

## TOASTMASTERS' CONTEST SET HERE

### Capt. Mosgrove Will Represent Arsenal in Event

The Area Two contest for the Toastmasters' International will be held at Redstone Arsenal on March 3, and the winner will go to the District Contest in Birmingham on May 5.

Representing Redstone will be the 1956 Best Speaker from the Redstone Club No. 1932, Capt. Charles E. Mosgrove, who was chosen in competition on February 7. His topic was "Foreign Aid."

The Redstone Club and the Huntsville Club No. 1972 will jointly act as hosts for the Birmingham Clubs. Capt. Bailey T. Strain is the coordinator.

The program on March 3 is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. in the Rocket Auditorium with a welcoming address by Brig. Gen. H. N. Toftoy, arsenal commander. This will be followed by a series of movies about the activities at the arsenal.

From 3 to 5 p.m. a tour of the arsenal is scheduled, as well as a tour of the Ordnance Guided Missile School. Dinner is set for 7 p.m. at the Officers Open Mess. Afterwards the Area Speech Contest will take place.

During the local meeting at Redstone on Feb. 7, W. E. Albright, called on extemporaneously when the scheduled contestant failed to appear, was runner-up with the topic "The Sale I Did Not Make."

Judges for the contest were Capt. Robert Goldrick, William Sayre, Lt. Col. Donald D. Akerman, John Higdon and Carl Morning.

At the 1955 Toastmasters International Speech Contest a member of the Montgomery Toastmasters Club was awarded second place.

Toastmasters International is an organization consisting of groups of ambitious, capable men, who seek to improve themselves in the arts of speech and leadership, as means of increasing their usefulness in business, social and civic relationships.

The organization was founded by Ralph C. Smedley, of Santa Ana, California. Incorporated in 1932, as a non-profit, non-commercial corporation, the movement has grown until there are over 2000 chartered clubs, with representation in almost every state, Hawaii, Alaska, Canada, Great Britain, and South Africa.

The purposes of Toastmasters International are:

... to aid its members to master the difficult art of public speaking;

... to teach them to appear effectively before any audience;

... to train them for leadership and for chairmanship in meetings of all kinds;

... to correlate Toastmasters training with job training.

These purposes are accomplished through speech practice, speech evaluation, and parliamentary training.

Toastmasters Clubs are limited to thirty active members. The reason for this is to permit each member to enjoy frequent opportunities to speak, preside, and evaluate. However, in addition, the by-laws permit the election of associate or inactive members.

Men in business and professional life are usually the most interested in the club. They realize the value in their work of ability to speak forcefully. Any ambitious man with reasonable educational preparation can make good use of the opportunities afforded by the Toastmasters Club.



**CUTS BIRTHDAY CAKE**—Col. Henry S. Newhall, (left) commandant of the Ordnance Guided Missile School, cuts the cake that SP3 Elton (Jay) Calk (second from right) baked to celebrate the school's third birthday. Looking on are Brig. Gen. H. N. Toftoy, Redstone Arsenal commander; Mayor R. B. (Spec) Searcy of Huntsville; Calk and Maj. Gen. J. B. Medaris, commander of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Redstone. (Photo by Carl Pickens)

## OGMS MARKS THIRD BIRTHDAY

Col. Henry S. Newhall, commandant of the Ordnance Guided Missile School at Redstone Arsenal, and the men in his command held open house recently to celebrate the third birthday of the school and to acquaint the people at Redstone Arsenal and nearby Huntsville with the activities at the school.

Special guests included the arsenal commander, Brig. Gen. H. N. Toftoy; the Mayor of Huntsville, R. B. Searcy and his wife; and Maj. Gen. and Mrs. J. B. Medaris. Gen. Medaris is the commander of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Redstone.

The first guided missile course commenced at Redstone Arsenal on March 10, 1952.

However, since the school troops were moved into new quarters recently, it was decided to hold open house before the date the Provisional Redstone Ordnance School opened. It had its name changed in February, 1953.

The school began with 7 student-officers. Now there are approximately 600 enlisted men, officers and civilians enrolled.

The open house included guided tours from 1:30 to 4 p.m. with non-commissioned officers acting as guides and technicians stationed at strategic points to explain the operation of the school and the missiles the men there are studying. The guests completed the tour with refreshments in the consolidated mess where they were given cake and coffee.

The official birthday cake was cut with a ceremonial sword by Col. Newhall. The cake had three candles, two of crimson and one of yellow.

## Contest Set

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The week of April 22-28, 1956, has been designated as "Secretaries Week" and the Huntsville

## Sparkman Urges More Housing For RSA Workers

WASHINGTON—Senator John Sparkman of Alabama last week complained that lack of housing at the Redstone Arsenal at Huntsville, Alabama, may delay development of the intermediate ballistic missile.

In letters to Secretary of Defense Wilson and Housing Administrator Albert M. Cole, Sparkman said steps must be taken to provide housing for civilian scientific and technical personnel.

Sparkman said the staff of the senate housing subcommittee, of which he is chairman, recently investigated the situation at the Redstone Arsenal where the Army and Navy have planned a joint program for development of a missile with a 1500-mile range.

In a separate statement the senator said, "The military has scheduled the development of the intermediate ballistic missile as a top priority and is currently in the process of recruiting 1,000 or more scientific and technical personnel. These people are being asked to take jobs in an area where there are no housing accommodations for their families."

Chapter is sponsoring the "Secretary of the Year".

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(Those secretaries who are members of the Huntsville chapter of NSA—sponsors of the contest—will not be considered in the selection of the "Secretary of the Year".)

## Portrait of Secretary



## ARSENAL SLATES RED CROSS DRIVE

### 75th Anniversary Campaign Will Begin March 1

Redstone Arsenal will join in the Madison County American Red Cross' annual fund appeal beginning Thursday, March 1. This will be the 75th anniversary of the American Red Cross.

A civilian and a military chairman for the Arsenal's part in this year's campaign will be announced.

Madison County's quota for the drive is approximately \$26,000.

A total of \$24,000 was collected in the county last year, \$6,000 being from Arsenal employees.

The fund drive will continue through the month of March.

Lloyd Little will serve as general fund drive chairman. Jimmy Taylor is chairman of the county chapter.

Besides the Redstone division, the drive will be conducted among the following divisions: Industrial, Negro, Advanced Gifts, Business Blocks, Residential, and County Rural Area.

Among the Red Cross' various services are relief for disaster victims, operation of blood banks, and aid to servicemen and their families.

## CALL GOES OUT FOR TRACKSTERS

Can you run 440 yards in 56.5 seconds? Can you high jump 5 ft., 8 inches, or pole vault 9 feet?

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Some of them are not so hot; we'll need your help in rewriting the entire record book this year. Give a hand and make 1956 Redstone Arsenal's best year in sports history. Call Special Services and get all the information about joining the track team.

100 yard dash—9.9 seconds.  
220 yard dash—23.5 seconds.  
440 yard dash—56.5 seconds.  
880 yard dash—2 minutes, 13 seconds.

1 mile run—5 minutes, 28 seconds.

120 yard high hurdles—no record.

220 yard low hurdles—no record.

Shot put—37'8".

Discus—110'.

Javelin—150'3".

High Jump—5'8".

Broad Jump—22'7 1/2".

Pole vault—9'.

Hop, Step and Jump—44'7".

## Arsenal's H. Mason Training for Title Fights in Chicago

Hugh Mason, 20-year-old middleweight contender for the Golden Gloves crown in Chicago in late March, is a graduate of the Amateur Fights for the Department of Parks in Queens, New York City.

Assigned to the Special Services Office at Redstone, Mason is training for the bout and expects to weigh in at 158, just two pounds under the middleweight limit.

He won over Dominick Muzzo from Ft. Rucker in the Alabama Golden Gloves tournament and went to the Southern bouts in Nashville a week later to take the decision from Billy De Priest from Ft. Benning, to become the Southern champion.

In both tournaments Mason won two fights. He also won decisions over Bill Schutte from Nashville and Donald Bose from Chattanooga.

Altogether, Mason has shaped up much better than last year according to his coach, Lt. Jed Black, who boxed professionally both before and since entering the armed forces.

Black will accompany Mason to Chicago as a ring second and trainer for the Southern team.

## Exams Announced In Three Fields

The Civil Service Board of Examiners at Redstone Arsenal have announced examinations in three different fields.

Examination No. 5-35-12(56) is for engineering draftsmen. In the mechanical field the ratings start at GS-4 paying \$3415 per year and going through GS-9, \$5440 per

year. In the general field the draftsmen ratings begin with GS-1, \$2690 per year, and go through GS-9.

The second examination announcement is for chauffeurs at a WB-4 rating which pays \$1,341 per hour. The announcement

number is 5-35-13(56).

And the third competition is for firemen, stationery boiler. This position starts at WB-9, \$1.67 per hour and goes as high as WB-15 at \$2.07 per hour. The number of this announcement is 5-35-11(56).

# The Redstone Rocket

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## DOD Gives Exchanges, Commissaries Backing

Washington (AFPS) — The Defense Department stands firm in its position that exchange stores and commissaries benefit military personnel and should be continued.

This policy was reaffirmed in a recent report by the DOD following an extensive study of the Hoover Commission's recommendations on business enterprises within the military structure.

The DOD agreed with nine of the commission's 12 major recommendations on business enterprises and said that many of its proposals already had been adopted.

However, the DOD termed detrimental to service morale recommendations that would limit commissaries and exchanges only to isolated areas; prohibit the sell-



TO THIRD ARMY TOURNEY—Above is the 9330th Technical Unit Headquarters and Headquarters team that will meet such teams as Camp Gordon, Fort Jackson, Ft. Benning, Ft. Rucker and Ft. Campbell in competition on Feb. 27 through March 3 at Ft. Jackson, S. C. The team was picked to represent Redstone Arsenal in the Third Army tournament by winning a double elimination play-off. The tournament consisted of nine teams representing all company units at the arsenal. In the process of winning the tournament, this team remained unbeaten. They're coached by Rocco Siclare. Front row (left to right) are: Frank Taplin, Joe Bohoc, Henry Baker, John Sanders, Douglas Swift, Rudolph Mike, Gerald Adams and Siclare. Back row (left to right) are: Pete Bartel, Bill Davis, George Starkey, Myron Hudson and Joe Greco. (Photo by Mac McCrary)

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It was pointed out in the report that such curtailed service "would work against current efforts to retain career personnel."

The DOD reasons that an exchange is more than just a shopping center and "the exchange privilege is one symbol of membership in the military community."

"The maintenance of these facilities for the benefit of armed forces personnel and their dependents involves basic factors of morale and the military pay scale," which cannot be overlooked, the report added.

The DOD also rejected a proposal that consideration be given to contracting out exchange store operations. The department said this was considered previously, but concluded it was not practical without substantially increasing prices or curtailing special service activity.

The commission also asked that military personnel be penalized for reselling goods purchased in exchanges, but the DOD said that such a policy has long been in effect.

A recommendation that the U. S. comptroller general's office make a complete survey of exchanges "to determine for its own and public understanding" the real cost of operation and what "fringe benefits really are," was endorsed by the DOD.

The department concluded that it "will actively participate or assist in any future studies, which may be required" concerning exchange store and commissary operation.

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HUNTSVILLE A. O. A. MEETS—Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris was the guest speaker for the first meeting of the Huntsville Chapter of the American Ordnance Association Feb. 17. Approximately 200 members and guests attended the dinner meeting at the Russel Erskine Hotel. Gen. Medaris is the commander of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Redstone Arsenal. With him above are (left to right): W. A. Lewis, AOA program chairman; J. D. Darwin, secretary treasurer; Brig. Gen. H. N. Toftoy, Redstone Arsenal commander; Gen. Medaris; T. D. Johnson, membership chairman for AOA; and J. A. Muller, president of the Huntsville Chapter of AOA.

**SERVICE CLUB SCHEDULE**

Tonight the enlisted men will be viewing television and taking part in games at the Post Service Club. The Missilemen and Missilemaids will also meet at the club at 7 p.m. to practice.

Wednesday night will be a Leap Year Dance with Ben Svrjcek and his orchestra starting the music at 8:30 p.m.

March 1 the Enlisted Men's Council will meet at 6 p.m. Bridge will also be in play and dance instruction under the direction of Don Power begins at 8:30 p.m.

Friday night's card party will begin at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday night games of all types will be available including bridge.

Sunday morning Coffee Call will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the Music Hour at 10:00 a.m. At 8:30

p.m. an evening of games will begin. Monday is slide night and all men with colored slides who wish to show them may bring them along.

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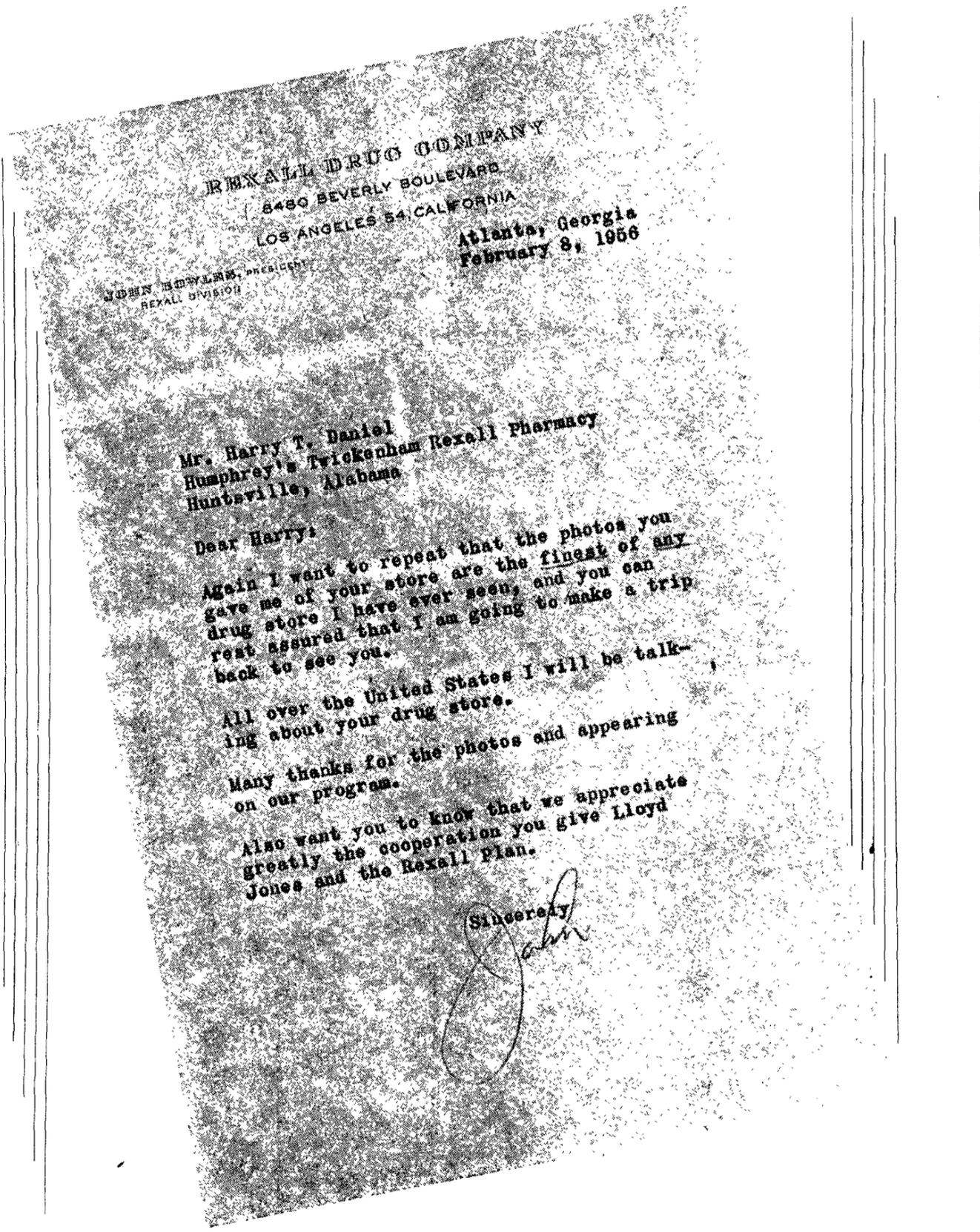
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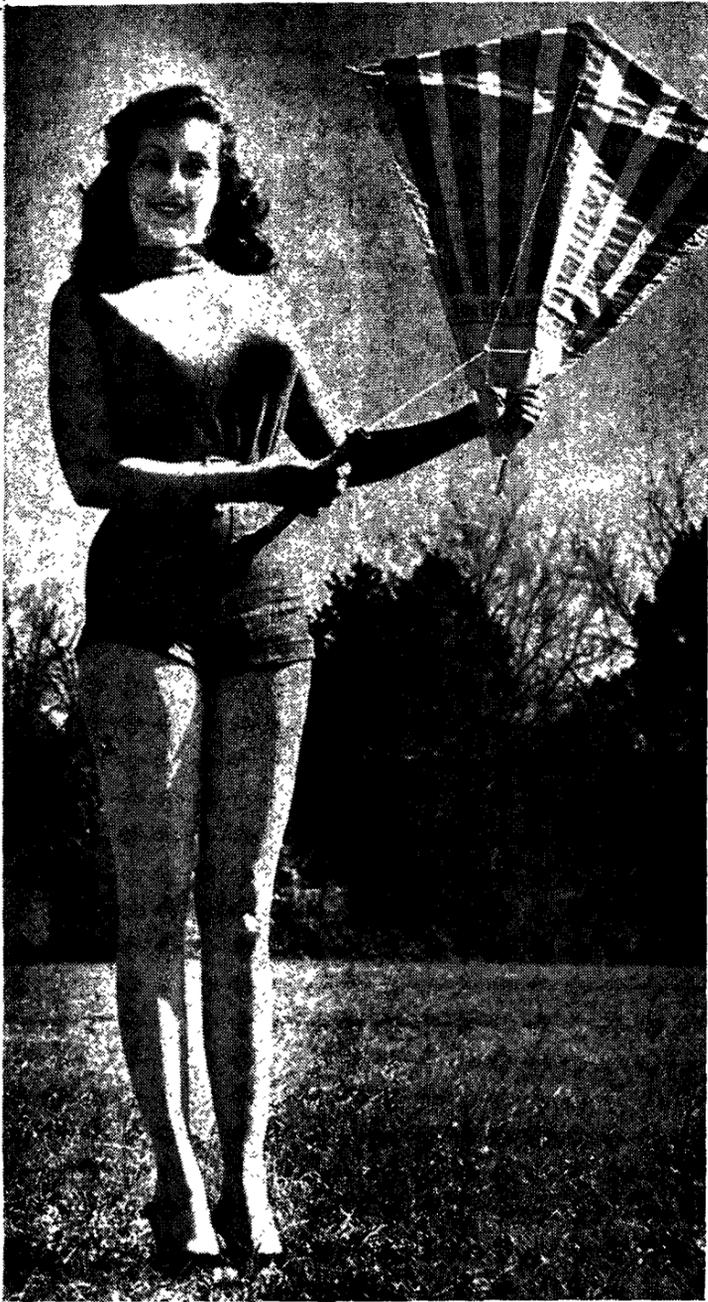
## CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE URGES CAPEHART HOUSING ACT EXTENSION

Washington (AFPS) — A Congressional subcommittee has urged a three-year extension of the Capehart Housing Act to assure construction of 100,000 new homes in the U.S. for servicemen and their families.

The House Banking and Cur-

rency Housing Subcommittee recommended the extension following an extensive inspection of military housing in the U.S. and the Caribbean Command.

The act is due to expire Sept. 30 of this year. To date, the De-



ALL ABOUT KITES—A kite (shown above) is a light framework covered with paper or cloth, intended to be flown in the air at the end of a string. Oh, the OTHER end of the string? Well, that's being held by Miss Martha Jo White, whose framework is a different matter entirely. The kite measures 36 by 30 inches. Kites are flown particularly during the month of March, which will soon be here, if anybody is still interested in kites. Anyhow, Miss White lives in Athens, works in the Survey Branch of Management, and is this week's Rocket Pin-Up. (Photo by Carl Picken s.)

## At Couples Bridge Two Ladies Tie

Couples Bridge winners Monday, Feb. 20, were Mr. Davis Foxworthy for the men. The ladies tied with Mrs. T. T. Paul and Mrs. Rudolph A. Axelson scoring even.

Capt. James Heard was second for the men.

In low place were Major Axelson for the men and Mrs. W. F. Diggs for the ladies.

Host and hostess for the affair were Dr. and Mrs. Burton Shook.

The next host and hostess on March 5 will be Capt. and Mrs. James E. Heard. Newcomers who wish to play may contact them at Jefferson 4-1964.

fense Department has approved the construction of more than 43,000 military homes authorized by Title VIII of the Capehart legislation.

Pentagon housing officials pointed out, however, that when the act expires the FHA will not have authority for insuring mortgages required to finance these new homes unless commitments for insurance have been issued prior to its expiration.

The insurance is required by law, even though the services finance the housing with money normally appropriated with rental allowances of military personnel.

At present, the DOD is approving construction of military housing at the rate of about 2,000 units a week, and hopes to reach the authorized goal of 100,000 by June 30.

However, it normally takes six to eight months from the time of DOD approval of the housing to obtain FHA insurance commitments to cover private financing of these homes. If the act is not extended, it is doubtful if many of them can be built because of the September deadline.

In urging the extension, Rep. Albert Reens (D-Ala.), subcommittee chairman, declared that inadequate housing was "found to be one of the most harassing problems" facing the services.

In a 14-page report, the subcommittee also recommended that the average cost of military housing authorized by the Capehart Act be increased from \$13,500 to \$16,500.

The report stated that the lower figure might require the services to produce homes in many areas not up to the minimum requirements.

It was also recommended that the Capehart legislation be amended to include the Panama Canal Zone and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Housing in those two areas was described as unfit.

Under the present legislation, Capehart housing can be built only in the U.S., Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

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A change in thought but no less interesting — two of the boys in

the General Supply Branch were presented with certificates and checks this week for their accomplishments. Marshall Towery was presented a check for \$200.00 as the result of an outstanding performance rating. William Luna collected \$65.00 (loot) for a suggestion to improve his inspection and processing work in the Machine Tool Program. The Depot Chief, Mr. A. A. Stewart, expressed his sincere appreciation for the commendable performance of these and other employees of the General Supply Storage Section.

Even the girls in the offices are competing with the field personnel in making suggestions. They feel that paper flow and internal methods and procedures are areas that can be improved.

Have you noticed the increased interest in the Incentive Awards Program throughout the arsenal? We believe that the enthusiasm and untiring efforts of Mr. Frank Holmes, the Executive Secretary, have contributed greatly to this increased interest. We would like to publicly express our thanks for the help he has given us in our improvement program.

As a parting word—we enjoyed the cigars handed out by William Rousseau this week. He said that

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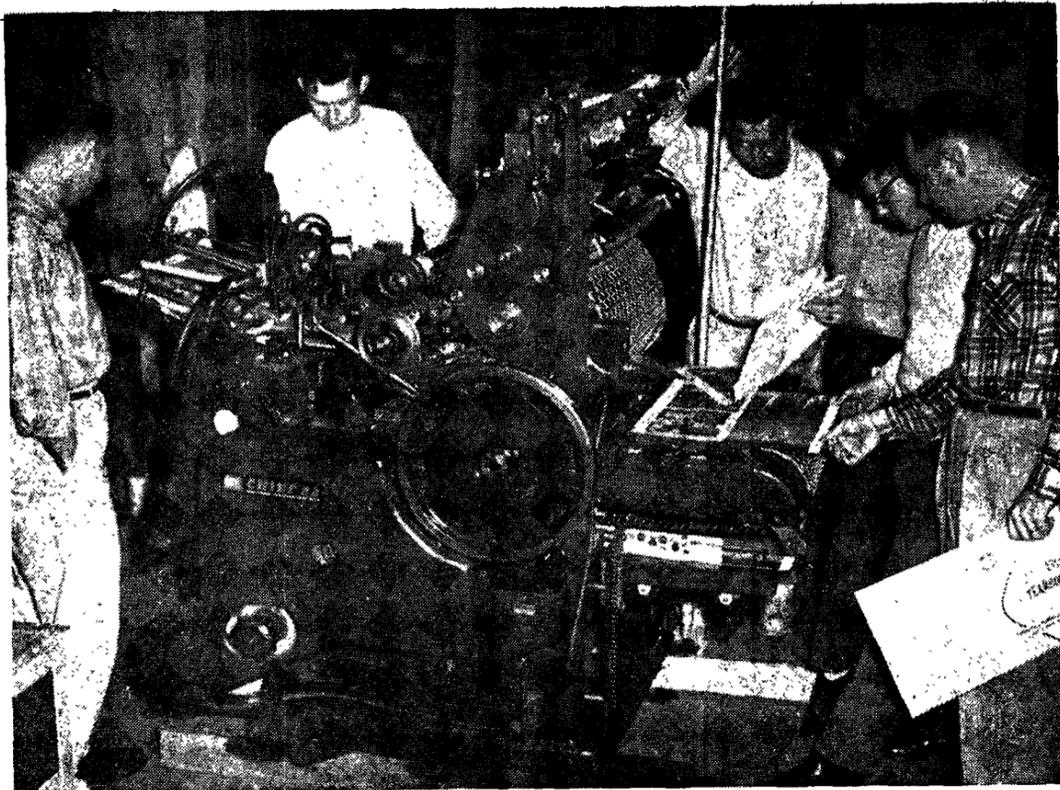


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ers will also be a topic on the agenda.

## Yearbook Begun By Troop Unit

In September, 1955, an announcement and survey were made to obtain the troops opinion on publishing a yearbook at Hq. & Hq. Det., 9352 TU, OGMS. Sufficient enthusiasm was shown and shortly thereafter a yearbook committee was appointed. Even though many unforeseen handicaps have been encountered Volume I of OGMS yearbook is being pub-

lished.

The printing of this yearbook is being done by JAMCO Reproductions, 122 Orchard St., Huntsville, Ala., on North Alabama's largest offset printing press.

The art work and layout for this annual has been created by the committee pictured here, un-

## FLYING CLUB SETS BUSINESS MEET

The second business meeting of the Redstone Flying Club will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 29, in the Rocket Auditorium.

The group will discuss a proposed constitution for the newly organized club. Election of offic-

der the guidance of Lt. Charles Unrue, not shown.

At the suggestion of the publisher, JAMCO Reproductions, the book is printed in Handmade paper in Photo-brown ink. The cover designed by Mrs. Ray Shepard, wife of SP-3 Ray Shepard of Hq. & Hq. Det., 9352 TU, is printed in red and black ink on yellow Embossed Cover stock.

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Key People at ABMA

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of a series of articles to acquaint Arsenal personnel with the names and positions of some of the key people in the Army Ballistic Missile Agency.)

Col. John C. Nickerson Jr., is now the Field Coordinator for the Army Missile Ballistic Agency at Redstone Arsenal. He came here from the Pentagon where he was chief of the Rocket Branch of the Research and Development Division. A graduate of the United States Military Academy, the colonel also has a master's degree from the California Institute of Technology. During World War II, he was in the European Theater of Operations where he earned the Silver Star Medal with an

Oak Leaf Cluster, the Air Medal and the Bronze Star Medal. Both France and Luxembourg presented Col. Nickerson with the Croix de Guerre.

The Intelligence and Security Officer for ABMA is Lt. Col. James S. Killough, formerly stationed at Camp Gordon, Ga., where he was chief of the Training Publications Section for the Military Police Board. Col. Killough was the military Mayor of Seoul, Korea in 1945-1946. In 1953 he became the president of the Munich (Germany) Masonic Club. Col. Killough is a lawyer from Dallas, Tex., and spent three years at the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas as an instructor. He also has graduated from the

Infantry School, the Command and General Staff College, the Command and General Staff School, the School for military Government at the University of Virginia and the Civil Affairs Training School at Northwestern University.

In addition, he is entitled to wear the Purple Heart and the Army Commendation Ribbon. His overseas service includes posts in Guam, Hawaii, Okinawa, Korea and Germany. In addition to his Army service, Col. Killough was with the U. S. Treasury Department's Bureau of Narcotics in Arkansas.

Lt. Col. William J. Durrenberger is the chief of the ABMA Finance Management Office. He was assigned to Redstone in June, 1951 as Director of Projects and later became the Assistant Director of the Ordnance Missile Laboratories while the present arsenal commander, Brig. Gen. H. N. Toftoy, was the director of the organization. From Redstone, he went to Syracuse University where he received a master's in Business Administration. His bachelor's degree was earned at the University of Maryland but he also studied at the University of Minnesota. During World War II he was in the European Theater of Operations and stayed after the close of the war until January, 1947, giving him almost four years of service in Europe. Prior to his appointment with ABMA, Col. Durrenberger was the executive officer for the Office of the Ordnance Comptroller. Among the medals he is entitled to wear is the Bronze Star.

The former chief of the Engineering Branch for the Industrial Operations Division for ABMA. He is Robert W. Cuthill, a Pennsylvanian who was a Phi Beta Kappa and a Pi Tau Sigma fraternities man at Drexel Institute of Technology where he received his degree in mechanical engineering. Mr. Cuthill is also a member of the American Ordnance Association. He holds two superior Performance Awards and a Meritorious Award for his achievements.

Capt. William A. Hasler, Jr., of the U. S. Navy is the head of the ABMA Navy Office. He came here from the Bureau of Ordnance in Washington where he was head of the Guided Missile Branch of the Research Division. He is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy where he received his bachelor's degree and he studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. Capt. Hasler also has a master of science degree. His decorations include the Unit Commendation and a Navy Letter of Commendation.

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**SECRETARY OF DEFENSE SEEKING ASSISTANT FOR GUIDED MISSILES**

Washington (AFPS) — Defense Secretary Wilson has announced he is looking for a top-level executive to serve as his special assistant in directing the guided missile program, particularly in the long-range ballistic field.

The new post will be known as the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Guided Missiles.

In a Pentagon press conference Mr. Wilson told newsmen he needs "more doers" and the man he chooses for the position "must be in that category."

"If I can't find someone, I think I will maybe have to do it myself or Reuben Robertson (deputy defense secretary) will have to take it on."

"But we have come to the conclusion that if we could find the right man. It will help us to get the job done promptly and efficiently," Mr. Wilson added.

He declared in answer to questions that he did not believe the Russians are any smarter or more capable of producing guided missiles faster than the U.S., but said he would not underestimate them.

"They have a great deal of capacity if they concentrate and in their form of government, they can pick out any particular thing and make a great deal of progress with it."

"But I don't think they can

make a great deal of progress with everything like we do in the free world," he added.

Mr. Wilson described the current U.S. missile program as "a good stiff" one backed by all the money it needs. But he said "some of the technical developments

take some time."

In a prepared statement Mr. Wilson outlined some of the duties of his special guided missiles assistant.

In addition to helping the defense secretary in direction and coordination of research, development, engineering and production of guided missiles, he will act as chairman of the DOD Ballistic Missiles Committee.

He will give advice to the Armed Forces Policy Council, the service secretaries, the joint chiefs of staff and other DOD ag-

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