



Many Means Are Available To Help Fight Against Polio

A group of at least 30 people go into high gear this week to put across the current March of Dimes program.

Signs of their activity will soon be appearing all across the arsenal as the "rails of dimes" begin appearing in the post's cafeterias, the famed iron lung coin boxes are distributed, and posters—similar to that appearing on this page—go up on the bulletin boards.

Novel Rail

The "Rail of Dimes" will be ready early this week in all of the cafeterias—some were in place last week. At the four main gates there will appear the zooming rocket indicators of how the voluntary contributions are going.

The Dimes drive, the national effort of every American to aid in the fight against polio, officially opened this week and will continue through the whole month.

This year the drive is under the coordination of Maj. A. A. Nicolosi and 1st Lt. K. A. Glasgow, both of the guided missile school.

Committee Named

Representatives on the so-called master committee include the following people and the divisions they represent:

Etsel H. Bates, Safety Office; Ernest M. Hyatt, Jr., Bradley P. Cartwright, Army Inspector of Ordnance; Lt. Kenneth Y. H. Ahana, Finance Division;

Sgt. Jack K. Roberts, Military Personnel; Mrs. Elizabeth Gautier, Purchasing and Contracting Division; Cecil Jackson, Rohm and Haas, Charles L. Bishop, Medical Division;

Lt. John P. McBeth, Police Chief; Oliver L. Green, Provost Marshal Division; Walter Wisemann, Robert Ivey, Consolidated Supply Division; Mrs. Mamie R. Good, Dental Division;

More Members

A. C. Foster, Army and Air Force Exchange; Mrs. Miriam Evans, National Procurement Division; Leon Mullins, Ammunition Surveillance Office; Miss Louise M. Steakley, Ammunition Division;

Lt. Herschel W. Godbee, Troop Command; Thomas M. Frazier, Transportation Division; John O. Lawrence, Thiokol Corp.; Ira A. Adams, Jr., Signal Division; WO Christopher Miller, Property Disposal Division; Gilbert H. Appler, Adjutant's Office;

Miss Mable C. Romine, Civilian Personnel Division; Thomas E. Wooten, Post Engineer Division; Lt. James H. Irwin, Ordnance Missile Laboratories;

Miss Mona King, Comptroller; Miss Theresa Miller, Quartermaster Division, and Clyde B. Brown, Field Service Division.

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Stevens, Pace Visit Scheduled Jan. 9

5,000,000 Vets Get NSLI Rebate

New Eligibles Must Apply, Others Are Paid Automatically

Washington (AFPS) — Another rebate will be paid in 1953 to servicemen holding National Service Life Insurance policies, the Veterans Administration has announced.

The first payments will be made in February to approximately 5,000,000 eligible veterans, including personnel now on active duty.

The size of the individual payments for most policy holder will be the same as in 1952, when an average of \$60 was paid.

To be eligible, the policy holder must have paid premiums for any three or more months between the anniversary date of his policy in 1952 and the same date in 1953.

Personnel who are eligible for the new dividend, but did not apply to VA Headquarters, Washington, D.C. However, policy holders who applied for the '52 dividend will receive the '53 dividend automatically. Payments will be made 30 to 40 days after the anniversary date of the policy.

The method of payment will be the same as in 1952 unless the policy holder informs the VA to the contrary. In this instance he should notify the VA office to which he pays premium.

Applications for the 1953 dividend must include your full name, mailing address, policy number, serial number and date of birth. All applications must be signed in the policy holders' own handwriting.

The 1953 dividend is the second regular one on NSLI policies—the first was paid this year and totaled \$180,000,000. Two special dividends also have been paid. The four total nearly \$4,000,000,000.

Air Reserve Meetings

Air Force reservists who would like to participate in a reserve program are invited to attend the Volunteer Air Reserve Training unit program (VART) meeting every Monday at 7 p. m. at the Naval Reserve armory.

Reservists who would be interested are reminded that points given for attending and taking part in the meetings count towards retirement and promotion.

The programs are primarily lectures and films on topical military aviation subjects.



DECEMBER M.P. — Pfc. Elijah Wright (above) was selected as the December Military Policeman of the Month in a monthly contest based on appearance, bearing, and attention to duty. Plans are now in the making for the selection of an M.P. of the Year by the Provost Marshal Division (U. S. Army photograph.)

An M. P. For 3 Months Pfc. Wright Wins Nod As Best For December

Pfc. Elijah Wright, 19, who has been a military policeman for only three months, has been selected as the Military Policeman of the Month.

Pfc. Wright, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wright, Route 1, Bennettsville, S. C., came to Redstone, the key control and coordination center for guided missiles and rockets for the Army, in September. Previously he had been assigned to the 713 AAA Gun Bn., a National Guard unit from Cheraw.

The South Carolina soldier entered service in August, 1950. He served six months in Korea, and holds the Bronze Star medal.

The monthly honor came to the soldier for his bearing, neat appearance, and his ability to answer questions concerning military life and his particular assignment. The honor will qualify him as a candidate for an M.P. of the Year contest to be held here.

Gilbertville, Iowa (AFPS) — A "For Sale" sign is hanging on the town's four-man jail. Mayor B. J. Schmit said there hasn't been a prisoner in the jail for five years, and the firehouse needs the extra space.

RSA Is First On GM Tour

Visit Is 1st To Army Installation By Incoming Secretary

The incoming secretary of the Army, Robert ten Broeck Stevens, will make his first visit to an Army installation an inspection trip to Redstone Arsenal, Jan. 9. The visit will also be the first in a tour of most of the Army's important guided missile activities.

Mr. Stevens will be accompanied by out-going Army secretary, Frank Pace, Jr.; Lt. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, hero of the Battle of Bastogne; Rep. Robert L. F. Sikes of Florida, and Maj. Gen. E. L. Ford, chief of the Ordnance Corps.

Sikes is a member of the Armed Services subcommittee of the House Appropriations committee. Gen. McAuliffe is now the chief of the Army's personnel branch.

After inspecting the guided missile and rocket activities at Redstone, the military and congressional group will go to Ft. Bliss, Tex. and White Sands Proving Ground, N.M. to view other guided missile activities.

Secretary-designate Stevens is a New Jersey textile manufacturer recently selected by President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower to replace Pace as head of all Army activities.

Stevens' visit to Redstone will be his first inspection of an Army installation since his appointment.

The inspection party is scheduled to arrive at the Redstone airport at 9:30 a.m. Friday. After a daylong tour of the arsenal facilities, the party will leave Saturday.

Redstone is the hub of the Army's nationwide guided missile and rocket programs. Included in the \$500,000,000 program is control of the research, development and engineering activities which reaches into top scientific, industrial and engineering facilities throughout the nation.

Arsenal personnel are also responsible for logistical procedures for the radically new weapons, and for training of people to assure the weapons reach the defense fronts in operating condition.

Fire Marshalls To Hold First Meet Thursday

The arsenal's area fire marshalls will meet for the first time Jan. 7 at 1 p. m. at Fire Station 3 in Plants Area Two, to receive initial instructions in an arsenal-wide fire reduction drive.

The fire marshalls will receive charts of their areas, copies of pertinent fire regulations, and some timely tips on fire prevention as well as fire fighting and fire safety.

Conducting the meeting will be Capt. J. H. Delaney, post fire marshal, and Chief Pat Pruitt, arsenal fire chief.

In addition to the prepared instructions, and answering of questions about their duties, the 26 area marshalls will also see a demonstration of fire fighting equipment.

According to legend, the crown of thorns was plaited with holly. The berries were white until the Crucifixion, after which they turned a deep blood red.

Generally Speaking

by Brig. Gen. Thomas K. Vincent

Several weeks ago I spoke to you in this column about one of our most pressing immediate problems—the need for a whole-hearted attitude of cooperation and a spirit of teamwork on the part of all of us.

Since I talked to you about this problem, I have given it lots of thought. I know that whenever there is a problem such as this, there must be a cause for it, and I have been trying to figure out what that cause is.

New Arsenal

I believe the principal cause of some of us not having a strong spirit of loyalty to Redstone and the urge to put forth the effort

which our important mission requires is that today's Redstone Arsenal is new.

We do not have any long-standing traditions. We do not have enough knowledge of how we each think and react and, actually, you have not had a chance to know what Redstone Arsenal really is.

You probably are not able to answer questions that are in your own minds about the security of your employment here, what is the arsenal management feeling toward its employees, what your chances for advancement are and whether or not you are working toward

really worth-while objectives.

Will Answer Questions

In this and future columns I will try to answer these questions. If I do not answer your questions in these columns please send a note direct to me, Building A101, through the arsenal mail system, telling me about it.

I think that the biggest questions in your minds are "what is Redstone Arsenal" and "how permanent is it." I know that some people consider Redstone Arsenal to be a temporary organization which may go out of business with the end of the Korean crisis. I

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Many Important Events Mark Redstone's '52 Story

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Highpoints Retold For Brief Review

Many Incidents Loom In Growth Of Potent Defense Installation

1952 is down the drain and 1953 is pouring out around us. But before we become too engrossed with the future, let's look at the days of '52 as recorded by the stories appearing in your Redstone Rocket.

The Rocket, itself might be considered one of the news stories of 1952, as it began appearing, in the interests of the arsenal personnel—military and civilian—Feb. 5, 1952.

Growing Popularity

Since its inception, people concerned with The Rocket, have become more and more aware that people here look for it each successive Tuesday. (Thanks, Ed.)

Which stories of the year are the biggest, we won't try to say. What may be, tops in our eyes, is possibly overshadowed by something else in your mind. So from here on in, it is a thumbnail sketch, chronologically arranged, of things that have happened here.

Lab Opens

The second issue of The Rocket saw headlines boldly announcing the opening of the million-dollar Cen. Josiah Gorgas laboratory, a plant built by the government for use of Rohm and Haas Co.

The opening was a memorable occasion with then Brig. Gen. Leslie Simon (now major-general) head of Ordnance's Research and Development Division making one of the key addresses at the dedication at the luncheon of important visitors preceding the dedication.

Others speaking were then-Col. H. N. Toftoy, now our chief of Ordnance Missile Laboratories, and Brig. Gen. Gorges F. Doriot, a consultant to Lt. Gen. T. B. Larkin.

Opening of the lab was also marked by a general tour of the new facilities.

Southerner Namesake

The new building is named in honor of a Confederate general whose efforts as the South's chief of Ordnance were a succession of miracles in keeping the agrarian Confederate armies well supplied with shooting material, his choice as a namesake blended history of the region, of American ordnance, and modern expectations in ordnance progress.

School Starts

The opening of the Provisional Redstone Ordnance School, commonly referred to as the guided missile school, in March, is the second major milestone in the course of the arsenal's history in 1952.

Since March, of course, the first classes have graduated in all of the courses, including the 36-week grind of the officers' course, and men from the school are regularly spreading out through the Army to take up their duties.

Needless to say, the school will produce the men to keep guided missiles in tip top shape from the moment they leave the factories until the split seconds before they are fired.

Space Articles

In the same issue of The Rocket recording the start of the school, was another headline that will have its repercussions for years to come; the banner announcing Prof. Wernher von Braun's part in The Collier's Magazine symposium on space travel.

Staggering as the proposals may seem to the laymen, the articles, besides lending possible substance to the possibility of solving the eternal questions of 'what lies out there?' has placed new importance in the American public's mind on the value of guided missiles.

Tornado Hits

Possibly one of the more spectacular stories of the year is the one about the tornado, one of a num-

ber of freakish weather twists in this area, that marched its destructive path across the arsenal in March.

The twister, which happily hit on a Saturday afternoon, did extensive damage to Line Six, lifted freight cars off their trucks, and narrowly missed injuring or killing the handful of maintenance and guard personnel on duty then.

This twister, incidentally, was one of the worst storm disasters in this part of the country in a number of years. It left a trail of death and destruction across a total three counties in the northern part of the state.

Hudson Leaves

In April, the arsenal saw the leaving of Col. Carroll D. Hudson, an officer who had commanded Redstone during most of its ten years of existence. Col. Hudson, who broke ground for the original Redstone Arsenal during World War II, went to the Sixth Army on the West Coast as Ordnance officer.

In the same month, Redstone's civilian employes got a chance to participate in a health insurance plan. The plan however, folded in November when the company offering the policy said the 2500 participating were not enough to continue the group policy.

Host To Meet

April was also a significant month in another respect, for in this month the arsenal was the site of the largest meeting of rocket scientists and technical personnel ever to be here. The occasion was the eighth meeting of the Eighth Annual Joint Army-Navy Air Force Solid Propellants Conference. At least 225 of the nation's best in rocketry attended. The meeting "bought out" Huntsville's hostelry facilities. In addition, completion was rushed on the Rocket Auditorium to accommodate the important meeting.

Safety Recognized

June saw the first of several important safety awards made to arsenal segments. The first was the Third Army award to the Manufacturing Division (now Ammunition Division) for breaking the 1,000,000 man-hours mark without a disabling accident. Since then several other segments have been recognized for their on-the-job time without loss due to careless injuries.

General Commands

But, the biggest news of June, was the assumption of command of the Ordnance Corps key center for guided missiles and rockets by its first general officer, Brig. Gen. Thomas K. Vincent.

The general, as you will recall, was formerly commanding general of the Ordnance Training Command, with headquarters at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. OTC is responsible for all training activities in the Ordnance Corps.

Promotions Made

The next month saw another first for Redstone—a first made possible by Gen. Vincent's arrival. The first was the promotion of 11 second lieutenants to the "silver standard," of first lieutenants. These officers received the first "field" promotions made at Redstone, promotions made possible as the post is commanded by a general officer. Since then a number of Redstone's second lieutenants have received their silver bars as they became eligible.

Club Opens

In August, the arsenal celebrated another first, when the first club for servicemen, or to put it in shortform, the first service club opened. Miss Emily Evans is in charge. The club marked the acceleration of activities during off duty hours for the post's enlisted men.

Also in August was the organization of an arsenalwide Cost Consciousness committee, a group of men and to really get at the heart of economy desired in all activities of government.

Supers' Talks

And in the same month, the shadows of two important events for

September were cast when the announcements were made that a supervisors' training program was announced, and the visit of Lt. Gen. Alexander R. Bolling, the then incoming commander of the Third Army, was scheduled.

Army C. G.

The supervisors' training conferences are an outstanding success, as attested by the nearly 830 persons who signed up in the face of an expectancy of about 550. And Gen. Bolling's visit can best be witnessed by that fact that he has nearly an hour and one-half late in leaving the arsenal because he saw too much of interest to keep to a tight touring schedule.

Defense Blood

Late in September, arsenal personnel celebrated the end of their first year of contributing blood to national defense by giving 1,081 pints during the first year, a remarkable record. During all of the scheduled, and one unscheduled visit to Redstone, personnel have turned out inforce to go over every quota given to the Ordnance installation.

A new note in community affairs appeared during September, when the arsenal fire marshal actively worked for a school children's fire prevention week slogan contest. What meant is easy to see when one of the first prizes was a bicycle.

Re-organization

Arsenal organization got a very new look in September when the arsenal's internal structure changed to a basic "depot" structure design. The change was made from what is considered the "general staff" lines.

A slow, but large-size explosion set off the final visit of Redstone's "road show" V-2 exhibit at the Alabama State Fair in September when Miss America, better known as Neva Jean Langley and Miss Alabama, Gwen Harmon, visited the arsenal contribution to the Armed Forces exhibit at Birmingham.

Nearly "Miss-ed"

How "slow" an explosion it was is easily attested to by the fact that the arsenalmen accompanying the exhibit were still trotting a-



"There's no end to what Ed will do to plug U. S. Defense Bonds around here!"

round in T-shirts when the two lovely Misses silently drove up for publicity pictures which later appeared throughout the area. The exhibit were still trotting a-

Courteous Drivers

A new side of living came to the fore in the fading minutes of the Fall when the arsenal announced an eight-week contest for the Courteous Driver of the Week. The contest was staged not only to reduce traffic accidents, but to make people conscious of why accidents are created.

What affect the contest had on arsenal traffic alone is easy to see when officials said the contest is held responsible for the reduction of traffic accidents by at least two-thirds!

Timely Poll

In October, arsenalites had an unusual opportunity to express themselves about working hours when a poll was taken to see whether we came to work early, late or middlin'. The finals wound up with a preponderance wanting to come work early, or on a schedule beginning at 7 a.m. Whether we won or lost is a question that some are still debating.

Unique Visit

In November, another unusual

incident occurred when nearly 100 local businessmen visited the arsenal for both a talk about improved ways of doing business with the government—the arsenal in particular—and a looksee at some of the facilities here. The visit was unprecedented and highly successful.

Probably the last two major occurrences at Redstone for 1952 were the promotion of our OML head and the accolade given to the troops' efforts in the dry September forest fires.

First Local Star

Gen. Toftoy became a brigadier general on Nov. 8, an event which added another "star" to the famous firsts at Redstone, as he is the first officer stationed at the post to be appointed to general rank.

Good Job

The firefighters, mainly military personnel, won applause from the state forest ranger here for helping to save the top-of-Monte Sano properties endangered by an unprecedented fire forest. The fire was one of many that struck the area during a weeks-long dry spell.

That, in our eyes, is the story for 1952. What is in store for 1953 can only be guessed at. But this prediction is made:

Bright Future

Redstone will come in the focal length of the public as one of the key defense centers of the free world, as the controlling point of guided missiles, the flagships of freedom via space.

Ernestine Phillips Wins NPD Dimes Slogan Title

Miss Ernestine Phillips, National Procurement Division, administrative assistant, coined the best March of Dimes slogan among 77 entries in a "local" contest to raise interest in the MoD drive.

Her slogan, "Let RSA dimes flow in the fight against polio," was picked for its catchiness and as it incorporates local and national objectives.

A pinch of sugar added to the water when cooking corn or peas makes them taste garden-fresh.



CAUGHT WITH YOUR SALES DOWN?

Mr. Merchant, if your sales are down, maybe your customers are slipping away!

Reliable statistics show that the average business loses 30% of its customer through death, dissatisfaction, moving to other areas, etc. Normal gains average 4% leaving a deficit of 26%! WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT? The surest, and most profitable way to increased sales, is consistent, timely advertising in your Redstone Rocket.

Come in or call! Let us help you plan an advertising program suited to your needs.

The Redstone Rocket

Guided Missile School

By **LORIS TROUP**

Pvts. Richard Walker and Arnold Miller have received orders for Far East Command.



Richard is PROS's Johnny-on-the-spot driver. We'll miss Arnold's gay call of "EXTRA! REDSTONE ROCKET! READ ALL ABOUT IT!" on future Tuesdays. (About what? Ed)

PROS's own Cafe Society is developing at the new cafeteria — no gossip or shop talk encouraged — just good food and good fellowship. Curtis Williams, of Arab, is welcomed as training instructor in the Training Doctrine and Standards office; he transferred from TI&E office.

New Faces

The George Crocketts are parents of a baby girl that arrived the 29th. Lt. and Mrs. Vincent Culbert also have a baby girl—'Twas the night before Christmas Eve when she arrived, yelling lustily for Daddy to come home from his Office-of-the-Guard duties.

Bobbie Holder has been visiting in Raleigh, N. C., and Hazel Atchley in Texas. The hundreds of Florida-bound tourists passing through town make us long for the sunny, sandy beaches.

Travel Orders

Maj. James W. Soverns succumbed to temptation and went to Winter Haven. Lt. Edwin Trout headed north to Cincinnati; Lt. Walter Stemler to Aberdeen; but Lt. Rodney Stewart just decided to stay at home.

Pfc. Leo Greenauer has been in Buffalo; Pfc. Bob Baudison in Pinckeyville, Ill. Pfc. Lawrence Bingham in Utah; and Pfc. Jack Stambach in Illinois. Pfc. Carl Kohlmeier visited Omaha. Pvt. Aaron Glass went to Wisconsin.

Imogene McCauley spent the holidays in Cullman — Jewell Lemley spent leisure days furniture shopping. Doris and Wallace Phillips visited Shreveport.

How did Santa catch up with all these travellers? Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donder and Blitzen (and Rudolph) have earned a year's rest.

She Jokes!

Christmas memories and bills linger on. Christmas chuckles make the bills easier to bear — and America's great monthly-payment purchasing plan makes them easier to pay.

The Kid Is Too Young To Drive

This is an old chestnut but one with a new burr: Stella Barksdale vows her husband commandeered son Tommy's electric train and was having one big time when Tommy got to his feet, placed his hands on his hips, and demanded clarification of the situation by asking,

"Daddy, is this train for You or Me?"

Later Tommy, Sr., confided to Stella,

"If I take good care of it that train should last me until I grow up."

The tricycle seat was six inches too high, and the 4-year-old girl was having a tantrum. "Santa Claus oughta be kicked! He knew this seat was too high for ME".

Line 'Em Up

There's one cause we especially like to give to — That's the March Of Dimes. In this day of the inflated dollar a thin dime can still do a lot of good used this way. Let's give often during this month's campaign. When we place a coin on the "Rail of Dimes" in the cafeterias or in the Iron Lung containers, someone else gets the idea and gives too. In addition to setting up this chain reaction of generosity, we feel good each time we give (Where else can we get so much for a dime?).

Internal Branch welcomes Lt. Edward G. Cowen, Jr. Pfc. Robert Ellinger has returned from Indiana,

bringing Mrs. Ellinger back with him. Personnel of Internal were surprised with the improvements made during their holiday absence — walls were torn out, enlarging classrooms and offices and buildings were painted.

Lucky Betty Henson took in the Orange Bowl game.

Msgr. William Allen is capably filling the Sgt. Major space in Mail and Records.

This is the time of year for a little mild moralizing. What's that old saying . . . "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy?" Well, on the other hand, all play and no work makes him still duller. We can strike a happy medium. And we can "shade" our '53 record favorably by helping people who are less fortunate than we — We could start with the March of Dimes.

Rohm & Haas

By **CECIL JACKSON**

S. C. Kelton was a recent visitor from the Philadelphia office. Mr. Kelton is the company secretary and while here gave an interesting talk on the history of the Rohm and Haas.



Those beaming faces you have observed recently belong to Thomas Kennedy and Louis Foster who have welcomed new additions to their families. The new additions are J. W. Kennedy, born Dec. 5th, and Ralph S. Foster, born Dec. 11.

James W. Edwards is a new addition to our General Services Group. Happy to have you with us. The long-awaited moving day finally arrived for Paul Fyfe and they are now located in their new home on California.

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Kids' Party

The annual Rohm and Haas Kiddie Christmas Party was held on Dec. 13 at the Center theater. The role of Santa Claus was carried out quite efficiently by Mack Lowrey and each of the approximate 150 children present was treated to a free gift, popcorn and candy, and the grand total of ten cartoons (just for the grown-ups).

Dr. John Hyndman made a recent trip to Toronto on company business.

Things were pretty quite around here a couple of weeks ago, but found out that the silence was due to Tom Gilbert's being on vacation.

The fancy two-tone Dodge observed in our parking lot belongs to Annie Smelley. This "car-fever" is really contagious.

Dr. Clayton Huggett was on vacation recently and visited points of interest in Minnesota.

Free Riders

A rather unusual story is circulating that Joe Foster made a recent trip to Tuscaloosa and during the course of the journey the car broke down so Joe and a lady passenger had to hitch a ride from Jasper to Tuscaloosa. Understand the lady was a stranger to Joe.

Don DeYoung was on vacation recently and just took things easy around the house.

Lil Hubregtse has been ill for several days and we extend our wishes for her speedy recovery.

OTTAWA Potato seeds dipped in a zinc sulphate solution are claimed to produce early sprouting, early blossoming, and better yielding potato plants, by the Canadian department of agriculture.

During World War II more than 10,000 dogs served with the Army.



HAPPY MEDIUM?—Thiokol Christmas partygoers were somewhat in between when it came to two of the guests. The two were, of course, 19-year actress, Donna Dempsey, who entertained at the party, and six-foot, seven-inch, Gene U. Bingham, Thiokol Testing Section. Donna, who lives at 406 Fourth St., West Huntsville, is a shade over being half as tall as her picture companion, being three-feet and six inches tall. (Thiokol photograph by Floyd Sandlin.)

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.

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.

Ford Foundation Will Investigate Info, Education

Washington (AFPS) — As part of the Ford Foundation's sweeping study of information and education activities in the Armed Forces, Assistant Secretary of Defense Anna Rosenberg has announced the appointment of an advisory committee of leading educators to assist the Foundation with its work.

Undertaken at the request of the Defense Department, the Foundation's Fund for the Advancement of Education is working very closely with the personnel of the Office of Armed Forces Information and Education, Department of Defense, and the I & E agencies of the four Services.

The study according to Mrs. Rosenberg has two principal objectives.

1. To assist in the continued development of existing information programs.
2. To consider the role of American education in the specific preparation of individuals for service in the Armed Forces, giving special attention to the large and important area of officer education as it is now carried on in over 360 institutions.

EM Demotion Vacancies Can Be Filled Immediately

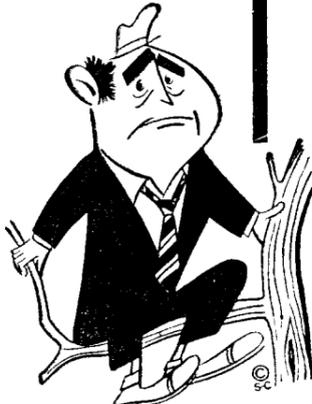
Washington (AFPS) — Commanding officers who demote a soldier may now promote another soldier to fill the vacancy, the Army has announced.

Authority for this policy is outlined in DA message No. 38038. The vacancy must be filled during the same month the reduction is made, provided the promotion does not cause the grade to exceed the number authorized for that command.

Reluctance of unit commanders to reduce noncoms for inefficiency was the principal reason for this change.

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The first greenbacks were issued in 1862 to finance the War Between the States.



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'The Toe' Leads National Scoring

The National Football League's leading scorer at the halfway mark is an average-sized left tackle. By name he is Lou Groza of the Cleveland Browns — by profession he is known as "The Toe".

In six games this season, the Martin's Ferry, Ohio native has scored 51 points to lead the league's point markers. Thirty six of these points were tallied on field goals. Add 15 straight extra point conversions and you have one-third of Cleveland's offensive punch.

Through the years, Lou has meant a great deal to Coach Paul Brown's champion Lake Erie crews. He has kicked 87 extra points in succession in the NFL; four more than the record. Also, Groza set the record for most field goals in one season—13—later tied by Bob Waterfield of the Los Angeles Rams.

Lou credits his kicking ability to his uncle who played semi-pro football and was known as "a darn good kicker."

"My uncle taught my brother Frank," he said, "and Frank used to kick to me a lot. I got interested so I started kicking, too."

Since then NFL goal posts have conceded to Groza's remarkable toe ability.

The famed Harlem Globetrotters recently completed a world-wide basketball tour, remembering most of all their game in Naples, Italy. It was there that rangy Bill Brown vanished right off the court. The contest was played in an old opera house with the plywood floor covering an orchestra pit. During the game the floor gave way, under Brown and he fell seven feet. Time out was called to retrieve one basketball player!

The 1953 Intercollegiate rowing championships will again be held at Onondaga Lake, N. Y., June 20. Last year, Navy crews swept all three rowing events and later went on to cop Olympic honors. Navy will compete again this summer along with oarsmen from Columbia, Cornell, Penn., Syracuse, California, Princeton, Stanford, Washington, and Wisconsin.

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Consolidated Supply

By JEWELL KELLY

Whew!! Ole Saint Nichols has come and gone and most all have returned to work with a big, bright smile and discussing what each other got in their socks.

Zourie Light's father-in-law passed away Sunday and our deepest sympathy goes to her and Joe in this hour of bereavement.

Married the 20th

Geneva Taylor, clerk-typist in Station Property, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Taylor of McMinville, Tenn. became the bride of Pfc. Melvin Kilgore on Dec. 20 at the home of J.W.G. Harper, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church.

The bride wore a gray suit and pink blouse with matching accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.

The attendants were Eulean Taylor, sister of the bride, Betty, Mildred and Billy Kilgore, sisters and brother of the groom.

Mrs. Taylor will reside at 803 Bierne Ave. and Mr. Kilgore will resume his duties at Fort Bragg, N. C. until he is discharged in March.

Squared Pair

At last we know and will tell you - After much searching, we learned that Jack and Wanda Palmer visited his parents in Montezuma, Ga. and really enjoyed those old timey square dances.

Ted and Judy Huber spent a few days in Washington, D. C. George Reardon spent last weekend in Chattanooga. Phyllis Wellenrider went to her home in Bloomington, Ill.

Katie Patterson had a week's vacation, and after Santa brought her vacuum cleaner, she spring-cleaned - a little early but nowadays most anything can happen. Pauline Michiels left Wednesday for New Orleans and plan to attend the Sugar Bowl game. C. M. Slayton from Receiving has returned from a vacation in Mexico and New Mexico.

Aldredge Stephens is absent from our midst and we wish her a speedy recovery.

CWO W. E. Gresham is back with us again after attending a seven-week Ordnance General Supply School at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The stork is still hovering low over our division these days. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Albright, Jr. have a new baby boy.

We wish to welcome Lamar Phillips and Mary Dahlberg. Lamar is from Anniston and is a new

TIRED TOES



Actress Rhonda Fleming puts one foot forward as she models a new-type sarong. She wears the creation in her latest movie role which is fittingly titled, "Tropic Zone."

planner. Mary transferred from Corps of Engineers Of Atlanta to Receiving.

Zoura Mae Pritchett from Receiving moved into her new home on the Buggs Chapel-Hobbs Island Road Saturday.

"Come one come all" was the familiar call around the office of Consolidated Supply as the social committee started contacting personnel for our Christmas party which was held at Cambrons on Dec. 22. It seemed as though every one that enjoyed a nice get together were there.

We all had a "get acquainted with each other", before our dinner was served. It was a pleasure to meet the husbands' and wives of our personnel and they seemed to enjoy meeting us.

The tables were very "Christmasy" with poinsettias, red bells, candles in Christmas candelabras; and last but by far not the least that wonderful "mistletoe" was very prevalent on each table.

After the tables were cleared a tablet and pencil was passed around each table and every person wrote their name after which the slips were folded and we had a drawing, the reward being one of the poinsettias. There were lots of happy faces after this and several kept their fingers crossed in hopes someone would forget their flower but no such luck.

After dinner everyone talked or danced and one of the highlights of the evening was the Mexican Hat dance. Didn't know how old we were getting until after this fast "jig". Everyone dancing had lots of fun but our spectators had ring-side seats to a "three-ring circus".

Eddie Pylant has a new Pontiac and Howard has a new Plymouth. Ed Paseur has transferred to Field Service Div., and to mention, we miss Helen Thummel, Myria Brownholtz and Gentry Stutts who have transferred.

Shepherds are familiar symbols of the Christmas season. It was they who journeyed to Bethlehem and spread the news of Christ throughout the country.

Goshen, Vt. (AFPS) — Edward D. Blackwell celebrated his 100th birthday by leaving for Florida to spend the winter. "If I felt any better," he said, "I'd have to call a doctor."

2,720,000 Men Fight In P. L. A.

This one of a series of articles condensed from the Army Information Digest and originally produced in the book, "Red China's Fighting Hordes," by Lt. Col. Robert B. Rigg.)

(By Armed Forces Press Service)

The actual armed might that Red China can bring to bear against a foreign power totals 2,720,000 men.

This figure broken down includes 2,650,000 in the People's Liberation Army, 10,000 air force and 60,000 navy personnel. The navy, though, does not constitute a striking force.

The Communists also have a militia of 5,500,000 men who at one time or another have shouldered rifles. Counting the militia, Red China's final total of armed men (not armed power) runs around 8,220,000.

This tremendous reserve developed from the millions of ex-soldiers left behind by the Nationalist Army when it sailed for Formosa. The militia, however, is semi-trained manpower, unfamiliar and unequipped with modern weapons.

Militia Unreliable

The Reds find portions of the militia unreliable. In February, 1951, the PLA executed more than 5,000 militia-men in South China alone. It would be an exaggeration to measure Red China's armed strength by adding in all the militia.

The PLA is divided into 239 combat divisions formed into five major military groupings. The strength of the average division is about 7,000 men; but with the Chinese adaptation of Soviet materiel and Soviet military concepts, this figure will be increased to approximately the 10,000 to 11,000 figure of the average Soviet division.

An average U.S. infantry division is more than twice as large as an average Chinese division. The essential difference is that the Chinese make extensive use of civilian labor for communications and supply work, whereas the U. S. Army does not.

Our Division Slice Larger

Our division slice may be larger, but our flexibility, communications, evacuation, care of the wounded and other vital services are much better than either the Soviet or the Chinese armies.

Human life means nothing to the hardened army officers of China and the USSR. They are more concerned about shoving the next re-

Navy Rocket Soars To 135 Mile Height

Washington (AFPS) — The Navy has fired a Viking-9 rocket 135 miles into the air, equaling the altitude record for one-stage rockets set in August 1951 by the Navy's Viking-7 rocket.

The test was made at the White Sands, N. M., proving grounds where a series of experiments are being conducted in the hope of that will rise 200 miles.

The seven-and-a-half ton Viking hit a top speed of 3,900 mph when its supply of liquid oxygen and ethyl alcohol fuel became exhausted.

The Viking-9 carried the research instruments to measure sunlight in various regions of the atmosphere. Thirty channels were used to send radio signals to the ground station to record flight characteristics, motor performance, and other scientific data.

Physical recovery of some of the instruments was necessary to the success of some of the experiments performed. To recover these instruments, the nose section of the V-9 was blown off by explosives detonated by radio signals from the ground. Destroying the streamlining of the rocket in this manner allowed air resistance to cushion the section's descent to the ground in a relatively slow manner.

placements into the front lines than with removing the wounded. To the U.S., human life is more than a military commodity.

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Purchasing & Contracting

BY MILLIE WILKINS

Who has been doing what in Purchasing and Contracting lately? Well, here are a few notes from Bldg. 111 about our holiday activities:



Margaret McCoy entertaining with an eggnog party; Sara Anderson making plans for her son's wedding.

Bill Nestor taking it easy on the Tennessee farm; Earle Crawford playing post office under the mistletoe.

The buyers wearing a halo of mistletoe and hoping someone will notice it; Tom Bedell making plans for a rest in Florida.

The janitors and cafeteria personnel looking pleased over P & C and Small Business Christmas present to them.

The Polks and Buckners getting ready for a Christmas party; Bob and Lounette Broun holidaying in Atlanta.

Jeff Darwin staying home nights watching TV; Helen Todd waiting for a magic face doll to be delivered.

Jane Pitts wearing a new hat; Hazel Oaks getting leave for a trip to Key West.

Everyone looking plum happy over the long weekend; Beth Waggoner entertaining the members of the Typing Pool.

Old Faces Leave, New Faces Come Nancy McClure, a clerk typist in the Commodity Buying Branch, left the organization on Dec. 23 to join her husband at Orange, Texas.

Susan Black left on Dec. 19 and is entering art school.

Charlie Hallman transferred to Provisional Redstone Ordnance School.

The Welcome Mat is spread for Liz Gautier and Camile Nulta. Liz is a steno and is working in the Administrative Branch. Camile is a typist working in the Expediting Branch.

We understand we will be seeing lots of Raymond H. Fraser, who is attached to the Budget and Fiscal Office as a price analyst, but he will be working closely with P & C. We welcome you in our midst also Mr. Fraser.



COLD WEATHER GEAR . . . Ike dons clothing to protect him from cold on Korea trip

Field Service Division

BY SUDIE AMSLER

Last minute shopping-for-news notes this week are hurried and harried. A dash of this and a dash of that, so to speak. June Turvey



popped into the library for a moment to say that Sara Hix had a beautiful party for the girls of RSD. "Lovely," said June—"and the house was decorated so pretty. Jeanne Bailey, at last sight, was getting her little ducks in a row for a trip to Louisville. Gene Pobish, who was going to Indiana for the holidays, asked her and her two boys to ride that far with him.

Holiday Treks

A bunch of FSD personnel turned on the A.C. and went to DC and Virginia. The Stultzs, Bob and Grace, accompanied Irene and Charlie Maffett to Washington. Someone said: "Don't you know that's going to be a talk-a-thon?" (No offense, you gals.) Ruth and Randy Mears left the same day for Virginia.

Two new lieutenants in NMP - 1st Lt. Howard H. Mattice and 2nd Lt. Lewis J. Gerlach, Jr. Lt. Mattice is from Norwich, N. Y. (where he and family went for the holidays), and Lt. Gerlach is from Media, Pa. Both are married. There's a new one in NGMECCP, too - 2nd Lt. Andree - but he hopped off for Cincinnati before much could be learned about him.

Drop Stitch Dilemma

While speaking of the military, that shopping expedition shared by 2nd Lts. Bob Barnett, John Bunch, and Eddie (the Kid) Gallegos, must have been a circus. All they wanted to buy a knit dress, but before it was over, Eddie, "the kid," by some strange coincidence, found himself at another knit wear counter in the ladies' ready-to-wear department of a local store. Only the boy's poise and polish pulled him out of that predicament.

Stock Control is out of control when it comes to new personnel. It continues to expand. Herbert H. Parker, Decatur, Ala., reported for work in the Control Procedures Branch. John Ed Paseur came over from Consolidated Supply to lend his assistance to the Requirements Branch.

POD To RSA

Pueblo Ordnance Depot lost two people and they are presently assigned to FSD. James C. Wiswall came from there to work in NGMECCP. O. W. Cook, who is in the Distribution Branch of Stock Control, also came from the Colorado post. Both wear the solid gold band, and gals, you know what that means. Cook says he likes the little village of Huntsville very much, and would like to be quoted as saying so.

Lillian Gowan, whose home is Huntsville, is with Cook in the Dist. Branch of NSCP. This is Lillian's first job with the government and she is quite enthusiastic about her work.

Reporting, but briefly, to his home port in NMP, from Pueblo was James Davidson, who had been there on TDY for a long, long time. Jim said he was really sorry to leave Colorado and her name is Dorothy. Tommy Pantoliano, who left Tuesday for his old home town, Vicksburg, Miss., let Jim go along with him, as it's Jim's O.H.T., too.

Levee Walkers

That fine old state, Mississippi beckoned several other fine people home for the holidays. A. A. and Elizabeth Stewart went over for the holidays, as did D. L. Anderson and his wife and child. Roy and Bennie Watts went that-a-way, too, but Roy's departure was delayed so that he might attend "Cuz'n" Evelyn Crabtree's birthday party. He really went all out on her present—a giant lolly-pop. Of course, there had to be one for Anita Hall, too. Why "of course?"

Kissing Is Sanitary, Healthful, Permanent, Scientist Says Now!

Kissing is sanitary, healthful and here to stay.

These findings were recorded by bacteriologist Arthur H. Bryan of Baltimore, Md., from a series of recent tests.

It is safer for the man, he said, if the young lady wears lipstick. Fresh lipstick reduces the number of germs which pass between the individuals during osculation.

The two-second kiss is also safer than the lingering type. The number of bacteria forms transferred from a kiss range from almost none to 250. However, 95 percent of the germs are not disease inciters.

Smoking also serves as a reduction factor of germ content.

"Since man is a social creature," the doctor said, "he must expect risks in social contacts. The only alternative is to become a bore or a hermit."—(AFPS)

AWARDS SAVED 7 MILLION

According to a recent report, 44,026 Army personnel, both military and civilian submitted Efficiency Award suggestions during the 1952 fiscal year which saved the government \$7,864,855.04. These savings resulted from 7,661 suggestions that were finally adopted.

Under the program 38,521 civilian employees of the 530,940 submitted suggestions. Of these 6,707 were accepted, and the average award totalled \$29.01.

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.

Soldier In Germany Devises New Lingo

A new universal language has been developed by an American soldier stationed in Germany.

Pfc. Herbert T. Clearley of Compton, Calif., has from 1,200 basic words of what he terms "a precise and scientific world-wide communication system."

Called "Vanuji," the language has an alphabet of 15 vowels and 33 consonants.

Two Syllable Words

Designed for simple, clear expression, most words are only two or three letters long. And none has more than two syllables.

The word "Vanuji" is a combination of two words in the new language "Vance," meaning to progress and "ji," meaning language Hence, the word means progressive language.

Varied Characters

All words are of Romanic, Teutonic or Slavic origin, but many are completely new. Examples cannot be given in newspaper print because the characters differ from English.

Sounds are short and clipped.

All verbs are regular conjugation and each remains the same in all genders and tenses and in singular and plural. Only pronouns and auxiliary verbs are changed for altered meaning.

10,000 Words

From his 1,200 basic, or root, words, Clearley said he could expand the language with prefixes and suffixes to 10,000 words or more.

The soldier—a member of the 109th Infantry Regt., Stationed in Hohenfels, has been working on "Vanuji" for eight years. To perfect his language, he plans to continue his study of English, Latin, and semantics—the science of language.

Looks To Future

Clearley has little hope for immediate adoption of "Vanuji" as a universal medium of expression.

"But," he said, "perhaps in years to come, thinking will become more far-sighted and one-world minded. Then perhaps my system will gain recognition." (ANF)

OMAHA— A 14-year old driver asked a man for a push and wound up in juvenile authorities hands. The man was a state safety patrolman, and the stricken car was stolen.

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It wasn't Nita's birthday — but Evelyn had told him that he had to bring Anita the same thing he brought her.

Ray Cruden returned from a tour of duty at Rossford Arsenal — reported a successful journey, etc. And Dolores Killian is back from Raritan. Their names are linked in this paragraph for the reason that both are employees of GMEC.

If people would just stay home, there'd be no news, I guess. But Helen Thummel and her family had to mosey up to Mo., Ike Rigell went South Carolina-ward, and Frances Whitaker took herself to Tennessee. That "Chig" Lusk just took off all Christmas week. But Roy Neperud, Casey and Peter went all out. They whisked themselves to Wis. for the ski-ing, skating, and all that horrible stuff.

HAPPY ONE JAN TO ONE AND ALL.

Army Cuts Leave Time For Men Going O'Seas

Washington (AFPS)—Army enlisted personnel being assigned to an overseas duty station assigned to basic training will now be allowed only seven days at home before being shipped, the Army has announced.

This new policy applies to all Army personnel undergoing basic training who will be ordered overseas at completion of their training or subsequent schooling.

The policy states that personnel will be granted leave of seven days at home, plus travel time. The maximum time between end of training and port reporting date will be 14 days.

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Good Motoring Habits Quiz Is Good Resolution Basis

It is never too late for good New Year resolution to be made, and this is particularly true when it comes to traffic conduct.

Following are a series of self-test questions about your driving habits. They emphasize the fact that a real driver does more than start, stop and guide a car. He controls its every action, and is always alert, anticipating possible blunders of pedestrians and other drivers.

Ten Points Perfect

Give yourself ten points for every question you can answer with yes, and if you think possibly you only rate a portion of the perfect ten points, scale your grade.

While answering the questions, though, make a sincere note to adopt each of the ten as a 1953 resolution!

How Good Are You?

1. Do you keep your mind on your driving?
2. Do you keep in line of traffic?
3. Do you watch the movements of other cars, and try to anticipate what they will do?
4. Do you watch for pedestrians, particularly children?
5. Do you slow down at schools, crossings, and dangerous intersections?
6. Do you signal to the car behind you when you intend to change your course?
7. Do you have your car under control at all times?
8. Do you keep in line when nearing the top of a hill or at a sharp turn?
9. Do you comply with traffic regulations, signals and signs?
10. Do you have your car, brakes and lights especially, inspected regularly?

NEW JERSEY DRIVERS MUST RENEW LICENSES

Trenton, N. J. (AFPS) — Servicemen holding driving licenses issued by the State of New Jersey which have expired will have to renew them, the N. J. Division of Motor Vehicles has announced.

The ratification of the Japanese peace treaty has concluded the policy in New Jersey of allowing servicemen to hold their licenses without renewal until three months after they are separated or until 180 days after the war's termination.

In 1804, bank notes were issued in denominations of \$3, \$4, \$7, \$8, and \$12 and other odd amounts.

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BY ELIZABETH (LIB) LAXSON

With the hustle and bustle of Christmas shoppers and the excitement of the Yuletide season, everyone was making big plans for "the Big Day". In all our joy and excitement, let's not forget the less fortunate



mate this Christmas. Let's make a Merry Christmas possible for them too.

After suffering for two days with laryngitis, Edna Land finally gave up and went home Dec. 17. She decided you didn't stand a chance in Transportation, if you couldn't talk. By the next morning she was much improved and back on the job as usual.

Blanche Buchanan's sister and family recently visited her from San Jose, Calif. Blanche was very much disappointed because they had to leave before Christmas. We're all sorry too because we know how much it would have meant to Blanche to have Santa at her home for the children.

Jo Hannah and her husband plan to spend Christmas week with relatives in Murray, Ky.

Lucille Sizemore's husband, S-Sgt. C. L. Sizemore, plans to be home for Christmas. Lucille lives in Boaz, Ala.

Leila Moore, Passenger Movements, and husband Millard will spend their Christmas in Cullman.

Lib Laxson's Christmas week will consist of last minute shopping jobs. She might get as far as New Market during the week to visit her in-laws.

Ruby Athey and family recently moved to their new home on Garden View Drive.

We were all very sorry to hear of Martha McClendon's automobile accident Dec. 12. Although her new Ford was damaged somewhat, we're glad that Martha came out of it with no injuries.

Post Transportation would like to wish everyone a Merry Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year.

Kalamazoo, Mich. (AFPS)—When Melvin Duane went geese hunting for the first time recently, he had more than beginner's luck. He fired one shot and two birds fell to the ground.

A solid line on your side of the highway center line means no passing.



LAFF OF THE WEEK

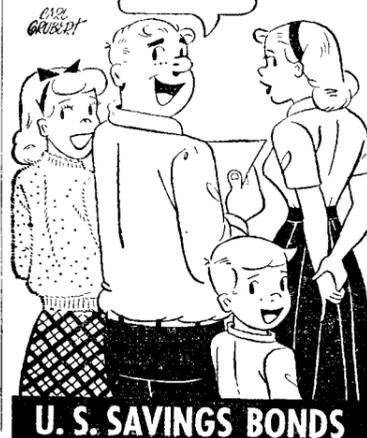


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Million Tax Refunds Just Waiting Around For Owners' Claim

Washington (AFPS) — More than one million unclaimed tax refunds for the past 10 years are waiting to be claimed, the Bureau of Internal Revenue announces.

The main reason for the pile-up of refund checks is due to taxpayers changing addresses, revenue officials stated. Post Office regulations forbid forwarding of government checks in these cases.

Revenue officials believe that about half of the 1,052,788 persons who have refunds coming may be servicemen, as they did most of the moving during and after the war years.

Armed Forces personnel who believe they have back refunds coming should write to the Director of Internal Revenue in the district in which they last filed an income tax return.

A claimant must list his full name, or both names in case of joint returns, all his addresses over the past 10 years, and have someone verify that he filed a return.

Survivors who think they are entitled to a "lost refund" on a return filed by a deceased person should contact the Director of Internal Revenue in their district.

OTTAWA Potato seeds dipped in a zinc sulphate solution are claimed to produce early sprouting, early blossoming, and better yielding potato plants, by the Canadian department of agriculture.

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.

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FIRE FACTS



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Post Headquarters

By MONA KING

New Year is here and some of the Headquarters gang aren't back yet. They're still spending precious hours of their carefully hoarded annual leave in order to be with friends and relatives. Home for most of them is out of Alabama and in nearly all of the 48 states. Here's where some of



them went: Pfc. Peter D. Carabelas and his wife Phyllis, who works in Intelligence, spent the holidays with her parents in Muncie, Ind.

Frank Neeley, mail and Reurdo went to Ft. Campbell, Ky. to be with some of his pals who could not come home for Christmas.

John M. Shank and Oliver H. P. Champlin, Management Office went to Baltimore, Md. where their respective children and grandchildren live

George Mims and family went to Kansas.

The custodians of Headquarters, Cooper Harris, Emmett Lynch, Matthew Rice and Modest Moore were very pleased with the token of appreciation they received from the personnel and wish to say "Thanks" and wish all a "Happy New Year".

So well remembered by Mail and Records is the splendid party out at Cambrons for which Flossie Harless and Jean Baker should receive laurels. They planned the affair. Some are wondering if Chuck Clark ever found out if he had really lost a motor. Say, what is this motor business?

Maj. MacDonald made a very enlightening dinner speech, in which he included an address to the husbands of the female personnel, who kiss their wives goodbye in the morning, but "By golly, I have to put up with them all day".

Ann Troha was worried about how she was going to get home to Joliet, Ill. She wanted to fly, but was afraid that the weather would be too bad. She was just about ready to start thumbing when the weather turned out beautifully.

New faces are coming in with the New Year. Mail and Records has a new girl by the name of Joyce McCutcheon who comes from up around Lacey Springs. Management has three new fellows, namely: David O. Hayles, John J. Paveille and Paul C. Kelly. To all these new people we say "Howdy. Glad you're here".

We would like to extend our sympathy to Mrs. Rose Burgess upon the death of her father.

The word sugar originated from the Sanskrit "sarkara", which means pebbles or tiny stones.

Diamond-shaped road signs tell of hazards or unusual road conditions.

Bloodmobile Visit Is Set For Jan. 9

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will make its first visit of 1953 to Redstone Arsenal on January 9.

Arsenal coordinators for the program have announced that the volunteer Red Cross workers will again set up their equipment in the Officers Mess, and will be on duty from 8 to 11 a.m. and again from 12 noon until 2:30 p.m.

Bulletin boards in every division and segment of the arsenal have a list of the division coordinators. Prospective donors should give their names to the division coordinators so that time schedules may be met.

Employees who need transportation may call the Officers Mess (phone 3-3257) for a ride from their job to the Bloodmobile and back.

Lt. Col. Thomas G. Harton, Capt. Marvin W. Shaw and Capt. Joseph H. Delaney are working as coordinators for the over-all program.

663 Students Receive Bars

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — Secretary of the Army, Frank Pace, Jr., announces that 663 distinguished military students of the Army Reserve Officers' training corps have been selected for appointment as second lieutenants in the regular in the regular army upon graduation from school this year.

Writers Contest

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — A contest for writers of American military and naval history has been opened by the American Military Institute.

A cash prize will be awarded. Rules call for the submission by June 30, 1954, of book-length, unpublished manuscripts on any phase of American military history.

For additional information contact Jacob B. Lishehiner, HQ, Command historian at Bolling AFB, Washington, D.C.

Fecom Return Regulation

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — The Department of the Army has announced that all enlisted men who have returned from service in the Far East Command subsequent to June 25, 1950, will not be reassigned to FECOM unless a specific request for such assignment is made in writing by the personnel concerned.

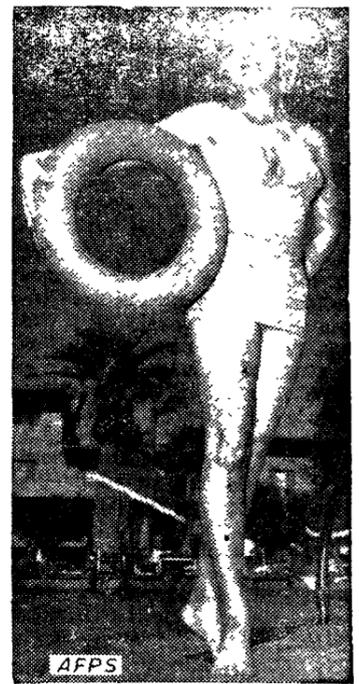
King Arthur: "I hear you've been misbehaving."

Sir Gallahad: "In what manor, sir."

"My husband would never chase after another woman. He's too fine, too decent, and too old."

Octagon-or eight-sided road signs mean stop.

Dimpled Doll



Girl: Beverly Arrowsmith. Place: Las Vegas, Nov. Gimmick: Won "Girl of the Week" title on TV show. Reason for photo: Are you kidding?

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

In 1804, bank notes were issued in denominations of \$3, \$4, \$7, \$8, and \$12 and other odd amounts.

RECEIVES SUGGESTIONS

In the past year, 38,000 suggestions have been received from Army personnel as to how to save money. Of these 6,700 have been adopted, and have resulted in first year savings of more than \$7,000,000.

Oddities In News From Here 'n There

Boston, Mass. (AFPS) A hardware store is displaying what is believed to be the world's largest hand saw. It is eight and one-half feet long.

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

OMAHA— A 14-year old driver asked a man for a push and wound up in juvenile authorities hands. The man was a state safety patrolman, and the stricken car was stolen.

OTTAWA Potato seeds dipped in a zinc sulphate solution are claimed to produce early sprouting, early blossoming, and better yielding potato plants, by the Canadian department of agriculture.

The first U.S. postage stamp was issued in 1847.

There are now 1,751 dogs serving with the Army in the Canine Corps.

A young mother had just unburdened herself and told her son the facts of life.

"Now," she said, "have you any questions?"

"Yes," he replied. "How do they get the Saturday Evening Post out on Wednesday?"

Beehive coke ovens, which produce coke exclusively, consumed more than 10 million tons of bituminous coal in 1951, whereas metallurgical ovens in which the valuable gases and coal tars are captured, used 10 times as much.

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General Speaking

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know also that those of you who do believe that this is the case will feel that your employment is of a temporary nature and, therefore, you may not be instilled with any particular loyalty or need for special effort on your part.

Corps Mission

To begin with, I want to be sure that we all have the same understanding of the mission of the Ordnance Corps. As simply as I can put it, and in the words of a former Chief of Ordnance,

"The mission of the Ordnance Corps is to develop, procure or produce, and deliver to the fighting forces everything they need that shoots, is shot, or rolls."

This is quite a simple definition. Expanding it, the Ordnance Corps has the responsibility for the research, development, production or procurement, storage, issue, and maintenance of all Ordnance Corps materiel used by the Army.

What Materiel Is

Ordnance Corps materiel, in turn, may be defined as all small arms, side arms, machine guns, artillery of every kind, all ammunition for all of these arms and artillery including mines, grenades and pyrotechnic devices; all fire control devices for aiming and directing guns; all armored vehicles, trucks, and similar materiel used by the Army; all rockets and guided missiles and practically everything else that shoots, is shot, or rolls.

Mission Arsenal

The heart of the Ordnance Corps' means for carrying out its mission is its system of permanent mission arsenals. There are at the present

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WILL KEEP STRENGTH

Washington (AFPS) — Assistant Secretary of Defense Anna Rosenberg has announced that the Defense Department plans to maintain the nation's present military strength of 3,600,000 men and women through June 1954 without drafting fathers or Korean veterans. Mrs. Rosenberg said that the Services expect to get 620,000 men from the Selective Service pool. The remaining needs are expected to be met by volunteer enlistments.

time eight mission arsenals, or as they are often called eight permanent Ordnance arsenals. All of these arsenals were established as the need arose and were assigned missions for carrying out responsibilities in connection with specific types of Ordnance Corps materiel; such as, arms, tanks, large artillery pieces, etc.

First In 1794

Prior to World War II there were six of these old established permanent arsenals, Springfield established in 1794, Watervliet in 1813, Watertown in 1816, Frankfort in 1816 (Rock Island in 1863, and Picatinny in 1879. Again, each of these arsenals was established as the need arose as is indicated by the fact that Springfield which is responsible for development and production of small arms, meaning rifles and similar types of arms, was the first established.

Watervliet's Purpose

The next established was Watervliet which is responsible for the development, production or procurement, of heavier types of arms from machine guns on up through the heaviest types of artillery. It is also important to note that once established with its specific mission in the Ordnance Corps, each of these arsenals has had unending and uninterrupted existence every since. For example, Springfield has been in constant operation for 158 years.

Ours. A Permanent Job

Just as these other arsenals were created to handle the Ordnance Corps responsibility for specified types of arms, ammunition or fire control equipment as the needs for these items became significant, so Redstone Arsenal was established to handle the Ordnance Corps responsibility for rockets and guided missile systems when the need became significant. Our permanent job now is to keep our Army constantly supplied with adequate numbers and types of the best rockets and guided missiles available to any army in the world.

From Now On

In the same way that all of the other permanent mission arsenals have enjoyed uninterrupted existence for periods as long as 158 years, it is expected that this arsenal will enjoy similar permanence. Another way to put it is that Redstone Arsenal will be needed within the Ordnance Corps and will exist so long as it is able to perform its mission, and so long as rockets and guided missiles are needed weapons of war. I believe we can all agree that this will be for as long as any of us can see into the future.

Multiple

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daughters Dec. 30.

Son Crippled

Previously a son was crippled when infection changed a leg mending from a motorbike accident from an ordinary injury into a life-long handicap.

Before that a family store in rural Lawrence County was destroyed by fire. It had just been completely restocked. The family's possessions, in the living quarters at the rear of the store, were also lost.

It was from the fire disaster that the family moved to Decatur where they would be nearer Latham's job at the arsenal.

Quarantined

At present the Lathams are suffering in still another way. As they are quarantined he cannot work, and only a few courageous neighbors going into the zone of the communicable disease can help the family. Food, milk, and a little cash has been collected to aid the family survive its ordeal.

Yes, 1952 will be a year the Lathams will long remember. And for Howard Latham, his wife, and five remaining children to say "happy new year" is not a casual greeting, but a heartfelt prayer.

AF Education Is Under Scrutiny

Washington (AFPS) — In an effort to give Service personnel "the best chance to further their education while in uniform," a group of leading educators has been appointed to review the educational opportunities and programs within the Armed Forces, Assistant Secretary of Defense Anna M. Rosenberg has announced.

The civilian advisory group, which includes four college presidents, will evaluate the Services' educational set-up and make recommendations for its improvement through the Department of Defense.

Membership of the committee includes: Dr. E. B. Fred, President, University of Wisconsin; Dr. Kenneth E. Oberholtzer, Superintendent of Schools, Denver; Dr. Frederick A. Middlebush, President, University of Missouri, and Dr. Leonard Carmichael, President, Tufts College.

Also on the committee are: Dr. Charles Dollard, President, Carnegie Foundation; Dr. Logan Wilson, Vice-President, University of North Carolina; Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, President, Johns Hopkins University, and Dr. Ralph W. Tyler, University Examiner, University of Chicago.

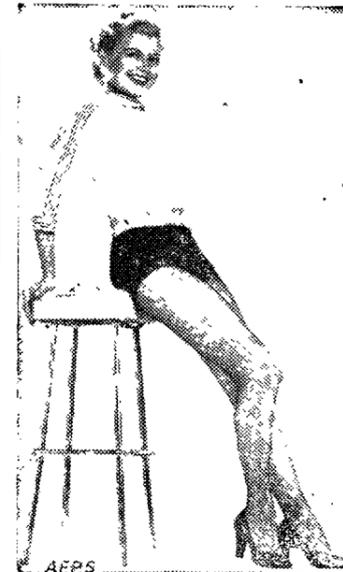
"Our fight against aggression," Mrs. Rosenberg said, "is not merely a battle of guns and bullets—it is also a battle for men's

MAMA!



"Mama" is one name Jeanne Craine hears more than most Hollywood actress. This bundle of talent and beauty has four children—all boys—and can still match her figures against those of any young starlets. Her latest release is "O. Henry's Full House."

Shapely Sally



One of the newest and loveliest lasses in the galaxy of Hollywood starlets in shapely Sally Mansfield. Besides being easy on the eyes, Miss Mansfield has more than is needed in the talent department. Sally for a vacation and had no intention of crashing the movies.

minds and hearts. We want our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines to have the best chance to further their education while in uniform and it is our hope that this committee will help us improve the educational opportunities available within the Services."

Appeal To Soldiers' Kin Stresses Holiday Safety

Ft. Hood, Texas. (AFPS)—Traffic safety authorities here are using a new weapon to emphasize their safety program.

First Armored Division safety officers are exercising greater control over soldiers returning from holiday leaves by appealing directly to their parents and wives concerning safety regulations.

Thousands of form letters urging relatives to encourage sons and husbands to drive safely have been mailed.

Many Means

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Tally Thursday

The first contributions collections will be made Thursday, according to Lt. Glasgow. The collection will be made by pick-up from the coordinator's office.

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