

COMMUNITY CHEST COLLECTS \$8,080

Contributions Are \$500 Over 1953

Final tally on the Community Chest contributions by arsenal personnel reached \$8080, \$500 more than last year's contributions.

In a message to all arsenal personnel, General Toftoy expressed his thanks. The text of the message follows:

"I wish to express my deep appreciation to all personnel of Redstone Arsenal, who contributed to the Community Chest Drive that has just ended,

"I am particularly gratified at the very fine response our people made in behalf of this worthy cause. The total contribution for arsenal personnel, civilian and military together, amounted to a heartening \$8,080. Last year's total was \$7,500. This fine support of one of our most helpful community enterprises is indeed commendable.

"I wish to especially thank each worker, as well as each contributor who aided in the drive.

"I also wish to commend Lt. Col. Edward E. Weatherford, the chairman of the drive, Mr. Jeff Darwin, Mr. Arthur Rudolph and Major Willie Cobb, co-chairmen. Sincerely, H. N. Toftoy, Brig. Gen. USA, Commanding."

At the last meeting of representatives for the Community Chest Drive, Lt. Col. Edward Weatherford, chairman, expressed his personal thanks to the representatives for doing a very fine job and working extremely hard in order to raise more than last year's contributions.

The co-chairmen, Jeff Darwin, Arthur Rudolph and Major Willie Cobb, added their personal thanks to those of Col. Weatherford. All expressed appreciation for the generosity of the personnel here in making the drive a success.

Peggy Mitchell also expressed particular appreciation for the fine showing by the J. A. Jones contractor employees. Mrs. Mitchell has been the secretary-treasurer during the 1954 campaign.

Contributions have been turned over to the Community Chest and will be used in support of the two YMCA's in Huntsville, the Boy and Girl Scout organizations in Madison County, the classes for Physically Handicapped Children held at the West Clinton Street School, tuberculosis patient care in the sanatorium at Flint, the United Jewish Appeal, the Grace Community Center, and the Church Street Community Center.

REDSTONE'S FARTHEST COMMUTERS TRAVEL 143.2 MILES EACH DAY

There are some Redstone Arsenal employees who work 12-hour days—that is, if the time getting to work and returning home is counted.

Redstone's farthest commuters apparently are in the car pool that leaves Mount Hope, Ala., at dawn each day and journeys 71.6 miles to work. That makes 143.2 miles they travel every day and 716 miles each week.

The distance the car travels was clocked by Robert Kay, metal parts inspector, from the driveway of his home in the small Lawrence County town to the parking lot at Thiokol. Also joining the car pool at Mount Hope each day is Clark Smith, a pipe fitter for Post Engineers.

Down the road a short way, Key and Smith pick up Earle Malcolm, Ammunition Division; E. B. Coffey, Consolidated Supply; James Baines, Consolidated Supply; and Bedford Berryman Post Engineers.

The Mount Hope car barely beats several other cars for the designation of longest commuter. Matt Anderson, Consolidated Supply, has been traveling 140 miles



CHEST REPRESENTATIVES MEET FOR LAST TIME—At the end of the 1954 Community Chest campaign, Redstone Arsenal representatives met to turn in their final contributions and to give the per capita average in each segment. (Photo by Harvey McCrary)

CIVILIAN CAREER PROGRAM GETS UNDERWAY IN STORAGE SEGMENT

BY HAL CARPENTER

The Ordnance Corps has announced a civilian career program which is designed to identify, develop, maintain and replenish a hard core of civilian talent for junior, intermediate and senior positions in the storage activities of the Corps. The program will afford placement opportunities much wider and more rewarding for interested and qualified civilian employees.

The program provides that a central file, located in Office Chief of Ordnance, be maintained of all experienced storage employees who are interested and qualified. From the central file, installations may request referral of employees who may fill their vacant positions, thus affording Corps-wide placement opportunity for participating employees.

To be included in the referral service, employees must meet certain requirements: (1) They must presently occupy positions evaluated at or above the level of GS-5 or WBS-4 in one of the following series codes: GS-2030, WB-6900 through 6909, or WB-7000 thru 7010, or must occupy positions, the major portion of which are concerned with storage activities at such levels. (2) They must be willing to transfer to another Ordnance installation at a grade which would represent a suitable promotional opportunity.

Interested employees should submit the following documents to the Civilian Personnel Division, Building W-441, Attention: Training Branch: (1) One copy of Standard Form 57, "Application for

Federal Employment." (2) Three copies of 00 Form 1667, "Career Inventory and Evaluation Record (General Supply Storage)," or three copies of 00 Form 1667-1, "Career Inventory and Evaluation Record (Ammunition Storage)."

The career program is designed to supplement the regular installation promotional plan. Further information may be obtained from your supervisor, or from your Employee Utilization representative. Blank copies of 00 Form 1667 and 1667-1 may be obtained from your division. Blank SF 57's may be obtained from the receptionist in the Civilian Personnel Division.

Muscular Dystrophy Drive Begins Here

This is the week of the Muscular Dystrophy campaign at Redstone Arsenal.

For the first time, a drive to collect funds to combat the muscle-destroying disease is being held here under the sponsorship of the Madison County Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of America.

In the downtown drive, city firemen and postmen will give up their Thanksgiving holiday to canvass the business and residential areas for contributions.

William Mitchell, OML, who is president of the local chapter, has pointed out that there are more than 200,000 persons afflicted with the disease in the United States, more than 130,000 of them children.

Once started in its attack on the human muscular system, the disease continues until the entire muscular system is utterly helpless. In general, the younger the victim, the faster the progress of the disease. Children afflicted rarely live beyond adolescence.

The MDA uses its funds to finance 35 medical research projects in leading medical institutions and is offering fellowships to encourage young doctors to advanced study in muscular disease, in hope of finding the cause or some cure for muscular dystrophy.

Whenever possible, it offers direct assistance to those afflicted and their families by providing physical therapy facilities, underwriting expenses for wheel chairs, hospital beds, and other special equipment.

Funds donated by the public are the sole support for this work. The disease is not contagious, but medical authorities say it can strike any one of any age at any time.

ROCKETS MEET CAMPBELL

The Redstone Rockets will meet the Fort Campbell (Kentucky) eleven on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock here at Linton Field. No admission is charged for home games.

Thanksgiving Day Observances Set

Traditionally, Thanksgiving will be observed next Thursday.

Arsenal personnel will have a holiday and families will observe the day in accordance with the customs in their own homes. The Mess Halls at Redstone will also have the traditional feast with many families taking part.

Capt. Frank W. Warren, Redstone Arsenal post chaplain, will deliver the sermon on Thanksgiving Day at the interdenominational service to be sponsored by the Huntsville Ministerial Association. The service will be at 10 a.m. at the First Methodist Church.

In keeping with the first meaning of Thanksgiving when the Pilgrim fathers offered their thanks for being allowed to live and work in a world free of tyranny, President Eisenhower published the following proclamation:

"Early in our history the pilgrim fathers inaugurated the custom of dedicating one day at Harvest time to rendering thanks to almighty God for the bounties of the soil and for his mercies throughout the year. This autumnal season tradition suggests and our hearts require that we follow that hallowed custom and bow in reverent thanks for the blessings bestowed upon us individuals and as a nation.

"We are grateful that our beloved country, settled by those forebears in their quest for religious freedom remains free and strong, and that each of us can worship God in his own way, ac-

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YOUTH PROJECTS GET UNDER WAY

80 Boy See Film, Eat With Soldiers

Eighty youngsters last Sunday made up the first contingent to take part in "Operation-See-It-Yourself" at Redstone.

The boys, as guests of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 9330 TU, ate in an Army mess hall, watched television in the soldiers' lounge, and saw a movie at the Post Theatre. The program was carried out on a "big brother" basis, with various servicemen in the Detachment each "adopting" one of the boys for the day.

The boys were picked up by arsenal buses downtown at 11:30 a.m. and were returned to Huntsville about 4:30 p.m. The youngsters who made up the group for this particular trip were selected by Jack Wherry, director of the Madison County Public Welfare Department, and Russel Barber, director of the Central YMCA.

The Redstone Arsenal Youth Program Steering Committee, which coordinated the project Sunday, has scheduled a number of other events for the coming months.

On Dec. 20, a total of 100 boys, selected from various Huntsville church groups, will spend the morning at Redstone watching demonstrations of firings of .22 rifles on standard Army ranges. At the close of the demonstrations, the boys themselves will be given an opportunity to fire the guns under proper supervision. Safety in the use of firearms will be the keynote of the program.

On Dec. 21 and Dec. 22, the program will be repeated with a group of 100 Boy Scouts on each of the two mornings.

In the sports department, members of the Butler High football team have been invited to attend the Redstone Arsenal football game at Linton Field on Dec. 4. The Huntsville High squad will attend the Redstone game on Dec. 12.

Another facet of the youth program will be the showing of training films. Last Thursday night, Boy Scout and Girl Scout leaders of Huntsville and Madison County troops saw previews of the films at a showing at Fifth Avenue School. The movies included "Map Reading," "First Aid," "Field Sanitation," and a travelogue. Later, Scout groups will be invited to showings of the films at Redstone.

Arrangements also will be made through the Chaplain's Office for the showing of religious films.

EFFICIENCY AWARDS COMMITTEE CITES MORE PROBLEMS TO SOLVE

BY E. C. WOOTON

A list of technical problems recently published in The Rocket, the solution of which would further our national defense, brought many suggestions for their solving. The investigation is continuing. A second list of problems confronting the military service is listed below.

The inventive talent, knowledge and experience of Redstone Arsenal personnel should be of assistance in solving some of these problems. Ideas should be submitted as employees' suggestions. Awards are available as same as with any other type of improvement recommended. The following items are taken from the list of problems:

1. No. 523. OXYGEN STORAGE CYLINDERS.

Present steel high pressure (3000 psi) oxygen cylinders are heavy, subject to corrosion and require wire winding to restrict shattering from gunfire. A material or design for cylinders is needed that will provide lighter weight with high strength, gunfire resistance and non-corrosion.

2. No. 536. EFFICIENT COMPACT, LIGHT, QUIET POWER

SOURCE.

There is a continuing need for an efficient, compact, light, quiet power source for mobile and man-portable field applications. Existing sources such as batteries have limitations in that they require frequent charging or, in the case of throw-aways, heavy logistic support. They are also considered too heavy for many uses. Internal combustion engines are in general too noisy for front-line operations. The recently announced solar and atomic batteries are still in the development stage and are not suited to field application at present.

3. No. 562. — PROTECTIVE COATING FOR MAGNESIUM.

Magnesium alloys are subject to corrosion in marine environments, particularly in the vicinity of dissimilar metal contacts. Surface treatments used in the past have generally been of the chromate type and finish systems employing these surface treatments in conjunction with various primers, lacquers, enamels, varnishes, and resin coatings have had inadequate resistance to corrosion in marine environments. Recently electrochemical surface treatments

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THANKSGIVING DANCE, ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED BY CIVILIAN WELFARE

A Thanksgiving dance will be held at the VFW Club on Friday, Nov. 26, from 8:30 until midnight. This dance is sponsored by the Civilian Welfare Committee for the employes of the arsenal and their guests. Reservations are available from Civilian Welfare representatives and tickets will be obtainable at the door.

Other Dance Dates

Same place, same time on Dec. 3. The Christmas dance on Dec. 24 should be the most enjoyable dance of the season. It, too, will be held at the VFW Club from 8:30 until midnight. More dances are planned by the Dance Committee to be held on most Friday nights from Jan. 7 to June 1.

Grand dance music is being furnished by Buzz Raynes and his Society Band.

Camera Club

Dec. 2 has been set as the date for the next meeting of those interested in the formation of a Camera Club.

This meeting will be held to adopt a constitution and by-laws and election of officers for the first year.

All persons present will be eligible for charter membership of the club.

Time and place of the meeting will be announced in The Rocket next week and in the Daily

Bulletin prior to the meeting.

Civilian Club

The response received from the question asked, "Do you want a civilian club on the arsenal?" was not sufficient to encourage a committee to attempt the forming of a club. Again it is asked, "Are you interested in a civilian club being operated at Redstone Arsenal for all civilians, their families and guests?" If so, write your Council representative today and express your request.

Good Conduct Medal Given Ten Men Here

SFC Ralph A. Glendenning now has a clasp with four loops on his Good Conduct Medal. The award of the three loops on his clasp dates back to 1951 and the fourth loop is current. Glendenning is a special services specialist. He is in Detachment A of the 9330th Technical Service Unit.

In Detachment B, Cpl. Robert Zanon was awarded the Good Conduct Medal for his service from Nov., 1952 until now. Four others to receive the Good Conduct Medal in Detachment B are Pfc. Richard O. Morris and Pfc. Martin J. Solzberg; Cpl. Floyd E. Alloway, and Cpl. Ernest R. Hanson.

Headquarters and Headquarters men of the 9330th who received Good Conduct Medals are: Cpl. Marion H. Beckham and Cpl. Theodore J. Butts.

For his services while he was an enlisted man, Capt. Benjamin F. Wilson was also awarded the Good Conduct Medal with a clasp.

'Monster' Is Used For Tank Recovery

WASHINGTON — The Army has found a way to use outmoded World War II tanks. It is converting them into tank retrievers. The 50-ton recovery vehicle — designated the M-74, but dubbed "The Monster" — can hoist and winch a tank out of mud, mire, sand, and deep ditches, and can right a tank that has been turned over.

It will be used to "walk" disabled tanks off the battlefield, thus saving one of the Army's most expensive pieces of "hardware" from loss or destruction.

The Monster — powered by a 500-horsepower tank engine — packs its muscle in three hydraulically-operated winches.

With its main winch, it can tow a tracked vehicle weighing 100,000 pounds. With its hoisting winch, it can lift a weight of 45,000 pounds. An auxiliary winch can be used to exert a pull of 10,000 pounds.

The tank retriever also mounts a large steel spade which can be used for grading before or during recovery operations. This spade also acts as a stabilizer for the retriever during heavy lift or towing operations.

The Monster now is being issued to all tank companies of the Fourth Armored Division and Ordnance support units stationed at Fort Hood, Texas.

7,200 Rockets — 15,000 Readers

Safety Inventions Are Seldom Foolproof

By PAUL H. BLAISDELL

Director, Public Safety Division, Association of Casualty and Surety Companies

A thousand new inventions in the last generation have made our lives safer against the thousand mortal shocks that flesh is heir to. For our safety devices, we may well be thankful.

But—don't rely too blindly on them. To do so re-exposes you to the dangers they're supposed to protect you against. The existence of a safety measure does not mean that you are excused from thinking about your own protection.

The stop-and-go light is a measure for pedestrian protection, but the pedestrian who steps off the curb when he gets the green light and resolutely marches across the street without looking either to the right or left—without exercising any caution at all—is a fool.

Until the pedestrian is equipped with a heavy-duty bumper and shock-proof bearings, he is engaged in an unequal war, and the green light can be regarded only as partial protection. For complete safety, the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies says, the pedestrian must use the same diligence he would use if there were no traffic lights at that corner.

One of the more recent automotive safety devices that has contributed unexpectedly to the rising accident toll is the directional light that flashes to indicate a turn. If the sun is shining directly upon these lights, the flashing is not discernible.

If a car has pulled out to pass another that has then turned on its directional light, the light often cannot be seen because the passing auto is in a blind area.

Also, motorists who have directional lights have grown out of the habit of using their arms, with the result that they never indicate sudden stops.

How many times have you pushed down the little button of your car door when there were three in the front seat or your child was standing at the window? Made you feel that you have rendered the situation "safe," didn't it? But the door will still fly open if the handle is pushed. The only thing you have accomplished is to lock the door from the outside. Every year children are killed in falls from cars whose doors have been "locked" in this manner.

The home fire extinguisher is an indispensable safety device but how many homes have burned to the ground because occupants tried to fight a fire with home extinguishers and did not call the fire department until too late? The home extinguisher is for emergency use, for use until the fire engines arrive — do not endanger your home and your family's lives by trying to make this safety device perform a bigger service than it should.

Help Your Fire Fighter Ring the Bell!

-MO' THAN 85,000 "FIRE FIGHTERS" WILL COME AROUND FOR ONE WEEK BEGINNING THANKSGIVING DAY TO PICK UP YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO—MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

FIELD SERVICE DIVISION

BY SUDIE AMSLER

A little baby boy, Craig Steven, was welcomed into the family of Lt. and Mrs. Harold Mattice at Glen Burnie, Md. He was a birthday present to Mrs. Mattice making his arrival Oct. 29th, her birthday. Maybe they'll call him "Even Steven", since the little Mattices already were two girls and one boy—now, they are two and two. (We girls always want to give the boys an even break.)

The stork left a little bundle of sugar-and-spice with the Al Berman's Nov. 12th. They've named her Donna Kay, and Al says she's so nice, they'll keep her.

The all-girl party for Beekie Burns at Jean Baker's was lots of fun. Funny that no men ever show up at those stork showers. The only man to report (in person) was Hank who came to yank Beverly Zalut from our midst on account of company came calling.

Little old Beekie was hard put to hold the spot light when E. E. Bobo made the grand entrance all decked out in a red knit dress, and minus 12 pounds. She left us speechless, or unspeakable. But Beekie says her day will come—just give her time.

The prizes? They were won by the aforementioned Edna E. Bobo and Edna Enfield (a big night for the Ednas).

More festivities. This was the FSD dance Nov. 5th sponsored by the Civ Welfare Council, at the VFW Club. The tunes were supplied by Buzz Raynes and his troupe. There were lots of FSD personnel in attendance as well as people from other segments of RSA. Oh, me; oh, my! Mighty hard to make that oh-eight-hund-

red deadline the next day. Let's have another real soon.

Ernestine Price is counting the minutes until she departs this station Nov. 26th and joins her husband in Greenville, Miss. So is Lora Darbee, whose husbands' tour of duty at RSA will soon be over. She's running around singing "I'll be home for Christmas."

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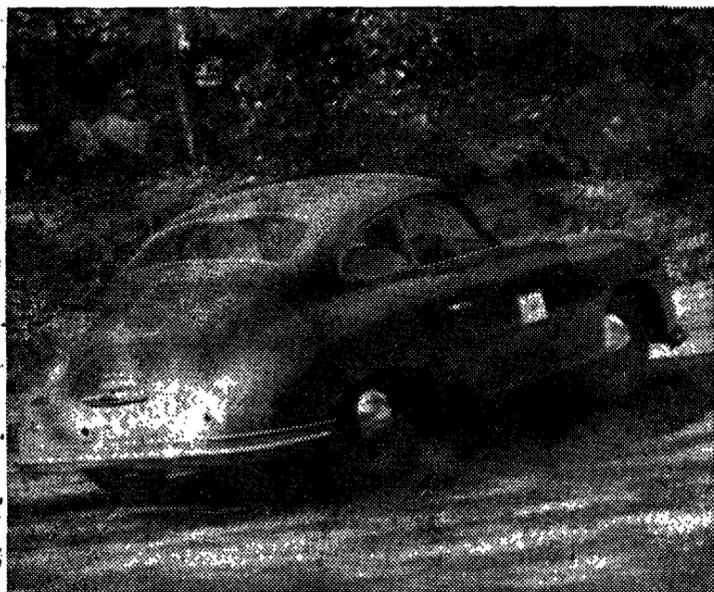
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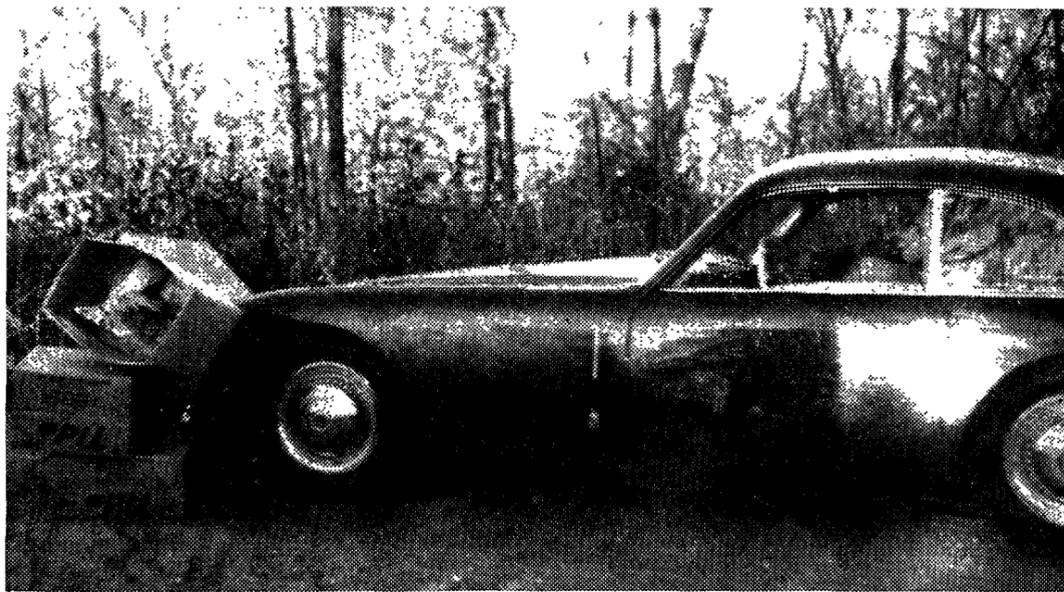
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ANYONE FOR HILL CLIMBING?—

Arsenal Personnel Form Twickenham Auto Club



IN HILL CLIMB—A Porsche 1300 scoots around a curve in Chattanooga at the recent "hill climb" of SCAT, the Sports Car Association of Tennessee. At the wheel is Sgt. Tom Stewart, formerly at OGMS and now stationed at Fort Bliss. His wife, Natalie, drives an MG-TC.



ON GREENE MOUNTAIN—C. W. Safell, driving his Maserati, obligingly demonstrates what happens when one doesn't stop soon enough in an obstacle race. One of the objects in the Greene Mountain sports car event was to stop as close to the boxes as possible without touching them. The Maserati, though, is a sight in itself. Custom made of aluminum, it hugs the ground with a clearance of only four inches.

Cosmopolitan little cars, whizzing by on the city streets, have caused more than one Huntsvillian to turn around and look again.

In fact, the sturdy MGs and powerful Jaguars have become rather familiar sights. But the sleek German Porsche with its motor nestled in the trunk of the car, and the long, low Italian Maserati, with its aluminum body and list price of \$13,000, are still more than enough to attract second glances.

And so it was with the owners of the sports cars. After eyeing each other for a while, they started stopping to talk and to exchange yarns on performance and maintenance of their respective vehicles. The outgrowth, inevitably, was the organization of a sports car club in Huntsville.

When it came to voting on a name for the new group, the English contingent—that is, those Redstone Arsenal workers who own the English-built MGs and Jaguars—won out over the more conservative element which, understandably, preferred a conservative name. So, with a nod to the British lion and also to the

history of Huntsville, the group christened itself the Twickenham Auto Club.

Proponents of other names for the group were mollified by the fact that the club's initials, TAC, could conceivably stand for tachometer, a gadget as essential to the sports car as a steering wheel.

At present, all the members of TAC except two are Redstone Arsenal personnel.

President of the newly organized group is Leith Potter, Research Division, owner of Chevrolet's fiber-glass contribution to the sports car world, the Corvette. Secretary-treasurer is W. K. Mayfield, NPD, who took a first prize in his family sedan (Jaguar Mark VIII) at a recent Nashville sports car "hill climb." Activities chairmen are Lloyd Walter, Research Division, who has become a fuel pump expert with his Porsche 1500 (motor in back—gas tank in front), and Corbet Cornelison, of RDD, who proved the MG-TF can beat "those 12-mile per hour jobs" by copping top prize for the out-of-towners in a constant-speed event last June at Nashville.

One of the new additions to the sports cars in Huntsville is the Maserati owned by C. W. Safell, of Los Angeles, who is temporarily at Redstone in connection with work on the Corporal missile. He bought the shiny, aluminum coupe from Porifiro Rubirosa, who sold it at a loss before buying another fabulous car, the Italian Ferrari.

But the history of the car does not end there. Safell's Maserati was rented by Twentieth-Century Fox as a feature car for the film "Drive a Crooked Mile." The studio wanted to use it in another production, "The Racer," but by that time the Maserati was on its way to Huntsville.

The Maserati, which can reach speeds up to 128 miles per hour on a straight stretch of asphalt, apparently wasn't built for the

gravel roads of Greene Mountain where TAC held its first sports car event. The consolation prize, a plug of chewing tobacco, was given to Safell who was able to make only the practice run. The four-inch clearance of the custom-built car left it in the gravel and the car's fuel line was ground apart.

Lt. George Horsfall, OGMS, won the event in his Jaguar XK coupe. Runners-up were Walter and Potter.

Taking part in the Greene Mountain race was another car with a history, an Alfa Romeo, owned by Lt. J. R. Foley, OGMS. The Italian roadster, built under orders of Il Duce in 1943, eventually came under the ownership of a German SS colonel. Foley acquired it last year in Germany, where he had it rebuilt.

Other active participants in TAC are Cpl. Bill Escher, GMDD, who owns a Volkswagen; Jim Wade, GMDD, Jaguar XK 120 coupe; Pvt. Tom Klingberg, OGMS, MG-TC; Lt. John Atchley, OGMS, Corvette; Bob Martin, GMDD, Jaguar XK 120; and B. M. Magnusson, Harley-Davidson dealer in Athens, Austin-Healey.

Associate members include Mrs. Atchley, Mrs. Mayfield, Mrs. Horsfall, Pvt. Barry Saunders, and Mrs. Vi Berke, whose husband, now a captain in Korea, was one of the first MG owners in Huntsville.

The club, however, is definitely not limited to car owners and their wives and friends. In addition to an interest in safe driving, the club by-laws set up only one major requirement: enthusiasm on the subject of sports cars. Among others, this takes in any who would like to own a sports car whether they're a soldier who wants an MG or a civilian who prefers the chunky English Triumph.

THE REDSTONE ROCKET

NOVEMBER 23, 1954

THE POST LIBRARY

BY ANNA L. FARRAR
Librarian

The new books listed are now in the Post Library collection:

- Louis Armstrong, "Satchmo: My Life in New Orleans."
- Richard Bissell, "High Water."
- Marguerite Bro, "Indonesia, Land of Challenge."
- Burke Davis, "They Called Him Stonewall."
- Joseph Dinneen, "Anatomy of Crime."
- John Fuller, "Military History of the Western World."
- Ernest Gann, "Soldier of Fortune."
- Margaret Gay, "Hatchet in the Sky."

Peter Gowland, "Art and Technique of Stereo Photography."

Patricia Highsmith, "The Blunderer."

Brant House, "Words Fail Me!"

Mac Hyman, "No Time for Sergeants."

Daniel Lang, "The Man in the Thick Lead Suit."

Lawrence Lariar, "Best Cartoons of the Year 1954."

Milton Lott, "Last Hunt."

Allen Ludden, "Plain Talk for Men Under 21."

Edison Marshall, "American Captain."

Merle Miller, "Reunion."

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Patrick Quentin, "My Son, the Murderer."

Jack Schaefer, "The Pioneers."

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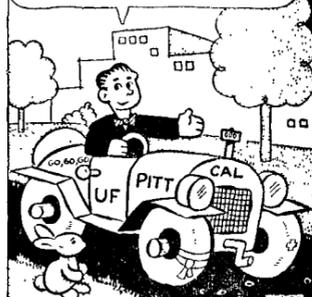
Russell Volckmann, "We Remained Three Years Behind the Enemy Lines in the Philippines."

Esther Warner, "Seven Days to Lomaland."

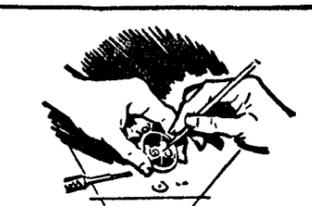
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ORDNANCE GUIDED MISSILE SCHOOL
BY MARJORIE WILLIAMS

Old soldiers never leave OGMS, they just fade away into civilian life and remain as instructors. This is the case of Bobby Haynes, alias Cpl. Haynes.

He just couldn't stand the thoughts of those c-o-o-l-d winters in Maine after being in the "Sunny South" for two years. Of course, there are other interesting phrases on why he decided to stay!

Mrs. Rosemary Smith gave birth of a 6 pound 2 ounce boy on Nov 6 at Fort McClellan. He has been named Michael Edward. The father, Cpl. Tim Smith, is much better, as of this writing and is expected to pull through a normal person again. (Again, or should I say for a chance)

Cpl. Bob Easton, Mechanical Branch, and wife, Pat, welcomed a 9 pound 6 ounce son and are proud of every ounce.

External Branch reports the stork visited them three times and left nothing but girls: Lt. and Mrs. Charles E. Collum, a daughter, Betty Marie; CWO and Mrs. John E. Dickerson, a daughter, Evelyn Eleanor, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wylie, a daughter, Catherine Louise.

I received a note in the mail the other day from Stella Barksdale which I thought was very cute. Quote: Marge, Building 611 reports no babies, no promotions, no news and what is more important—no gossip. Sorry. Stella. Unquote.

I also received something else in the mail, but haven't been able to figure it all out yet. Quote: "The illustrious purveyor of records at the Propellants Section, Cpl. Dick Ewing, has been stricken with mononucleosis and is

presently holding forth at the infirmary. He is apparently well-fortified with various technical monoliths and steadfastly refuses to add extra poundage to his gaunt physiognomy. He is nevertheless expected to accelerate his recuperation and rejoin the section, packed full of youthful exuberance. The Section's great wizard, Lt. Dick Meyer, has received TDY orders to the Signal Corps Pictorial Center, New York. He is fruitfully engaged in the redaction of a thesis pertaining to propellant fire-fighting techniques, supplemented by and explanatory motion picture. This macroscopic production is rumored to contain a short sequence picturing six caryatids gracefully supporting a Nike missile while simultaneously delivering an eclogue entitled 'Red Hot Missile, Hot Chaaa.' All personnel concerned at said section have one comment concerning Lt. Meyer's recent activities: "Very serendipitous." Signed Mugs Miller." Unquote.

Jean Brewer, former OGMS employe, writes from the University of Alabama that things are going pretty steady. She sure would like to hear from some of OGMS personnel. Her address is P. O. Box 51, University, Ala.

From External Branch as civilian instructors we have Messrs. Benjamin Lewis, Turner Rogers, Cecil Little, James Magers, Edwin Hicks and Richard Macquade. Mr. Macquade was previously a Signal WOJG until his discharge Oct. 27. A welcome also to Pvt. John J. Connell.

From the School Library SFC Frank G. Moss as the NCOIC. We are all glad to see the faces of M/Sgt. Bradley and M/Sgt. Cornell around here once more. They have finished a course at Fort Monmouth.

Also from External Branch, there are some recent promotions which include, Sgt. James P. Monroe, Cpl. Bernard Rosen and Cpl. Bennie Kaplan. Congratulations. Mrs. Louise Ogyletree spent a few days in Birmingham recently and M/Sgt. Santford Tolbert attended the wedding of his niece in Shreveport, La.

And now for our "guess who" this week.

She hails from Flintville, Tennessee. Is sharing an apartment with "Babs" at 1010 East Clinton, phone 1498-J. She is 5'6" tall and weighs 130 lbs; measures 36" 28" 37". Has brown hair and brown eyes. Can always be seen (in her spare time) in a blue '53 Chevy. Initials are MFM. If you don't know who this beauty is just look in the column two weeks from today. She will be guest columnist. Yours truly will be off a few days.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

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

The football picture is fading; basketball will soon be in the spotlight; hockey is on the ice; and in Milwaukee they're still talking and thinking about baseball. More than 10,000 ducats have already been sold for the '55 season. Last season the Braves established a new National League attendance mark of 2,131,388, shattering their '53 record of 1,826,397. . . . Coming attractions for the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day: The Buckeyes of Ohio State vs. the University of Southern California—(USC) . . . Army was trouncing Yale 48-7 and, as the Cadets third team came on the field, a veteran Connecticut sports writer in the Eli press box quipped: "This must be the team from Ft. Sloucum."



SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS:

One of the reasons why the El Foro women marines won the All-Marine softball championship was the strong right arm of Jody West. Jody, who has a 21-4 pitch-inf record this year, appears in the "Pat on the Back" feature of the Nov. 8 edition of Sports Illustrated . . . Parris Island, S. C., has announced a 48-game basketball schedule beginning with the Georgia Teachers College, Dec. 1.

While in Colorado on business, Mickey Mantle visited former Yankee teammate Pvt. Billy Martin at Ft. Carson . . . Jeremiah Ford II, director of athletics at the University of Pennsylvania, is a commander in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

A strong candidate for All-American honors this year is Navy's end Ronnie Beagle. Here's what a few of the country's coaches have to say about the rugged second-classman (junior): Notre Dame's Terry Brennan—"Ronnie Beagle is the best we've faced"; Chuck Taylor, Stanford—"Beagle definitely is one of the best ends in the country"; and Tom Hamilton, acting coach at Pittsburgh—"Gosh, this kid Beagle is wonderful, just wonderful." . . . (I've seen him play and he's got my vote, too.)

Burrell Shields, formerly with John Carroll University and an AFPS All-Star last year while at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., has been released by the professional Cleveland Browns and signed by the Pittsburgh Steelers . . . Edgardo Romero, ex-heavyweight boxing champ of Argentina, is now taking U. S. Army basic at Ft. Ord, Calif.

The AF Academy's athletic director, Lt. Col. Robert V. Whitlow, coached the Hamilton AFB, Calif., football team to the Pacific Coast service championship in 1952.

When it comes to pass defense J. D. Smith of the Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla., Goshawks, is one of the best.



J. D. Smith

Smith played at Quincy College for two years and when he left the Illinois school he dropped football. The Maurice Basset carrying the pigskin these days for the Cleveland Browns is the same Basset who starred on the Amphibious Force Pacific Fleet team last year . . . Claude Taliaferro, leading ground gainer for the Bluejackets at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Ill., is the younger brother of the veteran professional half-back George Taliaferro, now with the Baltimore Colts.

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Service Athletes In '54 Pentathlon

BUDAPEST, (AFPS)—Two U.S. servicemen — ENS William J. Andre, USS Albany, and 1st Lt. Harlan W. Johnson, 118th Eng. Bn., USAREUR — finished in the top 10 in the individual standings of the modern world pentathlon championships here.

ENS Andre, a Dartmouth College distance runner and member of the U. S. modern pentathlon team that competed in Chile last year, scored 4,285.5 points to place eighth. Lt. Johnson, winner of the pistol-shooting event, finished ninth with 4,232 points.

Cadet Bgoern Thofelt of Sweden amassed a total score of 4,634.5 to win the individual championship and Hungary won top honors in the team standings with 12,948 points.

The U. S. withdrew from the team competition when Navy journalist Norman E. Brinker from the San Diego Naval Training Center, Calif., was thrown and injured in the horseback riding event on the first day of the championships.

Brinker, fiance of tennis queen Maureen "Little Mo" Connolly, suffered a broken collarbone in his fall, but thrilled the crowd when he remounted and made three more jumps to finish 18th.

The modern pentathlon consists of five events, riding, swimming, fencing, pistol-shooting and a cross-country run.

Facilities Planning Office Reorganized

A reorganization has taken place in the field of facilities planning on the arsenal. The segments formerly known as the Facilities Planning Office of Ordnance Missile Laboratories, the Planning Section of Post Engineer Division, and the Space Utilization Planning Section of Management Office, have been combined into one office.

The chief of this new planning organization in the Post Engineer Division is Hannes Luehrsen, former chief of the Facilities Planning Office for Ordnance Missile Laboratories.

The reorganization was effected to centralize the facilities planning activities of the arsenal. In addition to functions previously performed, the group will now plan and design the facilities for all segments of the arsenal.

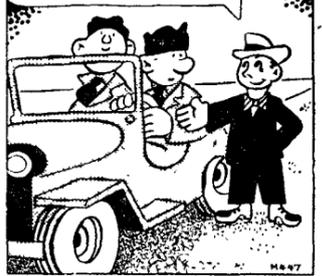
In addition to this, the new office will be in charge of all activities necessary to develop the new master plan for Redstone Arsenal, as a guide for the present and future expansion of this installation and a basis for the arsenal's construction programs.

PAY CHECKS TOMORROW

Class Act employes are scheduled to receive their pay checks tomorrow, according to the Pay-roll Division.

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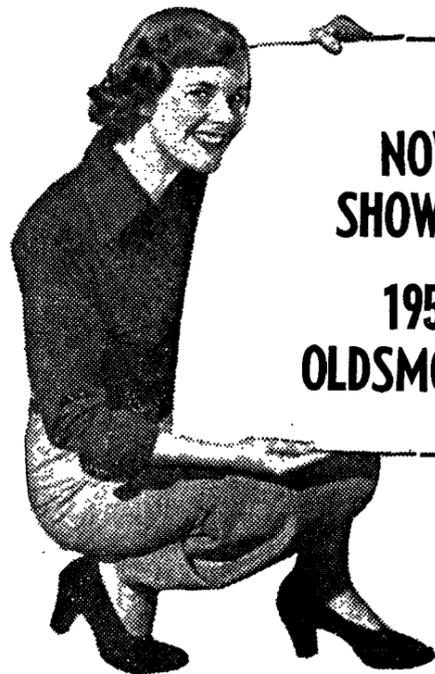
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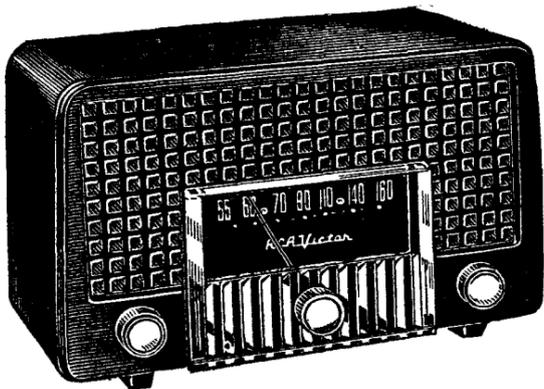
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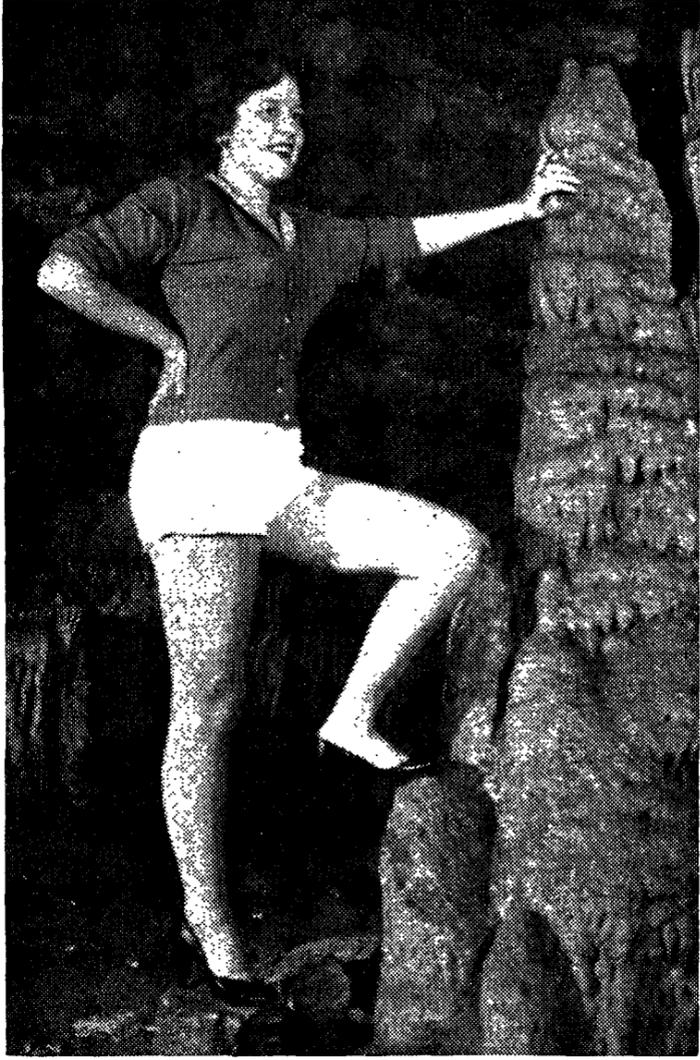
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PLAYING CAVE GIRL—Miss Gayle Baker, 18-year-old employe of Mail and Records, Adjutant Division, rests at a rock formation after exploring Cathedral Caverns near Grant, Ala. The statistics are 36-24-38. (Photo by Jake Gurley)

Beagle Owners To Form Club

There will be a meeting at Cambron's Aero Club on Whitesburg Drive at 1:30 P.M. Sunday, Nov. 28 to organize a Beagle Club. Anyone interested in becoming a

member of this club is invited to attend this charter-membership meeting. Details concerning the club can be obtained from Mr. James M. Beard, phone 2810 in Building 481, Launching & Handling, GMDD, OML.

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FAB LABORATORY
By Carolyn E. Nolte

I am relieving Mrs. Ezell, who wants a small rest from newspaper writing. Mrs. Ezell has been writing for three papers, including The Rocket. I don't have her experience, but I'll try. So bear with me, please. It's quite amusing, the news tidbits you pick up from people — so please don't blame me solely for some of these comments.

\$4,000.00 For Needy Children

All of Fab Lab is proud of the men in Building 405. Each one of them has agreed to feed one school child for the school year. That is a pretty large order when you figure up the cost to them for the school year—there are approximately thirty-seven weeks in the school year, each man contributes \$1.25 a week, or \$2.50 a pay period, which will come to about \$46.25 a year, and from over 75 men—feeding over 75 children—well, that's pretty close to \$4,000—plenty more than a lot of us make in a year. The idea for a group of men working together, to contribute to the welfare of those children who need their help — kind of a foster-father plan, I'd call it—is a worthy one. The men of the shop got together and decided to start the project and the Inspection branch, Missile Wiring Division and the Service Group, not to be out-done, joined in. The first check for \$101.75 has already been sent, and by the time this article goes into print another check for even more than the first, will be sent to the Emergency Lunch Funds chairman for this county. Any others who wish to join in this worthy project, please contact Mrs. J. L. Carpenter at New Hope. We're about to burst our buttons in pride—and why shouldn't we be?

Speaking of Being Proud . . .

Fab Lab has even more to be proud about! I was happy to find that Buzz Raynes, whose fine 8-piece orchestra is playing for the Civilian Welfare dances, works in Building 405 in the Missile Wiring Division. Not only do we have the bandleader in Fab Lab, but also five members of his band are Fab Lab employes. If we don't speak, ignore us please, we've plenty to be snobbish about.

The next Civilian Welfare dance is going to be the 19th of November, and we want Fab Lab to be represented there—we want to support our great band. Everyone should see the No. 1 drummer, Mr. Argo, too. Hear he can really beat those things. The dance will be at the VFW Club, and is, incidentally, especially for GMDD this time. There will be only 125 tickets, for couples, at \$1.50 each, so better get your tickets early.

We hear that Marshall Burdine likes to believe that he has more money than Ben Gump. Is this true, Mr. Burdine? Also, Mr. Burdine wants to trade a red-land farm (someone commented, "Is there any other kind in Alabama?") for some land on the mountain. Somebody offered him a Billy Goat farm on the mountain—it must have been Andres. He gets people's goats all of the time.

Well, what's the opinion on marriage? We get news straight from the horse's mouth that Guy V. Kay was married approximately three weeks ago in Iuka, Miss. Don't know the name of the lucky gal yet.

The welcome mat is out for Cpl. Otis Hale, working now in Scheduling and Layout, and Howard W. Allen, new apprentice in Mr. Davis' Sheet Metal Division, Bldg. 411. Hope they'll be happy here with us.

W. K. Mattern and wife left the 10th of November for a short trip to Utica, Michigan. The Matterns will be visiting their daughter, Mrs. Robert O. Kelly. Incidentally, they are expecting another grandchild sometime this month. Joy and Doug Booth are spending Thanksgiving in Detroit, Mich., with Doug's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Booth. Everyone has been teasing Joy, telling her to be sure and take her longies and snow shoes.

Back to Work

Sure are glad to see Freddie Mounts back after his "vacation." We're all happy that he's feeling better.

We expect Mrs. Sarah House back Monday. She has been on leave for the past month, and we hear she has a lovely baby boy. We're sure going to be glad to see her again, although we'll hate to lose Jean Rossman, who has been with us in Building 412-A during Sadie's absence.

Sickness in Family

We are glad to know that Charlie Major's little boy is improving and will be home soon. Sorry to hear that Sgt. Gene

December Separation Policies Explained

HEADQUARTERS 3RD ARMY, Ft. McPherson, Ga. — Army personnel whose release from active military service would normally take place during the Christmas-New Year period, will, with some exceptions, be separated between December 13 and 17 in order that they may spend the holidays at home, Lt. Gen. A. R. Bolling, Third Army Commander, was informed recently by Department of the Army.

Officers and enlisted men who return from overseas and are scheduled for separation during the holiday season period will be separated as soon after their arrivals as possible. To preclude overseas returnees from reporting for reassignment during the Christmas holiday period, leaves for this period have been authorized.

The release policy applies only to personnel for separations dur-

ing the December 13 to 17 period who are in the continental United States or its territories. Early departure from overseas stations to meet provisions of the policy is not authorized.

Exceptions to the policy will occur in cases of officers being released from active duty for purpose of reenlistment and retirement, who will continue to be processed in accordance with instructions issued in each case, of non-regular medical corps, dental corps, and veterinary corps officers who have not completed 21 months active duty prior to release, of enlisted personnel of reserve components desiring to complete reserve obligations, who may be retained until expiration of their terms of service, and of enlisted personnel inducted or enlisted under provisions of the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended, who are eligible for release prior to completing two years active military service, but who must complete 21 month's active duty.

Polk had to take another emergency leave—his mother had another operation. Sure hope she does okay.

Rambling Wrecks

Well, we had two car wrecks the other weekend. A. D. Hargrove and Willie I. Wilbanks both had slight accidents.

"There will be a skeleton force on duty Friday, so you had better be here," said Andres, on Nov. 10th, to Carolyn Nolte, the beautiful bone.

We hear that there is a chicken loose in Building 405. Lots of the men there would like to catch it and wring its neck.

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SO-CRETRY

Audrey Faye Lamon Weds Billy Walker

Miss Audrey Faye Lamon and Mr. Billy Floyd Walker were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert G. Lamon, in Athens on Oct. 30 at 3 o'clock.

A. J. Rollins, minister of the Church of Christ officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Nuptial music was presented by Miss Shirley Long, pianist and Ronald Harville, soloist. Miss Long played "Liebestraum" by Liszt and "The Bridal Chorus" by Richard Wagner. She accompanied Mr. Harville who sang "I Love You Truly" and "Because."

Huckleberry greenery and leather leaf fern were the background of the improvised altar formed before double windows. White pom pom chrysanthemums and gladioli and seven-branched candelabra holding burning white tapers completed the decorations.

Edward Walker served his brother as best man.

Mrs. Marvin Daly of Nashville was matron of honor. Her costume was of light blue crepe-tulle over taffeta, ballerina length with full circular skirt, fitted bodice and v-shaped neckline. She wore a matching bandeau of imported velvet and carried a crescent shaped bouquet of yellow and bronze chrysanthemums.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her wedding gown of white Chantilly lace and nylon tulle over ivory satin was made chapel length and featured a fitted bodice and long pointed sleeves of Chantilly lace. The high neckline of illusion was finished with seed pearls. The full skirt of nylon tulle was made with a peplum bordered with scallops of Chantilly lace. She wore a fingertip veil of illusion falling from a cap of rose lace tulle trimmed with seed pearls. The bride carried a white satin

Bible topped with a bouquet of tube roses and Pendelanthus foliage centered with a white orchid and a shower of tube roses.

Mrs. Lamon chose a slate blue taffeta dress with black accessories and wore a corsage of pink carnations. Mrs. Walker chose an orchid wool suit with black accessories and wore a white carnation corsage.

Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held. Mrs. Louis Speak kept the bride's book. The bride's table was covered with an imported Madeira cutwork cloth over emerald green taffeta and was centered with a silver bowl of tube roses and white pom-pom chrysanthemums. White tapers in three branched silver candelabra shed light on the table. The three-tiered white wedding cake was topped with a miniature bride and groom. Mrs. Lamon, assisted by Miss Bettye Clark of Huntsville, served the cake. Miss Rachel Nale presided at the punch bowl.

Others assisting with the serving were Mrs. Ed Stephenson, Mrs. Marion Haines, Miss Janice Speake and Miss Jane Daniels, Huntsville.

The couple took a wedding trip through the Great Smokies before taking up residence on East Clinton Street.

Mrs. Walker is a member of the Field Service Division.

Pizza and Dancing Featured at Club

Last Saturday night's pizza party at the Service Club was presided over by Bernie Mushinsky as chief chef, with the Junior Hostesses on hand to provide the necessary feminine touches. Mushinsky gained fame at the NCO Open Mess.

The Ft. Benning Combat Training Command football team known as The Commanders, were special guests. Following the pizza, there was dancing to records.

Tomorrow night there will be dancing at the Service Club to the orchestra of Jack Murphy. There will also be special entertainment and door prizes for a man and a woman. This dance will be semi-formal and will begin at 8 p.m.

Other end-of-the-month Service Club activities include a weiner roast on Nov. 27 at 6 p.m. The weiner roast will be in the patio and will be followed by a record dance in the Club.

And the photo contest ends on Nov. 30. Miss Molly Patterson, the recreational director, urges everyone to submit their entries as soon as possible in both the black and white and color fields. Entry blanks may be picked up at the Service Club.

Club Is Studying Bloodmobile Work

Miss Virginia Miller, Executive Secretary of the Madison County chapter of the Red Cross, conducted the first meeting of a Red Cross staff course for members of the Officers Wives Club on Tuesday morning, Nov. 16, at the Of-

Accountants Hear Michigan Professor

William A. Paton, University of Michigan professor, addressed the North Alabama chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants at its regular November meeting at the Tennessee Valley Country Club, Monday evening. His topic was "Shirtsleeve Economics."

Dr. Paton is Professor of Economics at the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, and Edwin Francis Gay Professor of Accounting at the School of Business Administration of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He has written several widely used accounting text books, including Principles of Accounting, which he wrote in 1918 with R. A. Stevenson; Accounting Theory, 1922; Essentials of Accounting, 1938; Advance Accounting, 1941; Contemporary Accounting (written with others), 1945; Asset Accounting, 1952; and Shirtsleeve Economics, also 1952. He was editor of both the 1932 and 1943 editions of the Accountants' Handbook, for which he provided much of the material.

He has written over 100 articles that have appeared in accounting and economic periodicals. He has been active in professional societies, having served as president of the American Accounting Association; as a member of the Council of the American Institute of Accountants, 1935-1937, and in 1939-1950 as a member of its committee on Accounting Procedure.

SAFE-DRIVING DAY

By Ed Summers

What is S-D Day? Within the next few weeks you'll be hearing a lot about it—and you'll probably like it. S-D Day is "Safe-Driving Day," Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1954.

The Action Committee of the President's Highway Safety Conference believes that we drivers can do something to cut the terrible toll of traffic accidents—so they have set aside ONE DAY for us to prove how carefully we can drive and walk.

It is a day to demonstrate that traffic accidents can be reduced materially when each motorist and pedestrian accepts full personal responsibility for observing the letter and spirit of all rules and courtesies of the road.

In short, every citizen is being asked to drive and walk as he would have everyone else drive and walk.

Since less than two per cent of motor vehicle accidents are traceable to mechanical failure of the automobile, the other ninety-eight per cent, in some way or other,

ficers Club.

The purpose of the meeting as planned by Mrs. Holger N. Tof toy and Mrs. Arthur J. Hogan was to train as many wives club members as possible to assist with the operation of the Bloodmobile on the Arsenal. So great was the interest in Miss Miller's talk, however, that the course will be continued until the members are qualified Staff Aids. As such they will be able to assist with the Bloodmobile and other volunteer activities throughout the county.

OML Headquarters Plans Yule Party

Plans are being made for a Christmas party for the OML Headquarters Group with Ralph Jennings as chairman of the planning committee, assisted by Mrs. Arthur Harvey, Harold McMillan, Mrs. Jack Bentley, and Sam Hobbs. The party is to be held on Friday 17 December, at eight o'clock in the ballroom of the Twickenham Hotel. Music will be furnished by Charlie Lyle and his orchestra.

involve the human element. It seems, therefore, that the answer to this massive social problem could be courteous driving. So, on December 15 (that's S-D

Day, remember), let's trot out our best driving manners and show citizens within the Redstone work area how well we can drive.

Traditional Holiday Pies Have Interesting History

It's pumpkin-pie and mince-pie time again! These traditional favorites in America since before the War for Independence now are being featured by bakers throughout America, to grace the tables in millions of homes at the Holiday Season.

The exact origin of mince pie has been lost in antiquity, but it is known that the pie's ingredients once symbolized the gifts of the Magi and its shape, originally oval, represented the cradle of the Christ Child.

Frequent reference to this Christmas favorite in English literature dating as far back as the Fifteenth century, enabled the American Bakers Association to reconstruct the appearance and contents of the mince pie and customs surrounding it over the centuries.

Always considered an essential part in the Christmas observances in England, the pies once were more of a main course than a dessert. They contained a large portion of boiled pork mixed with minced dates, cloves, mace, raisins, salt and ginger during the reign of King Henry V.

Boiled pork was replaced by finely shredded mutton as the chief ingredient in the mince-meat pies at the time of Henry VIII, Edward VI, and Queens Mary and Elizabeth. Thick rolls of dough were used to line large deep-sided dishes and this in turn was covered with another layer of thick pastry to form the top crust of the pie.

In America, the fruit content

of the pie gradually was increased until today the mince pie has become a mixture of fruit and spices, with the addition of meat optional.

While the pumpkin pie always has been synonymous with the holiday season in America, it has changed its appearance and taste much more drastically over the years than has its mince-meat cousin.

Shortly after the Pilgrims arrived in the New World, failure of the grain crops resulted in a shortage of flour for pastry. However, their craving for bakery delicacies was satisfied because of the never-failing pumpkin crop which the Indians had taught them to raise. Pilgrim women used pumpkin flour to make pastry goods and the filling also was made from the pumpkin after it had been cooked and sweetened with sugar and honey.

For many years before, a variety of gourd similar to the American pumpkin was cultivated and eaten throughout Europe. An early English recipe called for the "Pom-pion" itself to be stuffed with apples.

It was not until the sea trade, on which the early colonists depended, was free to bring in the spices of the West Indies and the Orient, that the pumpkin pie began to taste anything like it does today. And it was the early Pennsylvania Dutch cooks who are credited with developing the flat pie as we know it now and with making the greatest improvements in all types of pies.



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November seems to be one of the best months of the year—for government workers. Thursday will be our second holiday this month. Since we will be giving thanks on that day, it seems quite appropriate that I cite a few things for which I think different people in this end of headquarters building should be thankful.

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Mail & Records, I see Anti Wallace with a glowing look in her eyes as she gaily goes about sorting the mail. It seems that her boy friend has finally arrived home from overseas. Then across the hall in Mr. Russ Byerline's office I find Mrs. June Ellsworth happily anticipating her husband's return from overseas. Charlie will get here about Dec. 10, and June has resigned effective Friday, Nov. 26.

Many people are thankful to have Mr. Archie Bobo back from his TDY. We missed him all last week while he and Mr. Ray Hembree of the Photo Lab were away in Florida.

Glancing in the door to Colonel Chatfield's office, I had the thought that his secretary, Mary Johnson, should be thankful for having hair that can be styled so beautifully. I am sure that Mr. Harry Kottas is giving thanks, now that he has a secretary to replace Melba Hall who transferred to GMDD. Margaret Thomas is her name, and we welcome you enthusiastically, Margaret.

Ralph Jennings and wife, Betty, really had a weekend in Birmingham at the Jazz Concert which featured Stan Kenton and Art Tatum. I imagine they are happy to just have had the past week in which to rest from such an interesting adventure. Then last but not least, there will be many people who will be thankful that they made just the right bets on the weekend football games. My sincere sympathy goes to the ones who were thwarted. In closing I add that I am thankful to those people who have read my column these many weeks and have derived any type of satisfaction. Friday, I bid adieu to Redstone. It will be "Goodbye" to the many characters I have met here, but I am truly looking forward to singing "Rock-A-Bye, Baby."

stairs too long.

We see Genese Hightower sitting in the place vacated by Margaret Thomas. Margaret has transferred and is now working for Mr. Kottas.

It seems we are losing all our employes lately. James Edmondson has transferred to Operations Research Office in Bldg A-120.

We at least have one consolation after losing all our employes. We have gained a crop of new ones. We wish to give a hearty welcome to all the new employes and hope you will be happy with us.

Mary Neil and Bob Linstrom are spending an eleven day business (for Bob) and pleasure (for Mary Neil) trip in Florida. Hope you have a nice trip.

Some of the girls gave Betty Kilpatrick a shower last week. Betty got married last Thursday week. We wish all the happiness in the world for you and your husband, Betty.

We are glad to have Jim Pearson back with us after his rendezvous with the examination board of Uncle Sam's Army.

TECH LIBRARY CITED

Redstone Arsenal's Technical Library is spotlighted in the "Some Libraries Are Different" series in the October issue of the Alabama Librarian.

The fourth in a series which points out differences and specialties in the field, the feature is authored by Mary Louise H. Vance, a former staff member.

The article states that the library now has a collection of more than 18,000 books, approximately 65,000 technical documents, and 311 current subscriptions to technical periodicals.

Among the specialties of the Library mentioned is a weekly service performed by the Documents Section. This service is the distribution to authorized organizations on the Arsenal, to resident Ordnance officers, and to certain contractors of abstracts of all the current reports received in the Library during the previous week. These abstracts, which are duplicated by an ozalid process, group the reports together according to security classifications.

Mrs. Vance is the wife of Maj. Harvey C. Vance who was Provost Marshal at Redstone until August. They are currently living in Texas where Maj. Vance is enrolled at the University of Houston studying philosophy.

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REDSTONE DEPOT

BY. LT. COL. T. H. EBBERT

This business of building character for future American Citizens turns out to be almost a full time duty. Seems like the Boy Scouts have had me out "building my character" just about every weekend this year. Last Saturday we did it by boat. First thing you know the scenery is going backward. What do I find—a couple of Scouts out-paddling the motor—in the opposite direction. So I reverse the motor and we get along fine—backwards. Yes sir, they'll make a good citizen out of me yet. Where can I borrow a larger motor?

I was talking to our good chaplain today and somehow we touched upon the subject of school. He says he is teaching the second, sixth and seventh grades. I teach the first and seventh. We both wonder what the school teachers do with their spare time. Each one has so many pupils it takes most of the day to count them. And you think you got troubles? This has taken a long time, but now I can define the transitive and intransitive verb, the predicate nominative, and the active and passive voice. I wish I could answer; I've heard that one! Let's just say I deeply sympathize with the struggling school teachers.

Well — whaddyaknow — I thought I had just the right man for the Industrial Fund Application Course. We set out to fix him good, too. He smiles placidly and says: "May I have two weeks leave for rest and relaxation afterward?" I say "Yes." The orders are written. Whose name appears therein—mine! May the benefactor of all Scoutmasters watch over me. See you later when I am recovered.

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Col. Hamersley Made PIO For Third Army

Third Army has a new public relations officer.

He is Col. Dwight T. Hamersley, recently promoted to the grade of colonel in the Regular Army.

Col. Hamersley succeeds Lt. Col. William F. Nee, who will retire from active duty on Nov. 30.

The new public information officer has served with the Adjutant General's section of Third Army headquarters as both executive officer and deputy adjutant general.

A graduate of the College of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering at the University of Kentucky, Col. Hamersley's assignments prior to joining the Third Army included service in Europe, Hawaii, Eniwetok, Korea and Japan. He has also had two tours of duty with the Department of the Army.

During his Korean service he was Secretary of the General Staff of the United Nations Delegation at the Korean Armistice Conference.

Other related experience includes acting as a liaison officer with the Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison, DA.

Among his decorations are the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal and a Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant.

Top Guardsmen Are Brown and Mitchell

Ammunition Division's star center fielder, Alvis Brown, is the top civilian guard for the month of October.

He only plays with the Ammunition Division because the Guards don't have a team.

Before he joined the Redstone Guards, he was a member of the Huntsville Arsenal guard force.

A veteran of World War II, Brown served in the Asiatic-Pa-

cific Theatre and at Kodiak, Alaska.

Pfc. Dewey C. Mitchell, Jr., of Menlo, Ga., is again top Military Policeman.

He's the guard for the month of June as well. A native of Menlo, Ga., he came to Redstone in February, 1954, after completing military police training at Camp Gordon, Ga. Mitchell has been in the army since October, 1953.

September's civilian guard failed to make the paper last month. He is Loyd H. Farrow, a veteran who served in Japan and Korea, before coming to Redstone in April, 1954.

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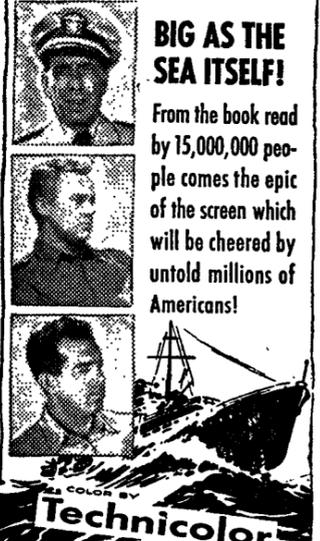
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have been developed which offer greatly increased protection to the magnesium. However, these coatings do not offer significant improvement in dissimilar metal contact areas and, in addition, they are brittle, exhibit some tendency to spall, and, in flexible structures may cause a reduction in the fatigue strength of the material.

A surface treatment — protective finish system applied at room temperatures and of light weight is needed to improve the corrosion resistance of magnesium alloys in marine environments.

4. No. 403. ALUMINUM OR MAGNESIUM ALLOYS FOR CASTING.

High strength aluminum or magnesium alloy (75,000 psi yield) that can be cast to shape and heat treated.

5. No. 436. TEST FOR WELDED JOINTS.

Development of an edquate test to evaluate the "toughness" characteristics of welded joints in plates from 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches in thickness. It is desired that this test be suitable for steel and aluminum alloys. Present tests are not adequate. Such tests as Charpy and Izod impact do not evaluate the whole joint.

6. No. 478. MACHINERY FOR FABRICATION AND METHOD OF WELDING TITANIUM.

Scope. — Before titanium and titanium alloys can be applied widely in the design and production of military equipment certain been done thus far has been by stance a practicable quantity production method for welding commercial unalloyed titanium is required. The welding which has been installed for a long time in laboratory methods which are not practicable for use in production. Experience is also lacking so far in materials and methods of welding high-strength titanium alloys. Likewise there is lack of experience in casting titanium and its alloys. Except for special equipment which will probably be required for welding and casting, it is probable that standard equipment can be used for other steps in the fabrication of titanium and its alloys.

7. No. 557. RESURFACER TO ELIMINATE HAZE AND SCRATCHES IN ACRYLIC PLASTIC SURFACES.

Acrylic plastics which have been installed for a long time in pilot canopies and the like develop haze and scratches which interfere with vision. A liquid which, when applied by spray or brush, returns the surface to its original state would be of great value.

8. No. 434. AUTOMATIC GASOLINE NOZZLE.

1. Experience during military operations has demonstrated that with the use of available types of hose nozzles, gasoline is spilled and wasted, and unnecessary time is lost. Other considerations are containers that are not uniformly filled, and overfilling is a major problem.

2. In order to improve the method of dispensing and eliminate the undesirable conditions, the subject project was submitted to, and approved by, the Quartermaster Technical Committee.

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(c) Shall have lock-out device to prevent dispensing when not in place in a container opening.

(d) Shall have automatic shut-off when liquid reaches a predetermined level.

(e) Automatic shut-off to be adjustable for liquid level.

Supplementary. — The nozzle with automatic cut-off features now employed by service stations is already known to the military. It does not have the elements of ruggedness and simplicity of the one required for military use. The one desired must not be subject to corrosion and must be incapable of dispensing except when the nozzle is in the container.

9. No. 507. INSULATING MATERIAL.

Development of a low density, compression resistant insulating material for the under-body portion of field sleeping gear.

10. No. 512. GELLING AGENTS FOR GASOLINE.

Existing gelling agents are afflicted, to an appreciable degree, by impurities in gasoline. A gelling agent, not afflicted by the

normally occurring impurities in gasoline and which will form permanent gels of firm consistency, is desirable.

11. No. 568. CARBON MONOXIDE INDICATOR.

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12. No. 496. ENGINE AND PERSONNEL HEATERS.

Engine and personnel heaters for vehicles, particularly methods to keep crews of vehicles warm enough without so much clothing that they cannot perform their tasks.

Thanksgiving Day

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According to the dictates of his conscience.

"We are grateful for the innumerable daily manifestations of Divine goodness in affairs both public and private, for equal opportunities for all to labor and serve, and for the continuance of those homely joys and satisfactions which enrich our lives.

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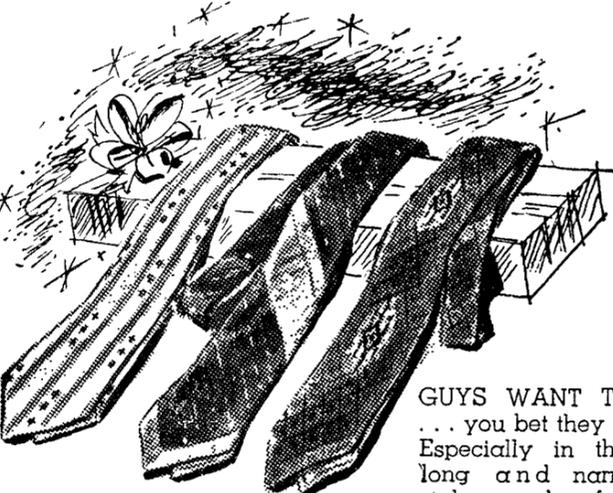


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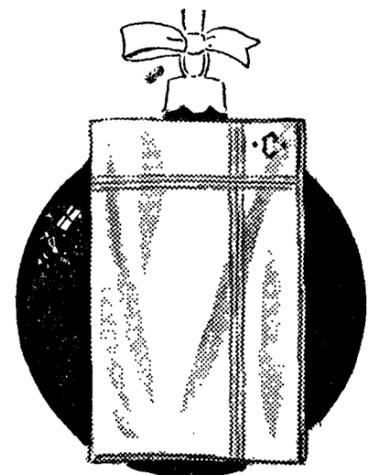
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