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## FIFTEEN ELECTED TO CIVY COUNCIL

### Voting Is Subject To CG's Approval

A new Civilian Welfare Council, composed of 15 members, was elected here in nine different ballottings last week and the week before.

The arsenal was divided into voting segments, with as many as three and as few as one representative being elected to represent all the civilian personnel of each segment.

Post Engineer and Property Disposal elected three council members—Leon Towery, Roy E. Parker, and J. B. Engle.

Louin Carroll and Ancil L. Kent were elected to represent Transportation, OGMS, Quartermaster, Special Services, Provost Marshal, Military Personnel, Finance, and Dental.

Mrs. Annie Mae Adcock will represent Consolidated Supply and Purchasing and Contracting on the council.

The new member from Redstone Depot is Wilburn R. Dickey. Robert L. Stultz was elected from Field Service Division.

NPD, Procurement, Mission Planning & Coordination and Staff Agencies elected Bunyon D. Boradwater to represent them.

John K. Clark and Sim Caldwell were elected from Ammunition Division.

Lacey Strong was chosen to represent Camptroller, Office of CG, Executive Office, Adjutant, Civilian Personnel, Medical, and Signal.

OML named three representatives. They are Betty J. Wood, Harold W. Penick, and Myron E. Huston.

The election returns are subject to approval by the commanding general before they become official.

Jesse Stutts, Civilian Personnel, will continue as custodian, a non-elective job.

Members of the Civilian Welfare Council are also members of the Post Restaurant Council. As the Restaurant Council, the group has the authority to operate vending machines on the arsenal—the only source of revenue.

As the Welfare Council, the group has the authority to spend this money for the good of civilian employes according to regulations.

A joint meeting of the outgoing and new councils has been tentatively set for April 15.

## Services at Sunrise Will Observe Easter

A Sunrise Service will be conducted on the arsenal at 5:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 18, in the area in front of the old NCO club just inside Gate 11, the entrance adjacent to the Troop Command.

The announcement was made by Maj. Harvey Vance, who met recently with the Ministerial Alliance of Huntsville to make plans for the annual event. Pvt. Ramon Kyser and Pvt. Joe Morrow, chaplain's assistants, also attended the meeting held at the Post Chapel.

The Ministerial Alliance will be responsible for the program, and the Chaplain's Office at Redstone will have the program published.

Members of the Chapel Guild will decorate the platform with seasonal flowers and furnish the decorated cross. The Provost Marshal will furnish traffic control and personnel to direct people to the scene of the ceremony.

## VARIETY SHOW IS COMING

Tentative plans have been made for a Variety show to be held at 8:30 p.m. on April 8 at the Service Club. The entertainers will be a group from the A. and M. College in Huntsville presenting



CH. CHARLES P. HAMBY

## New Chaplain Is Assigned Redstone

Redstone again has an assigned chaplain. He is 1st Lt. Charles P. Hamby, Jr., of Birmingham.

Chaplain Hamby served in World War II as an enlisted man in the Air Force. The Air Force sent him to Alaska.

After release from the Army he returned to Birmingham and earned a bachelor of arts degree at Birmingham-Southern. His major was psychology.

Then he switched professions. He enrolled at Emory University to earn a bachelor of divinity degree.

But studying wasn't enough. Chaplain Hamby, in order to help finance his way through college, became the associate pastor at the Mt. Vernon Methodist Church in Birmingham. He was also president of the Ministerial Association in that city.

After graduation, he became associate pastor at the First Methodist Church in Bessemer.

As ministers, the Hambys are not strangers in the Huntsville area. Chaplain Hamby's father, the Rev. Charles P. Hamby, Sr., now deceased, served one of Huntsville's Methodist churches around the turn of the century.

In addition to his ministerial training at Emory, Chaplain Hamby went through the Army Chaplain School before he was assigned here.

## Shriners Sell Special Edition

Shriners have already begun receiving subscriptions — some amounting to as much as \$100 for a special Palm Sunday edition of the Huntsville Times, according to F. M. McKenzie.

However, contrary to a statement in the last issue of *The Rocket*, the Times will be delivered to its regular subscribers on that day, April 11.

The money collected by the Shriners will be used to help crippled children in Madison County, McKenzie said.

"We are trying to raise as much money as possible for a crippled children's clinic," Dorsey C. Uptain, Shrine president, said.

Nobles Robert Clary and McKenzie are in charge of solicitation and distribution at Redstone. Subscriptions may be called in to any of these men. Clary's number is 5231, and McKenzie's is 3-3241.

On the Saturday before Palm Sunday, a Shrine parade will be held in Huntsville with the famous "Rube Band" and clowns of Zamora Temple being featured with all the Shriners of Madison County invited to participate.

All Redstone Shriners, both past and present members, are invited to take part, McKenzie said.

The Shriners of Madison County have a continuous program of aid to crippled children.

skits from well-known musicals. Notices and posters will be distributed when the program is announced.

## REDSTONE TO ADD 50 APPRENTICES

### 20 Sought Now And 36 Later

Fifty-six additional apprentices will be added to the Redstone apprenticeship program, it was announced by Jesse Stutts, executive secretary of the U. S. Board of Civil Service Examiners at the arsenal.

Of these 56, about 20 will be added immediately and the remaining 36 will be added after July 1, Stutts said.

"In keeping with the arsenal policy of promotion from within it is desired to fill these positions with present arsenal employes whenever possible," he said.

"In order to qualify for assignment to this position it is necessary that all applicants pass the Civil Service examination to be given whenever enough applications have been received," Stutts said.

Examinations are ordinarily given on Saturdays at Huntsville High School.

At present, the examination is open for two options—Machinist Apprentice and Sheet Metal Worker Apprentice. However, Stutts said that applicants entitled to ten points veteran's preference may re-open examinations for Electrician (Construction) Apprentice, Electrician (Lineman) Apprentice, and Plumber-Steam Fitter Apprentice.

Entrance rate of pay for apprentices is \$1.34 per hour, with progressive increases provided each six month throughout the four-year apprenticeship—up to the first step of the Journeyman rate of the trade.

Applications should be turned in to the Board of Civil Service Examiners, Bldg. W-441. Applicants will be notified of the date of the examination.

The age limits for this examination are from 16 to 27, Stutts said. But the maximum age limit is waived for all apprentices entitled to veteran's preference.

It requires approximately seven hours to take the examination.

## Efficiency Group Reduces to Five

The Efficiency Awards Committee has been reduced from 14 members to five—for greater efficiency.

The new committee held its first meeting at 2 p.m. Thursday in the War Room, Bldg. A-101.

E. C. Wooten, executive secretary, said that the committee is now composed of: Casper Koeper, OML; H. L. Hollingsworth, Consolidated Supply; John Shank, Management; Stuart Jones, civilian personnel officer; and Chick Albright, safety officer.

A new position—that of investigator—has been opened for the committee, Wooten said. A qualified person to fill this job is being sought by Civilian Personnel.

The investigator will be able to take some of the work load off the committee, he said—another



COL. PAUL ELIAS

## Colonel Elias Made New Chief of FSD

Colonel Paul Elias has replaced Colonel Benjamin Beach as Chief of the Field Service Division.

Colonel Beach is now an assistant to the Commanding General. Colonel Elias came to Redstone after an assignment in Korea and Japan. In Korea he was Eighth Army Ordnance Officer for Gen. James A. Van Fleet during 1952. From there he went to Yokohama, Japan for another year.

During his Korean career, he also earned the Legion of Merit. In addition, he is entitled to wear the Bronze Star and the Commendation Ribbon with two clusters.

While at the United States Military Academy, from which he graduated in 1929, Colonel Elias played four years at tackle on the Army's football team.

He has spent almost as much time overseas as in the United States since beginning his Army career, and has been stationed in the Philippine Islands, Hawaii, Panama, and Europe as well as Korea and Japan.

Despite moving around the world, Colonel Elias found time to earn a master of science degree in 1948 and his doctorate in engineering science in 1949 at New York University.

In addition to keeping busy earning degrees, the colonel found time to spend as an amateur photographer.

Before going to Korea, Colonel Elias was in the office of the Chief of Ordnance with Brig. Gen. H. N. Toftoy and others engaged in making Redstone Arsenal the center of the guided missile program. Theirs was the job of long-range planning to build a nationwide defense program and plan for surveillance, procurement and field service.

Colonel and Mrs. Elias have a daughter, Joan Patricia, and a private first class son in the Transportation Corps, Paul J., who hasn't decided whether to go to college or try out for the U. S. Military Academy.

reason why its membership was reduced.

## ROCKET SEMINAR TO START HERE

### Interested Personnel May Attend Meets

A Technical Orientation Seminar, sponsored by OML, has been announced for Redstone employes, by Dr. Julian Mancill, director of the Redstone Graduate Institute.

The first lecture of the program, designed for training personnel in the fundamentals of rockets and guided missiles, will be April 9 at 8:30 a.m. in Rocket Auditorium. E. A. Hellebrand will talk on "Airframes for Guided Missiles." The lecture is unclassified.

The program is aimed at all junior engineers, key shop personnel, technical secretaries, and other appropriate persons.

The program will emphasize information applicable to the mission activities of Redstone, Dr. Manchill said.

A second talk, "Material problems in Missile Design" will be given by W. H. Steurer on April 23.

Twelve other lectures will be announced later, Dr. Mancill said. The programs are being arranged through the joint efforts of the Graduate Institute, Civilian Personnel Training branch, and the Secretary, OML Technical Councils and Panels.

Dr. Mancill said that topics presented at the lectures may be pursued further if the group wishes to.

Plans now call for having one topic presented on alternate Fridays at Rocket Auditorium.

## Crusade For Cancer Runs Through April

The Cancer Crusade opened yesterday to continue through April.

Everyone who contributes during the crusade is helping to save lives from the disease that is the second worst killer in the country.

Last year, 73,000 cases had a happy ending, an ending in which you played a part if you gave to the American Cancer Society.

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The largest share of the contribution, 60 percent, is devoted to work in your division or unit. It underwrites a great education program so that the public may know what to do and when and where to do it. Service to patients takes part of this 60 percent, some research takes a part, and administration and local fund raising comes from this too.

National research takes 25 percent and the remaining 15 is broken up for all the various functions of the society.

Forty-four chairmen for the various arsenal agencies met recently to receive material for the crusade, and to hear Louis Salmon, Madison County chairman.

Mr. Salmon stressed that a great part of the money is spent in Alabama, and a local representative is available at all times to help those in the immediate area suffering from the disease.

Capt. Joseph Hinesley is the arsenal chairman, and George Potts is the co-chairman.

## IT IS NOW MAJOR MERCHANT

Word was received here last week of the promotion of Maj. Robert P. Merchant to that rank effective March 26. He is presently assigned a director of training at an Ordnance school at Yong-dong-po, Korea, near Seoul. The school was recently featured in an Ordnance magazine article entitled "Aberdeen in Korea." While at Redstone, Maj. Merchant was the contract liaison officer, headquarters, GMDD.



CANCER CHAIRMEN—The men who are heading the Cancer Crusade at Redstone, Capt. Joseph Hinesley, (left) and George Potts, (right) meet with Louis Salmon, Madison County chairman. Salmon talked to the arsenal workers last week to outline the program for the crusade which was opened yesterday on the arsenal. (Photo by Sgt. Dick Coddington)

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## Credit Union Facts May Clear up Haze Joe Mitchell Says

Borrowers and depositors are a little hazy about some of the basic facts concerning the Redstone Credit Union according to Joe Mitchell, assistant treasurer.

A few would-be borrowers have not known that in order to get a loan, they must be members of the Credit Union. Depositors have not known that they should make advance application for membership which is approved by the Board of Directors.

Mitchell also pointed out that all deposits up to \$1,000 are insured by the Cuna Mutual Insurance Society.

In case of a fatal accident to the depositor, his beneficiary would be paid the number of shares he holds on deposit. Or, if he has an unpaid note, the insur-

ance company will pay it off leaving the beneficiary free of debt. The insurance also covers notes of Credit Union members who meet permanently disabling accidents. The Credit Union pays for this insurance.

On obtaining a loan, the borrower pays only one per cent per month on the unpaid balance or one-half of one per cent if his shares on deposit are sufficient to cover the loan. On some loans, it is necessary to have some security to protect credit union depositors such as a mortgage on a car or some other piece of property.

To do credit union business, most people at the arsenal need not leave the building in which they work. A Credit Union representative covers almost every area on the arsenal.

Fridays are bad days to apply for loans. That's the day when everybody is paying off or depositing their cash and the personnel at the Credit Union office are swamped. And on Tuesday afternoons the staff catches up on its book work, so they're only open until noon.

Mitchell suggests that borrowers get their loan applications in by Tuesday because the Credit Committee meets on Wednesday to review applications.



## Bill Calvert Tops H. H. S. Honor Roll

It is getting to be a habit for the off-spring of officers in NPD to head the honor roll at Huntsville High School. In December, Miss Donna Thayer, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Henry C. Thayer pulled down the highest average in the school for the previous six-week period.

Now the latest student to get his picture and a write-up in the school paper, "The Red and Blue" is Bill Calvert, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. George Calvert.

Bill is a freshman, and came to Huntsville High last September from Thomas Jefferson High in Arlington, Va. He is studying the usual required algebra, science and English, and his elective is French.

We suppose we should say he is from Texas, if it is possible to say an Army child is "from" someplace. At least he was born in Dallas, Tex., and attended school in Houston.

Other schools for him include Washington, D. C., and Mannheim, Germany.

This isn't the first time for Bill to win the top honors for scholarship. He was awarded the number one spot in his last year of school in Mannheim, Germany, when he was a seventh grader in 1951-1952.

Recalling some of his school experiences it was disclosed that he once entered the Arlington, Va., schools as a "middle year" student. The state of Virginia eliminated the half year status, and Bill skipped from 4A to the fifth.

dissipated and you will be putting Arthur Murray to shame.

Like to keep people guessing? If so you better put a big red circle around Wednesday on the calendar, because at 2000 hours a charade party will be held at the Service Club. Besides all the mystifying gestures and their attendant laughter and gaiety, refreshments will be on hand so come and join the fun.

Thursday evening an all around session of games will be held to keep that spectre of boredom away. The TV set will also be at your disposal in case you prefer that type of entertainment.

How are you at ping pong? Care to prove your adriotness at playing this game? Or maybe you are one who just likes to watch a fast game. Friday evening is the time for you to make the Service Club your headquarters then, for at 2030 hours a ping pong contest will be held and prizes will be awarded.

By Saturday almost all vestiges of the fever of spring should have disappeared, but in the event they haven't, the weekend's activities should prove to be the piece de resistance. Take one part femininity composed of the Jr. Hostesses, augment it with the presence of the many young ladies comprising the Birmingham Hostess group, stir in the dreamy music of Jack Peake and his orchestra, add the sentimental decorations bearing out the theme of April in Paris and top off with a Buffet Supper. All of this to be dished up for your participation and consumption on Saturday starting at 1830 hours.

Sunday the prescription winds up with the planning of Brunch to be served at 1000 hours with the Hostesses from Birmingham still in attendance, along with the music of Lt. John Attaway. In the early afternoon the Missilemen will also do their bit by entertaining in their inimitable fashion. All in all a perfect weekend to top off a very entertaining week.

Requests for the adding of a Saturday night record dance to the schedule have been duly received and plans are being made to comply with them. Also due to the many requests, another Duplicate Hand Contract Bridge Tournament has been tentatively scheduled for the nights of the 26th and 27th of April.

His father's comment adds "— though no fault of his own—how lucky can you get?"

Bill lost no time getting into extra-curricular activities after coming to Huntsville last summer. Presently he is a patrol leader in Boy Scout Troop number seven as well as den chief for Mrs. James Davis' group of Cub Scouts.

He is also associated with the local De Molay chapter.

As for sports, Bill is a member of the Episcopal Church League basketball team, and enjoys swimming, football and baseball.

Recreation at home includes stamp collecting.

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## SERVICE CLUB ACTIVITIES BY BOB KURTZ

Are you feeling dull and listless lately? Has Spring Fever set in? If so don't reach for that spring tonic. Instead, why not combat this seasonal malaise by joining in the fun to be had at the Service Club. There's music and girls, games and girls, dancing and girls and one more thing—Yep, you guessed it—Girls.

One of the best remedies for spring fever is dancing. In case you are not an accomplished dancer, however, Tuesday evening at 1945 hours is the time for you to start changing that state of affairs, by attending the dance instruction class. Experienced instructors will take you through the rudiments of the modern dances and before you know it all feeling of lethargy will have been

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BY HELEN REED

The arsenal telephone directory list her as Emma Maples, Transportation. She is also Mrs. Murray Maples of Owens Cross Roads. But the name by which she is known at work and at home is "Toots."

Many, many people have a

telephone acquaintance with her. She is the girl who gets the calls when someone wants to travel. Her phone rings, and either the person who expects a temporary duty trip, or his secretary, says, "John Roe has to go to Podunk Center by air on April 12 and return April 16."

Toots gets out the airlines schedules and the maps to see what big place with airline service is near Podunk Center. Then she looks for a bus or train from there to the final destination. All time schedules, trains, airlines, accommodations and so forth are figured by Toots and she gets the necessary tickets.

Of course, people don't usually go to such out of the way places, but there are instances of it. Toots is the passenger clerk in the Transportation Office, and her supervisor is Mrs. Mildred Bobo, the traffic manager.

Coming to this job in October, 1950, Toots started when the arsenal was having growing pains, and people were scampering in all directions to get business organized and stabilized at Redstone.

Many of her 'customers' were new at their jobs, and so was she. Immediately, she found it satisfying to help them get routed in the right directions.

For the German-born scientists it was their first taste of travel alone in this country. Toots had to explain every phase of the trips to them.

One of them told her that he simply could not travel by air, that air sickness made him ill

for a day or so after a flight was finished. But his traveling companion and supervisor insisted that air travel was necessary in order to accomplish the mission, so they took off in a plane. On return, the man beset by air sickness reported to her that he had been so ill that he had to remain at the hotel all of the time they were due at meetings, came back by air, and he had to stay home for two days to recover.

After this experience, Toots is very careful to explain to supervisors and travelers that the planning itineraries should consider these factors. She says people are nice about their requests for her assistance, and we've heard over and over again about how cooperative she is in getting personnel routed on their travels. Toots has a quick and flashing smile which is reflected in her telephone voice.

At first she was the only one working on this particular phase of Transportation activities. Now she has three assistants all working madly to keep the operation running smoothly.

After graduating from Madison County High School, Toots accepted a job at Finney General Hospital in Thomasville, Ga., where her sister was employed. There she was in the discharge section of the hospital—the place where men were getting out of service following hospitalization.

Hur husband works in the Maintenance Section of Rohm and Haas.

In addition to arsenal personnel who travel, Toots arranges accommodations for dependents of both civilian and military personnel in the area who move on permanent change of station. Instructions say that the best possible service will be given these people. "I like sports of all kinds—my favorite is fishing and helping my husband with his bird dogs," Toots told us.

Here she is, busy as a bee helping people go places, "But," says Toots, "I never get to go anyplace myself."

Van, announced this week. A test period was run before the Army gave the service rating as "an accepted mode" of shipping household goods and furniture. Between Alaska and the States, van-trailers are carried by boat. In the States, the trailers are hauled by truck-tractor.

As a result, in either direction, furnishings are picked up at the residence, packed, padded and sealed, loaded in vans, and travel by van until they are delivered at the other end. This system of handling the cargo enroute is made possible by the land-sea connection at Seattle, Wash.

it will be as hot in Atlanta as it will be here before khaki's are again authorized.

AN UNSUNG HERO: The personnel working in the RDD area appreciate the thoughtfulness of the main line bus driver who waits for the men on mornings when they are late getting down to the bus stop. He is able to delay departure a few minutes and still maintain his schedule permitting his passengers to get to the job on time.

The parking lot was "paved" and that's about all there is to say about it.

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

Sgt. Hooper, well known unit supply sergeant of 9330th, celebrated his birthday last week. We belatedly wish him a very Happy Birthday. It was reported that his wife baked him a: Cake, birthday, OD shade 7, one (1) each with candles (optional). If he got two cakes and can't stand the pressure, it is requested that he turn one in for surplus.

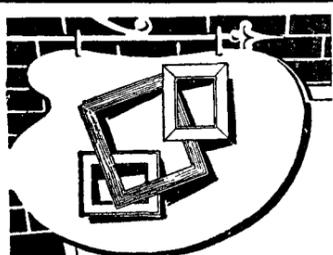
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**Coffee Party Honors Mrs. Clell Stratton**

Mrs. Harry P. Schoenman and Mrs. John Wattendorf entertained with a coffee and sherry party on March 29 honoring Mrs. Cecil Stratton who left last week for Red Bank, N. J. Capt. Stratton has been assigned to the Valley Forge Hospital.

Seventeen guests attended the event held at the Schoenman home.

An arrangement of spring flowers formed the centerpiece for the refreshment table which was covered with a linen cutwork cloth. Lighted candles were used beside the centerpiece.

**Handicraft Workers Hold First Meeting**

The handicraft group, sponsored by the special activities committee of the Chapel Guild, met March 28 for an organization meeting at the home of Mrs. Archibald Dean.

All dependents of military personnel and residents of the post are eligible for membership in

the group.

They plan to meet the last Friday of each month at 1 p.m. in the homes of the members, with the April meeting at the home of Mrs. Theodore Ebbert on the arsenal.

At this meeting members will bring material to make one item for themselves and one for sale at the Thrift Shop.

Items which they are considering for their handicraft work include aprons, stuffed animals, boys' beanies, fabric painting, bed jackets, place mats, and clothes pin bags.

Those attending the first meeting were Mrs. Theodore Ebbert, Mrs. Harry Schoenman, Mrs. E.B. Dobbins, Mrs. F. W. Yanker, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. Robert Bailey, Mrs. R. P. Fallows, and Mrs. J. L. Horner. Mrs. Horner is the publicity chairman.

**FIELD SERVICE DIVISION BY SUDIE AMSLER**

Now that the Bikini dust is gone from my squinty eyes, it's time to take a look at the "bold" program before us in FSD.

It was Tuesday and election day in the Div. Candidates were Dolores Killion, NEC; Hubert Nagle, NMP; and old dahk hoss, Robert Stultz, NSCP. Election manager was Bradley Cartwright, who was in search for a representative to the Civilian Welfare Council. The winnah? The old dahk hoss—goodly for him.

CELEBRITY. Troy Carroll, of NSCP, is a member of a gospel quartet who broadcast every Sunday morning. They are on the air from 6:30 to 7:00. You have to be an early bird to catch Carroll's carolling, but it's worth the effort.

Fee-fi-fo-fum. That's Major Bill Baker's theme song. He and Joan, his spouse, were quite properly impressed by the beautiful flowers in Bellingrath Gardens, on their recent visit there. "Jolly good," said Bill, commenting on the trip.

Art Peterson and wife also zoomed down to God's country—the Gulf Coast and its environs.

The Sparks family—that's Major 'Nick', Dorothy, Marguerite, and Emily, took a look at their "Old Kentucky Home."

There were two of our liaison officers in residence for a few days. Lt. T. T. Bernstein had been away for goodness knows how long. Lt. Hugh Eaken pops in and out more often. We're always glad to have them with us. They seem to be so full of business.

We've had some changes here. Edith Houston transferred to Civilian Personnel and Mona King moved over in her place to be Neal Robert's secretary. Evelyn Crabtree left the Adm. Office for NEC. Nancy Garner may be found in Bldg. 781.

Col. Beach told us all goodbye the other day and introduced his replacement, Col. Paul Elias.

Col. Elias is an old Ordnance hand, and recently returned from FECOM. If you'll look elsewhere in this issue of The Rocket, you'll find his picture and further details about our new chief.

There's a new name plate on the desk of the chief of the Tech Br. in NEC and it reads "John Watts." He's from WSPG, but he has visited the Div. so often, we feel he's already old folks at home.

SMALL FRY DEPT. And cigars and candy were passed out all around the building. Hershell Cleveland Luna, II, weighing sev-

en pounds and nine ounces, arrived March 20th to make his home with the senior Lunas' and three sisters.

"Wimpy" and Charles Vandiver's first child came March 21st. He is Charles Neale, II, and he weighed 8 pounds—plus—at birth. They'll call him Neale.

For the Bill Huff's it was an eight-pound-six-ounces boy, William David, born March 29th. He's their first child, too.

Weighing in at eight pounds five and one-half ounces was Richard Randolph Mears. He's the first baby for Ruth and Randy and they're mighty proud of him.

That diploma of Bob Black's was a beautiful "certificate of completion of the Economic Mobilization Correspondence Study course with the Industrial College of the Armed Forces," all signed, sealed and delivered to one Lt. Col. Robert W. Black, Jr., U.S.A.R. Well, since it's equal to a 10-months' residence course, it is something to be proud of, I would say.

I trotted back to the Pub Br of NMP and said howdy to all these new folks: Everett H. Robertson, Tech Manual Section; Tom McCullough; Vladimir Holiga, from Wright Patterson AFB; Ed Hart, Patrick AFB; Nolan Craig; Harold Marks; Raymond Steelman; and Harvey Miller. Those last four were so busy, I didn't tarry long.

Then I tripped Lee Bowman long enough to get the names of the new girls in NEC, who are: F. Vandiver—I mean: Mary London, Doris White, Ruth Fanning, Esther Fann, Cris Carroll (Troy's wife), and Peggy Lawhorn. So glad to have all you people.

Next time, we'll see what we can do about the ladies in NMP and all the other new ones in NSCP.

**9352 TSU PROMOTIONS**

Promotions in the 9352nd Technical Service Unit include one new sergeant, Hubert L. Davis, and nine new corporals. They are: Gerald A. Slauch, Ernest V. Collins, Jr., Robert N. Haynes, Frederick J. Jankowski, James H. Jordan, Roland R. Kane, Alfred V. Lykens, Jr., James P. Monroe and Alvin G. Silverstein.

**PERSONALS**

Mrs. Henry C. Thayer and Lt. Robert Yeager won the high scores when Couples Bridge Club met March 29 at the Officers' Open Mess with four tables in progress. Mrs. Richard Meyer and Lt. Edward Bartunek held the low scores. Mrs. Thayer was the hostess for this meeting. The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on April 5 with Mr. and Mrs. James Fagan as host and hostess. Regular members who do not plan to attend should call Mrs. Fagan by noon of the 5th so that even tables may be arranged. Her phone number is Huntsville 3964.

Col. and Mrs. Henry C. Thayer and children spent March 29 weekend in Montgomery.

There were four tables of bridge in play at Ladies' Bridge Club April 1 at the Officers Mess.

Mrs. Henry C. Thayer won high, Mrs. Helen Sanders was second, Mrs. Allen Williams was third, and Mrs. Thomas K. Vincent had low score. There was one table of Samba. Mrs. Willie Paulette won high, and Mrs. Robert Winter was winner of low score. The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on April 15. Those planning to attend should call Mrs. Edward Weatherford at Huntsville 5862-J.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Broyles announce the birth of a daughter, Sherry Cameron, on March 26 at the Huntsville Hospital. She weighed nine pounds and fifteen ounces. The Broyles reside at 1431 Brandon St., Huntsville, and Mr. Broyles is employed in the Mission Planning and Coordination Office.

Maj. and Mrs. Harvey C. Vance and daughter have moved from 302-B Flager Plaza to 108 Benet Cr., Wherry.



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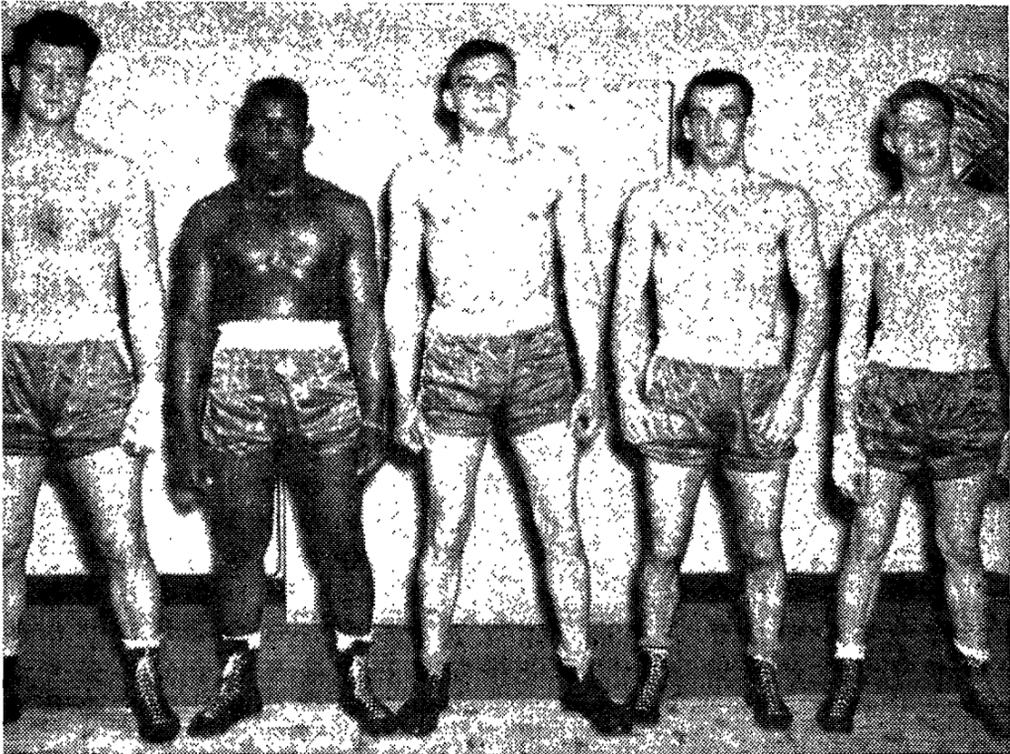
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**GETTING READY FOR FIGHTS**—Looking determined for the forthcoming Third Army Boxing Tournament at Ft. Bragg, N.C., is the Redstone boxing team. Coach-Captain Al Tillman (left) is busy tonight whipping the boys into shape for the Ft. Bragg bouts April 12-16. From left to right are: Tillman, heavy-eight; John Blake, light-heavyweight; Leo Morales, middle-eight; Hubert Davis, welterweight; and Bob Russell, feather-eight. Marvin Baker, the sixth man on the squad is not shown. Photo by O. B. Schlotterbeck)

**REDSTONE BOXERS FEINT—PUNCH READY TO BRING HOME BRAGG BACON**

BY JACK WOLFF

The fast-moving shadowy figure seen through the windows of the east end of the gym each night members of the Redstone boxing team, the arsenal's hopes for the Army title.

The four young men who dillitly exchange blows on the matted floor are earnestly king toward a good showing at the 3rd Army Championship bouts at Ft. Bragg, April 12-16.

The boys are under the able coaching of former Alaskan champion Sgt. Al Tillman who is the team's best chance for the Army Championship.

Working with a squad of boxers of limited experience is not an undertaking but Coach-Tillman feels that Redstone should hold its own in the tally of points. "We haven't much collective experience," says Tillman, "but what we have in that category we make up with eagerness and the will to win."

All the squad members display eagerness at their nightly sparring bouts where the sparring is furious and continuous. The boys have to be fast and diligent in their training for they are king against time. The Ft. Bragg bouts are just one week away.

Though still a few pounds over the desired weight of 200, heavy-eight Tillman looks just about right. His sparring mates are quick to vouch for that. Tillman's record is long and impressive, among his greatest feats are winning the Alaskan Heavyweight Championship for three years and being semi-finalist in 1950 and list in 1951 in the Army world championship matches.

Huntsville's own Bob Russell, on the squad only three weeks, will fill the featherweight spot. His fast elusive style coupled with a heavy punch should perplex any opponent. Though the Ft. Bragg bouts will mark Bob's Army debut, his confidence remains unshaken. He is determined to make a good showing for himself and for the squad.

Light-heavyweight Johnny Davis is a good prospect for bringing back his share of honors. With years experience in the ring the Police Athletic League in New York, Mt. Vernon's Blake has the tricks of the pugilistic trade.

Hubert Davis is the team's ace in the welterweight class. He is an aggressive boxer who counts and covers well. Davis is a winner of the post welterweight title and has had enough time in the ropes to insure Redstone some hard fighting at Ft. Bragg.

The two remaining squad members, Leo Morales and Marvin Baker are unable to make the trip for the 3rd Army matches. Their boxing prowess will certainly be tested at Ft. Bragg but they should be available for future bouts after the forthcoming tour-

With a small squad and little experience, some may feel that Tillman and his men have a long road ahead of them, but with spirit and fresh ability shown by the four sluggers at sparring

work-outs, Redstone could become the surprise entrant in the Ft. Bragg Tournament.

**Arsenal Baseballers Undergo First Cut**

The Redstone Arsenal baseball team had their first cut of the season last week. The many survivors of this initial cut are expected to be narrowed down to about 20 before league play begins.

The first contest of the season is a home game against the Elgin Air Force Base squad, May 5. Predictions would not be made as to the possible outcome of this game but practice is now in full swing



PVT. JACK WOLFF

**New Sports Editor Takes Over Duties**

Redstone sports men will be getting a better break publicity-wise from now on.

The reason for this is Pvt. Jack Wolff, assigned to the Investigating Branch, Provost Marshal Division. Pvt. Wolff, a journalism graduate from the University of Illinois, has taken on the extra assignment of sports editor for The Rocket—this in addition to his regular duties.

Not only that, but Pvt. Wolff will also be handling troop ac-

in preparation for it.

The season's schedule at present calls for 35 games of which 21 are to be played here at Redstone.

tivity news for The Rocket.

A native of Chicago, Wolff graduated from the University of Illinois in June, 1953. Shortly thereafter, he was drafted.

After he finished basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Wolff was sent to Military Police school at Camp Gordon—and thus to Redstone.

Wolff, who is 22 years old, was not long in contacting the PIO at Redstone and making his talents available for The Rocket.

With the okay of his boss, Maj. Harvey Vance, Wolff was given the extra job of digging out news on sports and troop activities.

So remember, for troop news or sports news, be sure and call Jack Wolff. His extension number is 5349.

The Chapel Guild will meet at 10 a.m. April 7 at the Service Club.

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## Another Team Joins Softball League

"Redstone Arsenal's softball team is gradually taking form," happily announced Sgt. Ralph Glendening of Special Services last week. "The new team has entered and two more inquiries have been made concerning entrance to the league," he said.

The new entry, the 67th Engineers, insures the military league of an active season. Official entry is anxiously awaited from the Field Service Division and the 9615 Signal, who made the two inquiries.

More civilian teams are still needed to fill out the league. Any civilian department of the Arsenal desiring to enter should contact Sgt. Glendening at 5476. Because league play will begin the first week of May, less than a month away, those interested are advised to enter as soon as possible.

The league roster stands at present:

**Military teams:**  
3523 ASU  
9352 TSU  
9330 TSU  
MP Detachment  
1st ETD  
2nd ETD  
67th Engineers

**Civilian teams:**  
Finance Area 1, Bldg. 411  
Tech. Engineering, OML  
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### TOURNEY DATE SWITCHED

The start of Redstone's company level volleyball tournament has been moved forward to April 12, announced Sgt. Glendening of Special Services athletics last week.

The six teams formerly slated to clash April 5, will be supplied with revised schedules as soon as possible.

The tourney is a double elimination type with two officials supplied by each team acting as linesmen.

Pfc. Paul Elias is spending leave with his parents, Col. and Mrs. Paul Elias at their quarters on the arsenal. He is stationed at Ft. Eustis, Va.

## ORDNANCE GUIDED MISSILE SCHOOL

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The Staff & Faculty of OGMS welcome to its humble halls of learning the following classes that have been recently enrolled in the various Training Branches.

External Branch—Class 27; Internal Branch—Class 32; Mechanical Branch—Class 56; Propellant-Explosive Branch—Class 13; and Officers Class 22.

Also, External Branch extends a welcome to Mr. Archie D. Brown, who has recently been added to the faculty. Mr. Brown is instructing in the SAM Section.

Somewhere in Pulaski, Tenn., there is one very happy civilian. His happiness stems from the fact that on 23 March 1954 he was discharged from the Army. All his fellow instructors from the Internal Branch wish Brownie Gordon lots of luck in his chosen civilian career.

Chuck Hendrix formerly of Reproduction Section, has returned to the Army as Sgt. Hendrix and is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. James L. Sapp of Mail and Records replaced Chuck in Reproduction.

Some of the newer additions to the Training Division Staff are Capt. Jack L. Horner, assistant chief of Logistics Section; Mrs. Carol Wahl, Facilities and Services' Clerk-Steno; and Sgt. Amos E. Stacey, Administrative NCO for Facilities and Services.

Dr. Elliott, president-emeritus of Purdue University, visited at OGMS for about ten days in the capacity of consultant for the Ordnance Training Command. While here, Dr. Elliott became well acquainted with the educational problems peculiar to a guided missile school.

Mechanical Branch underwent a change in Administrative NCO's recently. M/Sgt. Robert L. Clary who had been with the Branch in this capacity for approximately one year was replaced by M/Sgt. Ernest G. Burdick. M/Sgt. Clary transferred to new duties at the OGMS Book Store.

This is M/Sgt. Burdick's first

## CONSOLIDATED SUPPLY

BY JANE GRAHAM

We welcomed back last week to Consolidated Supply Vera Coffey who left us in January. During the intervening period she has been employed in Finance. Vera also has just returned from a pleasant weekend trip to Nashville where she attended the Ice Revue and WSM's Sunday Down South program.

Others off on weekend jaunts were: Marilyn Milner to Savannah to visit her aunt; Maria Fanning, Dot Golden, Florence Palmerlee and Marie Weeks to Birmingham to the Ice Show; and Sally Smith to Tuscaloosa as a delegate to the BPW Convention where the author of "Cheaper by the Dozen" was guest speaker.

Our sincere sympathy goes to Charlotte Moore. Her grandmother passed away Monday.

J. W. McKinney is happy these days as much-needed typists are reporting to Receiving. This week there have been Geraldine Andrews, Erma Draper, Martha Collins, and Helen McCain. E. Thompson Hewes is a new employe in Stock Control. We hope all of you are happy in your new jobs.

It's good to see Ann Bruce, Eddie Pylant, and Ruby Seglar back at their desks after a spell of sickness.

Louise Coleman and Reba Grisham have been extremely discommoded ever since the key to their apartment disappeared from Louise's coat pocket at the Auction Sale Thursday night. The girls were passersby (full of curiosity) on their way home when they were lured in by the auctioneer's chant. Later, up against their locked door, and suddenly aware of their loss, Reba burst out in lamentation, "No telling how much that key brought after we left." No effort to get a replacement is proof enough that a return trip to the Sale this Thurs-

duty assignment at Redstone. He was transferred here from Aberdeen, Md., where he was stationed for a short time after returning from Korea.

Mr. Sebastian J. D'Alli, Northrop Contract employe, is leaving the school. He and his family are moving to Florida.

M/Sgt. Gilbert of Propellants Branch has been transferred to the Army Hospital at Fort Campbell, Ky., to undergo treatment.

It is with regret that we announce the resignation of Mrs. Loris Troup who served for many months as editor, attached to the Office, Director of Training. It was one of Mrs. Troup's duties to correct errors of grammar and incoherent form. Those of us who were assigned to the writing of technical manuscripts will miss her because of the diplomatic way in which she called these mistakes to our attention.

We hope that Pvt. Millard Reed, who has been stricken with pneumonia for several weeks, will soon be with us again in the Mechanical Branch.

The following members of the Staff and Faculty of OGMS became happy fathers recently. Lt. Henry S. Cummings of Mechanical Branch, Lt. Robert B. McGhee of Internal Branch, Lt. Marcus Winchester of Maintenance Branch, and Pvt. Delbert Pullins of Office, Training Division.

No more worries about too many donuts or expanding waistlines in the school, the newly issued two-wheeled vehicles will keep us in trim shape.

Luckily, the bicycles are of the girls' model, so, on the warm days when everybody is taking turns 'around the track' we secretaries can join in the game.

## M/Sgt. Robert Hall Leaves Army Service

M/Sgt. Robert G. Hall retired here last week after more than twenty-two years of continuous service. He was assigned in the Intelligence Office while on duty at Redstone.

The sergeant was originally from Schenectady, N. Y. and first entered military service as a member of the 99th Observation

Squadron, U. S. Army Air Corp at Mitchell Field, L. I., N. Y. on July 6, 1933. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hall, now reside at Daytona Beach, Fla.

During World War II, Sgt. Hall served as a flight engineer with the 498th Bombardment Group on the island of Siapan.

In 1948 when the Air Force became a separate branch of service, Sgt. Hall remained on duty with the Army.

The Halls plan to move to Seattle, Wash., where the sergeant will be employed by an aircraft corporation.

day is anticipated in an effort to retrieve the key. Happy hunting, girls. Maybe time did run out before the items did.

We are missing J. T. Walls (SINGLE) who has transferred to NPD. The loss of eligible males (outnumbered almost ten to one here by females looking for husbands) is especially discouraging. Perhaps the same situation exists in NPD, and they rejoice while we weep.

Edna Broyles is all agog these days, and we are happy for her. She and husband, Sam, have moved into their lovely new home. There will be no spring-cleaning worries for Edna.

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There are over 600 students attending the State Vocational Trade School at Decatur.

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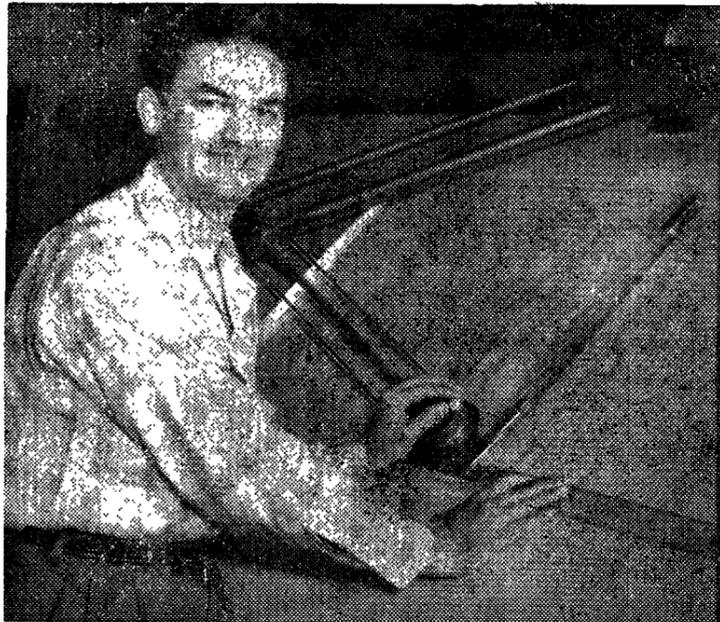
The remaining students are adults, mostly veterans, who woke up to the fact that to earn a good living you have got to know how to do something, whether it's repairing a television set or cutting hair.

The high school students are mostly boys who expect to be drafted into the armed forces when they are 18 year old.

"Actually, what we are doing with these boys now is teaching them something that they can use in the army," said Carlton Kelley, rector of the school.

"The armed forces need men with skills the same as industry men," he said. "These boys will be able to contribute far more to the country because they are learning how to do something. And when they return as civilians they will be able to get a good job."

As for the veterans, Kelley said at, like most draftees from the



**FROM SHOE SHINING TO DESIGN** — Malcolm NeSmith started work as a 12-year-old shoe shine boy. From that he jumped to many other jobs before becoming a machine operator. By studying nights at the Decatur trade school he learned drafting. Now as a draftsman in the Fabrication Lab, OML, he has all the potentials of a first rate designer. (Photo by Dick Bauer)

South they didn't have a skill when they went into the armed forces and they didn't have a skill when they got out.

"But these men woke up to the fact that to get a decent job they had to know how to do something. And they are also getting their high school diplomas here."

Students go to school six hours a day, and by the time they are ready to graduate they have had almost 3000 hours of instruction, with the ratio of two hours of shop for every hour of classroom work.

"We have had men start here in the first grade and get their high school diploma," the director said.

"I remember one boy who was kicked out of high school because he was a truant. He came from a broken home and it looked like he would never amount to anything. He started coming out here and jumped from one thing to another. We had about given up hope for him when he landed in the machine shop. And Bingo! He caught fire. The boy was a natural machinist. He is now making \$100 a week right here in Decatur."

To avoid the hit-and-miss method of discovering potential talent in students, Kelley is planning on installing an aptitude testing system for all new entries.

Another example of a man who found himself at the Decatur Trade School is Malcolm NeSmith, now working for the Fabrication Lab, GMDD.

NeSmith's father died when he was 12 years old and he had to go to work shining shoes to help support himself. NeSmith is bright and he is energetic and he moved from one job to another until he finally became a machine opera-

tor. It was a good job and the pay was not bad, but NeSmith wasn't satisfied. He had a knack for drawing and he liked to put his ideas down on paper.

By then he had his own family to support. And although he was working ten hours a day in a local plant he enrolled in a mechanical drafting course at the trade school. After he finished working ten hours, he hurried home for a quick supper before going to school, where he worked and studied for six more hours.

This continued for two years, until NeSmith completed the course.

He came to work at Redstone—but not as a draftsman, as an aircraft metal former.

However, it didn't take long for keen eyed supervisors to discover that they had a good draftsman and potential designer doing work that they could get someone else to do.

It came about this way: An employee in the Fab Lab mentioned that he was going to build a house. NeSmith (already with five houses to his credit) showed the employee one of his designs. It

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## Pvt. William Green To Assist Art Class

An art class will be organized at the Service Club at 8 p.m. on April 13 for all interested personnel who would like to work with pastels or charcoal. Pvt. William Green will assist those who work with these mediums.

The class is for the special benefit of those who plan to enter the second All-Army art contest in October, but anyone else interested in art is invited to attend.

looked good, and the employee showed it to his supervisor, Otto K. Eisenhardt, who is turn took it to Hans H. Maus, chief of the Laboratory.

NeSmith was transferred to the Tool Engineering Section as a GS-7. He is already doing the quality work of a GS-9, according to his supervisor, R. H. Ellison. And the only thing keeping him from getting a raise is a Civil Service regulation covering the length of time in grade. But NeSmith has his super's assurances that the raise will be his as soon as possible.

There are many other examples Kelley remembers of men and women practically remaking their lives through the State Vocational Trade School.

One former arsenal employe opened a typewriter repair course at the school recently. It will be two years before the first student graduates, but a Decatur business concern has already put in a bid for him—whatever he is.

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**BLOOD DONOR**—Here is Redstone's champion blood donor giving another pint of blood at Huntsville Hospital. Sam Mathis, Management, gave as many as five pints of blood in one week. Mrs. Mayme Davidson, technician in charge of the laboratory, does the needlework for Mathis. (Photo by Harvey McCrary)

**ARSENAL'S CHAMPION BLOOD DONOR GIVES FIVE PINTS IN ONE WEEK**

Probably the world's champion blood donor last week was a 54-year-old Redstone planner. He gave five pints of blood... almost one pint a day. This week he is slated to give three more. His name is Sam Mathis. Mr. Mathis has too much blood. He has a rare blood condition known to doctor's as "polycythemia." This means the marrow in his

**REDSTONE DEPOT**

BY JOHN D. STEPHENSON

**WELL DONE**—George Reardon was a big bundle of smiles when he returned from Ammunition Accountable Property Officers Conference held at Raritan Arsenal. When he 'simmered down' for a few minutes we got to the bottom of it all. This is the tale

bones manufactures red blood cells too fast. So the doctors have started taking his spare blood and giving it to somebody who needs it.

One of the pints Mr. Mathis gives this week will go to a Huntsville mother with cancer.

He doesn't know who will get the others or who got the first week's supply. All he knows is that he feels better.

In spite of his gentle complaints about "blood letters" and "barber doctors," Sam knows when he's well off.

Sam works in Management Office here at the Army Ordnance rocket and guided missile center. He carries the formidable title of "Organization and Methods Examiner." And his name is not Sam at all. It's Lessie Simeon Mathis.

He's been with the government for almost 30 years. Last week he became "Exhibit A" at the Vanderbilt Medical School.

"I made two 'personal appearances' before the medical students so they could study me," Sam said. "They pinched my hands, looked at my fingernails and peered under my eyelids. One girl even held my hand."

It seems that polycythemia makes your blood thick and it doesn't carry oxygen to all parts of the body like normal blood.

"As a result," Sam said, "my fingernails were purple and the undersides of my eyelids were purple."

Sam caught cold last November that he couldn't shake off. His head hurt, his back ached, and his stomach hurt.

After a few weeks of this, he got a little tired of it and his local doctor sent him up to Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville for a complete physical checkup.

They immediately diagnosed his case as polycythemia, and said everything else was fine. They said he had more red corpuscles than anybody they had ever seen.

The only treatment for the condition is to relieve him of blood. It's not a disease and his blood is perfectly good. They haven't put him on any special diet or dosed him with any wonder drugs.

When they took the first pint last week, his headache stopped. When they took the second pint, his back stopped aching. And when they took the third pint, his stomach stopped hurting.

According to Webster's dictionary, polycythemia is: "An abnormal state characterized by excess of cells, specifically red blood corpuscles."

According to Mathis, "It's a nuisance."

He's glad doctor's are putting his spare blood to work, however.

After a few weeks, the medical experts say he won't have to give blood so frequently. Maybe a dozen times a year, more or less.

Meanwhile, Mathis is back at work as an Organization and Methods Examiner, and feeling fine. He tells: Of more than 26 installations transferring accountability to Raritan Arsenal, Redstone Depot was one of the few instal-

lations to abide strictly by the prescribed Standard Operating Procedures, thereby attaining a reputation for 'know-how'. OH yes! The reason why George was all smiles—the National Stock Control Point, Raritan Arsenal, complimented us on our fine performance. Now we know that grand feeling that comes from a job well done. Perhaps the Navy does have something after all.

It has been sometime since the Depot had occasion to use a 'Welcome Mat' for civilians, therefore the old one has been salvaged and someone forgot to requisition a replacement so we can only say—sure glad to have you Audrey W. Crew and Ione B. Chapman. We must introduce you at a later date.

The old timers were surprised last week by the return of Lt. Edward Gallegos, who prior to departure for Europe was assigned to the General Supply Branch. 'The Kid' looked extra good to us but bet he looked 'extra special good' to Evelyn. Although his time was limited we did learn that he had a pleasant tour and even though the bars are still gold he is now known as 'Mighty Mouse'—explanation for which he would not give.

**INVASION** — We were taken over for a short time last week by the arsenal kindergarten.

Some of the homesteaders arour here had forgotten just how mar wiggles per square inch elev 5 to 6 year olds can generat There should be some way to ut lize all that power. The kinde garten class was accompanied b Mrs. T. H. Ebbert and Mrs. Ba bara Anderson. It was interestir to see how Colonel Ebbert cou say 'Yes Mam', when his 'Chi of Staff' gave the orders. ( course, we know the women a tually wield the authority, b what a wonderful chance to wi ness a performance—AW, now v were just kidding. The visit en ed with cookies and candy bar What did they like best about th Depot? The one thing all fi year olds can spell C-A-N-D- P. S.—Daphne makes a charn ing mother of eleven — it's a idea.

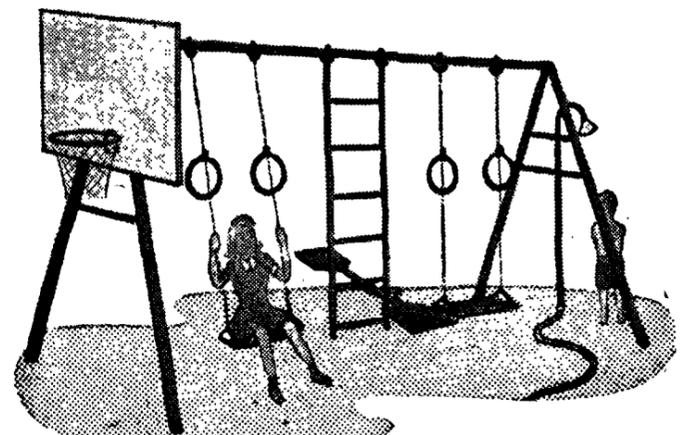
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