

DEADLINE TODAY FOR 'RESTRICTED'

Wilson's Order Abolishes Stamp

The Defense Department will declare the "restricted" stamp obsolete in keeping with President Eisenhower's executive order on the safeguarding of official information.

Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson has issued a directive announcing the new policy and has set Dec. 15 as the deadline for the passing of the old classification methods.

The directive states that there will be three, rather than four, categories of classified material—top secret, secret and confidential.

On the deadline date all information now classified restricted will be declassified or upgraded to confidential. The upgrading will apply to:

Information received from members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and other friendly countries that is classified by those countries as restricted.

Information relating to code systems and messages now in the restricted category.

Other restricted material that must be upgraded as an essential matter of protecting defense information.

The President's executive order directed that the confidential stamp apply to "defense information or material the unauthorized disclosure of which could be prejudicial to the defense interests of the nation."

At Redstone, the following information was received from OCO (Continued on Back Page)

Class 40 Will Hear NPD Chief Dec. 18

Graduation exercises for Class 40 at the Ordnance Guided Missile School will be held for approximately 35 men at 2:00 p.m., Dec. 18.

Colonel Henry C. Thayer will be the principle speaker.

Three courses are represented in the student body: The Guided Missile Mechanical Systems Repairman, Plan Three of the Guided Missile Propellant Explosive Specialist, and Plan 22 of the Guided Missile Internal Guidance Systems Repairman courses.

Families and friends of the graduates are invited by the school commandant, Col. James P. Snooks, Jr., to attend the graduation ceremonies which will be held in Bldg. 1051.

Legal Luck Lost In Battle of Age

Legal Office is struggling to keep a roof overhead. Old age and the strong wind on Dec. 9 parted the roof from wall of Bldg. A-132.

But the staff didn't know it until next day. The Post Engineer maintenance crew made the discovery in a routine check.

They found the walls bulged, the roof was in danger of slipping, and the building unsafe for occupancy. So they propped it as a temporary measure.

Members of the staff, who only a few months ago were almost dispossessed by two mules and a horse, became refugees in earnest. The Contract Administrator and the Resident Auditor of the Army Audit Agency offered to shelter them until the Engineers could get the building in shape, a matter of a few days.

Four Are Promoted By Gen. Vincent

Three lieutenants and a warrant officer were promoted by Gen. Vincent Wednesday.

The new first lieutenants are Karl E. Shade, Morton A. Palmer, and Marcus L. Winchester. WOJG Clifton B. Sawyer was promoted to chief warrant officer.

Lts. Palmer, age 24, and Winchester, age 25, are instructors at

Changes On Arsenal Staff Go Into Effect This Week



VERNAL L. BURNETT

Civilian Guard Is Chosen Outstanding

The most courteous civilian guard whose appearance is outstanding and whose performance of duty is superior was chosen for the first time.

He is Vernal L. Burnett, formerly with the engineering division of the Blount County State Highway Department with headquarters at Oneonta.

Burnett has been at Redstone since July 17, 1951.

During the month of November, the Officer of the Guard chose him eleven times for outstanding performance of duty in carrying out special and general orders. Two other merits which help determine the outstanding man of the month are appearance and knowledge of how to handle a job. The latter is judged in an oral examination.

Burnett is a native of Altoona, Ala., where his mother, Mrs. Besie Leon Burnett still resides.

He is married to the former Miss Ruby Mae Anderson of Bremen, Ala. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Anderson.

Mr. Burnett is an Army veteran who spent most of his time on active duty at Fort Belvoir, Va. He is a graduate of Gadsden High School and completed courses at Draughts Business College in Birmingham.

ORPHANS FUND HITS \$613

The Korean Orphans Relief Fund reached \$613.65, according to the final tally announced by Chaplain Christmas. This is slightly above the total of \$608.30 collected for the cause last year, the chaplain said. The check has been mailed to Third Army. The Chaplain expressed gratitude for all those who contributed to this cause.

"Fanfare" Features Professional Talent

"Fanfare," the Third Army Show opening at the Rocket Auditorium on Dec. 17, will feature several national and international figures.

MC Bill Black will present the Norwegian singer, Ticho Parly. Wynton Kelly will digest his fare of fire and glass, and TV star Bill Gaddy will be recognized by Dagmar fans as the dancer on her program.

Curtain for opening night will be at 8:00 p.m. On the 18th the show will move to the Post Theatre and be presented immediately after the picture. Curtain time will be 8:30 p.m.

This is also the beginning of

OGMS. Lt. Shade, age 25, is safety and security officer at OGMS.

CWO Sawyer is assistant military personnel officer.

The promotion of the three lieutenants is in line with Gen. Vincent's policy of granting promotions to first lieutenants as soon as possible. CWO Sawyer's promotion was received from Washington.

New Assignments Involve Officers In Five Key Spots

Several changes are being made in assignments on the arsenal staff, some of which became effective last week, and others which will be in effect this week.

Lt. Col. Edward E. Weatherford has been placed on special duty as assistant executive officer. He will be the EO during the five month absence of Lt. Col. Henry R. Jordan, who is departing Dec. 19 to spend leave before he reports for four months temporary duty to attend Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.

Until Col. Weatherford received this assignment, he was chief of the Redstone Depot. Lt. Col. Theodore Ebbert, formerly assistant chief of TED, is assuming duties as Depot chief.

A change in the Adjutant's office involves the assignment of Capt. Wilbert E. Becker as post adjutant to replace Lt. Col. Louis A. Larson, who expects orders early in January reassigning him within the United States.

Capt. Harry Schoenman, who has been company commander of the 9330 TSU, will move into the Troop Command assignment which Capt. Becker is vacating. Capt. James Black, EO for the Troop Command will be the 9330 TSU company commander.

Col. Weatherford is originally from Jacksonville, Ill., and came to Redstone in March this year after serving as director of supply at Fuchu Ordnance Depot in Japan. He has been stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., and was in Europe during World War II.

Col. Ebbert completed Command and General Staff College in 1948, and was sent to Okinawa where he was in turn Base Depot commander and deputy Ordnance officer for the Ryukyu Command until May, 1951.

He was then assigned to the Ordnance Training Command, at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., and to Los Angeles Ordnance District for administration. He was responsible for organizing technical material and turning it into formal lesson plans which were used to conduct the first Corporal missile school for instructors. When this mission was completed in December, 1952, he was transferred to Redstone, arriving in January this year.

The colonel is a native of Portland, Ore., and attended Oregon State College.

The officer who is to be post adjutant, Capt. Becker, was assigned here in April on his return from Germany. He lists Watkins, Minn., as his hometown.

The new company commander, Capt. Black, was assigned to Redstone in November. His last station was the Tokyo Engineering Works Ordnance Shops in Japan. He attended school in Las Cruces, N. M., and now calls Austin, Tex., his permanent address.

OLD TOYS ARE NEEDED

Everyone with any old toys they might be moving out or discarding to make room for the visit from Santa Claus will have an opportunity to put them to good use by turning them in for the local Welfare Department. There the toys will be repaired and reconditioned for distribution to needy children in the area for Christmas. Collection points have been set up at the chaplain's office and in several arsenal divisions. Dec. 18 is the deadline for this collection.

one show a night for the holiday season. The movie will begin each night at 7:00 p.m.

No admission will be charged for "Fanfare" to which all arsenal personnel are invited.



NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER—Lt. Col. Edward E. Weatherford

will assume duties of EO on the departure of Lt. Col. Henry R. Jordan. Col. Weatherford was promoted Friday from the rank of major, just eight days before he takes the post vacated by Col. Jordan, and he will be acting executive officer until Col. Jordan reports to the Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.

Soldier's Suggestion Earns Him a Pass

Sgt. Clayton F. Hooper, 9330 TSU, received a three-day pass for a suggestion submitted to the Efficiency Awards Committee, E. C. Wooten, executive secretary, announced.

Sgt. Hooper's suggestion to have leather gloves dry-cleaned when they become oily resulted in an annual savings of about \$2300 for Redstone.

Previously, when the leather gloves, used to handle non-toxic materials, became unsafe due to accumulated oil they were discarded, since the Post laundry was not equipped to clean them.

The Supply Sergeant's suggestion to have the gloves dry cleaned means that about 1640 pairs a year will be returned to use. The cost of cleaning is 20 cents a pair.

The Efficiency Awards Committee is not allowed to give cash awards to military personnel for their adopted suggestions, and the idea of giving passes as a substitute for cash. Arrangements were worked out between the committee and the Troop Command, Wooten said.

The Executive secretary expressed the belief that the system of offering passes to military personnel for adopted suggestions would result in an increase in suggestions from this source.

Col. Ebbert Is Winner Of Courteous Award

Lt. Col. T. H. Ebbert, the new chief of Redstone Depot, was awarded the Courteous Drivers Certificate, with accompanying cigaret lighter and bumper tag.

Col. Ebbert's name was submitted by different persons for two different acts of courtesy.

Herman C. Stover, explosives operator at Ammunition, recommended the Colonel for towing Stover's car from Plants Area 1, where it had broken down, to the Headquarters Area, enabling Stover and his riders to get to work on time.

The second recommendation came from Mildred B. Sneed, T. & E. Division. In her letter to the Courteous Awards Committee she stated:

"At approximately 4:45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Col. Ebbert noticed that I was having trouble starting my car. He very kindly offered to tow me around the parking lot, and on the second

OFFICIALS MEET FOR FUND TALKS

Defense, OCO Send Emissaries

A group of 14 representatives from Washington, Third Army, and Howell and Company met with arsenal representatives last week for an investigation of the plans and progress of the Army Industrial Fund being installed here.

The group was headed by R. P. Briggs, of the Cooper Committee, Lee Harding and M. Zucker, representatives of an assistant secretary of defense, and Brig. Gen. L. R. Dewey, from the Office, Comptroller of the Army.

Also present for the two-day conference was H. E. Howell, president of Howell and Company, the outfit now engaged in setting up the Army Industrial Fund system at Redstone.

Briggs came to Redstone as a representative of Sec. of Defense Charles Wilson. The Cooper Committee, of which he is a member, is authorized by Congress to see that certain recommendations of the Hoover Report are put into effect.

The conference gave people at Redstone their first chance to express their opinions to higher level government officials on what they think of the Industrial Fund and the way that it is being organized here. A. C. McNaron said.

Reports from the conference indicate that Redstone personnel are highly in favor of the fund.

Other visitors who attended the conference are: Leo Vincent, OCO; D. Ostrosky, OCO; J. V. Falvey, G-4; Lt. Col. Charles G. Metcalfe, deputy comptroller of Third Army; Boyd J. Brown, OCA; Milo F. Turner, OCA; Paul Arnston, OCA; Lt. Col. A. C. Small, G-4; and W. R. Cooksey, OCO.

Attending for Redstone were: C. W. Huth, chief of Mission Planning and Coordination Office; A. C. McNaron, Lawrence Cooper, and Bill McCullough, all of Mission Planning and Coordination.

James P. Lutz, AIF; Louis Bransteder, deputy comptroller; T. G. Bedell and Jackson Balch, OML; Col. H. R. Jordan, executive officer; Albert O'Clare, Francis T. Porges, Howell and Company; and W. O. Sisco, Ammunition.

EMPLOYEES RETURN

Three Redstone employees have returned from a three-day conference in Cleveland concerning Ordnance contract terminations. Various procedures and several legal and fiscal aspects were studied. Attending were Jim Cleary, legal officer; Ray Fraser, a Budget and Fiscal price analyst; and Paul Germann, a contract administrator with P & C.

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trip around succeeded in starting my car. I also noted that Col. Ebbert aided several others in starting their cars. . . . It is my belief that such a man should be rewarded for his courtesy."



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Messiah to Be Aired Over Classical Hour

The eighth annual presentation of Handel's Oratorio "The Messiah" by the Huntsville Community Chorus will be taped by Cpl. Bob Buckner for presentation over The Classical Hour, Sunday, Dec. 20.

Original presentation was at the First Presbyterian Church last Sunday.

The 65-voice chorus is under the direction of Mrs. Pat Hamm. Accompanists are Mrs. A. K. Thiel, pianist, and Dr. Hans Walter, organist.

Soloists on the tape are Mrs. William Myers, soprano, Miss Marjorie Townsend, mezzo-soprano, Norman Harberger, tenor, and William Highbaugh, bass.

The Classical Hour is presented by the Post Special Services Office over Radio Station WFUN every Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Cpl. Buckner is the program director.

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West Will Discuss "Boosted Rockets"

Max D. West will discuss "Gun-booster Rockets" in a lecture to be given Friday, Dec. 18 at 8:30 a.m. in the Rocket Auditorium. This is another in the series of talks on rockets and related subjects sponsored by the Rocket Development Laboratory.

West served with the Army from 1943-1946. In 1948 he was graduated from Alabama Polytechnic Institute at Auburn with a B. S. degree in aeronautical engineering. After spending two years working for the NACA at Langley Field, Virginia, he became a member of the Projects Branch, Rocket Development Division, OML, and has been associated with this group since that time.

This will be a classified meeting. An official from the Rocket Development Division, Rohm &

Burke to Address Radio Engineers

Harry E. Burk, Senior Development Engineer, Consolidated Engineering Corporation, Pasadena, Calif., will be the guest speaker at the December meeting of the Huntsville Section of the Institute of Radio Engineers. This meeting will be in the auditorium of the East Clinton Grammar School, 7:30 p.m., December 15.

Burke holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California (1941) and a Master of Science degree from Stanford University (1947). From 1941 to 1945 he served in the Navy. Since 1947 he has been associated with the Consolidated Engineering Corporation, where he has performed design work in electronic computer systems.

Burke is a senior member of the IRE and has presented several papers at IRE and other scientific conventions on computer systems. For his subject, Mr. Burke has chosen "The Logical Design of a Precision Data Processing Systems." Typical design parameters of computing systems will be discussed and suggestions made for the application of both analog and digital techniques.

Anyone interested in electronics is cordially invited.

Names Are Given For EM Graduates

The following is a listing of the three classes graduating Friday from OGMS:

Graduates of Class 40 are: Pvt's John R. Beasley, Richard A. Burgess, Charles S. Daniel, Donald E. Daughenbaugh, Glen F. Dear, Robert D. Difazio, William E. Farr, John W. Gibson, William T. Hayes, Jr., Thomas M. Hocker, Gregory M. Kelley, Robert E. Landtiser, Thomas P. Lighthiser, John V. Misner, Millard G. Reed, David W. Schrage, Raymond L. Shafer, and Armin H. Weidmann.

Graduates of Class 3 are: Cpl. Hubert L. Davis; Pvt's Arne T. Bradshaw, John N. Charnock, Jr., Richard N. Coleman, Charles R. Ewing, Lavern H. Horstman, Clifford M. Landes, Howard L. Price, Jr., Wilbur I. Prim, and Rodney H. Kight. Civilians to complete the course are: Mr.

Haas, and Thiokol Corporation. Others who wish to attend must call 3-4230 prior to 2:00 p.m., tomorrow in order that clearance can be arranged. Persons who fail to arrange for clearance in this manner cannot be admitted to the meeting.

New Stripes Are Exchanged for Old

Three men in the 9615th Technical Service Unite received promotions recently. Exchanging Pfc. stripes for those of a corporal are Lonnie E. Ayers and Virgil N. Salisbury. Gerald V. Flannery was promoted to private first class.

In the 3523rd Army Service Unit Cpl. Earl Edwards was made Stanley W. McCowen, Mr. Harry D. Mytinger, and Mr. Ellis G. Smith.

Graduates of Class 22 are: Pvt's John J. Carr, Walker A. Hall, Gordon W. Johnson, Dean A. Kepple, James Larsen, Louis E. Poorter, and Ralph N. Sharrock. Civilians are: Mr. Robert E. Garne and Mr. Donald M. Slaybaugh.

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BY HELEN REED

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Putting up posters, scheduling athletic games, arranging billets or visiting sports teams and the how people who come in, helping to plan entertainment for the troops at Redstone—all of these are part of Nelda Willene Ellett's job as secretary to Capt. Wattenlorf, Special Services officer.

Nelda and Special Services started in real business about the same time in 1951. Plans had been laid for Special Services here, and an officer had started organization of the office. Activities started picking up about the time Nelda came to work a week before Capt. Horan was assigned in September, 1951.

The new organization started operating in an office in the building where the PX is located, then moved to T-151 as more space was required. They've moved from one office in that building to a larger one, as their activities increased.

There's fun for Nelda in meeting such a wide variety of people, and in having the opportunity to work with many different ones. Soldiers naturally come and go in the normal course of transfers.

She is a graduate of Madison County High School, Gurley. While attending North Alabama College of Commerce in Huntsville, she did part time work for a local attorney. Before she could graduate, she was receiving calls to come to work at the arsenal, but she stayed in school until she had finished her courses.

Her home is near Owens Cross Roads. When she has time to relax, she likes to read and to in-

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...dulse in sports. Young and fresh and pretty describes Nelda. Her spirit of co-operation was apparent when we talked with her. She was anxious to help us all she could to supply information for a story involving Special Services.

Morbus Sabbaticus Or Sunday Sickness

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CHRISTMAS TEA—Members of the Officers Wives Club gather around the tea table at their Christmas meeting Dec. 8 at the Officers Open Mess. In the foreground on the left is Mrs. Glenn Turner who made the arrangements for the party. Mrs. Frederick Sayers is seated, and those being served are (left to right) Mrs. Edward Weatherford, Mrs. Thomas Hall, Mrs. Walter Berke, Mrs. George Elrod and Mrs. Richard Neilsen. (Photo by Sgt. Richard Coddington.)

SERVICE CLUB ACTIVITIES

BY JAY DAVENPORT

Christmas activities continue to highlight the events at the Service Club. Here is a brief calendar for the remainder of December:

Tuesday, 15 December. It's time to "deck the halls" in the Service Club. Everyone is invited to come to help decorate the tree, blend voices in carol singing, and share in refreshments. Henry Statler, Ed Di Polvere, and Richard Willey are constructing a traditional Christmas scene for the Club. This is a good way to get the "holiday

spirit" so come on over and join the fun.

Wednesday, Dec. 16. This will be the night of the pre-Christmas dance. Featured will be the music of Bob Yeazell's Orchestra and songs by the Missilemen.

Those of you not able to go home for Christmas this year may want to spend Christmas Eve and part of Christmas Day at the Service Club Open House on 24 and 25 December. Parents, wives, and children of all service personnel are especially welcome.

Later in the month the emphasis will center about "ringing out the old year and ringing in the new." On Wednesday, 30 December at 1900 hours there is to be a chili party at the club and on the 31st a New Year's Eve Watch

PERSONALS

Ladies Bridge Club had four tables in progress Dec. 3 at the Officers Open Mess. The high score was won by Mrs. Ann Waitzman, second high by Mrs. Davis Foxworthy, third by Mrs. John Rigg, and the low score was held by Mrs. Henry Thayer. The next meeting will be on the first Thursday in January at 10:30 a.m. Those who plan to attend are asked to call Mrs. Edward Weatherford, bridge chairman, at Huntsville 5862-J so that even tables may be arranged.

There were seven tables of bridge in play at the meeting of Couples Bridge Club Dec. 7 at the Officers Mess. Mrs. Edward Bartunek won high score for the la-

Party. Remember, Christmas gift wrapping is a special feature this month at the Club. Give your packages a holiday look before you mail them home.

dies. Mrs. Ben Keyserling was second, and Mrs. Richard Meyer, Jr., had the low score. The winners for the men were Lt. Jon Coffin, first, Lt. Edward Sparkman, second, and Lt. Tom Woodlock held low score. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 11 with Mrs. Henry Thayer as hostess. Regular members who cannot attend should call Mrs. Thayer at Ext. 3-1156 by noon of the 11th.

for Dec. 30 at the Yarbrough Hotel ballroom is a holiday dance which many from the arsenal plan to attend as members. The dance is also open to others, and tickets are \$1.50 per person. Music will be by Glenn Slayton and his orchestra for the semi-formal event. Those interested in attending may obtain tickets from any club member or by calling Mrs. Robert Gorman at Huntsville 2030-W.

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Fay Waldrop is remodeling his nine-room home in Guntersville, which is very considerate as NPD will always have plenty of room for their parties.

If LaMerle and Wanda look undernourished lately it is because they are now cooking in their newly rented apartment. Anyone having extra 'cooking hints' and 'tried' recipes please send same to the new chefs.

Understand Doris Woody is giving 'Hula-Hula' lessons, and from the comments overheard on Monday following our party, the teacher is well-qualified. The party was a huge success and was enjoyed by all.

And now, lest we forget, we take time out to extend a hearty welcome to our new employees: Lt. Col. George E. Levings, Marilyn Elster, Rebecca Locke, John Bell, James Garrett, Edwin Goss, Ann Hertz, Johnny King, Render McGouirk, Clara Durden, Jo M. Goss, Esther Long, Bunyan Broadwater, Mary Dooley, Wm. Edmondson, Wm. Gibbons, Al Gumm, Edwin Kellis, Robt. Kruidenier, Lloyd L. Lively and Betty Matkin. We know you'll be happy working with all the wonderful people in NPD. (If you can find any.)

In closing, we wish to thank Lonnie Payton for permitting Jenny to take time out and write this column. Said Lonnie. "You can take all the time you need, providing you put my name in print."

LONNIE PAYTON, LONNIE PAYTON, LONNIE PAYTON, LONNIE PAYTON, O. K. Lonnie?

Arsenal Personnel Attend Supper Party

Dr. and Mrs. William Mebane, Joseph Crosby, president of Thio-kol, and Harry R. Ferguson, vice-president, entertained with a buffet supper Dec. 9 at the Russel Erskine Hotel. Many arsenal personnel were included among the guests.

The refreshment table was decorated with bouquets of white chrysanthemums and red carnations, and crystal candelabra held lighted white tapers.

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All NPD wishes to take this opportunity to thank Nancy Seward, retired, ingenious reporter, for the wonderful job she did with the l-y material she had. Rumor has it that Mr. Floyd will soon be painting his carry-on, so that it can be distinguished from a shuttle bus—the stories: Nellie Murphy and Ida Belle alick would make a mad dash

for the vehicle carrying them to Patton Rd., both girls complaining that before getting to the car it was halfway down the road, and they'd have to run to catch it. After a few days of this, our two-women track team decided to complain to Transportation Office. However, the light dawned just in time when the following conversation took place:

Nellie: (to driver) How far does this car go?

Driver: First, I go to A-101, then out Gate 1 and then to Owens Cross Roads.

Nellie: (with raised eyebrows) Oh—you're permitted to take this government car home with you?

Drive: Lady—this ain't no government car!

Wonder why Nellie and Ida Belle dodge Mr. Floyd now?

If recently you have been asked for a collection, please give freely. NPD is trying to raise funds to buy a 50-inch TV which will enable all of us to tune in channel 13 on Tuesday and Thursday to the "Revellettes" on the CRUNCHY MUNCHY MISSILE CRACKER SHOW. NPD's sudden interest is due to Betty Taylor being one of the "crunchy munchies."

We wonder why QC employees anchor their cars on the parking lot—reckon they have trouble keeping them on the ground? Speaking of auto's, we understand the above named branch has gone into the used car business, prices ranging from \$29.50 up. (anyone wishing further info, please contact I. Cheatam Freely).

NPD is having an orientation program for secretaries in the division on securing file cabinet locks. There's always a reason for everything—seems one night Col. Smolensky was seen sneaking 4 drawers of classified material into a file borrowed from Mob. Plan., after his secretary had secured everything (she thought) and departed from the building. When the Colonel checked the file 'lo and behold' the lock was tightly fastened—the rod had not been inserted. (Intelligence office please ignore).

Speaking of rigid security it seems that secrets will leak out, regardless of the confidential nature. This telephone conversation was overheard between Mr. Neunlist (who is in L.A. on TDY) and Mr. Muller:

Muller: Well Ralph, that takes care of everything—Oh, by the way I know something you don't know.

Nuenlist: Oh yeah, what?
Muller: Your wife is expecting.

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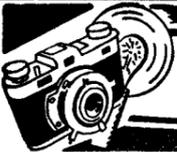
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BY SUDIE AMSLER

Nobody ever tells me anything. Here I had been seeing little Anne Warren wagging boxes around and was reluctant to ask what was in them (for fear she'd ask me to buy some Christmas cards, stockings, or something). Finally one day, I saw her with a WHOLE arm load of packages, and just couldn't stand it any longer. It was then I learned that she and Donald Sanders had started out on a date Oct. 21st and had ended up by getting married in Iuka. What a shock it was to me!

Well, anyway, they've started married life up in Muncie, Ind., and a note from Anne to NSCP

says they are very happy.

In the Glenn Arney home this year, a new stocking will be hung by the chimney with care. It will be a wee sock or bootee for little Greg Alan who arrived Nov. 21 to be their little boy. Congratulations, folks!

Some of our people ate their Thanksgiving vittles in far away places. The day found Donna Innis in Minnesota; Frances Whitaker in Tennessee; and Maxine Conway in Ken-tucky. Lucky people!

It's like I said: Nobody ever tells me anything. A whole drove of nice new personnel come to us and it takes a month or more for introductions to be made. It's a shame that space permits little more than mere name-calling, but here they are, and you may already know some of them:

Hoke Wallace, (the old country boy), Mrs. Clovis Marion and C. C. Montgomery are in the Operations Br. of NMP.

A. W. Peterson is the new chief of the Publications Branch of NMP. In the Eng. Branch are Francis M. Grace and Sidney H. Whittington. (Wonder if Mr. Whittington is a relative of Dick's) And Jeannette Russell is back

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with us after having worked with RSD for a while.

The new clerk-typist in NSCP is Joyce Milner from Elora, Tennessee.

In NEC, Marie Bentley is a new clerk-steno. Marie's wearing a brand new shiny wedding ring which has been hers for about six weeks.

From new arrivals, we go to new departures.

Mary Connolly resigned from NEC to go to Florida and be with her lieutenant husband.

Mark T. Smith packed his little family (Evalyne, Spencer and Scott) into the Mercury and lit out for La Canada, Calif., where they will reside.

The Roy Neperuds chose Minnesota for their new home.

But it's this-a-way with Foster Esleck—he'll just plain go wherever Uncle Sam directs him.

And Margaret Parker, bless her heart, went all the way to Building A-120 via a transfer.

Good luck to all you people in your new places.

Ferdinand F. Glomb took a little trip up to Washington to visit his daughter. While there, he collected his wife from Miami who was also visiting the daughter in Washington and brought her home to visit him. Mrs. Glomb will spend the Christmas season in Huntsville with Ferdinand.

Folks are making fine plans for Christmas, most of which deal with "going home". Bill and Jackie Huff are going to Kentucky; Irene and Charlie Maffett, to Washington; and Kyle Chalker to Daytona, Florida.

As for parties, well, it seems that everybody is just too busy to get one going for the Division. All of us are still hoping, though, that someone will take the initiative and get one worked up for us.

BUDGET & FISCAL
BY M. MENDEL

To begin with this week, we'd like to express our thanks to our Payroll Branch for working extra hard to get the checks to the graded employes prior to Thanksgiving. We are sure everyone really appreciated getting paid early.

From all indications it seems that Budget and Fiscal personnel are developing a habit of thrift. This probably comes from long association with this particular division. Most everyone spent the Thanksgiving holiday at home. Those that did "do something" were Lacy Clay who attended the Auburn-Alabama game. We gather that the results of the game did not make Lacy's Thanksgiving too joyful. Mrs. Marian Godsey had Thanksgiving dinner with her in-laws in Birmingham. Miss Camille Nulta spent the holiday weekend in Pascagoula, Miss., visiting with her family. Your reporter visited her parents in Angola, Ind.

We bid farewell to Kathryn Elinger who was employed in our Payroll Branch. Her husband was discharged from the Army and

they returned to their home in Indiana.

We roll out the welcome mat for Miss Margaret Butler. Margaret has joined us to work in our Fiscal Accounting Branch and previously worked for Thiokol Corp.

Mrs. Udith Waddell is home awaiting mention in the "Heirs and Heiressess" Column.

Mrs. Billie Parvin spent a day shopping in Birmingham recently.

Lillian Archer and Anne Taylor are next on our education list. They are attending the Appropriation Accounting Class of Toledo University this week.

These smart people that get their Christmas shopping done even two weeks early are envied by most of us.

Our Chief, Mr. C. E. Stockton, is on TDY at Anniston Ordnance Depot. Attending a conference with him are Elsie Hugel, Novelene Freeman, Helen Curtis, and

Jean Green.

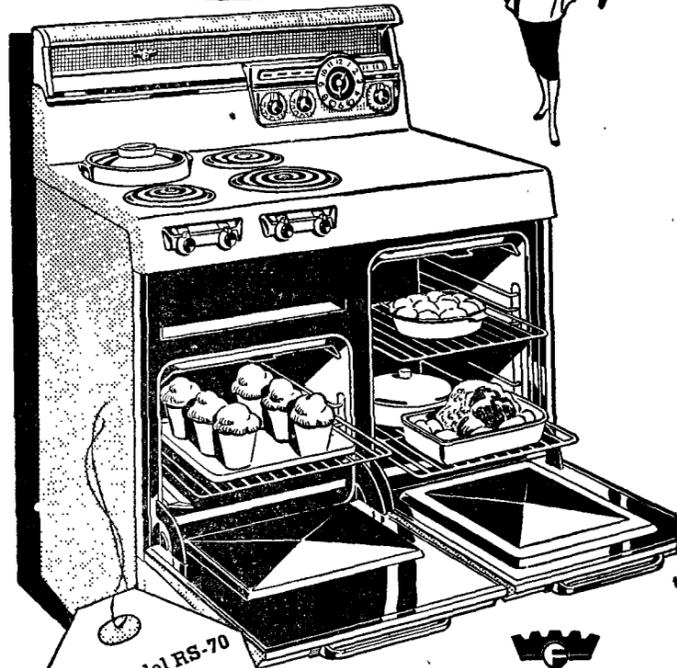
Plans are buzzing in Budget and Fiscal for the division Christmas party which is being held Friday night, Dec. 18 at the VFW Club. Bring on the mistletoe! For further comment see our next issue of The Rocket.

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According to the jingle, we're lucky however, we don't have to do much guessing as to the answer when our nice soldier Bob Miller returned after a ten-day lurch wearing the wedding ring. Some of the fellows couldn't see the ring on the finger for looking for the ring in his nose. Understand the BIG event took place in Evansville, Indiana sometime in late November. Returning with job was the Missus.

FROM CHICAGO VIA GRAPEVINE. We have it that the popular and sweet little Chicago Miss and our soldier friend, Pat Gerd are making some interesting plans. These guys are surely starting the New Year off with a bang—Our best wishes to all of them.

AND WHILE WE'RE STILL IN A ROMANTIC MOOD we're so-o-o-o pleased at seeing a couple of familiar faces 'round in many familiar places again—This time we're goin' to keep our fingers and toes crossed—and our good ear attuned to the ground—betcha—we betcha—we're gonna have some more news for you.

Happy Birthday to Fredia Rice. He almost caught us with our calendar down. Didn't realize that Tuesday was Fredia's important date 'til we saw her eating birth-

day candy.

One of the most fun parties of the Christmas holidays for arsenal employees will be the one given Dec. 16 for Fab Lab employees at Ruth Drake's home and the Christmas banquet at Fox Restaurant.

Mr. Mattern at Bldg. 481 says the young fathers are not the only ones, "who can pass out cigars and candy." On Thanksgiving he and Mrs. Mattern visited their daughter, Mrs. Robert O'Kelly in Hampton, Va., and celebrated the arrival of their first grandchild. You should see the happy smile on Grandfather Mattern's face.

Our good natured Holloway, spent ten days' vacation in St. Petersburg, Fla. And does that sun tan become him? Lucky you.

Have you heard, that Mary Fann Couch is recuperating nicely at home from laryngitis? If she doesn't soon return to the job, W. I. Eubanks will be having a nervous breakdown from overwork.

A couple of weeks ago, Manf. & Engr. Sec. of Fab Lab was honored by having John A. Rist and Hugh A. Smith move in. Mr. Rist and family have moved into their new home on East Clinton St. Mr. Smith says he will have to move to Alabama before he had planned if the Speed Trays are not done away, on his trip home to Memphis he has had a time with these unfair fellows for quick cash. So far he has been able to talk them and the county judge out of it.

Smith says, "a defendant is in-

Jordans and Longs Give Party at Club

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Henry R. Jordan and Maj. and Mrs. Edward Long were the hosts and hostesses at a cocktail party Dec. 12 at the Officers Open Mess. More than 120 guests were invited to the

party. The table and room were decorated with holly and mistletoe, and other greenery symbolizing the Christmas season.

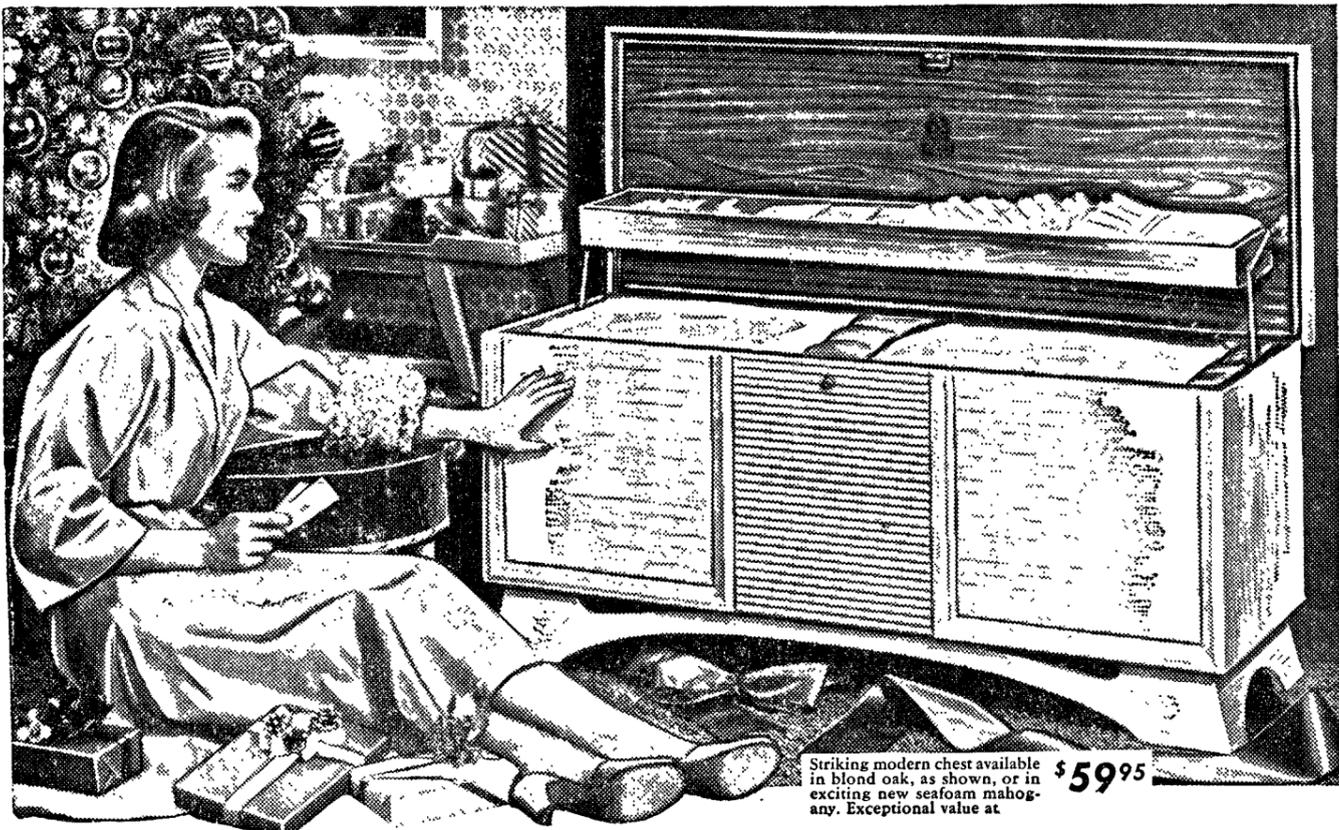
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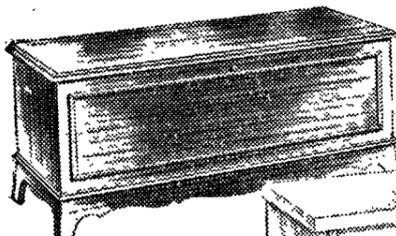
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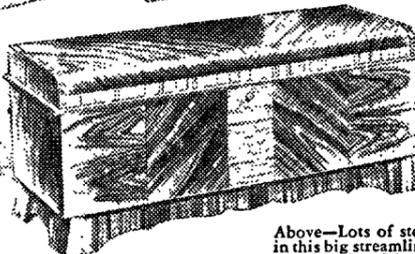
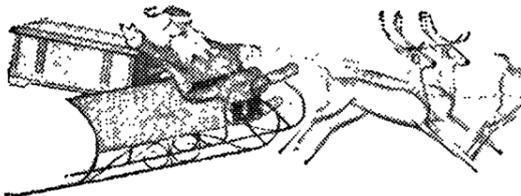
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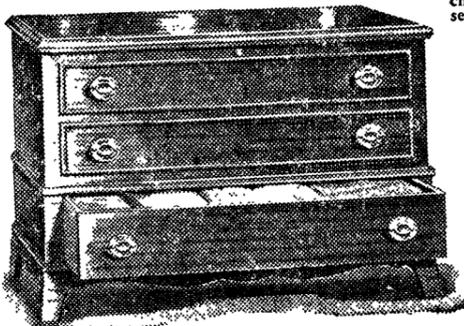
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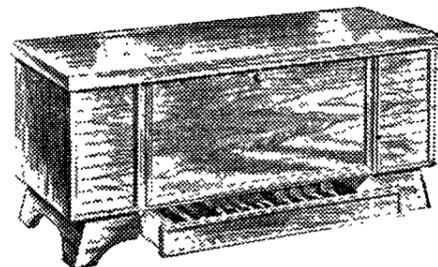
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ORDNANCE HISTORY

Continued From Last Issue
By Lt. Col. George I. Calvert

The principal effect of the Spanish-American War upon the Ordnance Department was the ad-

dition of prestige which was brought about by the general realization of the necessity for procurement of sufficient war supplies, and for efficient distribution to far-flung fighting forces. It was also recognized that such matters were of such magnitude that they could not be properly handled by combat units without the sacrifice of time and effort which should more properly be used for engaging the enemy. Accordingly, an Act of Congress on 7 July 1898 provided that Chief Ordnance Officer could be assigned to the staff of an army or corps commander, or to the staff of a division commander. This act also authorized a total commissioned strength of one Brigadier General (Chief of Ordnance), 4 colonels, 5 lieutenant colonels, 12 majors, 24 captains, and 20 first lieutenants. During this period

sages are awaiting review and provided Confidential storage facilities are not available. Such review shall be completed prior to 15 Mar 54 and where possible Messages shall be declassified after appropriate processing."

1901 to 1920 no new officers were commissioned in the Ordnance Department. Officers were detailed for a period of four years from the line of the army. Just prior to World War I the major assets of the Ordnance Department, included the 6 manufacturing arsenals: Springfield, Watervliet, Watertown, Frankford, Rock Island, and Picatinny. Picatinny was established in 1880 as The Picatinny Powder Depot at Dover, N. J., and the name was changed to Picatinny Arsenal in 1907. Up to World War I these old-line arsenals were able to furnish the bulk of all end items of ordnance material required during peace time and war time. At the beginning of World War I the Ordnance Department was operating basically under an organization and an assignment of responsibilities dating back to the reorganization of 1815.

When war was declared on April 6, 1917, the office of the Chief of Ordnance functioned through five divisions: Gun, carriage, property and finance, mail and record, and small arms and equipment. After several changes in the

next seven weeks the organization on May 31, consisted of divisions: Personnel, carriage, gun, inspection, finance, property, small arms, equipment, supply mail and record, and civil service. Later in 1917 the nitrate division was established, the inspection section of the gun division and the division of American Ordnance Base Depot in France was established.

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