

The Redstone Rocket

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CHRISTMAS CAROLERS—Members of the Children's Choir, the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, participated in the ABMA Christmas program this week by singing Christmas carols during noon hour on Wednesday at the Bl. 488 cafeteria. The carolers, led by Joe A. Morrow, director of music, were thanked by Maj. Gen. J. B. Medaris, commanding general, and Lt. Gen. E. L. Cummings, chief of Ordnance who was on an official visit to ABMA. Choristers were Paula Suzanne Deschere, Virginia Katherine White, Donald A. Alford, Richard H. Thomas, Jerrilee Howell Parker, Carolyn Jean Conant, Richard M. Hubbard, Gary Alan Roberts, Dianne Elizabeth Axelson, Marcia Katherine Jones, Sally Anne Hubbard, Cathryn Joyce Shook, Margaret Newman Henson, Sammy Bencen Thompson, Noel E. Roberts, William S. Ferguson, and Masianne Vogel.

BUT WHERE'S THE 'BEACH'?

Navy 'Lands' at OGMS, Has GI's 'All at Sea'

BY LT. DICK MANN
PIO, OGMS

Huntsville's finest swimming facility is a municipal pool, but students at the Ordnance Guided Missile School occasionally "go on the beach."

(Photos Inside)

They aren't seeing a mirage and it isn't wishful thinking — they're only "going into town", and the expression is merely part of the sea-going slang tossed about by sailors.

For the Navy has landed here at the Ordnance Guided Missile School where 20 enlisted men and two officers, attached to the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, are learning the ins and outs of ballistic missiles.

It's the first time Naval enlisted men have studied guided missiles at an Army post (it's a base to them) and it's providing an amusing change of pace for Huntsville's Army-minded community.

Not only do the gobs "go on the beach", but they "pull a liberty", never go on a pass. The barracks wall is a bulkhead; the ceiling is the overhead; and my goodness, you never scrub the floor — you "swab the deck."

A "GI Party", Army slang for cleaning up the barracks, is a "Field Day" in the Navy; a bed is a "rack"; and a three-day pass is a "72".

The sailors, living with GIs in (See NAVY on Page 3)

GEN. GAVIN LAUDS ABMA PROGRESS

Army R&D Chief, Gen. Cummings Visit

Lt. Gen. J. M. Gavin, the Army's research and development chief, visited the Army Ballistic Missile Agency Tuesday with Lt. Gen. E. L. Cummings, chief of Ordnance.

They toured the agency's laboratories and heard briefings by the staff of Maj. Gen. J. B. Medaris, agency commander.

Gen. Gavin expressed satisfaction at what was termed the visible evidence of progress achieved in development of the Jupiter IRBM and the weaponization of the Redstone, the Army's medium-range ballistic missile which will soon be deployed with troops.

"I am delighted by the remarkable progress attained by Gen. Medaris and his team of scientists and technicians," Gen. Gavin said.

"The Army is indeed fortunate to have here the most complete missile development center in the (See GEN. GAVIN on Page 2)

Next Rocket Will Be Published Jan. 8

The Rocket will take a holiday during the Christmas and New Year's holidays, too — no paper will be published on the next two regular publishing dates, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. The next issue of The Rocket will be published on Jan. 8.

Greetings From The Commanders

TO ALL RSA PERSONNEL

"The coming of Christmas affords a welcome occasion to extend my sincere best wishes to everyone here at Redstone Arsenal and their families. I also want to take this opportunity to tell you how proud I am of your great record of achievement and your splendid cooperative spirit throughout this eventful year. I look forward with confidence to the continuing success of our combined efforts.

"To you all, a very Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring you much happiness and good fortune."

H. N. TOFTOY
Major General, USA

RSA Field Service Division 'Adopts' Family for Yule

Federal Cataloging Section, RSA Field Service Division, composed of 37 employees, this year decided to deviate from the usual Christmas office gathering, and the exchanging of gifts, by selecting a needy family from the records of the Welfare Association, Madison County.

A family consisting of grandmother supporting a granddaughter 14 years old, and a grandson eight years old, was selected.

Miss Mildred Kilgore, Mrs. Betty Mohr, Buster Light, and Eugene Leham immediately took over with the promotion which resulted in approximately \$60 in cash, large quantities of food and clothes.

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TO ALL ABMA PERSONNEL

"The Army as a whole shares my admiration and respect for what you have accomplished and what you will do in the future.

"I want to extend my greetings on the occasion of the first Christmas since establishment of this agency and wish that you will enjoy the holiday."

J. B. MEDARIS
Major General, USA

FIRST LACROSSE CLASS GRADUATES

First graduates from the Lacrosse school received their certificates during a ceremony last Tuesday in the classroom at Bldg 771.

Col. Thomas J. Raber, deputy director of the Ordnance Missile Labs, presented the principal address and certificates.

These courses were in (1) Operation and Operation Maintenance and (2) Electro-Mechanics. Both are five week courses designed to teach instructors from White Sands Proving Ground, Redstone Arsenal, the Ordnance Guided Missile School, the Continental Army Command, and the Artillery Guided Missile School at Ft Bliss.

The courses were started after the guidance classes were announced several weeks ago, but the latter instruction lasts for a period of 12 weeks.

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TO ALL OGMS PERSONNEL

At this holiday season our thoughts turn to "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men". It is a time of giving and receiving gifts and the exchanging of Christmas wishes.

(See GREETINGS on Page 2)



GALAXY OF GENERALS—"Stars" fell on Alabama's Army Ballistic Missile Agency Dec. 18 when three top-ranking Army generals flew in for an official visit to the Agency. They were greeted by two more generals, the commanders of ABMA and of Redstone Arsenal. Shown above upon the visiting officers' arrival at the Redstone Army Airstrip are (left to right) Maj. Gen. August Schomberg, Assistant Chief of Ordnance for Research and Development; Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin, Chief of Research and Development, Department of Army; Lt. Gen. E. L. Cummings, Chief of Ordnance; Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris, ABMA commander; and Maj. Gen. H. N. Toftoy, Redstone Arsenal commander.



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Greetings

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I cannot let the opportunity pass to wish each and everyone of you a very joyous Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

I wish to thank every member of the school organization for the support that they have rendered to the school in the past year. Without the wholehearted cooperation of the entire staff, both military, civilian and contractor it would have been virtually impossible for the school to have accomplished its mission. Each one of you has done your part and as a result the school is better and stronger today than it ever has been before.

I am proud to be a member of this organization and I am sure that if we continue to work as a team that we will move forward to bigger and better things in the



PRESIDENT'S YULE MESSAGE

To the men and women of the Armed Forces, I send my Christmas greetings.

In this season, as we think of peace, the Nation does not forget the efforts and sacrifices of those who protect our country from its enemies. May the blessings of health, in body and in spirit, be with you throughout the new year.

As we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace, we renew and fortify our hope and efforts for a better world for all men.

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LaCrosse

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Instructors are furnished by the Martin Aircraft Corporation of Baltimore, under the direction of James Robinson. Martin is the prime contractor for the development of the LaCrosse.

The men graduating from the classes will in turn act as instructors for their various outfits which will handle the missiles.

Gen. Gavin

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nation. The Army plans to continue under its aegis and the splendid work of this organization."

Maj. Gen. August Schomberg, assistant chief of ordnance and Maj. Gen. H. N. Toftoy, commander of Redstone Arsenal, accompanied the visitors.

Field

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They were also successful in having \$13 withdrawn from the Friendship Club for purchase of a bicycle for the boy which they dismantled and have had rebuilt so as to appear new, the painting being accomplished by Martin Stove and Stamping Works.

Holiday Greeting From Sec. Wilson

To the members of the Armed Forces everywhere, I sincerely wish for each of you a most Happy Christmas and New Year.

At this time of year we should have a keener understanding of the sacred ideals of Christmas because we are all concerned with the peace of the entire world. The assured security and peace of ourselves and friends should be our pledge in the year to come.

My warmest wishes for continued health and happiness to you and your families.

CHARLES E. WILSON
Secretary of Defense

Pelham P. Musick Suffers Fatal Heart Attack on Job Here

Pelham P. Musick, 49, an aircraft metal former in ABMA's Fabrication Laboratory, suffered a fatal heart attack while on the job early Monday.

Mr. Musick was stricken at 7:30 a.m., after having reported to work at 7. He died in the post hospital about 9 o'clock.

A former employe of Brookley Air Force Base, Mobile, and Hayes Aircraft Co., Birmingham, Mr. Musick had worked at ABMA since February. He was a native of Alexander City, Ala., and had been living recently at Athens.

Among the survivors is the widow, Mrs. Claudie Musick.



Here's a stocking-full of Christmas cheer for all our wonderful friends; and best wishes for a very happy New Year.

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Most of the instructions has been confined to the artillery to date. Instruction includes classroom lectures and practical application in all phases of operations and maintenance of the missiles.

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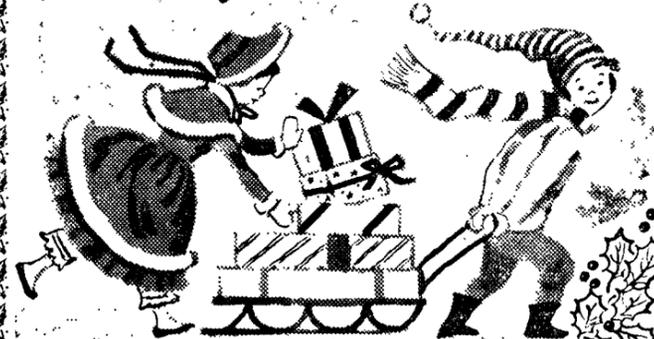
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OH, FOR THE WIDE OPEN SEA—Sailor-students at the Ordnance Guided Missile School police up the grounds GI-style under the watchful eye of Army Sergeant William J. Straney (center). Wielding the land-lubber tools are left to right, Petty Officer 2nd Class David C. Butler, Petty Officer 2nd Class Albert W. Myers, Petty Officer 3rd Class Henry W. Savela, and Petty Officer 2nd Class James D. McCrimmon.

Navy
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Army barracks, are all Regular Navy personnel, and all of them

came off sea duty to attend school. They stand formations (they call it muster) with the GIs, and it's an unusual sight to see white

Navy headgear bobbing above a sea of GI overseas caps. When they parade, they call it "quarters".

And, they do their share of policing up the barracks and the grounds. They don't rake leaves or sweep the sidewalks on a ship—but they do it here.

"Our biggest gripe is falling out for reveille at five a.m.," said "Sparks" (a radioman to you). "We get an extra hour of sleep aboard ship and don't have as much work to do before chow as they do in the army."

"I suppose our biggest difficulty," said "Tubes" (a torpedoman), "is making our (rack) in the morning. It takes about two minutes to merely fold our blankets aboard ship, but it takes us 15 minutes to make a GI bunk. We had to learn how to make a bunk here and it's still pretty tough."

"We like the roominess here, though. It's pretty tight quarters moving through narrow passageways on board ship, but we've got all the room we want in the barracks."

The inter-service rivalry is friendly and good-natured. The Navy men are razed as "Swabbies" or "Pelicans", but retort by calling their GI counterparts, "Gravel Pounders."

And the Army-Navy football game? "I can't remember any bets being made," said "Tubes," but thank goodness for the 7-7 tie; at least we can live together peacefully."

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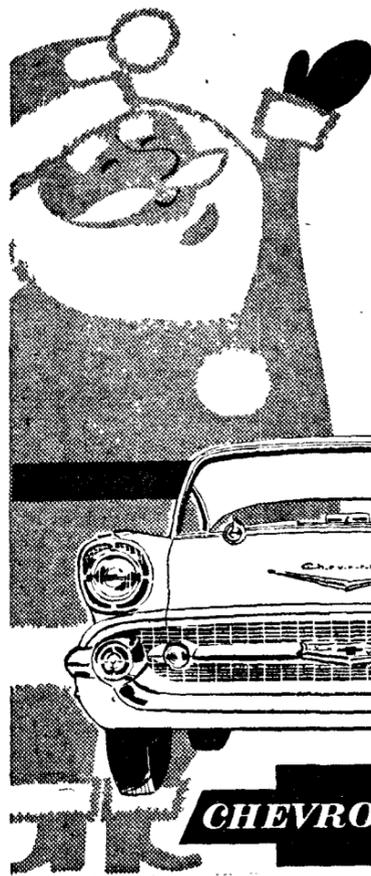
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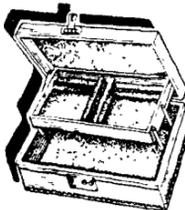
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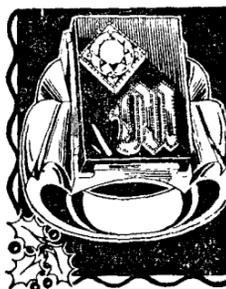
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1957 POST BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

13 Dec. — Starting off with a bang, it was the Bugouts who proved the undoing for the Strikers who, until tonight, had been tied for the league lead. However, the Bugouts found the answer and dropped the Strikers by four games to none. With 83 pins handicap per game, the Bugouts hardly needed them as they rolled scratch games of 683, 749, and 824 for a 2256 series. Handicapped, it was a 766, 832, 907, 2505, against which the Strikers couldn't find the mark and rolled a low 741, 754, 705, 2200 series. Needless to say, the Strikers are no longer in first place. Congrats to the 'wrecking crew' from 9330.

It was a three to one show, the Split Kings over the Signaleers, as the men from 9615th decline even further towards the lower portion of the league standings. With a 647, 665, 663, 1975 series, plus 49 pins per game handicap, the Signaleers weren't able to muster anything except the second game, and that by only 30 pins. For the Split Kings it was an 801, 684, 772, 2257 series, and except for the second game they were rolling well. They continue to sneak toward the top teams, picking up a game here and there, and before long should be giving much trouble to many.

The Launchers continued their run and took over undisputed first place by whipping the Alley Cats three to one. In their win, the Launchers rolled a 724, 698 801, 2223 series, losing only the second game. The Alley Cats, with 25 pins handicap per game, rolled scratch a 655, 749, 622, 2026 series, much worse than they have been rolling lately. It was enough to jar them, out of a tie or third place and drop them into fourth.

Between the Zebras and the Jesters it was touch and go and a two and two windup in the final results. After trailing for the whole first game the Zebras pulled it out of the fire in the 10th frame, winning by only 9 pins.

With a 762, 698, 798, 2258, the Zebras were rolling lower than usual, and the Jesters rolled up a 721, 745, 735, 2201 series, plus a 32, 29, 32, 93 handicap, for a second game win and total pins.

15 Dec. — On Saturday the Transients played hob with the Commodores and dropped them three games to one, with the Commodores winning only the 2nd game. With a series of 791, 747, 712, for a 2250, the Transients were fairly consistent. For the Commodores it was a 654, 702 645, 2001 series, plus handicap of 66 pins per game. The Commodores definitely need assistance in the form of two more 150 plus leglers.

In the individual department, Miller was high for the week, rolling a 177, 192, 159, 528 series. This was not enough, however, to keep his average from dropping one pin. High for the Bugouts was Mike with a 144, 175, 198, 517.

For the Split Kings, Van De Sample had 498, while for the Signaleers Hanson was high with a 496. The Launchers had Hickey to lead the way with a 149, 190, 178, 517, with Mahalik running second with a 493.

Against this, the Alley Cats had Riley with a 417(?). For the Jesters, Reese and Morgan both hit 473, while the Zebras had Sarandis with 489.

For the Transients it was Smith with a 181, 169, 168, 518, while Tobias led the Commodores with 441.

Not very high individual scores this week, but they should pick as soon as the men become used to the heavier pins.

Team	Team Standings		GB
	Won	Lost	
Launchers	36	20	—
Strikers	33	23	3
Zebras	31	25	5
Alley Cats	30	26	6
Transients	29½	26½	6½
Split Kings	27	29	9
tie			
Signaleers	27	29	9
Bugouts	26½	29½	9½

Jan. 5, Redstone vs. Fort Gordon	Home
Jan. 6, Redstone vs. Fort Gordon	Home
Jan. 9, Redstone vs. Gunter AFB	Home
Jan. 12, Redstone vs. Fort Rucker	Away
Jan. 13, Redstone vs. Fort Rucker	Away
Jan. 19, Redstone vs. Fort McClellan	Home
Jan. 20, Redstone vs. Fort McClellan	Home
Jan. 23, Redstone vs. Fort Stewart	Home
Jan. 24, Redstone vs. Fort Stewart	Home
Feb. 3, Redstone vs. Fort McClellan	Away
Feb. 4, Redstone vs. Fort McClellan	Away
Feb. 5, Redstone vs. Gunter AFB	Away
Feb. 8, Redstone vs. Fort Campbell	Away
Feb. 11, Redstone vs. Fort Rucker	Home
Feb. 12, Redstone vs. Fort Rucker	Home
Feb. 15, Redstone vs. Maxwell AFB	Home
Feb. 16, Redstone vs. Maxwell AFB	Home
Feb. 20, Redstone vs. Fort Campbell	Home
Feb. 22, Redstone vs. Fort Stewart	Away
Feb. 23, Redstone vs. Fort Stewart	Away
Feb. 25, Redstone vs. Fort Gordon	Away
Feb. 26, Redstone vs. Fort Gordon	Away

POST CAGERS BEAT PELL CITY GUARD, 90-67

The Redstone "Rockets" post basketball team, defeated Pell City National Guard on Dec. 15, by a score of 90-67.

Outstanding scoring for the "Rockets" went as follows: Myron Hudson, 24 points; Frank Taplin, 20 points; Chuck Lewis, 17 points; Tom Herson, 15 points; Tom McNeill, 6 points; Earl Brunberg, 6 points; Bob Moder and Marion Laszewski, 1 point each. High score for the Guard: Bob Golden, 29 points, and Jack Golden, 20 points.

The "Rockets" led all the way. The "Rockets" will meet Fort Gordon in a double header on 5 and 6 Jan. Game time will be 1930 hours on the 5th and 1400 hours on the 6th.

Commodores	21	35	15
Jesters	19	37	17
Top Ten Individual Averages			
Name	Games	Avg.	
Miller	22	180	
Varney	27	172	
Hickey	39	169	
Ross	30	167	
Smith	35	166	
Gundy	27	164.7	
Mosher	22	164.6	
Sarandis	6	164.0	
Greener	21	163.6	
Swisher	26	163.3	

Students Receive Windfall of Data

Two Marysville, Mich., High School students will receive a windfall of technical information as the result of a letter directed to the Army Ballistic Missile Agency.

Their teacher, John E. DeWald, explained the students are interested in making a model of the V-2 rocket developed at Peenemuende, Germany, in World War II.

The Agency sent DeWald a cut-away photo of the V-2 showing internal arrangement, and complete drawings of power plant, dimensions, and other unclassified data. A booklet describing the Agency's complete facilities for design and prototype production of ballistic missiles accompanied the V-2 information.

Maj. Gen J. B. Medaris, Agen-

cy commander, recently advocated more thorough scientific and technical preparation in the nation's high schools to prepare youth for the world of tomorrow in which rocket power will be an important force.

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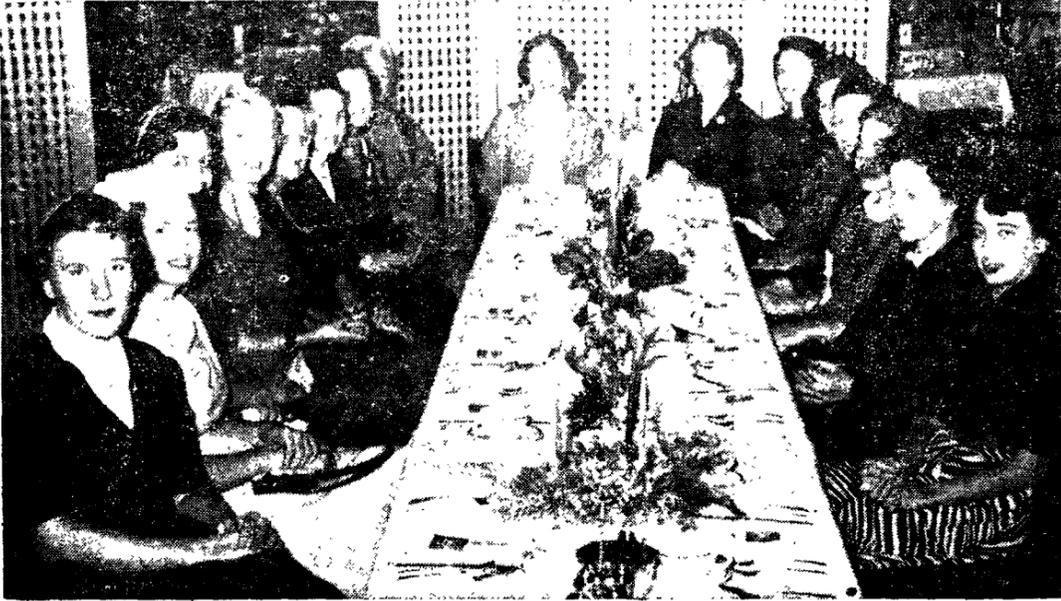
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GARDEN CLUB—The Garden Club at Redstone Arsenal held a Christmas luncheon attended by 18 members at the Officers Open Mess last week. The centerpieces made by members were exchanged by drawing names at the door. They were also used to decorate the center of the table. All the decorations had to cost less than a quarter so some members used tinsel balls and other dried arrangements or cookie bases for their displays. (Photo by Carl Pickens)

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The Human Element'
Accountants' Topic**

"Internal Control — The Human Element" was discussed by F. Clyde Lambert, partner in the firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., recently at the December technical session of the North Alabama Chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants. The meeting was held at the Athens Country Club, Athens. Mr. Lambert has a wealth of experience having served the firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. as a C. P. A. in a number of states including Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Missouri. Mr. Lambert was introduced by Frank J. McLaughlin, Jr., of De-

catu, program director of the local chapter. Howard W. Gifford, Reynolds Metals Co., Sheffield, membership director, announced that 23 new applications and three transfers have been approved by the board of directors this year to date. The new members present were introduced by Mr. Gifford: L. S. Doster, Reynolds Metals Co.; Jack W. Mueller, Chemstrand Corp.; Frank E. Donilon, Jr., C. P. A. Tuscumbia, were presented Past President Lapel Pins by Stanley A. Veateh, of Huntsville, president of the North Alabama Chapter. Past presidents Collin J. Andrews, Calumet & Hecla, Inc., Chicago, and E. H. Atkinson, Rohm and Haas Co., of Philadelphia, were not present to receive their pins.

**Reserve Officers
Association Holds
Yule Military Ball**

Last Tuesday night the Reserve Officers Association in this locale held a military ball at the Officers Open Mess. Hilding Holmberg's orchestra furnished the music for the Reserve officers and their wives and guests. The Reserve Officers Association includes members of all the military services.

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**Gen. Barclay Honor
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Brig. Gen. J. A. Barclay was an honored guest of the Personnel Office of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at a Christmas dinner-dance held Saturday night at the Summer home of John Word of Guntersville. The deputy commander was accompanied by Mrs. Barclay and Col. and Mrs. M. H. Clark. Col. Clark is the ABMA executive officer. Other guests included Dr. G. G. Quarles, scientific and technical consultant, and G. L. Harris, PIO. Robert Mello, the personnel officer, presided over the steak dinner. He expressed his appreciation to the entire staff of his office for their hard work and cooperation since ABMA was established Feb. 1. He introduced Mrs. Mary Morris, his secretary, who decorated the home with the help of Mrs. Vada Sanderson, Mrs. Doris Clarke, and Mrs. Dorothy Zimmerman. Art Sanderson, deputy to Mr. Mello, supervised the dinner preparations. Gen. Barclay paid tribute to the accomplishments of the Personnel Office.

**Mrs. Keyserling
Col. Haggard Win
At Couples Bridge**

At Couples Bridge on December 10, Mrs. B. H. Keyserling took the honors for the women's division and Lt. Col. Neal Haggard was high among the men. Second high were Mrs. A. A. Touchstone and Capt. Michael Gecik. Capt. Gecik, during the meeting before this one managed to make two little slams and a grand slam in one evening. Low woman was Mrs. Gecik who shared the position with Lt. Mark Krackov. Host and hostess for the next meeting are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Neunlist. They may be contacted at Jefferson 4-4467.

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AT DOD PARTY—Guests for a Development Division Christmas party included (left to right) Maj. Gen. J. B. Medaris, Mrs. von Braun, Dr. Wernher von Braun, and Mrs. Medaris. The dinner-dance was held at the Redstone Officers Club.

New Corporal II Is More Powerful, Effective, Says Army

Washington (AFPS)— The Army's Corporal guided missile, a high-powered artillery weapon, now has an even more destructive successor. The Corporal II is similar in appearance to its 45-foot forerunner but much more effective.

The new version of the Corporal has sturdier parts and is simplified for speedier assembly and easier maintenance.

In addition, modifications pro-

vide greater durability to withstand shock and damage, to which sensitive supersonic missiles are vulnerable.

The Corporal I was rushed into production in 1954 to give U. S. military forces in Europe an atomic deterrent to possible aggression.

Since that time, research and development scientists and engineers had been intent upon producing an improved Corporal. Artillerymen who had been manning the Corporal I overseas are being returned to the States in crews for retraining with the new missile.

CAPT. RAMSEY IS SIGNAL CORPS LIAISON OFFICER TO REDSTONE

Capt. Robert N. Ramsey is on duty here as the Signal Corps Liaison Officer to Redstone Arsenal. Although his parent unit is the Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories, Fort Monmouth, N. J., he not only represents them but the Chief Signal Officer and White Sands Signal Corps Agency as well.

In this capacity Capt. Ramsey is particularly interested in promoting and effecting a

continuous exchange of scientific information of mutual and inter-related interest between the Signal Corps and Redstone Arsenal.

In carrying out his duties as Liaison Officer he also maintains close contact with other Signal Corps activities, such as the Signal Equipment Support Agency and the Army Signal Supply Agency in Philadelphia. He is available and anxious to assist all Redstone personnel in the solu-



CAPT. ROBERT N. RAMSEY

tion of problems involving the Signal Corps.

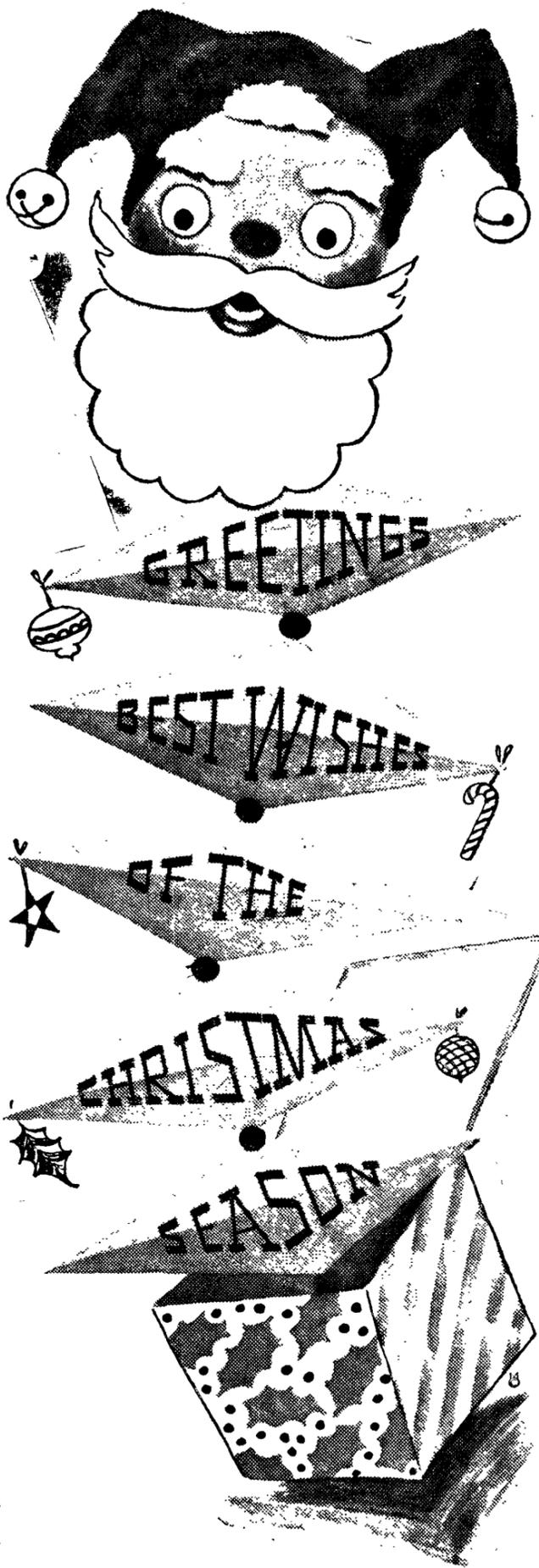
Capt. Ramsey is a native Alabamian, having been born at Russellville, Ala., and presently resides in Northport, Ala. He attended Auburn College and entered the Army in 1940 from Birmingham.

Capt. Ramsey has been assigned to Redstone Arsenal since 24 September 1956 after completing a tour of duty in Korea. Just prior to coming to Redstone he attended the Associate Signal Officer Course at Fort Monmouth, graduating as honor student.

Capt. Ramsey's office is located in Room 42, Bldg. A-101, telephone ext. 2843.



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The decisive element of victory in war is still the trained fighting man, who with his feet on the ground, defeats the enemy's fighters, seizes for exploitation major offensive bases, holds a defensive position, and exercises direct control over an enemy population—four fundamental purposes of armed effort.

Safe Driving During Yule Holidays Urged By RSA Commander

Maj. Gen. H. N. Toftoy, Redstone Arsenal commanding general, has issued the following cautionary message regarding safe driving during the holiday season to all Arsenal military and civilian personnel:

Soon many of you, military and civilian personnel and your dependents, will be leaving to spend the Christmas season with your families and friends.

The Christmas-New Year period is, unfortunately, a period when the incidence of injuries, death and property destruction mounts rapidly. In past years this has been the annual peak of accidental injuries and deaths.

I, therefore, ask that each of you and your families do your utmost to make this the safest holiday season in history — to join with the millions of our countrymen in averting tragedy and loss of life during this holiday period.

If you are driving, plan to travel at a reasonable speed. Familiarize yourself with the unusual driving hazards you may encounter in strange localities. Leave in time to return to duty at a reasonable speed. Don't wait until the last possible minute and then try to make up for lost time. I am sure that your families will understand and will cooperate to get you back safe and sound.

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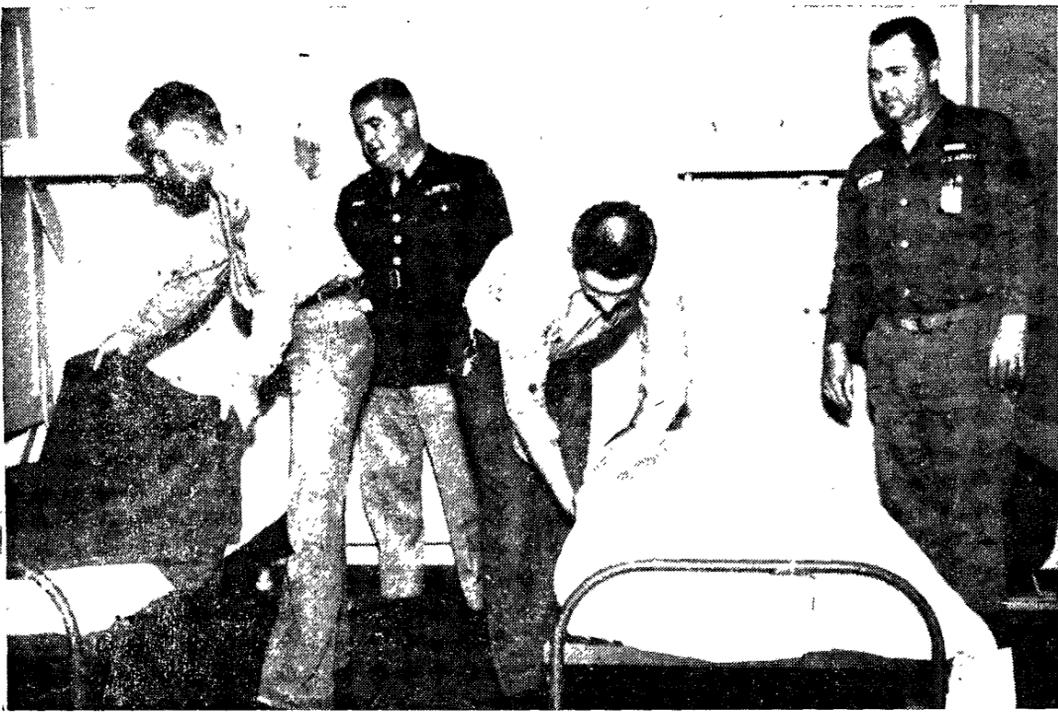
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Employment Service Available Through Accountants Group

Employment service is available without charge to those wishing to employ accountants and people in related jobs, through the North Alabama Chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants, Hugh P. Henderson of Sheffield, employment director of the local unit announced.

In calling attention to this service of the N. A. C. A., Mr. Henderson called attention to the fact that the local group has contact with 129 other chapters of the N. A. C. A. located throughout the country, and thus can provide a wide selection of applicants and of jobs when the need arises.

Employers desiring accounting personnel are invited to get in touch with the local chapter, through Mr. Henderson, whose

address is 1409 34th Street, Sheffield. A job specification sheet will be furnished in order that the chapter may have an accurate description of the jobs to be filled.

Persons desiring employment may also communicate with Mr. Henderson who will provide an application blank on which the applicant may list his qualifica-

tions. Mr. Henderson just recently mailed letters and pamphlets describing the employment service to over 200 employers throughout the North Alabama Chapter area.

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Christmas speaks a universal language of peace and good will to all men. Customs and traditions vary from country to country, but in every land people express their earnest yearning for peace.

In the United States, Christmas is both a religious holiday and a time of family reunions. Children and grownups look forward to opening the gaily-wrapped packages beneath the Christmas tree.

Christmas in England is much like that in the United States. Children receive presents from Father Christmas. Carols are sung. Roast goose and plum pud-

ding are traditional at the table. The day following is also a major holiday — Boxing Day — named from the time when the village priest opened the poor box to help the needy.

In France, only children receive presents at Christmas. Grownups exchange gifts on New Year's Day. Presents come from "Pere Noel" (Father Christmas), who fills shoes lined up before the chimney. The Yule Log appears in the form of a cake served as a traditional dessert.

Germany begins celebrating on the first of Advent—four Sundays

Chaplain's Message

Christmas 1956. Many of us are in places in which we never anticipated being a year ago this time. To some of us, the passage of the year has brought us back to our home-folks and this Christmas will be the happier because we again share it with our loved ones. There are others of us, who while being with our loved ones last year, will celebrate the day away from home—but, no matter where we are, the love of our family will be close to us at this season. Loneliness because of absence will not mean we are forgotten. The Christmas season will keep us close to one another in thought.

Wherever we are, we are not out of the sight of God. Christmas is essentially a holy season in the religious sense. It is the birthday of the Christ-child. We have dressed the day up with man-developed celebrations but it is basically a holy day, not a holiday. Let us then turn in thought to our loved ones and to our God.

Let us rethink the high principles of life so beautifully represented in the life of the Christ. Let us kneel before the Manger and dedicate our lives to the interpretation of the teachings of Jesus, born in Bethlehem. Thus dedicated, we will bring to all the real meaning of Christmas, and this dedication will develop the real spirit of Christmas within our lives.

To you all, from your Chaplains, comes the wish of "Merry Christmas" and a prayer that God's blessing may be ever yours.
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before Christmas. Homes are decked out with red-ribboned wreaths or fir twigs. The big day for children is Dec. 6, the birthday of their Santa Claus. Two weeks before that date, youngsters put their shoes out each night and find candy in the morning, if they've behaved. On Christmas Eve, the whole family sings carols for the Christ child.

In Italy, Christmas is primarily a religious holiday. Midnight mass is widely attended after traditional Christmas Eve family dinners. Gifts aren't exchanged until Epiphany — 12 days after Christmas. On that day, Befana, the good fairy, flies in through an open window and leaves presents for good children.

In Switzerland, presents are distributed on the Feast of St. Nicholas, Dec. 6. In many sections, Santa Claus is replaced by Christ Kindl (Christ Child), who travels in a gift-laden sleigh drawn by six reindeer.

In Belgium and Holland, the children's holiday is also Dec. 6, the feast of St. Nicholas. Children in the Low Countries fill their shoes with hay for the white horse that carries Saint Nick from roof to roof. In return the youngsters find candy and toys.

Sweden's celebration starts 12 days before Christmas and continues through Jan. 13. Lucia, the national spirit of Christmas, reigns supreme. Many villages choose a girl to represent Lucia through the season.

Iceland shares many customs with Sweden. Icelanders have a holiday-packed Christmas week. December 23 is celebrated as St. Thorlakur Eve in honor of an early Icelandic hero, and December 26 is, as in England, a holiday, too.

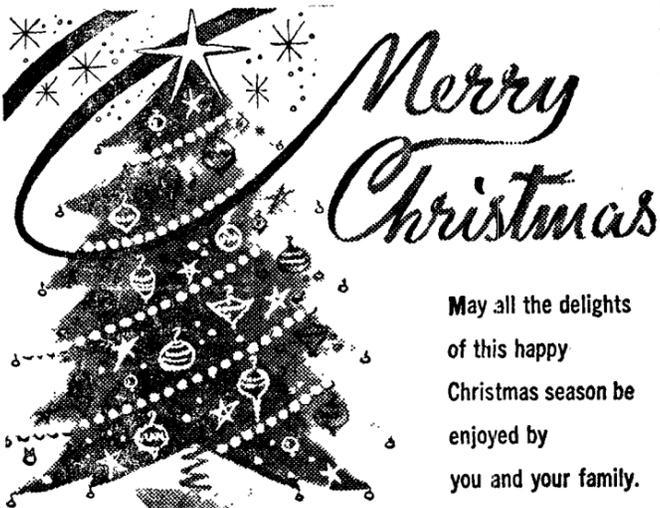
In the Philippines, Christmas is the time when families are reunited. No matter how poor a family is, Christmas is celebrated as the most important feast of the year. (AFPS).



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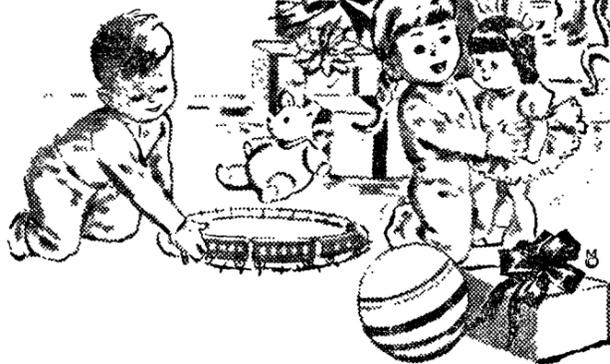
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Motorists: Beware Of 'Highway Hypnosis'

"There is a difference between being sleepy and being highway hypnotized," says safety engineer C. Howard Smith of Detroit. "When a driver is sleepy there is only one thing to do—get off the road and take a nap." But hypnosis is different. It is only temporary and can be overcome by an abrupt change in surrounding activity. The danger is that it often comes without warning. Hypnotized drivers can drive many miles in a relatively unconscious state, responding only to the natural habits of driving. A long straight road, sunlight reflecting off the dash, the purr of tires and the engine can all be hypnotizers. It is up to the individual to anticipate these dangers.

HINTS FOR BEATING HYPNOSIS

1. Stop every hour, whether you feel tired or not. Always get out of the car for at least a minute or two. If possible, drink coffee, tea, or a soft drink. Never eat a big meal just before or during a long trip. Instead you should stop frequently and eat small amounts.

2. Don't drive on highways at night if you can avoid it—the danger of hypnosis is much greater after dark. But if you must night-drive, keep the dash lights as dim as possible — this particular glare is hypnotic. Turn on the car's interior lights occasionally; darkness has a tendency to relax some drivers too much.

3. Don't keep your eyes focused on a point straight ahead; look to your right and left, and don't follow the same car too long. If you find your eyes beginning to glaze because of the monotonous road, run the windshield wipers a few minutes for distraction.

4. Always try to get a good night's sleep before starting a trip; wear loose clothes; open your jacket and loosen your collar.

5. Play the radio but avoid slow, "dreamy" music; change stations frequently. News broadcasts, jazz music, baseball play-by-play, prize fights are all good. Sing out loud; whistle.

6. After an hour of driving, pull over and take off your right shoe. Vibration from the gas pedal will have a stimulating effect.

7. Chew gum, eat a candy bar; keep plenty of fresh air coming into the car. Don't smoke too much—it may fatigue your eyes.

8. Play car games—poker with the license numbers on other cars bets on which make or color of car will come along next, wagers on exact speedometer mileage from one point to another.

9. Vary speeds from time to time, keeping below maximum allowed. Unvarying speeds have a tendency to invite "speed hypnosis."

10. If these suggestions don't work, pull off the road and take a nap. If you're worried about sleeping too long, park near a filling station and ask the attendant to wake you up.



So this is Christmas. A season of the year that was started for the noble purpose of commemorating the birth of Christ. It was not His wishes that the event of His birth be so celebrated. Had He so desired He would have left us an accurate birth date. The history of Christmas reveals that many early writers suggested various dates and finally December 25th was chosen by nothing more than a guess. Some writers maintain that the guess was a poor one.

The date of His birth is not important—it was His death that He wanted us to remember. Not by a period of gaiety once a year, but on each first day of the week by partaking of the simple loaf and

fruit of the vine in a communion service with Him when the church is assembled for worship. His attitude on this subject can be understood when one realizes that it was His death and not His birth that gave Him the title "Savior of the World."

We hear a lot about putting Christ back in Christmas and making the season reflect the Christ idea. This is fine but let's not stop there, let's put Christ in every season, in every life, in every act, every day of the year. By so doing we will live a fuller and more joyable life and the world will be a better and safer place in which to live.

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Five Civil Service Exams Announced

The U. S. Civil Service Board has announced five unassembled examinations without definite closing dates.

These include announcement No. 5-35-37(56) for electronic equipment installers and repairers at WB-5 (\$1.48 per hour); WB-8 (\$1.69 p. h.) and WB-12 (\$1.97 p. h.)

Procurement analysts (planners and/or expeditors) are graded at GS-9 (\$5440 per annum) and GS-11 (\$6390 p. a.) on announcement no. 5-35-39(56).

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HERE'S INFORMATION ON EXCUSING OF PERSONNEL FROM DUTY FOR YULE

(Editor's note: Reprinted below is an unnumbered memorandum dated 14 Dec. 56, from the Redstone Arsenal Adjutant Office, which contains full information regarding "Excusing of Military and Civilian Personnel from Duty on 24 Dec. 1956.")

Following letter, file OO 6UO-48711, OCO, subject as above, dated 11 December 1956, is quoted for information and appropriate action:

"1. Quoted below for information and appropriate action by all concerned are portions of DA Cir 600-16 dated 3 December 1956, subject as above.

"2. All military and civilian personnel will be excused from duty on 24 December 1956 unless their services are essential to maintenance, protective, security or other critical activities. Each command and agency will remain operative and will maintain essential activities in accordance with individual requirements. Additionally, a liberal policy for the granting of annual leave will be followed for the rest of the period between the Christmas and New Year holidays.

3. The following instructions are applicable to civilian employees, other than those on standby tours (see CPR Pl.6):

a. Where work is performed on 24 December 1956, payment will be made at holiday premium rates for not to exceed 8 hours to employees eligible therefor in accordance with provisions of CPR Pl. 5-4.

b. Where no work is performed on 24 December 1956, payment will be made to employees eligible in accordance with CPR Pl. 5-3.

c. In instances where an eligible full-time employee's basic work-week includes Sunday and

where the first nonworkday of his administrative workweek falls on 24 December 1956, his first basic workday following 24 December 1956 will be regarded as his holiday.

d. Leave may not be charged for absence on the full-day holiday on 24 December 1956.

e. Where persons are separated on or after 23 November 1956 lump sum leave computations will be made on the basis that 24

NACA Group Tours Arsenal

Twenty-eight scientists, engineers, and officials of the National Advisory Committee of Aeronautics toured Redstone Arsenal Friday.

The visitors, who had been visiting the Arnold Engineering Development Center at Tullahoma, Tenn., added Redstone to their agenda after their plane was weathered in at Tullahoma. They arrived here by bus Friday morning.

They were briefed by Lt. Col. O. M. Hirsch, Redstone executive office, and later toured the arsenal, Ordnance Guided Missile School, Thiokol Chemical Corporation, and Rohm and Haas Chemical Co. In the group was J. W. Crowley, Jr., NACA's associate director for research, Washington, D. C.



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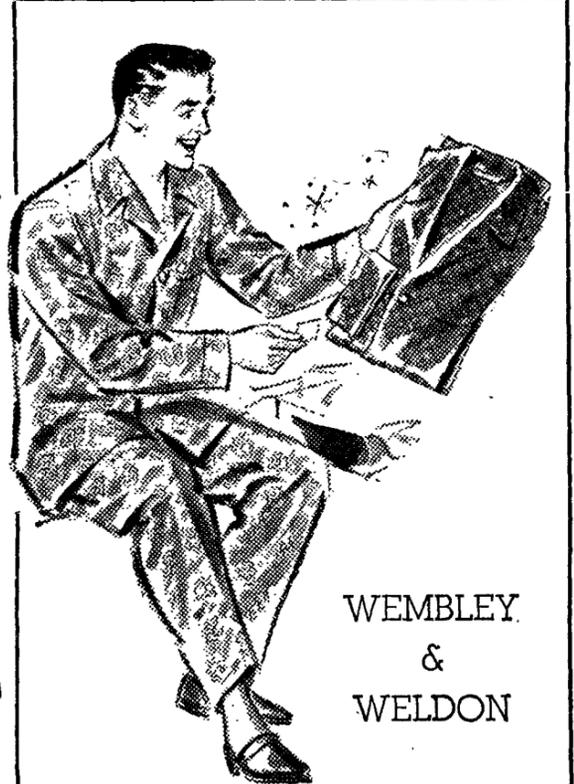


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By your courage, resolution and fidelity in the service of your country, you are helping immeasurably to keep alive in the heart of humanity the bright hope that freedom will someday supplant tyranny and oppression, and that principles of right and justice will triumph throughout the earth.

By your strength and devotion, you are helping to build the firm foundations of an honorable and lasting peace based upon human freedom, and recognition of the dignity of man.

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