

**STRIKE-OUT KING**—Redstone's latest acquisition to its pitching staff is Dan McDevitt, who struck out 39 batters in the first 16 innings he pitched. McDevitt, who is the property of the Brooklyn Dodgers, served notice on all Third Army teams that he is going to be a hard man to beat. (Photo by Gil Edelstein)

## BEIHL TO SPEAK AT AUG. 2 MEET

### Chicago Executive Is Methods Expert

W. J. Beihl, vice president of George Fry and Associates of Chicago, will be the speaker at the ninth Executive Development session on Aug. 2 in the Rocket Auditorium.

The speaker's topic will be "Methods Improvement." Mr. Chauncey W. Huth, chief of Mission Planning and Coordination office, will be the discussion moderator.

Beihl's experience in industry includes services as vice president of Production and Research for the Comstock Canning Corp., and as president of International Milk Processors, Inc. He is a graduate of Indiana University.

In 1943, he initiated his firm's industrial engineering services and ten years ago developed the company's series of annual Management Clinics for top executives. He also pioneered the novel Work Measurement Institute which his company has sponsored as a means for training industrial engineers of client companies.

In addition, he originated the Work Measurement Laboratory which undertook fundamental research on work pace evaluation and rest allowance determination.

Former supervisor of production methods for Libby, McNeill, and Libby's 44 U. S. plants, he also originated that company's first methods laboratory at Libby's Chicago general headquarters.

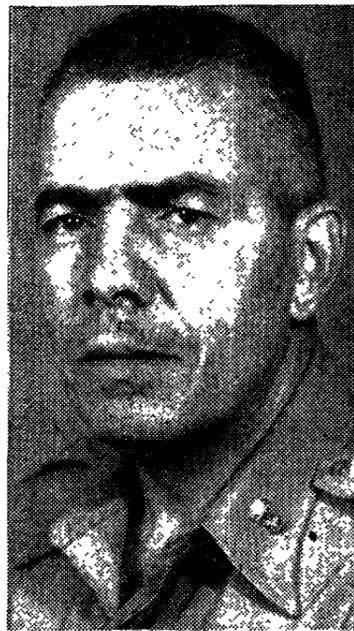
He not only heads the production engineering services for his company, but also supervises client relations activities.

The speaker at the eighth session held yesterday was J. H. Linnenberg, director of industrial engineering for the Proctor and Gamble Corp., Mi-

## Good Conduct Medal And Clasp Awarded

The Good Conduct Medal was awarded to Sgt. Joseph J. Bellack of the 9352nd Technical Service Unit.

A Clasp to the Good Conduct Medal went to SFC Vallon E. Brooks of the 9330th Technical Service Unit's Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment.



COL. M. L. DEGUIRE

## NPD's New Chief Takes Over Duties

National Procurement Division has a new chief.

He is Colonel Merlin L. DeGuire who has just completed courses at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

NPD's former chief, Colonel Henry C. Thayer is now on his way to attend the Industrial College.

Colonel DeGuire studied at the United States Military Academy where he earned his bachelor of science degree in 1934. Later he attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he received a master's degree in 1940.

The DeGuire's have two children, Jan, 17 and Merlin L. Jr., 10. Mrs. DeGuire is the former Miss Mary Green Maynard. Her mother, Mrs. D. G. Maynard, resides at St. James, Long Island.

Among the medals Colonel DeGuire is entitled to wear is the Legion of Merit.

From 1945 through 1947, Col. DeGuire was stationed in Europe, at 31-month tour of that continent.

Jan. Tenn. John Shank of the Management Office was the moderator.

"Procedure Analysis" was the topic of discussion, and the following were members of the panel for this talk: Lt. Col. H. R. Jordan, Maj. Edward Long, Stuart Jones, Myron Uherka, Jack Balch, William McCulloch and Allen R. Deschere.

## AWARDS OF \$175 GO TO EMPLOYEES

### Kinney Gets Cash For Fifth Time

Awards totaling \$175 were presented to nine employees last week for their ideas on improving the arsenal. The government realized a savings of over \$2,500 by the adoption of the suggestions.

The largest award, amounting to \$60, went to Reginald Walls, GMDD, Fab Lab employee, for suggesting a method of quality control of metals used in missiles. An estimated annual savings was made of at least \$1500.

Edgar O. Kinney of GMDD, Fab Lab, received two checks totaling \$25. One for an adjustable pin spanner wrench and one for a special turnbuckle used for alignment during work on missiles. The two suggestions saved an estimated \$450 annually for the arsenal.

This award was the fifth for Kinney, making him the winner of more awards than any employee in the history of the arsenal.

Three other employees of GMDD, Fab Lab, also received checks for their suggestions. Presentation was made by Major Siebeneichen, Deputy Chief, GMDD, in his office. Dewitt Fairbanks received \$10 for suggesting the correction of an oil return line on a lathe. Lowell Snoddy was presented \$20 for his idea to relocate the overhead hoists in the Fab Lab. An estimated \$312 was saved annually. Joe Wear recommended the installation of sliding safety curtains in welding shops and received an award of \$20.

John McCormick, Adm. & Mgt. Office, OML, received \$10 for suggesting a method of identifying slides used in the Technical Library.

Ten Dollars was presented to Dave Draper, Post Engineers, for suggesting the installation of cut-off valves on sand blasters. An estimated annual savings of \$75 was realized.

An NPD employee, Leonard Blaylock, received \$20 for his idea to use an aluminum cart for handling classified trash in the National Procurement Division.

Wilbur Albright, Safety Office, received \$10 for suggesting the publishing of the subject of all publications received on the arsenal.

## Guidance Methods Will Be Discussed

"Survey of Guidance Techniques for Guided Missiles" will be the topic for discussion at the technical orientation seminar Friday, July 30 at 8 a.m. in Rocket Auditorium.

Tom Moore, arsenal specialist on guidance, Technical and Engineering Division, Prof. F. H. Mitchell, and Prof. E. S. Barr, consultants to Redstone from the University of Alabama, in the guidance field, will be the speakers.

A number of basic guidance methods including radio, inertial, and infra red will be covered in the talks. Applicability, basic characteristics, and limitations will be compared.

Classification level of the discussion will be Confidential. Presentation of a properly completed 'Lecture Clearance Card', RSA Form 866, dated June 1, 1954, will admit any interested individual to the lecture. Bearer's signature must be witnessed by an authorized deputy security officer, and RSA badges and ID cards will be used as a means of identification.

Lecture Clearance Cards may be obtained from deputy security officers or from Secretary, OML Councils and Panels, telephone 2031.



**NEW ADJUTANT**—Maj. R. W. Minton was assigned as Post Adjutant recently, and took over his new duties last week. The major came to Redstone from Fort Bliss, Tex. He replaces Capt. Wilbert Becker who has been transferred to FSD. (Photo by Sgt. Dick Coddington)

Bon Ikerd of Islamorada, Florida and his 266 Hydro, "Smoke", become airborne upon reaching a speed of over 100 MPH.

## IG Inspection Team Notes Good Soldier

A fine example of soldierly conduct and bearing brought a letter of commendation to Pfc. Billie B. Adams from Brig. Gen. Thomas K. Vincent last week.

Members of an IG inspection team conducting a special inspection noticed Pfc. Adams and brought the soldier to the general's attention. Adams is a heavy equipment operator in Plants Area One.

He is from Cameron, Tex., and has been in the Army since Aug., 1951. Before coming to Redstone in December, 1953, he was in Korea operating heavy equipment.

Pfc. Adams is a 1951 graduate of Yee High School, Cameron.

## MISSING SHOES SOUGHT

The following tid bit was taken from the RSA Daily Bulletin, dated July 22, 1954.

"LOST: The person who exchanged shoes, low garter, 11 1/2 C, with Lt. Cummings on 20 July 54 at the Post Swimming Pool,

## Maj. R. W. Minton Is Post Adjutant

Redstone has a new Post Adjutant, Maj. R. W. Minton, who assumed his duties on the transfer of Capt. Wilbert Becker to FSD. Capt. Becker was the Adjutant from December, 1953 until last week.

Maj. Minton came here from an assignment as Personnel Officer at Fort Bliss, Tex. He is a native of Bono, Ark., where his father, Robert C. Minton, resides. The major attended Pontiac Business Institute and Texas Western College.

From May, 1944 until November, 1945, Maj. Minton was in the Mediterranean Theater, and from June, 1950 to February, 1953, he was in the Far East.

Maj. and Mrs. Minton have two sons, George G., 10, and David B., 6.

Before entering service, he was employed by General Motors, and by Fisher Body Corp.

please call 3692." If you can help, please do. Otherwise a call of sympathy might be appreciated.

## MP's TO ENFORCE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

The military police are going to crack down on traffic violators at Redstone, according to Maj. Harvey Vance, provost marshal.

"We have been receiving far too many complaints of drivers passing on hills, pulling in and out of traffic, and not observing traffic signs," Maj. Vance said.

"I have instructed all of my men to stay alert and watch for offenders," the provost marshal warned. "And we are going to see to it that violators receive stern disciplinary action. If we have to, we are going to take away the Redstone driving privilege of any offenders."

Maj. Vance's warning came as the result of an increasing number of complaints from irate motorists and pedestrians.

Some of the chief offenses reported are: (1) failure to heed stop signs and pedestrian crossing zones (2) passing on hills and at intersections and (3) jumping in and out of traffic lines entering and leaving the arsenal.

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## ARE YOU A HEEL AT THE WHEEL?

The National Safety Council holds up six mirrors. If you can see yourself in any of them, then be prepared to become a traffic statistic sooner or later.

**The Me-Firster**—This is the selfish competitive character who must be first away from the traffic light, can't stand to have anyone pass him, and risks the life of anyone who gets in his way.

**The Big-I**—This is the fellow who is too big for the rules. Others can obey the law and a code of decent and courteous behavior, but not this self-inflated big shot. He's above all that.

**The Know-It-All**—this driver is good, in his own estimation. He knows just what the other driver is going to do, just how fast he can stop, just how much room he needs to cut in on another car. But the only way this over-confident jerk escapes painful disillusionment is that the really good drivers give him a wide berth.

**The Swashbuckler**—this fellow thinks he expresses his masculinity or something by living dangerously behind the wheel. He believes that he who hesitates is lost, and that his luck will hold forever.

**The Sorehead**—this fellow is just plain hostile. He drives with a chip on his shoulder and is ready to lock fenders for any real or imagined wrong. He's sore at everyone, and very brave while surrounded by a steel automobile with the windows rolled up.

**The Show-Off**—this is the exhibitionist. He's graduated from no hands on a bike to no sense at the wheel. He just wants people to admire his flashy performance, but most other drivers are too busy getting out of his way.

Take a good long look into these mirrors. See anything?

—Ed Summers



**OUTSTANDING SOLDIER** — Pfc. Billie B. Adams (right) holds the letter of commendation he has just received from Brig. Gen. Thomas K. Vincent as the general congratulates him. The soldier won the recognition of an IG inspection team for his fine example of soldierly conduct. (Photo by Gil Edelstein)

## Adult Swim Classes Are Started Here

Two adult swimming classes have been started at the Post swimming pool, according to SFC

Ralph Glendening, Special Services.

A class for beginners was started last Tuesday, Glendening said. It meets from 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. A class for intermediates was scheduled to start last night at 7:30, the sergeant said.

Both classes meet Monday thru Friday. Glendening and Bob Kurtz are instructors. A fee of 25 cents per night is being charged.

the other day and when she finally showed up again someone asked her where she had been and she said that she dropped her pencil under that big desk she now has and got lost while crawling around under it looking for her pencil.

If you see Gil Bernstein peeing up and down the aisle all shaky looking, it's not the air conditioning that's got her shaky, it's just that she's waiting and looking for the coffee cart. Bryant (coffee cart operator) how about servicing Mrs. Bernstein first every morning and see that she gets her cup of coffee so that she might get back to work.

Anyone having an extension ladder for sale contact Ruth Long in the Admin. Br. She says it is mighty tiresome climbing those tomato vines getting those big ones off the top limbs. By the way, Ruth has brought everyone in the Admin Br., a big sack of these tomatoes and are they good.

If you hear little jingling sounds as you pass the Mail & File Section, ask Becky Locke about it. Sounds like Wedding Bells to her fellow employees.

People in NPD who have noticed Betty Blasko coming down the road, wonder if she is taking a practice run, has an airplane motor, or souped - up hot-rod, but they find she's still in her little green Plymouth. We hear that the new road being built off Martin Road is going to be Betty's private runway.

The population of New Market has been increased by five: the four McQuistons and the McQuiston dog, Marge and family have moved into a big house with huge shade trees in the yard. Just right for an Admin. Br. picnic. What you say, Marge?

Darlene and Bob Heacock are boasting about their brand new baby boy, George Allen, born 21 July, weighing 8 lbs., 4 ozs., big little fellow. Congratulations to you both. Darlene previously worked in the Quality Control Branch.

QC has two members away on sick leave. Mr. Bedford is confined at home and Nancy Bailey is recuperating at home from an appendectomy. They are really being missed and a speedy recovery is the wish for them.

Everyone in QC is anticipating the big fish-fry at the Frank Thompsons. It seems to me that one week of fishing on the Tennessee River should supply enough fish for that hungry crew.

Mel Murphree and husband, just returned from a vacation at Panama City, Fla. Seems as if Mel caught such a big fish and to her surprise in trying to pull the thing in, busted her zipper in her shorts. We've heard better fish stories, Mel, but none quite so revealing before.

Almost quitting time here in NPD so a bye Y'all to everyone until next time.

## Redstoners Search For Explosive Type

Four Redstone Safety Office employees, including office chief, W. A. Albright, and a Thiokol chemist, led the investigation to determine the nature of the explosive used in bombing the Fifth Avenue School in Huntsville.

Mayor R.B. Searcy sent each of them a letter of thanks for the work they did in the investigation.

Henry Nocke, a senior chemist at Thiokol, worked with Albright and his investigators, James Hier, Henry Dyer, and Bob Body.

Albright and Nocke spent the entire day Saturday, July 18, on the case. Nothing was found until late in the afternoon, when they were about to give up their search for evidence.

On taking one last look before calling it a day, Albright uncovered a short piece of dynamite fuse. This led to further searching and bits of blasting cap were uncovered.

This material was being analyzed in GMDD and Thiokol laboratories last week, according to Albright, to determine exactly what the explosive consisted of.

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## NATIONAL PROCUREMENT

BY MARY HANNAH

Can't think of a better opening than a big "WELCOME" to the following new employees, Ann Moring, William Davis, William McGrath, George Gambrell and Thomas Shrou (transferred from FSD) and last but not least to the three Salary and Wage Analysts now assigned this division for the annual cyclic audit, Fred Goss, Lary Corrigan and of course Bob Adams.

Speaking of these analysts, we wonder if that has anything to do with LaMerle Clem being dressed fit to kill every day since they have been here, wonder if she's found out as most of the single girls have that Mr. Goss is an eligible bachelor, understand he was seen walking down past LaMerle's apartment on Holmes St.

attired in should we say beachwear or shorts, anyway his legs were showing.

Ann Moring was asked where she was from and her answer was Gurley, then she was asked the population of the town, her reply, "Oh 200 counting the livestock and poultry—that's all right, Ann, don't feel bad, the person quizzing you came from New Hope, understand this population probably no more than 150 (counting livestock and poultry) isn't this right, Leonard?"

Beatrice Glenn was noticed running around the division one morning this week trying to find someone who could get her some gas, seems she just made it to the building, everyone was puzzled as to how this happened, Beatrice said, "Goodness sakes, I just put a dollar's worth in a week or two ago. We should all trade our cars in for Steudebakers, folks."

If you lose Ann Hertz just look under her desk. Seems as if she disappeared for about three hours

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BY HELEN REED

When Miss Bonnie Young moved in to command the desk vacated by Miss Waudene Mobley in the office of the CG and EO, we wondered how she would fit in with our business through that office. We soon found out.

Bonnie is wonderful. She is graced with a vivid imagination and perceptive intelligence which blend well for her job of meeting all kinds of people and situations, not just for our kind of business, but for everything from coping with Harvey to weighty guided missile and rocket projects.

According to the job description, she is Lt. Shephard Newell's secretary, and the assistant to Miss Margaret Francis, Gen. Vincent's secretary.

The telephones have been keeping Bonnie busy recently. Last week, they rang on all sides of her. Margaret Pelham was on leave, a phone was installed on Harvey's desk for future use by Mr. Grabenstedter's secretary (when she puts in her appearance) and Bonnie answers Gen. Vincent's phone too.

Since she is the first secretary

one meets inside the door, she is a general receptionist for persons wanting to do business with the CG, EO, and CE (Civilian Executive—it says so on the door sign.) She was one of the first persons to recognize Harvey on his arrival, and tries to keep up with his activities. Incidentally, he is moving back into the storage section of the office.

Seriously, Bonnie is very conscientious and competent, lending a little spice and variety to matters which might be just routine.

Trion, Ga., between Chattanooga, Tenn., and Rome, Ga., is her hometown.

She was graduated from high school there, and did some part time work for one of the city officials.

If Bonnie were a soldier, we would say that among the decorations she is entitled to wear are the Salutatorian Medal and the Medal for the Most Outstanding Commercial Student in high school.

After graduation in May, 1952, she applied for a job at Redstone and started to work here that July. She was assigned to OML

# SOCIETY • NEWS

## MISS JEAN SIMPSON, CPL. BOOTH WED AT POST CHAPEL SATURDAY

Miss Joy Jean Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Simpson, and Cpl. Douglas Edward Booth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Booth, were married on Saturday afternoon at the Post Chapel.

Chaplain Frank W. Warren officiated at the ceremony. Miss Simpson was given in marriage by her father.

Cpl. Woody Waesche, baritone, and Bob Buckner, organist, furnished a program of nuptial music.

The altar was decorated simply with white gladioli and ferns.

Miss Simpson chose a dress of pale blue nylon embroidered in white with covered buttons up the back of the bodice and a Peter Pan collar. The sleeves were short. A bouffant, ballerina-length skirt flared over the matching taffeta slip. Her tiara was of pearls and sequins with a short veil attached. Elbow-length mitts were of white.

The bride carried a white Bible topped with an orchid corsage.

For her matron of honor, Miss Simpson chose her sister, Mrs. Wanda Reid. Her dress was patterned after the bride's in soft green organdy with rounded neckline. She carried pink daisies. The two maids of honor, Miss Freida Rice and Miss Wilma Bilton, wore dresses of pale yellow organdy. All wore matching veils and short white mitts. The bridesmaids bouquets were of lavender daisies.

Clark Carlyle of Detroit served the groom as best man. Ushers for the ceremony were Edward Leonelli and Eugene Langner.

Mrs. Simpson chose a dress of navy-blue lace for her daughter's wedding. Her accessories were navy-blue and white, and she wore an orchid corsage. The groom's mother wore a dress of beige organza with a matching hat.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents at 101 Richmond Drive, Huntsville with about sixty guests in attendance.

The bridesmaids assisted in serving the guests. The bride's table was set upon the lawn and covered with an ecru cloth of lace.

## Arsenal Garden Club Holds July Meeting

Redstone Garden Club members held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday morning, July 20, at the home of Mrs. Jack Horner, 1611 Woodview Dr., Huntsville.

They voted to participate in the Madison County Horticultural Society exhibits at the County Fair ground on Sept. 27 through Oct. 2nd.

Dried arrangements and herb

Guests were served from crystal and silver. The white gladioli flower arrangement was a creation of the bride.

Out of town guests included the groom's parents, here from Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Carlyle, also of Detroit, and the bride's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Reed of Chicago.

For her going away costume, Mrs. Booth chose a brown linen suit with short sleeves. Her accessories were of matching brown and white.

After a short honeymoon, the couple will reside at 209 Halsey Ave., Huntsville.

The rehearsal dinner for the wedding party members, the family and out-of-town guests was given by Mr. and Mrs. Simpson at the Fox Restaurant on July 23. A series of parties and showers were given for the bride during the preceding week.

gardens were discussed. Gloxinia leaves, to start new gloxinia plants, were distributed to members by Mrs. Theodore H. Ebbert.

The gloxinia plants, which had been started from seed by the club in June, were transplanted.

Several members brought flower arrangements which were judged by the group.

Refreshments were served during the meeting.

The following members were present: Mrs. Otto Kohler, Mrs. Archibald Dean, Mrs. Ebbert, Mrs. William H. Baker, Mrs. M. Gatwood, Mrs. Robert F. Shannon, Mrs. Milton E. Young and Mrs. Horner.

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## TENNIS TEAM TO LEAVE

Redstone tennis team is scheduled to leave this weekend for the Third Army Tournament at Camp Stewart, Ga., Aug. 2-7.

Pte Seymour Wasserman is team captain. He is taking with him Cpls. Charles Bowman, Walter Brunner, Wilford Lesperance, Pfc. Barret Weeks, and Francis Berdeyen.

"What did you say?"

"Nothing."

"I know. But how did you express it this time."

and was the secretary of Woodrow Stuart just before moving to her present position.

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# Proposed Insurance, Retirement Plans Outlined

(Editors Note: The following informative article was lifted from the Red River Arsenal "Bombshell" because of its general interest to civilians at Redstone. It was written by Jeff McMahan, chief of the Administrative Br., Civilian Personnel, at Red River Arsenal.)

Two legislative developments of great importance to employees have recently occurred. The President, in a special message to Congress, recommended enactment of a group life insurance plan for Federal employees as a significant part of the Administration's personnel program.

The Committee on Retirement Policy for Federal Employees (Kaplan Committee) has submitted to Congress its report on "The Relationships between the Federal Staff Retirement Systems and the Old Age Survivors Insurance System." Legislative action with regard to bills discussed in earlier issues of the Civilian Personnel News Letter has been confined to hearings and deliberations by Congressional Committees.

Numerous bills for pay increase

legislation are being introduced and discussed in Committee hearings; however, no general pay increase legislation has been reported out of committee in either House up to this time.

The main features of the group life insurance plan include the following:

**Modified Term Life Insurance**  
1. Civilian employees of the executive, legislative and judicial branches would, with few exceptions, be eligible to purchase what is known as modified term life insurance at minimum costs without regard to age or physical condition.

**Scaled to Salary Rate**  
2. An employee would be eligible to purchase an amount of insurance equal to the next even \$1000 above his annual salary rate. For example, if his salary were \$3410 per year, he could purchase \$4000 worth of insurance. However, an employee who wished to participate in the insurance program would have to take the full amount to which he was entitled by his salary rate, he could not purchase only a portion of that to which he was entitled. As employees are promoted and demoted, their insurance coverage would be automatically adjusted in accordance with their salary rates. The insurance policy would provide indemnity for accidental death.

**Payroll Deduction Plan**  
3. Insurance premiums paid by an insured employee would be collected through payroll deductions. Coverage of employees would be automatic unless an employee specifically indicated that he did not wish to be covered. The cost to the employee would be 25 cents per bi-weekly period for each \$1000 of insurance coverage or \$6.50 per year per \$1000. The Government would contribute to the insurance premium at a rate of 12½ cents per bi-weekly period per \$1000 of coverage or \$3.25 per year per \$1000.

**When 2% Becomes Operative**  
4. When an employee reaches age 65 or after one year of service, whichever is later, the amount of insurance coverage would be reduced at the rate of 2 per cent per month until the coverage equaled 25 per cent of the face value of the policy at age 65. An employee who retires before age 65 and who has at least 15 years of service until he reached age 65, when the 2 per cent reduction formula would become operative.

If an employee leaves the Government before he is eligible to retire, he would be eligible to convert his insurance coverage to a commercial policy of his own choosing at standard rates for his age without passing a medical examination. If the insurance were not so converted it would be terminated upon his separation from the service or twelve months after his salary stops if he is on extended leave without pay. The insurance policy would have no cash value and no paid up insurance provision at the time of termination.

**Rights Would Be Continued**  
5. Former Federal employees now insured with non-profit employee groups would have their rights continued if these groups went out of business within a year after the plan went into effect. The Government plan would collect the premiums and assume the liabilities of such groups. **Civil Service Commission Would Be Responsible**

6. Implementing regulations governing the plan and continuing supervision over its operation would be the responsibility of the Civil Service Commission. Employee and Government contributions would be paid into a Government fund. Out of this fund would be paid the premiums to private insurance companies carrying the insurance and the administrative costs of operating

the plan.

**A bill which would place the plan into effect has been sponsored and introduced by Senator Carlson, Chairman of the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committees.**

The report of the Committee on Retirement Policy for Federal Personnel recommends coordination of the Civil Service Retirement System and the Old Age and Survivors Insurance System. Under the recommendations of the Committee, the two systems would retain their separate identities both as to employee casts and benefits.

**The primary effect of the recommendations would be to extend Old Age and Survivor Insurance coverage to all civilian employees, with three or more years of Federal service.**

The Committee's recommendations would shift a number of the survivorship benefits to the Insurance System. The combined coverage would result in an average increase of 8 per cent in the retirement income received by employees who retire at age 65 or over, and the benefits to survivors would be considerably increased in most cases.

The principle features of the Kaplan Committee Report include the following:

1. The employee's share of the cost of Old Age and Survivor Insurance would be 2 per cent of the first \$4200 of an employee's salary, to a maximum of \$84 per year. The Government as the employer would make an equal contribution.

**Retirement Cost**  
2. The employee's share of the cost of Civil Service Retirement would be 3½ per cent of the first \$4200 of an employee's salary. Employees who earn more than \$4200 would pay 6 per cent into the Retirement Fund on all salary above the \$4200 figure. Thus, the total rate for the combined coverage would be 5½ per cent of all salary earned up to \$4200 and 6 per cent of all salary above that figure.

3. The present schedule of retirement annuities and other benefits paid to employees retiring before age 65 would remain unchanged.

**More Benefits Envisioned**  
4. Under the Old Age and Survivors Insurance System family benefits would be paid to widows with children under 18 years of age. In addition, the immediate widows benefit would be payable under the Civil Service Retirement System. The present widow's annuity is 50 per cent of the earned retirement benefit. This benefit would also be payable immediately regardless of the widow's age when no minor children survive, instead of age 50 as is now the case. A widow who remarries now loses her Retirement benefit payment but under the plan would continue to receive such payment if she remarried after reaching age 55. The wife or dependent husband of an employee retired under the Civil Service System would be able to qualify for an additional Old Age and Survivors Insurance benefit at age 65; this is not available under the present system.

**For New Employees**  
5. Under the proposed combined coverage, a new employee would be covered only by Old Age and Survivor Insurance during his first three years of service. During this period there would be payroll deductions of only 2 per cent to cover the Insurance costs. After completion of three years of service, an employee would automatically be covered by both systems and his deductions would be computed accordingly. An employee would also be eligible to pay into his retirement account money to cover his first three years of service. The years of service would be counted toward retirement whether paid in or not, but failure to make such payments would result in a somewhat reduced annuity.

**Jan. 1956 Is Proposed Date**  
6. It is proposed that the plan be put in operation by January 1, 1956 and all eligible employees would be covered under the combined system by that date. There would be a ten-year transition period during which Federal employees were earning full coverage under the Insurance System. However, employees who retired during that period would be given full benefits after they had served minimum qualifying periods.

**When Leaving Service**  
7. An employee would have to serve a minimum of 10 years before he would be entitled to leave his money in the Retirement

## IN HEADQUARTERS

BY JEANNE TYSON

Afternoon break on pay day is a dreary time for some people. What can you do when your earthly wealth consists of two pennies, a bent paper clip (which is not even yours) and one small picture of Bob Feller cut off of a cereal box and donated to you by the little boy down the street? Well, anyone can take a walk down the hall and see the sights.

Ruth Holley, Elizabeth Gardner, and Margaret Francis (to name a few) are some nice sights to see. They always look neat, sweet, and pretty no matter how hot the day or how late the hour. Betty Joyce McBride is another cute who adds to the appearance of the building.

Over there you see Lt. Wilson going off to the cafeteria for coffee, (these lucky officers always seem to have some money.) Lt. Wilson is the young man who was recently awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Congratulations!! . . . Down there at the . . . woops!!! (slippery floors in this building, pardon me Captain, let me help you pick up those papers) . . . Anyway, as I was saying, down there at the desk you see Peggy Mitchell who is as friendly and helpful as you'll find anywhere.

We can turn here if you'd like and peek into that oasis of air-conditioning, the cafeteria . . . looking doesn't cost a thing. At that first table you see John McCormick, better known as "The South's Most Prolific comic book Writer". That's Effie ("Little Chief") Walker and Jean Webster at the next table Working in the Intelligence Office has made them suspicious and they may think we're spies, so we'll move on.

Lack of funds has little effect on thirst, but it does have an effect on the method you use to satisfy it. We may as well resort to the water fountain if we can break through the line of soldiers grouped around it who insist that they have only been out of the office once on business all day and are even now waiting for their bosses to get out of a meeting.

The spinning heads you see are

Fund and receive a deferred annuity at age 62 even though he left the Federal service. An employee who left the Federal service would be able to withdraw, with interest, money he had paid into the Retirement System until he had 20 years of service. If an employee had less than 10 years of service, he could have his contributions refunded, with interest, upon separation.

**These recommendations are only in the proposal stage and congressional action will be required to put either of them into effect. The necessity for action on other urgent legislation of a more general nature may delay consideration of these measures for some time.**

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only following the progress of Miss Melba Hall as she returns to her office. Melba has a personality to match her interesting appearance by the way.

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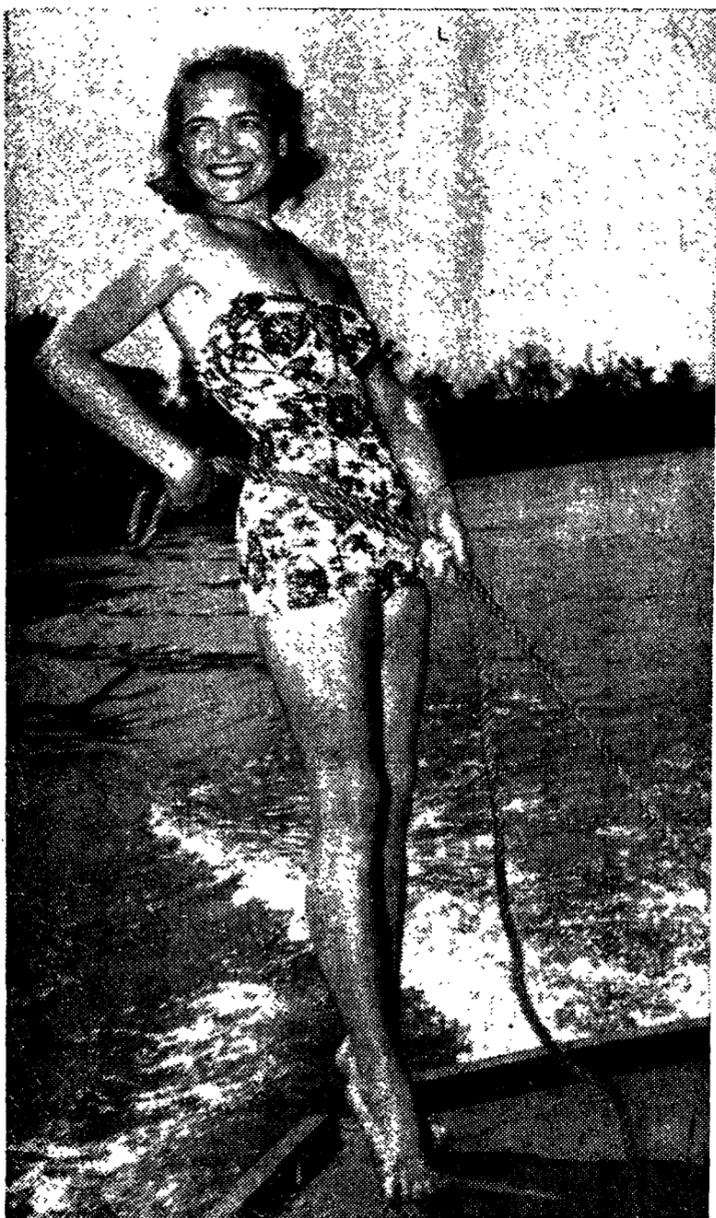
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**Third Army Looking For Marching Song**

Third Army is looking for an official marching song. And the soldier-composer who has his original composition accepted will be awarded \$250. He can also retain copyright.

According to a Third Army circular entries must be to Redstone Special Services not later than August 23. The first screening will be held here and worthy songs forwarded to Third Army.

Only original, unpublished compositions are eligible. Piano score or three stave conductor's score, with lyrics, are to be submitted. Lyrics and music must be original with the author.

**CONSOLIDATED SUPPLY**

BY MARILYN MILNER

The new faces in Consolidated Supply this week belong to Audie Belle Cagle, Josephine Keeton, Kathryn Adams, Linda Walker Worlund, Jane Malone, Charles Scott, and Charles Bowen. We wish to extend you a hearty welcome.

We are glad to have Lucy Payne and Jewell Kelly back with us. Lucy has been absent due to her recent illness and Jewell has been working in the Clothing Sales Office for the past two weeks.

Boating enthusiasts, Stewart and Roslyn Daniel and Paul McCutcheon and his clan spent a pleasant weekend cruising the Tennessee River.

Sandra Stribling, a native of Florence, Alabama, spent the past weekend here visiting friends. Jane Graham visited Louise Coleman and Reba Grisham, two other members of our Cons. Supply family at their respective homes in Rogersville.

Virginia Beck is here from White Sands, New Mexico, to visit her father, C. H. Branum. Virginia is a former employe of Consolidated Supply. Aldredge Stephens has as her guests this week, her mother and sister who are here from Garden City, Kansas.

W. C. Adams, Andrew Helms, Solon Smith, and Ray Knox are back at work after having been on vacation. Mr. Adams, Mr. Helms, and Mr. Smith spent their vacations in various parts of Alabama and Tennessee. Mr. Knox spent his vacation at home.

As evidenced by their sun tans, Emmett Matthews, Joe Taylor, and Raymond Reynolds have been to Florida. As Mr. Reynolds puts it he is "suntanned and broke." He has been trying to figure out how much his sun tan cost him, per square inch.

Dot Golden is sporting a lovely Texas tan. She has been to visit her brother in Houston.

Herman Hollingsworth has been on TDY to California.

We want to say farewell and good luck to Zourie Light, Geraldine Underwood, Martina Giles, and Betty Harrison, who transferred to OML; PFC Lawrence Lee, who transferred to the Material yard; PFC Eddie Sheimberg to the GMDD Library; Charles Webb to Payroll; Frances Patterson to Field Service; and Charles Starkey to the U. S. Army.

the music did it. Better take along your record player on those fishing trips. You may not catch any fish, but you will no doubt annoy the other fishermen, and just possibly you may return with some "memento" other than sunburn. The two "Joe's" actually are paid by the Post Engineer, but they do such a fine job here we are about in the notion to elect them to honorary membership in the Redstone Depot Guild. Hold still boys, it won't hurt much!

Jack Calder is losing his scant supply of hair fussing over whether 155 M.M. W.P. should be shipped standing on end. In hot weather WP "goes soft." When the temperature drops it congeals again. Shells then can easily turn out like loaded dice. When fired they act like a scared cat going through a nettle patch—they don't end up at the spot they were originally headed for.

Back to the copper again—you know, the boys worked last Saturday to keep up with shipments. It seems our Jessie J. Jones sort of showed the boys up. He's 61 but managed to sling those copper bars around so fast he had the younger men out of breath. These oldsters evidently do learn a thing or two. Wonder how he did it?

RSA is really a safe place. June Turvey found out. It seems she took a little trip. She is such a sober person we all believe her. It seems she was driving along just minding her own business when a tree (the ornery thing) just up and fell on the car? Wonder how the Safety Division would write that one up?

**MP HI-LITES**

BY DICK HECTOR

With the writing of this article we note the passing on an old and very dear friend of Cpl. George B. (Blockbuster) Bowe, a pair of 1941 vintage, issue undershorts . . . After over 13 years of service the old OD colored garment joined the passing parade. . . . But, being true to the nobler traditions of the service, the shorts picked a classic moment to literally part company with old George . . . At exactly 1710 hours, just as the salute gun fired and the colors were lowered a terrific noise was heard in room No. 2 . . . Upon closer examination it proved that Bowe's Patriotic Shorts which, by this time, had a large rent in them, had torn in half at the exact time the cannon sounded . . . I have heard of people being blown out of their shoes before but never out of their panties . . .

Congratulations are in order for SFC Jimmie R. (Spit and Polish?) McLaugh who passed a high-school GED Test recently, and Sgt Thomas (Quick Gun) Doyle on passing a college level GED Test . . .

Also to Cpl. Edward (Stroker) Newton who recently joined the company from Fort Bragg, N. C. . . . Also, to Sgt. Richard I (D.D.) Plummer on successfully conducting the 803rd's Driver Qualification Course (D.D. stands for Doctor of Driving, something like PhD) . . .

Adios to Pvt.-2 Joseph J. (I Got Troubles) Thompson who left for re-assignment to Red River Arsenal, Texarkana, Texas . . . PFC Luke (Cassanova's Right Hand Man) Corbitt has been crossing his wires recently . . . He has one girl in Florida who swears that she is coming up here to marry him and about 7 or 8 in Huntsville who feel the same way . . .

Watch out Luke, you can burn the candle at both ends, but when you try to burn it sideways you always end up in trouble. Congratulations to cpl Bob (ER) Koshner who recently "re-upped" for 6 . . .

We have it on good authority that ever since Ford started an assembly plant in Texas, people are putting signs on their cars saying "Built in Texas by Texans" . . . Not so with the boys from Lackland Air Force Base . . .

The signs on their cars say "Built in Detroit by Men" . . . I hope that PFC Gordon (Disasterous) Deckman has not eradicated Pvt.-2 James R. (Cracker) Cammons before this article gets printed, even though he has good reason to do so . . . Cammons committed the unpardonable crime of "Girl Friend Theft" . . .

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PFC's (very recent issue) Butler, Woidat, and Liuzza have joined the ranks of the "One Stripers" and have promptly "re-upped" for 18 (in civilian life) by way of celebration . . .

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BY. LT. COL. T. H. EBBERT

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For what it's worth, a rumor is circulating to the effect that the two Joes (Black and Turney) were recently observed listening to a new record by Rosemary Cluney, title "Gettin Ready to Meet the Saints." Right after that they went fishing. Both swear

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## McDEVITT, NEW REDSTONE PITCHER, FANS 39 BATTERS IN TWO GAMES

Is it just a coincidence? Or is there more to it? We don't know, but the fact is that (at this writing) Redstone's Rockets have not lost a ball game since before Friday, July 9, the day a certain Dan McDevitt arrived on the post and donned a baseball uniform.

McDevitt didn't pitch until two nights later. But when he did he struck out 17 Atlanta General Depot batters in a seven inning game. McDevitt allowed one in-field hit.

About a week later, this time at Craig AFB, McDevitt made his second appearance for Redstone. While his fielding teammates stood around with their hands in their pockets, McDevitt fanned 22 batters in one of the most thrilling pitching exhibitions ever seen in the Third Army area.

The 21-year-old southpaw, who earned his baseball spurs at Greenwood, Miss., is the property of the Brooklyn Dodgers. He took a month furlough for spring training at Vero Beach, Fla., this year to work with the Brooklyn farm clubs. Managers told him that he was a sure thing for a spot with one of their top farm teams—Montreal, St. Paul, Mobile, or Ft. Worth.

At Greenwood, playing with a mediocre team in the Cotton States League, McDevitt had only 12 wins against 12 losses. Not impressive until you consider his 2.31 earned run average and six shut-outs, which led the league.

He also struck out 246 batters, second only to Johnny Forest's record of 252. (Forest is a \$20,000 bonus player who was drafted about the same time as McDevitt and is now doing time at Ft. Dix.)

A former Greenwood teammate of McDevitt's is a familiar name to Redstone fans. He is Nick Siemasz, whose big bat has caused no little trouble to Ft. McPherson foes this year.

It may be that McDevitt will be pitching against his former teammate come Third Army tour-

namment time.

Although he was born in Hallstead, Pennsylvania, McDevitt now calls Greenwood his home. About a month ago he married a Greenwood girl, the former Miss Elizabeth Ann Clarke.

The 170-pound lefthander starting pitching semi-pro ball in 1951 with teams around his home town. He had a 10-0 win record before a smart Brooklyn scout spotted him, signed him, and sent him down to Greenwood.

Redstone, with an impressive 29-13 record so far this season, will be calling on this boy a lot before the summer is through. Weak pitching has proved a sore spot for the club all season.

But now with McDevitt a sure thing, and with the big righthander Don Miller in top form, the Rockets appear to be in good shape pitcher-wise. For there are also Bob Schutt, a righthander, and Joe Perotta, a lefthander, on hand for heavy duty.

Joe Perotta, another southpaw, looked good against Memphis Naval Air Station in Redstone's 8-1 victory. Perotta gave up only six hits.

Bill Schutt is another Redstone hurler who seems to be coming along. He gave up only two hits against Atlanta General Depot.

Dick Peterson, Al Stoner, Ed van Cott, and Andy Andrux round out a pitching staff that is as good as any in the Third Army, with the exception of Ft. Jackson's all-star ensemble and McPherson's Vinegar Bend and Company.

## Football Practice To Begin August 9

Soldiers interested in playing football this fall are asked to contact the Special Services office before August 1, Capt. J. J. Wattendorf said recently. Practice will start about Aug. 9.

A partial schedule of seven games has already been arranged and more games are being sought, he said. The first game, against a Fort Benning unit team, is set up for September 25, to be played at Redstone.

Last year, over 60 persons turned out for the first football practice.

Tyndall AFB will be Redstone's second foe. The two teams clash here Oct. 2. On Oct. 10 Robins AFB will invade the arsenal.

Another Fort Benning unit team will be at Redstone for action Oct. 30. The Rockets journey to Keesler AFB, Nov. 13, and then return home Nov. 20 for a game with a Benning unit team.

(Fort Benning, the Infantry Center, is fielding five teams for the football season, Capt. Wattendorf said. As yet, he does not know the unit designation of the three teams Redstone will play.)

The final game scheduled so far is Nov. 27 with Tyndall AFB at Tyndall.

Capt. Wattendorf said that he expects to arrange several more games before the season opens.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

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

The Yankees will have to do without their bullpen ace Johnny Sain next year. The 36-year-old right-hander, whose splendid relief work has kept the Bombers in contention for their sixth straight American League flag, definitely plans to return to his new automobile agency in Walnut Ridge, Ark. If he's able to gain wins for the world champions then he should go far in the auto business. Cincinnati infielder Johnny Temple loves to steal—home, that is. In the club's first 21 games this season he stole home three times. . . . Britain's Fred Green set a new world record for three miles in 13:32.2—two tenths of a second better than the mark set by Gunder Haegg in 1942.

### Service Highlights

Bob Mathias, twice crowned king of the decathlon in the Olympics, has started his tour of duty with the Marine Corps at Quantico, Va. Mathias has just finished a starring role in the Hollywood version of "The Bob Mathias Story." Light heavyweight Danny Nardico, a Marine Corps veteran and holder of the Silver Star, has retired from the ring. Since 1949 Nardico has won 49, and lost 12. . . . The Navy's first Atlantic Fleet Rifle and Pistol Championships will be staged at Camp Lejeune, N. C., from July 30-Aug. 1.

Earl Putnam, the 300-pound athlete from Ft. Ord, Calif., who recently set an Interservice shot-put record with a toss of 54' 1 1/4", has signed to play football with the New York Giants. Putnam was a lineman at Arizona State prior to entering the Army. . . . Illinois grid coach Ray Eliot and his entire staff have concluded a four-day clinic for Army coaches at Frankfurt, Germany. . . . Jim Lesane, a Bainbridge Naval Training Center, Md., griddier in '53 has been signed by the Chicago Bears in the National Football League. The Bears also signed four other Service returnees. They are Ed Brown, Charley Phillips, Ray Smith and Bill Samar.

When Manny Davis captured the Air Force world-wide lightweight championship at Lackland AFB, Tex., in May he became the first boxer in the Fifth Air Force to ever turn the trick. In addition, he is the first Far East Air Forces athlete to win an AF championship since 1952.

Camp Carson, Colo., will be the scene of some fine baseball in the near future. Carson Park, sometimes called "Kit Carson Stadium," will be the site of the Fifth Army Tournament, Sept. 1-8. The All-Army tourney moves into the park Sept. 13-18, and the World Series of Service baseball, the Interservice tournament, is scheduled for Sept. 23-24. . . . Parris Island's baseball team has had what you might call a good record for the month of June. In racking up 16 straight victories without a loss the South Carolina marines downed Marine teams six times, the Navy and Air Force four times and the Army twice. . . . Holy Cross baseball captain Paul Brissette Jr., recently signed by the Chicago White Sox, has been inducted into the Army. . . . The St. Louis Cardinals have another rookie sensation in first baseman Joe Cunningham. Last season Cunningham played at the initial sack for the Ft. Jackson, S.C. Golden Arrows, Third Army champions.

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Barone	166	59	44	40	27	.355
Walker	99	21	8	20	27	.212
Collins	158	38	37	23	14	.241
Muratori	141	31	31	23	21	.220
Cruden	151	35	31	23	16	.232
Miller	91	28	13	19	16	.308
Pierce	70	13	4	9	10	.186
Bell	66	14	1	10	14	.212
Zanoni	51	15	9	10	5	.294
Haynor	77	20	14	12	3	.260
Petruchik	15	1	1	3	4	.067
Schutt	27	6	2	6	3	.222
Stoner	28	3	1	2	1	.107
Peterson	15	5	2	4	3	.333
Perotta	30	11	5	10	7	.355
McDevitt	7	2	2	2	1	.286

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McDevitt	2	0
Miller	10	4
Perotta	2	3
Schutt	5	3
Stoner	4	0
Peterson	4	1
Van Cott	0	2
Andrux	1	1
Barone	1	0

## OGMS Branch Chief Is Upped to Major

The chief of the Internal Branch, OGMS, received a promotion last week from captain to major. He is Maj. Walter F. Diggs, originally of Pueblo, Colo., who came to Redstone in March from the Tokyo Ordnance Depot, Japan.

The major recently was awarded the Commendation Ribbon with Metal pendant for meritorious service in Japan.

During the promotion ceremonies, Brig. Gen. Thomas K. Vincent remarked that the event had special interest in the major's hometown where Gen. Vincent's mother is a resident, and was a friend of Maj. Diggs' mother before her decease.



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## Three Promotions Listed Last Week

Three promotions were announced last week.

SFC Paul B. Miller was made a master sergeant. He's with Headquarters and Headquarters of the 9330th.

In Detachment A, Sgt. Lonnie G. Bryant became a sergeant first class.

Another Headquarters and Headquarters man, Donell Adams was promoted from corporal to sergeant.

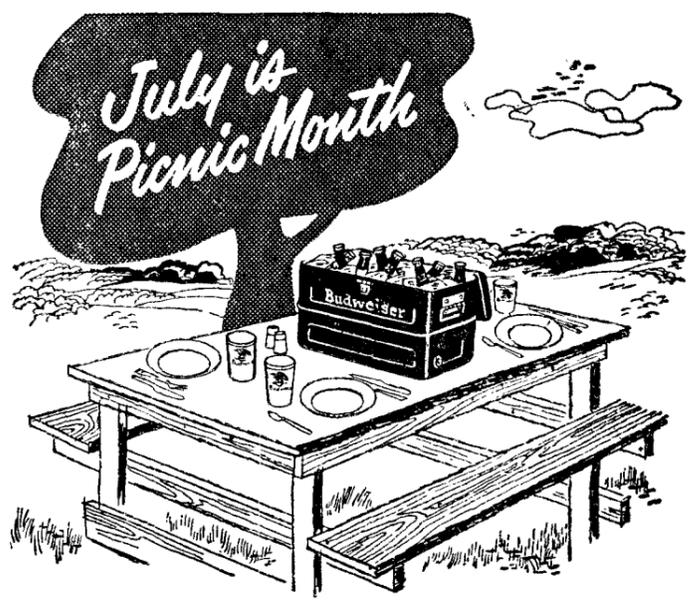
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HEADQUARTERS 3RD ARMY, Ft. McPherson, Ga.—Free 10-day stays in Miami Beach hotels are waiting for former Korea prisoners of war, according to information received by Lt. Gen. A. R. Bolling, Third Army Commander. Leading hotels of the Florida resort city are cooperating in the program through the Miami Beach Hotel Association.

The hotel reservations, given in gratitude for the service of ex-POWs, are available until November 1954. For married men, the invitation is extended to their wives also, with double rooms offered for the couples.

There is no charge of any kind for the reservations. However, transportation, meals, and incidentals must be paid for by the visitor.

For men accepting the invitation, a letter from their local American Legion posts are required to authenticate the POW status.

Further information may be obtained from Servicemen's Recreation Center, 1001 Ocean Drive, Miami Beach 39, Florida.

**ANNIVERSARIES ARE HERE**

Seven branches of the Army celebrate birthdays during the last two weeks of July. They are: Artillery, July 21; the Army Medical Service and the Medical Corps on July 27; the Chaplain and the Judge Advocate General's Corps, July 29; and the Military Police and the Transportation Corps, July 31.

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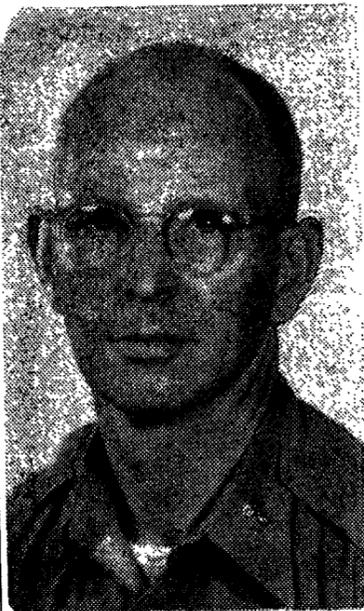
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MAJ. AXELSON

**Axelson Receives Bronze Star Medal**

Major Rudolph A. Axelson was scheduled to receive the Bronze Star Medal from Brig Gen. Thomas K. Vincent yesterday.

The major earned the Bronze Star while he was chief of the stock control branch of the Ammunition Division for the 229th Ordnance Base Depot in Japan.

Through his efforts, records were so complete and accurate that a constant pipeline supply of ammunition was ready for the men whenever they needed it in Korea.

After the fighting was over, he quickly stockpiled the ammunition by diverting the flow from Korea to Japan.

In part, the citation reads "Major Axelson's professional competence and sustained devotion to duty materially enhanced the vital ordnance mission in support of the United Nations' efforts for international peace."

He is also credited with insuring complete supply support for any future needs.

Major Axelson will be a guided missile project officer in the Technical Engineering Division at Redstone.

He was in Korea during 1951 and 1952, then transferred to Japan. Other overseas service for Major Axelson includes a tour in Iceland which lasted from 1943 to 1945.

The major has a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Michigan which he received in 1942. The same year, Major Axelson joined the Armed Forces.

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BY JAMES CARSON

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie J. Wheeler who became the parents of a baby daughter, Nancy Anita, on July 12.

Willie Hand has transferred from Electronics to the Interior Ballistics Research Group.

It seems that the LOVE BUG is on the loose in the Chemistry Section. First it was Ann Gatlin getting married a few days ago, and now, on July 10 Janis E. Smith took the big leap!! Look out, Mollie Spurgeon, you could be next.

Miss Julie Parker is resigning on August 27 to enter graduate

**HERE'S MEDAL OF HONOR CITATION WON BY LT. B. F. WILSON OF RSA**

(Editors Note— Following is the complete and official citation for the Congressional Medal of Honor won by Lt. B. F. Wilson, assistant adjutant at Redstone.)

"First Lieutenant Benjamin F. Wilson, 0-1179250, (then Master Sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company 1, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and indomitable courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy near Hwach'on-Myon, Korea, on 5 June

1951. Company 1 was committed to attack and secure commanding terrain stubbornly defended by a numerically superior hostile force emplaced in well-fortified positions. When the spearheading element was pinned down by withering hostile fire, he dashed forward and, firing his rifle and throwing grenades, neutralized the position denying the advance and killed four enemy soldiers manning submachine guns. After the assault platoon moved up, occupied the position and a base of fire was established, he led a bayonet attack which reduced the objective and killed approximate-

ly twenty-seven hostile soldiers. While friendly forces were consolidating the newly-won gain, the enemy launched a counter-attack and Lieutenant Wilson, realizing the imminent threat of being overrun, made a determined lone-man charge, killing seven and wounding two of the enemy, and routing the remainder in disorder. After the position was organized, he led an assault carrying to approximately fifteen yards of the final objective, when enemy fire halted the advance. He ordered the platoon to withdraw, and although painfully wounded in this action, remained to provide covering fire. During an ensuing counterattack, the commanding officer and first platoon leader became casualties. Unhesitatingly Lieutenant Wilson charged the enemy ranks and fought valiantly, killing three enemy soldiers with his rifle before it was wrested from his hands and annihilating four others with his entrenching tool. His courageous delaying action enabled his comrades to reorganize and effect an orderly withdrawal. While directing evacuation of the wounded, he suffered a second wound, but elected to remain on the position until assured that all of the men had reached safety. Lieutenant Wilson's sustained valor and intrepid actions reflect utmost credit upon himself and uphold the honored traditions of the military service."



**TWO MEDAL OF HONOR WINNERS**—Redstone is one of the few installations (if not the only one) that can claim two winners of the Congressional Medal of Honor. Here, Paul Bolden, a civilian guard, reads the citation which Lt. Benjamin Wilson received with the announcement that he had been awarded the nation's highest award for his intrepid actions in Korea. Bolden was awarded the medal for his valor during the German breakthrough in Belgium Dec. 23, 1944. He is a native of Madison County and one of two men from the county to win the Medal of Honor during WWII. (Photo by Dee Bauer)

school at the University of Colorado. Good luck, Julie.

Nell Wright is vacationing in the state of Louisiana this week with plans to tour New Orleans, and swim in Lake Pontchartrain.

Mr. Al Deschere, Mr. Richard Gerges, and Dr. Hank Shuey will be away on company business in Los Angeles and Pasadena, Calif., the week of July 25-31.

Sam Brigman and Bill Sweetland are away on Military Leave with the National Guard for two weeks.

Our sincere sympathy to Dr. Art Ferris and family on the loss of his mother who passed away recently.

Nita Snyder reports that her vacation was spent just resting and taking it easy.

Roy Tom (Short Pants) Gilbert may have the solution to keeping COOL, CALM, and commented about in this sweltering heat. How about it, Tom, do those shorts really make a difference?

Our sincere sympathy to John D. Harbin and family on the loss of his father who passed away recently.

Lennon Corder is away for a few days on sick leave. Hope you have a speedy recovery, Len.

J. L. McKenzie is away on Military Leave for a couple of weeks with the National Guard.

It's a boy for Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stevens and a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bowling. Congratulations to all of you.

Several lucky vacationers this week are: Ed Atkinson, Jimmy Dodrill, Frances Ramsey, June Tillmans, Dot Waldrop, Thurman Baker, Bernie Blake, Ralph Cantrell, Charles Carter, Bob Lane, and William Lusk.

Mr. Noble Jahnke is resigning August 27 to accept a position with Lockheed Aircraft in Ga. Lots of luck to you, Noble. Congratulations to Alton Bel-

cher and Bob Lumpkin on their promotions. Al is taking Noble's place as Purchasing Agent and Bob will be Al's assistant.

Dr. Bernie Iwanciw will resign August 18 to accept a position in the Research Labs at the Bridesburg Plant. Best wishes to you, Bernie.

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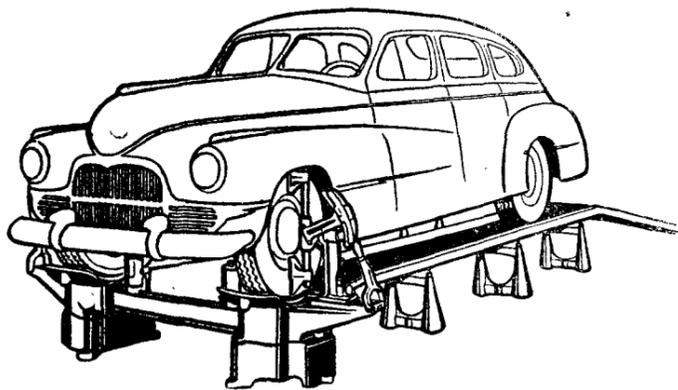
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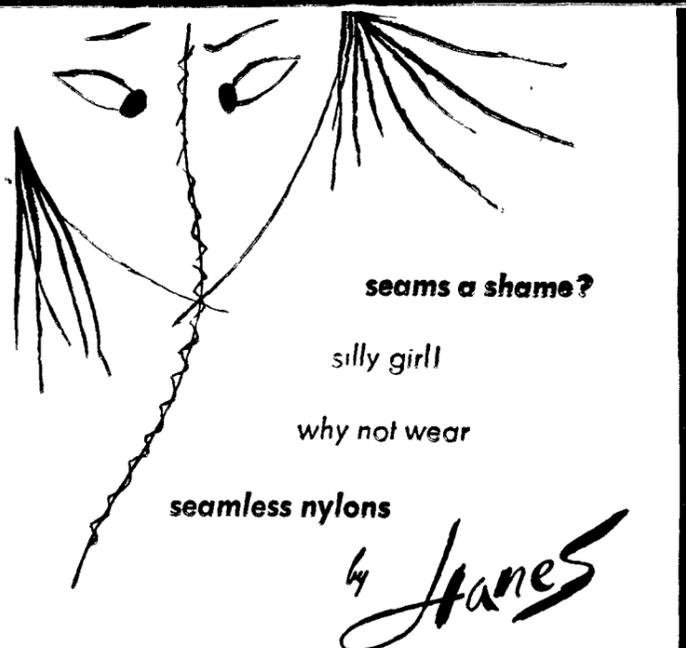
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