

# The Redstone Rocket

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## RE-REGISTRATION OF CARS PLANNED

### Method Outlined By Maj. Vance

All non-military vehicles with arsenal tags will have to be re-registered starting Jan. 18, it was announced by Maj. Harvey Vance, provost marshal.

However, the PM hastened to assure everyone that he was going to make it easy for all to get the new decals, which will have new numbers of registration.

"I'm going to try to make this as painless as possible," Maj. Vance said.

"We are going around to the places where you work," he said. "His will make it unnecessary for employees to go to the Provost Marshal Office to get their decals."

Car owners with the older decals containing numbers will have to buy new decals for 1954, the major said. These will cost 30 cents.

However, for those whose decals contain no numbers (which includes most of the employees with registered cars) there will be no charge. They will keep their old decal, and new supplement will be issued with the necessary registration numbers.

The supplementary decal will be in the shape of a rocket and will be secured to the inside front windshield, just above the old decal.

Maj. Vance said that they are going to make the new registration, made necessary by orders from OCO, as simple as possible. A few days before the registration crew comes around to any particular division, forms will be sent to all of the employees. The employees wishing to drive their automobile on post will fill out the form and, when the registration team arrives a few days later, turn it over for the supplementary decal.

It will be up to the individuals to put the decals on their automobiles.

"It won't even be necessary for your car to be on the arsenal," Maj. Vance said. "All you have to do is fill out the form and give it to us when we come around. You can take the decal home and put it on, if you want to."

The Provost Marshal said that the exact time the team would be around to each division would be announced later. The schedule now calls for them to cover the arsenal between Jan. 18 and Feb. 3.

If some employe does not plan to be at work on the day the team is scheduled to arrive in his work area, he can give his form to someone else and have him get the new decal, the major said.

When the insurance on a vehicle expires, the major said, the provost Marshal Division would wait 30 days for the individual to take action and notify the PM. At the end of that time, a letter will be sent to the insurance holder, informing him that his insurance has expired and asking that action has been taken.

The negligent insurance holder as only to reply by endorsement, giving the requested information.

## One Seriously Hurt in Two-Bus Collision

Two government buses collided on Patton Road on Jan. 4, but no one was seriously injured. Property damage was estimated at about \$500, according to reports from the Provost Marshal Div.

The collision occurred at Gate 4 when the first bus, driven by Pvt. John Vatter, came to a stop. The second bus, driven by Sgt. Robert Stanley and containing 27 passengers, crashed into the rear of the halted vehicle.

The brakes on the second bus failed to hold, thus causing it to hit the other vehicle, the reports said.

SFC Terry R. Riffe and Pfc. Lawrence W. Colebrook reported the infirmory for observation. They were released without treatment, according to infirmory records.

## ARSENAL PAYROLL OVER LAST YEAR

### Over 29 Million Paid to Personnel

Redstone's payroll total for 1953 was over 29 million dollars, figures compiled by the Public Information Office revealed.

The total for the gross pay to all personnel was \$29,685,038. This includes pay to civil service employees, contractor employees, and military personnel.

The highest total went of course to the more than 5000 civil service employees. This amounted to \$23,266,173, in contrast to about 21 million dollars for 1952.

After such things as retirement, tax, and savings bonds were deducted, the net take-home pay for civil service employees came to \$19,489,861, according to figures received from Budget and Fiscal.

The Budget and Fiscal figures revealed that the average Redstone civil service employe grosses a fat \$4,204 per year.

The second largest chunk of the payroll budget went to the military personnel, \$3,191,460 during 1953. The year before, the military payroll amounted to only \$1,984,635.

Thiokol employes grossed \$2,215,404 last year, as compared to \$1,620,004 in 1952. The 1953 take-home pay was \$1,902,997, or more than the gross for the year before.

Rohm and Haas's gross payroll was \$1,012,000 this past year. The new was \$860,000. In 1952 the gross was \$842,000, another case of last year's net exceeding the gross of 1952.

The Thiokol and Rohm and Haas figures were given to the PIO by those companies.

## Ridgway Praises Redstone For Role In Modern Army

### Drivers Guild Set To Open on Jan. 13

Tomorrow, all persons authorized to drive on RSA by the issuance of a Redstone vehicle tag will be given the opportunity to participate in the RSA Courteous Drivers Guild. Participation will be on a voluntary basis and will be offered to arsenal, contractor, lessee and vendor personnel alike.

The Courteous Driver Committee, sponsors of the Guild, have their sights set on 100 percent participation.

This, of course, can be accomplished only with the full cooperation of all eligible participants who desire to improve driver conditions on and off the reservation and endeavor to make streets, highways, and parking lots a safe place to drive.

At a conference last Friday, representatives from each arsenal segment, contractor and lessee personnel were given full information and detailed mechanics on the Guild.

In turn, each segment, contractor and lessee on the reservation will be responsible for the dissemination of this information to its personnel and the final distribution of the bumper emblems that will serve to identify participants in the Guild.

All one has to do to get an emblem, attractive in color and design, is to sign an agreement that they will endeavor to improve driving conditions.

Any person who desires to ob-

### Seven RSA Deaths Recorded in '53

Almost 20 per cent of accidents resulting in deaths in 1953 in Ordnance occurred at Redstone Arsenal, a memorandum from Gen. Vincent to all staff, mission, and agencies chiefs stated.

A memo from the Chief of Ordnance stated that about \$2,760,735 was the cost to Ordnance for accidents in 1953—the direct cost. Seven of the 40 deaths in the Ordnance Corps happened here at Redstone last year, the memo stated.

The general said that such a record "must not be repeated during 1954."

His memo went on to state that "Supervisors who are not familiar with safe operating procedures or who will not accept safety responsibility must be trained or replaced by more competent personnel."

He went on to emphasize that "immediate minor economies which reduce or preclude the effectiveness of a safety program are false economies."

Maj. Gen. Cummings' memo said that in addition to the over two million dollar direct cost, another eight million dollars worth of expenses result indirectly from accidents.

tain an emblem, and is not contacted by their representative within a reasonable length of time after tomorrow, should contact Jim Hiers, Ext. 3-4165.

### Generals, Others Make Short Visit

Army Chief of Staff Matthew B. Ridgway praised the military and civilian personnel at Redstone for the vital role they are playing in creating new weapons for the armies of tomorrow. He was here Jan. 6 for a short visit.

General Ridgway said: "Redstone Arsenal is performing an essential part of the modernization of the army of the future on which we are going to so heavily rely."

It was his first trip to Redstone and Alabama in his new capacity as Army boss.

Here to greet General Ridgway and his party, which flew in from San Antonio, were top military figures from Washington, D. C., and Third Army Headquarters in Atlanta, as well as Gen. Vincent and Gen. H. N. Toftoy, director of Ordnance Missile Laboratories at Redstone.

Arriving with the former NATO commander on the giant Constellation were Lt. Gen. W. B. Palmer, G-4 of the Army, Maj.-Gen. Leslie B. Simon, Ordnance Corps, Brig. Gen. A. J. Biddle, a member of Ridgway's staff, and Brig. Gen. W. A. Carter, G-4 of the Army.

Lt. Gen. A. R. Bolling, Third Army Commander, and Brig. Gen. L. W. Truman, also of Third Army, flew down from Atlanta earlier to welcome their new Army boss to this area.

Maj. Gen. E. L. Cummings, Chief of Ordnance, was here from Washington for the whirlwind tour of this vast installation of over 40,000 acres.

Dr. Wernher von Braun, noted German-born rocket scientist, was on hand to conduct the visitors on part of the three-hour tour of Redstone.

### Co-Chairmen Named In March of Dimes

Co-chairmen Walter Wiesemann and Major Harvey C. Vance have been named to handle the annual March of Dimes campaign against polio at Redstone Arsenal.

Mr. Wiesemann will act as chairman for the civilian employes while Major Vance, provost marshal, will act for the military.

Representatives for these two will be announced in the next issue of The Rocket.

Meantime, the co-chairmen hope to select their representatives by the end of this week in order to have help in distributing the posters and iron lung coin-containers, symbol of the fight against a disease that cripples.

This year the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis plans to triple their funds for making gamma globulin available to the public. In 1953, \$5,500,000 was appropriated by the Foundation alone for this phase of their research. Gamma globulin alone is not the answer to the control of the disease, but it is a step toward control.

This substance is a human blood derivative that provides temporary protection against paralytic polio and is our only known weapon against the disease. Other means are being tested.

However, until further experiments have been made, it will not be made available to the general public but will be used for those exposed to known polio cases and for mass injections to children in epidemic areas.

### R. C. BLOODMOBILE IS HERE

The Red Cross Bloodmobile is here today (Jan. 12) set up at Bldg. 1051. Capt. Marvin Shaw is coordinating the visit here. The goal is 200 pints. The operation was located in 1051 instead of Bldg. A-131, the Officers Mess, as that facility had been previously slated for another event. Jesse Stutts is the co-chairman for the arsenal.

## SEVEN CHILDREN GO HUNGRY HERE FOR LACK OF PRIVILEGE ID CARD

Scene: The commissary.  
Time: 23 January 1954.

Characters: Mrs. Mili Dependent, her seven little Dependents, and Capt. Paulette.

(Mrs. Dependent approaches the check out counter at the commissary with three carts full of groceries and her seven children spasmodically racing and climbing the counters in her wake.)

Capt. Paulette: Good morning, Mrs. Dependent. Your Privilege Identification card number please?

Mrs. D.: Here it is, commissary card number 98765432.

Capt. P.: Don't you have your new Privilege Identification Card, Mrs. D.?

Mrs. D.: What? Oh, you mean that thing my husband applied for? No, Henry hasn't brought home anything like that. Do I have to have it now?

Capt. P.: Yes, the old assort-

ment of cards you used to carry for the theatre, commissary, PX and Medical care are no good now as of the close of working hours yesterday. (Jan. 22).

Seriously, this sad tale could happen to you, if you haven't applied for and then picked up your new Privilege ID card from Military Personnel by Jan. 23. All old cards become invalid at the close of business Jan. 22.

In view of the above cut-off date, it behooves all affected persons who have not already done so to return application, DA form 998, immediately to Military Personnel Division. All persons who have submitted their applications prior to 1 January 1954 should come to the Military Personnel Office, Bldg. T-168 and pick up their new cards.

Normally, privilege identification cards are ready for pick up on the fifth working day after application is actually received at Military Personnel Division.

## Von Braun to Speak To Local ROA Group

Members of the Reserve Officers Association, their wives and guests will hear Dr. Wernher von Braun discuss "Guided Missile and Space Travel" at their January meeting. The time is 7:30 p.m. tomorrow night (Jan. 13) and the place is the Fox Restaurant on Fifth Ave., for a dinner meeting.

Tickets are available from C. L. Arnold in FSD, William Benton, in TED, T. J. Combel, Management Office and James Goodwin, OGMS.

All reserve officers from any branch of service are urged to attend and bring their wives or lady guests.

### UTILITY UTE'S UTTERINGS

Most people are honest but they forget that they are stealing from themselves and the government when they waste utilities.



FIRST SUPERS CLASS—The first group of first line supervisors to participate in the Supervisors Development Program started to class on Jan. 4. Those who attended the class are: First row (left to right): E. B. Bailey, Ammo; W. C. Waller, AIO; A. S. Drummond, OML; B. I. Lee, Signal; and D. R. White, AIO; Second Row: R. L. Forrester, Consolidated Supply; J. E. Davis, PE, W. L. Thompson, Transportation; W. C. Craddock, OML; and J. W. Ray, OML; Third Row: F. Steele, P. E.; J. Allen, Ammo; J. A. Robinson, Ammo; B. W. Carr, Consolidated Supply; C. S. Culbreath, Redstone Depot; F. R. Royal, Training Officer; and C. C. Huber, OML.

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## POWERFUL NEW EYES HELP ARMY TRACK SPACE-BOUND MISSILES

WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUND, N. M.—A "Peeping Tom" device so powerful that an observer can see a 12-inch clock dial on the side of a guided missile 50 miles away now is being used by the Army at this desert proving ground.

The device—actually a 16-inch tracking telescope—is used to spy on all Army, Navy and Air Force missiles launched on this 100-mile-long by 40-mile-wide missile range.

Guided missiles—especially those in the prototype stage—are extremely expensive. Because of this, the Army makes every effort to obtain complete flight data on each missile from launching to impact. The tracking telescope—an instrument in which the Army combined the techniques of astronomy and engineering—provides much of this information.

Other flight path and missile behaviour data are obtained by using high speed cameras, radar, and complex radio equipment, and photo-theodolites—combination surveying and film recording instruments.

To date, many millions of dollars have been spent for electronic and other recording instruments to obtain missile tracking data. An army of scientists, engineers, mechanics and support personnel have spent countless hours

in the preparations necessary to fire the missiles and record their movements.

Men using the instruments now available measure the speed of the missile in flight, the height to which it ascends, its relative position in space, and many other important flight characteristics. They also take pictures of the missile, "freezing" it in flight with a camera exposure time of about one ten-thousandth of one second.

Generally, here is the way missile tracking data is obtained:

In the early stages of launching and out to about a mile, special high-speed cameras using film up to five inches in width, record the flight of the missile.

Beyond this distance, various types of photo-theodolites are used. Here the Army took the basic theodolite and improved it with new type lenses and controls, so that it now has an excellent photographic instrument which can track the missile along its entire flight path.

The short-range cameras and the photo-theodolites are supplemented by tracking telescopes to get readable images of small missiles traveling at supersonic speeds.

When missile testing first was undertaken, it was natural to use radar since it had proved its capability of tracking projectiles in flight during World War II. A network of radar stations now assures continuous contact with missiles in flight.

Since 1946, a radio system known to experts as Doppler Velocity and Position instrumentation (DOVAP) has been used to keep tabs on the missile in flight. This system uses a radio signal which is sent to and returned by the speeding missile, providing a sort of "yardstick" to measure the progress of the missile in flight.

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By ROBERT E. LYONS JOC, USN  
(Managing Editor, (AFPS))

The Hal Wallis production "About Mrs. Leslie" now is before the camera at Paramount with Academy Award winner Shirley Booth and Robert Ryan as co-stars... Ted Sherdeman, who is writing Warner Bros.' "Triple Jet Ace," the life story of Capt. Joseph McConnell, has just completed 10 hours of tape recording of the ace's description of his experiences in Korea. Sherdeman rode with the captain in a jet at George AFB, Calif., and taped sounds of the takeoffs, landings, dives, and general military maneuvers... Twentieth Century-Fox has completed "Night People," a CinemaScope Technicolor drama filmed entirely on location in Germany with a cast headed by Gregory Peck, Broderick Crawford, Rita Gam and Anita Bjork.

Der Bingle Turns Author  
Having established himself as one of America's top entertainer's Bing Crosby also is emerging as the author of a best seller as his autobiography, "Call Me Lucky," hits the 250,000 mark.

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With equipment of this type, the Army has taken far more guided measurements than the rest of the world put together.

Keep a damp sponge handy as you iron; it will help take care of areas on garments that get too dry.

# ORDNANCE HISTORY

By. Lt. Col. George I. Calvert

Continued From Last Issue

In the research and development field the facilities of the ballistic laboratories have been increased at Aberdeen.

White Sands Proving Ground was established in February 1945, and last but not least, in July 1949 Redstone Arsenal at Huntsville, Alabama, was given the mission of conducting research, development, and testing of free rockets, solid propellants, jets, and related items. Additional missions have been added since the initial establishment of Redstone, and more will probably come.

The eight manufacturing arsenals continue to play a major role in the development of new designs and the improvement of existing material. They also provide production facilities and pilot lines to establish production procedures, standardized methods of manufacture, determine costs, and keep alive a nucleus of personnel for munitions manufacture. They serve as centers for the training of personnel in both peace and war, and provide a nucleus of trained personnel to assist in the inauguration of mass production.

An additional ordnance district was established in Los Angeles in July 1947. The district included an area originally part of the San Francisco Ordnance District. Very recently another area, formerly belonging to the St. Louis Ordnance District, has been added to Los Angeles. This gives a total number of fourteen district offices now in operation.

The district offices represent their geographical limits regarding procurement, production, and inspection of Ordnance material.

There are presently 45 ordnance depots and 8 ordnance sections in general depots in the United States, plus many overseas installations.

Training in the Ordnance Department since World War II is conducted at the Ordnance School at Aberdeen, the Ordnance Automotive School at Atlanta, and the Ordnance Guided Missile School at Redstone Arsenal.

Extension courses are provided for Ordnance reserve and National Guard units. The ordnance schools provide the programs and conduct training inspections.

In 1946 twenty-four ordnance ROTC units were established at colleges and universities. Some have been added and some have been dropped since that date, but the number is approximately correct as of today.

In September 1946 the Ordnance Board at Aberdeen was placed under the staff supervision of the Military Service Office in the Chief of Ordnance. Its present mission includes development of doctrine for the employment of ordnance units, preparation of T/O&E's for Ordnance units, preparation of 9-series field manuals, continuous studies of tools and equipment, and the study and development of methods and techniques for disposal of U.S. and foreign explosive ordnance.

Now we go into another series of reorganizations. In June 1946 the War Department was reorganized and the Army Service Forces abolished. The Ordnance Department and other administrative and technical staffs were placed at this time under the general staff. In September 1946 the Office Chief of Ordnance was organized as follows: Military Service, Research and Development Service, Industrial Service, Field Service, Legal, Budget & Fiscal, Safety and Security, and Office Service Divisions. In May 1947 the organizational titles were redesignated, making divisions out

of the services, except for the office service division which was made a branch. In October 1949 the Office of the Chief of Ordnance was reorganized as follows: Personnel and Training Division, Research and Development Division, Industrial Division, Field Service Division, Legal Office, Inspection Office Budget and Fiscal Office, and Civilian Personnel Office. When the Department of Army was reorganized in April 1950, the Ordnance Department and other technical staffs and services were placed under the Assistant Chief of Staff G-4, Logistics.

In 1953—very recently—in fact so recently that we have not even had official notification of it yet—the Ordnance Department was again reorganized into the following segments: A Chief, a Deputy Chief, and five assistant chiefs in charge of manpower, program coordination, research and development, industrial, and Field Service Divisions, plus the Comptroller, Legal, Inspector General, and Intelligence, Safety and Security offices.

In this new organizational set-up it is rumored that more responsibility is going to be placed on each of the several arsenals that are designated as "centers". This could mean that Redstone Arsenal will be redesignated as a center and a few additional duties assigned to it.

The present mission of the Ordnance Department, as stated very simply, in SR-10-370-1 dated October 1949, is "To provide and service the ordnance material required for the Army and, as assigned, for the Navy and the Air Force."

END

7,200 Rockets — 15,000 Readers!

## INSTRUCTOR



Woeful lack of laboratory facilities available to students caused Cpl. Robert Keene, Mechanical Branch Instructor of the Week to volunteer to stay on after graduating with Class No. 4. He felt that something could be done to improve this situation and now takes pride in the training aids and shop lay-outs which he helped set up.

An automobile mechanic by trade, Keene specialized in engine repair and tune-up, prior to being drafted. His faithful wife, "Connie", followed him from Portland, Maine to Redstone where he entered the Mechanical Course as a student and she be-

## SERVICE CLUB ACTIVITIES

BY CAPT. JOHN WATTENDORF

Rocket City Skating Rink is to be the spot where the Service Club is sponsoring a skating party on Jan. 12 at 2000 hours. A small fee will be charged and those persons who are fond of roller skating should register at the Service Club now. Transportation to and fro from the rink will be provided.

January 12 is another big night with Bob Yeazell's Orchestra playing for the 'Snow-Ball' Dance. A lively floor show is planned for this affair.

Dancing instructions with emphasis on the South American rhythms are given on Thursday nights by Pvt. Edwards Di Polvere and will be followed through this week as usual.

A Ladder-Pool tournament will begin on January 15 and end in

came a clerk-steno with the Employee Utilization Branch of Civilian Personnel at Bldg. W-441. They live at 215 North Grove St., and commute to the arsenal in their blue "Henry J."

Cpl. Keene has been looking forward recently to his discharge in February, 1954. He plans to go to the University of Detroit and study for an Automotive Engine Design Engineer Degree, and happily, "Connie" declares she will go right along with him.

March. Rules will be posted. The winner of this tournament will be given a worthy prize for his efforts, Brunswick "Master" Pool cue.

Saturday, January 16 is "Cook's Night." Anyone desiring to cook up a favorite recipe should bring the ingredients with the recipe and go to work on it. Homemade cookies and coffee will be served on this night regardless of any cooking tragedies.

Bingo with prizes to the winners is our January 17 feature. Bingo will be called at 2030 hours. The coffee hour with 'Morning' Moods (planned music on records) will begin at 0930 hours.

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BY HELEN REED

Miss Waudene Mobley is the first young lady one sees when going through the door where the sign says "Commanding General" and "Executive Officer."

When asked where she fits into the picture in the "front office," Waudene replied, "I am the secretary to the general's aide, Lt. Newell." However, when Miss Francis is absent from Gen. Vincent's office, Waudene moves in there to do the general's secretarial work, also.

In case Waudene isn't at her desk when you go in, one can

easily decide which one she is.

There is a red head, a brown head, and a blonde head in that office. Waudene's is the blonde one. From a feminine viewpoint, we are always impressed with her neatness and her clothes in perfect taste.

Who hasn't envied the girls in there for being in the spot where they meet all of the interesting people on the post or who come to visit? Waudene confirmed our suspicions that that is what makes her position interesting. She thoroughly enjoys that aspect of her job.

Back in the summer of 1951, when we first came to work at Redstone, and the details of Army SOP were a mystery to us, we were advised to "Ask Waudene" how to do things.

She was then working in the S-4 section headed by Maj. McCune. Waudene knew all of the answers to our problems, and we'd like to thank her again here and now for her capable assistance.

Waudene's efficiency led right up to her present position. Came the time in December, 1952 when there was a vacancy in the commanding general's office, and everyone concerned, including the

**REDSTONE DEPOT**  
By Daphne Collins

**NEW CAR** — Colonel Ebbert came in Monday morning and complained that he wasn't getting proper attention due a Division Chief. It seems that he drove up in a BRAND NEW Packard which should have been deserving of some comment. Yup—he said, "It has just eighty miles on the speedometer, and I think the least you all could do would be to take notice." In order to appease the Chief we took a look—no new Packard in sight, just the same old crate he usually pushes—or has pulled around the arsenal. It turns out that the only new thing about it is the speedometer reading. It did only show eighty miles all right. Just add 100,000 and you have 100,080—that makes it a new car. Anyway, he says it is still in good condition and will outlast any of these new buzz buggies. **QUICK HENRY!** The tow rope!

**SUPPLY ODDITIES** — We ran across a new one (to us) the other day. It seems that the Redstone Depot Storage personnel had needed a 10,000 pound warehouse slueing crane, tractor mounted, for some time in order to materially increase production. Upon investigating as to the availability of such an animal it was discovered that another arsenal segment had requirements for two hydraulic jacks and had dully requisitioned same—what do you think the item received turned out to be? Just the item the 'doctor' ordered for depot operations—two, 2½ ton, 6x6 trucks, with a 10,000 pound capacity slueing crane mounted on each truck. Now, it seems in order for us to get a warehouse crane the correct nomenclature to be used is, "JACK, HYDRAULIC". Will wonders ever cease, there is just nothing like a properly catalogued supply system.

**BUREAU OF MISSING PERSONS** — The Depot kitchen is much quieter this week—Could be that it is due to the absence of the "Red Head" (George Reardon) on annual leave—how lucky can you be? and Mr. "Koz" on TDY. Hurry back you "Republican" the "Demos" are rested, thanks to the holidays—and you

**Watch the Birdie!**



Photographers to the contrary, watching the birdie is not always the best advice and pretty Pat Zenner of Miami Beach, Fla., illustrates a good reason why.

secretaries already in there, 'voted' for Waudene to join their forces.

Her Redstone career started in February, 1951 working for Mr. Brackeen in the Inspection office. She moved up to S-4 in Bldg. A-101 to work for Woodrow Stuart.

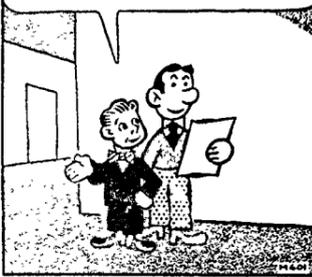
Right now, she has expressed a desire she has been suppressing. She wants to go to college and perhaps study dietetics.

Originally from Anderson, Ala., Waudene is a graduate of Lauderdale County High School, Rogersville, and Larimore Business College.

She and her sister, Nell, live together at Mims Court in Huntsville. Reading and the movies are her favorite recreation. When she is in town on Sunday, Waudene attends the First Baptist Church.

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Mr. "Koz"—guess Rossford will remain "Status Quo" since Mrs. "Koz" accompanied you.

**WAILING WALL DEPT.** Sympathy of all Depot personnel are extended to "Chig" (Valley Pride) Lusk on the recent defeats of his team the "Valley Pride" basketballers. Keep your chin up "Chig" we know your team will end the season on top and with "Lord Elgins."

The parking area reserved for Ammunition Branch storage personnel looked like a new car dealers parking after the holidays. Upon questioning the Ammunition Storage Superintendent (Jack Calder) about this he informed us that he was not forgotten entirely by Santa either—Congratulations Jack—the new shoes are very becoming.

Congratulations are also in order to the Depot newly weds—Mr. and Mrs. Claude C. Davis. Thanks to friends—and relatives—removing labels from all the canned goods in their storage bins they are now having "pot luck" at each meal. Don't be disturbed "kids"—not everyone receives a surprise each time they open a can and besides "Happy"—Claude said the 'Beans' for breakfast were delicious. Bye now.

Personnel from the Mechanical section of Post Engineer Preventative Maintenance held a New Years banquet at the Yarbrough Hotel ball room. Special guests were Col. Kohler, O. C. Russell, Davis Foxworthy and Frank McKenzie. G. L. Sims was the toastmaster and introduced the guests who made short talks. About 30 were present for the party.

**CONDUCT MEDAL AWARDED**

The first general order published at Redstone Arsenal in 19 awards the Good Conduct Medal to six men in the 9352nd Technical Service Unit.

They are: Cpl. Anthony Dombrowski, Jr., Cpl. Roy Saile, Pfc. Victor Heaton, P Harlo J. Patton, Pfc. Clyde Rettke, and Pfc. Marvin P. S gele.

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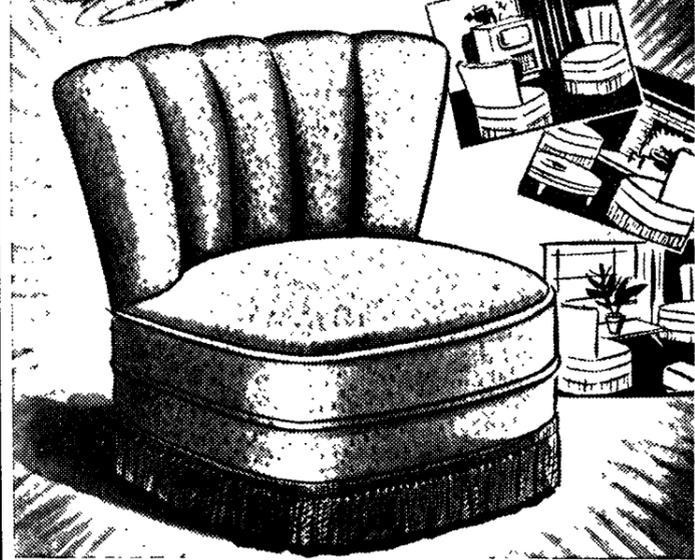
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Miss Harriett Glaze,  
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Miss Harriett T. (Happy) Glaze became the bride of Claude C. Davis during a ceremony Jan. 2 at the home of her parents in



**EMPLOYEES WED** — Mr. and Mrs. Claude C. Davis are shown following their wedding Jan. 2 in Athens. Mrs. Davis is the former Miss Harriett T. Glaze. Both are employes at the Redstone Depot.

Athens, Ala. The Rev. J. D. Hunter read the vows.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther D. Glaze, and is an employe at the Redstone Depot. Mr. Davis is the son of Charlie Davis of Huntsville, and is also a Depot employe.

Mrs. R. H. Richardson, Jr., pianist, played the nuptial music, and Mrs. W. W. Malone, Sr., vocalist, sang "Because" and "At Dawning."

The candles were lighted by Billy Mackay.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white nylon net and lace gown. Her short veil was held in place with a tiara of pearls, and she carried a crescent shape bouquet of white gardenias, stephanotis and an orchid.

The matron of honor was Mrs. W. R. Mackay of Miami, Fla., the bride's sister, and another sister, Mrs. Arthur Slaton of Moulton, Ala., was the bridesmaid.

Charlie Davis, Jr., served his brother as best man, and Arthur Slaton, the bridegroom's brother-in-law, was the groomsman.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. Mrs. W. S. Wilson, aunt of the bride, served the cake, and Miss Buel Davis, the bridegroom's aunt, served the ice cream. The refreshment table was decorated with a centerpiece of white gardenias and white gladioli.

Arrangements of white gladioli and stock were used throughout the house.

**SURVEY TEAM VISITS RSA**

Maj. Francesco Gimbalvo, Finance Corps, and 1st Lt. Sallye Callaway, WAC, will visit Redstone, Jan. 12 and 13 to make an inventory of classified material, secret and above. James C. Lynch, chief of the Intelligence Office, has asked that all arsenal segments give this survey team full cooperation. The team will come here from Third Army headquarters.

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**Dolle's House Guest  
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Mrs. R. T. McMullen was the guest of honor at a breakfast party Jan. 4 given by Mrs. Theodore Ebbert and Mrs. George McBride at the Ebbert home on the arsenal. Mrs. McMullen is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Col. and Mrs. Walter Dolle.

The honoree was presented a corsage of pink camellias by the hostesses.

More than 15 guests were included in the courtesy.

The breakfast was served buffet style from a table decorated with winter bouquet arrangements.

**Miss Toftoy to Wed  
George K. Williams**

Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Holger Nelson Toftoy announce the engagement of their daughter Doris Karen, to George Kendrick Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Robbins Williams of Greenville, Ala.

Miss Toftoy is a graduate of Western High School, Washington, D. C., Averett College, Danville, Va. She is a senior at the University of Alabama and is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority.

Mr. Williams served in Korea and is a lieutenant in the Army Organized Reserve Corps. He is a senior at the University of Alabama and is a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

The wedding will take place in June.

**FABRICATION LAB.**

BY LUCILE EZELL

SANTA HAS PAID HIS ANNUAL VISIT and by now is sitting smug in his igloo at the North Pole telling Mrs. Santa all about his trip — He is still laughing about how well W. I. Wilbanks thrilled over the nice electric train with the large whistle which he left for his little boy. Willie was not satisfied with the mile long track Santa left but hurried off up town and bought extra track and hooked it up and ran it, throwing in more smoke balls and blowing the whistle until Santa and all his helpers came rushing back to see if they could put out the fire. Here's hoping that Willie grows up by next Christmas—Santa left many other nice gifts in his wake, including beautiful clothes we see that are becoming to the girls as they flit to and fro on the way to and from work. Wilma Billions received a very antique gift from Roy Fanning. Santa left Ruth Drake a beautiful marble top table for her new home.

With so many taking their vacation, the place seemed deserted: W. K. Mattern went tripping off to Norfolk, Va., to see the new grandbaby meet Santa for the

first time.

Joy Simpson could not have a White Christmas in Alabama, so she takes off to Chicago. John Cresap went to Detroit, reports seeing very little snow, but had the pleasure of meeting our former employe, Walter Behnkey. Behnkey sent his best regards to all friends here.

McKenzie, Maus, Perkins, Potter and perhaps others, said you may have your ice and snow but give me Key West, Sarasota and the warm spots in good old Florida.

Others looking for a White Christmas were the Kennon's as they made a visit in Iowa and by return trip visited in Missouri.

Dave James, J. D. Brown, Charlie Major, Hugh Smith say; "Take your ice and snow, but give us 'Sunny Tennessee'."

Our recent bride, Lorene (Benson) Thrasher chose the holiday season as a good time to get acquainted with her new kinfolks in Tennessee.

Among those having to stay at home and celebrate Christmas by reporting to work and entertaining at home were Swanson, Taylor, Holloway, Rist, Siebigteroth, Eisenhardt, Mounts, Wilbanks, Fanning, Hollis, Oneal, Lindenmayer, Kuers and others.

Bill Birmingham of 412-A had the record-breaking number of Christmas guests. He only entertained 33 relatives at his home Christmas eve, some stayed several days until the huge Christmas turkey, baked ham, pies, and cakes were gone and the deep freezer emptied. They hailed from California, Michigan, Florida, Tennessee, Mabile and other points in Alabama.

Our G. I.'s, Pat Gerard spent his leave in Chicago, Pvt. Wood went home to Oklahoma, Paul Carson, Indianapolis, Ind., and others were fortunate to go home for Christmas. Bob Miller served Guard Duty as a wedding present from the Post. Welcome back fellows.

Uncle Sam has called Bill Moon employe in Warehouse 471. Bill reported to Ft. Jackson, S. C. on Tuesday. He will be greatly missed here, but we know a fellow like Bill will not only exemplify moonlight but the sunlight and starlight as well. Best to you Bill-O.

All friends of Flora Jackson of Inspection 411 were made sad to learn of her son's accident. Chins up, Flora, we are wishing the best for you and Jimmie.

The happy news about a baby's arrival gets around in many ways, but the most appealing one is to hear the proud father's report to a News Correspondent, L. B. Smith, employe at Bldg. 331 says: "Arriving Dec. 30, 1953, a normal, healthy young boy,

weighing 8 pounds, a little funny looking, but plenty swell for his Mother and Dad, who find it hard to choose a name for such a prize package.

From the Huntsville Hospital, on Dec. 26, 1953 came a bouncing 10 pound baby boy for Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Griffith. Mr. Griffith works over in 481 and he couldn't see how Santa could have done better.

Well, here it is 1954 and up to now it's been a perfect dear to most of us. If everyone had the must—BLACK-EYED PEAS AND HOG JOWL on New Year's Day I am sure that good luck will be had by all.

**PERSONALS**

Ladies Bridge Club held the first meeting in 1954 on Jan. 7 at the Officers Mess. Mrs. Ralph Swann held high score at bridge, Mrs. George Elrod was second, Mrs. John Rigg was third, and Mrs. Richard Neilsen held low. There were four tables of bridge. For canasta, there were six players with Mrs. Edward Long winning high, Mrs. Joseph Rush, second, and Mrs. Edward Weatherford won low. The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 21. Mrs. Weatherford, the bridge chairman, may be reached at Huntsville 5862-J. Those planning to attend should call so that even tables may be arranged.

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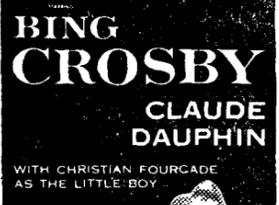
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## TELEVISION CAMERA AND COLD WIND GREET GENERAL RIDGWAY AT RSA

Television cameras whirred and flash-bulbs exploded as General Matthew B. Ridgway disembarked from the giant Constellation which had sped him and his party to Redstone from San Antonio—about 900 miles away—in a few brief hours on Jan. 6.

It was his first trip to Redstone Arsenal and Alabama as the Army Chief of Staff, and for many of the waiting military and civilians it was their first view of the top-ranking soldier in the Army today.

Of medium height, but with the shoulders and neck of a bull, Ridgway walked with a determination and speed that left many a longer-legged colonel and general floundering in the rear, like wooden dinghies in the wake of the battleship Missouri.

The party of officers waiting on the wind-swept apron of Redstone's airstrip had gathered from Washington and Atlanta, as well

as Redstone.

Lt. Gen. A. R. Bolling, in battle jacket and OD trousers, was there. The Third Army Commander appeared studious and abstractly interested as he wandered in and out of the waiting crowd.

Maj. E. L. Cummings, Chief of Ordnance, was also there. He had come in on the train earlier that day. A small man who looked older than his pictures, the Ordnance chief observed much and spoke little.

He was accompanied by a well-known figure here at Redstone, Lt. Col. J. P. Hamill, now of OCO, but at one time of Ft. Bliss and then Redstone. Col. Hamill was in on the bottom of the guided missile program in the United States. It was he who contacted many of the famous scientists in Germany and arranged for them to come to this country. A tall, lean man who looks more like a

physician or college professor than an army officer, Col. Hamill was busy shaking hands and speaking to old friends and former co-workers during the tour which followed Ridgway's arrival.

Gen. Vincent and Gen. Toftoy and a number of other Redstone officers and others too, from the Third Army and Washington, waited on the cold apron for the Constellation.

The party had arrived early, just in case a tail wind might bring Gen. Ridgway's plane in ahead of schedule. However, the wind was whipping down from the north, and instead of being early, the plane was about 20 minutes late.

Some of those waiting slipped back into the bus to keep warm. Others stood to leeward of the vehicle.

The Constellation was first sighted over Huntsville Airport, giving quite a fright to the waiting dignitaries. There is no radio at the Arsenal strip to communicate with aircraft, and those waiting could easily envision the chief of staff landing several miles away while they waited in vain.

However, a Globemaster happened to be on the arsenal landing field, and the pilot was able to make contact with Gen. Ridgway's plane. The first disaster was avoided.

Ridgway, accompanied by Lt. Palmer, Army G-4 and a number of other general officers and officers, was escorted to the TV mike and formally welcomed by those present.

"I am happy to be in the sovereign state of Alabama," the general said.

He went on to express his belief in Redstone's role in the future armies of America.

In contrast to the stern, almost severe, look of most of his pictures, General Ridgway had an appealing and frequently used smile which brought out the deep, vertical creases of his face.

His broad, straight shoulders—his thick chest and square jaw—his deep, commanding voice told of the exactness and correctness he could—and did—command. But his warm hand-shake and smile were there too, telling that it wasn't all impersonal militarism.

After his remarks, the group hustled into waiting cars and a

bus and were whisked off on the planned tour of Plants Area 1.

Dr. von Braun took over here, explaining to the visitors the work that was being done in GMDD. Gen. Ridgway was attentive throughout, and everything moved smoothly.

When it was all over, and Ridgway and his party safely in the

air on their way to Atlanta (accompanied by Gen. Bolling) the feelings of the entire body of hosts (CG, OML, Comptroller, NPD, FSD, MP&C, PM and what-not) were summed up when one officer remarked:

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### Bowling Tournament Set for Feb. 20

A "Bowling Sweepstakes" for military personnel will be held starting at 1 p.m., Feb. 20 at the West Huntsville YMCA, it was announced by Capt. John J. Watterdorf, Special Services officer.

The seven highest men for the three-game series will form a team to represent Redstone at the Third Army Bowling Tournament to be held at Fort Campbell, Ky., March 8-13.

The bowling at the local alleys will continue until all participants have rolled three games. Trophies will be awarded to the two men having the highest average for the three games.

Another trophy will go to the individual with the highest score for any single game.

All military personnel, officers and enlisted men, who are interested in this "Sweepstakes" and wish to enter are urged to contact the Special Services office, Bldg. T-151, not later than noon February 15.

### Redstone to Play Three Games Here

The Redstone basketballers, with only three wins in nine starts before the Christmas interruption, are back in action with three home games scheduled this week.

Tomorrow night the Rockets meet Fort Campbell at the Armory. A follow-up game will be played the next night at the same place.

On Jan. 16 Reed-Downing makes an invasion from Tennessee to meet the Rockets at the Armory.

Redstone played Ft. Campbell last Saturday and Sunday, but at press time the results were not known. The games were played at Ft. Campbell.

Price of admission for the local games, all of which will be played at the Huntsville Armory, is 25 cents for adults and ten cents for children. The game starts at 8 p.m.

the Month" by the Hollywood Foreign Correspondents Assoc., and awarded a scroll by the Southern California Motion Picture Council for "outstanding production and great entertainment."

Rosalind Russell, who portrayed Sister Kenney in the movie of that name, has been re-elected a director of the Sister Elizabeth Kenney Foundation.

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**TALL FORWARD**—Lou Schuessler is one of three starting players for Redstone who hails from Pennsylvania, a state producing more athletes and steel than any other in the forty-eight. Schuessler, who is from Easton, played three years of basketball for Philadelphia College of Pharmacy before coming to Redstone. Standing 6'4", the 23-year-old redhead is assigned to the 3523 ASU. In his first nine games this season, he sunk 41 field goals and 23 free throws for a total of 105 points and a game average of 11.7, a record topped only by Frank Calsbeek, the rangy Rock Valley, Iowa, center.

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### Wage Earners Get Raise at Rossford

A general pay increase for all Wage Board employes in the Toledo, Ohio, locality, was announced in the "Connecting Rod", weekly employe publication at Rossford Ordnance Depot in Toledo.

The new pay boost was based on a Wage Change Survey conducted by the Civilian Personnel Office of 42 companies in that area, the announcement stated.

Comparative wage scales for the Toledo area and the Huntsville-Redstone area follow. All are for Step One employes.

| Grade | Toledo | Redstone |
|-------|--------|----------|
| 1     | \$1.60 | \$1.01   |
| 5     | 1.74   | 1.23     |
| 10    | 1.91   | 1.50     |
| 20    | 2.34   | 2.08     |

Pay for Wage Board Supervisory employes ranged from \$2.12 for Step One, Grade One all the way up to \$4.12 for Step One, Grade 17, the statement in the "Connecting Rod" said.

### Eddie Cantor Story To Play Three Times

"The Eddie Cantor Story" will be given an extra showing at the Redstone Post Theater on Jan. 14. Military men and their families will be able to see it at 1700, 1900 or 2100 hours.

The show threatened to break all attendance records in Eddie Cantor's hometown—New York City.

When it opened a week ago Sunday at the Paramount Theater, the premiere was given rave notices over television stations as well as in columns. The comedian's rise in show business and human stature was accurately depicted according to his old friend, George Jessel.

It relates his contributions to show business, to his community and the nation, and his humanitarianism.

With Eddie Cantor in the picture are Keefe Brasselle, Will Rogers, Jr., and Marilyn Erskine.



**ESCAPE POISON GAS**—Seven old blueprints and a monkey wrench have turned up in an old pipe here at Redstone after surviving years of poison gas and other concentrated flows. How they got in the pipe, nobody knows. But after 11 years of darkness, the blueprints and wrench were pulled from the pipe by two Post Engineer employes as they helped dismantle equipment in an old Chemical Warfare building.

The blueprints can still be read, and the wrench is as good as ever. For several years, during World War II, various gases used in making mustard gas flowed past the lost items. The discoverers are (left) Loyd (cq) Fisher, a welder, and Sam Hunter, steam fitter's helper. The blueprints and wrench evidently had been in the pipe from the time the building was first constructed in 1942 . . . but how they got there, and why, no one could say.

### Actors Are Needed For Comedy Roles

Auditions will be held tomorrow and next Monday for a three-act comedy, to be presented soon it was announced by M/Sgt. Frank Ponton, Special Services NCO.

Parts for 14 men and three women are now open, the sergeant said. All Redstone personnel, both civilian and military, are invited to try-out for a part. Both auditions will be held between 7 and 9 p.m. at the Post Theatre on Jan. 13 and 18.

The comedy, which played Broadway in 1949, is about a group of soldiers and several girls at a camp in Kentucky. The play was written by James B. Al-lardice.

Sgt. Ponton said that rehearsals will begin shortly after the cast has been chosen. Anyone interested in any phase of the stage is urged to come out for the auditions.



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Now that the holidays have skittered by, people are coming alive again and are casting around for amusement. Major "Nick" Sparks went skating at the new Roller Rink and said it was a very enjoyable experience. He said, "I hit the floor BOOM! and bounced fourteen feet." That's not quite my idea of fun, but he's got more bounce per ounce than anyone we know, unless it's that king-size chief of NMP, Paul Barker. Rambling back to the Major, lemme see, 225 pounds divided by 16: how many ounces is that? He's now beating the drum for a FSD skating party. We think Mona King would be a good one to enlist on that deal. She's quite a skating enthusiast, too.

Doris Keller's got a feller and his name is Allen Barnard. He gave her a ring—a beautiful ring, but the wedding date's not set yet.

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dry runs, our Britisher, Major Bill Baker, went shooting one cool and frosty morning. This was the day. He raised his gun to his shoulder, pointed it skyward—BANG-BANG!—then PLOP—And down flopped this glorious goose. He figures conservatively that the bird cost \$25. Joan, have you cooked the Major's goose yet?

HOLIDAYS AWAY: After Santa paid his call on Suzanne, the

Reid Allens' little girl, they all took off to Montgomery to visit relatives and super-relatives. (Super-relative is the quaint way I heard a radio announcer pronounce 'superlative' the other day).

Joe and Clare Haley stuck their feet under a heavily-laden table in Tennessee. "Fresh coconut cake and all that stuff," said Joe. "Slurp, slurp," said I.

Mel, margie, and Lynn Marie Greuel felt that Toledo was the place to go, and so they did.

It was Christmas in Kentucky and New Year's in Memphis for Bill and Jackie Huff. (Did you read POGO the other day and what he had to say about "Non compass Memphis"?)

As every well-informed person probably already knows, Ruth and Randy Mears spent their holidays in Parksley, Va.

It was very hard to pin that fellow, E. V. Doyle, down for a few facts about the Florida-Gulf Coast tour that he, Connie, and their son, Eddie, enjoyed. Emmett (That's E. V.) is a very busy man from OH! eight hundred until sixteen-thirty. But anyway, they DID go down the outside side of Florida, cross over to the inside side of Florida and after angling (not fishing) crosswise at the Gulf side, finally wended their way home to Arab.

PIE-IN-THE-SKY? If you see Ferdinand Glomb looking as if he is seeing a pie in the sky, there's a very good reason. His son-in-law, Fred W. Doerner, Jr., has just been admitted to practice law before the Supreme Court. "Of the 'United States of America,'" added Ferdi. That is really something, don't you think?

PUNY PEOPLE: Tommy Shrout was down and out during the holidays, but now, he's up and we're glad to have old Shrout out again.

Frank Marsh's little boy gave his family quite a scare with a tonsil infection, and Frank says they'll yank those tonsils just as soon as possible.

Cindy Jackson's husband, that handsome hunk of a man, Grady, curled up with one fine stomach ache, and the next thing he knew, he was under the knife. Latest reports from Cindy: "He's as mean as a snake, so I know he's about well."

Next week, we have about a million new people to introduce, so be watching for them.

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