

# The Redstone Rocket

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## Local Businessmen To Visit Arsenal At Unusual Meeting

### Procurement Methods Will Be Discussed By RSA Authorities Nov. 6

The quickest and easiest way to do business with Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, will be the object of a meeting of about 150 Huntsville businessmen and manufacturers with arsenal officials Thursday. Invitations to the meeting, first of its kind at the Ordnance Corps guided missile and rocket weapons control center, were extended by Brig. Gen. Thomas K. Vincent, arsenal commander, through the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce. The day-long conference will be a two-edged sword to help neighboring civilian businessmen in supplying the vast defense installation with some of its needs, and will help the arsenal clear up some of the snarls and delays that come through lack of understanding of purchasing and payment procedures.

#### Full Day

Buses will bring the group to the new Ordnance Missile Laboratories auditorium at Redstone. A dutch lunch will be served at the headquarters cafeteria. The meeting will be followed by a short tour of arsenal facilities including a walk-through selected Consolidated Supply Division warehouses.

At the meeting the visitors will be briefed by procurement agencies of the arsenal and the two contract companies working at Redstone on government projects. In addition, the group will hear something of the operations of the arsenal. Following the speakers portion, an open discussion will be held to answer questions the visitors may have.

#### Program Given

Maj. Charles E. Barrett, Supply Directorate, and host to the meeting, says the visitors will hear talks by Gen. Vincent; Col. Holger N. Toftoy, director of the Ordnance Missile Laboratories, and Dr. Werner von Braun, technical director of the Guided Missile Development Group.

On the business side, Noble Jahne, Rohm and Haas Co. purchasing agent; Frank Quinn, Thiokol Corp. purchasing agent; and Capt. Bruno Lambruschi, arsenal exchange officer, Army-Air Force Exchange will explain purchasing procedures of their organizations.

#### Purchases Explained

Charles D. Hopkins, chief of the Purchasing and Contracting Division, will explain how some items are bought for Redstone use, and how other needs are filled through other government purchasing agents.

Small business specialist Jeff D. Darwin will tell how his office can help manufacturers and businessmen find out what Redstone needs that they can sell.

Equally important to the actual ordering of an item, both from the businessman's and the arsenal's viewpoint, are the sending and receiving routines. These will be discussed by Oscar N. McAnally, chief of the Consolidated Supply receiving branch.

Also highly important to both sides are the methods of payment, and James P. Lutz, chief of the arsenal's Budget and Fiscal office will explain these.

## Space Talk Set For ACS, Nov. 4

Dr. Werner von Braun, technical director of the Guided Missile Development Group, will speak at the North Alabama Section meeting of the American Chemical Society, Nov. 4.

The meeting will be held at Cambon's. A social hour, beginning at 6:45 p.m. will precede the dinner at 7:30 p.m. Dr. von Braun will begin his discussion on "Space Superiority" at 8:30 p.m.

## New American Heritage Series Begins Thursday At Huntsville Library

The first meeting of the new series of American Heritage discussions and studies will open Nov. 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Huntsville public library with the showing of the film, "The Decatur Story."

The series will be known at the "Little Town Meeting," and are designed to offer opportunities to those wanting to be fulltime citizens to discuss current local and national questions.

The series are supervised by the Alabama state library. Funds for the discussions and the discussion literature are provided by the Ford Foundation.

This year discussion groups will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Huntsville library at 7:30 p.m. each group meets once a week. Size of the groups is limited to 20 each.

In addition to the joint discussion, films, and literature are provided.

"The Decatur Story," was filmed in Decatur, Ala. and concerns the planned transformation of the city's recovery from an economic deathblow of the town's only industry pulling out into a community with a balanced "natural" industrial and agricultural economy.

## NATO Selects M-1 As Standard Rifle

Paris (AFPS) — The U.S. Army's .30-caliber Barand rifle has been chosen the standard infantry weapon for North Atlantic Treaty Organization nations after 12 months of Anglo-American competition.

The British .28 caliber, championed by Prime Minister Winston S. Churchill of England, was considered the equal of the M-1 as an automatic weapon, but its "stopping power" was not as great.

NATO also announced Great Britain's 50-ton Centurion tank, France's 81 mm mortar, and the U.S. 155 mm howitzer have been accepted as standard weapons. Korea tested American planes, British Venoms and Swifts, and French Mystere IV aircraft will staff the alliance's air arm.

Top production priority in 1953 will be given basic and standardized weapons with sufficient quantity being made in each category to equip all participating allies.

## News Shorts

At the last count, Redstone personnel had pledged \$4,700 to the 1952 Red Feather campaign. A final tally will be available later this week on the drive which closed Monday.

First flush guesses at the crowd at the Shep Fields' dance Friday night places the crowd about 4,000 or 5,000. At any rate, James L. Smith, Thiokol; Thomas M. Barnes, Post Engineer; Wallace K. Thompson, Inspection; Frank Hunter, Post Engineer; Ericka Wiesemann, and Wilma Kmetko, GMDG, were there—they won the door prizes.

## 750,000 Out, Ten Million In

### Pace Says Manpower Can Affect 30 Million In "Foreseeable Future"

Washington (AFPS) — Approximately 750,000 soldiers or about one-half of the Army built up since the outbreak of Korean hostilities, will be separated from active duty this fiscal year.

In an address before the mobilization conference of the Jewish Welfare Board recently, Secretary of the Army Frank Pace Jr., also said some 10,000,000 youth may experience military duty in the foreseeable future.

"Considering their influence on their immediate families and friends," Secretary Pace said, "probably upwards of 30,000,000 Americans will be affected directly or indirectly by their military service."

#### Must Be Trained

"New replacements must be trained to go immediately into battle, if need be, and this is no simple process. It imposes terrific burdens on our training system, complicates the other difficult jobs the Army is doing, and is very costly in time and money.

"The record of our troops in Korea and elsewhere attests to the soundness of our training. There is a two-fold reason for giving our soldiers this tough, realistic training: first, to help them do a tough job in combat and second, to increase their chances of staying alive."

Secretary Pace said the American soldier is better cared for, in or out of battle, than any other fighting man in the world. In Korea, he said, fatalities among wounded soldiers is about one-half of the rate of WWII. About 98 of every 100 wounded men survive and 85 of them are restored to duty.

#### Better Protection

Besides improved medical facilities Mr. Pace stated, body armor has further reduced the number of men who die of wounds. Experiments in Korea indicate the vest is more than worth the eight extra pounds of weight a soldier must carry. As one infantryman put it, "I'd rather wipe sweat than blood."

#### Mentions Education

Mr. Pace spoke of the programs in the Army to help a soldier's general well-being. He mentioned the Army's extensive education program in which 180,000 men and women enroll in courses from grade school through college; the information program to provide soldiers with facts necessary to an understanding of their responsibilities, and the vast religious program which is a vital factor in building morale.

## Thanksgiving Appeal Is Made For War Orphans By Chapel

### Electronics Expert To Talk At IRE

Prof. Walter R. Jones of the School of Electrical Engineering, Cornell University, will be guest speaker at the Nov. 10 meeting of the Huntsville Subsection of the Institute of Radio Engineers.

Prof. Jones, consultant to the panel on electron tubes of the Electronics Committee, Research and Development Board, has extensive experience in the field of electronics, particularly, electron tubes. He has held positions as engineer-in-charge of Research and Development, Federal Radio Corporation, and chief engineer, Radio Division, Sylvania Electric, Inc.

He will speak on "Vacuum Tube Applications and Reliability", which should be of particular interest to electronic engineers in the guided missile field.

The meeting will be held in the ballroom of the Yarbrough hotel at 7:30 p. m.

### Pvt. Zoeller Completes Two PROS Courses With Superior Rate

The first class to complete the guided missile internal guidance systems repair course received certificates of completion Monday in graduation exercises Monday. Maj. James W. Sovern, director of training of PROS was guest speaker.

Included in the new "first" graduating class was Pvt. Donald Zoeller, who is the first PROS student to complete two courses with a total rating of superior. Superior means from 96 per cent to 100 per cent in proficiency.

Honor student in the guided missile components repair course was Pvt. George P. Cole, and in the external systems repair course, Pvt. John E. Gilbert.

### Anne Baxter Becomes Stogie Packin' Blondie

What's happened to Anne Baxter? For years she's been considered one of the most conservative of Hollywood's younger actresses. Then in the movie, "I Confess", she wore a rhinestone in her navel. That did it!

Hollywood, she declared, wasn't glamorous enough. She dyed her hair blond and began smoking cigars. Yep, real Havana stogies.

She said cigar smoking by women is prevalent in Europe and sees no reason why American women shouldn't follow suit.

"Of course, the men will raise a fuss," she remarked. "They always complain when they think their domain is being invaded."

It was the same way with cigarettes. Women might as well get some pleasure out of smoking, too. Cigarettes have become so pure they're nothing but a nervous habit now."

(Cheering note: Anne has tried pipes, too, but gave them up. Too messy.) (AFPS.)

Jackson, Miss. (AFPS) — A goat owned by Willie Adams fathered 40 kids, then grew an udder and now gives milk. Adams changed the animal's name from "Billy" to "Gertrude."

### Child's Letter Expresses Thanks For Simple Gift From UN Fighters

The Redstone Chapel will make its second Thanksgiving appeal for funds for the Third Army chaplains offering for the more than 500,000 Korean war orphans, Chaplain John Simpson, says.

The funds will be collected by the chaplain for forwarding to Third Army where they will be sent to Korean chaplains for purchase of necessary items for the homeless and parentless children of this nation of 30,000,000 people. \$10,000

A similar contribution made last year resulted in over \$10,000 being sent from the Southeastern Army region in 1951.

What these gifts can mean is best expressed by a Korean boy who was sent a pair of pants and shirt by our own chaplain.

#### Appreciation

According to Ch. Simpson his unit last Christmas gave a party for some Korean children. During the program a ragged nine-year old boy sang "Silent Night" with the beauty and sincerity that only the young possess.

The chaplain sent to the States for the clothing for the boy, and later presented them to him. The boy's letter sums up the attitude and appreciation:

Chung Ha Ri, Korea  
March 20, 1952

To Dear Rev. Ch. Simpson:

How do you by now, Chaplain? I and our people are very much obliged to you and your GTS who come from the foreign country and are fighting a good fight for us and the peace of the world.

I got your present which you sent me. I was very very glad to receive it. Thanks very much.

My Dad went to the Roka two years ago to guard me and my friends from the Communist.

#### Believe In God

Sometimes I'd asked of good clothes to my Mom but Mom would always say, "if you believe in God so hardy and study so hard, and moreover if you be a good boy, even though you so poor and ragged clothes, then our country will be strong very soon, and we can be released from war and your Father will be able to get back home from fighting."

So I've prayed to God about these things. For wonder, I received so good a present. God certainly heard by prayers.

#### Answered Prayer

Receiving your present I was so much glad that I put it on and immediately ran around the house before my friends to show them.

Ch. Simpson I know that my Dad will get back home very soon because God will listen to me about it.

All family and neighbors grinned and laughed and enjoyed the present to gether so gladly.

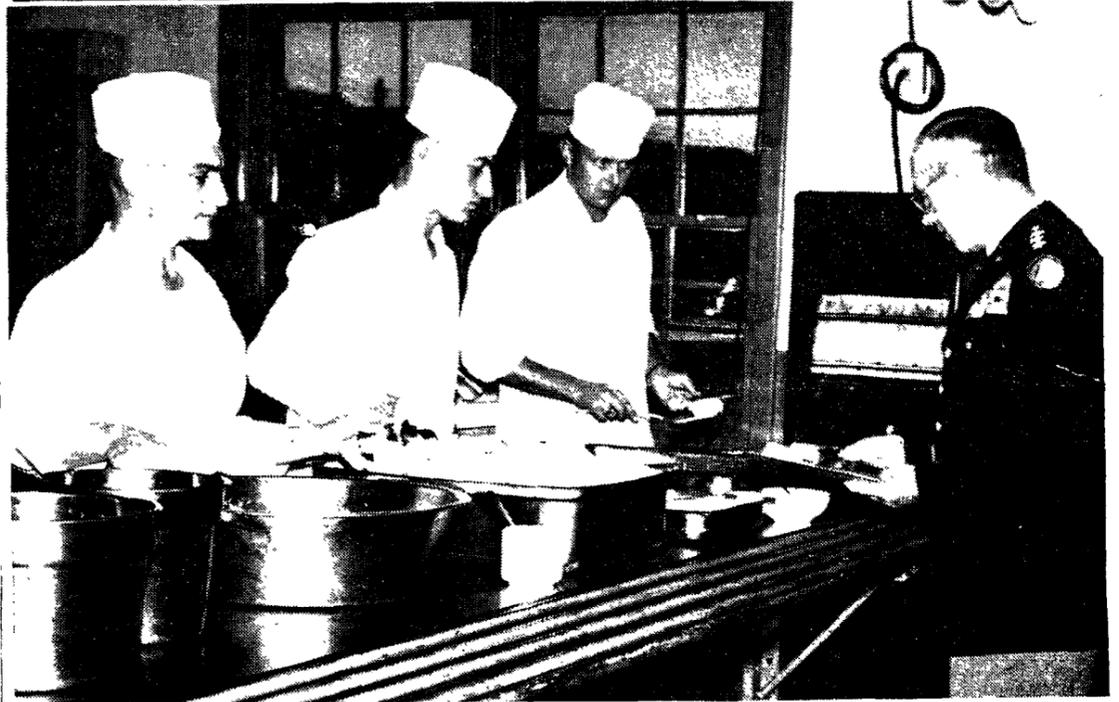
I close it by here, Sir. Please take it easy and be happy, Sir. I hope this letter find out you in your best health and happiness.

thanks, Thanks, Very Much.  
yours Sincerely,  
Ki Bai Kang

New Bedford, Mass. (AFPS) — Despite his blindness, George Serant, 66, maintains his garden. He can identify any garden plant simply but touch.

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# Here Are Some Things A Visiting General Does



## Gen. Bolling Says Of Trip "One Of Most Interesting Days"

What does a visiting general do when he comes to Redstone? In pictures and words, maybe this Rocket story will tell you.

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First, there is a warm welcome by Gen. Vincent (top left) as Lt. Gen. Alexander R. Bolling, commanding general, Third Army, dismounts from his Air Force provided C-46. **Visits Officers**

Then it's a visit with the officers of the post where in a careful selection of words he shows the line of his policies as a commanding officer. After this, it is a general briefing on activities and facilities of the arsenal, and then begins the tour of the things talked. In the space of a whirlwind day, piloted over a well-planned route, and guided by Provost Marshal personnel, the general and his staff "do" Redstone.

**Missions Inspected**

He sees some of the mission activities (top right) such as an electronics lab set-up. Here Norman C. Bucholz, senior electronics instructor in the Provisional Redstone Ordnance School explains a lab chassis on which basic electronic principles are taught, and also "trouble shooters" learn their "numbers."

The general and his party also spends considerable time in other mission activities.

**Troop Mess**

The missions, however, don't take total precedent to the activities and interests of the troops here. At lunch Gen. Bolling (lower right) eats with the men in the 3523 ASU mess. Here he goes through the chow line to get his share of the daily fare. Afterwards the general "tablehopped" and talked to the men about anything that they wanted to talk about.

The mess hall was just one of the places he took in. There were barracks, the Chapel, Service Club, Post theater, and also the 3523

day room, Pfc. Herschel Ouzts, mail room and day room orderly, and the general exhibit by their expressions (lower left) that the conversations were intense and interesting.

**End of Day**

At the end of the day, the end of the general's first official visit to the arsenal, it is back to the arsenal airport, the reverse of the morning's ceremonies of greetings.

What does he think about the day?

"One of the most interesting days I've ever spent at an Army installation." (U. S. Army photographs by Jake Gurley.)

## Rockets Probe Arctic Skies

Washington (AFPS) — Rockets have been launched from giant balloons above the geomagnetic pole to altitudes of 40 miles, literally on top of the world, the Navy announces.

The instrument-laden balloons, tall as ten-story buildings, were released from the Coast Guard ice-breaker Eastwind in Baffin Bay, west of northern Greenland.

**Cosmic Spies**

The soaring rockets radioed back

cosmic radiation measurements at the one point on the globe where the earth's magnetic field has the least influence on incoming cosmic ray particles.

Balloons were launched from a flight deck less than 60-feet square. Rockets were suspended beneath the balloons and fired after they had been lifted through most of the earth's atmosphere.

**Coast Guard Counter**

Each rocket carried either a geiger counter or an ionization chamber to measure the cosmic radiation and "telemetered" the data back to the Eastwind for recording and analysis. Instruments were concealed in the heads of the rockets.

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## Ammunition Division

BY LOUISE STEAKLEY

The Engineering Group at A-156 gave a little farewell party for Cpl. Rodger Hunt who was discharged recently. It was really surprise to Rodger. Mrs. Martha Frierson baked a chocolate cake, which was decorated with three candles (two for his two years in service and one for the first year of "freedom"). Hope Rodger enjoys his gift.

### Surprise Surprise Party

Congratulations to Billy Payne and Jean Sparks, who quietly stole away to Iuka, and were married. Employees at A-156 learned Billy was moving to Huntsville and gave him a miscellaneous shower for his new home (not knowing that he was getting married). And to think that we worried about Billy not knowing how to use those kitchen gadgets! We wish for Jean and Bill many years of happiness.

### Woman Chaser

Girls, if you want to have your husband chasing you, call Alma Boggs and see how she does it.

Alma and hubby have two cars. Afraid he couldn't get his car started one morning, Mr. Boggs got up early to try it, in case Alma had to give him a push. It started fine and Alma jumped into her car and was driving through the city when she heard continuous honking of a car horn behind her.

After recognizing hubby, still in pajamas and house slippers, she stopped to find she had locked the house, leaving poor hubby outside.

### Knick Knacks

Pfc. Jerome, of the production engineering group, is on furlough for two weeks. He is visiting in Miami and points south.

Jeanne Barrett is like her "ole" self this week. Her boy friend, Carl Prince, formerly with Post Engineer has returned from Alaska. Will there be Christmas Bells?

Anyone having an extra pint of blood to donate, please see Billy Barnard. Billy took his physical Oct. 29 and hopes he passed.

### HIGHLIGHTS FROM LINE 7

Gladys Vasser

O. E. Cribbs and family recently visited relatives near Athens. While there he went fishing and made a pretty good catch. Including a six pound bass.

James Medlen went to Birmingham to see the football game between Butler High and West End High.

Jinnie Broadway had as her guest this past week her son and family from Louisville, Ky. and daughter and family from Harvey, Ill.

Loren Tuck and family visited his parents recently, and Loren did a little squirrel hunting.

James Talley has been ill with a very bad cold. We are glad he's able to be back at work.

### Wagon (Skeeball) Robinson

The crisp, tingling fresh air of this rousing Fall weather moves your reporter to wax a little poetic. With apologies to Longfellow. Burns, Poe, etc.)

We've lost our checker on the third shift.

Our new one is Frank Brown.

Earvin Parcus has a new girl friend.

A lucky guy is he,

I can't recall her name just now, But a little "Bertie" told me. Walker Mefford has new treatments

for the neck that he's been using. "Sheriff" Painter has a station-wagon.

In which he's been riding.

Bessie Frankula has a new car too.

Of which she'll talk and talk;

The bikes altho' not new are fixed.

So Cornell doesn't have to walk.

Still another new car that I can add,

Belongs to Mary Wood.

Earnest Baucum is wearing a "new look" now

'Cause production is going good.

Ollie Ransom, one of our old fellow workers has a trailer for sale. She is about to go abroad

with her G.I. hubby, and won't be needing it. Anyone interested in it can contact her at P.O. Box 279 Decatur, Ala.

We of Line Six, join in extending our condolences to Mrs. Vernon Roe and family in the death of our good friend, Vernon "Soup" Roe. "Soup" was well liked by all and will be sorely missed.

### LINE 2

Hazel R. Wilkerson

Returning to work after illness are: Estelle Manning, James Neal, Mary Allen, Anna Thompson, Star Houk and Robert Cox.

Chevrolet seems to be the car of the week. Joe Duskin's is a green tudor and Fred Medlin has a sedan (peach-colored). Congratulations to both.

The flower garden at Line Two has been very pretty until ole man frost paid his visit one night this week.

We regret the loss of Carl Parker who has gone to Florida to reside.

Cheer up, Howard McKinney. They say life begins at 40. Recently he has been using a walking cane to get around. Howard's birthday was celebrated Oct. 17 with a ham and egg breakfast. We are still wondering why he did not cut his birthday cake. Thanks to Mrs. Baxter, our matron, for the good food. We wish you many happy returns, McKinney.

Anyone wishing weekend employment see Ruby McDonald at her farm in Owens Cross Roads. It seems she is having trouble getting her cotton picked. Lunches and cold drinks are free. Meet you in the cotton patch!

There are quite a few Butler High football fans on this line. Could it be because Ethel Campbell and Lelon Crutcher's sons are star players? Anyone wishing to place a bet or start an argument please contact the above named.

For a few days we thought Charlie Sneed, our line superintendent, was just "swelled up" about something. We are sorry that Charlie is suffering from an abscessed tooth.

## Transportation

BY ELIZABETH (LIB) LAXSON

Transportation will now try to get back in the groove again. We are such ambitious, conscientious people that we don't even have time to keep the rest of the world informed as to our news and activities.

Minnie Lee Bowman, who recently transferred to Transportation from Payroll is certainly a welcome sight to Outbound Freight every morning. Needless to say—just being in Transportation means she'll have a full time job.

Roy Fanning, Baker Motor Pool and his wife celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary Oct. 22. Roy stated that he was at work and very happy indeed about the whole matter.

Ruth Kennamer, Outbound Freight was called home Oct. 21, due to the illness of her little son. But Ruth was back at work the next day, and we are all happy to know that it was not serious.

Jo Hannah, Inbound Freight was out sick Oct. 20.

The main Motor Pool regrets losing some of its soldiers. Pfc. Phillips left Oct. 17 for Korea, while Col. Mearns and Cpl. Hornsby left the same day for Germany. Cpl. ... is leaving also for overseas duty Dec. 10.

Lucille Szemore, Inbound Freight spent Oct. 24 weekend in Selma, Ala., visiting her husband S-Sgt. C. T. Szemore, who is stationed at ... Force Base.

This is no "coon story". Jo Hannah's husband went coon hunt-

## Post Headquarters

BY MONA KING

After the first frost falls and the leaves start turning, hunters clean their trusty rifles and head for the woods. We've got a few of them at H.Q. W. O.

Sisco of OML is a very enthusiastic hunter, who goes every chance he gets. On his last trip out he shot five doves and four squirrels.

Raymond Little of Mail and Records went on a hunting expedition up around Lick Skillet. He wasn't able to give us a clear cut location of this place since it isn't on any map and he doesn't say much about the trip anyhow. He shot one scrawny squirrel. Maybe he'll redeem himself on the next trip.

Albert Cobb, also mail and records is silent on a subject of a certain fishing trip. He didn't show up too well in comparison to his wife Helen, Tech Library, who caught several fish (Albert wouldn't even tell us how many she caught).

The most discussed football game recently was the Tennessee-Alabama game. Some of the Headquarters personnel attending the

in Oct. 21 and caught one.

Tamms are looking brighter in the Passenger Movements office once again.

Leila Moore has transferred over here from the Components Branch of the Ordnance School. Word has evidently gotten around that we have additional help in here, because travel is rapidly increasing every day.

game were Catherine Sandlin, Ethelene Thomas, Louise Bagwell and their respective spouses. After the game they went on to Gatlinburg where they spend the rest of the weekend.

Mr. Foster of the cafeteria reports that Mrs. Hattie Burns at cafeteria 12 is on leave due to the illness of her son.

M-Sgt. John R. Keppler left recently enroute to Ft. Worth for a visit with his mother, Mary Della Keppler before going overseas. He was formerly the Post Sergeant major. While assigned to Redstone he and his wife Dorris resided at Quarters 140.

Philadelphia, Pa (AFPS) — During the World Series, a down-town



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hotel listed "umpire sherbet" on its menu. The sherbet was raspberry

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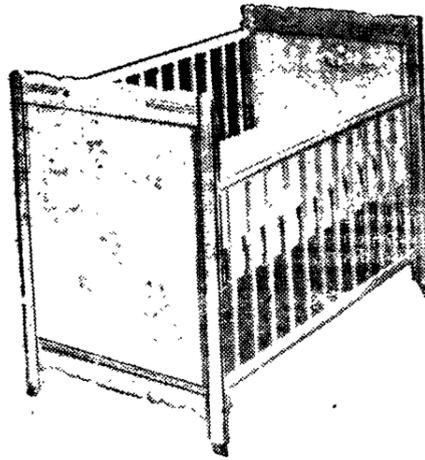
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## Budget & Fiscal

By Elsie Hugel

Well now lets see, where did I leave off? Speaking of leave, your reporter apologizes for missing her turn in The Rocket. A most enjoyable vacation



was spent in New York. The trip was something like going from the Equator to the North Pole without benefit of "long handles." It is sure good to be back with you all.

The personnel in Budget and Fiscal is like unto the season's of the year. We have Vacation season, Spring Fever season, the Moody season and the season for illness. This is Illness, that is, I hope the season is about over!

**Cured And Returned**  
We are glad to see the following personnel back at their respective desks after a seige of illness: Toy Bagwell, Mrs. Helen Williams, Miss Bonnie Rigby, Mrs. Udith Waddell, Mrs. Irene Warden and Miss Kathleen Johnson.

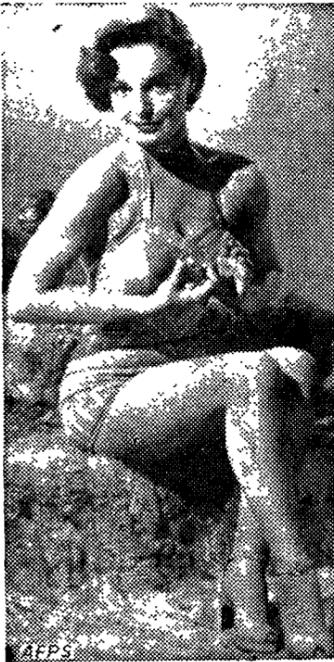
This must be the "bad season" as this is the first sick leave to be taken by Kathleen (other than dental appointments) since she has been with Redstone. That is some record considering she came to work for us July 1, 1943.

**Au Revoirs**  
The division has also said farewell to a few employees. (I seem to have missed quite a bit!)

Billy Joe Rowan has resigned to go into business with his father and brother. He will be located at the "Lady Susan" soon to open next door to the Lyric theater. The smiling face of James "Buddy" Bras-seale will be missed. James has returned to Montgomery to live.

Mrs. Rita Gale has resigned from our Commercial Accounts Section to accompany her husband who is

## Sparkling Beauty



The diamond that lovely Dorothy Hart is holding is claimed to be worth \$250,000 but the poor gem suffers by comparison with its lovely setting. Said to be the largest found since its discovery in 1950, the jewel weighs 75 carats, and is featured in Dorothy's forthcoming film.

being transferred.

Well, while some are leaving, on the other hand we are welcoming newcomers. This time we roll out the mat for Mrs. Mary Hough who has joined Payroll. Mary comes from Camp Gordon to be with us while her husband is serving overseas. We also welcome Mrs. Sarah Ray to the Fiscal Accounting Section. Sarah hails from Ohio. Her husband is assigned as a machinist with the 9330 TSU Unit.

**Times Squared**  
Then, there are those that travel around. Claude Stockton has returned from a trip to Washington, but wait, this time he went to New York too. On business, we should say not!! It seems he made the rounds of various night spots, saw "Guys and Dolls" and "Pal Joey". We are sorry to report that we haven't yet found out who accompanied him on his trip a-

## Field Service Division

By SUDIE AMSLER

Dear Ed.: We would like to dedicate this column to our best girl friend, Cindy Jackson, who is recuperating from an operation which she underwent



Oct. 27. With your permission, it will be in the form of a letter to her. Here goes.  
Hi, Cindy, are you all right? We're all right - but we miss you.  
Bldg. 827 still looks like a country school at break time, with all the kids out pitching horse shoes. Martha Baker wouldn't say who is the latest champ. She said, "Ask Evelyn Crabtree." Well, you know what Evelyn would say — "Me! Of course!" as would Sam Esslinger, Bob Penny, Bill Huff, and all the rest of the little pitchers. You'll have to wait until you return to show them how you can get in there and pitch

### Travel Clerk Travels

Anita Hall, our travel clerk, did a little traveling herself recently. She boarded a bus and chugged up to Indianapolis where she visited friends. She said she saw Sonja Henie's Ice show while there, and that it was bee-yu-ti-ful.

From Indianapolis, we went on to Chicago. You should hear her tell of her trip to Calumet City the ride on Lake Michigan and the show she saw at the Chicago Theatre. Then, there was "etc.," too — whatever that is.

### Blessed Trip

Mrs. Killian is back in GMEC from her trip to Pueblo, Col. (Why didn't we tell her to say hello to

round the big city.  
Mrs. Lottie Clem spent a weekend recently in Dechard, Tenn. visiting relatives. Mrs. Chris Stevenson spent a day shopping in is already preparing for the home-coming of her husband, who is now serving in Korea?

### Football Fancies

Budget and Fiscal has quite a few sports fans. Among those attending the Alabama-Tennessee game in Knoxville were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Jacks, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hollingsworth and Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Strong. Attending the Butler game in Birmingham were Mrs. Alyne Cantrell, Miss Mona White and Miss Jennie Ellett.

Mrs. Mildred Busbin has moved into her new home at 205 Meridian St.

Our sympathy is extended to Leonard Williams, whose mother died recently.

Jim Davidson who is out there at Pueblo Ordnance Depot?) She brought a carload of Blessings back with her — her daughter, and the two little Blessings. Dolores says they will visit her for a while.

### Cliff Hauger

Bill Cosden took a little trip, too. He went all the way from NS-CP to RSD — by way of a transfer. You should see Bill's house on Monte Sano. It's on a bluff overlooking Huntsville, and it really is lovely.

Old Bill will become a regular cliff-hanger if he doesn't watch out. Some of us went up to see it, and Mrs. Cosden very graciously showed us all around the place and thru the house, too. It must be wonderful to have two places to live, as does Bill — a brand new house and a fine big trailer.

### Kinfolks Trip

Joe Haley is back in the cataloging business after a visit with his kinfolks in West Tennessee. Joe says there's not much to tell about his trip. He says they did what folks usually do when they visit kinfolks, and that his sister's cooking wasn't hard to take. No offense, Mrs. Haley.

The folks in RSD are singing "Seems Like Old Times," these days. Howard F. (Jack) Calder, an old employe of RSA, who wandered off to third Army HQ found his way home and is now assigned as chief of Storage Section, Ammunition Branch. They say his wife, Sally, and daughter, are finding it nice to have a man around again, as he traveled while with Third Army. Welcome back, Jack.

### N.M.-Bound

Did you know that Emma Berkheimer is leaving Redstone and Huntsville? Her resignation became effective Friday. She and her family will go shortly to Holloman Air Force Base, Alamogordo, N.M. Since she will be only 65 miles or so from WSPG, maybe she will run into all our old "Foreign Legion" desert rats (Ed Drost, Hubert Nagel, "Chief" (Senor Roy) Watts, Ben Jennings and Glen Deuel. Just can't stand it if I don't say something about "Deuel in the Sun," and what a cute letter he sent us a few days ago!

The girls in the Depot gave Emma a lovely set of costume jewelry,

a pin and earring set - antique gold, with purple "diamonds." Scrumptious, huh? You know, she's always eating pineapple for her lunch. Well, they also presented her with a great big can of pineapple

We surely hate to see Emma leave, but she says it will be going back home - ("On the Range, "Emma")

### Edgewood To Oakwood

You know how it is - an old hand leaves, and a new hand comes in. Emma's replacement came in Monday. She is Mrs. Evelyn Reed, from Edgewood, Md. Her husband, Private John A., is teaching at PROS. They are presently living in a house trailer on Oakwood Ave. Evelyn says this trailer business is a new experience for both of them, and that they are thoroughly enjoying it.

Cindy, everybody stops by to ask about you: Mark Smith, Frances Whitaker, Doris, Roden, and Tom Shrou - just to name a few. Everyone sends greetings. And now it's time to tack a little old "30" to this thing and send it on its way. Hurry and get well. From all the "hands" at FSD

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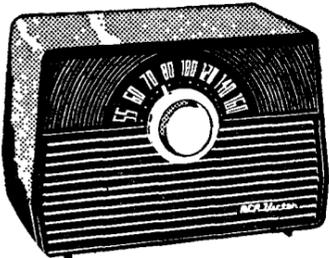
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## Cagemen Play First On Sat.

Saturday, the fat's in the fire for the 1952 edition of the post basketball team as Don Lee's squad faces the Peerless Woolen Mills aggregation at Rossville, Ga.

The Woolers are among the top quintets in the Southeast and last year were among the top four in the Southeast AAU meets.

As it was said, the fat's in the fire. A return match will be held here Nov. 15 at the Huntsville Armory. The Woolers will be the first of an evergrowing list of top college and industrial teams from this region that the arsenalmen will meet.

Members of the squad include: Al Holtzman, guard; George Lathuras, center; George Walton, center; Frank Carlborg, center and forward; Benny Ray, guard; Jasper Keiser, forward; Lee, who plays forward and center as well as coaches; Tony Kwiatkowski, guard; John Fedewa, forward guard;

Roland Kanode, guard; George Brooks, forward; Robert Messinger, guard; Pete Perino, guard, forward; Jerry Kassel, forward guard; Dennis Pfouts, forward; Richard Kesti, guard, forward; Ray Walker, Joe Cahill, Mike Kepchard.

## Volleyball Loop Has Reformed

Y volleyball plans were literally shipped out last week, says Russel Barber, executive secretary, as the newly-founded volleyball loop temporarily foundered when one team was lost due to military transfers.

However, a new schedule was drawn up for a four team circuit. But, any team interested in playing will be welcome to join now or in the near future. Barber says. A late start will have no effect on the outcome as championship is determined by a tournament.

Barber says the league is a promising combination with all of the teams shaping up well, keyed for some good competition and strong play.

The new scheduled saw the Rams and the Ramblers tangle last night; General Shee and the Missilemen go tonight; Ramblers v. Shoe on Thursday, and Missilemen v. Rams, Friday.

## Regard The Appetite, It Grows Expensive Since War Of 1776

Washington (AFPS) — If you've got any doubts about the rise in prices we call you attention to the economic barometer of the twentieth century — the serviceman's stomach.

Take, for example, the Revolutionary War when American servicemen were battering for the Redcoats from Trenton to Yorktown. In those stormy days it cost the Government only \$.11 a day to feed each man.

In the early days of the war between the states, servicemen were fed a \$.16 a day. By 1863 the cost was up to \$.22.

Later the price dipped again and the Services could feed a man on \$.13 to \$.15 a day during the Spanish-American war.

When WWI broke out the cost of daily rations was up to \$.34. By 1918 it had zoomed to \$.48 a day.

## Men's League Rolls Dec. 1; 12 Are Up, Entries Stay Open

The YMCA Men's league, basketball will roll into action Dec. 1 with play slated at West Huntsville Y and the Central Y.

The announcement was made following the first meeting of the 1952-53 version of the men's loop, last week. Twelve teams were represented at the meeting; a 13th has since been added, and other combinations are still considering joining.

A second meeting will be held by the league officials the second week of November. At this meet a league chairman will be elected, the playing rules adopted, and—the entries closed.

Teams already in the competition include five from the Redstone area:

Thiokol, 9330-1, 9330-2, 3523, and Officers.

Other competitors are John Blue, Bruce Furniture, General Shoe Shipping, Martin Stove, Mason Furniture, Howard Gentle, and Smith Pontiac.

## Rohm & Haas

By CECIL JACKSON

The stork has been working overtime at Rohm and Haas. As a result, the five employes have been handing out cigars celebrating the new additions to the family.

I would like to commend both Rohm and Haas bowling teams for occupying the top spots in their leagues. Keep up the good work. Understand Bob Adams and Jim McKenzie set the woods on fire the other night.

Norman Harberger, while on vacation was honored with an enjoyable visit from his parents, who live in Florham Park, N. J.

Tom Wood's ability to catch fish is uncanny. The word has been passed to me that Tom knows the whereabouts of every sunken log in Elk River.

Tom Marion spent a few days last week on vacation just catching up on a few odds and ends.

Bill Cannon was feted with a farewell party at Cambron's Oct. 15. The boys gave Bill a nice rod and reel and Walt Massie presented him with a very appropriate passport to go up "Nawth".

Bernie Iwanciov and Mac Lowrey are in Aberdeen, Md. for a few days on company business.

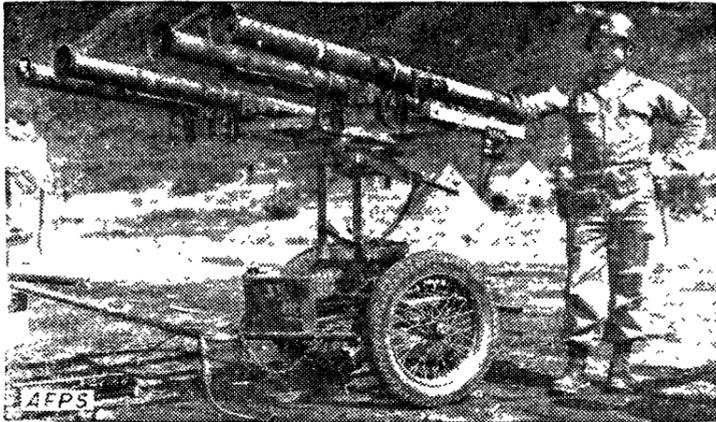
As predicted in an earlier column, Dick Cahill is sporting a new car.

The "car fever" also struck Bob Hunter and he came up with a new station wagon. Understand Sam Whitworth was getting wor-

But by the time the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, the cost was down to \$.43.

By 1945, however, it was surging upward again to a new high of \$.61. It didn't stop there and hasn't stopped yet. At the beginning of the Korean conflict it was costing \$1.02 a day to feed one man.

According to official figures the garrison ration price has now reached \$1.18 a day.—(AFPS)



Capt. Albert J. Barron poses with his "baby" in Korea. He devised this quadruple-mount rocket launcher from four 3.5 bazookas. The invention works on the same principle as the WWII multiple-tube rocket launchers.

ried about the termites in Bob's old station wagon and persuaded him to make a change.

We understand that Hank Wilkes will be taking that fatal step (marriage) sometime in the not-too-distant future. The details are not known yet, but we hope to be able to report them soon.

The story reaches me that several of our group made a recent fishing trip and finally made it home with the assistance of a wrecker. On top of this no fish were caught so how bad can a man's luck get.

Quite a few of our people made the trip to Knoxville for the Alabama-Tennessee game. Dot Clark, Ruby Barnes, Frank Hayes, and Wilma Smith made the excursion. Also Jim Chaille, and Bob Walker took their wives over to Atlanta for the Auburn-Georgia Tech game.

Hank Shuey is a bachelor these days, living all alone with his dog, as Dolly and Hooker are visiting Dolly's mother in Wisconsin. Hank isn't being neglected, though, as he reports quite a few excellent dinners at the homes of friends.

The Rohm and Haas singles tennis tournament has been successfully completed and the number one exponent of the racquet, Jack Geisel came through with top honors, besting Jack Waite in the finals 6-1, 6-3. Lavonne Matthews captured the ladies singles, defeating Ruth Condra in the final match. Congratulations to both champs.

Washington (AFPS) — The 12 known surviving veterans of the Civil War have been made honorary crew members of the USS Dixie, the Navy announces.

CAPT W. H. Sanders, Jr., CO of the Dixie, sent letters of appointment to the nine Confederate Army and three GAR veterans. A photograph of the ship accompanied each letter.

## Browsings

A library isn't alive library unless it continues to grow with new and interesting books. Here, in brief, are some notes about four new books received in the Post Library, which through the week opens at noon.

### Spacious Book

The first is "Foundation And Empire," a science fiction thriller by Isaac Asimov. The basic plot of two mighty forces clashing over the destiny of the universe, should be particularly interesting to those who have space-missile fever.

### Roman Ruins

Robert Reynolds "Sinner and St. Ambrose," towards the other end of the time scale, dealing with the period just before and after the fall of Rome. Basically it is the conflict between the new Christian religion and the older pagan beliefs. The viewpoint is unusual, through the eyes of a Roman noble, Gregory Julian.

### Panzer Man

Fact and fancy growing out of World War II are matched in the next two new volumes. Heinz Guderian, father of the successful panzer forces tells of his life shaping up the military might that put

## May Use Surface Ships To Speed Xmas Parcels

Washington, (AFPS) — Air parcel post packages mailed overseas during the Christmas rush may be sent by fast surface vessels instead of air transports to avoid holding them in backlog.

Under present plans, all air letter mail will be air transported. Air parcel post will be forwarded by air to the maximum extent practicable, depending on military requirements.

It is expected that all parcel post, air or regular, mailed by Nov. 15, will be delivered on or before Christmas.

"blitzkrieg," in military lexicons. The title, "Panzer Leader."

### Sea Story

Jan Hartog's "Distant Shore." gives the fancy some exercise. It is the story of a rescue tug skipper who turns to keep sea diving after the war. Between courage testings there is also some briny love interest.

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### Employees Wed Oct. 18 In Huntsville Ceremony

Mrs. Lillian Karr and Kay Tyler were married in a ceremony performed Oct. 18 at the First Presbyterian Church in Huntsville. The Rev. Harry B. Wade read the vows. The bride is an employe in the Cost Accounting Section of Budget and Fiscal Office. Mr. Tyler is a Post Engineer employe.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Ms. T. E. Franklin, Birmingham, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Tyler, Birmingham.

Mrs. Tyler wore a beige wool jersey dress with alligator accessories, and a corsage of red roses.

Mrs. Angeline James, Augusta, Ga. is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnston, Bluefield Rd., Huntsville. Mr. Johnston is a Purchasing and Contracting employe, and Mrs. Johnston is employed in Ordnance Missile Laboratories.

### Heirs And Heiresses

Capt. and Mrs. Donald Brown, Quarters 191-A, announce the birth of a third son, Timothy Donald, Oct. 30 at the Huntsville Hospital. He weighed seven pounds and three ounces. Capt. Brown is assigned in the National Procurement Division.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ivy, Huntsville, are the parents of a daughter, Jacqueline Marie, born Oct. 28 at the Huntsville Hospital. The baby weighed eight pounds. The father is a National Procurement Division employe, and the mother was employed at Civilian Personnel Division.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Allen Walker St., Huntsville, are the parents of a daughter born Oct. 29 at the Huntsville Hospital, weighing seven pounds and eight ounces. Mr. Allen is a Field Service Division employe.

Pfc. and Mrs. Boyd Will, Whitesburg Dr., Huntsville, announce the arrival of Donald Boyd Oct. 27 at the Huntsville Hospital. He weighed six pounds and 10 ounces.

Engineering Group reports the birth of three baby girls recently. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas have Marsha Dianne born Oct. 13 in Scottsboro; Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Shipp, 211 Longwood Ct., Huntsville announce the birth of Kendra Gayle Oct. 11 at the Huntsville Hospital, and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Arnold 75 10th Ave., Huntsville, are the parents of Stephanie, born Oct. 14 at the Huntsville Hospital.

### Personals

Mrs. Harry C. Thayer was the hostess at a morning coffee Oct. 28 honoring Mrs. E. W. McCormick, Jacksonville Beach, Fla., who is a house guest of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Henry R. Jordan. Twelve guests were invited to the party. The serving table was centered with an arrangement of chrysanthemums and greenery.

Residents of Valley Park Trailer Village enjoyed a Halloween weiner roast Oct. 31. More than 50 guests were invited. Mrs. Chal Jordan, Mrs. Richard Boecker and Mrs. Cyril Kautenberger were in charge of the arrangements.

Col. and Mrs. Henry C. Thayer and children spent Oct. 26 weekend in Montgomery.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Daniel Thoma spent Nov. 1 in Birmingham.

Ladies Bridge Club will meet at 10:30 a. m. Nov. 6 at the Officers Open Mess. Mrs. Henry C. Thayer will have charge of the arrangements. Those planning to attend should call Mrs. Thayer at Ext. 3-1156 by Nov. 5 so that even tables may be arranged.

An informal party Oct. 29 at Cambron's Aero club feted USA Infantry personnel leaving the arsenal for new assignments. More than 25 were present.

### Mrs. Walsh Is Honored With Farewell Coffee

Mrs. Thomas K. Vincent and Mrs. Holger N. Toftoy entertained with a morning coffee party Oct. 22 at Mrs. Vincent's home on the arsenal honoring Mrs. Robert Walsh.

The serving table was covered with an Army-Navy cloth and decorated with the refreshments of fruit cups, coffee cakes, and coffee service.

Mrs. Walsh was presented a farewell gift by the hostesses. Approximately 10 guests were invited to the party.

### PERSONALS

Members of the Officers Wives Club of Redstone Arsenal will hold a luncheon meeting at 12:30 p. m. Nov. 18 at the Russell Erskine Hotel. The program will include a cosmetician to demonstrate the use of cosmetics, and illustrate hair styling.

The recently assigned general manager of the Army Air Force Exchange, George Arkwright, was the guest of honor at a buffet dinner Oct. 29 at the home of Mrs. Norma Cramer, Highland Ave., Huntsville. All Exchange employes were invited, and card games were features of the evening. Decorations were in the Halloween theme.

Glenn Mobley, Dobbins Air Force Base, Marietta, Ga. is spending leave at the home of his parents in Anderson, and visiting his sisters, Miss Waudene Mobley and Miss Alvia Neel Mobley, arsenal employes.

Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Thomas K. Vincent, Col. and Mrs. Holger N. Toftoy, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom G. Thrasher attended the Alabama-Mississippi State football game Oct. 25. They also visited Miss Doris Toftoy, University of Alabama student. Miss Toftoy has recently been chosen as a member of Swan Club, honorary swimming organization.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Booth and Warren H. Arnold, Bristol, N. H. spent Oct. 26 weekend with Col. and Mrs. Benjamin Beach and family. Col. and Mrs. Beach and children will leave Oct. 28 to spend leave in Montrose, Pa and New York City.

### Thiokol Corp.

By PAT CRICK

Sorry folks, we're a little late with the news but we've been mighty busy chewing ten packages of gum donated by the roster of "proud papas".



All in all that's four girls and six boys and there's more to come.

Subject of much discussion these days is the display of the "party button". Numerous political buttons have infiltrated the rank and file of employes and speculation is rampant as to the probable date the party button will supersede arsenal passes. Of course this brings on more discussion of what happens if the wrong button is worn to the gate or what becomes of employes who are "middle of the roaders".

### Longhorners

Among the first personnel to report for work at the Long Horn Division in Texas are Herschel Holley, W. R. Ignatius, Hans Eckardt, George Wintels, J. W. Smith, and Mary Smith. Good luck everyone!

Willodene Butler accompanied her sister-in-law, Mrs. Billy Butler, to Birmingham to start her journey to England. Mrs. Butler's husband is among Air Force personnel stationed in England and will be remembered as a former Thiokol employe.

Frank Quinn and Bill Haite attended the Florida vs. Vanderbilt game in Nashville recently. Quinn professed "rooting for the losing team, as usual."

### Van-some Trip

Among the recent vacationers is

Lois Jones who is spending a week at home. (We strongly suspect Lois of taking the week off to teach her husband how to fry an "unbusted egg" so that young daughter, Mary Don, will not object to the male version of cooking.)

Margaret Kelly Hawkins left Accounting facts and figures for a week and enjoyed a vacation in Mobile.

Charlotte Smith and husband, Arlin, have just returned from three glorious weeks out California way and points west. Charlotte waxes enthusiastic about the California redwoods, etc. but the high point seemed to be her encounter at Ciro's with Van Johnson, the movie etc, etc, etc!!!!

### New People

Thiokol's welcome mat has been trod frequently this month but the "Welcome" still remains. New employes are the following:

Roy C. Uptain, Edd R. Sharpe, Earl Davis, Albert E. Tate, Thomas B. Eubank, Wallace R. Parker, James M. Jones, Robert G. Duckett, Willie Wynn, John Henry Turner, James Smith, William D. Vinson;

Fred W. Kilpatrick, Lester Love, James T. Read, Henry R. Turner, Jr., John W. Robinson, E. H. Flack, John D. Sanderson, James A. Farnor, John M. Cook, Melvis H. Neal, Muriel Isom, William Jones; Samuel L. Curtis, Ernest J. Ball, John A. Horton, William L. Spearman, Jim Boone, Jr., Andrew E. Smith, Bentley Shepard, Ulysses J. Suggs, Billie Eugene Lusk, Marie Mesarchuk, Willie Cunningham, and Robert E. Medlen.

Terminated employes are fewer but we miss their presence and wish them well. Those are Mildred C. Winston, Grace Lusher, George Whitt, Robert G. Laxson, and John C. Rogers, Jr.

### \$64 Questions

Topics and problems of questionable import this week concern pro-

tection and propulsion: That of protection was lunch hour discussion in regard to which is the less formidable being hit by an atom bomb or taking cover in the designated field under surveillance of an unfriendly bovine!

The problem of propulsion was that of Dr. Matt Weber who drove the motor bike up to the door of the Administration building and inquired within, "How do I stop the XX !! thing??!(Ed. A well-worded inquiry!)

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# Engineering Group

By JEAN WALKER

Bldg. 781 finally boasts air conditioning. That is, we have a conditioning unit but so far we haven't seen anything of the air.

By the way, in case any of you are wondering what that big hole in the center of the roof is, that is the air conditioning unit. We have a definite promise from someone who knows someone else that it will be in operation by next Summer. In the meantime gang now that its cool weather again, we can go back to the old practice of putting on coats and opening the vents while NPD gets a breath of air and vice versa.

### Split Personality

Gregory Moshkoff, Electronics suddenly (after threatening for months) went on a very strict diet. But he wasn't satisfied with juts being hungry himself, he had to have company. Can you listen to someone eating celery all the time without being hungry yourself?

The diet is actually due a "no change" situation after a plane changes in Dallas, says Moshkoff's WSPG trip partner, C M Dyess.

Seems Gregory sat down and upped his breeches from the knee up. He clothed himself (like a 3-4-5) from El Paso to WSPG with an adroitly held brief case.

A girl who has had car trouble lately is Mammie Fisher. You should have seen the look on Mammie's face when she went out one afternoon and saw that flat tire. (Note to the girls - Carl Jones is an expert at changing tires, so if you need help anytime, just call on him.)

### Detective?

Ask Berg Owen what the proper method to find a gas leak would be. Bert smelled gas around his floor furnace and started to look for the leak.

Not being able to find it and thinking it to be only a small one, he just struck a match and threw it down by the furnace. He certainly found the leak alright, in a big way.

We were all disappointed in Mildred Kilgore when she returned from a visit to Waco without a bit of western paraphernalia. She didn't even bring back a Texas drawl.

Vera Renon has a habit of changing the subject when the conversation gets around to age.

Frederick Feld, the guy bad luck follows, recently made his first plane trip. His return was awaited with eager anticipation but as always there was no happy ending to his story.

The weather was so rough the stewardess left the plane, the plane could not refuel at the scheduled Louisville stop nor at Nashville; hence the flight from Nashville to Birmingham was made on fumes. From now on Feld, who apparently has a good heart but no nerves, says that if its alright with everybody he believes he will stay at RSA.

Louis Sisco says that that new house he bought is for investment only and nothing else. Don't be too vehement Louis, it gives cause for suspicion.

Nita Flowers is helping out in Specs & Steds Br and they certainly welcome the help too.

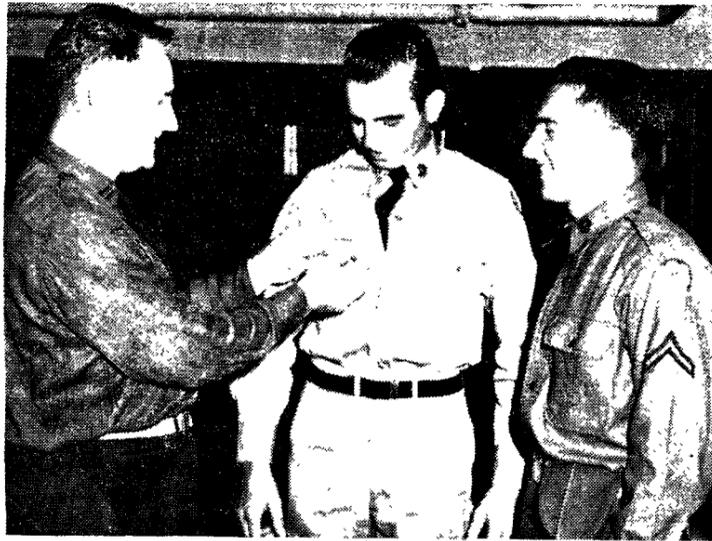
Design Standardization Br certainly was glad to see John Higgins and Clayton Morgan home again after being gone to school for several months.

We saw John Gord and Emily Lucas the other day and that new diamond on her left hand nearly put our eyes out. They said the wedding would be sometime after Christmas but no date had been set yet.

It's hard to believe that two members of the same family can be so different but quiet and reserved Jim Sawyer is certainly a contrast to his cousin Big Jim Folsom. We had to wait a long time to find some news about Sawyer.

## Column Capsules

A mixed choral group from the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham will present a concert at 5:30 p. m. Nov. 9 at the Post Chapel. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.



## Local Photo Winners Announced In First Service Contest Phase

Pfc. Lawrence Devenny (center) receives recognition for submitting the best color transparency in the Redstone Arsenal competition in the all-services photographic contest now underway.

At right is Pfc. John Monterferante, 9230 TSU, who won the top arsenal award in the black and white division of the arsenal contest. Capt. John J. Horan, Special Services, made the awards.

### Among Eight

The two men were among eight who will have their photographic abilities displayed in a Third Army competition. Winners in the Third Army salon will go to an all-services competition held annually among amateur service photographers from all over the world.

These two winners were the best among over 200 submitted by Redstone's soldiers.

The judges included Maj. E. O. McDonald, adjutant; Sam Hobbs, Photograph lab, Reproduction Br., GMDG; Hubert Williams, Huntsville Art studio, and Sfc. Robert G. Kamla. (U. S. Army photograph by Sgt. Dick Coddington.)

## Civilian Personnel

By GILDA GARDBANE  
BRRRR

Kleenex, inhalers, and cough drops accompanied the cold weather this past week, and a guided missile of cold germs landed in the Civilian Personnel Branch. "Yed, I have a code in the node and I'm nod tagen benicillan!" That's the usual reply these days when you ask, "and how are you today?" Everyone has been taking sick leave to combat the



## \$9.5 Billions Contracts Let During July - August

WASHINGTON. (AFPS) — The Department of Defense reports that \$9,500,000,000 in contracts were placed in July and August for major equipment and supplies, and the construction and expansion of military production.

Contracts included \$8,300,000,000 for "hard goods" such as tanks, airplanes, ships, ammunition, and electronic equipment. Clothing, food and petroleum products totalled \$800,000,000 and construction \$400,000,000.

be in favor of the sleeper "bal-lot. Some said 7 a.m. is the best" others, "I like eight." But it looks as though the sevens have it and the sleepy heads will suffer. So get out the Coleman oil lantern and we'll all learn how to dress in the dark, again.

germs from "another planet".

### Goodbye Joan

But away from the handkerchiefs and runny noses will be Joan Holmes Miami Beach or Reno will boast of a new citizen when she arrives Joan is taking an extended vacation from the Administrative Section to see "those far away places"

### What A Concert!!!!

Alec Templeton made a different impression on everyone who attended the concert Oct. 23. The second half of the concert interested most of the audience, but a few of the music-lovers didn't wait that long. And then the imitations Mr. Templeton rendered for his encores had everyone in stitches. Mr. Porter, you should have waited. Nancy Wells, Clara Duggan, Chris and Ludie Richards were among the ones who "like it."

### Campaigning????

The campaign banners didn't actually show themselves in the last election, but everyone seemed to

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## PRO School

By LORIS TROUP

Got your RED FEATHER? M-Sgt William Allen and Lt. R. V. Martin, Bldg 668-4, are accepting Community Chest contributions from PROS civilian personnel. This worthy cause needs our help.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Newman recently visited in Gadsden — Mr Newman is PROS's capable and friendly personnel representative.

Apologies to Sgt. Charles Zeman — we sincerely regret the slip-of-our-typewriter in calling you "private" in our last column. Lt Charles Jones and M-Sgt. Clifford Johnson are on leave.

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PROS's Russell Wright and Richard Bennett who are on leave pending their November reporting date for duty in the Far East Command. Farewell was said to Lt. Robert Howard who was recently discharged from the Army and returned to New Jersey, also, to Robert Archambault, civilian instructor, who was recalled to active duty in Naval Air Force. Goodby also to Sfc. Tony P. Hunt, and Pfc. John Sukup and Earl Gessman, who report to Red River Arsenal.

RCA civilian instructor Charles Tonar and Mrs. Tonar recently enjoyed the Great Smokies at the height of their colorful grandeur, and toured the Atomic Energy Museum at Oak Ridge. Mrs. Emily Hughes and her husband visited Nashville recently; reaction of these New Mexicans is that the flaming beauty of this area is "beyond description."

### Greetings

Officers' Branch greets its newcomers: Mrs. Elsie Myers, clerk-typist; six Signal Corps instructors—2nd Lt. Elva Crandell, 2d Lt. Stewart Evans, CWO John Dickerson, CWO Alexander Smyklo, WOJG Richard MacQuade, and M-Sgt. William Posey.

Internal Branch welcomes its new instructors from the Signal School, Fort Monmouth: WOJG David Jones, Lt. Reuben Maine, Sfc. Allan Engh, Pfc. Robert Kerzman, and Sgt. Gerald Des Lauriers. Internal's newcomers from WSPG are Lt. Robert Yeager, Pvts. Howard Demsey, Robert Scully, Steven Sullivan, Jr.

Mechanical Branch greets Mr. Charles Fisher, Northrop instructor; and Lts. Eugene Lessieu and James Kennedy from the NIKE School.

Exciting week end for Jo Putnam — she caught the wedding bouquet!

Promotion congratulations to 1st Lt. Harold H. Mattice.

Officers' bowling team beat the American TV Team two games — still American TV tied for first place in the Huntsville Major League! By the time this is published we hope congratulations are in order for the final win.

### Tonguetidewater

Lt. Henry G. Parker has returned from leave. Quipped he, "It was good to hear people speak the Tide water Virginia language again." We find it purely delightful, too.

Eleven men make up the latest Officers' Class, 9-0-17-9: 1st Lts Hollis Hungate and Kenneth Johnson, 2d Lts. Lawrence Devine, Robert Elliott, William Geiger (formerly officer Br. instructor), James Mc Murrer, Jr.; Franklin Patten (formerly Chief, SAM Section, Mech Br.), Robert Peterson, Claude Reynolds, Patrick Wallace, and Theodore Cox, Jr. (formerly Mess Officer, 9330 TSU).

### New Faces

Attractive newcomers in Bldg. 668-4 include Ruth Bettingfield, Mrs. Ila H. Evans, and Mrs. Bea McAllister. More newcomers from the Signal School, are 2d Lt. Donald Thorn, WOJG John Heckman, Sgts Wayne Perslin and Wayne Hobbs, Cpl. Gilbert Prieto, and Pfc's Clinton Skinner and Paul Le Posa.

### Gong Who?

Spying triangle gong, recently erected in the parking lot, Argeon Taylor asked, "What's the dinner gong for?" We agree it's like the dinner "bells" we used to see on Arkansas farms.

Results differ widely though—sounding this gong brings all personnel rushing out of the buildings and the red fire trucks, not the

## Many Innovations Made In Weapons

(This is the first of two articles on major developments in ordnance equipment since WWII.)

With the methods of warfare constantly changing, American ordnance experts have worked steadily since WWII developing more effective equipment for the modern serviceman.

The old brass artillery cartridge cases, for example, have been almost completely replaced by a new steel case. The shortage of brass in WWII forced Army Ordnance to develop the steel case.

### New Bullet Jackets

In the small arms ammunition field, the gilding jacket of the bullet was replaced with a steel copper material to reduce the demand for copper.

The biggest step in the artillery field was the development of the new atomic artillery gun. Using either atomic or conventional projectiles, this gun can function in any kind of weather, day or night.

### Mortar Base

A new base plate for mortars was developed to reduce the bouncing and movement of the weapon during firing. Light-weight mortars have been made by using titanium and aluminum, and by redesigning the weapon with simpler parts. Performance of artillery cannon has been improved by increasing the muzzle energy and rate of fire. Higher quality steel and, in some cases, lengthening the gun tube, have also helped performance.

### Improved aa gun

A new 75mm antiaircraft gun was developed. Called the "Sky-sweeper," it is now in production.

The 57.74, and 105mm recoilless rifles have been battled tested in Korea. These small arms, called "hip pocket" artillery, give the m-

hungry farm workers.

Sight of that pendant iron triangle fills us with a gay desire to run out and clangclang it. So far that nonconformist desire has been suppressed—



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### 3.5. Rocket

The 2.36-inch bazooka of WWII now has a big brother in Korea—the 3.5-inch super bazooka which packs a wallop deadly to enemy tanks and armor.

A new fully automatic .30-caliber rifle has been tested by the Army. Called the T47, it carries all the stopping and penetration power of the M1 rifle and is about a pound lighter.

### Survival Gun

For survival in uninhabited regions, ordnance experts have developed the "over and under" survival gun. A combination .410 caliber gauge shotgun and .22 caliber rifle, the gun folds to less than 15 inches, and is included in the Airman's Survival Kit.—(AFPS)

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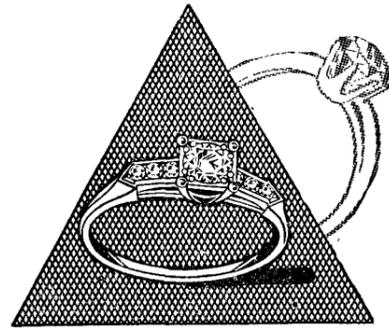


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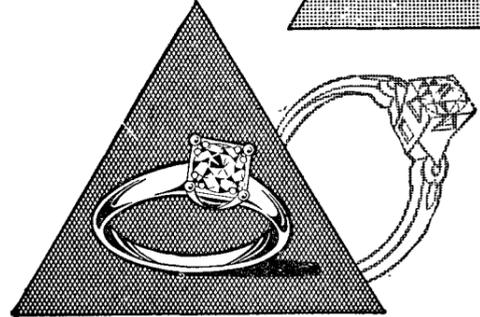
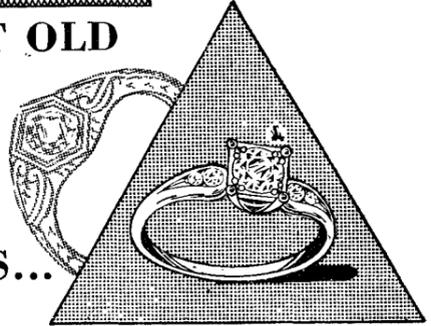
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