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NIKE TO BE SHOWN—The Army's newest anti-aircraft weapon, the NIKE, will be shown in downtown Huntsville Saturday as part of the Armed Forces Day exhibits furnished by Redstone. NIKE missiles will also be on display at New York and Philadelphia.

FOLK MUSIC, POLKAS, AND JAZZ FEATURED BY THIRD ARMY BAND

Variety is the key to the big success of the Third Army Band, which will be at Goldsmith-Schiffman Stadium at 7:30 p.m. May 20.

Besides being fully equipped as a military band, the organization has a number of special sections covering a wide range of musical tastes. Popular music is well represented with a dance band, a dance orchestra, a dixieland group, and several smaller "combos."

Folk music, played by a hill-billy group, and a German Polka Band often feature special programs. The polka band, known as the "Hungry Five", appears in appropriate costume, adding to the entertainment by wandering

General Vincent Is Busy Speaker in May

General Thomas K. Vincent has a busy speaking schedule this month.

He will address the rocket and guided missile men at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, May 14, at the Rocket Auditorium.

This will be an unclassified lecture and is one of the series sponsored by the Rocket Development Laboratory.

All interested personnel are invited to attend. Subject of G. N. Vincent's talk will be "Human Relations."

This early morning lecture follows one at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 13 at Atlanta, Ga. In Atlanta, Gen. Vincent plans to tell the American Legion members of Fulton County Post 134 about "Rockets and Guided Missiles." This address includes a little of the history of rocketry and the part that Redstone Arsenal plays in the nation's defense program.

Earlier this month, Gen Vincent told the students at the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Ga., how he visualizes "The House of Tomorrow," and where he expects the infantryman to fit.

through the audience. Both groups are made up of personnel from the big band.

Classical music is offered by the full concert band, complete with strings, and several smaller groups. These include a symphonette and six instrumentalists who call themselves the Hedekin Field Five Plus One—wind quintet and string bass.

Specially featured in many of the band's programs are several bandsmen who have unusual solo talents. These include a national champion and international second place winner in baton-twirling, another who performs on the piano and organ simultaneously, a dancer, artists on the accordion, guitar and marimba and several vocalists.

Vocal work is not limited to solo performance, however. Many instrumentalists double in the band glee club, and an excellent barber shop quartet provides close harmony.

This array of talent is presented at parades and ceremonies on national holidays and other occasions, on programs sponsored by civic and veterans' organizations and a large number of national and local charity and bond drives. The concert band, dance band and dance orchestra all have their own radio shows. The smaller sections play a crowded schedule of engagements for recreational activities in the Post's clubs and theaters.

All these activities are in addition to the band's regular military duties at retreats, parades, receptions for visiting dignitaries and other ceremonies.

MORE ON TROOP COMMAND

There is no Troop Command in the Ordnance Guided Missile School, Mike F. Deegan, OGMS administrative officer, informed The Rocket. Instead, the troop unit will be known as Troop Division, OGMS, leaving THE Troop Command in sole possession of that title.

CARROLL ELECTED TO HEAD COUNCIL

New Recorder Is Miss Betty Hill

The Redstone Civilian Welfare Council elected Lavin Carroll president at a joint meeting of the old and new councils Thursday. Carroll is operations officer at the Provost Marshal Division.

Miss Betty J. Hill, Rocket Development Division, was elected recorder for the council.

Jesse Stutts, assistant chief of Civilian Personnel, will remain custodian—an appointive job.

In further business at the council meeting, it was learned that the Post Restaurant Council had been separated from the Civilian Welfare Council. In the past, the two bodies have actually been composed of the same persons. The distinction was only a legal one.

The members are the new Post Restaurant Council are Leon Towery, Post Engineers; Miss Annie N. Adcock, Consolidated Supply; Coy O. Brock, OML; Robert Stuliz, Field Service and B.D. Broadwater, NPD.

The Restaurant Council earns money from 27 vending machines on the arsenal. The Welfare Council has the job of deciding how to spend this \$150 to \$200 a month so that the money will benefit as many employes as possible.

Thirteen of the 15 members of the new council were present at the meeting. Three of the old council members attended.

Ordnance Birthday Is This Friday

Friday is the 142 anniversary of the Army Ordnance Corps. Although there will be no special ceremonies at Redstone for this occasion, the event will be observed in connection with Armed Forces Day, Saturday.

In addition the day will be observed by several Redstone speakers throughout this area.

The Ordnance Corps was established May 14, 1812 when the President signed into law an act of Congress.

Reserve Officers Name Committees

The Huntsville chapter of the Reserve Officers Association has named representatives for Redstone to encourage membership and attendance, it was announced by Lt. Col. Ed Jungerman, OML, president of the local chapter.

Representatives on the arsenal are: Bldg. A-101, Theodore Combel, Frank Broyles, and Lt. Shepherd Newell; Bldg. 781, Chauncey Huth, William Benton, P. E. Redding, Jr., and P. R. Collier; Bldg. 827, Angelo Ferranti and M. D. Peterson; OGMS, Norman Buckley and Jim Goodwin; GMDD, R. P. Watts; and Thiokol, Col. John O. Lawrence.

The executive committee of the local chapter also named committees to carry out the activities planned for the coming months.

Committees and members are: program committee, Norman Buckholtz; membership attendance, Harold Zier, Marvin Dinsmore, Steve Zelaboski, and Martin Phillips.

Publicity, Theodore Combel, Paschal Redding, Jr., and Robert Gold ton. Projects, Angelo Ferranti and C. E. Hammett.

Col. Carl Jones, Huntsville, will

Big Day Is Planned To Honor Services



A. F. DAY SPEAKER — Maj. Gen. Walter J. (Crack) Hanna, adjutant general of Alabama, will deliver the principal speech in Huntsville on Armed Forces Day, this Saturday. The much-decorated former Dixie Division commander will come here from Montgomery, where his headquarters are located. He will talk at the Square at 11 a.m.

Bloodmobile Visit Set for May 13

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be at Redstone May 13, Jesse Stutts, assistant chief of Civilian Personnel, announced yesterday.

"The bloodmobile will be at Bldg. 1051 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.," Stutts said. He is the arsenal coordinator for the Red Cross blood program.

Donors are urged to schedule their visit to the bloodmobile through the coordinators of their own divisions. The division coordinators are listed below. "Each donor gets a card that, in case of need, entitles the donor and members of the family to receive blood free of charge for six months after giving blood," Stutts said.

About 250 persons are expected to give blood this time. About 45 persons an hour will be scheduled.

The division coordinators are:
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OML — Margaret Darby
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Troop Command—Lt. W. H. Griswold
Medical Division — John Kenetko
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 Thiokol — Doris Brown
 Post Engineer — Clara Parker
 RDD & Operations — Gilda Mitchell
 Research Div. — June Turner
 Tech. Feasibility — Bob DeYoung

Parade Starts at 10:30 a.m.—Talks To Begin at 11:00

Final arrangements are being made for the biggest Armed Forces Day in the history of Huntsville. The day is Saturday, May 15. There will be a parade, displays, including guided missiles, and speeches.

The NIKE guided missile, the Army's newest and most deadly anti-aircraft weapon, will be on display. A HERMES guided missile will also be shown. Both are being furnished by OGMS.

NIKE missiles will also be displayed at New York and Philadelphia for Armed Forces Day celebrations there.

Maj. Gen. Walter (Crack) Hanna, adjutant general of Alabama, will deliver the principal address at the Court House at 11 a.m.

The parade will start at 10:30 a.m. at Franklin and Gate Streets. It will move north on Washington to Holmes, then over to Jefferson, and back to the square.

There will be floats and cars, plus three bands, two drill platoons, the 9330 TSU company, a National Guard Unit, VFW unit, and Navy Colors.

In addition, servicemen will have a chance to call anywhere in the United States over a "MARS" short wave station which will be located at the Square.

Displays and booth will be furnished by the National Guard, Naval Reserve, Army-Air Force Recruiting Service, Red Cross, and several from Redstone. There will be seven window displays.



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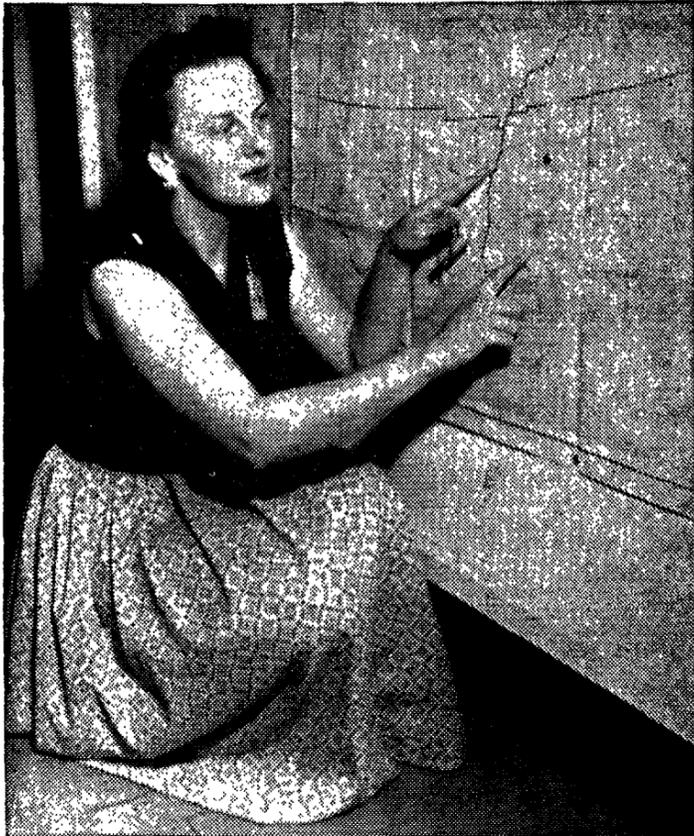
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CANCER FUND—George Potts, (left) co-chairman for the Cancer Crusade at Redstone, turns over \$3,958.56 to William G. Hamm, Jr., Madison County co-chairman for the Cancer Crusade. This amount represents all of the contributions turned in by May 5. The Post Engineer Division continued their drive until May 10, and Capt. Joseph Hinesley, the arsenal chairman, predicted that the total would pass \$4000. Shown here with the co-chairman are Louis Salmon, the county chairman, and Capt. Hinesley. (Photo by Pfc. Gil Edelstein)



BY HELEN REED

"What are the requirements for getting into the Ordnance Guided Missile School?" a sergeant asks, as he stands beside the desk of Mrs. Kelly (Pauline) Watson.

Polly finds the regulations and explains them to the soldier as she explains them to all soldiers who come in with questions about the various Army schools they hope to attend. There is a big map by her desk so she can point out the definite locations of the schools too.

"I have even sent my bosses to

school," she says.

She is the secretary to Lt. William H. Griswold, Plans and Training Officer at the Troop Command.

"We'll tell you what duties they have over there, and then go on with the story about Polly. In addition to processing applications for schools, they get out directives to the military here, plan schedules, direct and coordinate the execution of the troop training program, are in charge of Preparation Overseas Replacement, take care of military personnel mobilization, military personnel quotas, write the defense plan, and direct the mobilization designee training for Redstone.

The applications for school seem to be the most popular business as far as the troops are concerned.

Polly is the only girl working in the Troop Command. There have been others, but soldiers have replaced them. Every direction one looks in that office, there are soldiers, soldiers, soldiers. It's quite different from so many places at Redstone where uniforms are few and far between.

No one can work in such an office as Polly does, and not have innumerable changes in bosses and co-workers.

She has seen a lot of changes since she started to work there when the Troop Command was established in August, 1952. Now she is the only "homesteader" left. She came to work at the arsenal in May, 1952, in the office of Lt. Col. Daniel Thoma. He loaned her and M/Sgt. Marvin Jones to the Troop Command, and she was later permanently transferred.

We've had four troop commanders since Troop Command was established with Maj. James Sovereigns as the first, then Maj. Maurice Nulta, Capt. Wilbert Becker,

and now Capt. Harry P. Schoenman, Jr.

Her string of bosses in that office, all ten of them, were: M/Sgt. Jones, Lt. E. R. Sewell, Lt. Jack Stivers, Lt. Herschel Entekin, Lt. Robert Ewing, Lt. John Glenn, Lt. Karl Edelmann, Lt. John J. Kurtz, and Lt. T. W. Humphrey (now Capt.). Now she is about to send her present boss, Lt. Griswold, to school.

The Troop Command has had to set up housekeeping in three locations since its origin. Their first office was in the Y building next to the post theater. This was not very pleasant quarters, a low, unsealed building, with not even a water fountain in the blistering August heat. From there they went to T-169, and then to T-168 where they are now.

Polly was born and reared in Tarrant, Ala., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Carlisle, pioneer residents of the community. She was graduated from Jefferson County High School.

Her previous jobs include three-and-one-half years with the Farm Security Administration in Montgomery, and one year with the Army Air Base in Birmingham.

Polly's husband is a cotton classer, that is, he grades and staples cotton. We wanted to know just what that involves, but Polly says she hasn't figured it out after 15 years, so we gave up, too.

The Watsons live at 1707 Ponciana St., Mayfair, Huntsville, and have two daughters, 11-year-old Jan, and 13-year-old LeVon.

We know from our experience what Polly does in her spare time. She goes home from work, cooks dinner, and washes dishes to the tune of "Mother, what are the provisions of the Missouri Compromise? Mother, do you use 'was' or 'were' in this sentence? What good does it do to study these silly formulas in math? Mother, will you give out my spelling words, please?" And so on and on.

In other words, the walls resound with questions about homework.

When there's no homework, there are skating and dancing parties to arrange, picnics and everything else two young girls can think of doing.

In spite of all of this, Polly is happy and relaxed, patient and cheerful, a secretary and a mother, which keeps her on duty 24 hours each day.

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Union Local 586 . . . With the printing of this article one passes from our ranks into the cold and heartless ways of civilian life—"Ned" Dugger, he who is solely responsible for this slanderous mess of miscellany, is with us no more. True to his baser instincts always, the passing away of little "Ned" leaves the Detachment draped in black. Who now will take his place? It has been murmured in higher echelons that Sgt. Dugger was so efficient that two clerks are needed to replace him, This statement has been officially repudiated though. This reporter, in an exclusive interview with Pvt. Byron C. (Coffee-Time) Starr one of the "Delinquent Ned's" replacements, was terminated with the understanding that Dugger had to get discharged. It seems that a few of the boys in blue around the Chicago area were breathing down the worthy sergeant's neck . . . Something about phony oil stock . . .

Latest news from our foreign correspondents, centered around the DAV, lead us to believe that PFC Gordon (Disasterous) Deckman, is enamoured with one of the queens . . . FLASH . . . PFC Sam (Rhine Wine) Clay is with the true investigative ideals of an efficient MP, looking into the background of a few of the local German girls. Something to do with a congressional report or something . . . PFC James (Go Big) McJunkin is occupying himself lately with a study of higher mathematical systems. He was at the

local carnival for the last few nights trying to figure out a numerical method of beating the wheels. Did he succeed? . . . CPL Edward (I Kill Em) Lance is trying to be permanent custodian of Traffic Point No. 14. I wonder if the 7 or 8 carloads of femmes that pass this point have anything to do with his attempts . . .

We have it on tap from reliable sources that PVT. Jack (Foxy) Wolff has made application to the local school of Brewing. We hear that "Foxy" would like to make the beer business his profession, along the Berghoff line. At least that's what he told me when we had to send a patrol to one of the local establishments to carry him back to the barracks . . .

CRIME HI-LITE of the week . . . M/Sgt. William (Boat-Patrol) Stanley, who recently graduated from the Whittle School of Drill Instruction, and who has been given the position of Detachment Drillmaster tells us of the following strange happening. PFC Alvin (Hillbilly) Ellis, while practicing with the parade platoon, disappeared. Kidnapping was the first thought that entered our minds. Our fears for the worst were soon canceled though. It appears that "Hillbilly", while engrossed in the strains of march music, did a "right flank" instead of a "column left" and promptly marched home . . . they were all out of step but Al . . . Too much already . . . this should have been cut long ago . . . Once more, no more, or something on that order, Adios . . .

RETREAT TO SUMATANGA IS PLANNED EARLY IN JUNE FOR RSA PERSONNEL

The June 4-5 Retreat to Camp Sumatanga was the topic of discussion during a meeting of the Planning Committee on May 4 at the home of Maj. Harvey C. Vance, committee chairman.

The committee laid plans for the retreat for arsenal personnel and interested groups from Huntsville who will be invited to participate. The trip will be made by Army bus and private cars to the Methodist-owned camp near Oneonta.

Those wishing to attend may register from May 15 through June 1 at the Post Chapel, the USA Infirmary, the Provost Marshal's office, or the Book Store.

The fee will be \$4 per person or \$12 per family (where there are more than three in a family), and should be paid at the time of registration or after pay day. Prospective attendants should also indicate at registration whether they intend to use their own cars or go on the Army bus.

for the night.

On Saturday morning, June 5, there will be a morning watch service, breakfast and one-hour discussions on God's Revelations in Nature. There will be separate discussion groups for adults and children.

Morning recreation will include hiking, table tennis, softball, and any other organized outdoor games planned by the group.

Dinner will be served from 12 to 1, followed by a quiet hour until 2. During the afternoon there will be swimming and other recreation until 5 p.m.

Evening vesper services will start at 5 to last until 5:30. Supper will be served and preparations will then be made to evacuate the camp.

Complete schedules for the retreat will be posted in all camp buildings.

At each meal, there will be singing, and the Missilemen will be on hand to help with the choir program. Experienced recreational and religious leaders will direct the activities.

The Planning Committee members are Maj. Vance, Ch. Hamby, Col. James P. Snooks, Jr., Capt. Gladys Cain, Mrs. Willie Paulette, Sgt. Robert Clary, Sgt. Bert Smith and Sgt. Ward.

Miss Grace Inez Ray Weds SFC E. Schroth

The marriage of Miss Grace Inez Ray and SFC Edward Warren Schroth took place at 4 p.m. May 9 in the Martha Berry Chapel, Mount Berry, Ga. Dr. R. C. Gresham, pastor of the Berry Schools, read the vows.

The bride, an employe in the Mission Planning and Coordination Office, is the daughter of Mr. A. T. Ray of Summerville, Ga. Sgt. Schroth is a student at OGMS, and is the son of Mrs. Ella Urritia, Chicago and Mr. Edward Schroth, New York City.

Music was presented by Prof. M. C. Ewing, organist, who played the "Wedding March from Lohengrin," and by Forrest T. Ray, soloist, who sang "Because" and "The Lord's Prayer." He was accompanied by Harvey Roberts.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. Paul L. King. Her bridal gown was ankle length fashioned with a lace bodice, and a full satin skirt covered with net. She wore a finger-tip veil and carried a white prayer book.

Mrs. L. R. Blackwell, Monroe, Ga., was the matron of honor. She wore a drse of green taffeta and lace and carried pink roses. The bridesmaids, Miss Ida Ray of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. W. J. Durdin of Huntsville, wore matching dresses of yellow taffeta and lace and carried talisman roses. They wore caps made of white and yellow daisies.

M/Sgt. William Dennison served as best man and the groomsmen were Dr. L. R. Blackwell, of Monroe, Ga., and John M. Perdue, Atlanta, Ga.

Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. King were host and hostess at a reception.

The Schroths will reside at 412 McClung St., Huntsville.

Members of the Redstone Garden Club met May 3 at the home of Mrs. George Levings on the arsenal, and made practice arrangements for entry in the Madison County flower show, which will be held on May 12 and 13 at the First Methodist Church in Huntsville. Mrs. Levings, Mrs. Gatwood and Mrs. Walter Diggs are new members of the club.



PLANNING COMMITTEE—Representatives from the Chapel met May 4 to lay plans for the retreat June 4-5 to Camp Sumatanga for arsenal personnel and invited groups from Huntsville. Meeting at the home of Maj. and Mrs. Harvey C. Vance are, seated, (left to right) Capt. Gladys Cain, Col. James P. Snooks, Jr., and Mrs. Willie Paulette. Standing left to right are Maj. Vance, Ch. Charles P. Hamby, Jr., Sgt. Bert Smith and Sgt. Robert Clary. (Photo by Pfc. Peter Broome)

The name for Camp Sumatanga comes from the Himalayas where wide spots in the mountain roads provide a place for travelers to rest and view the scenery. Translated literally, Sumatanga means "rest and vision." Bishop Clare Purcell gave the camp its name.

At least 40 persons must be included in order to make the retreat successful, but up to 250 can be accommodated.

Children under school age must be escorted by their parents, and the ratio of other children will be eight to one adult.

The program for the retreat was outlined by Ch. Charles P. Hamby, Jr.

The bus will leave the Post Chapel at 4 p.m. on June 4. Supper will be served at the camp on arrival at 7 p.m., followed by a short vesper service. The rest of the evening will be devoted to recreation and preparing the cabins

Guild Group Reports Bake Sale a Success

More than \$41 were added to the treasury of the Chapel Guild through a bake sale held May 4 at the Commissary, according to a report given at the regular Guild meeting May 5 at the Service Club.

Another announcement stated that no charge would be made at the post nursery for those leaving their children there during Guild meetings.

Mrs. James P. Snooks, Jr., gave the Bible reading at this meeting, and plans were discussed for the Girl Scout and Brownie troops recently organized on the arsenal.

Thrift Shop to Sell Items Made by Group

Members of the Handicraft group of the Chapel Guild special activities are working on several projects, making items for sale at the Thrift Shop. One is stocking dolls, made on a production line basis. Mrs. George Levings has a collection of these dolls which she calls her "stocking children," and she has given the other members instructions on how they are made.

Within a month, there should be a wide selection of handmade place mats and aprons on sale at the shop. The mats are made of various materials and hand painted.

The Thrift Shop is open from 10 to 3 every Friday with Mrs. William Baker in charge.

Investiture Service Is Held For Scouts

Investiture services were held last night (May 10) at Bldg. 189 for thirteen Girl Scouts and fourteen Brownie troops on Redstone.

Mrs. Sidney Katz is the Scout leader, and Mrs. John Heckman is the Brownie leader.

The Scouts are Caroline Gra-

Iowa Baritone Is 3rd Army 'Mr. A'

FORT McPHERSON, GA., — A baritone from the University of Iowa will be Third Army's "Mr. A." at the first All-Army Talent Contest scheduled to be held June 6, in New York City.

He is PFC Dick Williams, from Fort McPherson and representing Headquarters Third Army, who competed successfully against ten other talent acts from the Third Army Area at the Post Theater here, April 29. Williams will now be matched against the other continental and overseas armies' winners for All-Army honors.

Major General E. T. Williams, Deputy Commanding General, of Third Army, presented the winning plaques to PFC. Williams, second place winner Cpl. John Loksa, a comedy juggler from Ft. McPherson, and Pvt. Calvin Bostick, a vocal stylist from Camp Gordon, who copped third place.

Lt. Gen. A. R. Bolling, Third Army Commanding General, congratulated each of the contestants personally after the show ended.

PFC Williams, who now makes his home in Atlantic City, studied theater and voice at the University of Iowa before leaving school to appear in several well-known night clubs and theaters. He has appeared in road and stock companies of "Oklahoma," "South Pacific," and "Finian's Rainbow."

Five judges, all prominent in the radio and entertainment field in Atlanta, selected the winners. They were Ross Russell, President of Allied Artists Agency here, Lee Scheinman, Allied Art-

ham, Patricia Ann Canady, Loretta Heiber, Sharon McElroy, Frances Miller, Bonnie Self, Ilaine Wiswall, Madeline Katz, Judy Snooks, Joan Sawitki, Pat Cate- loow, Wendy Swann and Nancy Tolbert.

The Brownie troop members are Barbara Ann Becker, Cheryl Diggs, Kathleen Dougherty, Mary Ann Fesler, Rose Marie Gannarelli, Darlene Gatwood, Sharon Lee Katz, Diane Long, Carol Ann Clautz, Kathleen Shepherd, Lania Salvo, Christy Sweat, Carol Sue Tolbert and Carole Thayer.

ists, Dick Van Dyke, WSB-TV, J. M. Outlar, Jr., WSB-TV, and Gene Austin, popular singing artist currently appearing at an Atlanta night club.

MRS. DOLLE HAS ARTICLE

Mrs. Walter Dolle, wife of Lt. Col. Dolle, was the subject for an article in The Nashville Tennessean Magazine on May 2. The article resulted from an interview with Joyce Jones of Huntsville, and was accompanied by pictures.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. Ben Keyserling and Col. Paul Elias were high score winners at Couples Bridge Club on May 3 at the Officers Open Mess. Second high were Lt. Richard Meyer and Mrs. John Rigg, and the low scores were held by Lt. and Mrs. Thomas Cooper. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on May 17 at the Mess with Mr. and Mrs. James Fagan as host and hostess. Regular members not planning to attend should call Mrs. Fagan by noon of the 17th. Her phone number is Huntsville 3964. Special note should be taken of the starting hour, 7 p.m. Three progressions will be played during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Byrd Bass and children of Anniston were weekend visitors at the home of Col. and Mrs. Henry C. Thayer on May 1-2. Mrs. Thayer's father, Mr. George Snider of Montgomery, visited the Thayers last weekend.

Mrs. H. N. Toftoy spent last week in New York visiting her father who underwent an operation recently.

Mrs. Walter Galyon of near Knoxville, Tenn., was a house guest last week at the home of Col. and Mrs. Edward Weatherford.



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LAMENT OF OF ALFRED SNOTZELLE—

Drives! Drives! They Are Driving Me Crazy...

BY JOE SLUNK

You would think that a guy what is a guided missile engineer would have plenty on his mind to keep him occupied all the time. Things about guided missiles and space ships and such.

But this is not true in the case of one Alfred Snotzelle, who (according to Alfred) has been a guided missile engineer since Galileo discovered the apple.

This Alfred Snotzelle is one of those characters what is always running around out of breath like maybe his coat-tails are on fire and he can't find a water fountain.

Also, Alfred Snotzelle has a mind that works overtime, seven days a week. But, like I say, Alfred is not thinking about guided missiles and such things as you would expect a guided missile engineer to be thinking about. Instead, Alfred is maybe thinking how he can learn photography so as to get into this pinup racket what is so popular these days—or some such enterprise which is to his liking.

When I see him in the hall the other day, Alfred is think-

ing hard about something. He is loping along like a gazelle on hot coals and with his nose (which is indeed some nose) buried in a handful of loose papers.

Ordinarily, Alfred is not one to notice other people in the hall, or anywhere else, when he is thinking about some project. But since I am not quick enough to get out of his way, he runs into me head-first.

I must say here and now that it is no great pleasure to be run into head-first by Alfred Snotzelle. Although he is not big, what is missing in size is more than made up for by what such missile-men as Alfred call "thrust." Indeed, when it comes to "thrust" Alfred takes second to none.

After I recover from this unexpected meeting with Alfred, I tell him good morning and try to leave it at that. But it is no good.

I see that he is looking at me in a way what I do not like. Many times I see this look in Alfred's eyes—and always it leads to no good. It is a wild, disordered look like maybe you would expect from an inmate of the nuthouse or from a politician up for reelection.

When I see this look, I know right away that the place for me is somewhere else — anywhere where Alfred is not. But it is too late to escape, because already Alfred is holding me by the coat and, with his nose (which, as I say, is some nose) jabbing at my right eye, he commences to talk:

"Do you know," he says, squinting behind his heavy glasses, "that the human animal is quite an animal. In fact, I venture to suggest that nobody knows just what a strong, enduring, and gullible creature the human animal is. Especially gullible."

Personally, as a member of the human race (although my loving wife sometimes says different), I do not think much of being called an animal—like maybe I am a horse or cat or guided missile engineer.

But I can see that Alfred has his coattails on fire with some idea and I do not wish to start an argument.

"Indeed," I tell him, "humans are strong and enduring, like you say, but as for this gullible business, I do not know, since I am not so sure what this word means."

"Why the human animal is the most gullible creature alive," he says. "Can you imagine a sensible bumble bee or intelligent field mouse believing that the way to win a mate is by using a certain type of hair wash or toenail cuticle remover?"

"I am never good at these problems in psychology," I say, "especially when it comes to bumble bees and mice."

"Then let's take the human animal," says Alfred, grinning my coat like he is afraid I am

going to run away—which is exactly what I have in mind doing, provided I get the chance. "Look at these figures." He pushes the bundle of loose papers between his nose and my eye.

I can see numbers, letters, and other strange symbols scattered over the papers—such stuff as a guided missile engineer may understand, but to me so much nonsense.

"Maybe this is the answer to whatever it is you are talking about," I say. "But since the math what I learn before I trade in my books for a pool cue is now somewhat rusty, I cannot say whether you have the answer to this problem or a new recipe for the hydrogen bomb."

"It is simple," he says, "but so that your little brain can understand I will give you a good example:

"Last week I read in the paper where a drive was launched in Mossrock, New York, to raise \$10,000 for the Society for the Permanent Preservation of Prehistoric Pinocchio Players. Only yesterday I learn that the drive was a big success. Now personally I am not one to quibble about shelling out a few bucks for a worthy cause. But this, I say, is going too far. And that is what I mean about people being gullible."

"Well, maybe this proves that people in general are gullible but on the other hand maybe it only proves that people in Mossrock, New York like to play pinochle. And besides, what does this have to do with people being enduring?"

"Exactly this," Alfred says, pouncing like a terrier on what I say. "The drive was the one hundred and third such money raising campaign this year. And if it does not take endurance to go through one hundred and three drives in four months then I am mistaken."

"Okay," I say, getting tired of the whole business, "so the people of Mossrock have generous hearts—or, as we say in the trade, are suckers. Still I don't see the connection."

"But," says Alfred, "if the people of Mossrock keep on giving money to one hundred and three drives every four months (including the Committee for the Care of Aged Philanthropists which starts next week) they will run out of money."

"Well," I say, "maybe what you say is right, maybe not. I don't know. But I do know that I've got to get back to my job, since I am now," I say with no little pride "the chairman of the Dive for Disorganized and Dissipated Federal Employees."

"You are not sticking to the point," Alfred says. "To get back to Mossrock—the people there have contributed to so many drives that they are about to go bankrupt. I read in the paper where stores are closing because people do not have enough money left over from the last drive to buy the necessities of life. The movies and roller rinks have all shut down. Department stores are running the biggest sales in history. But it doesn't do any good because nobody has any money and credit is rotten. Also the banks are on the brink of destruction."

"In fact," Alfred continues, warming to his subject like a Bobby Soxer playing footsies with Eddie Fisher, "the people in neighboring Monte Senile, New York, have started a drive to help the people of Mossrock. It is called Benefit for the Drive-Ravaged Citizens of Mossrock."

I am forced to admit that it is all very confusing. But as chairman of the Drive for Disorganized and Dissipated Federal Employees, I am interested in only one thing—namely, raising more dough than was raised last year when that bum Swilby Feet was chairman." (I would like to tell you about Swilby Feet, but that is another story.)

"Ha!" Alfred shouts, "that is exactly the attitude that causes all the trouble. I can see that you will be of little value to me in my campaign for the Prevention of Cruelty to People Who Give to Campaigns."

"By now I am willing to agree to anything so as to get away from Alfred Snotzelle

AN OPEN LETTER

From
Major W. H. Baker,
Field Service Division,
Redstone Arsenal,
Huntsville, Ala.
May 5, 1954

Dear Sir,
Perhaps you would be kind enough to publish the following letter.

Yours sincerely,
W. H. Baker

The Editor,
The Redstone Rocket

AN OPEN LETTER TO DR. OSCAR AINSWORTH

Dear Doctor,
I would like to congratulate you on the very dashing and extremely sensible attire that you have adopted for summer wear. During my four and a half years in the Indian Army I wore "shorts" every day except, of course, between the alleged mosquito hours. However we did not wear the short ankle sock but favoured the knee length stocking—and I would suggest that the latter is rather more flattering to the male leg than the former.

Yours sincerely,
W. H. Baker
Major, RAOC

and back to by important duties.

"This sounds like it is maybe not such a bad idea," I say. "Good. Then you will not mind signing this pledge."

"How much?" I ask suspiciously. "Nothing at all. This pledge specifically states that you will not give one cent to the Campaign for the Prevention of Cruelty to People Who Give to Campaigns."

This is one pledge which I do not mind signing, and I waste no time in putting the old alias on the dotted line.

Alfred takes the pledge, glances at my name, and lopes off down the hall. Just as I am turning into my office, I see he bumps into Swilby Feet and has him backed into a corner, waving the papers under his nose (which I repeat, is indeed some nose), he commences to talk:

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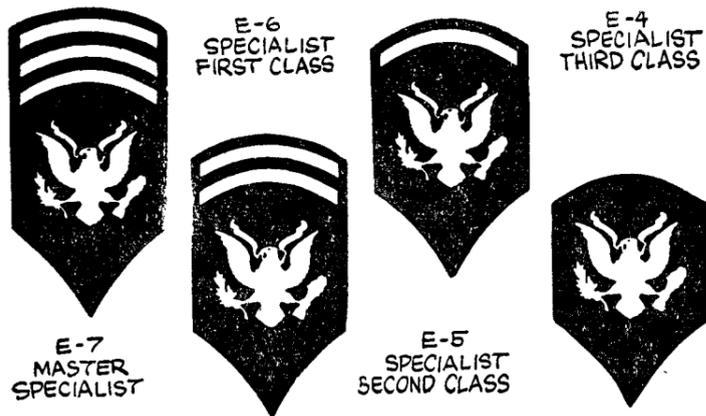
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Washington (AFPS) — The Army specialist program has been approved and a tentative date, Jan. 1, 1955, has been set to put it into effect. At least one month prior to the effective date all TD's TO&Es, SRs and ARs pertaining to the program will be sent to the field.

All members of the regular Army—both male and female—and all reserve component members will be effected by the specialist program.

Similar to a plan in effect during WWII, the Army will use NCOs as leaders only and will take the big step necessary to restore their responsibility, authority and prestige.

All changes will be made in the top four pay grades and any NCO will rank all specialists. Pay grades will not be authority of commanders, Master illeges will be left to the a-have been made so that at specialists and specialists first class will be granted the same privileges as NCOs.

Specialist second and third class will be subject to fatigue and guard duty. Master and first class specialists will be exempt from such duty except in unusual circumstances, and then will be used only in supervisory capacities.

Leadership positions in TO&Es have been determined and will be designated as NCO positions. Designating authorities of TDs will determine leadership positions

to restore the prestige of the NCO—thereby improving the whole structure of the Army career-wise.

The overall conclusion of the plan is that those who become specialists will lose authority only and it will provide additional prestige to NCOs by assuring that they will be used only as leaders.

The program will take effect at all commands simultaneously.

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BY JAMES CARSON

Bob Johnson will be away in the hospital for a few days. Hope you have a speedy recovery, Bob.

An Oscar for the champion fishermen, Paul Gehlhaus and Jim Chaille, who spent a whole day on Elk River, and reported a grand catch of three fish. Good fishing, Gents!!

Good luck to Bill Pennington, who resigned last week to go into business for himself.

Dot Clark will be away for a couple of weeks on vacation in California. That slow pecking noise you hear coming from Engineering is Mr. Adams slaving away at the typewriter. Hurry back, Dot, you're missed.

A warm welcome to Nina Crabtree who is replacing Joyce Owens in the Accounting Department.

Guess we will have to start believing some of those big-fish stories. Three fishermen, Jackson, Jahnke, and Warren, now have proof positive in the form of snapshots, to show all doubters.

Cecil Jackson, that lucky guy from the Personnel Department, had no less than four ladies in tow last Thursday. He was taking these ladies on a tour of the R&H area.

Buford Casey is spending a well earned two weeks at home just resting up.

Our condolence to Solon Mor-



BREAKING AN EGG the hard way, Master Sergeant Hugh C. Hall of the Army's Second Armored Division scores a direct hit with his .45-caliber pistol.

SERVICE CLUB ACTIVITIES

BY BOB KURTZ

Do you ask yourself the same question every evening, "What shall I do tonight?" If you do and get the same answer back each time, "Nothing", then the time has come for you to do something about it.

What is there to do you ask. That's an easy one to answer. Summed up in one word, Everything. Did you ask where? Why the Service Club of course. There is something going on there every evening of the week. Just take a look at the events scheduled for this week and you will see what I mean.

Tuesday evening there is a Dance Instruction Class where one may learn the rudiments of any dance from the plain waltz to a fancy tango. In case you are an accomplished dancer already however, you may take advantage of the game room, music room or TV room which are always at your disposal.

The following evening at 2000 hours the Midweek dance will be held either in the lounge or on the patio depending upon the weather. The music will be supplied by those boys with the Star Dust Melody, Bob Yeazell and his Orchestra, the Jr. Hostesses will be around to serve as your gracious partners, and refreshments will be served.

Thursday and Friday evening, the main attraction will have shifted to new sites for the respective evenings as the Third Army Package Show "Caravan" comes to Redstone. This talented aggregation will appear at the Rocket Auditorium at 2000 hours on Thursday evening, and at the Post Theater at 2030 hours on Friday.

Another scene shift on Saturday as the Swimming Pool comes into the picture with the first swimming party of the season.

The time is 1500 hours, the date the 15th and the place again, the Post Pool. At 1830 hours the Service Club will again be the site of the doings as a weiner roast will be followed by a record dance, will be held.

Sunday morning there will be a Coffee Call at 1930 hours to be followed by a period of Moods in Music at 1000. At 2030 hours a Bingo game will be held and many useful and beautiful prizes awarded the lucky winners.

There it is. A week of fun, entertainment and what have you. So don't sit around asking yourself questions. Get down to the Service Club and join in the gay times.

PROMOTIONS NET CAPTAINS

Redstone gained four new captains last week through promotions from first lieutenant. They are Captains Jack Sobelman, Wesley Nichols, Donald H. Steenburn and Talmadge Humphreys. Three of them, Captains Steenburn, Nichols and Humphreys are OGMS students, and Capt. Sobelman is chief of the Fundamentals Subject section at OGMS.

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ring and James Rich on the recent loss of their uncle who passed away last week.

"Welcome back" to Bob Lumpkin who underwent a tonsillectomy a few days ago.

We understand that Bill Sweetland is building a cabin on Elk River. Do we all get keys to the place, Bill? We like these weekend fishing trips, too, you know!!

Russell Smith, who recently moved to Decatur from Arab, reports a good catch of 20 lbs. of fish for one day from Wheeler Lake. Where, Friend, is the evidence?

Willie Mae Dearing went to Montgomery last week to attend a Library meeting.

Some lucky vacationers from R&H are Sara Hymer, James Johnson, T. J. Campbell, Jim Lowery, Robert A. Whitworth, Jr., and "Curley" Henderson.

Good Luck to Bill Good who is resigning to attend the University of Alabama.

It seems that the Golf Fever has stricken several people in the ballistics Section, especially Hank Shuey.

Dick Ely is resigning and will be employed at OML here on the arsenal. Good luck to you, Dick.



ANOTHER FISH STORY—Recently The Rocket ran a picture of Bill Sayre displaying a limit catch of crapple. This time, the fish are striped bass, ranging from one and a quarter to two pounds. The 15 stripes were caught by John Pinkerton. Photo Lab, with a Colorado Spinner along the bluffs of the Tennessee River north of Whitesburg Bridge. His fishing companion was Winston Bailey.

Critics of Pistols Given Severe Jolt By Army Sergeant

MANNHEIM, Germany — Wild Bill Hickock can move out of the bull's-eye of pistol shooting legend—there's a two-gun sergeant in the Army's Second Armored Division who puts him to shame.

Master Sergeant Hugh G. Hall, of (988 North Seventh St.) Memphis, Tenn., a 45-year-old veteran of 30 years military service, can shoot perfect rapid fire scores on two targets simultaneously—with a pistol in each hand.

Hall, in charge of firing field operations for a combat command, has another unconventional method of demonstrating his skill. He scrambles eggs—complete with shell—in mid-air with a .45 caliber Army pistol.

A marksman who ignores all the rings on the target except the one in the center, the sergeant will accept a "choice of weapons" challenge on anything from a 90-millimeter tank cannon to a .22 caliber target pistol. He has collected more than 250 awards in pistol-shooting competition, including the Army's Distinguished Marksman Medal.

Among the German police shooters against whom he competes in local matches, he is

simply known as the "king of marksmen." He bests them consistently by some 30 points in 300 point matches.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



HOT CORNER GUARD—Cpl. Roy "The Cat" Schweitzer, "Athlete of the Week," awaits the arrival of a sliding runner at third base in a Rocket practice session last week. Roy will continue guarding the hot corner for Redstone again this season until he becomes a civilian on June 5.

THIRD SACKER ROY SCHWEITZER WINDING UP GI BASEBALL AT RSA

BY JACK WOLFF

"We (Ohio University) were tied with Western Reserve University in the last of the ninth. I reached first on a scratch single but things didn't look very bright when two of my teammates went down swinging, so I took a chance and went down to second. The Western Reserve catcher must have been as excited as I was because he threw wild to second and the ball bounded out into center field. I didn't hesitate to look though—just ran till I reached home plate. The slide was really close but they called me safe and we left the field with a 3-2 victory."

This is "Athlete of the Week." Cpl. Roy Schweitzer's account of a collegiate baseball thrill he will never forget. Since that day in the spring of 1951, Roy has added many more thrills and exciting experiences to his memory. Many of these experiences occurred here at Redstone right down around his third base area.

Twenty-five-year-old Roy was playing baseball before his neighborhood pals knew about marbles, but his enthusiasm for the game boomed when he made the Collinwood High School team in his

sophomore year. From that year on it was baseball every season and track to keep his legs in shape when the Collinwood nine was inactive.

He chose Ohio University as his next stop after high school graduation. Though most of his time was spent cracking the books for a tough mathematics major and engineering minor, Roy still held down the third base spot at Ohio U for four years.

It was his junior year at the university that Roy and his team won 25 games and lost 5 to score the best college record in the country for that year. That same year the Ohio squad made the trip to the NCAA baseball play-offs.

Roy's college summers were spent playing class A ball with the Cleveland Radiants. He played with them till the day of his induction on June 5, 1952. He recalls a special game won for the Radiants in the summer of 1950. "We were behind 4-3 in the 11th inning in a game with the Winham Corporation of Cleveland, a local rival. Two of my teammates were on base but when I stepped

Golf Ticket Sale Continues Here

Redstone Jaycees are hot on the trails of golf enthusiasts as the deadline for advance memberships in the soon-to-be-open Municipal Golf Course draws near.

About 50 tickets have been sold so far, Jaycee President Paul McClung reported. A year's membership costs \$37.50, he said. This gives the card owner the right to play as much and as often as he wishes.

A ten dollar ticket is also on sale by Jaycee members. This ticket is good for \$15 worth of playing.

The course, one of the finest municipal courses in this area, is scheduled to open early in July. Membership and ticket sales will stop when the course opens, McClung said, and anyone who has not purchased either will have to pay regular green fee.

There are over 40 Jaycees working at Redstone now, McClung said. All of them are selling advanced tickets and memberships.

A few Jaycees and the places where they work are: Ray Bennett and Chester Plonka, External Br., OGMS; Bob Lakebrink, Internal Br., OGMS; Frank Gardiner and Horace Bomar, Thiokol; Frank Hayes, Rohm & Haas; Bob Lochridge, Bldg. 112; Walt Wiesemann and Ralph Weitenbeck, Bldg. 421; Louis Sisco and Dutch Besselsen, Bldg. 781.

Tennis Candidates To Meet Tomorrow

Redstone Arsenal tennis candidates will meet tomorrow at 5 p. m. at the Service Club, announced Capt. John Wattendorf, Special Services Officer, last week.

Cpl. Joe Hornsby, manager of this year's team, is seeking as many new prospects as possible and is anxious to start practice very soon. He is hopeful of entering some local tournaments and possibly engage other service installations in dual meets this summer.

Hornsby is the only returning vet of last year's team. "We want to get a better start than last year," he said. "We formed so late last year that we couldn't line up any competition other than our own step-ladder tourney and the Third Army competition."

Anyone interested should contact Joe Hornsby or call Special Services at 3576.

up there were two out. It was the spot where every batter dreams of a home run. Well, the pitch was right and I got the homer to win the game 5-4."

The Army sent him to Aberdeen, Maryland, for eight weeks of basic training then to Redstone for seventeen weeks of schooling at the Ordnance Guided Missile School. He is now an engineer for fuselage design in Plants Area No. 1 the morning, then trades his drawing board for his baseball glove to practice with the Rockets in the afternoon.

Roy, dubbed "The Cat" by his teammates, was a regular on the newly formed Redstone baseball team of last year. He will be with the arsenal nine again in the 1954 season till his June discharge date comes around.

His future is planned to take in both baseball and engineering. After his separation from service, he plans to return to Cleveland with his wife and take a position with a local engineering firm. "Baseball will still be my sport," declares Roy, "but it will have to be limited to summers only from now on."

Until June 5 though, Redstone can look to "The Cat" for some more great plays and thrills at the plate and around the hot corner.

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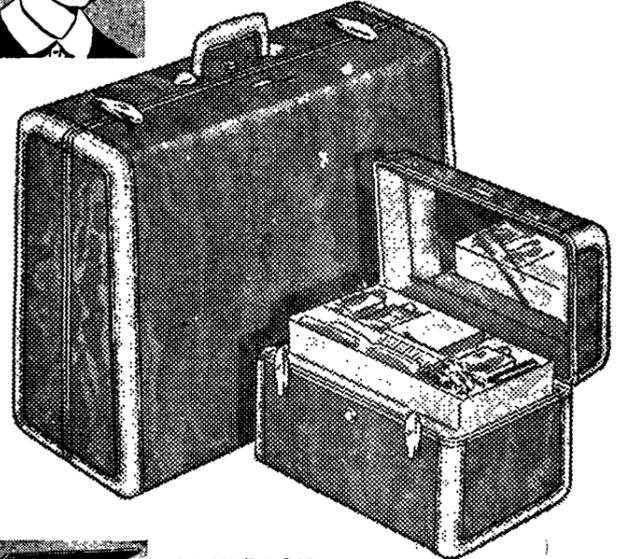
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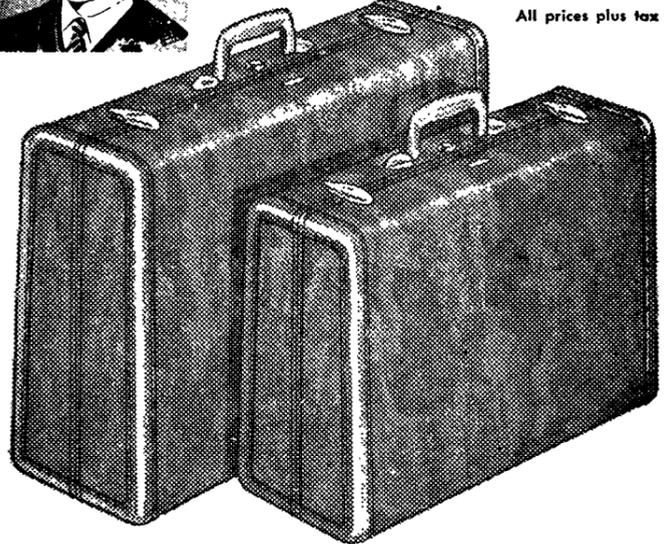
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Tours of OGMS To Be Monthly

Tours of the Ordnance Guided Missile School for Redstone personnel who need to know more about the Nike and Corporal are being scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month.

Visitors will meet in room six of Bldg. 668-3, the Safety and Security Office for OGMS, at Noon for guidance through the Nike Laboratory, the ground station, battery and launcher control areas, as well as the Corporal ground station and laboratory. Missile components and handling equipment will be discussed.

Anyone who wants to see only specific items may request a guide for their particular interest. Persons who desire only part of the tour should present themselves to

the security officer at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled tour so that a guide can be provided.

Chiefs of divisions who have personnel who need information in this field should have their people scheduled by no later than the Monday preceding these tours.

Everyone who visits the school area at this time must have at least a security clearance of secret.

Also, divisions will need to provide transportation as the areas are widely scattered.

For visits of VIPs and others desiring non-scheduled tours, each will be handled as special case and arrangements should be scheduled as early as possible, either by telephone or memorandum, through the Safety and Security Division, Bldg. 668-3, telephone 2540.

Accident Rate 1.8 For RSA Civilians

Redstone's civilian accident rate was 1.8 for April as a result of two disabling injuries in GMDD and 145 non-disabling injuries over the entire arsenal, the Safety Office announced.

The military accident rate for the same period stood higher at 3.9. There were two disabling injuries and six lesser injuries.

The Safety Office report stated:



CIVILIAN CHIEFS—The chief of Civilian Personnel and the chief of employe utilization from Rock Island (Ill.) Arsenal met here with Redstone's civilian boss Stuart Jones. The three personnel experts discussed the student cooperative program soon to start. The program enables students alternately to work for six months and attend school for six months—thus earning money so that they can continue school and at the same time gaining valuable on-the-job experience. Shown here are (left to right) Raymond J. Reese, employe utilization chief; Curtis H. Hogburg, chief of civilian personnel, both from Rock Island; and Stuart Jones. (Photo by SFC Dick Coddington)



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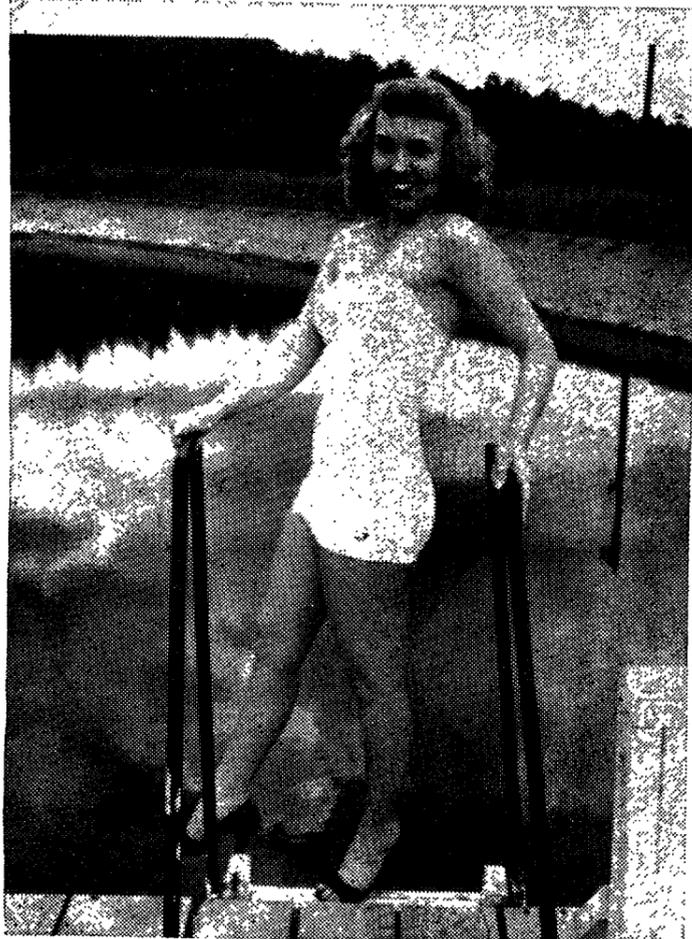
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AQUATIC BLONDE—The swimming season at Redstone didn't open a day too soon for lovely Joyce Owens. As a typist for Rohm & Haas, she is fine—but as a model for a strapless bathing suit, she is even better. (Photo by James P. Lutz)

"Robert A. Parvin, combination

RSA Downs Keesler In Season's Opener

The Redstone Rockets won their first game of the season last Thursday when they defeated the Keesler Field Tarpons 8 to 6.

The Rockets hammered out 13 hits against nine for the Armea. Both teams gave up four errors.

Bill Schutt, who relieved Ed Van Cott in the fifth inning, was given credit for the win. Schutt gave up four hits and no runs. The Keesler battery was Baker and Corley.

Redstone Speakers Have Busy Week

At least seven Redstone officials will join in Armed Forces Week by speaking to several groups, mostly in Alabama.

Gen. Vincent will be in Atlanta, and Gen. Toftoy will be at West Point, N. Y. Edmund Falconbury will be at Woodville, Ala. Kermit Day at Princeton, Ala.; Walter Wiesemann at Dothan, and Conrad Swanson at Huntsville (Lions Club).

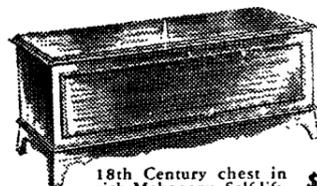
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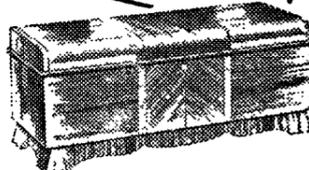
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welder, (GMDD) received a severe eye injury when a piece of slag flew off of a high pressure pipe he was welding, into his left eye.

Parvin is expected to lose the use of this eye. The second civilian disabling injury occurred when Albert R. Pope, Rubber Lab, GMDD, developed a severe rash on his hands, arms, and around the eyes. Pope was making rubber components, using amine compounds.

The military injuries occurred to Pfc. Calvin Yelton and Sgt. Raymond Sebastian.

Pfc. Yelton fractured his right wrist when the handle of a bumper jack flew off and struck him. Sgt. Sebastian suffered chest injuries in an automobile accident in Huntsville.

There were three minor vehicle accidents during April, the Safety report showed.

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