

ABMA Observes First Anniversary

'DEADLY ACCURATE'

Redstone's Lacrosse Missile Unveiled

(Another Photo Inside)

Information about the LaCrosse guided missile—developed under direction of Redstone Arsenal—was released to the public for the first time last week. The LaCrosse was described as "deadly accurate" by Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin, chief of Army research and development.

Gen. Gavin announced — and showed films of—the new missile during the annual meeting of the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences, in New York City.

The Lacrosse was described by Gen. Gavin as a new Army "field artillery guided missile . . . for close support of ground troops in the field."

"Lacrosse is an all-weather guided missile capable of destroying enemy strongpoints in the field to supplement air or artillery attack," the general said. "It is propelled in flight by a solid fuel rocket motor."

The new weapon was designed and developed by the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory, Buffalo, N. Y. It will be produced by the Glenn L. Martin Co., Baltimore.

Central direction and responsibility for development of the Lacrosse—as for numerous other Army missile systems—is carried out by Redstone Arsenal.

The development program of the Lacrosse is included in the Arsenal's Research and Development Division mission. All of the Army's missile development pro-

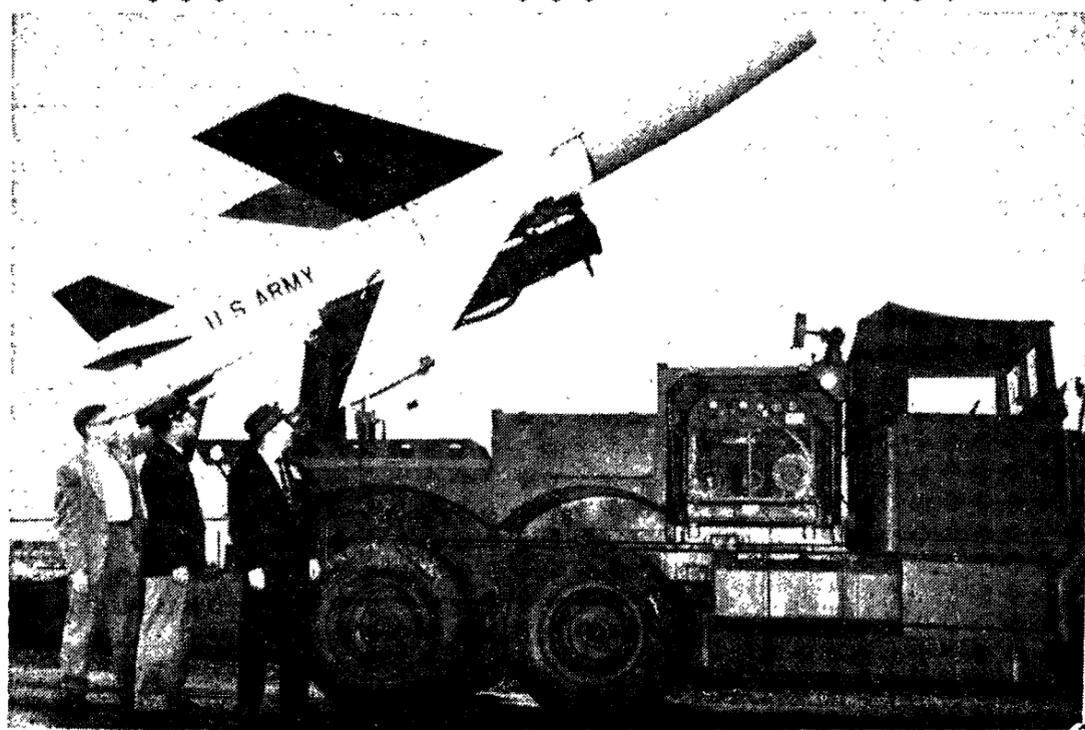
grams—except for the Jupiter, Redstone, and other Army Ballistic Missile Agency developments—come under the cognizance of this organization, which is head-

ed by Col. M. B. Chatfield.

The Lacrosse development program is managed directly by the Projects Management Staff of this division under the direction

of Dr. Martin Schilling.

Redstone project engineers for the Lacrosse are Capt. Louis Rachmeler, Norman Bucholz, and Johnnie Lynch.



LACROSSE MISSILE UNVEILED AT REDSTONE ARSENAL—The photo above is the first released by the Department of the Army of the new Lacrosse guided missile on its launcher at Redstone Arsenal. Described by the Army as a "deadly accurate" surface-to-surface weapon, the Lacrosse was developed under the direction of Redstone Arsenal's Research and Development Division. Shown standing alongside the missile are three Redstone men who played leading roles in the Lacrosse development: (left to right) Norman Bucholz, Lt. Col. Bruce Pierce, and Johnnie Lynch.

'REMARKABLE' PROGRESS NOTED

The Army Ballistic Missile Agency, one of the nation's foremost defense organizations, lit its first birthday candle last week.

The Missile Agency was established Feb. 1, 1956, under the command of Maj. Gen. J. B. Medaris. The stated dual objectives were to develop the 1,500-mile intermediate range Jupiter missile and to place the Redstone medium range ballistic missile in operational status as quickly as possible.

During the first year of the Agency's operation:

"Remarkable" progress has been achieved toward meeting the Agency's primary goals.

The number of personnel has more than doubled, now totaling approximately 4,300.

The dollar value of the physical facilities has jumped by some \$10 million, from \$46 million on Feb. 1, 1956.

Nearly \$26 million in construction is underway at the present, and an additional \$20 million is in the planning stage.

The Army's first Redstone missile battalion, the 217th Field Artillery, has been formed and is now undergoing training at the Agency.

In summing up the first year's work, Gen. Medaris said, "Our people are to be commended for meeting every goal in a superlative fashion, successfully and on time. Our projects are definitely and certainly on schedule. Each guidepost set a year ago is being met, and some are being considerably surpassed."

Dr. Wernher von Braun, the noted rocket scientist who heads the Agency's Development Operations Division, had this to say:

"The ABMA development team has met some almost superhuman challenges in a matter-of-fact manner that prompts our warmest admiration. The job is not finished. Our attainment is not complete. But full achievement of our objectives is certain and sure—and our forecast is based, not on paper promises and hope, but on proven past performance."

Dr. von Braun's division, composed of nine research development and testing laboratories, employs more than half of the Agency's total personnel.

This development team, the (See ABMA on Page 2)

U.S. ARMY ADDED TO OGMS NAME

The Ordnance Guided Missile School has been redesignated the United States Army Ordnance Guided Missile School in Ordnance Corps General Order 2-57, dated 17 January 1957.

The use of the unit number now indicated in parentheses (9352), is eliminated as an integral part of the unit designation and will not be used in unit signs, letterheads, and similar references.

ON FEBRUARY 17

OGMS to Mark 4th Birthday

The Ordnance Guided Missile School, the Army's oldest official service school exclusively devoted to guided missile training, celebrates its fourth anniversary with open house ceremonies Sunday, Feb. 17.

The general public is invited to

attend ceremonies beginning at 1:30 p.m. and lasting until 4 p.m.

All unclassified missiles and equipment in use at the school will be on public display and frequent guided tours will take visitors through a classroom and laboratory building, shop building, and troop barracks.

Tours will end in the OGMS mess hall where coffee, cake, and soft drinks will be served.

For one of the rare times on this security-minded installation the public will be permitted to carry personal cameras and photograph the missiles on display.

A continuous showing of a film on guided missiles will take place (See OGMS on Page 2)

REDSTONE BOXER PACKING POWERFUL 'FIGHTING NAME': 'LITTLE JOHN'

If a young heavyweight boxer from Redstone Arsenal lives up to his "fighting name," he should pack enough punch to blast any opponent out of the ring.

Jim Batson, an Auburn engineering student working at Redstone under college co-op program, is entered in the Golden Gloves Tournament at El Paso, Texas, under the pugilistic pseudonym of "Little John"—the name of a powerful artillery rocket developed at the Arsenal.

Batson, a native of Birmingham, is on temporary assignment with Redstone's Rocket Development Lab field office at White Sands Proving Ground, N. M.

Charles Hill, an RDL mechanical engineer, is serving as Batson's trainer.

Batson's co-workers at Redstone took up a collection and raised \$38 to buy their boy a pair of ring shoes and a flashy robe—with "Little John" emblazoned across the back.

CORRECTION

Capt. Thomas F. Clark, commanding officer of the 1st Enlisted Training Detachment at the Ordnance Guided Missile School, was incorrectly identified in last week's Rocket. On page 10, he is standing to the right of PFC Dennis Peterson, the soldier of the month.

THOUSANDS ATTEND 'OPEN HOUSE' ON MISSILE AGENCY'S BIRTHDAY

Several thousand persons—dependents of employees and special guests—attended an 'Open House' event at the Army Ballistic Missile Agency Saturday in observance of the Agency's first anniversary.

The open house was the major activity in a three-day birthday celebration which began Thursday. The Missile Agency, one of the nation's leading defense organizations, was formed Feb. 1, 1956.

The biggest portion of Saturday's guests were made up of the families of the Agency's 4,300 employees. A limited number of government, business and educational leaders were also invited.

On Friday radio stations in the general vicinity broadcast a five-minute progress report by ABMA's commander, Maj. Gen. J. B. Medaris.

Among the special guests invited to the open house were Sen. John J. Sparkman and Rep. Robert Jones, Huntsville, Mayor R. B. Searcy, Roy Stone, chairman of the Madison County Board of Commissioners; State Senator Hermann Vann, State Reps. Roscoe Roberts and Luke Reynolds of Madison County; and officials of the several cities and towns surrounding the installation.

Military guests invited included Maj. Gen. H. N. Toffey and Brig. Gen. John G. Shinkle, commander of the 217th Field Artillery. (See ABMA on Page 2)



BIG CAKE FOR A BIG DAY—Saber in hand, Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris "cuts" a huge birthday cake mock-up which was prepared for the Army Ballistic Missile Agency's first anniversary celebration last week. Eight feet across the base and standing seven feet tall, the wooden "cake" was made by the Agency's graphic engineering section. At left are a group of officers who have been with the Agency since the date of activation, Feb. 1, 1956.

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core of which came to this country from Germany following World War II, has more experience in the ballistic missile field than any other group in the world.

Looking at the full ABMA personnel picture, the number has grown from 2,139 a year ago to 4,265 today. These figures include both military and civilian, with civilians outweighing the military today about six to one. About 25 per cent of the number hold degrees in technical and professional fields, the greatest number of whom are in various engineering fields.

The 100 per cent personnel gain during the year is attributed to the high-priority nature of the Agency's missions.

At the current rate, ABMA's annual payroll is considerably in excess of \$27 million. This should take a decided upswing in the months ahead, as it is anticipated that personnel will increase to 4,700 by June 30, 1957.

Approximately 75 per cent of the present employees reside in Huntsville and Madison County.

Turning to physical facilities and the construction program, projects either underway or planned will push the Agency's plant value to the neighborhood of \$100 million.

Two of the building projects which were completed about the time the Agency was activated were a \$12 million test facility and a \$3 million research head-

quarters building. At present some \$26 million worth of construction is in progress. This includes, aside from the projects at Huntsville, \$5,763,000 at the Air Force Missile Test Center, Patrick AFB, Fla., and \$1,472,000 at the Jet Propulsion Laboratories, Pasadena, Calif.

Work being accomplished at the Huntsville headquarters includes a Structures and Mechanics Laboratory at a cost of \$5,297,000, a Computation Laboratory, \$1,781,000; and an addition to the Structural Fabrication Building, \$1,300,000.

Among major projects proposed are a Missile and Components Reliability Test Building, an Aeroballistics Laboratory, and a Signal Repair Center.

Both present and proposed construction statistics include sizeable sums for the building of housing units for military personnel.

In the field of military training, the Agency's first year of operation saw the formation of a special Training Division. The Training Division's objective is to plan, supervise and evaluate individual training for Army ballistic missile personnel, and unit training for Army Ballistic missile tactical organizations.

The first such tactical unit, the 217th Field Artillery Missile Battalion (Redstone), was formed at the Agency last spring. The 217th is now being trained in the use of the Redstone medium range missile.

Father (to daughter's beau)—
"Sh' 'll be right down. Care for a game of chess?"

OPEN HOUSE

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and deputy commander respectively of Redstone Arsenal, and Col. Henry S. Newhall, commandant of the Ordnance Guided Missile School.

Agency authorities explained that the highly-secret nature of ABMA's work prohibited opening the area to the general public.

First item on Saturday morning's program was the initial public showing of a 28-minute film describing the Agency, its activities, and several surrounding communities. The film was shown continuously from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Post Theater and the Rocket Auditorium.

From the two theaters, employees and their families drove their own cars along well-marked routes, viewing some of the Agency's major facilities. The tour ended at the Redstone Airfield where guests were shown two Redstone missiles and their ground equipment. The 217th Field Artillery Battalion (Redstone) displayed the missiles, one of which was entered in the President's inaugural parade recently.

While at the airfield the visitors inspected ABMA planes and were given an explanation of the ground control system which serve the Redstone Airfield and the Huntsville Airport.

The open house ended at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Saturday night, invited guests an d military and civilian members of Gen. Medaris' staff attended a reception and buffet at the Officers Open Mess.

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in the class and lab building where the tours originate.

Visitors will enter the Ordnance Guided Missile School through Redstone Arsenal Gate 14 where they will not be required to register or sign in. Guides will be posted at intersections to direct traffic toward parking areas. Once parked, visitors will be directed to the class and lab building where they will begin their tour of the school.

The Ordnance Guided Missile School was officially established Feb. 16, 1952, though it had its beginning early in 1951 when the Ordnance Corps began planning its operation for training personnel in the field of guided missiles.

The first step was the formation of the Guided Missile Division of the Ordnance Training Command at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, in 1951. In March 1952 the division was transferred to Redstone Arsenal to form the nucleus of the Provisional Redstone Arsenal School.

In 1953 the Department of the Army officially designated OGMS an Army Service School, separat-

Gen. Toftoy Accepts Firm's Millionth Shell for Ordnance

The one millionth round of 155 mm. ammunition manufactured by the Englander Mattress Company of Birmingham for the U. S. Army Ordnance Corps was accepted by Maj. Gen. H. N. Toftoy, Redstone Arsenal commander, in a ceremony at the Birmingham plant last week.

Gen. Toftoy represented Lt. Gen. E. L. Cummings, Chief of Ordnance, at the event. The millionth projectile was presented by Ira Pink, president of the manufacturing company.

In accepting the shell, Gen. Toftoy said that "without American industry, the Ordnance task in today's complex world would be impossible. We know it is firms like yours, who devote a portion of their corporate management, talent, and plant space to the business of national defense, that contribute greatly to our country's strength."

ing it from Redstone Arsenal and placing it under the jurisdiction of the Chief of Ordnance.

The school, which graduated its 5,000th student this past August, has an average enrollment of 400 students and teaches 16 courses of instruction lasting in duration from two to 43 weeks. Missiles currently taught are the NIKE-AJAX, CORPORAL and REDSTONE, with a seven million dollar building program under way to provide for the soon-to-be-added Nike-Hercules, Dart, Sergeant, and Lacrosse missiles.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, Feb. 5 — "The Bad Seed" starring Nancy Kelly, Patty McCormack (mature) Time 1900.
- Wednesday, Feb. 6 — "Utah Blaine" starring Rory Calhoun. (Family) Time 1900.
- Thursday, Feb. 7 — "Battle Hymn" starring Rock Hudson, Martha Hyer, Dan Duryea. (Family) Time 1830 and 2030.
- Friday, Feb. 8 — "Mister Roberts" starring Henry Fonda, James Cagney. (Mature) Time 1900.
- Saturday, Feb. 9 — "Magic Fire" starring Yvonne DeCarlo, Carlos Thompson (Mature) Time 1900.
- Sunday, Feb. 10 — "Three Brave Men" starring Ernest Borgnine, Ray Milland, Nina Foch (Family) Time 1830 and 2030.

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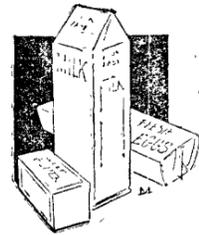
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The Redstone Federal Credit Union held an election at the Rocket Auditorium on Friday, Jan. 25, and voted a five per cent dividend for the shareholders. This is the same dividend as last year.

Lawrence D. Craig, Dr. M. M. Duncan, Robert P. Whitley, and C. R. Byerline were elected to serve on the board of directors.

Supervisory committee members are Earle R. Ford, Jr., Carl Haaker, and John Stephenson. The Credit Committee consists of Luther Adams, Toy C. Bagwell, Abner C. McNarron and Delbert Spears.

Mike Foster, who has served in

different capacities on the board of directors since the inception of the Credit Union five years ago, resigned from active participation in running the Credit Union. Once, he was president. Twice he has been vice president.

The Board elects its own officers.

Reports of the supervisory and credit committee were read and membership approval was given to pay the treasurer, Lawrence Craig, for his time.

The members also received a progress report on the five years of operation, and they received the 1956 financial statement, the operating statement, the operating expense, and a financial and statistical report by the treasurer.

Cecil Jackson, 1956 Credit Union president, presided at the meeting.

It was pointed out by Joe Mit-

Applications Due For Lab General-Mechanic Position

The U. S. Civil Service Board of Examiners has announced that everyone wishing to apply for laboratory general mechanic at GS-4, GS-5, GS-6 and GS-7 grades must have the application in the mail by midnight tonight.

They have also issued announcements in two fields. Announcement No. 5-35-3(57) calls for molders at WB-12 and WB-17 rates. The first pays \$1.97 per hour, the latter \$2.32. Minimum requirements call for 18 months of training or experience (which may include apprenticeship training) in the molding trade. This includes coremaking in the casting of ferrous and non-ferrous metals. There is no written test in this competition.

The second announcement No. 5-35-4(57) calls for truck driver-messenger at WB-4 (\$1.42 per hour). There will be a written test which will require approximately one-half hour. Applicants will be judged on memory for names and locations and knowledge of the meaning of words. Road test to operate a one-half ton or passenger motor vehicle will be included.

ABMA SCIENTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN FIRST ARMY SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM

Scientists of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency will participate in the first Army Science Symposium, to be held at the U. S. Military Academy June 26-28.

Dr. G. G. Quarles, scientific and technical consultant to the Commanding General, is coordinating AEMA's participation. Theme of the Symposium is "Science in the Army."

"Papers are solicited covering all phases of the Army research and development program," Dr. Quarles said. In the missile field, reports are expected on propellants, materials, guidance, target location, emplacement, orbital vehicles and upper atmosphere research.

The Agency's personnel who wish to contribute will submit short, narrative summaries of proposed technical papers. These are to be screened by Dr. Quarles prior to initial reporting to the Office, Chief of Ordnance, Feb. 18.

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It was not always so. At the start of World War II, it is estimated that only 45 per cent of the material shipped overseas arrived in usable condition. By the war's end, the figure had been upped to 75 per cent. The aim of 100 per cent is now being approached.

It is a two-headed problem, involving both faulty containers and internal damage like corrosion or fungi.

Containers must be designed to be dropped from the air, moved on rollers, handled, by fork-lift trucks, lifted by slings or in cargo nets, dragged or pushed by a tractor, or stacked under great pressures in a ship's hold.

Solutions are found here after the use of cunning devices like the Vibration Test, which simulates such rail transport hazards as flat wheels, rail joints, rough roadbeds and sidesway; the Revolving Hexagonal Drum Test, which determines the degree of machine- or manhandling the container can take with equanimity; the Incline-Impact Test, which provides impact stresses up to speeds of eight miles an hour; and the Compression Test, which can apply up to 100 tons of pressure.

Another facet of container study is the maximum use of materials and the avoidance of over-

packaging. At times the weight of the crate has exceeded that of the equipment it contained.

By testing varied materials and designs of containers, safety is increased and the amount (and therefore cost) of packaging material is often reduced.

But men and their machines are not the only forces against which containers must be proof. There is always the weather — rain, extreme cold, winds with drifting sand or snow, mud, tropical heat, humidity, and salt spray.

For this type of testing, there is the Submersion Tank Test, involving a dunking in 160 cubic feet of water at varying depths.

The facilities of two climactic laboratories are also available, to duplicate either tropical or arctic conditions.

For solving the internal damage problem, there is a complete processing line, with facilities for rust removal by acid, cleaning by steam and various solvents, tanks of preservatives and sealing compounds, and an infra-red oven for drying.

In the interests of standardization, the Packaging Branch works closely with industry, which has had an increasing interest in their mutual problems since World War II.

In the interests of field armies, the branch has developed a mobile van unit which provides complete preservation and packaging facilities.

And in the interests of putting its discoveries into practical use, the branch, in cooperation with the other military services, has prepared training material. For it realizes that its progress will be of no avail unless properly applied by skilled workmen.



MODEL OF LACROSSE, AND PROJECT ENGINEERS—Shown above is a tiny model of the new Lacrosse guided missile and two of the project engineers at Redstone Arsenal who helped develop the weapon. At left is Norman Bucholz and at right is Johnnie Lynch. The surface-to-surface missile has been described by the Army as possessing "deadly accuracy" in close tactical support of ground troops. It is propelled by a solid fuel rocket motor, and will be capable of destroying enemy strongpoints to supplement air or artillery attack.

Chaplain of Alaska Guard Spins Tales Of Whale Hunting

FORT RICHARDSON, Alaska—Possibly the only whale-hunting chaplain in U. S. military annals went through training here recently with the First Scout Platoon, Alaska National Guard.

Captain Percy Ipalook, former Presbyterian missionary who now works for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Native School in Kotzebue, can vividly recall whale hunts over the past four decades. Kotzebue is 180 miles north of Point Barrow, one of the principal whaling ports in Alaska and the chaplain's birthplace some 50-odd years ago.

"In late April, May and early June crews of from eight to ten men harness up their dog sled teams and head for the ice flow fields five or six miles from shore," Ipalook explains.

"Out in the flow fields the waterways separate the ice flows and it is here where the whale can best be killed from skin boats called 'oomiaks.' The headman has to maneuver the boat to a position parallel with the whale. Then the harpooner goes into action, assisted by a time bomb at-

tachment." Sixteen black whales were killed in this perilous fashion last year in the four Alaskan ports of Point Barrow, Wainwright, Wales and St. Lawrence.

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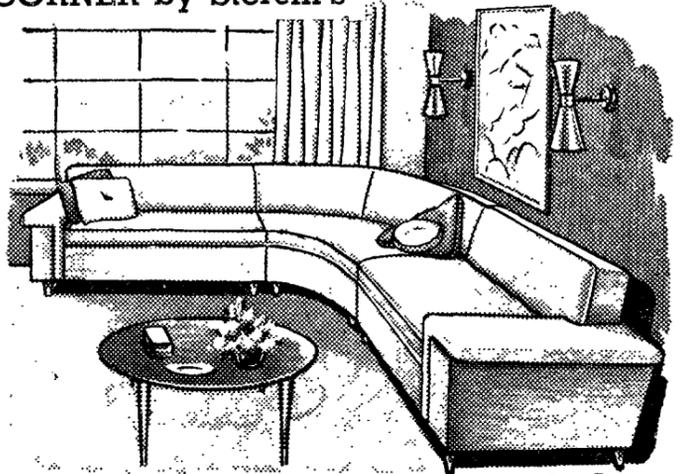
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ABMA Folks 'Celebrated' By Only Working 10 Hours

Folks at the fledgling Army Ballistic Missile Agency celebrated last Washington's Birthday by knocking off work at 5 p.m. instead of the customary midnight.

At other U. S. installations the world over, it was a legal holiday.

It was a holiday at ABMA, too—only 10 hours work.

They were recalling that, and hundreds of other happenings, at the Agency last week, just one year after this high-priority defense organization had its resolute—if belabored—beginning.

The "old-timers" remembered very well what a terrific job it was to transform a "paper" organization into a real-life, functioning reality:

The work-week that sometimes passed the 100-hour mark . . . sloshing about in a North Alabama monsoon, moving furniture, setting up offices and labs, catching colds . . . equipment and furniture so piled up it might have been hanging from the roof on skyhooks . . . three or four people sitting at one desk, and scurrying about looking for a workable telephone . . .

And some of the inner circle won't forget the frantic efforts put forth to ready the commander's conference room for the first big and important staff meeting. They made it, if you don't count the still-wet paint on the broad,

18-place conference table.

The Agency first breathed life in several buildings scattered over what was then known as Plants Area One of Redstone Arsenal. That was Feb. 1, 1956. The three-story, \$3,000,000 shiny headquarters building wasn't to be ready for about a month.

The nucleus of the new outfit was the old Guided Missile Development Division of Redstone Arsenal, which had some 1,700 members. That was the so-called "mission" activity, the unit which was to carry on the research and development on the then-existing Redstone missile program, plus initiating work on the 1500-mile Jupiter intermediate range missile.

What Maj. Gen. J. B. Medaris and his new staff faced was:

To expand the existing research and development group, which was headed by Dr. Werner von Braun, and provide the necessary management, administrative and supporting services.

That they accomplished their job is most evident in the report from General Medaris this week that "our projects are certainly and definitely on time, and in many cases far ahead of schedule."

Personnel now number 4,300, more than double that of one year ago. These new people have come from virtually all over the nation, and in more than one instance from foreign countries.

The majority of the newcomers are from other government agencies, although many of the vital technical and scientific people came to the Agency from private industries.

Top Officials Send ABMA Congratulations

The Secretary of Army, the Chief of Staff, and the Chief of Army Ordnance have sent congratulations and best wishes for the future of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency on its first birthday.

Sec. Wilbur M. Brucker, in a message to Agency Commander Maj. Gen. J. B. Medaris, said in part:

"You and your associates have contributed immeasurably to the forward march of the Army in these tremendous times. Through your efforts its capabilities have been vastly increased, and will continue to increase as time goes on. I want you to know that it is a source of great satisfaction to me to know that your Agency is always on the job to insure the security of our nation."

ABMA marked its first anniversary Saturday with an open house attended by several thousand

and dependents of employes and special guests. Lt. Col. W. J. Durrenberger was chairman of the event.

Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, Army Chief of Staff, told the Agency, "The results attained during your first year of operation have been most gratifying. In this short spread of time, the teamwork of the Army Guided Missile Development team and other technical agencies has paid dividends in rocketry achievements which are truly milestones in the history of the nation and the world.

"Today, in support of our war-deterrent role the members of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency are contributing substantially to the strength and readiness of our country. I join with the entire Army in expressing pride in your accomplishments and confidence in your ability to meet the challenge of the future with continuing success."

Lt. Gen. E. L. Cummings, Chief of Ordnance said:

"You and your great team of missile scientists and technicians and their associates in all ranks and grades have shown such dedication to the task assigned them that outstanding success has already been achieved.

"The Ordnance force joins me in greeting you and your command on this occasion, and in wishing you many returns of this successful first year."

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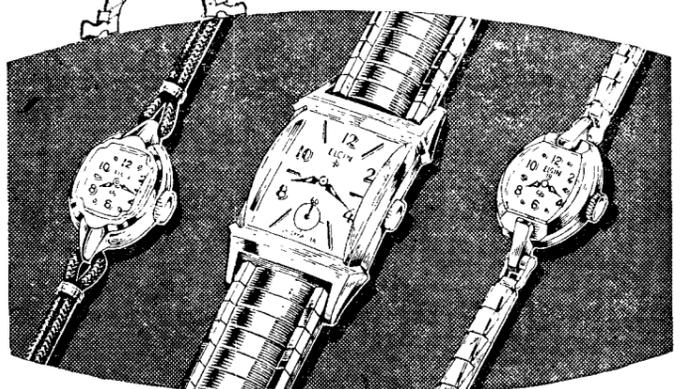
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ENLISTED BOWLING NEWS

BY CULP

26 Jan.— Well, the Launchers have done it again. They not only continued with their fabulous winning streak, but they rolled another new high team game and high team series to boot. This time it was at the expense of the 1st ETD Transients. With games of 877, 923 (the new high team game) and 889, the Launchers almost reached the coveted 2700 bracket, missing by only 11 pins for a 2689 series. The Transients must have felt the mood, for they rolled a new high for their team, both game and series, with a 797, 864, 759, 2420 scratch, and with the 19 pin handicap per game came out with an 816, 883, 778, 2477 series, fair country rolling against any except the red hot Launchers. That second game was a heartbreaker for the Transients, and rightly so; for a team to hit 885 and LOSE is quite a blow. So the Launchers roll on, having now made it 17 in a row and 35 out of 40. This record becomes reminiscent of last year when the Launchers put on speed at about mid-season and waltzed through the remaining half-year to win the league in a breeze. Anyone for tennis?

Down to ignominious defeat went the Strikers, three to one against the Commodores. After winning the first game by a mere 19 pins, the Strikers dropped off to lose the second by 36 and the third by 2, giving the Commodores total pins by 17 for three wins. With a 710, 727, 635, 2072, plus an 85 pin handicap per game, the Commodores came thru when the chips were down. For the Strikers it was a poor 814, 776, 718, 2308 series, certain-

ly not up to par for them. The Commodores were certainly not spectacular, but its the final score that adds up in the long run. Besides, they had to win three to maintain their small lead on the last place Jesters.

It was these same Jesters who broke through again to drop the Alley Cats three games to one by rolling an 813, 703, 731, 2248 series, to continue their progress in the ladder climb. The didn't gain on the 9th place team or on the league leaders, but the middle teams have been dropping back a little bit every time the Jesters win. For the Alley Cats it was a poor 665, 771, 679, 2115 series, plus a twenty-one pin per game handicap, which gave them a point for the second game win only. The Cats have been hitting some hard luck of late, and seem to need a boost to get back in the running.

It was two and two for the Bugouts and the Signaleers, with the Bugouts taking the first and second games and the Signaleers the third and total pins. It was a 769, 730, 701, 2200 series for the Bugouts and a 710, 715, 864, 2239 series for the Signal team, with the difference in the second game only 7 pins due to an 8 pin handicap in favor of the Signaleers. Average rolling seemed to be the order of the day for most.

For the Zebras and the Split Kings it was a postponment until a future date.

LEAGUE STANDINGS			
Team	Won	Lost	GB
Launchers	52	20	
Zebras	41	27	9
Strikers	40	32	12
Signaleers	35	37	17
Alley Cats	35	37	17
Transients	34½	37½	17½
Split Kings	30	38	20
Bugouts	30½	41½	21½
Commodores	30	42	22
Jesters	28	44	24

In the individual rolling department it was again the Launchers leading the way, with four men hitting over 500. Mogar led the team with a 208, 220, 162, 590, followed by Varney with 166, 197, 188, 551, Mahalik with 157, 165, 227, 549, and Hickey with 169, 156, 180, 505. Ridgway was 5th for the team with a 494. For the Transients it was Thiros leading with a 180, 177, 195, 552, followed by Kangas with 171, 190, 142, 503. Tobias led the Commodores with a 496. For the Strikers Gundy was high with a 163, 188, 188, 539, followed by Miller with a 485. For the Jesters it was Reese leading with a 168, 183, 172, 533. Johnson led the Alley Cats with a 481. For the Bugouts, Cox was high with 465, with Zydlewski leading the way for the Signaleers with a 173, 182, 161, 516. Penrod had a 206 for the Signaleers. For the Bugouts, McClure made his debut by rolling a triplicate, the first of two seasons in the league, with a 139, 139, 139, 417, entitling him to be awarded

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Feb. 5: Volleyball
 1800 — Hq 9352 (EM) vs Hq 9330
 1900 — 2nd ETD vs "A" Det 9330
 2000 — Hq 9352 (Off) vs UTC

Wednesday, Feb. 6: Volleyball
 1800 — 1st ETD vs 217th EM
 1900 — "A" Det 9377 vs Hq 9330
 2000 — UTC vs 2nd ETD

Thursday, Feb. 7: Volleyball
 1800 — "A" Det 9377 vs 1st ETD
 1900 — Hq 9352 (EM) vs 217th (EM)
 2000 — Hq 9330 vs "A" Det 9330

Friday, Feb. 8: Volleyball
 1800 — Hq 9352 (Off) vs 1st ETD
 1900 — 217th (EM) vs 2nd ETD
 2000 — "A" Det 9377 vs Hq 9352 (EM)

Monday, Feb. 11: Basketball
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TOP TEN AVERAGES		
Name	Games	Ave
Miller	31	177.6
Varney	39	177.3
Hickey	51	172
Ross	39	170
Thiros	9	168

Gundy	36	167
Smith	47	166
Culp	51	164.9
Mosher	25	164.3
Sarandis	12	163.9

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Service Club Schedule

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If you missed that dance, you just don't know what you missed good buddy, 'cause let me tell you — that Dean Hudson has a terrific band. Why, we even had some young ladies that came all the way from Chattanooga — just for the dance. It was a big nite and we all had a great time. You just should have been with us. We hate to say, "Uh huh, we told you so", but we just have to rub it in a little bit about what a good time we had or what a good time you missed (either one that makes you believe that you really missed a ball).

NOW, just to get the good word out to those who haven't heard already, we're having another name band at the Service Club on Tuesday, February 19th and — they will have a full hour floor show — so — don't you miss it.

Speaking of dances, I'm sooo embarrassed. The last three articles have stated something different about the dance nights at the Service Club, but believe me, I really don't stay that misinformed or confused all the time — but please, disregard any previous information that has been given about February dances at the Service Club, 'cause this info this time is authentic — the final word — Believe you me it won't be changed again. Gee! I always did hate to eat words — somehow they just won't digest. Anyway, let's put it like this — Bands have been booked and unless (get this) unless THEY change THEIR minds, this is the February dance schedule:

Fri., Feb. 8 — Hilding Holmberg and Orchestra.

Thurs., Feb., 14 — Valentine Dance.

Tues., Feb. 19 — EDDIE ALAN DANCE & FLOOR SHOW.

Fri., March 1 — Dance Night.

I guess you people think that

we just can't make up our minds and you are right — but really it's not that, it's just that things come up unexpectedly and if we believe that it will improve the program (for you). Always thinking about others, we change our plans so — just watch the DB, the bulletin boards, listen to the radio and you will keep up with us. We wish we had a plane to write out signals and plans. Just imagine a helicopter flying in front of the windows giving the Service Club news. Think I'll requisition one tomorrow.

In fact, when I get one think I'll get a magnetic one that will automatically pull in girls for dances, talent for variety shows, a tall Texan for me, a bouncer for "no-tie Joe's" and ping pong balls for those who love the game. Well, we could think of a lot more things to pull in and we could find a few things??? to pull out but we'll be nice this time.

Say fellows, we're going to Birmingham two or three Saturdays to take in some Symphony Pop Concerts, so be sure and sign up at the Club. Oh, and a minor detail which could possibly interest you — admission free. Of course, you can always tip us for convincing those people that you are a nice group of young men — in uniform — happily meeting formations — eagerly pulling KP — and working so beautifully with the Service Club hostesses.

You know, I have often commented about the various unbelievable happenings at the Club. Well, get this one. While a record is playing, in motion, in circular motion, at that, at a speed that can move much faster than one's head, we have people that come up and want to know the name of the record or what orchestra is playing the background music or who the conductor is and well, we always try to meet requests, but the first time I practically got on hands and knees to make a check. I thought I would never get my head stopped as I tried to read something on the record. Even after I straightened up, my head spun for another thirty minutes. After that, when they want to find out something about a record that is playing, I just smile and make up something. You would be surprised to know that I have all kinds of conductors names in my head (after all, if they don't know how do they know that I don't know what I'm talking about.)

Speaking of music, we are going to have some very fine talent at the Club on Sunday afternoons. Feb. 10, Mrs. Edward Green, an accomplished pianist from Brazil, is going to give a concert of classical music. Sun., Feb. 17, Mr. Alvin Dreger is bringing a group from the Huntsville Symphony

Couples Bridge Winners Announced

At Couples Bridge on Jan. 21, Mrs. Paul J. Daigle and Lt. Donald H. Strietzel made high scores.

Second high were Mrs. Orlando E. Katter, Jr., and Capt. Michael Gecik.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Witt Compton both scored low for the evening.

The next meeting will be at the Officers Open Mess on Feb. 4, with Lt. and Mrs. C. H. Christian acting as host and hostess.

Wives of Officers In R&D Division to Sponsor Tea

Next Tuesday, Feb. 12, the wives of officers in the RSA Research and Development Division will sponsor the Wives Club Valentine tea at the Officers Open Mess between the hours of 2 p. m. and 4 p. m.

Mrs. Miles B. Chatfield is acting as chairman for the committee. Club members may bring guests. Reservations or cancellations must be made by noon Monday, Feb. 11, for both the tea and the nursery. For tea reservations call the Officers Open Mess, Arsenal extension 2951.

Nursery reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Hazzard at JE 4-6307 or Mrs. Weiss at JE 6-3966.

Orchestra to the Club for a concert and Sunday Feb. 24, we're going to provide transportation for those who are interested in attending the Huntsville Symphony Concert at the Huntsville High School.

Oh, by the way fellows, since it is sort of an indifferent subject with you and one that isn't next to your heart (get the crow bars and chains out) we're going to Nashville to another Y.W.C.A. dance, Sat., Feb. 16. Think I'll slip off and check on the Y.M.C.A. and see what they have to offer.

Well, I guess the next thing I could state would be my name, address, telephone number and off night but just to keep the crowd away I'll not have that published.

We do enjoy seeing you smiling faces around (and miss the others too) so

Ya'll come,
Katie

Post Chapel Guild Urges Attendance

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"Is it true," said the green hunter, "that a crocodile won't attack you if you carry a flashlight?"

"That," replied the guide, "depends on how fast you carry it."

Contract Negotiators Competition to Close

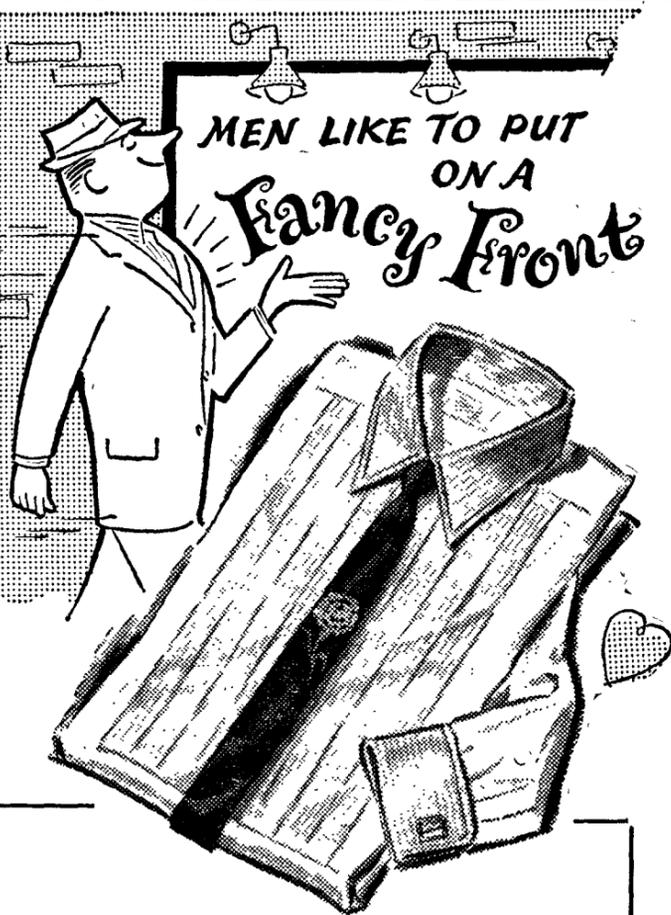
The competition for contract negotiators will be closed on Feb. 7 according to an announcement by the U. S. Civil Service Board of Examiners here.

The original announcement called for people who will qualify for GS-9, GS-11, GS-12 and GS-13 positions.

On announcement No. 5-35-36 (56), the physical requirements for equipment specialists has been changed to read in part: Applicants must be physically able to perform efficiently the duties of the position. Good distant vision

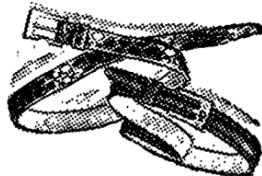
in one eye and ability to read fine calibrations are required, glasses permitted. Ability to hear conversational voice, with or without a hearing aid. In most cases an amputation will not disqualify an applicant, although it may be necessary that this be compensated by prosthesis. Applicants must possess emotional and mental stability.

A new announcement calls for construction and maintenance superintendent at GS-7 \$4525 per annum). The announcement number is 5-35-5(57). At least four years of progressively responsible experience or an educational equivalent is required.



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