Mrs. Mildred M. Rozelle, Alvin Baggett; Mrs. Ruth Spencer, White Sands.

Augusta Arsenal, Patrick D. Wilder, Lewis K. Parrish, and Anne K. Heath, Birmingham Ordnance I. G., M. S. McGee, E. M. Brown, F. J. Cartwright; Blue Grass, Ernest M. Hatfield, Catherine F. McQueen, Doris W. Smith;

Birmingham Ordnance District, Mrs. Francis C. Graham, and San Jacinto, Miss Mildred Ivins, Miss Rose Armstrong, and Miss Audrey Bedlinger.

Personnel of the Redstone Budget and Fiscal Section will also attend, and aid in the demonstrations. James P. Lutz, director of Budget and Fiscal, and Claude E. Stockton, assistant director, will be hosts to the group

Army Plans To Replace 'Competitive Tour' Plan

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — A system of direct officer appointments in the regular Army for officers of the Army Promotion List, effective about Nov. 1, 1952, will replace the present "competitive tour" system, the Army has announced.

Under the new system the Army will commission officers who meet the required age and educational qualifications. For appointment in the regular Army the applicant must be under 27 years of age.

The new appointment system was made to allow many outstanding Reserve and National Guard officers, who would not otherwise be eligible, to obtain regular commissions.

248 Officers Upped, EM Limits Eased

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — Army promotions were off to a slow but hopeful start with the announcement that 248 officers have been upped in rank.

The third list carried the names of 98 first lieutenants temporarily promoted to captain. The cut-off date for this group was July 15, 1947.

The second list carried the names of 100 captains temporarily promoted to major. The cut-off date for this group was May 23, 1946.

The third list carried the names of 50 majors temporarily promoted to lieutenant colonel. The cut-off date for this group was Aug. 27, 1945.

No announcement has been made yet regarding promotions from lieutenant colonel to colonel, but it is expected shortly. Promotions in these four grades will continue monthly in small increments throughout the fiscal year.

Limitations on enlisted personnel promotions remain but are expected to ease shortly. Then promotions will be made as vacancies exist.

Col. and Mrs. Benjamin Beach announce the birth of Peter Taylor, July 18 at the Huntsville Hospital. He weighed six pounds and six ounces.

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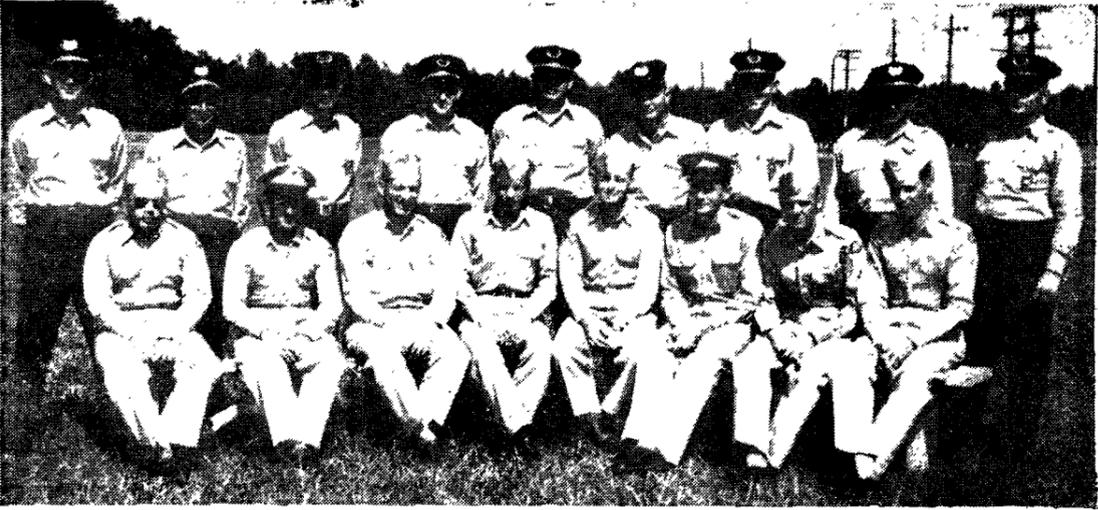
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FIRST CLASS GRADUATES—Shown here are the 17 military policemen and civilian guards who were in the first graduation class of the Police and Security School operated by the Provost Marshal Section at the arsenal. On the front row from left to right are Pfc. William W. Galloway, Pvt. William R. Berger, Pfc. Julius A. Sagi, Pfc. Earl G. Heacock, Jr., Cpl. William R. Thompson, Jr., Pvt.

James R. Stevens, Pfc. Robert B. Murphy, and Cpl. Jesse C. Hughes. The civilian guards standing at the back are William G. Sanders, James W. Stapler, Vernal L. Burnett, Elmer P. England, William G. Perkins, Rodwell King, Lonzo W. Parker, Melvin Whisenant, and Charles Cavender. (U. S. Army Photograph by Sgt. Richard Coddington.)



HOLDS HIGH AVERAGE—Lt. Louis Holder, training officer for the Provost Marshal Section is shown with Rodwell King, civilian guard of Route One, Union Grove, who held the highest average in the first class graduated from the Police and Security School. Graduation ceremonies were held July 18 in the office of the Provost Marshal, Capt. James M. Fail. (U. S. Army Photograph by Sgt. Richard Coddington.)

Rocket Development

By R. ROGERS and T. VAUGHN

Lt. Giulio Panelli, Design, revealed that he brought home an extra \$100 recently. This reporter was granted an interview with the lieutenant's small son, Richard. Richard was very firm in his assertion that he, not the Lieutenant was the owner.

Now, after all, Lieutenant let the child have his money. To the victor belongs the spoils.

I'm sure you can find some place to store 200 or 300 pounds of gum drops.

SPORTS ODDITY

"Dizzy" Wood, Administrative, neatly scattered 24 hits as the Redstone girl's softball team hit the comeback trail with a resounding 10-8 triumph over General Shoe. The girls gave "Diz" flawless support contributing 4 hits and 10 errors to the cause. The win gives the girls a record of 1 win, 5 losses.

VACATIONITIS

Chris Nunnelley, Reports, is back from her vacation with tales of bull fights, the Alamo, and Horse Tail Falls. She and her husband spent 10 days in Texas and Mexico and managed to get quite a bit

squeezed into that time.

Chris says that they shopped in Monterrey, visited Saltillo, one of the oldest cities in Mexico, rode burros, visited churches and cathedrals and really had a dandy time. And she has pictures to prove it.

Ray McGonigal, of NW Newton Crossing is having a fine time on his hunting trip. Ray is spending his two-week vacation in Chattanooga and can be contacted by writing to Ray in care of Mrs. Farmingham P. Spenser, 3 Terry St., Crabapple Creek, Nev.

Uphill Slant

If you see anyone walking around W-442 at a 45 degree slope, think nothing of it. It's only Anne Waldrop, Project. That ought to teach her not to ride the Chattanooga incline.

After a steady diet of popcorn and peanuts Vern Oden, Administrative, is trying to get his digestive track back in shape. Vern spent his vacation watching the St. Louis Cardinals play baseball. When asked how he enjoyed the games, Vern replied, "Fair, I guess." Sounds as if he's not well yet.

Pay-off Fishing

The best suntan in W-442 belongs to Emily Brawner, Reports, after a week at Bahama Beach, Fla. The whole family including the dog, spent week at the beach sunning and fishing. Emily's sister

Thickol Corp.

By PAT CRICK

Vacationing employes are still map trotting.

George Capuzzo and family left for two weeks vacation in Boston. James Fanning is back from Chicago.



Fanning says he did not attend the Republican Convention while there but we've been hearing rumors that "Ike" needed a little help and Fanning is mighty capable along those lines.

Gloria and Bill Harrell are vacationing in Washington D.C. and New York.

Lois Jones is one of those people who needs to rest up from a vacation. Lois vacationed in the Smokies and encountered a dissatisfied bear which chose to enlighten vacationers that their interest wasn't welcome. In her attempt to make a hasty retreat, Lois slipped and husband Don retrieved her before face met

ground. Lois' physical condition was somewhat shaky the remainder of the day.

James Cabiness is one of these industrious people who chose to stay home and do some remodeling on the house during vacation.

Jean Walker took two days vacation to attend a Baptist meeting in Shoco Springs and a tour through the "Purefoy" in Talladega but missed the opportunity to eat any of those 30 odd delicious dishes listed on the menu—reason: full house.

Glad to see Joe Todd back at work after several weeks in the hospital. Todd says his treatment consisted of a starvation diet of cream of wheat, eggs with no personality, and Sahara Desert toast!

The steno pool now has a fourth—some—Anne Wicker from Ft. Payne and a graduate of API. Mechanical Engineering has two new employes—Howard McClain from Chattanooga, and Nora Hardin from Athens. John Bullington is new in the Control Lab and hails from Elkmont.

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"Two Nights And A Day" Section

Glenna Jenkins, Design, is thinking about writing a book outlining her vacation trip the past week. One might be titled "Two Nights and a Day in the Nation's Capitol." The other could be "Touring the Great Smokies." Glenna packed a lot of traveling into her week and really made the most of it. Marie Boyd and Glenna's sister and brother-in-law also made the trip.

Another "two nights and a day" man is Harry Dawsey, Project. He spent his two nights and a day in New Orleans with his wife. On the return trip, the Dawseys motored thru Mobile and Pensacola.

Mr. Frank James, Research, left on his vacation July 28. He plans to visit in western New York state

visiting family and friends.

Mr. Conrad Swanson, Research, departed from Redstone for Montclair, N. J. where he will spend a three-week vacation.

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Rohm & Haas

By CECIL JACKSON

About the biggest news from Rohm and Haas is the heavy schedule of recreational activities that are scheduled for the coming weeks. The annual golf tournament is scheduled for July 19 and by the time this column hits the press we champion "duffer" and quite a few lost balls and broken clubs.

The annual company picnic is scheduled for Saturday, August 2. The site has not yet been selected but various committees have been formed to insure a full days' relaxation and entertainment for everyone.

Intramural League

Plans have been completed for the intramural softball tournament. Games will be played on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights of each week, and all games will be called at 7:30 p.m. Bring your family out and lets everyone have a good time. Incidentally, we would like to get out on the well-known limb and predict that Hank Shuey's Ballistics Section will come out on top.

Bill Groetzinger of Rocket Development has given up flying to devote full time to hydroplaning due to the efforts of the Safety Committee.

Happy to hear that Sara Hymer of Administration is making a splendid recovery after her recent appendectomy. Hurry on back, Sara, your ever-present smile is a welcome addition.

130 Fish

Jim Chaille of Chemistry along with the Mrs. spent a most enjoyable week fishing in Florida. Jim reports 130 fish were boated including several bream weighing one pound each. Just how do people find spots like this?

Janet McWhorter of Ballistics journeyed to Miami on her recent

vacation and reports she had a most enjoyable time.

Incidentally, our crack reporter, Lila Garnett, has been ill for several days and we wish her a speedy recovery. Lila's contributions to this column have always been commendable and we miss her when she is away.

Dr. Butterbaugh spent several days in Philadelphia on company business. Along with Sara Hymers absence, Ed Atkinson was a busy man during this period.

Some Belle Ringing?

It is being rumored that Harold Black and Bill Groetzinger of Rocket Development are finding that the Southern hospitality is at least improving or they are learning how to enjoy it. Of course, they are having to go a little south of Huntsville to Talladega and might add as an afterthought that Groetzinger is complaining that his date was worth only a paltry ten million.

A hearty welcome to Howard McGill and his family. Howard recently transferred from our Bristol Plant and feel sure that both he and his family shall enjoy their new location very much.

Sorry to learn that Bill Shelton is in the hospital. We sincerely hope Bill recovers rapidly and will soon be back with us.

Another addition to our Rocket Development Group is Dr. William D. Jordan. Dr. Jordan is on the faculty at the University of Alabama and will be with us during the summer months.

Home Cooking

Ed Atkinson and Noble Jahnke are having to cook their own meals for the next couple of weeks. It seems that both Louise and Evelyn have taken a trip to Philadelphia and Ed and Noble will join them sometime in August.

Jim Thomas of Accounting is another member of our group who was recently hospitalized. We are happy to report that Jim is doing O.K. after his emergency appendectomy.

The Hindu fakir kept biting his nails—now he has no place to sleep.



"There goes old George... he's heard there's a gold mine in U. S. Defense Bonds!"



Field Service Division

BY SUDIE AMSLER

Gene Smith came back to work Monday at Redstone Depot just plumb tuckered out. She and her husband, Bob, and two children, who are sixth graders, had climbed



mountains, groped around in caves and caverns, gone swimming in the Atlantic, and done lot of plain old rubbernecking for two weeks.

Their tour carried them through six states and five capitols and museums. First, they went thru the Great Smokies, and nary a bear did they see. In North Carolina, they saw the Cherokee Indian Reservation, Chimney Rock, Duke University, and Camp LeJeune. Admittance to the base is hard to come by, but her Redstone Arsenal tag carried her right through the gate.

Paddlers

In Ohio, they went into the Ohio Caverns, and later paddled around in Lake Erie. Their return trip brought them through Kentucky where they saw "My Old Kentucky Home" and Mammoth Cave. Gene says she wants no more of this cave. Another point of interest was Abraham Lincoln's birthplace. Of course, when they came back through Tennessee, they had to stop by to see "The Hermitage."

South to the Gulf

The two children, both camera fans, must have had a field day on this trip, and don't you bet Gene and Bob had just as much fun?

Another of the Depot gals had a vacation to boast of, too—Martha McClure. She and C. M. stowed the car with swim suits, shorts, sneakers and of course, the twins, John and Martha, and sped off to Gulf Shores, Ala. for a week. Martha said there wasn't much to tell about their trip, but that they had a marvelous time, and would recommend the place to everybody.

Chesapeake Bay

The Chesapeake Bay of East Virginia beckoned to Lt. W. W. and Mrs. James. Little Sharon, 15 months, had a private compartment on the back seat. Here, from a mattress, she could direct her father, chat with her mother, take a nap, and in general live the good life. The James' parked her with doting grandparents and went to Washington where they found the Washington Senators at home.

Lt. James was quite put out when he returned to RSD and found that Col. Snooks had transferred to PRO. He had really looked forward to talking baseball with the colonel.

When Capt. John A. Pedlar left RSD recently for overseas duty, he left a host of friends in the division. Everyone wishes the best of luck to "Cap'n" Pedlar.

Little Peter Taylor Beach who arrived Friday, June 18, to make his home with Col. and Mrs. Benjamin D. Beach is a smart little fellow. He chose to share birthdays with grandfather Warren H. Arnold, Sr., Mrs. Beach's father.

Top Sergeant Beach

Jane Anne Beach, 3, assumed the responsibility of housekeeper while Mrs. Beach was in the hospital. Last Saturday morning, she was playing in her room after enjoying a breakfast prepared for her by her father. Col. Beach was relaxing in the living room, smoking his after-breakfast cigarette, when Jane Anne came in and said:

"See here, Daddy, there are some beds around here that need to be made up." No doubt she will keep him quite busy while he is on leave.

New Blood

Two young men reported for work in Stock Control last week. Don Jessick "transferred" from a position with Uncle Sam's Army to the Control and Procedure Branch. Dons a "Michi-gander." To the same branch came one Gene Polish, from Korea (Toledo, is home). Both are single, and both are welcome.

While two young men went to NSCP, five came to NMP. First to arrive was William A. Estes, a transfer from NPD, who will be chief of the Mechanical Section. (Betty Smith of NPD made mention of this in her column last week, thereby scooping this reporter, who was sitting around awaiting Bills return from TDY before

introducing him).

Glenn Deuel, from Seattle, Wash., also joined the Mechanical Engineering Section. Glenn is a great, big tall blond. He is married, has a little daughter, Dianne Lee, 19 months, and lives at Vanderbilt Circle.

A Record?

The Mechanical Branch got Tommy Pantolina, too. Tommy is from Vicksburg, Miss. He has been with us a couple of weeks and he's still single.

Foster Esleck knocked on the door of William P. McNutt's Operations Branch and Mac took him right in. Foster came to NMP from Talladega, Ala., but home is Fayetteville, Tenn. Another single fellow.

Field Service Division bade a glad welcome to all newcomers.

Do-daddles

Lt. Col. A. L. Kobernat returned the first of the week from Washington and other points. Col. Kobernat said that it was so hot and humid in Washington, he was glad to get back to Alabama to cool off. Huh?

Smart gal. that Sara Hix, RSD. She manages to make spare time pay off. A local piano company was offering prizes for arrangements of furniture on pictures of rooms.

"Just for fun," said Sara, "I decided I'd see what I could do with it." And "just for fun," she won the grand prize, a new living room suite and \$25!

No Fadeout; Blackout!

Rumor has it that no one of the "Old Soldiers" is soon going to fade away into that limbo known as matrimony. Folks are waiting with bated breath for Bill Fuff's wedding announcement, and Bill says "Just any day, now — just any day."

Rocket-Equipped Aircraft Rolls Off Assembly Line

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — Rocket-equipped aircraft, our best defense against night-raiding atomic bombers, have begun to roll off assembly lines in three different designs, the Air Force announces.

The F-86D Sabrejet and the F-94C Starfire are armed only with racks of 24 "mighty mouse" 2.75-inch rockets, the Air Force revealed. The F-89 Scorpion, an all-weather fighter, will switch its armament from six 20-mm cannons to rocket-type weapons.

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Play-Off Finals Now Rolling, New Loop Is Next

Mfg., 9330-1 Vie In Finals

Division Beats 9330-2, 9330-1 Downs Thiokol For Shaughnessy Berth

The wind-up of the Shaughnessy play-off in the first Redstone Softball league is now underway with the Manufacturing Division and 9330-1 in the finals gunning for the big win.

Cpl. "Dutch" Bollenbacher, Special Services says the two teams were scheduled to open the final series yesterday at Field One. The second game will be Wednesday at Field Three. A third game, if necessary will be played Aug. 4 at a field yet to be decided on.

Leaders in the season play, the Manufacturing players easily walked into the finals with 14-7, 19-7 wins over 9330-2. 9330-1 had trouble with a determined Thiokol team that soundly whipped them 19-0 in the first game. The second place season team came back with 8-7, 12-7 wins to go into the finals.

Trophies for the first league's winners will be presented this Fall at the Special Services annual sports banquet.

3523 Continues Impressive Play

The 3523 volleyballers in the YM-CA Summer Outdoor league continue on their merry way at the head of the pack in the four-team league with a 24-6 record as of Friday afternoon.

In the past ten days the arsenal team picked up three wins. Thursday it was a forfeit from the Cumberland Presbyterian team; July 22, it was a 15-2, 15-3, series from the Missilemen, and July 18 a resounding 15-1, 15-2 win over the Y-



Turmoil upsets the afternoon at Yankee Stadium in a rare mass exchange of curses and punches hurled by Yanks and Brownies in the eighth inning. Flare-up was sparked by catcher Clint Courtney's roundhouse poke at Billy Martin who allegedly tagged him too hard to score an out at second base. Players swarmed to the infield as umpires tried to break it up. At right, New York manager Casey blocks an umpire from laying hands on Martin (extreme right), as a pile-up mounts on grounded Courtney (left). Identifiable players are: New York coach Frank Crosetti (2); Jim Rivera (upper left), of the Browns; Gil McDougald (12), of the Yanks; Tom Morgan (28), Yanks; Irv Noren (25), Yanks; Johnny Mize (36); Jim Brideweser (27); both of Browns; Hank Scheffing (44), St. Louis coach; and Phil Rizzuto (behind Scheffing). New York won, 5-4, in the 11th inning.

sponsored Ramblers.

In the only game, the church team took the Ramblers 8-15, 15-5, 15-0. Friday night the Missilemen were scheduled to play the Ramblers.

The second arsenal team, the Missilemen, are in second place with a 17-10 record, while the Ramblers are third at 8-20, and Cumberland, fourth with 8-21.

Scheduled for play this week are:

Friday, 3523 v. Missilemen; Thursday, Cumberland v. Ramblers; Tuesday, Cumberland v. 3523, and last night, Cumberland vs. Missilemen.

All games start at 6 p.m.

Things We Didn't Know

Hockey goalies work hard enough, but their protective gear and pads add more toil. They weigh 50 pounds and the cost of that weight exceeds \$300.

During the National Baseball League's first season in 1876, 70 contests made up one team's schedule. They played three times a week. Admission to each contest was 50 cents. After the third inning it cost only a dime to get into the park.

ANDERSON, IND. (AFPS) — Donald R. King's two dogs proved little help in a search for his six-year-old boy. The pair trailed eagerly behind the frantic parents, neighbors and police through woods and alleys. Then Mrs. King peered into the doghouse. Donald Jr. was there—sound asleep.

Dempsey Aims At IBC Control

(By Armed Forces Press Service)

A no-hold-barred two-round bout is in the making. The challenger is Jack Dempsey, one of boxing's all-time greats and certainly one of the sport's most colorful performers. His opponent—Jim Norris of the International Boxing Club.

In the first round, Dempsey's attack will seek to break I.B.C.'s so-called monopoly on the better fighters.

In the second stanza Jack aims to eliminate the practice of televising any inferior match just to satisfy the commitments.

Locales of the start of the brawl is Toledo, Ohio, where Jack's knockout win over giant Jess Willard in 1919 made him heavyweight champion.

Dempsey has corralled 200 amateur and professional hopefuls to fight, he says, in a heavyweight tournament.

The I.B.C.'s big boys—Walcott and Marciano—are the targets of the tournament survivors. They will have to answer the challenge of Jack's proteges.

A win by one of the youngsters can wrest control of boxing promotion from the I.B.C.

Jack may be right about I.B.C.'s system of exclusive contracts with fighters but unless he has piles of money with which to wage his fight, he can't hope to best such a big

They have the cash to promote more cash. And that's why fighter's are available to knock each other's brains out.

TV fare is not always good, but club treasuries earn little from TV time purchases. They make their profits from cash-paying customers. It's hard for small-time organizations to buck I.B.C. there, too.

But Jack never gave up in seven years as the world's champion or at any other time in a long, praiseworthy career. He won't quit easily in this bout either.

Seven Teams Ready To Go

Play Ball Will Sound When First League Completes Tournament

The second Redstone Softball league is formed and ready to go into action as soon as the Shaughnessy play-off from the 12-team league is completed.

The new loop, composed of seven teams, will play its games on Mondays and Wednesdays. And the first games will be scheduled either Aug. 4, or Aug. 6, depending on whether or not the play-off final runs into two or three games.

Members of the new league are three teams from the Provisional Redstone Ordnance School, a 9330 team, one from 3523, Redstone Depot, and Post Ordnance.

The league is tentatively scheduled to play a 42-game schedule which will extend through Sept. 17. Scheduled for the first two playing days are:

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| Field | First Day |
| | Teams |
| 1.—9330 v. PRO-3 | |
| 2.—3523 v. PRO-2 | |
| 3.—Depot v. Ordnance | |
| | Second Day |
| 1.—PRO-2 v. PRO-1 | |
| 2.—PRO-3 v. Ordnance | |
| 3.—3523 v. Depot | |

Sports Quiz

(By Armed Forces Press Service) QUESTIONS

- 1—How many world light heavy weight boxing champions have later won the heavyweight championship?
- 2—Which of the minor leagues are rated Triple A (AAA)?
- 3—Are "caly pigeons" made of clay?
- 4—How many Americans have won the Australian singles title in tennis?
- 5—True or False? All events of the track and field pentathlon are included in the decathlon.

ANSWERS

- 1—None. Gene Tunney was the American light heavyweight champ before he won the heavyweight title.
- 2—The Pacific Coast League, American Association and International League are all Triple A minor leagues.
- 3—No. They are made of asphaltum.
- 4—Three. They were Fred B. Alexander (1908), Don Budge (1938) and Dick Savitt (1951).
- 5—False. The 200-meters dash, included in the five-event pentathlon, is not in the decathlon. Its 10 events are 100-meters, javelin, shot put, 1,500-meters, 110-meters high hurdles, broad and high jumps, pole vault, discus and 400-meters.

One Of 7 Seas Is Now Missing, No Basin For It

(By Armed Forces Press Service) Don't look now, but—one of the seven seas is missing. And deliberately so, for 20th century explorers have eliminated it.

One of the seven seas, the Antarctic Ocean, has been made obsolete by south polar exploration. The world examiners have allowed the North and South Pacific, the North and South Atlantic, The Indian and Arctic Oceans to live on.

Defining an ocean depends largely upon the existence of a distinct basin. They're well defined for the earth's other oceans, but the Antarctic has none.

Years ago the unexplored area gave no choice to map makers but to assume the basin was under the south polar ice. Now its known that Antarctica is a continent almost as large as South America.

It means then that merely southern reaches of the other oceans. Up-to-date maps no longer show the Antractic Ocean.

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Officers Wives Club Names Nominees For Next Election

The slate of nominees for the August 2 election of officers for the Officers Wives Club was announced at a welcome coffee July 22 at the Officers Open Mess. Officers are elected for six month terms.

Candidates Named

The candidates and the officers for which they were nominated are: Mrs. H. N. Toftoy and Mrs. Benjamin Beach, president; Mrs. William J. Durrenberger and Mrs. Thomas C. McOsker, vice-president; Mrs. Joseph Rush and Mrs. Robert Merchant, recording secretary; and Mrs. Edwim F. Trout and Mrs. John E. Simpson, treasurer.

Election, Aug. 2

The election is scheduled to take place at a business meeting of the club at 9:30 a. m. on August 2 at the Mess. The nominating committee members are Mrs. Henry C. Thayer, Mrs. Robert Walsh, Mrs. Stanley Skeiber, Mrs. Amedeo Nicolosi, Mrs. Robert Payne, Mrs. John Grace, Mrs. Archibald Dean, Mrs. Henry Parker, and Mrs. William Poteat. They selected the slate during a meeting July 1.

Cobweb Painter

Mrs. J. Blunt Clopton of Huntsville was the guest artist featured on the program at the coffee. Mrs. Clopton, who is nationally famous for her cobweb paintings, displayed some of her work, and described how it is done.

Her first painting took two years, and was started when she was 11 years old. Now she paints a picture in six or eight weeks. The pictures vary in size from ring settings to approximately eight by ten inches.

Brown Spider Webs

In order to learn her art, she has made a comprehensive study of spiders and their habits. The small, brown grass spider spins a

Personals

More than 250 members and guests of the Officers Open Mess attended the Ratskellar dance July 25 held at the airport hanger. Hilding Holmberg's orchestra furnished the music for dancing. Several dance numbers were played in keeping with the theme of the occasion. Colored lights were used for decorations, and free refreshments were served. This marks the farewell social function planned by the entertainment committee composed of Lt.-Col. Stanley Smolensky, Capt. Leonard Schreiber, Capt. David Lane, Lt. Robert Bailey, and Lt. Walter Berke. A new committee will be announced in the near future.

Mrs. Evelyn Davenport, Tucson, Ariz. is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Potts, 208 E. Bob Wallace Ave., Huntsville.

Mrs. William O'Neal Jr., and children Douglas and William of Huntington, W. Va. visited last week at the home of Col. and Mrs. Henry C. Thayer on the arsenal. Col. and Mrs. Thayer and children left July 28 to spend three weeks leave in New England.

Mrs. W. M. Carter, Fresno, Calif. is visiting her daughter and son-in-law, Capt. and Mrs. Woodrow Crum, 1511 Ward Ave., Huntsville. The Crums and Mrs. Carter left July 26 for California where Mrs. Crum will remain for a month's visit.

Vann - White Nuptials Are Set For August 29

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Vann, 1101 Beirne Ave., Huntsville, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Doris, and Niles White, son of Mrs. V. A. White, Jasper, Ala. The wedding will take place August 29, at the Central Church of Christ in Huntsville with the Rev. Rufus Underwood reading the vows.

Miss Vann is assistant chief of the technical library in Post Headquarters. Mr. White is employed as a chemical engineer at the Rocket Development laboratory.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Huntsville High School and attended David Lipscomb College in Nashville. Mr. White is a graduate of Walker County High School, Jasper, and of the University of Alabama with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering.

Personals

Col. Henry Thayer and Capt. Thomas C. McOsker tied for high score for the men, Mrs. Thayer won the women's high score, and Mrs. Ralph Bolvin had the low score at Couples Bridge Club July 21 at the Officers Mess. Mr. and Mrs. James Fagan were the host and hostess. The next meeting will be at 7 p. m. August 4 at the Mess with Dr. and Mrs. Clayton Huggett in charge of the arrangements. Those who plan to attend should call the Huggetts at Huntsville 11-33-M by noon of August 4, so that even tables may be arranged.

Personals

Lt.-Col. and Mrs. William J. Durrenberger complimented Maj. and Mrs. Richard C. Miles with a farewell barbecue dinner July 23 on the lawn of their quarters on the arsenal. Sixteen guests were invited to the social event.

Niles White, Rocket Development Group's Research Section, and Doris Vann, Technical Library, re-

cently announced their engagement and approaching marriage.

Mrs. Helen Hansmeier, Public Information Section, was called Friday morning to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Frank Virgin, Cleveland, Okla., who is seriously ill.

Barbara Burtram and Frank Ferrigno, Rocket Development Group, Test and Evaluation, were married July 26 in Huntsville.

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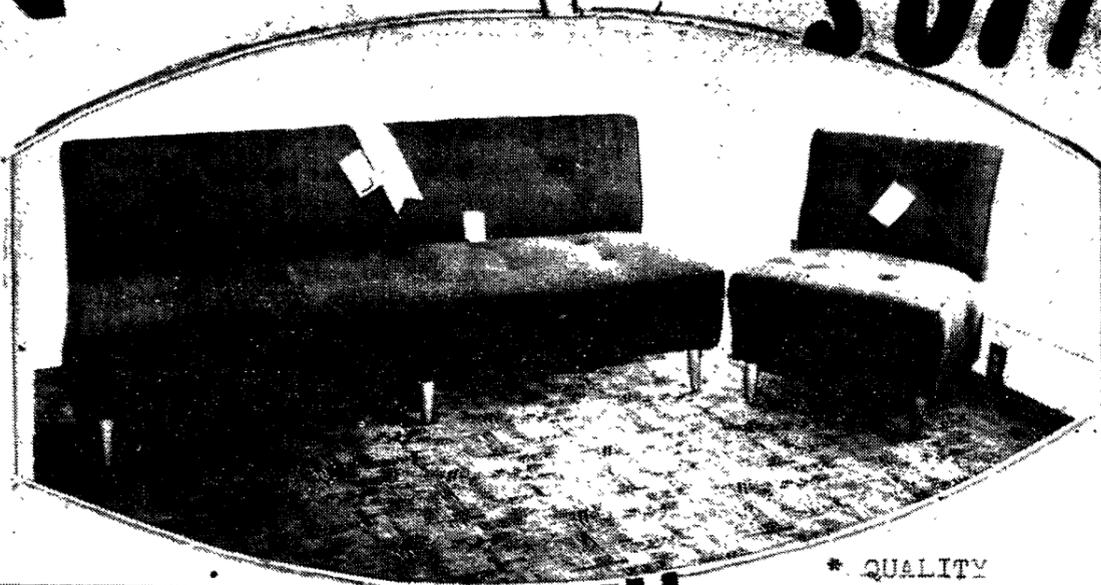
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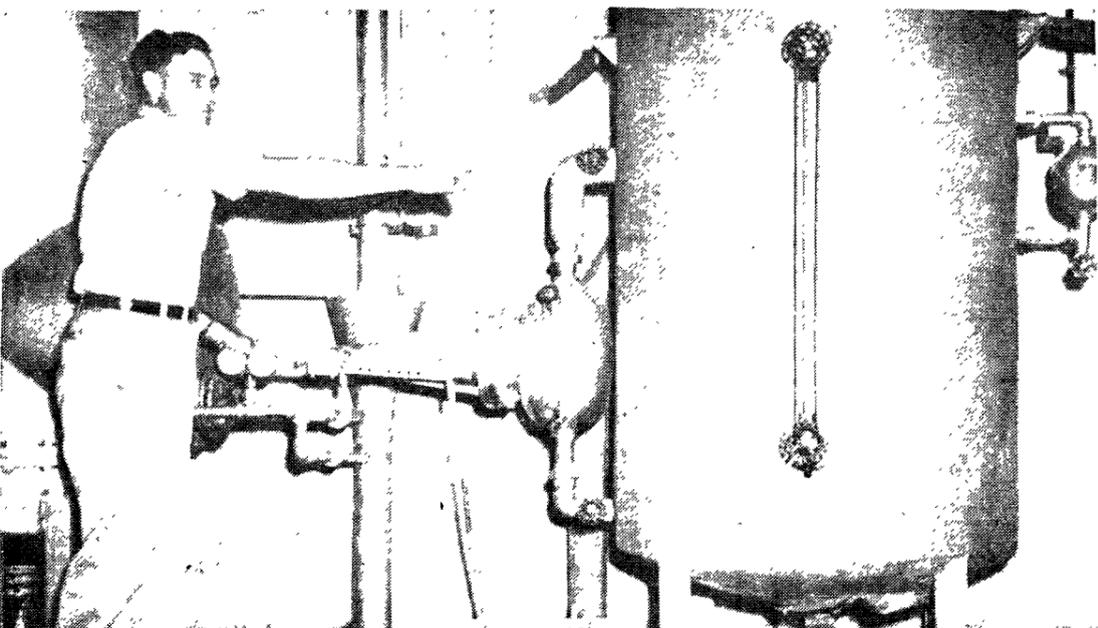
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SAVES HEAT—Charlie A. Cornelson, 715 Rison Ave., Huntsville, who supervises operations at the main steam plant in Bldg. 425, stands by the economizer which he and his co-workers built from scrap material in their spare time. He won the largest award, \$275, given in the reactivated

Redstone Efficiency Awards program, for his suggestion of a means to save the government money. Discarded World War II materials and the cooperative efforts of Cornelson and plant employees went into perfecting this device. (U. S. Army Photograph by Harvey McCrary.)

Skunks, Snakes, Guppies, Etc. All Are Thiokol Home Pets

By PAT CRICK

Several Thiokol employes have acquired pets of various types and it is interesting to speculate the outcome of these friendships. Mary and Jim Smith made up an interesting threesome with the addition of a skunk.

After paying a visit to the "descenting doctor," "BO Nevermore" now claims his rightful place in the Smith's society and spends his days dreaming of pickled herring.

Helen Keel's young daughter, Kathy Ann, is smitten with her new pup, "Blackie." Three sleepless nights and two petunia beds later, Helen is beginning to wonder about the phrase "man's best friend."

Our vote for the pet we'd most not like to have is that of Dr. Hal Ritchey's son. Seems Dr. Ritchey and son stopped on vacation long enough to see several cages of snakes and purchased two young garter snakes. Baptismal names are "Nigbert" and Wigbert."

"Nigbert" (or it may be "Wigbert") has escaped from his fish bowl home which leaves us wonder-

ing if Mrs. Ritchey will prolong her two weeks vacation in California! Edna Parsons has a cat which adopted her son and she in turn is looking for someone to adopt the cat. Mr. Kat is notorious for finding his way back home—anyone needing a feline bloodhound contact Mrs. Parsons.

One more guppy has been added to the collection of Frances Gates Moore. True to guppy tradition Mama Guppy gulped the guppies and the Moore's found but one baby guppy left on returning home. (So shorts cuts in taking care of the population vs. famine problem, don't they!)

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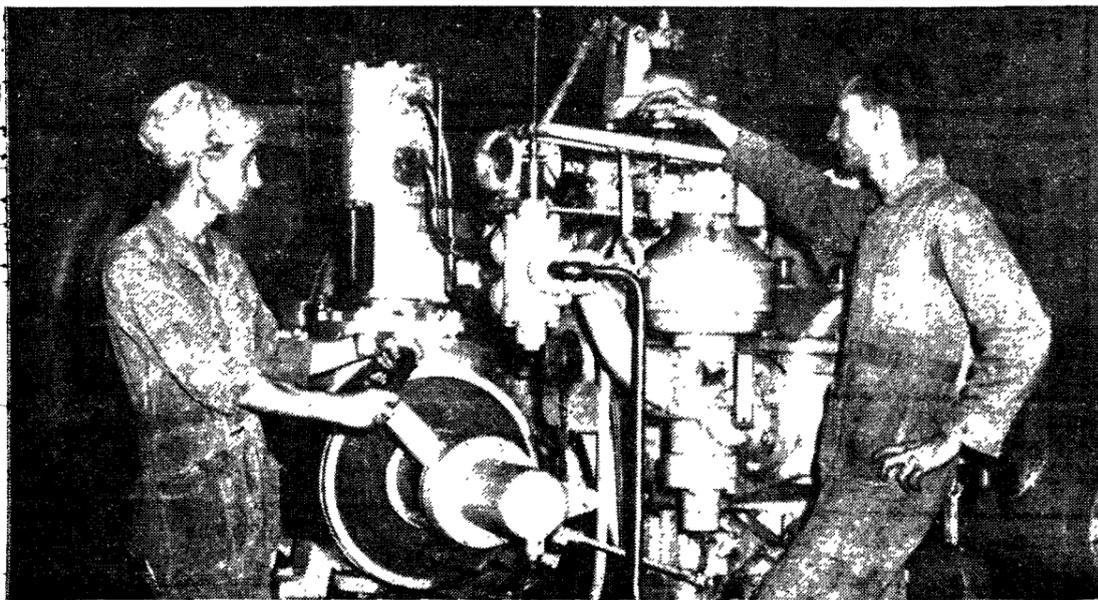
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months on occupation duty in Japan.

The captain attended Purdue University at Lafayette, Ind. He is the son of Mrs. Grace H. Pedlar, 1724 So. 10th St., Terre Haute, Ind. He is married to the former Miss LaVina Mack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Mack, 707 So. 11 St., Muscogee, Okla.

DIJON, France — A French "wolf" who stripped his clothes, donned a wolf's mask, and carried a wooden pistol landed in jail for "Wolfing" the wrong woman. The "wolf" was found battered and bruised. He had attacked a physical culture instructor.



CAN FURNISH EMERGENCY POWER—Fred Swain (left) 1612 Ponciana Ave., Huntsville, assistant chief operating engineer at the main steam plant, and Hassel Moore, (right) Whitesburg Dr., Huntsville, operating engineer, steam, are shown with the steam turbo generator in Bldg. 425 which is capable of producing enough electricity for the arsenal in case of power failure from other sources.

It was humorously christened in 1942 by construction and early operating crews as the "Ruptured Duck" because it had attained the age of almost 30 years before installation at Redstone, and by all statistics should have been broken down and retired. Today the "Duck" is rolled once a week to keep it in good operating condition. (U. S. Army Photograph by Harvey McCrary.)

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Sgt. Ellis Improves His Education Level 8 Years In 6 Mos.

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Take Sgt. William B. Ellis, 9330 TSU, for example. Sgt. Ellis, who is every inch a Texan, is 45, and in the popular misconception too old to advance his education.

Yet, this Jones County, Texas sergeant, via GED tests, has advanced his educational record from the sixth grade to two years of college. And he did it six months!

Anybody Can Win Says the sergeant, modestly, "You don't even have to be from Texas to do it, anybody can do it."

The sergeant's formal education ended in 1922 after he finished the sixth grade. In 1929 he made a stab at improving this a little by attending night school for two months. From then until November, 1951,

his education, according to the books, was "sixth grade."

Progress Begins

In November, he was advised to take the eighth grade test. He did and passed it easily. However, he decided that he'd like to move the X over a little further on his records in the educational level box.

In February, after some off-time study in mathematics, he took the high school GED test and passed it.

In May he was back and asking for the first year college test. He passed, and the following month he took the highest test the Army Education center could provide and passed, gaining credit for an educational level equivalent to two years of college.

"All it takes," says Sgt. Ellis, "is a little time and a visit to the Educational Center."

Capt. Pedlar To Leave For FECOM Duties --

Capt. John A. Pedlar, chief of the General Supply Branch, Redstone Depot, has received orders to report for duty in the Far East Command.

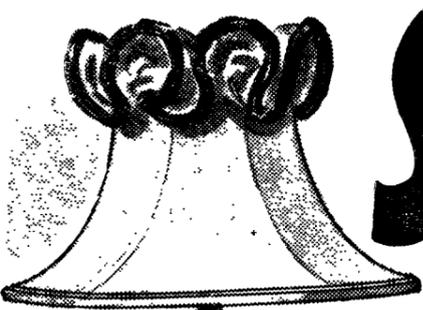
Capt. Pedlar has been at Redstone since July, 1951. Previously he had been assigned to Sandia Base N. M.

Before being assigned as chief of the General Supply Branch, Capt. Pedlar was for a time chief of the Redstone Depot, Field Service Division.

Capt. Pedlar entered service in April, 1943. He served 13 months with an Ordnance medium maintenance company in Europe during World War II. He later spent five

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And E. Vote Book Gives Absentee Dope

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — Although Congress failed to pass the Servicemen's Voting Act for 1952, there is no change in the absentee voting procedures previously outlined in the voting information booklet compiled by the Office of Armed Forces Information and Education.

The booklet describes the methods which the State Legislatures have set up for absentee voting by servicemen and women.

The bill in Congress would have worked out some of the obstacles that might cause servicemen some difficulty in casting their ballots in a few states.

The Senate has passed the proposed voting measure and sent it to the House. But it was never reported out of the House Administration Committee.

The bill was originally introduced in response to a Presidential message pointing out that some servicemen might be deprived of their vote because of procedural obstacles contained in voting laws of a few states.

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Originating from a Congressional proposal, the plan has advanced to the stage where Secretary Lovett and Assistant Secretary in charge of manpower Mrs. Anna Rosenberg are selecting and securing competent persons to make up an effective committee.

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