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MISS SANDRA STRIBLING



MRS. GEORGE R. THROWER



MRS. DORIS BLACKSTONE



MRS. ELIZABETH HUNTER



MISS MARY JIM ESSLINGER

## 7 RSA 'Queens' Seek Sesquicentennial Crown

Redstone Arsenal will be well represented in the forthcoming contest to name Huntsville's Sesquicentennial Queen, with seven popular and attractive RSA "working girls" having been entered under the sponsorship of various divisions.

Redstone's complete roster of queenly candidates reads as follows: Mrs. Helen M. Wendell, Miss Mary Jim Esslinger, Mrs. Doris Blackstone, Mrs. Ola Saile, Mrs. George R. Thrower, Mrs. Elizabeth Hunter, and Miss Sandra Stribling.

Mrs. Wendell, a clerk-stenographer in Field Service, is being backed by that division. Her manager for the contest, who will take care of all arrangements, is Mrs. Sudie Amsler.

Miss Esslinger, working in Transportation, is being sponsored by a number of RSA units including: Transportation, Comptroller's Office, Adjutant, Safety Office, Post Engineers, Property Disposal, Troop Command, Civilian Personnel, Ammunition Surveillance, Army Exchange Division, Special Services, Ordnance Guided Missile School, Military Personnel, Redstone Depot, Consolidated Supply, Signal Division, Medical Division, and Dental Division. Miss Esslinger's manager is Lt. Oveda F. Hunt.

Mrs. Blackstone, a clerk-typist

in Purchasing and Contracting, is entered by that division. She has as her managers, Mrs. Ruth Sharpe and Jeff Darwin.

Mrs. Saile's sponsor is Industrial Division, where she is employed. Joe Williams is her manager.

Mrs. Thrower is sponsored by the Research and Development Division. Her campaign will be managed by Jere DuCote. Mrs. Thrower is a stenographer in the Reliability Branch of R&D.

Mrs. Hunter is backed by Guided Missile Development Division, where she is a secretary. Managing Mrs. Hunter will be Mrs. John Kmetko, Jr.

Miss Stribling is entered in the queen's contest under the banner of Finance. She is a clerk-stenographer for that division. Her man-



MRS. HELEN M. WENDELL

ager is Mrs. Charles I. Smith. Miss Marie Ashcraft, originally entered by Provost Marshal's Office, has withdrawn from the contest, it was announced.



MRS. OLA SAILE

## Potts Leaves Post As Transportation Chief

George H. Potts, chief of the Transportation Division, resigned his Arsenal post last week to take an executive position in private industry in Pittsburg, Pa.

Potts, a veteran of nine years at the Arsenal in a number of capacities both civilian and military, left Friday to become assistant manager of the Homes Division of Union Supply Co., a subsidiary of U. S. Steel.

His successor in the Redstone Transportation post has not been announced.

Potts first came to RSA in 1942 as civilian chief of production control, Ammunition Division. He became a first lieutenant by direct appointment several months later, remaining in the same capacity the same year. He was named RSA property officer, in which

post he worked until 1946 when he returned to his home in Los Angeles to enter private business as a plastering contractor.

He was recalled to active military duty in 1950, and worked in Field Service, Consolidated Supply, and as club officer at Redstone until his discharge from the Army in 1951. He remained here as deputy chief of the Ammunition Division, and became Transportation chief in 1954.

Mr. and Mrs. Potts resided in Huntsville at 208 E. Bob Wallace Street.

### SAFE MONTH

July was a safe month on the Arsenal. The Safety Officer reported no disabling injuries occurring among either civilian or military personnel.



LADY, SPARE THAT BRUSHHEAP!—At least until after September 17th, when the Sesquicentennial's over and done. That's what these three Arsenal "Brothers of the Brush" seem to be begging of the pretty girl with the menacing hedge-clippers, Miss Mary Jim Esslinger, Transportation. The bearded gentlemen are, left to right: Ray Deep, Rocket Development Division; Osmond Gardner and Tom Wooten, both of the Comptroller's Office. Miss Esslinger is this week's Rocket Pin-up.



George Potts

TRANSPORTATION CHIEF RESIGNS  
George Potts Goes to Pittsburg

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## 'Tain't Safe to Live, Safety Officer Finds

Ordinarily, W. E. (Chick) Albright, Arsenal safety officer, practices what he preaches—safety, that is—five working days a week to 8,000 Redstone employes.

But the other day he slipped up and parked for just a minute in a downtown "no parking" zone.

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## New 'Brush Brothers' Chapter is Formed

A new 'Brothers of the Brush' chapter was formed last week at Redstone Arsenal, under the name of the "Shaggy Sarcinics."

Charter members are Don Worrell, James L. Sanders, James Higgins, Osmond Gardner, Dick Nelson, Tom Wooten, Raymond A. Deep, Joseph C. Craft, Bob DeYoung, Paul J. Kane, Joel H. Bradford, John K. Clarke, Ellis L. Merritt, Creighton C. Lee, Juan Pizarro II, R. C. Callaway, Jr., William W. Howard, and Lloyd B. Marks.

Wooten was elected as High Sheriff, Gardner as high constable, Deep as judge, and Pizarro as Board of Governors representative.

ing" area. The front end of Mr. Albright's auto got smashed.

The safety officer's face was even redder when he discovered who owned the runaway vehicle. Last week he had presented the man with a gold lapel pin for five years of safe driving at the Arsenal.

Actually, the smashed auto incident was only a small part of Mr. Albright's story—a sad one—that unfortunate week. The rest should be read to the accompaniment of a slow soft violin:

It started on his daughter's wedding day and just before he began his vacation. The electric stove burned out.

Then the Albrights returned from a "lovely time" in New Jersey—to find the hot water tank had cracked down the seams. The house was flooded. Floors, carpets, some articles of furniture, and books were ruined.

Mrs. Albright plugged in the washing machine. It promptly caught on fire.

Escaping the "jinxed" house, Mr. Albright started to mow the lawn. One of the mower wheels broke off.

Then he went downtown shopping and got his car smashed.

All in all, it was enough to make a preacher cuss.

Besides being Arsenal safety officer, Mr. Albright is also an ordained minister.



UNDERSECRETARY OF ARMY VISITS ARSENAL — Undersecretary of the Army Charles C. Finucane (second from left) is shown upon arriving at Redstone Arsenal last week for an inspection tour. Greeting Mr. Finucane and party was Col. Paul Elias (extreme left), acting Arsenal commander. Others in the group visiting Redstone included (left to right), Henry N. Marsh, deputy assistant secretary of the Army, Logistics; Brig. Gen. Andrew P. O'Meara, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Research; and Brig. Gen. Louis Hightower, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3.

## HQ. DET., 9330 TU BY BILL WEST

The most significant events of the past few weeks, in terms of Headquarters Detachment and the Army as a whole, have taken place not on the local level but on the level of international diplomacy. It is difficult to establish the direct connection between these rumblings at the top and our own daily routine, but, according to the mysterious master plan of events, the attitudes and results of the Geneva conferences should eventually filter down to the level of the Day Room, Supply Room, Orderly Room and Scullery Room. This is our star of optimism on a leaden horizon.

Headquarters Detachment pulled two honors out of the 9330 grab-bag recently with the selection of SP-2 Jim Haire as "Specialist of the Month" and Sgt. Jack Hauber as Sergeant of the Month. We have, in addition, completed another 30 days without an automobile accident.

Four men were advanced in rank during the month of July: Bryan McGinnis achieved specialist second class; and Richard Costello, Robert Dale, and Jerome Griner were promoted to specialist third class.

Eight men have joined the detachment recently: Specialist second class Glen Price; Specialist third class James McVay, James Moore and Richard Sloat; Private first class George Adams; and Privates Robert Crouch, James Ives and William Jones. Welcome to you all and to all others whose names have been overlooked in this column.

Sergeants Anthony Barnaba and William Gromand have left Redstone for new posts somewhere in Great Britain, the latter taking his bag full of airborne P.T. exercises with him.

Finally, to complete the roll call, belated congratulations to

SP-3 Judd Novins on the birth of his daughter, July 16.

In closing we should remark that at least one individual has taken exception to the anecdote involving a pack of cards which closed this column in the July 23

edition of The Rocket. It is therefore necessary to state that this paragraph was intended to convey no obscure implications nor to cast aspersions upon any individual or group of individuals. This writing game is dangerous.

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CUB SCOUTS—The Cub Scout Pack really gets around as a part of their summer program. Above they visit with the operators at the telephone exchange. (Left to right): Michael Detchemendy, Jimmy Davison, Allen Harrison, James Heard and Bobby Clary, (front); John Davison, Billy Menning and Boy Scout Joe Davison. (Photo by Harvey McCrary)

**Last Call for Units To Get on Rocket Distribution List**

Last call for your Redstone Rocket! Final plans are being drawn up for a new distribution list for The Rocket, to insure that as many Arsenal readers as possible will receive their copies. To attain this objective, though, we need the cooperation of each Arsenal unit in telling us just how many people are employed in each unit.

A previous request for this information was made via The Rocket and the daily bulletin, but Mail and Records states that all units have not yet turned in their figures. So unit chiefs are hereby asked again: please submit your reports to Mr. Kindberg, Mail and Records.

The new distribution list will be based solely on new figures submitted, so units not reporting will not receive papers.

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**DETACHMENT "A"**  
BY CARL HENSLEY

George Macomber changed hats. One day he was softball coach; the next he was volleyball coach. The softball team had a lot of fun. We won almost half as many as we lost. Let's hope we do better in volleyball.

Some 20 men were out for the first volleyball practice. This number will be whittled down. The team is out every evening for an hour to an hour and a half, five days a week.

We are trying for our third consecutive month without an accident. As this is written we have 86 days accident free. The free day for every 30 accident-free days has proved to have a quite noticeable effect. All of the boys are more careful.

Ernie Blew is enjoying his leave in Europe. We received a card from him in Switzerland. This is one of the advantages of military service that is often overlooked. Ernie went across hitchhiking on MATS. Probably he will be able to ride back free too.

**Cub Scouts Visit Telephone Exchange**

Cub Scout Pack No. 234 visited the telephone exchange at the arsenal recently as one of the many educational sightseeing projects on their summer schedule.

The Pack has visited the Redstone Arsenal firemen and has taken a trip through a bakery in Huntsville as a part of this program.

Other places they have visited are a shoe factory, a dairy plant, and a bottling plant.

Other visits on their schedule include a trip to the Post Exchange and to Radio Station WHBP.

Den mother for Den No. 1 is Mrs. Joseph A. Davison and Den No. 2 has Mrs. Raymond F. Kubiszewski as its Den Mother.

Cub Scouts in the arsenal pack include: John Diggs, Terry Clarke, Kenneth Reed, Carl Messenger, Mike Goldbrick, Billy Menning, John Davison, Bobby Clary, James Heard, Allen Harrison, Jimmy Davison and Michael Detchemendy.

**REDSTONE DEPOT**  
By OLIVUS

In one issue of The Rocket we get to welcome Lt. Col. Donald D. Akerman and much to our sorrow, we bid him adieu in the following issue. We deeply regret his reassignment to the Industrial Division as we found him to be a very congenial and likeable gentleman. Come to see us often, Col. Akerman; the welcome mat is always out.

Lt. Col and Mrs. T. H. Ebbert are vacationing and visiting with friends and relatives in Portland, Oregon, prior, they thought, to departure for Turkey. Much to our delight they will be returning to our "family" the 18th of August and not, for the present, leaving for overseas. We don't know who should receive credit for this change of orders, but we are glad to have them remain in the "family."

William Rousseau of the Storage Section, General Supply Br., is in Rock Island, Ill., for a two-week course on machine tool inspection. Upon his return, he and William Luna will leave for a two-week training course on production equipment at Atchison Storage Facility, Atchison, Kans.

Ammunition Branch has lost Harold Neal to Rocket Development Division.

Oh, those lucky people who vacation in Florida! Joining the bandwagon to those sunny shores is Charles C. Williams who is vacationing at Daytona Beach.

We have discovered the validity of the old saying that it pays to have good neighbors. During a recent large rush shipment, the Ammunition Division came to our rescue with a loan of several good men. The efforts of those men, coordinated with efforts of our own employees, made it possible to meet deadlines and keep current with other work. John Hyer, chief, Ammunition Division, and Winbern Sisco, deputy chief, rate very highly with us for their friendly spirit of cooperation.

Our condolences are extended to John E. McCutcheon whose father recently passed away. Also, to James T. Ingram upon the death of his mother. We are sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Lusk, mother of our former Ammunition Branch chief, O.C. Lusk.

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**FIELD SERVICE DIVISION**  
BY SUDIE AMSLER

Did you hear Irvin Hadden's whoop of joy early last Monday morning when his mother-in-law phoned him from Augusta to tell him he was the father of a big boy? Hadden had returned from Augusta only the day before where he took his wife to await the baby's arrival, so he had to turn around and go right straight back. Congratulations to you, mother and father Hadden—and grandmother, too.

We had a real contest when we selected our nominee for the Huntsville Sesquicentennial Celebration Queen's contest. All these pretty girls were in there pitching: Patsy Ann Brown, Doris Tack, Shirle Shelton, Helen M. Wendell, Gwen Crim, Betty Foxworthy, Gracie Patterson, Mona M. King, Virginia Mansfield,



**EX-LABORER'S SUGGESTION PAYS OFF**—Lelana M. Gardiner (fourth from left), former laborer now employed as an Arsenal crane operator, is shown receiving an award of \$475 from Col. Paul Elias, chief, Field Service Division, on behalf of the Arsenal's Incentive Awards Program. Looking on, left to right, are Maj. Paul O. Siebeneichen, deputy chief, Guided Missile Development Division; Col. M. B. Chatfield, director, Ordnance Missile Laboratories; John F. Stone, assistant chief, Launching and Handling Equipment Lab, GMDD; and T. A. Poppel, deputy chief of the same unit. The award was won by Gardiner for his suggestion—made when he was working as a laborer— for revising the handling procedure on one of Redstone's missiles, eliminating the use of expensive special lifting equipment. Gardiner's award was the highest which can be made under the Arsenal program, but his suggestion will also be given consideration by the Office of the Chief of Ordnance for a possible further award, it was announced by Steve Janovak, executive secretary of the Incentive Awards Committee. The ex-laborer's \$475 check is ample proof, Janovak pointed out, that no special training is required to submit an award-winning suggestion, "You don't even have to write it out," he added. "Just call the committee."

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Gwendolyn Marshall, Jean Kelley, and Dorothy Bussee; so you see, we had a tussle in deciding, but when all the ballots were counted, Helen Wendell had the mostest. We are all with you, Helen; what do we do next?

Sun-burned, battle-scarred, chigger-bitten, footsore and weary our soldiers have returned from their respective encampments. They fit a good fight so they say, and all allowed they enjoyed the excursion, and even learned something. Here's the roster: C. B. Brown, H. T. Nagle, Myles Leach, Willie Swords, Frank Simmons, Glendon Pearman, and Willard Evans. Anyone else? All of them are at work with the exception of Swords, who is sick. We're pulling our thumbs for him, and hope he'll soon lick that pneumonia.

It's no longer a rumor that we are going to move to Bldg. 781—it's the gospel truth. A great deal of progress has been made in recent weeks, and we think the finalization date is near. We're bound for the promised land, and with great expectation, we anticipate crossing over into Canaan early in September.

A lively bit of excitement and enthusiasm is vibrating in the air, generated by the impending sports

car races to be held at Courtland Field, Sept. 4. Chuck Saffell and company seem to have all their little ducks in a row, and the

Concours d'Elegance should be something to see. Drag your Jag out of the mothballs, freshen up your Ferrari, and join in the fun.

**Hansen Road Open**

Hansen Road, intersecting Patton Road just north of Gate 14, will be opened to Redstone Arsenal personnel beginning Monday, Aug. 15.

One-way traffic only, entering the reservation between the hours of 6 a.m. and 7:15 a.m. will be allowed on the road at that time. During the afternoon, between the hours of 3 p.m. and 4 p.m., one-way traffic only, leaving the arsenal will use the road.

The use of this road, which connects Patton Road with Triana-Pike-Park Blvd. and Seventh Street in West Huntsville, will alleviate congestion of traffic from Goss Road, Troop Area, and on the 4-lane drive.

Personnel using this road will be required to possess an arsenal decal for their vehicles as well as a Redstone Arsenal identification badge.

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# SPORTS

## FOLLOWIN' THRU

A ROUND-UP OF RSA SPORTS NEWS

By J. D. Nilsson

Two weeks ago, we managed to contact Lee Taylor, one of the arsenal baseballers' new managers, and passed his background on to you. James Stacks, the other co-manager, was out for coffee the time we called, and so we couldn't get the desired info about him. But Stacks, this week, came back from coffee call, and here's the good word.

Stacks played several years of professional baseball, mostly in Class D leagues, prior to entering the Army. In the service, he has 15 years experience with Army baseball. Last time Stacks played was with the 68th Armored Regiment at Fort Benning about 1940, but he has managed several ball clubs since then, including teams in Osaka, Japan, and UMT squads at Fort Knox.

Stacks and Taylor both seem to sum up the Rockets' situation the same way. They give Redstone a chance in the coming Third Army tournament, and a good chance if they can come up with a third reliable moundsman and a steady catcher.

At any rate, they obviously have the Rockets moving, taking four of their six starts, (the other two were to powerful Fort Mac), so far.

Between last night and tonight, about 40 men are expected to show up for the start of football practice. This week will be spent in drawing equipment and probably beginning basic drills.

Seven men from last year's winning team will return to action this season. Several other former college players are expected to

give Redstone another surprising victorious squad.

Unlike last season, admission will be charged for the home games. All money will go into needed equipment and expenses of the football aggregation. Each game will cost a reasonable 50 cents, but you can save even more by getting a season ducat, good for four games, and costing only \$1. Season tickets will go on sale soon at all principal places on the arsenal, so be ready to grab yours.

The four home tilts on the ticket will be with Charleston AFB, Robins AFB, Special Troops of Fort Benning, and Greenville AFB.

You can't afford to pass this up. Besides, Redstone might have those good-looking cheerleaders back again.

The Huntsville Parkers leave in about a week for the National Baseball Congress tournament at Wichita. The Parkers have lost to the Rockets more than to any other ball club this season. Redstone took a 12-inning 6-5 win over Sonny's boys last week to trail the Huntsville squad 3-2 in the season series.

We hope that Huntsville will wrap up the 32-team double-elimination tourney, although it will be a huge job. Then after Huntsville has won the global world series and after Redstone has taken the Army championship, maybe the two teams can meet again.

With sports just about in the interim between baseball, softball and football, Special Services has announced that company volley-

## Softball Tournament Underway at Arsenal

With the wrap-up of the second round-robin, a double elimination tournament has been begun between the first and second place teams of the first and second round-robins. Hq & Hq of both the 9330 and 9352 TU were scheduled to play last night, as were the 1 ETD and 9352 Officers' squads.

Single games are on tap all week long at Linton softball field, with the championship affair being scheduled for Friday night. Tentative time for the games at press time was 6 p.m.

The tournament winner, and thus post champions, will be awarded a team trophy. The runner-ups will also get a trophy.

With a game between the 9352 Officers and 2 ETD remaining to be played, Hq. & Hq., 9352 TU, and 1 ETD ended the second round-robin in a tie for first place. The standings:

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Hq & Hq, 9352	8	1	.889	—
1 ETD, 9352	8	1	.889	—
9352 Officers	6	2	.750	1½
2 ETD, 9352	4	4	.500	3½
B Det, 9330	4	5	.444	4
9330 Officers	4	5	.444	4
Hq & Hq, 9330	4	5	.444	4
26 Ord	3	6	.250	5
A Det, 9330	3	6	.250	5
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## ROCKETS ON ROAD, RETURN AUG. 27

The Redstone Arsenal Rockets today left for their last road trip of the season prior to the Third Army baseball tournament. The Rockets meet Camp Rucker's Flyers at the Army Aviation Center tomorrow and Thursday, and then face two weekend games with Ft. Benning in Columbus.

Next scheduled home game for Redstone is with the Parkers on August 24, but Huntsville is scheduled to start play in the 32-team National Baseball Congress tournament at Wichita on the 19th and it is doubtful whether the game will be played. This leaves just two more home games on tap for the local squad, both with Donaldson Air Force Base, on August 27 and 28.

Rucker and Redstone split in two previous games this season, Redstone winning 8-3, Rucker winning 7-5. Benning holds two wins over the Rockets, 5-3 and 7-4.

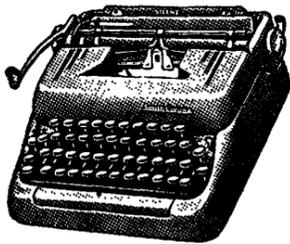
## ALL-STARS ROMP

The Redstone Arsenal All-Stars, post representatives for the coming Third Army softball tournament, romped to two more wins last week, beating Hill Chevrolet 6-4, and trouncing Thiokol, 11-5.

No games are yet slated for this week, but the All-Stars hope to take on several other teams before traveling to the Atlanta General Depot for the tournament. At present, the Redstone team has won 4, lost 1, in their pre-tourney practice games.

ball will get underway during the first week in September. Only one round-robin will be slated, with a double-elimination tournament following, probably between the top four teams in the loop.

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## RED-HOT ROCKETS WIN TWO MORE

The revamped Redstone Arsenal Rockets last week rolled to two more wins, their third and fourth in the last six games, whipping Scottsboro, 2-1, and taking a thrilling 12-inning decision from the Alabama-Georgia champion Huntsville Parkers, 6-5.

Joe Perrotta was credited with both wins. John Schillo's big bat accounted for much of the Redstone scoring in both games.

At Scottsboro, in the second, Bohlmann tripled and Schillo singled to give the Rockets a 1-0 lead. In the fourth, Bohlmann walked, Schillo doubled, and Bohlmann then scored on a wild pitch. Hank Zurawel also had two base blows for the victors; Harold Menadier picked up the other hit.

In the big game with the champion Parkers, Johnny Sanders started on the mound for Redstone, but was removed for Perrotta in the fourth. Perrotta hurled nine innings of shutout ball before the Rockets clinched the game. George Smith led the Roc-

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kets' batting attack with three hits, and Schillo and Menadier registered two hits apiece.

In the twelfth, Schillo singled, went to second on an infield out, and scored on Hammond's fourth error of the evening.

The victory was the Rockets tenth of the season and second over the regional champions in five starts against them.

Line scores:  
Redstone ..... 010 100 000 2 7 1  
Scottsboro .... 000 000 100 1 4 0  
Perrotta and Mason; Wilson and B. Stewart.  
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**TRANSPORTATION DIVISION**

By Adele McDonald

The Division has been undergoing so many changes lately, it is difficult to keep up with them. An event of major importance is the resignation of our Chief, George H. Potts. He resigned on August 12th to take a position with the Union Supply Company, Pittsburgh, Penna. Everyone in the division was distressed to see him leave and we all wish him the best of luck for the future.

Lt. Hunt, Field Transportation Officer, has returned from Fort Eustis, Va., where he attended the Transportation School. He has since been made chief of the Motor Branch in addition to his

**RESEARCH & DEVELOP. DIV.**

BY FRAN FLEMMING

Lt. Col. Jackson M. Balch, commanding officer of the 279th AAA Battalion (Ala. NG), has returned to civilian status and is with us again as assistant to the chief, R&D Div., after two weeks of active duty at Camp Stewart, Ga. His battalion received an excellent rating in its annual field training of artillery range firing, radar and communications operations in connection with anti-aircraft artillery training. We know this was strenuous duty and are wondering just where and how Col. Balch exchanged his shattered nerves for the very becoming ruddy complexion.

Lt. C. Ray Helms of Tech. Dev. Branch, also a member of the 279th AAA Battalion (Ala. NG), is back from two weeks active duty. Lt. Helms, a former Navy man, states that he has been thoroughly initiated into the Army and is much happier, as he feels sure he will make a better soldier than a sailor. Among other reasons, no seasickness.

Lt. Col. Wayne H. Lee, assistant to the chief, R&D Div., recently purchased a lovely new home on Marchantz Avenue, complete with air-conditioning. We understand that all household goods arrived in good condition from Turkey and Col. Lee's smile these days indicates that he is looking for-

other duties. Ruth Kennamer, of Outbound Freight Section, resigned recently. Ruth had been with Transportation for four years and will be missed very much.

Billy Green, Passenger Movements Section, who was formerly stationed at headquarters, is back at building 484, and Jean James has taken her place at headquarters.

We are happy to welcome two charming young ladies, Gayle Baxter and Jessie C. Van Meter. Gayle has been assigned to the Outbound Freight Section and Jessie, to the Inbound Freight Section.

Evelyn Coffman, of Household Goods Section, has been vacationing for the past couple of weeks in Biloxi, Mississippi, and New Orleans, La.

Toots Maples, Passenger Movements Section, is busily engaged these days getting ready to move into her new home. Lucky gal!

Clarence Mason, from Property Branch, was missed very much lately. He has been ill with a siege of the mumps.

Motor Vehicles Operations Br. is really short staffed these days. Seven of the men have been in training at Camp Stewart, Ga., with the National Guard. E. C. Mason, J. H. Lanier, Roy Campbell, S. A. Posey, Haytman Taylor, R. O. Lister, and T. E. Wilson.

We are very proud of Mary Jim Esslinger, Outbound Freight Section, our entry in the Sesquicentennial Beauty Contest. Mary Jim is also representing 17 other divisions on the arsenal and we are all rooting for her.

Outbound Freight Section helped Blanche Buchanan and Nella Collins celebrate their birthdays recently with beautifully decorated cakes and lots of presents.

Leila Moore, Passenger Movements Section, was also presented with a delicious cake in honor of her birthday.

Thomas W. Willis, Railroad Branch, is vacationing in Florida for a couple of weeks.

Thomas D. Tanner, Railroad Branch, is also on leave but not to enjoy a vacation. He is in training with the National Guard.

We congratulate Paul Schrimsher, Sr., Railroad Branch, on his new grandchild.

**DETACHMENT "A"**

BY CARL HENSLEY

For the second month in a row Detachment A has had a perfect safety record, no accidents. So we had a free day. The news came too late for the first Friday but on the second, the twenty-second, we had the day off.

Many of the fellows planned trips over the long weekend but

ward to some good home-cooked meals. Mrs. Nell Gordy, Dr. Schilling's efficient secretary, is escaping from the R&D workload for the next two weeks. Nell is visiting her handsome brother, Bill Harper, manager of the fabulous "Escape" Hotel of the Florida Gold Coast at Fort Lauderdale.

The Reliability Branch welcomes Mrs. Frances Jacks who recently transferred from Payroll. Mr. Henderson hired her for looks but she insists on doing a good job.

Air Force Major Harvey Fritz has seen the light. He comes to us as a civilian mechanical engineer hoping to do something for reliability. He knows from experience the effects of unreliability of military equipment.

Mrs. Martha Thrower went on annual leave last week. When she came back she found herself elected beauty queen of the R&D Div. It took two days to convince her there had been an election. Few people knew she was celebrating her wedding anniversary during the election.

George Henderson's bent-back and lacerated hands are not wholly due to washing dishes. He has been laying concrete blocks for a new garage in his spare time. Dr. Schilling was amazed to see it rising above the ground. He thought it was a bomb-proof shelter.

Betty Harper, former Reliability Branch clerk, reports that Kenneth Robert Harper discovered America on July 14. Mother and son are doing fine.

Ruth Copeland's new hair-do is a sensation in Bldg. 711. Bill Benton, "Brother of the Brush" — and Brother WHAT a Brush — is complaining about his almost-lost harem.

Supporting Research Branch has resembled a travel agency recently with vacation talk and maps and folders from as far-away places as Brazil and Hong Kong.

Lt. Col. John J. O'Connor and family enjoyed a month in and around San Francisco in June and July. Nice to have you back, Colonel.

Betty Messer reports that she and Don had a wonderful trip to Los Angeles recently. Too bad Don lost his equilibrium in Las Vegas (he squandered 20 cents in drugstore one-arm bandit).

Tom Moore is in a quandary these days trying to decide between South America and Hong Kong for vacation. What a wonderful decision to have to make!

on Thursday 15 were picked for Saturday detail. In order to make a new picnic area near the swimming pool, some wooded ground had to be cleared. Armed with axes and cross-cut saws the small army of 15 from each detachment moved in.

Lt. Stacy and Lt. Veihmeyer kept the men at work while Jerry Pfaller, a civil engineer, who normally lays out rocket range survey work for RDD, stood guard against snakes. All morning Jerry patrolled the area keeping all the snakes well away. Unfortunately no guard was posted to watch for poison ivy. Now some dozens including Bob Kolarik and Joe Frank are poison ivy victims.

After the completion of the third police call on the area the personnel in charge decided only one more was needed. They were right and those with poison ivy unknowingly clambered home to infect their wives and girl friends.

Over 2,528 crowded to the station to meet the victorious golf team returning from Fort Jackson. The RSA band was there with the Redstone cheerleaders. Dave Roethgen seemed unperturbed by it all. Last we saw he was driving off in a convertible

with five blonds. Two trucks were necessary to carry the trophies.

New barracks inspection procedures were posted. More attention is being given to the welfare of the troops. The CO and 1st Sergeant plan to inspect on a more random basis to keep the living conditions up to par. Those individuals tending to slightly degrade the area will be reminded of their infractions first, then for repeaters, there is always a more harsh reminder.

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## Officers Wives Club Has Annual Election

The Redstone Arsenal Officers Wives Club held its annual election at a business meeting Tuesday, Aug. 9, at the Officers Open Mess.

Mr. Oliver M. Finch was elected president. Mrs. Robert C. Barthle was made vice president; Mrs. Archie R. Burks, recording secretary; Mr. Robert A. Anderson, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Harry P. Schocman, Jr., treasurer.

Mrs. Edward E. Weatherford, chairman of the nominating committee, conducted the election assisted by members of the committee which included Mrs. Maria L. DeGuire, Mrs. Rudolph J. Maxa, Mrs. Jack Cunningham and Mrs. Robert H. Walters.

Following the business meeting, coffee was served. Mrs. Henry S. Newhall, Mrs. Rudolph J. Maxa, Mrs. Albert M. Rummelle and Mrs. Raymond Hancock poured.

## Compton, Shook Take Bridge High Prizes

Major Turner and Mrs. Compton took high score prizes last Monday night when the Couples Bridge Club met at the Officers Open Mess. Mrs. Compton tallied 6130 and Major Shook 6090.

Second-high score prizes went to Mrs. Marvin D. Parker and Colonel M. L. DeGuire, whose scores were 5660 and 5710 respectively.

Mrs. Paul Elias, tallying 1110, and Mr. John R. Hagerman, with a score of 1280, were awarded low-score prizes.

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Officers Open Mess on Monday, August 22.

Regular members who are not planning to attend and new members who will play are requested to contact Major or Mrs. Parker, host and hostess for the next meeting, at JE 6-1539.



SEWING ON THE STRIPES—In the Service Club lounge, volunteers sew stripes on shirts and blouses for the enlisted men. Left to right are: Miss Molly Patterson (recreation director), Hans Goldstein, Miss Edna Fenn, Mike Favicchio, Miss Cora Calipo and Mrs. Walter B. Mills. (Photo by J. D. Hill)

## Service Club Activities— SOLDIERS LEARN SEWING SECRET: LET SERVICE CLUB GIRLS DO IT

Soldiers learn the secret of threading a needle early in their Army careers — especially when the first PFC stripes are passed out.

But, at Redstone Arsenal, they have learned something else.

It's easier to let somebody else manipulate the needle.

So they take their stripes and shirts along with them when they make a Service Club visit in the evening and turn them over to experts. Among the experts at stripe sewing are Molly Patterson, recreation director, and Betty Soule, program director.

Other volunteers with a needle and thread are the Junior Hostesses along with two others, Mrs. Walter B. Mills and Miss Cora Calipo.

Stripe sewing isn't all that these girls and women do, however.

They bake birthday cakes, prepare food for picnics and buffet suppers and provide a sympathetic ear for homesick—lonely—or talkative soldiers.

The present arrangement of the Service Club provides plenty of space for all the scheduled activities.

Fight nights and ball games are especially popular in the TV room.

A variety of records provides listening pleasure or tunes for dancing as the mood of the crowd requires.

Games are always available. Bridge is one of the most popular with chess a close runner-up.

Upstairs, table shuffleboard, ping pong and other table sports are available.

Once a month, there is a mass birthday party at the club with cakes and candles.

For most of the scheduled events at the Service Club, the Junior Hostesses are in attendance to provide partners for dancing, ping pong and model for the amateur photographers and artists who prefer live models to still-life ones.

## SERVICE CLUB ACTIVITIES

Winners in the photography contest at the Service Club were SP3C Jimmy S. Petkas who took first and second prizes in the colored slide competition and Pvt. David Mosher who placed third.

In the black and white division, Sgt. Walter L. Heilman won.

Tonight, the Chess Club meets at the Service Club at 6 p.m. Games will also be available.

Ben Svrjcek and his orchestra will play for the Wednesday night dance beginning at 8 p.m.

On Thursday night, dance instruction will begin at 8 p.m. Bridge is also scheduled for Thursday night.

An enlisted men and junior hos-

es everyone interested to sign up for the competition.

Less sewing bee is planned for Friday night. The men have been urged by the recreation director at the club to bring their shirts and chevrons—the girls will have needles and thread to put the two together.

Games are planned for Saturday night and Sunday morning. Coffee Call will be at 9 a.m., the Music Hour will begin at 10 a.m. An evening of games is planned to begin at 8 p.m.

Monday night a ping-pong tournament begins at 6:30. The recreation director has the schedule and urg-

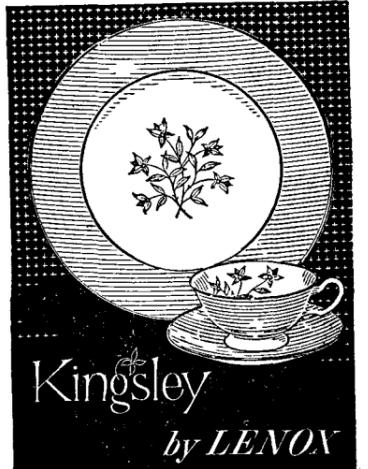
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Mrs. Bobo will serve in this capacity for a period of three months after which time the charter will be closed and new officers will be elected for the ensuing year.

The purpose of the club is to sponsor a training program in traffic management, to acquaint women traffic employees in North Alabama, and to eventually set up a scholarship program to train and encourage young men to choose traffic business management as a career.

A dinner-business meeting will be held once a month during which like-problems will be discussed.

Subject to approval of the Membership and Executive Committees, to qualify for membership, the applicant must be directly or partially handling traffic matters, employed by a carrier or an industrial concern. Or she must have studied, or be studying, a scheduled or an accredited course in traffic management.

Interested applicants are requested to contact Mrs. Wilson R. Gorman, chairman of the club, at Flagg-Utica Corporation, Florence, Ala., Mrs. Mildred Bobo, assistant chairman, Transportation Division, Redstone Arsenal, in Huntsville, Ala., or Mrs. Robert

**NOTED AEROJET ENGINEERS TO BE SEMINAR SPEAKERS**

Geckler, Roberts, Klager and Sprenger will discuss the latest developments in solid-propellant rocket research at Aerojet General's west coast facilities next Friday morning, August 19, at 9 a.m., in the Rocket Auditorium. This seminar, sponsored by the Rocket Development Laboratory, will be classified, and properly endorsed "Conference and Lecture Clearance Cards" will be required for entrance.

The scientific team due to address Redstone engineers consists of men well-known in the field of solid-propellant rocket systems. Three of them are listed in the American Men of Science, and two of them have doctor's degrees.

R. D. Geckler is presently Manager, Solid Engine & Chemical Div., Director of Aerojet Research & Development on solid propellants and Rockets, and member of the Aerojet Technical Directorate. He has been with Aerojet since 1945. Geckler earned his bachelor's degree from Depauw University. He is on the Editorial Board of "Jet Propulsion," official organ of the American Rocket Society.

E. R. Roberts is Chief Engineer, Solid Engine Dept., and directs research, design, and development of jatos, boosters, sustainers, gas generators, ejection devices, igniters, and special applications for solid propellants; in addition Roberts coordinates transition of rocket items from pilot to production stage. He has been on Aerojet's engineering staff since 1947. He earned his doctorate from the Federal Institute of Technology at Zurich, Switzerland.

Karl Klager is Head of the Special Development Group which is studying polyurethane propellants. He earned his Ph.D. degree at the University of Vienna and for two years was instructor of chemistry at that university. Klager's experience includes: research chemistry at Neuman, Arad, Roumania; pharmaceutical research at Chinoin, Ag, Budapest, Hungary; research and development chemist I. G. Farbenindustri, Ludwigshafen, Germany.

D. F. Sprenger is Senior Production Engineer and Director of Project Engineering, Process Engineering & Production tooling for Sacramento Solid Engine Rocket Production Plant. He has been a member of the technical staff since 1948. Sprenger obtained his BS degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. For the last four years of World War II he was in the U. S. Air Force.

The Redstone representative from Aerojet General, Gordon E. Artley, has not announced the subjects which the speakers have chosen. The mere mention of the above names, however, should indicate that the subject matter should be interesting and informative.

Willis, Flagg-Utica Corporation, Knitkote Division, Florence, Ala., who is secretary for the organization.

Other charter members from Redstone Arsenal who attended the initial meeting were Miss Evelyn Coffman, Mrs. Josephine Hannah and Mrs. Dorcas C. Thronberry who are all employees of the Transportation Division.

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**'Missilemen' Set For Concerts in Fall**

Two weeks ago the "Missilemen" had a reorganization meeting. Twenty-four members now make up the group. Although slightly unbalanced (musically speaking) and in need of tenors, the group will be ready to give concerts in late September.

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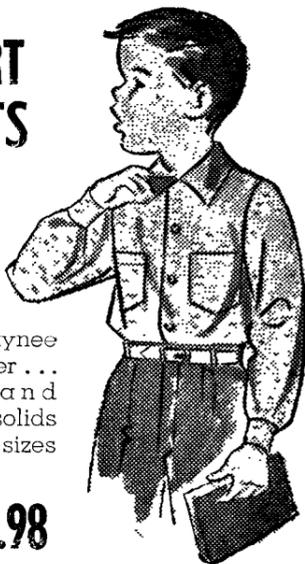
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