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## STATUS CHANGES SEEN FOR MANY

### Civilian Personnel Cites New Policy

BY HAL CARPENTER

Many questions are being asked concerning the Executive Order signed by the President on Nov. 22, 1954. Although nothing in the way of official information has been received to date, it is generally accepted that the conversion of indefinite employees to probational ("career" or "career-conditional") status will get under way Jan. 23, 1955.

The new Executive Order provides that each new employe appointed through the competitive civil service process will serve a three-year period, which includes a one-year probationary period, during which the employe will be in a "career-conditional" status. After three years of service, the employe will automatically pass into a "career" status.

The plan will work in the same way for indefinite employes now on the rolls. If the indefinite employe was appointed from a civil service register, or as a result of having previously served with a probational appointment, he or she will automatically be placed in either a "career" or "career-conditional" status depending on whether or not he or she has completed three years of continuous service.

Those indefinite employes, not appointed competitively, must compete under an open examination for the job they are now on in order to gain the "career" or "career-conditional" status. The Civilian Personnel Division is now engaged in reviewing the status of each employe now on the rolls. Upon receipt of official information regarding the conversion program, each employe will be informed of his or her status, and of any necessary action on their part. Individual notices will not be immediately forthcoming, but they will be sent out as rapidly as possible. Employes are asked not to call the Civilian Personnel Office regarding their individual status, since such inquiries will only tend to retard the work.

## COURSES FOR FALL TERM LISTED BY UNIVERSITY'S LOCAL CENTER

Announcement has been made of the schedule of classes for the winter term at the Huntsville Center of the University of Alabama.

The regular registration period will be Jan. 3-4, with Jan. 13 as the last day of registration for credit. Classes will begin on Jan. 5.

Classes meeting this term on Monday and Wednesday from 6:7:55 p.m. include: Accounting 2 (Principles of Accounting), Accounting 104 (Introduction to Auditing), Chemistry 1 (General Chemistry—4-hr. lab. to be arranged), Drawing 31 (Engineering Drawing 1 — 6:00-10:00 p.m.), Drawing 32 (Engineering Drawing 2 — 6:00 - 10:00 P.M.), Drawing 33 (Descriptive Geometry — 6:00-10:00 p.m.), Economics 1 (American Economic History), English 2 (English Composition, Part 2), French 2 (Elementary French, Part 2), G. E. S. 12 (Engineering Preview), Sociology 8 (Urban Sociology).

Classes meeting on Monday and Wednesday from 8:00-10:00 p.m.: Management 51 (Industrial Management), English 1 (English Composition, Part 1), History 2 (History of Western Civilization, Part 2), Journalism 1 (Survey of Journalism), Marketing 6 (Business Correspondence), Math 02 (Plane Geometry), Math 15 (Trigonometry), Pol. Sc. 3 (Functions of American Government).

Classes meeting on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00-7:55 include: Accountancy 53 (Advanced Accounting), Art 7 & 8 (Design — Tuesday only, 6:00-10:00), Art 37-38 (Elementary Ceramics—Thurs. only, 6:00-10:00), English 6 (English Literature), History 21 (Development of U. S. to 1865), Math



**BLOODMOBILE VISITS REDSTONE**—Left to right (seated) bus driver Taylor Hoytman, SFC Jack W. Littlefield and Lt. Glenn R. Viehmeyer await their turn to donate blood while Mrs. Addison White (far right), Mrs. Otto P. Kohler (center) and Mrs. V. H. Reckmeyer prepare the records so that the blood type will be labeled right in the jars. These men are representative of many donors at Redstone Arsenal. Mrs. Kohler is a representative of the Officers Wives Club from which many of the Bloodmobile aides are drawn. (Photo by Lloyd Rosenbrock)

## Cost Accountants Given Top Rating

The North Alabama Chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants stood ninth in the 1954 national chapter competition, according to the November issue of the N. A. C. A. Bulletin which reached members this week.

The chapter finished twenty-second in the country last year, out of 119 chapters. It is leading the Nashville chapter, which was challenged for a dual race and which now stands eighteenth in the nation.

The competition, conducted originally as a means of insuring high standards among the many N. A. C. A. chapters, compares items like member attendance, meetings held, special activities and educational programs carried on by the chapters. The winning chapter is awarded the Stevenson Trophy, with banners going to each of the chapters earning the first twenty positions.

## NON-COMS OPENED NCO MESS OFFICIALLY ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Formal opening of the Non-commissioned Officers Open Mess was celebrated last Saturday night with a buffet supper and dance.

Among the guests present was Brig. Gen. H. N. Toftoy's personal representative, Col. George E. Levings. Col. Levings read a letter from the general who was away at the time.

Gen. Toftoy's letter read in part:

"I regret that I am unable because of travel commitments to personally be here . . . I want you to know that I am personally interested in Redstone Arsenal having the finest possible Noncommissioned Officers Mess.

"I am pleased with the new operation . . . Recently I visited and looked over your club. In fact, I stopped off to enjoy a fine lunch the other day.

"I feel that there is a great improvement in both the management and over all operation of the Mess and wish to congratulate your board of governors for their good work.

"Traditionally, in the Army, the NCO Club and Open Mess is the center of social activities for our men and their families. Naturally, in order to survive, the club must be adequately supported and properly administrated. This is your club. I know that the Board of Governors is interested in giving you the kind of service and entertainment you desire. However, the club must be self supporting. The greater the membership and patronage, the more the club can

provide for you. My best wishes to all members and their guests. Sincerely, Gen. Toftoy."

Col. Levings also accepted honorary membership cards for General Toftoy, Col. H. R. Jordan and himself. These are the first to be given to anyone at Redstone.

The buffet was arranged with platters of cold sliced turkey, ham and roast beef as the main feature on the bill of fare with potato salad, baked beans and relishes.

M/Sgt. Allen C. Helson, the club custodian, made all the arrangements for the evening.

Music for dancing was furnished by Sock Smith and his Swingers, an eight piece orchestra with two vocalists.

The club will also be available to the noncommissioned officers wives for meetings and parties.



**FOLLIES TIME AGAIN**—Four Redstone Arsenal song-and-dance specialists demonstrate what could be the conclusion of a number in The Follies of 1954 to be presented by the Grace Club Auxiliary on Dec. 9 and 10 at the Huntsville High auditorium. A group of arsenal civil service and contract employes are included in the show's large cast. Practicing are Mrs. Tweak Harvey and Paul Kelly (left) and Mrs. Sally Culver and Woody Waesche.

## 3,818 DONATIONS OF BLOOD MADE

### Program Started Three Years Ago

Redstone Arsenal may pat itself on the back.

The 267 pints of blood donated last week swelled the amount of blood collected here by the Red Cross to a grand total of 3,818 pints.

The blood has been donated by civilian and military personnel at interval bloodmobile visits since the beginning of the Red Cross blood program in Madison County in September of 1951.

Many of the civil service, contract company and military personnel have become repeat donors during the course of the program. In fact, at the bloodmobile visit here last Wednesday only 34 of the 267 donors had not given blood here previously.

Eight persons received gallon pins at the visit last week. They are Arthur Thompson, G. P. Leinbaugh, Melvin F. Crisco, Theodore J. Cambel Jr., J. B. Engle, Sgt. Wesley Allen, Richard E. Nelson and James G. Papadopoulos.

Several other donors were well on their way toward the second gallon of donations to the bloodmobile.

A little more than three years ago, the Red Cross bloodmobile, on one of its first visits in North Alabama, collected 181 pints of blood at Redstone Arsenal.

The visit, which was the first in Madison County, was made soon after the formation of the Regional Blood Center in Birmingham.

At this time, Madison County was participating in the blood program on the basis of blood for defense needs only.

In December of 1953, the Madison County Chapter of the American Red Cross began participation in the Red Cross blood program for civilian use as well as for defense needs. This was brought about to a measure by requests of civilians at Redstone.

Servicemen, of course, were already covered for blood needs. Under the current setup, civilians, by coming to a bloodmobile visit, receive a donor card making them and their immediate families eligible for Red Cross blood for the subsequent six months. Red Cross records showed that about three-fourths of the persons who have taken advantage of this blood insurance program through Huntsville Hospital and Fifth Avenue Hospital, have been Redstone Arsenal employes or their families.

With the inauguration of the blood program for civilian use in Madison County, the number of bloodmobile visits at Redstone Arsenal increased from four a year to six. Bloodmobile visits here alternate with visits in town.

Jesse Stutts is presently in charge of recruitment of donors and coordination for the bloodmobile visits here. In the past, the arsenal program has been handled by Capt. Marvin Shaw, assisted by Fire Chief Pat Pruitt and the firemen; by Col. Thomas G. Harton, assisted by Capt. Joseph Delaney and Major Paul McCune, assisted by Lt. Cecil Aldridge.

## Community Chorus To Sing 'Messiah'

The 60-voice Huntsville Community Chorus, in which a number of Redstone Arsenal and contract company personnel participate, will give its annual presentation of Handel's "Messiah" on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 3 p.m. in the Huntsville High auditorium.

Among the soloists will be Norman Harberger, Rohm and Haas; Pfc. Ramon Kyser, Chaplain's Office; Woodward Waesche, Rohm and Haas; and Pfc. Cyrus Bryant, GMDD.

Soprano soloist will be Mrs. William Schwarz, whose husband is an employe of Thiokol.

Accompanist will be Mrs. A. K. Thiel, whose husband is chief of the Technical Feasibility Studies Office here.

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## APPLIED COMMON SENSE



Wednesday, Dec. 15 is "S-D Day"—Safe Driving Day. The goal set by President Eisenhower, is a 24-hour period without a single traffic accident in the nation.

Persuading you and me not to commit mass suicide shouldn't require a special "day." Just a little applied common sense. Unfortunately—with one American killed in an auto accident on the average of every 14 minutes—too few drivers seem to have any sense at all.

Safe Driving Day might as easily have been called "Don't-Drive-Like-a-Madman Day," or "What's-the-Push Day," or even "Use-Your-Brain-When-You-Get-Behind-the-Wheel Day." In other words, never forget that a car is no plaything. Never forget that it's a deadly weapon in every sense.

Little enough to ask, isn't it?

Where do servicemen come in? Right at the beginning. Let's face it. In many communities, motorists in uniform have acquired a reputation for recklessness. In most cases, this is unwarranted. But it's the old story of the majority suffering because of a scattering of foul apples. So it's up to the majority of servicemen to be just a little extra careful when driving.

That bit of extra care is what will make S-D Day a success. You can play a key role in making it so. All you have to do is remember to play fair with the other fellow on the road, with the pedestrian, with your own life.

Remember.

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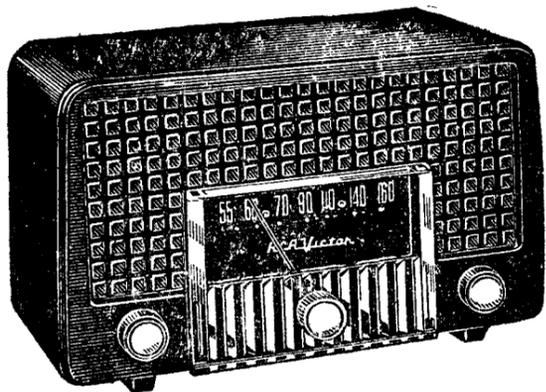
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## Chemists Will Hear Talk By Dr. Sparks

Dr. Morgan Sparks of Bell Telephone Laboratories will speak on "Transistor Chemistry" at the meeting of the North Alabama Section of the American Chemical Society tonight at the Country Club in Decatur.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and the lecture will begin at 8.

C. E. Hieserman, Chemstrand, Decatur, is chairman and Dr. W. R. Lucas, GMDD, vice chairman, of the Program and Arrangements Committee of the North Alabama Section of the chemical society.

Chairman of the North Alabama Section is Frank W. James, RDD. Other officers include Dr. Madison L. Marshall, Chemstrand,



**SOLDIER OF THE MONTH** — Corporal Edward O. Clem has selected as "Soldier of the Month" at OGMS for the month of November.

Clem is a native of Mason, Ohio. He graduated from Mason High School in May 1950. After graduation he was employed as a clerk for the Champion Paper & Fiber Company at Hamilton, Ohio.

In April 1953, Clem was inducted into the Army and was sent to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland for basic training. Upon completion of basic training he was stationed at Aberdeen until April of this year when he was transferred to Redstone. Clem is assigned to Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment, 9352 TU. His job is that of Assistant Training NCO in the office of the School Troops.

Upon his release from the Army, he plans to attend the University of Cincinnati for a degree in Chemical Engineering.

chairman elect; Dr. W. F. Arendale, Thiokol, secretary; Dr. Henry E. Anschutz, Chemstrand, treasurer; Dr. Frank J. Soday, Chemstrand, councillor; and Dr. Robert M. Ross, Rohm and Haas, alternate councillor.

Chairman of the Public Relations Committee is Dr. J. B. Ballentine, Chemstrand. Dr. Eugene Miller, Research Division, is vice chairman of the committee. Members include W. T. Dye, P. H. Hobson and Dr. A. B. Beindorff, all of Chemstrand; Dr. Louis Brown, Rohm and Haas; and Dr. J. G. Tschinkel, GMDD.

Miss Willie Mae Dearing, Rohm and Haas, is chairman of the Membership and Hospitality Committee. Members are Michael Troy, Thiokol; Samuel Zeman, RDD; Sam L. Burt, GMDD; and H. D. DeWitt, Jr., Jesse L. Stimson and Dr. Edgar D. Smith, all of Chemstrand.

Dr. D. J. Butterbaugh, Rohm and Haas, is chairman of the Professional Relations and Status Committee. Members are Kenyon Stevenson Jr., Rohm and Haas, and Richard D. Radford, Chemstrand.

In addition to the chairman and vice chairman, members of the

Program and Arrangements Committee are Dr. James S. Tapp, John Lomartire and Leon Chance, all of Chemstrand; Matt Weber, Thiokol; Dr. Robert W. Walker, Rohm and Haas; and John R. Nunnelley, GMDD.

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## Live Chickens Attend Barn Dance at Mess

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Edward Weatherford and Capt. and Mrs. Wilbert Becker entertained with a frolic as an end of the Fall season party.

Held at the Officers Open Mess, the sixty guests were greeted across a corral fence, skirted live chickens and nests of eggs to get to the ranch house table for refreshments, and dodged bales of hay during the square dances which were called by Jack Atchley of Gurley.

Dance music was presented by Tommy Lindsey and his four-piece band.

The table was decorated with turnip and pumpkin candleholders and the overall effect was that of a barn.

The men came in sports shirts and dungarees and the ladies wore cotton dresses suitable for a square dance.

## Christmas Theme Used For Party

First of the season's Christmas parties was given by Capt. and Mrs. Harry P. Schoenman, Jr., and Capt. and Mrs. John J. Wattendorf at the Officers Open Mess on Dec. 1.

Holly colors of red and green were used in the decorative theme. The table was covered with a green metallic cloth with a centerpiece of red carnations.

Green candles were placed on the table and in strategic places around the room to give soft light while a phonograph played Christmas music.

Approximately 100 guests attended the 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. affair.

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## Garden Club Plans Display at Library

The Redstone Arsenal Garden Club will display dry arrangements in the Huntsville Public Library during the month of January.

Each week the display will be changed. The club members have been working on arrangements ranging from miniatures to formal suitable for a dining room or hall table.

At the last meeting, Marion of Marion's Flowers in Huntsville judged the arrangements. The members also voted her into the club as an honorary member.

Today they plan to deliver the Christmas wreaths which they have been working on since last October.

Also today, they plan to lunch at the Russel Erskine Hotel.

Another project which has been completed by the Garden Club is preparation of the greenhouse beds with loam and river silt. Flower planting has not yet begun.

## Birthday Celebrated By Miss Diane Long

Miss Diane Long celebrated her ninth birthday with a supper at home and a theater party afterward on Nov. 30.

The supper table was decorated in yellow and white. The birthday cake with its nine candles was centered at one end of the table and a cluster of gifts at the other.

Sandwiches, Cokes, ice cream and cake were served to the

## Christmas Parties Planned by Many

Several segments on the arsenal are planning Christmas parties in the near future.

Operations Branch of the Post Engineer will meet at Cambron's Aero Club, Wednesday, Dec. 15, for a dinner-dance at 7 p.m.

The Comptroller Division has planned a party in the Yarbrough Hotel ballroom the same night. One of the highlights of the evening will be a floor show. Another will be the exchange of white elephant gifts after dinner.

The Industrial Accounting people from the Budget and Fiscal Office have also planned a dinner-dance at Cambron's for Thursday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m.

Other sections are also planning parties and dances in keeping with the season.

### CIVILIAN DANCE PLANNED

The Civilian Welfare Council has planned a pre-Christmas dance for the employees. The dance will be held at the VFW Club on Friday, Dec. 3, from 8:30 until midnight. All employees and their guests are invited. Reservations are available from Civilian Welfare representatives and tickets will be obtainable at the door.

twelve guests. They included: Kathleen and Marcia Ruemmele, Scotty and Larry Long, Chip DeGuire, Wanda Lee, Terry and Jerry Jordan, Arthur Hogan and John and Billy Wattendorf and the hostess, Diane.

Diane is the daughter of Major and Mrs. Edward Long.

## Wives Club Plans Tea For Dec. 14

The Officers Wives Club will hold their annual Christmas tea at the Officers Open Mess on Tuesday, Nov. 14, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

A program of music is planned by the Missilemen and a skit "The

Night Before Christmas at Redstone Arsenal," will be presented by wives of officers from the Ordnance Guided Missile School.

Individual corsages will be provided for the guests by the Redstone Arsenal Garden Club.

Marion of Marion's Flowers in Huntsville is donating the centerpiece for the tea table.

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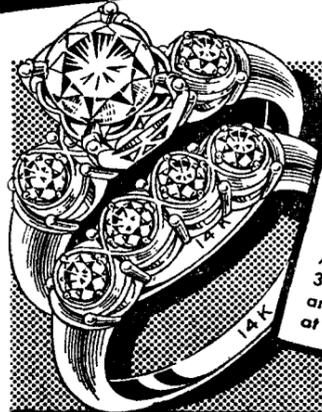
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right to say that possession is nine-tenths of the law? Where does the State fit in the picture?

Personnel in Ordnance Missile Laboratories can be justly proud of the whopping \$2,591.64 which they generously contributed to the Community Chest Drive that ended last month.

Ray Hembree, of Photo Lab fame, almost drew back a nub recently when he missed stepping on a rattlesnake by inches.

A new title, not listed in Burke's Peerage, has come into being in the Operations Analysis Branch. It is "Low Man On The Totem Pole." Qualifications for the sobriquet are top secret and known only to the recipients. It is common knowledge, however, that it has been awarded twice: To Mack Jennings on Nov. 15, and to Gordon Moon on Nov. 22. Currently vying for the honor are Dorothy Dison, Dick McCoy, and repeater Jennings.

Photo Lab news includes a trip to Chicago during the Turkey holidays by Ronald and Mavis Backer who visited relatives. Jacob Gurley's daughter is improving after an appendectomy, and ex-Cpl. Ernest Hanson, recently discharged, has been hired back as a happy civilian photographer. Dick and Julie Bauer are still quivering after seeing Auburn slaughter the Crimson Tide.

Harold McMillan, the living symbol of the Auburn Spirit which never allows the faithful to leave until the final play, even when the score in those black years was sometimes 55 to 0, is still exultant about the Tiger victory. His cup runneth over. Other news from the General Administration Branch, such as Alvin Lang's promotion to Chief, has paled into insignificance.

Personnel reports a rumor of not one, but two engagements in the offing; the possibility of a novel being written by Paul Kane; and a trip to New York by Betty Long. Betty journeyed to Gotham during the holidays and saw all the rubber-necking sights from the Bronx to the Battery.

Dick McCoy and wife went to Groves, Texas for Thanksgiving, but had no barbecued prairie dog. Dick reported that he dug up some flounders from the Gulf instead.

Gilio Donetti says it is scandalous that there is an Arkansas man in the branch who won't support the University of Arkansas. The Arkie is non-committal.

OML welcomes Leon Savoy, new O&M Examiner, from Washington, who hails originally from Texas. Bob Myers is long gone to White Sands, and June Ellsworth has gone to her Charlie who has just returned from Korea.

**GUIDED MISSILE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**  
La Merle Clem  
Never have Capt. Yanker's eyes

sparkled as on the day he announced the arrival of his son. James Clinton Yanker was born on November 24 and weighed in at 8 lbs., 12½ ounces. It was reported Capt. Yanker was in the PX looking over footballs and rifles.

Mr. and Mrs. Friedrich Saurma have moved into their new home on Monte Sano. Mr. Saurma designed this attractive house and we hope they are going to enjoy it very much.

In order to alleviate any unnecessary confusion I think it might be helpful to explain that we have a second Mrs. Jones in Mira Liaison Office. Better known as Katherine.

Bob Seese and Paul Schmid have returned from TDY to Building 421. Mira Liaison.

Regret to hear that Betty Rogers has been in the hospital in St. Louis. Best wishes and speedy recovery.

So many of our people disappeared to destinations unknown and are still not talking that we had a lot of trouble collecting news. We finally managed to snoop around and gather little bits of information though and they will be surprised to hear what they did.

Katie and Carl Mudd enjoyed a visit and dinner with Capt. and Mrs. Edward Wright.

Deloris Kinney and her husband drove to Cullman to pick up their daughter who is in school there; so that she could spend the long weekend at home.

Cpl. and Mrs. Case (Dot), Sgt. and Mrs. Kuhn dined at the company mess hall. Congratulations to PFC Case on his promotion.

Nell Jones and husband, M Sgt. Love and family, Madga DeBeek, Melba Hall, Dixie Kelley and Mr. and Mrs. Weisman spent the day at home in the fair metropolis of

Huntsville, Alabama.

**GUIDED MISSILE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION GUIDANCE AND CONTROL**  
Jeanne Smith

We are really sorry to see Lt. Burnie Reed return to the North. Ditto Jean and Ted Butts who departed for the big city of Buffalo, New York. Why is it—or what is it that makes New York so wonderful???

A welcome hello and our very best to the new comers Mrs. Jan Milam, Mrs. Mavorine Pritchett, and Mr. Herman Kroger who transferred from Wright-Patterson AF Base.

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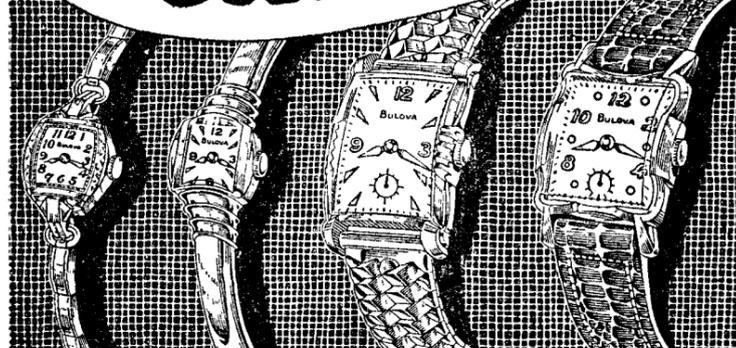
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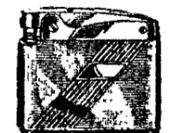
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Redstone scored early in the first quarter on a 15-yard Cruden to Collins pass after a concerted drive of 60 yards. Guard Paul Muratore kicked the extra point that made all the difference in the final analysis. The Fort Campbell Eagles surged back in the second quarter to score on half-back George Hopkins' end run, but they missed the all-important extra point.

In the rain-soaked second half the teams slogged their way to a scoreless stand-off, with the Eagles completing only one out of ten desperation passes thrown in the last few minutes of the game.

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BY FRANCES MYRICK

The Mechanical Branch Supply welcomes Sgt. Allen to their staff. Leon Reynolds has been called to Virginia to be at the bedside of his father-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks spent an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday in Atlanta, Ga.

The nomination of the week: For the telephone voice with the most pleasing personality—Mrs. German.

Everything is bigger in Texas than anywhere else. If you don't believe it, just ask Major James. He has been vacationing in Texas and that is also his home.

If anyone wishes a lesson in sharp shooting just see Lt. Baker. He won himself a turkey for Thanksgiving.

The family population has been increased by one in the SAM Section, Mech Br. Mr. Nels Johnson's wife presented him with a baby girl, Rhonda Diane.

Congratulations are extended to Cpl. Jordan, Pfc. Cole and Pfc. Grove. They received another stripe and are now Sgt. Jordan, Cpl. Cole, and Cpl. Grove respectively.

A warm welcome is extended

to Pvt. McIntosh, who came to SAM Mech Br. from Shop Fundamentals.

There will be wedding bells come Dec. 21. Jean Brewer and Lt. Richard Barlow have announced their wedding for that day. Congratulations, Jean and Dick.

We are glad to hear that Sgt. Ed Chapman is doing much better. We miss him very much, and hope he will be back with us very soon. Also, Mrs. Chapman called the other day and wanted us to say something in this article about how much she appreciated all the

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help she has received since Ed's accident. Especially does she want to thank the people that helped her move into their new home. Thanks to everyone.

Since this was written during the Thanksgiving holiday, there wasn't too much news. Marge will

be back next time; so 'til then, "see you around."

Flash: Something new just came in. Tom Van Houten and Donald Dale are now Cpls. Pete McNally made Sgt. and Ed Chapman made SFC. Also Bob Rothe is now Pfc. Rothe.

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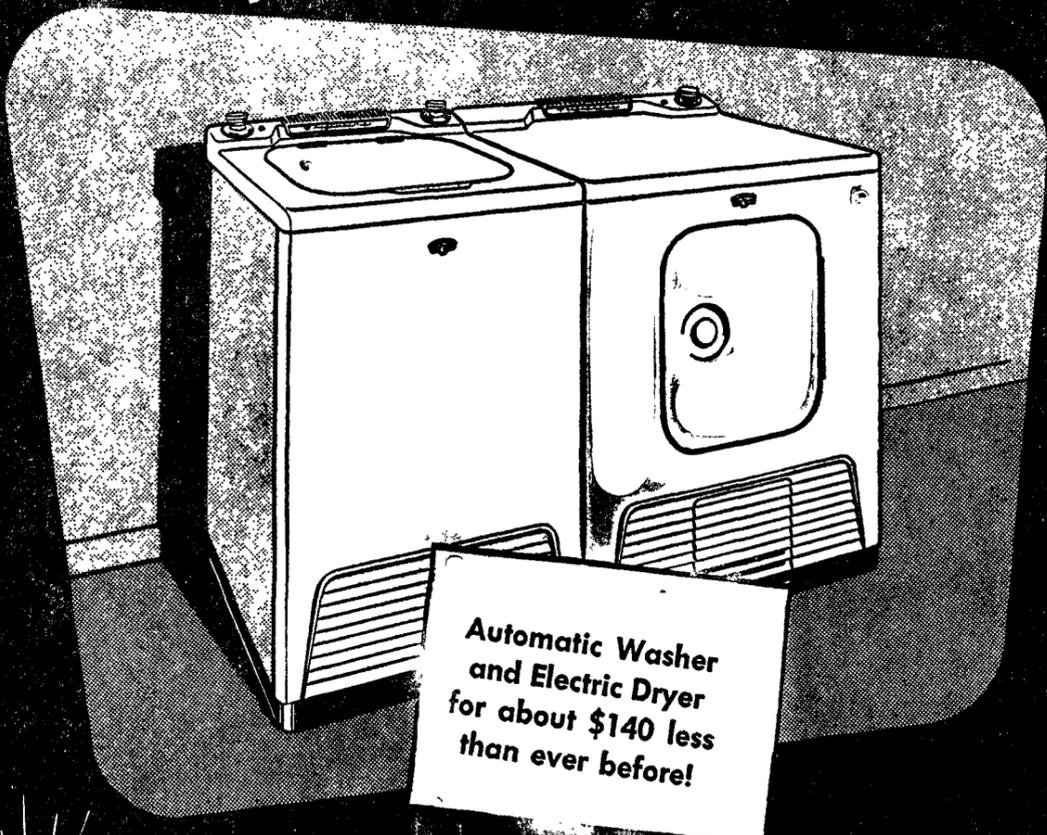
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**MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY REPRESENTATIVES**—Money displayed by the men above was contributed at the pay table last week to the Muscular Dystrophy Drive by soldiers at Redstone Arsenal. Their total contribution came to \$437.10. Altogether, at press time, \$2,580.23 had been turned over to Fire Chief Pat Pruitt for the Muscular Dystrophy fund.

Representatives of the military units above are: (seated left to right) SFC George Macomber, Det. A. 9330th Technical Unit and SFC Edward Waldrup, 2nd Enlisted Training Det., 9352nd TU. Standing (left to right) are: SFC Lee Cox, Hq. and Hq., 9330th TU; Sgt. David Scott, 803rd Military Police Company; SFC Kenneth Oard, 9352nd TU; M Sgt. Paul Bracklow, Det. B. 9330th TU; and Sgt. Leslie R. Perkins, 1st ETD, 9352nd TU. (Photo by Gil Edelstein)

**SERVICE CLUB SCHEDULE**

On Dec. 7 the program at the Service Club will be devoted to tape recordings. Songs, recitations or instrumental recordings can be made. However, according to Miss Betty Dunn, assistant recreational director, these tapes will be retained by the club. Therefore, anyone desiring to do so, may furnish his own tape as a record of the evening. Recording will begin at 8 p.m.

Jack Murphy and his orchestra will play for the Wednesday night dance on Dec. 8. Refreshments will be served at intermission. Dancing begins at 8 p.m.

Eddie DiPolvere will hold classes in dance instruction on Thursday, Dec. 9. He announced that he will give instruction in any type of dancing that interests the group.

Friday, Dec. 10, will be an open night with pinochle, bridge, chess, pool, ping pong and cribbage games.

A picnic is planned on Monte

Sano Dec. 11. A government bus will leave the Service Club at 6 p.m. Miss Dunn advised all the men interested in this activity to register at the Service Club so that the planners can make adequate arrangements. Records and a phonograph will also be taken along for dancing.

An evening of games is planned at 8 p.m. on Dec. 12 at the Service Club. Prizes will be cakes, pies, cookies and candies.

Monday night, the 13th, a ping pong tournament is scheduled. The elimination chart will be posted by Dec. 12, so everyone wishing to enter the contest should register with the Recreation Director before the Club closes on Sunday night.

Miss Molly Patterson, recreation director, also announced that the names of the winners in the photography contest will be announced soon. Judging was done by two arsenal and two local professional photographers.



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**13 Employees Get Suggestion Awards**

BY E. C. WOOTON

Awards made under the Redstone Suggestion Program during the last week went to 13 employees and amounted to a total of \$295, with a resulting measurable first year's savings of \$4,225.

Melvin Bowman, GMDD Fab Lab, accomplished the unusual feat of having three suggestions accepted at one time. He received a total of \$30 for the use of his ideas. Three tools were suggested to be used for alignment work on missile parts. The presentation was made by Otto Eisenhardt, Chief, Development Shops Section, Fab Lab.

The largest award of the week, \$95, was presented by Col. Murlin DeGuire, Chief, NPD, to Lawrence Blackwell for suggesting the consolidation of NPD and T&F property accounts so that one sup-

ply room could serve both divisions. This idea resulted in an estimated annual savings for the arsenal of \$2,785.

Cecil Teague, GMDD Test Lab received \$15 for the use of his idea for a rack to hold oxygen bottles.

For suggesting a rest room for the south end of building 781 for the convenience of employees Norma Church, T&E, received a check for \$10.

Margaret Parker, RDD Projects Branch, was presented with an award of \$15 for suggesting the use of envelopes with pre-printed return address. The envelopes are to be issued soon.

Two Post Engineer employees, Glenn Key and Frank Smith, received checks. Fifteen dollars went to Key for suggesting the attaching of chains to the sides of power mowers so as to deflect any object thrown by the blades. This suggestion eliminated a serious safety hazard. Smith received \$10 for pointing out the need of a cut-off switch on the elevator fan in Building 112.

An award of \$20 went to Kenneth Shields, Transportation Division, for fabricating a mask to be used when painting vehicles, to eliminate the necessity of masking.

John Lake, GMDD Fab Lab, suggested a method of forming contours in metal by the use of dies in a press. An annual savings of \$875 was realized for the arsenal. The check presented was for \$45.

Another GMDD employe, Sonny Mitchell, Inspection Lab, received \$10 for suggesting the use of clear plastic radius gauges to simplify the layout of material and to eliminate errors.

For pointing out a safety hazard and suggesting the painting of outside steps at Building 351, Vester Pinson, GMDD Missile Firing Lab, received \$10.

Two other \$10 awards were recently presented. One went to Reginald Pippin, Legal Office, for pointing out the need for a reflector on a traffic light, and one to Norma Oppenlander, Signal Division, for suggesting the removal of an unused telephone from an unoccupied building.

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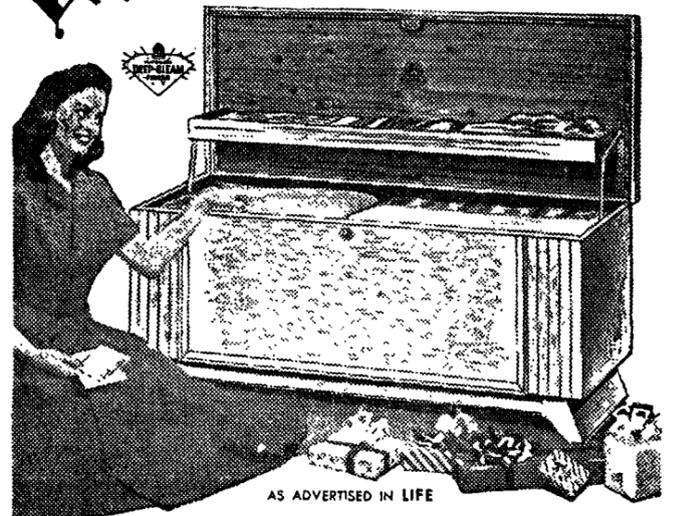
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BY CAROLYN E. NOLTE

Glad to see almost all our folks back after a lovely Thanksgiving. One of our people reversed the pattern—usually we visit on Thanksgiving, but George Woods had to be different. George's parents came up from Oklahoma to visit him her in Huntsville.

We wondered all last week if Andres and Joy Booth would meet in Detroit. It's such a small burg that we figured that they couldn't help but run into each other. They didn't.

Nell Mintz and family are back after their visit to Tuscaloosa and Anniston.

Mike Rabatin is back after a long vacation. Mike has been gone since Veteran's Day. He visited Norfolk, Va., and his home state, Pennsylvania.

T. L. Ferguson is back from God's country. He visited his son who is stationed with the Air Force in Ft. Worth. Mr. Ferguson did not, incidentally, bring any 'beefs' with him.

Mr. Christener (the bird man) has returned from Indiana. From the looks of his left front fender on his car, he had a bang-up good time.

Mr. Holloway has been in Newcastle, Ind., visiting relatives.

Mr. Mattern and family have been back to Michigan again. I

guess it's only a hop, skip and jump in that new Buick.

Mr. Lynn has been to Work Simplification School. Mr. Blaise and Rod Chamberlain had attended previously. I wonder if they briefed Mr. Lynn before he went?

Mr. Kuers' two daughters, Anna Marie and Inge, visited with the Kuers family over Thanksgiving. Anna Marie is in college in Montevallo and Inge is in nursing school in Birmingham. Know the girls were glad to eat their turkey at home.

**Amazing Things**

Joy Booth likes Detroit! We all wonder if it could be that Doug has prejudiced her—looks like we are going to lose a good Texan.

Mr. Pederson commented to us that he is glad his wife is married. What do you mean by that, Mr. Pete?

We believe that Andres will keep on talking about a new Ford until he digs up one of those fruit jars full of money he has buried and buys one.

By the looks of Max Siebigteroth's back, he, Pederson and Taylor certainly must have enjoyed the "stew" at the Wednesday night stag party. What we women miss!

Johnny Argo is looking for a dozer blade to attach to the front of his car. Johnny has been using his Olds for a bulldozer. Hear that he's already finished up one post.

**Expression of Thanks**

Sgt. Gene Polk would like to express his deepest gratitude to all those who contributed to send flowers to his mother, who has undergone her second operation.

**Congratulations in Order**

We're really going to celebrate. The long awaited occasion is here at last! On Nov. 26 Mrs. Miller presented her husband, Bob, with a new 9 lb. 10 oz. baby boy. The Millers named their new son Ronald Glenn.

Eighteen Quail! This arsenal is really a hunting place. Bobby Cothorn and two other hunters killed eighteen quail here over Thanksgiving.

Well, got the news on Zoma Covin's hunting trip. He got a four-pointer, though we haven't seen any venison here yet.

**Sick List**

Mr. Sapp has been out two days with the flu. Glad to see him back in tip-top shape. Those little germs can't get that big Texan down.

Mr. Paetz has been sick over the Thanksgiving holidays. He still isn't feeling too well, but we're hoping he'll feel fine soon.

Andres, being a full-fledged Southerner, kind of sneaked off to Detroit over Thanksgiving. He didn't want John Sapp to see him, just after he was accepted as a Southerner. (The Confederate

money incident).

We caught Mrs. Ezelle with a man's hat on the other day. We've heard of women wearing the pants in the family—but hats? Big deal, Lucille?

J. D. Smith received a membership card from the Prospective Father's Club. He doesn't understand it—maybe Mrs. Smith isn't telling him everything.

Two Birminghams? Well, three to be exact—but only two on the arsenal. Bill tells us that his wife is now working in the plants area.

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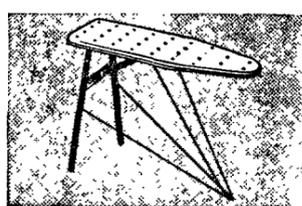


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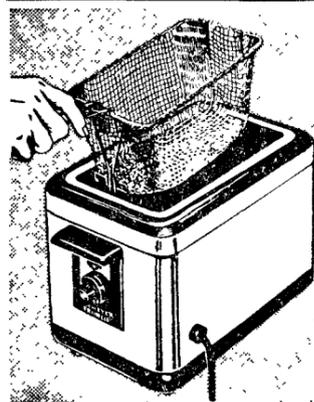
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**By Pfc. Charlie S. Rogers**  
Cpl. Ted Butts and his wife Jean will be leaving Alabama (Rebel's Country) here in the near future. Matter of fact it's about the 18th. He is planning on enrolling in the University of Buffalo's Law School in January. I wish to take this opportunity to thank Ted for his helping hand when I first reported in.

Cpl. "Buster" Beckham is another one to be leaving us here in the near future. He'll be going back to the Sunshine State of Florida. We all realize that you'll be taking the one back to meet mother, but the least you can do is leave the names of the other ten to someone here. Reumenapp made the remark that you could leave their names to him. You can reach him at Troop Command, Bldg. T-168 or by phone 2906 is the number.

The love bug has bitten another one of the men here in Hq Det. It's no other than Robert (O'Toole) Koshner. Tell us, Robert, who is this girl that you've found here in Huntsville?

**DET "A"**

**By Cpl. John R. Simmons**  
Five more of Detachment A's "old" soldiers faded away last week. Sgt. Stan Weissman, Cpls. Bob England, Russell Powell and Jim Lawrence and Pfc. Terry Wells made the change to civilian first class.

Bob England had just returned from a leave which included sight-seeing and shopping in Paris and London. On his MATS flight from Washington, D. C., foul weather in the Azores had Bob whistling "The High and the Mighty". The trip, however, was described as being inexpensive and very enjoyable. The most fun, Bob said, was cashing in a \$300 unused return ticket he had purchased in case he couldn't get a free MATS ride back state-side.

Mentor Ralph Kleinman is shaping up his quintet for the honor of Det A in the soon to be here basketball season. Ralph was non-committal on whether or not team member Viehmeyer (our C. O.) would start this season. Ken Koehler, Carmen Turco and Ed Leonelli are expected to see a lot of action from the bench. Coach Kleinman guarantees plenty of excitement for the spectators (dodging wild passes) from his group which he says will be the "Dark Horse" team of the league.

At present the team is handicapped by too few practices, ill fitting uniforms and Hughie Fleming,

**DETACHMENT "B"**

**By Howard E. Blesch**  
After the excellent article in last week's paper, I am afraid this will be kind of short. Cpl. Pulver is on leave and has asked me to again fill in for him in his absence.

We are glad to welcome Pfc. Hammer, our company clerk, back from the hospital. Glad he is feeling better. Also, we welcome several new faces recently assigned to Det. "B". They are: Pvt. Spielman and SFC. Glendenning from Special Services, SFC. Bell (Medical), SFC. Clay (Officers Club), SFC. Deckman (Baker), and SFC. Morris (Veterinary). It is goodbye to Army life for Cpl. Ball, Cpl. Lee, and Cpl. Lewis who will return to civilian life and the way of living that goes with the big money.

Congratulations go to 1st Lt. Norman Moffett for his recent promotion and other honors. As our past company commander, we as a company are proud to have served under his leadership.

I was just recalling that today I again saw a new Plymouth convertible parked in the Company Commander's spot and was wondering if it was in the right place. It was also seen at the Alabama Homecoming game. Can this be? It must be nice to sport around in a new convertible and draw the attention of all the young ladies.

On making a trip into the orderly room the other afternoon, I was amazed to find a large number of books scattered around. And upon closer observation I found a pair of boots protruding from one. When things were all untangled, I discovered that M/Sgt. Savage had almost caught a fleeting verb. Good luck, Sarge on your English and Algebra.

**Sense of Humor:**  
Father was deep in his easy chair, relaxing after a hard day at the office. Junior, aged five, was bedeviling him with an endless succession of unanswerable questions.

"Daddy, watta ya do aown at

the office?" he finally asked.

"Nothing!" shouted Daddy.

Junior pondered this extraordinary statement for a moment, then "How'd d'ya know when you're through?"

**DET "B"**

**By Bill Pulver**

All corporals of this detachment had better shape up or as the old story goes, ship out. It seems that Hq and Hq Detachment was a little short on C. Q. material and they "borrowed" about nine of our corporals and in return gave us eight sergeants—all cooks at

that. Well, maybe we will get fed even if our C. Q. turns up a little sooner. So it's farewell and good luck to the following corporals: Alberts, Bonior, Booth, Edelstein, Hardacre, Hus, Martin, Morrison and Nolte. Now let's welcome all those cooks and hope for the best. Glad to have you with us, Sergeants: Cureton, Davis, Helms, Kasprzak, Neely, Powell, Piper and Sauls.

Let's also welcome two new men to our unit. We all hope Welton Franklin and Tom Kelly have an enjoyable tour of duty here.

As much as Redstone and Detachment "B" hated to see, that star of stars from Iron Mountain,

Michigan has departed from our company and no amount of talking could convince Zeke Zanoni that the sunny South was the place for him. Also, by way of the discharge route we lost Schaefer, Harding and Woody Waesche. Harding is going to try his hand at geology down in the Southwest, while Waesche will probably be back to hound us and the Huntsville Little Theatre as a "happy" civilian. Speaking of losing people, it seems that our detachment hot rod latched on to a good deal that added up to 65 days TDY to sunny California. Good luck, Bill, but don't burn those highways up out there.

I don't know how to explain

all the sad faces on the Privates and Pfc's lately unless it seems from the announcement made by M/Sgt Savage, the other morning, that civilian K. P.'s are illegal within the Z. I. Don't feel too bad men, this will just make those corporal stripes more appealing to y'all.

Let's all congratulate Sfc. Le-land on the new addition to his family, a bouncing baby girl. It must have been quite an ordeal for him because he had to take a thirty day leave to get over it.

Yours truly, was out watching the Detachment Basketball Team work out the other night, and it looks like Coach Fink's boys are shaping up pretty good.



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