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TRADITION WITH ACCENT—It isn't New Year's for any publication unless the incoming year is represented by the new Year's babe. The babe is usually a jovial little infant, draped in a numeral, and full of unexpected possibilities. The Rocket concurs with the tradition, but with the help of AFPS, has selected its own New Year's "babe," Miss Virginia Gibson, to represent 1953. The drapery is a tad more attractive, and the possibilities—might make any year what we wish you—A Very Happy Year.

Photo, Reproduction Branch Gives Arsenalwide Services

BY HELEN HANSMEIER
Guided missile and rocket history in the making at Redstone is being recorded in pictures and in print through the services of the Photo and Reproduction Branch of Ordnance Missile Laboratories.

The organization is divided into three sections: the Photo Section where all still pictures are taken and processed; the Motion Picture Section where the primary function is processing of range instrumentation film; and the Reproduction Section which does printing, ozalid, and mimeograph work.

John Tyson, 521 McClung St., Huntsville, is the chief of the branch. Heading the sections are three Huntsville residents: Sam Hobbs, Warren Park, at the photo lab; George Sowers directing the movies; and Wallace Phillips, 307 E. Holmes St., supervising reproduction.

Great Skill Needed
In Bldg. 441 at the photo lab, Hobbs explained that work done there requires more technical skill than needed for ordinary photography. There must be close control of processing temperatures and developing times to insure accurate, legible pictures which "tell the story" in the guided missile and rocket programs.

Precision is necessary in recording such subjects as exploded and cutaway views of missiles, for instance. By "exploded" we don't mean a weapon which has been

fired. It is a missile divided into each of the subsequent parts, and each part photographed and labeled for study by scientists and the

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Young Men Here Eligible For Honor

The young man who is selected as the recipient of the First Junior Chamber of Commerce "Distinguished Service Award" may be either a member of the military or a civilian of Huntsville. The award will be presented during Junior Chamber of Commerce week the latter part of January.

The outstanding man will be judged for achievement, leadership, professional progress, service to the community or state during the calendar year and personal character and ability.

Twelve judges, themselves outstanding in their fields of work in Huntsville, will choose the "outstanding man" from the entrants. Nominations may be made by clubs, civic groups, companies or interested individuals.

Jaycee president, Walter Weismann, said about 40 letters were sent to civic clubs in the city, asking them to submit their entries. However, anyone or any group may offer their entrant if they meet the requirements of the national Junior

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Even Pox No Bar To Seeing Santa For Post Children!

Even chicken pox can't keep children from enjoying Christmas and a visit from Saint Nick!

Sandra McOsker, 6, and Brian, 4, children of Capt. and Mrs. Thomas C. McOsker, and Eric Smolensky, 6, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Stanley Smolensky, were the children who saw Santa in spite of the chicken pox. Sandra and Eric have the disease, and Brian, of course, is in quarantine.

The children were slated to go to the Chaplain's Christmas party with about 150 children of arsenal personnel. But the itching outbreaking stopped that.

However, not to be disappointed, the children went to the Post Theater in their cars, and Saint Nick (alias Capt. Lyle Barker) came out gave them their gifts, wished them a "Merry Christmas", and returned to the party.

At the party the Santa read his list, Santa's helpers found the owners and the audience sang Christmas carols, accompanied by Pvt. Robert Buckner on the organ. Sgt. Harry Martin lead the singing. Among the helpers were Ch. John Simpson, Mrs. Eugene Stewart, Capt. John J. Horan, special services officer and Lt. Herschel P. Entekin.

Reservist Policies Are Outlined

Washington (AFPS) — Policies governing transfer, enlistment, and appointments in Reserve components of the Armed Forces have been outlined in a series of three directives by the Department of Defense

The first directive deals with assignment to, and transfer between, Reserve categories, based on Section 208 of the Armed Forces Reserve Act of 1952. Assignment to the Ready Reserve, according to the directive, will be governed by the provisions of the act which specifies that:

(1) Each person having a Reserve obligation be placed in the Ready Reserve unless eligible for transfer to the Standby Reserve.

(2) Any member of the Reserve components in an active status on Jan. 1, 1953 may be placed in the Ready Reserve.

(3) All units and members of the National Guard and Air National Guard will be in the Ready Reserve.

(4) All members of Reserve components assigned to organized units which are designated as units in the Ready Reserve, will be in the Ready Reserve.

Members of a Reserve component can be transferred to the Standby Reserve upon request, providing they have a total of not less than five years active or Reserve duty.

The second directive in the series sets up policies for transfer of personnel with an obligated period of military service between Reserve Components of the Armed Forces. Such transfers, according to the directive, are permitted only upon individual request and when it is mutually agreed upon by the

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WALLET WINNER—William C. Reed, 23-year old Thiokol Corp. machine operator is the current winner of the Redstone Courteous Driver of the Week award. Reed was presented a leather wallet Christmas Eve. (U. S. Army photograph.)

For Helping Stalled Car At Busy Light, Reed Wins Award

A helping hand to a homeward bound driver places William C. Reed, 23, 301 Mountain Dr., Huntsville, in the arsenal spotlight as the most courteous driver of the week.

Reed, who is a machine operator for Thiokol Corp., on Dec. 16, helped Mrs. Mary L. DeYoung, accounting clerk for the Ammunition Division, to get her car started when it stalled at the Redstone Rd.—Line Rd. traffic light.

Starter Broke

Says Mrs. DeYoung, "My car stalled, and I was stalled and holding up a long line of traffic. Mr. Reed got out of his car and by working the starter under the hood got the engine to running again;

"Through his courtesy, Mr. Reed not only did me a great favor, but also helped several hundred other Redstone employes by keeping them from getting home late."

Mrs. DeYoung was accompanied by Mrs. Louise Steakley, Ammunition Division file clerk, who joined in the recommendation.

Pleasant Surprise

Said William after the presentation, "It is almost like an unexpected Santa Claus."

The selection committee announced earlier that the award for the two holiday weeks will be combined into one. Announcement of the holiday weeks' contest will be announced during the Dec. 8 week.

Nominations should be sent to the Safety Office with enough information to identify the driver, the nominator, and the occasion for which the nomination is made.

AF RECALLS 637

Washington (AFPS)—Recall assignment orders have been issued for 637 Air Force Reserve officers now on active duty as armen, or who hold mobilization assignments or designations. Included in this recall are rated and non-rated officers in 17 specialties in grades of second lieutenant through lieutenant colonel.

Bell Tel. Big Help Fixing Breakdown

Ditchdigging Machine Cuts Cable Near Wherry, Blanks Most Telephones

Arsenalites "enjoyed" an enforced Christmas week quiet when the usual telephone bell symphony dwindled to an occasional tinkle, with a strong undercurrent of the busy signal.

The quiet was caused Monday morning when a ditchdigging machine preparing for pipelines for the Wherry project sliced out an 18-inch section of a telephone cable carrying 1,400 telephone circuits.

Town Lines Out

Telephone service to Huntsville from Redstone was interrupted, teletype circuits were broken, and service between the 5,000 numbers and the 3-0000 numbers destroyed. Some 3-0000 numbers were knocked out also.

Maj. Henry Kincaid, reported that service with town was restored late Monday afternoon (Dec. 22), and that connections with Plants Area One and the Squirrel Hill area were back in operation by Tuesday afternoon.

Back In Use

Other lines out were expected to be back in operation by close of work Christmas Eve.

Maj. Kincaid paid high tribute to local Southern Bell telephone personnel for their assistance with the communications trouble. The major said they offered and gave "splendid cooperation even though they understood that we might not be able to pay for their time." Authorization to pay the company was obtained later.

The major also explained, that although only an 18-inch section of line had to be cut, checking of the 1,400 circuits meant checking lines over a wide area of the arsenal, and the splicing together, correctly, over 2,600 individual wires.

NAVY SAVES

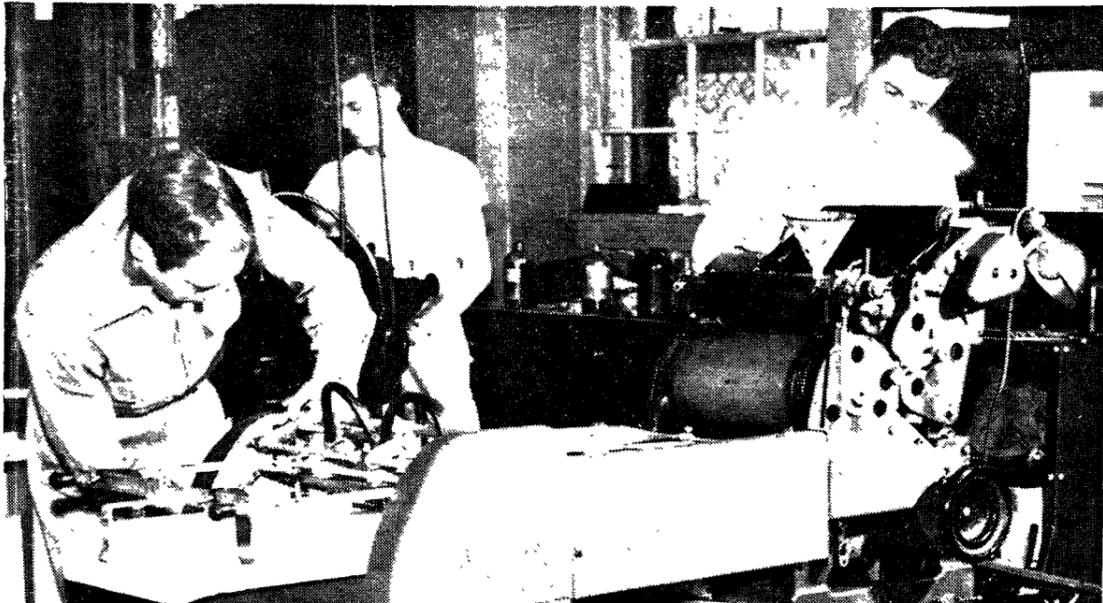
Washington (AFPS) — A new work measurement system which scientifically determines the number of workers required to accomplish given work schedules, is saving the Navy Dept. about \$2,000,000 at 19 bases, is now being installed throughout the Navy shore establishment.

5 PEAK POLIO YEARS

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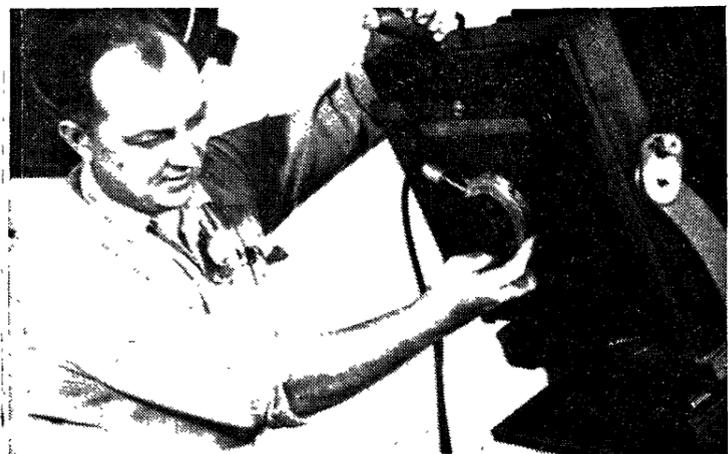
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JANUARY 2 TO 31



HERE COMES THE PRINTED WORD—The men in the press unit of the Reproduction Section are operating the multilith offset presses which print reports, RSA administrative instructions, and training material for the men at Redstone study-

ing the various phases of guided missile systems. The men are (left to right) Herbert Maxwell, Claude Brown, and Wallace Cornelison, offset press operators. (U. S. Army photograph by Sgt. Richard Coddington.)



TAKE YOUR PICTURE?—John Pinkerton, general photographer at the Photo Section, gets a studio camera ready to take a picture of one of the many subjects recorded in still photography by that section in Bldg. 441. All publicity photos, as well as technical photos of engineering subjects, and processing film and paper for oscillograph recording for firing rockets is included in the work done by the Photo Section. U. S. Army photograph.

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personnel being trained in guided missile fields.

Many Duties

Here in W-441, to-scale enlargements are made of design drawings, and the film and papers for oscillograph records of rocket firings are processed.

And, of course, the photo section cameramen cover arsenal activities for PIO including companion pieces for this article.

Microfilming research report records is another photo section activity, as is the making of lantern slides for group discussion use.

In telling the story about rockets, still photos of firings are made by rapid sequence cameras. These cameras pick up actions occurring too fast for the human eye. The camera shootings are done by remote control to safeguard photo personnel.

Movie Work

Also located in building W-441, is the movie section, headed by George Sowers. The basic use of motion pictures is on the rocket firing ranges, where trajectory, pitch, and the roll of rockets being test-fired are recorded.

A new project recently begun, are a series of historical and documentary films on guided missiles. This work includes recovery and salvage of captured German films that have survived transportation from Germany to Texas, and from Texas to Alabama. In addition, the film is being edited for continuity, and where necessary, translation of text and voice to English, is being done.

Printing Done

The Reproduction Section is located in Bldg. 111, and has four units; and assembling and finishing.

The work of all units is funneled toward assembling and finishing where all completed work is checked, wrapped, and readied for delivery.

From Reproduction come the technical reports, progress reports, training material for the Provisional Redstone Ordnance School, the RSA administrative instructions, and a few special jobs.

For a quick "look see" at what goes on here, the photolithograph unit makes negatives and metal plates of drawings and printed matter. The completed metal plates it on the offset printing machines in the press unit, and from them the multiple printing is done.

The larger offset press runs 4,000 impressions (sheets of paper) an hour, and the smaller press will do 6,000 an hour.

young man of the year" is January 5.

Announcement of the winner will be made at the Jaycee banquet on Jan. 20.

FORT WORTH—Crime doesn't pay A man broken into a box car containing what he thought was liquor. In jail he found out it was empty beer bottles.

Ammunition Division

By LOUISE STEAKLEY

It seems the Christmas spirit has already touched the employees of A-156. The general conversation is "What I would like for Christmas".

Mrs. Rose Fow has resigned to return to Pennsylvania with her husband who was discharged Dec. 19 from the Army. She will be missed by our Division.

Mrs. Winfred Smith is strutting a new Plymouth. She blew the suet out of it recently going to Auburn.

We regret losing Paul Kelly of the Engineering Group. Paul has transferred to Management Office.

Pfc. Jerome Kassel is on furlough for a couple of weeks, generally at home in Pennsylvania.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LINE 7
By GLADYS VASSER

Hoke Wallace is able to be back on the job after being off several days, due to illness.

Mary Knight has as her guest recently her son from Baltimore who is in the Air Force.

We welcome Mary Crouch and Marie Maner back from Line 6.

Marjorie Swanner is absent due to illness. We wish her a speedy recovery.

LINE 2

By HAZEL WILKINSON

Line 2 suffers the loss of Willie Crim and Evelyn Adcock who have been transferred to Line 6.

If you see a new Mercury around Line 2, Jesse Dupree will be driving it.

Ruby McDonald and family attended a basketball game in Eva, Ala. Eva was playing New Hope. They came home all smiles as New Hope won.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Betty Boles who's father-in-law

passed away recently Our loss is Line 8's gain with Doris White transferring there Dec. 10.

SKEE'S SCOOPS FROM LINE 6
By Skeeball Robinson

An Open Letter to Santa Claus: Dear Santa:

We on Line 6, having been little boys and girls who have conducted ourselves with exemplary deportment and we would like to tell you what we would like to see under the tree come Christmas morn.

For Opel Cribbs, a portable telephone extension or a walkie-talkie. He's always busy on a telephone. For Mac Mohr, a scorebook so that he can keep scores on how many games the Boston Red Sox win and lose.

Another scorebook for Capt. Long that he may do likewise with keeping up with those lucky bums—the Yankees. For Roy Steele, a deck of playing cards that he can play Solitaire with. He says that is the only way he could possibly win.

We'd like for you to bring a package of chewing gum to be split with Laura Whisenant and Rose Couch. A Kiddie-Kar for Frank Brown and Walker White to do their checking on; a pair of shoes with suction cups on them for Ethel Vann who is always slipping and falling, and a special key for Richard Folsom who is always losing his nickle in the drunk machine.

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Reservist Policies

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secretaries of the military services concerned.

The third directive establishes standards for enlistments and appointments for members of Reserve components under Section 217 of the act.

It specifies that higher physical and mental standards may be set for male personnel enlisting in a grade above the basic enlistment pay grade, or for enlistment in a program leading to a commission.

Young Men

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Chamber of Commerce. All entrants must be under 36.

James Cleary, chairman of the group's Americanism committee advises that nominations may be sent to the Huntsville Junior Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 824 or forms may be picked up at the Huntsville Chamber of Commerce. It is also possible to get the forms by calling and requesting they be mailed. The deadline date for selection of entries for the "outstanding

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BY NANCY SEWARD

When this reporter was seeking news for this issue, NPD seemed agog with plans for the holidays. So, we dropped everything to give you the latest Christmas plans as told to us.



There promises to be a general exodus from Huntsville and vicinity as attested by the fact that holiday trips are planned by so many.

Col. Thayer and family will spend the holiday in Montgomery as guests of Mrs. Thayer's father. They will attend the annual football classic between the "Blues" and "Grays." Col. Thayer says he'll do his best to cheer the Yanks to a win. (Mrs. T., are you-all going to allow that?) The Fay Waldrops will head towards Conyers, Ga. The Walter

Moore's are moving to Ocala, Fla. to make their home, so will have Christmas among the orange blossoms. Florida is also calling to Margaret and Les Southard who will spend their two weeks' vacation with her parents in Orlando. Irene McKinney, Mr. Pryor, and Mr. Arthur Rudolph with his attractive wife and daughter are Florida-bound for the holidays.

Scatter to Winds

Louise DeVasher is going to Tuscaloosa to spend the holidays with her mother. Mr. Helms is also going to Tuscaloosa to visit his family but the main event he's looking forward to is a visit from his son who attends Castle Heights Military Academy.

Georgia Sullivan and her husband plan to visit their families in Nashville. While there they may see Pay Keyes whose home was also originally in Nashville.

L. M. Blackwell is going to spend a week at the Swan Creek Hunting Preserve (Decatur) duck-hunting. Tubby says even if he doesn't score a direct hit, he shoots so close he always scares a few to death. Frank Thompson has found the duck hunting in Tullahoma, Tenn., to his favor; but, Frank, isn't it against the law to use a scatter gun

More Travelers

Vera Kolasa plans her holidays near Tullahoma, Shelbyville to be exact, where she will visit her son, daughter, and her parents.

Ernestine Phillips is going to spend Christmas with her family in Memphis, then be one of a party attending the New Year Sugar Bowl Game in New Orleans. While in that section, they will make side trips to Gulfport, Mobile and Bellhugh Gardens.

And On They Go!

It seems as though NPD will be well represented in almost every state in the Union over the holidays. Those visiting their families are:

Betty Smith, New Hampshire; Elmer Bizarth, Pittsburgh; Pfc. Bruce Wilson, O.; Mr. Muller, Indiana; Cpl. Dick Biggot, Chicago; Lt. Oberle, Costantine, Mich.; Lt. Luzzi, Tyler, Texas; and Lt. Arant, Calif.

Cpl. Doynow will go to New Orleans, but not to visit his family. Betty Jones will be at Camp Breckinridge with her husband. Mr. Bedford expects to go to Cleveland, to play Santa Claus to his nieces and nephews. Mr. Bedford, why

don't you stay right here and play Santa to the girls in Quality Control by giving a single, young, good looking engineer; and you might give Bill Allen a new fishing pole.

Homebodies

Plans centering around the home are announced by a few. Miriam Evans and her family are moving in time for the Evans kids to hang up their socks in the new location. Capt. Brown says

he will just stay home with a bottle (filled with Formulac for Babby Timmy, of course).

Carolyn Batt expects to store up Christmas memories against the time when her husband will be serving a hitch in the Army. Marge and George will stay at home watching the antics of the two little McQuistons who are more entertaining than anything on TV, Marge says.

Impossible Problem

Liz Jackson says she will be busy rearranging furniture to make room for a bicycle, car (suitable for a two year old), and a desk. At present time the only plan she has to is to suspend them from the ceiling. Doris Woody reports she is going to sleep all four days; JoAnn Ortner says she'll "eat, I reckon."

Fred Chesebro is running around looking for an extra bed to borrow while his family is here from Connecticut. Wanda Praytor and Jen Warden say they have no plans. No plans? or no plans for publication, girls?

Holland Sauls is just going to let old Mother Nature have her way. Harold Turney says he'll just stay home and watch his kids break up the toys he bought for them.

Lazy Dayers

Mr. Ferguson is going to just sort of lazy around. Lonnie Hightower also says, with a sigh, that he's not going to think about work. Mr. Jungerman will postpone his Christmas celebrating until New Year weekend.

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Washington (AFPS)—A joint regulation has been issued by all Services which is designed to liberalize procedures for the operation of field censorship of news material in combat zones. The regulations will be

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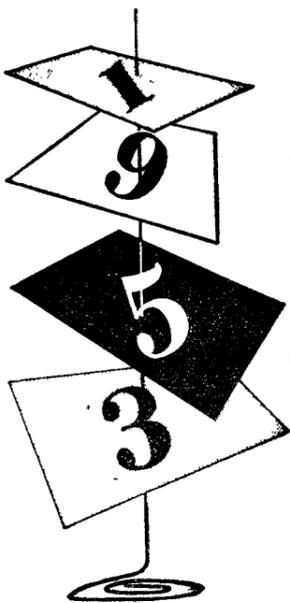
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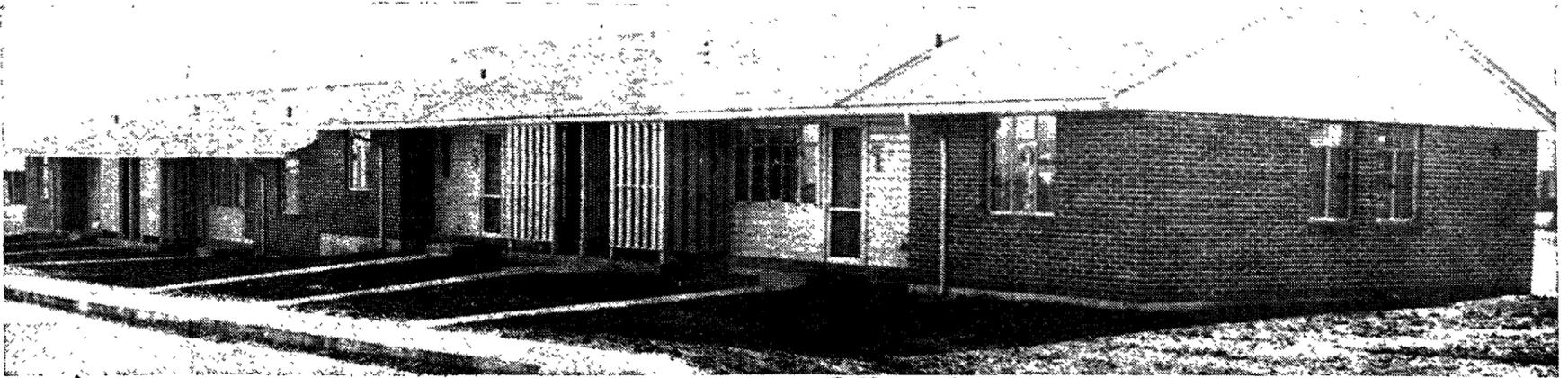
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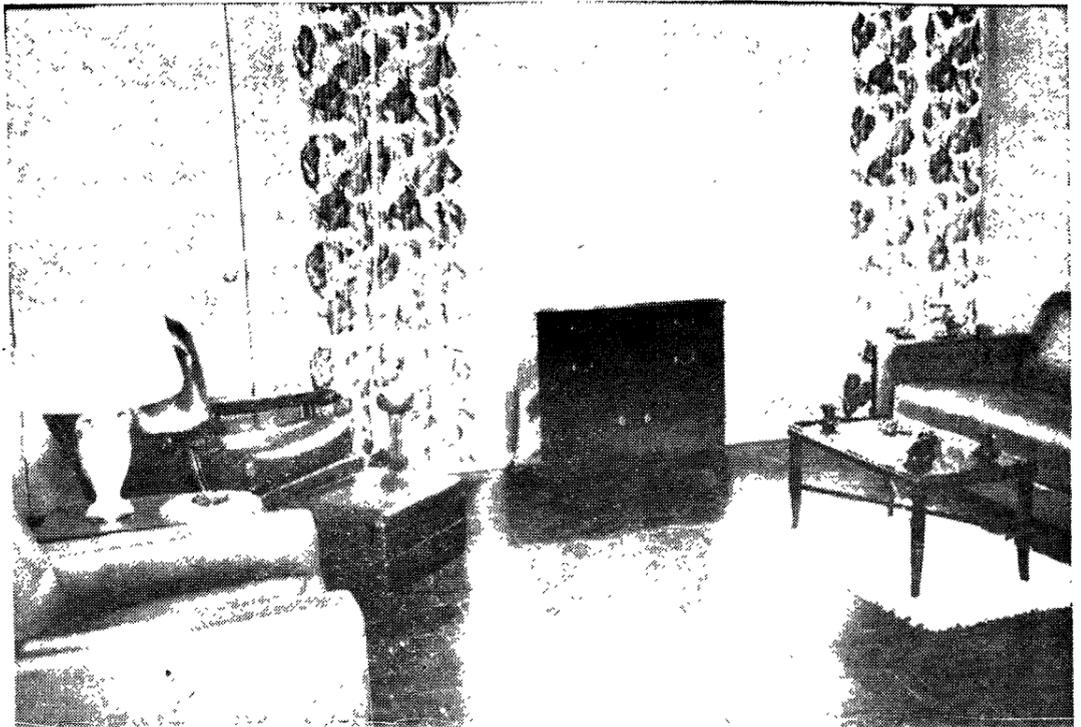
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The photographs above were taken in one of the 60 multiple-unit, 2-bedroom apartments. Architects for this project were Van Keuren & Davis, Birmingham, Ala. Each unit is equipped with Kitchen exhaust fan, attic ceiling fan, a forced air heating unit, and shower-over-tub baths. Living space in these units is 861 sq. ft.

The Rocket wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. M. D. ELLIS for permitting our photographer to take the above pictures in their apartment.

WE'RE PROUD!



Yes, We're Proud -- Proud To Be The Builders Of This Wherry Housing Project -- The First For Redstone Arsenal.

This Wherry project consists of 120 units of brick veneer construction. There are 60 2-bedroom apartments in multiple unit buildings; 20 3-bedroom apartments in multiple unit buildings; 12 duplexes of 2 and 3 bedroom apartments, and 16 single units.

Each unit has metal windows and screens, sliding door closets and asphalt tile floors . . . except bathrooms which have ceramic tile floors. Kitchens are furnished with Westinghouse refrigerators, Premier gas ranges. Natural gas and electricity is supplied by the city of Huntsville systems.

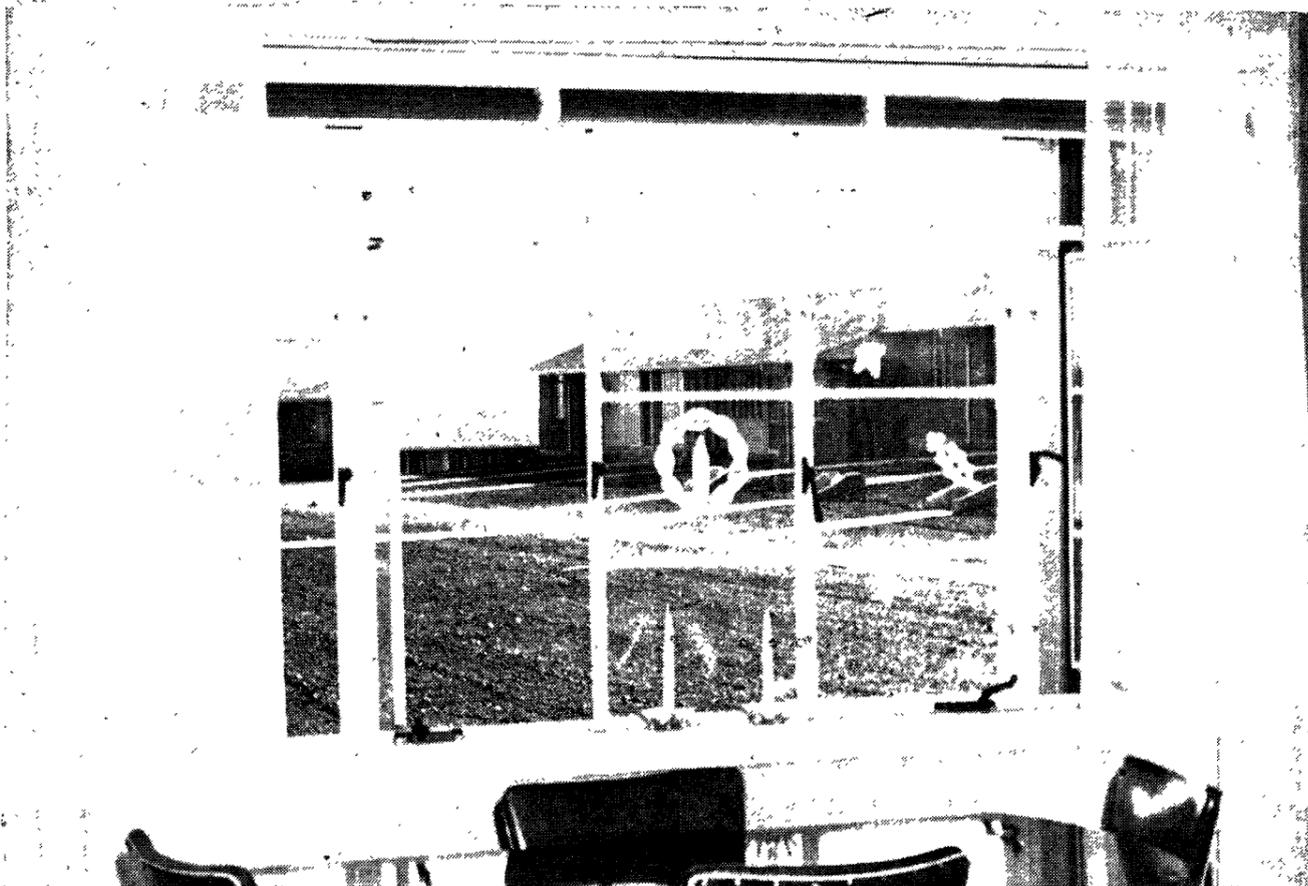
PICTURE NOTES

TOP PHOTO

Four apartments of the 60 2 bedroom units. Front view facing Goss Road.

RIGHT PHOTO

View from apartment looking out on court.



All of the apartments and homes will be heated by natural gas. A maintenance building will house the manager's office and laundry rooms equipped with seven washers and two dryers. The larger single and duplex units have outdoor terraces. A four-acre playground will be furnished with see-saw, trapeze and other outdoor gym equipment. The 26.09 acre site will be completely landscaped.

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Signal Teletypist X-Out X-Cellent Yuletide Greeting

Traditionally, each year, the Signal Corps teletype stations, in their spare time whip up Christmas greetings to other stations on their circuits.

These greetings are enclosed in intricate borders and designs outlined with well-spaced X's. This year Redstone's teletype operators worked in a couple of guided missiles with their poetic greeting to the nation's military installations.

Space problems in The Rocket delayed its publication until this week. Even so it is still time to wish a Merry Christmas, not only on Dec. 25, but every other day:

Now listen good people
And I'll tell you the plight
That befell old Santa
One Christmas night.
The reindeer were anxious
And eager to run
For to reindeer too,
Christmas is fun.
The sleigh was polished
And ready to go
But for heavens sake
It didn't snow.
Now Santa had a problem
And a difficult one too,
But snow or not
The presents must go through.
Then Santa had an idea
And a good one too,
He called up Redstone
To see what they could do.
Now if you should see Santa
This snow-less December
You'll see a sight
You'll always remember.
There'll be a rumble, a roar,
A swish, and a whistle
As Santa makes his rounds
On a guided missile.

PERSONALS

Four tables of bridge were in progress at the meeting of the Couples Bridge Club Dec. 15 at the Officers Open Mess with Capt. and Mrs. Robert Merchant in charge of arrangements. Mrs. T. K. Hughes and R. A. James were the high score winners, and Mrs. George DeWitt and Col. Henry Thayer held the low scores. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Jan 5 at the Mess when Mr. and Mrs. James J. Fagan will be the host and hostess. Those planning to attend should call the Fagans at Huntsville 4471-W by noon of Jan 5.

W. W. Corley, Army Audit Agency, is on three months temporary duty in Nashville, Tenn.

Lt. and Mrs. Hugh Eakin are visiting in Knoxville, Tenn.

Lt. and Mrs. Harold Mattice and children left Dec. 18 to spend leave in Norwich, N. Y.

Holiday Parties Continue As New Year's Approaches

New Year's Eve will be greeted by members of the Officers Open Mess at a formal ball to be held in the New Assembly Hall, Bldg. 1051.

Approximately 200 guests are expected by the chairman of the entertainment committee, Lt. Col. William J. Durrenberger, and his committee.

The hall will be decorated with a New Year's motif. Two snack bars will be set up for refreshments.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by Lonnie McDaniel's six piece orchestra of Decatur.

Favors and noise-makers, confetti and balloons will be furnished the guests.

The dance will begin at 10 p. m. and end at 2 a. m.

Holiday Visitors

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Schweikert of Long Island, New York have been house guests of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. H. N. Toftoy during the Christmas holidays. Rev. and Mrs. Schweikert are Mrs. Toftoy's parents.

Also at home for the holidays were the Toftoy's two children, Doris, a student at the University of Alabama and Charles, a student at the Georgia Military Academy.

To introduce the Schweikerts to the people at Redstone, Gen. and Mrs. Toftoy held a small party on December 28.

After Santa Party

Another in the series of holiday open houses was planned by Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Thomas K. Vincent at their home on Christmas Eve. Mrs. Vincent planned the event to coincide with the finishing touches of Santa Claus, and served refreshments to the weary parents who had bedded down their youngsters for that period when "not a creature is stirring?"

Afternoon Snack

Lt. Col. and Mrs. William J. Durrenberger entertained six couples of the younger Huntsville members of the Officers Open Mess with an afternoon snack, Dec. 21. Later the group joined the party at the Mess.

Tea Dance

On Sunday, Dec. 21, the Officers' Open Mess was host to its members for free refreshments in the afternoon, a buffet supper and dancing in the evening.

Members of the Mess and their house guests danced to the music of Lonnie McDaniel from 5 to 8 p. m.

More Celebrations

Mrs. Clinton A. Waggoner was hostess to a group of 18 at her home on Dec. 23. The guests were from the Contract Audit and Typing Section of Purchasing and Contract-

ing. Open house proved the theme of the Season at Redstone. Col. and Mrs. Henry Thayer hosted on Dec. 29.

On Dec. 30, Maj. and Mrs. Charles Barrett will hold open house at their quarters.

Capt. and Mrs. James Long received guests between 4 and 6 p. m. on Dec. 27 for late afternoon refreshments.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Alvy Johanning entertained with a formal buffet supper at their quarters on Dec. 22. A guest list of approximately 10 couples were included.

Weather Is Observed To Be Daily Affair

For those who really want to know, here is a rundown on the weather situation for Redstone for the last six months of 1952.

The wettest month was August with 7.45 inches of rain, and paradoxically the second wettest was October which had both 5.91 inches of rain, and 29 days of no rain! The high total is due to a 5.54 inch downpour on Oct. 8, and the .37 inches of Oct. 9.

Rain the other months was: July 2.01; September, 2.83; and November 4.30. December through Dec. 23 has 2.89 inches.

July, as you may remember, was our hottest month, with the mercury running up to 108 during the 13 days of 100-plus temperatures. It also had a minimum of 52 degrees!

August's hottest day was 100, and the coolest night was 57; September ranged from 94 to 47, October from 92 to 24, and November from 80 to 20. December has been the coolest month so far, with the highest temperature being 80 and the lowest 20. There have been ten days of 32 degrees or lower.

MARINE WINS 1ST PRIZE IN GLOBAL PHOTO CONTEST
Washington (AFPS) — Marine Sgt. Franklin D. Praytor has been awarded the first-place prize in the color division of the 1952 Photograph International Contest.

The Birmingham, Ala. sergeant received a \$2,000 Defense Bond and trophy for his prize winning photograph "Casualty in Korea." It was one of more than 73,000 entries.

James Prestage Wed In Home Ceremony

Miss Theo Hamilton and James Prestage were married at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Niles Prestage, 600 Beirne Ave., in a double ring ceremony on Dec. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Prestage acted as attendants to the bride and groom. Rev. Leonard A. Williams officiated. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Wiley L. Johnson and S. P. Knowles.

The groom is an employe of the Ammunition Division at Redstone. He graduated from the University of Alabama in June, 1950.

Mrs. Prestage is formerly of Red Bay, Ala., and more recently of Washington, D.C.

The couple will make their home at 602 Beirne Ave., following a wedding trip in Tennessee.

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POST HARDWOOD MEN—Here is a view of the bench during a recent basketball game, which shows some of the squad that is ably representing us in non-conference cage tilts. Left to right they are Bergquist, Overman, Clinch, Keyser, Edstrom,

Lee, Stevens and Ray. The team plays its next match Jan. 7 at the Armory against the Wolverine Tube Division team from Decatur. (Photograph by Lt. Louis Holder.)

Military Lore Is Stressed By Army

Washington (AFPS) — A program to indoctrinate all Army personnel in American military history is being initiated, the Army has announced.

Designed to better acquaint the soldier with the heritage and tradition of the Army and his own unit, it is expected that the program will promote and improve the pride and morale of all Army personnel.

The program will be presented to all personnel through displays, films, troop information publications, unit histories, and other materials designed for this purpose.

Divided into distinct phases to coincide with training stages, the program is designed to present material at each stage in which an individual would be most interested.

The plan calls for the program to begin at the recruiting station and follow through to, (1) reception centers, (2) training centers, (3) operational and all other units.

The Chief of Staff has expressed a desire for all personnel to be

unhurried, sinuous glide.

But as an Italian or Spanish woman I would give the scene the works—swaying hips, restless hands and flashing eyes; "You can never be yourself."

ARMY SONG SELECTION
Washington (AFPS)—The Board of Music Publishers has delayed its meeting to select the outstanding composition submitted in the army song project. The director of the project announced that the meeting will be held the first week in January. The song selected at that time will be backed by the music industry for possible acceptance as the official Army song.

thoroughly familiar with the history, traditions, and accomplishments of his assigned unit. In due time, the Army stated, personnel will be expected to give prompt answers to questions concerning the history of their units.

that "minor league" experience which is sometimes lost in the rapid grooming of a potential star.

Baseball was again a "subway" series with the tireless New York Yankees edging the N. L. champion Brooklyn Dodgers. Stan Musial and Ferris Fain repeated as batting champs. Biggest oddity of the season was Cleveland's failure to win the pennant, although its hurling staff boasted three 20-game winners.

Basketball, recovering from the "fix" scandals, again saw such familiar powers as Kentucky, LaSalle, Dayton, Illinois and Kansas maintain their hoop supremacy.

Behind a granite punch, former Army veteran Rocky Marciano put "Jersey" Joe Walcott asleep for the world's heavyweight title. Youngsters Chuck Davey and Chico Vejar and oldsters Ray Robinson and Joey Maxim also kept boxing in the sport headlines.

Notre Dame was finally beaten, but the Irish amazed football fans by knocking off four conference champs—making it Frank Leahy's most successful season. Biggie Munn's Michigan State gridders prepped up for their '53 inaugural into the Big Ten by winning nine straight games and the nation's top-ranking crown.

Other headliners included Vic Seixas and "Mo" Connolly (tennis), Maurice Richard and Terry Sawchuck (hockey), Ted Arcaro and Tony Despirito (horse racing) and Julius Boros (golf).

As usual 1952 had its howling crowds, 15c hot dogs and waving

Every Little Movement Has A Nationality Says Talented Hollywood Star

HOLLYWOOD (AFPS) — It isn't what you say, but how you say it, and how you get there to say it says Maria Palmer, expert actress in the ways of portraying foreign nationals.

"The secret of playing the part of a foreign national successfully is to use your whole body; your accent can be perfect but if you move like an American when you're supposed to be something else your characterization will not be convincing, so speaks Maria Palmer who, out Hollywood way, is known as the actress of a hundred accents—and a hundred wiggles we presume.

Miss Palmer has played the part of just about every type of European nationality except Viennese.

Concerning the various types she has played she says:

Acting a scene as a German woman I would keep my back as straight as a ram-rod but get a 'come-hither' look in my eye. As a Dane or a Swede there would also be no hip swiveling but a sort of

banners. Something new, however, were the record audiences watching over the nation's 19-million TV sets. It gave Mr. Spectator his greatest coverage of games ever known.



The passing of 1952 is leaving its mark in U. S. sports annals

Perhaps, it can also be called "the year of friendly competition" for at no other time has sports held such an important role in maintaining world peace

Highlighting the '52 campaign were the traditional Olympic games at Helsinki, Finland. Not only did the U. S. team score a tremendous victory on the field, but its sportsmanlike play won the praise of many. The torch at the '52 games never glowed so brightly.

At home the country's leading sports were given a needed injection of young talent. The huge turnover of Armed Forces athletes gave many youngsters

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