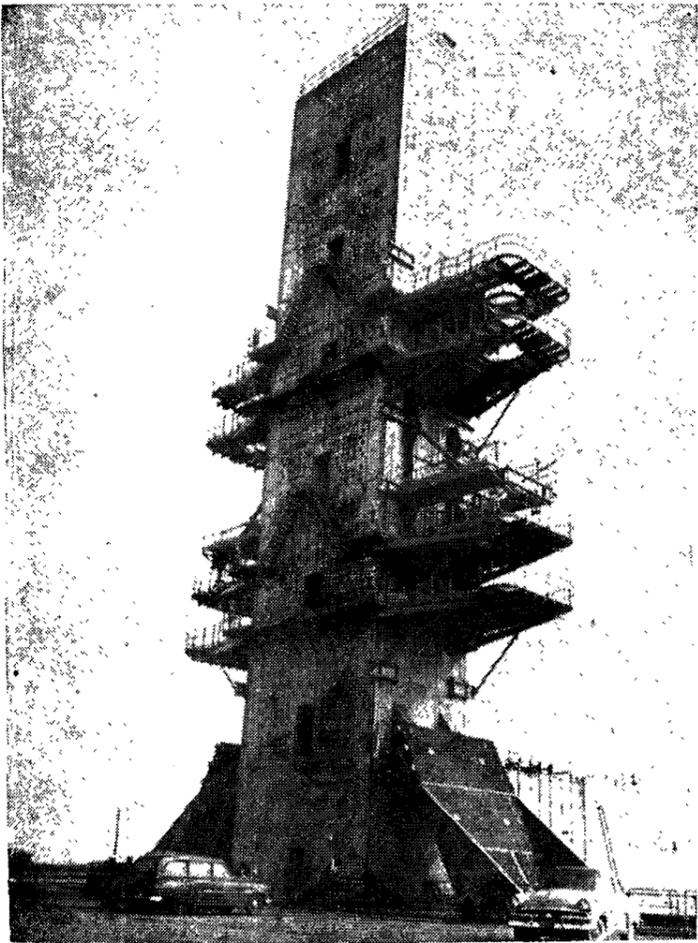


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**BIGGEST MISSILE TEST STAND COMPLETED** — This huge 15-stories-tall structure, recently completed here is the largest static firing test stand for rocket motors in the United States—and possibly the world.

## Readiness of Big Missile Test Stand Is Announced

The largest static firing test stand for rocket motors in the United States—and possibly the world — has recently been completed and is ready for use here the Department of Army announced last week.

The huge test facility started two and one-half years ago and costing a total of \$12,000,000 — will be capable of testing the intermediate range ballistic missile now being developed by the Army Ballistic Missile Agency. It may also test even more powerful missiles.

Static testing of a missile consists in locking the missile into place on the stand and firing it. The missile does not "take off", but as it strains against the

mighty grip of the great tower its roaring engine can be studied for performance characteristics as if it were actually in flight.

The test stand, built of reinforced concrete, towers 145 feet high — as tall as a 15-story building. Its walls are 48 inches thick. A "basement" for the stand extends 20 feet below the ground and is connected by underground tunnel to an observation and control blockhouse a thousand feet away.

The tower, 30 feet wide and 20 feet deep, is serviced by an elevator, and is equipped with movable steel platforms for servicing the missile being tested.

The test stand itself is only a part of the entire test facility, being surrounded by a complicated layout of other buildings and devices including a boiler plant, a booster water pump station, an engine building, a nitrogen laboratory, a cold calibration test

stand, a propellant storage area, etc.

A huge Gentry crane, with a 90,000-pound capacity, is used to lift the test missile into place on the stand.

The entire facility is serviced by a network of roads and railroads.

The project was designed for Army Ordnance under supervision of the Mobile District Corps of Engineers by Parsons-Aerojet Corp. of Los Angeles, with criteria for design developed by Redstone Arsenal and the Corporation. Prime contractor for the work of construction was Farnsworth and Chambers Company of Houston, Texas.

### Signs of Interest

"I'VE ALREADY MADE UP MY MIND — DON'T CONFUSE ME WITH THE FACTS."

### Bids Are Requested On Facilities for Capehart Houses

Col. Harold E. Bisbort, Army District Engineers at Mobile, has announced that the Engineers are requesting bids for a job of constructing off-site facilities to serve 270 of the housing units scheduled for construction at Redstone Arsenal.

Bids for construction of these units were opened by the Engineers on June 27. The Bush Construction Company of Norfolk, Va., is the low bidder for the job, having submitted a base bid in the amount of \$3,338,000, but no contract has been awarded.

The off-site facilities for the units include a water distribution line, a gas line, a sanitary sewer system, culverts and storm drains, and access roads.

Bids for this work will be opened by the Engineers in their office on Grant Street in Mobile, at 11 a.m. on Aug. 9.

## Opening of New Post Service Club Slated

The new Post Service Club will have its formal opening on Wednesday, Aug. 15, with a reception between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. followed by a dance at 8 p.m. which will last until 12 midnight.

This will also be the formal opening of the new library.

The dance will be semi-formal with Tommy Tucker and his orchestra furnishing the music.

Miss Molly Patterson, recreation director, announced that all military personnel are invited to attend.

She also announced that single girls working at the arsenal are also invited to join the Junior

Hostesses.

The new service club will be called the Rocket Service Club. It is located near the new Post Theatre and is numbered 691.

The new club contains a lounge which will also be used for dancing, a stage with dressing rooms, two soundproof music rooms, a kitchen, a reading room and a game room. In the TV room, the furniture is designed for relaxation with contour chairs and overstuffed furniture.

One of the new features that has been added to Service Club service is typewriters which may be checked out by the enlisted men.

## TV Enters New Field At OGMS: Teaching

Television has entered a new field here at the Ordnance Guided Missile School where a Signal Corps location unit is demonstrating closed-circuit TV for instructional purposes.

An Army Pictorial Center Studio Location Television Unit, attached temporarily to the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, is training its cameras on guided missiles to illustrate the effectiveness of teaching intricate and hard-to-get to missile systems to a large audience.

Headquarters of the 12-man TV unit is in Long Island City, N.Y., in the old Paramount east coast movie studios which thrived in the 1920's before the film industry moved to sunnier California.

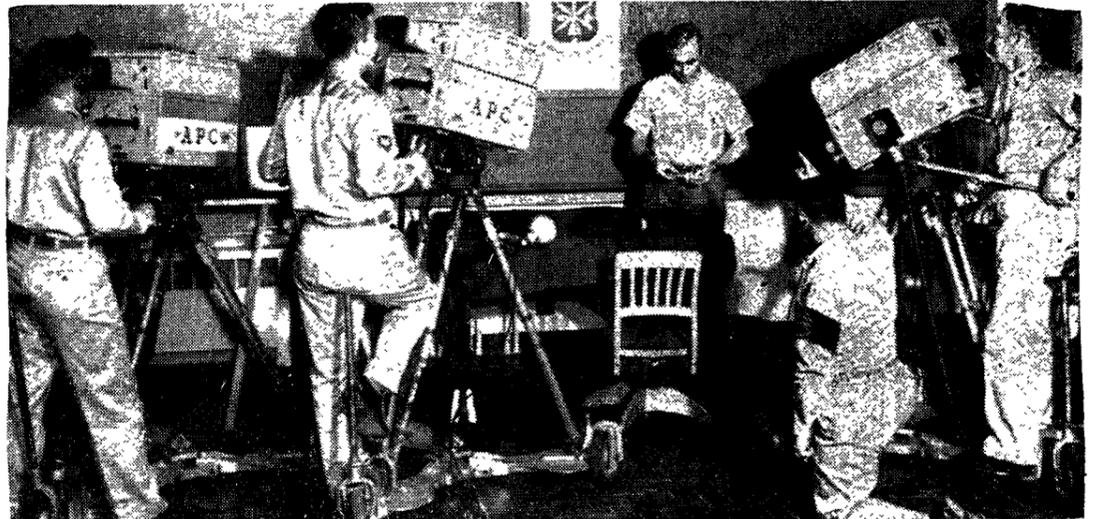
So far all televised classroom instruction has been on the lethal Redstone missile, but depending on results of the tests—and indi-

cations to date are good—such televised classes may later become standing operating procedure for various other missile systems.

The TV method of teaching claims several advantages over conventional instruction. First, the attention of students is better directed. Second, visual aids, such as scale models and charts, become more effective by the use of TV close-ups. Third, kinescope recordings, or films, of each instruction session can be stored and used repeatedly, thus effecting a large saving in personnel required as instructors, and in money spent on instruction.

And, although the instructor cannot see his pupils, he can easily hear them and talk with them through a two-way communication system, which enables question-and-answer sessions just as

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**TELEVISIONING MISSILE INSTRUCTION** — Cameramen of an Army Pictorial Center television unit focus on an instructor in the Ordnance Guided Missile School as he teaches via a closed-circuit TV setup. The potentialities of such televised lectures about guided missiles are being explored by the TV unit, which is attached to the Army Ballistic Missile Agency.



**IT GOES THROUGH HERE** — Army television technicians manipulate a maze of knobs and switches in their control room (housed in an Army van) to pipe the instructor's lecture to his class of soldier-students in another room.



**WATCHING TELEVISION** — But it isn't a baseball game these GI students are following so intently on their TV screens. It's a dead-serious lecture on the intricate workings of a lethal guided missile system.

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## TV Enters

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in regular lectures.

Prior to televising a lecture, the TV unit and instructor run through a couple of rehearsals, working from a previously prepared script. During the actual shooting, three cameras are "zeroed in" on the instructor and any charts, models, or missile components he may use in his lecture.

Occasionally, the camera finds its way into inaccessible portions of a missile to televise the inner workings while an instructor stands by to explain what's seen on the screen.

Meanwhile, outside the "studio," which can be any place large enough to set up cameras and lights, technicians in a large control van watch monitors for all three cameras, cut from one to another at the appropriate time, keep picture contrast and noise level to an even keel, and perform other manipulations to assure a "good show" for students watching television receivers in their classroom.

The unit, which is completely

mobile, carries everything it needs in three vehicles — a control van, a shop (repair and maintenance) truck, and an equipment van. It is self-powered and hauls its own generator. The unit can unpack and set up to "shoot" in about an hour, then break down, re-pack, and move on within the same length of time.

This unit, under the command of First Lieutenant Dewight Kramer, has been in operation about three years and is one of only two such Army units in the United States. It is never permanently stationed, and moves about wherever most needed.

Prior to entering the missile field, this unit televised medical operations, shot action-type training and indoctrination films, performed reconnaissance patrols for command officers during the Operation Sagebrush war games in Louisiana, and did part of the televising of the national network show, "Wide, Wide World" from Fort Benning, Ga.

In the time that it takes you to read this sentence, there have been THREE bottles lost to the Exchange Service.



HIGH AS AN ELEPHANT'S EYE — That's how tall the song says the tall corn grows. We didn't have an elephant handy to measure the towering Madison County maize — and besides, who wants a pachyderm around when a pretty girl can pose in its place? She's Miss Nancy Johnston, a native Huntsvillian who works in the RSA Intelligence & Security Office. She's also this week's Rocket Pin-up. (Editor's note: Readers who think this picture is "corny" are correct.) (Photo by Carl Pickens.)

## CSC Consults Field Officials on Personnel

Field personnel councils now exist in 44 locations outside of Washington, including one in Alaska, the Civil Service Commission reports. These groups, composed of field officials of Federal agencies, work with CSC's regional directors on a variety of problems of local interest such as recruitment in critical shortage occupations, compensation of per diem employees, and development of employees.

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## Ga. Tech Officials Will Attend Alumni Association Outing

Hugh Camp, president of the Huntsville Georgia Tech Alumni Association has announced that Dean George C. Griffin and Rome Beard will attend the picnic and barbecue at Mt. Sano Mountain, Saturday, Aug. 11. Dean Griffin is Dean of Men at Georgia Tech and Mr. Beard is secretary of the National Alumni Association.

The picnic and barbecue will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will be a family affair with ball-rooms, games, and a hike planned for the children. Guests are also invited.

Alumni and Co-op students and on the regular mailing list are invited to phone their reservation to Steve Johnston, at JE 4-1177 or Arsenal extension 4532.

## Job Standards

Job standards governing employment of Federal employees in positions under the Classification Act are developed only by the interested agencies and the U. S. Civil Service Commission. Final approved standards are printed by the Government Printing Office and sent to 20,000 subscribers throughout the year.

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"Chig" Lusk and family are visiting Detroit and Chicago. "Chig" is certain to see every big league baseball game possible.

"Van" VanderVeen and family are leaving for a week in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and a trip across Lake Michigan to Milwaukee.

Ruby Russell and husband are heading for Daytona Beach, Fla., by way of Gainesville.

Claude Davis, James Light, and Leonard Gray are on a two-weeks stay at Ft. McClellan on National Guard duty.

Wilburn Dickey is sporting a sleek new black and white car these days.

We are sorry to lose E. W. Shirley, W. H. Key, Gordon Bowen, Thomas Cornell, and C. W. Sneed who are transferring to Industrial Division. Good luck in your new assignments, fellows!

With all the kinds of animals in the world, we have heard of a new variety. Euclid Womack and John R. Russell tell of seeing an albino ground hog (pink eyes and all) in the Igloo Area several weeks ago. It's amazing what this area produces!

It has been a pleasure to have J. M. Thornton and M. L. Burroughs of the Army Audit Agency working with us during this week. Their suggestions and recommendations should be quite valuable.

"Chick Chats" by "Chick" Albright continues to be helpful information presented in a most interesting and readable manner. It is recommended reading.

Fire Prevention Week — October 7 to 13 this year — is sponsored by the National Fire Prevention Association. Redstone has always had an excellent record

**SERVICE CLUB SCHEDULE**

Tuesday — Messie Men and Maids practice at 7:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to sing with the group come on over. They're starting now to plan for a public appearance.

Wednesday — Orchestra dance 8:00 p.m. A different band will be featured each week during the month of August. Hilding Helberg and his orchestra are this week's guests.

Thursday — Bridge Club meets at 7:00 p.m. Instruction will be given. At 8:00 dancing instruction will be given by Don Powers. Any civilian girls on the arsenal who desire to attend are welcome.

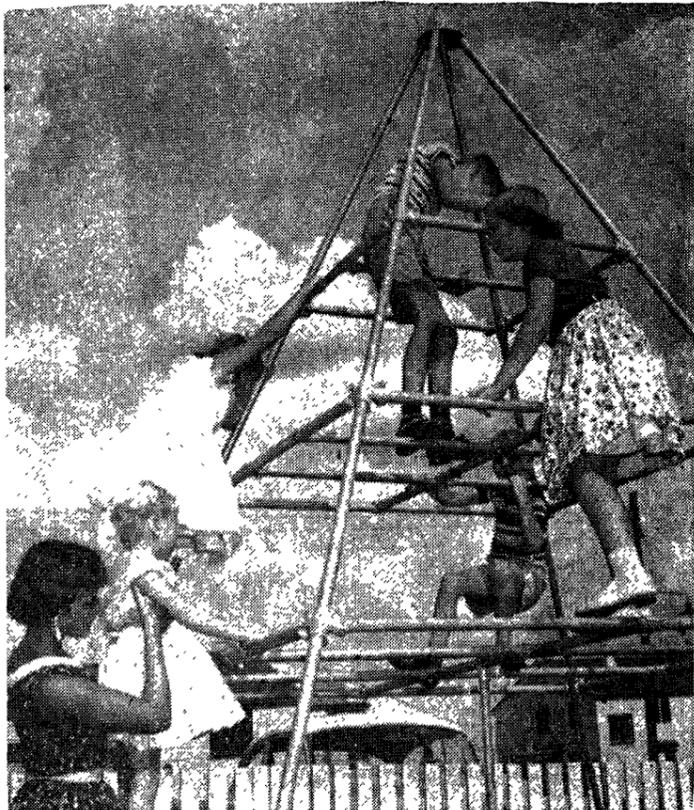
Friday — Every Friday night two cheeseburgers or two hamburgers with all the trimmings are offered for 50 cents per person. Deadline for signing up, Wed., 11:00 p.m.

Saturday — Hayride at 7:00 p.m. Meet with dates at the Service Club and ride to the Tennessee River for a weiner roast.

Sunday — Coffee and doughnuts served at 9:30 for early morning risers. Classical and popular music played at 10:00. At 9:00 p.m., Bingo with a Ronson razor for the jackpot prize.

Monday — Every Monday is square dance night with Pvt. Harry Hoover giving the signals. Come at 7:00 and bring a date. Girls on the arsenal always welcome.

of fire prevention, but let's all work with the Fire Department to make this the best year yet. We need not wait for the annual campaign to tighten our arsenal and division defenses against fire.



**WORK-OUT** — Even in their Sunday best, the children who attended the open house last week at the Post Nursery try out the jungle gym to test its "climb-ability." Miss Jane Hart, (left), outdoors supervisor at the nursery holds Susan Axelson who isn't quite sure she wants to make such a strenuous effort. Above her is Patty Hart. At the top is David Axelson and below him his brother, Paul. Sister Diane is in the foreground. (Photo by Donald Godwin)

**Visitors to Nursery View New Equipment During Open House**

Last week the Post Nursery celebrated its first birthday with an open house.

Visitors were served punch and cookies while they inspected the new equipment which was purchased from the proceeds of the Las Vegas Night party and a contribution from the Noncommissioned Officers Wives Club. At the punch table were Mrs. Peter Neilson and Mrs. Floyd Danielson.

Mrs. Thomas Hooten, president of the Nursery Committee, kept the guest register.

Other committee members who acted as hostesses included: Mrs. Kenneth Coburn, Mrs. Marvin Parker, Mrs. C. H. Christian, Mrs. Raymond Elder, Mrs. Ruth Lynn, nursery supervisor; Mrs. Liddie Lanier, assistant supervisor, and Miss Jane Hart, playground supervisor.

A birthday cake with white frosting contrasted with the pink punch in a crystal bowl on the serving table.

Guests were received from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Mrs. Beasley Feted At Luncheon Party**

Mrs. Thomas D. Hale compiled Mrs. Clarence Beasley recently with a luncheon at the Hospitality House.

A silver bowl filled with a bouquet of royal blue carnations formed the centerpiece. Hand

**ABMA-sponsors Club August Formal Held**

Members of the Officers' Club and their guests gathered Saturday night, Aug. 4, for an evening of dancing at the Club's August formal. This month's dance was sponsored by ABMA with Capt. Samuel Skemp in charge of the planning.

Berlin Robbins and his orchestra played from 9 'til 1 for the enjoyment of the 250 people who attended. The dance was held at the Officers' Open Mess.

Painted blue and white place cards indicated seating arrangement. Both the honoree and the hostess wore ensembles of blue for the occasion.

Mrs. Beasley, who recently returned from a tour of Europe, made a brief talk about her journey.

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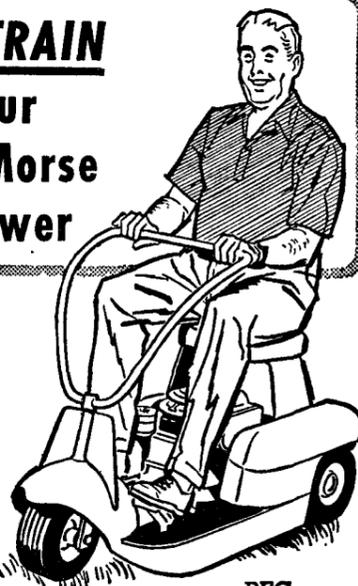
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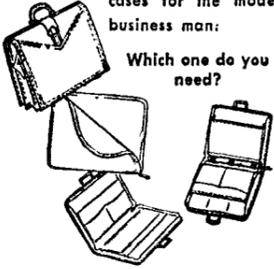
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**MAYORS SEE ARSENAL**—Brig. Gen. John G. Shinkle (extreme left), deputy commanding general of Redstone Arsenal, points out sights of interest to a group of North Alabama mayors, and their guests, who toured the arsenal recently. Included in the tour were visits to the Army Ballistic Missile Agency and the Ordnance Guided Missile School. In background of photo above is Redstone's "railroad in the sky," or ballistic track—a rocket testing device. The touring group, left to right (front row), includes Louis A. Eckl, executive editor of the Florence Times and Tri-Cities Daily; W. J. Nesmith, mayor of Cullman; Mrs. R. B. Searcy, wife of Huntsville mayor, Mayor Searcy; B. T. Gardner, commissioner, Sheffield; Miss Ora Russell, of Hartselle; Mrs. C. L. Beard, wife of Sheffield mayor, Mayor Beard; Mrs. J. H. Christopher, Tusculumbia. Back row: L. D. Trapp, Utilities Board, Cullman; Charles S. Sullivan, staff writer, Huntsville Times; E. Donald Ward, mayor of Scottsboro; Mrs. Ward; John O. Burleson, mayor of Hartselle; W. M. Paxton, Jr., city engineer, Sheffield-Tusculumbia; Elmer L. Vinson, mayor of Athens; Arthur W. Stewart, mayor-elect of Athens; and J. H. Christopher, commissioner, Tusculumbia.

especially being with the rest of our "family."

**VACATION TIME**—most of our staff has either been on vacation or are planning on a big trip in the near future. Harry Smith went to St. Petersburg and 'swum and swum and swum' — Meme Warren failed to miss a meal or lose a pound on her cruise to the West Indies.

Clara Duggan had a grand time sightseeing in Detroit, Buffalo, and Toronto, Canada.

Jack Hartzog renewed old acquaintances in South Alabama.

Luther Adams says "I didn't go no where and didn't do nothing."

Millie Mohr visited relatives in Ohio.

Pat Adcock is still raving about the good-looking lifeguards at Panama City.

Jim Blackburn says "no comment" about his vacation at Daytona Beach.

Helen Broadway spent a week at home with her children.

John Mills enjoyed a visit with relatives in Arkansas.

Barron Curim and Al Baggett are vacationing this week, but they'll have some good stories to tell.

**CONGRATULATIONS** — Our best wishes go to Mrs. Edith Houston CROPP. Edith was married to Lee Cropp of Field Service Division and they spent their honeymoon in Florida.

**WELCOME** — better late than never we would like to say an official "hello" to the latest additions to our staff—Jack Hartzog who hails from Selma, Louise Dalton, Anniston, Evelyn Fuqua, Anniston, Virginia Beard, Woodville, Pat Adcock, Huntsville, and Lenora Bryan, Huntsville. Folks, you all seem like old-timers to us—we hope you like us half as much as we like you.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Warren's mother, Mrs. Stoughton, is in the hospital. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

We see our Chief, Charlie Barjineau, sporting a new car—"Mr. B: on you, it looks good."

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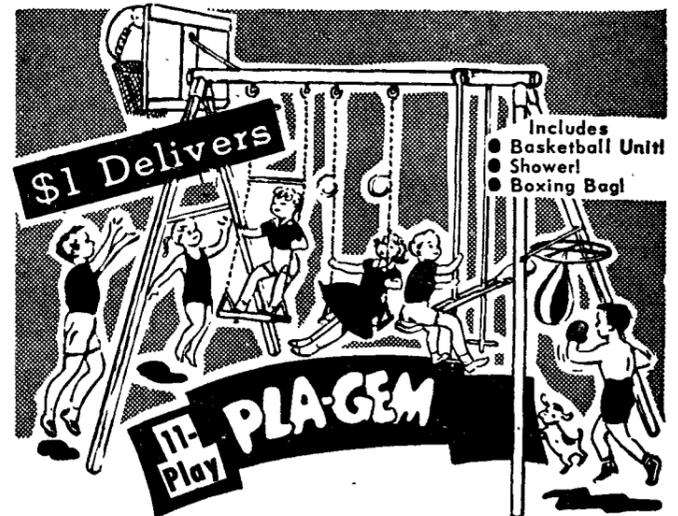
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**FIRST SPADEFUL** — Brig. Gen. John G. Shinkle is shown turning the first spadeful of earth for the new Post Chapel at Redstone Arsenal. The new chapel will have six classrooms for Sunday School students and the main chapel will hold approximately 300 worshippers, double the 140 capacity of the present chapel. In addition to the six education rooms, there will be a small kitchen and a social room. The cost of the structure will total about \$200,000. Contractor for the building is the Valley Construction Co., of Columbus, Ga. Watching Gen. Shinkle wield the shovel are (left to right): Rev. T. H. Flynn, auxiliary chaplain; Brig. Gen. John A. Barclay, deputy commander of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency; Col. Henry S. Newhall, commandant of the Ordnance Guided Missile School; Maj. Frank W. Warren, former chaplain at Redstone; Maj. James H. Goewey, arsenal chaplain; B. G. Dishongh, representative of the contractor; and W. E. Courtney, representative of the district engineer.

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**HE'S \$300 RICHER** — John McDaniel, (center), assistant chief of the Test and Evaluation Branch, Rocket Development Division, recently received an award of \$300 less tax in official recognition of his "outstanding" job performance. Brig. Gen. H. N. Toftoy, Redstone commander, presented the check, which was approved by the Incentive Awards in keeping with an Army-wide policy of recognizing superior performance. It was McDaniel's second cash award in less than a year. Earlier he received \$475 for his suggestion to simplify a reports procedure. Witnessing the presentation in Gen. Toftoy's office was David H. Newby, chief of Test and Evaluation. (Photo by Bill Keller)

**Mrs. Slayden to Leave Technical Library**

Mrs. Carolyn Clark Slayden, who has been associated with the Technical Library for the past five years, is leaving Redstone Arsenal next Friday (Aug. 10) to accept a position as Librarian at the Huntsville High School. Mrs. Slayden, wife of Howard Slayden, chief of the Management Office, is a native of Tupelo, Miss.

She is a graduate of Mississippi State College for Women in Columbus, Miss., where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree and of Peabody Library School in Nashville, Tenn., where she received her Bachelor of Science in Library Science degree. She is the mother of three children, Andy, 10, Anne, 8, and Lynne 6. The Slaydens live in Huntsville at 1402 Oak Avenue.

"in myself."  
"All I'm living for is the day it's regulation for the gals to wear shorts to work."  
Why should the military have a corner on comfort? Let's have a civilian Bermuda Shorts Day." (And they did, too.)  
"Now I've seen everything — a whistle-bitches Army."  
In lieu of an answer to the question, numerous cartoons were used to illustrate the impact of a shorts-clad Army. Unfortunately, they can't be included in this column. (Some of them were doozies, too!)  
A bit of philosophy: If you find you are a square peg in a round hole, start rounding off your corners until they conform.

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In the absence of our regular correspondent, this column appears not only under different authorship, but also under difficulties. To Bettye Gunter, we wish

a speedy recovery and prompt return to duty which includes the writing of this column.

J. Frank Neely (Chief, Facs. & Res. Br.) has returned from his annual tour of duty as a reserve officer. Frank says he's glad to be back at RSA, as it's easier to dish it out than take it.

W. E. Gibbons (Chief, Acpt. Insp. Br.) and family (one wife, one child, one dog) left for vaca-

tion near Destin, Fla.

Liz Jackson (Proc. & P. o. l. Br.) had a wonderful vacation in old Virginia where the corn and taters grow.

The little boy with the arrow (Daniel Cupid no less) has drawn a bead on Pauline Posey (M & R, Adm'n. Office). By the time this appears in print, Pauline will be Mrs. "Buddy" Cavender. The best of wishes are extended to the young couple.

Congratulations are in order for Margaret Southard (Policy & Programs Br.). She passed a very difficult exam recently enabling her to qualify in a particular field of Management. We saw some sample questions and we decided whatever the reward, Margaret certainly earned it.

Engineering Branch is losing "Smooch" Glen to ABMA, where she will be secretary to Art Rudolph.

The chief topic of conversation these days is "Bermuda shorts." We put this question to a random number of the Industrial population. "What do you think of the summer military uniform—Bermuda shorts?" Following are but a few of the replies:

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**FUTURE SCIENTISTS?**—Recent visitors to Redstone Arsenal were the members of Cub Pack 72 in Huntsville who may some day join Redstone's team of scientists. They are in alphabetical order) Mike Anderson, Freddy Atkins, Don Boyer, Edward Brock, Bill Case, Bill Harrell, Joe Hinesley, Billy Hix, Buddy Lock, Charles McGee, Ridley Moorman, Steve Muller, Jerry Pearson, James Reeves, Pat Smith, Gary Sullivan, and den chiefs Richard Jones and Homer Reeves. Cub Master Stan Craver of Thiokol is not shown. A tour of the plant area of Thiokol Chemical Corporation and areas of Redstone Arsenal was given the Cubs who also enjoyed witnessing the static firing of a rocket engine, a movie about guided missiles, and a swim in the post swimming pool. This activity is part of the Pack's summer program for outdoor events.

**2,000 JAM PARK FOR MAMMOTH THIOKOL PICNIC**

Nearly 2,000 persons, all Thiokol employes and their families, jammed Big Spring Park last Saturday for the Thiokol picnic.

The big event was part of the employe recreation program and was supervised by members of the Redstone Division Employee Recreation Council. The picnic was the largest of its kind ever held in Big Spring Park.

Beginning at 11 a.m. the picnic featured the final games in the interdepartmental volleyball tournament, the individual tennis tournament, and the chess and checker tourneys, all of which have been in progress during the past few weeks at Thiokol. Gold trophies will be awarded to the winners later this year at the annual Thiokol awards banquet.

From noon until 4 p.m., food was served. Nearly 5,000 hot dogs and buns, gallons of mustard, 60 pounds of onions, a few thousand ice cream bars, and 100 cases of soft drinks were consumed. Tables were available for many people who brought their own picnic lunches.

Tug-o-war, pie-eating, bottle contests, and other similar events went on during the afternoon. Free rides on the train and merry-go-round were popular with the children. Slim Lay furnished music late in the afternoon and early evening for both round and square dancing.

Over 30 attendance prizes, ranging from a 21-inch lawn mower to five sets of children's wings, were awarded.

Steve Janovak and Rod Stewart were in charge of the affair for the ERC. The picnic is the last social event of the summer for

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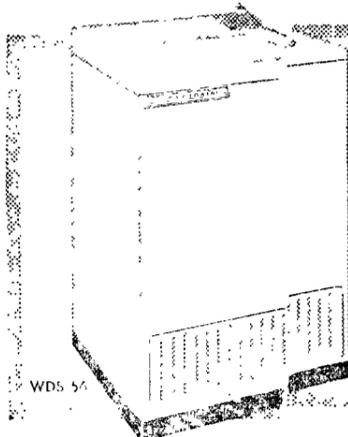
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Represented agencies include the Army at Redstone Arsenal, the U. S. Air Force Proving Ground Command and the Armament Center at Eglin, the Navy's Mine Defense Laboratory at Panama City and the Underwater Sound Laboratory at Orlando, and the Air Force's Arnold Engineering Development Center at Tullahoma.

Redstone's committee members are Dr. Ralph Swann, OML; David Newby, Rocket Development Laboratories; and William D. Murphree, Research Division.

The services of this committee are available to anyone at the Arsenal. To obtain information or use of the facilities at any member installation, call any member of the Redstone committee.

Some of the services include acquainting everyone with unique facilities at each installation, informal loan of specialized equipment and the exchange of information and techniques and methods.

Members of the committee are meeting monthly to get acquainted with each of the installations. The members then report back to their own organization with descriptions of the facilities viewed.

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If the reclassification occurred on or after June 18, 1956, when the bill became law, the employee must hold career or career-

conditional status in the Federal competitive service to receive this "saved rate," which cannot be less than the amount he was paid in the position on the date of reclassification.

If the reclassification occurred between July 1, 1954, and June 18, 1956, the "saved rate" is secured by the new regulations whether the employee was in the competitive or the excepted service and regardless of the type of

appointment. However, the position must be in one of the first 15 grades of the Classification Act of 1949, as amended.

The "saved rate" is not preserved to employees with less than satisfactory ratings, those with less than two years' service in the reclassified position, those who voluntarily take positions at lower grades or lower salaries, or those demoted to another position in a reduction in force. It is not granted to employees who do not hold positions subject to

the Classification Act nor to employees in the three top grades under the Classification Act (GS-16, 17, and 18).

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