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DECEMBER 22, 1953

LARSON TO GO TO FT. LEWIS

Ex-Adjutant Will Leave on Dec. 30

Lt. Col. Louis Larson, who until recently was Post Adjutant, has received orders to report to Ft. Lewis, Washington. Col. Larson will leave Redstone, Dec. 30.

The former adjutant came to Redstone from the Far East in January of this year. Shortly after his arrival here, he was promoted to his present rank from major.

Col. Larson also served as Public Information Officer at Redstone until he was given full duties as adjutant.

He is now attending a Nike orientation course at OGMS prior to assuming his new duties at Ft. Lewis.

As Ordnance Officer for the 44th Division at Ft. Lewis, Col. Larson will also command the 744 Ordnance Battalion.

Capt. Wilbert Becker took over the duties as Adjutant on Dec. 14 to enable Larson to attend the guided missile course.

The colonel is a native of Portland, Ore., and graduated from the University of Oregon with a B.S. in traffic and transportation.

Before entering the service in January, 1941, he was a staff announcer for a Portland radio station.

No Rocket Dec. 29 But See You in '54

The Redstone Rocket will not be published next week. As a result of an agreement between the publisher, Jack Hoffhaus, of Hartselle, Ala., and arsenal officials, it was decided to suspend publication for one week.

But we'll see you in '54 January 5, to be exact. Correspondents are requested to take note of this suspension and to alter the submission of copy accordingly.

Correspondents who would normally submit material for the Dec. 29 issue should instead plan on reaching the issue of the following week, Jan. 5. Those who would normally submit to the Jan. 5 issue should hold over to the following week, Jan. 12.

That 'Dirty Dollar' Could Mean a Lot

It was only a dirty dollar bill.

But it brought a warm sense of gratitude when it was received by Col. John O. Lawrence, president of the Madison County Tuberculosis Association.

This dollar bill was in payment of Christmas Seals. It was given cheerfully and voluntarily by a Redstone employe who wants to do a good deed for his fellow man.

Christmas Seal money can mean the difference between life and death to many Alabama citizens. It is estimated more than six million American lives have been saved since the first Seals were sold 47 years ago.

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Christmas Seals are a tradition of the happy, holiday season. They are a reminder to stop a bit and take thought of family, friends and neighbors. They help protect your home against a killer.

Don't forget that envelope you received to return your Christmas Seal contribution. Look it up and send it in now!

UTILITY UTE'S UTTERINGS

Heard about a man who went around with a lantern day and night looking for an honest man, but I'll be darned if I know what we need lights to hunt for in broad daylight on the arsenal.



GREETINGS—The boys of 9330 TSU went all out with their Christmas decorations this year. Included on the lawn display were lights, reindeer, and Santa himself, plus the sign shown here.

Season's Greetings

COMMANDING GENERAL: "It is a pleasure to be able to greet all of the personnel of Redstone Arsenal and their families through the medium of our newspaper and to wish for you the very best of Seasonal good fortune. I would like to thank each of you for the splendid cooperation and interest you have shown during the past year. My best wishes are with you all for the coming year." —Brig. Gen. Thomas K. Vincent.

OML: "On behalf of the Ordnance Missile Laboratories, I extend cordial Christmas greetings to all the personnel of Redstone.

We appreciate the loyal support and cooperation from all the other agencies of the arsenal. This joint effort has resulted in great progress being made by the arsenal during 1953. We can all be proud of the contribution that has been made to the national defense.

With warmest regards and best wishes to you and your families during this holiday season." Brig. Gen. H. N. Toftoy.

FSD: "For all of us in the Field Service Division, I wish to offer a warm Christmas greeting to the people of Redstone. May you all have a fruitful and happy New Year." —Col. B. D. Beach.

NPD: "In behalf of the National Procurement Division, I wish to express our appreciation to all for your assistance during the past

year and to extend to all our greetings and sincere best wishes for the Holiday Season and the New Year." —Col. H. C. Thayer

AMMUNITION: "I wish to express my appreciation to all the employes of Ammunition Division and other Redstone personnel for enabling us to establish an outstanding record during the past year. It is hoped that the New Year will be as fruitful and pleasant as the last, and, from present indications, it will be. Speaking for the people of Ammunition Division, I would like to extend our sincere thanks and best wishes to all." —John H. Hyer

REDSTONE DEPOT: "I have recently had the privilege to become chief of Redstone Depot. I find here a small group of truly qualified professional people quietly doing a big job—many larger depots routinely handle only a fraction of the tonnage handled here. We are gratified to the other divisions at Redstone for their cooperation in making this fine record possible. Redstone Depot wishes you all "Happy Holidays." —Lt. Col. T. H. Ebbert

GS Checks to Be Delivered Early

Pay day will be early for GS employes this week. Instead of

Seven Employees Get Cash for Christmas

DRIVERS PROGRAM TO BE REVAMPED

Guild to Replace Courteous Awards

The Courteous Drivers Award program closed with one final winner, to be announced in the next issue of The Rocket.

However, the Safety Office, sponsor of the program, is not planning to let arsenalites forget the need for driving with courtesy, Jim Hiers announced recently.

A new program, called the "Courteous Drivers' Guild," will be instigated at Redstone Jan. 13, Hiers said.

"The program will be open to everyone who has an arsenal tag," Hiers said. This includes arsenal personnel, contractor employes, lessees, vendors, and anyone else who, for one reason or another, is issued an arsenal tag.

The main instrument of the program will be a gold and black emblem to be stuck on the rear bumper of automobiles, he said.

"We have 10,000 of these reflector emblems on order," Hiers said, "and we hope to have 100 percent participation from everyone here."

To get one of these emblems is very simple, the Safety Office representative explained. Starting the week of Jan. 3, emblems and cards will be distributed to arsenal segments, along with detail instruction as to their use.

Employes simply have to sign one of the cards, which state that they will display the emblem and that they understand the purpose of the guild is to improve driving habits among arsenal personnel and others.

Holiday Rumors Not Yet Confirmed

The press report stating that the President has granted a half-day

being paid on Friday, employes will get their checks on Wednesday, it was announced at General Staff Conference.

The early pay will allow employes who are taking annual leave prior to the holidays to have their checks before they leave.

Shopping Money Earned by Ideas For Improvements

Christmas presents in the form of cash awards amounting to \$280 were presented to 7 arsenal employes by General Vincent in his office on Friday, December 18, for suggestions on ways to improve the efficiency, safety, and morale of the arsenal.

The awards were given for an estimated first year's annual savings to the government of \$5710, in addition to improved safety and morale.

A Transportation Division employe received the biggest slice of the money presented, amounting to \$155. This went to Thomas M. Frazier, Organizational Maintenance and Material Handling Equipment Shops, for a suggestion concerning the use of a modifying jack for inspection pits.

A suggestion to eliminate the use of locks on suggestion boxes and to furnish addressed envelopes instead, earned \$50 for Stuart H. Jones of Civilian Personnel.

Mrs. Geneva L. Cole, Operations Research Br., OML, received her second award in as many months, for a suggestion for a more convenient method of preparing Administrative Instructions for filing. This award amounted to ten dollars.

Jacob Zarovsky, Guided Missile Projects Br., T & E, received a ten dollar award for the elimination of unnecessary copies of correspondence.

Ten dollars went to Edward G. House, Propulsion and Fuels Lab, OML, for the elimination of a safety hazard by the installation of a guard rail.

Another safety hazard elimination resulted in a ten dollar award to James S. Ellard, Jr., of the Design Br., RDD.

Thirty-five dollars authorized for presentation by the Chief of Ordnance, went to Burch D. Bagwell, of Launching and Handling, GMDD, as a supplemental award for his recommendation that clutch and foot brake pads be retreaded when worn. Information concerning the suggestion was given Army-wide Dissemination.

Also recently presented was an award of \$15 to J. D. Murphy, National Procurement Division, for an idea resulting in the establishment of a coffee wagon, and an award of ten dollars to Mrs. Omie E. Leming, OGMS, for a suggestion that signs be installed to "Give the Soldier a Lift."

holiday for federal employes on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 was not confirmed at Redstone at press time Thursday.

The Adjutant's Office reported that nothing had been received either confirming or denying the report. However, it was felt by most officials that orders would be received through channels in due time and that the additional holidays would be authorized.

Several papers in this area carried a wire story Tuesday stating that the President had agreed to give government employes a half-day off immediately preceding the Christmas and New Year holidays.



PAGEANT AT CHAPEL—This is the Nativity scene from the Christmas pageant presented at the Post Chapel Dec. 15, with more than 60 persons from Redstone taking part. The outstanding production was under the direction of Cpl. Robert Buckner, chaplain's assistant. Appropriate music was furnished by "The Missilemen" and Pfc. Joe Morrow, organist. (Photo by Sgt. Dick Coddington.)



The Redstone Rocket

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LAST ISSUE OF ROCKET IN 1953

With this issue, The Redstone Rocket winds up another year. There will be no paper next week, and not another until January 5, 1954, which makes this a New Year, as well as a Christmas, issue.

It has been a busy year here at Redstone. Work has progressed steadily. New construction has been started and other construction completed. A great many new faces have appeared behind desks and at work benches, and many old, well-remembered faces are gone. Missions have progressed and goals have been realized.

The Rocket has attempted to keep all arsenal personnel posted on these many activities. It has attempted to bring the scattered thousands closer together by telling as much as possible of what the people are doing.

In printing divisional columns, written by people who work with the employes they write about, an attempt has been made to give all segments of the arsenal impartial and equitable chances to tell of themselves. Unfortunately, this has not always been successful. Conflict has arisen and misunderstanding developed.

A column inadvertently omitted or a few paragraphs deleted sometime create misunderstanding that is difficult to remove. It is regrettable that such things happen, but it is impossible to imagine them not happening occasionally, human nature being its fallible self and the business of printing a newspaper being its unpredictable self.

The correspondents for The Rocket deserve a big hand of applause from all of us. The job they do is not an easy one—the way they do it is excellent.

Wiesemann Noted By National Mag

Walter Wiesemann, popular German-born arsenal employe and former contributor to The Rocket, received recognition in the December issue of the magazine "Future," monthly publication of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Wiesemann, who came to Redstone from Ft. Bliss, now works for the Management Office here. As a strong supporter of the Junior Chamber International, he stressed the belief that the JCI movement will make a permanent and decisive contribution to world peace and the freedom of the individual.

Wiesemann is a former president of the Huntsville Jaycees.

who is journeying to Texas—deep in the heart of—Mary Wilburn has been to Milton, Fla., and Sara Walker to Savannah, Ga. to see the new nephew, Harry Williamson, Jr., is now on TDY to Frankford Arsenal. We are all envious of Sally Smith who will spend Christmas in Texas and then be there for the Cotton Bowl game. Some have all the luck.

If the people who happened to look out of the window late one afternoon and were amazed to see three girls going thru the garbage cans need not be alarmed, Marilyn Milner lost her change purse and with the help of Ruby Fanning and Jewel Kelly they were really looking for it. We are happy to report that it was returned to Marilyn and her work was in vain. If you ever lose anything the people listed above are experts at finding lost articles.

We will close by saying "Merry Christmas" and a prosperous "New Year".

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BY JACKIE JENSEN

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the trimmings and Stock Control is hoping that Santa won't forget us when we have our party. Zourie Light and Violet Jennings gave a farewell party for Phyllis Weltenreiter. Phyllis and Bob are moving back to Illinois.

Let us say hello to the new people that have arrived at A-171. Mr. Chester Brown, Mr. Morris, Miss Jean Bullington and Mrs. Phillips are among the newcomers. Now we will bid adieu to Jim McKinney who has transferred to Receiving. We will miss you.

There is a new bride in Station Stock, Mrs. Ellis Hollingsworth, alias Lavene Jean. Congratulations to both of you.

A new father or rather an old one with a new addition is beaming in Planning Section. None other than Kenneth Bliss the proud father of a new boy named Jeffrey Mark. Our Christmas travelers are Lena Grace Hinesley

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Class	Prerequisite	Credit in Sem. Hrs.
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Accounting 2—Principles of Accounting	Accounting 1	3
Chemistry 2—General Chemistry	Chemistry 1	4
Economics 11—Principles of Economics		3
Drawing 32—Engineering Drawing 2	Drawing 1	2
History 49—Current World History		3
Mathematics 15—Trigonometry	Mathematics 11	3
Political Science 3—Functions of American Government	Political Science 1	3
Speech 2—Basic Speech	Speech 1	3
Sociology 1—Introduction to Science of Human Relations		3
M. E. 51—Thermodynamics	Math. 51 and Physics 6	3
II. SECOND PERIOD (8:05-10:00)		
Accounting 53—Advanced Accounting	Accounting 3	3
English 2—English Composition	English 1	3
History 2—History of Civilization, Part 2		3
Mathematics 11—College Algebra		3
Mathematics 01—Elementary Algebra		NC
Political Science 16—American Diplomacy	Soph. Standing	3
Che. 12a—Chemical Process Calculations, Part 1	Chemistry 2	3
MH 81—Engineering Mechanics (Statics)	Physics 5 and Math. 51	3
Classes Meeting on Tuesday and Thursday		
I. FIRST PERIOD (6:00-7:55)		
Accounting 1—Principles of Accounting		3
Art 7:8—Design (Tuesday only—6:00-10:00 P.M.)		1½
Art 37:38—Elementary Ceramics (Thur. only—6:00-10 p.m.)		1½
English 6—English Literature	English 1, 2, and 5	3
History 21—American History to 1865	Soph. Standing	3
Physics 6c—Technical Physics (Lab. Wednesday 6:00-9:00)	Physics 5c	3
Political Science 12—Local Government	Pol. Science 1	3
Mathematics 49a—Differential and Integral Calculus	Math. 25	3
Political Science 1—American Government		3
II. SECOND PERIOD (8:05-10:00)		
Business Law 51x—Introduction to Business Law	Approval of Instructor	NC
English 51—Fiction Writing	Permission of Instructor	4
History 26—Alabama History, Part 2		3
Political Science 3—Functions of American Government	Pol. Science 1	3
Physics 5c—Technical Physics (Lab. Wednesday 6:00-9:00)	Math. 15	3
Mathematics 11—Algebra		3

Registration dates are January 4-5. Classes begin on January 6. Late registration will be accepted for one week after classes begin. Students are urged to register during the regular registration period in order that their advisors will be available for consultation. Any class above not enrolling sufficient number of students will be cancelled.

of charge. Clifford Culbreath and James Day of the Ammunition Branch will attend the supervisors Development Program in Bldg. 814 beginning January 4. Dave Stephenson started the course the week of the 7th but inventory of general supplies called him in. Did you ever get back to finish Dave?

We were sorry to learn that Evelyn Reed, a former employe of the Ammunition Branch, was stricken with polio in August and is partially paralyzed. She is with her parents in Maryland.

Capt. J. D. Hinesley and family will depart from Huntsville Dec. 18 to spend Christmas in Texas and a visit in Mexico. That is really a nice vacation. They are to be gone until around Jan. 6. Next week's reporter—Mrs. Willa Holden.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ezell wish to express their gratitude to the personnel of Fabrication Laboratory who contributed the pink azaleas for Mr. Ezell's sick room.

REDSTONE DEPOT
BY GENE SMITH

CONGRATULATIONS to our former Chief, Major Edward E. Weatherford on his promotion to Lt. Colonel. It was with sorrow that depot personnel bid farewell to Col. Weatherford, to take up duties in the Executive Office, but glad to welcome our new chief, Lt. Colonel T. H. Ebbert. Col. Ebbert came to the depot from T & E Division.

Do hope June Turvey will soon be well and back at work. "Bursitis" is really painful to have she says. Her assistant, Willa Holden, is wishing for her return if just for one day, aren't you Willa? Ammunition is really getting in her hair. Think we finally talked Janis Smith into having her hair cut but it is still not as short as her twin sister's. Chig Lusk has offered to be the barber free

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

To most of you who read this, Christmas . . . or at least Christmas vacation will soon be starting, but for most of the men in 9330, it started yesterday morning and by now a good many of us, myself included, are lolling round pulling only assigned details. But these are moderately enjoyable since they are performed at home and assigned by our parents.

After biting our fingernails until 0600 yesterday morning (legal departure time) we departed for hundreds of different points with almost as many modes of transportation utilized. Probably best candidate for company "Marco Polo" is company clerk, Cpl. Pat Neil, who departed for California. Pat placed his travel in the hands of experts and left Huntsville Airport last Friday.

The fact that our Christmas vacation has started does not prevent us from remembering our manners, and we would like to introduce and welcome our new company Commander, Capt. James Black. After a tour of duty in Japan and Korea, and a month in the office of the Troop Commander, Capt. Black assumed command on December 14. Of course our welcome to Capt. Black must be accompanied by our congratulations to Capt. Schoenman, outgoing CO and new Troop Commander. Best wishes and good luck from the men of 9330 to both.

If you can get out of the traffic rush some night, you might stop by and take a look at our Christmas decorations. Engineered and designed by PFC's Benny Lavaliere, Ray Schiff and Terry Vells, they present several facets of the story that never grows old. If you can't stop on your way into town after work, try to get a glimpse at night when the whole display is lighted and the carols are playing, even more beautiful than and well worth the drive out.

It's back to the duty roster for the Redstone football team which completed the season at Camp Tucker on the 6th. The 20-6 defeat at Rucker ended the season with the embryo team having a 1 and 2 record with one tie. Of course this year's playing experience will mean a completely different story next year.

It seems a long time since 9330 has been heard from in these columns, but rather than try to recapitulate, we'll attempt to ring you up to date in future columns.

For a parting shot, consider this: The transportation corps runs all buses (especially 7:30) on a fixed schedule and can't be induced to have the buses wait for the men, so . . . on these cold mornings don't pass up fellows waiting in the troop area for a ride to work.

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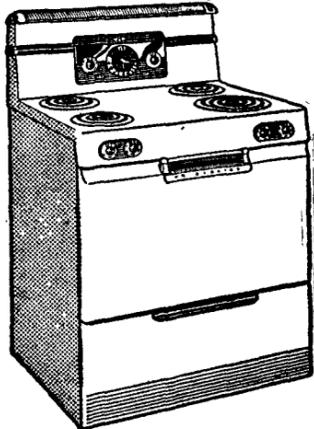
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SANTA IS COMING—Pat Shephard (left) and Mary Zukiatis wait anxiously for Santa to distribute the presents from under the tree at the post kindergarten. The children had their Christmas party Dec. 14, and had made their tree and room decorations in preparation for the event. (Photo by Sgt. Dick Coddington.)

Sing" . . . Today, one thousand, nine hundred and fifty-three Noels later, they are still singing. All over the world every Christian from every walk of life and from every race sets aside one day of prayer, exaltation, and merriment for this "Birthday of Birthdays."

To some, Christians, Christmas Day will be sadder than usual, due to the consequences of war; but for those whose sons and daughters will be home, Christmas will be better than ever.

Immediately after Thanksgiving Day, the Christmas season is ushered in, gaining momentum as the days pass. Christmas carols make the "hit parade", department store bargains dominate the newspapers and Christmas seals adorn the mails. Crowds of people jam the streets, to take early advantage of the choice selections. Railroad stations and airports are flooded with reservations.

The newspapers read "10 more shopping days", so 10,000 more people crowd the streets. Christmas trees begin to appear in the windows, high school girls start wearing mistletoe, and college seniors start getting the "mid-term" jitters.

Minutes become hours, and the hours become days and here it is Christmas Eve already. Your shopping isn't completed yet. The stores close early today so you'd better "hustle" your "bustle".

The shopping is finally done and the streets are finally empty except for the sales clerks and shop keepers who bid their final "Merry Christmas" to the policeman on the beat or the little old Salvation Army woman who has asked you night after night to help her help others.

As far as you can remember, everything has been bought and taken care of. You are sitting in the living room now, watching your children put the finishing touches on the tree. Their happy faces tell you that all your rushing these past few days were not in vain. You can't wait until tomorrow morning to see a still happier look on their faces when they open the gifts. You begin to examine your conscience now. You realize that you forgot what

mean the real Christmas; minus Christmas really means . . . I Santa Claus, mistletoe and electric trains. You see your youngest child, warm, healthy and happy just "beating the stuffings" out of last year's present and you shudder at the thought of him laying in a manger, relying completely on the body warmth of mules and sheep to keep him warm . . . Yes, you'll take them all to church tomorrow and you'll give Him the only present He asks; prayer and adoration.

So, instead of making the Christmas season merely one gigantic Macy's Department Store, you participate in making it one big Bethlehem! . . . "With peace on earth and good will to All Men."

THE REDSTONE ROCKET

DECEMBER 22, 1953

Some of the busiest people during this holiday season are "The Missilemen." They offer an excellent program of Christmas music. One of their outstanding performances was for the Wives

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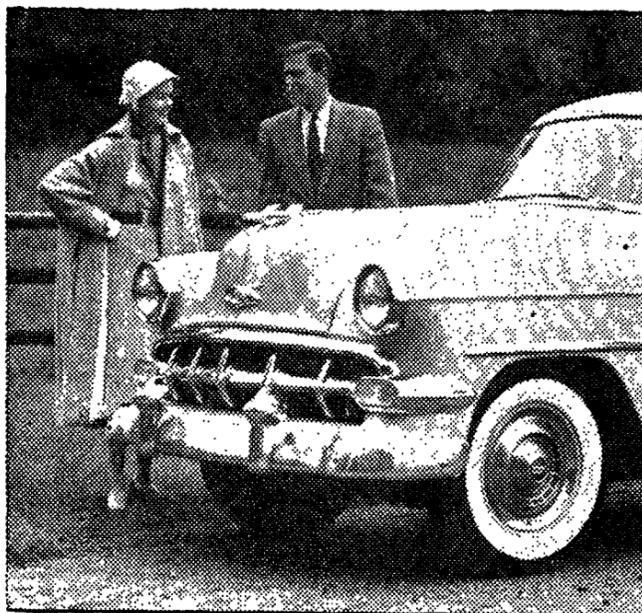
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ORDNANCE HISTORY

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

On Jan. 14, 1918 a new organization was put into effect consisting; 4 operating divisions (general administration, and engineering; four operating divisions (procurement, production, inspection, and supply); the Division of American Ordnance Base in France; the Nitrogen Fixation Division;

and the Supervisor of Arsenals. On May 4, 1918 the functions of the Office of the Chief of Ordnance, which had to do with gas warfare, were entrusted to a separate organization known as Edgewood Arsenal. In the following July all duties relating to the production and handling of war gases were turned over to the Chemical Warfare Service. After additional reorganizations in August and October, 1918, the department included ten special assistants to the Chief of Ordnance in the following fields: District offices, miscellaneous, finance, contracts, artillery, trench

AMMUNITION DIVISION BY EDITH CRIBBS

Ammunition Division just was not the same last week. Bill Young was missing. Bill was sick but now he is back to work and feeling better.

We all thought Mr. Ellis Merritt, Storage Section, needed to wash his face, but after a thorough examination, we find he is sprouting "That Mustache" again. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Teal who are the proud parents of a new 8 pound baby girl. It seemed Paul wanted a boy so bad he purchased all baby clothes for a boy, but Paul says a pink clothes line looks good to him.

Mary Kate DeYoung is all smiles this week. The DeYoungs are having themselves a new house built. In fact, it is almost completed. Mary Kate thinks they will be packed and ready for the big move around the first of the year.

We are glad to have Clayton Edwards with us from Line 7. Clayton is with Quality Control and replaces Cecil Prestage.

LINE 2

By Dot Walker

We extend our sympathy to L. B. Smith in the death of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Cleo Smith, recently.

Donnie Ballance and Helen Lee have returned from Illinois and Kentucky where they visited relatives and friends during Thanksgiving.

We are happy to see Sue Bryan's smiling face back at Line 2 after being ill for several days. We can see why Bessie Franklin is so jolly lately. She has her suitcase all packed and ready to go to San Antonio, Tex.

Harvey L. Tipton has not been aware of the cold weather we have been having. He has been in the Sunshine State (Florida), for the past two weeks.

EIGHT-BALL ANTICS FROM LINE 8

By Wamon (Skeeball) Robinson
Line 8 had quite an invasion last week, Line 7, Line 6 and Line 2 all contributing.

Houston Key, the Line Superintendent, says he's slightly dizzy from all the strange faces.

Speaking of invasions, we, of the night shift, had one Thursday night. The first time in the history of Line 8 that a member of the feminine gender ever had a cold reception from these wolves—a mama skunk and one or two of her offspring waddled in and

warfare, ammunition and metal components, explosives and loading, small arms, and motor. The Department also had the following divisions: Artillery, trench warfare, automatic arms and small arms, aircraft armament, tank tractor and trailer, artillery ammunition and metal components, explosive chemicals and loading.

The personnel strength during World War I increased from 233 officers (97 regular and 126 reserve), to 5954. Enlisted strength totalled 62,000 at the end of the war, and civilian strength was approximately 73,000 for all activities.

On March 26, 1918, pursuing a policy of decentralization, the Department established 13 district offices throughout the country. Ten of these original 13 districts are still in operation today and four more have been added to make a total of 14.

The training program for Ordnance in World War I was a big problem. Officer personnel expansion came initially from two reserve officers' training camps. The first camp furnished 356 and the second 383. Thereafter, applicants for commissions were examined by boards of ordnance officers and direct commissions were granted to those qualifying.
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took over. She was very tolerant of us until Joe Cruse punched her with a broom. Then highly indignant, and showing her resentment as only a skunk can she hied herself off to other more hospitable climes, but only after she nearly ran Ed Kennemar off the ramp while trying to give her a wide berth.

Employees of Line 8 extend our deepest sympathies to the family of "Mac" McKelvie, fatally injured in the train crash Thursday night. "Mac" worked with all of us at one time or another and will be greatly missed by all.

LINE 6 GOSSIP

By Cordie Harbin

This past week as we all know was Thanksgiving and we were all thankful for the two days we were off from work.

We are very sorry to lose six of our fellow workers to Line 2 and we hope that they will be back soon.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Hershell Green and Jason Smith in regard to the tragedy which occurred in their family.

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P & C PARTY—Purchasing and Contracting brought out the seasonal spirit in all the folks with a dinner-dance at Cambron's recently. A big crowd attended the party, including photographer Roland Crane who, for the night, left his motion picture camera at home and brought a Speed-Graphic with him to snap this shot. The only person who could be identified in the picture was a Col. Thorp, second from right, reported to work somewhere on the arsenal.

"Christmas time is in the air where . . ."
"Jingle bells are every- So went the invitation to one

of the many Christmas parties being given this year by groups of Arsenalites.

"Tis the time for parties gay . . ." Mrs. John Pinkerton, Reproduction Section, expressed in her clever invitation poem. And gay is the spirit and many of the parties to liven the evenings of these few remaining days before Christmas.

All "party-able" places were booked solid weeks ago. Cambron's, the VFW Club, the Russel Erskine took in a different crowd nightly. Old decorations (from the night before) were stripped down, and new ones put up. Even the Cafeteria in Bldg. A-101 was taken over for a Post Engineer dinner celebration followed by a big dance at Bldg. 1051.

On the same night, the Technical and Engineering Division was giving a dance at the Russel Erskine. Purchasing and Contracting went out to Cambron's for its seasonal affair a few nights later.

Personnel of the Manufacturing Engineering & Control Section, OML, chose the Fox Restaurant for their turkey dinner.

Budget and Fiscal moved into the VFW Club for an exciting evening of dancing and fun. The Plans and Operations Office, OML, gave a party at the Yarbrough Hotel.

Military-wise, the Officers Club and the NCO Club are doing a thriving business. The Service Club was the scene of a big dance, and both military and civilian personnel attended the all-arsenal dance featuring "Bubbles" Becker and his orchestra.

Christmas time is children's time for the parties too.

Last night (Dec. 21) members of the Girls Club were entertained at the home of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Larson. Mrs. Tolbert, the club leader, planned the games, and Mrs. Snooks helped with the festivities.

All children of military personnel will see a movie of cartoons and get a stocking full of goodies from Santa Claus at 2 p.m. this afternoon (Dec. 22) at the Post Theatre. Special Services is arranging the party.

Since St. Marys school does not dismiss for the holidays until Dec. 23, Capt. Wattendorf has received permission for the arsenal children attending there to be excused at 1:30 today so they may attend the party. A bus will pick them up and bring them to the theatre.

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TROOP CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

BY JAY DAVENPORT

During the past few weeks there have been many reminders of Christmas for the men stationed here at Redstone Arsenal. Probably the first evidence of the holiday season was the decorations at 9330 TSU. Some of the more talented members in that organization created and outdoor Christmas display. One portion shows Santa in his sleigh led by Rudolph, which has an appropriate red blinking nose. The traditional Nativity scene has also been constructed on the lawn. Several of the trees have colored lights, Christmas music is beamed to passers by, and a huge sign wishes Seasons Greetings to all.

The Post Chapel is also playing its significant role in the Christmas season. On Dec. 15 a special program entitled "Ye Shall Find a Babe" was given under the direction of Cpl. Robert L. Buckner. The program featured Christmas organ music played by Pvt. Joe Morrow and choral music by the Missilemen. Pfc. Woody Waesche captivated the audience with the soft strains of "Sweet Little Jesus Boy." Miss Margaret Porter sang the traditional carol "O Holy Night." The cantata included scenes announcing the coming of the Christ child, the shepherds of Bethlehem, the Nativity, and the visit of the Wise Men. Presentation of "Ye Shall Find a Babe" was the high point in the religious commemoration of Christmas on the arsenal.

A midnight mass on Christmas Eve is scheduled in the Post Chapel but no special services are planned for Protestant personnel.

Another phase of Christmas activity is centered about Post Special Services Club. On Dec. 16 the Christmas dance was held featuring music by Bob Yeazell's Orchestra. The Missilemen were on hand to lend their voices in singing carols we all associate with the season. The club itself has been decorated in the Christmas theme with a tree, fireplace, and a "Santa Claus" backdrop. A big crowd was on hand for the dance, in fact the Service Club director described the club as "just bulding with people."

Christmas Day the Service Club is having an "open house." This is designed to provide a "homelike atmosphere" for those who cannot travel to their own homes for Christmas. All post service personnel, their wives, and children are urged to use the Service Club as a "home away from home" during this time. Miss Eloise Byrer, the new assistant director, will be on hand to greet you.

December 30th the Service Club is planning a Mexican Supper complete with chili and tortillas. The night of Dec. 31 will be a New Year's Eve Watch Party and beginning at 10:00 a.m. on New Year's Day will be another open house with the serving of breakfast in the Service Club (perhaps

this could be called a "happy hangover party?")

Since Christmas is the traditional family holiday a large proportion of the service men at Redstone are leaving Huntsville to spend Christmas at home. They are benefiting from a very liberal Christmas leave policy for the military. Nearly everyone who requested leave and who has time accrued was granted permission to spend the holidays at home.

By the time this article appears in The Rocket most of the service men will be well on their way home. For those who remain there will be the traditional Christmas dinner of turkey and all the trimmings served in the 9330 consolidated mess hall. And so the military personnel wish to extend

Redstone Trounces Decatur Wolverines

The Redstone basketball team defeated an outclassed Decatur Wolverine five by the score of 63 to 36. The Redstone starting five watched most of the game from the bench during the last three periods as the reserve players were given a chance to show their stuff. Every man on the squad saw action. Frank Calsbeek, 6'4" Redstone center led the scor-

ing with eight baskets good for 16 points. Dick Haynor, guard, also broke into the double figures with 10 points. Memefee and Garner had 12 and 10 points respectively for the losers. Redstone will have a breathing spell until after the Christmas vacation, when they travel to Fort Campbell for games on Jan. 9 and 10.

holiday greetings to all of their civilian associates at Redstone Arsenal. In the memorable words of Dickens' Tiny Tim we say: "Merry Christmas to all And God Bless Us, Every One."

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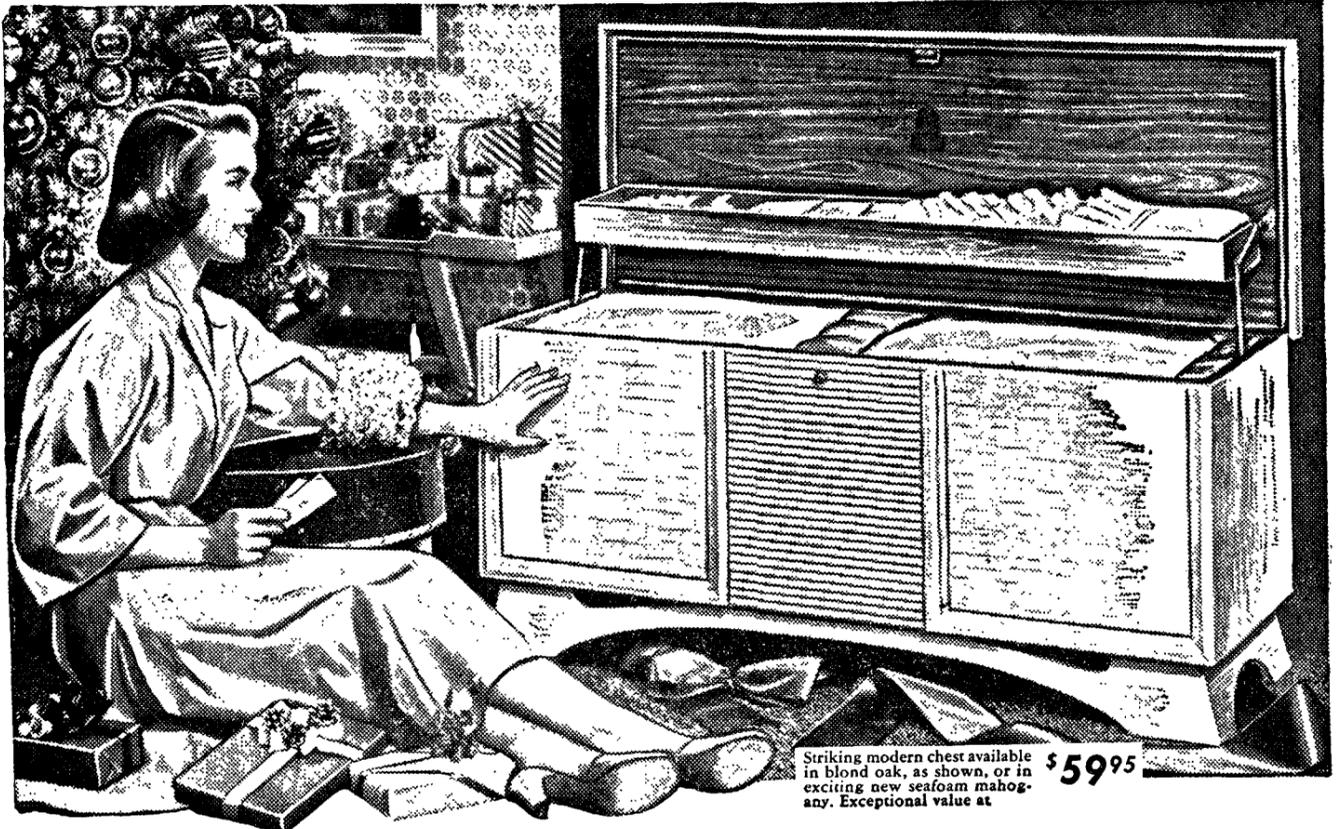
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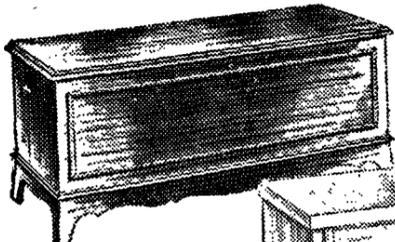
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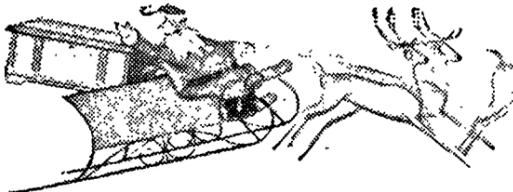
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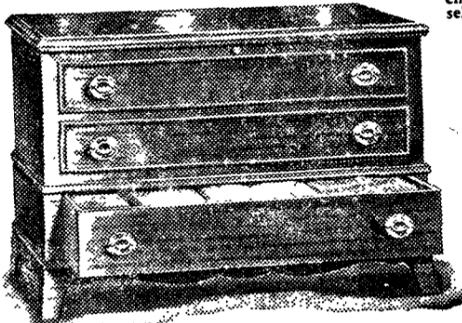
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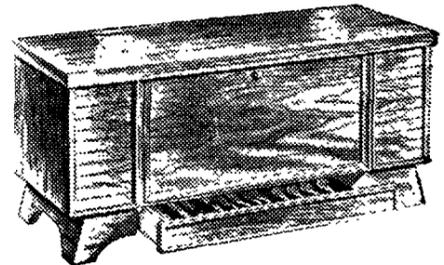
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FIELD SERVICE DIVISION
BY SUDIE AMSLER

A POST SCRIPT to the last FSD column. A little demon of a printer's gremlin crept into this column last time, and Mark Smith's Lincoln was converted into a Mercury in the process.

Now, how the heck did that happen. It must have been another of my bad days. But I never pay any attention to fine automobiles, fur coats, diamond rings or any of those things—so it's likely to happen 'most any time. My humblest apologies, Mark.

Speaking of diamonds, a soldier at Redstone by the name of Jack Armstrong asked our Betty Clark if she would marry him. She said "Yes." Now, there's a diamond flashing on the right finger of her left hand. Betty Clark says their plans are for her to become Mrs Betty Armstrong early in January. That's a fine way to begin the new year.

"Mum's" the word with Alice Smith. She was nominated for the "Courtesy Is Contagious" award, and while she was edged out by another entry, she did receive a nice pat on the back in the form of a letter, and a plaque. (Sounds like she got a pat on the back with the plaque, too). However, it wasn't Alice who passed the news. A nice "thank you" is due Chris Miller for that.

Norman Slater's little Impy travelled 77 miles to Gadsden on Dec. 5th to participate in a show. Impy is a member of the Basenji tribe—an African breed of dogs who can't bark. In Impy's case, however, being unable to bark proved no handicap. When the judge said "What'll YOU have,"

Impy said "Erp!" and came home with a blue ribbon, a purple one, a best-of-breed one, AND another point toward a championship. That's doing pretty well for a fellow who can't speak for himself, don't you think?

Charlotte McGraw, one of our steno's who is on leave, had a good old-fashioned chin-wagging hen party at her house one night last week. We're still cackling about how much fun it was, Charlotte.

Mona King is back from that Florida vacation. She said it was so cold there she was glad—yes, GLAD—to get back to good old Huntsville where it was just 15 degrees.

L. E. Hagood, Adm. Office, has been sick for two weeks, and he is REALLY being missed. Louie, you've just got to hurry and get well—we need you.

People are still shoving off on Christmas treks. Roy and Benny

Watts say they think Christmas isn't Christmas unless they're under the mistletoe in Mississippi. Levi B. Smith will spend it on the Coast, while answering duty's call, and duty's first name is 'Temporary.' Juanita Sutherland and her husband anticipate a happy time in Houston, Tex. "See you next year," said Juanita.

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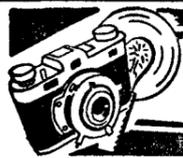


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