



Official Washington Wishes Merry Christmas And Asks Return Of "Season Of Peace"

President Of The United States

Another Christmas finds so very many of you far from home on battle stations or standing guard for the protection of our country, and I want you to know how proud we all are of your unselfish devotion to the great undertaking in which you are engaged. The task you have set for yourselves is nothing less than the salvation of the world. Mankind will lay no finer tribute upon the altar this Christmas than the courage and loyalty you are showing in this bitter struggle for world peace.

The thoughts and prayers of all of us at home are with you on this day. Your victory in the fight for freedom is our hope, and indeed the hope of the world, for that day when Christmas will again be a season for peaceful rejoicing.

Harry S. Truman
President of the United States

Secretary Of Defense

During the Christmas season the thoughts of the entire nation are with the Armed Forces—our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines. We are thinking particularly of those who will spend Christmas far away from home; many upon the field of battle itself.

In Korea our Armed Forces have accepted hardships and sacrifices with a fortitude which recognizes that these are the necessary prices that we pay in the protection of our freedom. Their deeds on the battlefield have been an inspiration to the millions here at home and elsewhere in the free world.

As I send my greetings at this Christmas season, not only to our troops, but also to their families and to the thousands of civilians in the military establishment, I want to express to you the thanks of a grateful nation. Upon you and your comrades in arms the world depends for the restoration of peace on earth.

Robert A. Lovett
Secretary of Defense

Secretary Of The Army

In sending you greetings on this holiday season, I wish to tell you how proud I am of what American soldiers have done—and are continuing to do—to preserve our freedom.

Each of you, in America, in Korea, in all of your posts far from home, is doing his duty to meet the challenge to freedom which has been raised in our time.

To you and your loved ones I send my warmest and most heartfelt wishes for the very best that this season can bring to you. May God bless all of you and strengthen you in the great work you are doing.

Frank Pace, Jr.
Secretary of the Army

Chief Of Staff, U. S. Army

To the men and women of the Army everywhere, I send my warmest wishes for a joyful Christmas.

To those in Korea I send added greetings, for I want you especially to know that our thoughts are with you in your magnificent defense of the principles and liberties held sacred by all men. Your valor and devotion to duty will forever inspire those to whom freedom means more than life.

During this Christmas season, let us all unite our hearts in humble prayer that God will continue to bless our nation in the coming year. May the New Year bring happiness to you and your loved ones and may it bring peace throughout the world and lasting good will among men.

J. Lawton Collins
General, U. S. Army
Chief of Staff, USA

'53 Board Members Announced By ARS

The Alabama Section of the American Rocket Society announce the results of a recent election for members of the organization's board of directors.

Those chosen, include Prof. Werner von Braun, Dr. H. W. Ritchey, and Dr. Martin Schilling, as members for three years. Dr. Schilling was president of the group during its first year office.

Selected for two year terms are James L. Stamy, current secretary; Hans Heuter, vice-president, and George Henderson.

Members holding office for one year are Dr. John W. Dawson; Adolf K. Thiel, and Ernst Stuhlinger.

The new board will take office shortly after the first of the year. It will elect from its own membership the 1953 president, vice-president and secretary.

New Year Holiday Leave Similar To Thanksgiving

An arrangement similar to the Thanksgiving holiday, of allowing civilian personnel to take annual leave where possible, has been set up for the New Year holiday.

Under the arrangement, civilian personnel will be off the regular holiday on Jan. 1. For those who have the necessary leave time, and where their services can be spared, a policy of granting annual leave will be encouraged.

Civilian employees by order of the President of the U. S. will enjoy a four-day holiday Christmas. The President ordered Dec. 26 to be a holiday.

Paydays To Be Early

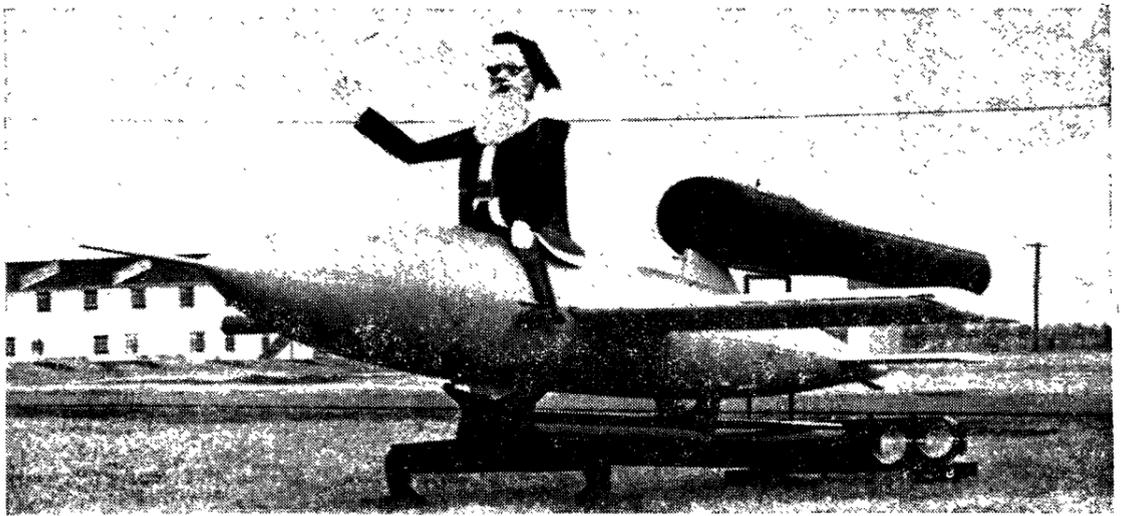
Payday will be early for civilian employees the next two weeks according to Budget and Fiscal. Class Act employees who are due to receive checks Dec. 26, will receive them Dec. 24.

The following week, Wage Board employees will get their Jan. 2 checks on Dec. 31.

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FAST FLYING SANTA—Personnel at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, have been worrying about how Santa Claus would get around to so many places in so short a time this Christmas. To avoid a stall-out disaster of his standby, "the Reindeer Eight," personnel in the Training Aids Section of the guided missile school here, in their spare time,

decked Kris out on a faster-than-reindeer, pulse-jet propelled ride aboard a JB-2 Loon. The Loon is a Navy research and test prototype of the V-1. This model has been used by the Redstone school in familiarization work for new guided missile students. (U. S. Army photograph.)

NPD Challenges Ammo In Drive

Use Unique Idea To Stir Early Polio Fight Gifts Among Div. Employees

The National Procurement Division is coming in the door with Santa Claus as far as the coming March of Dimes drive is concerned.

Mrs. Miriam Evans, NPD March of Dimes chairman, says that all NPD employees will receive a miniature Christmas sock with a card asking that the potential donors remember to help make some polio victims future Christmases brighter by aiding the fight against the disease. The socks will be taken up after the holidays.

In addition, Mrs. Evans says NPD is issuing an open challenge to the Ammunition Division to give more help than NPD in the month-long January drive.

The division is also staging a slogan contest among NPD employees to create more interest in the fight against the crippling disease. Also to be posted on the NPD bulletin board will be a space-bound rocket to keep tabs on the contributions made by division personnel.

The first Christmas sock was presented to A. L. Rudolph, technical advisor to the chief of the division. He immediately took title of being the first division person to help the polio fight.

Members of the Dimes campaign in NPD include Joe Williams, Mrs. Margaret Southard, Bob Ferguson and Al Graham.

One - Third On Leave During The Holidays

If you don't find the soldier you're looking for during the next two weeks, he has probably gone home for the holidays. In accordance with the Army's liberal policy on granting holiday leave, almost one-third of Redstone military personnel will be away either

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A Stop To Help Wins Driver Award

A 24-year old Payroll Section field checker stopped to help a stricken motorist get his car started and would up last week as winner of a \$3 cafeteria meal ticket in the arsenal's Courteous Driver contest.

The award was made by Col. Henry C. Thayer, chairman of the Driver of the Week award committee.

Said Col. Thayer, "Selecting Billy Poe, as the winner of the fifth week's contest was a difficult task for the committee as the quality of the nominations is mounting steadily."

Poe, who has been employed at the arsenal for about two and one-half years, lives at 1015 No. Walnut St., Huntsville.

New Pay - Job Plan To Up WB Supers

Redstone Arsenal's hourly-rated supervisors may be in for a sizeable pay increase in April under a radically new pay and job evaluation plan recently recommended by the Army-Air Force Wage Board, Washington for the two services.

Pay features of the plan, which will greatly increase the differential between hourly-rated supervisors and hourly-rated workers, are now before the Wage Stabilization Board. Past experience with WSB indicates it will okay the pay increases, probably in January.

The increase, if granted, has no connection with any potential wage changes that might be made as a result of a recent survey here by the local Army-Air Force wage group.

Wage and Salary, and Employee Utilization personnel from the arsenal will go to Rock Island Arsenal, Ill., next month to learn full procedures and details about the new plan.

Natural gas has practically no smell.

Drivers Win Praise For Good Conduct

Holiday Weeks Will Be Considered As Same For Next Courtesy Prize

Redstone drivers received a strong pat on the back this week from the Driver of the Week selection committee for their "fine spirit of cooperation" during the campaign to accent driving manners.

The committee also announced that the two holiday weeks, Christmas and New Year's will be considered as a single week by the awards committee. Selection of the winner of the courtesy award for this period will be selected from nominations in the hands of the committee on Jan. 7.

Nominations should be sent to the Safety Office, and should contain enough information about identity of the driver and circumstances of the incident to allow proper consideration by the selection committee.

In a prepared statement the committee said:

"The 'Driver of the Week' Selection Committee wishes to commend and make known its sincere appreciation to those drivers who have shown such a fine spirit of cooperation since the start of the courteous driving campaign at this installation;

"Particular attention has been focused upon those drivers who use the intersection of Buxton and South Roads, near Gate 2. The driving conduct of personnel using this route has been exemplary. The alternating of cars at this location is carried out to perfection.

The Chaplain's Message For The Holiday Season

With the returning of Christmas and the New Year seasons the perennial reminder of the Heaven-sent Son and songs of peace and good-will to all mankind, let me send you this modest greeting,

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Building 713

By B. P. Cartwright

Christmas greetings to everyone from Inspection.

Seems like everyone in Inspection Office has been on TDY lately.

Howard W. Blair has returned from an inspection trip at Pine Bluff Arsenal, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Jack Hunter and Raymond Hardiman have returned from Toledo University, where they have been on TDY.

Joseph W. Moore has returned from several weeks inspection trip at Jackson, Miss.

Dr. Ralph D. Doner has returned from inspection duties at Washington, D. C. Among those who are going out of town for the Christmas holidays are the following:

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brackeen are planning to spend the holidays in New Orleans, La. with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace K. Thomas Sr. and son plan to spend Christmas at Greensboro,

Ala. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Howard and daughter plan to spend Christmas with their families in Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stinger will spend a few days in Pulaski, Tenn. and Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Cartwright and family will spend Christmas in Monroe, N. C.

In case you are wondering why Cecil Bishop and Dennis Garrison have waited until Christmas to take their leave could it be they are expecting a lot of toys to play with.

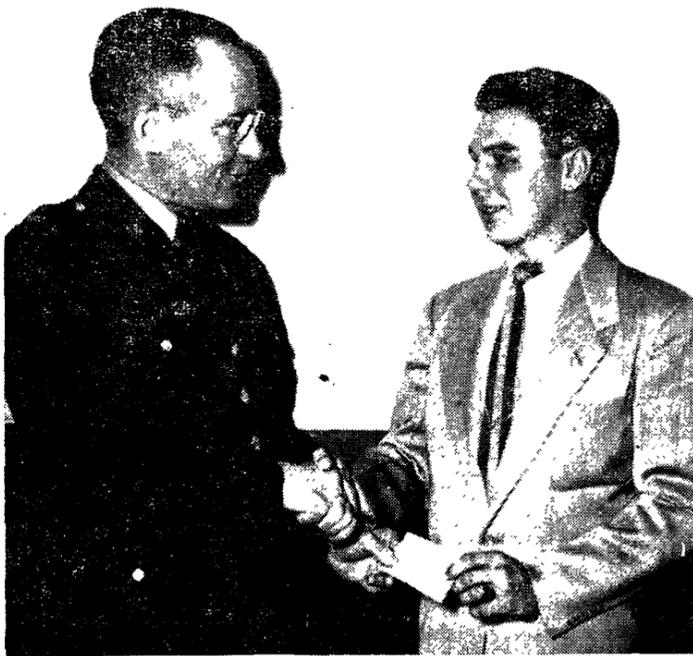
John Russell states that he is stocking up with groceries to feed all those relatives who are planning to visit him during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Hazel Brazelton has received a new teddy bear and it is said that this mysterious character Jingle Jangle Jingles.

Mrs. India Lou Davis, Mrs. Estell Russell, Mrs. Margie Hipp and Mrs. Pearl Cooper shopped in Birmingham recently, and told E. B. Noblitt if he didn't wish them luck he might be minus a few inspectors in the future.

Noblitt said he has warned Mrs. Margie Hipp to be more careful when she goes skating as accidents seem to happen to her quite frequently.

We wonder why Betty Dunn is looking so sleepy these days could it be that she has been attending



WINS MEAL TICKET—Billy Poe, field checker for the Payroll Section, receives the current award in the arsenal's drive to stress good behind-the-wheel manners. Col. Henry C. Thayer, awards committee chairman, makes the award. Poe stopped to help a motorist whose car had stalled out. (U. S. Army photograph.)

too many dances lately. Charles Sharp has returned to work after a recent illness.

Mrs. Sara Alspaugh has returned to work after a recent case of flu.

Mrs. Pearl Cooper recently made a trip to Columbus, O. to visit her mother who is ill.

52,800 PROMOTIONS

Washington, (AFPS) — A total of 52,800 promotions will be given to Army enlisted personnel during the current month of December, the Army announces. New master sergeants will total 1,200; sergeant first classes, 3,600, and 12,000 will

One-Third On Leave

(Continued From Page 1) season.

Training of enlisted personnel will be suspended from Dec. 20 to Jan 5 to give ample opportunity for the men to take their leave for one of the holidays without missing any part of regular instruction.

go to sergeant. The rest will be new corporals and privates first class.

The Chaplain

(Continued From Page 1) voicing every best wish for you and yours, for this happy season and beyond.

Always! Whatever may be your experience, both for today and the unfolding future, I would fervently voice for you the age old benediction:

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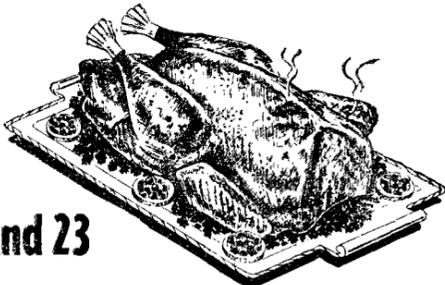
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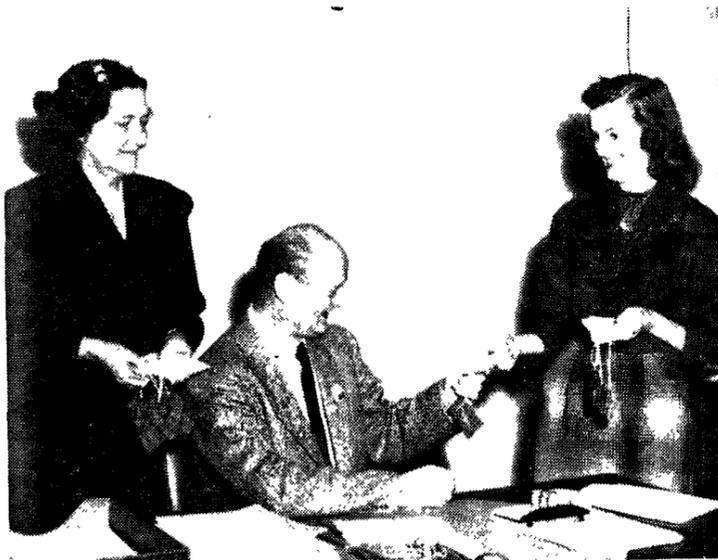
President OKs Plans For Raid Broadcasting

Washington (AFPS) — President Truman has approved a plan that would permit and encourage standard broadcasting stations to remain on the air during an enemy plane or guided missile attack.

The plan would include only AM (amplitude modulation) stations and provide measures for complete protection against the enemy's use of the stations as aids to navigation for bombers or guided missiles. At the same time it would permit full use of the nation's standard broadcasting system for public purposes.

The plan would deny enemy planes or missiles the use of a frequency to "home in" on the City for which they may be headed.

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CHRISTMAS SOCK FOR POLIO—Personnel of the National Procurement Division of Redstone Arsenal are getting off to a fast start in the upcoming March of Dimes crusade. Here Mrs. Carolyn Baits, Blue Springs, Rd., a National Procurement Division stenographer, gives A. L. Rudolph, Route 4, technical advisor, the first Christmas sock for holiday March of Dimes contributions. The legend on the attached card asks potential contributors to remember their help may brighten Christmas for some polio victim. Mrs. Miriam Evans, division Dimes chairman, watches. (U. S. Army photograph.)

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"If I feel I'm picking up two or three extra pounds", she explained, "I just forget about dessert for awhile".

She also added she plays tennis about once a week, but that she isn't good enough to challenge anyone yet.

The big, blue-eyed blonde said she likes getting a few "wolf calls" mixed in with the laughs when she plays the heroine of the radio and TV show, "My Friend Irma".

But she quickly added, "I'd rather get laughs than whistles—if I don't get laughs I don't work. But I must admit the whistles are more soul satisfying" (AFPS.)

HASTINGS, Neb. Thorough sales training can be a handicap! A tourist asked a restaurant employee where the restroom was. The employe said "It's out of order," and without thinking added, "Can you come back tomorrow?"

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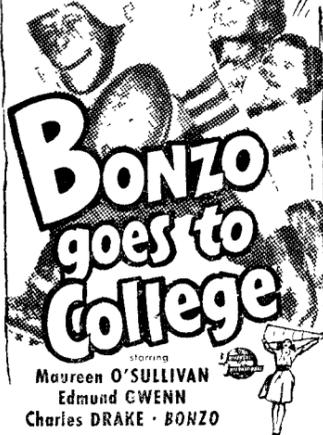
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One of the pleasures of Christmas is the genuine joy of wishing happiness and good health to our many friends.

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Guided Missile Group

By Florence L. Zimmerly

There are several empty places in our midst and those who have left us are missed by all. The death of Mr. Scharnowski was a shock to all of us who worked with him and our sympathy was extended to his widow and children.

Two weeks ago Herbert Guendel left us for another position. A dinner was held in his honor, at Steadmans' as our farewell to him. On the Friday before, a party in his honor was held at Cambrons' and from all reports a fine time was had by all.

Another of our vacant chairs was caused by the transfer of Marie Allen to Field Service. This chair was not vacant long as we welcomed Mrs. Clare Haley into our midst. We are glad to have you, Clare and hope you will like us enough to stay awhile with us.

Two more vacancies are caused by the absence of Arnold Davis and John Calhoun on TDY in California for several months.

Our sympathy also goes to Joan Taber on the death of her father-in-law recently. Her husband, Bill (who was in Civilian Personnel) is in Korea and could not get home.

Buddy and Mary Gilbert spent a short vacation in Hot Springs several weeks ago and we hope Mary found useless the small token her co-workers left on her desk prior to their departure.

This section has been well represented at the two community concerts this year and following both of them enthusiastic approval was given to the artists. See you there in February for the ballet.

Just to prove our group is no exception we have several young, goodlooking, eligible men with us and they have cars, too, girls! Also we have several pretty, young single girls. Seems we are having no success at matchmaking though.

There is a bustle of activity and noise in our locality lately, while Post Engineer builds our Measuring Center. We console ourselves with the thought of how nice it will be when completed.

So long until next time.

DESIGN BRANCH

By Wilma Kmetko

The editor when asking for brevity in the column was surely, thinking of the reporters when that

request went out. People just won't



talk too much about themselves it seems and they tell you about other people you don't know whether to print it or not and even though no news is said to be good news it also

means no column in The Rocket. Everyone in Design Branch is looking forward to their visit from Santa and everyone with children are busy trying to do their last minute shopping for those things just added to the list; fine new places to hide things and still get to work looking wide awake and alive in the mornings.

Plain Button Boy

Wilbur Rhiel has the new look when reporting for work these days. Wilbur accepted the same position as a civilian in the Chemistry Laboratory Section he held before his discharge from the Army.

Milton Anderson returning from TDY to Los Angeles reported a fine trip. It seems as though he might have brought back a little of that much talked about California sunshine.

Juan Pizarro II, Structural Analysis Section, left by plane recently to join his family at the home of his parents in Puerto Rico for the Christmas Holidays.

Pfc. Dan Heald is in again—out again. Dan returned from TDY long enough to brief those concerned on the results of his TDYing and now it's Christmas furlough time which will be spent in Boston.

Smile of Beauty

John Welch, Propellant Feeding, is strictly the proud father! John came to work the other day with his chest out and well inflated to tell us his young daughter had two teeth. The very next day he came in to report that the young Welch heiress had had only two teeth when he left for work the day before but had four visible teeth when he returned that afternoon.

The wonder of it all is due to the fact that the young daughter won't be three months old until shortly after Christmas.

Hello!

The welcome mat is out for the following new employee:

William L. Mitchell who came to us from the Computations Lab (and also makes a total of two William Mitchell's in the branch); H. W. Penick who transferred to the Office of the Chief, Design Branch from RDG;

James Akins to Layout and Assembly Section; and Robert Donovan to Material Test Lab Section. Robert is new to the branch but an old hand on the arsenal being one of the Donovan twins stationed here in the Army.

MERRY XMAS TO ALL OF YOU FROM ALL OF US!!!!

Brooklyn's modern apartments house a Mohawk village! The Indians live as neighbors in their modern tepees. They work in steel sky-scraper construction for which they show a particular aptitude.

Civilian Personnel

By GILDA GARDSBANE

The lull before the storm has got everyone working hard and steady. Midst the lull, Harold Carpenter and Leon Reynolds have taken business trips to Washington, D.C. Martha Carter, our receptionist, has transferred to Area one to be a personnel clerk. Good luck to you Martha, on the new job.

You can tell that it's near Christmas at the Civil Service Board. There are angels and Santa Claus all over the place. Mrs. Hiers has even decorated the electric fan with Christmas tree ornaments; just walk in and pay us a visit.

Big Party

The Salary and Wage Section has started celebrating Christmas early by having a dinner and dance at the Blue Room in the Russel Erskine hotel. The gala affair was held Friday, Dec. 5 and everyone attending had a hilarious time.

The appetizer consisted of steak for everyone, then for the entree, the group was divided into two teams and an orange was passed under the chin, from one to another without use of the hands.

Edd Turner, has some pictures, he could use for blackmail purposes, that he took when no one was looking. The pictures are a riot!!!

The special guests were Frank Crotty and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Jones.

Much Fun

For desert, Mr. Hay, M.C., led the group in Christmas carols. Everyone had a grand time and we will probably be hearing about this get together for a long, long time.

We certainly hope that Mr. Bailey's son, who had a touch of pneumonia is much better by this time. And that Mr. Gjelhaug's cold is better.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Redstone Rocket

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Army Seeks Men— Only Warm Blooded Being Considered

Washington (AFPS)—The Army needs men-to eat vitamins in cold weather.

An unusual nutrition test will put 120 physically qualified enlisted men to work in the cold climate of Francis E. Warren AFB, near Cheyenne, Wyo. The men, organized into four platoons, will consume specially prepared rations spiked with Vitamins C and B Complex while they perform normal military training activities.

Purpose of the test is to determine how ration supplements can be used to enable men to endure stress and carry on a high level of

activity in cold climates. Volunteers must be in perfect physical condition, weigh between 145 and 180 pounds and be between five feet eight and five feet eleven inches tall.

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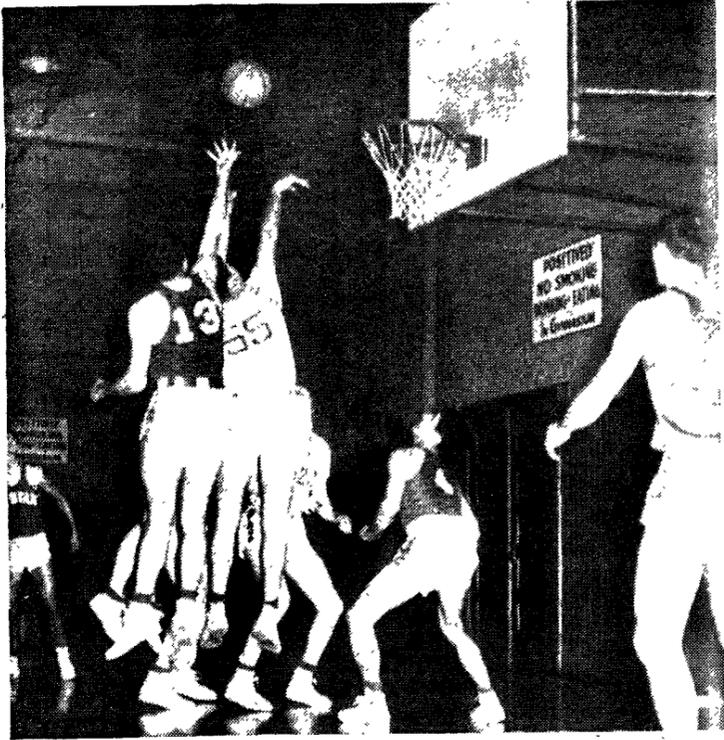
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THE NOBLE EFFORT—Redstone's Overman (55) puts the ball up in a scoring effort in the Jacksonville State Teachers College game. Don Lee, center (22) stands by for the rebound. Up for Jax is Waldrop (13), while Brooks (4) and Norrell (6) tense for backward play. (Photograph by Lt. Louis Holder.)

"We'd Shoot, But They Scored;" Sad Song, We Lost, But Hard

So we opened our typewriter too wide and fell in. But we'd do it again, as the post basketball team still has a chance to go to a mythical Madison Square Garden. The wildly predicted win over the Jacksonville State Teachers College last week went as wildly to the winds as the college boys pounced the Redstonites 64-35. Says Lt. Louis Holder, assistant coach: "It was just one of those things, just one of those fabulous nights when we couldn't do a thing right." And statistics of the game seem to bear him out. Hotshotters Overman netted only eight points; Key-

ser, 6, and Don Lee a piddling five. Oh, well, next week East Lynne, and on Jan. 7 revitalization at the expense of the Wolverine Tube Division. Game site, Huntsville Armory. Canine patrols are said to have reduced Korean casualties up to 60 per cent. During World War II more than 10,000 dogs served with the Army. COLUMBUS, O.—Not since he cast his first vote, one for Gen. U.S. Grant in 1872 has Charles D. Heacock, West Unity, missed an election. Heacock is 101.

PRO School

BY LORIS TROUP

Maj. and Mrs. A. A. Nicolosi of PROS have taken the lead in organizing the Junior Missiles teenage dependents of both military and civilian families at Redstone Arsenal. The group's first dance in the new assembly hall was a great success. Prior to arranging for use of the hall, the Nicolosi home was "head-quarters," and it was frequently necessary to "knock down" two beds to make way for the merry, dancing feet.



Perfect Position
Jewell Thomas lost her precious Open-Sesame yellow badge six months ago—it was found this week, lodged securely in the adjusting mechanism of her posture chair! New-bride Ruth Berryman was cautioned that delicious coffee is a prerequisite for any successful marriage—as a gesture of cooperation the girls in 668-4 presented her with a sparkling electric coffee-maker.

Officers Branch welcomes two new Signal Corps officers as instructors—1st Lt. Richard H. Cooper and 2d Lt. William H. Lentz. pfc. Kenneth D. Maxwell, transferee from Internal Branch, is also welcomed and "welcome home" to 1st Lts Lawrence C. Pitman, Jr., and Lewis F. Garber, and 2d Lt. Richard V. Plat, all back from TDY at JPL. They tell enchanting tales of the warm, sunny California clime—no rain!

Congratulations of Officer Class No. 2 which graduated December 15. 1st Lts Hugh F. Eakin, Lewis F. Garber, Thomas E. Hurst, Harold H. Mattice, Lawrence C. Pitman, Jr., and 2d Lts Robert G. Barker, Richard H. Meyer, Jr., and Richard V. Plat. Lt. R. V. Martin, proud new parent made several flying trips between here and Ft. McClellan, trying to coincide with the stork's landing there Master Gregg Martin, six pounds, 12 ounces, arrived November 18.

Pvt. William D. Kloppenburg is on TDY in California. Pfc's Richard Copeland and Richard Jolicoeur and Pvt. James Sullivan, Jr., have transferred to the NIKE repair team in the Mechanical Branch.

PROS extends sympathy to Lt. Theodore J. Cox, Jr., in the recent death of his father. PROS Technical Library as spread out and now has a com-

Missilemen Better Volleyball Record

The Missilemen have apparently found their stride in the YMCA volleyball league, as they have added another win to their list to continue to overcome their last place deficit.

The arsenal team toppled the Rams last week, 15-12, 11-15, and 15-12, for another winning set. The squad was scheduled Friday night to meet the Ramblers for the last game before the holiday closedown.

The win now gives the team four wins and seven losses. In other loop contests, General Shoe picked up a forfeit win over the Ramblers, and then beat the Rams 15-12, 10-15, 15-9.

As they stand the Ramblers are first with a 7-4 record; General Shoe is second with 7-5, and Rams are third with 5-7.

portable reading room.

Sfc. Robert Hinkle was surprised by his office gang who showed up at his home to "cheer up" his departure to Far East Command—a Christmas tree and all the fixin's helped.

Lt Charles Ellsworth has returned from WSPG—one lovely blonde was especially happy to greet him... wedding bells come spring. Congratulations to Corporal Richard Mark who was promoted from Pfc. prior to his discharge he's on his way home to that

Revisions Being Made In Qualification Tests

Washington (AFPS) The Defense Department has announced that an improved series of Armed Forces Qualification Tests will be used in determining the acceptability of men for enlistment or induction.

At the same time it announced a special qualifying test for women. Called the Armed Forces Women's Selection Test, it is the first to be developed solely for women applicants.

The new tests, developed by the Army in coordination with the Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, are designed to measure more accurately the level of mental ability of prospective entrants into the Service. The tests will go into effect in January, 1953.

Based on changes recommended through constant research, the new tests will contain a group of questions relating to the many jobs in military service which involve mechanical skills. Periodic question changes will also insure that the contents of the tests do not become common knowledge.

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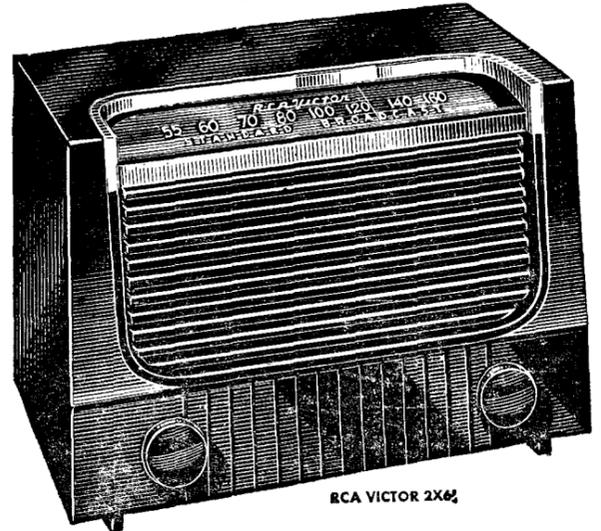
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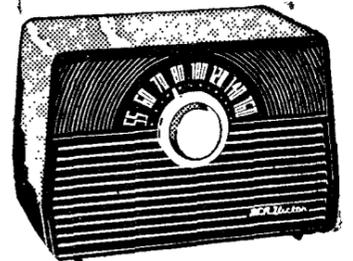
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Gay Holiday Parties Mark Season For Redstonites

Post Sunday School To Present Program

The post Sunday School will present a pantomime, "The First Christmas," at 8 p.m. Dec. 24 at the Post Theater with a cast of 14 children.

The production will be directed by Mrs. Eugene Stewart with Mrs. Emily Helen Evans as narrator, Miss Margie Stewart presenting the vocal selections, Pvt. Robert Buckner serving as organist, and the Junior Choir singing the carols.

The members of the cast, and their roles include: Carl Nulta, inn keeper; Roberta Clary, Mary; Jan Canady, Joseph; George Clary, Helen Clary and Karin McKenzie, kings; Jerry Canady, Butch Entrenkin, and Larry Kincaid, shepherds; and Judy Snooks, Pat Canady, Madline Kaitz, and Brenda and Maxine Simpson, angels.

A good mixture for cleaning copper can be made from one pint of hot water, a half cup of soap flakes, three tablespoons of whiting, and two tablespoons of vinegar.

Young And Old In Festive Mood

Thiokol, Officers, Many Organizational Segment Celebrate Yule, 1953

By Helen Hansmeier

The holiday spirit has invaded the arsenal with parties for children and adults, and decorations. More than 170 children of military personnel assigned to Redstone were greeted by Santa Claus Dec. 21 at the Post Theater during a party sponsored by the NCO and Officers Open Messes. Gifts for every child were bought and wrapped by members of the Chapel Guild. The decorations were done by the Chaplain's Office. Pvt. Robert Buckner played Christmas carols.

Club Dance

Also on Dec. 21 members of the Officers Open Mess and their guests attended a social hour and buffet supper at the Mess. Lonnie McDaniel's orchestra furnished dance music.

Lt. Col and Mrs. Daniel R. Thoma were the host and hostess at a Christmas party Dec. 20 at the Mess for more than 70 guests. The long servingtable was centered with an arrangement of magnolia leaves painted red and green with the red leaves forming a huge poinsetta effect. Silver appointments were used with lighted red tapers in candelabra.

Adjutant's Party

Personnel from the Adjutant's Division held their first unit party Dec. 16 at Cambron's Aero Club. Mrs. Flossie Harliss and Mrs. Jean Baker were in charge of all arrangements and decorations. Place cards were paper poinsettas, and the center piece was of poinsettas. Following dinner, dancing was enjoyed to juke box music.

Approximately 375 employes of Thiokol Corp. held an informal party Dec. 15 at the Russel Erskine hotel, which included a social hour, dinner, and a variety program. A. C. Higgins was the general chairman. He was assisted by Miss Mary Catherine White for decorations, Wallace T. McMichael for plan-

the menu, Jack Buchanan for the program, and Tony Guzzo, who arranged for the social hour refreshments. Decorations were done in red and white.

The program for the evening consisted of a magician act by James Fann, vocal selections by Miss Nita Flowers and Lt. Gene Arant, dance acts by Laurence Lacy and partner, and a brief address by Joseph Crosby, president of Thiokol.

The Negro employes of Thiokol attended a party Dec. 15 at the Royal Palm cafe when they also had a social hour, dinner, and a dance. James Evans represented the colored employes on the entertainment committee, and was advised by Andrew Fossum and James E. Cabiness.

Dinner-Dance

The Budget and Fiscal Office personnel celebrated the holiday season Dec. 13 at a dinner and dance in the ballroom of the Russel Erskine Hotel. Mrs. Christine Stevenson headed the committee making party arrangements. Other committee members were Miss Novlene Freeman, Mrs. Lula Hollingsworth, Marvin Moring, Ancil Faris, and Mrs. Elsie Hugel assisted with the decorations. Cedar, pine, holly, and mistletoe decorated the room and a silver bowl held colored Christmas balls in the center of the table. Red candles burned in silver holders.

New Year's Plans

Future plans include a free formal New Year's Eve ball for members of the Officers Open Mess and guests on Dec. 31 from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. at the Assembly Hall, Bldg. 1051. The music will be by Lonnie McDaniel's orches-

Miss Ida B. Hamilton Weds Pvt. L. Fralick

Miss Ida Belle Hamilton became the bride of Pvt. Lawrence E. Fralick during a double ring ceremony Dec. 16 at the Post Chapel. Ch. John E. Simpson read the vows before an altar decorated with white gladioli, and lighted white tapers.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Hamilton, Marian, Ky., and Pvt. Fralick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter K. Fralick Marion. The bridegroom is assigned to the 9615 TSU Signal Detachment.

Cpl. Clinton E. Skinner served as best man, and Miss Mildred Thompson, Huntsville, was the maid of honor.

Pvt. Robert Buckner, chapel organist, played traditional wedding music.

The bride wore a blue dress with a corsage of white roses, and Miss Thompson's dress was yellow and black. Her flowers were yellow roses.

Reservations may be made with Officers Open Mess, Ext. 3-3257, or Lt. Gerard Leonard at Ext. 3-3139.

On New Year's Day, there will be a reception for members of the Officers Open Mess, their wives and house guests from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Mess. Plans are being made for a receiving line at this party sponsored by the Mess.

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Student Officers Wives Meet To Get Acquainted

In order to promote acquaintance among the wives of student officers, plans have been made for meetings of the group to be held at 7 p. m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Previous meetings have been held in the Red Room of the Russel Erskine Hotel, but the possibility of meeting in homes is being discussed.

The group plays bridge and canasta, and refreshments of Cokes and cookies are served.

Mrs. Russell Biggam was named to head the group at the Dec. 2 meeting, and anyone interested attending the meetings should call her at Ext. 3-1117, or call Mrs. Phillip Schmitt at Huntsville 38-13-J.

Mr. and Mrs. Durwood Norris, Bessemer, were Dec. 20 weekend guests of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Daniel Thoma.

Lt. Col and Mrs. Daniel Thoma spent Dec. 13 weekend in Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. John Durrenberger and children Tommy and Diane of Ft. Walton, Fla. were house guests last week at the home of Lt. Col. and Mrs. William J. Durrenberger on the arsenal.

Capt. and Mrs. Leonard Schreiber left for New York City Dec. 19 to spend Christmas with Capt. Schreiber's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Milton Schreiber, and other relatives.

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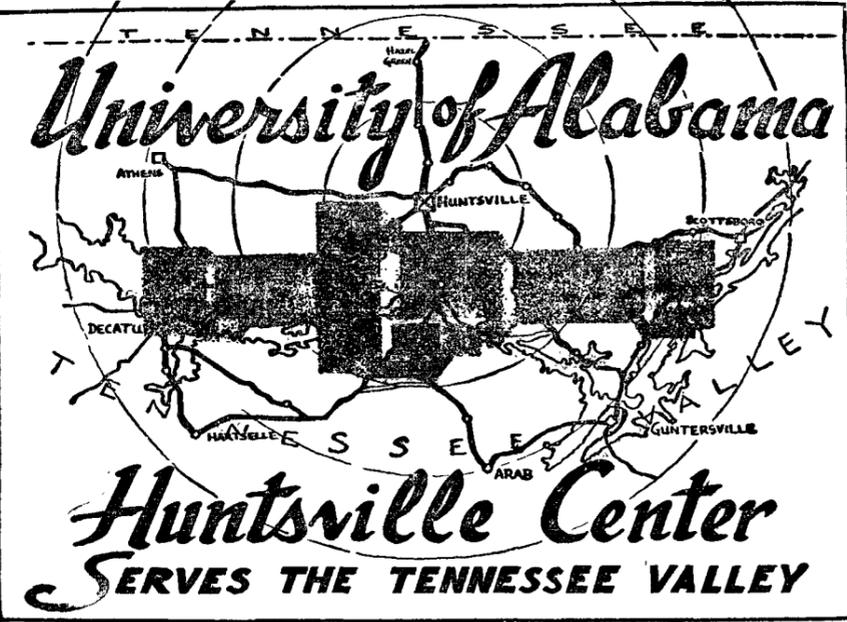


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Art Workshop (7:00-9:00, Monday only, Fee \$10.00)		0
Ceramics Workshop (7:00-9:00, Wednesday only, Fee, \$10.00)		0
Chemistry 1-General Chemistry (6:00-10:00)		4
English 52-Fiction Writing	English 6	4
History 2-History of Civilization	History 1	3
Marketing 1-Industries and Commerce		3
Mathematics 11-Algebra		3
Mechanics 81-Statics	Ma. 50, Ph. 5	3
Music 4 Class Voice (Monday Only)		1
Music 27-Choral Union (Wednesday Only)		1
Psychology 3-General Psychology	Psychology 1	3
II. SECOND PERIOD (8:05-10:00)		
Accounting 3-Intermediate Accounting	Accounting 1	3
English 1-English Composition		3
English 2-English Composition	English 1	3
Mathematics 01-Elementary Algebra		3
Mathematics 15-Trigonometry	Mathematics 2	3
Political Science 16-American Diplomacy	Soph. Standing	3
CLASSES MEETING ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY		
I. FIRST PERIOD (6:00-7:55)		
Accounting 177-Advanced Income Tax Procedures	Accounting 107	0
Chemistry 2-General Chemistry (6:00-10:00)	Chemistry 1	4
Drawing 32-Engineering Drawing II (6:00-10:00)	Drawing 31	2
English 6-English Literature	English 5	3
History 22-The United States Since 1865	Soph. Standing	3
Home Furnishings (7:00-9:00 Tuesday only; Fee, \$10.00)		0
Economics 12-Economic Problems and Policies	Economics 11	3
Mathematics 25-Analytic Geometry	Mathematics 15	3
Mathematics 49b-Differential and Integral Calculus	Mathematics 49a	3
Physics 1-General Physics (6:00-10:00)		4
II. SECOND PERIOD (8:05-10:00)		
Accounting 1-Principles of Accounting		3
Political Science 1-American Government		3
Political Science 12-State Government	Political Science 2	3
Speech 2-Basic Speech	Speech 1	3

Registration dates are December 8-11 and January 2. Classes begin on January 5. Late registrations will be accepted for one week after classes begin. Students are urged to register during the regular registration periods in order that their advisors will be available for consultation. Classes of fewer than ten students will be discounted at the close of the registration period.

Civilian Guests May Join Military In Xmas Dinner

Again at Christmas, the families and guests of military personnel may eat a holiday dinner at an Army mess. A similar program was carried out at Thanksgiving. For the Christmas dinner, two of the three messes will be serving from noon until 3 p.m. on Christmas day, namely the Troop Command and USA Infirmaries messes.

The office of the food service supervisor has announced a complete menu starting with tomato juice cocktail, and going on through turkey with dressing, and giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, candied sweet potatoes, buttered peas, and escalloped corn.

Then there'll be Waldorf salad with mayonnaise, celery hearts, olives, pickles, and carrot sticks, hot rolls and butter.

The dessert course includes hot mincemeat pie or fruit cake, pumpkin pie, tangerines, dates, grapes, salted nuts, assorted candies and coffee.

So that rations may be drawn for the dinner, those planning to attend had to have their mess tickets in hand by Dec. 19. Tickets for adult guests are \$1, children under 12 pay 50 cents, and anyone who eats five or more meals a week at a mess pays 45 cents.



WIFE "PROMOTES" HUSBAND—Attractive Mrs. Anna Thomas pins on the warrant officer (Junior grade) bars for her husband Edward, during recent promotion ceremonies at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville. WO Thomas is an electronics instructor in the guided missile school at Redstone. The arsenal is the nerve center of the Army's nationwide guided missile and rocket development and procurement programs. (U. S. Army photograph.)

Sergeant Is Promoted To Warrant Officer

Edward Thomas, former sergeant first class at Redstone Arsenal, has received his appointment as a warrant officer junior grade. Mr. Thomas is an electronics instructor in the guided missile school.

The new warrant officer came to Redstone in September from Ft. Monmouth, N. J., where he was an instructor in radar school. He is one of a number of Signal Corps personnel assigned at Redstone to assist in the instruction of guided missile personnel.

The warrant officer first entered service in September, 1942 and served three years in the Navy. He reentered service in June, 1948.

The sergeant is married to the former Miss Anna Russo of Red Bank, N. J. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar A. Thomas, RD One, Newport, Ohio. In Huntsville, the Thomases live at 113 Lemly Place.

Miss Hammack Is Bride Of Lt. Robert Peterson

During a ceremony Dec. 20 in the Christ Episcopal Church in Radford, Va., Miss Anne Y. Hammack became the bride of Lt. Robert C. Peterson, student officer of the Provisional Redstone Ordnance School.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Jane Edwin, Emmerton, Va., and Lt. Peterson's parents are Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Peterson, Norfolk, Va.

Miss Lois Price attended the bride as maid of honor, and the bridegroom's brother, Greacen Peterson served as best man.

Mrs. Peterson attended Radford College, and Lt. Peterson is a graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering.

The Petersons will reside in Huntsville.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Budget & Fiscal

By ELSIE HUGEL

Santa Claus came early to visit several of our employees. Seems

Miss Bonnie Rigsby is now sporting a diamond on that certain finger of the left hand.

Mrs. Lillian Archer's husband is home again after serving a "hitch" in the Navy. Needless to

say, Lillian is taking a few days leave to get "reacquainted."



Billy Poe, of Payroll, is driving a new Chrysler. Girls here is your chance for a good bachelor. Want a ride?

Happy Hello

Mrs. Nell Styles had a surprise telephone call the other morning. Her husband, who is stationed in Germany, called to wish her a happy birthday. I'm convinced there are still some thoughtful husbands in this ole world.

Mrs. Helen Curtis is the proud owner of a new television set, that is they are proud now. Seems about the first week the set was installed they had a little trouble with the wind and the aerial, however, now her only trouble is not enough sleep.

Plans are buzzing in Budget and Fiscal for the Division Christmas party which is being held the night of Dec. 13 in the ballroom of the Russel Erskine. Bring on the mistletoe! For further comment see our next issue of the Rocket.

Do you know: That a certain employe looks like Elizabeth Taylor with her new poodle haircut?

In General

Our welcome mat is rolled out this week for Miss Mildred Taylor who has joined our Payroll Branch.

Mildred is from McMinnville, Tenn.

Mrs. Ilene Dulaney spent a day in Chattanooga recently

Mrs. Doris Neville spent a day shopping in Birmingham this past week

Marvin Moring, Cost Section, has returned to work after a few days TDY at Ordnance Ammunition Center. Why the dark circles, Marvin?

Claude Stockton is back at his desk after a week spent at OCO. This trip was all business, we understand.

Disciplinary Board Meets At Redstone

Redstone Arsenal military police personnel today were hosts to the monthly meeting of the area board of the Southeastern Armed Forces Disciplinary Central Board. The area group consists of eight Army and Air Force installations in Central and North Alabama.

The board is concerned with anything that concerns the conduct, morals and welfare of all Armed Forces personnel.

Meetings of the group are usually held at Ft. McClellan, Ala.

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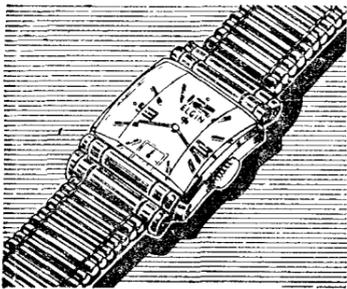


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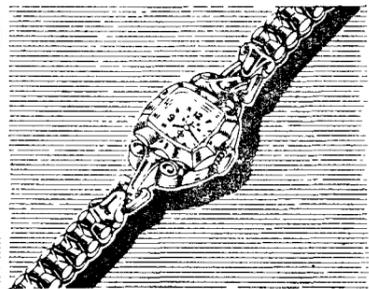
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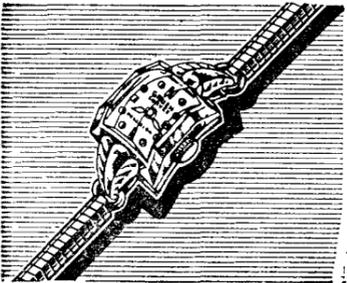
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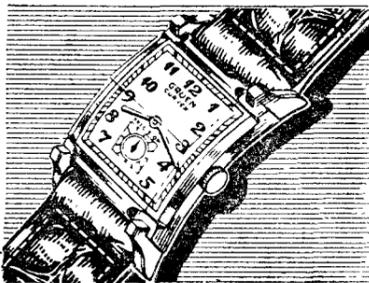
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