

AWARDS REPORT SHOWS INCREASE

Suggestions Net \$1145 at Arsenal

By E. C. Wooton, Exec. Sect. Efficiency Awards Committee

Twenty-eight civilian employees of the arsenal during the past three months received Efficiency Awards totalling \$1,145.00 for suggestions of ways to improve efficiency and economy. This brings to 33 the number of such ideas that have been adopted at the arsenal since Jan. 1 of this year.

The 28 awards are expected to result in an estimated savings to the arsenal and government of \$23,421.00 during their first year of use.

The total estimated savings for 1953 of \$57,182.00 makes this the most successful year of the Efficiency Awards Program since its establishment here at Redstone in 1951.

More suggestions were placed into effect during the months of July, August, and September of this year than during the combined previous 24 months, and the 92 suggestions submitted by civilian employees was the third highest quarterly number of suggestions ever submitted at this installation.

The establishment of the Work Simplification Program at the arsenal in the near future is expected to bring a new peak in the number of suggestions submitted, the number of awards given, and in the amount of savings to the arsenal and the Army.

During the fiscal year 1953, suggestions saved the Army an estimated 13 million dollars. The Army paid out \$282,520 for accepted suggestions during the same period.

Harry Smith Stops, And Starts Reaction

Harry W. Smith, Civilian Personnel, started a chain reaction on Patton Rd. And he hopes it will continue.

What he did was very simple—but thoughtful. And for doing it, Smith was presented with a Courteous Drivers Award by Gen. Vincent.

Smith's winning recommendation stated that while driving to work on Patton Rd., going south, he stopped at the corner of Martin Rd. to allow approaching cars to make a left turn into Martin.

Seeing this good example set, other drivers following Smith came to a stop at the corner and allowed additional cars that were waiting to make the turn.

Smith, and Employee Utilization representative from Fayetteville, Tenn., has been at Redstone for over two years. He has been working with the Department of the Army for over 17 years.

Army Saves Millions By Suggestion Drive

Washington (AFPS) — Military and civilian personnel who took time out to submit suggestions to the Department of the Army on economy measures have saved the government almost \$13 million during fiscal year 1953.

The Army paid out \$282,520 in cash to its civilian employees under the Efficiency Awards Program. The cash awards are determined by a formula based on the estimated savings expected during the first-year's use.

During fiscal '53, the Army received 57,517 suggestions, of which 11,814 were accepted. This represented an increase of more than 13,000 suggestions over '52.

The Efficiency Awards were set up 10 years ago by the Army. To date, the Army has received 418,008 suggestions, of which 73,780 were adopted with initial savings of more than \$127 million. Payments of \$1,918,031 were re-

RSA 12TH BIRTHDAY TODAY

Adjutant's Duties Could Be Anything

The Office of the Adjutant has recently assumed additional duties.

Although a search by the PIO into pertinent Army and RSA regulations failed to uncover specific authorization for these new duties, Lt. Col. Louis Larson, adjutant, shouldered the responsibility.

The duties involved the apprehension of a malfactor caught destroying government property during promotion ceremonies in the office of Brig. Gen. Toftoy.

Col. Larson, always alert, seized the malfactor and held him in custody until proper disposition could be made.

It was felt by all present that Col. Larson acted with cool discretion and without regard for self, since the hazards in the actual seizure and retention were apparent.

For a picture of this event, turn to page two.



COURTEOUS AWARD—Harry Smith, Civilian Personnel, is pleased with the lighter given him as part of the Courteous Drivers Award. Smith, who has been working at Redstone for over two years, started a chain reaction by stopping on Patton Rd. to let approaching cars make a left turn into Martin Rd. Gen. Vincent made the presentation in his office.

VETS AFFECTED BY LAW CHANGES

Change in Test Grading Announced

Several important changes in the Civil Service regulations affecting veterans will go into effect Oct. 13, according to Jesse Stutts, executive secretary of the Redstone Civil Service Board.

Veterans taking written examinations will be required to make a score of 70 (the minimum passing grade) before their five or ten points preference can be added to their ratings, Stutts said.

In the past, veterans have been given the added preference points regardless of their actual score on the written test.

In other words, a veteran with five points preference who scored 65 on the written examination was still eligible for employment, since his preference points brought his total points to 70.

The new law requires that he score at least 70 before he is eligible for the preference points.

Another change in the law, Stutts said, will affect veterans with less than ten per cent service connected disability.

Veterans with less than ten per cent disability will not be entered at the head of registers, Stutts said. Only veterans with ten per cent service connected disability will be placed at the head of registers when certificates are issued for filling jobs.

Disabled veterans with less than ten per cent disability will still be given ten points preference, raising their grade accordingly.

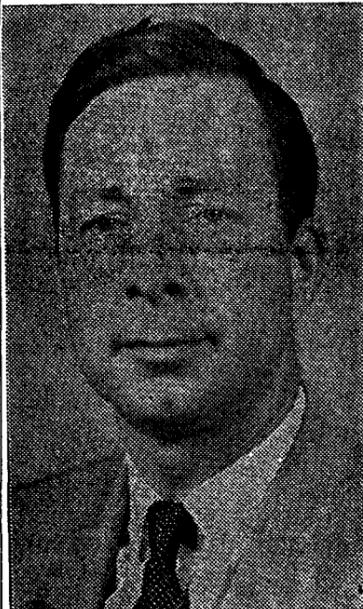
A third change in the laws affecting veterans applies to those seeking jobs in professional and scientific fields.

The old law stated that top-of-register preference for disabled veterans seeking jobs in these categories applied only to those jobs paying less than \$3000 per annum.

The revised law raises this to positions under the grade of GS-9. This means that veterans with ten per cent disability or more applying for scientific or professional positions below grade GS-9 will be given top-of-register preference.

For the period Oct. 13 through Dec. 31, competition for the position of Apprentice is restricted by law to veterans, Stutts said.

ceived by civilian personnel for their suggestions. Cash payments to military personnel are not authorized.



E. C. WOOTON, JR.

Committee Gets New Exec. Sect.

E. C. Wooton, Jr., administrative assistant in the Management Office, has been named the executive secretary of the Efficiency Awards Committee. He replaces William Dunlap who was acting executive secretary until Wooton's arrival last week.

The new executive secretary comes here from Rossford Ordnance Depot, Toledo, O., where he was an organization and methods examiner.

He is originally from Hazard, Ky., and is a graduate of the University of Kentucky with a degree in Journalism. While in Toledo, he did graduate work in management courses at Toledo University.

Wooton is married and has one son, William Thomas (Bill), 6. They will reside in Darwin Downs. His office phone number is 3-3247, Management Office.

Four Are Promoted To 2nd Lieutenant

Four second lieutenants received promotions to first lieutenant recently.

Promoted were Robert E. Pringle, OGMS student; William H. Lentz, OGMS; Robert Frost, OML; and Stewart Evans, OGMS. Lt. Pringle, 24, is from New York City. Lt. Lentz, 26, is from Baltimore. Lt. Frost, 24, is from Amarillo. Lt. Evans, 27, is from Boston, Mass.

First Try-Outs Held By RSA Drama Group

Try-outs were held two nights last week for the three-act comedy "Three Men on a Horse."

On the first night only four prospective actors showed up to read parts. However, things picked up considerably the following night, with several girls and a number of enlisted men on hand to compete for choice roles.

Lt. Ray Rachkowski is directing the comedy, written by Cecil Holm and George Abbott. The popular Broadway play has been a favorite with amateur groups for several years.

M/Sgt. Frank Ponton, outstanding recruiting scout and Special Services noncom, was successful in persuading several young arsenal beauties to try out for parts. Some of the girls who expect to be active in the production are Kitten Crider, Jean Hammonds, Rita Baker, and Rita Brown.

Lt. Rachkowski said that any person interested in taking part in the play should contact him or some member of the group.

Credit Union Moves Into New Quarters

President Mike Foster announced that the Redstone Federal Credit Union is now occupying new quarters in the west wing of the Redstone House, Bldg. A-135. Temporarily, the phone number is 3-2139.

A special meeting of the board of directors and the board of supervisors was called last Thursday. During the meeting, \$8,000 worth of loans were approved—all in amounts of \$400 or less.

All loans above that amount will receive no action until the ban imposed by the board of supervisors is lifted.

The boards are suspending any action on loans to individuals who may be eligible for reduction in force.

Third Army Show Will Play Here

Another Third Army Show will play Redstone this month.

Reported to be a qualified successor to such top revues as "Curtain Call" and "Showcase," the coming show, "Fanfare," is expected to draw large crowds for its two showings, Oct. 28-29, it was announced by Special Services.

Civilians, as well as military, are invited to the production to be held in the Rocket Auditorium at 8 p.m., Oct. 29. The first showing will be held Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. in the Post Theatre.

PROGRESS IS GOOD GENERALS AGREE

Facilities, Morale Show Improvement

Today Redstone Arsenal is 12 years old—"going on 13."

The past 12 months have been an eventful year—a year marked by expansion, reorganization, over-all improvement in morale, teamwork, and hard work.

It might be said that during the 12th year of its existence Redstone has "come of age."

During the year the arsenal (which is to say the people, both civilian and military, who serve and service it) was called on time and time again to prove its mettle—and it did so successfully each time.

Much of the construction started this year and in earlier years has been completed. Patton and Redstone Roads, both were given facial uplifts. A new range building was completed and the Rocket Auditorium and extension to the Rocket Lab were finished.

For the troops, a new 265-man barracks with connecting kitchen is about 50 per cent complete. A football field was laid out by the Headquarters building and the men pitched in and built their own baseball diamond.

The new telephone and telegraph building will be ready for use this month or early next month. Other construction is still underway and the sounds of hammering and sawing continue to leaven the air.

Along with physical growth, recognition of the importance of Redstone continues to grow in the minds of men all over the country.

An example of this was seen when no less than 20 general officers visited here recently... all at the same time.

Other visits during the year, by such figures as Maj. Gen. E.L. Ford, Chief of Ordnance, and K. T. Keller, former director for guided missiles, show to what extent the nation's eye is focused on Redstone.

With improved facilities to work in, accomplishment of the missions entrusted to Redstone becomes more and more evident daily.

How much of this success is due to the improved morale of the personnel — or how much of the improved morale is due to mission success—is hard to determine. But it is certain that both factors are present.

Gen. Vincent seemed to favor the former idea when he said: "I believe that we have a happier and more efficient group of workers now than ever before."

The general also voiced optimism as to the future of Redstone. "As one of the eight permanent arsenals in the United States and the only one predominately concerned with rockets and guided missiles, Redstone will continue to play an increasingly important role in America's defense program."

Among the major events at Redstone in the last 12 months, one of the most important was the establishment of the school as a permanent instrumentality of the Ordnance Corps.

OGMS, first started in Mar. 1952, as the Provisional Redstone Ordnance School, was changed from a provisional to a permanent agency in December, 1952.

In November, 1952, General Toftoy received his promotion to Brigadier General, giving Redstone two general officers and marking another milestone in its history.

"Technologically Redstone has come a long way in the past year," General Toftoy commented on the accomplishments of the past year

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The Redstone Rocket

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PREVENTING FIRES IS YOUR JOB

This is Fire Prevention Week. It is an important week because its theme is vital to this country and to everyone in the country.

There is no possible way to reckon the total amount of destruction caused by fire. Damage to our forests alone runs into billions of dollars. And when such great disasters as the Chicago fire of 1871 are considered the toll of lives and property soars astronomically. In the same year as the Chicago fire, the Peshigo forest fire swept across six counties in Wisconsin, killing 1152 persons.

These two fires are exceptional only in degree. Every day, fires break out in cities and forest areas over the country. Fire fighting methods have improved to such an extent since the 1870's that a recurrence of the Great Chicago fire is unlikely—but it certainly is not impossible. But smaller and less spectacular fires continue to eat away at the lives and wealth of America. Our forests still suffer from a scorched-earth policy of carelessness and indifference.

On the whole, fire-fighting methods of today are excellent and efficient; firemen capable and courageous; but this is not enough. At the most, firemen, with their modern methods and equipment, can only save lives and reduce destruction. They cannot, by themselves, prevent fires. That's our job. The job of every Arsenelite, every Alabamian, every American.

GRIBE BAG

Dear Anonymous:

The Redstone Rocket frequently receives letters intended for publication from you.

We are grateful for your interest in the paper and in the many activities which elicit these epistolary outpourings—which, as in the present case, sometime rise to the height of poetry.

The Rocket would be willing to publish every letter, every note,

and (even) every poem that the editors felt were of enough general interest, whether they were signed or not—had we the choice.

But, unfortunately, like everyone else, the editor's must follow instructions. And in the case of anonymous letters, the instructions are specific, inflexible, and irrefutable.

Hence, letters intended for the "Gripe Bag" must be signed before they can be printed.

The Rocket is often the loser in cases of anonymous letters—because many are excellent comments on timely subjects.

And so, Mr. Anonymous (or Miss or Mrs., as the case may be) the next time you have responded to the urge to take pen in hand and voice an opinion that you want other people to see—don't forget to sign it. Your name and the segment where you work are all that's needed.

The Editors

AD-LIBS . . .

Thirty-one days has October . . . Then November . . . Then December—and you know what Christmas again. Already the Ad

"ON THE HILL" BY PFC. TONY BENFANTE

Dating by young couples is as old as the word itself. Thru the years it has changed somewhat; but the essence is still prevalent. The tight-trousered, buckle-shoed "beau" has graduated from a mere "chaperone conscious" gentleman to a "Kinsey-fed" adventurer. His paraphernalia for wooing the fair-haired damsel consisted of a starched white collar, a horseless carriage and bouquet of roses.

None of these proved to be effective until the girl's parents dug deep into the roots of the young man's family tree. When this was proven to be satisfactory, the research was followed thru by a similar system involving the young man's religious, political and financial status. This being completed and found to be acceptable, the potential suitor was then allowed to enter the threshold of the now confident lass.

With flowers in his right hand and a box of chocolate marshmallows in his left, the blushing can't possibly shake the hand of "Little Miss Muffitt's" daddy who accidentally happens to answer the doorbell. (Nine out of ten times they'll do that. Darn it!)

Naturally, formal introductions are in store for the visitor. So daddy introduces him to mamma, grandma, grampa, fourteen uncles, sixteen aunts, seven sisters, eight brothers, the dog and the cat. But where is Miss Muffitt? After all isn't that the purpose of his visit.

Finally, what seemed like centuries, the "apple of his eye" is viewed by all as she gracefully descends the stairs, careful not to expose her dainty, perfumed ankles. The muffling sound of the "ruffling" of her six petticoats (she wears six while Marilyn Monroe freezes) produces a slight tint of red to the nervous boy's cheeks.

This beautiful sight is obliterated by a photograph album which mother insists on showing him. Again the usual formalities of relating the incidents involving the numerous snapshots cluttering the book.

At last! Miss Muffitt is allowed to be seated on the divan with her caller. He on one end and she on the other. Nobody between them, but fourteen uncles, sixteen aunts, seven sisters, eight brothers, the dog and the cat!

It is now 8 o'clock and daddy must have yawned and looked at his pocket watch a dozen times.

Young respectable women just don't entertain later than 8 o'clock so lover boy arises, followed by Miss Muffitt who leads him to the door and out to the veranda, where he gains asylum. Alone with her at last!! (Ha, that's what he thinks. For peeping thru the window are sixteen aunts, fourteen uncles, seven sisters, etc.)

Libber is finding plenty of tips on ways to take the dread out of Christmas and pack it brim up with excited anticipation. Like selecting my Christmas cards now at the Holiday Mailing Service. Did you notice their ad in your Rocket this week? H-m-m-m. Now isn't that interesting. And then that invitation for early shopping and lay-aways at Hipp's, the jewelers of more than half a century. And—but maybe it's best to take it a bit easy here at the beginning. Cause we said we weren't going to let Christmas throw us this year—we're going to start early.

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CAUGHT IN THE ACT—S'ewart John Evans was not at all impressed when his father, Lt. S. M. Evans, was recently promoted to first lieutenant. In fact, to show his complete disregard for the whole thing, little Stewart proceeded to chew up the promotion orders as fast as Col. Larson could read them. While the father and Mrs. Evans posed for pictures with Gen. Toftoy, Col. Larson volunteered to baby sit. But not even the adjutant could stop the process of mastication which resulted in the near complete destruction of Lt. Evans' promotion orders. On being questioned, six-month-old Stewart had no comment to make. (Photo by Harvey McCrary)

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Davis Transferred To European Base

Gerald L. Davis, ammunition inspector-in-charge of surveillance, was transferred to the 12th Air Force stationed in Germany on orders of the Office Chief of Ordnance. This is just a routine transfer as Surveillance Inspectors are required to rotate approximately every three or four years in the United States. One or more oversea tours of two years duration is also required.

Davis has been stationed at Redstone Arsenal since Aug. 7, 1949, he was transferred to Redstone from Bluegrass Ordnance Depot, Richmond, Ky. With the completion of his tour of duty at Redstone, Davis has rounded out 21 years of government service.

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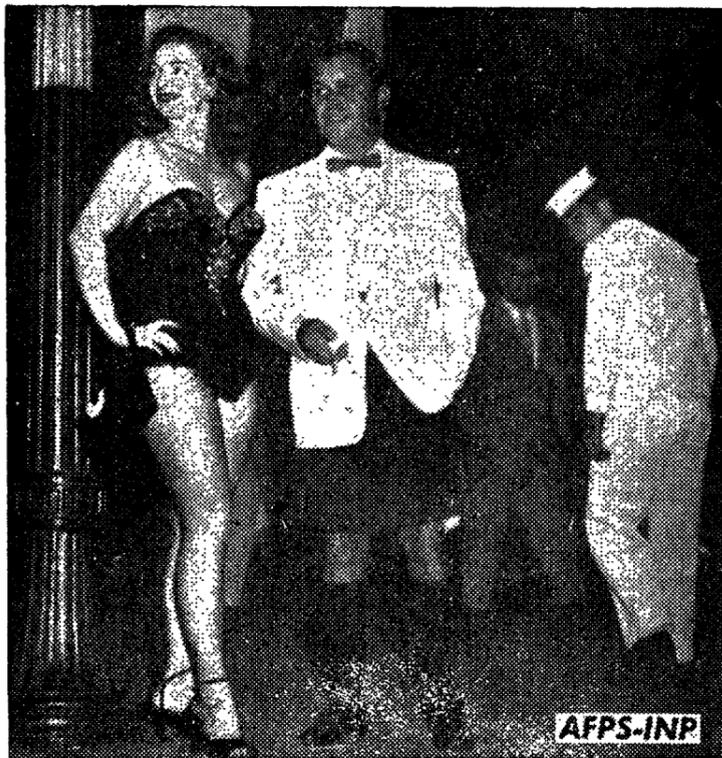
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PURCHASING & CONTRACTING DIV.
TOM COLTHARP

First of all, here's the plug for the Civilian Club: Wagon just doesn't rhyme, so—"Let's get on the hub for the Civilian Club."
Mrs. Margaret McCoy spent part of a week in Gatlinburg,

Tenn., and the balance visiting home folk in Birmingham.

Mrs. Martha Wright was vacationing at home and in Birmingham. She reported back to work all bright and chipper.

Nancy Barrett holidayed over Labor Day in Mobile.

G. G. Buckner attended a Contract School in Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Elaine Gray and husband vacationed in Daytona, Fla.

Mrs. Opal Tabor is back after being off several weeks nursing her husband, Ferrell, back to health. Ferrell was recently involved in a serious automobile accident. Opal says he is recuperating nicely and hopes to be back at work shortly.

Joe Curry (a traveling expediter for P&C certainly isn't letting the moss grow. During the last 18 months, he has traveled over 125,000 miles, visited over 500 manufacturers and jobbers and worked 47 states. Good work, Joe.

Oysters and prunes—er, transits: Billy Kirby has tended a resignation in favor of Worthington Pump Corp., in Decatur, where he will be employed as a purchasing agent.

Mrs. Annie Taylor transferred to Military Personnel to become a receptionist and secretary.

Camille Nulta is leaving with her family for Pascagoula, Miss. Her father, Maj. Nulta, is being transferred to the Far East.

Mrs. Betty Williams has resigned. She hopes to call Memphis her home for some time to come.

Elizabeth Gardiner transferred to O.M.L. Headquarters, in Bldg. A-101.

Mrs. Annie Johnson is resigning Oct. 9 to become a full-fledged

Mrs. Beverley Reardon has joined the P&C "family." She is from San Luis Obispo (and I thought "Pascagoula" was a hard word), Calif. Beverley is here with her husband, Pvt. H. J. Reardon, Signal Corps.

Mrs. Ruth Sharp is the new teletype operator. She is an old-time Arsenalian, but the recent loss of Consolidated Supply Div.

Mrs. Helen Newby is the new typist in the Contracts Audit Section. Nancy came to us from Budget & Fiscal.

Mrs. Gertrude Steele is going on maternity leave. Send us a bulletin, Gertrude.

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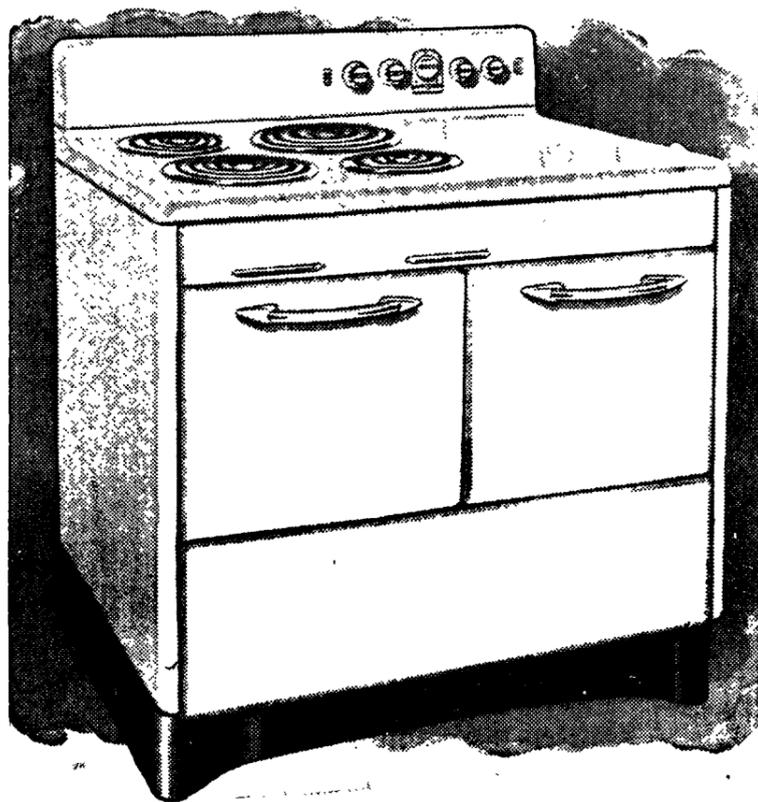
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Suddenly a vicious snarl broke the stillness. With a

lightning leap, one of the dogs shot through the air and sank his long, sharp teeth into the arm of a shadowy form crouched near a window.

Instantly a shrill whistle sounded and seconds later a military policeman seized the thief.

The canine sentry which attacked the thief was one of 63 German Shepherds at the depot. With 50 handlers and 65 military policemen, they replaced infantrymen who previously had guarded the warehouses.

Several years ago, during a single four-month period, \$500,000 worth of Army supplies were stolen from the depot. But since the dogs began pounding their beats, nothing has been stolen.

Their acute senses of smell and hearing make Army dogs excellent fire detectors. On one occasion a sentry dog discovered a fire soon after it started in an Army warehouse in Yokohama. His barking alerted his handler and prevented destruction of the building whose contents were worth millions of dollars.

Of the Army's 1,750 dogs, most are on duty in Europe and the Far East. The majority are sentries, but some lead scouting patrols in Korea and a few serve as messengers.

The dogs—bought by the Army Quartermaster Corps for \$150 each at kennels in different parts of the United States—are trained at Camp Carson, Colo., and



SHARP FANGS of a sentry dog pierce the padding worn by a soldier "agitator" at the Army Dog Training Center, Camp Carson, Colo. This is one step in training Army sentry dogs to guard Army supply depots.

Lenggries, Germany. The cost of training and maintaining one dog is much less than the training and upkeep of an enlisted man. As further evidence of saving, one watch dog can replace from two to nine guards, depending upon the type of installation.

Extremely aggressive dogs are picked for sentry duty. Scout dogs qualify for their jobs because of keen alertness and acute sense of smell. They are especially valuable to the infantryman in combat because they lead patrols into no man's land where they warn their soldier masters of concealed enemies and lessen the danger of ambush.

A highly intelligent dog which shows a strong desire to please his handlers is trained as a messenger. These dogs learn to carry ammunition and other supplies up to 30 pounds. They also are trained to lay field telephone wire from a spool mounted on a pulling harness.

Each dog takes three weeks basic training to become familiar with its handlers and to learn simple commands. This is followed with from eight to 12 weeks of specialized training in the particular work for which the dog is suited.

Training is done with the dog wearing a collar of a harness so that he learns to associate this equipment with an "on duty" status.

Sentry dogs learn to attack a person upon command from their handlers. A man called an "agitator" teases the dog with a small stick. The handler urges the dog to watch the agitator. As soon as the dog makes an aggressive move toward him, the agitator retreats. The dog is urged to chase the man and is lavishly praised when he obeys all commands.

Next, the dog learns to attack the agitator's padded arm. Then—while on leash—he attacks the man's padded suit. Finally he is allowed to attack without restraint so his handler is free to use a weapon. The dog releases his victim on command.

Scout dogs learn to use their sense of smell to detect intruders. In training a soldier—posing as the intruder or enemy—is stationed upwind from the dog in a training area. As soon as the animal picks up the scent of the intruder, he gives a sign, such as springing slightly forward or straining on the leash. Each dog has its own way of letting his handler know he has picked up the scent.

When the handler learns his

ally distance between the handlers increases and the handler who receives the dog is hidden from sight. Lesson repetition and runs of varied distances over difficult routes develop his dependability as a messenger.

GRAND THEATRE

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BY PFC. E. D. BYRNE (AFPS Staff Writer)

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Barbara Ruick

ing how it felt to have your mother be Sam Spade's secretary. Not that her mother is by profession a stenographer, we were informed, it's just that her mother happens to be one of the better known names in radio—Lurene Tuttle. "You get tired of being the 'daughter of Lurene Tuttle' . . . so I went out on my own . . ."

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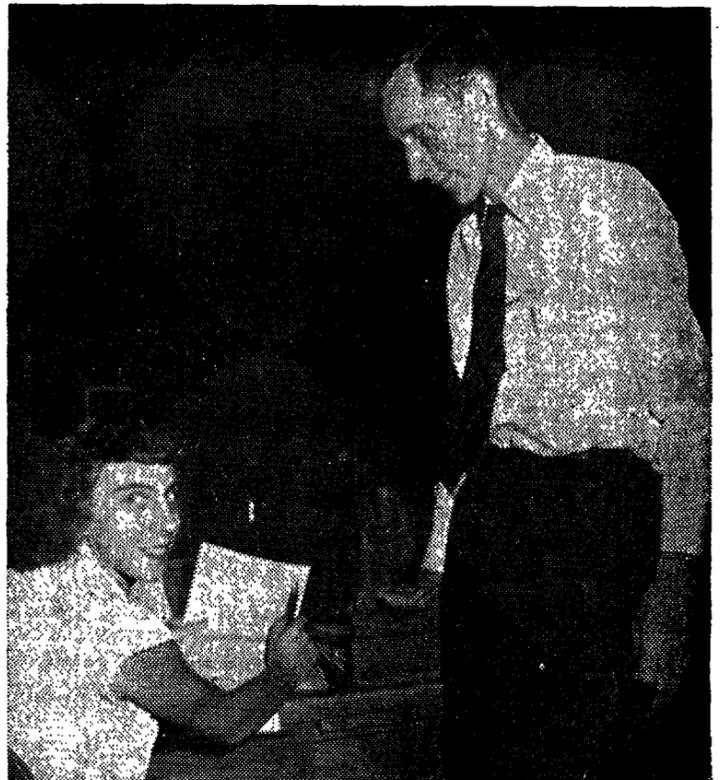
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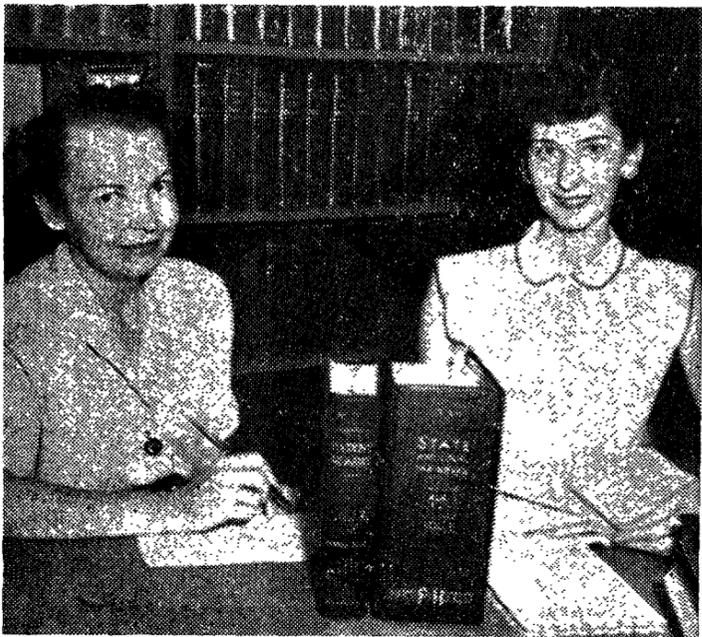
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LEGAL OFFICE AT WORK—Shown in the upper left are James Cleary and William Sayre of the Legal Office who are being consulted by Stanley Veatch, contract administration office. On the right are Miss Emily Brawner and Hardy Jackson, attorneys in Legal who work together on contracts. The girls at the left are Mrs. Jonnie Morrison and Miss Virginia Holley shown checking the Legal library records. (Photos by Sgt Dick Coddington and Harvey McCrary.)



THE REDSTONE ROCKET

OCTOBER 6, 1953

Competent Attorneys Offer Legal Advice To Arsenal Agencies

BY HELEN REED

Down Redstone Road approximately across from First Station No. 1 there is a building currently known as the "Hall of Justice." It has become a dignified edifice through a series of modifications which elevated it from a stable.

There the Legal Office is located. This is the staff office for the correlation of all legal activities at the arsenal including legal advice to the commanding general, and to each arsenal division.

The business there covers a broad field — contracts, patents, and industrial relations.

Heading the office is alert and friendly William Sayre, a North Carolina attorney, who came to the arsenal about a year ago when the office was set up. He received his legal education at Asheville (N.C.) University Law School and Woodrow Wilson College of Law in Atlanta. He's been in the government legal business for 19 years, and is a licensed attorney in North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee.

James Cleary, originally of Birmingham and Ashville, Alabama, has also been with the Legal Office a year, but on the arsenal two years, first working for P. and C.

His degree in law is from Northwestern University with his pre-law study completed at Bir-

mingham Southern. This young attorney is concerned with work on contracts, and is acting chief of the contracts branch of the Legal Office.

Two more competent attorneys complete the staff as far as legal advisers are concerned. They are Miss Emily Brawner and Hardy Jackson. Emily holds two degrees from the University of Alabama, one from the School of Chemistry and one from the College of Law. The only lady attorney on the staff, she handles the processing of patent applications for Redstone and contractor personnel who have developed new arts. She also works on contracts. She is from a pioneer Birmingham family.

Jackson, who is from Ashville, Ala., received all of his education in pre-law and law at the University of Alabama. This tall, slender, soft speaking man was once a school teacher, went into Army service, and decided to add a law degree to his degree in education when the Army was through with his services. He is the most recent addition to the staff, and works with Emily on contracts.

The staff member with the longest service there is Jonnie Morrison. She first worked in the Judge Advocate Office before the Legal Office was established, and is the administrative assistant to the division chief. Her duties include, too, shorthand reporting for all courts martial proceedings as well as assisting as librarian in the legal library maintained in the office. Her husband

is Sgt. James Morrison, an attorney from Boston, who has been associated with the Judge Advocate General on the arsenal.

Miss Virginia Holley is the secretary to the chief, and is the librarian. Virginia has lived in Mississippi and Alabama.

With a well - rounded background in personnel work as a salary and wage analyst in Civilian Personnel, Juanita Douglas came to Legal to handle the industrial relations phase of their work. She keeps abreast of the salary and wage structure of cost type contractors including Thiokol, and Rohm and Haas, to determine if the salary and wages paid are reasonable and reimbursable by the government.

Legal reviews all contracts over \$1000 to determine that they are within the laws and regulations. Contracts for less than \$1000 are spot checked.

One of the most important functions they perform is representation on various boards. Included is the Permanent Board of Awards where recommendations are made on awarding contracts, contract settlement is decided, and also contracts are terminated or cancelled.

The Board of Contract Review is another where Legal has jurisdiction to look over contracts exceeding \$100,000. Still another board is that on Purchase Assignment. The function of this board is to establish facts upon which procurement can be made by negotiation rather than by advertising.

Officers Wives Club Plans Afternoon Tea

The October meeting of the Officers Wives Club will be a tea

from 2 to 4 p.m. on the 13th at the Officers Open Mess.

Following the tea, there will be a display of Christmas and all-occasion cards, gift wrappings, napkins, guest towels, and miscellaneous gift suggestions.

These items will be for sale, and orders may be placed at that time and until 8 p. m. to give bachelor officers and others not attending the tea, an opportunity to make selections. This assortment will also be shown from 1 to 5 p.m. on the 14th and 15th at the Mess.

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BY LOUISE STEAKLEY

A-156 welcomes Lt. John Kurtz to Production Engineering Group. Lt. Kurtz calls Clifton, N. J., his home. He is married to Gene Kurtz, who is employed at OGMS.

Congratulations to Mrs. Eva Jane Stewart whose cat had kittens last night. They have been named Curley, Gus and Dot.

Anyone having any old Ammunition drawings or ECO's out of date or no good, save them for Eddie Saint. We think he is papering his house with drawings and trimming it with ECO's.

Wedding Bells are ringing like chimes in Warehouse 786. Those to take the fatal plunge are Bill Turney, Joe Woody, and Arlie Parker. That only leaves Eugene Lehman, and he has his eye on a cute little girl at A-156.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM LINE 7
By Gladys Vassar

Everyone is going around in circles today with this new time and the starting of a night shift since we have only had a day shift over a year.

We welcome the new employees to our line from Line 2 and 6 but hate to lose our people that have been with us a long time.

We hope Alene Jacks and husband have a wonderful time while on vacation in California.

We hope Vivian Marun who is very ill, a speedy recovery.

We are happy to see the smiling face of Tempie Manning back with us after a three months leave.

The nickname "Granny" was given to Jesse Haraway some time ago, but now it is no joke for she has a new granddaughter.

Hayden Cleveland is mighty blue today, her daughter got married last weekend.

Rosie Preston and Ann Smith have been on sick leave for several weeks. We all wish you a fast recovery.

Emma Troupe is going to Detroit next week to attend her son's wedding.

Mary Crouch visited in Truman, Ark., a few weeks ago, Guess you said hello to Old Harry for us.

We are wondering what Shirley is going to do about his fishing when the weather gets too bad for him to go.

LINE 2

By Hazel Wilkerson

John Robinson decided he wanted to become a farmer. First he purchased an old flivver which looked like it might make a trip as far away as Fayetteville, but with a rim and a spare he made it all the way to Wisconsin to get a load of calves. Everyone at Line 8 is biting their finger nails, the big question is "will he make it back?"

Top Lemley needed a new paint job on his car, but on the way to the garage he decided he needed a new car—he had an accident.

Dallas Merritt and Rachel Watson are still on our sick list. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

We extend to Mrs. Eva Taylor our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of her son-in-law, Mr. Beal, who was killed in an accident at Thio-kol.

Mary Culbreath has been vacationing in Kansas City, Kans., recently. She reports a good time.

We are sorry to lose our old Line 2 operators to Line 6 and Line 7. Hope they will be as happy there as they were here.



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We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the sympathy shown us during the sudden death of our loved one, Edwin L. Beal. Especially do we want to thank the Ammunition Division.

Mrs. E. L. Beal & Tommy

The location is across from the post theatre and is well marked by a large sign on the front of the building.

The hours are from 11:30 to 3:30 p.m. every Wednesday. During that time, articles may be brought in for sale, or customers may visit to make selections for purchases.

The person taking in an art will receive 90 percent of price he sets with the remain 10 per cent going to the fund purchase of needed items at Post Chapel.

Mrs. Thomas K. Vincent, M Henry Thayer, Mrs. Stanley Sr lensky and Mrs. Woodrow Cr compose the committee in char

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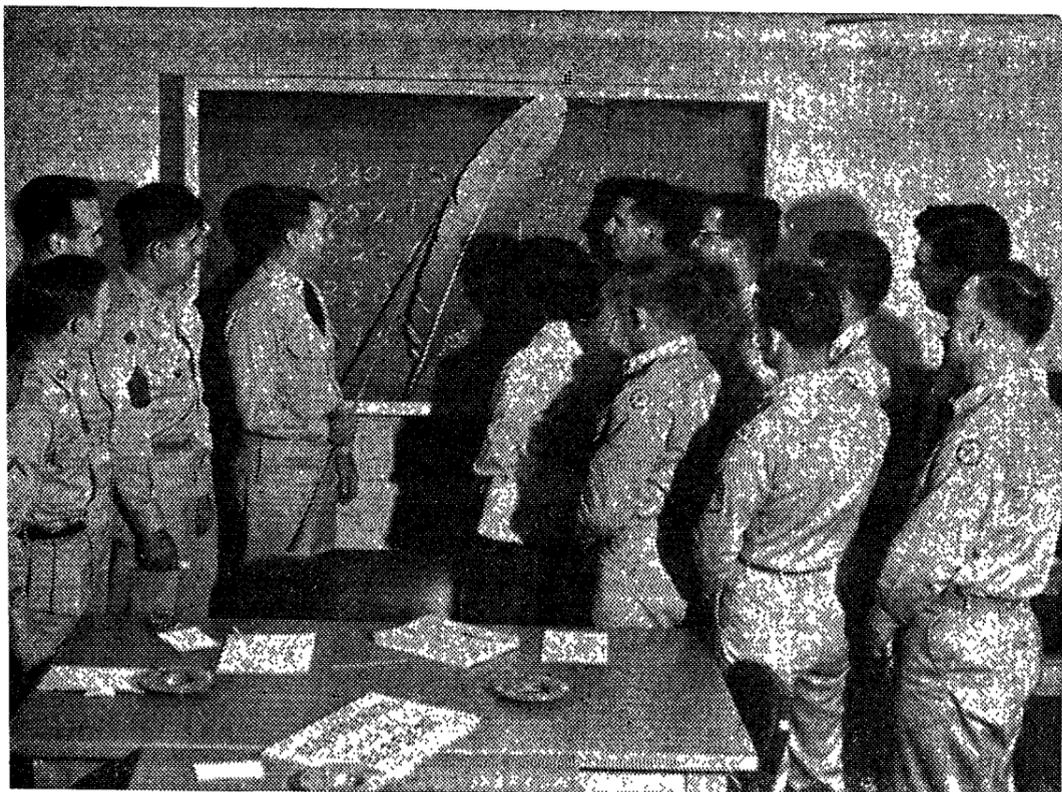


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A number of employees at the Arsenal have already taken out this coverage and we believe it would be to your interest to contact Mr. Reynolds for further details at your earliest convenience.



MILITARY COMMITTEE GETS SET—This group will lead the drive on the arsenal during the upcoming Community Chest campaign. They are, left to right, Pfc. Charles K. Knouse, 1st Lt. Ann E. Turner, SFC Dennis Donigue, Lt. Col. Charles E. Barrett, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Jr., 1st Lt. William H. Griswold, M/Sgt. Grady W. Watkins, and SFC George R. Kraus. On the front row on the right are 1st Lt. Robert E. Smith, Jr., Sgt. Eugene W. Craft and Pvt. Harold Adams. (Photo by Sgt. Edgington.)

9330 T. S. U.
BY JOHN W. POWERS

was enjoying my last cigarette on the barracks porch. The moon had just risen above the distant mountain and was attempting to force its soft glow through the maze of telegraph wires which encompass our barracks. What meager portion of the moon I could see did not have an effect on me—I strongly desired for a woman in my arms to enjoy the moon in all its beauty.

There she was; warm, vibrant in my arms. I drew her to me as her feverish lips natively searched for mine. "Lord," I thought to myself, "if she'd shave!" I woke then, there was a kitten nestled in my arms, gently purring and rubbing her head on my cheek. My mind was attended by a cussword which apparently had "Cat" into a state of disconcerting caution. We eyed each

other as would duelists about to fire upon one another but who doubted that what they were doing was the wisest prerequisite for a long life. Cat though, apparently decided I was harmless (which indeed I was, having been shocked into a state of suspended animation). With a disdainful look at me, she jumped out of my arms and proceeded to chase some moths which were pointlessly beating themselves against the screen door.

After a few moments I had recovered some measure of composure and was able to inform the men in the barracks that if anyone wished a cat, they should just open the door and their wish would be granted. Since no one seemed to hear me, I was forced to let the little monster in myself. And kitten, with the grace of a frustrated Great Dane, bounded into the room in pursuit of an unsuspecting moth. Her attention, however, was immediately distracted by loud exclamations of: "Hey, there's a cat!" or, "My, they're taking anything nowadays", and "Here Kitty, Here Kitty."

Well, that was the beginning. Not through our own design, but through its own persistent insistence has 9330th acquired a new feline compatriot (mascot). And if you'll stroll down the walk in front of the barracks, you'll probably see her perched atop a steam pipe warming herself in the sun. You can recognize her by the new leather collar and bell fastened around her scrawny—but lovable—neck.

While you're strolling down the barracks walk, you may also see several men with bright smiles on their faces (and they may or may not be sitting on steam pipes warming themselves in the sun). These men as you may have guessed, were recently promoted. Here's something just handed me. A commique from the Alabama Dust Bowl (softball field). "In one of the final playoff games to determine the Arsenal Softball Champions, 9330 nosed out the

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SERVICE CLUB ACTIVITIES

The long planned trip to Nashville and visit to the Grand Ole Opry had to be cancelled because of transportation difficulties. A new policy requires that there be sufficient reservations to fill a bus booked in the Service Club five days prior to any proposed trip. This means that it is important for everyone to sign up early. On Saturday, Oct. 17, a tour of the Ave Maria Grotto at Cullman, Ala., is planned. Those who wish to go MUST register by Oct. 11 so that transportation will be assured. Although the trip to the Grand Ole Opry did not materialize there is still a full program of events at the Service Club. Highlights for the coming week include:

Oct. 7—The Wednesday evening dancing features Bob Yeazell's Orchestra.

October 9—"Club" night designed for bridge and canasta players, amateur and professional.

Oct. 11 — Let's play CHARADES. The "budding Barrymores" take the spotlight to imitate their favorite TV characters.

Coming Events
Thursday, Oct. 15—The Irene Jones School of Dance is coming to our Service Club for a special program entitled "Stars of Tomorrow."

Saturday, Oct. 17—Tour to Ave Maria Grotto at Cullman, Ala. A picnic lunch will be served. Sign up NOW.

Wednesday, Oct. 29 — Third Army Special Services presents a new fall show, FANFARE. Further details in the next Rocket.

Friday, Oct. 30. A Halloween Costume Dance with the music of Bob Yeazell's Orchestra. This is to be a "Beaux Arts" affair with strange and weird garb the order of the evening. One enterprising sergeant is already collecting broom sticks (with one foot handles and three broom straws). Could he be plans to come as Me-

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A hill-billy found a mirror which a tourist had lost. "Well, if it ain't my old dad," he said, as he looked in the mirror. "I never knowed he had his pitcher tuk." He took the mirror home and stole in the attic to hide it. But his actions did not escape his suspicious wife. That night while he slept she slipped up to the attic and found the mirror. "Humpum," she said, looking into it, "so that's the old hag he's been chasing."

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Charles Barrett entertained 11 guests at a turkey dinner Sept. 27 at their quarters. Fall flowers were used to decorate the house.

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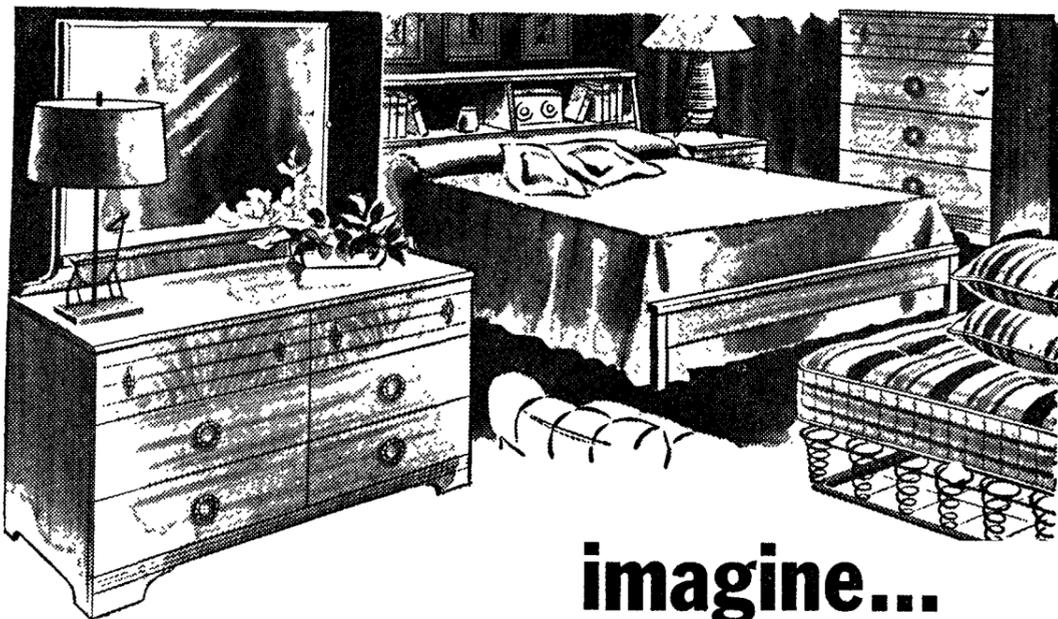
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Kits for model airplanes, boats, and cars are available at the shop which is located in Bldg. T-171 next to the Post Theatre.

There is also a section set aside for amateur cabinet and furniture makers.

Or, in the electronics line such as radio repair, an expert from the Ordnance Guided Missile School, Cpl. Joseph Toman will be on hand to help.

For those who go in for the "finer" crafts and arts, leather working equipment and silk screens and paints are available.

Designers who want to work from scratch will be able to obtain the balsam wood and "dope" to build their own models. And a few motors are on hand with the necessary fuel.

Any kits ordered through the special Services Hobby Shop will be about four per cent less than they would if ordered directly from the supply house.

Mondays through Fridays, the Hobby Shop will be open from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. On Saturdays the hours are 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and on Sundays it will be closed.

PROGRESS IS GOOD

(Continued From Page One) and emphasized the improved morale of workers.

"We have made lots of progress since our last anniversary", Gen. Toftoy said. "The proven success of the work being done, the improved morale of personnel, and the over-all atmosphere of teamwork have kept pace with improvement in facilities. Equally gratifying is the increased recognition by others of the importance and competence of Redstone Arsenal."

All in all, it has been a pretty successful year. A great deal has been accomplished, and a great deal remains to be done in the coming years.

Wherry Still Needs Your Suggest'd Name

Let's name Wherry Housing. It's not another contest. It's a necessity.

At other installations, the Wherry Housing projects have been given appropriate names, such as Chesapeake Gardens at Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

Wherry Housing, as such, is just a make-shift name, its use excusable only at some place whose populace lacks the imagination to create something better. Certainly not the case here at Redstone.

This region is rich in early American lore, in musical Indian words, and in modern technology. So there is no end of possibilities.

Someone, in a facetious moment, suggested the name of Weed'n Garden, punning on the name of Weeden Mountain.

It shouldn't be hard for some imaginative person to come up with the perfect name for the housing units.

Meeting to Feature Address by Deschere

"The Infantry's Anti-Tank Problem" will be the subject of a lecture by Allen Deschere on the morning of Oct. 9 at 8:30 in the Rocket Auditorium.

The talk will be primarily on shoulder-fired rockets, 'modifications of what used to be known as

The meeting will be classified, and those planning to attend should call Conrad Swanson at 3-4230 and leave their names.

The speaker is the head of the rocket development group for Rohm and Haas Co., Redstone Division. Before assuming his present position, he was associate professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Colorado. He holds a bachelors degree in mechanical engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and a masters degree in industrial engineering from Lehigh University.

Two Letters Leave Employe Frustrated

FORT LEE, Va. The postman rang twice and left Mrs. Lillian S. Beloin a trifle confused.

Yesterday morning she received a letter saying she'd been given a pay raise. She is a civilian employe at the Army base here.

Then, yesterday afternoon, the postman brought her another letter saying she was being fired under a civilian reduction program.

As a clincher, Mrs. Beloin learned this morning she'd been named the month's outstanding civilian employe at Fort Lee.



PERSONALS

There were five tables of bridge and one of canasta at Ladies Bridge Club, Oct. 1 at the Officers Mess. Mrs. Charles Jaco had high score, Mrs. Ben Keyserling was second, Mrs. Miles Chatfield was third, and Mrs. Thomas Vincent held low score. In canasta, Mrs. Edward Long was high, and Mrs. Harry Schoenman was low. The next meeting will be Oct. 15 at 10:30 a.m. Those planning to attend should call Mrs. Proudfoot at 5518-W or Mrs. Thomas Hall at 5618-W, in order that even tables may be arranged.

Mrs. Allen Thayer and sons, David, John and Allen of Columbus, Ga., were Sept. 27 weekend guests of Col. and Mrs. Henry C. Thayer.

There were 10 tables of bridge in progress at Couples Bridge Club, Sept. 28 at the Officers Open Mess. Maj. and Mrs. Rigg were the host and hostess. Ladies prizes went to Mrs. Robert Aguais for high, Mrs. Robert Yaeger, second, Mrs. Edward Sparkman, third, and Mrs. Richard Neilsen, low. Winners in the mens group were Lt. Bryant, high, Tom Reed, second, Richard Neilsen, third and Lt. Thomas Woodlock, low. The next meeting will be at 7 a.m. Oct. 12 at the Mess with Col. and

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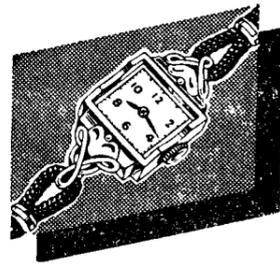
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