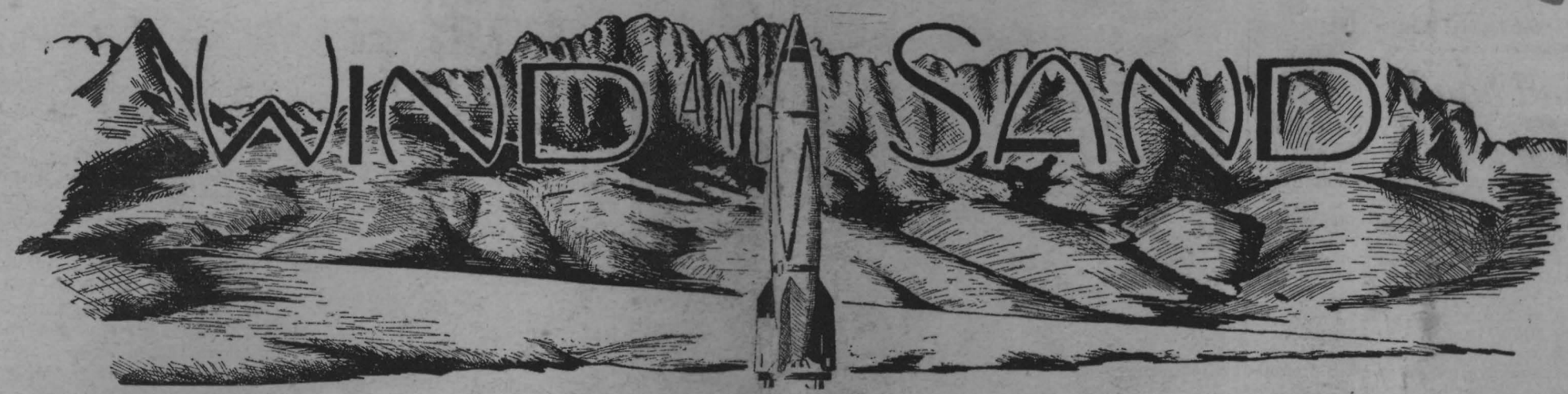


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Chief of Ordnance Inspects White Sands



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Chief of Ordnance, Major General E. L. Ford

Major General E. L. Ford, Chief of Ordnance, concluded his three day Proving Ground tour of inspection with a massive parade on Crozier Field.

General Ford began his military career in 1913 when he was appointed to the United States Military Academy from Conn. He graduated from the Academy April 19, 1917.

During his military career, General Ford has received the Distinguished Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster.

He became Chief of Ordnance upon the retirement of Major General E. S. Hughes in 1949.

Schools that General Ford has attended include: Ordnance School, 1928, Army Industrial College, 1932, and the Command and General Staff School, 1934.

Officers Alerted For Overseas Duty

Capt. O. J. Brinkerhoff, Logistics Div., Capt. Rex B. Rasmus, and Maj. Paul R. Fine, Chaplain, have been alerted for overseas duty. They will probably leave in April or May.

NAVAL POST GRADUATE STUDENTS TOUR POST

Fifty-nine Naval and Marine Officers completed a three day indoctrination tour of WSPG last week. The officers are attending the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif.

Upon arrival, the group was addressed by Capt. A. E. Uehlinger, Naval Facility Commander, WSPG. Orientation included a tour of the launching areas and the viewing of missile firings.

The officers left for Monterey on January 25th from Holloman Air Force Base. Among those visiting the proving ground were: Capt. W. B. Braun, USN, Capt. J. F. Tucker, Cdr. W. C. Abbau, Cdr. E. T. Hogan, Maj. J. O. Blackwell, USMC, Maj. B. H. Elliott, USMC, Maj. E. W. Kelly, USMC, Cdr. R. C. Jones, Cdr. V. F. McCormack, USN, Cdr. E. Mühlenfeld and Cdr. C. C. Ferrel, Jr.

AMERICAN SYSTEM

A writer says that the trouble with our American system is that in murder trials the jury hangs more frequently than the defendant.

9393rd Reorganized; Biggest Changes in Support Battalion

The 9393rd Technical Service Unit was reorganized under the provisions of a general order dated 22 January 1952. The new move affects the 1st Ord GMS Bn. (Provisional) as well.

Three new detachments have been formed in accordance with the order. Detachment No. 1, Station Complement, is composed of men formerly of the 1st GMS Bn. and of the 9393rd TSU.

It will furnish personnel necessary for a Technical Platoon to provide technical assistance as required in engineering, laboratory and development activities, and a Headquarters and Service Platoon to furnish personnel for administration functions falling within the responsibility of the Chief of Ordnance.

Detachments No. 2 and No. 3 will be known as Hq. and Hq. Co. and "A" Company of the 1st GMS Bn. (Provisional). Their primary mission will basically be one of becoming proficient in skills necessary to furnish Ordnance Support to tactical units through on-the-job training and to perform supervisory duties as cadre.

Lt. G. L. Thomas will be company commander and M/Sgt. Stephen Crowley will be first sergeant of the Hq. and Hq. Co., while Lt. A. C. Metzger will head "A" Co. with M/Sgt. Francis Blakslee as first sergeant. The men of the Station Complement will be under Maj. Gordon Bushney, CO of the 9393rd TSU.

March of Dimes

Probably a record for the March of Dimes Campaign has been set by the men at Headquarters 4305 Area Service Unit, Arlington, Texas.

A check for \$15 was received at Fourth Army Headquarters one day after the opening of the drive from four officers and seven enlisted men at Arlington. This ROTC Instructor Group closed out their 1952 March of Dimes campaign in one day with what is believed to be 100 per cent contributions.

While at WSPG, Maj. Clyde O. MacGaffick announces that \$1,171.23 has been collected toward the campaign as of noon Friday, January 25th.

EDUCATION NEGLECTED

The reason for a lot of juvenile delinquency is because the parents' education has been sadly neglected.

El Paso Chapter of AOA Is Installed at WSPG



U. S. Army Photo, Citizen Engraving
MAJOR R. T. CAMPBELL, right, representative of the Lone Star Post, Dallas, Texas, smiles happily as he presents the local charter, thus establishing a new chapter in the Ordnance Association.

Col. H. E. Minton Is President-Elect Of Local Chapter

Approximately 95 citizens of El Paso, Las Cruces and Carlsbad, members of the American Ordnance Association, met at White Sands Proving Ground last Thursday for the inauguration of the El Paso Chapter of the AOA.

The newly created chapter of the Lone Star Post of Dallas was presented its charter by Maj. R. T. Campbell who represented the Lone Star Post.

The meeting was opened with a welcome speech by Brigadier General G. G. Eddy, Commanding General, White Sands Proving Ground. After General Eddy's address, the meeting was turned over to Col. H. E. Minton, president elect of the El Paso Chapter, who presented Maj. R. T. Campbell, the main speaker. Maj. Campbell then presented Col. Minton with the local charter.

Maj. Campbell in his address stressed preparedness of this country so as to preserve our way of life. He stated that, "Industry plays a major part in production of arms, tanks and guns needed in preparedness for the common defense of the United States."

The American Ordnance Association is a national society of American citizens dedicated to scientific and industrial preparedness for the common defense of the United States.

Among the members attending the AOA meeting were Mr. M. S. Darbyshire, Vice-President of the Chapter, Mr. C. A. Linderman, Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. John Davis of Las Cruces, president of the Chamber of Commerce, Capt. A. E. Uehlinger, Cdr. J. C. Roper, F. W. Wood, H. Karsch, Col. Dan R. Ostrander, Lt. Col. S. E. Lollis and Lt. Cdr. M. F. Green.

Preceding the meeting, the chapter members were conducted on a tour of the Proving Ground and witnessed a missile firing.

The Proving Ground has forty active members.

'So You Think You Have Troubles'

Both The Reader's Digest and Coronet have articles entitled "Slips in the Press," which might well be a special column run in this paper to correct errors.

Seldom it seems does an issue of any paper printed come out without errors of one kind or another being made; in typography, in dates, names, facts, or grammar. But believe the editors of Wind and Sand when they say that they constantly strive to prevent these errors.

However, complications arising from publication which are contributory to mistakes, is explainable to a certain extent. But even so, it does not make for a pleasant situation for the editors, who never can become calloused to them and are therefore most apologetic for them.

The size of the staff, the amount of time allotted to the accumulation of copy, and the almost monumental task of getting the copy from the editorial rooms through the printing department in Las Cruces, are the three main reasons for errors.

A sense of humor on the part of the staff is the only way they can bear up under some errors, and likewise the cultivation of a sense of humor well brought out (Continued on Page 6)

Military Police Stage Gun Battle in Las Cruces

Two WSPG MPs, Cpl. L. W. Stallings and Cpl. Earl R. Sabo, helped live up a dull mid-month meeting of the Las Cruces city commission last week with a western style gun fight outside the chamber windows.

The military police brought an AWOL soldier to the police station as the commission began its session in the room adjacent to the police station driveway.

On approaching the door to the police station, the soldier, John Montpetite, broke away from his captors, pulled a .38 cal. Colt automatic from his pocket, and threatening the M. P.s, fled north on Church street.

The two MPs were joined by a city patrolman, Angel Torres. All three of the pursuing men began firing at the fleeing figure outside

side the city hall.

Montpetite ran to the rear of the old Safeway store. As he emerged from the alley, he was met by fire from the pursuing MPs. He turned back into the alley and there encountered City Patrolman, Gabe Guzman.

Guzman pulled his pistol from its holster and ordered the man to throw down his weapon. Disarmed, the man was returned to the police station.

There the soldier admitted he was AWOL from Fort Sill, Okla. and had hitch-hiked into Las Cruces from El Paso with his wife, Esther.

The MPs, who made the initial arrest at a local hotel, said they acted on a tip the man was a AWOL.

Both MPs and Patrolman Torres said they fired at the man's legs when he fled, but he was not struck by any of the several .45 cal. bullets fired.

Officers picked up Mrs. Montpetite a few minutes after the gun play. Upon the soldiers admission that he had stolen a car in Oklahoma and abandoned it in Texas, she was held for investigation.

He was jailed after questioning to be held for military authorities and investigation by the FBI.

Two Players Injured In WSPG-Holloman Basketball Game

Two Proving Ground basketball players, Pfc. John P. Amodeo and Pfc. Wm. Rucinski, both of the 169th Sig. Const. Co., suffered injuries January 19 in a basketball game with Holloman Air Force Base.

Pfc. Amodeo was after a loose ball in the fourth quarter when he came in contact with another player and fell receiving a knee (Continued on Page 6)

Thirteen JPL EMs Return from Pasadena For Rocket Shoots

Thirteen enlisted men of the 1st GMS Bn returned to WSPG from the Jet Propulsion Laboratories in Pasadena, Calif. for a two week tour of duty at this installation. During this period they will witness and aid in the firing of several missiles.

Among those returning were: Sgt. Wm. Bernard, Cpl. Frank R. Herud, Sfc. Chester E. Schwitzers, Sgt. Lloyd L. Krupp, Sgt. Wilbur R. Ottison, Cpl. Richard A. Mancini, Cpl. Dan Neilson, Cpl. Hobart P. Walton, Sfc. Edwin Lee, Sfc. Harold Lehn, Cpl. Jerome De Mello, Sgt. Jesse R. Atwood, and Pfc. John N. Allman.

The Ordnance Corps By G. L. Thomas

When I was assigned to the Ordnance Corps (then Ordnance Department) I was confronted with numerous inquiries from within—What is the Ordnance Department?—What is its mission? How does it fit into our overall defense organization?—What is its history? Believing that we should all be fully steeped in the past, in order to meet our present and future problems in a decorous manner, I shall endeavor to present answers to the aforementioned questions as I obtained them from the Army Information School.

The Ordnance Department was established by the Act of 14 May 1812. During the Revolutionary War, ordnance material was under supervision of the Board of War and Ordnance.

A Commissary General of Military Stores was appointed in 1784. From 1792 the procurement and supply of ordnance material was the responsibility of Chief of Artillery. After it's establishment in 1812, the Ordnance Department was charged only with inspection, proof, and supply of weapons and (Continued on Page 6)



U. S. Army Photo, Citizen Engraving
OFFICERS OF THE Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, Calif., take time out to have a short breather with Captain A. E. Uehlinger, Commander, Naval Unit Test Facility, during their three day indoctrination of the Ordnance Installation. Captain Uehlinger is second from the left.

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How to Act When Home

Armed Forces Press Service

Many Servicemen now in Korea soon will be returning home. Others have already come back to the strange land of America. For all of these returnees, AFPS has compiled the following warnings:

1—Don't use a grenade to open doors. The natives have developed a primitive but effective gadget called a knob for that purpose.

2—Don't tell native girls your thoughts in pidgin English. American education systems have taught them to understand your language without use of ordinary expressions you've learned in service.

3—Don't crawl on your stomach when crossing an open field. The natives will hurl catcalls and gibes at you until you've given some explanation (suggested: you've lost a \$100 bill; they'll join in while you escape).

4—Try to avoid the usual procedure of dumping your entire meal in one pile. Separate the ice cream, brussels sprouts, meat loaf and jelly on the plate. The natives do it and like it.

5—Don't put on a coat and take a flashlight when you have to go to the latrine. Native huts are equipped with separate rooms for that purpose. They are furnished with sinks and towel racks.

Driver's Ten Commandments

1. The good driver keepeth his car in safe condition.
2. He driveth only when sober, and never to great weariness.
3. His mind shall not wander, for safe driving keepeth a man busy.
4. He keepeth always to the speed which giveth perfect control.
5. He passeth intersections and grade crossings with care.
6. To children and pedestrians he giveth thought, for over them he hath the power of life and death.
7. He obeyeth the law of the land, knowing obedience may increase his years.
8. For the hazards of driving in the night, he maketh allowance.
9. Though his soul be tried, the good driver remembereth that courtesy is the first law of self-preservation.
10. When he goeth on foot, the good driver remembereth the Golden Rule.

Coast Guardsmen Select Beauty—Sight Unseen

Coast Guardsmen of the weather ship Matagorda have selected their beauty in a unique manner—by remote control.

Several months ago a sympathetic radioman aboard a trans-Atlantic commercial plane got a bright idea. After exchanging official position and weather reports, with the 311-foot cutter below, he let the plane's stewardess use the microphone for a friendly chat. It soon became routine for the stewardesses of many trans-Atlantic planes to speak briefly with the 110 officers and crewmen of the Coast Guard patrolling the cold, lonely North Atlantic, off Greenland.

Then the crew decided to run a contest to select their "Miss Heavenly Body," and the girls were asked personal questions on age, height, and color of hair. More than 50 stewardesses entered the contest by remote control. No photographs were forwarded.

When the votes and data had

\$28,000 in Dimes Helped Her



Arriving home after almost three years in the hospital, Mrs. Peggy Pinske is greeted by her husband, Sergeant James Pinske, and son, Michael, in Ross, Cal. Local March of Dimes chapter provided \$28,000 for her hospital care and is continuing to help. Last year, as in the past, four of every five polio victims needed and received help from the March of Dimes. January is March of Dimes month in nation.

HOLIDAY FEATURES NEW MEXICO IN ILLUSTRATED ARTICLE BY INDIAN WRITER OLIVER LaFARGE

New Mexico is the subject of an extensive profile in the February issue of Holiday which features the state as "a land that draws and holds men and women with ties that cannot be explained or submitted to reason."

Presented in 14 pages and 18 colorful photographs, including the magazine's cover illustration, and written by New Mexican resident Oliver La Farge, Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist and Indian historian, the magazine profile traces the history, the economic, social and cultural development of New Mexico.

Wayne McKinley, Union High School senior, is pictured on the cover.

"Sunshine, scenic contrast, proud races living side by side—these meet head on in the dynamic drama of New Mexico," says the magazine in introducing Mr. La Farge's story.

The story itself Mr. La Farge writes with a sensitivity reflecting his long association with the Southwest. Describing the physical beauty of the state, Mr. La Farge admits that it offers few of the conventional expectations of beauty, but adds that in New Mexico "the perceptive eye learns to see beauty in less obvious forms."

In explanation he writes: "Much of New Mexico's real estate seems barren and monotonous on first sight; with a little time, as with the sea, those who live with it before their eyes learn to follow the constantly shifting moods, the delicate and incessant changes of light from day to day and from hour to hour, which give that empty-seeming country a life of its own."

The people of New Mexico Mr. La Farge presents as diverse and colorful. Texan settlers, he says, give tone to the east and south of New Mexico. The Spanish-Americans of the north and west he calls devotedly patriotic, explaining that they have been represented in every major war since the Civil War, and "as a regular thing send more than their share of men into the nation's battles." New Mexico's Indians Mr. La Farge describes with affection and an appreciable knowledge of their ways and customs. The Apaches, he maintains, are good friends and delightful companions. Writing that in the Southwest it is a common observation that Indians have a delightful sense of humor, Mr. La Farge contends that the Apaches have the keenest and the quick-

been compiled, a pert, blue-eyed blonde had won the honor. She was Miss Evelyn Conlon, of the Bronx, N. Y.

When the Matagorda put into Boston for its periodic checkup, Stewardess Conlon was there to greet her crew as guest of honor.

ROCKETS and RESEARCH

By George Vazakas

(This is the second in a series of articles dealing with rockets—missiles—and WSPG. It was felt that a column of this sort would be of particular interest to members of this installation. Author Vazakas seems to be doing an admirable job—The Editor).

Why did the government select the New Mexico desert as the site for the construction of a rocket proving ground? What qualities did this area have which made it more suitable than any other spot in the United States?

The answers to these questions are quite interesting. A great deal of thought and much effort were put into the search for a missile proving ground, and the selection of the present location of White Sands Proving Ground was not made haphazardly.

In 1944 it was decided to embark on a large scale missile program. A group of officers from the office of Chief of Ordnance and the Engineer Corps was instructed to find a suitable site for missile research. Certain specifications were made. First most important: the proposed proving ground must lie in area of large open spaces with little commercial value and little population. Also the firing area should be flat and easily accessible so that missiles would not become lost after being launched. However, mountains or high hills nearby would be desirable for the use of radar and visual tracking stations. The presence of an ocean or large body of water nearby would be most unwelcome, because fogs or mists would interfere with tests. The climate should be such as to afford year round-use of the area.

Besides these natural conditions, certain other features were necessary. The proving ground should be accessible by both air and rail, but it must not be crossed by a major air or rail line. It would be quite inconvenient for an airline to have to delay its commercial flights for several hours while a rocket was being tested. Also, the presence of an established army base within a reasonable distance would be undesirable.

A glance at the foregoing specifications will show that White Sands Proving Ground is admirable in every way. This was the decision of the officers in whose hands the selection lay, and so on February 20, 1945, the establishment of White Sands Proving Ground was officially approved by the Secretary of War.

The possibilities of New Mexico as a rocket testing ground

were realized long before the rocket was ever thought of as a military weapon. In 1930, one of the pioneers in liquid fuel rocket experiments, Professor Robert H. Goddard, established his base in New Mexico. He chose a ranch near Roswell as his testing ground, only 100 miles from WSPG. Goddard had been doing his work in Massachusetts, but he found the climate unsuitable for testing rockets. Also he had a great deal of trouble with the local fire department. The dangers of rockets in an area which was heavily populated and heavily forested were uppermost in the fire marshalls mind, and his repeated requests that Goddard cease his experiments finally caused the professor to change

his base of operations. The fact that he too chose New Mexico speaks highly of this area as the ideal place for establishing a rocket proving ground.

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By Bob Weiss

Rumor Squelching: After many inquiries it seems unfortunately necessary to report that there is NO basis to the widely circulated rumor that Anna Rosenberg is making an effort to release draftees after 17 months of active duty. If any further information is gotten, all interested personnel will be duly notified.

K. P.s take Note: With news this week of the death of Robert P. Patterson, former Asst. Secretary of War, it was brought to light that Mr. Patterson was pulling K. P. (outside man on garbage) when he received word from President Roosevelt that he had been appointed Asst. Secretary of War under Henry Stimson. This is offered as a morale booster, although it isn't suggested that you pester the mess sergeant about any important calls you might have missed.

Rumor Upheld: Sorry, but it's true. According to Public Law 51 (revised) all draftees will spend a total of eight years in active and reserve duty with the Armed Forces. During the reserve period it shall be one's duty to accept appointment or assignment in an organized unit or an officers training program if the need arises.

Just Ain't So Dept. Despite many stories to the contrary, the group of Broomsticks who recently went to the 9rd are not indispensable. No one is indispensable, however, it may safely be said that the group is ultimately necessary to the efficacy of certain ordnance occupational aspects.

Overheard in the Barracks: ... "If each man hour is worth one dollar... and we spend ten hours preparing for parades and

UNDER COMPTROLL

By Marie R. Koether

To paraphrase an old rural saying, "A short column's soon read!" so let's get a little of the news while there's time. We're all trying to be at least two (and better yet three) places at once around here, and this will of necessity be a hail in passing.

Two of our young matrons demonstrated their cooking prowess, and most enjoyably for the rest of us, this week. Jerry Deckert celebrated her birthday by bringing in a most impressive devil's food cake with white icing. Jeanne Osberg's contribution was a batch of cookies. Both are well on the way to Cordon Bleu honors, if the comment on these samples of their art is to be believed. Everyone seemed to be in favor of encores.

January has been birthday month. Betty Tucker's led off during the first week and has been followed by Jewell Holley's, Gertrude Kruckerberg's and Jerry Deckert's. Many happy returns!

Nice to have Sgt. Chiles back with us after a session with the cold germ. We're pleased to note that he sounds a lot better than when he left us for his hospital sojourn—and looks better, too.

Correspondence Department: Open letter to my fellow columnist Glenn Sullivan. Regarding your comment in a recent column about marriages and misquotations: I'd beg to differ that problems of marriage between natives of different parts of the U. S. can't be resolved. The writer's a Southerner (with a capital S you'll note) who married a Blank-Yankee while he was stationed in Texas, and the idea of this whole communication is to offer you the use of the most recent anniversary gift I received "Bartlett's Familiar Quotations." Can't tell Emerson from Shakespeare without a Bartlett's!

They say a few items have come down a little in price, but it is safe to say that living expenses are on the up and up.

inspections that come around very frequently... and the civilians come to watch the fun... let me see... Good Lord!!!"



—U. S. Army Photo, Citizen Engraving

COMMANDING OFFICERS of White Sands and Ft. Bliss discuss missile problems with Lieutenant General E. M. Almond, Commandant, Army War College, during his recent visit to the Proving Ground. Left to right, Captain A. E. Uehlinger, Commander, Naval Unit Test Facility, General Almond, Brigadier General George G. Eddy, Commanding General, WSPG, and Major General John T. Lewis, Commanding General, Ft. Bliss. Visible in the background is Brigadier General G. L. Haden, Commandant, Ft. Bliss Artillery School.

WITH THE NAVY

By O. R. Cummings, ET2

Mrs. Bettye Pruitt, the Commanding Officer's secretary, was the guest of honor at an heir-apparent shower held recently in the Conference Room at the new Laboratory Building.

Refreshments were served. The start of a savings account was presented to the honoree by Captain Uehlinger in behalf of the guests.

R. J. Prince, FA, assisted the hostesses, Mrs. Grete of the NRL office, Mrs. Bertha Anderson and Mrs. Ethel Anderson in making arrangements for the surprise party.

A group of 59 officers from the Naval Post Graduate School at Monterey, California were on board last week to witness a missile firing and to attend several talks on the general subject of rockets and missiles.

Prior to arriving at WSPG, the group visited Sandia Base, Albuquerque.

News from the Personnel Office is rather sparse this week. H. R. Kirk, GMCA, has shipped over for six and L. W. Easterbrook, DK2, has reported aboard for duty from the Naval Station at New Orleans. Hicks, YN3, is on leave.

Work on the renovation of the EM Club is proceeding satisfactorily. A back bar is in the process of construction and the walls of the rear portion of the building are being lined with plywood. Much remains to be done, however, and the gang will be at work this Saturday and Sunday. Go down and help them. It is your Club.

George Willis declares positively that he's all through with our neighboring Republic of Mexico. Ask him why.

Bonham had his hair cut in Juarez not too long ago. What a job! And it only cost him a nickel. He should have paid more.

Don Johnson, Rabet and Oscar Wiles report an enjoyable trip to sunny California. They visited Jack Valencia, formerly of this station, and took in the sights in L. A., Hollywood, and San Diego. Tijuana was also on their itinerary and from what they tell us, Juarez is way ahead in all respects.

Wayne Johnson SA, Jack Rinker, and Klinkner are spending nearly all of their free evenings in town lately. What are the attractions, boys? Johnson, we understand, is getting to be quite the lover. All he does is look at the women and they swoon.

Sperry, in one of his frequent moments of genius, has provided us with an answer to those who ask what the Navy is doing out here in the desert. "Just tell them we're the crew of a prairie schooner" saith Snag.

With this feeble attempt at wit and because of the general lack of newsworthy events at the present time, we'll bring this column to a screeching halt for now. See you next week.

POLITICAL WORMS

This year is political year and no matter how cold the weather is in January the early birds will be looking for political worms.

Tip to motorists: Drive safely—don't let an accident spoil your plans for 1952.

The greatest trouble with some folks is that they insist on conversing about things with which they are not conversant.

Chaplains' + Corner +

"A Superfluity of Naughtiness"

—One observes the shocking behavior of youngsters in our Sunday School classes and wonders, "Why?" Why, in the house of the Lord, where (if any place on His earth) one might reasonably expect to find reverence, as well as orderly conduct, is there so much of disrespect, bad manners, misbehavior, and outright orneriness? True, now and then a Sunday School teacher, does report that, as a rule, her pupils show encouraging signs of a rudimentary knowledge of how they ought to conduct themselves. Still, the all too common report is, in effect, "About all I can do is to try to keep them quiet."

Anyone who is at all concerned naturally wonders why this condition should exist... that is, until he peeks into the average public-school room and finds the same thing; into most homes and sees a similar performance; on any street corner and sees it there, too. It is found in almost any public gathering, in stores and on streetcars and busses. What it is, of course, is a general collapse of what used to be known as discipline.

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till night, it is impossible to blame our children.

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Perhaps it were wiser for grandma to get into a pair of levis, for grandpa to buy himself a hot-rod, to enter into the spirit of the thing and be young again, too!

The foregoing was published in an Ohio Lutheran Church paper but it is so full of truth that it is passed on to you.

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Plans for consolidating Veterans Administration insurance and death claims activities now being handled by six separate VA District Offices located at Fort Snelling, Minnesota and Denver, Colorado, were announced today by Veterans Administrator, Carl R. Gray, Jr.

The plans call for the transfer of District Office activities from Oakland, California and St. Louis, Missouri to Denver, Colorado, and for the transfer of similar activities from Seattle, Washington and Chicago, Illinois to Fort Snelling, Minnesota. The consolidations are scheduled to start about February 10 and to be completed in early March.

It is estimated that the two consolidations will result in a net annual savings of approximately two million dollars after the first year of operation.

The District Office in Denver, Colorado will continue to serve the veterans of New Mexico in all insurance and death claims activities.

HALF-MILLION TONS OF SCRAP METAL COLLECTED

The national farm scrap collection drive has already yielded 528,000 tons of scrap metal, according to reports turned in so far by State Agricultural Mobilization Committees. The half-million figure is based largely on collections made during the four-week period from October 15 to November 15.

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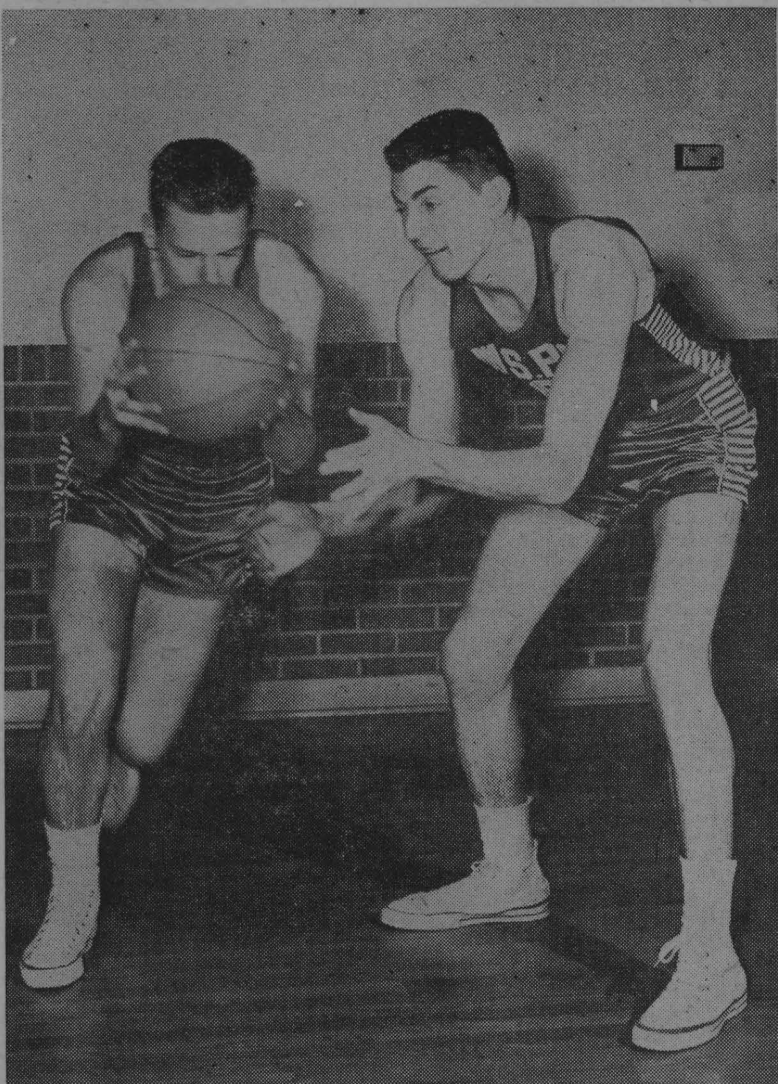
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WSPG SPORTS



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THE TWO HIGHEST SCORERS on the WSPG Post basketball team get in a little practice before taking on the Holloman AFB team. The game is scheduled for Saturday evening. Gene Wisniewski (right) is high scorer for the team with a total of 90 points to his credit this season. Orville Knee is runner-up with 85. With a little luck the team hopes to be led to victory by these two aces.

Rockets Win in Basketball By Beating Church Team 57-40

The Rockets won from the Latterday-Saints last Friday in a real cage thriller 57 to 40.

The game, played at the Holloman Base gym, started off fast, ending with a close margin at the

half 23 to 22.

During the first quarter, the Rocket player, Garcia had four fouls against him, but played a cool game the rest of the way until the final whistle blew. Poteat also had four fouls but interspersed his throughout the game.

Roberts and Wheeler of the Latterday-Saints fouled out against the Rockets, with all the other Rockets staying in the game. The three high point men for the Rockets were Gene Wisniewski and Bill Poteat. They each ran up 14 points apiece with Garcia ringing up 8.

On the opposition team Wheeler was high man with 20 points, and Rock with 7 points.

Friday and Saturday will see the Rockets tackle the Holloman team again there, with a strong hope of winning.

Holloman consistently has beaten the Rockets, but the Latterday-Saints have in turn been out ahead of Holloman.

It's a lot smarter to stick out your arm when driving an auto in winter weather than your neck.

Name of an Indianapolis antiqueshop: "Den of Antiquity."

Officers Bowling League Opens Second Round of Season

The Officers Bowling League opened its 1952 bowling season, Thursday evening, January 24th.

Six teams were entered for the second tournament of the 51-52 season. One new team was added to the league and is captained by Capt. E. A. Gulick of the first GM Bn. The team has been christened, "The Guided Muscles."

The Desperadoes have disbanded and the remaining members will be dispersed throughout the different teams in the league.

Major W. G. Wentz has replaced Capt. Gulick as "Renegades" captain.

The new tournament will operate under the same rules this season with one exception: Individuals will be eligible for only one league prize at the conclusion of the tournament.

Teams taking part in the tournament and the team captains are: "Navy," Lt. MacDonald; "Renegades," Maj. Wentz; "Jets," Capt. Wilson; "Air-Weather," Capt. Steely; "Guided Muscles," Capt. Gulick; and "Rockets," Mr. Ashby. Capt. Gulick will act as Secretary-Treasurer for the 1952 season.

Bowling Standings 2nd Round

TEAM	W	L
BRL No. 1	8	2
4119th ASU	7	1
Hqs Strays	6	3
SCEL No. 1	5	1
169th Sig.	5	1
SCEL No. 2	5	4
Navy Chiefs	4	5
BRL No. 2	4	5
1st GMS	4	5
Navy	3	6

High Game, 232 Johnson BRL No. 1
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High Series, Riley Navy.

High Average 187 Klein BRL No. 1.

First Ten Top Averages:
1. Klein, BRL No. 1, 187
2. Riley, Navy, 186
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4. Ezell, 1st GMS, 177
5. Skrocki, Hqs. Strays, 176
6. Hensley, 4119th ASU, 175
7. Kitchen, BRL No. 1, 173.
8. Search, Hqs. Strays, 170.
9. Smith, SCEL No. 1, 169.
10. Smith, Hqs. Strays, 167
Mazzeno, 169th Sig. 167.

Instructional Teams Tour 4th Army Area

Two more of the six instructional and demonstration teams formed to improve the training and provide instruction for the Organized Reserve in the Fourth Army area, started on their two-months tour Monday, January 7. The teams, composed of two company grade officers, have been undergoing intensive training at Fort Sill, Okla., in preparation for the two-hour periods of instruction to be given at the ORC training assemblies.

The teams, designated as Numbers 3 and 4, will give specific instructions on new developments, techniques and doctrines.

Team Number 3 will start at Wichita Falls, Tex., and Team Number 4 will commence its tour at El Dorado, Ark. Before the tours close February 27, they will have given instruction in all five states in the Fourth Army area.

Team Number 3 will acquaint ORC personnel with current defensive doctrine in view of the experience gained in Korea and the likelihood of the tactical use of atomic weapons in future field operations.

Team Number 4 will familiarize ORC personnel with recent developments and current doctrine an airborne and air landed tactical operations. Emphasis will be made on planning for and execution of air landed operations at the battalion and regimental level. This will include determinations of equipment and personnel to be airlifted, aircraft requirements, landing techniques, marshalling and unloading procedure.

The complete itineraries have been arranged by the five military districts.



"HOWDY PARDNER"—Beverly Tyler leans against the ol' corral with thumbs hitched to her belt in true Western style. The 23-year-old curvaceous brunette has two rip-snortin' western movies just awaitin' to be released. She recently appeared in "My Brother Talks to Horses."

Guardsmen Released In Advance of Time

WASHINGTON (AFPS)—The Department of the Army has announced that it is making plans to release National Guardsmen "somewhat in advance" of their 24 month federal service period.

The plans will afford a phased return of individual Guardsmen in NG divisions called up since Korea. There are no established figures and no time table has been announced.

No decision has been reached whether the divisions themselves will be retained on an active duty basis.

More ROTC Cadets In 4th Army Area Than Other Armies

Of the 139 distinguished military graduates of colleges throughout the nation to receive Regular Army second lieutenant commissions January 1, 1952, 38 are in the Fourth Army area.

Oklahoma A&M leads with 13, Louisiana State University is second with 8, and Texas A&M is third with 5. Others follow: University of Oklahoma, 4; University of Texas, 3; University of Arkansas, 2; and one each at New Mexico A&M, University of Houston, and Texas Tech.

The appointees are members of the senior division of the ROTC units at the respective colleges, who will be graduated at the mid-term of the current school year.

The Army also named in the Fourth Army area 660 of the national figure of 971 distinguished military students for appointments as second lieutenants at the end of the current school year. The appointments are to be effective June 15, 1952.

All the June appointments are conditional, based on the successful completion of the academic year and the maintenance of the high standards required of distinguished military graduates.

There are 18,000 ROTC members in the Fourth Army, which embraces the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana,

Operation Stork

Congratulations to Cpl. and Mrs. Burgin Morrow on the birth of a son, Friday, January 18th, at William Beaumont Army Hospital.

Cpl. Morrow is a member of the Military Police.

It's a boy for Cpl. and Mrs. Mark Torres. He was born Monday, January 21st, at William Beaumont Army Hospital.

Cpl. Torres is a member of SCEL.

A movie script writer christened his estate: "El Rancho Costa Mucha."

and New Mexico.

The largest enrolment of ROTC students is at Texas A&M with 2617. Oklahoma A&M has 2308 and Oklahoma University, 1391. Among other colleges in the Fourth Army area are Texas University with 653; Louisiana State University, 1800; Arlington, 729; Arkansas, 597; Tulane, 512; New Mexico Military Institute, 458; St. Mary's 393; and Baylor, 234.

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Organ Notes

By Bob Rodell

Mrs. Clara Loughrie, post photo lab, entertained supper guests at her home last Thursday. The guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wiese, Mr. and Mrs. David Knox, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gessel, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shoberg.

The post flag was flown at half mast a week ago today in honor of Robert Patterson, Assistant Secretary of War, who was killed in a plane crash last week.

Mrs. George Housknecht, Mrs. W. R. Ashby, and Mrs. R. W. Ashby attended an Eastern Star meeting Tuesday evening in Las Cruces.

Two new 4 speed 37 passenger General Motors busses which were received last Monday have already been put into service. The busses are somewhat different than the present busses in that they contain luggage space at the sides. The seats are lower than the other busses and have smaller size windows.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ritter celebrated their first wedding anniversary last Sunday.

Sgt. E. N. Newman, formerly of the 1st GM Bn, has just received his orders to report to the Alaskan command. Sgt. Newman's wife is employed in Civilian Personnel.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. Thomas Pickett in the loss of his father, who died as result from a fall Wednesday January 23 in Las Cruces. Mr. Pickett took his father's body to Wahoo, Nebr., for the burial which took place Sunday.

Mrs. Colleen Barnette, comptroller's, office left her job permanently to join her husband, Harold, GMM, USN, in San Diego.

Army Lays Plans to Avoid Accidents in Spring Maneuvers

Pre-manuever plans for the elimination of accidents during the joint Army and Air Force maneuver, Exercise Long Horn, at Fort Hood this spring, will be laid in a conference at Fourth Army headquarters Tuesday and Wednesday.

Safety officers of the 31st and 47th Infantry Divisions, the 82nd Airborne, the 301st Logistical Command, the XV Corps and Fort Hood and Camp Polk, will confer with the Fourth Army officers who have charge of the giant maneuver, involving more than 100,000 troops.

The group of safety men will be welcomed by Maj. Gen. Hobart R. Gay, Deputy Fourth Army Commanding General, who will point out the importance of safety precautions toward the successful operation of the maneuver. The theme of his address will stress the urgency of everyone being "safety conscious."

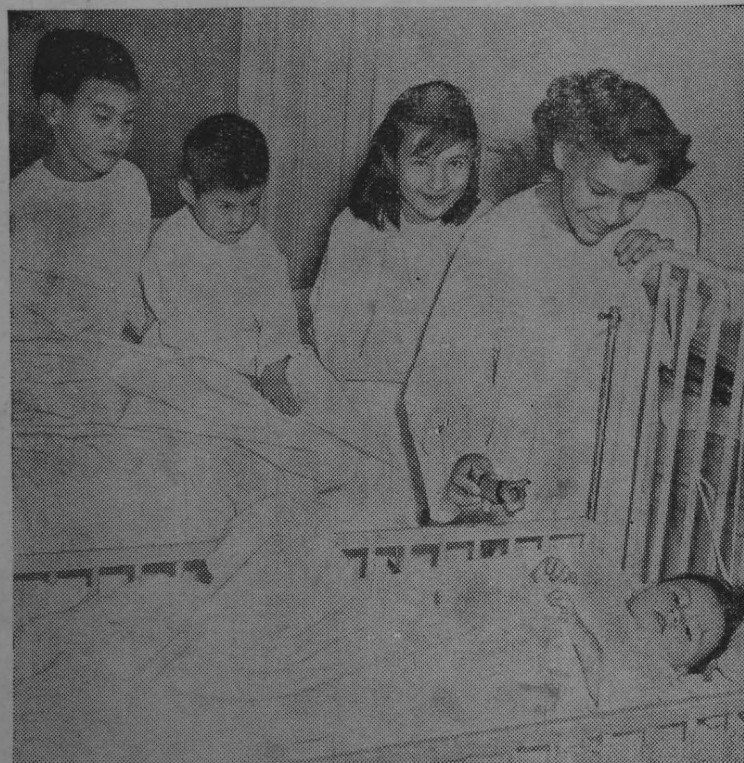
Although the obvious causes of accidents will receive much attention, the little-thought-of reasons for accidents will be given full treatment. Items like slipping in the mud, merely walking across the terrain, falling into holes or falling down hills take considerable toll during maneuvers, while collisions of vehicles, personnel hit by trucks and numerous other causes of accidents also will be emphasized in the precautionary group.

Thomas Ayers, of the Office of U. S. Army Safety Director, in Washington, will attend the conference. He will discuss the responsibilities of the unit safety officers and the pre-maneuver safety orientation of troops.

W. R. Knapp, Third Army Safety Director, will tell of the lessons learned about accidents during the Southern Pine maneuver last year, with a view to eliminating repetition of the same causes.

H. T. Buchanan, Fourth Army

Family of Five Get Dimes Help



The dimes are really marching for this family. Five of the nine children of the Henry F. Smith family were stricken with polio at the LaCorte Orellis Reservation in northern Wisconsin. Shown in a Duluth, Minn., hospital (l. to r.) are Donald, 7; Robert, 5; Doris, 10, and Selma, 14, all entertaining their baby brother, Billy, 19 months. The March of Dimes, currently underway, helped underwrite care.

FISHER BODY OFFERS PRIZES IN AUTOMOBILE DESIGN CONTEST

The 1952 model car competition of the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild is offering \$65,000 in cash awards and university scholarships to the nation's best 'teen-age model automobile designers and builders, it was announced today by W. S. McLean, secretary of the guild.

Enrollments are being taken now for the competition by guild field representatives who personally are visiting many of the public and parochial schools throughout the country, McLean said.

To date, the Craftsman's Guild has awarded 107 university scholarships worth \$360,500. More than \$500,000 in cash and other awards have been made to youthful craftsmen with more than 10,000 boys receiving state and regional honors in recognition of their skill in designing and building model automobiles.

Any boy in the United States between the ages of 12 through 19 is eligible to enter the competition and may obtain an enrollment card by writing to the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild, General Motors Building, Detroit 2, Michigan.

A booklet on model car design and construction, the only textbook of its kind for youth wishing to learn about automobile design, will be sent to each boy enrolling in the Guild, McLean said. It was prepared by professional designers from the General Motors Styling Section, Fisher Body Division engineers and the Technical Staff of the Craftsman's Guild. It also illustrates, step by step, how to build the model either by casting it in plaster or by carving it from wood block.

The awards for the best models entered in the Guild competition again include eight university scholarships for the national winners of the junior (12 through 15 years old) and Senior (16 through 19) divisions of the competition. In each age group the awards will be: 1st—\$4,000 scholarship; 2nd—\$3,000; 3rd—\$2,000; 4th—\$1,000.

There will be 14 awards in each state and the District of Columbia, seven in each age group as follows: 1st—\$150 cash; 2nd—\$100; 3rd—\$50; and four honorable mention awards of model builder's tool chests. For judging purposes, the 48 states and District of Columbia will be grouped into 20 regions, each of which will send a junior and senior division winner expense-free to the national Guild convention next August.

Sons of General Motors employees (including dealers and their employees) are eligible to enter the competition. Duplicate awards are made if the son of a GM employee wins. Twenty-four

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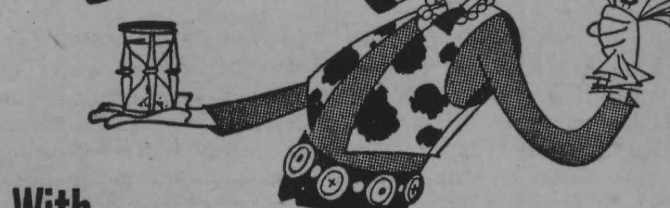
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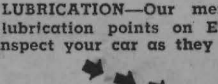
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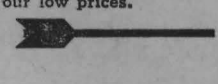
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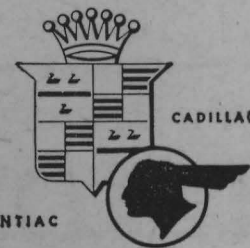
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Although the Ordnance Department was nominally merged with the Artillery from 1821 to 1832, it's entity as a distinct service was recognized and preserved. In 1832 it was fully restored to the status established in 1815.

Scientific research in ordnance material was begun, improved methods of casting cannon were developed, and small arms and ammunition were notably improved. Following the procurement confusion of 1861, the number of Ordnance officers increased from 36 to 64, the armories and arsenals were expanded, and satisfactory production achieved.

During the period between the Civil War and World War I, breech-loading field and coast artillery were developed, and improved projectiles, propellants, and explosives were standardized.

The Springfield rifle was developed and officially adopted in 1903. The procurement problems of World War I resulted in establishment of the decentralized Ordnance District system of procurement.

During that war the number of Ordnance officers was increased from 97 to about 5,900. Immediately following the war, in recognition of the difficulties inherent in establishing production of heavy Ordnance material such as artillery, plans were made for the development and production of improved material.

Although hampered by limited funds, this program resulted in the standardization of new and improved items of artillery, small arms, ammunition, and command vehicles.

Surveys of industrial capacity and plans for expansion were made concurrently, and the production of munitions was well under way in late 1941.

The Ordnance Department had four major tasks in World War II. To meet enemy weapons and unforeseen conditions, new weapons, notable among which were rockets, recoilless rifles (of artillery size and power), and ammunition items.

To supply Allied forces, under International Aid, as well as those of the United States, it was necessary greatly to expand the available productive capacity. The Ordnance District offices had been reactivated in 1922 and expanded prior to World War II.

Commercial plants were converted to the production of ordnance material, and new plants were built to increase this production, particularly ammunition and basic chemicals for explosives. The production problem was increased by the transfer to the Ordnance department, in



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FEBRUARY 12 IS THE DATE when these American Red Cross workers will return to the Proving Ground to again receive blood donations. Left to right, first row: Miss Jacqueline Klemm, Mrs. Marguerite Defaud (chief nurse), Miss Patricia O'Connell, Miss Patricia Johnson, Miss Francis Bachelder, Mrs. Dorothy Ortensic. Second row: Dr. J. A. Olean (medical director), Mrs. Vera Silfies, Mr. Clifford S. Harriss, Jr., Mrs. Wilma Gayihel (Penny) Singleton, Mrs. Charlotte Hartman, Mr. Richard Jones, Jr. (blood custodian), Mr. Hollis Bashaw.

Two Players ---

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injury. The injury was the second Amodeo received in the knee.

Pfc. Rucinski was injured in the second quarter when he was dribbling the ball and stumbled over another player's foot. He suffered a broken ankle in the accident.

The Proving Ground lost the game to Holloman 42 to 69.

The management of production was largely decentralized, major responsibilities for ammunition being centered in St. Louis and those for combat and transport vehicles being located in Detroit.

Because of the complicated nature of ordnance material, it was necessary to train military personnel of the Department of the repair, maintenance, and supply of this material.

Schools for the training of officers and enlisted personnel were established both for basic military training and specialized training. During World War II, the number of Ordnance officers increased from 420 to about 26,000.

The Ordnance Department's procurement during World War II totaled \$34,089,000,000, and as early as 1943 totalled daily as much as the entire army ordnance procurement between World Wars I and II.

The postwar activities of the Ordnance corps include the development of improved material, the preservation and disposition of war supplies and facilities, issue of ordnance material to troops in occupation areas and in Zone of Interior establishments, moderate procurement necessary because of shortages and wear, and the maintenance of production coordination with industry.

Everything comes to him who waits—except a cab during a January blizzard.

Broomstick Sweepings

By James T. Koppenhaver

This is the final column of "Broomstick Sweepings." The forces of change have shattered the nucleus which, since late 1950, has lent to the military aspect of activity at Fort White Sands the flavor of technical proficiency and the color of intellectual stimulation, with the result that, early in 1951, the phrase "Broomstick Scientist" made its debut, coined perhaps in derision, but actually indicative of certain fundamental defects in the value concepts of its coiners, hence its wholehearted adoption by the personnel of the 1st Ord. GMS Bn.

Nike Lane Apts. was especially hard hit by the change; its heart, still beating, was removed and transferred back to the area whence it came not long ago. One might say, with Bob Weiss, that, truly, "intellectualism" with its attendant impact upon status quo, has returned to the '93rd.

Gone is the T. P. Foley Coffee Shoppe with its colorful atmosphere and its famed collection of oddities, chief among which was the carcass of one, Floyd Batchelder, who passed to his eternal rest in September of 1950, and, since then, has been carefully preserved, in alcohol, for all to gaze upon and shudder.

Even the closely-integrated mob of "Boss" Langfeldt was partially scattered, leaving behind a mourning Gon-Pon and a sorrowful Bonny. The JPL duo of Lloyd Krupp, who achieved notoriety in suburban El Paso, and "Meanie" Mancini will also return to their first home, but only for a short time.

We shall simply note here the paper transfer of Ingram, self-styled leader of the Iscariot Band, most of whom are still with us by the way.

Also leaving—Jake Lazerson, willing tool of the "wait until the

dust settles" interests, driving away in his big car, his solitary figure outlined against the setting sun; Jack Christoffel, his friends in the Lark Barracks bewailing his loss.

And last, but hardly least, we mention telexpert Joe Angerman, and mathematical statistician Jim Duffett who leave behind them one who will strive to carry on the traditions of the mob.

Save us a place on the back stoop, will you?

(Editor's Note: The passing of the "Broomsticks" is indeed the end of an era. The catharsis of the Sweepings has long been equivalent to Sophoclean tragedy for many melancholy readers. It can only be hoped that a portion of the dignity can be retained by "Jimmy T." Koppenhaver when he resumes his efforts under a different by-line next week.)

News from the 4119th

By Glenn Sullivan

We wish to welcome to our unit the following enlisted men from various other posts and commands; Sfc Reed and Pvt Gambino now of range signal, Cpl. Bonner and Cpl. Trease of our fire department, Cpl. Fine of the pass office, Pfc. Grayson of the logistics office and Pfc. Awo to the military police office. Many of these men are real veterans with a grand and glorious history.

Many of the men are indeed happy about our new I&E instructors that have recently completed their courses. Under the able direct of Cpl. Kaplan the following have completed their courses; Sgt. Thompson and Sgt. Ferris.

Captain Boulter our executive officer has been making his daily tours of the area and has come up with some startling items. The first day he found a bottle of Hadacol, the next day's harvest included several corks, one old razor blade, one old gray bag and other items too personal to name. This writer was somewhat surprised to note that with this new movement many of the men have expressed a desire to get married and move off the post. Some say that a wife could never be as hard and cruel as The Inspector. I wonder about this? Also it would be a shame to have these persons get married and leave when perhaps (This I doubt) these daily tours may stop. At a recent poll of the theatre goers, I see that the 4119 had very few men at the show for most were in the barracks doing the equipment for the next day's tour. It's all in a lifetime so they tell me.

A note of sadness: Sgt. Nowicki recently helping in Special Services and at the Post Office left for Camp Leroy Johnson with his lovely wife. Our dear postman, Cpl. Ponce also has been below par missing out on a used car deal several days ago. To make matters worse in one of the barracks

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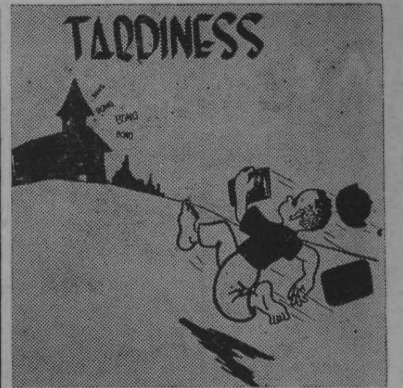
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in the "Slips in the Press" articles in the aforementioned articles, by the public, helps too.

So in conclusion, we apologize most humbly for mistakes made in 1951 and hope that you, the readers, will bear with us in this new year 1952.

we see tears for Pfc. O'Callahan who is away at school. What shall we ever do?

Something that has given me new hope for the future is that Sgt. Butcher has a girl friend. I know that you may say, so what, but really if you could see him after his trips in Las Cruces you would understand better. Many say that love is blind and I know where this saying has value. Seriously however she is a wonderful girl and does a fine job at headquarters.



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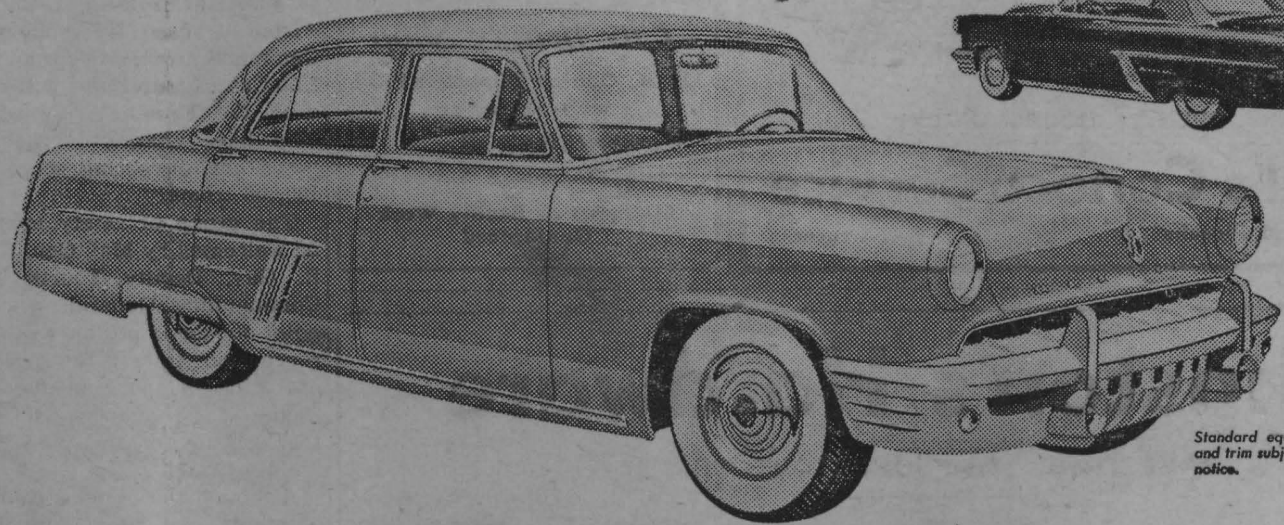
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