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300 YOUNGSTERS COME TO RANGES

Firings Are Part Of Youth Program

One hundred youngsters visited Redstone Arsenal yesterday, and some 200 more are expected here today and tomorrow as part of "Operation See-It-Yourself."

The main event of this phase of the arsenal youth program is a demonstration of firings of .22 rifles on the ranges on the east side of Weeden Mountain.

Following the demonstrations, the boys themselves will be given a chance to practice on the ranges. Safety will be the keynote of the program, which emphasizes the value of learning proper methods of handling guns under qualified supervision.

The youngsters that were here yesterday were selected from Huntsville church groups. Today and tomorrow, participants will be Boy Scouts.

Chief Warrant Officer Leon Bullard has charge of all three groups while they are at the firing ranges.

Arrangements included picking the boys up in town at the Curb Market and returning them at noon to the Curb Market on all three days.

The youth program got off to a start last month when some 100 youngsters toured the arsenal on a Sunday and ate in an Army mess hall as guests of soldiers of 9330 TU.

Tentative plans of the steering committee for the youth program include tours of science classes through certain laboratories and facilities at Redstone, observations of unclassified OML test firings, and showings of training films.

Macon Weaver, Sertoma Club, is chairman of the program's steering committee.

Capt. H. P. Shoenman, Troop Command, and Maj. Raymond Hansotte, OGMS, are the arsenal representatives.

Other committee members are Mayor R. B. Searcy, Dr. J. S. Burbage, the Rev. George Hart, the Rev. James Krahenbill, Russel Barber, Jack Wherry, Mrs. D. J. Butterbaugh, Homer Crim, C. C. Ratliff and David Kelly.

'NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS' SKIT GIVEN AT ANNUAL WIVES CLUB TEA

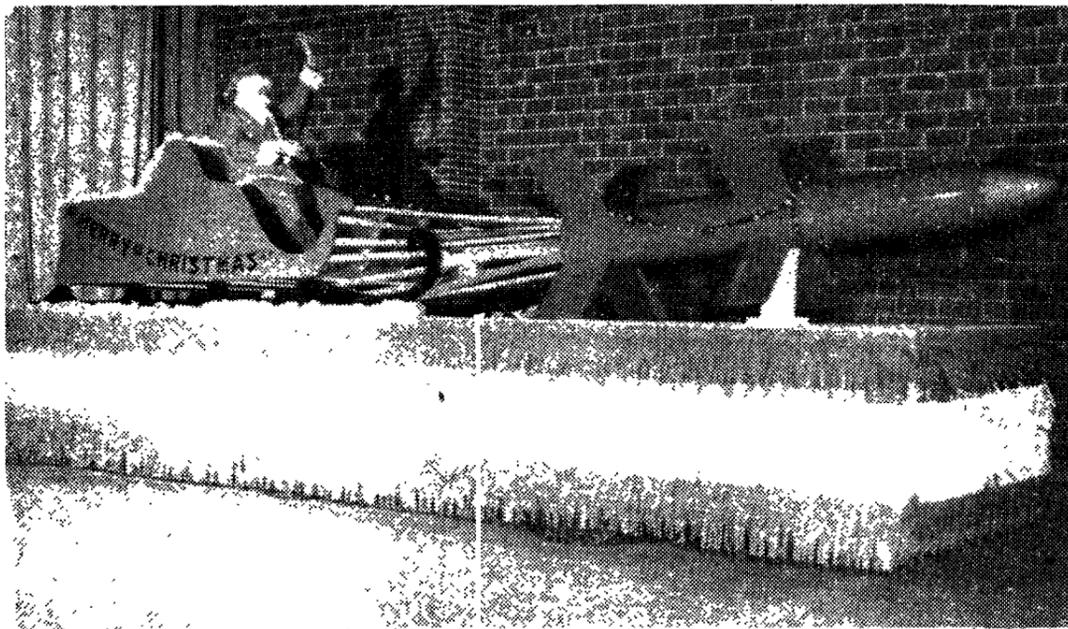
The annual Christmas tea for the Redstone Arsenal Officers Wives Club was held last Tuesday afternoon at the Officers Open Mess.

The officers wives of the Ordnance Guided Missile School were in charge of the entertainment for the afternoon. The Missilemen opened the program with a group of Christmas carols.

Following was a skit, "The Night Before Christmas at OGMS," written by Mrs. Thomas C. Cooper, Jr. On the night before Christmas OGMS was faced with last minute orders to provide Santa with something ultramodern in the way of transportation. After exhausting Redstone's resources, they finally had Santa charge across the stage in a sleigh drawn by four stalwart missilemen to whom he shouted, "On Barthle, on Maxa, on Snooks, and McBride."

Narrator for the skit was Mrs. William A. Lynch. Members of the cast who presented the action in pantomime included Mrs. John K. Munson, Mrs. William H. Lentz, Mrs. John Q. Atcheley, Mrs. Raymond F. Kubiszewski, Mrs. Fiorenzo D. Losco, Mrs. Raymond W. Elder and Mrs. Milton E. Young.

Decorations on the tea table in-



SANTA IS ROCKET-POWERED—St. Nick, going modern, decided to substitute a speedy rocket for his trusty eight during a quick trip to Redstone Arsenal. He's here for several command performances, including distributing presents this afternoon at the Christmas party for the children of Redstone military personnel. (Photo by Gil Edelstein)

Christmas Greetings To Arsenal Workers

General Toftoy, arsenal commander, extended his best wishes to the personnel of Redstone in the following Christmas message:

"It is a genuine pleasure for me to wish everyone here at Redstone Arsenal and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"We have all been through a lot together since the days when I first came to Redstone and I attribute the progress that has been made to the efforts of the loyal men and women who work here.

"It is the spirit of cooperation among the people of all the arsenal segments that has contributed so much to the measure of success we have achieved together. I cherish my association with all of you splendid men and women who have put your efforts into making our mission successful and I sincerely wish to you much more happiness and well-being for the future.

"Again, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all."

FIRST OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS IN AMERICA WAS 426 YEARS AGO

NEW YORK (AFPS)—The observance of the Feast of Christmas in what is now the United States dates back 426 years.

Christmas Day was first celebrated in 1528 somewhere in Florida by the five Franciscan missionaries who arrived there that year bringing with them the ideals and feasts of Christianity. Several years later, more missionaries sprang up in the Southwest and in California colonies of Spain.

In the English colonies along the Atlantic Coast, the first recorded Christmas was celebrated in 1607 by the British settlers at Jamestown, Va. The leader of the colonists, Capt. John Smith, had this to say:

"The extreame winde, rayne, frost and snow caused up to keep Christmas among the savages where we were never more merry, nor fed on more plenty of good oysters, fish, flesh wildfowl and good bread."

For the Pilgrims further up the coast, where the wind was really extreme, Christmas Day was another day of hard work and struggle against the elements. As late as 1659, although Christmas was regarded as a solemn feast there a man taking the day off from his labor was liable to a fine of

five shillings.

One of the most memorable Christmas nights in American history was that of 1776 during the War of Independence. That was the evening that the American forces under George Washington made their crossing of the Delaware River.

During the passing years, celebrations of the yule season changed considerably.

Santa Claus wasn't always the fat jolly-looking old man that he is now. The original European version of St. Nicholas was a tall, thin angular man on an equally spare horse. The early English settlers in the American colonies gave him a "new look" when they adopted the Dutch version of "Saint Nickolaus," whose name was later contracted to "Santa Claus."

In 1809, Washington Irving, in his "Knickerbocker's History of New York," wrote of "Saint Nick" as the guardian Saint of New York City, and described him as a jolly old fellow with a broad-brimmed hat and huge breeches. His Saint Nick smoked a long pipe, and had a trim wagon for his gifts.

Years later, in 1882, Clement (Continued on Back Page)

YULE CHARITIES ARE GIVEN HELP

Arsenal Units Adopt Families

In addition to the individuals at Redstone Arsenal who have adopted families for the holidays, several divisions have contacted the Huntsville Christmas Charities Services to offer assistance.

Mission Planning and Coordination Office adopted a family with four children and will deliver toys, groceries and clothing during Christmas week.

In the Technical and Engineering Division six families have been taken over for the Christmas season. This includes 41 children and one set of grandparents. One family has nine children, two others eight each and two families have six children. The smallest group is a family of four children. Also, one of the families with eight has a special surprise. A sewing machine will be included among the gifts that will go to them this Christmas.

The 803rd Military Police Company has chosen four families with an average of three or four children in them. The MPs will also make deliveries from their white jeeps and will be accompanied by Santa Claus when they make their deliveries. They've agreed to furnish transportation for any other arsenal segments that have adopted families and have no means of delivering their gifts. They also offered to deliver on Christmas morning if necessary.

Among the men of Detachment B, 9330th TU, two families have been adopted for Christmas.

The National Procurement Division took over four families, one with five children, another with nine and a third with six. The fourth family consists of a crippled grandmother who is raising an orphan.

There are many such cases on the Christmas Charities Service roll. One man worked at Redstone Arsenal but was forced to undergo a major operation and quit his job. In the meantime, his mother-in-law who lived with him became ill and his wife had to quit her job in order to take care of the two of them. Meanwhile, two teenage children have to be fed and clothed. Eventually, they would be taken over by the Department of Welfare, but the paperwork takes time.

In the meantime, some of the other divisions that adopted families include the Signal Division which is providing food, clothing and toys for two families, one with four children and another with three.

The Rockettes Socialites, a charitable and social organization of servicemen's wives, also adopted a family for Christmas and will hold a Christmas shower for the purpose of getting food, clothing and toys together for the family of their choice. They will meet at (Continued on Back Page)

COUNCIL SLATES DANCE

The Civilian Welfare Council will sponsor a Christmas dance on Friday night, Dec. 24, from 8:30 until midnight at the VFW Club on Dallas Avenue.

The dance will be free for arsenal employees who may bring one guest each. Arsenal identification badges will be used for admittance.

"Buzz Raynes and his Society Band" will play.

The first free dance that the Welfare Council has sponsored this year, it will end the council's current dance program which has been under way for the past three months.



REINDEER—ENLISTED STYLE—Several enlisted men were "drafted" into the Reindeer Corps when absent-minded Santa ran out of rocket fuel just before his appearance at the annual Officers Wives Club Christmas tea. (Photo by Jake Gurley)

Merry Christmas

The Redstone Rocket

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THE OXEN

(The idea that farm animals kneeled in their stalls on Christmas Eve to commemorate their parts in the manger scene was once widely accepted as a fact in rural England.)

Christmas Eve, and twelve of the clock,
"Now they are all on their knees,"
An elder said as we sat in a flock
By the embers in hearthside ease.

We pictured the meek mild creatures where
They dwell in their strawy pen,
Nor did it occur to one of us there
To doubt they were kneeling then.

So fair a fancy few would weave
In these years! Yet, I feel,
If someone said on Christmas Eve,
"Come, see the oxen kneel

"In the lonely barton by yonder coomb
Our childhood used to know,"
I should go with him in the gloom,
Hoping it might be so.

Thomas Hardy (1840-1928)

THE POST LIBRARY

BY ANNA L. FARRAR
Librarian

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William Sloane, "To Walk the Night."

Thomas Thompson, "They Brought Their Guns."

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Frank Yerby, "Benton's Row."

Marguerite Yourcenar, "Memoirs of Hadrian."

GREETINGS FROM OGMS

Colonel Snooks, commandant of the Ordnance Guided Missile School, sent Christmas greetings in the following note:

"In behalf of all personnel of the Ordnance Guided Missile School, I wish to express our sincere appreciation to all for your cooperation and assistance during the year of 1954. Our best wishes for a happy holiday season and a fruitful and prosperous new year."



APPS:IMP

FROM THE ORIENT—Kathryn Grandstaff still uses a knife and fork instead of chopsticks, but, otherwise, the lure of the Orient has proved well-nigh irresistible to the Texas beauty. Her Chinese-style pajamas are strictly authentic if a bit on the skimpy side. Does the tired yawn mean that the Japanese Sandman is close at hand?

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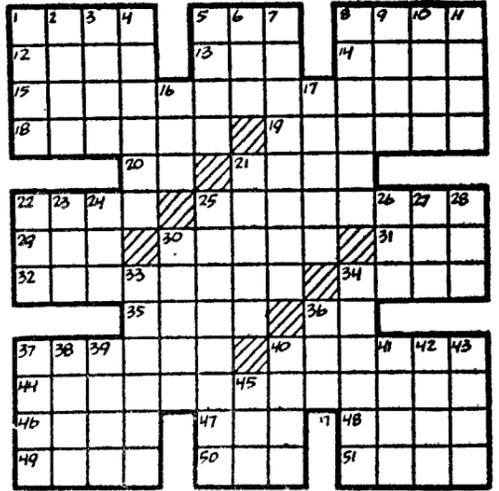
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PROMOTED—Lt. Col. Edward Detchemendy received his silver leaves in place of the gold leaves of a major during a brief ceremony in the office of his chief, Col. Merlin DeGuire, last week.

Lt. Col. Detchemendy came to Redstone from the Chief of Ordnance's office where he was assigned as a project officer on the Corporal missile. He's been working in the National Procurement Division here since August, 1953 as an assistant to the chief.

The colonel is a mechanical engineer with a bachelor of science degree from the University of Missouri and has been in the Army since he graduated in 1940. During his fourteen years of service he has served overseas three times, first in Newfoundland in 1941, later in China where he stayed for two years, and then in Augsburg, Germany for several months. Among his decorations is the Bronze Star Medal.

MDAA Head Thanks Arsenal Personnel

Redstone Arsenal and contractor personnel answered the call for help from the Muscular Dystrophy Association by contributing over \$3,000. Major A. G. Pinkham was chairman and Fire Chief Pat Pruitt was co-chairman for this successful drive.

The individuals suffering from this mysterious disease and the parents and friends of these victims all appreciate these gifts as the letter below from Mr. William Mitchell, GMDD, shows.

"Dear General Toftoy:
"As the parent of a six year old boy who has muscular dystrophy, and as the president of the Madison County Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America, Inc., I would like to thank all of the Redstone Arsenal employes for a wonderful arsenal-wide effort. Thru the efforts of the arsenal fire department, the Public Information Office and the many solicitors in the military, civilian, and contractor personnel on this installation, over \$3,000 was raised in the recent Muscular Dystrophy Drive.

"Four short years ago muscular dystrophy victims had no where to turn, no cure, no hope. Since the formation of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, sixty-four research projects have been started, a patient service program has been initiated, and the public has

Meeting Scheduled For Credit Union

The Board of Directors of the Redstone Arsenal Credit Union met on December 13 in the Rohm and Haas conference room to hear the report of the nominating committee.

The nominating committee has suggested the names of several for reelection including Mrs. Ophelia Mitcham, Lawrence Craig Gregory Mashkoff, and Mike Fos-

been made aware of the symptoms and the ravages of this mysteriouscrippler that has 200,000 victims, most of them children, under the death sentence. While no cure is yet known, hope has been given to the hopeless. Medical science will find a way with the money raised in the nationwide drives.

"The efforts of all the willing volunteers on the arsenal, working on very short notice, have not been in vain as proven by the surprising total of contributions, which makes up over half of the Madison County total. The final credit lies with the many thousands of workers here on the arsenal who heard the call for help and answered with their donations. You can be justifiably proud of the generosity of the Redstone personnel. I am proud to be one of them."

William Mitchell, GMDD

ally in the new color documentary motion picture, "This Is Your Army."

This unusual film, produced by Movietone News for the Army, is being released (in December, 1954) to theatres throughout the United States. It presents a comprehensive report on the Army—its soldiers, its leaders, its weapons—to the people of the United States and shows American taxpayers the military muscles their dollars are buying.

Movietone News cameramen visited more than 60 military installations in the United States and ten other countries to shoot film for the exciting 55-minute picture, which is being distributed as a public service on a non-profit basis by the Council of Motion Picture Organizations, Inc.

The Army's mighty new family of tanks and awesome new weapons—atomic cannon, supersonic guided missiles, and bombardment rockets—are shown in breathtaking action.

But even in the era of push but-

ter to fill their present positions on the board of directors.

The following were named for the supervisory committee, Audrey Childs, Lawrence Cooper and Gus Brown.

To fill the two vacancies on the credit committee, the nominating committee chose Wenborne Sisco, and Abner McNaron.

At the annual meeting on Jan. 17 scheduled for 5 p.m. on January 17, nominations will be taken from the floor.

soldiers with far more technical training than ever before required.

Problems encountered in producing the color film were monumental when compared to usual motion picture operations. Getting the full Army story on film involved efforts of thousands of Army personnel at installation around the world and required cooperation of many foreign governments. Few, if any, motion pictures ever made before required participation of so many people.

Camera crews labored in the snows of Alaska and the jungles of Panama, photographed U. S. soldiers in training in Japan and Germany, filmed reports of activities of our allies in Turkey, Greece and Italy; obtained detailed accounts of the activities of U. S. soldiers and Republic of Korea troops on the alert against renewed red aggression in Korea.

Among the students home for Christmas are Barbara Grabensteder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Grabensteder. She is studying at the University of Alabama. From Vanderbilt, Patricia Stutts is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stutts. Another University of Alabama student, Hartwell Lutz, will be in Huntsville with his parents during the holidays. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lutz.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Carroll are also home for the holidays and will divide their visits between her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Smith, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lavin Carroll.

that no disabling injuries have occurred during the month of November. This is the first month in which no disabling injuries have occurred since November, 1953.

There have also been no Army Motor Vehicle accidents reported during the past month. This is the fourth consecutive month with no such accidents.

The cumulative injury rate shows a decrease in all types of accidents this year (through November) compared with the same period in 1953.

There were 2.9 injuries per one million civilian man-hours in 1953 compared to 1.6 this year.

There were 10.3 injuries per 100,000 military man-days last year compared to 1.6 this year.

There were 10.3 injuries per 100,000 military man-days last year compared with 3.9 this year.

There were .5 vehicle accidents per 100,000 miles driven in 1953 compared to .2 this year.

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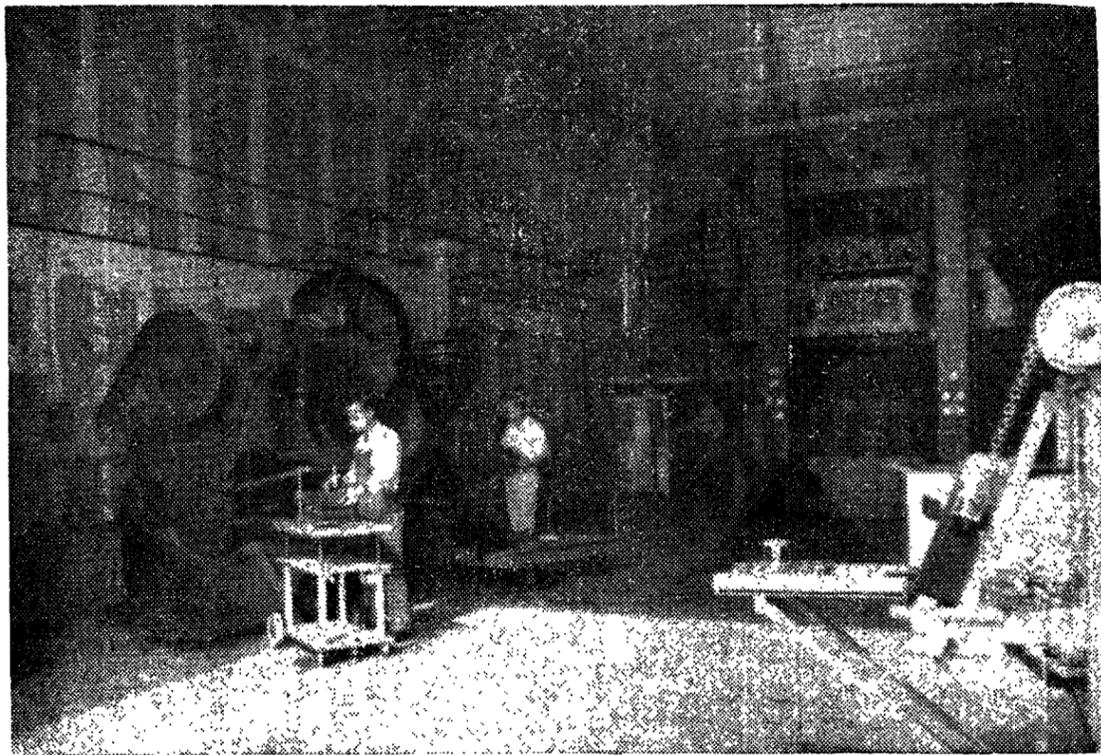
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'FAB LAB' AT WORK—Located in the heat treating and pressing section of the press department building is a large Lake Erie hydraulic press (right) capable of exerting up to 1,200 tons pressure. Two other presses and a small furnace are also pictured.

BY BILL WEST

Technical Information Section

There comes a point in the development of a missile when the complex ideas and equations evolved by engineers, mathematicians and other theoreticians must be translated into a physical reality. The Fabrication Laboratory of the Guided Missile Development Division, or the "Fab Lab" as it is known to its friends, is the section upon whose shoulders this problem falls.

The mission of the "Fab Lab" is "to establish and maintain the master plans and schedules, and to coordinate designing, manufacturing, and testing activities of the guided missile programs as assigned to Guided Missile Development Division." It also plans, prepares, provides the facilities for, fabricates and assembles the guided missiles and components for the assigned programs.

Most of the work in the manu-

facture of test missiles is done in the building housing the machine and metal forming department. The structure is the size of a large armory. Assembled here is an impressive array of punching, forming, welding and other machines, many of which were themselves made in the "Fab Lab's" facilities shop. In the center of the building is a specially air-conditioned precision machine shop, and a large area is devoted to the structural assembly section where parts of the missiles are put together.

The press department building across the street is given over completely to the heat treating and pressing of metal. Made of corugated metal, it was moved in parts from Fort Bliss and re-assembled here during the later months of 1951. A large Lake Erie double action hydraulic press weighing approximately 102

tons and capable of exerting 1200 tons, or 2,400,000 pounds of pressure is housed here. It would be capable, with some alteration, of pressing out the body of an automobile.

A brazing furnace, which joins metals by brazing them under controlled conditions, and a twelve by twenty-four foot car bottom furnace also share the building. The latter is so called because the material to be heated is placed on a car and pushed on tracks into the furnace. Other facilities include three additional furnaces, a lead-pot and a number of salt baths.

When the missile parts or sections have been completed, there is still another step they must go through before the final assembly. This is performed in the surface treatment laboratory, a small building with a wood slat floor and a sign above the door which reads "Danger . . . Poisonous Gases."

Metal surfaces are prepared for painting and assembly here by chemical and mechanical processes. Electroplating, anodizing, sand blasting, de-rusting and other related processes are performed. Large vats resembling oversize sunken bathtubs and filled with everything from complex chemical solutions to plain water cover most of the floor area.

When the major sub-assemblies of a missile have been completed and treated, they are carefully examined and moved to the main assembly building where the final stages of the "Fab Lab's" work are performed.

SERVICE CLUB ACTIVITIES

Miss Molly Patterson and Miss Betty Dunn served a buffet-style pizza supper at the Post Service Club last Saturday night with a record dance following the supper.

Tomorrow night will be the Christmas semi-formal dance at the club with Jack Murphy's orchestra to furnish music. Dancing will begin at 8 p.m.

On Dec. 28, Miss Dunn will bring her Glenn Miller album of 60 selections for the entertainment of anyone who wishes to listen to Glenn Miller playing such selections as "String of Pearls," "Fallen Leaves," and "Tuxedo Junction."

On the 29th there will again be a dance with the Junior hostesses on hand.

Eddie DiPolvere has changed his dance instruction from Tuesday to Thursday nights.

On Friday, the 24th, tape recordings will be made of recitations, instruments, and vocalizations. Miss Patterson suggested that anyone who wished to keep the recordings could bring their own tapes.

New equipment has been added to the supply on hand at the club. There are now cribbage boards and chess sets that can be checked out.

On Sundays, Coffee Call is at 9:30 a.m.

ADQUARTERS

Y JEANNE TYSON

Even those of us who are the most cynical have one weak spot here a little sentiment creeps through now and then. Christmas is a very common weak spot for many people.

Scrooges spend money freely, children are a little more lenient with their parents, girl friends think of giving (as well as receiving) and party-givers are induced to dilute their "pop" with a little milk and egg.

Thus do we show our feelings at Christmas.

Some things make very minor changes, though they too show the effects of the season. Bill West, for example, no longer is a mere party boy wearing the disguise of a pair of glasses and a studious expression. He now thinks seriously of more important things than plain, everyday parties, and turns his attention to Christmas and New Year's shindigs.

Kermit Day is probably thinking of his new job as he approaches the Yule season. Quite a nice Christmas gift it is too.

On the subject of Christmas—which somehow brings up the subject of gifts—which invariably leads to the subject of women, a little combination will bring forth a few cute little packages of femininity. Some good examples were Tweak Harvey ("The St. Louis Woman") and Sally Ann Culver, each of whom did an admirable job in "The Follies of '54."

On the masculine lineup, we found Paul Kelly, who spent part of his time lauding "black-strap

molasses and wheat-germ bread," and the rest mourning a great loss to humanity—his wife's first husband (only for the show of course!).

Vollie Riskin, who greatly resembles Leslie Caron, is another cute little surprise package we have in A-101, as is Ann ("Storybook Doll") Wallace, who is proof of the adage "Good Things Come in Little Packages."

Before we say Merry Christmas, here is a thought for the day. Before you believe anything anyone tells you, be sure to find out if they have black-and-white feet!

National Guard Adds 80,000 New Members

Washington (AFPS) — National Guard strength increased 80,000 during the period of September 1953 through September 1954, the Army has announced.

Total membership in the NG, including both Army and Air units, reached 382,119 officers and men by Sept. 30, 1954. The previous year's figure was 303,180.

"During the past year, the NG, as an integral part of our nation's first-line defenses, showed a healthy growth in strength and efficiency," according to Maj. Gen. Edgar C. Erickson, Chief of the NG Bureau.

During the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, 1955, the NG is scheduled to reach a total strength of 435,800 officers and men in 5,888 Army and Air units. This would include 375,000 in 5200 Army units and 60,800 in 688 ANG units.

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DETACHMENT "B"

By Bill Pulver

Well, here it is, that time again, and yours truly has sort of slipped up this week. As of now I have very little news to report. So this will probably be rather short this week—you lucky people you.

Our company clerk wishes to have it announced that he has a 1951 Chevrolet for sale. The car has had very good care and is in excellent shape. For further information contact Pfc. Hammer on Ext. 2907.

We lost two men via the discharge route during the past weeks. Good luck to Mr. R. O. Morris and Mr. Al Weber. Morris went back to his home in New York State to continue his old civilian occupation. Weber went to Lancaster, Pa., to a job as a chemical engineer. Al plans to continue work toward a higher degree of education if circumstances permit.

While cruising around town the other night I was happy to notice that our boys Brown and Corley, who just got back from TDY, didn't waste any time getting back into circulation. They sure seem to be trying to keep all these lonesome Huntsville girls happy. Well, boys, don't work too much overtime. Moser and Campbell are also back from TDY, but they must stay pretty close to home or have good hiding places.

I'm told that Roy Graham has been released from the hospital and is back from a twenty-eight day convalescent leave ready to go to work. Roy tells me that his football playing days are over at RSA and maybe for good, due to injuries. That's too bad, Roy. We all wish you the best of luck and

hope you come through in the best of shape.

With the coming of the end of the year also comes the end of the school term up at the extension branch. During this past term many of the men of our detachment have been attending and have done very well from what I'm told. One of the more outstanding pupils has been our own first sergeant, M/Sgt. Savage. He has been taking courses in English and Algebra and even though the going has been tough at times he has come through with flying colors. Keep up the good work, Sarge, there is great opportunity in the electronic field and it is a goal well worth shooting for.

Let me leave you with this one last word for your discussion:

"Today even a professional explorer finds it hard to discover a place no man has been before."

All y'all explorers agree?

HQ & HQ DET 9330 TU ORD

By Pfc. Charlie S. Rogers

We're not a detachment that likes to brag, but we would like to announce that we had some celebrities present at reveille the other morning. They wish for their names not to be disclosed at this time. I think I can mention their initials and it won't do any harm, Richard B., Paul C., Paul M., Bob K. These men are known far and wide for their outstanding performance in the field of sports.

Bob Kurtti, we would still like to know what you have planned when you get out? I would like for you to drop by my office and let me know something.

Pvt. Donald Watson (the Fort Worth, Texas cowboy) came back from leave riding his famous horse "Smokey". It was quite a sight to see him when he was hitching up out back of the bar-

racks, having his bedroll and what have you. It's really amazing what one can carry on back of a horse. Someone was asking him about the baby bed, but just about the same time he started passing out the cigars that answered everyone's questions. He's planning on bringing his wife and new baby boy down soon as he finds a place for them. I don't know for sure, but it sounded like he was asking the supply sergeant something about checking out a tent. Don, I don't think things are getting that bad.

Well, it has finally happened. This will be the last time yours truly will bore y'all with this babbling article — that is, for this year. Hope too many false hopes weren't built up!

We are all glad to see Sgt. Enlow back from his thirty-eight day leave that took him down to Mexico City and other parts of Mexico. Sgt. Enlow says he had a very nice time, but it was a little chilly down there (here too). Also he informed us that it is a little hazardous to drive down there. It seems that the people make their own traffic laws as they go and use no system whatsoever in their driving. They don't care how they reach their destination, just so they get there.

Sfc. Savington has left us to attend the Guided Missile School at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., in preparation for the advance school here at Redstone. He eventually hopes to become a Warrant Officer in the guided missile field. Good luck on your new venture, Sarge.

We are all sorry to hear that Sgt. Gooding and Pvt. Berry were admitted to the hospital on the sixth of December. Also Pfc. Humphrey was admitted on the seventh of December. Hope that there is nothing serious in any of the cases and we wish them a speedy recovery. It sure would be bad to spend Christmas in the hospital. Of course, the way the detail list is shaping up it might be the best place to be if you couldn't get home for the holidays. Speaking of sickness, we are sorry to hear that Bill Hangen was called home on emergency leave due to serious illness of his father. We all wish his father the best of luck and a quick recovery.

Pete Petruichik and Lloyd Sand, left us via the discharge route recently. Pete is going to New Jersey where he has offers from IBM and Westinghouse. He doesn't know which job he will accept as yet. Lloyd is heading back to that "Heaven on Earth" called New York City, where he will possibly go to work as a salesman for his father's firm.

Flash! Just got another report in from our basketball team. It seems our boys run into a little trouble with Hq & Hq Co of 9352 in their opening game. The final score was 43-34 with our team on the losing end. The boys made a good showing, but showed lack of practice. I'm sure Coach Fink will remedy this as the season progresses. Collins and Payne were the standouts in our losing cause. Better luck next time, boys.

One last bit of news for this year and I'll sign off for a while. It seems that someone needed a car battery pretty bad the other night. Anyway, after some difficulty in trying to start his car (it wouldn't do anything), Cpl. Preim finally decided to look at his motor and noticed that his battery was missing. Actually the joke is on the thief because the terminal post was broken off and was still in the cable holder. Preim said that if the thief will contact him maybe some working agreement can be made so both can get some use out of the missing battery.

Well, I want to take this opportunity to wish you one and all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. See y'all next year.

Missilemen Present Christmas Program

The Redstone Arsenal "Missilemen" presented a program of Christmas songs last Thursday night at the Service Club.

Under the direction of Joe Morrow, the group sang a variety of selections including "Adoramus Te, Christe," "O Come, O Come, Immanuel," "The Winter Song," "Willie, Take Your Drum," "Deck The Hall," "White Christmas," "Beautiful Saviour," and "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

Members of the chorus are Roger W. Clapp Jr., Phil A. Findling, Robert C. Ryoul, Benjamin W. Surjcek, Richard E. Moeller, William G. Beck, Francis J. Verdeyan, Herbert A. Leland, John Staehlin, Glenn L. Carter, Eddie Dipolvere, Stewart J. Yasko, Daniel Rockwell, Jr., John N. Ferris, Don Storm, Bob Van Kley and Thurman Tobias.

ORDNANCE GUIDED MISSILE SCHOOL

BY MARJORIE WILLIAMS

You know, come Friday night and "jolly ole St. Nick" will be "rocket-ting" over our fair city.

He came a little early to OGMS, though. Down the chimney of External Branch he dropped some nice people. Lt. Stewart M. Evans, Lt. David A. Franks, Sfc. Bert T. Smith and Sgt. William J. Eden. Then Rudolph led him over to Mechanical Branch where he left Mr. Akins and Pvt. Tamburino in the Fundamentals Section, Sgt. Parker in Supply, Pvts. Edmiston and Halkovich in the SSM Section. Also, Santa let SSM borrow some very industrious students from class 9-E-66-2. Pvts. Seaye, Pullen, Shepard and Hayward. But he said they could only stay until they were permanently assigned.

Wilma Denson, Logistics Office, got her Christmas present early too. She said Krist Kringle was especially nice to her. Come Jan. 8 she will be getting married and moving to Chicago.

Santa sorta of turned around on us and took some very nice people away from OGMS. Col. Rigg, Logistics (retired), Cpl. Newcomer, Fundamentals (discharge) and from External Branch Lts. Fallows, Collum, Reed and Perkins were discharged. We know they are all happy so we will forgive Santa this time. Oh, yes, John W. Weaver, Jr., Chief of Drafting Section, found an opportunity in his stocking to go into business for himself in Florida. Good luck, John.

"Dear Santa: Please bring Capt. Mosgrove back his health for

Christmas. They sure are missing him in Training Aids Branch since he has had mumps and pneumonia.

I know Pfc. Spittler and Cpl. Gruver will leave you some cake under the tree, Santa. They are very happy over their promotions.

Also Ruth Jones (who works in OML) told me the other afternoon that she is always seeing in our column where OGMS military personnel are getting promotions. But when Bob Lyons, Reproduction Section, got promoted to corporal there wasn't one word printed about it. So please Santa tell Bob and Ruth we are very sorry, but we didn't know of the promotion.

Santa, I got a sleigh full of letters for you from OGMS personnel telling what they would like for Christmas. Here are a few:

Santa, SAM, Mech Branch says "Thanks" for the wonderful party you gave them Dec. 12 at the NCO Club. They really had it.

Lt. Cummings: One of Little Abner's brother's golden strands of hair for his guitar.

Lt. Baker: Another free turkey, with dressing this time.

Elsie Meyers: A singing doll.
Frances Powell: The Mason-Dixon Line.

Frances Myrick: A "Bob" — Sled.

Sgt. Abbott: A boy or girl (which he may have by the time you read this).

Cpls. Albrecht and Miller: Another iron for the fire.

Sgt. Burdick: Sipping Cider.
And as for me Santa, please bring me more news for The Rocket.

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HOLIDAY PIN-UP



MISS CLAUS—The Rocket's Halloween witch got tired of the spook outfit and decided to play Santa for the holiday season. Doubtless, there are a number who wouldn't mind finding this particular yuletide figure in their Christmas stocking. She is Elizabeth Gardiner, 20-year-old employe of the OML Personnel Office. The statistics are 34-23-34. (Photo by Maj. Arthur G. Pinkham)

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL DIV.
BY ELLEN HAMMACK

The office is really buzzing with representatives of the Civil Service Commission in Atlanta. We are most happy to have them, and trust their stay is an enjoyable one.

The gay Holiday season is here! In search of Old Santa, Lottie Clem will visit Tennessee, also Frank Simmons, Dorothy Hodges in Roanoke, Ala., Marie Lynch in Memphis, Tenn., Gladys Mood to El Campo, Tex., Loretta Gough to Kentucky, Clara Duggan to Nashville, Tenn. Clara resembles a Christmas tree decoration all by herself with her red velvet necklace dripping with shining sequins. Jo Anne Jobe attended a U. of Alabama dance last weekend.

Jim Pride and George Wilde, accompanied by Harry Kottas, of OML, visited Mississippi State, U of Ala., and Ala. Polytechnic Institute last week in connection with the Cooperative Training Program. It's been rumored that the guide who took them on a tour of the campus failed to point out the Girl's Dormitory.

Questions we would appreciate answers to: Why Bill Fowler is eating off a mantle? Why anyone visiting James Blackwell's office is advised to carry an umbrella? Why Bob Royal feeds his lunch to the ants?

Welcome to our new employes: Nancy Brown, Civil Service Board, and Richard Kuhn, Salary and Wage. Goodbye to Betty Sanneman, Salary and Wage. Betty's husband was discharged, and they are singing "California, Here We Come."

One of the songstresses you heard in "The Messiah" at Huntsville High last Sunday was our own Lynne Bryant. Hal Carpenter is soon to enjoy a Christmas meal at Steadman's. The Huntsville Y's Men Club entered into a contest of selling Christmas trees, a yearly project for sending underprivileged children to summer camps. An example of the True Christmas Spirit. Merry Christmas to all.

In Finland, Santa Claus is accompanied by six tiny Christmas elves as helpers.

Fangiallo, a yellow cornbread with raisins, is traditionally served at Christmas dinner in Italy.



NCO'S FORMAL OPENING—The NCO Open Mess was dedicated on a recent Saturday night by the club members and their guests. Attendance was almost more than capacity with no room for more chairs or tables. After a buffet supper prepared by the staff, dancing to the Sock Smith Swingsters finished the evening. During the course of the evening, Col. George E. Levings read a letter from General Toftoy, the arsenal commander, wishing the non-coms success in this enterprise. More remodeling is scheduled and more equipment anticipated for the club room. (Photo by Lloyd Rosenbrock)

Josef Mohr, the young priest who in 1818 wrote "Silent Night, Holy Night," did so after he had gone through a blizzard to attend the birth of a baby, and to give it his blessing on Christmas Eve. On his way home from his mission, the storm stopped. The still night is said to have inspired him to write the immortal Christmas song.

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Spotlight Turns to Boxing

Redstone Arsenal has a good chance of winning renown in the boxing world this year. Sfc. Alfred F. Tillman, a soft-spoken young man with the powerful frame and huge fists of a heavyweight, is organizing the Post boxing team for some big matches.

Tillman, a veteran of many Army tournaments, has now turned to coaching and training. Several medical disabilities not connected with boxing are preventing him from entering the ring at present, but he can look back on an impressive record which includes the Alaskan heavyweight championship three years running and a runner-up in the world-wide Army tournament.

He reports that Redstone Arsenal has received an invitation to the Alabama Golden Gloves Tournament on Feb. 7, 8, and 9; and Tillman feels that Redstone can take this one.

Some of the boys he is grooming for the tournament are: Sgt. Larry Meenan, 803rd MP Co., a light-heavyweight with 64 wins and 22 losses for a long record of 86 bouts. Meenan came up from the Police Athletic League in Philadelphia and was a finalist in the U.S. Army Hawaii and Pacific tournaments. In 1954 he was Pacific champion, but was unable to go to the All-Army Tournament because of medical reasons.

Pvt. Hugh Mason, 9330 TSU, a 147 lb. welterweight, has a record of 30 wins and 3 losses and has fought in the Golden Gloves before.

Pvt. John Kennedy, 9352 TSU, is a 126 lb. featherweight who has fought in the Cleveland Golden Gloves Tournament from '49 to '52 for a total of four years, with a record of 11 wins, 3 losses, and 3 draws.

Sgt. Tillman would like to increase his stable as there are many Army tournaments coming up as well as the Golden Gloves. He will be at the Post gym every weeknight from 5 to 9 p.m. and encourages any boxing aspirant to come out, regardless of previous experience.

Tillman's experience and earnest manner make him an excellent coach, and he is being aided by Redstone's professional boxing star, welterweight Jed Black.

Lt. Black was a friend of Chuck Davey's back at Michigan State, and turned pro September 17, 1952, the night Davey fought Rocky Graziano. Jed fought off the same card and since then he has won 29 of 32 professional fights. He has beaten Ike Williams and Jerry Kline, tied with Chico Vejar, and most recently, lost a decision to Carmen Fiore on a bout over TV. He would have asked for a return match, but was called to active duty almost immediately.

Now Lt. Black keeps in shape

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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

Pitchers Bob Turley and Don Larson, and shortstop Billy Hunter should be all the Yankees need to recapture the American League flag in '55. . . "Bullet" Bob Turley fanned 185 last season and was the major league strikeout king. . . The Orioles got Gus Triandos, Hal Smith, Jim McDonald, Gene Woodling, Willie Miranda and Harry Byrd. I overheard a Cleveland Indian fan say the Yankee-Oriole trade was strictly for the birds. Wonder what he meant? Look for UCLA's head coach Red Sanders to be named "Coach of the Year" . . . Oklahoma (who else?) won the Big Seven Conference, grid championship for the seventh straight year.



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Service Highlights
The 466 mile Newport to Annapolis yacht race has been scheduled for June 18, 1955. . . Pvt. Joe Nepon, better known to professional wrestling fans as Hassen Bey, is currently taking basic training at Ft. Dix, N. J.

Welterweight boxer Luther Rawlings is now wearing Army khaki. . . Navy seaman Donald Henderson of the destroyer USS Hunt scored a 187-yard hole-in-one at the Royal Colombo Golf Club in Ceylon, using a No. 4 wood. The destroyer is on a world cruise.

Young Bob Kyasky, Army's spectacular sophomore halfback, will be a strong candidate for All-America honors in '55 and '56. . . Navy has added South Carolina and Penn State to next year's football schedule. Dartmouth and Stanford were dropped.

Ft. Belvoir's hard-charging forward wall has been bolstered by the addition of 2nd Lt. Charles Ydersted, a tackle on Wisconsin's 1952 Rose Bowl team. He's a former Badger teammate of Dave Suminski, Belvoir's star left tackle. . . An underdog Hamilton AFB, California, previously unbeaten and untied, to a 14-14 tie. Frank McPhee, a two-time All-American end at Princeton University and cap-



at the gym and lends assistance to the Redstone boxing team.

Safety Plans New Contest For '55

An accident prevention contest, sponsored by the Redstone Safety Office, begins on 1 January 1955. All operational segments of the arsenal are participating, and each is starting out the new year with a clean slate.

The operational segments of the arsenal are divided into two categories in accordance with the size of the agency. Those in category A are: GMDD, Post Engineer, Thiokol, and Ammunition. Those in category B are: Rocket Development, Kohn & Haas, OGMS, Transportation, Consolidated Supply, and Redstone Depot.

The 1955 year is split into three phases—the first phase runs from 1 January through 30 June—the second phase runs from 1 July through 31 December—and the third phase covers the entire year.

The contest winners will be the organizational segments who have the lowest accident rates during each contest period. Contest standings are determined from a formula which takes into consideration the number of disabling injuries and how serious they are.

The winning agencies will be presented safety promotional plaques, and each individual employe of the agency winning phase 3 of the contest will receive a certificate of achievement from the office of the Commanding General.

Complete contest rules have

tain of the Tigers in '52, is Camp Pendleton's outstanding candidate for the 1954 AFPS All Star team.

Ronnie Perry, captain of the Marine basketball team at Quantico, Va., was captain of last year's NIT champions, Holy Cross. . . Cliff Hagan, an outstanding court star at Kentucky, has been added to the roster of the Andrews AFB, Md., Rockets, last year's Interservice hoop champs. Bobby Watson, Andrew's all-time leading scorer, is now playing professional basketball with the Minneapolis Lakers.

There are 10 ex-college basketball captains on the Ft. Dix, N. J., team. . . Big Bill McCullum, an AFPS basketball All-Star in '53, is ready for another good season at Lockbourne AFB, Ohio. Last year McCullum racked up 1,197 points for the high-flying Skyhawks.

Retarded Children's Classroom Decorated

With the Christmas decoration of the classroom for retarded children at East Clinton school in Huntsville, the Redstone Arsenal Wives Club brought to a seasonal climax a phase of its welfare program.

A twelve-foot tree, donated by Redstone Arsenal authorities, was decorated with ornaments made by the Arsenal Girl Scout Troop and brightened with strings of donated lights. Volunteers hung the room with greens and heaped around the artificial fireplace, also loaned for the occasion, gift stockings contributed by wives of

members of the Ordnance Guided Missile School.

Mrs. George H. McBride, chairman of the welfare committee, set up the project in October when she learned that the City of Huntsville had provided a room and special teacher for a group of mentally retarded children, but lacked appropriations for needed equipment. Books, records, games, and manual dexterity equipment were collected from various sources by the welfare committee, while the Garden Section of the Chapel Guild filled the windows with plants and the Ordnance Guided Missile School prepared a record player for the children's use.

Paint for the walls was purchased at a liberal discount, with an additional supply contributed by an interested arsenal couple when the volunteer painters began to run short. Linoleum floor covering was provided by still another couple and individual wives purchased enough small rugs for the children to sit or rest upon.

been published and are being distributed to all organizational segments involved, where they will be posted on bulletin boards.

Psst . . . here's a tip on how your agency can win the big contest—search out and eliminate incorrect work practices and conditions. For, as you know, these are the two causes of accidents.

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Mrs. H. N. Toftoy and Mrs. Paul Elias entertained at a farewell luncheon for Mrs. Jefferson D. Childs and Mrs. Henry R. Jordan on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the Officers' Club. The Christmas theme was carried out by lacy black iron reindeer and sleighs bearing colorful gifts down the center of the table and by the corsages of red carnations and Christmas bells presented to the guests of honor.

Division and Pvt. Canfield is a student at OGMS.

Officers Club Dance Set New Year's Eve

Extensive preparations are underway for the Officers Club New Year's Eve Dance to be held at the Assembly Hall, Bldg. 1051, on Dec. 31. When the guests arrive at 9:30, they will find the hall decked in festive array to welcome the New Year.

The combination of excellent music, an efficient waiter service, and New Year's favors and decorations are expected to make the occasion a memorable one.

Tickets at \$5 a couple, are now on sale at the Officers Club and Chez When, but reservations are

CHILDREN'S PARTY

Santa and his sleigh will be met by approximately 250 children at the Christmas party at 2 p.m. in the Post Theater today.

The party is being given for the children of the military men stationed here.

Only children get gifts at Christmas time in France. Adults wait for the New Year to exchange gifts and visits.

also necessary. Call 2951 for a table.

YULE CHARITIES

(Continued From Page One) the Community Center on Church Street on Dec. 21. The family adopted has eight children. Anyone wishing further information about the Rockettes' enterprise may call 812-M for further details.

In the Field Service Division's National Stock Control Point, the requirements branch drew names and amassed food, clothes and general good will to be spread in the Huntsville area during the Christmas season.

Anyone desiring to donate to the Christmas Charities can do so by addressing their checks to the Christmas Charities Service, P.O. Box 499, Huntsville.

White-Canfield Vows Heard by Rev. Vance

Helen White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John White of Route 4, Huntsville, became the bride of Pvt. Carl Canfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Canfield, Buffalo, N. Y., on Dec. 17.

The wedding took place in the St. Paul Methodist Church at Huntsville Park with Reverend H. C. Vance performing the ceremony.

The former Miss White is employed in Consolidated Supply

FIRST OBSERVANCE

(Continued From Page One) Moore, a professor of divinity in a New York theological seminary, wrote his famous poem, "The Visit From Saint Nicholas."

It is believed that he did most to bring to life the tradition of the merry Santa Claus with a sleigh, reindeer, twinkling eyes, ruddy cheeks, a nose like a cherry, and a round little belly that shook as the beloved Saint held his rotund sides with gay laughter.

Santa Claus, bringing his multitude of gifts and happiness to children around the globe, now epitomizes the spirit of Christmas.

PERSONALS

Richard Veatch flew in from the West Coast last Sunday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley A. Veatch. He has been attending the graduate school at the University of California at Berkeley. His father is the Contract Administrator here.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bobo will spend their holidays travelling through the Southwest. Plans are to visit Utah, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and way points between Alabama and Arizona with a possible trip into Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams of Tuscaloosa will spend the holiday with her parents, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. H. N. Toftoy. Also home for Christmas will be Chuck Toftoy who is studying at the United States Military Academy.

Another U. S. M. A. student, Jeff Childs, will also be with his parents, Col. and Mrs. J. D. Childs for the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Richards announce the birth of their son, Robert Gregory Richards, Jr., on Dec. 14. Mrs. Richards and her son are at Fifth Avenue Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces at birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Massini are visiting friends and relatives in Mill River, Mass., and New Marlboro, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bauer are spending the Christmas season with friends and relatives in Rochester, N. Y.

Cost Accountants Elect New Members

Five people were elected to membership in the North Alabama chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants at a special meeting of the board of directors at Athens College Monday night. They are: Elton L. Pearson of Welverine Tube Division, Decatur; Gervis A. Moore, Jr., of Goodyear Decatur Mills; and Robert A. Denham of Mutual Savings Life Insurance Company, Decatur; Dennis P. Hale, Assistant Professor of Business Administration at Athens College and Maurice F. Cox, assistant comptroller of Southern Sash Sales and Supply Company, Sheffield.

Preliminary reports on arrangements for the club's annual dinner dance and card party, to be held in the Decatur area on Saturday evening, February 19, were made by vice president Frank E. Donilon, Jr., of Tuscumbia, who is general chairman of the dance committee, and by Crawford D. Reeves of Decatur, in charge of arrangements.

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CHRISTMAS DREAMS



FIRE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS HELP GUARD AGAINST YULE HAZARDS

The essence of Christmas, for many of us, is centered in the Christmas tree, with its shining lights and ornaments.

But beware of those decorations!

A young couple and their 7-week-old baby were severely burned when a spark, apparently from a defective lighting set, ignited their tree last year in New York City.

A mother was burned rescuing her children from a fire in Brockport, N. Y., which started when their tree caught fire. A faulty tree light plug seemed to be to blame. Flames destroyed all the family's Christmas gifts.

In South River, N. J., a fire routing 40 people began when sparks from a toy electric train beneath it ignited a Christmas tree.

In Union, N. J., 2 families were made homeless from a fire which spread from a blazing Christmas tree. Evidently ornamental lights had overloaded the circuit, which caused the fire.

These are just a few examples of last year's tragic holiday fires. Despite repeated warnings, there probably will be similar tragedies this year.

Key to the trouble is the tree itself—filled with pitch and resin and extremely combustible. It ignites easily and burns so furiously that it is virtually impossible to put out the fire quickly.

As a protective measure, many local fire departments now offer to flameproof Christmas trees. If your town offers this service, take advantage of it. But in any case, protect your family by following these precautions recommended by the National Board of Fire Underwriters:

1. Choose a small tree rather than a large one.
2. Store it outdoors until a day or two before Christmas.
3. When you bring it in, stand it in water and set it in a cool part of the house, away from radiators, heaters, and fireplaces. Don't let it block an exit.

When you decorate your tree, remember these things:

1. Be sure every lighting set and electric cord you use is in

good condition—no worn or frayed wires, no loose sockets. (Naturally, you NEVER use candles!)

2. When you buy new sets or cords, look for the UL label. The ones that bear it have passed Underwriters' Laboratories tests for fire and shock hazards.

3. Provide a switch some distance from the tree for turning tree lights on and off.

4. Ornaments should all be made of fireproof materials like metal or glass. Never decorate with cotton or paper unless they are labelled "fireproof" or "flameproof."

5. Never set up electric trains under the tree.

Even when your tree is safe as you can make it, take these added precautions as long as it is in your home:

1. Don't let gift wrappings pile up under or near the tree.

2. Don't leave tree lights burning when no one is home.

3. From time to time, see whether needles near the lights have started to turn brown. If so, change the position of the lights.

4. When needles start to fall, take the tree down and discard it—outdoors!



MP HI-LITES

BY PFC. JOHN WOLFF

No one was highly offended in the last epistle so I wasn't relieved from writing it yet. One of these weeks . . . pow! into the orderly room.

Lt. Robert (On Wisconsin) Yost and his pedantic friend Pfc. Byron (Coffee-Time) Starr are toying with the idea of assembling a boxing team from the remnants of a recent basketball game. Quite a fracas. Pvt. (I'm a Rebel and proud of it!) Wilbourne and Cpl. Sam (handier than most) Clay are sparring partners, under the professional (?) tutelage of Sgt. Larry (I am tough) Mecnan. An impressive trio to beat.

Flash . . . Huntsville, 16 Dec. 2:28p.m. . . . A quotable quote from Pvt. Glenn D. (by golly) Allen after finally finishing last week's "Hi-Lites," "Call my over-worked lawyer, I'm gonna sue!"

Went to the Company supply room yesterday for a new pencil and ran into a tirade of abusive language and feeble excuses. First talked to Pfc. (We can't hardly get them nowhere anymore) Jacobs who after a few minutes of hard time passed the buck—t oCpl. (Tonto the Tiny) Hector who suggested sending a requisition slip through the proper channels, but after five minutes of arguing gave up and turned the whole thing over to Sgt. Matthew B. (for Bourbon) (What do you want?) Wood who almost threw caution to the wind and gave me a pencil sans paperwork . . . Almost, but not quite . . .

I stole a pencil and slipped out as he was discussing the matter with the supply officer, Lt. (Rose-Bowl next year) Yost, who was all set up to take it up with the Company Commander. Just goes to prove a point . . . You can't fight the system.

A belated bon-voyage to the nine corporals who are now on leave before taking a boat trip to the Far East. We expect some lurid letters from the non-coms after they hit Camp Drake.

The company personnel are much saddened by the word that

EFFICIENCY AWARDS COMMITTEE INVITES INVENTIVE SUGGESTIONS

Lists of technical problems affecting national defense have been published in past issues of the Rocket with the thought of enlisting the inventive thinking of arsenal personnel for the solving of military problems.

A third list is printed below. Solutions for any of these problems should be submitted, in the same manner as other employee suggestions, to the Efficiency Awards Committee. Awards are offered under the usual system of rewarding employes for constructive suggestions or outstanding accomplishments.

1. No. 341. NEW METHODS OF CONVERTING LIGHT ENERGY INTO ELECTRICAL ENERGY.

1. Statement of Existing Approaches to the Solution of the Problem: At present it is not known whether any attempts have been made to develop equipment capable of converting light energy into electrical energy or magnitudes capable of operating electrical equipment.

2. Statement of Inadequacies or Defects: The power output of existing photocells is quite minute and is only of such magnitude as to operate sensitive meters or relays.

3. Reasons Why Existing Commercial or Military Equipment is not Satisfactory: No equipment of this type has been previously developed.

4. List of Pertinent Military Requirements: An equipment that could convert light energy into electrical energy for power applications should be capable of operating on a minimum amount of light; should be capable of producing electrical energy at a reasonable efficient rate of conversion, and, if possible, the electrical output should have a constant curve to insure good voltage regulation; equipment should be rugged and not affected by atmospheric conditions; should be capable of operating from -65F to 165F; should be of minimum weight and size and should not be difficult to operate.

2. No. 408. DIAPHRAGM TO SEPARATE HIGH PRESSURE GAS.

A diaphragm to separate high pressure gas up to 2000 lbs. from oil. Absolutely no diffusion of gas through the diaphragm is permitted, must allow a movement which is equivalent to at least 200 cu. in. of displacement; more, if possible.

3. No. 415. METHOD OF TREATING MACHINED EDGES OF PLASTICS.

A production method of treating machined edges of plastics to restore resistance to moisture absorption.

4. No. 419. NON-MAGNETIC COMPASS.

A simple directional device capable of being carried by a foot-soldier which can determine true

Pfc. Chester E. (I'll sign out next time) Burns is leaving the motor pool, the 803rd, and Redstone Arsenal for Ft. Benning Mechanics School. Ah, but the silver lining . . . He'll be back bigger and better than ever in about three months.

A brighter (?) topic . . . traffic control expert, Sgt. Alfred (TVS 578) Green just re-upped for six . . . Any comment from this US would be certainly extraneous.

Two new sergeants shipped in recently. (mm, how unusual). Wel-Sgts. Bower and Myers.

Another USAFFE levy from TC just off the press . . . Bye, bye Sgts. Crawford, Box, and Uballe, and Pfc. Dunn and Porter. Two come in and fourteen ship out. It'll catch up to us pretty soon.

The holiday replacements for the grande olde order of gate guard entered the orderly room today for a briefing by M/Sgt. Alvis (the hangman) Taylor. During the proceedings, one eager young Pfc. was heard to ask, "When do I draw my white hat and 45?" (Easy Sarge, you can't bust him, he's not in our outfit.)

Attention Lt. James (Gig 'em) Niland. Your stick, swagger, ebony, W/tip gold has just arrived in the supply room. Kindly stop over at your convenience and sign for same.

Problem of the week . . . Define Honesty and Integrity.

No Rocket Dec. 28 But See You in '55

The Redstone Rocket will not be published next week. As a result of an agreement between the publisher, Jack Hoffhaus, of Hartselle, Ala., and arsenal officials, it was decided to suspend publication for one week.

But we'll see you in '55 January 4, to be exact. Correspondents are requested to take note of this suspension and to alter the submission of copy accordingly.

Correspondents who would normally submit material for the Dec. 28 issue should instead plan on reaching the issue of the following week, Jan. 4. Those who would normally submit to the Jan. 4 issue should hold over to the following week, Jan 11.

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9. No. 567. RUGGED PORTABLE LIGHTWEIGHT AMMETER.

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10. No. 339. ULTRA LIGHT WEIGHT COLLAPSIBLE FIELD ANTENNA MASTS OR VERTICAL RADIATORS.

Scope.—To develop a structure usable as an antenna support mast or as a vertical radiator, which is much lighter and more portable than present types, and capable of rapid installation by a small crew.

Military Application — Mobility of military radio communication equipment is often limited primarily by the portability of its antenna system. New masts of the collapsible type are required to increase effectiveness by enhancing portability of equipment and, when used as radiators, to afford increased efficiency in that the antenna can be readily adjusted to resonance at a particular frequency.

Status and Objectives — Some experiments have been made with German antenna equipment of this type, and from time to time various designs for collapsible structures have been put forth. None of these incorporate all the features desired; however, in the main, they are collapsible at the expense of increased weight and bulk, and mechanical complexity.

Desired characteristics of the structure include:

(a) Maximum height, 100 feet; minimum, not more than 10 feet; readily adjustable to any intermediate height.

(b) Minimum weight and bulk consistent with requisite mechanical strength; preferably portable by one or two men.

(c) Minimum of guys; preferable none for lower masts and radiators.

(d) Completely weatherproof. All components to be capable of outside storage in any climate, and usable in the Arctic and in the tropics.

FIELD SERVICE DIVISION
BY SUDIE AMSLER

The third time is the charm, they say. And for the third time, this little passel of news is being submitted to The Rocket. Maybe it's slightly out of date, but fate has not been kind, and if it fails to make the print this time, we'll just send it up by carrier pig on come Valentine's Day.

Here it is, Dec. 21 and you can hear sleigh bells ringing as old S. Claus is fixing for his midnight ride. Stocking in position?

Belated tho it is, however there are still a few noteworthy happenings that must be related—like

that trip of Helen Thummell's. "It was nothing," she said. "We just took a little trip." A little trip, huh? Yeah, to the NAVY. Army game in Philly where they saw their young'un, Fred Budd. She exhibited the 47th Anniversary Menu from the Bellvue-Stratford and now we know why that restaurant has been in business so long. The entrees sounded perfectly drooly, and Helen says the Thummells are broke again until next year.

Charlie and Irene Maffett entertained some nice visitors from Washington — Mr. and Mrs. Ar-

thur Bauersfeld. They had a few people in for buffet dinner one night (powerful good vittles) and the Maffett's friends were liberal with invitations. The Maffetts planned to leave for Washington today to spend the holidays. Bob and Gracie Stultz have plans in that direction, too, I understand. The big news with Mary London is her transfer from NEC to the new TC Movements Control Office, and with a raise. Hot diggity!

Jack and Vada McDonald transferred, too, when they transported their belongings from the Monte Sano Mountain home to 1021 Stanford where they'll hang up their Christmas socks in their very own house.

He couldn't have chosen nicer parents — that little bundle of happiness. Phillip Craig, who clocked in at the Huntsville Hospital, Dec. first at 3:30 p.m., weighing 7½ pounds. He's the first one for Becky and Sam Burns, and to them we extend our heartiest congratulations.

Susie G. Martin is toting her left arm in a sling after falling on the pavement one morning in her rush to get to work. The cast was so completely covered with inscriptions, the doctor changed it. Pick up your pens, pals, and go to work on this new one.

TDY items have been almost excluded from this column, but Tom Hale goes traipsing clean off to Europe, don't you think that's news?

Our British majors, Hardy and Melors, junketed to Washington. Major Hardy once told me I was NEVER to say anything about Hale and Hardy, so I won't.

Col. Elias, Col. Waggoner, Col. Weatherford and Col. Rummel are mostly traveling by shuttle bus these days. When Col. Elias goes away, Col. Waggoner must be here, and so on.

The other day, Col. Waggoner started off at a moment's notice on a long jaunt to the great Northwest via Nashville, Chicago, thence to Seattle, L. A., etc. He took a gambler's chance on being able to get a plane ticket from Nashville. He lost, and spent the first night of his great expeditionary flight cooling his heels 100 miles from home. "No one was to blame," said Col. Waggoner. "There just wasn't a ticket available." He was forced to cut his trip a day short, but now he's back and Col. Elias is scooting around — Bliss, Colorado Springs, and L. A., I think. Or maybe he's commanding RSA.

Total collections from the division for the MDAA 1954 crusade for funds were \$190.05, with the GM Maint. Procedures Shop leading the way, percentage-wise. They wrote on their report: "This Shop Is Always 100%." Thanks are due Clarence Bradford, Evelyn Crabtree, Louise Cole, and Elizabeth Stewart for their fine work on this drive.

We had a shower for Frances Goodwin not long ago—"we" being Edna Enfield, Marie Allen, and I. It was chez moi, and Frances really picked up and packed home some lovely gifts.

NMP employees held their Christmas party one recent Friday night at the Yarbrough Hotel ball room. Laverna Frazier says she got stuck with the chairmanship of the arrangements committee, as usual, the other members being Cindy Jackson, Hubert Nagle,

Mary Jo Page, Melvin Tack, Bobbie Williams and Bill Martin.

Nagle acted as MC and every NMP hand allows he's about the best in the land. They dined and danced and swapped a few gifts. These gifts were toys which will be distributed to needy families. A salute to Jean Smith for her timely suggestion.

From all accounts, the high point of the evening was the rendition of "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" by a spirited quartet composed of Bill Estes, Jo Oiszewski, Tony Roman and Hubert Nagle.

They tell me Hoke Wallace

heisted the tune for the carols and was left holding the pitch. Can't you see old Hoke up there just a singing away by himself! He's been speaking in a whisper ever since.

An added attraction was a recitation by "Little" John Reed. They say you should hear it. Well? All right — anytime, John.

Now to get the poop from Mel Greuel about that inspector's meeting they are having in NSCP and it's curtains for this column. We'll put that somewhere else in the paper.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, everyone.

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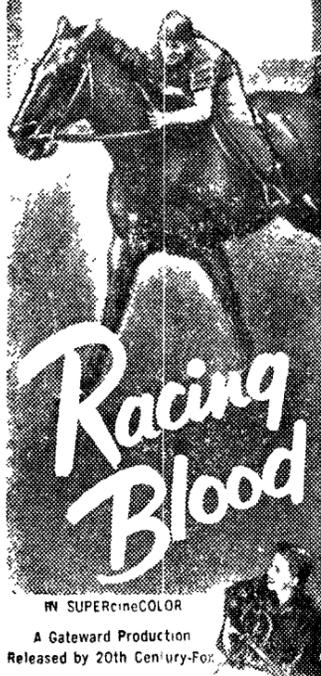
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REDSTONE DEPOT
By OLIVUS

Colonely Ebbert says the AIF appreciation course was most revealing. He hasn't seen so many coeds in years. He is most appreciative! The last contribution he made to The Rocket must have hit a flying saucer enroute to the printer, judging from the odd bits of wreckage that finally appeared in print. He says he won't be able to look a "schoolmam" in the eye until a reprint appears (odd, but we hear Mrs. Ebbert is a certified schoolteacher). Here is the vital

data reprinted with no dents from flying saucers:

"I was talking to our good Chaplain today and somehow we touched upon the subject of school. He says he is "teaching" the second, sixth, and seventh grades. I teach the first and seventh. We both wondered what school teachers do with their spare time. I have a report on that. They have no spare time! Each one has so many pupils it takes most of the day to count them.

And you think you got troubles? This has taken many years, but now I can define the transitive and intransitive verb, the predicate nominative, and the active and passive voice. I wish I could say as much for my pupil. Well, at least one of us has learned something. I often wonder what prompted me to become a parent. Don't answer; I've heard it! Let's just say I deeply sympathize with the struggling school teachers."

Colonel Ebbert says he means it, too. He has long since concluded that, with so many pupils in a class, it is a modern miracle how our teachers accomplish as much as they do. Many thanks to all of them!

A conversation we overheard: Sympathetic friend to a patient, "Better take care of yourself, you are not a spring chicken any more." Indignant patient: "I'll have you know I'm not old. I am under thirty." Sympathetic friend: "Well, who ever heard of a chicken thirty years old."

Lost, Strayed, or Stolen—John D. Stephenson? No, just detained. Seems that at Chattanooga all was clear. Planed out of Chattanooga; Huntsville, as usual, was smogged in; so was Birmingham; Memphis was clear, so off to Memphis. From Memphis to Huntsville by oxcart. Seems our traveler has had enough of the free air. Dave is glad to be back

Television Records Flight of Missiles

WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUND, N. M. — The Army is using a television camera to take pictures of guided missiles in flight here at its desert test station.

The video setup is simple. A small, compact TV camera is substituted for a standard 35-millimeter camera at the base of a 320-inch telescope tube. The TV camera then televises the missile image through the optical system as it follows the missile through space.

This image is transmitted by a closed circuit coaxial cable to a

standard 21-inch TV receiver, where a continuous motion 35-millimeter camera photographs the image on motion picture film—known as a kinescope recorder.

Electronic and optical experts feel that someday soon it may be

on "terra firma." (The more firm-er, the less terror.) The general supply storage personnel are embarking on a new operation. Supplies are beginning to arrive by water transportation. Since there are very few sailors or stevedores employed in the Depot, a very interesting five days are ahead for the storage personnel. Any new operations are tackled with a great amount of enthusiasm since the personnel feel that they can handle anything. They say anything they don't know can be furnished by the able assistance of Post Engineer and Transportation personnel, who are assisting in this receiving operation. With the combined efforts of the three, no trouble is expected in the actual unloading operation. Only one problem to date — the boys are requesting Navy uniforms instead of safety shoes these days. Any suggested solution to this problem would be appreciated.

Congratulations to Jack Calder on receiving an efficiency award of \$50.00 from the Commanding General, recently. Jack had to interrupt a "tour of duty" as a juror in Madison County Court long enough to rush out and receive the award.

We feel pleased over safely completing a shipment of extremely hazardous chemicals. We had a tough deadline which required burning some midnight oil. In connection with the shipment, Maj. Charles Walker, executive officer of the Technical Escort Detachment, Edgewood Arsenal, spent several days with the Depot.

A recent inspection by the Safety Division resulted in a letter commending the working crews for handling ammunition in a manner considered commendable from a safety viewpoint.

Willa Grace Holden completed the Supervisors' Development Course last week. Only time can tell if it "took."

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The Alabama Association for Mental Health needs money, a minimum of \$300,000 to aid our State Government in solving the multitude of problems that are directly and indirectly concerned with mental health. All contributions should be mailed to the following address:

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EVER BEEN SNIPE HUNTING?

By J. L. Covington
Here is the story of how some arsenal snipers got sniped. There are four expert snipers in Building 114: John R. Everett, James G. Smith, Luther M. McGahee and Hoskell S. Stewart. Another sniper expert is entitled to be mentioned because he was wearing a special sniper hunting cap—Keith Clark, Building 112. There is one more character to this dramatic story, and he is the victim of this plot—Oswaldo M. Fonte, Building 114.

The object of a Snipe Hunt is to take an inexperienced hunter out into the woods at night and leave him there holding the sack. The hunters met at the Decatur Trade School on Route 31. (By the way, Mr. Fonte was born and raised right in the heart of Brooklyn, New York. So the hunters had what most people would call a "ripe victim"). At the trade school they all piled into one car and off they went to Swan Creek. Everybody's smiling to himself because the well-made plans are coming true to form. The time is nine o'clock, it's starting to rain and the night is perfect for hunting snipe. Swan Creek is a pretty deserted place even at nine o'clock.

The car is stopped at the little bridge over the creek and the victim (supposedly innocent) is told that he is elected to hold the sack. Snipers don't stay near the road; so the hunters took their victim deep into the woods. They told him to hold the sack, and they would run the snipers right into the bag. The four hunters doubled back to the car and left the victim in the woods alone.

After a half hour they felt sor-

ry for the victim and carried him a container of coffee. But there wasn't any victim in the woods anymore. The hunters were worried—they called his name and in the stillness of the night their voices carried very far into the woods—but no answer. They then drove back three miles to the trade school where the victim had left his car—his car was still there. So back to Swan Creek went the Snipe Hunters—calling and calling, but no answer. By this time, the hunters were really worried. Maybe the victim hurt himself or drowned in the creek.

After three hours of looking for the victim they decided that a Mr. Arron S. Julian had double-crossed them by picking up Mr. Fonte out of the woods and taking him home. So off go the hunters into Decatur to Mr. Julian's house. Mr. Julian is asleep (it's now twelve-thirty) and he helps them look for Mr. Fonte in the woods . . . but no luck. Finally Mr. Julian takes the hunters to Mr. Fonte's house, and there is the victim nice and warm in a cozy bed.

What happened was that Mr. Fonte was approached by a Mr. Robert H. Anderson who suggested a double-cross, but the plans that Mr. Fonte had made were greatly improved by a Mr. Dewey E. Jones, Building 114 and a Mr. Elbert Poole, Building 117. Mr. Poole picked up Mr. Fonte, the victim, and took him home, leaving Mr. Fonte's car at the trade school and throwing the hunters off the scent.

There is a moral to this story. You figure it out.

GUIDED MISSILE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Most important news that can be reported is the coming holiday season. Everyone is anticipating a huge Christmas and New Year. Dixie Kelley journeys to Okla-

homa to visit her folks.

Melba Hall departs for Dallas and East Texas to see her parents and attend the Cotton Bowl game New Year's Day.

Magda DeBeek makes a flying trip to Florida to visit in-laws to be.

Congratulations are in order for Faye Adcock. A 6 pound 8 ounce boy named Joseph Mark was born on Dec. 14. Coincidental that the new arrival made his appearance on the birthday of Major Siebeneichen and Dixie Kelley.

Happy birthday and our best wishes to the Major and Dixie and hope they have many more.

Betty Rogers is back and we are all happy and pleased she is well again. While she was convalescing she acquired a new addition to the Roy Rogers family. No, it's not what you might be thinking. It's a Dachshund puppy and, according to Betty, Lisa Liverwurst even cries to be held. She reports that she just has to stop whatever she is doing and hold the "baby" so it will stop crying.

We are happy to welcome Lt. Robert L. Frost to the Operations Office.

Structure & Mechanics held their annual Christmas party on Monday night and with all the merriment and Christmas spirit there is not a doubt it was a huge success.

As to the question of who the lucky girl is—Sgt. Grant's answer is "No Comment." What's the joke or who is fooling who?

Pfc. John Ferris is convalescing in the Infirmary from an auto accident. Best wishes and a speedy recovery, John.

GUIDANCE & CONTROL LAB

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Rowell announce the birth of a son, born Dec. 5. He has been named Steven Allen. Weight—8 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Clark announce the arrival of a baby boy on Dec. 10. It's reported that he weighed a little over 8 pounds, and we hear that he's been named Junior.

Cpl. Barret B. Weekes announces the arrival of a new stripe. Cpl. Weekes is now going around stoop shoulder from the extra weight.

RESEARCH SECTION

Among those planning on spending the Christmas holidays away from "ole Alabama" are: Jewel W. Moody and family who are going to Bogalusa, La.; Roy E. Currie Jr. and family to Atlanta, Georgia, and Tallahassee, Florida (Currie you sure do like Florida, don't you?) Lt. Mechtly plans to motor up to Bath, Penna., accompanied by Ivan Shapiro — whom he will drop off in Baltimore, Md. Dorrance L. Anderson and family are going to Mississippi (Andy, hope you succeed in getting that Beagle).

GUIDANCE DESIGN SECTION

Cpl. S. Wasserman
With Christmas only a stone's throw away, it is natural that all of us are planning something special for the occasion. These plans range from the lofty ambition of going home for the holidays to things of somewhat lesser importance. For example, getting married.

Deep in our hearts are other wishes we would like to see fulfilled, but know that they are as unobtainable as the moon. If I could read the minds of the people about me, I'm sure their inner thoughts would be as follows:

PFC (Forever) Miller — Corporal stripes (Promotion Board please note.)

Carl Mudd—A nickle cigar that smokes like a 35c one.

Mary Derryberry—A car with

rubber fenders.

Rudy Barraza—An "A" Bomb burst on his draft board.

Adolph Herrmann—A 48 hour day to do all the wonderful things he would like to do.

Janelda Milam — She hasn't thought much about it, but a new car or a house would be all right. Maybe a fur coat, too, I guess.

Slim Petersen—A way in which he can leave his heart in Huntsville and still go home. He loves the South.

Willie Stem—Same as Rudy. Harold Wilkerson — If they could only move Redstone to Texas.

Seymour Wasserman—A good home cooked meal.

Roger Roth—He will go to practically no expense to get a baby sitter.

Pvt. Herb Magnus—A job with a future.

Ralph Oden—28 miles to the gallon, oil that is.

Herb Williams—A mate for his orange dog that smokes.

Willie Byars — Can't think of anything for her, she has everything.

I don't know how many of these wishes will ever come true, but it sure is fun hoping.

TECH & ENGR DIV
Anne Baucom

Well, T&E has finally made the Rocket again. I was beginning to agree with Carmen Harrell that T&E had a bunch of dead-heads working over here. The Christmas spirit has started to liven things

up a bit though.

Lt. Walthour received his discharge from Uncle Sam's Army last Tuesday and will be spending Christmas with his folks at home.

Capt. Petrone wanted to go where he could see some snow for Christmas, so he took a trip home also. His home is in upper New York State.

Speaking of taking off, Bert Owen had to take a two-week vacation and he didn't even want it. It seemed that Bert had a few days A. L. he had to take or he would lose it. Well, who wants to lose any annual leave?

Ruth Cox is back again after a two-week vacation in Florida. We hear that Ruth and Joe had quite a trip—especially when they started looking up people they didn't even know.

Ray Helms prefers the colder
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time to thaw out for Christmas. It has been rumored that Mr. Pedigo can't see until about 9 o'clock in the morning. One day last week he and Lola wore a coat that was the very same color. He started to go out of the building and grabbed a coat and slung it across his arm. When he got to

the door and started to put it on, he discovered it wasn't his size. He had to take it back and swap it for a larger size. Say, Lola, I think you two had better hang your coats on different hangers. Maggie Williamson Hulsey is still beaming over her new husband.

Margie Marks is really getting good in her old age. One morning last week, Marjorie went out on the front porch and was talking to her mother-in-law. When she went out she pulled the door to behind her and when she did it locked. She almost beat two holes in the back door trying to get in and she couldn't make the door budge. Her purse and lunch were in the house and her husband had already left for work. I think Marjorie should have stayed home in a rocker on her new front porch. She could have caught up on her rest and all the neighborhood gossip.

Rachel Nale, the new girl in Administration Branch is really a fast worker. She came to work one week and got an engagement ring the next. The fellas in T&E are glad she came to work, but were a little disappointed when she got the ring.

We are sorry to lose Art Weiner, Elect. Br., Sally Van, SSM, and Mary Neil Lindstrom, Tech Svc Br., but hope they will be happy in their new jobs.

We would like to welcome all the new employees and hope they will be happy in their new jobs also.

at noon. This encourages daylight travel to and from the military reservation. In the past, soldiers were free to leave after duty or weekend passes and return in time for reveille. So many accidents, particularly fatal ones, occurred between midnight and 6 a.m. that the policy was changed.

3. Automobiles driven by soldiers on military posts are inspected before being licensed by the Provost Marshal.

4. On many posts where adequate facilities for repairing automobiles are not available locally, shops have been provided for soldiers to repair and recondition their automobiles.

"The major credit for our improved safety record doesn't go to the Army safety program and our instruction, however," said Parker. "It really belongs to the men and women of the Army who are willing to cooperate and assume their responsibilities for safety on the over-crowded highways. Our efforts would be worthless without the effort of the individual."

Religious services in France on Christmas Eve are followed by gay midnight suppers. Restaurants have special menus for the occasion, which is the busiest time of the year for them.

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climate. Ray has been on TDY to Canada for the last couple of weeks. He will get back just in

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Fewer Soldiers Die In Highway Wrecks

WASHINGTON — Fewer soldiers are dying on the nation's highways.

Soldiers leaving Army posts on leave or pass are driving more safely and becoming involved in fewer accidents.

This new alertness against sudden death on traffic-choked roads is the result of an intensive safety campaign being conducted by the Army—which has an enviable safety record on its military reservations but which has little control over a soldier once he leaves the post.

During the past fiscal year, 121 fewer Army personnel were killed in private automobile accidents off military reservations than in the preceding 12-month period. Respective total fatalities were 529 and 650.

Highway accidents involving Army personnel decreased by seven percent during the period—from 3,291 to 3,077—while soldier injuries on highways decreased nearly 11 percent, from 4,444 to 4,013.

Eliot V. Parker, Army Safety Director, attributed the declines in fatalities, injuries and accidents to an Army-wide indoctrination program.

At the same time, the Army has laid down a few more rules for pass-bound soldiers which are paying dividends by saving lives. They include:

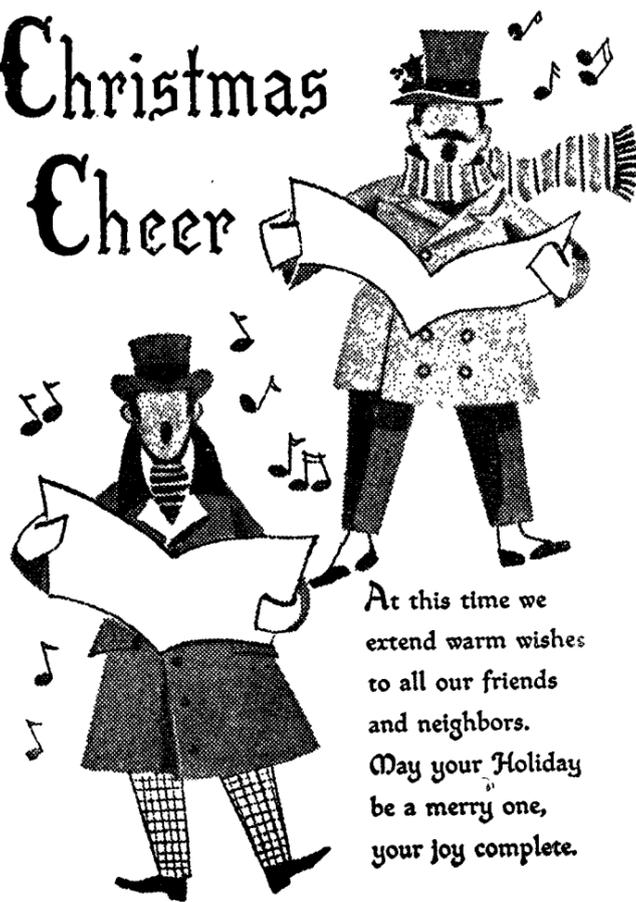
1. Distance a soldier may travel by car on a weekend pass is limited in order to prevent him from attempting to drive farther than he can safely and without violating the maximum speed laws.
2. Passes, which in the past began at midnight, now often start



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BY CAROLYN E. NOLTE

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 Buzz Rayne—A new amplifier system for his orchestra.
 Pete Pederson—The ability to tell 'em as big as Max.
 Mary Fann Couch—Brown hair.
 Johnny Argo—Drums that don't get hot.
 Mr. Ellison—The new issue of Colliers so he'll know what's going on here.
 Pat Gerard—To be in Yankee-land.
 Marshall Burdine—To sell his

farm.
 Mr. Holloway—Lots of facilities.
 Bob Miller—A quiet baby.
 Sarah House—A nice peaceful year.
 Robert Paetz—A longer carriage typewriter for Doris.
 Pvt. Sandercock—More coffee breaks.
 Bill Birmingham—To finish his house.
 Mr. Faulkner—For Auburn to have one more chance to play Ga. Tech.
 Ed Leonelli—Another Detroit around here.
 Guy V. Kay—Rumors to quit flying.
 Jim Brown—To catch as many fish as he's said he's caught.
 Charlie Swanson—All his work orders out.
 "Texas" Sutherland—A new Chrysler Imperial for \$295.
 Joe Benoit—Discharge.
 Sam McLendon—List of usable alibis.
 Henry Kennon—File cabinets that work.
 Gene Polk—For people to quit calling him Schnuckiputzi.
 J. D. Smith—Another weekend in Lily Flagg.
 Max Nowak—Cpl. Nolte to go home Christmas so he'll have some peace and quiet.
 John Ray—Fishing tackle business to pick up.
 Mike Rabatin—To go back to Virginia.
 Bruno Helm—A nice quiet office.
 Bill Simpson—To win all his bets next season.
 "Tater" Taft—For the reporter to quit pestering him for news.
 Tom Wade—A missile shaped car.
 Al Leigh—For Fab Lab to win the baseball cup this spring.



May a full measure of Holiday cheer be yours throughout the coming year. Have the merriest Christmas ever, chock-full of life's blessings.

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Leo Bauer—To see his lovely family over Christmas.
 Al Perkins—A free baby sitter.
 Nell Mintz—Her husband to quit taking trips.
 Hugh Smith—A big housewarming.
 George Woods—Oklahoma.
 Otto Eisenhardt—A perfect missile.
 Johnny George—Two eight-pointers.
 Mr. Hans Lindenmayr—For everyone in Fab Lab to have a Merry Christmas.
Wild Animals Loose
 We are the only people in the world who have a real live Schnuckiputzi (Pronounced Snookieputzie) in captivity. "Schnuckiputzie" Polk is situated in Bldg. 412, so everyone be sure and call Polk by his real name.
Hunters and Traders
 John Headric, so we hear, tried to trade his new Chevrolet for a Plymouth on the first Monday. What's the deal, John?
 Attention Girls! Sam Graham (a handsome bachelor of 32) has a brand new 1955 Chevrolet. He is looking for a good looking woman to ride in it.
 An unsuccessful squirrel hunt was attempted by Claude Delabar and Regnal Wall over the past weekend. They only got two.
 Well, Johnny George seems to never give up. He is making another hunting expedition this week.
 We hear that Henry P. McMeans is trying to trade for his old Dodge since someone gave it a new two-tone paint job.
 We hear that Art Rautiola and two companions got 19 rabbits on their last hunt.

Welcome
 We'd like to welcome Charles Mackay to our group. Charles joined the Model Shop in Bldg. 411 last week.
Congratulations
 Ovin M. White was presented with a 8 lb., 7 oz. bouncing baby boy Friday morning at 12:30. Mr. White wishes that the baby would quit bouncing.
 Cecil Spence has been presented with a new grandson. He is traveling to Jacksonville, Fla., over the holidays to see the new baby and visit his daughter, Mrs. Howard McGeehee. We've heard that Mr. Spence feels twenty years younger since he became Grandpa.
 We hear that Aubrey S. Drummond is really proud of his new neighbors. He should be congratulated.

Christmas Travelers
 Anyone who wants to send Steve Little's coondog Belle a Christmas present is welcome to, says Mr. Little. Belle will receive visitors in the Little house.
 Charlie Rushing is spending Christmas in Meridian, Miss. with his mother.
 James Malone took a flying trip to Texas.
 Mr. and Mrs. Kuers' daughter Inge is home from Jefferson-Hillman to visit the Kuers over the holidays. They are expecting their daughter Anne home from Montevallo soon.
 Mr. Angerman wants to go to El Paso over Christmas if they will only advance him enough annual leave.
 Johnny Garrard has returned after visiting in Gadsden on his mother and father's Golden Wedding anniversary.
 R. L. Richardson will visit in Meridian, Miss., over the holidays.
 Carolyn and Bill Nolte are planning to spend a two week Christmas vacation in Denison, Texas. They will visit their family and friends there.
Odds and Ends
 Well, everyone in Bldg. 411 is blind by now. Flora Jackson out of Inspection is flashing a big one caret solitaire around. Is it a beauty?
 All the Tail Section in 411 SS are looking forward to a Barbecue at Fred Baker's when he kills his hogs.
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HEADQUARTERS, 3RD ARMY Ft. McPherson, Ga. — The first issue of an Army-wide publication, "Aviation Digest of the Army," is scheduled to be published on Feb. 1, 1955.
 Responsibility for editing the new monthly magazine has been delegated to the Army Aviation School, at Camp Rucker, Ala., by the Department of the Army.
 The mission of the publication is to disseminate to military personnel concerned with Army Aviation "information of an operational or functional nature, con-

cerning Army Aviation safety and aircraft accident prevention, training, maintenance, operations, research and development, aviation medicine, and other related data."

Articles of Army-wide interest are solicited for publication in the periodical from military personnel, civilians, and commercial enterprises. Correspondence pertaining to the magazine should be addressed to: Editor-in-Chief, Aviation Digest of the Army, Army Aviation School, Camp Rucker, Alabama.
 Direct communication has been authorized by the Department of the Army.

on and a man whose name I have been asked not to mention are going to be in different offices in the new building. There is a great argument going on between them about who will get the mouse.

Glad You're Back
 We're glad to welcome back D. W. Coker after his operation. Hope he's feeling much better now.

After attending a work simplification course, we are glad to see Gilbert Wood again on the job.

About All
 I would like to express my appreciation to Mrs. Lucille Ezell who has so graciously consented to write this column during my two-week vacation. You'll hear from me again when I return—'til then—Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Here's to a harmonious Yuletide season... brimming with joy and good cheer. May your future remain in tune with this very merry season. Best wishes!

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Security Officers To Hear FBI Man

The Deputy Security Officers will hear James Robey, special agent in charge of the Birmingham Federal Bureau of Investigation, at 1:00 p.m. today in the Rocket Auditorium.

He will talk about his personal experiences during the 24 years he has been with the Bureau and will include on special instance involving sabotage.

All the chiefs of the service and mission agencies as well as all other interested employees at Redstone have been extended an invitation to attend this meeting by James C. Lynch, chief of the Intelligence office.

Several people will also be awarded Certificates of Excellence for their work as deputy security officers.

SALUTE TO OUR SECRETARIES



BY VERA SMITH

The Administration and Management Office of OML will soon mourn the loss of one of its most efficient secretaries, Julie Bauer.

This tall, blond, who has hazel-colored eyes, was born in Rochester, N. Y., and attended grammar school and Nazareth Academy high school there.

During her high school years, she was a member of the Student Council for three years, from 1946 until 1949, and a member of the National Honor Society and the Commercial Honor Society from 1949 until 1950.

Julie's first position, after graduation from high school in 1950 was with Hawk-Eye Works of Eastman Kodak Company in Rochester.

Dick, Julie's husband, worked

for Eastman too, but in another segment.

It was in the month of May, 1950, that Julie met him for the first time. She didn't see him again until March, 1951. Then again in July, 1951. This last meeting started something. Dick finally discovered that he had not only become interested in Julie but that she had become interested in him, too, so they began dating regularly, and became engaged in June, 1952.

In January, 1953, Dick was drafted into the service and stationed, after a long two-month's training tour in Georgia, not far from Rochester. In July, 1953, Dick was transferred to Redstone Arsenal and in August, made a trip back to Rochester and married Julie. They moved to Alabama immediately after their marriage and it wasn't long until Julie accepted the position of secretary to the Redstone Historian. Since she was found to be so capable, when the secretary to the Chief, General Administration Branch of the Plans and Operations Office, OML, transferred Julie was offered, and accepted, that job.

In July, 1954, the Chief, Administration and Management Office lost his secretary and Julie again scooted up to the better position.

Julie enjoys writing letters, personal letters, and spends most of her spare time corresponding with friends and relatives in and around Rochester. Twenty-five of them to be exact.

When she first arrived here, most of these 25 letters were written every week, but as time passed on, and the days grew longer and hotter, she found herself spending more and more of her spare time just trying to keep cool.

Julie says she has met some very interesting people since she has been here, but the one she will always remember is a very attractive, well-educated, young girl from Athens. She and Dick, another couple, and this girl and her husband attended a movie in town one night shortly after Julie arrived here. Dick and Julie were both amazed at the very-Southern accent this girl had. They never thought of anyone actually speaking that way. They thought this accent was strictly something used only in movies and plays. But they soon learned that their new-found friend was not "putting-on". After the movie, they all went to Steadman's for coffee and it was during the conversa-

tion there that their friend said, "Y'all have to pawdon me if I staah, but I declare y'all sho do tawk funny."

Since living down South, Julie has attended her first major college football game (Auburn vs. Alabama), and enjoyed it thoroughly. The four other couples they attended the game with were for Alabama, so they sat on the Alabama side. But Dick and Julie chose Auburn to yell for and almost got kicked out of the stands for yelling "Wah Eagle!" They didn't stop yelling, just because people didn't like it, they'd yell and duck.

In January this likable couple will leave Huntsville to return to Rochester. Julie says that the time couldn't pass fast enough when she first got here, now she wishes she could put out her hand and stop it. She wants to go home but she hates to leave her friends here. A girl like Julie, however, will never be lonesome for friends. She's pleasant, easy-going and cooperative. The kind of person you like immediately and know will go far and make many friends.

Phillips Brooks, the young clergyman who in 1868 wrote the words of the Christmas carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem," did so for his Sunday school children.



GREETINGS

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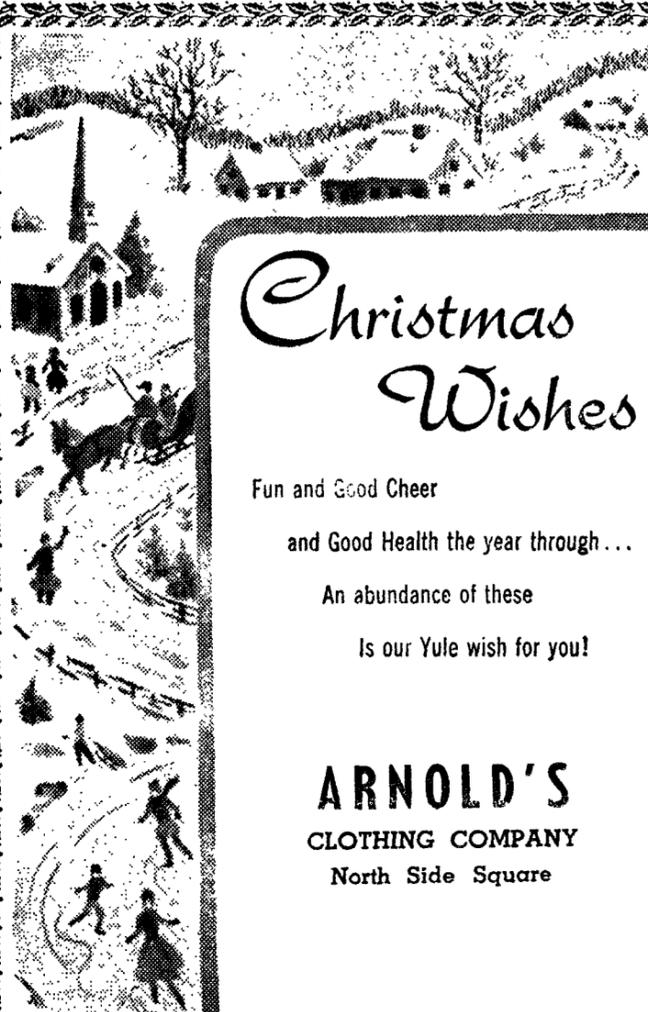
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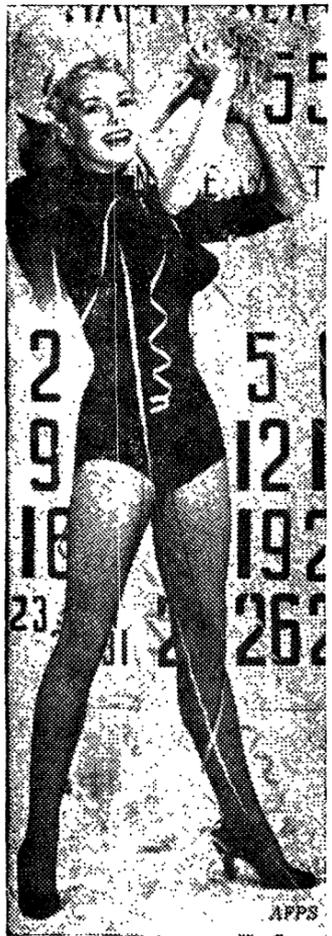
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HAPPY NEW YEAR — Janet Leigh is the New Year's girl wishing one and all a gay 12 months. She'll be seen soon in Columbia's new CinemaScope musical, "My Sister Eileen."

New Members Join Cost Accountants

Edward Lee Norton of Birmingham discussed "The Federal Reserve System" during the technical session of the December meeting of the North Alabama Chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants, held at Athens College.

Norton spoke from his background which includes a term as chairman of the board of the Birmingham branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, and a term as a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington.

Norton was introduced by Mor-

ton D. Prouty, Jr., of Sheffield, secretary of the chapter. Osmond Gardner of Huntsville, attendance director, introduced the guests present and presented the attendance award to Frank McLaughlin, Jr., Chemstrand Corp., Decatur.

Stanley A. Veatch, of Huntsville, membership director, introduced six new members. These are: W. S. Miller of Reynolds Metals Company, Sheffield; William H. Obenour and Leo C. Sanderson, both of Thiokol Corporation; Richard E. Nelson and Herbert L. Adcock of Redstone Arsenal; and Martin N. Marsh, of the Internal Revenue Bureau, Huntsville.

Jack S. Mueller, of Decatur, president of the local chapter, presided at the meeting.

Directors and officers of the North Alabama Chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants began planning for the chapter's annual dinner dance, tentatively scheduled for Saturday evening, Feb. 19, in Decatur. Frank E. Donilon Jr. of Tusculumbia, vice-president in charge of special activities, is general chairman of the dance committee. Assisting him will be Crawford D. Reeves of Decatur, others to be named later.

Arrangements were discussed for adding to the chapter's donations to the accounting section of the library at Athens College. The club agreed to donate the books it received as an award from National Headquarters for winning the challenge race with Nashville in last year's Stevenson trophy competition.

Hugh P. Henderson of Sheffield

the education director, reported on the successful completion of the discussion forum programs held recently in Sheffield and Huntsville. Routine reports were received from Ralph L. Lambert of Huntsville on employment activities of the chapter; Warren H. Saxon of Decatur on the newsletter; J. Grady Shaw of Decatur on the accounting practice to be submitted to the NACCA Bulletin; Osmond Gardner, Huntsville, attendance; Dudley Meredith, Sheffield, publicity.

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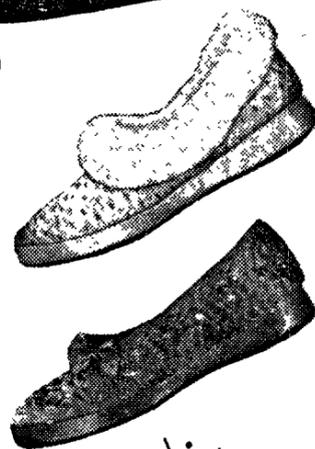
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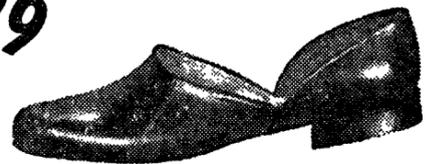
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