

BIG DAY PLANNED FOR CORONATION

Third Army Band To Provide Music

A big day is planned at Big Spring park September 3. Not only will "Miss" Redstone Rocket, Bonnie Elkins, be crowned as reigning queen, but the famous Third Army Band will be on hand to furnish the best in classical, popular, and martial music.

The four beautiful finalists are expected to be on hand for the colorful occasion.

The Third Army Band, stationed at Third Army Headquarters, Fort McPherson, Georgia, is one of the busiest military bands in the country. It performs on an average of four times a week throughout the seven-state Third Army Area.

The group is also one of the best musically educated, as many of its members hold degrees in music from colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Many of the bandsmen have been featured performers at nationally famous night clubs, radio and television stations, and on stage shows from Maine to Miami. One member was with the Knoxville symphony and another with the Atlanta Symphony prior to entering military service. Several have been music teachers, and one was an associate professor of music at Boston University for 2-1/2 years.

Guest performances with Jackie Gleason, Tex Beneke, Lionel Hampton, Tommy Dorsey, Stan Kenton and other "Name Bands" were everyday occurrences with several of the bandsmen, and the roll includes a former trumpeter with Sammy Kaye, and a drummer with Charlie Spivak.

Many are decorated combat veterans whose service records include such names as Fiji, New Hebrides, Guadalcanal, New Guinea, The Admiralties, Sicily, Italy, North Africa, France, and the Philippines.

As an organization, the Third Army Band is comparatively young — born April 15, 1949, on which date the 256th Army Band was designated the Third Army Band. At that time it was commanded by Chief Warrant Officer Harry A. Halloway, who, one year later, was transferred to the Third Infantry Division Band in Korea. The band then consisted of only forty-one pieces.

The present Commanding Officer and Bandmaster is Chief Warrant Officer Ralph C. Church. An outstanding saxophonist, Mr. Church's organizing abilities have led him to many important positions during his military career.

A native of Italy, Mr. Church studied music under private tutors from 1919 until 1921, and then was self-employed in the music field for the next ten years. From 1931 until his active entrance in the Army in 1941, he was engaged in personnel work with the Navy Department.

Mr. Church joined the Pennsylvania National Guard in 1932, and was appointed Warrant Officer in 1940. He received his appointment as a Chief Warrant Officer two years later.

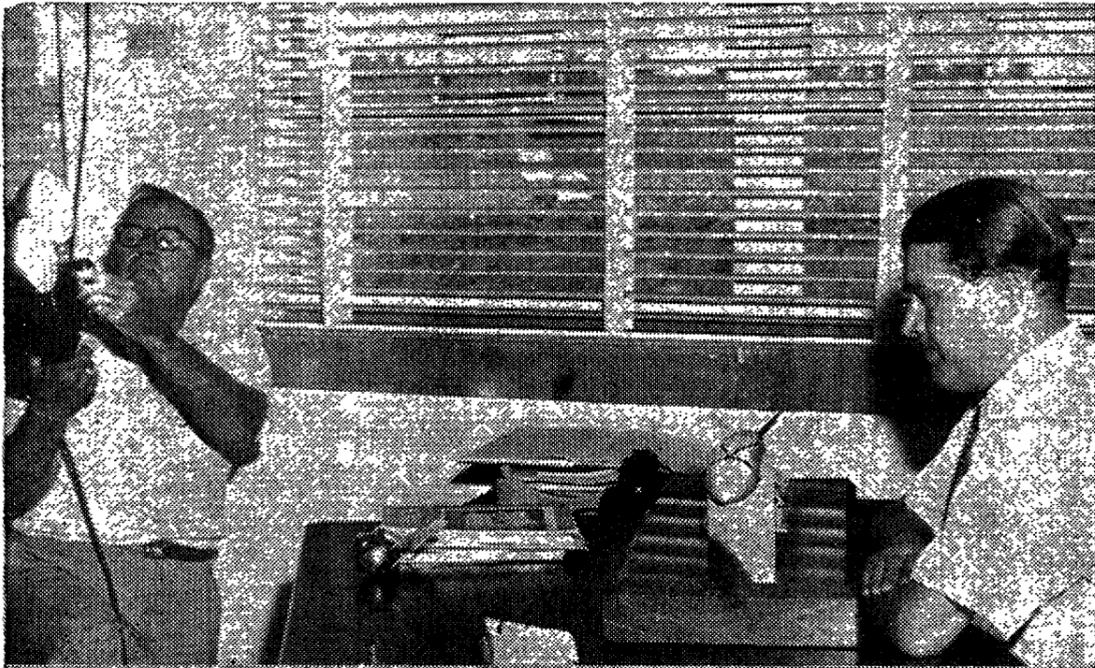
Some of the better-known bands he has directed are the 2nd, 8th, 9th, and 28th Infantry Division Bands, and the 1st Cavalry Band in Japan which he directed from 1946 until 1948.

FIVE CENTS, PLEASE

A lot of folks living in Wherry Housing soon will be hearing the familiar, metallic voice demanding: "Deposit five cents, please."

A pay telephone is going to be installed in the Wherry office building. Since only four of the houses have been equipped with post telephones, the pay stations should do a booming business. None of the houses have commercial lines.

CAMERAMAN AT WORK



JUST A SEC, PROFESSOR—Paramount News cameraman Oscar Goodman makes a final shutter adjustment before shooting Prof. Von Braun as part of a picture story he compiled on the arsenal. Goodman was attracted to Redstone by a news story appearing in a Montgomery paper. The story was on OGM School activities, but Goodman's newsreel coverage included many non-classified aspects of Redstone Arsenal. The cameraman works out of Atlanta and covers a large part of the Southeast for Paramount News.

'Space Baby' Will Be Chosen

Now comes the "Space Baby" contest. . . .

The Redstone Rocket, that famous Southern weekly, is sponsoring it.

Any baby under two years old belonging to a Redstone employe is eligible to compete.

It's not just an ordinary beautiful baby contest. The winner of this contest must have certain unusual qualifications. (See below)

First prize will be a ticket to the moon contributed and presented by Professor Wernher von

Nunlist Heads Class At Fort Lee School

Ralph E. Nunlist, Jr., assistant chief of the Procurement Branch of NPD, recently finished as top man in an eight-week procurement course at Ft. Lee, Va. The class was made up of more than 40 persons, both civilian and military personnel, from the Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force.

The school is operated by the Quartermaster Corps to teach application of procurement regulations in the field, and offers a wide variety of subjects related to procurement.

Nunlist is the fifth man from Redstone to attend the school, and the first arsenalite to finish at the head of the class. All others have been among the top four in the classes they attended with stiff competition. Col. Thayer, Col. Calvert, John A. Muller, and Paul K. Schaeppi are the others from Redstone.

Albright's Gadget Booms Safety Motto

Passersby in the hall of the Redstone Arsenal headquarters building are getting a start these days when they step on an ordinary-looking rubber mat. It's all part of Chick Albright's safety campaign. Albright is safety director.

When innocent visitors put foot to the mat, Albright's voice booms out: "Your attention please for a message from General Vincent." The general's voice follows: "This slogan . . . best expresses my policy regarding accident prevention at Redstone Arsenal: no job is so important and no service is so urgent that we cannot take time to perform our work safely."

The safety warnings come from a small tape-recording device located inconspicuously nearby. A wire runs from the recorder to the mat. A foot on the mat trips a switch in the recorder and the voices come out.

Braun. The winner will receive the official title of the world's first "Space Baby."

The contest closes August 31, a month from today.

Send pictures of your babies to The Redstone Rocket, Bldg. A-1 01. Only pictures 4 by 5 inches or smaller in size may be entered. All pictures become the property of The Rocket.

Space Baby contestants should have the following qualifications.

- Be indifferent to gravity.
- Be able to navigate rapidly between fast moving objects, like meteors and coffee tables.
- Be a space fiction fan.
- Of good character.
- Single.
- Photogenic.
- Sober.
- Sound of limb.
- Be smart enough to operate a space ship but dumb enough not to get bored.
- Like to read Collier's magazine.

Judges in the "Space Baby" contest will be Redstone's three military physicians, who have 16 children among them and are thus eminently qualified as judges of babies.

CONTESTANTS!

We hate to part with them, but the photographs submitted for the "Miss" Redstone Rocket contest will be reluctantly given up if called for at the Public Information Office.

Simply drop by the PIO, Bldg. A-101, on your next trip to the headquarters area and the photos will be waiting—in many cases additional prints have been made for publicity purposes and they are yours too.

10th Class to Hear Talk by Britisher

British Major W. H. Baker will address the tenth graduating class, OGMS Officer Course Friday.

Honor students for the class is Maj. Thomas K. Hughes.

Major Baker, who is with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, is temporarily assigned to Redstone. Members of the graduating class are: Maj. Hughes, Lieutenants Russell Biggam, Theodore Cox., Jr., Ralph Bauman, Robert Brown, Thomas Brown, Jr., Jack Bullock, Richard Delp, Thomas Hamilton, William Martin.

Robert McGhee, Robert McLean, George McNelis, David Mouser, Paul Nielsen, and Robert Smith.

REVIVAL PLANNED BY RSA SOLDIERS

Enlisted Trio Will Preach, Sing, Play

Three Redstone Arsenal soldiers are doing a turn-about. Instead of civilians coming to them for some charitable or religious purpose, these three enlisted men are going to the civilians, taking a message of revival.

The event is a seven-day revival, to be held starting Sunday in the McDonnell Chapel on Pearledge Road.

The three soldiers who are organizing and who will lead the revival are M/Sgt. Buford McElroy, Huntsville; Cpl. Bob Buckner, New Orleans; and Pfc. Woodward Woesche, Rockville, N. Y.

M/Sgt. McElroy, who is a licensed Methodist minister, thought of the idea of having soldiers go to the civilians and approached Cpl. Buckner, who was enthusiastic.

Buckner is chaplain's assistant, post organist, and choir master at Redstone. The 23-year-old soldier is a graduate of Loyola University in New Orleans. He has had several years experience in supplying organ and piano music for revivals and regular church services.

So between the two of them, they had a preacher and an accompanist—all they needed was a good soloist and choir leader.

The man they found for the job was, of course, Pfc. Woesche. A graduate of Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., 21-year-old Woesche, is a physicist during working hours at Redstone. On Sundays, he is soloist at the St. Mark Lutheran Church.

Woesche also sings with the "Missile Men," a choral group composed of Redstone enlisted men who were recently featured over a Birmingham TV station.

The Rev. Mr. McElroy has 19 years army service to his credit and when he retires next year he expects to devote his full time to the ministry.

Since he was licensed in 1951, he has given sermons in a number of churches of various denominations in Birmingham, Anniston, Oxford, Huntsville and several towns in Tennessee.

M/Sgt. McElroy is a veteran of World War II, during which time he survived a week in a lifeboat on the Pacific.

The revival will start at 7:30 p.m. each night during the week of August 9-15.

ARMY TO RELEASE CERTAIN OFFICERS

List Will Include Non-Regular Groups

Non-regular commissioned officers and warrant officers who desire release from active Army duty may look forward to such a release according to information disseminated here last week.

This information does not constitute an official directive, and interested officers are requested not to call the Adjutant, Military Personnel Office, or other offices to make inquiries. Further information will be published in the Daily Bulletin.

The extract received here from an official Department of Army message, the Adjutant General Office file, dated July 24, lists the officers who will be included.

Those coming under the eligible list are officers with 24 months total honorable service including enlisted, warrant officer and commissioned time since June 24, 1948;

Those with 12 months honorable service including enlisted, warrant officer and commissioned service between Sept. 16, 1940 and June 24, 1948; and officers with 90 days honorable service including enlisted, warrant officer and commissioned service between Dec. 7, 1941 and Sept. 2, 1945.

Officers who will be eligible by Jan. 1, 1954 must submit requests not later than Sept. 1, 1953, and request relief not later than Dec. 31, 1953. Those eligible after Dec. 31, 1953 submit requests not later than Sept. 1, 1953 and request relief prior to normal termination but after date of eligibility.

On the not eligible list are: officers of the Army Medical Services, other than Medical Service Corps; officers above the rank of captain and warrant officers assigned or detailed to the Corps of Engineers, and service requirement incurred by attendance at service schools or civilian education institutions.

The expected release of officers is due to the number of officers and warrant officers serving voluntarily, availability of commissioned officers from ROTC and OCS programs, and recent budget limitations.

When the directive is received at Redstone, those concerned should submit applications to immediate commander. If an individual cannot be released on or near the date he requests, the Department of the Army will advise him through military channels of the approved date of release and reasons precluding an earlier release.

P. E. Employe Wins In Courtesy Contest

When W. E. Prince from the Post Engineer saw a lady's car stalled beside the road, it was only the natural thing for him to do to stop and see if he could be of assistance.

Emily Moorman was driving from Bldg. 442 to Rohm and Haas when her car ran out of gas. After several cars passed, Mr. Prince came along, stopped, and then drove to Farley to get gasoline for her car.

This courteous act won for him the cigarette lighter, courtesy car tag, and a certificate signed by Gen. Vincent. Col. Thayer, chairman of the Courteous Driver contest, made the presentation of awards.

Two other Post Engineer employes were among those recommended for courtesy on the road, and were named runners-up. They are R. B. Collingsworth and Luther N. Floyd. The third runner-up was Woodrow Wilson of General Aniline.

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EM Council Elect LaFerriere As Head

BY ROGER GUARINO

At a recent meeting of the EM Council, new officers were elected for a period of three months.

Wallace LaFerriere, who hails from California, was elected president. Wally was born in Min-

neapolis 21 years ago and had completed two years at Pasadena City College towards a degree in Dentistry at the time he was drafted. He is an accomplished pianist, and by the way, fiddles with the clarinet and trombone. At Redstone, he doubles as a clerk in the Military Personnel Section.

Roger Guarino won the post of vice-president, which incidentally carries with it the duty of Charge de Publicitie for the EM Council. Although born in Manhattan, Rog was raised and has lived in Brooklyn for the greater portion of his 24 years. He received his B. S. degree in Industrial Engineering from Columbia University in June 1951 and then worked as a Manufacturing Research Engineer for the next 1 1/2 years before the axe fell. He is presently a Project Engineer in the Projects Branch of the Rocket Development Division. His favorite pastimes, believe it or not, are mountain climbing and hiking.

Jay Davenport (vintage '28), who is the 9330 TSU literary expert by virtue of his avid interest in reading, was selected Secretary. Jay Jay, as he is called by the boys, comes from Sioux City, Iowa. He is a Chemical Engineer having obtained a B.S. degree from Iowa State College in addition to an M.A. from the University of Minnesota in Public Administration. Jay's experience includes work in a quality control laboratory in Decatur, Ill., and part time employment with the Atomic Energy Commission in Ames, Iowa, doing basic research. Back in research again, he now works in the Interior Ballistics Section of the Rocket Development Laboratory.

The other members of the council are Charles Andrescavage, David Freivogel, Patrick O'Neill, Herbert Roth, and John Theiss. Thumbnail sketches of these men will appear in future editions of The Rocket.

Future Plans

Following the election, the Council discussed plans for the future which includes the installation of a suggestion box in the Club and weekend trips to Birmingham and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Of especially great interest was the suggestion of the formation of a debate club or discussion group. The range of subjects to be discussed could be infinite thus assuring wide interest. Detailed plans will be announced in the near future, but in the meantime, if you are interested, sign up (no obligation) now for this activity at the Club so that you can be contacted personally later.

The Council will meet on the first and third Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is sched-

THIOKOL

B MARY ANNE WATSON

We're glad to see the cheerful smile of Mildred Winston back in the Mail and Records Department. Mildred says it isn't easy to tell her young son, John Arthur, "Good-bye," every morning.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Meiser, Jr. It's a girl, Sharen Lee, born July 27. And "Successful child psychology," to Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Norrell, parents of Jane Graham, born July 16; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Evans, parents of Sandra Jean, born July 23; Mr. and Mrs. Julius Camper, parents of Timothy Walter, born July 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Garner, parents of Myra Lou, born July 17; Mr. and Mrs. William Dale, parents of Donna Lynn, born July 25, and Mr. and Mrs. Mac Phillips, parents of Deborah Elaine, born July 15.

We heard Bill Swain has traded cars. It's a good car this time. The personnel Department is glad Dorothy Miree is back after her recent illness.

We were glad to see Joyce McCutcheon back in the Accounting Department and we are sorry she is ill again.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hargarger have returned from a vacation in Frontana N. C. Jack says he likes the cool nights in the Smokies; he had to sleep under a blanket or two at night. No such weather here lately!

Mary Troy is spending her vacation with her parents in Montgomery.

Nieda Lehmen just returned from her vacation in Canada. We'll bet Neida met some Canadian Mounties and really threw them into a spin! We hope Simpson Smith enjoyed his vacation. Don't imagine he got too much rest, though. He spent all his time building his new home. Maybe we'll be invited for a housewarming when he's finished it.

Office Management boasts an entry in "The Maid of Cotton Contest," Lillian McGehee, who is in charge of transportation. Thiokol now has two employees in the contest. The other is Mary Glynn Branner.

We welcome our new employees: Charlotta Sue Boles, Chemical Engineering; Shirley L. Cain and Ralph W. Snowden, Accounting; Elizabeth B. Richard, Office Management, and Reuben N. Carol, Mechanical Engineering.

William E. Buford, Maintenance; C. N. Ellis and A. D. Warren, Pilot Line-Processing, and Fleming M. Empson, Plastisol.

Control Laboratory employees, their families and friends had a picnic July 25 at Guntersville Lake. Frances and Bob Moore tried their boat, which they made themselves, and report it works perfectly.

Bridge enthusiasts might get some pointers from John Goodloe.

used for tonight at 1900 at the Club. All are invited to attend to listen, and to offer suggestions or constructive criticisms. The air is one of complete informality and it is rumored that refreshments will be available for those who participate.

So come on over!

ORDNANCE GUIDED MISSILE SCHOOL

BY CAROL GERMANN
Guest Columnist

Ticklish business to write about folks and their doings, but Columnist Troup says it's about time we let the Rocket readers hear some news about the happenings and goings-on of different ones within OGMS. There's never a dull moment, I can assure you.

We have a celebrity in our midst, Rosemary Wetherington, a lovely lass, who has just recently been employed in Service & Supply, is being sponsored by the Lions Club in the "Maid of Cotton Contest."

All welcome back the sweet gal with the ready smile, Stella Barksdale, at her same desk in Training Aids. Another newcomer is Norma Carlisle from Athens who is carrying on without her boss, Lt. David, who is in the hospital. We wonder why a certain Sgt. in Facilities & Service Branch is so bitter and giving everyone such a hard time—could it be because it rained so much while he was in Fla., that he wasn't able to get in enough fishing? James L. Sapp, who hails from Georgia, is taking all those steps for Mail & Records these days. Col. Snooks and Major Soverns have returned from TDY. Martha Hobbs, one of the school's most recent brides is going to take that second honeymoon with hubby at Fort Knox, Ky. Jewel Thomas just might be able to manage, what with Sgt. Hahn and M/Sgt. Mitchell, who have recently been assigned to Personnel & Administration Br.

It seems Alabama rates as No. 1 home state for the new employees coming to the school; among new Alabamians in the school is Mr. Robert W. Stafford of O&M from Florence, Ala., as Administrative Assistant. Ann Stewart from Registrar Office will now grace Operations & Management Branch. Tennessee runs a close second to Alabama for newcomers; Propellants Branch rates a quiet young lady by the name of Virginia Hargraves from Ardmore, Tenn. Who wouldn't be quiet tossed into the midst of all those Chemical terms?

On down the line from Head-

John is a member of the American Contract Bridge League.

quarters Building of OGMS to the Officers Branch, we find long faces over the fact that Doris Phillips, that adaptable, cheerful worker, has left them and is now at home in TTC with the Registrar's Office.

Speaking of the Officer's Br. loss and TTC's gain, the latter is really gaining, I mean! What with the two new lovelies—blonde, petite Nancy Ward from Fayetteville and Jane Vaughn, lovely contrast, oh, so dark brunette; yep, you're right, she's from Alabama—Monrovia.

Mrs. Jean Smith is taking a short leave prior to her husband's departure to the Service. Mechanical Branch has its share of EM's added to the force as Instructors. Congratulations to Cpl. John Noguez in Internal Branch who has recently married.

Mr. Herman Hulsey is now with Propellants Branch as Educational Specialist.



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FIRST JANITOR AT REDSTONE, LYNCH IS STILL ON THE JOB

Two things in the life of Emmett Lynch, 56-year-old janitor, are particularly important to him: consistency and friends.

In his own words, he puts it this way. "I haven't changed jobs often in my life, and I don't suppose I've got one enemy living." Or dead either, we might add.

For whether sweeping down the halls in Bldg. A-101 or polishing furniture in a general's office, Lynch manages a pleasant smile and friendly word for everybody.

Lynch is number three among those Redstone employes with the longest continuous service. Mrs. Cleo Cason and Miss Dorothy Hodges are the only persons who have been here longer.

Over 11 years of service at RSA and not one accident, Lynch said. "And I've only taken two days of sick leave." Two days in 11 years—brother, who's going to beat a record like that.

Lynch, who is 56, came to work

at Redstone as a result of the recruiting efforts of Jesse Stutts, who at the time worked in the Employment Office downtown. Miss Hodges was doing the hiring then, Lynch said. And also the fingerprinting.

Lynch left his job with Mrs. J. S. Yarbrough, where he had been for three years. Before that he worked for 18 years for a local florist.

Three jobs in the last 32 years—Lynch means it when he says he does not change jobs often.

His first job at Redstone was to clean up one building (Officers Open Mess) that was being vacated and then clean up another building (A-101) just being finished and readied for housing the administrative staffs of the arsenal.

There were only two janitors in the beginning.

Building A-101 was considerably different then, Lynch related. "It wasn't as big as it is now, and the floors were all wood . . ." which made cleaning a tough job.

And if anyone wonders where Redstone got its name, ask any of the early employes. Mud, mud, mud—and all of it red. But since it couldn't very well be called Redmud Arsenal, poetic license was taken and Col. Hudson figuratively solidified the mud and came up with Redstone Arsenal.

Lynch likes to tell how it was in the early days: "We had to ride the bus out of town. It was before Redstone Road was paved and down in the bottom land where the creek runs below where Gate 1 is now there was a bog. Half of us would have to get off so the bus could make it through the mud.

"I remember one morning particular," the soft-spoken janitor said. "It was really cold that morning and I didn't have any high boots on. It came time to get off so the bus could pull through the mud. A lot of folks were moving toward the front so they could get off, but I was easing back to the back."

Lynch, who lives at 538 Pump St., was born and raised right here in Huntsville. He is married and has three children.

"I used to have to clean up down at Line One, too," Lynch said. "I worked in Headquarters until 9 a.m. and then I went down to Line One to clean up Mr. Cason's office. When Line Three and Four opened, I was transferred down there until they closed up."

The heavy-set smiling janitor survived the lean years after 1947 doing an assortment of jobs for Post Engineer. "I cleaned up around the building, cut grass, and did a little of everything else," he remembers.

When the arsenal came to life again, Lynch again found himself in A-101—where he has been ever since.

There have been many changes since 1942 when Lynch first swept the wood shavings and bent nails out of Headquarters building. But



EMMETT LYNCH

ROHM & HAAS COMPANY BY CECIL JACKSON

Some of our people get their vacations and manage somehow to spend most of their time fishing. Hank Shuey reports he caught the limit every day (except one) while fishing in Louisiana.

Russell Smith spent quite a bit of his vacation at Wheeler Dam trying for the stripes and smallmouths.

Jack Geisel and Bobby Moorman were entered in the recent Madison County Tennis Tournament. Both boys made a good showing and Jack was finally eliminated in the semi-finals. In the doubles, they were paired together and were defeated in the finals.

Pat Franklin attended a family reunion of 43 in-laws recently at Tellico Lodge, Tenn.

Received word that Kathy and Claude McLean are the proud parents of a baby daughter. Kathy is a former employe of the Organic Chemistry Group.

Frances Ramsey is the new ad-

dition to our Library staff. Frances is a native of Cleveland, Tennessee, and recently completed her studies at Tennessee Polytechnic Institute.

Bob Hunter's brother from New Jersey visited with him recently and the boys enjoyed several days vacation trying for the limit. The vacation fever is still booming in Ballistics. Norma Skelton visited in Long Beach, Calif.; Mickey McMickin had quite a time in Washington, D. C. and the Great Smokies; Ruth Jones was on a sight-seeing tour in Florida; and John Hyndman attended his first family reunion in 13 years and had a wonderful time. Ed and Louise Atkinson are the proud parents of a new baby daughter, Virginia Haviland, born July 19th at the Huntsville Hos-

pital. Congratulations.

Annie Smelley visited points of interest throughout Florida while on her recent two-weeks vacation.

Frank Hayes worked very hard with the Huntsville Jaycees in promoting "TVA Day" held recently in Huntsville. Understand some of our Republican friends attended the barbecue.

Got to thinking the other hot afternoon about how we used to hitch rides in the big, old horse-drawn ice wagons of our boyhood and it was the first really enjoyable nostalgia we've had in a long time.

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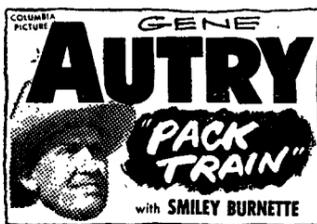
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HELP! THE FAN WON'T RUN—Rhoda Stambaugh of the Public Information Office calls Hilda Green, the Post Engineer Minor Repairs clerk, to tell her that something is wrong with the cord to the fan, and it's too hot to live much longer without fanning. (Photo by Pvt. Gil Edelstein.)

P. E.'s Hilda Green Keeps People Happy

"Quick, Hilda, the Flit." There are ants all over the kitchen."

This is an example of the calls Mrs. Hilda Green gets at the Post Engineer Minor Repairs section.

If people are too hot or too cold, too wet, too dry, need more light or less light, if the grass is too high, the bugs too pesky, if doors won't open or won't close, if there are skunks in the shrubbery, if the floors are too slick, Hilda hears about it.

On the more serious side, she writes minor repair slips for items that are needed in an emergency in guided missile and rocket projects, and on the ammunition lines.

The remarkable feats she accomplishes, with expediency, in getting help where it is needed has gained acclaim for her all over the arsenal.

She has hundreds of telephone acquaintances who have never seen her, but feel a surge of relief and confidence when they hear her pleasant voice, and receive swift service when they put in a call for HELP.

One of the strangest, or should we say, the most unlikely requests Hilda has received, pertained to exterminating termites in an all steel and concrete building. How could the termites lunch on steel? Well, it seems that wooden forms were used for the concrete floors and there the termites roosted.

Even the birds that "get into people's hair" cause Hilda concern. One of the Ammunition lines was bothered with birds flying in and out of a building where a highly explosive substance is handled. Anything falling in the boiling chemical could cause an explosion, so the Minor Repairs clerk was called.

However, the Post Engineer has no means for exterminating birds around the arsenal when they become too plentiful.

Hilda says, "On the first call about this, I was a little undecided as to what action to take, so I called Mr. Whitaker, superintendent of Roads, Grounds, and Railroads. He didn't know anything special to put in trees to keep the birds away, so he referred me to the Provost Marshal. Major Fail informed me that the MP's didn't have the proper ammunition for a little target practice, so he suggested that I call, of all people, the Veterinary. To date, I don't know whether or not they exterminated the birds."

She further recounts her experiences by saying that many think that she is running a General Information Office. She gets calls of all sorts, such as someone wanting a ride to work, even when she is at home on weekends.

Faucets drip or they won't turn on. Stoves won't heat, or else they are too hot. Roads get too muddy. The swimming pool needs to be emptied or filled and the tennis courts and ball fields need to be policed.

Once someone went into a rest room, and the door knob fell off so he couldn't get out until Hilda sent a carpenter. The elevator in Bldg. 111 got stuck between floors loaded with people who had to stay there until an electrician could arrive to repair the switch.

A child locked himself in the bedroom of his parents' quarters, and was having a merry time, safe from any interference from Mommy. So Mommy called Hilda to send someone to unlock a door or window, or something to get into the room to rescue the furnishings and walls from Junior!

All sorts of plumbing troubles come rolling in through Hilda's phone. Children throw everything from rubber pants, on, into the place where they shouldn't, and the plumbing is stopped.

Springs bubble up under floors, and floors get flooded from various sources. Roofs leak, water coolers fail to work, clocks stop



HILDA GREEN SPEAKING—This is the Minor Repairs clerk who comes to the rescue when things go wrong like broken fans, clocks, unwelcome skunks, ants, termites, and more important items such as machinery used in arsenal missions. (Photo by Pvt. Gil Edelstein.)

Courteous Drivers Succumb to Heat

BY CECIL ESTES

Has the heat got the local cour-

teous driving campaign in the doldrums? For the past few weeks the number of courteous drivers on the Arsenal, seemed to have deminished almost to the vanishing point. Where are they? They couldn't all be taking a vacation at the same time, could they?

This courteous driving campaign is your campaign. It is for your benefit. It doesn't cost anything to be a courteous driver, and it does pay dividends. Don't you get a kick out of seeing the smile on the other driver's face when you perform some good deed like slowing down and letting a car into the traffic line from a side road? There are probably occasions when you are waiting on the side road wishing someone would let you into the line of traffic. Set the example; be courteous. Let's start a chain reaction and lick this traffic problem.

If you happen to see an example of courteous driving, don't be bashful; jot down the tag number of the courteous vehicle and send it along with a description of the incident to the Courteous Driver Committee, Building 713. Lately, the Committee hasn't been receiving too many nominations.

Replacing Mrs. Richard Boecker in the Inspector General Office is Mrs. Leonard K. Schreiber (Dorothy), who formerly worked in the Adjutant section and also was secretary to the Civilian Administrative Assistant. Mrs. Schreiber, returned to work after maternity leave. Capt. Schreiber, who was Post Dental Surgeon at Redstone, is now in Hawaii — on his way to Tokyo.

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People have so much faith in Hilda and the Post Engineer that they even think that it is possible to eliminate the odor of the skunk, not just exterminate the skunk.

Hilda doesn't stay on the job 24 hours a day, seven days a week, of course, but her phone is always "manned".

She has been on this job since the Fall of 1950, and we'd like to join hundreds of others in giving her an extra special vote for the cooperation, service, and consolation she provides with a smile and efficiency.

Mr. Carl Goebel arrived in Huntsville this weekend to visit with his sister, and brother-in-law, Pfc. and Mrs. Richard Boecker. Mr. Goebel plans to remain in Alabama until school opens in the Fall.

Miss Patricia Davis, sister of Mrs. Art Stambaugh, started for the great Pacific Northwest last Friday. Miss Davis has been visiting the Stambaugh's for the past month. She will return to her home at Chinook, Washington.

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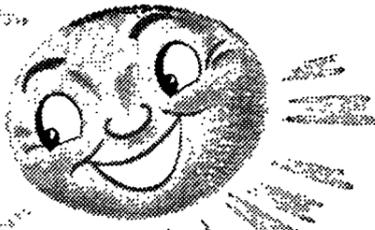
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BY SUDIE AMSLER

READ ALL ABOUT IT! about that dance. We had it (after a slight delay) out at the hangar on July 24th. And a grand dance it was, too. The toons were tootled out by Myles Leach and his Ranch Hands from the hills of Western Guntersville, Ala. Spot-lighting the lively scene was a great big old WHITE-WHITE moon — riding high in the sky — for which there were no extra charges.

But there's one thing about this square dancing. It's a RATHER RIGOR-ous pastime (don't you think?) and a body's got to be a rather VIGOR-ous sort of an individual to give a creditable account of himself, or herself. Do you agree?

We had quite a crowd though: a few guests, but mostly FSD people. There were some who planned to come but didn't make, and to those we'll just say, "Get ready. The pot is a-stewing and there'll be another a-brewing pretty soon." And by the way, any suggestions as to the kind of party you'd like next? You pays your money and you takes your chance—

Now let's all give out with a rousing raucous cheer to the caucus responsible for finalizing this function. (Hot dog! I finally got to use "finalizing!") Now this story has reached finalization.

NICE FRESH BLUEBERRIES! Any takers? Joe Olszewski and his little family are just back from Plains, Penn. where they shared a family reunion with Joe's parents, a sister, a brother, and lots of children. Joe said they had a wonderful time, but one of the things they always enjoyed was going up into the Pocomos to gather blueberries for fresh pies. He said the mountains were blue-blue-blue with blueberries. (But DRAT! You still have to bake the pies, don't you?) There's a catch to everything.

Anita Lee Hall had two weeks' annual leave. "Your vacation, Anita?" "If you can call it that," said Anita. Her sister, Arnise, underwent an appendectomy in Harvey, Ill. and Nita went up to nurse her back to health. As soon as Arnise was able, she decided the best thing for her (health) was to come back to Paint Rock

Valley, Ala. So she and Anita left "Illi" for the Valley.

After a round of social affairs, the Waggoner household is settling down again to "ME" and "THEE" and "HE". That's Beth, Lt. Col. Clinton A. Waggoner and the baby, Natalie and "Sonny" the left Sunday to return to Houston and all is quiet along the Waggoner front except "HE," huh, Col. Waggoner?

Could that have been a vacation Clyde B. Brown spent at N. G. Camp in Georgia? He's back as Chief of the ADM Branch now. One morning, he arrived at work an hour late. We all thought he had overslept, but wait till you hear what happened. "There was a little price tag on the back of the clock," said Brown, "and it had been there for over a year. Well, it started winding itself around the setting stem, and this particular morning, it stopped the clock at two-thirty and the alarm didn't ring." A likely story!

Two weeks at Daytona Beach, just sunning and sanding. That was the vacation Charlotte McGraw and her husband, Mack, spent.

Bob Outler stopped by to tell about the trip he, his wife, and little Susan took to Atlanta and Macon. Now THERE'S a fisherman who really catches fish. He went four times and caught fish every time — 45, one time. Maybe it was because they had Fritz, the little weenie dog, along.

But the gal who really had the trip was Sara Hix. She and her husband left the chillun home and had two weeks in New York City. Sara said she never had such a good time before. There were shows, TV programs, swimming, boating and just everything. Ah, me —

A short time ago, Gene Smith, Dotty Evett and June Turvey favored Aileen Martin with a lovely Stork Shower at Gene's house. Aileen was thrilled to death with the many attractive gifts she received.

Daphne Collins and Martha McClure proved to be the smartest ones in solving the contests and went home, toting some nice prizes.

A refreshment course of punch, cake and nuts was served.

Now for the news from the various points. There's a very remarkable man in the Catalog Section of NMP. He's married and has two daughters: Sandra Lee, 6, and Pamela Ann, 3 years old. But that's not the remarkable part. He lives in Lexington, Ala., and drives 60 miles to work every morning and 60 miles home each afternoon. His name? James A. Hammond.

They've been working so hard in NSCP, they've hardly had time to pass on the news from there. But news from that point is always synonymous with newcomers, and here they come:

We have Alice Smith from Fayetteville, Tenn. in the Requirements Br.—a transfer from OML. Jean Suta, 432 Eustis Street, is a Trenton, N. J. girl, and she is in the Control and Procedures Br.

There are two new ones in the Distribution Br. Miriam Ewing came from Fort Benning, where she was Voucher & File Supervisor for Post Ordnance. Flora Leahman, a graduate of North Ala. Business College, is the other.

In Major Items is Helen Gant; and Christine Miller transferred from the OGMS to the Requirements Branch.

One more newcomer — a little girl, Marilyn Ann, in the home of the Harold Browns. She arrived Tuesday, July 28, at the Huntsville Clinic. This little package weighed 9 pounds and 6 ounces. This makes one boy and three girls for Harold and his wife. Just a nice family, huh?

By leased wire from RSD 'way up yonder — Frances Harris reporting. And it seems RSD has also been gathering a passel of new pussenel, too.

Janis Smith transferred to Ammunition Br. after having worked 14 months with Consolidated Supply. Mrs. Willa Grace Holden, brand new to Redstone, is from Florence and now lives in Red-

stone Park.

And here's one who should have been introduced before: Mrs. Hannah Waldrop, in General Supply. Hannah is an ex-school marm, having taught the little bitties in elementary school, and then, Home Economics to the little biggers. She's from Montgomery and is a graduate of Montevallo College. P. S. She likes all sports — games, we mean — lest any of you "sports" get the wrong impression.

Frances said that George Reardon, accompanied by his wife and two sons had enjoyed a 3 weeks' vacation at Fort Edwards, N. Y. Where the heck is that? Somewhere above the M. D. line, I betcha.

NEC NEWS. And we have a new reporter there. Mary Connolly has superseded Tom Hale. And GRIS-GRIS on HIM (that Tom Hale) for running off to New Orleans that-a-way, he and Maude. They might at least have given me the chance to say, "Oh, thank you so much for asking me to go, but I guess I'll just have to wait until November" — but they didn't. I'll fix HIM — you just wait.

Now let's see what choice tid bits that fair haired child, Mary, has for us. Heading the list is a little item of interest. Our pal, Frances Goodwin, transferred from the Tech Br. to the P & M office of the Division where she will be secretary to Charles L. Arnold. Before reporting to her new assignment, she and her husband are revelling in a 2-weeks' vacation in Sunny Florida. Quotes from Mary: Marie Allen has returned from a week's stay at Savannah, Ga. You can tell by looking at her that most of her time was spent on Tybee Beach.

Neal Roberts' family arrived Sat., July 26th, to join him here. And Raymond Simpkins has resumed his duties with Stock Control after a vacation in Akron Ohio.

Let's take a quick look at a few folks who have no reporter to keep up with their activities. Col. B. D. Beach came in from OTAC. Lt. Col. A. L. Kobernat was out of pockets several days. He had gone to Philadelphia on some deal; and then back by OCO. His comments? "Just routine. It was hot up there, and I'm glad to be back."

Major E. P. Sparks said the trip to Philly he and Royal L. Scott (NMP) took was pretty dull. However, it seems they had with them a fellow named Chambers. The Major took Chambers to Bookbinder's one night, where, the Major said, "Chambers put himself on the outside of a lobster almost as big as he is." "And

Little-Known Disks Featured on Show

Two little-known works by Tschaiakowsky and one by Giovanni Pergolisi can be heard over radio station WFUN on August 9 and 16, according to program director for the Classical Hour, Bob Buckner.

This program, presented by the Redstone Arsenal Special Services office, goes on the air between 2:00 and 3:00 p. m. every Sunday afternoon.

During the Summer, Bob Dean, local announcer is narrating.

The Tschaiakowsky music which Buckner has obtained is the Second Concerto in G-Major, a brilliant, but less flashy work than the more often played First Concerto. Mewton-Wood, who was introduced in London by Sir Thomas Beecham, is the piano soloist with the Winterthur Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Walter Goehr.

During Tschaiakowsky's lifetime this work was in favor. The Third Concerto, in E-Flat Major like the first, is a flashy and dramatic work. Since this was unfinished, the recording is completed into

you, Major?" "Me?, I took care of myself, too."

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THEY PLAN PARTIES—Above the officers of the Junior Hostess group perch on a settee at the Service Club. They are (left to right) Helen Maddox, secretary; Betty Dunn, president; Billie Nix, vice-president, Camille Nulta, decorations; and Betty McGehee, refreshments committees.

REDSTONE JUNIOR HOSTESSES READY WHETHER IT'S HARD WORK OR PLAY

This is the Army?
Junior Hostesses at the Service Club show up with cakes just like

mom bakes at home. The reason: They did.

And the GI's liked it fine. When everybody wants a picnic the girls are ready to go.

Or, an informal buffet supper on Sunday night, the loneliest day in the enlisted man's life, helps relieve the tedium of being camp-bound until work begins again on Monday.

The Junior Hostesses group at Redstone Arsenal have three officers, President Betty

Dunn, vice-president, Billie Nix, and secretary Helen Maddox.

They have committees to carry out all kinds of plans from a formal ball to a picnic supper beside the post swimming pool.

They often enlist the aid of the service men in their activities. Unsuspecting men have found themselves perched precariously on ladders hanging streamers from the rafters, when they really expected to relax with the ev-

ening paper. It's just like home... almost.

The girls don't beat the men over the head to get their help. But they do convince them that a man who understands the handle-end of a hammer is less apt to lose a nail.

Junior Hostesses range in age from seventeen. Some are experts on the dance floor, others specialize in the formalities of decorating and serving while still others are the rugged type who believe sports the best way to a trim figure. Their interests and personalities are as varied as those of the G. I.'s they help entertain.

The Junior hostesses work hand-in-glove with Miss Molly Patterson, recreation supervisor. They help her develop or carry out ideas for the entertainment of the enlisted men and do many odd jobs around the club. They are now cataloguing the record collection so that a hep cat won't grow confused in the midst of a classical rhapsody.

Actually, the girls have no set hours for work. When something needs to be done, the committee in charge takes over. Everybody gets a chore, and they go to work with a will.

To the girls it isn't all work. Like any good hostess, they relax and enjoy the parties they plan.

Most of them are career girls at present with jobs in Huntsville or at Redstone Arsenal. However, being a career girl isn't a prerequisite. A few of them are still in high school. College girls, home for the summer, give the Junior Hostess group their time and energies.

They are all prepared for any activity... even as stooges on skit nights at the club.

AD LIBS...

If your Rocket seems a bit heavier when you pick it up this week, we'd be the last to advise you to think nothing of it. The avoirdupois can certainly be ascribed to that hefty full page ad from Lee Sales Co. Lee's decided anything less than a full page would do injustice to the values they're offering Redstonites in their big Mid-Summer Clearance. We'll say no more; that ought to be enough to lead you to Lee's.

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More than 25 guests enjoyed the punch, cookies and sandwiches served from tables covered with white Chinese linen cloths and decorated with Summer flowers in pastel colors.

The serving appointments were in pastel shades, and Mrs. Wurz was presented a corsage of white carnations by the hostesses.

beach coats, and beach slippers. They are known as "The Curtain Maids" as they took a block of linoleum, a sharp tool, and made designs, then printed and painted on curtains as the material for their clothes.

The girls who will model are Karen and Helga McKenzie, Madeline Katz, Paula Rigg, Judy Snooks, Maxine and Brenda Simpson, Clare Thran, Joyce Collins, Margie and Sharon McElroy, Clara Lou Larson, and Donna Thayer.

Also on the show will be a skit entitled "That Band Box Look" presented by Donna Thayer and Karen McKenzie.

Girls Club Members Will Show Fashions

The main feature of the Chapel Guild meeting at 10 a.m. Aug. 5 will be a fashion show by members of the Girls Club under the direction of Mrs. Theodore Ebbert. The meeting place is the Service Club.

Following the show, there will be an election of officers for six month terms.

The models will wear the clothes they have made themselves, which includes skirts,

A-1 used cars, according to your desires. Yes, Denny's is an unusual car agency, and the low down payment policy they offer is not the least unusual thing about it.

'Tis hot down South, it is. Could be that special sale at Southern Furniture Store is partly responsible for the heat the hot 25% deal they're offering this week. It's this way — but, shucks, you might as well read the ad...

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Meanwhile, he will be checking into the possibility of obtaining funds, equipment, uniforms, etc., to supply the team with.

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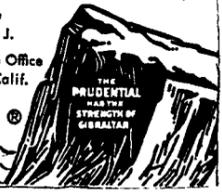
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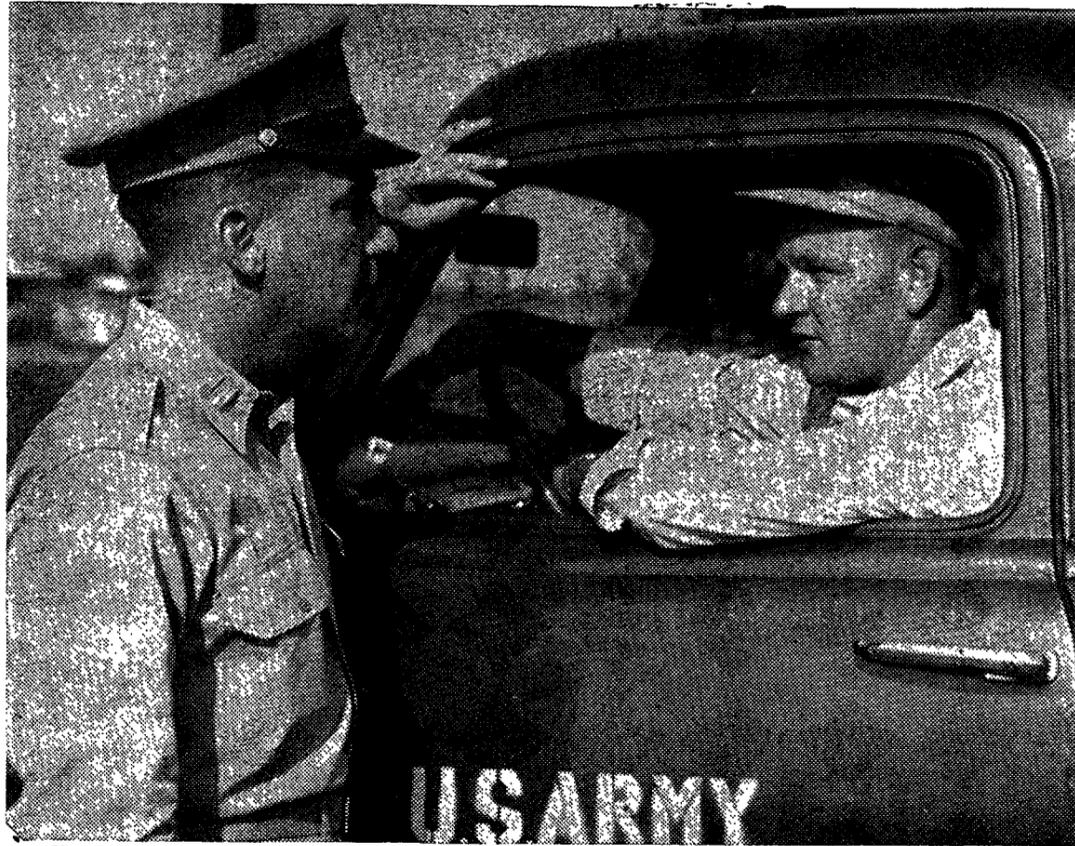
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PHOTOS IN CONTEST WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT POST SERVICE CLUB

For the birds behind the shutters, a contest is being sponsored by the Camera Club.

Opening date was August 1. On the 25th all pictures must be in for the judging.

The Camera Club members have been touring during the summer weekends with all their equipment.

However, they have opened the contest to all enlisted men stationed at Redstone Arsenal.

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Fan Mail Produces Junior Size Letter

Some of Prof. Wernher von Braun's fan mail reaches the PIO for action, and in sorting through some recently, we found a letter that is more entertaining than usual. Here it is copied just as received.

Dear "Dr. Wernher von Braun."

I read your article "Baby Space Station" and liked it. I won't be a inventor like outther people, when I mix up a batch of stuff it all ways explodes or flames up or even smells bad, I won't to ask you a question. Will you send me yours old prints of rockets and stars, planets, meteor and moons.

Your friend,
Jerry

Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The envelope was addressed, "Baby Space Station, Chief Guided Missiles Development Division Redstone Arsenal Huntsville, Ala."

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