

## PROBERS SEEK CAUSE OF EXPLOSION

### RIF NOTICES SENT TO 600 EMPLOYEES

#### Small Percentage To Be Separated

About 600 Third Army-paid employees at Redstone received notice of reduction-in-force last week.

However, this does not mean that all 600 will be separated from employment. Only a small percentage of these are slated to be dropped from the payroll, according to Civilian Personnel.

All of these will not necessarily be Third Army personnel. Stuart Jones, Civilian Personnel officer, said. Third Army - paid employees with more retention points than other employees in the same job category will have priority over the latter workers.

The RIF will effect the entire Third Army area. It is made necessary due to a cutback in funds for certain work at Redstone and other Third Army installations.

Redstone, with mostly Ordnance-paid employees, will be lighter hit than most installations.

What it all boils down to is this: The RIF will be very limited in scope, affecting an undisclosed, but small percentage, of the 600. And though it is a result of Third Army fund reductions, some Ordnance-paid employees will be affected too.

All civil service laws will be complied with in carrying out the reduction, Jones stated.

Those separated will be given ten days advance notice, and 20 days annual leave or leave without pay.

Retention registers for the RIF are being compiled by Civilian Personnel. Employees are advised that unless they receive notice of separation, they are to assume themselves not among the group to be separated.

### CHILDS IS NAMED AS COMPTROLLER

#### Colonel to Serve As Acting Chief

The newest member of the commanding general's staff joined the personnel at Redstone Arsenal after acquiring a master's degree in business administration from Syracuse University, New York.

He is Colonel Jefferson Davis Childs who studied the Army Comptrollership Course at Syracuse in order to take over here as the acting comptroller.

Louis Grabensteder, who was appointed last June as acting comptroller until the arrival of Colonel Childs, has now been appointed deputy comptroller.

Before taking over comptroller duties, Mr. Grabensteder was executive assistant to the Post Engineer. He has been at Redstone since April, 1942. Prior to coming here Mr. Grabensteder was employed by the New York Corporation in Chattanooga. He is a native of Cincinnati and has a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati in electrical engineering training with extensive studies in economics and accounting.

At present Col Childs is getting oriented to this new assignment. He has been an officer since 1932 when he graduated from the United States Military Academy. His son, Jefferson Davis Childs, III, is

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### WORKING HOURS CHANGE SEPT. 27

#### Personnel Voice Various Opinions

Don't forget to set your alarm clock one hour later next week. We come to work at 8 a.m. and stay until 4:30 p. m. effective Sept. 27.

What is the reaction among the personnel? Margaret Pelham at the Post Engineer is delighted, while Elizabeth Gautier who commutes from Decatur prefers to come early and get home early. Another employe there remarked that although she personally prefers 7 a.m., there has been so much complaining about it that she will be glad to have the change and put an end to the discussions on the subject.

Effie Walker in the Intelligence Office likes the 8 a.m. schedule as that coincides with the time her husband goes to work.

The girls in the GMDD headquarters all vote for 8 a.m. They say it gets dark too early in the winter to do anything much after work anyhow.

Down in Management, Walt Wiesemann had much to say in favor of 8 a.m. He thinks it will be nice to feel free to stay up a while after the children go to bed instead of feeling he should turn in when they do. "Another thing," Walt said, "most business firms don't open until at least 8, and it's frustrating to try to accomplish something with professional people when they aren't at work at earlier hours."

Irene Adams in Col. Jordan's office likes to have time after work to take care of housework, pay social calls, and have dinner at a reasonable hour. So she rather likes the 7 a.m. system.

In the PIO, Rhoda Stambaugh likes to get home early in the afternoon to get dinner over, and have a longer evening to write a book she's working on.

The vote for the later hour wins in Civilian Personnel. They say there that even the people who were originally for 7 a.m. have gotten tired of it, and everyone is rejoicing over the change.

When we called Ammunition Division, George Potts answered and said, "I think going to work at 8 a.m. is wonderful."

There were plenty of people who discussed the hours and commented that they like to have time after work to do farming, pursue some project at home, go



**COURTEOUS DRIVER** — "Alert Today—Alive Tomorrow," says the slogan printed on the cigarette lighter won by Joe Turner, Post Engineer Division, for act of courteous driving. The lighter, along with a certificate, was presented to Turner by Gen. Vincent at a ceremony in the general's office recently.

### TURNER WINS COURTEOUS AWARD FOR HELPING STRANDED DRIVER

The last time Joe Turner, Post Engineer Division, was nominated for a Courteous Drivers Award he didn't quite make the grade—but he was given honorable mention.

This time, however, Turner was selected as winner of the Courteous Drivers Award and presented with a certificate and cigarette lighter by Gen. Vincent.

The act of courtesy which earned Turner the award evolved driving 24 miles out of his way to help Lawrence Cooper, Jr., who was stranded near Lacey's Spring due to a blow-out.

Ordinarily a blow-out can be easily fixed by a quick change of tires. But in this case it was different.

Cooper's Jeep station wagon had recently been equipped with a new Studebaker rear end and the Jeep spare wheel that he had

didn't fit. Fortunately, Turner, on his way home from work, had just the type wheel that the little station wagon required.

The two got together. After going to his home near Hartselle and getting the wheel, Turner returned to the disabled jeep and the two men had it ready for the road shortly.

Later, with his shiny new cigarette lighter in hand, Turner was ready to throw away all his matches.

#### ATTENTION, MONTGOMERIANS

The 125th anniversary issue of the Montgomery Advertiser will be out next Sunday. The paper will carry a special photo-spread and story about Redstone and former residents of Montgomery now employed at the arsenal.

Anyone wishing to have a copy ordered through the PIO should come by the office in Bldg. A-101 and leave 15 cents for costs.

### FOUR ARE DEAD FOLLOWING BLAST

#### Disaster Is Worst In Arsenal History

An investigation was underway at press time to determine the cause of the explosion which took the lives of four Thiokol employes.

It was the worst disaster in the history of Redstone Arsenal.

James Rodgers, 23, the last employe to die as a result of the accident, lived for about 27 hours following the explosion. He died shortly after 3 p.m. Wednesday.

The other victims are Kennard J. Ramsey, 21; Thomas Marion, 26; and Edwin Beal, 35.

The accident occurred at Line One when a rocket motor that two of the men were working on exploded. This set off two other explosions in the small extrusion press bay where the four worked. Beal was killed instantly by the blast. The other three men died of burns later at the infirmary.

There was nobody else in the room at the time of the accident. The foreman, Harold Dillion, had left the bay only minutes earlier.

The group making the investigation is composed of Lt. Col. Walter Dolle, OGMS; Wilbur Albright, Jr., Safety Director; Maj. Ben Keyserling, NPD; and Maj. Edward Detchemendy, NPD.

The investigating board's report was expected to be ready yesterday, according to Albright. At the time of this writing there was no determination as to the cause of the explosions.

Firefighters arrived on the scene minutes after the first alarm was sounded. Attempts to revive the three victims who were still alive proved futile. An automatic sprinkler had gone into operation and extinguished most of the blaze. The remainder was quickly subdued by the firefighters. Damage to the building was estimated as less than \$1000. An estimate of machinery damage was not available.

Beal, father of one child, had worked for Thiokol for about a year. Prior to that, he worked for Solvay Processing Co. at Redstone for about five years. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Dorothy Taylor Beal; his son, Tommy Beal; his mother, Mrs. Vera Beal, Gurley; and two brothers, Donald Beal, Huntsville, and Charles Beal, Gurley.

Ramsey had worked for Thiokol for about two years. He graduated from Lincoln High School here and was active in many sports. He was a member of the 279th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion, a local National Guard unit.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mildred Russell Ramsey; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Ramsey; a sister, Mrs. Robert Patrick, Nashville; and six brothers, Billigene, stationed in Japan, Ernie, Donald, Maurice, Larry, and Rannie—all of Huntsville.

Marion, a veteran Marine of World War II, went on active duty with the Arab unit of the National Guard at the outbreak of the Korean war. On returning to civilian life, he went to work for Rohm and Haas, where he worked for about a year and a half. About four months ago he left Rohm and Haas and started working at Thiokol.

Marion is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lucille Garrison Marion; two sons, Thomas Anthony and Jimmy Ray; one daughter, Rebecca Joyce; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norris E. Marion, Arab; two brothers and one sister.



**SPLIT PERSONALITY**—Lt. Gerard Leonard (left) stands attentively listening to his promotion orders to first lieutenant being read by the assistant adjutant, Lt. Gerard Leonard. In the absence of Col. Louis Larson, adjutant, Lt. Leonard is called on to take part in officer promotion ceremonies, usually held in Gen. Vincent's office. (Photo by SFC Dick Coddington; composition by Jean Walker).

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## BOARD PROBES SERIES OF FIRES AT CHAPELS, TSESS LABORATORY

"... huge holiday flag flew Labor Day over a camp struck by a series of late-night fires which gutted costly equipment and furnishings inside two chapels and a TSESS classroom building.

"But at a late hour Wednesday, neither the cause nor the extent of damages of the fires had been known."

No, not at Redstone. But the headline and sentences above could well apply to Redstone instead of Camp Gordon, Ga. And the only thing preventing such a headline from flaming across the front page of The Rocket is you. Fire prevention, like security and almost every other phase of human existence, depends on the individual—his intelligence, his concern, and his willingness to do the small but necessary things that mean the difference between safety and disaster.

Fire Prevention Week begins Oct. 4. But fire prevention is a continuous thing—lasting 52 weeks every year. However, the one week is set aside yearly as a special reminder that fires can and must be prevented.

## NEW GAME, FISH REGULATIONS OUT

### State Compiles List Of Seasons, Limits

New hunting, fishing and fur seasons for 1953-54 were announced in Montgomery by Alabama's Conservation Advisory Board. Major changes from last year's seasons include a statewide squirrel season from Nov. 1 to Jan. 1 and opening of the beaver trapping and deer hunting seasons in some new areas of the state.

The new squirrel season eliminates the split season in Ala.

In the past the state has opened north Alabama squirrel hunting Dec. 15 and that in south Alabama Nov. 1-Jan. 1.

Biologists of the Conservation Department's Game and Fish Division recommended the change in the squirrel season because after October the parasites, such as "wolves", leave the squirrels in this state. Research also shows that there is "not enough difference in geological and climatic conditions in the two sections of the state to warrant a split squirrel season."

Biologists advised the Conservation Board that from a biological standpoint squirrels should not be hunted before Nov. 1 because many females are still suckling young of the year. A fourth point in favor of the new season was "to give all hunters in the state a chance to hunt during the Christmas holidays."

As to the change in the deer season, stalk hunting will be opened for the first time from Nov. 20 thru Dec. 5 in Cleburne

County outside Talladega Forest management area; in Winston and Lawrence Counties outside the Bankhead Forest management areas; and in parts of Bibb and Perry Counties and on the Fort Benning reservation.

Seasons approved by the Conservation Advisory Board today include:

Deer - Hunters are allowed to take pronged antlered bucks only and may have one a day or two in a season. The dates set in the following counties and areas are November 20 to January 1: Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia Greene Hale Marengo, Mobile, Monroe, Pickens, Sumter, Tuscaloosa, Washington and Wilcox counties and Covington county except that part south and east of U. S. Highway 29. The dates set in the following counties and areas are November 20 to December 5: Jefferson county except south and east of U. S. Highway 11 from the Tuscaloosa County line to Birmingham and North and east of U. S. Highway 78 from Birmingham to the Walker county line; Walker county except that part north of U. S. Highway 78 from the Jefferson county line to Jasper and north and west of State Highway 69 from Jasper to the Tuscaloosa county line.

Deer hunting with bow and arrow only will be allowed from November 14 through November 19 when pronged antlered bucks may be hunted only in the counties and areas which are open to the hunting of deer, except in the National Forest areas.

Turkeys - Hunters will be allowed to take gobblers only. The limit is one per day or five for the entire 1953-54 season. In the following counties and areas the fall season shall be from November 20 through January 1 and the spring season from March 25 thru April 20: Jefferson, Shelby, Tuscaloosa, and Walker counties; also, all land east of U. S. Highway 241 and west of State Highway 9 in Talladega and Clay counties, also, that part of the Talladega National Forest in Cleburne Co. lying south of State Highway No. 4 (U. S. Highway No. 78), except within the boundaries of Cheaha State Park; all other areas in Talladega, Clay, and Cleburne counties shall remain closed to the hunting of wild turkeys.

In the following counties and areas the fall turkey season will be from November 20 through January 1 and the spring season from March 20 through April 15: Baldwin, Bibb, Butler, Chilton, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Coosa, Escambia, Houston, Marengo, Monroe, Perry, Russell, Washington and Wilcox counties; in Covington county except that part south and east of U. S. Highway 29; in Sumter county from March 20 through April 15 only; the hunting of wild turkey gobblers in the Talladega National Forest, Oakmulgee Division, and the William B. Bankhead National Forest (formerly the Black Warrior National Forest) shall be by permit issued by the U. S. Forest Service and the Department of Conservation, Division of Game and Fish. The remainder of the state will be closed to turkey hunting.

Quail - Hunters are allowed 10 per day or in possession at any time. The hunting season for quail will be from November 26 thru February 20.

Dove - Limits of dates and bag limits will be set by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Alabama and other southern states.

Waterfowl - Limits of dates and bag limits will be set by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Alabama and other southern states.

Squirrels - Hunters will be

allowed to take six a day or have that many in possession at one time. The season will be from November 1 through January 1 thru-out Alabama.

Woodcock - Season and bag limits will be set by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

O'Possum and Raccoon - When hunted as game there will be no bag limit on these two species. The hunting season will extend from October 1 through February 20.

Rabbits - When hunted as game with guns, hunters may take six per day during a season extending from October 15 through February 20.

Bear, alligator - No open season.

Trapping seasons on Civet Cat, Skunk, Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Weasel, O'Possum, Otter and Raccoon: The season will extend from December 1 through February 20.

Trapping of Beaver will extend through a season beginning December 1 and ending February 20. Beaver trapping will be legal in all counties except Autauga, Barbour, Baldwin, Bullock, Clarke, Coffee, Covington, Fayette, Geneva, Macon and Tallapoosa.

There will be no closed season on any fish in Alabama during 1953-54. Daily creel limits as set by the Conservation Board are as follows: Wall-Eyed Pike (Jack Salmon) 10; Pickerel (Jack) 10; Bass (Trout and Green Trout) 10; Yellow Bass 15; White Lake Bass (Striped Bass) 15; Crappie or White Perch 20; Bream in aggregate of all kinds 30; and Rock Bass or Goggle-Eye 20. Fishermen may not take more than 45 in aggregate of all species of game fish in one day and may not possess more than the creel limit of any species. Game fish cannot be used for bait, or caught by any manner other than ordinary hook and line, fly, troll or spinner. Sale of game fish taken from public waters is prohibited in Alabama. There are no size limit restrictions on game fish in Alabama.

"Aerial Bombs at Parsons" is a headline which refers to a munitions plant in Kansas and not to another attack on the clergy.

### UTILITY UTE'S UTTERINGS

Red flags, so I hear, make certain animals mad, but did you ever see our general right after he has seen unnecessary lights burning?

### NO HUNTING ON REDSTONE

There will be no hunting on Redstone Arsenal this year according to an announcement this week by arsenal authorities. The interests of security and the preservation of wild life determined the decision for the "No Hunting" ban.

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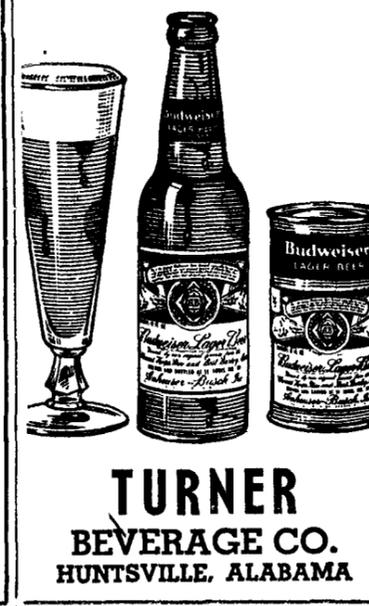
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**"ON THE HILL"**  
BY PFC. TONY BENFANTE

Ever since my little rebuttal on the question of southern women, I have been constantly approached. Naturally I have made more friends than enemies, because the majority of people are fair and honest.

The reaction was exactly what I anticipated. I am now called "Tony"; defender of Southern beauty"; "The most eligible Yankee bachelor"; "Mr. Southern Comfort" . . . just to mention a few.

I don't mind this teasing at all; in fact I appreciate it. It proves to me that my article was read by many people; thus obtaining the end for which it was written.

What really surprised me was the fact that a minority of the readers misinterpreted the refutation. They felt that I was degrading the girls from the north by defending the girls from the south. I assure you that would be the last thing in the world I would attempt. I was born, raised and educated in the north (I don't mean Ohio either!). I have sisters there whom I love very much . . . but I still feel now and always will feel; that you have to be fair with the "slow talking honey-chile" as well as the "fast talking babe from Brooklyn."

It may be of interest to the readers of this column for me to

**AMMUNITION DIVISION**

BY LOUISE STEAKLEY

Pfc. Billy Barnard was a recent visitor at A-156. Billy has gained so much weight that he now outweighs his parachute by two pounds.

Charles Mohr is away at school for four weeks. Maybe he is trying to catch up with Bob Hooker, who is now teaching at OGMS.

Congratulations to Marion Bevels, who is wearing a diamond. When anyone wants Mr. Merritt, Marion points her "ring" finger and says, "He went that way."

We sure miss John Clarke, who is recuperating at the Huntsville after a recent operation. Wonder if Ammo will get paid Friday??

Miss Juanita Tuck has returned from a vacation in Atlanta. Juanita says vacations are wonderful, but end too soon.

Also returning from vacation is Dewey Meeks, who spent most of his time in the bathroom (painting and plumbing).

**SKEE'S SCOOPS FROM LINE 6**  
By Skee Robinson

Those loud percussions going on around line six these days are not some form of Ammo being detonated, but just loud bursts of braggadocio from Herman Stover and A. J. "Whitey" McNeal on the merits and virtues of their new babies. Congrats to both

proud papas.

It is agreed by everyone that "Shorty" Paysinger, one of our millwrights can never be awarded one of those courteous driver awards—he gripes even if someone wants to borrow his bicycle.

Anyone who wants to bet on the Dodgers this year should see Willard Thomas who will cover anything from a Coke to the mortgage on his home. Willard thinks Casey Stengel should be the next president.

Susie Wilburn is sweating out a furlough for her son who joined the Navy recently.

We are sorry to see Hilda Sanders resign. She is a good worker and liked by all.

**LINE 2**

By Hazel Wilkinson

Allen Cruse has been out several days on sick leave. We wish him an early recovery.

The familiar faces of Edith Kennedy, Minnie Potts, Star Houk and Mary Crowson are missed at Line 2. They recently transferred to Line 7.

Olene and Audie Key visited in Atlanta over the weekend.

Dorothy Walker came back from her vacation with some strange tales. She says corn is growing upside down in Kentucky. Wish we could all go to Kentucky.

**Army's \$22,544,349  
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BY JAY DAVENPORT

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Another popular feature has been added to the Service Club. Yes, we now have a fine 21-inch TV set and an antenna which gives us good reception from the

largest in the history of the corps by Col. Walter M. Tisdale, deputy chief of the Philadelphia Ordnance District. The company explained the savings are the result of increased efficiency and improved construction and production techniques. Birmingham stations. Fights,

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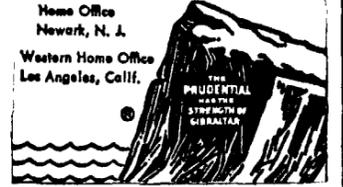
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mention that the managing editor of this magazine that published the article, is married to a girl from Alabama. I may add also that Mr. Ballard, the author of the report, was due back up north the same time the magazine hit the newsstands . . . they call it a coincidence!!

While I am still on this subject I would like to express my heartfelt "thank-you" to the women who have called and approached me in appreciation for the "mere truth" which I had entered in last week's issue of The Rocket . . . and for those who got me all wrong, all I can say is "I'm sorry."

I saw a flock of birds heading south. They were yankees too! I could tell because they all had "Miami" stickers on their luggage. One dropped his "credentials" on my brand new fatigue cap . . .

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THE REDSTONE ROCKET

SEPTEMBER 22, 1953

Look in the cafeteria in A-101 any noontime from Monday through Friday, and it is full of buzzing conversation, clattering dishes and people standing patiently in line to be served. That is what rockets and guided missiles have done to Redstone (among other things.)

Once upon a time, in the stand-by days to be exact, a small group of people brought their lunches and met at a table there to eat together. Among them were Dorothy Hodges, Margaret Pelham, Mildred Pinon, Sallie Fohrell,



HERE'S A PROBLEM—Kathleen Sisco and Lacy Strong look over rules and regulations in Payroll to straighten out the problems that come across Kathleen's desk. Kathleen has been at Redstone more than 10 years, and Lacy almost as long. (Photo by John Pinkerton.)

Cleo Cason, Teensie Stroupe, Jesse Stutts and Kathleen Johnson Sisco.

Kathleen chalked up "Ten Years at Redstone" in July this year. She started working as an addressograph operator in Payroll, and she has had all of the jobs in the office where they see that civilians get their checks.

Redstone then was a young arsenal in the ammunition business. To all the war was something breathing down their necks. Every one worked hard and played hard. The Civilian Welfare Council sponsored various events for the playing-time, and all arsenal personnel joined in. Kathleen won trophies for both the girls singles and girls doubles in tennis matches.

"We were so rushed at work," Kathleen says, "that a girl making as many as four trips to the water fountain was questioned by her supervisor."

"Then when it was time to play, we all joined in with gusto," she added. Activities included both parties and sports.

Her husband, Louis, was one of the Redstone pioneers in 1942, worked in what is now the Officers Club, waded red mud, and looked out over cotton fields where buildings now stand. He was called to service, returned to Redstone in 1947, and now works in the T & E Division.

The first chief Kathleen worked for in Payroll was H. P. Standridge. Lacy Strong took over in 1943, and the personnel strength has gone up and down like a carnival ride. It is pretty well stabi-

five varieties of grass seed, has a nice green carpet all over the place. He credits this to a home-made heating system which warms the soil for mass production. Who would have thought the soil needed any more warmth than it already has with the temperature 90 degrees and above.

William Moon in 471, says Labor Day is actually the biggest and best holiday of them all. Since it always falls on Monday, it gives the average working man a three day lapse—where—as 4th of July, Christmas or New Year might just as easily fall on Wednesday or Saturday.

They won't believe him out at Post 11, W. G. Wright, a guard, so he wants to get it down in black and white—probably in firm belief that people believe nothing they hear and only half they see—but, anyway, Wright has the proof in a bottle. While at work last Tuesday evening, he saw a snake crawling up the walls at Building 422, W. G. decided to capture this five months old rattler, instead of shooting him. He placed a Coca-Cola bottle in front of Mr. Rattler, and sure enough he crawled inside the bottle! Some of the employees of 422 were not satisfied and have placed the reptile in a large fruit jar.

Miss Lorene Benson reports a wonderful holiday spent in good ole Sunny Tennessee. Mrs. Irene Hughes says, "It was a real Labor day, at home for her."

Cpl. Ruble Polk takes leave for Germany and Belgium on Sept. 9, for the purpose of bringing his Belgium bride to the United States.

We are confronted with many responsibilities and problems due to the changing affairs of the world. Let's not fail to be considerate of our veterans and our fellowman, no matter where they hail from. We have a great democracy, let's help lift the spirits

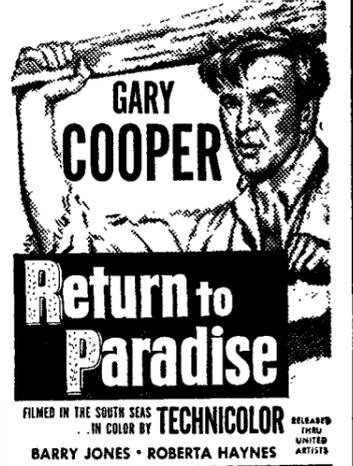
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Seasonal signs: Fellows with lint on their trousers legs. School books in movie seats—Iodine on young athlete's faces — Cotton alongside the highways.

The arsenal employees that have to make the long rides to work are seeing real harvesting, the fields white with cotton and specked with pickers.

But none of these farmers have anything on S. E. Land over in Warehouse 471. Land has sown

lized now with around 40 people, but it got down to just Kathleen and Lacy in 1947 and 1948. Lacy was gone a month or so, and Kathleen headed the section with one helper.

Do strange things ever happen in Payroll? Well, yes, once two employes with the same name got each other's pay checks. They both cashed them before they realized the mistake. It was settled when the two men got together and one paid the other the slight difference in the amount.

The Siscos reside at 1003 Randolph St., Huntsville. Kathleen is originally from Hartselle, and moved to Huntsville around 1944.

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### Grad Institute Head Urges Dissemination Of Knowledge, Ideas

By Dr. Julian D. Mancill, Director, RSA Graduate Institute

The need for maximum dissemination and utilization of existing technical and scientific knowledge is a truism in research and development circles whether in universities, research institutes, or government installations. Development and utilization of the technical library; active participation in scientific societies and associations; utilization of consultation facilities; proper use of short courses, seminars, and symposiums; and formal academic training are all effective means to this end.

The Redstone Graduate Institute has a definite responsibility to give assistance to all arsenal segments in their efforts to develop means of maximum dissemination and utilization of technical and scientific knowledge.

The Institute is actively engaged in each of the above phases of this problem at Redstone Arsenal. For example, the Graduate Institute Director has made a study of the utilization of the arsenal's Technical Library and has provided appropriate arsenal officials with recommendations for more effective use of the existing library facilities on the arsenal. The reader is probably familiar with some of the efforts of the Institute in connection with the other phases of this problem. However, the phase which is the subject of this discussion is one that needs promoting among the technical and scientific personnel of Redstone Arsenal. This is particularly true of this arsenal because of the large number of

German engineers and scientists among its top level technical personnel. They naturally are not as familiar with the American scientific organizations and societies as the American employes. In recognition of this fact, the Graduate Institute has taken certain steps to acquaint all arsenal personnel with the activities of non-governmental scientific and technical societies.

Each month a calendar of events is distributed to all arsenal segments for information about meetings of scientific societies (RSA Administrative Instructions 300-39-53). This calendar covers three consecutive months projected sufficiently far ahead to allow ample time for all arsenal employes to fulfill all regulations concerning travel to such meetings. Each succeeding calendar drops the first month and adds the third. During each month, further information is acquired and is added to the next issue of the calendar for those months retained in the next issue. Any information concerning meetings of such societies should be passed on to the Institute office for incorporation in the calendar or redistribution to interested arsenal segments.

Attendance at meetings is only a part of the principle of active participation. Probably more important are active membership in the societies and associations, actual participation in the programs of their meetings by presenting papers on unrestricted material, and publication of results in competitive scientific journals. It is by these means that one builds his or her academic stature in competition with colleagues in a field as compared with work performed alone or in a small group. The situation here is analogous to that of a person who studies a subject in a formal course by attending class in competition with his fellow students as compared with studying that subject alone or on the job. There seems to be no substitute for this means of dissemination of knowledge in the field of science. At Redstone Arsenal there are hundreds of employes who are highly competent in their field and able to enter into such an active participation. All that is needed is some encouragement and guidance. Some say that they do not have time for this kind of activity because of their job responsibilities. From a long range viewpoint, it is a part of the job responsibility, especially in the areas of research and development. The supervisors in these areas can do much to develop and utilize this phase of their scientists' career, not as extra-curricula activities but as an integrated part of the long range job. Failure to join the society of scientists leads to academic inbreeding, which eventually results in academic senility.

Finally, complete participation in the field of science required the publication of unclassified results of research in the competitive journals devoted to such publications. There is no substitute for this in evaluating ones research in the world of science. Also, there is nothing that gives the scientist more satisfaction than to have his contribution accepted for publication in competition with his fellow scientists. This professional satisfaction and consequent added competition in his field combine in molding the academic stature of an individual.

But, some supervisors say, we want production on the job and not "academic stature." This is the shortsighted view. Better and more reliable results will come from research and development done by scientists of academic stature. Surely fewer potatoes would be left in the ground at harvest time!

Fossils 250 million years old have been dug up in Kansas, but not in very good condition. Maybe we'd better see what Phog Allen, who did so much for John-Mize's old bones, can do for these.



GET READY FOR SHOW—Some of the Girls Club members appear here with the puppets they have made themselves in preparation for a show this Fall. The girls are Sharon McElroy, Margie McElroy, Wendy Swan, and Madeline Katz. Mrs. Tolbert, who is their leader, directed the making of the puppets which the girls painted and dressed. (Photo by Sgt. Coddington.)

### PERSONALS

The Couples Bridge Club met Sept. 14 with 10 tables of bridge in progress at the Officers Mess. The winners among the ladies were: Mrs. Robert Yeager, first; Mrs. Robert Frost, second; Mrs. Edward Detchmendy, third; and Mrs. Robert Aguais, low. The mens' high scores went to Lt. Reuben Maine, first; Lt. Aguais, second; Col. Henry Thayer, third; and the low score was held by Lt. Yeager. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fagan were the host and hostess. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Officers Mess with Maj. and Mrs. Rigg in charge of the arrangements. Regular mem-

bers who do not expect to attend should call Mrs. Rigg at Ext. 5052 by noon of Sept. 28.

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Such behavior is beneath the level of the high caliber of military we have at Redstone, and such ungentlemanly conduct should be corrected. The simplest solution is for you who are guilty to remember that courtesy and good manners are expected of all gentlemen.

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### Mancill Publishes Articles on Math

Two articles, dealing with subjects in the field of mathematics authored by Dr. Julian Mancill have been published recently.

One is entitled, "One-Side Maxima and Minima of Function of Two or More Variables" and appeared in the American Mathematical Monthly. The other is "The Jacobi Condition for Unilateral Variations in Space" which was printed by the National University of Tucuman, Argentina.

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## ARSENAL ELEVEN WORK HARD FOR OPENER AGAINST BENNING

A hot battle is being waged for the first string fullback slot in the Redstone football team, according to Coach Edward Long. Fred Huston, 180 pounder from Penn State, is working hard to hold down the top spot before the determined challenge of Paul Cruden, a 190-pound former semi-pro from Seattle. Cruden, who was sidelined for a week with a shoulder separation, is back in action and making a strong bid for Huston's spot number one fullback. "If both boys keep working like they have been," Maj. Long said, "they may have to alternate the starting berth between them." Long said that, on the whole, the players were in much better shape than he had expected. The head coach seemed general-pleased with the prospects for Redstone's team. He said that the players were showing real enthusiasm. The squad has been whittled down to about 50 men. The team will use the modified Split-T offensive—approximately the same system used by Alabama's Crim-

## Volleyball Tourney Will Start October 1

The Redstone Arsenal Company Level Volleyball Tournament will commence Tournament Play on October 1.

All matches will be played on the lighted Volleyball Courts located behind the I & E Office, Building 651, in the 3523 ASU area.

The following military organizations will enter teams based on one team per each 250 men or any fraction thereof. This requirement will be based upon morning report strength:

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- c. Hq & Hq Det.
- d. 1st Enl Tng Det.
- e. 2nd Enl Tng Det.
- f. 3523 ASU
- g. Student Officers
- h. Post Officers

The Civilian Welfare Office is invited to enter eight civilian teams, composed of arsenal employees in this tournament also.

Each team will consist of not more than 11 men including managers, trainers, and coaches. In the event of any player being dropped from a team and a new player added the change must be reported in writing to the Special Services Office not less than 24 hours prior to his participation in tournament play. This rule will be enforced by the referee.

Team captains will be responsible to see that participating players wear a numbered jersey in conformance with USVBA rules.

Tournament play will be conducted on a double round robin basis as scheduled by the Post Special Services Officer. Winners will be determined on a percentage basis. In the event of percentage ties for first place, three matches will be played to determine the winner of the tie.

If sufficient teams are entered, two leagues will be conducted with a seven match play-off between the league winners to determine the post winner.

## All Purpose ID Card For Army Facilities Set for Nov. Issue

Washington (AFPS) — The Army has revealed that henceforth all commissary, exchange, movie, laundry, medical service, and similar privilege cards will be consolidated into a single Privilege Identification Card.

Requirements for possession of the new catch-all card are outlined in SR 600-210-65. After initial issue, which is expected to be sometime around the first of November, the card will be re-issued annually on July 1st.

The new card will be issued to authorized patrons of Army facilities.

Personnel on active military duty will not receive the card, unless they are authorized commissary privileges. They need only to present the regular identification card, DD Form 2A, to make use of the other privileges which are available, the Army says.

The new card does not replace the civilian photographic identification badge, the Army emphasizes, and it is not to be used as a membership permit for messes and their related activities.

son Tide and developed by Don Fourot of Missouri.

Quarterback Jim Spinelli will be counted on heavily when the arsenal eleven goes against Fort Benning, here, Oct. 10. Spinelli, a shifty 174-pounder, is an old hand at the Split-T from his Penn State days.

## RSA Softballers Praised at Tourney

Redstone's softball team received high praise from the other athletes at the Third Army Softball Tournament held last week at Ft. McPherson, Ga.

The arsenal outfit was voted the best defensive team and the team with the most spirit in the tournament.

The local players won one game while losing two. The final defeat came after 14 innings against Ft. Jackson. Jackson won by a score of 4-3. Earlier, Redstone had lost to Jackson 5-4. The arsenal softballers defeated Ft. Campbell 2-1 before being eliminated from the meet.

## Tickets Now Selling For Athens Series

Season tickets are now on sale for a series of five concerts to be held in Athens starting in November and running through March.

The announcement of the musical events was made by Mrs. Lawson Draper, chairman of the Municipal Concerts of Athens, the organization sponsoring the series.

The concerts will be held at McCandless Hall, Athens College.

Among the artists scheduled to appear are Margaret Stern, pianist who endeared herself to the South during her 1950-51 tour; the Murat Trio, violin, cello, and piano; Alfred Zega, lyric baritone; the Ionian Singers of New York; Henryka Poltorak, mezzo-contralto; and June Kelley, who presents "Acerica Scene in Song."

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Dick Nixon is said to be making a real job of the vice-presidency, so maybe there is hope for some of these roving stewards.

## BABY CONTEST

The final results of the Space Baby contest will be announced in next week's issue of The Rocket. For obvious reasons, the three Infirmary doctors were too busy with the serious side of their profession to take time out to judge our more than 50 contestants. Results of the contest will definitely be announced next week.

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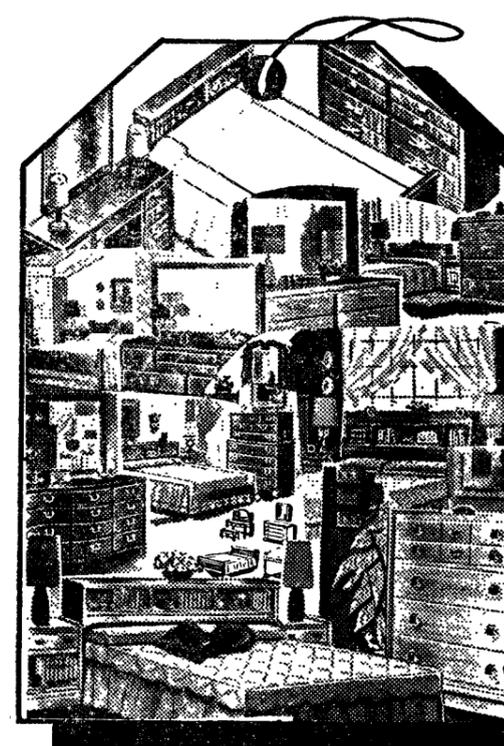
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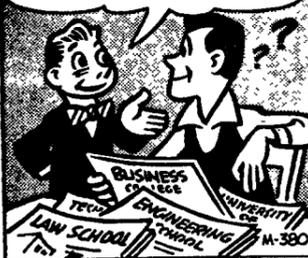
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Lt. Rachkowski said that arsenal employees, as well as military personnel, are invited to join the group.

There is a need for electricians, set designers, costume and make-up artists, prop men, and just about every other sort of stage talent.

Interested persons are urged to call M/Sgt. Ponton at Ext. 5615.

**TUCKER ON AOA COMMITTEE**

Carlos W. Tucker, Gage Lab. Quality Control Branch, NPD, has been appointed to represent Redstone as consultant on the advisory committee, Gage Development, in the American Ordnance Association. He has been invited to attend the annual AOA meeting at Aberdeen Proving Ground,

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**NEW MISSION AGENCY**

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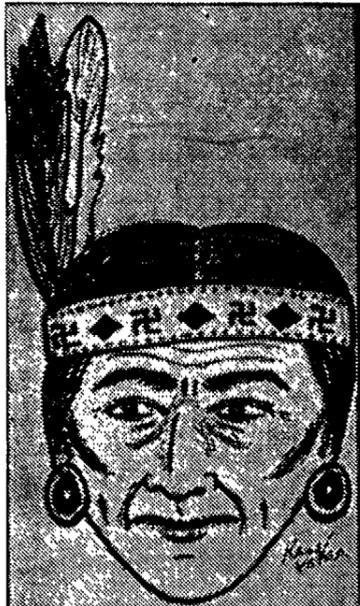
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**Keyserling Replaces Capt. Berke at NPD**

Major Ben H. Keyserling has joined the staff in the National Procurement Division at Redstone as an administrative assistant replacing Capt. Walter Berke.

The major came to Redstone from White Sands Proving Gr., New Mexico, where he held several jobs. Among them he was acting chief of the Troops and Training Division, a missile project officer, and chief of the Technical Training Branch.

He has been in the Army since January, 1941. Prior to that he worked at the Norse Division of the Borg Warner Corp. in Chattanooga.

His wife, the former Miss Josephine Davis, was originally from Chattanooga. With their two children, Charles and Rosalyn, they will reside in Darwin Downs while the major is stationed here.

Major Keyserling graduated from Georgia Tech with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

He is a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge and a 32nd degree Mason as well as being a member of the Shrine and the Sojourners. Major Keyserling is also active in the American Ordnance Association.

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(Continued from Page One) There now for his second year of study.

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Before he decided to study the ways of handling Army funds in the most economical manner, Col. Childs was the commanding officer of the St. Louis Ordnance District.

The colonel's family will live on the post. His wife is the former Miss Carolyn G. Wichum, daughter of Major and Mrs. Victor Wichum, 1291 Dean St., Brooklyn, N. Y. In addition to their son, they have a six-month-old daughter, Carol Patricia. Col. Child's mother, Mrs. Laura Childs lives in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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