

## SURVEY TO LEARN NEED OF COURSES

### Grad Institute Is Making Study

The Redstone Arsenal Graduate Institute is conducting a survey to determine how great is the need for a long-range program of on-the-arsenal courses dealing with government and business administration.

A memo has been sent to all supervisors for study of the proposed program.

These courses would be in top or middle management levels and could be carried out on regular time if they related directly to a present or pending assignment. Also text books would be furnished in this case.

The courses may also be taken by those who have no direct need but whose work does relate. In this case, a part or all of the cost might be absorbed as far as the relationship between the training and the work assignment would warrant expenditure of government funds. Attendance may be counted as a part of regular work.

Or, if there is a demand among those to whom such courses would not relate to their work, an arrangement could be made for these people to take the courses on their own time and pay the tuition and text book fees.

The survey will be ended by July 23. Applications may be obtained through supervisors, or may be had by contacting the Redstone Graduate Institute, telephone 2942. Dr. Julian D. Mancill, Institute director, is conducting the survey in cooperation with F. R. Royal of the Civilian Training Branch.

The executive development program proposed is defined as: "Those actions taken to increase and maintain managerial competence of employes with particular emphasis on officials above the lower supervisory levels . . ."

Arrangements can be made for an outside agency to conduct these courses if there is a need.

has scheduled a picnic at the beach.

The public is invited to attend the beauty contest . . . and the applause of the audience will be one of the factors on which the queen will be judged.

At 9 p.m. a dance is scheduled at the Guntersville Armory with the orchestra from Redstone Arsenal furnishing the music.

Queen contestants will then be judged in evening dress and at-

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# Arsenal Officer Awarded Medal of Honor for Valor



## Lt. B. F. Wilson Wins Medal for Acts in Korea

First Lieutenant Benjamin F. Wilson, assistant adjutant, has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, according to information received from Washington last week.

The lieutenant, a native of Vashon Island, Washington, was given the nation's highest award for his heroism in Korea on June 5, 1951.

Lt. Wilson also holds the country's second highest tribute to its soldiers, the Distinguished Service Cross, as well as 12 other medals and ribbons, including the Silver Star, the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star, Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Four days after performing the acts of valor which led to his being awarded the Medal of Honor, his heroic actions won him the Distinguished Service Cross.

At the time he was a first sergeant with the 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division.

He is 32 years old.

Lt. Wilson came to Redstone in November, 1953, from Ft. Breckinridge, Ky., where he was adjutant of the Leadership School.

He will be presented with the Medal of Honor by President Eisenhower sometime in the near future. The time and place have not been announced.

Lt. Wilson is married to the former Miss Mary D. Mellory, of Sturgis, Ky.

The lieutenant has joined the Army twice as a private and he has received a commission twice.

He first enlisted in 1940, finished training, and was sent to Hawaii. After about two years in the islands, he returned to this country to enter OCS at Ft. Sill, Okla. He was graduated March 18, 1953, and commissioned a lieutenant in the Field Artillery.

After the war, Lt. Wilson was separated from the service, but in September, 1946, nine months after being separated, he enlisted for the second time as a private.

Wilson made three tours in Korea, the last one from November, 1950, until January, 1952. He received a battlefield commission Nov. 15, 1951.

## ROCKETS GET HOT, DRUB STEWART AND ATLANTA GENERAL TWO EACH

The Redstone Rockets, back on the win path after a slight excursion, won four home games July 9, 10, 11, and 12, to bring their season's record to 25 wins against 13 defeats.

The highlight of the four games was the sensational pitching of Dan McDevitt, a new addition to the team who arrived on the arsenal Friday and was on the mound the following Sunday.

McDevitt made his debut before Redstone fans by striking

out 17 Atlanta General Depot players in a seven inning game. The 21-year-old southpaw was robbed of a perfect game by an infield scratch hit in the last inning. He gave up one walk.

The Rockets opened the home stand by clobbering Camp Stewart 10 to 1 behind the six-hit pitching of Dick Peterson. Pinion gave up nine hits for Stewart. Dick Barone, Bob Walker, and Peterson all got doubles. The Roc-

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## Speedboats Compete For Championship

Speed boat fans in this community will see champions racing for the national title for the first time at Guntersville Lake on July 25.

One of the entrants for queen to preside over the regatta is Miss Wilma Letson, 23, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Letson of Owens Cross Road. She is employed in the Purchasing and Contracting Division at Redstone and has been featured as a Redstone pin-up in The Rocket.

So far, 50 boats are registered for the race, among them two former world championship title holders, "Hell's Angel" and "The Pirate". Pilots of these two runabouts have not yet been named.

The races will start at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday with more than 20 hydroplanes entered. These races are sponsored by the American Power Boat Association. The largest of these are the 266 cubic inch hydroplanes. The smallest will be 44 to 48 cubic inch runabouts. Altogether there will be two heats in each class making a total of ten races.

The races will end with a free-for-all where everyone competes . . . fast boats, slow boats and probably a few swimmers.

It is reported that this will be the largest race in the United States his season.

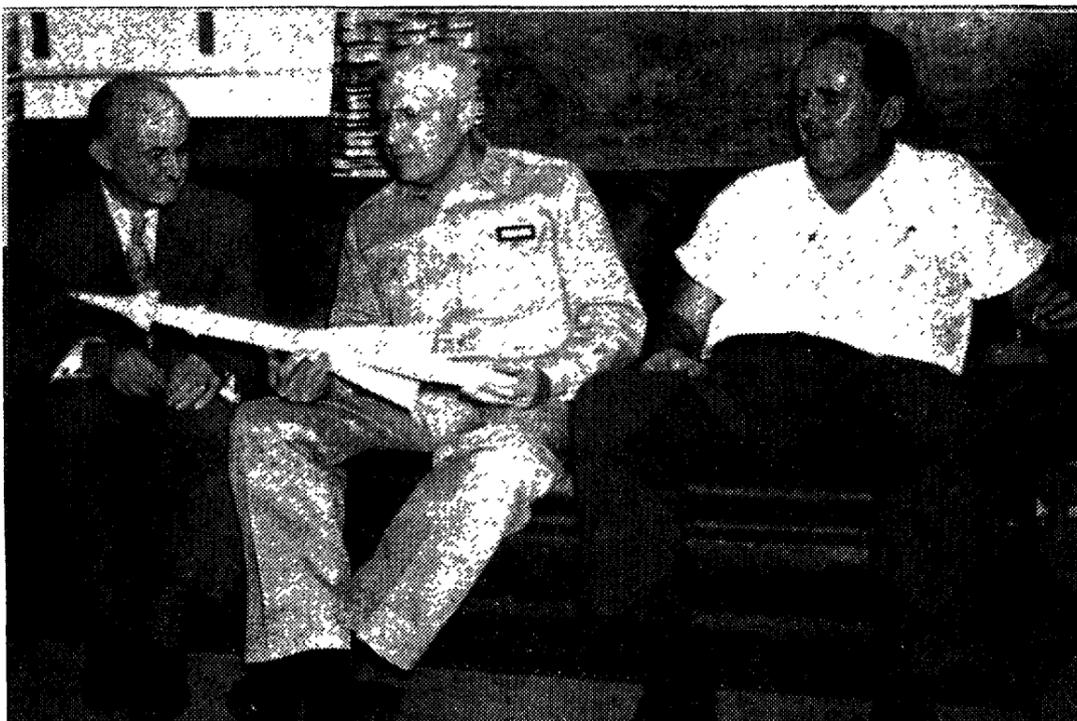
A Tyler, Texas lad now in the Army, whose father is sending several competitive boats, will try for a furlough to compete in the more-than-100-mph. class. He is reputedly the youngest racer in the country for this class.

Festivities will start on Friday. A fireworks display, open to the public, will light the waters of Guntersville Lake starting about 8 p.m.

On Saturday, July 24, Guntersville Bathing Beach will be the scene of a beauty show with the contestants for queen of the regatta competing in bathing suits. Also during this occasion, Purchasing and Contracting Division

### HELP WANTED

Swimmers — free style, back stroke, breast stroke and divers to join the post swimming team. Anyone interested should contact Lt. Stewart Evans at the post swimming pool any afternoon between 4 p.m. and 5:30 — or call Special Services, Ext. 3-576.



**VISITING GENERAL**—Brig. Gen. C. V. Bromley (left) sits at left with General Vincent and Jack Langhorne (right) on a recent visit to Redstone. For Bromley, a former cavalry officer, it was his first visit to Redstone. Langhorne is employed by the Huntsville Times Company. The retired general is a 1923 graduate of the United States Military Academy. (Photo by Dee Bauer)

## RSA Officers Write Ordnance Features

Brig. Gen. Thomas K. Vincent's Story, centered on Gen. Tracy Dickson, one-time commander of Watertown Arsenal, appears in the July-August issue of the Ordnance magazine.

Entitled "Watertown Remembered," the article gives a picturesque account of Gen. Vincent's tour there as a student in the early 1920's.

Gen. Dickson comes alive to the reader from the pages of the story as the author draws a bold man with bold and dignified words of description.

The seven-page article is so well done that the reader comes to the end wishing he could turn the pages and find more of the same.

In the same issue, also in the feature section, is an article by Lt. Col. Stanley M. Smolensky, formerly of Redstone, and now serving in the office of the military attache, Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

Col. Smolensky writes on "Guided Missile Production." He outlines the Army Ordnance organization for guided missile production, and tells of the necessity for various government agencies to work together as a "team" for the production of a guided missile system.

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## A NOTE TO WIVES

We read in a recent "Army News Feature," reprinted in this issue of The Rocket, where the Army is going to rewrite the regulations so that soldiers will be able to take an hour's SIESTA after the big noon meal.

It seems that this precaution is supposed to cut down on the number of illnesses and deaths caused from heat exhaustion and sunstroke. There are also a great many other "suggestions" which the Army has to offer to prevent a premature demise on a sunny day.

One of these suggestions, which we couldn't help but notice, concerned serving the heavy meal at night, rather than during the day. To wit:

"Serve the heavy meal of the day in the evening rather than at noon unless activities involving considerable physical exertion are scheduled after dinner."

What that means, or what we assume it means, is to take it easy after a meal—especially a large one. Since the average RSA civilian's noon meal of peanut butter sandwiches and iced tea cannot, by any expansion of the imagination, be considered "heavy" it follows that the 30-minute lunch break will remain in force.

But as to resting after that evening "heavy" meal, we are afraid too many wives will raise objections—especially the wives of those husbands whose waist lines are beginning to reach a stage of mature corpulency.

These wives seem to be of the firm belief that the worst possible enemy of their husband's vanishing youthfulness is a short snooze after dinner. A hundred necessities can be called upon by the imaginative wife to prevent this blistfull moment of relaxation, not the least used of which is a stern warning that rest after meals equals added pounds.

In view of the Army's report that a SIESTA after a heavy meal is not only not unhealthy but may actually prolong life, it appears that wives are left with one of two choices—they either let the old boy saw a few logs on the living room couch or they risk having him expire of heat exhaustion over the dish pan.

"Of course I can spell correctly," said the company clerk, "but I'm not a fanatic about it."

## 'Telltale' Circles Sometimes Deceive

Having circles under the eyes does not indicate bad health or dissolute living, in spite of a widely held opinion to the contrary.

That was emphasized today by Dr. D. G. Gill, State Health Officer. He pointed out that, while certain forms of illness may tend to cause such circles, a person who has them may be perfectly healthy.

"Such changes usually are entirely without significance, as far as health is concerned," he said. "The skin directly under the eyes is unusually thin, and that area also contains large veins just below the surface. Fatigue or stress may cause marked discoloration."

Dr. Gill said the tendency to have circles under the eyes seems to be hereditary to a limited extent.

"If ladies are afraid circles under the eyes will make others think they are older than the really are, there is no objection to their covering that area with cosmetics," he added. "On the other hand, some women are said to like the shadow effect produced by these circles and accentuate them with cosmetics, thinking that makes them more attractive."

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## PURCHASING & CONTRACTING DIV. TOM COLTHARP

Congratulations to Wilma Letson, who was one of the five finalists in the "Miss Perfect Figure" contest. Check those pictures in Rocket 13 April and Birmingham Post-Herald 7 July and you'll understand why; or just wander into Bldg. 111 and see the live model.

Incidentally, Wilma has now been entered in the contest to select "Miss Guntersville Lake," so come to Guntersville Beach on July 24 and lend her your support. AND—there's going to be a dance both Saturday afternoon and Saturday nite, and you guys may have a chance to dance with some of those beauty queens.

Mrs. Martha Wright underwent an operation at the Huntsville Hospital July 6. At last report, she was recovering nicely.

Welcome to Malcolm Lide, the new Chief of Branch 'A'. Malcolm transferred from Birmingham Ordnance District. Before that, he was with the Naval Air Station in Birmingham. Sorry, girls, he's married—with three children.

Edith Thornthwaite is the new employe in Prep. & Distr. Br. She is a native Huntsvillian, and was an employe of a law firm downtown before coming here. Welcome.

Mrs. Pat Spinelli was in Pa., bidding her husband bon voyage for overseas duty. She will continue working here during his absence.

Cpl. and Mrs. Donald Peabody (the Mrs., Gerry, being an ex-P&C'er) have announced the birth of a girl, Tamara Jo, born July 10. Congratulations.

We're certainly a savings minded group around P&C. Fact is, 92% of us believe in doing it the U.S. Savings Bond way. Frankly, I believe that's a very good record. Also, credit where due—Mrs. Ruth Sharp really gave out with the pep talks. I'm sure everyone agrees she did a wonderful job.

New members of the Stork Club are Mrs. Effie Thomas and Mrs. Nancy Goodman.

Mrs. Marjorie Dickey and family have gone to Miami for two weeks; and they just returned from two weeks in New Orleans about a month ago—lucky dogs!

Others on the vacation list include: Mrs. Nell Wells and husband, Virginia; Rita Ashburn and family, Florida; Mrs. Mary Sublett visiting her parents in Tennessee; Mrs. Opal Tabor, Owens Cross Roads; Mrs. Paty May, and husband, Indiana; Robbie Hagler, New Orleans; Mrs. Vasso Toon, Indiana; Mrs. Mamie Cruse and family, Huntsville; and Mrs. Estelle Baker and husband, Panama City.

Mrs. Tee Breedlove said she had a very nice vacation by sending her husband and son to Ohio for a week.

Jo Ann Ratliff has returned from a week's vacation in Panama City. From the looks of her, the sun must shine 24 hours per day. I think she and Mrs. Barbara Pierce are having a contest to see which can get the brownest, and it looks like a close race.

Was checking to find out who went where over the Fourth, but practically everyone was out of town. Hope everyone had fun.

Harry Johnston is on sick leave. Don't know if he's recuperating from the end of the fiscal year rush, or if he had an overly-glorious Fourth.

Don't forget, you P&Cers; PICNIC AT THE GUNTERSVILLE BEACH, JULY 24TH! Come on out and enjoy yourselves, but don't forget, B.Y.O.L. (lunch, that is). See you there.

## PRETTY AS A PRINCESS



If a fairytale princess could step out of her book, she'd look just like Sweet Sue, who's life size and lovable. As you can see, she's exactly as tall as her three year old playmate, and can share any childish secret that's whispered to her. Sue has fully jointed knees and elbows, so she can sit or kneel naturally and her lovely Saran hair is fully rooted. Her party-pretty gown is nylon tulle in foamy tiers, overskirted with lush brocade. A flower tiara completes her royal ensemble. Princess Sweet Sue reigns in major department and toy stores across the country.

## TRIPLE EXPENSE

New York, (AFPS) — Clem Young reports that his triplets average 18 rations of milk per day, 300 diapers per week. A custom-made baby-buggy cost him \$200.

Lawyer (to woman seeking a divorce): "Then your husband is quite elderly, I take it?"  
Wife: "Elderly! ... Why he's so old he gets winded just playing checkers."

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**PERSONALS**

Miss Caroline Dembeck of Florida, N. Y., and Miss Patricia Profenno of Middletown, N. Y., nieces of Mrs. Charles E. Barrett, are visiting her at her home in Wherry.

The Redstone Boy Scout troop spent last week at Camp Westmoreland near Florence, Ala. Attending were: John Wattendorf, Kenneth Hinkley, George Clary, John Gasper, Jon Ebbert, Topper Catello and Charles Keyserling. Their Scoutmaster, Maj. Ben Keyserling, accompanied them.

The Redstone Garden Club will meet at 10 a.m. this morning (Tuesday) at the home of Mrs. Jack Horner, 1611 Woodview Dr., Huntsville.

Mrs. Ben Keyserling and Col. Paul Elias won the high score when Couples Bridge met July 12 at the Officers Open Mess with nine tables in progress. Winners of second high were Mrs. Edward Bartunek and Lt. Richard Meyer, and third was won by Mrs. George Elrod and Lt. Bartunek. Mrs. Milton Sweat and Mr. James Fagan had the low scores. Mr. and Mrs. Fagan were the host and hostess. The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on July 26 at the Officers Mess.

get a boy. It's fun trying though. Irene Walling's Chloe and Mary Kate DeYoung's "Buba" quickly recovered after emergency appendectomies, as did Louise Sun's Genenna after a case of tonsillitis. PFC. Ray Noble has moved on to the Post Engineers. Best of luck, Ray, we'll miss you.

**LINE NO. 6**  
By "Red" Elledge

During the temporary consolidation of Line 8 personnel with those of Line 6 while the Post Engineer installs the fans and de-luge systems on the lines, our boss, Opal Cribbs, is busy welcoming Line 8 personnel to our line. It's like old home week. To anyone passing thru Building 802, Room "C", and hearing a lot of whistling and yelling, it isn't that some one has lost a dog, it's just David Pritchett's way of expressing himself.

**LINE NO. 8**  
By "Skeeball" Robinson

Houston Key is walking around with a blank look on his face and trying to remember names and faces so that he may get all his old help back when we make the trip back to Line 8 from Line 6. With all the confusion and bustle, he is sure that there will be a few men lost in the shuffle. There are so many new faces and people, that the foreman are wearing signs so they won't be put to work by other foremen.

Tom Cornell, our shift foreman, just couldn't stand the pressure and has taken time off to go on a camping trip with a bunch of OTHER Boy Scouts. He thinks a troop of Scouts will be a relief from Line 8 and Line 6 operators. In spite of the signs on safety, our office gal, Joette Drake, had a serious and embarrassing accident a few days ago. While water-skiing on the river, the driver of the boat made a short turn and threw her off.

Fortunately, nothing was hurt but her uh, er-jh-uh-dignity! The impact of hitting the water tore her bathing suit in the most strategic spot. Joette came home wearing the latest in bathing apparel—Terry Cloth top, and a large bath towel bottom. Line 8 was swamped for a day or two by Safety personnel waiting to see the evidence of the accident.

A lot of the fellows have come up with some good fish stories the past week, but your correspondent and C. B. Hopkins went fishing Tuesday, and came back with the usual fisherman's luck—red skin, wet clothes, and empty stomachs. How do those guys get the limit???

**LINE NO. 2**

Congratulations to Harris Taylor. He is the proud papa of a six and one half pound baby boy.

William Fryer has returned to work after a two weeks vacation which he spent in Norfolk, Va., visiting his daughter. He said he would still like to have Step 4.

James (Fat Boy) Carden has returned from Chicago, where he spent a week trying to find "Comiskey Park" "Fat Boy" says that "Huntsville Park" is easier to find.

Line 2 has Jewell Brady, Raymond Carter, James Elkins and Clyde Petty taking a two weeks "vacation" with the National Guard in Georgia. Boy, we bet its hot down there.



**MP AND GUARD OF THE MONTH ARE G. W. DYE AND MITCHELL**

Four bronze stars and a unit citation belong to the civilian guard of the month at Redstone. He is G. W. Dye, Jr., of 1306 First St., Cullman.

The military policeman for the month is Dewey C. Mitchell, Jr. These men are selected daily for best appearance, courtesy and alertness on the job.

Further competition in an oral examination determines the final choice for the top guard and MP of the month. Questions can cover anything from traffic problems to

current events.

Dye came to Redstone on Jan. 1, 1954. During World War II, he was a combat artilleryman with one and one-half years service in Europe.

Mitchell is a native of Menlo, Ga. He entered the armed forces in October, 1953, and received training at Camp Gordon, Ga., before his assignment at Redstone.

Both men are married. The Mitchell's have a six-month-old son, David C.

**AMMUNITION DIVISION**  
BY GEORGE POTTS

Vacations and illnesses have been the vogue here in Ammunition Division Headquarters. This "leave to lose or take it" policy has resulted in some rather lengthy vacations—with Florida running high on the list. Edith Cribbs remarked after her vacation, that there were a million reasons why she didn't like Florida and each one crawled. Ethel (Mert) Overton, Doris Smith and Polly McCutcheon will corroborate this, we dare say, upon their return. Bill Pomeroy and PFC. VeVea are also off galavanting around, the former in the swamps of Georgia while the latter is in Minnesota.

Frank (Gus to us) Woodard is laid up for 3 to 4 weeks flat on his back at home—435 Newman Avenue. Drop by and say hello—he'd sure appreciate it.

Dewey Meeks is the proud papa of a new daughter, their fourth. Careful Dewey, or you'll be like Eddie Cantor who claimed he had filled up his backyard trying to

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Monday evening, at 1800 hours, 28 June, the two giants of the softball league met head-on. It was a game that each club had been waiting anxiously to play because each felt confident that they could blast the other off the diamond. It happens frequently that these long awaited contests prove duds but not this one. This encounter had everything one could hope for and more.

After a scoreless first inning the 9330 Bombs really went to town. They scored 6 runs thanks to some bobbles by the usually sure fingered 9352 players and 7 walks when the plate kept getting smaller and smaller in the eyes of Frank Batty, 9352's pitcher. In the last of the second, Amos Stacey belted a home run with one man on to narrow the margin to 6-2.

The next several innings the two teams slugged it out with neither team giving ground. Things were beginning to look very dark for 9352 as no matter how hard they fought they could not narrow the gap.

Going into the last half of the 6th the score was 10-5, and Don Morrison seemed to be getting stronger on the mound.

Stan Malikowski, fighting manager of 9352, kept urging the players to keep on fighting and fight they did. There were 2 out in the bottom of the 6th when 9352 exploded for 4 runs and had the tying run, in the person of Larry Peterson, thrown out trying to score on a short passed ball. More discouragement, to fight back and come so close to losing on a bang-bang decision at home plate. But, then that old saying in baseball "that the game is never lost until the last man is out" and 9352 in the 7th and final inning was to prove the validity of that statement.

9330 had a scoring threat in the top of the 7th but Batty ended that uprising by striking out two batters in succession. Bottom of the 7th, you could hardly hear yourself think as both sides were cheering for the teams. One to

hold, and one to rally!

Batty leads off and walks on four successive pitches as Morrison looks rattled. Blythe, who previously had belted a double and a single, popped up to short swinging on a 2 and 1 pitch and Batty was forced to hold on. This brought Shumsky, the centerfielder who was 1 for 2 plus two walks. The count went to 2 and 0 and the next pitch was drilled between the third baseman and shortstop for a single, Batty moving to second. Men on first and second, one out, Don McDavid, hard hitting shortstop, on the first pitch tried a surprise bunt and was thrown out at first with the two base runners moving up a notch.

Here we are right down to the final out and the batter is Bob Beatty, clean-up hitter of 9352. You have the tying run on third and the winning run on second. Do you pitch to this big hitter or do you walk him and take a chance with Stan Malikowski? Pitch to him was 9330's decision and Morrison quickly jumped ahead of Beatty 0-2 and Beatty looking very anxious at the plate, was in a deep hole. Then came the mistake of the game and maybe the season. Instead of wasting a pitch and trying to get Beatty to go after a bad ball he tried to sneak a fast ball past him. Beatty swung, the ball zoomed out into left field as if it was shot from a cannon. The left fielder streaked over and managed to get his glove on the ball but it was hit so hard it just ripped right on through. The tying run was sped across home plate by Batty, the winning run was plodded across by Shumsky and there was bedlam on the 9352 bench. Certain defeat was turned into great victory because a bunch of fellows didn't know the meaning of the word "quit."

They hustled, they fought, they refused to die and the result was a sweet victory for the 9352 over the highly touted 9330th.

The enlisted personnel assigned to the 9352 TSU, OGMS, who received promotions during the month of June are: SFC: Arthur F. Foster; to SGT: Neal A. Driskill; to CPL: John G. Borton, Peter M. Brennan, Raymond Carroza, Edward O. Clem, Robert C. Easton, Joseph G. Funcasta, John R. Gelzer, Jr., Irwin Goldberg, William L. Grant, Calvin Greenwaldt, David H. Harris, Robert A. Heizen, Richard Luetjohann, James F. McClure, Peter F. McNally, William C. Morrison, Marvin R. Reed, Jr., Myron Schreibersdorf, Edward M. Shumsky, James H. Smith, Jr., George R. Stringer, Peter J. Wierzicki, Donald M. Winegar;

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On the fourth of June, 1954 the 9352 Technical Service Unit held its first social gathering in many months. The festivities were in the form of a buffet-style party and were held in the school troop division's Consolidated Mess Hall. Attendance by on- and off-post personnel was at a maximum.

Colonel James P. Snooks, Jr., Commandant OGMS, Major Raymond Hansotte, Commander of School Troop Division, and Captain Tarantula O. Purvis, Unit Commander, spoke briefly during the evening. Capt. Purvis com-



**THE CLIMBER**—Charming Joyce Brooks, GMDD, demonstrates the art of high-bar climbing. Not to be out-done by any of the professional acrobats, this curvy little Miss has ventured to a breath-taking height of four feet above ground level, where she sits confidently, seemingly happy about the whole thing. (Photo by Chauncy Huth)

**SERVICE CLUB ACTIVITIES**

BY JIM MURPHY

The Service Club offers a diverse and interesting program for the third week in July. On Tuesday the 20th of the month, the week gets off to a start with dancing instruction classes. Commencing at 2000 hours, all who are interested in enhancing their store of social graces, and have a gay time while doing so, should wend their way to the Service Club and expose themselves to the instrumentations of the dance instructors. For those who relish the less active form of entertainment, the TV set will weave its mystic spell of drama, intrigue and gaiety interlaced with the poetry of music.

The highlight of the week will be our Wednesday evening dance with the melodic moods of Bob Yeazell and his orchestra once again providing the accompaniment. Junior Hostesses along with a score of others provide the feminine aspect to the evening, not to mention the delicious refreshments served. Everyone is invited to be present for the occasion for an evening of enjoyable happenings.

Thursday evening will be the advent of the first "Song Festival" of the season. The feature group of the evening is composed of a group from Oakwood College. Tentatively scheduled also for your enjoyment is a program presented by Redstone's own "Missilemen." For those who have special interest in the renditions of Choral groups this provides special attraction in such.

Another Swimming Party is scheduled to be held at the post pool at 1630 hours Friday the 23rd. Looking for a chance to

mentioned that since the affair was such a huge success and was conducted in such a superior manner, additional gatherings will be held in the future. The gratitude of the officers and the enlisted personnel was extended to those who were responsible for making the party the success that it was.

The entertainment, consisting of local talent, was headed by Cpl. Dick Boyer and his Missilemen, including Cpl. Bob Yeazell, Cpl. Boy Haynes, Cpl. Jack La Rose, Cpl. Joe Cabral, and Cpl. Murphy. The humorous touch was provided by Pfc. Di Polvere with his impersonations and Cpl. Bob Yeazell and Pfc. Dave Albrecht with their skits. Pfc. Marvin Reed coordinated the activities excellently in his capacity as Master of Ceremonies.

An invitation was extended to the personnel of the 9615 Technical Service Unit to attend the festive proceedings. The evening drew to a close with a large group singing around the piano. A good time was had by all.

cool off after a hot day under the 'Bama sun? Well here's the one, the only, and glorious answer to the whole shebang. Come along and enjoy yourself.

Saturday evening the advent of 2000 hours will be the signal to all who are talented, to parade their wares before all and sundry, in the first Talent Show of the season in the latest attempt to produce the most talented individual on the arsenal. All who are among the fortunate to possess outstanding ability are very sincerely requested to contact a member of the Service Club staff in regards to the aforementioned. Gala entertainment and fun are definitely on the agenda for all to enjoy. Don't miss it.

Sunday mornings brings Coffee call beginning at 0900 hours along

with classical and semi-classical selections transcribed. An evening of games will start at 2030 hours. Many fabulous prizes which have been piling up in our showcase, have yet to be won by some lucky contestant. Why not then, try your luck at it?

Winding up the schedule for the week is the Combo Night affair which is held every Monday evening at 2000 hours. Anyone who can play a musical instrument, (over and above a radio and yo-yo) is cordially invited to participate. So that about takes care of the schedule for the time being. Come along and join the crowd enjoying the Service Club program in its entirety.

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ROBERT LUSSER—

# V-1 Project Boss Is Now Preaching Reliability

"Reliability" is just a word to most of us. But to Robert Lusser, who arrived at Redstone recently, it is a mission in life. It is Lusser's job, among other things, to sell the concept of reliability to the Ordnance personnel and contractors who are concerned in any way with the design or manufacture of guided missiles. In doing this, Lusser—an intent and sincere man in his middle fifties—has spoken to about 500 persons in the past year.

Born and educated in Germany, Lusser came to this country in 1948 after piling up distinguished reputations in such diverse fields as piloting racing planes and designing piloting planes.

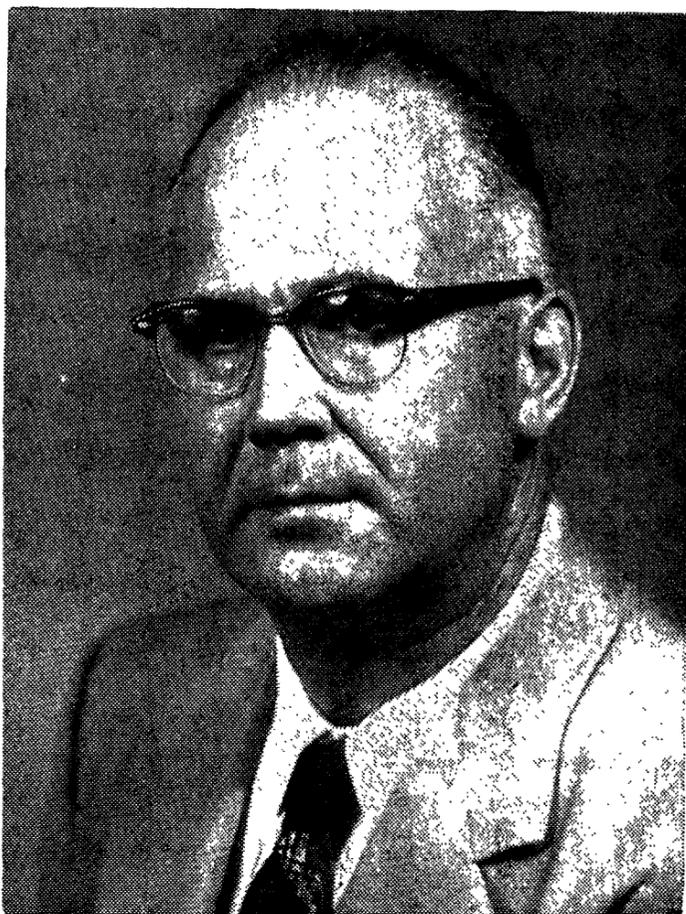
Although he was on the 'A' list of scientists and technicians the Armed Forces wanted to contract for, Lusser was not located until April, 1948. Since he had been bombed out of three homes during the war, he had gone to the Bavarian Alps to live with friends. It was not until he moved to Wiesbaden, in the U. S. zone, that he was found by Naval representatives, and quickly hired.

Lusser had learned the hard way about reliability while he was in charge of the development of the V-1 "Buzz Bomb." This gave him a particular interest in learning what must be done in this country to overcome the stumbling block imposed by the difficulty of making missiles reliable.

Exactly what is meant by reliability can best be summed up in Lusser's own words: "Reliability of a device (say a guided missile or component) is the probability that it will function successfully under all environmental conditions in service."

It may sound simple to the uninitiated, but it is not—because the reliability of one missile involves the reliability of thousands, even millions, of parts.

Taking a fuel valve, for example, a reliability factor of 1:5000 would mean that only one valve



**RELIABILITY EXPERT**—Robert Lusser, well-known designer, racing pilot, and reliability expert, has been transferred to Redstone from offices in California. He will coordinate the Ordnance reliability program for guided missiles.

in 5000 would be expected to be defective. Where there is only one such valve in a certain missile, this figure might be satisfactory.

But take the example of a soldered joint with the same failure rate of one in 5000. Perhaps there are 5000 such joints in one missile. This would cause the failure of 63 per cent of all the missiles.

"It's really the biggest stumbling block in the development of guided missiles," Lusser explained. "Remember, a \$100,000 missile may be totally lost because of the failure of a ten-cent component."

Lusser first recognized the reliability problem as such when he was called to the German Air Ministry after the Germans suffered their first major night air attack.

The higher-ups wanted to know if it were feasible to design and build a flying bomb capable of striking South England and London from the French coast.

"After some studies, I told them yes," Lusser said. He was put in charge of the project. The actual design work began May 29, 1942.

Lusser and his staff worked like demons. "I was excited about the project and soon everyone else was too," he said. They worked day and night, and in less than seven months the first V-1 was ready to be test fired at Peenemunde on December 23.

Up to this time the problems of reliability had not concerned the hard-working crew. "In fact," Lusser said, "we thought that it was easier to design an un-piloted aircraft than one with a pilot—because no life would be lost in the event of a failure."

But when more and more of the early missiles failed (and no one knew why) they began

moved into the Mission Planning and Coordination Office here where he will continue to develop and expand the reliability program for guided missiles.

In describing his work as a reliability coordinator for all Army Ordnance guided missiles, Lusser likes to use the analogy of a chain being no stronger than its weakest link.

"Reliability," he said, "must be generated in virtually all fields concerned with the design, laboratory testing, flight testing, manufacture, logistics, training, operation, and last but not least procurement and writing of specifications.

"All the links are equally important for the achievement of an acceptable over-all reliability."

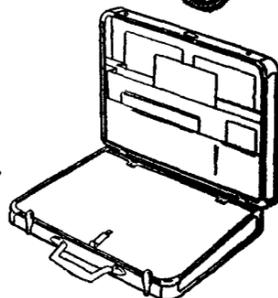
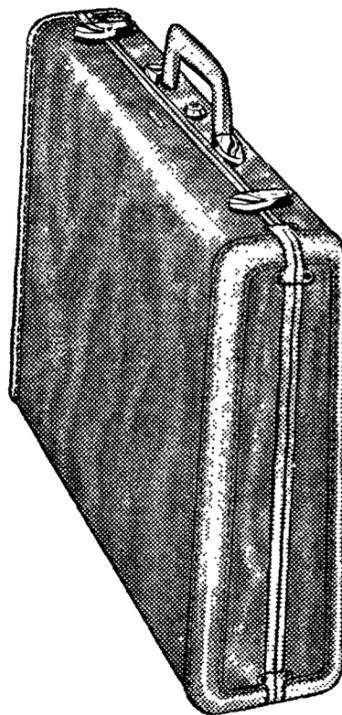
Therefore, he concluded, it is necessary that the modern concepts of reliability penetrate thousands of activities and hundreds of thousands of people concerned with guided missiles and their companies.

It's a big job that Lusser has been assigned—a job which would send a lesser man racing to the nearest barroom for a forgetful tonic. But Lusser plans to stick with it—and you can expect to hear more about reliability from this man with a mission.

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to realize that they had entered the problem of reliability.

"We became desperate and were about ready to give up when a young mathematician came up with the answer. It was as simple as this: The overall reliability of a guided missile essentially equals the product of its parts, components, rather than the average of these parts." (This young mathematician is now working for GMDD. His name is Dr. Erich Pieruschka).

This threw a whole new light on what was wrong. "From then on, we placed primary emphasis on making all components extremely reliable"

The result was that the V-1 soon obtained an overall reliability of about 75 per cent. But when mass production was started in the summer of 1943 Lusser was in for another shock. Almost all the missiles that came off the Volkswagenwerk assembly lines were failures in flight.

What had happened was that although the design reliability had been made satisfactory the manufacture reliability had been ignored by the contractors.

"We had to junk 1500 missiles," Lusser recalled, "and then start an entirely new production." This took until January, 1944.

Lusser, who has a remarkable memory for dates and numbers, remembers that by the end of May several thousand V-1s had been shipped to 50 launchers on the French coast. On June 16, just one week after the invasion, the first of the dreaded "vengeance weapons" were fired in large numbers on England. Before the last launcher was captured in March, 1945, over 20,000 of these pilotless bombs had been fired.

Lusser's background reads like an exciting chapter out of Horatio Alger. As early as 1925 he was designing racing planes for Klemm Corporation. He was also a test pilot and racing enthusiast. Between 1925 and 1933 he entered 12 international races, winning six. The races took him to such places as Paris, Madrid, Oslo, London, Rome and Stockholm.

In 1933, Lusser became the chief of the preliminary Design Department of Messerschmitt 109 — the standard German fighter used throughout the war. Over 50,000 of these planes were produced.

Lusser's career is studded with other outstanding achievements too numerous to be listed here. In April, 1953, after being with the Navy for about five years, he became chief of Army Ordnance Guided Missile Reliability Group in Pasadena, Calif.

With the continued centralization of guided missile activities at Redstone, Lusser has

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

By JOE CELENTANO, JO1, USN  
(AFPS Sports Writer)

It should be interesting to see whether or not Leo Durocher's "shock troops" can hold the beachhead they have established by taking over first place in the National League.

"The Lip" handles the Giants like a general does an army. And one of the "generals" most capable lieutenants — a guy that was just a private a short time ago — is Willie Mays. This well-balanced club might give the Cleveland Indians a heap of trouble in the forthcoming World Series.



That Stan "The Man" Musial is making headlines again. The popular Cardinal right fielder and six time NL league batting champion was the top vote getter in the All-Star balloting with 1,468,377 votes . . . Phil Caveretta, now with the Chicago White Sox, was the youngest player ever to play in the World Series. He was only 18 when he was with the Chicago Cubs in the Oct. 2, 1935 game with the Detroit Tigers.

Syracuse and Villanova will play their opening football game at Syracuse for the benefit of Cerebral Palsy . . . LeRoy Bolden, Michigan State's pint-sized left halfback, had a little trouble keeping his uniform on last season. He lost his pants against Minnesota and his jersey against Indiana.

### Service Highlights

Pvt. Wayne Moore, who finished sixth in the 400-meter swimming event in the 1952 Olympics and was a member of the victorious 800-meter relay team feels right at home at Camp Chaffee, Ark. Moore, captain of the 1953 Yale swimming team, is a life

## RSA Teams Invited To Softball Meet

The North Alabama Softball Tournament will be held in Decatur again this year starting on July 26, according to Ed Brazelton.

The tournament is open to any Redstone teams, men or women, Brazelton said. It will run as long as necessary, depending upon the number of entries.

There will be three games each night, starting at 6:30 p.m., giving winners a chance to advance two rounds nightly.

The tournament is sponsored by the Decatur City Softball League and it is open to any team in North Alabama. For further information and entry blanks contact Brazelton at Route 1, Decatur, or call RSA Ext. 2003

## Swim, Tennis Teams Off for Ft. Campbell

Redstone's swimming and tennis teams will leave for Fort Campbell, Ky., for a joint meet with the Campbell teams, Capt. John Wattendorf, Special Services officer, announced.

The swimming team, led by Lt. Stewart Evans, includes Robert Redlich, Charles Durr, Peter Douglas, Doyle Rogers, Donald Rohn, George Stanton, Arthur Timmons, and William Crowley.

Names of the tennis team could not be learned at press time. The men will return to Redstone tomorrow.

Lt. Evans said that they have hope of getting one or two additional matches before the Third Army tournament, starting August 18.

guard at Chaffee's swimming pool.

. . . Tiny Ben Sobieraj, a Navy storekeeper stationed at the Sanford Naval Air Station, Fla., successfully defended his Atlantic Fleet singles tennis championship by downing Chief Petty Officer Leon Wilson of Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Fla., 6-0, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4. Sobieraj and Wilson combined to win the doubles title . . . Pvt. Bob Malaga of Ft. Knox, Ky., beat Bob Savitt, 6-3, 6-1, 6-1, to win the men's single title of the Shawnee Open Tennis Championships.

Two prominent sports personalities will walk down the aisle early next year. They are Norman Brinker, JO3, stationed at the San Diego Naval Training Center, Calif., and tennis queen Maureen "Little Mo" Connolly. Brinker, formerly a member of the U. S. Olympic Equestrian team, now specializes in the Triathlon and Pentathlon events.



The Middle Atlantic National Rifle Assn. Regional High-Power Rifle Championships will be held at Ft. Meade, Md., July 23-25 . . . Ben Schwartzwalder, head football coach at Syracuse University, is a lieutenant colonel in the Army reserve . . . There's a marine at Parris Island, S. C., who believes that Cincinnati hurler Fred Baczewski is the greatest in the major leagues. And why not? The beloved fan happens to be his sister—Pvt. Mary Ann Baczewski.

Lt. Joseph Conrad of Lackland AFB, Tex., has been named by the U. S. Golf Assn. to the seven-man team of amateurs who will compete against Canada and Mexico, for the biennial Americas Cup Competition at London, Ont., Aug. 12-13. Army Pvt. Ken Venturi, California champion, was selected as an alternate.

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BY HELEN REED

How would you like to use at least three languages every day?

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This is the environment in which Mrs. J. B. ("Lali") Russell grew up in her native Philippines. She is a licensed projectionist and is in charge of the films in the OML Technical Library.

"The language of instruction in the Philippines is English. The language of social usage is Spanish. The national language is Tagalog," she explained.

However, her parents had come from the north where Ilocano was spoken instead of Tagalog.

She was born in Ilocano, but grew up in Manila. One of her childhood friends and schoolmates is Mrs. Luz B. Magsaysay, the first lady of the Philippines.

This vivacious Redstone employe's full maiden name reads like an old Spanish title: Librada Maria Carmen y Advincula. She married an American when he was stationed in her country, and came to Huntsville, his hometown, in 1947.

She has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the University of Santo Tomas, Manila. The bachelor's degree is in English and the Master's in Education.

"Santo Tomas is the oldest university ever under the American flag," Lali mentioned. "It is even older than Harvard."

She had her preparatory school training at the Institute de Majeres, and taught there after she finished college.

The shift from one language to another at school is a little confusing to the small children, Lali said. The instruction is started thus in kindergarten. One small child came home with the query, "Mother, what is this letter?" he asked, drawing the letter "A". That is "A", she told him. "Then why is it 'A' in the morning and 'Ah' in the afternoon?" he wanted to know.

During the Japanese occupation in the Philippines, she furthered her study in music by enrolling in the Saint Scholastica's Conservatory where she majored in piano and minored in voice. "Then through music, I lived in a world all my own," she explained.

Education did not stop for her when she reached Huntsville. She took a business course at North Alabama College of Commerce while she waited for her citizenship.

"I had the best Christmas present of my life in 1951. I got my citizenship then," Lali reminisced.

After receiving her citizenship, she came to work at Redstone, first in the book section, and later in the document section of the Guided Missile library.

Early this year, she took leave and made a trip back to the Philippines to visit her aging parents and bring her son, Donnie, home.

Returning to work in May, she was assigned the job she now has with films. It is her task to go over the films, viewing them, checking them for cuts and breaks length of reel, running time, subject, classification and resume. In simple terms, what she does is put the films in shape for issue from the library, and check them when they are returned to make sure they are still in good condition.

Eager always to learn something new, any field presents a challenge to Lali. She didn't have any experience with films until May, and "Now I am a licensed projectionist," she proudly told us. The Russells reside at 1015 Her-

mitage St., Huntsville. Mr. Russell is employed in the firing branch of GMDD.

Lali recounted, "When I first came to Huntsville in 1947, the local citizens were not accustomed to seeing anyone out of the ordinary, so they stared at me wherever I went, and stood and looked in amazement when I spoke. They have made me very welcome, and I have been asked to speak before a number of civic organizations."

Her hobbies? Dancing, especially to Latin American rhythms, reading and traveling.

Enthusiastic, happy, energetic and attractive Lali Russell is a valuable addition to America and Redstone.

### FAST CURTAIN

Peoria, Ill., (AFPS) — John M. Casserly, arguing with his wife over a TV program, took matters in his own hands. He pitched the set out the window, and picked up a \$350 repair bill, plus charges of intoxication and disturbing the peace.

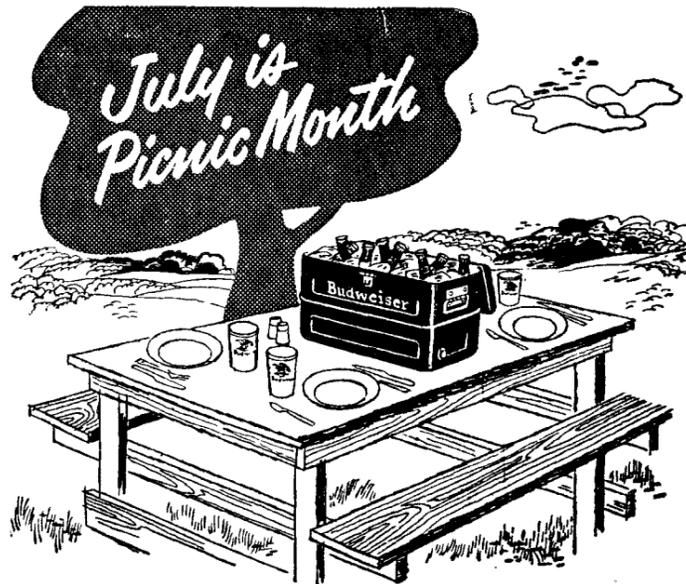
## MP HI-LITES

BY DICK HECTOR

I hope that the population of Redstone doesn't think that the 803d MP's have turned into an African Hunting Club. With the issuing of the new Sun Helmets (Nomenclature: Helmet, Sun, pith, replacing cap, frame, service, white) comments have been heard ranging from, "Hey, are you Frank Buck?" or, "What kind of game are you after?" or, better still, "Are you the one that advertised in the Rocket for Camel drivers for your Safari? I have had much experience along the desert line". To allay all queries I will go on record with the statement that, 1. We are still MP's and, 2. The Sun Helmet is an authorized part of MP Summer Duty Uniform. Also, to PFC Leon (Kemal) Shahanian, who made the query about our need for camel drivers, the answer is No, we don't need any experienced Turkish Camel Pushers.

Now, a formal welcome to 2d Lts. Joseph M. Ruccio and Robert E. Yost who recently joined the company from Camp Gordon, Ga. Lt. Yost has been appointed the Company Platoon Leader and Lt. Ruccio has been assigned the duty of Assistant Provost Marshal.

My spy in the Service Club tells me that the Junior Hostesses have had no small amount of trouble recently trying to distinguish between PFC's Frank 'Lover Boy' Liuzza and Frank (Loogan Woidat. They call Liuzza "Cute Frank" and Woidat "Handsome Frank." These MP's are a real bunch of lovers eh what? Also, I understand that Cpl. Jim (Moore) Wierichs and PFC Joe (Bull) Delvanney are now a member of the "One Meal Per Day Diet Club" . . . Sgt. Thomas (PanamaHattie) Doyle recently had his picture taken with a Sun Helmet on his head. His only remark was "Dis is just like dem ones we've had at Ft. Clayton, (Panama, Canal Zone)" . . . PFC Byron C. (Coffee Time) Starr was on leave last week . . . He timed it just right, as usual . . . I understand they are having a big coffee harvest up Indiana way and our hero wouldn't want to miss out on it for anything . . . Once more, keep cool, made in the shade and adios.



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## FAREWELL PARTIES FOR THAYERS FILL SOCIAL CALENDAR ON POST

Col. and Mrs. Henry Thayer have been the honored guests at a number of farewell parties during the last two weeks. They departed yesterday for Washington where Col. Thayer will attend the Industrial College.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Edward Weatherford had the Thayers and four other guests July 18 for a supper party on the patio at their home in Wherry. Col. and Mrs. Paul Elias entertained with a picnic supper on July 27 at their quarters on the arsenal, and Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Swann gave a supper for the Thayers on July 16 at their home in Huntsville on Matthews Street.

Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Thomas K. Vincent entertained the Thayers at dinner July 15 at their home. On July 14 Col. and Mrs. M. B. Chatfield had a supper on the lawn honoring the Thayers and including 10 guests.

On July 13, Capt. and Mrs. Joseph Hinesley had a dinner party at the Officers Mess. Six guests were included in the courtesy. Mrs. Hinesley decorated with an arrangement of summer flowers on the dinner table.

The Couples Bridge Club, which Mrs. Thayer organized two years ago, met on July 12, and presented Mrs. Thayer with a set of three silver ash trays. The trays were engraved with "Arline, three no trump", "Arline, four no trump", and "Arline, seven no trump," in commemoration of her outstanding bridge playing. Mrs. James Fagan, who was the hostess for the evening, presented Mrs. Thayer with a glamellia corsage.

The Thayers spent the July 10 weekend in Anniston with Mrs. Thayer's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. Byrd Bass.

The National Procurement Division gave a farewell party for Col. and Mrs. Thayer on July 9 at the Russel Erskine. Brig. Gen. and Mrs. H. N. Toftoy had a dinner party for them on July 7.

One of the larger parties for the Thayers was held on July 5 when Lt. Col. and Mrs. George Levings and Maj. and Mrs. Edward Detchemendy had a supper party on the lawn of the Detchemendy quarters with 16 guests present.

The Vincents had the Thayers and Col. and Mrs. Elias to dinner on July 4, and Capt. and Mrs. Woodrow Crum gave a patio dinner party for them on July 2 at

their home in Wherry. Eight guests were included.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lewis had the Thayers in to their home in Huntsville preceding the party at Crums.

## Wives Club Members Hear Lt. T. Cooper

Lt. Thomas Cooper, OGMS, held the attention of some 50 women July 13 with his talk on "Guided Missiles." He was the guest speaker at the morning coffee given by the Officers Wives Club in the Officers Open Mess. Mrs. George McBride was the program chairman.

Outlining the various types of missiles being developed, Lt. Cooper explained the advantages of guided missiles over other projectiles. One missile will take the place of many rounds of other ammunition fired and has much longer range.

He showed charts picturing the various guidance systems, and told in general, what the main principles are of a missile.

Several questions were asked of the speaker at the close of his discussion which infringed on classified information, and which he had to answer with "no comment."

Mrs. Ben Keyserling, chairman of the hospitality committee, arranged the table decorations, assisted by her committee.

The floral centerpiece for the table was awarded Mrs. Edward Dobbins at the close of the meeting.

The next meeting will be on August 10 when officers will be elected for the following year. Mrs. Miles B. Chatfield, nominating chairman, will conduct the election. The slate will be announced well in advance of the meeting.

## Two Bridge Parties Honor Mrs. Thayer

Two bridge luncheons last week were given for Mrs. Henry C. Thayer as farewell courtesies. Mrs. Thomas Reed had two tables of bridge for Mrs. Thayer on July 15 at her home in Wherry. The honoree was presented a gift of earrings by the hostess.

Mrs. John Rigg won the high score prize, Mrs. Paul Elias won second, and Mrs. Edward Detchemendy won the low score prize. Mrs. Reed decorated her house with an arrangement of gladioli and bowls of garden flowers.

Mrs. Thomas K. Vincent had twelve guests for a bridge luncheon on July 13 at her quarters. She presented Mrs. Thayer with a small evening bag as a farewell gift.

The high score prize was won by Mrs. Edward Weatherford, and Mrs. Ben Keyserling received the prize for low score.

## Mrs. Elrod Is Named To Assist at Bridge

Mrs. George Elrod has been named assistant chairman for Ladies Bridge Club to aid the chairman, Mrs. Edward Weatherford. The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. on August 5 at the Officers Mess. Anyone planning to attend should call either Mrs. Elrod at Huntsville 5815-J or Mrs. Weatherford at 5862-J so that even tables may be arranged.

During the meeting on July 15, there were four tables of bridge and two tables of samba in play. Mrs. Woodrow Crum, won the high score prize at bridge. Mrs. John Rigg was second and Mrs. Arthur Pinkham had the low score. Mrs. Jefferson Childs held high score at samba and Mrs. Willie Paulette had the low score.

## GM Officer to Talk On Orchid Culture

Maj. Paul O. Siebeneichen deputy chief of operations in GMDD, will tell members of the Redstone Garden Club about the culture of orchids that their meeting at 7:30 p.m., July 22. The group will meet at the home of Capt. and Mrs. Jack Horner, 1611 Woodview Dr., Huntsville.

The major raises orchids as a hobby, and is well informed on their culture and care. Presently, he has plants budding to bloom which will probably be in full flower late in August or in September.

## OML

BY ANN RICHARDS

The main topic of conversation in OML headquarters these days is the daily temperature readings. Some diligently keep up with the various changes and discuss them; others just wear less clothes and become subjects of discussions. Either way you are a victim of the weather it seems.

We had quite a bit of excitement the other day when one of the girls saw a car rolling down the hill beside the parking lot back of Building A-101. The astonishing thing was that it had no driver! It finally came to a stop at the end of the hill after barely missing several trees on the way down. It seems that it first rolled forward, up hill then turned and rolled down the hill. Seems impossible when I tell it, but we had some MP's to diagnose the case. Sylvia Patterson of headquarters group was the most mortified. She drove the car to work and parked it. The next time she saw it was when she had to drive it back up the hill.

Several of the girls in the library have returned from their vacations. Nora and Sam Zeman visited Chicago, their hometown. Mary Vance was in Houston, Tex., and Jewell Moore has returned from Kentucky.

We were all sorry to bid Bubs Callaway farewell. She was sad about going but keeping house will be a new experience—come back to see us sometime Bubs.

Several changes have taken place in the Administration and Management Office of OML. Vera Smith is chief of the Mail & Records Unit and Mr. Clyde Barclay is now the full time security officer for OML. Julie Bauer is the new secretary in Mr. Day's office. Technical Information Section welcomes Mr. Ralph Jennings who is a technical writer. He is a brother of Mac Jennings of the Operations Analysis Br. We hope you learn to like us, Mr. Jennings.

## TECH & ENGR. DIV. Anne Baucom

Well here it is another week and time for another Rocket column.

We see that Carolyn Shelton is back at work again after recovering from an auto accident. Carolyn says she has no money, no car and no annual leave. What could be worse? Keep your chin up Carolyn, such luck can't go on forever, I hope.

Betty Kilpatrick is looking mighty happy these days. If you are wondering why, it's because her boy friend, Cpl. Rainey, has just gotten out of the Army.

Sally Vann was vacationing in Florida this past week. Hope you had a good time, Sally, but I know you did!

We see that Nell Tabor and Mamie Fisher are back after their vacations. Say, did you notice their tan and blister. Well, that tan and blister came directly from the Madison County sun. Nell got her tan at home and Mamie got her blister at the city pool.

Ruth Cox's mother and dad have returned home to Tallahassee, Fla., after a weekend in Huntsville. It's always good to see the folks, isn't it Ruth?

Things we have noticed in T&E:  
1. That Harry Cook is still waiting for the right girl to come along. Say, Harry, you had better stop waiting and go out and get her.

2. That Floy Adcock has a broken finger, which she received while playing baseball.

3. That Luke Soileau has transferred from Mech. Br. to GMDD.

4. That James Wiggins went on TDY and came back with his car torn up. You should be more careful, Mr. Wiggins.

5. That some girl in T&E is kin to Clyde Barclay, OML. At least she calls him uncle.

6 That the Summer Students are certainly interesting to some of the girls in 781.

7. That Willa Thompson always

## REDSTONE DEPOT BY LT. COL. T. H. EBBERT

Wouldn't you know it — now there is a machine that has square gears; every part is dependent on the reliability and continued operation of the other 9,999 parts. What does it do? Nothing at all—just works perfectly and doesn't do a darned thing. They can be made available for any office. When you encounter one of those days when you "shoulda stood in bed", just turn on the machine, lock up the office and go fishing. No use getting frustrated when you can get a machine to do it for you.

Speaking of frustration, what is a good solution for the elimination of drivers who meander along at 30 miles an hour, just managing to prevent anyone from passing? One way to eliminate yourself is to try and get by one of them—yup, they'll do it every time. A few years ago I was rolling merrily along a main highway, well away from a town when I spotted a hole in the road. Nothin to it, just pull over on the left side and get around it. Shucks, the darned thing went clear across, and so did I—only it wasn't a hole in the usual sense. It had been dug, and the highway crew failed to mark it.

looks so happy after her boy friend has been home for the weekend.

8. That George Henderson has been invited to make a lot of speeches, especially to the Women's Clubs.

## ROCKET DEVELOPMENT LAB Chris Cowley

It isn't the same place around here since Jesse resigned. There is no longer the "clop" of boots up and down the hall. We were so sorry to see him leave but guess he is enjoying his "farm life."

A few people took long trips over the weekend. Marion Edwards spent the Fourth of July weekend at his hometown of Orangeburg, S. C. He seems to have had quite a time while he was there.

Walter Kopcha and his family are among the many vacationers. They spent about two weeks in Connecticut visiting with relatives and friends.

Bill Baker, Sam Zeman and Dr. Bjork are among the list of 'just returned TDY's.' Baker spent a few days at the Allegheny Instrument Company in Cumberland, Md. Beman spent a combined TDY and vacation trip to Chicago. After his return, he and Dr. Bjork journeyed out to California for a few days.

We would like to extend a welcome to our new employe John Patterson. John is from Jacksonville State College and his home is at Meridianville. He is working in the Interior Ballistics Section. Glad to have you with us!! (He is added to our list of single guys).

KD is interested in meeting a certain girl whose name he does not know that works he doesn't know where. If anyone can supply this information, would you please contact him before it is too late. Telephone "Apple Eight One Two Green"

Fortunately my car was a good one, in good repair, I had 6-ply tires, and the most blowout-proof tubes money can buy. But, suppose I hadn't.

Who is the murderer in cases like this? Sometimes it is the driver, but sometimes it could be someone else. The point is, there are elements at least as dangerous as the other driver, and the best way to stay alive is to start out yourself with good judgment and good equipment—or get yourself one of those frustration machines. There is a question of: do you stay home with the machine or does it stay home with you?

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**Rockets Win**

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kets made one error against four for the visitors.

In a return game the next night Redstone found things a bit tougher in winning 4 to 1. Stoner and Pierce were the battery for Redstone and Burkholder and Ware for Stewart. Both pitchers gave up four hits. Bob Collins' two run single in the sixth was the prime hit for the Rockets.

Sunday night was McDevitt's big show, but the team, rallying behind the lefthander's brilliant pitching, made 15 runs in a run-away ball game. The Rockets got 12 hits and took advantage of four Atlanta General errors to chalk up the highest score of the season.

Cavaliere got three for four, including a triple. Paul Muratori hit a triple and a single. Bob Collins got two for three, and Don Miller got a double.

Clyde Pierce was behind the plate for the Rockets. For Atlanta it was Riccadelli and Rohemiller. Boniar relieved Riccadelli in the seventh.

In allowing only four batters to get wood on the ball, only one of these for a hit, McDevitt gave the outfielders a good rest. Two of the ground outs were to the pitcher and the third to the shortstop.

Monday night the Rockets came back to hand Atlanta General Depot another good licking. The score this time was 6-0. Bob Schutt, in pitching shutout ball, gave up only two hits. Barone and Bob Zanoni both got a single and a double at two official times at bat. Campbell was the loser for Atlanta General. Lloyd Sand was catcher for Redstone.

The Rockets meet the Huntsville All-Stars tonight at Linton Field. Game time is 8 p.m. Tomorrow night the Rockets are hosts to the Huntsville Parkers. Friday and Saturday they will be at Keesler Field, Miss.

**FIELD SERVICE DIVISION**  
BY SUDIE AMSLER

We got s-s-s-STEAM HEAT in FSD. If you don't believe it, just come and see.

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**Speedboats**

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ter the final selection is made, the queen will be officially crowned to preside over the regatta

Saturday afternoon, a number of laps are scheduled for the boats during the afternoon. This is just a preliminary for qualifying, testing and generally warming up for the big show Sunday.

So far, eighteen states are represented.

**Redstoner Helps Nab Five Tire Thieves**

At least one Redstone employe celebrated the 4th of July by helping Huntsville's "finest" nab five thieves who were making an early morning attempt to make off with the tires from his '41 Chevy.

Stanley M. Owen, who works in the Electronics Branch, got the surprise of his 26 years in the early morning hours of Independence Day when he was awakened by a frantic telephone call at his home at 713 East Oakwood Ave., from his neighbor telling him that "hoods" were stealing his tires.

Owen, who had just sacked-in after fixing a 3:30 bottle for his week-old daughter Catherine, sprang to his feet and dashed to the front yard, frightening the five teenagers, three of whom fled the scene.

The two youths who remained were caught by Owen and Huntsville police, who arrived after a call from Mrs. Owen.

The other three were later apprehended after leaving their pals—and their own automobile.

your eyes over to the Dist. Br. and there you'll spy her. It was a transfer for Evelyn.

LAME DUCKS. Free transportation around three bases put Glendon "CRIP" Pearman on crutches for several days. Me, I always thought when you banged out a home run, you just loped on in at leisure—but not Glendon. He tromped around and sprained some toes.

The missile that maimed Ruth Swinford was a soft drink bottle, self-propelled from its station in the refrigerator. Glendon is off the crutches now, but poor Ruth is still limping.

Let me tell you about the shower Cindy Jackson, Laverna Frazier, and Bobbie William gave Doris Keller. Of course, it was a "doe" to-do (all vimmins—no mennens) but we still had a good time in spite of the shortage of manpower. Cindy's apartment looked mighty pretty, all decorated in pink and white glads and an upside-down umbrella. The refreshments were beautiful and good, too: iced cakes topped with a wedding bell, with a pink ice cream bell along side.

First off, the canny Cindy fetched out napkins, all stitched around the edges for us to fringe for Doris. As we chatted, all of us frazzled away in a frenzy, thinking frantically there'd be a prize for the first finishing fringer.

There was. It was another napkin to fringe. And another. And another.

Finally, we finished that frazzling business and Doris got around to opening her presents. Boy, she really made a good haul—mostly silver, china and crystal. Then we finished admiring this lot of Dor-

**A SIESTA IS THE ANSWER TO TOO MUCH SUN THIS SUMMER**

"But the worst o' your foes Is the sun over'ead: You MUST wear your 'elment For that is said: If 'e finds you uncovered 'E'll knock you down dead, . . . An' you'll die like a fool of a soldier . . . Fool, fool, fool of a soldier. —Kipling

WASHINGTON — Mad dogs and Englishmen may go out in the noon-day sun — but not American soldiers!

They are advised to duck inside the barracks or crawl under a tree for an hour's rest after lunch.

A new regulation on prevention of heat casualties promises to make the siesta as important in the Army summertime work-day as reveille.

This may sound more like the life of Riley than the life of a soldier, but it's all in the interest of conserving manpower.

In the summers of 1951 and 1952 alone, 2,720 injuries and 23 deaths from heat exhaustion (prostration) and heat - stroke (sunstroke) were reported by Army medical authorities.

To help prevent such casualties—most of them avoidable — the Army has drawn up a set of rules

to be observed when the temperature soars.

In addition to the beneficial hour of rest following the noon meal recommended by the new regulation, these rules — which could be adopted by everyone — are:

1. Serve the heavy meal of the day in the evening rather than at noon unless activities involving considerable physical exertion are scheduled after dinner.

2. Clothing and equipment worn should permit free circulation of air between the uniform and the body surface. Wearing shirt collars and cuffs and trouser bottoms open will aid in ventilation.

3. Water and salt are required in quantities sufficient to replace amounts lost. Under conditions of heavy perspiration, one pint or more of water per person per hour will be required. This should be drunk in small quantities every 20 to 30 minutes. Under unusually severe conditions, salt tablets also should be taken regularly.

4. When the weather is very hot or activity particularly strenuous, short periods of work alternated with short periods of rest are safest.

5. Modification of training schedules may be necessary. Schedules can be amended to place the most strenuous activities during the cooler portion of the day. However, these modifications should not be scheduled so as to

is' loot, and Shirley Patterson finished flashing her camera at us, and it was time to go home. "Manana" was too soon away.

Congratulations to Jaque Laney and her husband. It was a little girl, Vicki Marlyne, born on June 29. No more hatching jackets for Jaque for a while. And Bob Penny and his wife became parents of their second son July 14th. He was born at the Huntsville Hospital and none of us knew they were even fixing to have a baby. They named him Thomas Laymond.

Have you heard Edna Enfield singing that song of hers? It goes like this: "It's Hugh, it's Hugh, I love—" etc.

GLOBE TROTTER DEPARTMENT. Bonnie Sanderson and some girl friends made a trek to Texas by way of New Orleans and points in between. Some fun, said Bonnie.

Frances and Jim Goodwin sampled the mountain air in North Carolina for a few days. Mary Daniels also spent a week there—a different week.

There's a bunch of sunburnt blonds smiling my way after broiling in the Florida sun. There is Eleanor Wingham, Cindy Jackson and Betty Clark, to name a few. As for Lib Laxson, who's no blond, she looks like a little Injun maidun. Florence Henshaw failed to burn. She said it rained the whole time they were in the land of sunshine. Let's have no misunderstanding about this Florida business, though. All these folks didn't go together—they went separately with their respective spouses, families, etc.

It was a regular Cook's tour for the Jack Hann family. They chugged up to New York City, wandered through New England, saw Niagara Falls, thence into Canada, dropped down to Chicago and returned to Huntsville via Davenport, Iowa. Quite a jaunt—agree?

Helen Thummell and her family went up New York way, too, to take Fred to West Point. They also went to New Jersey and saw kith and kin there.

The Joe Olszewski family cooled their heels in Penna., where Joe said the temperature was in the low eighties all the time. Imagine!

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rob men of normal amounts of sleep.

6. Maintenance of good physical condition and avoidance of fatigue are important.

7. In sunlight, clothing helps in reducing the heat load. Away from sunlight, removal of excess clothing helps reduce body temperature.

Furthermore, if the day is a scorcher and training calls for such activity as running the close combat course, the regulation suggests that this can be put off until a later—and cooler—day.

The regulation further advises that men new to high temperature areas or to humid heat will need at least two weeks to become acclimated.

In other words, the Army suggests, take it easy when the temperature and humidity are high. Otherwise, "This heat is killing me" may well prove your epitaph.

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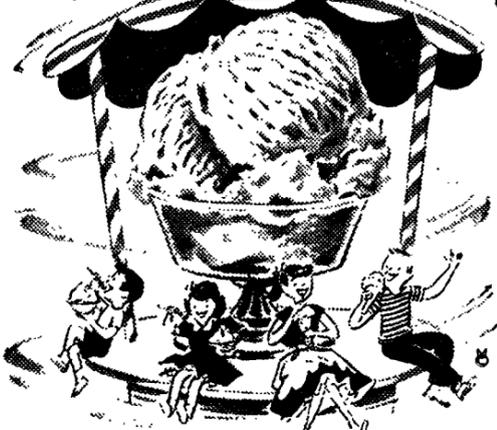
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