

RSA Welcomes Gen. Medaris

5 Percent Dividend on Credit Union Investments Declared By Board



'OUTSTANDING' PERFORMANCE RATING GIVEN— A. A. Stewart (right), deputy chief of Redstone Arsenal's Redstone Depot Division, is shown being presented a certificate denoting an official performance rating of "Outstanding" for his work during the period Nov. 1, 1954 through Oct. 31, 1955. Making the presentation is Brig. Gen. H. N. Toftoy, Arsenal commander. Mr. Stewart's commendation stated: "You have constantly demonstrated the highest qualities of leadership and analytical ability, thus enabling Redstone Depot to operate at a very high degree of efficiency and productivity. Your personal observations of worldly affairs have enabled you to accurately predict changes which will effect Depot operations so that necessary actions can be taken in order to promptly and effectively meet emergency demands. Your advice and recommendations to the Chief of Redstone Depot have always been on such a basis as to assure that the requirements and the needs of the Depot are met in the most economical manner without sacrifice to speed or quality to your mission. Your sincerity, diligence and cooperative spirit have won the highest esteem of other arsenal personnel."

New Officials Are Named for 1956

Members of the Redstone Arsenal Federal Credit Union realized a five per cent dividend on their investments for 1955 when they voted the Board of Directors' recommended amount of dividend at the annual meeting Jan. 25.

New members of the board of directors, the supervisory and credit committees and the publicity chairman were also elected.

The 1956 board of directors will consist of Cecil Jackson, Rohm and Haas; A. A. Stewart, Redstone Depot; L. D. Craig, Contract Administrator Office; Stuart H. Jones, Civilian Personnel; M. K. Foster, Rocket Development Division; Lewis E. Walter, Thiokol; Gregory S. Moshkoff, Ordnance Missile Laboratories; M. M. Duncan, Medical; and Ophelia Mitcham, Management.

Credit committee members are: Harold Carpenter, Civilian Personnel; Abner C. McNaron, Comptroller; and Winborn Sisco, Ammunition Division.

The supervisory committee will include John K. Clark, Ammunition; Lawrence Cooper, Industrial Division; and Gus Brown, Post Engineer.

Foster Haley will be the publicity chairman.

Officers of the Board of Directors will be elected by the board at the next meeting.

A report submitted to the members by the treasurer indicated that the volume of business has almost doubled in 1955 over the preceding year.

Outstanding loans at the end of 1955 totaled \$576,371 as compared to \$318,321 at the end of 1954.

Shares or deposits at the end of 1955 totaled \$545,683 as compared to \$276,877 at the end of 1954.

Income increased from \$27,991 in 1954 to \$55,839 in 1955.

Expenses increased from \$16,687 in 1954 to \$23,313 in 1955.

Net earnings increased from \$11,304 to \$21,526 in 1955.

Craig stressed that the rapid growth was due to a lot of hard work on the part of directors and committee members and approximately 40 representatives located throughout the arsenal.



MAJ. GEN. JOHN B. MEDARIS

ABMA CHIEF ASSUMES DUTIES

Major Gen. John B. Medaris tomorrow assumes his duties as commanding general of the newly formed Army Ballistic Missiles Agency at Redstone Arsenal.

General Medaris, who was chief of the Industrial Division, Office, Chief of Ordnance, prior to his assignment here, was welcomed to the Arsenal yesterday in impressive ceremonies.

Upon his arrival from Nashville at Redstone's Gate 1, he was met by Brig. Gen. H. N. Toftoy, Arsenal commander, and escorted to the parade ground on the south side of Post Headquarters. There he was met by an honor guard consisting of 50 men from the 9377th Security Detachment and the 296th Army Band from Fort McClellan, Ala.

A 13-gun salute with two ruffles and flourishes was given for General Medaris. After he inspected the guard, he was escorted to the Officers Open Mess for a luncheon in his honor attended by members of his staff and members of the Arsenal staff.

A luncheon honoring Mrs. Medaris was given by Mrs. Toftoy at the Officers Club.

After lunch, General Medaris proceeded to the ABMA headquarters building, from which he will direct operations of the new Arsenal Class II activity.

General Medaris will supervise all research and development necessary to produce a medium range ballistic missile.

Secretary of the Army Charles E. Wilson recently indicated that the intermediate range ballistic missile should have a range of about 1,500 miles as compared with sought-for range of 5,000 miles of the intercontinental ballistic missile.

In his former position in Washington, General Medaris supervised all production and procurement of standard Ordnance material as conducted by the 14 Ordnance Districts in the United States.

Born in Milford, Ohio, on 12 May 1902, he enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps in 1918 and served in France during World War I, after which he enrolled at Ohio State University in Mechanical Engineering.

In 1921, as a member of the Senior ROTC unit and cadet Captain, he was invited to compete in special examinations for commission in the Regular Army. As a result, he was commissioned as a Lieutenant of Infantry in 1921 and served with the 29th and 33rd Infantry Regiments until detailed in the Ordnance Corps in 1926.

In October 1927, he resigned from the Army and for 10 years engaged in merchandising and management advisory activities in the business world. During this period, however, he was active in the Reserve Corps and achieved the rank of Captain. For a number of years as a Reserve Officer, he was Unit Instructor for Ordnance in the Cincinnati Military District, became an honorary member of Scabbard and Blade (University of Cincinnati) and served for a time as President of Cincinnati Chapter, Reserve Officers Association.

In July 1939, he returned to active service and served successively until 1942 as: Executive Officer, Cincinnati Ordnance District; Assistant District Control Officer, OCO; Executive, Contract Distribution Section, Office of the Under Secretary of War (with Patterson).

In spring of 1942, he took to the field and was successively Battalion Commander; Ordnance Officer, II Corps — Campaign in Tunisia, invasion of Sicily and Sicilian campaign.

Later he transferred to England as Ordnance Officer for the First Army and planned and executed Ordnance portion of First Army's invasion of Normandy, remaining

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YMCA DRIVE BEGINS AT RSA

The annual membership drive by arsenal personnel for the YMCA in the area was begun with a dinner meeting last Thursday night at the Green Street YMCA.

Team captains appointed by the general coordinator, Frank Gardner of Thiokol, include Charles Northrop, Civilian Personnel area; Bill Groetzing, Rohm and Haas; Sam Moore, Range Group; Monty Corb, Thiokol; Jerry Fryman, Bldg. 781; Don Worrell, Headquarters area; and John Fenton, Field Service.

Big brother memberships may be purchased for children ranging in age from 8 to 15 years for \$5. Boys and girls from 15-18 can obtain memberships for \$8. Adults who wish to subscribe for children's memberships may indicate the children for which they wish to make the subscription or leave it to the "Y" authorities to pick deserving children.

A senior membership costs \$12 and entitles the men to the use of the pool, gym, lockers and other facilities offered by the "Y". A sustaining membership which carries the same privileges and also is used in part to carry on the youth program may also be obtained for \$25.

The third type of senior membership

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POSITIONS OPEN IN ABMA LISTED

The following teletype from Office, Chief of Ordnance, is quoted for information and dissemination to qualified employes in Arsenal offices:

"The Army Ballistic Missiles Agency, an Ordnance II Activity located at Huntsville, Alabama, is in urgent need of qualified civilians for immediate assignment to positions listed below. This new agency has been assigned a mission of highest priority and your full cooperation in seeking qualified applicants is requested. All qualified civilians should be urged to submit applications promptly on Standard Form 57 to CG, Redstone Arsenal, Attn: ORDDW-CPO.

- GS-836-15 — Supv Ord Design Engr
- GS-830-15 — Supv Mech Engr
- GS-896-15 — Supv Industrial Engr
- GS-970-15 — Supv Attorney-Adviser
- GS-201-14 — Personnel Officer
- GS-896-14 — Supv Industrial Engr
- GS-510-14 — Supv Accountant
- GS-303-14 — Admin Officer
- GS-2020-14 — Supv Procurement Officer
- GS-830-14 — Mechanical Engr
- GS-1710-14 — Tng Officer
- GS-836-14 — Ord Design Engr
- GS-970-14 — Attorney-Adviser (Gen)
- GS-201-13 — Pers Officer
- GS-836-13 — Supv Ord Design Engr
- GS-010-13 — Publications Officer
- GS-1710-13 — Tng Officer
- GS-510-13 — Accountant
- GS-1530-13 — Supv Analytical Statistician (Engr)

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ARSENAL HEART DRIVE SLATED

Redstone Arsenal will join in the Madison County Heart Drive beginning Feb. 1 and ending Feb. 28.

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SAFETY AWARDS—Representatives of the Redstone Arsenal units which were named winners in the recent Arsenal Safety Contest are shown receiving their awards. Stan Wilkins (second from left), Transportation chief, holds the big plaque won by his unit for having the best year-round overall safety record during 1955. Rohm & Haas and Redstone Depot tied with Transportation in the competition, but the unit having the most manhours worked was adjudged winner under the rules. Harry Williamson (third from left), chief of Consolidated Supply, holds the smaller plaque his unit won for having the best safety record in the last half of the year of all units having less than 75,000 man-hours a month. Dr. W. M. Mebane, Thiokol general manager, holds the similar plaque won by his company in the larger division of the contest. Certificates of merit from the Office of the Chief of Ordnance were also presented to four Arsenal units for having outstanding safety records. Accepting these certificates are (left to right): Col. Henry S. Newhall, for the Ordnance Guided Missile School, of which he is commandant; A. A. Stewart, for Redstone Depot, of which he is deputy chief; and Dr. D. J. Butterbaugh, for Rohm & Haas, of which he is general manager. Transportation also received a certificate. The awards were presented by Brig. Gen. H. N. Toftoy (extreme left), Arsenal commander. At extreme right is W. E. Albright, Arsenal safety officer.

The Redstone Rocket

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Polio Not Licked Yet, MOD Chairmen Warn

There seems to be a sentiment that polio is licked according to Capt. Marvin Shaw and James Cleary, March of Dimes chairmen at Redstone.

This isn't entirely true, they pointed out.

Rehabilitation for those who have polio, iron lung maintenance for those who need it, and constant research to not only prevent but aid in cures are all going on constantly.

Although Capt. Shaw has only a partial report from the division and unit representatives in the March of Dimes Drive, the returns are sadly lagging he reported.

Where last year the arsenal people contributed almost \$8,000 there is only \$2,745.45 in the kitty this year.

The drive is to end today. Capt. Shaw and Mr. Cleary both joined in the appeal for a better showing in the fight against polio which can still strike many and which has left many others crippled or partially crippled.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis is spending more money now than ever before for research, they said. And it takes many, many dollars to educate technicians working with individuals stricken with polio.

1956 MARCH OF DIMES DRIVE AS OF 24 JAN. 56

Division	Amount
Judge Advocate	\$ 1.00
Legal Office	12.50
Public Information Office	13.00
Safety Office	45.50
Transportation Man. Office	9.00
Inspector General	1.70
U.S. Industrial Chem. Co.	00
Purchasing & Con. Office	65.25
Transportation Office	157.81
Army Inspec. of Ord.	156.00
Industrial Division	289.31
Ammunition Division	303.80
Redstone Depot	103.60
Natl. Mission Coord Office	21.00
Rohm & Haas Company	.00
Civilian Personnel Office	42.50
Comptroller Office	85.15
Signal Office	32.75
Intelligence & Sec. Office	4.03
GMDD	397.90
Executive Office	13.00
9330 TU	.00
Chaplain Office	.00



FIGHTING POLIO—Tommy Esslinger, third grader at Rison School, hitches on his six-guns and demonstrates his desire to ride the world of polio. Tommy was stricken with the disease when he was three and has been fighting to regain his wasted muscles for the past five years. Every three months he returns to Warm Springs, Ga., for therapy but he still isn't able to throw away his crutches. Technicians are still studying new methods for rehabilitation of all the Tommys who have experienced polio. Tommy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Esslinger, Jr. Mr. Esslinger is a chemical engineer in the Industrial Division here.

Commissary Office	25.75
Army Exchange Office	.00
Special Services Office	2.00
Dental Clinic	6.00
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Thiokol Corporation	82.39
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Field Service Div.	120.23
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Post Engineer Office	812.37
Consolidated Supply Office	193.65
Property Disposal Office	14.00

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RSA in Newsweek

A 3-page feature article, with pictures, entitled "Rocket City, U. S. A.—Going Behind the Riddle of Redstone Arsenal," appeared in the Jan. 30 issue of the internationally-circulated magazine, Newsweek.

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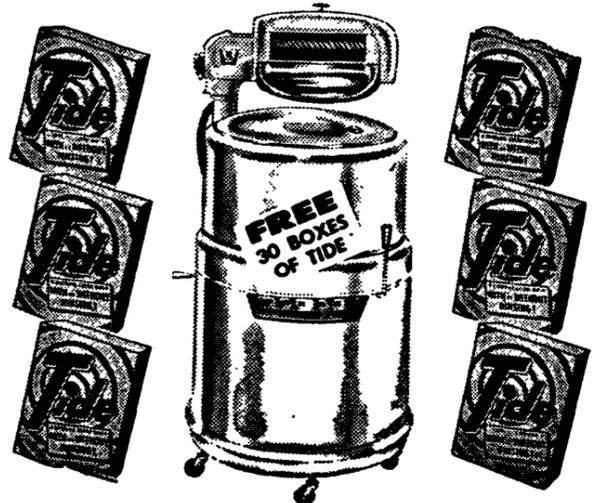
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Graduate Study Program Will Add Several New Courses

As a result of a recent meeting with persons interested in Engineering and Physics graduate courses, it was announced by Dr. John R. Morton, Dean of the Extension Division, University of Alabama, that a number of new courses will soon be added to the expanding Graduate Study Program.

Physics 101 — "Introduction to Theoretical Physics" will be offered with classes being on Thursday and Friday from 4:45 p. m. to 6:45 p. m. with the first class being on February 9th in Building 1049 near the Post Exchange. The prerequisite course is Differential Equations. Dr. Eric Rodgers, Head of the Department of Physics, College of Arts and Sciences, will be the instructor.

General announcement was also made that other courses will be started with the specific course titles, time and place of meeting to be announced soon. Another course in Physics, two courses in Mechanical Engineering, a course in Circuit Theory, and an additional course in Mathematics will be offered.

Representing the University of Alabama in the meeting were: Dr. John R. Morton, Dean of the Ex-

REDSTONE DEPOT By WANOPHUS (Pronounced One-of-U's)

Redstone Depot received two certificates for safety this week; one, an Ordnance Corps Certificate of Merit for outstanding performance regarding personnel exposure from 30 Sept. 54 to 21 Dec. 55 and the other was a certificate of application awarded to the employees of the Depot as "runner-up" in the 1955 local safety contest. Mr. Stewart received both awards on behalf of the Depot and stated that they were much appreciated but were only a reflection of the continuous effort made by the foremen and employees of Redstone Depot to effectively accomplish all work in a safe manner.

Understand that Jack Calder has been spending the weekend in Montgomery along with many other VFW commanders. National Commander Tim Murphy is visiting Alabama and Jack went down to shake hands with him.

Dave Stephenson and Audrey Crew took a trip to Anniston last Friday to discuss DCMS (Depot Command Management System) reporting procedures. They came back quite proud of the way we do things here at Redstone, but it was a nice trip anyway.

Frank Green surprised us by getting back from North Carolina about three days early. With him working on the ship they finished early. Isn't that an example of working yourself out of a job, Frank?

Our Stock Control people are really getting well educated. June Turvey recently completed the Methods Improvement Course and now Delauris McDaniel is going to correspondence school.

We certainly like that new sedan Transportation furnished us last week. It's nice to have a fairly new car and one not painted O. D. for a change.

Another noteworthy event was the "Certificate of Excellence" received by Harold W. VanderVeen for his outstanding ability as Deputy Security Officer for the Surveillance Office. Nice work, "Van", and we hope that all of the folks will take notice of the enthusiastic and business-like approach you have toward this necessary but rather thankless NIJD (Not on job description) task of security.

The Federal Stock Number System reached the Ammunition Branch with full impact this week due to the fact that all boxes of ammunition in storage and being shipped now require additional markings reputedly said to identify the material. Previously all boxes and items were marked and known by their A.I.C. (Ammunition Identification Code) which consisted of one letter and four digits. Now, under the Federal Cataloging Program we use one letter and fourteen digits thereby increasing the need for more space on boxes and papers, more typists, interpreters, etc. It's a good system, but for the meantime it'll be somewhat difficult to call "Harry" by the name of "Joe" or "Gertrude" by the name of "Hortense" and we just hope that the troops in the field don't have to call up and ask for 1315-136-4715-A491 when all they want is 90 mm ammunition.

tension Division, Dr. Eric Rodgers, Head of the Department of Physics, College of Arts and Sciences, Drs. Chang Keng Liu and Herbert Kuenzel, Professors of Mechanical Engineering, and Mr. Phillip Mason, Director of the Huntsville Center.

Registration for Graduate Stu-

dy courses may be done after the starting dates of the courses have been announced at the Huntsville Center Office at Butler High School during the following hours: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday; closed Saturdays.

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For further information pertaining to the Graduate Study Program call: Bill Merchant, Ext. 3530 or Phillip Mason, Huntsville JE 6-2312.

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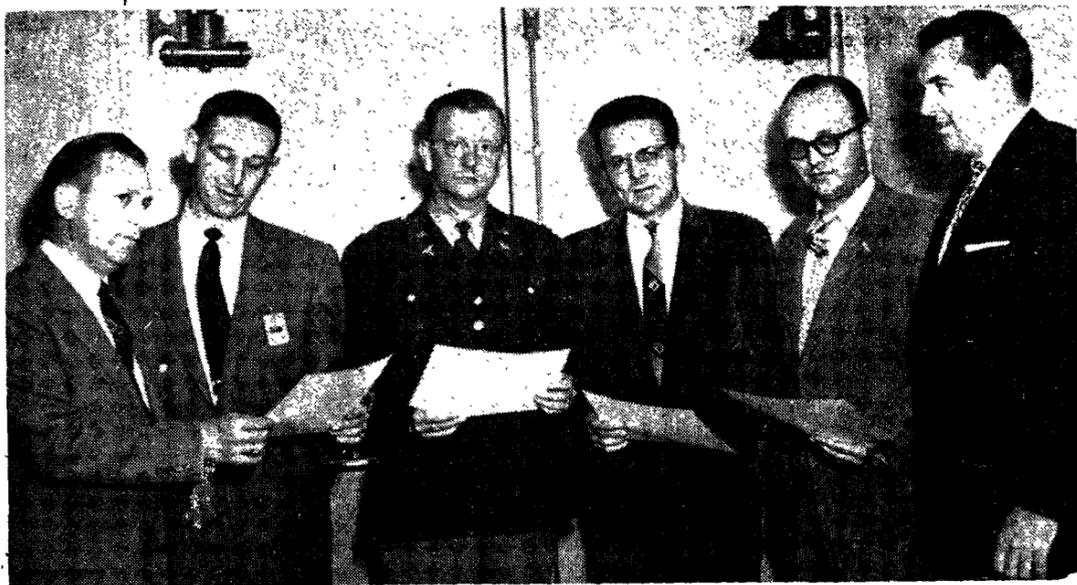
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SECURITY AWARDS—Certificates for outstanding performance of duties as deputy security officers at Redstone Arsenal during the period July, 1955-January, 1956 were awarded at the recent monthly security meeting in the Rocket Auditorium. Making presentation of the awards is Donald W. Fults, Jr. (left), special agent in charge of the Birmingham Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who was principal speaker at the meeting. Receiving awards, left to right, are Robert Sanders, of Ordnance Missile Labs; Capt. Flo Fleming, of Medical Division; Robert Adams, of Rohm & Haas; and Harold VanderVeen, now of Redstone Depot, but in Ammunition Surveillance when award was won. Looking on at right is James C. Lynch, Arsenal Intelligence Officer. Awards are made each six months to deputy security officers representing mission, staff, service, and contractor units.

SERGEANT'S WEEKENDS 'OFF' SPENT ON—AND OFF—BIG BRAHMA BULL

FORT HOOD, Tex. — Most of the soldiers here, like U. S. Army men throughout the world, look forward to weekends as a time for relaxation.

But while they are packing hunting, fishing and other sports equipment, one of their number is stuffing the trunk of his car with two well-worn saddles, thick hemp bull ropes, spurs, boots

and leggings.

Master Sergeant James Webb is off to another rodeo.

Naturally, he's a Texan — the mild-mannered variety — and naturally he's of no small proportions — well over six feet tall and 225 pounds. He needs and uses every ounce of brawn, though, when he takes on his favorite opponent—a 1,400 pound Brahma bull.

The 27-year-old Webb, whose home is in 701 South William

St.) Victoria, has been fighting bulls for 11 years; he's been rodeo-conscious since he took his first pony ride at the age of three. Growing up on a 28,000-acre ranch helped his interest along.

In the early days, Webb roped young steers and rode horses others found too frisky for pleasure riding.

At 16, he decided to try the bulls and since then his repertoire has grown to include bareback bronco-riding, wild mules and calf-roping.

"These bulls always give me my toughest battle. Each second up there feels like an hour. But I always manage to hold on for two or three seconds."

The sergeant is intent upon maintaining his amateur standing. "It's not the money but the sport I care for," he says.

Webb entered the Army in 1946 and thought he'd have to put his rodeo days behind him. Soldiering and challenging rodeo cor-

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als seemed an unlikely combination. But when he came here with the First Armored Division in 1954, he was back in business. He has been in calf-roping exhibitions, riding wild horses and broncs, racing mules and wrestling steers.

His avocation is well-concealed during the week as he performs the duties of the administrative First Sergeant of Headquarters and Service Company.

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MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY DRIVE DONATION PRESENTED—Brig. Gen. H. N. Toftoy (left), Arsenal commander, presents a check for \$2,875.04—the amount contributed by all Redstone Arsenal, both military and civilian, in the recent Muscular Dystrophy Drive—to Wiley Karrh, treasurer of the Madison County Chapter of Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America, Inc. Looking on are Maj. Arthur G. Pinkham, Arsenal Signal Officer, and Earl Patrick Pruitt, Arsenal fire chief, who served as co-chairmen of the Arsenal's drive. (Redstone Arsenal Photo)

Muscular Dystrophy Donations Listed

Following is a list of donations by organization to the recent Muscular Dystrophy Fund Drive on the Arsenal, which netted \$2,875.04:

Comptroller	\$100.00
Army Inspector of Ord.	60.00
Nat'l Mission Coord. Office	18.50
Safety	23.00
Civilian Personnel	33.60
Property Disposal	9.70
Consolidated Supply	123.80
Purchasing & Contracting	34.00
Medical	7.00
Redstone Park	83.00
Provost Marshal	108.50
Troop Com. (Mil. Pers.)	151.44
Commissary	18.50
Intelligence	11.00
Legal	8.75
Finance	17.00
Signal	49.00
Transportation	116.30
Post Engineer	527.23
Ord. Guid. Missile School	159.26
Industrial Division	119.82
Field Service	190.81

Ga. Tech Alumni Officers Hold Meet

The new officers of the local Georgia Tech Alumni Chapter for the coming year recently held a meeting at the Elks Club. President Elect, Hugh Camp, presided.

The following alumni members were appointed to the working committees:

Entertainment Committee: Freddie Martin, chairman; Henry Solomanson, Roy Peck, Roy Rich.

Publicity Committee: Pete Redding, chairman; Maj. Ben Keyserling, Charlie Cox, W. W. Vornadoe.

Educational Committee: George Wilde, chairman; Carl Jones, Ralph Neunlist, George Martin.

Membership Committee: Gregory Moshkoff, chairman; Hermann Libbe, Chauncey Huth, Bill Fisher.

Plans were made for the next meeting tentatively set for Feb. 24. A Tech football coach will be requested to speak and may show films of the Tech-Pittsburgh football game in the recent Sugar Bowl Game. Alumni members may bring their wives and any guests that are interested in attending.

Any Tech Alumni in the Huntsville area who desire to join the Huntsville Tech Alumni Chapter and be put on the mailing list should call Steve Johnston, Secretary, at RSA Ext. 3760 or JE 4-1967, or Robert W. Martin, Corresponding Secretary, at JE 2-8745.

EM to Be Admitted Free to Volkov Talk

Enlisted men of the Arsenal will be admitted without charge to the talk by Lt. Col. Leon Volkov, former Soviet Air Force officer, at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, at the Huntsville High School Auditorium.

Enlisted men need only present their ID cards at the door.

General admission tickets to the event, by the Huntsville B&PW Club will be \$1. Students will be admitted for 50 cents.

The speech entitled "My Adventures Inside Russia", will be under auspices of the Huntsville B&PW Club, Public Affairs Seminar of the University of Alabama Extension.

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Naval Research Reserve Unit Formed in Huntsville

The Office of Naval Research has authorized the commissioning of a non-pay Research Reserve drill company in Huntsville. The first meeting is scheduled to be held at 8 p.m., Tuesday, 7 Feb. at the Naval Reserve Training Center in Big Spring Park and drills held every other week thereafter. Lt. Howard Thames, USNR, R&D Division, is the company commander.

There are 16 research reserve

companies in the Sixth Naval District, the nearest to Huntsville being company 6-12 in Tullahoma. Men whose civilian duties involve scientific activities in research, development, or procurement are eligible to participate in the program.

A weekend training period is being planned in March when the company will be flown to Key West for a two day course in the Underseas Weapon School.

Qualified men are still needed to bring the company up to the strength required of reserve companies. Interested reservists may contact Thames at 2716 or Steinberg at 2617.

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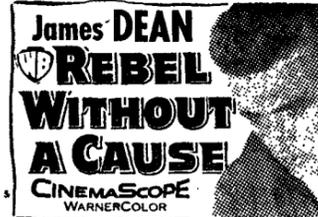
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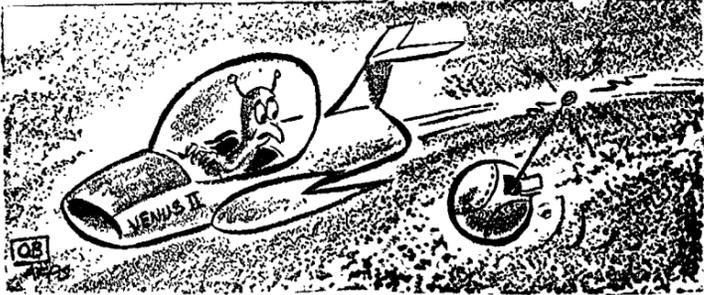
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Plans Are to Launch Satellite From East Florida Base



Washington (AFPS) — The first man-made earth satellite will be launched into outer space from Patrick AFB, Fla., the Navy and Air Force have announced.

The services said Patrick was the logical place for the operation because of its excellent guided missile facilities. It is located near Cocoa, Fla., and the Indian River, about 50 miles from Daytona Beach.

At the same time, the Defense Department released additional details about Project Vanguard and the finless, three-stage rocket, which will hurl the satellite into the earth's outer orbit at a peak speed of 18,000 miles-an-hour sometime in 1957 or 1958.

The DOD revealed that the satellite, a small metallic sphere shaped like a basketball, will weigh about 21 and one-half pounds and be at least 20 inches in diameter.

It was explained that the major problem confronting scientists at present is the way in which the rocket will be propelled.

Since it must reach a speed of 25,000 feet a second, the rocket must attain some of the highest efficiencies ever achieved in flight, the DOD said.

The highest reported velocity attained by a rocket to date is 9,000 feet a second, far below the speed necessary to push the satellite into its course in outer space.

The first two stages of the intricate rocket apparatus now are being developed by the Glen L. Martin Co., Baltimore, Md., together with the General Electric Co., and the Aerojet General Corporation, Azusa, Calif.

In explaining the three-stage rocket operation, the DOD released the following details:

The first stage will operate for

ARMY HELPS MEET EMERGENCY NEEDS OF DISASTER AREAS

WASHINGTON — The same U. S. Army supply-line that helps win battles in time of war serves disaster-stricken communities in time of peace.

In wake of flood, tornado or hurricane come the familiar olive drab semi-trailers and trucks with the cargo that will help homeless and isolated people meet their survival needs: cots, blankets and mattresses; power units, radio transmitters and receivers, centrifugal pumps and portable water purification systems.

This is part of what the citizens of Trinidad, Colo., and Duncan, Waurika and Cheyenne, Okla., remember of what will come to be known as "that terrible time in May, 1955."

In Trinidad, the flooding Purgatoire River forced 500 families to leave their homes and take refuge in community buildings on higher ground.

Fort Carson, the nearest Army installation, was quick to respond to the community's request for help.

One semi-trailer convoy carried 1,000 blankets and 500 cots and mattresses to be used by the victims as long as the emergency lasted. Another convoy took heavy radio equipment, two power generators, a water pump and 300 feet of hose. An engineer group moved in with two water purification units, each capable of providing drinking water for 1,200 persons.

When the two-day emergency ended, 59 Army officers and enlisted men, working on an around-the-clock basis, had contributed 1,515 man-hours to help Trinidad through its troubled time.

That same May 19 and 20, the people of Waurika were having a similar experience. They called on their nearest Army neighbor, Fort Sill.

The required 160 cots and 260 blankets were sent immediately; a two-and-a-half ton waterproofed truck — no civilian vehicle could get through the flooded streets — transported food to the flood victims crowded into a school building.

When the flood reached Duncan, Fort Sill trucks brought in 100 blankets and 100 cots and mattresses. And a few days later, when a tornado hit Cheyenne, Fort Sill trucks brought in 95 tarpaulins to make temporary "repairs" on roofless and otherwise damaged homes.

In each emergency, the Army had "kept the supply-line open" — as essential to disaster-ridden communities in peace as to divisions in war.

about 140 seconds on a mixture of liquid oxygen, ethyl alcohol, gasoline and silicone oil. It will send the satellite 30 to 40 miles into the air when a speed of 3-4,000 miles-an-hour will be reached, and then will be dropped off from the assembly.

The second stage will use different types of fuel to drive the satellite on to achieve a speed of 11,000 mph. It will burn out at 130 miles altitude but momentum from its drive will send the satellite coasting up to 300 miles.

The third stage, using "solid fuel," will boost the satellite to the 18,000 mph. speed required to unleash it on the globe-girdling course.

During its rapid flight through the atmosphere the rocket's nose will register a temperature of 1,000 degrees F.

This problem will be solved by a disposable nose cone to protect the satellite.

Once in its new orbit, the satellite will circle the earth every 90 minutes. A unique method of tracking will be used to follow the satellite on its course.

A miniature radio transmitter in the satellite itself will radiate a continuous signal to sensitive instruments on the ground. In this way, scientists will be able to follow its exact course.

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BOBBIE SUE WILLIAMS WED—Miss Bobbie Sue Williams, employe of Field Service Division, recently became the bride of Doyle E. Clark of Florence. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are now at home in Florence.

Dance Will Welcome Gen., Mrs. Medaris

A dance welcoming Maj. Gen. and Mrs. John B. Medaris will be given by the Redstone Arsenal Officers Club on Friday, Feb. 10, in Arsenal Building No. 827.

The dance will be sponsored by officers of Industrial Division, under Col. M. L. DeGuire. Committee working on arrangements includes Lt. Col. Paul J. Daigle, chairman; Maj. William Lingenfelter, Maj. Perry C. Hopkins, Lt. A. M. Fortner, Lt. D. F. Mudgett, Lt. D. E. Scarbrough, and Lt. R. O. Black.

Attendance at the dance, which

Couples Bridge Club Holds Regular Meet

Members of the Couples Bridge Club held their evening bridge meeting at the Redstone Arsenal Officers Open Mess on January 23. Host and hostess for the affair were Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Moshkoff.

High score prize for the ladies was won by Mrs. Benjamin Keyserling and the men's high score was won by the host. Second high prizes were awarded to Mrs. William Trotter and Major Rudolph Axelson. Mrs. Paul Elias and Lt. J. B. Humphrey were winners of the consolation prizes.

Host and hostess for the meeting of Feb. 6 will be Mr. and Mrs. James J. Fagan.

will have Valentine Day as a theme, will be by invitation only, it was announced. General and Mrs. Medaris, together with Brig. Gen. and Mrs. H. N. Toftoy, will be in the receiving line before the dance from 9 to 10 p.m. The dance will begin at 10. Music will be by Hilding Holmberg's orchestra.



'S. S. LAS VEGAS' TICKETS SOLD—A couple of tickets for the forthcoming "S. S. Las Vegas" party on Feb. 4 sponsored by the Arsenal Officers Wives Club are sold to Brig. Gen. H. N. Toftoy (left), Arsenal commander, by Mrs. Marvin Parker (second from left) and Mrs. Robert Winter, members of the committee arranging the event. Looking on is Lt. Col. George Calvert, "champion ticket seller" who has already sold over 200 tickets for the party.

'S. S. Las Vegas' Party Committee Sets Plans

The "S. S. Las Vegas" party committee chairmen report plans for a successful Saturday night of entertainment and fun on Feb. 4 at the old Field Service building (No. 827) when the "S. S. Las Vegas" will "leave port" at 7 p.m.

Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. J. B. Walker with Maj. Marvin Parker are setting up for a real ship's party in their decorations including a gangplank where all will board the ship for the "land cruise". Capt. and Mrs. William Trotter report that dinner will be served from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and for a real treat there will be deep apple pie with cheese. They urge everyone to come early for dinner, which will not be served after 9 p.m., since dining space will be needed for the following floor show.

The floor show for the event

The Redstone Post Chapel Guild will meet tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. at the Post Chapel.

DAUGHTER FOR LEONARDS

A daughter was born to Lt. and Mrs. David C. Leonard on Jan. 22. She has been named Debra Gail. Mrs. Leonard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Evans of Huntsville. Lt. Leonard is with the 9330th TU.

Jack Carstarphen, Mrs. Archie Burks, Lt. Donald Strietzel, Mrs. Raymond Hansotte, and Mrs. W. B. Mebane.

Funds from the project will be used for all children of Army personnel on the Arsenal including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Cubs and Post Nursery.

Mrs. Theodore H. Ebben is general chairman for the event.

Nursery will be open from 6 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Nursery reservations should be made to Mrs. Peter Neilson, JE 6-1752, or Mrs. Thomas Hooten, JE 6-1432, by Feb. 2.

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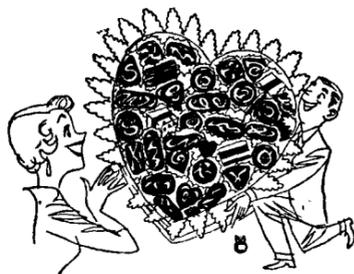
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Through his operational experience. General Medaris has been granted credit for the courses of study at the National War College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General 27 July 1953.

Among the decorations he has been awarded are the Distinguished Service Medal (for the European invasion and the campaign following), the Legion of Merit,

Announcement Of Examinations For Positions Made

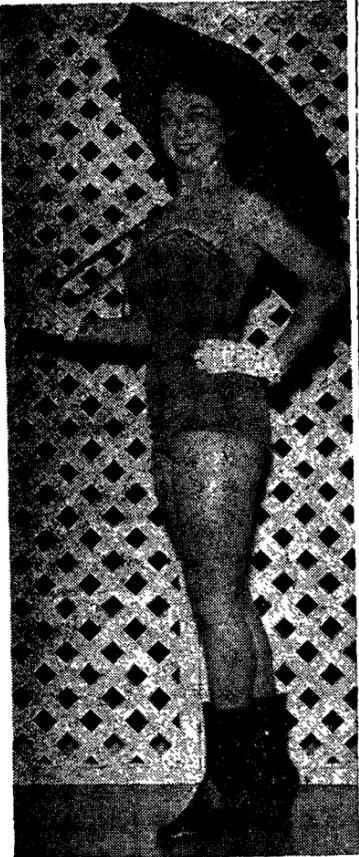
Announcement of examinations to the following positions has been made by the United States Civil Service Commission, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners: Aircraft Metal Former, WB-16, \$2.14 p.h.; WB-18, \$2.27 p.h. Machine Tool and Die Designer, GS-5, \$3,670 p.a.; GS-7, \$4,525 p.a.; GS-9, \$5,440 p.a. GS-11, \$6,390 p.a.; GS-12, \$7,570.

390 p. a. Physicist, GS-5, \$4,345 p. a.; GS-7, \$4,930 p. aa.; GS-9, \$5,440 p. a.; GS-11, \$6,390; GS-12, \$7,570. Electronic Scientist, GS-7, GS-9, GS-11, GS-12. Mathematician, GS-5, GS-7, GS-11, GS-12. Chemist (options: analytical, physical, organic, general), GS-5, GS-7, GS-9, GS-11, GS-12. For further information about these positions, call Civilian Personnel Office, Redstone Arsenal.

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READY FOR THE SEASON—last week's weather indicated the annual "monsoon season" might well be upon us. Anyway, you never can tell, so this week's Rocket Pin-up, Miss Pauline Posey, is taking no chances, all decked out in her umbrella and boots. A native of Phil Campbell, Ala., Miss Posey works in Industrial Division. During another season—the football one—she leads the cheering for the Arsenal football team. (Photo by Carl Pickens.)

Heart Fund Drive

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29. Heading the Arsenal campaign will be Capt. Fred L. Long, Jr., who is chief of the Maintenance and Supply Branch SAM Division, Ordnance Guided Missile School, and James C. Lynch, Intelligence Officer.

YMCA Drive

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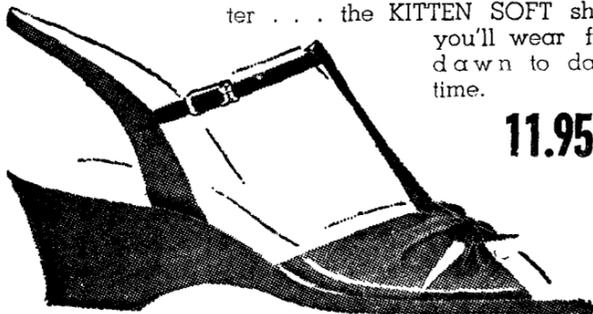
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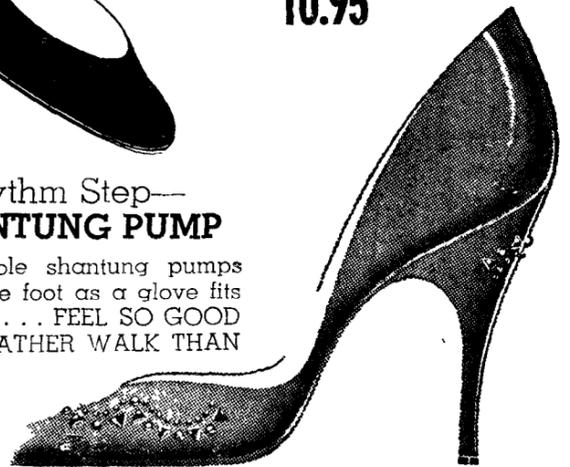


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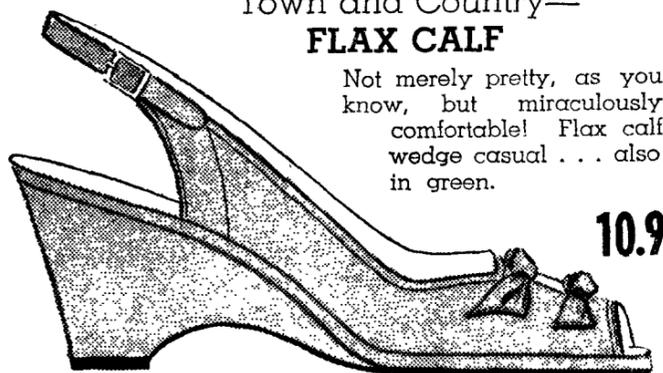
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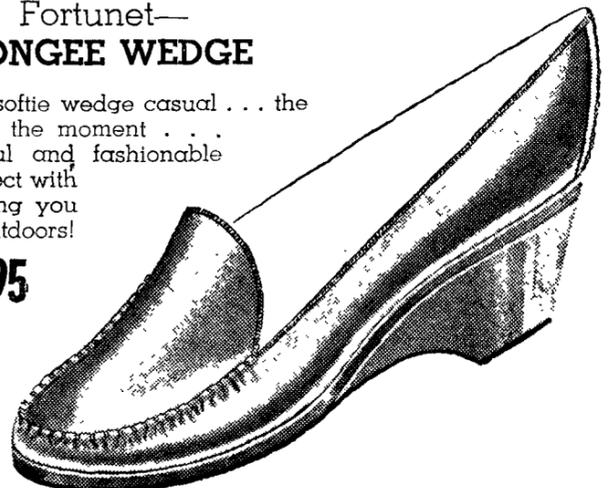


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