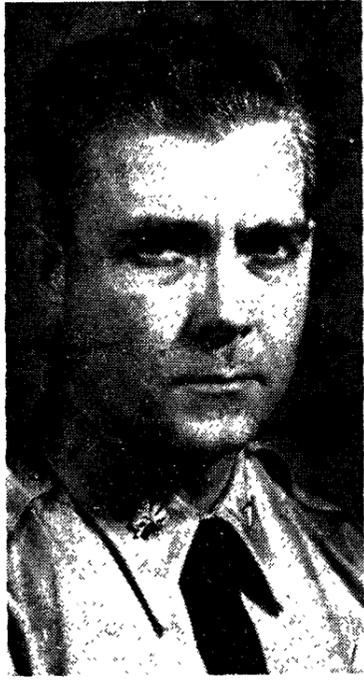


First Man to Command Corporal Unit Overseas Is Redstone Bn. Chief

By Rhoda Stambaugh



LT. COL. GLENN P. ELLIOTT

The first man to command a Corporal guided missile battalion in Europe has been appointed the commanding officer for the 217th Field Artillery Missile Battalion (Redstone) now organizing at the Arsenal.

He is Lt. Col. Glenn P. Elliott, who took the 259th Field Artillery Missile Battalion to Germany in 1955. It was stationed at Mainz.

Most of the men assigned to the 217 FA Missile Bn. are former members of other Corporal or guided missile battalions, and already have some knowledge of missile handling.

Their main aim will be to adapt the knowledge they have acquired in other schools and in the fields to techniques for handling the Redstone in the field.

Classwork will be in the Ordnance Guided Missile School area, but they will work closely with the scientists at the Army Ballistic Missile Agency who developed the Redstone.

Col. Elliott is a native of Alabama. His home is at Monteavally and he is a graduate of the University of Alabama where he was an ROTC cadet, active in Scabbard and Blade. He was also a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity.

In February, 1940, Col. Elliott received his commission in the Army and was sent to Hawaii for the ensuing three years. He has also served on Okinawa and in Korea. In addition to his theater ribbons and medals, he was awarded the Legion of Merit.

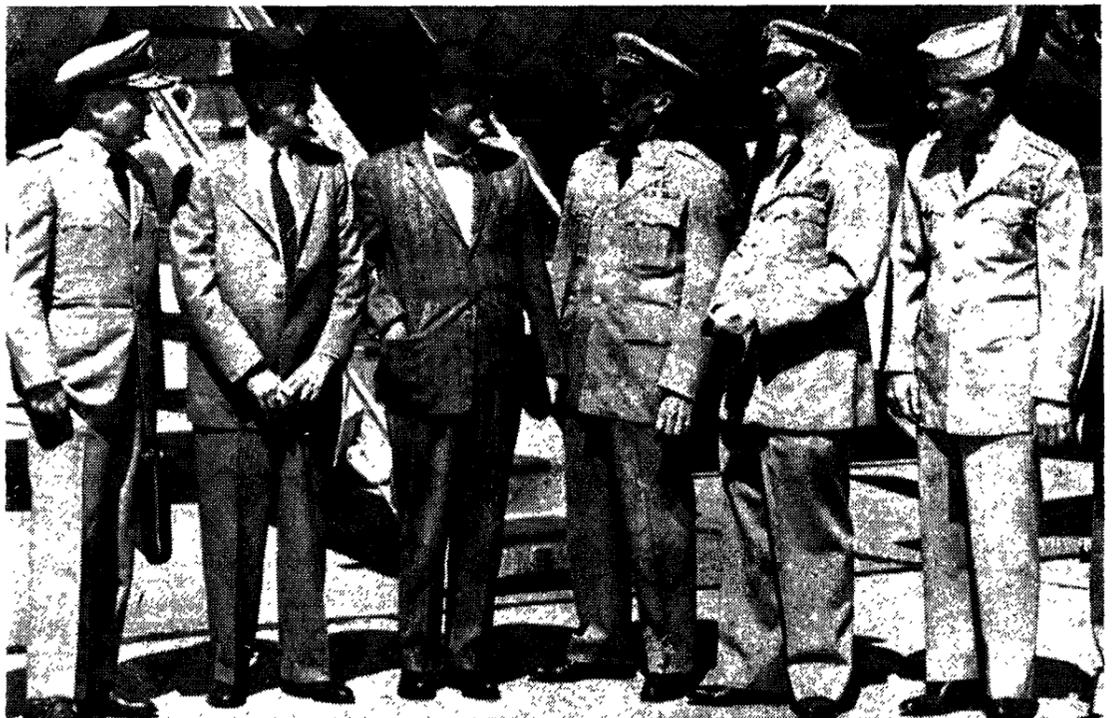
The colonel is also a graduate of the Command and General Staff School at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mrs. Elliott's home was at Carrolltown, Ga. At present they are living on post. They have a 16-year-old son, Glenn, Jr., and a daughter, Lucy, 13.

used on the firing ranges. \$95 WENT TO POST ENGINEER: Employees who earned awards are: Mr. George C. Towery, \$65 for an improved method of repairing induced draft fan blades; Mr. John Ricketts, \$10 for an improvement in the lubrication of a LeBlond lathe; Tyrus C. Bailey, \$10 for improving the area around Bldg. 680; and Thurman W. Pruitt, \$10 for improved methods of distributing sand on slippery roads.

TWO EMPLOYEES IN REDSTONE DEPOT who received a total of \$75 are: William C. Luna and Cleve W. Hayes, both with General Supply Branch, received

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MURPHREE VISITS—Dr. Eger V. Murphree, recently appointed by Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson as his special assistant for guided missiles, visited Redstone Arsenal and ABMA last week with a party of officials from the Defense Department, the Army and the Navy for orientation on the missile program here. From left to right are: Rear Admiral W. F. Raborn, officer in charge of Special Projects in the Naval Bureau of Ordnance; Dr. Frank D. Newbury, assistant Secretary of Defense for Applications Engineering; Dr. Murphree, Brig. Gen. H. N. Toftoy, commander of Redstone Arsenal; Maj. Gen. J. B. Medaris, commander of ABMA; and Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin, chief of the Army's research and development program.

INCENTIVE AWARDS \$1,635 IN QUARTER

During the first calendar Quarter (1 Jan-31 March 1956), the men and women at Redstone Arsenal saved the government over \$44,797 and won \$1,635 in cash awards. Since the last newspaper report, 21 Redstoners have won a total of \$599 and saved the government \$10,722.

Employees at Redstone won a total of \$475 with a saving of \$8,632. Army Ballistic Missile Agency personnel won \$115 and saved \$2,090. Those who have received these awards are:

ARMY BALLISTIC MISSILE AGENCY: Shirley P. Hale, Systems Analysis and Reliability Lab, \$75 for the time device; Herman H. Clark, Guidance and Control, \$15 for a special grinding jig; William D. Underwood, also of Guidance and Control received \$10 for improved methods in precision measuring. Riley P. Melton, Test Lab, received \$15 for a portable tube machine.

ROCKET DEVELOPMENT DIVISION employees who received a total of \$110 are: Mr. Jack W. Hendrix, \$90 for an improved procedure in physical examinations; and Mr. Clay Holton \$20 for a film gage which can be

Melcher Assigned As Assistant to Incentive Awards

Private Wayne P. Melcher has been assigned as an assistant to the Executive Secretary, Incentive Awards Committee.

He will aid in the investigation



WAYNE F. MELCHER

ASST. ENGINEER CHIEF VISITS

Brigadier General Walter K. Wilson, Jr., former District Engineer of the Mobile District, Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army, paid his first official visit to the Mobile District in his new capacity as Assistant Chief of Engineers for Military Construction last week. The Huntsville area is within the Mobile Engineer District.

and evaluation of civilian and military suggestions and recommendations for special merit awards.

A native of Wichita, Kansas, Wayne holds a B.S. Degree in Industrial Engineering from Kansas State College. He has a broad background in shop practices, the development of manufacturing standards, research for product improvements, and in motion and time analysis.

Immediately prior to entering the Army, Wayne was employed with the Caterpillar Tractor Company, Peoria, Illinois. While in school, he worked summers with Midwestern Industries, Inc. Wichita.

General Wilson inspected new construction at Redstone Arsenal and discussed plans for the expansion of facilities for the Army Ballistic Missile Agency.

Following his visit to Redstone, General Wilson visited the Corps of Engineers District Office in Mobile and inspected major new construction at Brookley Air Force Base.

As Assistant Chief of Engineers for Military Construction, General Wilson directs and supervises the construction of Army facilities and the bulk of Air Force military facilities in the continental United States, Alaska, and various overseas areas. He assumed these duties last month.

The General was accompanied by Colonel Harold E. Bisbort, Army District Engineer at Mobile, and by members of the District Engineer's staff. Colonel Bisbort is in immediate charge of all major new construction for the Army and the Air Force in Alabama, Mississippi, and northwest Florida.

General Wilson was District Engineer at Mobile from June 1949 to October 1952 and Division Engineer of the South Atlantic Division of the Corps of Engineers from October 1952 to April 1953.



COMMENDATION—James Goodwin, left, and Paul R. Bungard look over a commendation letter Mr. Bungard recently received from Third Army Headquarters, Ft. McPherson, Georgia. Of more than 500 graduates of the Projectionist-Instructor School at Ft. McPherson, Mr. Bungard was the second student ever to receive a "Superior" rating. The school has been in existence since 1950. Mr. Bungard is assigned to Standards Branch of the Ordnance Guided Missile School. He is in charge of the Instructor Training Course at the school. Mr. and Mrs. Bungard reside at 150 Arlington Road, Huntsville. Mr. Goodwin, shown at left, is Chief of the Training Standards Branch where Mr. Bungard is employed.



ARSENAL'S ARMED FORCES DAY COMMITTEE—Shown above are members of the Armed Forces Day Committee coordinating the Arsenal's part in Armed Forces Day on May 19. Left to right are Capt. Marvin Shaw, Post Engineer representative; Lt. Archie Burks, Troop Command; Capt. Wilbert Becker, Field Service Division; Foster Haley, Public Information Office; Lt. Oveda F. Hunt, Transportation; Lt. Col. Arthur Hogan, Provost Marshal and chairman of the committee; Paschel Redding, Research and Development; Maj. Robert Fuller, Army Ballistic Missile Agency; W. A. Albright, Safety Office; Capt. Luther Walker, Ordnance Guided Missile School; and John Stephenson, Redstone Depot. Other members, not in photo, are Truman E. McClard, Ordnance Missile Laboratory; Laurin Carroll, ABMA Security Office; Jerry Breedlove, Provost Marshal Security Office; Maj. Frank W. Warren, Chaplain; and CWO George F. Broxton.

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New Army System U. S. CIVIL EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR OVERSEAS JOBS

Washington (AFPS)—The Army has announced adoption of an "interchange system" whereby U. S. civilian employees in the U. S. will be able to compete for some 12,000 posts overseas.

Army Secretary Wilber M. Brucker said the new world-wide set-up for career employees was made possible by a recent decision to broaden the scope of the civil service system.

He said the Army now plans to staff positions in foreign countries "almost exclusively" by reassignment of government workers in the U. S. who volunteer for overseas jobs.

Outside recruiting for foreign posts now will be limited solely to vacancies that cannot be filled by career employees.

The interchange system will also enable the Army to retain many highly skilled civilians employed overseas by giving them full civil service status and allowing them to compete for posts in the U. S.

However, only army civilians now employed overseas who are recommended by their commanders will receive permanent civil service status.

The new policy marks the first time in the 73-year-old history of the U. S. civil service system that employees have been allowed to hold regular positions in lands overseas, exclusive of the territories.

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THE POST LIBRARY BY ANNA L. FARRAR Librarian

The books listed are now in the library collection:

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- George C. Cox, "Suddenly a Widow."
- David Ewen, "Journey to Greatness; the Life and Music of George Gershwin."
- Fortune (Periodical), "Fabulous Future."
- Graham Greene, "The Quiet American."
- Kavid Karp, "All Honorable Men."
- Frank Kenyon, "Marie Antoinette."
- Hans Kuntz, "Revolt of Gunner Asch."
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Orange-Aid for Dot



Peachy Dorothy Steiner is the new Citrus Queen of Florida. Relaxing in the sand at Winter Haven, healthy Doty takes an orange from her basket and makes ready to dine. The quality of Doty's smile is not strange—it is as natural and refreshing as the orange she's eating.

Incentive Awards

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\$65 and \$10 respectively. Mr. Luna's suggestion concerns a portable storage unit for processing material. Mr. Hayes' suggestion concerned an improved method for cleaning paint brushes.

FIELD SERVICE DIVISION personnel who received \$50: B. Terry and Mr. Vernon Benson won \$25 each. Mr. Terry's suggestion concerned the use of a forklift as a crane. Mr. Benson improved a procedure for handling shipping documents.

PHOTO SECTION, OML, totaled \$50. Mr. Edward Dixon received \$40 for an improved procedure in processing color slides. Mr. William Kellar received \$10 for modifying negative carriers.

PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING employees won \$45. Mrs. Opal Tabor recommended the use of electric stapling machines in Reproduction Branch and won \$35. Mrs. Thelma Pearce won \$10 for a registration sign at the receptionists desk, Bldg. 111.

ARMY INSPECTOR OF ORDINANCE—\$20. Mr. Charles Stewart and Mrs. Sarah W. Whitt each received \$10. Mr. Stewart's suggestion was a safety improvement involving the Magnaflux unit. Mrs. Whitt's suggestion concerned an improved procedure in processing shipping documents.

CONSOLIDATED SUPPLY, SMALL BUSINESS OFFICE AND TRANSPORTATION DIVISION each had one award totaling \$30. Mrs. Linda Bearden received \$10 for overprinting shipping orders. Mrs. Helen Todd received \$10 for a form used by the Board of Awards. Last—but not least—Mr. Ralph Lister received \$10 for a suggestion which is a health and morale improvement at Bldg. 484.

- up of Best Western Stories:
- Nila Magidoff, "Nila"
 - Gavin Maxwell, "Bandit"
 - Martin Mayer, "Hi-fi"
 - Josephine von Miklos, "Make-it Yourself."
 - James Sotter, "The Hunter"
 - James Scott, "Sea Wolf"
 - Rex Stout, "Three With a Ses."
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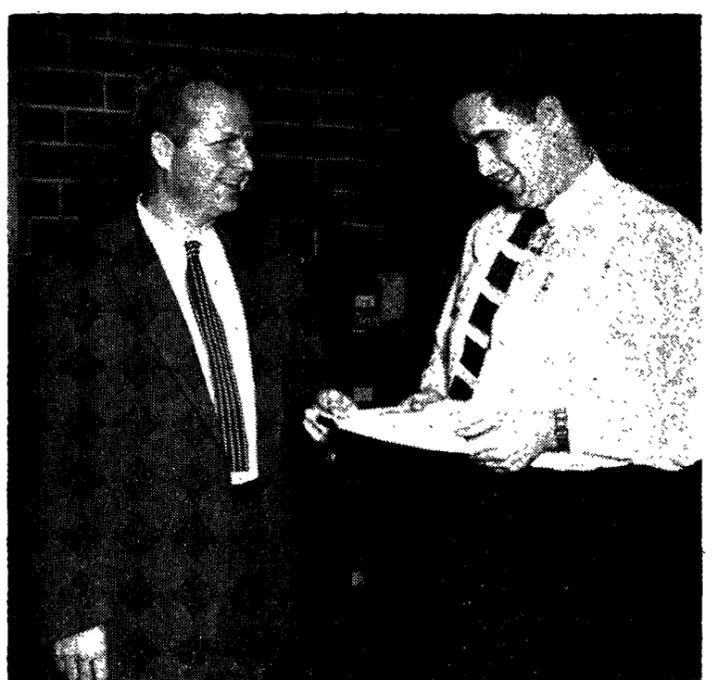
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HENDRIX RECEIVES AWARD—Jack W. Hendrix (right), Test and Evaluation Branch, Rocket Development Division, receives a \$90 cash award from his supervisor, Bill Lloyd. Mr. Hendrix made a suggestion which will save the government over \$2,500.

Navy Developed AIR DEFENSE ADDS 'TALOS'; CRUISER INSTALLATION PLANNED

Washington (AFPS)—The Defense Department has announced that Talos, a navy-developed guided missile, will be used in the air defense of U. S.

The supersonic surface-to-air missile will be added to the arsenal of the Continental Air Defense Command at land installations and aboard ships.

It will not affect the role and use of Nike, the Army's surface-to-air missile, the DOD explained. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, AF chief of staff, said that Talos "will add greatly to our defense capability."

Air Force survey teams will be sent out soon to possible Talos sites in the U. S., including Lockbourne AFB, Ohio, Bunker Hill AFB, Ind., and others near Peoria, Ill., and Kirksville, Mo.

A conversion enabling one light cruiser to fire Talos has also been authorized, and the Navy has requested funds for more such conversions.

Talos has been under development for two years at the applied physics laboratory of Johns Hopkins University, Md., under contract to naval ordnance. Bendix Aviation Corp. is the prime contractor.

In Greek mythology, Talos was a fabricated brass man given by the god, Zeus, to the king of Crete to guard that island, which he did by walking three times around it every day.

Civil Service Exams Announced

Two more examination announcements have been made by the local Civil Service Board of Examiners.

The first is an amendment to announcement 5-35-2(56) which called for aircraft rocket servicer and tester at WB 15 and WB 17. Applications must be filed with the Civil Service Board before tomorrow or they will not be accepted.

The second announcement numbered 5-35-19(56) calls for a purchasing officer with grades ranging from GS-7 at \$4525 per annum to GS-14 at \$10,320 per annum. Procurement analysts will also be selected from the register on this competition.

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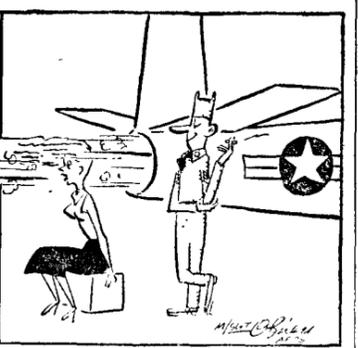
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ARSENAL CAGE TROPHY PRESENTED—Sgt. Kenneth L. Oard (left), coach and manager of the championship Hq. & Hq. Det. 9352 TU basketball team at Redstone Arsenal, accepts the post trophy from Col. Paul Elias, Field Service Division chief representing Brig. Gen. H. N. Toitoy, Arsenal commander, at a banquet held for the Arsenal cage champs recently. At right is Capt. Fredrick W. Davis, Special Services officer. Col. Elias also presented all members of the team with smaller individual trophies. Team members included Specialist Third Class Rand, Smith, Schpok, Jackson, Harbaugh, and Williams, and Privates First Class Vorderbruegge, Tassarino, Mahilik, McGuire, Woschitz, and Thomas. The team compiled a season record of 12 victories and three losses to win the post-level crown.

NEED SEEN FOR INSTRUMENTATION GROUP WITHIN LOCAL IRE SECTION

BY T. L. GREENWOOD

A growing need for organization of an Instrumentation Group within the Huntsville Section of the IRE, is becoming evident based on observations by section officials.

This group will be one of the Professional Groups sponsored by the Institute, for the benefit of all members interested in the field of Instrumentation. The IRE Professional Group plan provides opportunity for special interest groups to pursue their specialty, while retaining membership in the oldest and largest (48,000 members in 1955) professional electronics organization in the world.

It is evident that the activity of a large group in this area is identified with the instrumentation field. Due to the fact that measuring and recording techniques in the research and development field are predominately electronic in nature, it is obvious that progress is greatest in a group specializing in electronics.

Aims and objectives of the Instrumentation Group are to advance the science of measuring, recording, and data handling, by electronics techniques. This would include techniques of amplification, modulation, wire and radio transmission, servo theory and practice, photoelectricity, electron optics, mathematical coding and computation, magnetic tape recording, and transducers.

IRE Professional Groups publish "Transaction" which are received by all Group members. Timely topics, such as technical papers, application surveys, meeting notices, literature reviews appear in Transactions. Convention proceedings are also distributed to members. Occasional "newsletters" on special subjects serve to disseminate information of interest to members.

IRE Professional Group on Instrumentation sponsors regional conferences, and participates in the national conventions. A notable success in this field was the recent Instrumentation Conference and Exhibit at Atlanta last November. Participation was in-

and loudspeaker design.

He is now president of the International Electronics Corporation, for which company he and Edmond A. May developed the Frazier-May speaker enclosure system, considered by many audiophiles as the ultimate in loudspeaker design.

The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting, as the program will be one which should appeal to all.

international in scope, and technical subjects ranged from transducer theory to satellite instrumentation and control.

Participation in Institute activities includes opportunities to assist standards making bodies in reaching important decisions which affect the entire profession, such as: standards on TV receiver measurements, which was recently adopted by the FCC.

Membership in the 40-year-old Institute and Professional Groups is open to all persons who are interested in electronics. All members share in the prestige built up since the birth of electronics, the development of which IRE is largely responsible.

Anyone involved in instrumentation or data handling is invited to participate in activities of instrumentation group of IRE. Call T. L. Greenwood, Professional Group Coordinator, JE 6-1334 or Arsenal extension 3580; or S. L. Johnston, Extension 2692.

Department head: "Where did you file those marriage license? I can't find them under 'M'."

Secretary: "Look under 'C' for congratulations."

IRE AUDIO SETS PROGRAM ON HIGH FIDELITY

What is Hi-Fi? How expensive is it? What are the problems involved in high fidelity reproduction and how may they be solved? These and many other questions will be answered at the April meeting of the Institute of Radio Engineers tonight at 8 p.m.

The meeting is to be held at the Huntsville High School Auditorium, and a program is planned which should be highly

enjoyable to many people of this community who are interested in high-fidelity equipment, whether as a hobby, as a means of obtaining good music, or because of technical interest.

Since the recent introduction of high-fidelity to the American public the subject has become so popular and has been so widely applied to almost every form of sound reproduction that the average person is apt to be confused as to the meaning of the term "Hi-Fi." For an explanation of the possibilities and limitations of high-fidelity, four speakers, representing outstanding manufacturers and distributors of high-fidelity equipment will present talks on various phases of the subject. Mr. Paul Hayden of Paul Hayden Associates will speak on the topic "What is Hi-Fi?", after which Mr. Jerry Minter of Components Corporation will present a paper entitled "Getting the Rumble out of Record-Playing Equipment." "High Fidelity Components" will be discussed by Mr. Harold Lichtenstein, also of Paul Hayden Associates, and "A

New Development in Loudspeakers" will be presented by Mr. Jack Frazier.

These men have had long experience in the field of audio and electronics and are well-qualified to speak on the subject of high-fidelity. Mr. Minter, a graduate of M.I.T., was one of the co-founders of the Measurements Corporation of Boonton, New Jersey, and served as vice-president and chief engineer of that company until 1953. He is a member of several professional societies, including audio Engineering Society of which he is a past president and has made a number of contributions in the field of circuit and instrumentation, among which are his developments in desk recording, perhaps a most notable in the field to date.

Mr. Frazier, a native of Texas, received his education at East Texas State College and Harvard University, and has extensive experience in radio broadcast work

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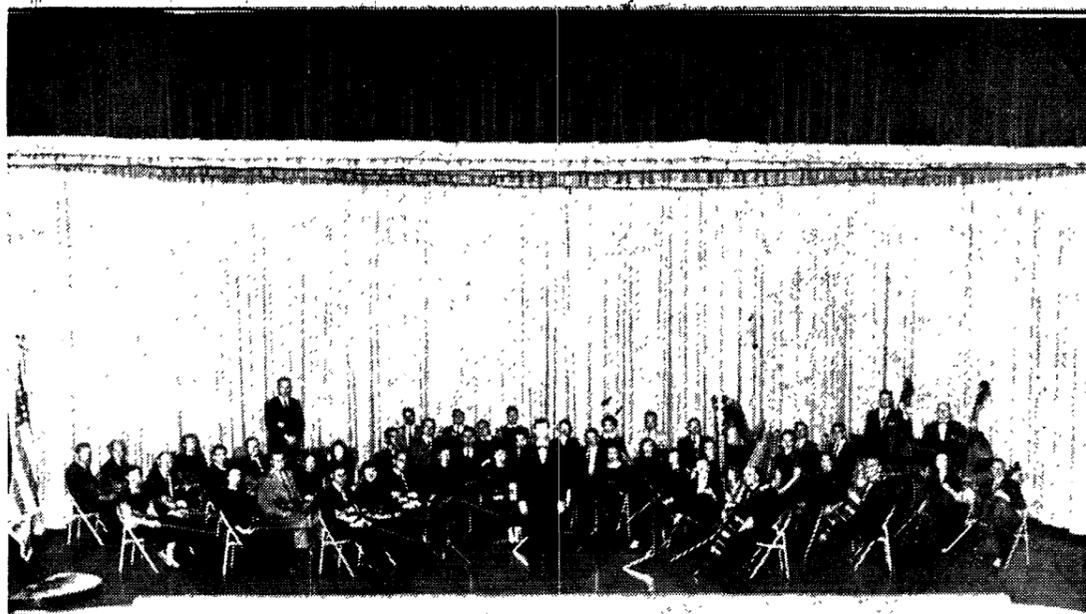
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CIVIC ORCHESTRA TO PRESENT YOUNG POLISH PIANIST IN CONCERT

The Huntsville Civic Orchestra will present Witold Turkiewicz, young Polish pianist in the Mozart piano Concerto No. 20 at their third concert Monday, April 23, in the Huntsville High School Auditorium.

Mr. Turkiewicz received his musical training at the Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, from which he graduated when only 18 years of age. He has toured over a large part of the United States as both soloist and accompanist. Many concerts were played for the men and women in the Armed Forces during World War II.

During the Chopin Centennial Celebration in 1949, Mr. Turkiewicz gave the only recital in Philadelphia commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of Chopin's death. The past season he was soloist with the Birmingham Symphony.

Included in the orchestra's program will be Toccata-Frescobaldi, Suite for Orchestra-Purcell, three 17th Century Dutch tunes — arranged by Kindler, Fanfare to "La Peri" — Dukas, and the Russian Dance from "Petrouchka" — Stravinsky.

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SERVICE CLUB SCHEDULE

Tonight at the Post Service Club the Chess Club meets at 7:30 p.m. The Missilemen and Missilemaids start practicing at 7 p.m.

Tommorrow night the Junior Hostesses will meet at 7:30 p.m. Ben Svrjcek and his orchestra will be on hand for the Wednesday night dance at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served at intermission.

Thursday night the Enlisted Men's Council meets at 6 p.m. Dance instructions will start at 8:30 p.m.

Friday a Record Review is scheduled with all the Service Club's new records at 8 p.m. There are also a variety of games available and television.

Saturday night is game night. Sunday morning coffee call is at 9:30 a.m. and the Music Hour begins at 10. An evening of games is planned at 8:30 p.m.

REDSTONE DEPOT

By WANOPHUS (Pronounced One-of-Us)

Personnel of the Arsenal Safety Office are currently conducting a training program for Depot supervisory personnel in the parliamentary procedures of a Safety Meeting. In conjunction with this training, they are also presenting a refresher course in First Aid.

Sgt. T. C. Wilson has returned from furlough, having visited relatives in Kentucky and Arkansas. This was a re-enlistment furlough for the Sgt., and he said it should be his last as retirement is not too far away.

Sgt. Livingston (custodian of the Demonstration Laboratory) reports that the displays in the Laboratory are depicting a vast amount of the time and work by members of the 3353rd Reserve Unit. For several months the unit members have met once each week, at night, on their own time, to work on the displays. The unit members individually are due credit and praise for their interest and initiative in this program. A tour of the Laboratory is well

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One bright and shining face is missing from the Depot. Mrs. Willa ("Punch") Holden is on leave awaiting a visit from the long-legged bird.

William L. Crump, formerly Ammunition Surveillance Inspector and in charge of the Surveillance Office, is now a member of the Field Service Division. We were sorry to see him go, but congratulations and best of luck in the new assignment. Harold -W. VanderVeen has assumed the duties of Mr. Crump.

We are glad to have A. W. Reid and J. M. Julich of ABMA working with us. More about this later.

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ANNUAL INJURY RATES LISTED

The cumulative injury rate (the number of disabling injuries per 1,000,000 man-hours) for all Redstone Arsenal employees — civil service, contractors, and concessionaires—for the period January through March of this year was 1.3. The rate for the same period of 1955 was .5.

The cumulative injury rate (the number of disabling injuries per 100,000 man-days) for all RSA military personnel was 2.5 and 6.2 for the January-March periods of 1956 and '55, respectively.

The cumulative vehicle accident rate (number of motor vehicle accidents per 100,000 miles driven) was 1.0 and .6.

The cumulative injury rate for RSA civilian personnel by agency follows:

	1956	1955
ABMA	2.7	.0
RDD	.0	.0
OGMS	.0	.0
Ammunition	6.1	4.4
Post Engineer	2.1	1.7
Transportation	.0	.0
Consolidated Supply	.0	.0
Redstone Depot	.0	.0
Rohm & Haas	.0	.0
Thiokol	2.2	.0
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April once again—April with all of its magic and new things; everywhere we look. Never has God seemed so close to earth, or so near to our hearts.

Only yesterday it seems that the fields we now look upon lay dead and pale in winter's sleep. Today, they are shining and new—wearing their brightest green. The lawns are corsaged with crocus buds—golden and royal purple ones. Daffodils and hyacinths and tulips are along the walkways bowing gracefully at us in the breeze.

Above us, in the tall trees that are leafing, the red cardinal who stayed with us through the long winter, but quite forgot his song, is pouring out his throat in torrents of matchless melody. The resurrection? Why, it is everywhere! Our business however is not setting the seasons and its styles, so we'll go on with Fab. Lab. Column.

'Twas nice seeing our families at Easter—The W. K. Matters visited in Detroit



ASSISTANT CHIEF OF ENGINEERS VISITS REDSTONE Brig. Gen. Walter K. Wilson, Jr., (center) Assistant Chief of Engineers for Military Construction, studies plans for new construction at Redstone Arsenal during his inspection visit last week. Looking on are Brig. Gen. H. N. Toftoy (right), Arsenal commander, and Col. Harold E. Bisport, Army District Engineer at Mobile. This was Gen. Wilson's first visit to the Arsenal. He was formerly District Engineer at Mobile from 1949 to 1952.

Easter week-end and report a wonderful time with the grandbabies, Martha Ann and Robert Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Kelley.

TWO-IN-ONE VISITS—reported by Harold Fuqua. Attalla and Gadsden, Val Stapler and family—Anniston and Ranburne.

BRASFIELD went to church to show off his wife's Easter riggins—He was unable to purchase a new shirt due to the confusion of colors from the peacock tint fads neither sandalwood, periwinkle, steel, champagen, nutria, seafoam or maize would do.

A POPULAR BACHELOR—sorta turned back the clock to childhood—he hunted Easter eggs and ate so much he was so ill he wishes he had to work Saturday and Sunday. WATCH IT, Lake.

HARVEY MOSSAIVIR AND PHIL YOHANNAN—two of our newest returned from TDY in Watertown and Watervliet Arsenal for Easter.

W. G. CRUMPTON—delayed his Easter trip as he left Monday for Los Angeles.

DOUG BROWN AND CHARLES MAJOR—made their annual Easter visit with their

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families in Tennessee and report wonderful times.

BILL BIRMINGHAM'S—worst Easter... Gloria came down with the MEASELS. Bill was sick as a horse turned into a new grown clover field and Mary, his wife burned the bread. CHINS up Bill.

PRE-EASTER visit was when Mary Fann Couch moved into her new home. It must have been WONDERFUL-EASTER in all those beautiful surroundings. Perhaps David will take to raising wire hair terriers! You will not have to put up with the bird pups any longer, Fann.

THOMAS WADE—reports eating 13 Easter eggs. He had rather eat them, than hide them all day for the kiddies.

TWO BIG DEALS FOR WEEK—Electrical Engineering Unit supervised by Robert Paetz moved to 405 Assembly Shop and Hayes Aircraft Contractors from Birmingham have moved in his room 13 with the following employees. Richard J. Weisheit, Asa H. Mayhall, Robert N. Wilder Sr., Gordon C. Pharr, T. Robert Bagby Jr., Sam A. Spano II; Charles L. Coleman, Jens R. Aitken, Sterling J. Brown, James H. Howard and Harold P. McMurrin, R. J. Weisheit will be in charge of Tooling personnel.

OUR COMPLIMENTS—to Jean Bratton who has been ill at her Chicago Hill Apt. home but is on the up-and-up now. Welcome back to work, Jean.

NOTE: Due to a heavy work load, Mrs. Nolte and Mrs. Ezell have been replaced as your correspondent for the Rocket. Please turn in your news items to Pvt. Kenneth Luther. Room No. 9.

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Dry Cell Batteries 'Keep' Longer, Army Says, in Freezer

WASHINGTON — Who put the flashlight batteries in the deep freeze?

Some smart U. S. Army Signal Corpsman, in all likelihood. He picked up the idea from the Army which is now refrigerating its dry cell battery storage facilities to near-zero temperatures in European depots. Batteries so stored will remain in usable condition for several years.

At the end of World War II, the Signal Corps, which purchases dry cell batteries for more than 1,000 military uses by all the Armed Forces, began looking for a method of storage which would preserve battery efficiency over long periods of time.

Under standard purchase, storage and distribution circumstances, batteries were often half-alive by the time they were used. Sometimes the only life they had was on the storage shelf.

The Signal Corps started resolving their problems with the known fact that the rate of the chemical reaction in a dry cell battery—and that's what destroys its efficiency on a warehouse shelf—is doubled for every 10-degree (C) rise in temperature.

It seemed logical to assume that lower storage temperatures in warehouses would contribute significantly toward retarding deterioration.

In a pilot study conducted over a two-year period, this thesis was proved correct.

Stored at zero, the average flashlight battery used in the study produced 90 percent of its original capacity; but retained only 66 percent at 70 degrees. Smaller batteries retained only 44 percent

Busy Hands



Given a few more hands, PFC James Blakely of the 4th Armored Div. at Ft. Hood, Tex., could be a string band by himself. After mastering the guitar, mandolin, violin and banjo, Blakely has taken up musical sawing. He also has a "few hobbies" — such as leathercraft, art, violin making and song writing.

output at the 70 degree temperature.

Substantial monetary savings in dry-cell battery loss are expected when the Signal Corps European depots complete the current refrigeration project. The savings in loss of temper on the part of the Signal Corpsmen and others whose jobs depend upon efficient dry cell batteries is considered beyond estimate.

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Softball League Set

The Redstone Arsenal Unit Level Softball League competition will be held during the period 1 May 1956 through 20 July 1956.

The Special Services Officer will be responsible for the conduct of all league games.

Each unit of company or detachment size within Redstone Arsenal may enter one team.

Squads will not be limited in number but each member must be reported on the morning report of organization which they represent.

Unit commanders desiring to enter a team will submit to the Special Services Officer, no later than 1600 hours 25 April 1956, a roster to include name, rank and organization of each member, as well as duty phone of team coach or manager.

All officer teams are authorized in this league.

Officials for all league play will be designated by the Sports Section, Special Services Office, Redstone Arsenal.

All competition will be conducted in accordance with the 1956 Amateur Softball Association Rules and necessary changes made by the Special Services Division to meet unusual circumstances.

League play will be composed of two or four round robins depending on number of teams entered. A double elimination tournament between winning and runners-up teams of all rounds will determine the Post Championship. The Championship Team will represent Redstone Arsenal in the 1956 Third Army Tournament.

Awards will be furnished by the Special Services Office and will be awarded to winners of each round and winner and runner-up of the double elimination tournament.

Each team will provide its own equipment, and game balls will be furnished by the Special Services Office.

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Arsenal Unit Level Summer Bowling League Is Set Up

The Redstone Arsenal Unit Level Summer Bowling League commenced activities last week.

The Special Services Officer will be responsible for the conduct of all league games.

This league is open to Company or Detachment size units and each unit may enter one team.

Each unit desiring to enter a team should submit to the Special Services Officer a written entry to include name and rank of six individual members and designating team captain.

Entry must arrive at Special Services Office no later than 1600 hours, 30 April 1956.

It will be the responsibility of individual players to pay line fees or, if approved by Fun Council, may be borne by unit funds.

Trophies will be awarded by the Special Services Office.

All play will be governed by American Bowling Congress Rules.

DETACHMENT "A"

9330 TU
By Michael L. Mastracci

Training has unofficially been changed to one day a week. The Tuesday portion has somehow fallen into disfavor with the troops. Nobody knows why. Must have something to do with the weekend or the weather. . . . By the way, another interesting tidbit; Sgt. McNamara (he's the one with the Cadillac that would probably be easier to keep in gasoline if one were an SFC), has been fostering many invocations, for the benefit and welfare of the soldier-type trooper. For instance, Sgt. McNamara likes boots that do not ooze oil. If there is one thing that looks sloopy, its oozy boots. "This can be removed by liberal doses of lighter fluid, lit". Also, it is imperative that fatigues be starched (agreed). More important, the fatigues, top and bottom, should be of the same general material. Who ever heard of walking around with the twill in your fatigue jacket running clockwise, while the twill in the pants run counter. . . . Heavens!

Another fashion tip; make sure, girls, that you get the same weight of starch in the respective parts of your work clothes. We don't like two-tones! One who doesn't do so is tabbed as a rustic.



BEST SUPPLY ROOM—In a contest between the 9330 TU and the 291st MP Company which ran from Jan. 1, 1956 until March 31, 1956, the Hq. Det. of 9330 TU won first place for having the cleanest, neatest supply room. Shown above is Capt. H. P. Schoenman (center) presenting the plaque to Lt. Peter G. Neilson (left) and Sgt. Kendall Y. Broer.

SOLDIER-SPORTSMEN IN GERMANY FIND GAME—AND RULES THEREOF

HEIDELBERG, Germany— Army sportsmen, as proficient with

Tsk, tsk!

Another little item so aptly pointed out by the good sergeant: There are some individuals who are wearing non-official fatigue caps during training. What kind of army are we running anyhow? Those things you buy in the PX, gentlemen, are for off duty hours only. Oh well, everything is not all bad. Warm weather is here and Sgt. Mac won't have to yell quite so loud since the troop command windows will be open.

Sgt. Greenwood caught himself a 4 pound 11 oz. small-mouth bass the other day. Is somebody pulling my leg, or are small-mouth bass harder to catch than the large-mouth variety? I can get a "Fishing Rodeo" ticket, Sarge. Between the two of us, we might win the prize.

RUMOR DEPARTMENT:

We, the 9330 troops are going to move back to the old barracks area. I think it's good that this new incoming missile battalion be in close proximity with the present 9377 unit. I personally am willing to give up my new home in the interests of the missile program. Oh boy! nobody to check passes, dirty barracks, privacy, etc.

The Bobsy twins, Sassaman and Rauenbuehler are very hard to tell and/or keep apart. It's easy now; Sassaman is the one with no hair.

It was certainly nice of the 9377 boys to visit us Easter Eve. We should have weekend guests over more often.

Zollendick finally found his typewriter. It took the CID's help however. Some guys are just forgetful. . . . Zollendick is designing the new proposed RSA golf course (and he is eminently qualified for the job since he's played once). Wedberg is trying to steal the job, however. Heads up, Egbert.

G. Smith wants to take Vilcins (the no-mail man) apart to see what makes his boots squeek. Don't oil the boots, Gunar, oozy boots are verboten.

We got a volley ball team, gentlemen. Now all we need is players. We won the first game, by the way, even though only five of us showed up. Nobody showed for the other team.

shotguns as with M-1 rifles, find some of the finest hunting in the world in this part of Germany.

But they don't go out and start banging away at any game they see, nor do they just purchase a license and observe the game seasons as they would in their home country.

Before they take shotgun or hunting rifle in hand, applicants for hunting licenses here must appear before a four-man testing board composed of two Americans and two Germans and answer some 40 questions dealing with various types of game, firearms, safety measures regulations, rules of hunting conduct, bag limits, and other aspects of the game laws.

American pay the same annual license fee as Germans—\$12.50—and may hunt anywhere within West Germany. But there is also another mandatory fee to be paid by the hunter before he can hit the trails, hunting insurance. This costs \$5 per year, and covers property damage up to \$4,000 and personal injury liability up to about \$40,000.

According to officials of American Rod and Gun Clubs in Germany, to which most American hunters belong, the popular game are: chamois, auerhahn and birkhan (birds); eirsch (elk); deer and wild boar. These are considered big game, the birds because of their size. Small game preference include partridge, pheasant, rabbits, ducks, geese, badger and woodcock.

Hunting in Germany is rigidly controlled, for uncontrolled shooting would soon deplete the limited game supply. The chamois is a controlled game, and German game officials allot a limit to American hunters. As an example, the mouflon, the European cousin of the American Rocky

Mountain sheep, is extremely scarce. Only one hunter was permitted to shoot for mouflon in the American quota for 1955; an armored soldier was the lucky huntsman in the public drawing. He bagged his prize in the Frankfort area just a week later.

There are open seasons on some game: male roe deer may be hunted in Germany for six months each year ending October 15; does may be taken between September 16 and January 31, and fallow deer—a very scarce type and only seven allowed in the 1955 American quota—may be hunted from August 1 through January 31.

The auerhahn is the largest of the birds—weighing as heavy as 20 pounds—and is stalked high in the Alps in April during its mating season, at which time it is actually deaf and blind.

There are three types of hunting land within the American zone of Germany, and special rules apply to each.

On private land, only the owner of the hunting rights may hunt—a farmer cannot hunt on his own land if the rights are owned by an outsider. Seventeen percent of the hunting land is private land in Germany; state-owned land totals about eight percent, and hunting may be enjoyed only with special permission of the state authorities, and only for specified game.

Most of the land in the U. S. area of Germany is owned by individual communities and comprises 75 percent of the hunting area in the nation.

American soldiers, like German citizens, can hunt any game without a guide except on state-owned land, and here a guide must accompany each hunter. The guide is paid an average of 37 cents an hour and is usually hired for an eight-hour day.

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Officers' Wives Show 'Dogpatch' Fashion

Al Capp, himself, would have been intrigued with the "Dogpatch" fashions shown last Tuesday by the wives of officers from "Loafers Rest" in the style show they staged for the members of the Officers Wives Club.

The program was presented by the wives of officers from Field Service Division headed by Mrs. Paul Elias. The ladies met at the Officers Open Mess for their regular monthly meeting.

Models for the show were Mrs. Albert M. Ruemmele, Mrs. Jack Carstarphen, Mrs. Paul Barker, Mrs. James Linton, Mrs. Neal Roberts, Mrs. Peter P. Madonia, Mrs. William H. Fogel, Mrs. Talmadge Humphreys, Mrs. E. E. Weatherford and Mrs. Harold Zier.

Ensembles for riding, swimming, golf, fishing, tea, dancing and cocktail parties were modeled as well as a wedding gown and an outfit suitable for telling fortunes.

The models, who chose stage names to fit the occasion, created their own costumes.

Other than the costume shown above, highlighting the show were ensembles worn by Mrs. Jack Carstarphen, Mrs. Paul Barker, Mrs. William Fogel and Mrs. E. E. Weatherford.

Miss Inez Beauchatcher (Mrs. Carstarphen) modeled a street dress suitable for a trip to the "city." It was a close (real close) fitting satin "casual." Her hat was fashioned from a lampshade (a gift from a friend in Loafers Rest who runs a furniture store).

Mrs. Hiddenstill, (Mrs. Paul Barker) wife of Loafers Rest's only mountain dew brewer, strutted a cocktail dress styled to advertise her husband's business and Miss Junie Mae (Mrs. William Fogel) modeled an outfit suitable for fishing. A good book, something comfortable to sit in and a few tidbits to nibble on were the suggested accessories for this outfit.

This summer's gayest and most practical golfing ensemble was modeled by Annie Goffof (Mrs. E. E. Weatherford). It featured a long-billed cap with sequin cov-

ered net in back to tuck the hair under. With this, the lady can keep late and still make the golf date.

Mrs. Albert M. Ruemmele was chairman for the program with Mrs. E. E. Weatherford as co-chairman. Mrs. Jack Carstarphen acted as production manager.

The room was decorated in a hillbilly motif. Tables were covered with red and white check cloths. A vegetable centerpiece was used on the president's table. Empty "moun ain dew" bottles with drip candles were on all the tables.

Narrator for the show was Mrs. W. B. Mebane. Lt. Tommy G. Lindsey and his band furnished music.

Approximately 100 attended.

RSA Chapel Guild Holds Monthly Meet

The RSA Chapel Guild held its regular monthly meeting on April 4.

The program was a film on the Chaplain's work in Korea.

The new choir robes were shown and hymns were sung by the choir.

The next meeting will be held on May 2 and the program will be the history and illustrations of hymns and psalms of the church by Joe Mars, an accomplished organist, formerly of this post.

All wives connected with the post are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Army Captain Has Coveted Black Sash Of the Judo Expert

FORT KNOX, Ky. — Captain Donald R. Nichols of Pleasant Hill, Missouri, stationed here with the 2128th Service Unit, is one of the few judo wrestlers in the United States qualified to wear the black sash of the expert.

Nichols is a judo phenomenon; he earned his black sash after only six weeks of training. "Once my Japanese instructors saw I was interested enough to endure the constant headaches, minor pains, and dislocations," said Nichols, "the door between the Orient and Occident opened. When the barrier was down, I was able to work with the Japanese on equal terms and made rapid progress."

Attainment of the black sash—a goal of an intricate system of study and practice—is no mean feat.

In the Judo hierarchy, novices wear a white sash. After two years — for the average student—the novice progresses through the white sash to yellow, orange, green, blue, and brown. The black sash is attained only when the instructor feels his student has a mastery of judo techniques and has developed the strength to engage in a "graduation" match.

Upon graduation to the black sash, the expert can look forward to more training for there are ten grades of the black sash order.

Nichols admits that given equal skill the bigger and stronger man would win a given judo match. However, although he is six feet, three inches tall and weighs 215



MODEL FROM "LOAFERS REST"—Officers wives from "Loafers Rest" staged a style show last Tuesday at the Officers Open Mess for ladies of the Officers Wives Club. Shown above is Miss Marion Full-love (Mrs. Neal Roberts) modeling the wedding gown of a hopeful bride from Loafers Rest. She made the outfit herself. The gown and veil were whipped up from old (real old) lace curtains. Her slip was made from pillow cases trimmed with crochet edging (which had yellowed a little) from her hope chest. The luncheon program was planned by the wives of officers from Field Service Division headed by Mrs. Paul Elias.

Some people speak from experience. Others, from experience don't speak.

Jack: "How did you get so stupid, Joe?"

Joe: "Well, they offered me a good deal and I couldn't turn it down."

"I want to buy a pillowcase." "What size?" "I don't know, but I wear a size seven hat."

pounds, he still couldn't best his instructor who is a "seventh grade" black sash expert, weighs 160 pounds and stands only five feet, three inches.

Toftoys, Levingeses, Grabensteders Fete 135 Guests at Party

Spring is a season for parties. Brig. Gen. and Mrs. H. N. Toftoy, arsenal commander, Colonel and Mrs. George E. Levinges, assistant arsenal commander, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Grabensteder, civilian executive, entertained approximately 135 guests at the Officers Open Mess last Saturday night.

The guests included both Redstone Arsenal staff members and their wives and also many people in the community.

Lunch'n Honors RSA-ABMA Newcomers

Mrs. R. L. Spragins, wife of Maj. Gen. Spragins (retired) honored the wives of newcomers to the Army Ballistic Missile Agency staff at a luncheon in the Red Room of the Russel Erskine Hotel last week.

Special guests were Mrs. J. B. Medaris, wife of the ABMA commander, and Mrs. H. N. Toftoy, wife of the arsenal commander. Mrs. Toftoy and Mrs. Medaris were both presented corsages by their hostess.

Guests included many people from Huntsville as well as the wives of the military officers stationed at Redstone. Mrs. Spragins used a centerpiece of yellow and white tulips on the U-shaped luncheon table.

PERSONALS

Miss Bonnie Young, secretary in the Executive Office, is visiting Mr. Lou Schuessler and family in Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania this week. She will attend the Kappa Psi Fraternity Spring Formal while there.

Sgt. Bennie Darmer is the father of a little son born recently.

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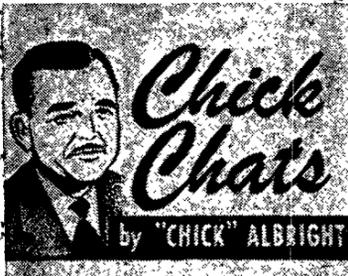
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Navy Picked Winner!



The Navy may have propelled honey - blonde Marcia Valibus to fame and fortune when she was selected as "Miss Naval Aviation of 1956" recently. Since then the 18-year-old beauty has been named "Miss Miami Beach of 1956" and now is preparing for the coveted title as Miss Florida which is a step toward the illustrious Miss America contest. Marcia will enter the ring at 35-24-35.

opening of the season, offices will be understaffed, sales volume will drop, school classrooms will have empty seats, farmers' tractors will be idle, merchants' businesses will be neglected, and the office boy's grandmother will die as a mad rush is made for the ball park, television and radio.

To bring it closer to home, the annual leave curve will take an upward at the Arsenal . . . perhaps the sick leave curve too may become somewhat erratic, who knows? But what's a little thing like the wheels of progress stopping when a good ball game is at

Washington (AFPS)—The "Petrel," the fourth addition to the naval arsenal of guided missiles, is in operation with the fleet, the Navy has disclosed.

A number of patrol aircraft are now equipped with the Petrel, an air-to-surface guided missile, a navy announcement said. Described as one of the Navy's more

stake? My problem at the present is how to end this chat with a safety thought . . . Oh, well, ACCIDENT PREVENTION, like baseball, is GETTING HOME SAFELY.

complex missiles, "both electronically and dynamically," the Petrel is designed primarily for use against enemy ships.

Named after a strong-winged seabird, the Petrel can be launched by planes beyond the range of a target's air defense system, and attack at high speeds with devastating effects.

An intricate electronic "brain" is essential to the Petrel, since the missile itself must "think" its evasive way to the target, the Navy said.

It was pointed out that use of the Petrel will save pilots from

antiaircraft hazards encountered during WWII.

The missile was developed under the technical direction of the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance by the National Bureau of Standards. It is produced by the Fairchild Engine and Aircraft Corp.

The addition of the Petrel to the guided missile family gives the Navy a fourth new lethal punch. The other three are the Sparrow, an air-to-air weapon; the Regulus, a surface-to-surface type, and the Terrier, a surface-to-air missile which can be launched from submarines.

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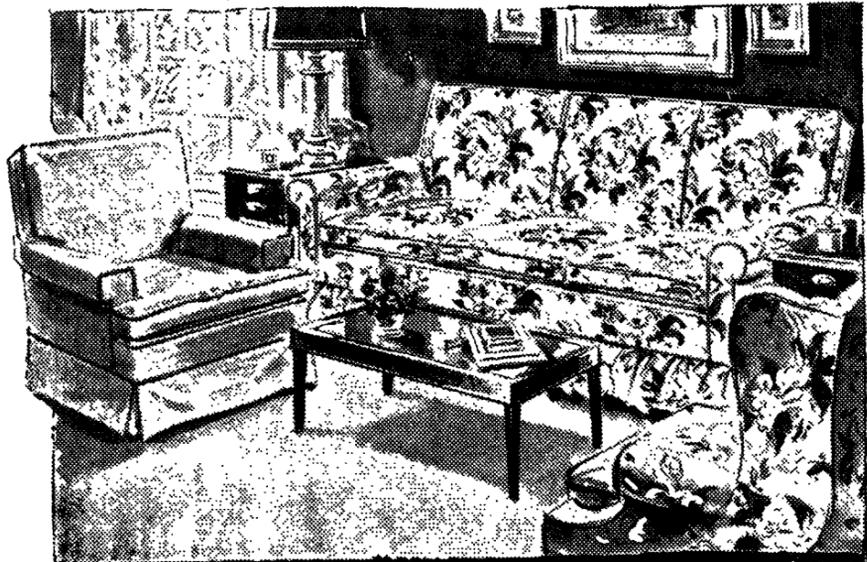
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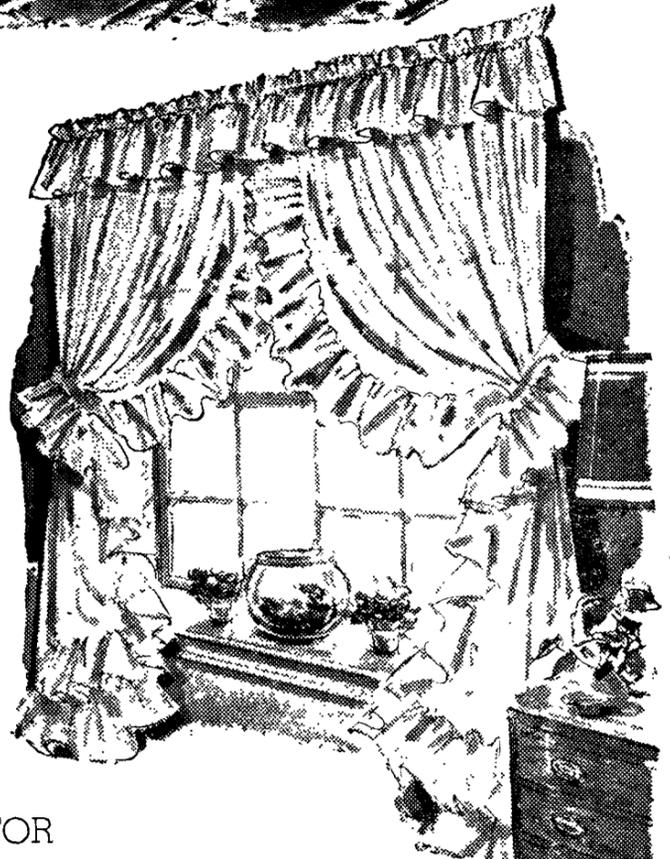
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