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LT. COL. LAWRENCE HALL

## LT. COL. HALL BRINGS VARIED EXPERIENCE TO NEW PLANNING JOB

Touchy political situations, typhoons, and guided missile static tests are all in a day's work as long as Lt. Col. Lawrence Hall, chief of the Redstone Facilities and Master Planning Office, is left to work out his own problems in engineering.

He came to Redstone Arsenal last January and took over as the chief of his office soon after he arrived.

Before being assigned to work out the facilities, space, and future needs of Redstone Arsenal he was the Engineer for the American sector in Berlin. It was one of the few posts in Germany where one needed to take leave to get away for a weekend. Most of the other spots in the country were within driving distance of other countries. But being in a political hot-spot didn't faze him.

He helped plan the construction of new houses and apartment buildings in the 81-square-mile area assigned the Americans, as well as handling Post Engineering work and maintenance duties on German housing that the Americans rented.

The typhoons were in Okinawa during another overseas tour. Between typhoons, the engineers were busy building the base there into the "Garden Spot of the Pacific." And, the latest reports state that this is almost completed.

In Korea, Col. Hall helped build an airfield near guerilla-infested foothills. But he never knowingly met a guerilla.

At Redstone Arsenal it's his business, with the help of his branch chiefs, to plan for the present and future needs in facilities to accommodate the men, shops, and office space needed in the research and development of rockets and guided missiles.

# \$750 (M) Annual Army Missile Program Handled Through RSA

The U. S. Army's rocket and guided missile program handled through Redstone Arsenal costs about \$750 million yearly, Huntsville Rotarians were told yesterday.

Col. Eugene J. Sweeney, chief of Redstone's Plans Coordination Office, told the group that Alabama receives the fourth largest share of this amount. The first three states, in order, are California, North Carolina, and New York, he said.

"This is a record amount, and it is going to a record number of projects that are designed to give the Army an ever-improving capability in all areas of tomorrow's battlefield."

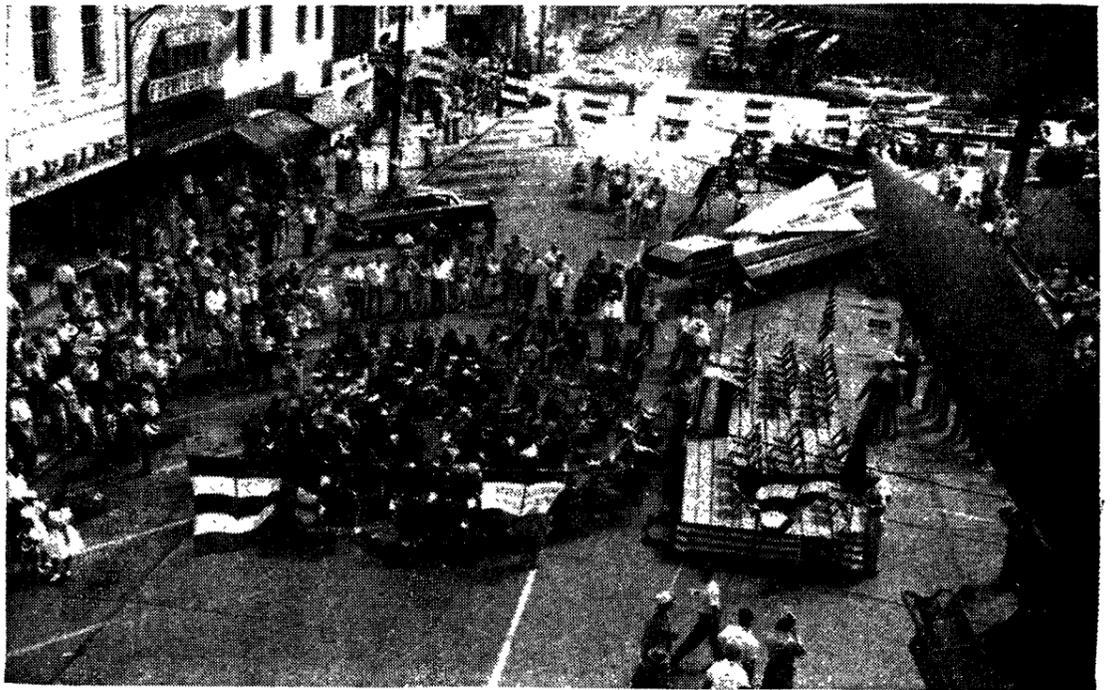
The speaker said Redstone Arsenal "now has responsibility for about a dozen publicly-announced rocket and guided missile systems. There are, of course, others in the mill that have not been made generally known."

"This activity does not include the work of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, which is a separate organization with two projects of its own: the Redstone, which is nearing field deployment, and the 1,500-mile Jupiter ballistic missile."

Col. Sweeney said that more than 80 per cent of Army rocket research is done by private industries and universities throughout the nation. "Scores of agencies are engaged in this work, among them many of the nation's foremost scientific and engineering strongholds."

He added that all of the mass production is accomplished by (See \$750 MILLION on Page 2)

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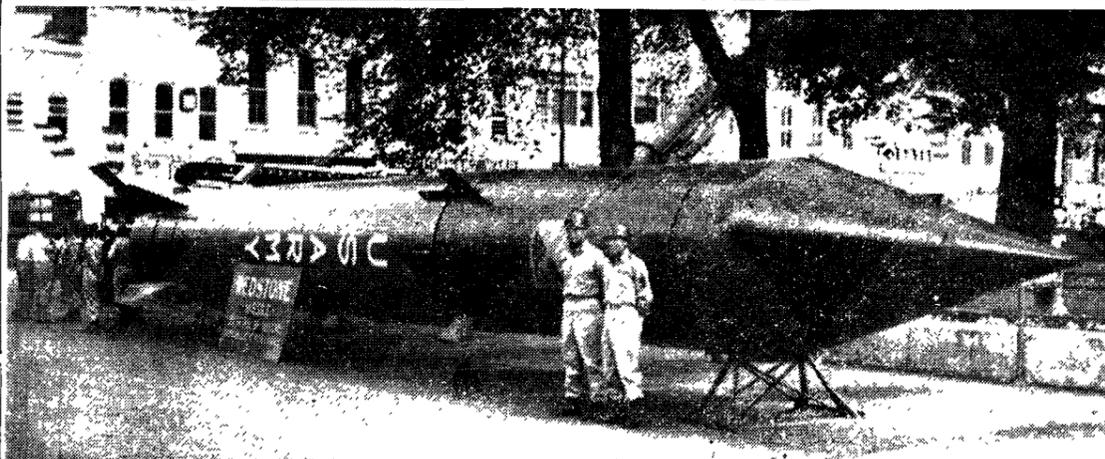
HUNTSVILLE ARMED FORCES DAY PANORAMA — The biggest variety of rockets and guided missiles ever assembled publicly were on display around the courthouse square in Huntsville Saturday for Armed Forces Day. Among the even dozen weapons shown were the Nike-Hercules (right, center), exhibited for the first time publicly by the Ordnance Guided Missile School; the Nike-Ajax (behind Nike-Hercules); and the Corporal, the nose of which is seen at right of photo. Numerous additional displays of equipment from Redstone, the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, and the School, plus a big parade, band concerts, speeches, and dedication of a new armory were highlights of the AFD celebration. Huntsville's principal guest speaker was a native Alabamian, Maj. Gen. E. H. McDaniel, now of Washington, D. C.

rooms, bachelor quarters, and homes must be included in their planning.

Gus Brown, formerly in the Post Engineer Division, is his assistant.

At the head of the facilities branch is Dave Lindsey, L. S. "Sam" Mathis works out the space problems, and Hannes Luehrsen is in charge of the master planning branch. James N. Weldon controls the land management which includes leases to local farmers for cover crops and grazing.

The first three are really liaison or coordinator organizations. Everything from design through construction is coordinated through them. Col. Hall used the chapel as an example. The need (See COL. HALL on Page 2)



MONSTER MISSILE — Almost dwarfing the two soldiers guarding it, the gigantic Redstone guided missile stands on display by the Army Ballistic Missile Agency during Armed Forces Day in Huntsville Saturday.

## Two School Boys Win Savings Bonds for Their AFD Posters

Two Huntsville school boys Saturday won savings bonds for their entries in the Armed Forces Day poster contest sponsored by the Huntsville Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Bennie Cole of Council High School won first prize, a \$50 bond. Second prize, a \$25 saving bond, went to Robert Jerry Golchen of Rison Junior High School.

The winners were announced from the Armed Forces Day speakers stand by Harold Bee, chairman of the Jaycee poster contest committee.

## ABMA ENGINEER WITH 3 CHILDREN OF OWN 'ADOPTS' POLISH YOUNGSTER

An Army Ballistic Missile Agency engineer with three small children of his own has been playing the role of "adopted father" for the past four years to an impoverished Polish youngster in a German displaced persons camp.

Hubert B. Wells, who is 34, became a "parent by proxy" to 12-year-old Nikolaus Bilaniuk through the Foster Parents Plan for War Children (address: New York City) simply because "I knew the terrible plight a lot of those kids over there are in — and I just wanted to do something for at least one of them myself."

Mr. Wells hopes eventually to bring young Nikolaus to the United States and put him through college. "I'm sort of hoping he'll become a doctor, so he can help others. He says he wants to be an engineer, though — because I am." (Mr. Wells, who lives in Decatur, is an aeronautical research engineer in ABMA's Structures and Mechanics Lab.)

Under the Foster Parents Plan the benefactor gives \$15 a month for the support of his ward. Besides this, Mr. Wells also often sends extra packages of food and clothing, and writes letters at least once a month.

Though he has technically "adopted" only Nikolaus, his generosity doubtless also contributes substantially to the welfare of the boy's mother and father and two younger brothers, with whom he lives in the DP camp at Aalen (near Stuttgart). Nikolaus' father, who has tuberculosis, fled his native Poland when the Russians came, and fears to return now to that troubled Communist-ruled country.

"Nikolaus has depended on me almost entirely these four years, and I've tried never to let him down," says Mr. Wells. "I know from his letters that he'll never forget. I only hope my story may serve to remind others that there are many more children like Nikolaus who still desperately need their help." (Photo inside)



MODEL DISPLAY OF ROCKET TEST EQUIPMENT — Young and old alike peer downward as an arsenal soldier (at left) demonstrates a small model of one of Redstone's rocket test facilities, a ballistic ramp. The real thing is 600 feet long and used to test aircraft rockets. The exhibit was one of many from the Arsenal, the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, and the Ordnance Guided Missile School for Huntsville's Armed Forces Day celebration.

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## COL. HALL

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is determined through the chaplain's office, plans are submitted to the commanding general who passes on them. Then, the whole thing goes forward to the chief of Ordnance office. Congress is asked for funds, unless the chief's office wants to further investigate. (The Facilities and Master Planning office start all over if this happens.) When it comes back approved, it is turned over to the District Engineer who in turn calls for bids.

After construction starts all kinds of people get their fingers in the pie. Engineers, safety men and the chaplain will all play a part in the acceptance of the finished building.

Then of course, there is the physical space in existence. This has to be used to the best and most economical advantage.

Inside and outside, now and ten years from now, the Facilities and Master Planning Office employees must envision it all and make it a reality.

## \$750 MILLION

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hundreds of prime and sub-contractors in every area of the United States.

Redstone is responsible not only for research and development of missiles, but for their production, issue, and maintenance, Col. Sweeney said.

"The Army operates a vast system of 11 major rocket and missile supply depots, and more than

## Engineers Win Safety Award for Redstone Construction Project

Three activities under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Army District Engineer at Mobile have been cited for their outstanding safety records and awarded certificates of merit for safety by the Department of the Army.

The projects named to receive the awards and the total number of manhours worked by contract-

a dozen minor ones, in the United States. In addition to furnishing missiles to the Continental Army Command in increasing quantities, the Army supplies some or all of its operational missile weapons to five overseas commands: Far East, Alaskan, European, Southern European Task Force, and the Caribbean."

The colonel added that increasing responsibilities, including the addition of several new weapons in recent months, has caused a "considerable hike recently in the number of persons we employ."

"We now have about 8,000 employees of the 14,000 on the installation, the other 6,000 or so belonging to the ABMA and the Ordnance Guided Missile School," he said.

Col. Sweeney also showed the group "The Corporal Story", a motion picture on one of the weapons for which the arsenal is responsible. The movie emphasizes the Ordnance-Science - Industry cooperation which makes such weapon systems possible.



RATED HIGH — Stanley Bernstein (center) of the Projects Management Staff in the Research and Development Division of the Ordnance Missile Labs receives a letter of commendation and \$200 for sustained superior performance of his job. The presentation was made during a brief ceremony in the office of Brig. Gen. John G. Shinkle, deputy post commander. The general read a letter which said in part: "Your qualities as a manager of research and development type work have been outstanding in the field of project control. Your cooperation and helpfulness to your associates and contemporaries at Redstone Arsenal, contractor plants, and other Ordnance installations have been of the highest quality." With Bernstein above are (left to right) Col. Miles B. Chatfield, director of OML; Gen. Shinkle; Mr. Bernstein; Albert H. Bryan, Jr. chief of the Surface-to-Surface Missile Branch, R&DD; and Dr. Martin Schilling, chief of the Project Management Staff.

or and Corps of Engineers personnel without a disabling injury were given as follows: Redstone Arsenal military construction project, Huntsville, Ala.: 776,545 manhours over a period of 13 months; Allatoona Powerhouse project, Cartersville, Ga.: 377,080 manhours over a period of 7 years; Survey Branch, Mobile Engineers District, Mobile, Ala.: 258,016 manhours over a period of 20 months.

Lt. Col. Raymond O. Miller, Assistant Army District Engineer at Mobile, said that project supervisors are being presented with plaques citing the outstanding safety records attained.

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AT APPRENTICESHIP COMPLETION CEREMONY — James C. Billions (right, center), one of the 19 journeymen who received certificates of completion of their apprenticeship training at Redstone Arsenal last week, is shown as he accepts his certificate from Brig. Gen. John G. Shinkle, acting arsenal commander. Mr. Billions had been chosen from among the group to give the welcome address at the ceremony. The rest of the apprentice graduates are shown at right. To the general's left are arsenal and Washington, D. C. officials who participated in the program.

**19 JOURNEYMEN END APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING, RECEIVE CERTIFICATES**

Nineteen persons received certificates of completion of their apprenticeship training at a ceremony in the Rocket Auditorium at Redstone Arsenal last week. Finishing the four-year courses in various trades were: Machinist — James R. Bice, Pelham A.

Brown, James C. Billions, Thomas G. Clutts, Donald F. Keller, Johnie F. Lyle, Robert Richardson, Clifford E. Troup, Foster S. Tucker, Bobby E. Colthern, Carl M. Dudley, Dewitt Fairbanks, George H. Foster, A. M. Kelly, William O. Neal, Bobby N. Tidmore, and Rayburn K. Widner.

Electrician — Merrill R. Broad. Plumber-steamfitter — Robert W. Hill.

The main address of the program was Fred W. Erhard of Washington, D. C., assistant director of the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, U. S. Department of Labor. Master of ceremonies was E. A. Woody, assistant director of Redstone Arsenal Civilian Personnel for Training and Employee Development. James C. Billions, graduate apprentice, gave the welcome address. The certificates were presented to the graduates by Brig. Gen. John G. Shinkle, acting

**Lt. Col. Gasper Now Stationed in Europe**

Lt. Col. Frank J. Gasper, former dental surgeon here, recently wrote Col. Kerth T. O'Keefe, RSA deputy post commander, that he is now assigned to the 10th Infantry Division in Germany.

Col. Gasper wrote, "I do want to say I enjoyed my tour at Redstone very, very much experiencing the greatest of cooperation and wonderful warm friendships."

He also said the voyage across commanding general of Redstone.

A brief description of the apprentice program at the arsenal was given by E. G. Johnson, program director for apprentice training. M. L. Edwards, chairman of the Apprenticeship Committee, introduced the principal speaker. Invocation was by Chaplain (Maj.) James H. Goewey.

the Atlantic was of the "rock-and-roll" variety, but that neither he nor Mrs. Gasper were affected. Instead, they helped round out the ship's medical crew and the colonel took care of the dental emergencies since there was no dentist aboard. As a dental assistant, he recruited a civil service inspector of Ordnance.

Among their patients were the captain and the commander. As a result, Col. Gasper, his assistant, and his wife relieved the medics during the morning administering dramamine for sea sickness, doctoring colds, and such, but in the afternoon they were guests on the ship's bridge.

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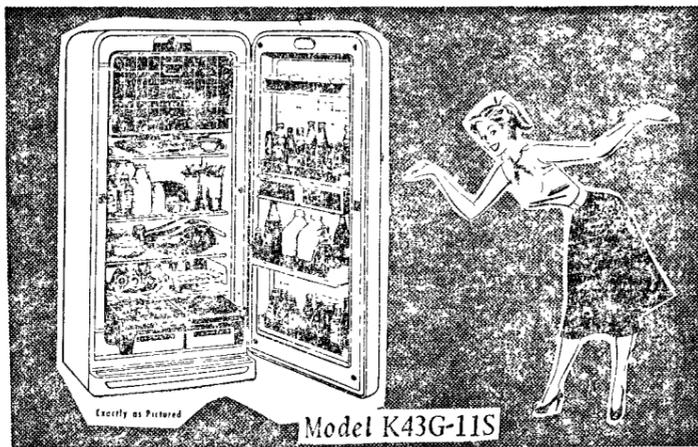


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EDWARDS NAMED OUTSTANDING — Ralph L. Edwards, second from right, receives a certificate for outstanding performance as an electronic engineer from Brig. Gen. John G. Shinkle, deputy commanding general of Redstone Arsenal. Witnessing the recent ceremony are Dr. Martin Schilling (left) and Albert H. Bryan, Jr., Mr. Edwards' department chief and immediate supervisor.

## Ralph L. Edwards Gets 'Outstanding' Rating

Ralph L. Edwards, Jr., has been awarded an outstanding performance rating at Redstone Arsenal. The award was made by Brig. Gen. John G. Shinkle, RSA deputy commanding general. Mr. Edwards is director of the Corporal guided missile project in the Research and Development Division of Ordnance Missile Laboratories.

Mr. Edwards formerly lived in Atlanta where he worked for the Southern Engineering Co. His mother, Mrs. Kathryn M. Edwards, resides at 172 Howard St., Atlanta.

He earned his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

This is Mr. Edwards' second such achievement. A part of the present award was a letter of commendation which read in part: "You have constantly demonstrated the highest qualities of leadership and analytical ability, thus enabling the Projects Management Staff to operate at a

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BY J. H. MULDER

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There is a powerful lobby in existence which is fighting the proposed increase in postal rates and in the past this lobby has been quite effective in its efforts to defeat any proposed increases. Present indications are that the proposed increases will pass in this session of Congress.

Postmaster General Summerfield has been quite successful in impressing members of Congress with the need for increased rates. The recent curtailment of

very high degree of efficiency." Mr. Edwards has been engaged in the Corporal project for the past five years.

postal activities, which were imposed as a result of a 53 million dollar postal deficit, was quite effective in making most people realize just how inconvenient the lack of mail service can be.

The argument in favor of increased postal rates was further enhanced by Mr. Summerfield when he pointed out that if the increased postal rates were not granted the deficit in 1958 would approximate nearly 80 million dollars. So, it looks like the days of the 3 cent letter rate are just about over.

In the opinion of this writer most people would be willing to accept the increased rates as specified if a local 2 cents rate was established for local areas such as the city in which the letter is posted or possibly within a 10-mile area of the spot where the letter is posted. However, it does not appear as if the POD is going to be giving any bargain rates.

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SAN FRANCISCO —Declaring the long range missile represents our strongest deterrent against war, Maj. Gen. J. B. Medaris warned Saturday night that in the hands of an "unprincipled enemy, such a weapon constitutes the gravest threat of our security."

Gen. Medaris addressed the San Francisco Chapter, American Ordnance Association, on the topic "Missile Power for Peace."

He reviewed the Communist threat and the actions taken by the United States to counter it. Pointing out the world is "still sorely troubled," he added that

"there is firmer assurance today of American policy and the will to back it up than there has been in many years."

The speaker said we have entered the era of push-button weapons and warned that "it would be dangerously foolhardy to dismiss robot warfare as a distant possibility. We are moving into the Missile Age so swiftly that we must cast aside traditional, earthbound concepts and begin to think in spatial terms which would have been considered fantastic a few years ago."

Today's rockets, he said, are forerunners of giant guided missiles which can render any spot on earth vulnerable to instant destruction.

An international stalemate in atomic capabilities, he added, may persuade Communism to resort to the small war, civil war, and subversion. These "brush fires" could spread into major conflict, Gen. Medaris explained.

"Our defense should not be geared to a single weapons system, a permanent strategic con-

cept, or a combination of allies," he continued. It must be capable of supporting national policy in all international situations. It should include all reasonable measures to prevent general and local wars."

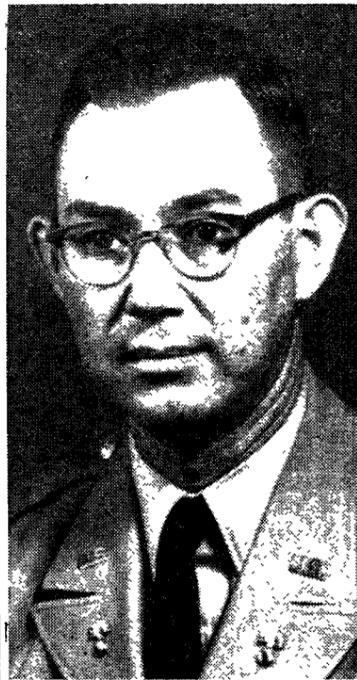
Citing the Army's success in fielding rockets and guided missiles, Gen. Medaris said these weapons can knock down the fastest planes, and have also greatly extended artillery ranges.

"Perhaps the recent indications of Soviet nervousness and an apparent willingness to talk about limited disarmament," he commented, "can be traced to the missile's growing influence."

"It is the reality of this situation which lends impetus to the Army's current effort to place in the nation's arsenal a fully operational intermediate range missile at the earliest practicable date. The national interest, the safety of our allies, demands that we pursue these weapons development programs on a crash basis. I can assure you that the Army's efforts have been quite successful.

Gen. Medaris sounded a note of caution in recent discussion of the intercontinental rocket as the "ultimate weapon." This may create a false sense of security, he said.

"Just as surely as human ingenuity devised the guided missile, just as surely will man find adequate defense against it," he declared. "One of the compelling reasons for the crash missile effort is the non-existence of ad-



LT. COL. NATHAN I. REITER, JR. has been assigned to the Headquarters Commandant Office in the Army Ballistic Missile Agency. Col. Reiter was previously stationed at Lake City Arsenal, Independence, Mo., as its commanding officer. He entered the Army Sept. 16, 1940. He is a graduate of Las Cruces, N. M. High School and attended State College of New Mexico. His decorations include: Army Commendation Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Defense, World War II, Army Occupation, Armed Forces Reserve and National Defense Service Medals, and the European and American Theater ribbons. Col and Mrs. Reiter are living in quarters on Redstone Arsenal.

equate defense. We must build a retaliatory capability which is so devastating as to make an aggressor pause. Meanwhile, I can assure you the need for the anti-missile missile has not been ignored."

Urging support of the nation's defense program, Gen. Medaris declared that "peace is more than the absence of war. It involves

the development of better institutions for securing and maintaining peace. Waging peace demands a constant, never-ending effort to work out with other nations just solutions to their problems. To achieve permanent peace, we must utilize the natural forces now available to us for the betterment of all mankind."

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**A LETTER TO NIKOLAUS** — Hubert B. Wells, an engineer in the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, pens a letter to 12-year-old Nikolaus Bilniuk, Polish youngster living in a German displaced persons camp, whom Mr. Wells has been supporting for the past four years under the Foster Parents Plan for War Children.

## At The Service Club

AND here we go — on the last what will be happening here at go round for May. So — let's see the Club.

FIRST, since this is Wednesday, let us remind everyone of the Bridge Party tonight at 1845 hours.

TOMORROW NIGHT, 23 May is the BIG NIGHT. It's all boys with the — ICYNY PASTO? DANCE 8-11. It's a real party and listen to the great music.

FRIDAY, 24 May, will be another "R" and take it easy. Play your favorite 1845 game night. This is the "usual" after a big dance of a few nights before.

SATURDAY, 25 TOUR DAY. If you have never seen the AVE MARIA GROTTO at Callman, Alabama, you should plan to go. REMEMBER! Today is the last day to sign up. Bus will leave the Service Club at 1330 hours and a picnic lunch will be served before returning to Redstone. Approximate hour for returning to Redstone will be 1900 hours.

AS USUAL, for all of you sleepy-heads, Coffee Call will be at 0900 hours Sunday morning. ALSO, if you had a birthday this month, come to the Club Sunday night and we'll have a Birthday Party for you. Nope! Not that, cake!

BINGO will be played Monday night at 2000 hours.

Tuesday is Missilemen and Maids night beginning at 1900 hours. All of you song-birds come on out and join the group.

Until next Wednesday, Ya'll come, Katie

P.S. A great big hearty congratulation to PFC Jesus Denis of the 32nd Ord. Det., OGMS, for winning the pool championship last week. All you pool players watch for the next tournament coming up in June.



**AUTHORITY ON COMMUNISM** — Capt. Jack Lenz (left), one of the outstanding authorities on Communism in the United States, recently addressed more than 600 employees from the Army Ballistic Missile Agency, Redstone Arsenal, the Ordnance Guided Missile School, and contractor companies working here. In two two-hour lectures Capt. Lenz named names and cited incidents that caused discomfort to the United States government authorities. He was sponsored by the Redstone Arsenal Intelligence and Security Office. He is regularly assigned as an instructor in the International Affairs Department at the Army Intelligence Center, Ft. Holabird, Md. With him in the photo above is James C. Lynch, chief, RSA Intelligence and Security Office. (Photo by Rex Evers)

The engines of a new U. S. jet bomber, flying at only 375 miles an hour develop more horsepower than 400 automobiles of 200 hp each.

Lieutenant (jg) Thomas J. Hudson became the Navy's first Congressional Medal of Honor winner of the Korean War April 13, 1951, when he landed his plane in an attempt to rescue a pilot who had been shot down.

## MOVIE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 22 May 57, "The Living Idol" starring Steve Forrest and James Montecchi (Mature) Time 1900

Thursday, 23 May 57, "Gunfight at OK Corral" starring Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas (Mature) Time 1830 and 2030 hrs.

Friday, 24 May 57, "Artists and Models" starring Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis (Family) Time 1900.

Saturday 25 May, 57, "Hot Rod Rumble" starring Leigh Snowden, Richard Hartunian, Brett Halsey (Family) Time 1900.

Sunday, 26 May 57, "Abandon Ship!" starring Tyrone Power, Mai Zetterling and Lloyd Nolan (Mature) Time 1830 and 2030.

Monday, 27 May 57, Closed

Tuesday, 28 May 57, "Oh Men! Oh Women!" starring David Niven, Ginger Rogers, Dan Dailey and Barbara Rush (Mature) Time

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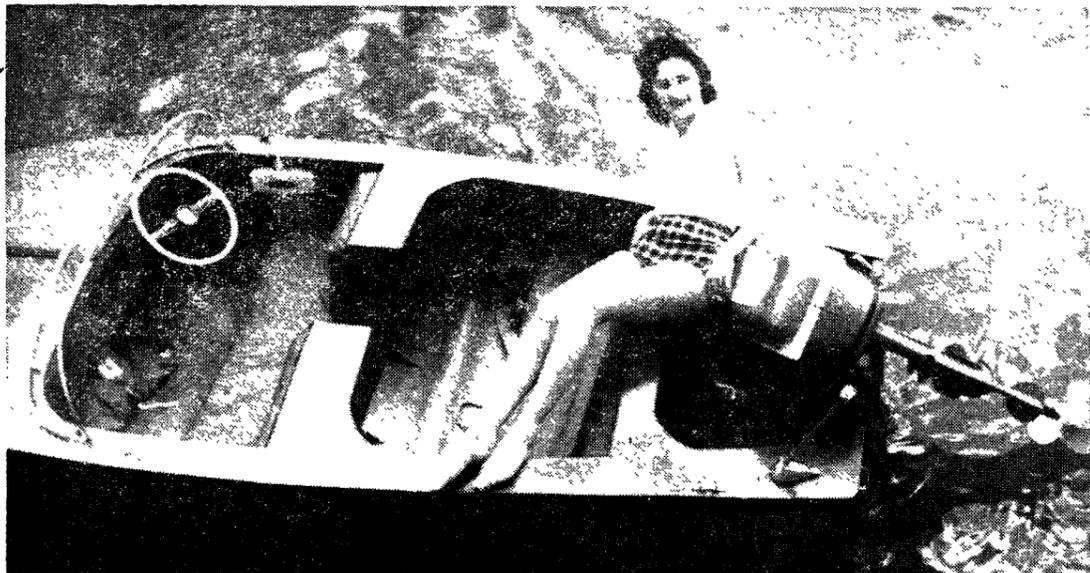
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**SOLDIERS IN EUROPE 'DO' CONTINENT BETTER THAN THE WEALTHY TOURIST**

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This is the sort of thing that all but the wealthy only dream of — the wealthy and U.S. soldiers stationed in Europe. But the wealthy never get it so cheap, nor does the usual harried American tourist, bent on doing every museum, cathedral, chateau and night club in eight countries and

six weeks, enjoy or profit from the same leisured way.

Many soldiers, Wacs and Army nurses think it is wise to "do" a country at a time. They return to the United States having visited every one of them which is still open to Americans, plus a few in North Africa and the Middle East if they've been lucky and alert to their opportunities.

In Europe's confined geography, they can knock off quite a number on weekends or three-day passes. With judicious use of a thumb cocked in the direction of underloaded military aircraft, the circle drawn around the weekend or short-pass countries can be widened—and with practically no expenditure of funds.

That's why some soldiers eschew the special services "packaged" tour. But how can you beat the four-day trip behind the Iron Curtain in Czechoslovakia, with Christmas in Prague? Or a Mediterranean cruise and eight days at a seaside resort near storied Athens, Greece, for \$168 and a 15-day leave.

The real winter sports or mountain-climbing enthusiasts is not apt to have traveled as extensively by the time he returns home at the end of his European assignment. He never manages to resist the temptation of the Garmisch Recreation Area, run by the Army's Special Services amidst the 10,000-foot mountains near the German-Austrian border.

And many soldiers are fully aware of their great advantage (and that of their children) over tourists—living in one foreign country, knowing the people.



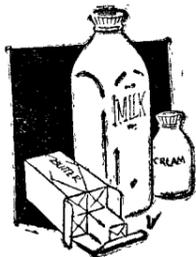
LT. HAROLD J. MURRAY, ABMA Detachment "A" Executive Officer holds trophy presented the winning team of the ABMA Mid-Spring Pistol Matches by Maj. Gen. J. B. Medaris, ABMA commander. Detachment "A" was rated as "Expert," winning over all other ABMA teams. Team members, left to right, holding pistols, are: Pvt. Scott Cheslik, Pfc. Carl Kastner, Pvt. Paul Poe, and SP3 Harry Newman.

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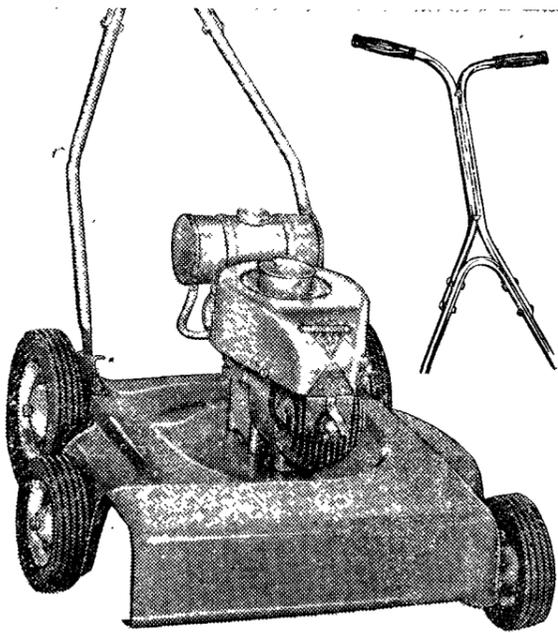
**A HANDSHAKE TO START A SEASON** — Members of the Redstone Arsenal baseball team, the "Rockets," receive an encouraging handshake from Brig. Gen. John G. Shinkle, arsenal deputy commanding general, just before they take the field against Donaldson Air Force Base (Ga.) for the "Rockets" first home game of the season, recently at Linton Field. Introducing the general to the players is Capt. Frederick Davis, post special services officer. The general's encouraging words must have helped — the "Rockets" blasted Donaldson 24 to 10.

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vs USAOA Off (Joyce)  
Field 2 — 1st ETD vs OGMS  
Off  
**23 May 57** —  
1800 hrs — Field 1 — Det "A."  
USAOA vs Hq & Hq Det, OGMS  
Field 2 — Det "A," ABMA vs  
Det "B," ABMA  
1930 hrs — Field 1 — Hq & Hq  
Det, USAOA vs 32nd Ord Det  
Field 2 — 162nd Ord Det vs  
78th Ord Det  
**27 May 57** —  
1800 hrs — Field 1 — 2nd ETD  
vs F.A.I.D.  
Field 2 — 1st ETD vs USAOA  
Off (Prewett)  
1930 hrs — Field 1 — Hq & Hq  
Det, OGMS vs USAOA Off  
(Joyce)  
Field 2 — Det "B," ABMA vs  
OGMS Off  
**28 May 57** —  
1800 hrs — Field 1 — Det "A."  
USAOA vs Det "A," ABMA  
Field 2 — Hq & Hq Det, US-  
AOA vs 78th Ord Det  
1930 hrs — Field 1 — 2nd ETD  
vs 32nd Ord Det  
Field 2 — 1st ETD vs 162nd  
Ord Det

### SOFTBALL STANDINGS

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Hq & Hq Det, OGMS	4	0
Det "B," ABMA	4	0
1st ETD	3	1
USAOA Off (Joyce)	3	1
Hq & Hq Det, USAOA	2	1
OGMS Off	2	1
162nd Ord Det	2	2
F. A. I. D.	2	2
78th Ord Det	2	2
2nd ETD	1	3
Det "A," ABMA	1	3
USAOA Off (Prewett)	1	3
32nd Ord Det	1	3
Det "A," USAOA	0	4

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**VEATCH NAMED NATIONAL DIRECTOR COST ACCOUNTANTS ASSOCIATION**

Stanley A. Veatch, chief of the Contract Administration Office, Redstone Arsenal, has been nominated a national director of the National Association of Cost Accountants. The announcement was made in a recent letter from Arthur B. Gunnarson, national secretary.



**AND HE'LL ANSWER** — At least once a month, young Nikolaus writes to his American foster father to thank him for his care and let him know how he's getting along.

Mr. Veatch's term as national director will be for one year. He has been active in the North Alabama chapter since its organization in 1952, serving as an associate director in 1952-53 and 1953-54. In 1954-55 he served as membership director. In 1955-56, he was attendance director. He is

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Mr. Veatch held membership in the Des Moines, Indianapolis and Cincinnati chapters prior to his affiliation with the North Alabama chapter.

He is the second national director from this chapter to be selected since the charter was granted in 1952.

L. S. Doster, controller, Reynolds Metals Co. in Sheffield was elected national director at the International convention held in June, 1956.

Mr. Veatch will attend the International Cost Conference in Washington, D. C., June 23 to 27, and will attend the National Board of Directors Meeting on June 26.

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Russellville, Ala. Miss Hargett attended Florence State Teachers College, Florence, Ala. and Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas. She was previously employed with the Tennessee Valley Authority, Sheffield, Ala.

'BRIDAL CUSTOMS OF MANY LANDS' TOPIC FOR OFFICERS WIVES CLUB

An orange blossom and wedding bell atmosphere pervaded the Redstone Arsenal Open Mess Tuesday, May 14th, at the monthly luncheon of the Officers' Wives Club. Highlight of the program was "Bridal Customs of Many Lands" providing a most appropriate background for the guest of honor, bride-elect Miss Marta Medaris, daughter of Maj. Gen. and Mrs. John B. Medaris.

Featured in the program were the following six wives of foreign birth who represented the bridal customs of their respective countries: Mrs. Walter E. Kasper, Argentina; Mrs. Laurence Stenstrom, Germany; Mrs. Raymond Dotson, Belgium; Mrs. Smith A. Dawson, France; Mrs. Arthur D. Makowski, Japan; and Mrs. John V. Fill, Switzerland. The speakers were introduced by Mrs. William Durrenberger.

One legal custom appeared to prevail in all countries except Japan. A civil ceremony precedes the religious ceremony, usually performed by the mayor. The difference lies in the number of days elapsing before the religious ceremony. Another custom in common is the dinner or party at a well known hotel or restaurant. The only difference is in the time and duration; some parties lasting as long as two days. In nearly all the above countries sweets and money are thrown to children following the ceremony.

In Argentina the religious weddings are quite elaborate and performed in the evening with the bride being traditionally an hour late. No bridesmaids are included in Argentinian weddings. The cake is large consisting of four to six tiers with the last tier holding silver charms with various meanings. These charms are later given to friends.

In Germany a party is held the evening before the wedding. Rel-

atives and friends then present their gifts, however, to gain admittance to the house the guests must break glasses and crockery to the threshold. At the end of the evening the bride sweeps up the broken objects. A large amount of trash denotes a great amount of happiness. A wedding newspaper is published discussing to great lengths the virtues and shortcomings of the couple. The newlyweds do not leave on a honeymoon until the following day.

In France the religious ceremony follows two days after the civil ceremony. The young couple stay at their respective homes since they are not considered officially married until the religious ceremony has been performed. No weddings are held in May or November, May being sacred to the Virgin Mary and November to the souls of the dead. A party is held at the bride's home a few days prior to the ceremony denoting the burial of her single life. The seamstress in making the wedding gown uses a strand of hair in the hemming, undoubtedly, for luck.

Courtship is of long duration in Belgium lasting from one to one and one half years. Parents of the interested couple meet and discuss what each other has to offer. Courting couples are allowed to see each other only Thursdays and Sundays, and regardless of age, no one can marry without the consent of parents. Following the civil ceremony the couple is presented with a book containing the family genealogy with eight extra pages for the recording of births. The bride's bouquet is left on the altar.

Switzerland does not differ much from the other European

countries except that in rural areas a few ancient customs survive. The bride and groom ride to church in an open, horse drawn carriage. Traditionally, the bride wears the bridal costume of her particular canton handed down from generation to generation. This costume is of brocade much adorned with fine laces and linen, with this are worn numerous pieces of silver filigree jewelry. Japan perhaps differs most from Europe and America. Marriages are usually family arrangements through the auspices of a matchmaker or marriage broker. This individual generally tries to arrange a good match for his clients both economically and socially. However, since the post war occupation of Japan, a new era is dawning in the emergence of the "love match." Where the bride is an only child, the groom will frequently adopt her family name. This is done in the interest of preserving the family name. Mrs. Makowski added a charming note by wearing the costume of her native Japan.

The Club was decorated to carry out the bridal theme. White columns were entwined with fragrant honeysuckle vines and white wedding bells hung at intervals. A vine decorated lattice screen formed the background for the main table. Silver candelabra and white candles flanked a centerpiece of white carnations and snapdragons. Smaller tables were centered with silver candelabra, white candles and trailing ivy.

Miss Medaris was presented with a corsage of white gardenias. The speakers wore corsages of white carnations.

The program and decorations were under the direction of the ladies of ABMA with Mrs. H. E. Von Kancel as chairman assisted by Mrs. John Collings, Mrs. Wil-

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Mr. Wallace, son of Mrs. Mamic Wallace and the late Albert Wallace of Brownsboro, Ala., was graduated with high honors from Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, in electrical engineering. Mr. Wallace was vice-president of Sigma Pi social fraternity; a member of Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary fraternity; Tau Beta Phi, engineering honorary fraternity; Eta Kappa Nu, electrical honorary fraternity; Pi Mu Epsilon, mathematics honorary fraternity; and Scabbard and Blade, military honorary fraternity. He was employed by Southern Bell Laboratories, Whippany, N. J., until recently when he accepted a position as electronic engineer with Bohm and Haas Company at Redstone Arsenal.

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**BRIDAL CUSTOMS DISCUSSED** — Officers Wives of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency heard the bridal customs of several countries discussed at the monthly luncheon meeting on May 14. Representatives of the various countries are (left to right): Mrs. Smith Dawson, (France), Mrs. Laurence Stenstrom, (Germany); Mrs. William Durrenberger (narrator), Mrs. Raymond Dotson (Belgium), Mrs. John Fill (Switzerland), Mrs. Walter Kaspar (Argentina), and Mrs. Arthur Makowski (Japan). Photo by Bill Kellar

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William Durrenberger, Mrs. Robert Flint, Mrs. James Killough, Mrs. A. J. Maris, Mrs. George McBride, and Mrs. T. T. Paul.

Approximately 200 guests attended the luncheon.

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