

POINTING OUT THE NIKE — Chief Warrant Officer William L. Anthony of the Ordnance Guided Missile School points out NIKE I missile fins to four members of the Ord-Officer Advanced class from Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Maj. William G. Senior Maj. Frank J. Sheppard, Maj. Arthur W. Sobey, and Maj. Vernon M. Tootle are four members of the 47-man class which spent last week receiving an on-site orientation on missiles at OGMS. (Another Photo Inside).

'TEACHING THE TEACHERS'

New Missile Systems Courses Slated Here

A long range program of instruction on new missile systems — which amounts to "teaching the teachers" — will be launched at Redstone Arsenal tomorrow.

Purpose of the new program, which will be conducted by the Projects Management Staff, R&D, will be to transfer information on new weapons systems from the developer to the people who will maintain and use them.

The initial courses will be on the LaCrosse 1. The Martin Co. of Baltimore, prime contractor for the development and production of the LaCrosse, will send 10 instructors here to staff the school.

Students attending the first course — 12 weeks of guidance study — will be from White Sands Proving Ground, Redstone Arsenal, Ordnance Guided Missile School, Continental Army Command and the Artillery and Guided Missile School at Fort Bliss.

The guidance courses which begins tomorrow will have 12 students. Other courses in the operation and maintenance of the weapon will begin very soon, it was announced.

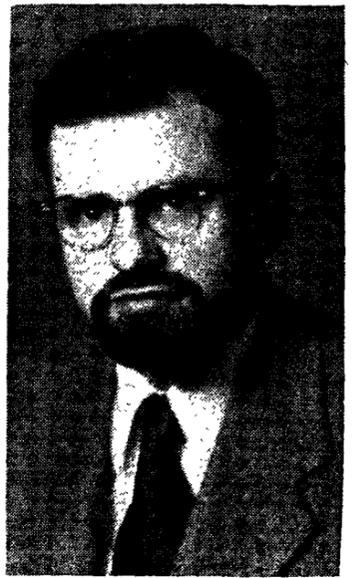
The school will be held in the newly-renovated Bldg. 771. Brig. Gen. John G. Shinkle, deputy Redstone commanding general, will open the program with a welcome to the students at 10 a.m.

Instruction will include classroom lectures and practical applications in every phase of operation and maintenance. Physical facilities of the school include 6 classrooms and a new hardstand for demonstrations.

Several courses in guidance, operation and maintenance are planned. Guidance courses will be 12 weeks in duration, and the operation and maintenance five weeks each.

This marks the first time such a program has been undertaken. Previously the future teachers of missile systems have only been given on-the-job training.

"Key Personnel Courses," as the program is called, will be under the supervision of PMS's National Mission Technical Training Branch, with Curtis Wilms as chief. Wilbur B. Fowler is project training officer for the LaCrosse.



DR. JOSEPH ALLEN HYNEK

'SATELLITE' TALK IS SET OCT. 30

Dr. Joseph Allen Hynek, Associate Director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in charge of the Satellite Tracking Program, will give a presentation here on 30 Oct. entitled "Tracking A New Satellite of the Earth." Members and friends of the American Rocket Society (ARS) and the Rocket City Astronomical Society (RCAA) are cordially invited.

The meeting will be held at the Huntsville High School Auditorium on 30 October, Tuesday, at 8 p.m. Those showing a membership card for either ARS or RCAA or who are students or servicemen will be admitted free. For other non-members a fee of 25 cents per person will be charged.

Dr. Hynek received his bachelor's and doctorate in Astrophysics from the University of Chicago. He has been associated with the Ohio State University since

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Survivor Benefits Act Summarized

(Editor's Note — The Rocket presents here a brief summary of the new Survivor Benefits Act, which becomes effective Jan. 1. Lack of space prohibits detailed explanation of the broad program. Readers are referred to the following for further information: unit personnel clerks, D-A Circular 608-14-15-16-17, and DOD Pamphlet 6-3.)

Hundreds of Redstone military personnel will be vitally effected

by the new Servicemen's and Veterans' Survivor Benefits Act (Public Law 881, 84th Congress), which became law this year and applies to all members of the Armed Forces.

Effective Jan. 1, 1957, the act provides broader benefits for survivors of military personnel who die in service or who die later as a result of military service.

It also assures greater benefits for servicemen themselves, as well as the survivors certain mil-

itary personnel and veterans already deceased at the time this act became law.

In brief the new law:

1. Increases some Veterans Administration payments in case of service-connected death, especially to widows.
2. Provides for more balanced levels of payment to widows, especially those in later life.
3. Broadens and makes permanent Social Security coverage for the members of the Armed Forces.

4. Enables military personnel retired after 1956 to apply military wage credits after that year in determining Social Security benefits, as well as to apply gratuitous wage credits for active military service during 1951-1956 inclusive.

5. Relates dependency and indemnity compensation for widows to the pay attained by service members.

6. Equalizes payment to survivors by eliminating distinctions between wartime and peacetime deaths.

7. Places all members of the Armed Forces, Regular and Reserve, under the same survivor benefit laws.

Under the new law retired servicemen will be able to draw both retirement pay and Social Security old-age benefits for the same period of service.

Also, on Jan. 1 the automatic Servicemen's Indemnity (\$10,000 free insurance) will be replaced by a greater Dependency and Indemnity compensation.

Pentagon officials emphasize that the new act takes away no benefits anyone is now receiving. Those survivors who are now drawing benefits under old laws may continue to do so if they will receive more income that way. However, they may elect to receive the benefits of the new law at any time they desire. The Veterans Administration will compute benefits applicable to individual cases and advise them as to their rights under the new law.

(The local office of the VA, 305 Post Office Bldg., Huntsville, is open on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.)

Service personnel, veterans and dependents generally will be highly interested in all of the provisions of the new law. But

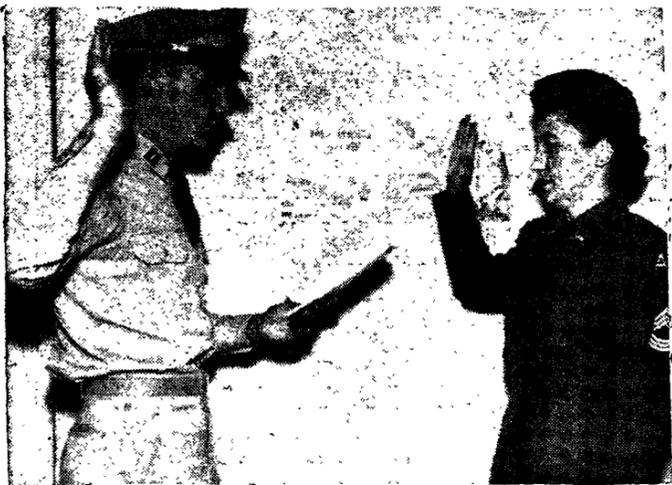
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11 National Magazines Run Stories About Post

Unprecedented national interest continues to be focused on activities and personalities at the arsenal. A total of 11 magazine articles telling various phases of the installation's story are appearing in nationally circulated publications this fall — all within a 60 day period.

The current Ordnance Magazine carries a two page spread on the Army Ballistic Missile Agency and its commander, Maj. Gen. J. B. Medaris. The story discusses the high-priority mission of the Agency, the development of the 1,500-mile Jupiter

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FIRST IN NORTHERN ALABAMA — Miss Mary Joe Baker, in civilian life a pay clerk in the Redstone finance section, has become the first enlisted WAC to be assigned to an Army Reserve unit in Northern Alabama. Miss Baker, shown here being enlisted in the 866th Engineer Aviation Battalion by Capt. Ralph L. Duke, became a member of the Army Reserve after serving seven years of active duty with the Women's Marine Corps and the Air Force WAF. Having moved here from Birmingham recently, she has been assigned as sergeant major in the 866th Bn. headquarters.

REDSTONE, ABMA TO BE REPRESENTED AT ARMY OFFICERS ASSOC. MEETING

Redstone Arsenal and the Army Ballistic Missile Agency will be well represented at the Association of U. S. Army Officers meeting in Washington, D. C. tomorrow.

The Rocket Development Laboratories will have a Dart missile on display at Ft. Myers. The Army Ballistic Missile Agency is furnishing a Redstone missile at

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GUESTS OF AUSA — SFC and Mrs. Floyd A. Davis will be in Washington, D. C., tomorrow as guests of the Association of U. S. Army Officers. SFC Davis is a member of the 217th Field Artillery Missile Battalion (Redstone), and one of the first members to report to the Arsenal.

(Photo by Carl Dow)

The Redstone Rocket

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The March to Freedom

American servicemen will join the citizens of 76 countries in celebrating the 11th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations on Oct. 24.

The annual observance of United Nations Day is a demonstration of our faith in, and support of, man's best organized hope to substitute the conference table for the battlefield.

As the 76-nation world organization enters its second decade, President Eisenhower has called on all Americans to contribute to a better understanding between nations and neighbors,

a "sheer necessity" with the development of nuclear weapons.

Meanwhile, the UN has already taken many steps "to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war." It has settled disputes that threaten world peace; it has stopped local armed conflicts that might have become widespread; and it has actually met and successfully repelled open aggression.

October 24 is gaining universal recognition as one of the most important dates in the history of mankind. It was on this day in 1945 that the UN officially came into being with the majority of 51 participating nations ratifying its charter.

In 1947, the UN General Assembly resolved that United Nations Day would be devoted to making known to the peoples of the world the aims and achievements of this world body for peace.

Last year every military installation and 8,000 towns and cities throughout the country observed United Nations Day.

Once again members of our Armed Forces will do their share to increase public understanding of the UN in every corner of the free world.

Civil Service Board Announces Exams

Two competitive examinations have been announced by the U.S. Board of Civil Service Commissioners and Examiners at Redstone Arsenal.

Announcement No. 5-35-30 (56) covers electronic technician (trainee) GS-2 at a salary of \$2960 per annum. This competition will be determined by a written examination. In this particular case, the examination is open to men only.

Announcement No. 5-35-29 (56) calls for painters at WB-11, a rating that calls for \$1.90 per hour. This is an unwritten competition and individuals will be rated on experience, education

Satellite Talk

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1935, where he now holds the rank of full professor. He is on leave of absence while engaged in the Satellite Tracking Program at Smithsonian and Harvard. Other activities of Hynek include having been: Astronomer at Perkins Observatory, Assistant Dean of the Graduate School at Ohio State, Supervisor of Technical Reports at the Applied Physics Laboratory, John Hopkins University during World War II.

Before entering into the Satellite tracking business, Hynek's principal field of interest was the spectra of double stars and stellar scintillation F-type stars. Dr. Hynek is at present Secretary of the American Astronomical Society.

and training. This will supplement the register set up under Announcement No. 5-35-6(51), and eligibles on the latter register need not apply for a new examination.

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11 Magazines

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ballistic missile.

Military Electronics, a new magazine published by Electronics Publications Inc., Cleveland, O., features a cover picture and a four-page article on Redstone and ABMA entitled "Instrumentation in Missile Research."

Maj. Gen. H. N. Toftoy, Redstone commander, wrote the lead story in the current Sperryscope, quarterly magazine issued by the Sperry-Rand Corporation, New York. Four pages long, it summarizes the operation of the Arsenal, ABMA and the Ordnance Guided Missile School.

Dr. Werner von Braun, chief of ABMA's Development Operations Division, has written the main feature in the maiden issue (October) of the new Missiles and Rockets magazine, a product of American Aviation Publications. Entitled "Key to Success in Guided Missiles," Dr. von Braun's five-page article concerns the hu-

man relations problems that our missile developers are facing.

In its forthcoming November issue, Missiles and Rockets is scheduled to feature a lengthy piece by Gen. Toftoy, who is writing on "The Army's Role in the Missile Program."

The Redstone commander was also the subject of a story in this month's "Oldsmobile Rocket." Several pictures of the general and his family were used to illustrate the magazine's monthly personality feature.

Future Magazine, issued monthly by the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce, carried in its September number a story on "Rocket City" Jaycees, and their close relation with Redstone. Eighty per cent of Huntsville's Jaycees work on the installation.

Redstone, ABMA and OGMS are the collective subject of an article scheduled to appear soon in the New York Times Magazine.

The last three of the eleven stories mentioned are to appear later this month in a single issue of the Army Information Digest. They are written by Gen. Toftoy, Gen. Medaris and Col. Henry S. Newhall, OGMS commandant, and are to be presented in a special issue of the magazine devoted exclusively to the Army's missile program.

REDSTONE DEPOT

By WANOPHUS (Pronounced One of Us)

New personnel who arrived at the Depot during the past week were Mrs. Jerry R. Thornbrough and Mr. James E. Gattis. Mrs. Thornbrough is a clerk-typist in the Storage Section of the Ammunition Branch. We are glad to have these newcomers with us.

After accompanying the various rockets to many of the fairs in the South, Sgt. Tilson C. Livingston has returned. The Depot would like to thank Mr. Wendell O. Terry, Chief of the Operations Branch, Transportation Division, and his personnel for the cooperation they gave the Depot in transporting the missiles to the various fairs for display.

William C. Luna of the General Supply Branch is attending the PEQUO Machine Tool Course on the Arsenal. Mr. Charles F. Noblit of AIO and Mr. Henry Shultz of the PEQUO office, Rock Island, have included in this course a tour of the Processing and Storage Section of Redstone Depot. It is believed that a view of practical application of processing and storing as well as the technical instruction included in the school will improve this course.

Several important functions of the Depot are performed by our Renovation and Demolition Branch. Activities are carried on by them at Line No. 6 and Demolition Areas 1 and 2.

Personnel at Line No. 6 are currently engaged in the assembly of 3.5" WP filled rockets. Here explosive operators carry on the assembly, renovation, demilitarization, and normal maintenance of medium and major caliber chemical artillery ammunition, rockets, and components thereof. Components of experimental rockets are assembled, loaded with high explosives, and modified as requested by other segments of the Arsenal and ABMA.

The Demolition area personnel are engaged in the destruction of hazardous and unserviceable high explosive and chemical artillery ammunition, rockets, and components thereof for the Depot and

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other segments of the Arsenal. Contaminated material and scrap explosives created by various sections of the Arsenal are burned and decontaminated by ammunition destroyers. Also, ammunition and components loaded with explosives are sometimes destroyed by various methods for testing and evaluation.

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For reservations call the club at arsenal extension 2951.

Capt., Mrs. Gecik To Host Bridge Club

The Redstone Arsenal Couples Bridge Club held its first meeting of the month recently at the Officers' Open Mess.

Host and hostess for the affair were Col. and Mrs. Eugene Martin.

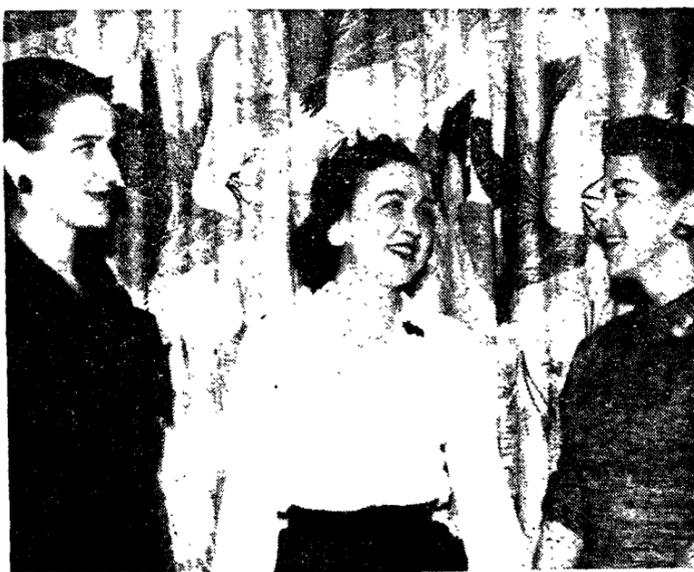
Winners for the event were Mrs. Mark H. Krackov, Lt. Donald H. Strietzel and Mrs. E. C. Martin.

Host and hostess for the next meeting which will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Officers' Open Mess on Monday, October 29, will be Capt. and Mrs. Michael G. Gecik. For reservations, please call JE 6-46-08.

AT THE SERVICE CLUB

BY KATE GRIFFIN

WANTED! More slow speaking people to come to the Rocket Service Club. We (people who speak slowly and not distinctively) are strictly in the minority and that, believe me, does mean very, very few (practically none) and they (foreigners recruited above the Mason-Dixon Line) do give us a hard time. In fact, yours truly has really developed a complex—complex meaning an emotionally colored idea or idea pattern that has



TOP SECRETARIES — Shown above are the secretaries to the top missile men at Redstone Arsenal. They are (left to right) Miss Margaret Francis, secretary to Maj. Gen. H. N. Toftoy, Redstone Arsenal commander; Miss Louise Parker, secretary to Maj. Gen. J. B. Medaris, Army Ballistic Missile Agency commander; and Miss Jo Putnam, secretary to the commandant of the Ordnance Guided Missile School, Col. H. S. Newhall. Miss Parker was hostess recently for a luncheon honoring the other secretaries.

ordered — Poor girl! No culture— No speaky Chinesey — No eaty Chohey Suey and no understandy how to order soooo — Well, I can't wait to go again and show them that I am now among the learned. We're looking forward to seeing Jim Dwyer's collection of New England slides and just think — Jim will throw in a few easy lessons on the side on "How to Ski Without Breaking More Than Your Neck," so best you come.

You know, I wish someone would make a study as to "Why Hamburgers Are So Popular?" I think a wonderful survey could be made at the Rocket Club. Right Murakami and Aylard? As

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been repressed (and we do quote Mr. Grosset and Mr. Dunlap). They (same as above) have been kidding us unmercifully and I do mean without mercy, about using the word Ya'll and What and Do Come. If someone doesn't hurry and come to our (same as we above) side, we will be forced to start using the sign language.

Well! the ping pong balls were really taking a beating the other night during the tournament. I declare, I do believe that some of those fellows were thinking of particular people that were not some of their favorite acquaintances. (people they know), because every time they swatted those balls they really meant business. Anyway, when the balls stopped flying and the bloody battle was over, it was finally determined that John Doe (time 2 days) had the greatest pet peeve and won the tournament. Guess what? No tournament! A bunch of forfeits and has to be rescheduled.

Say, would anyone be interested in furthering their educational knows and improving their cultural side? Oh, you didn't know that you had a cultured or uncultured side — Well, you do. We must admit that some sides do get cultured and some are left sorta raw but anyway — they always tell us to do this and that to become a cultured person. Whatever it is, I'm for it. I'm sure it can't hurt and it must do wonders. Say yours needs improving? Well, do drop in at the Rocket Service Club each Sunday evening at 7:30 and you can do just that. We have been enjoying some wonderful slides of Europe, Japan, and various places in the world and I am already beginning to feel my culture being cultivated. I feel as though I have actually been to Hong Kong since last Sunday. In fact, I am now ready to buy some chop sticks and go to Joy Youngs. Last time I was there, I was so uncultured and uncultured that I had to order American food — Now I know why they had that look of sympathy in their eye when I

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people really like you far a change. I'm really looking forward to the Masquerade Ball at the Rocket Service Club, Halloween Nite, October 31. So, find yourself a new face (Gee! doesn't that sound grand — just thinking how wonderful it will be, especially, — Oh! I just remembered it isn't nice to call names. and come to our Ball. Prizes will be awarded for the best costume and also — get this now if, I say if — anyone is really able to change his face, we'll give them something different (A real face lifting job guaranteed to make you not look like yourself ever again). Let's all dress up and have ourselves loads of fun at the Rocket Club Halloween nite.

Well, if everyone will promise to read the column, we'll close, so please don't hesitate to tell us that you enjoyed it and til then, Ya'll Come

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be? Oh! that's what I thought. Well, it was an idea, anyway. We still love you and aim to please. Guess what! the Missilemen and Missilemaids have finally been convinced that they can sing, so — they are planning to give us a concert Tuesday, October 30 at 7:30 p.m. Seriously they are very good. We look forward to each Tuesday evening when they practice so we can just sit back, relax and listen to good music. (That advertisement will cost you.) The next detail we need we'll put a good word in for you.

Say, we almost forgot, but did you see the cheerleaders Saturday nite? They were just grand and oh! so full of life. Whoever said "Grow old along with me the best life is yet to be," would have made a wonderful psychoanalysis case. Oh! to be young and spry again.

You know, I have always had a desire to attend a masquerade party. Just imagine being able to dress most any way. I believe that some people I know must think they are going to a masquerade ball all the time, because believe me, some of the "get-ups" they wear for certain occasions are really something (something being an undefinable term). Anyway, meanwhile back at the masquerade ball (as I was saying) I've always longed to dress up and wear a false face (Now don't be ugly fellows) and just have myself a good time. You know how much fun a person has portraying another character in a play? Well, that's what we mean. You dress up like someone else and act like someone else and

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fast as they could flip 'em they were gone. I do believe that we could give Henry Ford a few pointers on mass production and assembly line business.

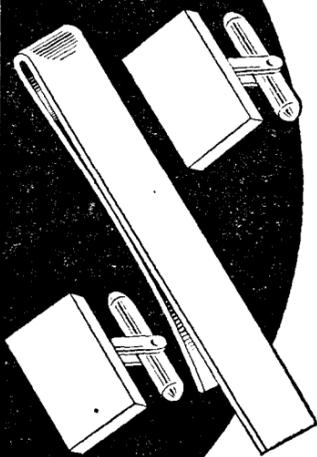
Gee, I just know our ancestors must have flipped coins to see who was coming over on the Mayflower and who would get to ride the fastest mule to see Aunt Sussie, cause our Bingo nites are really booming. Grandpaw must have planted a few gambling or chance taking seeds in the family trees.

I must say, we have about the most four-minded bunch of EM I ever saw. Do you know that we have enough boys signed up to take two buses to Chattanooga. It is really encouraging to the Service Club Hostesses to see participation like that. I don't know whether they really thought they would have to answer to why they didn't go (if they didn't) or if they enjoy a bus ride or if they want to take full advantage of the Service Club program; but whatever the reason is, we are just thrilled to death and will work even harder (impossible) to make the program a better one just for them. See fellows, we really do have your good at heart. In fact we enjoy hearing you complain. After all — you wouldn't be you if you were not always complaining. In fact — if you would come in the club smiling and cheerful and (boy, am I dreaming) the shock would be too severe. Would you like to try it and see what the reaction would

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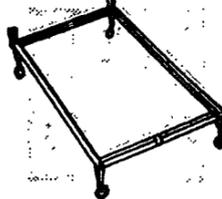
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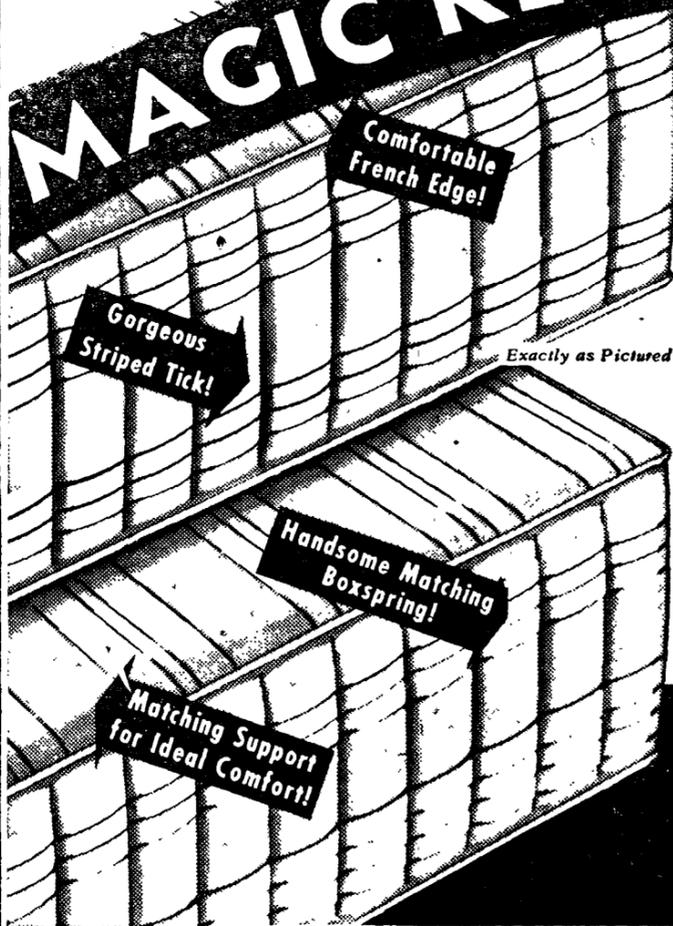
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iginally scheduled, the Rocket's coaching staff announced.

RSA FOOTBALL TEAM TO PLAY HERE SAT. NIGHT

The Redstone Rocket football team will meet the American Legion Blue Devils from Blountsville, Ala., at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 27 at Linton Field. Admission is free.

This game will take the place of the game with the Memphis Naval Air Station which was or-

instructor for three years. Dr. Nead's Ph. D. degree was awarded him in applied mathematics at Indiana University where he also served as an instructor.

At present, Dr. and Mrs. Nead are making their home in Huntsville.

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Dr. Nead Appointed To Graduate Study Academic Staff

A veteran teacher and research scientist has been appointed to teach and work as an academic advisor by the University of Alabama for the Graduate Study program at Redstone Arsenal.

He is Dr. Dennis M. Nead who will act as associate professor of mathematics and be the local representative of the dean of the University graduate school, effective Oct. 22.

His appointment was announced today jointly by Dr. A. B. Moore, dean of the University of Alabama Graduate School, and Dr. Richard T. Eastwood, associate dean of the University Extension Division.

These graduate study courses are open to both civilians and military personnel here. Eligibles are employees of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, Redstone Arsenal, the Ordnance Guided Missile School, Thiokol Corporation and Rohm & Haas Co. who wish to continue with their studies while employed here.

The classroom hours usually begin shortly after the working day is completed.

Dr. Nead will have an office in the Training Branch Office of Civilian Personnel. The building is T-152 and the phone extension is 3530.

Dr. Nead has been employed at the Rohm and Haas Corp., for the past three years and has worked in the Rocket Development Section.

He received his mechanical engineering degree and his master of science degree in applied mathematics from the University of Cincinnati where he was also an

to sing with them. They are still burdened with rather rapid turnover of members, and a constant influx of new members is needed to keep the group active. The only qualification demanded by the group is the desire to sing. New interested people who wish to join may do so by being at the Service Club on Tuesday evenings by 7:15 p.m. They will indeed receive a warm welcome. The "Missile Men and Maids" would like to double their size within the next month in preparation for Christmas and the already numerous requests for appearances. Come out and see what a grand time they have. For any other information in regard to joining the group contact the president Dale Pfau at 2441 during duty hours, or JE 4-9874 after duty.



'MISSILE MEN AND MAIDS'

'Missile Men, Maids' Set Concert Oct. 30

BY DALE K. PFAU

Under the direction of Kenneth Turvey, the Arsenal choral group, "The Missile Men and Maids," will make their first public appearance of the year, in the form of a one half-hour program consisting of several well-known choral selections at the service club on the night of October 30.

The organization dates back several years to the time when a group of men from the Ordnance Guided Missile School interested in having a choral group on the arsenal, took time and spent money to bring this about. At that time and until the first part of this year the director as well as the members were voluntary, and though many wonderful programs were the result, the group labored under the disadvantage of constant change of

director and members.

Christmas of 1955 was the first time the "Missile Men" became a mixed chorus. Ladies from the arsenal were invited to attend to give a good balance for Christmas songs, and several programs were given. The "Missile Men" became known as the "Missile Men and Maids," and appeared on Atlanta radio and television. Since that time the ladies have become an integral part of the organization.

The entire group of singers has worked long and hard to be able to give you this performance, and they hope your appreciation of achievement will be shown by your attendance on the 30th of this month.

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RELIABILITY SYMPOSIUM HELD

430 Visitors Attend Conference

One of the largest conferences ever held at Redstone Arsenal—a Joint Military-Industry Symposium on Guided Missile Reliability—took place last week with some 430 visitors from throughout the county attending.

The group included 14 British and 18 Canadian officials. Also taking part in the meeting, sponsored by the Department of Defense, were 40 military and civilian personnel representing Redstone Arsenal and 40 representing the Army Ballistic Missile Agency.

About 255 agencies, both industrial and military, were represented at the symposium, including most of the major contractors and installations involved in guided missile work.

The annual meeting, which is rotated among the services (Army, Navy, and Air Force) and took place at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, in 1955, was held for the first time at Redstone Arsenal this year.

Most of the discussion sessions were classified "Secret."

Among the numerous high-ranking officials in their field attending the symposium were Rear Admiral John H. Sides, Deputy to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for



ATTEND GUIDED MISSILE RELIABILITY SYMPOSIUM — Shown discussing program notes are several among the approximately 500 persons who attended the Joint Military-Industry Symposium on Guided Missile Reliability last week at the Arsenal. Left to right in photo above are Robert Lusser, reliability coordinator, Redstone Arsenal; George Henderson, symposium program chairman, who is chief of the Reliability Branch Project Management Staff, R & D, OML; Rear Admiral John H. Sides, deputy to the special assistant to the Secretary of Defense for guided missiles; Brig Gen. John G. Shinkle, deputy commanding general of Redstone Arsenal; John J. Crowley, director of guided missiles for the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Applications Engineering); and Dr. Martin Schilling, chief, Project Management Staff, R & D, OML.

Guided Missiles; John J. Crowley, Director of Guided Missiles for the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Applications Engineering; Brig. Gen. Clyde H. Mitchell, Deputy Director, Production, Air

Pistol Prizes Won By Redstone Team

The Redstone Arsenal Pistol Squad continued to win prizes at the National Rifle Association Matches in Birmingham on 14 October.

Redstone won 9 out of the 10

Matériel Command.

Delegates to the symposium were welcomed by Brig. Gen. John G. Shinkle, Deputy Commanding General of Redstone Arsenal.

Program chairman for the meeting was George Henderson, Chief of the Reliability Branch, Project Management Staff, Research and Development Division, Redstone Arsenal.

prizes in the Marksman Class and 6 out of the 10 prizes in the Sharpshooter Class. Individual high scores for the squad was Pfc F. V. Pixley with 1091 out of a possible 1200 points. Lt. Col. Bruce Pierce, Pfc Pixley and Capt. F. L. Young, a new member of the squad from ABMA, won four prizes each.

Capt. Young and Pfc Pixley had 278 out of 300 points on the Center Fire National Match Course which are Master Class scores and point to the higher quality of shooting to be expected next year. These matches at Birmingham close the season in this area.

The record of the group of 9 officers and enlisted men, and

one civilian since they started pistol shooting in April of this year with the Third Army Matches at Ft. Benning is impressive. They have won a total of 117 awards and prizes in the various matches held in Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia. Most members have moved up in from Marksman to the Sharpshooter Class and three will have moved up to the Expert Class when the results of the recent matches are tabulated.

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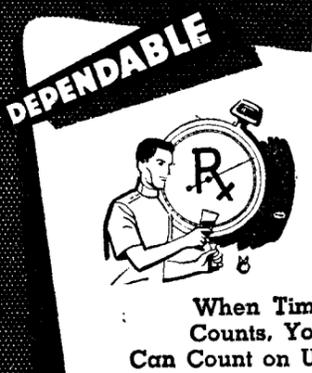
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Survivor Act

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 the aspect most vital to Redstone military personnel at this time is that of government insurance. A great number will have to make a decision as to future insurance coverage — and make that decision before January 1.
 If you are separated from active duty on or before Dec. 31, 1956, when the Servicemen's Indemnity ends, you still will be eligible for the five-year term, nonconvertible National Service Life Insurance. However, applications must be received — either by your unit personnel office or the VA directly — on or before December 31.
 You will not be eligible if you are separated on or after Jan. 1, 1957 unless you have a service-connected disability. If the VA finds that you do have such a disability, you will be eligible regardless of when you are separated. And you may choose either term or permanent insurance.
 The right of policyholders who are in active service for 31 days or more on or after April 25, 1951 to apply for in-service waiver of premiums ends December 31. Applications for such waiver can be accepted only through December 31 under the law.
 All such in-service waivers in effect December 31 may be continued thereafter, but the benefits that certain dependents of policyholders may get, of the policyholders die on or after May 1, 1958 and their policies are under the in-service waiver at the time of death, may be restricted. The dependents involved in

these cases are the widows, children and parents of the deceased policyholder. These dependents, in such cases, will not be entitled to Indemnity Compensation. They will be entitled only to death compensation which, in some cases, may be lower than the new benefits.
 Policyholders who wish to protect their dependents against this eventuality may cancel their in-service waivers before May 1, 1957. They may then continue GI insurance in force by paying premiums.

Instructions on how you may cancel an in-service waiver and

keep your policy in force are now being distributed to all military personnel by Redstone units.

A permanent type policy surrendered for cash may be reinstated provided (1) it was surrendered no earlier than April 25, 1951; (2) the holder was on active duty at the time; and (3) active duty has been continuous since surrender of the policy. A person who has been separated no longer than 120 days may reinstate, provided he qualifies on the other counts.

To reinstate a policy surrendered thus, you should:
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a new permanent plan policy on the same plan and not in excess of the amount of the policy surrendered for cash, and pay the required premium; or

2. Reinstate the surrendered insurance, without a physical examination, by paying the required reserve plus the premium for the current month.

The new law enables service personnel who lost their five-year term National Service Life Insurance since July 23, 1953 for failure to pay either or both of the last 2 monthly premiums of the term period, to reinstate and renew their policies if they can meet the requirements.

The GI insurance policies af-

ected are the five-year NSLI policies, whether of the World War II or post-Korean nonconvertible type.

Under the old law, these term policies could not qualify for automatic renewal if they were in a state of lapse at the end of the five-year period.

Under the new law, this requirement is relaxed to the extent that the five-year term policies which have lapsed because of failure to pay either or both of the last two monthly premiums and which expired on or after July 23, 1953, may be reinstated and renewed for another five-year term by meeting certain requirements.

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