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'MENTAL HEALTH' CAMPAIGN OPENS

Lieske To Head Arsenal Drive

According to statistics compiled by the Alabama Association for Mental Health, 176,000 Alabamians — one in 17 — are suffering from some form of mental illness.

In an effort to acquaint the people in the state with the appalling lack of facilities and trained personnel to care for these people, the Association is appointing representatives in each community to help them educate the population.

Representatives spearheading the month-long drive to help the Association for Mental Health at Redstone Arsenal are Capt. Loren F. Lieske, the assistant inspector general, chairman; Stan Wilkins, deputy chief of the Transportation Division; and Dr. W. H. Steurer, scientific assistant to the chief of the Guided Missile Development Division, co-chairman. The drive for funds opened yesterday.

In Alabama there are insufficient training facilities for psychiatrist, psychologists, or psychiatric social workers and nurses, according to the Association report. Second, the state does not offer enough salary to people trained in other states, the report said.

The biggest problem of all, however, is that 7,000 mental patients are crowded into a space where 3,551 beds are approved, the Association reports. The waiting list in the two state hospitals is long and the Partlow School is overcrowded, the report states.

It also pointed out that there are only five clinics to deal with psychiatric problems in the state and that there are not enough personnel to staff these full time.

Proper treatment early, according to the Association report, would probably reduce the break-up of one in four marriages, reduce juvenile delinquency problems and personality problems which cause discharge from jobs, as well as serious crimes, drug addiction and other related mishaps caused by mental disturbances.

One out of every 18 persons in Alabama, or 167,000 Alabamians, will spend some time in a mental hospital, the report continued. Ten per cent of Alabama school children are in need of expert help for emotional problems. Industrial accidents and dismissals are mainly due to personality factors. There are no facilities in Alabama for the exclusive treatment of seriously mentally ill children. These and other facts the report lists as "reason enough" to support the mental health campaign.

Design Branch Chief Receives Patent

Casper Koeper, chief of the Design Branch for the Rocket Development Division, was awarded a patent for a fuze which detonates rocket payloads.

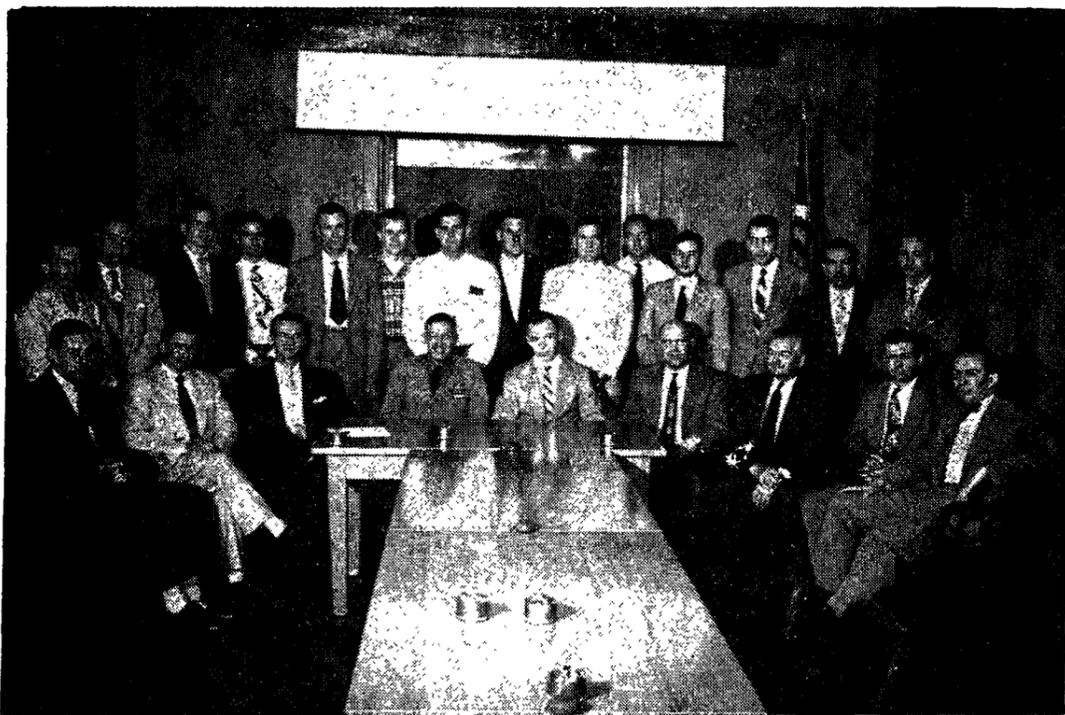
The patent is assigned to the government and was the result of the efforts of three men, Francis P. Gilhooly, formerly employed at Redstone, Samuel Wasserman, and Koeper. The three worked on the fuze while associates in the Chief of Ordnance's office.

The principle they used was an inertia weight set in a sleeve — both designed to slide. The weight was placed at the base of the explosive charge with a pin protruding forward but held out of contact with the primer by means of the sleeve encompassing the weight.

The sleeve and weight were immobilized by a bore-riding pin held in position against the action of an expelling spring by a diaphragm responsive to the buildup of pressure within the rocket motor.

When the rocket is fired, the pressure of propellant gases in the rocket motor flexes the diaphragm and releases the bore-riding pin.

When the rocket leaves the launcher, the pin is expelled and the locking sleeve released.



IRE STUDENT MEMBERS—Meek B. Graves, outstanding student member of the Huntsville Section of the Institute of radio engineers, seated center beside Brig. Gen. H. N. Toftoy, arsenal commander, toured Redstone Arsenal last week with other student members of the IRE. The students are studying at Mississippi State University and at Vanderbilt University. They lunched at the Officers Open Mess, saw a film on guided missiles, and visited several unclassified projects on the arsenal. (Photo by Tex McCrary)

3rd Army Children To Receive Vaccine

According to a report from Third Army Headquarters, Salk polio vaccine will be made available in the Third Army seven state area for children of military personnel. Children between the ages of six months and 16 years will be administered the vaccine at an early date.

Lt. General A. R. Bolling, Commanding General, has announced that the vaccine will be made available for all children of Army personnel between these ages with the exception of the first and second grade school children who will receive the immunization vaccine free at their schools under the program announced by the National Polio Foundation.

For these children of Army parents who are not first and second graders, the parents will have to pay for the vaccine, but will not have to pay for its administration by Army medical personnel. Price of the vaccine has not been determined as yet. Third Army medical officers pointed out, saying the cost will be made known just as soon as prices can be obtained from the pharmaceutical distributors.

The vaccine will be obtained at the earliest possible date, probably within a month, and will be immediately dispatched to the various Army installations, medical officers said.

There are more than 40,000 children of Third Army military personnel, exclusive of the first and second graders, who will be eligible for the vaccine.

Inspectors Needed At Redstone Arsenal

An unassembled examination is open for inspection specialists with GS ratings ranging from GS-7 at \$4205 per annum through GS-13 at \$8360 per annum.

This examination is numbered 5-35-19(55) and has an indefinite closing date.

Requirements include travel, experience that is progressively responsible in the manufacture, assembly, production, overhaul, and repair of mechanical equipment such as machine tools, engines, etc., or electronics equipment such as radar, radio, television and related fields.

In addition, applicants must have one year of specialized experience in inspection which included responsibility for acceptance or approval of rockets, missiles, JATO units or other equipment related to rockets and missiles.

Forms to file for these positions are Form 57, Card Form 5001-ABC and Standard Form 15 with documentary proof if anyone is claiming ten point veterans' preference.

Pay Methods Change For Some Employees

Approximately 42 janitors and chauffeurs now employed at the arsenal will be changed from the classification act CPC schedule to the wage board pay method category on May 9.

The 83rd Congress abolished the CPC pay schedule but provided that the existing rate of base pay made by an employee is to be no lower than that he made when the CPC schedule was in effect.

This means that his wage board grade will be one with pay equal that he now makes on the job.

Approximately 70 firefighters and 140 guards have already been converted from the CPC pay schedule to a GS pay schedule under the same provisions.

Public Law 763 (Fringe Benefits Act) governs the changes.

TVA Is Visited By Accountants

Accountants from the Tennessee Valley visited TVA and received an explanation of accounting for the fertilizer works, Friday, April 29, when the North Alabama chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants held its first plant visit of the year at the Muscle Shoals nitrate plant.

The visiting accountants assembled in the Chemical Engineering building at TVA's Wilson Dam reservation. J. E. Brabham of TVA's accounting section outlined the accounting problems and procedures after which R. B. Stitzer of the Authority's Chemical Engineering department took charge of a tour through the plant.

Frank E. Donilon, Jr., of Tusculumbia, vice president in charge of special activities of the local N. A. C. A. chapter was in charge of this plant visit, which brought accountants from the Decatur and Huntsville areas to the Tri-Cities. Earlier the chapter had sponsored a visit to the Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville.

Civil Service Head To Visit Redstone

Hammond B. Smith, Regional Director of the Fifth U. S. Civil Service Region at Atlanta, Ga., and ten members of his staff will visit Redstone Arsenal May 4 for a briefing on the activities and the arsenal mission.

Scheduled to arrive at the arsenal airport at 8 a. m., Col. George I. Levings, the chief of the Civilian Personnel Division will meet them.

General Toftoy is scheduled to welcome them at Headquarters after which they will be told about Redstone and its missions by Louis Grabenstedter, Civilian executive.

Also on the agenda is a tour of the Rocket Development Division's laboratories and ranges, conducted by the division chief, Joe Rush.

In the afternoon, the party is scheduled to visit the Civilian Personnel Division and the local Civil Service Board before a briefing on the Guided Missile Development Division conducted by Professor Wernher von Braun.

They also plan to tour the division.

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RDD SLATES LARGE DISPLAY

Public To See Demonstrations

The Test and Evaluation Branch, Rocket Development Division, is preparing a continuous ten-minute show to demonstrate their equipment which will be displayed on the Huntsville Square on Armed Forces Day, May 21.

Leading off will be an Honest John Rocket which will be raised and lowered on its trailer-launcher to demonstrate firing procedure. The rocket will be supplied by Industrial Division.

A 32-foot-long backdrop will hold four large color pictures depicting various aspects of rocket testing procedures.

The first picture will show the new ballistic track which will be used to simulate the launching of rockets from aircraft.

The second picture will show the twin towers used to analyze rocket flight by using the "optical lever" method. On top of one tower is a large chart, on the top of the other, a camera. As the rocket passes between them, the camera takes a picture of the chart by reflection from a mirror on the nose of the rocket. The course of the rocket can be plotted from an analysis of the chart as seen in the photograph.

The other pictures show the static firing of a large JATO unit, and a pair of Doppler radar velocimeters. The latter can measure the speed of a rocket in flight when the relative time between radar impulses is calibrated.

A 12 tube, mobile rocket launcher, fully loaded with 4 1/2 inch, M-17 rockets will be demonstrated.

Several types of test equipment will be included in the demonstration. A drop test, part of the environmental testing program which subjects rockets to many of the forces they would undergo in battle conditions, will be shown.

Many types of cameras will be shown, including night cameras, movie cameras, and special high-speed cameras that can take pictures at the rate of 3,000 frames a second.

Audience participation features will include an electronic scale that can weigh up to 200,000 pounds; a thrust stand that measures the pressure of a static-fired rocket; a reaction timer which will measure the time between two events with great accuracy, even for very small fractions of time; and a tape recorder.

A large display of headlight rockets, including many night photographs will demonstrate another phase of test activities.

A roving demonstrator with a loud speaker will explain each exhibit.

The firing of a practice rocket developed by Rhom and Haas Company is being tentatively planned.



HONEST JOHN—Being prepared for public display on Armed Forces Day is an Honest John rocket. The girls (left to right) are Mrs. Willa Holden and Miss Bernice Blythe, Redstone Depot. The men of Redstone Depot who helped to prepare the rocket for display in Birmingham and Atlanta are (left to right) Marvin Sizemore, warehouse foreman; Leslie Hudson, processor; and John D. Stephenson, chief of the General Supply Branch, Rocket Development Division is preparing an Honest John for display in Huntsville.

The Redstone Rocket

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TRANSPORTATION DIVISION

By Adele McDonald

Lt. Hunt, Field Transportation Officer, has become quite a gad-about lately. He and Mr. George Potts, Chief of Transportation, spent a couple of days in Atlanta on TDY last week. After conferring with the Inter-Agency Motor Equipment Advisory Committee, they were conducted on an interesting three-hour tour through the Federal Penitentiary. Not content with that little jaunt, Lt. Hunt is leaving on the 27th for Fort Eustis, Virginia to take a six weeks course studying Transportation problems.

Horace Chandler, Motor Pool Section, was pleasantly surprised a short time ago when his wife won a television set at one of the local grocery stores. Next to win-

ning something ourselves, it is thrilling to know someone who has been lucky. Congratulations, Mr. Chandler.

Ernest Sibley, Vehicle Maintenance Branch, became a proud grandfather the other day. It was a boy and is to be named Robert Edward Junior.

Edna Armstrong, Outbound Freight Section, welcomed her husband and a new son simultaneously this past week end. Edna's husband arrived home from Europe just in time for the big event.

A recent visitor to Transportation was Mrs. Mary Christopher. She is Evelyn Coffman's sister and a former employe of Transportation at the Huntsville Arsenal.

Blanche Buchanan, Outbound Freight Section, gave us a most interesting and descriptive account of her trip to Florence to attend the concert given by Miss Margaret Truman. Several friends from Decatur accompanied her and they had a most enjoyable time.

The Inbound Freight Section welcomed a newcomer last week. Mrs. Mary Roper from Athens.

Toots Maples, Passenger Movements Section, spent the past week in Nashville with her husband. He was undergoing a medical checkup at the Vanderbilt Hospital.

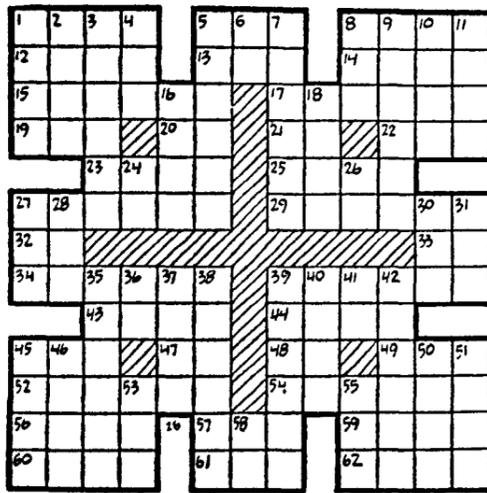
Bennie Ivy, MHE Shop, dashed off to Chicago the other day to pick up his fiancee who has been working there. It is understood that wedding bells will be ringing soon.

All fishing enthusiasts should apply to Earl Clark, Vehicle Maintenance Branch for pointers. Mr. Clark is noted far and wide for catching vast quantities of fish with the greatest of ease. Never going beyond the legal limit of course.

Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Flossie Harless, secretary.

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 - Bone
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 - Limb
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REDSTONE DEPOT

By OLIVUS

These Depot people have a certain magnetism which appears attractive to tiny denizens of local and neighboring water bodies. The ladies seem to be just as magnetic as the masculine fishermen. Willa Holden went along with her better-half and returned home proudly sporting a nice string of bass and crappie. A good percentage of these, according to Willa, were captured by her hook. These girls just have a way of casting "baited lines", haven't they?

We extend our condolences to William Coonrod whose mother-in-law recently passed away.

Herman "Preacher" Harbin's little sons (5) are singing, "Take It Back and Change It For A Boy", since Mr. Harbin is now the proud papa of a bouncing baby girl.

A most welcome addition to the Depot is Mrs. Carolyn Arnett of the General Supply Branch.

Mrs. Audrey Crew's new home is nearing completion. We are anxiously awaiting to hear the date set for the completion.

Depot personnel are becoming very interested in Civil Defense activities. We hope the germ is contagious as we firmly believe that everyone should take an active interest in Civil Defense.

Spring has finally sprung. The gals are all donning their frilly frocks. Noticed one eyelet job in particular that was an eye stopper. Observed one male with red trousers and pink shirt. From a distance it looked as if the top of his red flannels had faded. All in all, indications are that a colorful summer is in store for the observer.

Speaking of spring reminds one of this one—or is it this winter—very confusing. We have planted our garden twice thinking that spring was here, uncovered our shrubbery and it was frozen. Don't know whether the seasons are changing or our memory is bad. We don't feel so bad about this mistake when we consider

Mrs. Harless' grandfather, Robert Sublett, passed away on April 23.

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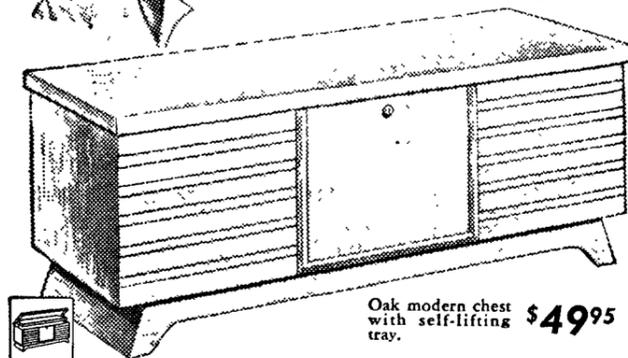


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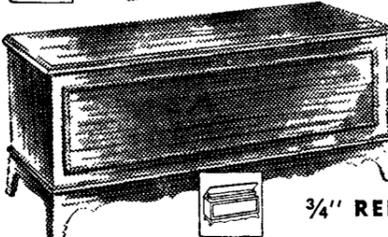
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The next meeting will be held on May 16 and Lt. and Mrs. Tom Cooper, extension JE 4-6553, will be host and hostess.

Members are requested to call the host and hostess for reservations for themselves and their guests.

Narrow strips of material cut with pinking shears make cute hair bows to match little girls' dresses.

Officers' Wives Will Meet May 10

Members of the Officers' Wives' Club will hold their regular meeting next Tuesday, (May 10) at 12 noon at the Officers Open Mess.

The wives of the National Procurement Division officers, who are in charge of the program for this meeting will present Mrs. J. B. Clopton, world famous cobweb painter, as their guest speaker.

For luncheon and nursery reservations, call one of the following ladies before noon Saturday (May 7): Mrs. Harry Schoenman, JE 4-9895; Mrs. Jack Wattendorf, JE 4-7875; Mrs. William Hawkins, JE 6-1886; or Mrs. John Boyes, JE 2-8507.

SOCIAL NOTES

The Redstone Arsenal Chapel Guild will meet tomorrow morning at 10 a. m. in Bldg. T-151, the chapel office building. The nursery will be open.

Former Texas A and M students held a muster at the Officers' Open Mess on April 21 following an informal stag party. Lt. Robert L. Giles, Jr., was chairman. Will Lewis of the Industrial Division will be the chairman for next year's muster here. Those attending included Sam Billingsley, Capt. Joseph Hinesley, Lt. Duane Unrue, Lt. Bob Giesecke, Lt. Ronald Cordar, Dan Dending, E. C. Roberts and Will Lewis.

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As Huntsville's 150th Anniversary approaches, many males are seen with a face full of fuzz, bristles, and stubbles. Mack Jennings beard is growing rapidly. It is rumored that his "hair-raising tonic" is for sale to those who are having trouble finding a use for a comb.

Many employes are having trouble getting to work at the new, earlier hour. Lali Russell made it to work the other morning, and even had a lunch. After protecting her lunch sack from getting mashed all morning, she took it to the cafeteria and prepared to eat. When she opened her lunch sack, she found a pair of old, worn-out shoes stored inside instead of sandwiches.

Mary Countess resigned last week because of ill health. It was with deep regret that her employees bade her farewell.

Mr. Mintz is back at his desk after being in North Carolina where his wife is recuperating from an operation. It is hoped that she recovers soon.

Cleo Cason, Katie Hembree, Anne Logel, and Alta Scott attended the Alabama Library Association and the Special Library Association in Mobile, Alabama, on 29 and 30 April.

There are several talented sportsmen in the office. Bill West placed third in a horse shoe tour-

THE POST LIBRARY

BY ANNA L. FARRAR Librarian

The Post Library has added the new books listed to its collection: Donald Barton, "Once in Aleppo."

Stanley Berenstain "Marital Blitz."

Preston Bradley, "Happiness Through Creative Living."

Agatha Christie, "So Many Steps to Death."

Arthur Clarke, "Earthlight."

Groff Conklin, "Science Fiction Terror Tales."

Robert Considine, "Man Against Fire."

Steve Frazee, "Cry, Coyote"

Charles Gorham, "Gold of Their Bodies."

Rocco Graziano, "Somebody Up There Likes Me."

Philip Harkins, "Blackburn's Headhunters."

Paul Herrmann, "Conquest by Man."

Herbert Kubly, "American in Italy."

Lawrence Lariar, "... You've Got Me in a Hole."

George Lewis, "Elephant Tramp"

John Marquand, "Sincerely, Willis Wayde."

Van Wyck Mason, "Two Tickets For Tangier."

Scott Meredith, "Bar 4; Round-up of Best Western Stories."

George Millar, "A Crossbowman's Story of the First Exploration of the Amazon."

Pierre Payne, "Brave Harvest."

Robert Ripley, "Mammoth Believe It or Not!"

Harrison Salisbury, "American in Russia."

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VISIT TO TULLAHOMA—About 85 members and guests of the Alabama Chapter of the American Rocket Society recently toured the wind tunnels and engine test facilities at Arnold Engineering Development Center at Tullahoma, Tenn. The majority of the persons who made the trip are from Redstone Arsenal. (Photo by Arnold Engineering Development Center)

TROOP COMMAND

Headquarters Detachment
By Bill West

Once a year, we are told, every man in the army, from General Ridgeway down to the last E-I US, is required to "get down into" a good sitting, squatting, kneeling, standing, or prone position and "squeeze off" a few rounds to prove that the old eye is still good and the nerves strong.

We aren't sure when the Pentagon has its day, but we had ours

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last Monday and Tuesday on the 1000 inch range, east side Weeden Mountain. A perusal of the score cards will reveal that nearly everyone exceeded all expectations; and, as it turned out on Monday at least, you had to shoot nearly "Expert" to avoid being one of the low fifteen who had to clean the rifles.

Headquarters Detachment is continuing to do very well in what might be referred to as the parlor sports. We took second and third place in both pool and ping-pong and have now excelled in horseshoes. Pfc. Ernest Kemnitz placed first by defeating Sgt. Robert Bishop three games to two in the finals; and, pending a decision from Troop Command, we may have won third place also.

With the completion of the first round of unit small bore matches, our cal .22 rifle team has scored victories over Detachment A and the 291st Military Police Company and has been defeated by Detachment B. The cal. .45 pistol team lost all three of its matches. M/Sgt Stacks has the individual high score to date (237) with the .22 rifle. It has not yet been decided how many match rounds will be fired, but the six top pistol and ten top rifle shots will go to the Third Army meet in Atlanta.

In other sports, our softball team

won its first game of the season with the 26th Ordnance but lost its second to the 9352nd Officers; and, for everyone else who wants to get into the act, the 9330 fishing contest has been extended until May 31st because of the bad weather in April.

This is the season for stripes, especially those single ones. Last month an unprecedented total of nine headquarters men rose from E-2 to Private first class. This month, seventeen! They are: Robert Aseltine, Leonard Brenstein, Eugene Bulmann, Jr., Charles Croteau, Donald Doiband, Stanley Johns, Alan Levinson, Charles Lundquist, Thomas Madden, Thomas Sandercock, Melvin Schwartz, William Searcy, John Staehlin, Alfred Stein, John Ulrich, John Winslow, and Walter Wundrow.

And, skipping a rank, three of our number were promoted to Sergeant: Anthony Barnaba, Robert Dyer and Zygfried Rojewski. Best to you all.

Cpl. Richard Hus and Pfc. James Flowers will, by the time this is published, have bade the army goodbye. Our condolences to Sgt. George Simons who is in the

infirmary with the mumps, and our belated congratulations to Pfc. John Ulrich on the birth of a daughter April 9.

Detachment "A" By Carl Hensley

On the eleventh of April the Troop Command started their periodic physical build-up. Each morning dressed in appropriate clothing, the troops double time out to the field and the grunts and groans of PT begin in measured cadence. The first few mornings there were quite a few sore muscles, but by the end of the week we were being "shaped up".

Quite a few of our personnel were tapped for overseas duty this next month. Some were happy to go, others disgusted that they had to go. Pvt. Melfi was one of the latter... Following a short stay here, he was shipped up to Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey, to school. Now after having been returned only a few months, he is to go to Germany.

The fourth platoon is sorry to see SFC Boyett leave for Germany. It will be hard to find a platoon sergeant replacement who will do as good a job and be as well liked as SFC Boyett. We all wish him a pleasant tour in Europe.

Ralph S. Macchai left the beginning of the month for New York, making the third platoon barracks much, much quieter.

Dick Noble was separated about the same time. Dick left for an

engineering position in a small town in Connecticut. By now he should be a happily married man with a wife, a home, a job, and responsibilities. No matter where he goes Dick will take along his genial cordiality, a deck of cards (Continued on Next Page)

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TROOP COMMAND

(Continued From Opposite Page) for a game of bridge, and a bag of clubs for a round of golf on Saturday morning.

Upon Dick's departure Tom Daniels is taking charge of the on-post section of the fourth platoon. Tom was a combat photographer during the Korean War experience. Now he is the post expert on recording sound for motion picture film.

Det "B"

By Bill Pulver

The time has come when we will start getting up an hour earlier every morning, which means that we will have to cut out night life a little shorter or use afternoon naps to catch up on our sleep. But, anyway we'll have more time in the afternoon to enjoy the various sports such as tennis, swimming, softball, baseball, etc.

Well, I guess everyone should be shaping up a little; that is, physically. So far the 15 min-

utes of PT every morning has only made us physically sore, but with a few more weeks we should get our muscles loosened up and be in much better shape to take the physical training test coming up shortly.

The detachment seems to be losing men by the bushels these days, and there have been very few brought in to replace them. We have recently lost Covlin, Van Hoozer and Blankenship who are returning to the cold business world looking for jobs. I understand that there are several more who will be getting out early in May and June via the early release policy. So that is going to leave our CQ roster very low, unless by chance we can promote some of our PFC's which might in turn make our KP's unhappy. Well, you can't make everybody happy.

Sgt. Bracklow has recently come back from convalescence leave recovering from his illness at the infirmary. He is now out on an ordinary leave, and we hope he is fully recovered when he returns for duty. Taking his place at the infirmary is Franklin Calsbeek. We hope his illness is nothing serious and that he can be out shortly.

Going to Patrick Air Force Base for permanent duty are Keith Glorfield and John Berry. We hope that they have an enjoyable tour of duty there and that they get to take in some of the sights in the noted vacation areas. Returning from Patrick is Keith Wingham, who is due to get out shortly.

The softball team seems to be

shaping up very well and should be in good condition for their opening game with the 1st ETD. So far they have won two practice games. Timmons and Kelly have proved to be Babe Ruths with the bat, but the team as a whole has shown good hitting and fielding. The biggest shortage and weakness is in the pitching department where we are poorly lacking in manpower. So anyone interested particularly in trying their skill at pitching or any other position should contact Sgt. Bourne. The team is losing six men by June 1st so this will leave some gaps to be filled. Anyone not playing should make every effort to support the team by coming to the games. Let's get Det "B" on top and keep them there.

MP HIGHLIGHTS

By James 'The Deacon' Randolph

To make an attempt at filling the enormous gap bequeathed by my worthy predecessors Cpls. Hector and Starr who both possessed great journalistic potentialities leaves me with a deep and humble feeling of inadequacy; nevertheless, I shall endeavor to at least dabble with this column.

For several Rocket editions, the voice of the 291st has been provokingly silent, so sayeth the 1st soldier. So my "Unit Pride", being in such abundance, wouldn't allow me to refuse his request. Those who know me can vouch for this fact. (Forgiveness will be the subject of my prayers tonight.)

Many changes have occurred within our company, 1st Lt. Patterson has taken over the reins as Company Commander from Capt. Sweat who has been transferred to Ft. Bliss, Texas and with the assistance of M/Sgt. Alvis C. (Have Mercy) Taylor the 291st should survive the turbulent waters of time.

The MP's on RSA in days to come may suffer from mild cases of claustrophobia due to the fact that they're tucked in nightly by the CQ at 0100 hrs. I've heard rumors that a bedtime story hour would be instituted to hasten the incorrigible troops into the waiting arms of Morpheus.

The dynamic Pvt. Harry (The Book) Menadier is reputed to be contemplating reenlistment due to the favorable trend of his present love affair. In his striking dialect 'arry's elation was thusly expressed, "de boids is choiping and I dig dis crazy action". Minny has offered Yours truly a job as his chauffeur-bodyguard in the event that he pursues his much-loved pastime (watching horse races).

Anyone who feels qualified to handle women should avail themselves of the opportunity to become Pfc. Frank (El Toro Jr.) Woidat's social secretary. Franklin sneaked up to the windy city and "picked up" one of those new Chevrolets. A too cool red and cream job.

The old adage "absence makes the heart grow fonder" was void of meaning until one Pvt. John Dodds came to Redstone. He is the recipient of six or eight letters a day and tops the evening off by calling South Dakota long distance. Perhaps when his wife joins him here in June the telephone strike will be called off.

Cupid has informed me that: Pvt. Slyne (Pfc Tilton's yes man) is having a one sided love affair with a young lady who works for Special Services. As usual she doesn't even know he exists. Pvt. Schaeffer has made plans to embark upon the sea of matrimony in June. Entering the Army at seventeen, surviving basic train-

ing, he has declared himself a man. Pvt. James Williams hasn't and doesn't plan matrimony, yet he carries the groceries on Saturday. What about that?

The Army has classes A, B, C uniforms, but Cpl. Smotherman designed Class D and was rewarded with a few days of restriction. Sgt. (Catfish) Jones is the proud father of a new baby girl. Pink

cigars are in order but she came at the wrong time of the month. Attention: First Relief famous last words of Sgt. Willie (San) Quinton "I'll lead ya if ya let me but I'll drive ya if ya make me."

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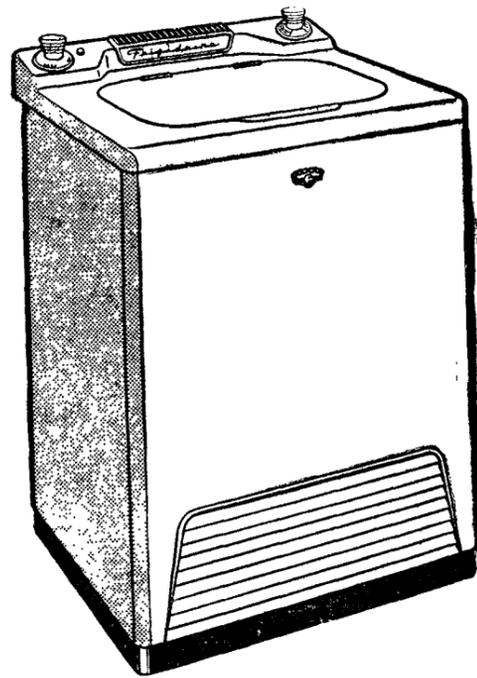
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SPORTS

FOLLOWIN' THRU

A ROUND-UP OF RSA SPORTS NEWS

By J. D. Nilsson

While your reporter was down in Tuscaloosa looking at what appears to be an SEC championship team for the University of Alabama, the Redstone Arsenal Rockets took it on the chin for the third straight time this season. Fort Jackson, Third Army champions in 1953 and 1954, did the dirty work, 14-8.

John Schillo and Hank Zurawel collected 3 hits apiece for Redstone. Lassitter, Cleveland property formerly with Indianapolis in the Class AAA American Association, pounded out 4 base blows to top the hitters.

Because the Rockets outslugged the Jaxmen, 16-12, and got 8 runs off the South Carolina aggregation, Manager Dick McNamara stated that his Rockets would be rough on Fort McClellan's Wolverines. While this issue is in press, we'll be taking in the first of two games at Anniston with

the squad from the Chemical Corps (and WAC!) post. Slated to go on the mound for the Redstone ball club are Joe Perrotta, effective lefty, and John Sanders, righthander who has surprised in his two efforts to date. We'll have details of the games next week.

By the way, the 1955 Redstone roster lists some 18 men, including McNamara. "Mac" played ball for the University of Notre Dame, went into organized baseball with Class C Santa Barbara, Cal., and then, after getting mixed up with the Army life, spent three years at first base for Fort Jackson.

The squad is led by Joe Perrotta, who pitched his way to a 15-6 record with Burlington in the Carolina league in 1953. At the end of the '53 season, he had also pitched his way into the Class AA Southern League with the New Orleans Pelicans, but then Uncle Sam called. Joe is property of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Dick Peterson, with experience with various semi-pro teams in New Jersey, is a returning RSA regular. In 1954, Dick compiled a 7-1 won-lost record, his lone defeat being to powerful Fort McPherson, perennial runner-up to Fort Jackson in the Third Army tournaments.

Phil Stickel, former University of Cincinnati diamondman, roves left field. James Bohmann holds down the second base position. Bohmann played second with Madisonville, Ky., in the Class D Kitty League prior to entering the Army.

Outside of the experience of these four players and McNamara the experience of the others of the team is limited to amateur ball. Sanders, however, in his first two appearances, has looked like he really has what it takes to be a reliable pitcher. With only Federation experience in Toledo, the hurler brought immediate praise from his manager.

Tomorrow, 4 May, Redstone travels to Sewart Air Force Base at Sewart, Tennessee, for the first of a two-game set with the flyboys. On Saturday, the Rockets travel all the way to Hunts-



ROCKET EXPERT—Casper Koeper (left) chief of the design branch in the Rocket Development Division, goes over the drawing of a safety device he designed and for which he received a patent, with Reginald Pippin, the arsenal's patent attorney. Mr. Koeper wasn't quite sure what had been patented until he received the description. There are more patents pending.

Jaycees To Hold Teen-Age Road-e-o

May 7 is the date set for the Huntsville Teen-Age Road-e-o to be held at the Big Spring Park Parking Area. The thirty contestants chosen to enter this event will be determined by competitive

written examinations. Written examinations for the local Road-e-o are being given at participating high schools throughout the coun-

ty. All teen-agers who are less than 20 years of age as of 29 April, 1955, who have not committed a moving traffic violation in the last six months and who hold a driving permit or a license are eligible to enter this safe driving event. The local winner will go on to the state contest in Selma, Ala., on 24 May, 1955 to compete for a \$500 scholarship and place in the national contest.

One teen-ager from each state will take part in the National Road-e-o July 25-29 in Washington, D. C., to compete for \$3000 in scholarships. The national contest is sponsored by the U. S. Jaycees, Liberty Mutual Insurance Companies, and the American Trucking Associations, Inc. This is the third year this event has been held in this community.

ville and open the home season for the Huntsville Parkers. The local affair, naturally a big rival contest, should be worth seeing.

Company softball is continuing in fine style. The season is too early to give much of an idea of who will run off with the championship. At the moment, the 9352 officer's team is leading the league by virtue of having played one more game than any other contender.

Industrial softball in Huntsville has its opening date set definitely for Monday, May 9. The defending champions from Thiokol, one of RSA's two entries in the league (the Fabricators are the other) open the league season with a game against Hill Chevrolet. Lee Jordan reports that the Thiokol squad will be headed by Frank Tyler, who last year compiled something like a 20-2 won-lost record. The Fab Lab's entry also looks strong; just about the same squad wrapped up last season's post league. It would be great if the two teams could finish one-two in this summer's competition.

Girl's softball is to get underway in Huntsville soon, but, at present, details are not available. A Redstone entry is expected.

Big rumblings in the world of tennis have been heard. The latest news of the sport, still in the planning stage, is that a post-level tourney has been scheduled for Redstone's courts.

In case we didn't see you at McClellan, let's see you at the Parkers-Rockets contest on Saturday.

Company Softball Standings

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9352 Officers	2	0
Hq & Hq, 9352 TU	1	0
1 ETD, 9352 TU	1	0
2 ETD, 9352 TU	1	0
Hq & Hq, 9330 TU	1	1
B Det, 9330 TU	1	1
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The new policy also allows personnel officers to recommend qualified EM, who have been ineligible because of previous regulations, for scientific and professional military occupational specialties.

Requests for a scientific or professional MOS should be submitted to the Office of the Adjutant General on DA Form 1294.

At present, there are eight such MOS categories, ranging from civil engineering to social scientists' assistants.

CHESS CLUB MEETING

This evening, May 3, the Huntsville Chess Club will meet at the Service Club at 7:30 p.m. Service men and civilians alike are invited to participate.

For those not familiar with its location, the Service Club is the first building on the right as Redstone Arsenal is entered from Jordan Lane in West Huntsville. For further information call C. D. Swanson, Extension 2612.

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News from Dr. A. K. Thiel, former chief of TFSSO, is that he has accepted employment with the Ramo-Wooldridge Corporation in Los Angeles instead of with Convair in San Diego.

It's another girl for Peggy Drinkard and husband, Clarence. They have named their fifth daughter Rosa Michelle.

Interesting observations: Joe Craft is getting a head start grow-

ing a beard for the celebration. A few others look as if they have started a beard, but the story is that they didn't have time to shave. Steve Johnston is still puzzled over the mystery of the disappearing books, Doris Avery is walking on clouds after moving to her new home on Monte Sano, Eunice Danner is taking a week's vacation, Tom Yarbrough is busy with another Little Theatre play, and Chuck Lundquist is spending a few days in Atlanta doing library work.

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THE WAY OUT

"I am the Way." John 14:6. Jesus said that. A daring assertion, would you not say? His enemies characterized it as pretentious. History records that it met a resentful response from the jealous critics of His ministry of mercy. They were all asking, Why should this Galilean carpenter make such a claim as that? Inexcusable egotism, said they. History also records that their taunts followed Him to the very end. "If thou be the Christ, come down from the cross."

"I am the Way." Was it indeed an evidence of vainglory? Had he really become a victim of self-conceit? Our challenge to all such impeachments is this: let the Scriptural appraisal of His character supply the answer. manifold Bible citations are available, but limited space permits only one, namely: "For ye know the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich". (II Cor. 8:9). In that sentence we have a summary of His mission, "who came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life as a ransom for man".

"I am the Way." Why that declaration? Because Thomas, honest doubter that he was, could not quite get the hang of it all. Jesus had been telling the Twelve about things just over the horizon, and all the glories appertaining thereto. At that juncture impulsive Thomas interrupted Him with the abrupt question: "Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?"

That was a pertinent question, a natural question for an interested inquirer to ask. Thomas was no fool. He was a well-informed Hebrew gentleman, and he knew that throughout the history of the race, wise and learned scholars had been wrestling with the same problem, but in vain. Man is not a dumb brute, they knew. This short life on earth is not all, they knew. Reconciliation with the Creator must be made, they know. Thomas knew that all sorts of religions had been improvised by races and nations, in the search for the answer to the Sphinx riddle, so to speak, relative to man and his destiny.

We stand by the side of Thomas the Doubter, and we discover that the answer to the age-long question has been found. After all, how simple it is, and yet how profound! Christ is the answer, the goal of our hope, and the way thereto. Like the Wise Men from the East, we can leave all speculative philosophy behind, and halt our camels at a stable door, and discover that we have not traveled in vain. In the plain Gospel record of the life on earth of the Revealer from heaven, we learn more than all human pundits can teach. We learn that we also can join the mighty caravan that follows in the train of Him who has proved to millions of immortal souls that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

'Little Theater' Slates Last Play

The Huntsville Little Theater will present its final performance of the season tonight and the following two nights at the new Huntsville High School Auditorium. Curtain time is 8 p.m.

The play, "The Night of January 16," is a courtroom comedy-drama, quite out of the ordinary. The entire production, a complete trial, will be given with the audience seated on the stage around the performers. The jury, which

will decide the case at the end of the play, will be chosen at random from the audience. The play has two endings, dependent on what verdict the jury turns in.

The production stars WFUN's Jack Jarvis as the district attorney and Ed Stoddard as the defense attorney. Mary Sandlin will be the defendant, and J. D. Nilsen will play her gangster boyfriend. Many members of the large cast are from Redstone.

Because of the seats on the stage, tickets for each performance are limited; tickets must be purchased for a specific night. Special rates of 75c prevail for servicemen's tickets, which will be on sale for a limited time at

GAMES TO BE BROADCAST

It was announced this week that Radio Station WHBS in Huntsville will begin broadcasting the Redstone Arsenal home baseball games.

Hudley Crockett, recent winner of the Alabama Associated Press award for sports coverage, will be at the mike.

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