

THREE CHANGES MADE IN STAFF

Levings Named To Assist Toftoy

General Toftoy has announced three major changes in the arsenal staff.

Colonel George E. Levings, formerly assistant chief of National Procurement Division, has been named special assistant to the Commanding General.

Mr. Kermit W. Day, who was chief of the administration and management office of Ordnance Missile Laboratories was named deputy comptroller, effective on Dec. 8.

Mr. Louis Grabensteder was selected as acting comptroller, effective on the departure of Colonel J. D. Childs, the present comptroller, who is scheduled for overseas duty in January. Mr. Grabensteder will serve as acting comptroller in addition to his duties as Civilian Executive.

Colonel Levings is a legal expert who came to Redstone from the Legislative Liaison Office of the Department of the Army in Washington, D. C.

He received his bachelor of science degree at the United States Military Academy in 1927 and later earned an LLB in 1931 at the University of North Carolina.

He is a member of the Phi Delta Phi law fraternity, the Chicago Bar Association, and the American Ordnance Association.

Colonel Childs came to Redstone from Syracuse University in September, 1953. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy where he received a bachelor of science degree in 1932.

Mr. Day, prior to coming to Redstone Arsenal in November of 1953, was an organization and methods examiner in the Management Office of the District of Columbia. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar Association, although he received his law degree in 1942 from the University of Alabama.

Mr. Grabensteder, who performed the duties of the acting comptroller once before, from June 1953 to September 1953, is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Engineering and has a masters degree in electrical engineering. He came to Huntsville early in 1942 as a mechanical engineer at Huntsville Arsenal serving in functions connected with utilities. He is a member of the Triangle fraternity and is a registered engineer in the states of Alabama, Tennessee, and Ohio.



LAST OF AUTUMN—Two vivacious twins, Doris Smith (right) and Janis Smith, rake up the last leaves of fall in anticipation of the official beginning of winter next week. The 21-year-old misses are both clerk-typists. Doris works in the Electronics Section of T&E. Janis is employed by Missile Firing Lab.

Huntsville Lions Club Honors New Citizens

Redstone's 41 German-born employees who recently became American citizens were honored last Thursday night by the Huntsville Lions Club at a dinner meeting.

Among those who spoke on the occasion were Gen. Toftoy, James Fagan, Mayor R. B. Searcy and the Rev. George Hart. Walter Burose, a German-born employee who will get his citizenship soon, introduced the guests. He is a member of the Lions Club.

Among the long-time associates of the citizens who attended were Hoffman Birney, John Tyson and Gilbert Applier.

The response was made by Walter Wiesman, youngest of the new citizens.

Those honored were naturalized on Veterans Day.

Compensation Set For Unemployment

BY HAL CARPENTER

Effective January first, at no cost to them, Federal employees will be covered by unemployment benefits.

These benefits provide for weekly payments, to eligible individuals, under the laws of the state where your last official duty station was located, or the state of your residence under certain circumstances.

To be eligible, among other things, you must not have quit your job without good cause, you must not have been discharged for misconduct, and you must not have refused a suitable job without good cause.

Upon your separation from Federal employment, you will be furnished with the necessary documents showing that you worked for the Government. Such documents should be immediately presented to your local State Employment Service office for consideration.

STUDENTS OF OGMS MAY ENTER COLONEL ALDEN ESSAY CONTEST

Details have been released concerning the Colonel Alden Scholarship Prize Essay Contest, held annually in memory of Col. H. W. Alden, Ordnance Corps, U. S. Army.

The contest, which carries a \$100 award, is open to all military students, officers or enlisted who are or will be enrolled in resident or extension courses of the Ordnance Guided Missile School here and the Ordnance Automotive School and the Unit Training Center at Aberdeen. Permanently assigned personnel of these activities are not eligible to participate.

The contest will close March 1, 1955.

All essays are to be submitted to the Commanding General, Ordnance Training Command, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, Attention: ORDHB-TL, on or before March 1. Official announcement of the contest is on file in Personnel, Administration and Security Office, OGMS.

Commanding General of The Ordnance Training Command at Aberdeen was authorized by the American Ordnance Association

Civilians' Pay Day Set On Thursdays

Federal Employees Get Yule Holiday

By Executive Order, the civilian employees of Redstone Arsenal will have a holiday on December 24.

The order not only excuses Federal employees from duty on Dec. 24, but also for one-half day on Dec. 31.

Safe Driving Day Slated Tomorrow

BY ED SUMMERS

Tomorrow is Safe Driving Day.

Sponsored by the President's Action Committee for Traffic Safety in cooperation with various national organizations, it is a day to demonstrate that traffic accidents can be reduced materially when all motorists and pedestrians do their part.

The test confronting every community will be to remain completely free of traffic accidents for the 24-hour period. The traffic accident problem is a national one, a community one, and one that concerns each individual.

Every person in the Redstone work area probably has a neighbor, a friend, or a member of the family who was injured in a traffic accident at some time.

The traffic problem is with us every hour of every day, everywhere in the Nation, as the following facts make clear:

Last year, we Americans killed one person on the average every 14 minutes, around the clock and throughout the year. The total 1953 death toll: 38,300.

In 1953, there was an injury in traffic approximately every 23 seconds. A total of 1,350,000 persons were injured to the point where they were disabled beyond the day of the accident. For every fatality, one or more persons was totally and permanently disabled, thereby becoming a financial burden, either to his family, or to the community, or both.

The price of traffic accidents in 1953 in terms of money is estimated to have been \$4 billion, including medical expense, property loss and other costs. This is almost five times as much as all fire losses in the United States during the same year.

The United States required 50 years to reach its millionth traffic fatality in 1951. At the present rate, only half as long will be required to kill the second million.

With about 55 million motor vehicles (Continued on Back Page)

Change Is Slated For Trial Period

Redstone Arsenal civilian employees will receive their pay checks on Thursdays instead of Fridays for a trial period of several months beginning Dec. 23, General Toftoy announced today.

Whether or not the practice will be continued permanently will be decided by an assessment of advantages and disadvantages at the conclusion of the trial period.

Class Act and Wage Board employees will continue to receive their pay checks during alternate weeks, with the only change to be the day of the week.

"The purpose of changing the payday from Friday to Thursdays," General Toftoy explained, "is to ease the heavy weekend payroll load now existing in the Huntsville area. The new payday will aid merchants and banks in furnishing arsenal employees check-cashing and other services.

"It is also expected that the new Thursday payday will enable Redstone Arsenal employees to conduct their shopping more conveniently," General Toftoy said. "The Thursday payday was scheduled at the request of many Redstone employees and Huntsville businessmen."

A survey of arsenal payroll records indicates that in the past when arsenal employees have been paid early, absenteeism following the payday increased sharply. Thus the trial period was set up to determine the exact extent of advantages and disadvantages to arsenal employees, to the arsenal itself, and to the community.

Other payrolls, including military and contractor, will not be affected.

The present Redstone Arsenal payroll is about a half-million dollars a week.

Posters Distributed For '54 Seal Sales

Sixty posters have been distributed on Redstone Arsenal to remind civilian and military personnel to support the Madison County Tuberculosis Association by buying 1954 Christmas seals.

"A Little From Many" is a theme of this year's drive.

Any Redstone Arsenal personnel who have not received seals yet may contact either James Cleary, Legal Office, Extension 3007, or Jimmie Taylor, Russel Erskine Hotel, Phone 695, and seals will be sent to them.

Mr. Cleary, who is the arsenal representative on the board of directors of the Madison County Tuberculosis Association, said that seal letters have now been sent to all Redstone military and civilian personnel residing in Madison County. Residents of other areas contribute to their own county organizations.

In emphasizing the importance of responding to the seal letters, Mr. Cleary pointed out that Madison County is rated as the Alabama county with the highest number of tuberculosis cases per capita.

Records show that in 1953, there were 17 deaths in Madison County due to tuberculosis. There were 104 active cases and 241 inactive cases.

During the past year, the Madison County Health Department made 2,521 tuberculin tests, 3,060 chest X-rays, and 3,276 field visits into tuberculosis case homes, in order to counteract the situation.

ROCKET SOCIETY MEET SET

Dr. Ernst Stuhlinger will be the principal speaker at the Rocket Society meeting in the Rocket Auditorium at 7:30 tonight.

He will talk about the possibility of electrical propulsion for space ships. Last summer, Dr. Stuhlinger delivered the same lecture at the fifth annual meeting of the International Astronautical Federation at Innsbruck, Austria.

STUDENT TRAINEES HELP ARSENAL WHILE THEY HELP THEMSELVES

As an expanding center for rocket and guided missile research and development, Redstone Arsenal must receive a steady flow of new scientific and engineering talent.

The arsenal recently made a big step toward insuring this flow of scientists by establishing the Redstone Arsenal Cooperative Training Program for engineering and scientific students.

Under this program, college students seeking scientific degrees help to pay their way through college by working for the arsenal while they are at college.

The student-trainees are also an immediate benefit to the arsenal because their jobs here fill an important spot between the level of technician and professional engineer which requires some scientific background.

The students generally alternate between college and Redstone each quarter.

Close liaison is established between the arsenal organization in which the student works and the department at college in which the student majors, so that academic courses can be correlated with the actual job.

Students majoring in engineering, physics, mathematics or chemistry are eligible if they are members of the Cooperative Student plan and have passed a written civil service examination. After at least one quarter of college

work the student comes to Redstone where he is assigned to a job most suited to his field of study. A qualified supervisor-instructor is assigned to the student-trainee, and he both instructs and evaluates the student. As the student progresses in college, his work-load at Redstone is raised in order to take advantage of his newly-gained knowledge.

As each job becomes progressively more important, his G-S rating and pay-level is raised, so that the student-trainee starts as a GS2, (\$2750 a year), and finishes as a GS5, (\$3410 a year). If he returns to Redstone after graduation, the trainee is eligible to receive a GS7 rating with a salary of \$4205 a year, after three months of employment.

At present the arsenal works in close cooperation with the science departments and engineering colleges of: the University of Alabama, Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Georgia Institute of Technology, and the University of Tennessee.

There are 13 student-trainees now employed at Redstone Arsenal and when they return to college at the end of this quarter, they will be replaced by other trainees, so that each boy will be part of a pair. Thus, there will always be one boy at the arsenal while the other is at college.

The Redstone Arsenal Cooper-

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The Redstone Rocket

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NATIONAL PROCUREMENT

BY JOE HUIE

Parking Lot courtesy will be the order of the day for Building 781 on Dec. 15. One exit for more than 100 cars attempting to leave at the same time, plus additional traffic makes the Los Angeles and New York traffic jams mild in comparison. So one day is set aside when fellow drivers take extra precautions not to injure the daily quota of fellow workers, happy hunting the other 364 days. The only safe driving from some drivers is when they leave their cars at home.

Sad faces were the order of the day when a recent Arsenal Daily Bulletin stated no Christmas Office Parties. However, an urgent call to Washington alleviated the situation. The President stated a part of Civil Service tradition was Christmas parties. So, according to United Press, Federal employes now get off on Friday before Christmas, plus one-half day before New Year's for parties. The National Procurement Division Christmas Party is set for Dec. 17 at the VFW Club. Other

branch parties are also scheduled. The hearts of the eligible males in Building 781 sank to a new low as Doris Woody, recent winner of "Miss Perfect Figure" contest, agreed to team up with James MacDonald. The MacDonald's, after a Florida honeymoon, are at home in New Hope. Congratulations are also in order for Ann Moring, Thanksgiving bride of Howard Jagger. Howard will soon enter service while Ann continues working at the arsenal.

Well, it is "Off Again, On Again, and Gone Again, Finnegan to Ftannigan," for Betty Blasko. One day the ring is on, the next day it is off. You just can't tell about these girls. Betty is trying to keep up with the girl next door in Technical and Engineering Division. She has to look at her finger each morning to determine whether she is engaged or not.

Barbara Guerin has been wandering around running into doors and desks since the announcement of her engagement, the event scheduled for 19 December 1954.

Well, no Jane or John Doe has visited Owens Cross Road or Farley and no John or Mary Smith has bought a new lawn mower and cut the lawn recently. . . . A large number of Division per-



TB DRIVE—James Cleary, Legal Office, is the Redstone Arsenal representative on the board of directors of the Madison County Tuberculosis Association. Any persons who do not receive TB Christmas seals in the mail are asked to contact him so that they can be put on the mailing list.

sonnel are visiting in New Mexico, Texas, California, New York, Pennsylvania, Missouri and Massachusetts. Others have just returned from these places. Reggie McLaney, Ed Kellis and A. S. Graham have returned from several months stay in California.

It is just those "Mean Ole Bama Blues" as the Crimson Tide backers suffered their greatest losing year since "Sherman's March Through Georgia." The Tide backers in National Procurement Division welcomed the news of a new coach. Defeat doesn't come easily after years of victory.

New arrivals to the Division include Pvt. Bernard H. Ford and Pfc. William E. Mooz, replacing Don Koppel, now in Florida and Joe Hornsby in New Jersey. Pfc. Mooz is now on TDY to California while Pvt. Ford is on TDY to Philadelphia. Oh, yes! National Procurement Division is Utopia for Enlisted Men.

Mrs. Betty Gunter's remark that only single girl received gifts from the Division traveling personnel was rewarded with a five-pound box of candy recently. Betty along with the other girls in Administrative Branch, are extremely helpful, each of them deserve a gift for their assistance.

Cigars for the men and candy for the girls heralded the citizenship of Mr. Arthur Rudolph, likeable Division staff member. Mr. Arno Heck and Mr. G. Haukohl also were welcomed as new citizens. Latest reports haven't confirmed them as American or Alabamians, Suh!

PURCHASING & CONTRACTING DIV.

BY HELEN NEWBY

Seems as if everyone in Purchasing & Contracting had a nice Thanksgiving, and are now looking forward to the Christmas holidays. Some of us just stayed at home for Thanksgiving, but some had to travel to be with relatives. Among those were: Harry Johnston and family to Augusta, Ga., Carvil O'Bryant and family to Kentucky, Ellen Davis to Haleyville, Ala., Evelyn Berryhill to Lawrenceburg, Tenn., Sue Flippo went home with her roommate to Falkville, Ala., R. J. Brown and wife to Gulfport, Miss., John B. Parker to Tuscaloosa, Ala., Nell Wells and husband to Union, Miss., Peggy Rousseau to Paint Rock, Ala., Marie McMurtrie, to Riverton, Ala., Houston McCullough took a long vacation and visited points south.

Ruth Sharp has been in Decatur with her mother, who is very ill. We wish her a speedy recovery.

ery. Sure are glad to see you back, Ruth.

Welcome to our new employes in Preparation and Distribution. They are Doris Blackstone and Mildred Parker. Doris is from Birmingham and before coming to Huntsville worked for Southern Bell in Birmingham. Mildred is a native Huntsvillian.

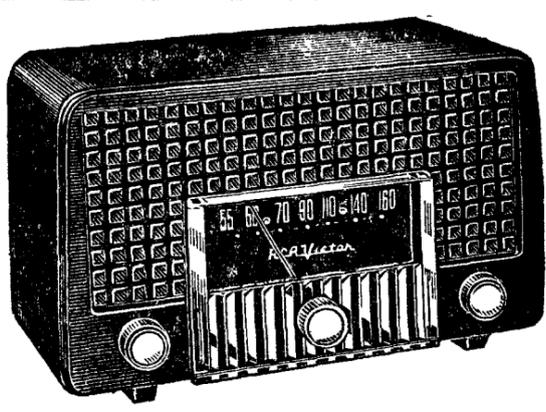
Opal Tabor left P & C to go to Industrial Accounting. We hope you like your new job, Opal. Barbara Pierce left P & C to return home. Home is in Taunton, Mass. Barbara's husband was released from service the first of November.

Garland Buckner has been on TDY to Baltimore, Md. James Morrison and "Mike" Hardee are on TDY in Charlottesville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Pitts (Jane) announced the birth of a baby girl, born November 18. She has been named Molly Ann.

Mrs. Betty Hunt (an ex-P&C'er) announced the birth of a baby girl on the 25th of November. Congratulations to both of you.

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CLASSES MEETING ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY

I. FIRST PERIOD 6:00 - 7:55

CLASS	PREREQUISITE	HRS.
Accounting 2—Principles of Accounting, Part 2	Accounting 1	3
Accounting 104—Introduction to Auditing	Accounting 53	Cert. Cr.
Chemistry 1—General Chemistry (4 hr. lab. to be arranged)	None	4
Drawing 31—Engr. Drawing 1 (6:00-10:00)	None	2
Drawing 32—Engr. Drawing 2 (6:00-10:00)	Draw. 31	2
Drawing 33—Descriptive Geometry (6:00-10:00)	Draw. 31	2
Economics 1—American Economic History	None	3
English 2—English Composition, Part 2	English 1	3
French 2—Elementary French, Part 2	French 1	3
G. E. S. 12—Engineering Preview	Math 11	2
Sociology 8—Urban Sociology	Sociology 1	3

II. SECOND PERIOD 8:00 - 10:00

Management 51—Industrial Management	Economics 11	3
English 1—English Composition, Part 1	None	3
History 2—History of Western Civilization, Part 2	None	3
Journalism 1—Survey of Journalism	None	2
Marketing 6—Business Correspondence	Eng. 2	3
Math. 02—Plane Geometry	None	0
Math 15—Trigonometry	Math 11	3
Pol. Sc. 3—Functions of American Government	Pol. Sc 1	3

CLASSES MEETING ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

III. FIRST PERIOD 6:00 - 7:55

Accounting 53—Advanced Accounting	Accounting 3	3
Art 7 & 8—Design (Tuesday only 6:00-10:00)	None	1
Art 37-38—Elementary Ceramics (Thurs. only 6:00-10:00)	None	1½
English 6—English Literature	English 5	3
History 21—Development of U. S. to 1865	None	3
Math. 01—Elementary Algebra	None	0
Math 11—College Algebra	None	3
Math 25—Analytic Geometry	Math 15	3
Math 49a—Differential and Integral Calculus	Math 25	3
MH 81—Statics	Math 51, Ph. 5	3

IV. SECOND PERIOD 8:00 - 10:00

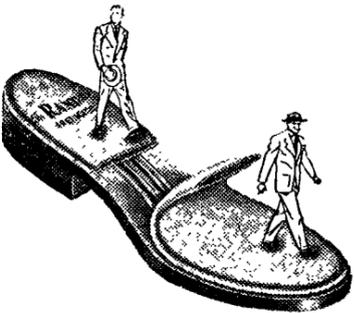
Accounting 1—Principles of Accounting, Part 1	None	3
English 1—English Composition, Part 1	None	3
History 48—History of England since 1660	Perm. of Instr.	3
Economics 12—Principles of Economics, Part 2	Economics 11	3
Physics 5—Technical Physics (3 hr. Lab. to be arranged)	Math 15	3
Speech 1—Basic Speech	None	3

Any class above not enrolling sufficient number of students will be cancelled.



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Santa and the Snowman presided at the table from which hors d'oeuvres were served. The table was covered by a bright, red cloth with a centerpiece of cotton snow. Four candles shaped like pine trees and two snowball-shaped candles lighted Santa and the Snowman as well as the platters of hors d'oeuvres, both hot and cold.

Holly in brass bowls and red candles in brass candle holders were placed around the room. Over the table, four large ornaments dangled on which the names of the hosts and hostesses were painted.

In the reception line with the hosts was Mrs. W. H. Fleming, Mrs. Long's sister. Approximately 125 guests from Huntsville and the arsenal attended the party.

One note of reminiscence was used in the decorative theme. A little palm tree was decorated for Christmas as a representative of Florida Christmases.

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New Years Dance To Be on Dec. 31

The Redstone Arsenal Officers Club is planning its traditional New Year's Dance to be held on Dec. 31 at the Assembly Hall, Bldg. 1051, between 9:30 p.m. and 2:30 a.m.

The dance will be a semi-formal affair with music provided by Luther Steinberg and his orchestra, a popular Memphis group.

Guests and merrymakers will be met at the door with noisemakers, hats, and New Year's Eve favors. Twelve special prizes will be given away during the course of the evening, and the festivities will be capped by a ham-and-egg breakfast, served from 12:30 on.

Captain Black, Club Officer, states that an efficient table-waiter service has been evolved for the convenience of members and their guests.

Tickets, at \$5.00 a couple, will be available shortly at the Officers Club, Chez When, and from members of the Entertainment Committee. Members are: Major Carstarphen, FSD; Captain Shaw, Post Engineers; Captain Sweat, Troop Command; Lieutenant Divine, OGMS; Lieutenant Frede, Headquarters; Lieutenant Lindsey, Troop Command.

Call 2951 for reservations.

Winners at Couples Bridge Announced

Five tables of bridge were played Monday night, Dec. 6, at the Officers Open Mess when the Couples Bridge party was held.

High score prizes went to Mrs. Robert L. Yeager and Lt. Thomas C. Cooper. Second high score winners were: Miss Jan DeGuire and Lt. Robert L. Yeager, and the low score prizes were given to Mrs. John R. Hagerman and Lt. George M. Elrod.

Colonel and Mrs. M. L. DeGuire will be host and hostess on the night of Dec. 20, at the Officers Open Mess, when the next Couples Bridge party is held at 8 o'clock.

'Missilemen' Slate Christmas Program

The Redstone Arsenal "Missilemen" will present a program of songs for the Christmas season on Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Service Club.

Pfc. Joe Morrow is the director of the 20-voice chorus.

The program will begin with "Adoramus Te, Christe" by Palestrina. In observance of Advent, the second selection will be "O Come, O Come Immanuel," a thirteenth century Advent plain song.

A group of carols, proclaiming the Christmas story, will include "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (Mendelssohn), "O Holy Night" (Adam), and "O Come, All Ye Faithful, an eighteenth century melody. "O Holy Night" will be a solo by Cpl. Sam Clay.

In anticipation of Epiphany, the chorus will conclude the first section of the program by singing "We Three Kings" (John H. Hopkins Jr.)

Moving on to songs of a secular nature, the "Missilemen" will present "The Winter Song" (Bullard), "Willie Take Your Drum," a Burgundian carol, "Deck The Halls",

Party for Children Slated on Dec. 21

On Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. at the Post Theatre, a Christmas party will be held for the dependent children of military personnel assigned to Redstone Arsenal.

Cartoons will be shown for about an hour. Following the animated cartoons, Santa Claus will arrive and hand out pre-Christmas gifts.

About 250 children, under the age of nine, are expected to attend.

DINNER SET FOR SQUAD

The Redstone Rockets will be honored at a football banquet at

an old Welsh air, and Irving Berlin's "White Christmas."

For the last part of the program, the "Missilemen" will return to songs of a sacred nature. Scheduled are: "Lo, How a Rose Is Blooming" (Praetorius), "Gesu, Bambino" (Yon), solo by Lt. James D. Whitener, "Beautiful Saviour", a Silesian folk song, and "The 12 Days of Christmas," an old English carol.

the NCO Open Mess on Wednesday, Dec. 15.

A T-bone steak dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m., and the speaker will be Milton Frank of Rose Jewelry in Huntsville. Mr. Frank was a guard on one of General Neyland's Tennessee teams, and is a supporter and former coach of the Huntsville High School squad.

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FABRICATION LABORATORY
BY CAROLYN E. NOLTE

Well, Christmas is drawing near and everyone in Fab Lab is making plans for it. Some are staying—some are going—and here's part of the lowdown.

Lt. and Mrs. (Red and Doris) Dixon are planning to travel to Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio over Christmas. They will visit relatives.

Larkin Davis and wife are planning to visit kinfolks in Laurel, Miss., over the holidays.

Pat Gerard plans to spend the Christmas holidays with family and almost family (fiance's) in

Chicago.

Amiel Lewallen and wife are planning to visit her relatives in Mobile.

Max Siebigteroth and Una are unofficially planning a trip to Mobile over Christmas.

Al Perkins is going to take a week after Christmas to baby sit.

Hugh Smith is having open house the latter part of this month. He and his family are spending Christmas with friends in Memphis.

Tom Wade is going to play Santa Claus to three eager kiddies in far off Arabia.

Lucile Ezell expects a wonderful Christmas present as her son, James B. Ezell, Jr., and family will be home. Mr. Ezell is stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Jean Bratton plans to go to Atlanta Christmas shopping. Our pretty "Lady" will spend Christmas in Nashville.

Freida Rice will visit her home in Phil Campbell over Christmas. Wonder if she'll come back with a new hair cut this time?

Henry Kennon and wife will visit with his wife's sister, brother-in-law and nephew over Christmas.

Traveling man Mattern and wife are going to Detroit over Christmas to see their new grandson for the first time.

Mr. Skeen (Flint somebody commented) is going to Lily Flagg so he can spend some time at that fabulous Plaza Motel Mr. Smith talked about.

What a few of the Fab Lab employees want for Christmas:

Compiled in conjunction with John Rist.

John Brown — A new red bow tie.

Lucile Ezell—John Rist to quit smoking cigars.

John Rist—Andres to get his new Ford.

Mr. Mounts—No rheumatism.

Mr. Sapp—Some hair, or a towel to comb what he's got.

Dave James—His new boy to forget how to cry.

A. D. Hargrove—Just 20 small squirrels.

Bob Carmody—Triplets to keep his twins quiet.

Doris Dixon—A redder Buick convertible (if such a thing is possible).

Ann Fite—A new Ford.

Steve Little—His coondog Belle to get hep.

Mr. Franklin—Ten boxes of El-Stinko cigars.

Gene Davis—To quit dreaming about sheet metal.

Max Siebigteroth—Peaceful co-existence with other labs.

Dick Taylor—Santa to lay his carpets for him.

Rod Chamberlain—A coondog like Little's.

Freida Rice—A MAN.

Art Rautiola—For his little boy to get that cast off his arm.

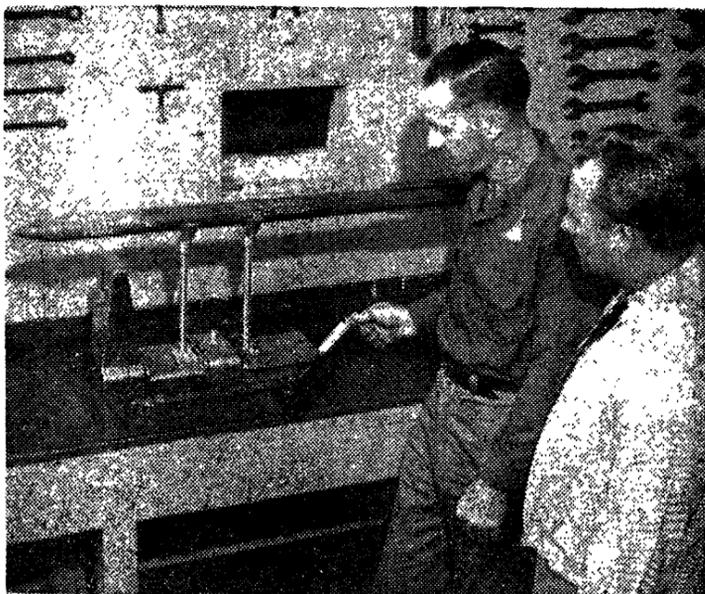
Carolyn Nolte—A bigger Cadillac.

Andy Andres—A new Crown Victoria (pink and white, no less).

Mr. Kyers—His whole family home for Christmas.

Joy Booth—Nothing (she just got married).

Mattern—Another trip to De-



WINS AWARD—Odiss Ellett (left), Internal Ballistics Section, T&E, was awarded \$40 for the modification of a scale to speed up means of obtaining weight information for research problems. Watching the scale in use is Willim P. Lloyd, Chief of the Internal Ballistics Section.

the Yarbrough Hotel. Don't want anybody to miss the big Civilian Welfare Dance on Christmas Eve at the VFW Club. I got to hear Buzz Rayne's orchestra at the last dance and they really play "danceable" music. Incidentally—I was right—Johnny Argo really can beat those drums.

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troit. Charlie Hoffman — Decatur to win just one ball game.
Jean Bratton — The same as Freida Rice.
Mr. Maus — Everyone in Fab Lab to have a Merry Christmas.
Congratulations
A long standing bachelor has now hit the dust—er—I mean is now married. J. B. Murley was married over the weekend.
The Dave James family has a new addition. Steven Alexander James introduced himself into the world at 11:44 a.m., Dec. 3. Stevie weighed 7 lbs., 4 1/2 ounces at birth.
(Buick-Man) Mattern became a grandpa (again) on November 29. The new boy weighed 9 lbs., 9 1/2 ounces, and was named Robert Owen Kelly, Jr.
Welcome
Happy to see a new face. Charles Lannon and family have come to Redstone from Ft. Belvoir, Va., where he worked in Research and Development. Charles is working in Tool Engineering Section.
Fish, Deer and Rabbit Tales
J. V. Brown went to Mud Creek—he told us the best crapple stories we've ever heard. He really caught 'em.
Sgt. Gene Polk bagged three rabbits. What I'm wondering is who's going to cook them.
Johnny George went to Bankhead Forest hunting deer. He's going again this weekend.
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TROOP COMMAND CHATTER

BY LT. C. N. HESSELBERG

Troop Command is back in the news, so look for this illustrious, cleverly written column to appear regularly in The Rocket. Co-authors will be Lt. A. R. Burks and myself, with assists from the Detachment reporters.

The 9330th Consolidated Mess Thanksgiving dinner was a big success, with everyone praising the fine cuisine. Special praise

was in order for the turkey dish—I have never tasted better, and share that opinion with many others, beyond a doubt.

Lt. and Mrs. A. R. Burks are now the proud tenants of a Wherry single-type housing unit and are understandably happy about the whole thing. Lt. Burks' main complaint is the disappearance of a blue suede shoe from his back porch recently. Seems as if some playful pooch dragged it away and neglected to return it. Anyone seeing a dog wearing a blue suede shoe is requested to notify Lt. Burks immediately. Not that he needs the shoe, he just doesn't want the dog to get athletes foot.

Troop Command's 1954 Christmas display is in the final stage of production, and will soon be on exhibition in the Troop Command area. All praise for the fine display is directed to M/Sgt Wright of Detachment "A", 9330 TU. M/Sgt. Wright has devoted all of his time to the display and certainly has done a great job as artist, carpenter, engineer, and what not.

DETACHMENT "B"
By Bill Culver

I promised y'all some more information on our detachment basketball team and after many hours of trying to catch up with Coach Chuck Fink, I finally cornered him after a practice session one night. He sure is a hard man to run down. If he isn't at Mims Court or the Armory, he is sure to be somewhere in between. Come on, now Freddie, give the guy a little leeway; you haven't quite got the ball and chain on him yet! (Just kidding of course.)

Oh yes, the basketball team. Chuck tells me that he has quite an impressive looking group of men out this year and plans on winning the Post Championship; all other units beware. The men are shaping up very fast and practicing hard to get in shape for the first game to be played early in December. Chuck has quite a variety of plays worked out, but he wants to keep them classified for the time being and swore me to secrecy before I could even



RECEIVES AWARD — Dr. Hal Ritchey, technical director of the Redstone Division of Thiokol Corporation, received the C. N. Hickman Award for contribution to solid propellant rocket advancement. Presentation of the award was made in New York at the American Rocket Society's ninth annual honors dinner.

look over his "All Stars." I did find out that they are tentatively planning a zone defense though, and this was as expected because these old men of Det. "B" just couldn't stand up under a full court man-to-man press and expect to finish the game. Just talked to Coach Fink and he informs me that the team is in desperate need of a qualified time keeper; any of you men that would care for this position please contact Chuck at 3491 or in the Detachment area.

Following is the present list of men out for the team: Bezotte, Collins, Duva, Fink, Gantman, Gleim, Glorfield, Hardy, Lt. Lindsey, McKerman, Noyes, Payne, Peterson, Priem and Tidd. That all important position of scorekeeper is being very aptly filled by that great RSA Photographer, Charlie Rupp. One word to you, Charlie. A good scorekeeper always sees to it that his team wins; so let's see what you can do about the situation.

The tentative starting lineup for the first game is the following: At center ringer is "Ace" Collins, at the two forward slots will be "Big" Al Payne and "Deadeye" Dick Peterson, at the workhorse spots of guard will be Evanston "Flash" Tom Noyes and "Gunner" Sy Gantman. Both Gantman and Collins saw considerable action last year with the Post team and much is expected from these two key men. We will all be watching you, men, so don't let us down. Let's all get out and support our team!

While on the subject of basketball, it should be mentioned that our detachment is well represented from the standpoint of officials

also. Sfc. Glendening is in charge of this group of assistants: Sgt. Polk, Sgt. Kuhn and Pfc. Blesch. All of these men are well qualified and are at present working very hard to obtain officials' licenses for the state of Alabama. Good luck to you men. All we can ask is that you call them as you see them, but don't look too hard. As of late the qualifications of Blesch might be a little questionable. From the looks of that left hand door on his car his eye-sight must have failed slightly! Just kidding, Howard. We all know the story of that messed up door.

Flash! Flash! Congratulations to the eleven new men that fought their way up through the ranks and made Corporal this month. Our best wishes go to the following new E-4's: Accashian, Andrews, Feranchak, Fink, Glorfield, Hangen, Klebacher, Kofford, Payne, Price and Wolfe.

We also want to congratulate Arthur Murray and his new bride who have just returned from a honeymoon in Bermuda. Art says the trip was fine, but they had a lot of rain while down there, which made it necessary to spend a considerable amount of time inside in their rooms. This is bad for newly weds.

Mr. Alloway, Mr. Hanson, and Mr. Solsberg are no longer with us. They all went to their respec-

tive homes after their discharge. Good luck, men in you new civilian roles, and don't work too hard. Solsberg received an early release to complete his school work for a Master's Degree in Business Administration. He plans to join his father's business upon completion of school.

Oh yes, I almost forgot that outstanding new Pfc. John W. Ferris wanted to be sure his name appeared in print. So here it is, John, and congratulations on that new stripe. I notice you wear it proudly just as you rightly should. Sgt. James Bowers has just joined our detachment and we all want to welcome him to our unit and hope he enjoys his stay here with us.

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BY VERA SMITH

Mrs. Marguerite Linn has been a secretary in government services for 20 years.

Born and reared in Tusculumbia, Ala., she attended elementary and high school there, but chose to obtain her business education at the Bowling Green Business University in Bowling Green, Ky.

Mrs. Linn began her career with the government in 1934. Her first secretarial position was with TVA at Wilson Dam, where she was secretary to the head accountant.

She has worked in Georgia,

Tennessee, Texas, California, as well as Alabama.

When the Ordnance Guided Missile School was organized in March, 1952, Mrs. Linn was chosen to fill the position of secretary to Daniel Fisher, Administrative Officer in the Doctrine & Policy Office, which was the first functioning administrative office of OGMS. Since her arrival, the name of the office has been changed many times and she has had four different bosses.

Her desk, the place, and the chair are the same, but the name of the office now is the Office of Programming and her boss is Mike Deegan, who is very happy to have a secretary with so much experience and who is so efficient.

When asked which of her jobs she found most interesting, Mrs. Linn stated that she was once secretary to two women doctors. It was while she was with the Public Health Service Laboratory in Atlanta. They were bacteriologists and performed research work with streptococcus and other disease-producing bacteria. It was the duty of these bacteriologists to determine the cause and cures of various diseases, and it was Mrs. Linn's duty to take and transcribe conferences, lectures, and correspondence concerning these findings. Such words as icterohemorrhagiae, leptospira canicola and brucellosis were frequently used, and she soon found that a good medical dictionary was necessary if she was ever to learn the correct spelling and pronunciation of these words.

She enjoyed working for the doctors almost as much as she enjoys her present job, she says, because it was so different from some of the regular, routine secretarial positions she had held.

Her present secretarial position in the Office of Programming, OGMS, is also a very differ-

ent, but interesting job.

The Office of Programming coordinates, prepares and maintains the school MCA Construction Program, Mobilization Plan and Mobilization Designee Table of Distribution. It is responsible for planning school organization in consonance with its training mission. The school's operating budget, fiscal records and operating funds are maintained by this office, which prepares and maintains the organizational staff manual, functional responsibilities and coordinates preparation of school standing operating procedures. They are responsible to the Commandant for the implementation of the Ordnance Management Improvement Program. In general, this office performs for OGMS the same functions performed by the Comptroller's Office for Redstone Arsenal.

Mrs. Linn receives and screens all mail for the office and takes care of files, travel vouchers, standing operating procedures, and forms. She is responsible for reviewing all policies, reports, and procedures for accuracy and conformance to format, etc., before finalization. All this is in addition to the routine work such as, answering the phone, taking and transcribing letters, conferences and the like.

All new employees are orientated by her before being assigned to their respective positions in this office.

Mrs. Linn spends her spare time making things from black walnut and cherry. She enjoys working with these woods because they take such a high luster. She has made an 18th century card table which is 52" square. It is hinged in the center in such a manner that it can be used as a console, with one side leaned upright against the wall or as a table for eating, playing cards, etc. In addition to making tables, she has made footstools covered with tapestry, chairs, and various other pieces of furniture.

She first became interested in woodworking when she lived in Chattanooga. Here she attended a vocational school at night and learned to operate the lathes, jointer, planer, saws, chisels, augers, etc. She has continued her courses at night schools and studied woodworking in other cities.

Since moving to Huntsville, she has been unable to locate a vocational school offering this course, and has had to give up her hobby to a certain extent. She brought a few of the smaller tools with

PHOTOGRAPHY IS JUDGED

In the recent photography contest at the Service Club, winners were picked by O. B. Schlotterbeck of the OML Photo Lab and E. D. Burwell, Universal Photo Shop, Huntsville.

In the black and white class Cpl. Gilbert Edelstein's "High Tide" took first place. "Portugese Fishermen" by Pfc. Lloyd Rosenbrock was given second honors and "Dusk", the work of Cpl. Charles H. Rupp took third place in this class.

Cpl. Marvin I. Baker took top honors with "The Sentinel" color slide, a photo of his cat watching over his baby. Second place went to Cpl. Marvin I. Baker with his shot called "Dynamo Room," and Cpl. Gilbert Edelstein placed third with his slide which he called "King Cotton."

her and makes small objects, but she doesn't have room enough at present in her home on McClung Street for all her personal equipment.

Mrs. Linn hasn't given up hope, however, and since she plans to stay in Huntsville for quite some time yet, she feels that sometime in the near future she will have a place to enjoy her hobby.

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This is being put into effect in order to allow as many as possible of the men eligible for leave to spend Christmas, New Year's or both at home.

However, minimum operational requirements will still be met for everyone remaining at the installation over the holidays.

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FINAL COUNT IS IN—Col. J. D. Childs (second from left) presented the arsenal contribution for the Muscular Dystrophy Drive to William Mitchell, president of the Madison County Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America. The arsenal contribution was \$3,119.94. Altogether, in the county, \$5,089.77 was collected. Co-chairmen at the arsenal were Maj. Arthur Pinkham (far left) and Fire Chief Pat Pruitt, (far right). Mr. Mitchell asked that his personal thanks be extended to every employe at Redstone for their part in making this drive a success. Last year the drive netted approximately \$3,000. Mitchell said that two other contributions, the proceeds from the Albertville Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post square dance on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, and the collections by arsenal firemen at Farley and in town helped immeasurably in making the drive so very successful.

MP HI-LITES

BY PFC. JOHN WOLFF

Hello Cottonpickers . . .

Once again from this institute of fevered minds and low intellects comes the MP Low-Lifes. A new pen name has (temporarily?) taken over the writing of this column. With the impending departure of our great company machine, Cpl. (Tiny Tonto) Hector, the job of writing this column fell to his replacement Pfc. Byron (Coffee-Time) Starr who with the help of M/Sgt. Alvis (the Hangman) our First Sleeve, pushed it off on me. So if the thing is unusually dull, blame it on Hector, whose early discharge is responsible for the whole thing.

Two new arrivals deserve a welcome to the 803rd. Sgt. Tooney Poole comes to us from the Panama Canal Zone and Pfc James B. Gates from Ft. Bliss, Texas. I wonder how we managed to obtain a Pfc. . . . Happy Gate 9 men.

Besides the first frost, November brought back to the fold Pvt. (last class) Glenn D. Allen. Pvt. Allen returned from an extended TDY at Ft. McClellan. He contends that his work was of a highly secret nature. So secret in fact that he isn't sure what he was doing there himself. A direct quote was impossible to obtain. His only comment was, "I ain't talking till I see the defense consul."

It finally got cold enough to draw the heaterless jeeps for motor patrols. It is rumored that the sergeants in the company are now pleading for gate duty. What did General Sherman say?

Item for the military personnel at Ft. Campbell, Ky. . . . Wives and girl friends should be kept

under lock and key or at least carefully guarded; for enroute to the 11th Airborne is Cpl. James (Budweiser) Whittle, notorious member of Huntsville's "overall" gang. Interviewed at the Legion "Hut" at his farewell party last week, James rather violently belittled, "Kentucky females don't stand a chance, the Whittle charm is fatal." His departure was kept silent to avoid the certain flood of frustrated femmes that would engulf the Huntsville bus station for a fleeting glance at their hero. Mystery of the week . . . What is the strange malady afflicting Cpl. Virgil (Blackbook) Pickett? A loud "Heh Pickett" will cause the young soldier to leap into the air.

The coming of a chilly December brought two corporals to their ETS date. Cpls. Dugan and Wierichs followed close on the newly acquired civilian heels of "Needles" Lance and "Lonesome" Evans, who left the 803rd quadrangle and the Redstone campus in November. Good luck to you graduates as you go forth into a world of unshined shoes and no brass . . . A sidelight on this commencement . . . Cpl. (Where's the fire buddy) Wierichs protested that he wouldn't leave without

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his motorcycle. Only a solemn vow from Capt. Sweat that old "116" would be looked after was enough to put him on the north-bound train . . . Still, tears were in his eyes when he dropped her kickstand for the last time. Congratulations to the 803rd basketball team on winning their first game from the Post Officers last Wednesday night.

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Not much news from Plants Area 1 this past week. All is calm and serene for a change on the GMDD Front. Can't imagine why except for the fact that M'Sgt. Love is attending Supervisory School and/or the Civilian Dance was too much for a few, i.e., Bob Welch, Shirley Stacey, Wilma Kmetco, Melba Hall, Bob Lindstrom, Bob Pettey, Jim Henderson, Wanda Reid and Sam Houston, natch. Also Jerry Lawhead and Paul Langfeldt from North American were in attendance.

Hugh Hunter plays a mean sax in Buzz Rayne's orchestra.

Tech Planning is most happy to welcome Jerry Underwood from Material and Equipment.

New addition to the Pvt. Watson family, an 8 lb., 15 oz. boy. What happened to the candy and cigars, Watson?

We notice that Sgt. Grant is wearing a gold band on his left hand. If anyone knows who the lucky girl is why not clue us in. What gives, Grant?

Glad to see Betty Barber back after a visit from the stork.

Never a week that we don't have a newcomer. This time he is Pvt. Arthur Arauza. He is proof enough that everything in Texas isn't big. Glad to have you among us, Arthur.

We need a work order to have rollers installed on the desks in operations office. Everyone played fruit basket turn over again; so if you are looking for someone, it might help to remember, "If You Don't Know, Ask."

There is so much yet to be done prior to the night before Christmas. We are all rushed for time, not to mention money. There is much discussion about Christmas parties which we will be able to report on by next week.

GUIDANCE & CONTROL LAB

Guidance Design Section

by Cpl. S. Wasserman

After reading the Rocket for many, many moons and learning of the many fine people who work about us, we of the Guidance Design Section feel that it is about time you all get to know more about we all. We hope this piece will begin a long series of articles in which every one will get to know us as well as they know their brothers and sisters.

If we are to start tossing bouquets we can only begin with our own Carl H. Mudd, Sr. It is due to his strenuous efforts that the Guidance Design Section had their hottest Christmas Party on record. Carl had seen to it that we had to fight our way through great mountains of turkey and fixins to get to the refreshments. Discretion dictates that we omit the names of those who were "flooded by it all". By the way Carl, isn't it too soon to start collecting money for next year's Christmas party?

On a more sober note, we would like to welcome to our fold Janelda Milam, whose warm heartedness is only exceeded by her be-yooty. Incidentally, the morale of the G. I.'s in this section has risen sharply of late. Can't understand it.

To two of Uncle Sam's fighters "Slippery Sam" Wasserman and "Slim" Petersen, the ladder to Master Sgt. has been advanced another rung. We are pleased to announce that the Corporals are not letting this new power go to their heads . . . What's corporal? Gee, must be salute every time

you go by!

Under the title of "Going down the drain", we wish to announce that Cpl. Norm "Buddy" Crohn has gone back to Dallas, Texas, that is, to receive the hand of "Fair Ellyn." The newly-weds will reside in Huntsville.

With this happy note, we say so long for now. But Corporal, must I G.I. the floor again? Oh, Nuts!

CONTROL & ANALOG COMPUTATION SECTION
By Jeanne Smith

The Gambill family and Fritz toured Tennessee over the Thanksgiving holidays. We can't

imagine why unless Fritz ate too much turkey.

Wiley Johnson spent Thanksgiving holidays with relatives in Mississippi. Dottie Floyd visited her parents in Indianapolis and had a happy Thanksgiving. Fred Digesu took a trip to Birmingham recently to cheer for Auburn as the War Eagle flew over Alabama. We have another employe who spent the holidays in Tampa, Fla. None other than Terry Deaton.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lyndon Robinson on the arrival of a baby boy born Dec. 2. Weight 7½ pounds. He has been named Lyndon Keith.

Safe Driving Day

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hicles on the streets and high ways the traffic death rate in 1953 was 7.1 for every 100 million miles of vehicle travel. But the President's Materials Policy Commission estimates there will be 85 million vehicles operating by 1975. So, in order just to hold our own—to keep fatalities to 38,300 per year—with that many cars, trucks and buses on the road we shall have to cut the mileage death rate from 7.1 to 4.5 This can be done, as some state have proved. Rhode Island had a mileage death rate of 2.8 last year, Connecticut 3.6, and Massachusetts 4.

If the Rhode Island rate had been equaled nationally, only 14,000 would have died, instead of 38,300.

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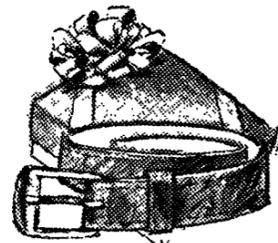
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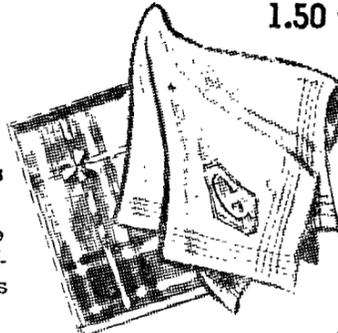


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