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Around the Post

By JO SAIGER

WEDDING STOPPER: The solemnity of a recent wedding ceremony, uniting Mrs. Roberta Asher and D. J. (Bud) Field, Jr., was almost broken up by the bride's blonde, baby daughter, "Bunny." When Roberta's father reached for his daughter's hand to give the bride away, the bubbling blond bouncer saw a game in the making and broke away from her aunt, Mrs. Stephen Crowley, ran and grabbed the ceremonial hand. Laughing with two-year-old glee, she held on tight while grandpa and the preacher played tug of war to get mother's hand loose. Very fond of Bud, the tot decided that if it was for his benefit, she would let go. . . then the ceremony proceeded.

SCENE STEALER: Mrs. Paul Utz of Salary & Wage, CPO, says that her son Tony's 6-month-old Shepherd pup Ginger, is an actress at heart. . . but actress or no. . . she cannot visit the Nativity scene at Cruces City Park again. "Spotting the sheepfold, Ginger apparently thought they needed a good sheep dog. . . so ran over and lay down by the animals. Spectators were amused when the pup wouldn't move. "Those figures are very lifelike," said Mrs. Utz, "or else, she's just a scene stealer at heart."

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS: A sturdy 7-lb. 15-oz. holiday traveler arrived at the home of Lt. Col. and Mrs. F. H. Dowler just in time for Christmas this year. Named James Polk Stewart Dowler, the traveler was routed via Beaumont Hospital, where he first showed up on December 8. A brother, aged nine, is listed in the Dowler genealogy as Frank H. Dowler IV.

EYE CATCHERS: Prettiest posed-est pastries ever put on a paper plate—being carried by Mrs. Roland Willeford, as Christmas gifts. . . * * * Pricey Parham—tall and terrifically pretty—wearing a Christmas red jumper dress with cream colored blouse. . . on her way to Cruces for Saturday classes at A&M * * * * * Cutest moppets and poppets in the world. . . sprinkled generously throughout the housing area of WSPG * * * * * Smiling Charles Turner, photographic aid, doing a real fine pinch-hitting job for Sgt. Eugene Reed at WSSCA Photo Lab desk. . . while the latter spends Christmas in the Deep South with wife, Kay, and son, Steven. Turner's wife and baby "dotter" live in Cruces * * * * * Chatting with Girl Scout troop leader over cup of very hot coffee, attractive publicist Rosemary Luczak explained that the brew had been re-warmed. "Couldn't have gotten that hot the first time," beamed the columnist.

GOOD READING: Highly recommended for devotees of Mother Nature is "Swift in the Night," by William Byron Mowery. It's well written. . . interesting to the nth degree. . . and brings you face to face with the fast-disappearing wildlife of the North American continent. The author even tells you how to distinguish mushrooms, and pick a green salad from any green field * * * * * "For anyone who spent his holiday leave money and has to stay on base. . . "My Seven Years in Tibet," by Heinrich Harrer, will take you to the mystic, marvelous Himalayas, via a path of high adventure. Tight writing and wonderful reading. Good for holiday leisure.

HOLIDAY BOUND: Ed and Roberta Helsey (Douglas & TI&E) will divvy up their holiday leave. . . half with her parents in Wichita Falls, Tex. . . half with his, in Dallas * * * * * On the morning of December 17, Pfc. Roy Wehmhoefer, Tr. Info., crawled out of his warm pad around 2 a.m., to catch the 3 a.m. plane for Chicago, where he will spend the holidays with his father * * * * * SP3 and Mrs. Ray Brandt, with their two-year-old, Tommy—a replica of his blond dad—left early one morning last week, pulling a heavily loaded trailer. . . for Christmas at their home in Cleveland Hgts., Ohio. "We thought we wanted to leave. . . till the time came. . . then found we had become attached to friends and the Land of Enchantment," said the pretty young mother.



ROCKET-RIDING SANTA LAUNCHES YULE SEASON — Spurning his reindeer-drawn sleigh to keep in pace with the nuclear age, a jaunty and hand-waving Santa Claus roars into White Sands Proving Ground astride an "Honest John" rocket to touch off a four-day Christmas holiday Friday for military and civilian personnel here. The fin-tailed surface-to-surface rocket is one of a family of ballistic missiles undergoing tests and development at the proving ground. (Another picture of Santa on Page 6.)

Ceremonies Open Huge Building Here For Land-Based Talos Defense Unit

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies at WSPG last Friday officially opened the building for the world's first Land-Based Talos Defense Unit, a prototype anti-aircraft missile system capable of defending a wide area from attack by enemy bombers. Opening of the huge four-tiered building marked completion of the first phase of a construction and development project costing several million dollars. The building alone, completed in the record time of 282 days by C. H. Leavell & Co., general contractors of El Paso, cost nearly \$800,000.

Harris Urges More Incentive Awards Be Made

The month of Dec. 15 to Jan. 15 was designated at the last general staff meeting as a period during which White Sands Proving Ground supervisors will review records of their employees with a view toward making recommendation for cash awards for sustained superior performance. M. E. Harris, civilian personnel officer, told the staff about this phase of the Incentive Awards Program and its value as another tool in the forging of good human relations, along with such other expressions as "Thank you."

President's Message

To the men and women of the Armed Forces, I send my Christmas greetings. In this season, as we think of peace, the Nation does not forget the efforts and sacrifices of those who protect our country from its enemies. May the blessings of health, in body and in spirit, be with you throughout the new year. As we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace, we renew and fortify our hope and efforts for a better world for all men. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Season's Greetings From Gen. Laidlaw

The approaching Yuletide season brings many pleasant memories. Foremost among these is the efficient and faithful manner in which the members of White Sands Proving Ground, both military and civilian, have served during the past year. The spirit of Christmas has free reign in this country and it is my fervent prayer that our way of life, which symbolizes this spirit, will endure and continue to serve as an inspiration to other freedom loving peoples in the world. With continued teamwork and cooperation, our efforts will contribute immeasurably to "Peace on Earth, and Good Will Toward Men." We as members of the Armed Forces team should derive much satisfaction from the distinct privilege of working for world peace through the days and the nights of all the seasons, year after eventful year. It is my sincere wish that you enjoy a happy holiday season and, in the words of Charles Dickens, resolve that "I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year."

W. E. LAIDLAW
Major General, USA
Commanding

Westover Gets B-52s

WESTOVER AFB, Mass. (AFPS) — The first B-52 bomber to be assigned to Westover recently arrived from Larson AFB, Wash. Forty-five B-52s will soon be operating from here.



TALOS BUILDING OPENS — Officials of three branches of service and representatives of the prime contractor are shown during ribbon cutting ceremonies which opened the building for the prototype Land-Based Talos Defense Unit at WSPG last Friday. Left to right: Capt. V. W. Hammond, USAF, Talos project officer; Warren Knapp, Radio Corp. of America administrator at WSPG; H. D. Albrecht, commander of the RCA Talos operations at the home plant in Moorestown, N. J.; Capt. J. C. Parham, Jr., commander of the WSPG Naval Facility; Maj. Gen. W. E. Laidlaw, USA, commanding general of WSPG; Donald M. Smith, RCA resident engineer at WSPG; Lt. Col. W. H. Shinkle, representative of the Air Force on the WSPG Integrated Range Mission; and Lt. Col. W. H. Shinkle, former assistant to the commanding general of WSPG for technical operations at Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

WSPG Disbursements Top \$50 Million In 1956 to Set New All-Time High

Santa's Season Bursts Open on Proving Ground

Santa's season officially bursts open on the proving ground today with a tree lighting ceremony and the blast of a siren to signal the start of a four-day Yule holiday. Maj. Gen. W. E. Laidlaw will throw the switch to light up the two trees and a cross in front of Post Headquarters Building at 4 p.m. Maj. Harry C. Hand, Post Chaplain, will recite the invocation followed by caroling of the Post Chapel's Protestant Junior Choir. Capt. Owen Connaughton, Catholic Chaplain, will give the benediction.

The presidential-proclaimed four-day Yule holiday span will get underway at 4:15 p.m., with the sound of a siren. Most personnel—military and civilian—will take advantage of a liberal leave policy for the next two weeks. Work resumes on Wednesday.

While many WSPG employees will be frolicking during the holidays at their homes in El Paso or the Las Cruces area, some will remain on post for festivities planned here. The annual Christmas frolic for the post's small fry will be held Saturday in the Post EM Service Club and Post Theater. More than 500 youngsters are expected to attend the get-together which begins at 10 a.m. Santa Claus will arrive by helicopter to launch festivities and gifts will be given to all youngsters under the age of 10.

Meanwhile, scores of residents in the post housing area Friday were putting the finishing touches on their outdoor holiday displays in time to compete for the WSPG Garden Club's home decoration contest. Judging will be held Friday night with complimentary awards from El Paso's Green Thumb Nursery going to the top three winners. Mars Radio Station will take free personal seasonal messages throughout Saturday from all personnel assigned here.

The Main PX will be open to 4 p.m. Saturday to aid last-minute shoppers. Post Chapel will hold holiday services on the following schedule: Catholic—Christmas Eve midnight mass and mass at 9 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Christmas Day; Protestant—Communion services at 10 p.m. Christmas Eve and a 10 a.m. service on Christmas Day.

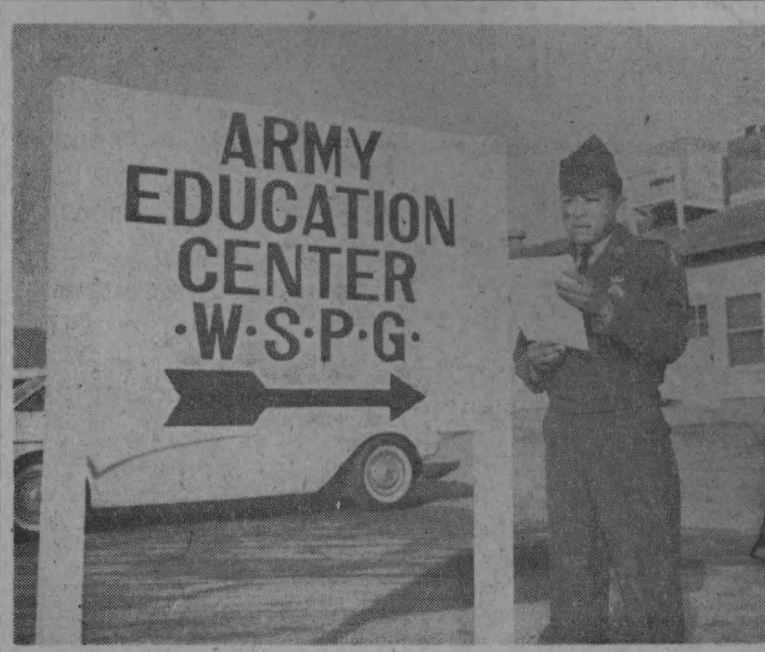
WSPG Girl Scout troops will tour the cantonment area Sunday night to serenade troops and civilians here with Christmas carols. Turkey and all the traditional trimmings will be the star of the menu in the Consolidated Mess Hall on Christmas.

Capt. Crowley Going Overseas

Capt. Tol E. Crowley, Post Special Services officer for three years, will leave the installation Dec. 28 for an overseas assignment in Verona, Italy. Second Lt. Norman D. Stout, assistant Special Services officer here, this week assumed Capt. Crowley's duties. The outgoing officer will be adjutant in the headquarters of Southern European Command Task Force in Verona, Italy. Accompanying Capt. Crowley to Italy will be his wife and five children, Kathleen, Elizabeth Anne, Tol Jr., Lois and Claire. Lt. Stout is a graduate of Colorado A&M College and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He resides on post in Quarters 906 B with his wife and son, Lem.

This Is Charity?

DETROIT (AFPS)—In a collection drive, a local charity group received a sub-machinegun. Police are attempting to trace the donor.



TO GET DIPLOMA — Sgt. Alvin W. Pete, member of Det. 4 (9393rd TU) assigned to the Recovery Section of Range Services Division, scans a letter from his high school principal informing him that he has completed all requirements for his high school diploma. Sgt. Pete will receive the diploma during commencement exercises at Fernley, Nev., High School next June 3.

Indian Sergeant to Get Diploma From High School

Receiving his diploma along with other members of the Class of 1957 at Fernley High School in Fernley, Nev., next June 3 will be a 22-year-old WSPG soldier, veteran of four years' Army service. Sgt. Alvin W. Pete, Det. 4, 9393rd Technical Unit, who wears the wings of a parachutist and has made 36 jumps with Airborne Infantry units, attended Fernley High for three years before enlisting in the Army at the age of 18. His home is in Nixon, Nev., 20 miles from Fernley on the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation. Sgt. Pete is a full-blooded Paiute Indian.

Assigned to the Recovery Section, Range Services Division, he has been at WSPG since July 1956. In September, he applied at the WSPG Army Education Center for the U. S. Armed Forces Institute high school equivalency test. The five separate tests making up the battery required three days. When they had been graded, Army Education Center personnel found that Sgt. Pete had passed everything with "very high grades." Results were forwarded to Hans Lohse, principal of Fernley High School. In a letter to Sgt. Pete received last week, Principal Lohse said in part: "The evaluation of your official report of educational achievement through the USAFI indicates that you are entitled to a Nevada high school diploma. "Congratulations on the scores which you made on these tests. Your name will be added to the list of those receiving diplomas from Fernley High School next June 3. We would be pleased to have you on the platform for graduation, and believe this will be an inspiration to others and a fine example of perseverance."

WSPG education officials pointed out that Sgt. Pete's case is unusual in that he will not only receive his diploma but will participate in the commencement exercises with full honors. In many instances, servicemen passing similar tests receive equivalency certificates in lieu of diplomas, and are not invited to participate in graduation exercises. Sgt. Pete was born on a ranch (Continued on Page 6)

A Christmas Prayer

O Divine Infant, at whose birth the angels sang the only true formula for world peace, look with mercy on our tortured world in this season when peace and joy should abound. Let Thy love for mankind withhold the severity of Thy justice and let Thy mercy shine forth as the Star of Bethlehem in this dark world of ours where so many have closed their eyes to the light of Thy love. Have pity on persecuted and suffering people everywhere. Bring mankind to realize that only when they give to Thee glory in the highest can the peace of good will endure upon earth. Amen.

MAJ. H. C. HAND, POST CHAPLAIN
CAPT. OWEN CONNAUGHTON, CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN

3 Years of College Courses Open Under New Resident Study Plan

The way was cleared this week for the proving ground's GIs and civilians to take up to three years of college courses in evening on-post classes which can be applied toward a college degree. A new arrangement between the Post's Army Education Center and New Mexico A&M College at Las Cruces changes the college's extension-type program—which has been in effect at the proving ground for about three years—to a resident program of study. Up to now students enrolled in the college's four courses conducted on post in the evening could apply only 30 hours credit on a college degree. Under the new resident plan, students may transfer to any accredited college about three times the amount of credits which were transferable under the extension program. The changeover will mean the addition of new courses at the proving ground, according to Maj. John France, post troop information officer. The first of these new courses, to get under way early in January, will be General Psychology with Maj. France as instructor. More new courses will be offered early next year as they are requested by students. At least ten students must sign up for a course before the college will consider offering it on post, Maj. France said. Since New Mexico A&M College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, its credits are easily transferable to other colleges across the nation. The Academic Center of New Mexico A&M College approved the changeover after several months of study. The change was requested by Maj. France and the college's dean, William O'Donnell. A resident plan of study was offered at the proving ground once before in 1950 when Maj. France was troop information and education officer here. However, the resi-

Payroll Totals Over \$30 Million

Strength of WSPG's working population and size of its payroll reached new all-time high marks this month as the year 1956 neared its close. Also at a new high was total value of WSPG's physical plant, as the result of a construction program which has been under way throughout the year. Although the rate of growth along all lines was not quite so spectacular as compared to some other 12-month periods in the post's 11 1/2-year history, progress has been steady and continuous during the past year.

Total disbursements for 1956, the majority of it spent in this area, will be an estimated \$50,873,415. That is another new all-time high and represents an increase of some \$5,750,000 over the figure for 1955.

The WSPG physical plant is valued conservatively at well over \$50,000,000 as of the end of 1956. That represents an increase of more than \$10,000,000 in the last two years.

Latest figures show strength of the post now stands at 7,527 workers, including military personnel, civilian employees of the government and employes of private industry contractors. This is an increase of nearly 600 persons in the past year. The payroll for 1956 will total approximately \$31,873,415, including (Continued on Page 6)

Important Notice

In accordance with past custom and because of the slowdown of WSPG operations for the holidays, WIND & SAND will NOT be published next week. The next issue following today's annual Christmas edition will be published on Friday, Jan. 4, 1957.

Unit columnists and other contributors are reminded that the deadline for the Jan. 4 edition will be 4 p.m. next Friday, Dec. 28. However, a very limited amount of copy may be accepted Monday morning, Dec. 31. This must be in the Public Information Office before 11 a.m., when the final trip will be made to take copy to the printing office in Las Cruces. The PIO will be closed all day Tuesday, Jan. 1.

Copy received after 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 31, will be used in the Jan. 11 edition. The PIO staff appreciates the cooperation of all unit columnists, other contributors and department heads during the past year. We are looking forward to another year of pleasant associations in this work during 1957. We take this opportunity to extend to each of our readers sincerest wishes for a joyous Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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EDITORIAL They Die Needlessly

The death rate for young men between the ages of 18 and 28 is very low when compared with rates for other age groups. But it could be even lower.

A recent survey showed that more than two thirds of the deaths in this age group came suddenly and violently—in accidents. And nearly all of these were automobile accidents.

The Army, announcing the start of a new accident prevention program, points out that motor vehicle accidents cause more disabling injuries and deaths to soldiers than any other single source. It authorizes commanders to use every available tool in an Army-wide effort to reduce accidental deaths and injuries.

A special phase of the program for the holiday season, when nearly everyone will be doing some automobile travel, is designed to emphasize the danger of "highway hypnosis." This is defined as a trance-like state brought on by traveling at high speeds for long periods on modern highways. It is particularly dangerous at night.

Individuals are being urged to drive only during daylight hours. They are being advised to allow safety margins on time schedules and avoid rushing. They are being warned against taking unnecessary chances.

Season's Greetings From Division Chiefs

This year has been a challenging one for the proving ground and the White Sands Signal Corps Agency. I am proud of the progress we have made. The responsiveness and support from all members of the command have been worthy of our best traditions.

Current world events give emphasis to the importance of our work and the need to increase our future capabilities.

Maj. Gen. J. D. O'Connell, chief signal officer, extends to all members of this command and their families his warmest season's greetings.

I also extend to all members of my command and their families my personal greetings and good wishes in this Christmas season.

Gerald Carlisle
Colonel, Signal Corps
Commanding Officer
WSSCA

The Christmas season is a time for reflection and a rededication to the principles as lived and taught by the Prince of Peace. May the spirit of peace, charity and good will to all remain with us as we meet the ever-increasing challenges of the future which will face us as individuals and as a nation.

I extend to you my warmest Christmas greetings and sincere wishes that the coming year will be one of good health and happiness for you and yours.

Please accept my appreciation for your efforts towards achieving our common goal.

James P. Hamill, Lt. Col.
Chief, Ordnance Mission

To: All military and civilian personnel, logistics and technical services:

As once again we celebrate the birth of our Christ-Child, we find many Christian brethren under the yoke of political and religious serfdom.

We Americans have much to be joyful for and have been provided for bountifully. Let us, therefore, at this Christmastime, give as bountifully and graciously as we can afford, to bring some kindling light of joy and succor to our less fortunate Christian brethren in other lands. The edict of our Savior that, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," should be all America's slogan during these troubled times.

It is with fondest regards for all of you and your families that I extend wishes for a merry Christmas and a prosperous happy New Year.

Russell H. Kyckelahn, Lt. Col.
Chief, Logistics

I wish to convey to all members of the Intelligence Office my warmest greetings for a joyous holiday season and healthy and prosperous New Year. The splendid cooperation of all personnel during the year about to end has always been in evidence and is greatly appreciated. It is my sincerest desire that all of you will continue your excellent performance in the year ahead.

Frank H. Dowler, III
Lt. Col. MPC
Chief Intelligence

To: Military and civilian personnel of the Troop Command, Civilian Personnel Division, the Office of the Chaplain, Provost Marshal, Adjutant General and Judge Advocate.

It is particularly pleasing to be one of you at this time of the year and to wish each of you and those you hold close a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

May God bless you during the coming year with health and happiness, and with success, your efforts in the interest of the peace of our nation and the world.

GEORGE A. PACE, Col.
Chief Personnel

Capt. and Mrs. Parham extend to all Naval personnel, military and civilian, and their families their best wishes for a joyous Christmas and prosperous and fruitful year in 1957.

J.C. PARHAM, Capt. USN

A cheerful Christmas with much happiness in the New Year is my holiday wish to all of you at White Sands.

The holiday season gives me an opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to all proving ground personnel who have contributed immeasurably during the past year to the missile program and the nation's defense power.

B. J. HIRSHORN, Col. Ord. Corps
Deputy Commander
Have a safe—and happy—holiday.

To all Comptroller Office personnel:

With the approaching festive season, I feel very humbly thankful to all of you for your efforts in making 1956 a year in which great strides have been made to serve all of the proving ground agencies in the areas of our responsibility. May you and your families have a merry Christmas and a happy, healthful and joyous New Year.

SAMUEL TEITELBAUM, Civ.
Comptroller

Shock Talk

By THE NERVOUS WRECKS

HAPPY LANDINGS—

Miss Mary Sue Campbell left our happy little home Dec. 19 to enter into the bonds of holy matrimony. The lucky guy (?) is now stationed at Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, where they plan to live after the wedding and holidays. Wright Patterson is fortunate to have such a competent person available for hire. Miss Campbell has been employed with the Shock and Vibration Section for a year and a half. It is with deep regrets that this organization must lose these services due to the captivity of Miss Campbell by A/2c David Richardson. With sincerest wishes for a very happy marriage and a long life together from all of your friends at White Sands Proving Ground.

SLEIGH RIDE—

We expect Lucian Cato will be happy to be back in the harness following his recent operation and recuperation. At least there won't be any major carpentry work to do here.

SILENT NIGHT—

The operations crew on the floor of 1544 are sure making a lot of noise these days and nights. Wonder, could they be getting in practice for New Year's Eve?

AND THE STOCKINGS WERE FILLED—

Cigars were enjoyed when Pvt.-2 William Connor made Pfc. Gramme still owes his!

AWAY! AWAY WE GO!—

Lots of planning was undertaken back there in November to arrange a schedule suitable for operation so that all of those desiring holiday leave will be able to take off: Adams, to Texas; Connor, to Ohio; Falkenbach, to New York; Gorman, all over the Midwest; Kraus, working on his discharge; LaRue, to Arkansas; Lindemulder, to Arizona and wedlock; Martinez, a day here and a day there; McCullough, extended trip through Iowa and New York plus holy matrimony; Mock, a day or two; Scheer, two weeks about; Wickstrom, a short trip; and last—Mr. Sheets, (who has all his work scheduled), will be gone for a week.

JINGLE BELLS—

Wedding bells are ringing for Chuck Lindemulder for Dec. 27 in Phoenix, Ariz., to Miss Lois of the House of Van Dyke. Chuck has spent many a restless hour trying to locate suitable living quarters in the Las Cruces area that a struggling young student could afford for his new bride. Hope you've been able to get the new apartment ready for the open house. What shall we bring? Congratulations, Lindel!

The Freq's

Frequency Coordination
Division

By DOMINGUEZ & DEPPERMAN

With the holiday season almost upon us everyone is in a very good mood. The tree in Room 208 has helped to enliven the spirit and everyone passing seems to have admiration for it.

Work goes on as usual the around the offices. From the sounds coming from the Northeast Corner of Room 204, the boys must have brought up some reports to be typed.

Even though Bill Fickes is back to work his desk is empty quite a bit of the time. Want a desk on wheels for Xmas, Bill?

One day last week, a bus load of chimpanzees hit the back end of the car in which Bill Nolan was riding from work. At least that's the story he gave for his stiff neck. Sounds like some monkey business going on here.

According to an exhaustive study by scientists, one person out of every 150 is a genius. This means there are about 10 geniuses in WSSCA. Dave Waddington wants to know who the other nine are.

What is it that we hear about Room 107 personnel giving Joe Santos a bad time. Don't worry Joe, your shoulders are broad enough, huh?

Warren Schnabel at the Fort Bliss Monitoring Station is being sent to school at Fort Monmouth, N. J., before being sent to Viet Nam, Indochina.



GIFT BOXES FOR NEEDY — Two gift boxes of Christmas presents for the needy of the area were filled by members of the White Sands Proving Ground Woman's Club at its Yule frolic Tuesday in the Officers' Open Mess. Depositing the first gifts are, from left, Mrs. M. D. Sloane Jr., president; and Mrs. R. B. Arbuckle.

Divine Services

JEWISH

Sabbath Eve services will be held in the Post Chapel at 8 o'clock tonight. An Oneg Shabbat will follow.

PROTESTANT

Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Beginners meet in the new metal school building. Primary (1st-3rd) grades meet in Building T-116. Juniors meet in Building 357. Intermediate-senior high meet in Building T-356. Young Men's Bible Class meets in Building T-104. Adult class meets in Building N-66.

Worship services at 10 and 11 a.m. in the Post Chapel. Episcopal services in the Post Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

Choir rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Post Chapel. Post Nursery is open during both Protestant and Catholic services from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. free of charge. Communion service at 10 o'clock Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24, in Post Chapel.

Service at 10 a.m. Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25, in Post Chapel.

CATHOLIC

Sunday masses at 7:30 and 9 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in the Post Chapel. Daily Mass at 6:30 a.m. in the Post Chapel.

Mass on Saturday at 8:45 a.m. in Building T-116.

Confessions are heard before all but the 12:15 p.m. Mass.

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Post Chapel.

Catechism classes at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, in Building T-116.

Altar boy instruction will be held after catechism at 10 a.m. Saturday, in Building T-116.

Senior catechism classes at 7 p.m. Monday in Building T-116.

Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24, in Post Chapel.

Mass at 9 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. on Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25, in Post Chapel.

Simulation Sez:

By DICK ADLER

EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK—This week's employee of the week is Merle Lesing. Merle is a mathematician and programmer for the Digital Simulation Branch. He is 26 years old and was born in Alliance, Neb. Merle attended Doane College in Crete, Neb., where he majored in mathematics. He also did one year of graduate work at Florida State and is presently working for his M.S. degree at New Mexico A&M.

Merle was married in August 1951 and has three children—all boys. Before coming to White Sands Proving Ground, he worked at the Pineapple Research Corp. in Hawaii. He has been at White Sands for three years and lives in Las Cruces. Merle's main hobby is archery.

CONGRATULATIONS—On the recent promotion of Elmer Bachmann and Edward Conroy... to A.C. Johnson whose wife is expecting a baby.

NEW EMPLOYEE—Welcome to Leroy Johnson. Leroy is in the Army and is from Sand Springs, Okla. He attended Langston University, where he received a B.S. degree in math. One of his main hobbies is poetry.

GOSSIP—Luke Gonzalez was thrown by a bull on his recent trip to Chihuahua, where he stayed on a ranch for 14 days. He even has the scars to prove his encounter.

Cliff Linsey came back from sunny California with fleece-lined boots, prepared for the weather. Everyone is confused on their leave time for Christmas—all are trying to work out their time to get the most days out of the holidays.

The first thing everyone asks upon entering Milt Levy's office is what are the charts above his desk, it seems he has made a group of Greek charts using the Latin squares—it's all Greek to me.

OTHER NEWS—Our condolences go out to Edward Conroy on the recent loss of his father. The Southwestern Mountaineers are planning to climb the Pico de Orizonaba on their Christmas leave. This mountain is 120 miles east of Mexico City and is one of the highest in Mexico, approximately 18,000 feet. They have been preparing for this climb for a month. They expect to spend about four days on the mountain. Those going from our lab are Dewey Schluter and Rita Goncz—good luck gang.

The Flight Simulation Lab now has M. B. Taylor, Mrs. A. C. Dittmar, Mrs. J. S. Marsh, Mrs. S. U. Gordon, Mrs. G. A. Stone, Mrs. C. R. Faughn and Mrs. J. M. Holway.

3 Years of College Courses Open Under New Resident Study Plan

(Continued from Page 1)
dent plan was dropped in the fall of 1953 and replaced by the extension program which has been in effect until this week.

Maj. France transferred from the proving ground in the spring of 1953 and returned in mid-1955. Since his return, he has been negotiating with the college to effect the changeover.

Dean O'Donnell explained that the courses offered at the proving ground will be the same in content as those offered on campus. Instructors will be selected from the college's faculty.

The dean continued that the college is prepared to offer in the on-post program any course listed in the college's catalogue, provided there are at least ten persons signing up for a course.

Registration for the General Psychology course—the first of the new courses under the resident plan of study—will be held in the first week of January in the Army Education Center, Building 353.

Maj. France explained that the Army acts as a "middle man" between the students and college by furnishing classrooms and equipment for the proving ground courses.

Under the resident plan, as under the former extension system, the Army pays three fourths of the tuition fee for all GIs. Civilian employees must pay the entire course cost themselves.

Fee for courses is \$10 for each credit hour plus laboratory fees when applicable. A matriculation fee of \$5 is payable at the time of initial registration.

GIs are permitted to audit courses, but the Army will pay no portion of the course cost. Students who audit courses are charged the same as if they were regular students.

Both Maj. France and Dean O'Donnell pointed out that the number of credits transferable to a college from any type of resident program of study will vary from college to college.

However, both educators agreed that under the proving ground plan at least up to the equivalent of three years of college work will be transferable under the new plan toward a bachelor of arts degree in any accredited college or university.

The fourth and final year of study must be taken on campus.

Maj. France pointed out that the new psychology course will be directed toward producing better military and civilian instructors.

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GAVEL FOR SOJOURNERS — Capt. James K. Hoey, standing center, unwraps a homemade gavel presented to WSPG Rocket Chapter 282 of the National Sojourners in its installation ceremony held in the Officers' Open Mess last week. The gavel, carved from mesquite wood found on the proving ground, was given to the organization by Rockwell Davis. Capt. Hoey was installed as president of the 1957 slate of officers. Seated from left are Capt. Tol E. Crowley, Mrs. Hoey, CWO Joseph Staggs (retired), Capt. Hoey and Mrs. M. D. Sloane Jr.

Capt. Hoey Installed As President of WSPG Sojourners

Installation of officers highlighted the December meeting here last week of WSPG Rocket Chapter 282 of the National Sojourners.

Capt. James K. Hoey was installed as president in ceremonies held in the Officers' Open Mess.

Other officers installed by Charles A. Farley, regional representative of the national headquarters of the Sojourners, were:

Capt. Coolidge A. Logan, first vice president; Lt. John H. Harrier, second vice president; Lt. Virgil M. Lucky, secretary-treasurer; Maj. Harry Hand, chaplain; Capt. James B. Smith, marshal, and Rockwell Davis, color bearer.

Officers installed for the chapter's auxiliary organization, Solidad Camp of Heroes of '76, include:

Lt. Col. Medwyn D. Sloane Jr., commander; Capt. Hoey, chief of staff; Lt. Lucky, adjutant; Lt. Harrier, officer of the day; CWO James L. Manstine, officer of the guard; Maj. Hand, chaplain; Lt. Col. Frank H. Dowler and Col. Howard Coleman, lieutenants.

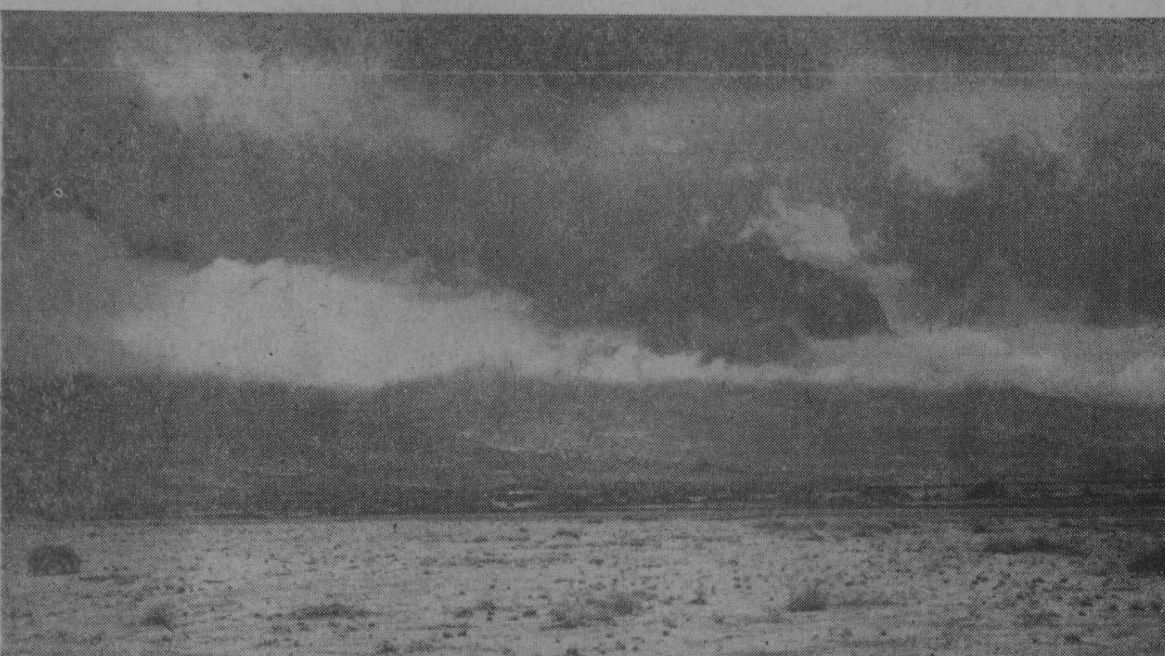
Installation ceremonies followed a formal dinner.

In other business, a homemade gavel fashioned from mesquite wood was presented to the chapter by Rockwell Davis. Davis found the mesquite wood on the proving ground and carved it into a gavel.

Lt. Col. Sloane presented a past president badge to CWO Joseph Staggs (retired), outgoing president of the Sojourners, and a past commander's badge to Capt. Tol E. Crowley, outgoing president of the Heroes of '76.

Members and their wives attended along with special guests Maj. Gen. and Mrs. W. E. Laidlaw, Col. and Mrs. B. J. Leon Hirshorn, Col. and Mrs. G. Carlisle, Cmdr. and Mrs. M. H. Ostrander and Capt. and Mrs. J. C. Parham Jr.

The Sojourners and its auxiliary are military Masonic organizations for officer personnel.



CLOUD MOOD ON MOUNTAINS — The Organs are mountains of many moods. Sunlight and moonlight, shadows and clouds each give the lofty mountains a different face. Tuesday morning, after it had rained, a dense, white cloud bank, several miles in length, virtually obscured the lower, north end of the mountains on the east side. The motionless cloud bank resembled a gigantic snowdrift.

Troop Command Weekly

SPECIAL SERVICES SQUIBS

Special Services personnel are scattering to all parts of the country for the Christmas holiday: Barbara Evans, post librarian, is going "back East" for the first time in five years, to Cleveland, Ohio, and Westport, Conn.; Cpl. Ed Pavao, library Assistant, is heading for San Francisco, as is Pvt. Bob Wallace from the gym; Lt. Stout, assistant Special Services officer, is off to Colorado Springs; SP3 Henry Frye is going to Healdton, Okla.; SP2 Jerry Powers, of the Craft Shop, has been in Beaumont Hospital this last week. Hope you'll be up and around by Christmas, Jerry! Pvt. Jack Theis is transferring to Fort Bragg, N. C. Goodbye Jack and good luck! The rest of us will be staying right here at WSPG, and we wish you all a happy holiday.

MESS BRANCH NOTES

The Consolidated Mess welcomes SP2 Lyle Colberg, SP2 William Shave, Pvt. Ishimal Brown, and Pvt. Doran Dilworth to their new assignments and wishes them a successful tour of duty. The Officers' Open Mess bids good luck to Pfc. Carl Kennel in his new overseas assignment, as it welcomes Pvt. James Preczewski and Pvt. Donald Franks. Mrs. Nancy Bartels has arrived in the Land of Enchantment to join her husband, Frank, of the NCO Open Mess. The festive board is laden as the Consolidated Mess looks forward to the Christmas repast. Dinner will be served from 12 to 3.

DET 1 DISA AND DATA

Holiday greetings from Doug Stender, formerly from the 1st platoon who is now stationed in England. "You people have it made at White Sands," says Doug who has to pull guard, KP, and sometimes work 14 hours a day. Anybody who wants to write Doug can obtain his address from the bulletin board. Welcome to Pvt. Arnold Lee who has joined the mailroom staff—Arnie hails from Fresno, Calif., and graduated from Fresno Junior College.

SP3 Gerald Illig, present mail clerk, will be discharged Jan. 10. Sgt. Adams recently became the proud father of a baby girl—both mother and daughter are doing fine—where are the cigars, sarge? . . . Many of us are wondering when the daytime TV set will be repaired. Does anyone have a spare picture tube? . . . One-two victories in a row for our Det. basketball team, which is back on the winning patch after losing its opener. . . The MG with the dilapidated top belongs to Pvt. James Fleming who is expecting a new top from Santa Claus. It had better come soon because after the last sandstorm, Jim had to remove the sand with a shovel. . . The recent snow flurry brought back memories to the boys from the North and East. Overheard someone mention "Snow, is that something you eat?" . . . Hoopsters Joe Masciarelli and Pete Brunder are off to Fort Hood, Tex., with the post basketball team. Paul Levy, the team's above scorekeeper, also made the trip—Joke of the week: Why do birds fly south in the winter? Because it is too far to walk. . .

NEW IN 2

Quite a bit has happened in our absence from this space. Last week our supply clerk, SP3 Tom Arthur, was selected by Troop Command to make a trip to Oscura to help out their supply problem up there. We asked if he was of much help, and either modesty or lack of it resulted in no answer. Still we felt it was an honor to our unit and Supply Sgt., M/Sgt. Abbott, that Arthur was picked. Our exec., Lt. Al Turkovich, is on added duty as CO of Det. 1, and may be able to shape those misguided souls up. Hope he doesn't do too good a job. As reported some time ago, our trophy case is bulging and this week threatened to break its seams. We added the General's Trophy for Athletic Participation in 1956 to the Traveling Trophy begun by the late Gen. Bell. Also installed in a place of honor was the championship football award. It looks as if there are two more on the way. The bowling team is tied for first in the Intramural League, and the roundballers finished the first half of the season with a 4-0 mark, having defeated the other top teams. Jay Brown leads the team averages with a 13 per. mark. Other starters are Nick Yunk, Perry Hooks, Dick Lonsen, Jimmy Colosimo, Bill Kern and Bill Snow. First Sgt's teammates in kegling are Ray Middison, Jim Burke, Ron Grenda, Ralph Baum, Joe Gormely, and the now departed for Aloha-land, George (Pappy) Youchum. First Sgt. Rus Gearou is one of the top bowlers on sport posting a nifty average of 177 for three leagues. Also representing the post and Det. 2 is our newest "find," Pvt. Keiski Echigo.

Capt. Hall, our CO, was remarking how nicely all the promotions (Det. 2 got 14 new SP2's) would bolster his dwindling cigar supply. Having counted only 16 new ranks, he couldn't account for 17 cigars. The 17th is through the courtesy of SP Arthur who also came out on orders for promotion. Effective Jan. 25, Sp. Arthur makes civilian.

PS: Add one more as SP2 James G. Robey reminds us that his name is on that "green door" (to the outside life) too Christmas is soon upon us, and Det. 2 takes this opportunity to wish each of you and yours a very merry Christmas and a mighty happy New Year. May the holiday season be a bright and safe one and may the year of 1957 see the fulfillment of many of your dreams.

ONE MORE FROM DET. 4

Well, it looks like someone had better put a calendar on the market that tells the number of days remaining. Charlie just has a little more than 600 days. We can't get any work out of him for the first hour each day. He figures out his days. . . Congratulations to our supply sergeant on his boost. Not many people make SFC by the time they are 30. The cigars were a little stale though, he must have had them left over from his last promotion.

We can say one thing about our Det. We sure have some foxy characters. It is a sneaky trick when a guy trades a car to the man he

bought it from for another car. Doesn't sound so sneaky? It wouldn't be if the car had had any rods left. Poor car dealer; bought it without looking.

With so many people going on leave over the Christmas and New Year's holidays we won't have anyone around to pull KP. Seriously, though, we hope each one who goes on leave these holidays will return safely to pull KP another day. Everyone going on a long trip, take it easy. We wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

We wonder who appointed a censor for the dayroom material. Some awful good magazines have disappeared from the dayroom lately. Must have been something in them that the enlisted men shouldn't see, huh?

The party tonight should be very enjoyable. No women? No women? In case anyone doesn't know the time, it is 7:30. Don't stay at the party too long and not get back home for Christmas.

Safety Corner

Accident Score-Box

Following is a list of accidents and injuries in each organization on the post so far this year, as compiled by the Safety Office.

Figures in this Accident Score-Box cover the period from Jan. 1 through Dec. 14, 1956. (YTD means year to date.)

Division or Unit	Military Vehicle Accidents		Military Personnel Injured		Civil Service Emp's Injured	
	YTD		YTD		YTD	
PMO	13	5	2			
14th Ord.	1	5	0			
Post QM	1	0	3			
FDL	8	0	3			
RSD	7	2	0			
STD	1	5	0			
EML	1	0	0			
Post Sig.	6	0	1			
Post Surg.	3	0	0			
IEO	7	0	7			
MFSO	1	0	0			
WSSCA	15	18	3			
CPO	0	0	1			
Spec. Ser.	4	11	0			
Aut. Maint.	2	0	9			
P&C	1	0	0			
OM	1	0	0			
Transp.	16	2	0			
Trp. Com.	5	5	1			
603rd	0	0	0			
Det. 1	0	6	0			
Det. 2	0	10	0			
Det. 3	0	1	0			
Det. 4	0	10	0			
Det. 5	0	2	0			
Det. 6	9	5	0			
Post Ord.	1	0	3			

There were no injuries and damage was relatively light in last week's vehicle "Accident of the Week," which occurred Tuesday at the Main Access Road and the Ordnance Road just east of the Technical Area and just south of the Post Motor Pool.

A civilian driver of an Army 1½-ton stake and platform truck had stopped at the stop sign before entering the Main Access Road from the Ordnance Road. A soldier driving an Army one-half-ton pickup in the same direction failed to stop in time and collided with the rear end of the stake truck. Both vehicles were headed west on the Ordnance Road at the time of the accident.

Neither driver was injured. Damage to the stake truck was negligible and was listed on the accident report as approximately \$1. Damage to the front end of the pickup was estimated at \$86.44.

No disciplinary action against either driver was deemed necessary. However, safety officials pointed out that alertness on the part of the soldier-driver of the pickup truck would have prevented the collision.

They urged drivers to slow down when approaching stop signs or intersections, in order to be able to stop quickly if necessary. They emphasized that alertness and attention to the road ahead are necessary at all times behind the wheel of any vehicle.

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IRM Corner

By CORINNE BACHMAN

"Christmas is here and with it cheer" especially for Angie Rivera because her Christmas present will be under the tree Dec. 29 all wrapped up with a wedding ring and a big red bow.

Speaking of Christmas presents, Lloyd Hillen really splurged this year and bought his girl friend, "Poverty," two new antennas, and let the insurance company pay for the sparkling new (un-sandblasted) windshield. In case you hadn't heard yet, "Poverty" is his '56 Oldsmobile and is so named for obvious reasons. Poor Lloyd's pocketbook is so empty he can't even buy "Poverty" a 25-cent window sticker to go with his new windshield. Poor Lloyd.

Off to New Jersey is Phil Dunlap. He says he'll get there "even if he has to crawl." So if you happen to see him while driving toward New Jersey, why not give the guy a break and offer him a lift.

Ruth Soellner and hubby, Fred, have gone home to Schenectady, N. Y., (BRRR) for the holidays.

Sylvia Robertson is off to California to spend Christmas with her hubby.

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Pritchard are going back to High Point, N.C. For the past two weeks there have been road maps strung out and serious discussions going on about road conditions weather, etc.

Second Lt. Al Bussian is joining a "Volkswagen Caravan" and heading toward Wisconsin.

Pricy Parham will be greeting old friends at a coming football game. George Washington, which she attended previously, will be playing a game in El Paso.

Meanwhile, back in IRM, the rest of us are going to spend the holidays at home with our families and friends.

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By KIT and POODLE

Our division is beaming with pride this week upon the receipt of THREE letters of commendation. The boys of Unit 8 of Oscura Range Camp received a letter from Bell Telephone on their good work in recovering the Nike rounds fired in Red Canyon. The Recovery Branch, HADC, received a letter from Glenn L. Martin Co., commending the branch on its good work in the recovering of the Matador.

The Army Aviation Branch, HADC, received a letter from Capt. Tirnstein and endorsed by Lt. Col. Bourke who are medical officers, HAFB. This letter concerned the emergency rescue operation of Pfc. Tucker, who was injured in the field, and mentioned specifically WO Hunter, SP2 Shelby Sawyer, SP3 Bobby Good, and Pvt-2 James Curd for their own personal sacrifice, hard work and disregard of own bodily discomforts in the hazardous rescue work.

We in this division appreciate the effort these men have put forth and we know they all well deserve these commendations. We are proud of all of you!

We have congratulations going forth this week, also, to SP2 Darrel F. Mertle, our Motor Pool dispatcher, and to Sgt. Wesley Roscoe Jr., one of our recovery technicians. Cigars and/or candy, anyone?

We bid "farewell" to Sgt. Richard Cutter this week who is leaving the service for a trial at civilian life. Incidentally, Sgt. Cutter also received a very nice letter of appreciation from Capt. Steiner for his good work while with the Recovery Branch. We wish you lots of luck in your new venture.

We have many men preparing for their Christmas leaves this week. We hope you all have a wonderful trip, but please, DRIVE CAREFULLY and return safely—We need you!

In closing, we wish to take this opportunity to wish to one and all a very merry Christmas and a happy holiday season!

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Basketball Predictions

By SGT. LOUIS HIRTE

Last week we again weathered the storm by connecting on 36 winners while tossing 13 into the waste paper basket. We connected two right on the nose, Syracuse's three-point win over Manhattan and Villanova's seven-point spread over William & Mary. In three weeks our total wins amount to 105 while 39 hang in the loser's bracket. Our average as of now is a respectable .729.

Hoping it goes up instead of taking a nosedive we pick:

FRIDAY, DEC. 21

Hofstra smacks American University by 8 points.
St. Louis' wallops Baylor by 15 points.
Brigham Young pushes back Bowling Green by 4 points.
Drake raps California State by 9 points.
Washington bites Colorado by 3 points.
North Carolina tops Dartmouth by 10 points.
Duquesne slaps Carnegie Tech by 11 points.
Texas goes Hardin-Simons by 8 points.
Harvard stumps Northeastern by 6 points.
Syracuse wiggles over Holy Cross by 2 points.
Southern Cal over Loyola of Los Angeles by 9 points.
UCLA humbles Missouri by 6 points.
Portland stops Nevada by 3 points.
Oklahoma City plasters San Jose State by 12 points.
College of Pacific dams up San Francisco State by 6 points.
San Francisco rocks Washington of Missouri by 16 points.
Santa Barbara gallops over Redlands of California by 7 points.
Evansville eludes Valparaiso by 5 points.
Xavier of Ohio crewcuts Georgetown by 11 points.
SATURDAY, DEC. 22
Canisius breathes heavily over Alabama by 2 points.
California takes Arizona by 3 points.
Seton Hall bludgeons Boston College by 14 points.
Bradley earmarks California Poly by 13 points.
Cornell controls Brown by 6 points.
Purdue edges Butler by 2 points.
Manhattan spurts over Connecticut by 3 points.
Syracuse baffles Dartmouth by 4 points.
Oklahoma A&M scalps Detroit by 5 points.
North Carolina stacks up Holy Cross by 9 points.
Houston over Miami of Florida by 6 points.

Tulsa nips Idaho State by 2 points.
Iowa State flags down Wyoming by 4 points.
Kansas State stings Iowa by 2 points.
Kansas mauls Wisconsin by 10 points.
Louisiana State traps Loyola of Louisiana by 6 points.
Louisville spills Notre Dame by 8 points.
Michigan State upends Marquette by 3 points.
Pittsburgh scoots over Michigan by 3 points.
Mississippi floods Arkansas State by 13 points.
Southern Cal tethers Missouri by 5 points.
Vanderbilt tromps Nebraska by 9 points.
Niagara counts out Siena by 11 points.
West Virginia nicks North Carolina State by 2 points.
UCLA stuns Occidental by 20 points.
Ohio State plunders Tulane by 6 points.
Rice tips Oklahoma by 3 points.
St. Johns of New York over Utah by 6 points.
Stanford grows over Tennessee by 4 points.
Temple spans Penn by 11 points.
Texas Christian murders Abilene Christian by 21 points.

Rockets Defeated In 3 Road Games

The WSPG Rocket hardwood five completed a disastrous road trip this week, losing all three games played.
The Rockets first encounter was with Killeen Base, Killeen, Tex., where they dropped a 73-71 decision.
Next WSPG game was against the powerful Fort Hood Tankers at Fort Hood, Tex., where they suffered a 94-49 loss. The Tankers exhibited a strong, smooth working squad which overwhelmed the out-matched Rockets.
The Rockets suffered a big blow to their offenses when several outstanding players were not able to make the road trip because of work requirements.
The Hood Tankers scored a decisive victory in the second game with a 99-63 score.
Giruc, a strong Rocket rebounder not usually looked upon as a point man, was high scorer for the second time this season, hitting the nets for 18 points in the second game.



TOP SPORTS UNIT FOR TWO YEARS — Maj. Gen. W. E. Laidlaw congratulates Detachment 2, 9393 Technical Unit, top-kicks, Capt. William Hall, commanding officer, and M/Sgt. Russell Gearour, first sergeant, on their detachment's winning of the coveted WSPG Commanding General's Sports Participation trophy for the second consecutive year.

Det. 2 Athletes Again Win CG's Sports Trophy

By ALEX LOOPER

Detachment 2, 9393 Technical Unit, athletes continue to dominate WSPG Intramural Sports and are also massing points in the Intramural Bowling League.
Principal in Det. 2's sports success are two athletic Kansans, Perry Hooks and Jay Brown. Hooks and Brown were members of last year's winning basketball team and are team stalwarts again this year. Hooks, also led the team on the gridiron and was one of the units representatives on the post baseball team.
A chart of the final standings for the intramural program, which led to the awarding of the Commanding General's Trophy follows:

PLACE UNIT POINTS

1	Det. 2	13,185
2	Det. 1	9,240
3	Det. 4	9,232
4	9577th	5,736
5	14th Ord.	4,575
6	Navy	2,344
7	169th	1,314
8	65th Engr.	1,172
9	Medics	1,125
10	5th ASA	500
11	Det. 3	450



GREAT GOING — Capt. Tol E. Crowley, Post Special Services officer, extends a hand of congratulation to Perry Hooks, who received first-place trophy in the Flag Football League on behalf of Detachment 2, 9393 TU. Looking on is Capt. Harold Hicks who holds the second-place award for the 14th Ordnance Battalion. Sgt. William Cox was the recipient of the third-place trophy for Det. 4, 9393 TU.

500 at Party Given By Nike Contractors

Five hundred holiday celebrants thronged the Rocket Room of the Officers' Open Mess as guests of an open house cocktail party December 14, given by Nike contractors—White Sands Laboratory of Bell Telephone Laboratories, Douglas Aircraft and Western Electric Co.
This, the fifth annual Christmas event to be given by the contractors as a gesture of thanks for the cooperation of both civil service agencies and military divisions, has become a tradition. W. D. Elliott, staff representative of Bell, said.
Out-of-town persons attending the holiday party included A. C. Link, project manager, and F. H. Hotchkiss, assistant project manager for Western Electric both of New York City; P. C. Swan, Nike project engineer of Douglas Aircraft, from Santa Monica, Calif.; W. H. Thatch-

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Det. 1 Captures Bowling Honors For First Half

Detachment 1, 9393 Technical Unit, pin-men emerged as first-half champions of the Intramural Bowling League last week, winding up their midway tallies with a 22 and 14 record.

Pete Brunda and Kent Bowden paved the way for their unit, each blasting out a 165 average. John Roeehm also did his bit, adding a 159 average. Other members of the team are Fred Hofflinger, William Lansberry, Dominick Rando, Julian Bilski and Bob Husserl.

Det. 2 placed second at the half-way mark with 21 wins and 15 losses and copped both high team series and single game honors, with a series of 2,658 and a single game total of 922.

Third place team was 9577th with 20 wins and 16 losses.

Remaining standings were:

TEAM	W	L
Navy	19	17
5th ASA	18	18
Air Weather	18	18
Det. 4	17	19
14th Ordnance	14	22
Medics	12	24

Muir, 5th ASA, landed all individual honors. He has a 181 average, hurled a blazing 613 high series and a 257 high game.

COMP QUOTES

By PHYLLIS ALLEN

'Twas the night before Christmas, When all through the house, Mama was muttering, "Gee, Pa's a louse, The night before Christmas he leaves it to me, To wrap all presents and trim up the tree, He's out on a bender, while home here I sit And Pa, not the tree will be beautifully lit!"
Trying to aid Santa Claus I decided to ask some of Management personnel—"What do you want for Christmas, and what do you think you'll get?"
Joe Matt—"A baby girl, and I think I'll get a baby girl!" (He's a positive Papa to be.)
Jim Malins—"Snow—don't know but it won't be snow."
Ken Houston—"Chuckle, chuckle, —Bills."
Lu Baker—"Is this in two figures, three figures or four figures?"
Jane Turner—"Dishes for me and an electric train for Russell—I mean Mike. We'll get the train."
Sue Williams—"A dolly, a buggy, a set of dishes, and some ribbons for my hair. Don't expect much cause I ain't been so good."

F&A Dorothy Irving recently returned from California, where she was dubbed "Grandma" for the 6th time. What a wonderful Christmas present!

Dutch Cossick will be leaving F&A soon—her husband, Maj. Cossick, has orders—Newfoundland, Good Luck!

Jayne Merchant loving her work as she does, goes into the finale before her matrimonial venture—sure going to miss her pleasant ways—best wishes for a very happy future from F&A!

Perle Avery plans to spend Christmas with her grandchildren, south of San Antonio—and a few days in Houston with her mother.

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Det. 2 Is Only Team With Perfect Record In Intramural League

Two teams dropped from the ranks of the undefeated into the losers bracket last week, leaving Detachment 2, 9393 TU, as the only remaining team in the post Intramural Basketball League with a perfect record.

Detachment 2 cagers shot the 9577th five into the lost column with a 49-37 thriller that saw the game's lead change sides no less than eight times. The contest was without a doubt the best of the week. Both teams were off during the first half with the score ending 11-13 in favor of the 9577th. It was nip and tuck during the early moments of the third frame, but as the period progressed Det. 2 inched ahead slowly. In the fourth quarter, the Det. 2 five caught fire and stayed ahead of the signal-men by six or eight points throughout the remainder of the contest.

Hodgson and Hiland were the high scorers for the 9577th, with Hodgson getting 12 and Hiland 10. Hodgson treated spectators to some of the finest driving layups of the season to date. Hiland likewise added some excitement by dropping five set-shots from some distance out. Bremond tallied 5, Zuberick 6, Jones and Malone, 2 each.

Detachment 2 had three men in double figures as the talent-loaded squad finally started rolling in the last half. Brown was high with 16, Yunk drilled field goals and free throws for 13, and Det. 2's old reliable, Perry Hooks, added 12. Kern netted 4, Lorenson and Colosimo 2.

Other league results of last week: Det. 1 defeated Navy, 60-49. Det. 2 won from 14th Ord., 60-49. 9577th licked Det. 4, 54-34. 685th AC&W downed the Medics, 55-35.

Private Autos Cause Most Army Injuries

WASHINGTON (AFPS)—Private vehicle accidents cause more injuries and deaths to Army personnel than any other single source, according to a new circular directing continuing safety programs.

Installation commanders Army-wide, it was said, should conduct constant programs to educate soldier auto-owners in accident prevention measures.

A firm policy of traffic law enforcement and "appropriate" action against violators also is essential to deter violations that lead to accidents, the directive stated.

SPORTS



INDIVIDUAL SPORTS CHAMPS — Discussing their wins and awards with Capt. Tol Crowley, are (left to right) Pvt. Dale Hart who won the post horseshoe pitching tournament; SP2 Mike Kohut, WSPG's best at ping-pong, and Pfc John Fluek, badminton winner.

Armed Forces to Play Part in Inauguration

WASHINGTON (AFPS)—The Armed Forces will play a leading role in the inaugural ceremonies for President Eisenhower Jan. 21.

Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has been named grand marshal by the President to head the two-hour parade after the public inauguration at the Capitol.

A highlight of the nation's most important ceremony will be some 12,000 soldiers, sailors and airmen in the traditional march with cadets and midshipmen from the three service academies.

Maj. Gen. John G. Van Houten, commander of the Military District of Washington, is arranging Armed Forces participation in the huge parade, expected to be viewed here by more than 500,000 spectators.

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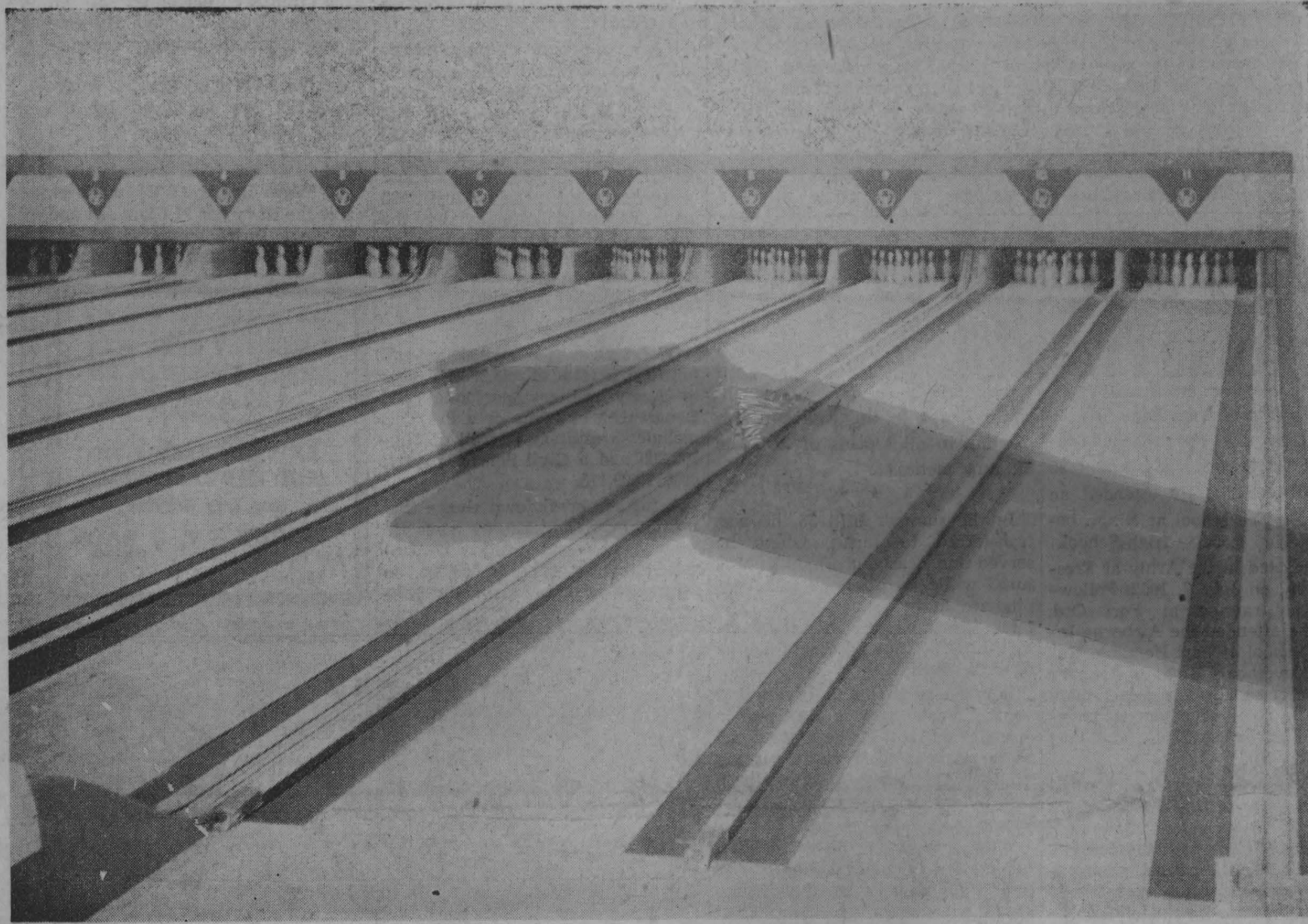
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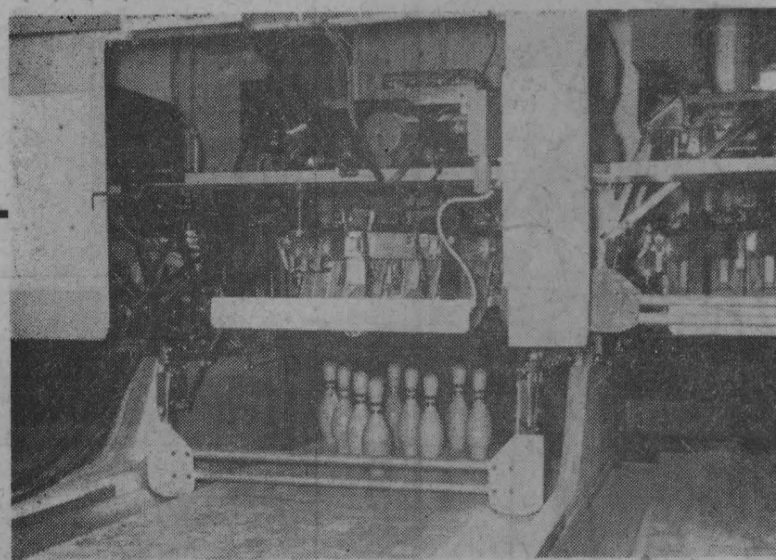
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Ceremonies Open Building For Talos Defense Unit

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gineering, installing and proof-testing the complex electronic system and the Talos handling and launching equipment which will result in an operational defense unit.

The ribbon stretched across the main entrance was cut by Capt. Parham. Then the group of more than 50 persons present, including military and civilian officials of all branches of service, was led on a tour of the facility by D. M. Smith of RCA.

Among other officials attending the ceremonies were Maj. Gen. W. E. Laidlaw, commanding general of WSPG; Brig. Gen. John G. Shinkle, formerly of WSPG and now of Redstone Arsenal at Huntsville, Ala.; Col. Richard C. Gibson, USAF, deputy chief of staff for operations at Holloman Air Development Center; Woodrow W. Bohn, Navy Bureau of Ordnance representative on the RCA contract; Warren Knapp, RCA administrative officer assigned to the local project; Lt. Col. W. D. Pritchard, USAF, Air Force representative to the WSPG Integrated Range Mission; Cdr. Thomas C. Buell, USN, executive officer of the WSPG Naval Facility; Capt. V. W. Hammond, USAF, Talos project officer here, and Lt. Col. E. S. Roane Jr., Marine Corps liaison officer at WSPG.

Also attending were representatives of the construction subcontractors who worked with the Leavell firm on the project, personnel of the three interested services, military and civilian, and representatives of the outside press and the information offices of WSPG, Holloman and the Naval Facility.

In his brief remarks, Capt. Parham, Smith and Albrecht praised the Leavell firm and the RCA workers for their outstanding performance in completing the first phase of the project in record time. They stressed the cooperation of the Army, Navy and Air Force, pointing out that the teamwork of all concerned helped to make the record possible.

The pre-final drawings were approved in December 1955. The Leavell firm was awarded the construction subcontract last February and began work on the building in March.

Originally developed for fleet air defense, the Talos land-based system has been proved to be a feasible weapon for land anti-aircraft defense. Earlier this year, it was the subject of a high-level dispute between Army and Air Force officials in Washington over the merits of the Talos as opposed to the Nike and Nike-B, the Army's anti-aircraft missiles.

Never resolved at that time, the dispute apparently was settled by Secretary Wilson in his Nov. 26 policy memorandum, which assigned Talos and all other anti-aircraft weapons to the Army.

No estimate of the final completion date for the Talos unit here was made public. But when the system is in full operation it will resemble a science-fiction story come to life. Its gigantic control room, the nerve center for all operations, will contain thousands of miles of electronic and electrical leads in cable boxes, scores of control panels

with dials, flashing lights and switches, and a network of guiding and tracking instruments, automatic control equipment and computers, with radar screens.

Accurate to millionths of a second, the computers relaying real-time (instantaneous) performance data and corrections to and from the missiles in flight will give the system capabilities which were unheard of a few short years ago.

The structure contains monstrous concrete openings, hidden behind a huge earthwork revetment which is 25 feet wide at the base. In full operation, it will give WSPG a self-contained defense unit capable of extremely rapid fire against multiple targets at high altitudes. Automatic launching and steering equipment will make it possible for a relatively small number of personnel to operate the system.

The prototype system, which may be used as a training facility and as a pattern for similar units at other strategic locations, will defend a wide area of western New Mexico, extreme West Texas and the state of Chihuahua, Mexico.

Although the exact range has not been made public, Secretary Wilson has indicated that a Talos system of this type may be expected to serve a defense radius of at least 100 miles.

Thus the unit here would serve the El Paso area and the upper and lower valleys, as far west as Deming and Silver City, nearly as far east as Roswell, Carlsbad and Artesia, and northward to points along 380 just beyond the northern boundary of the WSPG Integrated Range. This would include Truth or Consequences and the Elephant Butte Dam and Reservoir area to the northwest, and the Cloudcroft and Ruidoso resort areas of the Sacramento Mountains to the northeast, including most of the Lincoln National Forest.

Capt. Parham said that as far as is known here now, the unit will not be turned over to the Army before July 1, 1957, when the present Air Force funding program ends.

Harris Urges Boost In Incentive Awards

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pressions of appreciation for a job well done as letters of commendation, pats on the back, and the other cash awards.

"One of the duties of a supervisor," Harris said, "is to review periodically the performance of his subordinates for the purpose of making recommendations for awards of this type. Certainly there are employees of this proving ground whose performance of duty over a period of at least six months has been superior and so far above the normal requirements of their jobs that they merit some recognition."

"While recommendations of all types of cash awards may be made at any time, it is felt that special consideration should be given to recommending awards for sustained superior performance, in the period of Dec. 15, 1956, to Jan. 15, 1957. This is equally applicable to all levels of supervision—from the offices of the commanding general to the supervisor out in the boon-locks supervising the performance of a few laborers."

Complete information and procedure for recommendation of these awards are contained in WSPG Regulations, Subject: Incentive Awards, dated Sept. 19, 1956.

Issue February Call For 450 Physicians

WASHINGTON (AFPS)—The Department of Defense has asked the Selective Service System to issue a call for 450 doctors in February—the first physician draft since September.

Some 250 will be inducted into the Army while the other 200 will be assigned to the Air Force, according to the DOD.



SECURITY SCREENING FOR SANTA — Even Santa Claus must show proper identification before getting by an alert military policeman at the gate of White Sands Proving Ground. SP3 Peter J. Klem, of Gilberton, Pa., eyes Santa's credentials suspiciously as the bewhiskered visitor waits patiently for the verdict. Santa's arrival Friday officially kicked off a four-day Yule holiday for WSPG personnel, but he will return Saturday to preside over the annual Christmas children's frolic in the Post EM Service Club and Theater.

Indian Sergeant to Get Diploma From High School

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near Nixon in the Pyramid Lake region of western Nevada, about 35 miles from Reno. He attended an Indian Service school at Nixon before entering Fernley High School.

He enlisted in the Army at Fresno, Calif., on July 7, 1952. Following basic training at Fort Ord, Calif., he attended the Airborne Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., from November 1952 to January 1953. After earning his parachutist's wings, he received advanced training at Fort Bragg, N. C., and Fort Campbell, Ky.

Instead of the bows and arrows, tomahawks and flint-tipped spears used by his ancestors, Sgt. Pete became proficient with the carbine, the M-1 rifle, the .45-caliber automatic pistol and other weapons of modern warfare. He made 36 parachute jumps in the course of his training in all aspects of airborne infantry tactics.

In the summer of 1955, he was transferred to Japan, where he served for nearly six months. Injured while on duty, he was hospitalized at Letterman Army Hospital, San Francisco, until the summer of 1956 when he was transferred to WSPG.

Pete was promoted to private first class at Fort Bragg in 1953, and to corporal in 1954. He was promoted to sergeant in 1955 while serving in Japan. He had re-enlisted for a new four-year tour of duty at Fort Bragg in February 1955.

A brother of the WSPG soldier, Leland Pete, is a member of the U. S. Navy now stationed at Norman, Okla.

Post Disbursements Top \$50 Million During 1956

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travel pay, per diem, quarters allowances and overtime.

This payroll figure shows an increase of more than \$2,000,000 over that of 1955. It is an average of slightly more than \$4,200 for each of the 7,527 workers, which is well above the national average.

The per capita income of WSPG personnel and their dependents is well over \$1,500. The per capita income for all of New Mexico is only \$1,347, and for Texas \$1,480 (based on 1954 figures). WSPG's per capita income also compares favorably with the national average.

With their families, the post's 7,527 civilian employees and military personnel represent a total population of more than 20,000 persons. Approximately 4,100 of these live on the post in the housing areas, dormitories, barracks buildings, bachelor officers' quarters and trailer court.

An estimated 12,000 more live in the Las Cruces area, including Mesilla Park, State College, Old Mesilla and other parts of Dona Ana County. Some 3,000 live in the El Paso area, and 1,000 in Alamogordo and vicinity.

It has been conservatively but reliably estimated that WSPG personnel and their families spend more than \$22,000,000 annually in Las Cruces; more than \$6,000,000 in El Paso and some \$2,000,000 in Alamogordo. This is in salaries alone and is exclusive of nearly \$20,000,000 more expended annually by the post, most of it also in this area, on construction, "housekeeping" expenses and research and development by private industry.

Of WSPG's \$31,873,415 payroll for 1956, a total of \$28,308,415 goes to Army military personnel and Department of Army civilians. This includes a military payroll of \$10,703,300 and a Civil Service payroll of \$17,605,115.

A further breakdown shows that approximately \$1,500,000 goes to Navy civilian and military personnel; approximately \$2,000,000 to contractor personnel and about \$75,000 to the 22 Air Force members assigned permanently at WSPG.

(Note: None of the above figures on strength totals, payrolls and other disbursements includes Holloman Air Development Center and other Air Force activities at Holloman. Strength of Holloman now is approximately 7,400, with an annual payroll of well over \$30,000,000 and total disbursements nearly equal to the WSPG figure.)

A breakdown of this year's total disbursements at WSPG shows the following:

- Payroll—\$31,873,415;
- Construction completed in 1956—\$3,000,000 (estimate);
- Construction still under way but financed with 1956 appropriations—\$1,500,000 (estimate);
- Research and development program carried out by private industry contractors (not including salaries)—\$6,500,000 (estimate);
- Food supplies, materials, equipment and other "housekeeping" expenses—approximately \$8,000,000;
- Total—\$50,873,415.

A breakdown of the post's present strength of 7,527 shows there are 3,744 Civil Service employees; 3,264 military personnel of all branches of service, and 519 employees of private industry contractors.

Of the 3,744 Civil Service workers, 3,592 are employed by the Army Department and 152 by the Navy Department. The Army has 2,136 Class Act (GS) employees and 1,456 Wage Board (WB) workers, while the Navy has 31 Class Act and 121 Wage Board employees.

Of the 3,264 military personnel,

2,972 are members of the Army, 268 are members of the Navy, 22 are members of the Air Force and two are members of the Marine Corps. In all there are 357 officers and 2,907 enlisted men.

The Army has 316 officers and 2,656 enlisted men. The Navy has 39 officers and 231 enlisted men, and the Air Force (Air Weather Detachment) has two officers and 20 enlisted men. The Marines (in the USMC Liaison Office at the WSPG Naval Facility) include one officer and one enlisted man.

Thus the Army at WSPG has a total of 6,564 personnel, military and civilian. The Navy Facility has a total of 422 military personnel and civilian employees, including the two Marines. The Air Weather Detachment at WSPG has 22 Air Force military personnel but no civilian employees.

Of the 519 contractor personnel working on the post, 368 are employed by firms with contracts let by the Army Ordnance Corps, and 151 by firms under contract to the U. S. Navy.

Second in size only to the Army

Ordnance Corps at WSPG, and by far the largest single organization on the post, is the White Sands Signal Corps Agency. The WSSCA has a total strength of exactly 1,500, including 58 officers, 824 enlisted men, 448 Class Act employees and 170 Wage Board employees.

This leaves a total of 5,064 Army personnel, military and civilian, employed by the Ordnance Corps and other Army agencies. These are scattered among dozens of organizations in the cantonment area and on the Integrated Range.

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Headlines Chronicle Important Events at Proving Ground During 1956

Headlines that appeared in the pages of Wind & Sand during 1956 provide a graphic historical record of important events, the growth and advancement of White Sands Proving Ground, moving more and more toward the center of national limelight in the defense effort.

The first issue, published Jan. 6, 1956, brought big news to the proving ground as it announced the assignment of Maj. Gen. W. E. Laidlaw as the commanding general to succeed Brig. Gen. William L. Bell.

Other headlines of that and the succeeding issues of Wind & Sand follow:
Jan. 6—Gen. Bell named assistant chief of ordnance and chief of research and development.

Working groups appointed for 1956 Combined Fund Drive; Lt. Col. M. D. Sloane, chairman.

Patents Control Committee organized to aid inventors, protect U.S. rights.

First rocket fired in New Mexico 25 years ago by Dr. Goddard.

Jan. 13—Three employees of EML presented suggestion awards totaling \$300. Winners Lester W. Bean, William T. Stauffer, John T. Parker.

Lt. Col. A. P. Alexander transferred to Bliss as ordnance officer.

Jan. 20—New permanent barracks near completion; \$10,000,000 spent for Post structures.

Billeting officer says housing conditions improved. More plans outlined for Combined Fund Drive.

January 27—Farewell parade and review will honor Gen. William L. Bell tomorrow.

Post employes receive citations for film work; Treasury issues award for filming "Tomorrow's Citizens."

1956 Cadillac will be grand prize for this year's Combined Charity Drive.

Glen Kerr accepts position as deputy comptroller, Navajo Ordnance Depot.

Feb. 3—New commander arrives on post as Gen. Bell leaves for Pentagon; welcome to Gen. Laidlaw. Suggestions by WSPG personnel save Army \$30,000 in three months.

Maj. Bruce A. Sahlin leaves for Korean tour. Civilian Personnel receives approval to inaugurate first graduate study program.

Crowd witnesses parade and review honoring Gen. Bell.

Feb. 10—Record-breaking storm strikes proving ground—nine inches of snow causes paid holiday. Herbert Karsch gets new staff planning assignment.

Gen. Laidlaw takes over as fifth commander of WSPG. WSPG "Corporal" to make screen debut in new Hollywood movie.

Col. Cunningham assigned to IRM. WSPG Credit Union declares dividend.

Feb. 17—WSPG charity drive will open today; Eddie Fisher, Debbie Reynolds to entertain.

Killer's arrest revives interest in Pohl murder. Proper courting technique to be demonstrated here.

B. E. Billups of FDL has unusual record. Contract to be let March 3 for U. S. 70 four-lane highway.

Feb. 24—Ribbon-cutting ceremony opens women's dormitory. Barracks, gymnasium nearing completion.

Charity drive off to brisk start; \$4,600 donated first two days. Outstanding engineering career is background of Col. Winslow R. Willis.

March 2—M/Sgt. Negrete awarded second Bronze Star Cluster. Lt. Col. Healy assigned to Sandia; Maj. Schlesinger new 14th Ord. Co. Duval departs, Sorensen new Douglas Aircraft supervisor.

Eddie and Debbie to give benefit show here tonight. Brig. Gen. W. L. Bell nominated for major general.

Chaplain Mercier on orders for Pacific. March 9—WSPG receives approval for 134 housing units.

Combined Charity Drive passes halfway mark. Sam Jones sparks Rockets in winning 4th Army Cup.

Dr. A. L. Hilliard departs for new post at Sandia Base. Record number of WSPG soldiers enroll in Army education program.

M/Sgt. Robert Walden promoted to warrant officer. Nike operations at C Station to get new ground equipment.

Five hundred civilian employes complete eye examinations. March 16—Installation to fire high altitude rockets in International Geophysical Year.

All-out war on accidents launched; post accident rate above Ordnance average. Nineteen Glen L. Martin employes arrive from Baltimore.

Dr. Schendel new FDL section chief. Lt. Col. Emmett Kelly ordered to Redstone.

D. W. Astry accepts position at ABMA. Safety office warns of weather hazard.

March 23—WSPG mourns death of Gen. Bell in Washington. Charity Drive bogged; \$6,000

Eleven contestants vie for "Miss Nike" title. Lt. Col. Hobart V. Smith gets Redstone assignment.

Palm Sunday services will open Holy Week ceremonies. Post PX manager, Robert H. Herbin, gets Paris duty.

March 30—CPO opens Las Cruces branch to recruit workers for WSPG. Suggestions save millions during past calendar year.

WSSCA entrant named "Miss Nike". Over-all reduction of accidents sought to meet safety goal.

All-around athlete, Michael Prokopiak, assumes duties here as athletic director.

April 6—Wage Board workers draw pay increases, 4 to 27 cents. Post charity drive whizzes past goal; more than \$35,000 collected.

Wilbur M. Brucker, Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor head VIP's at conference here. Col. Hirschorn named deputy commander for technical operations.

E. V. Murphree appointed czar of U. S. missiles. WSPG employe hurt as cars pile up on U. S. 70.

Two-hundred and eighty WSPG pupils get Salk vaccine. Post residents observe Easter.

New barracks finished. Dudley Cottler leaves WSSCA. Ralph Konegan Leaves WSPG.

Dr. Ben Phillips new chief of liquid propellants branch, EML. George M. Clutter new PX manager.

April 13—Capt. Parham succeeds Capt. Smith as Navy commander. Incentive awards, record set in third quarter.

Secretary Brucker lauds post's performance during visit of VIP's. Clara Melendres second in Miss Fiesta Contest.

April 20—Fifty-two noted scientists attend conference, see missile shoot. Jerry Kendall, Jack Pickle get \$300 each for suggestions.

New barracks opened at ribbon-cutting ceremony. Unified range timing brings new era of accuracy.

Bid invitations issued for engineering building. April 27—Post prepares for Armed Forces Day and 144th anniversary of Ordnance Corps.

Navy swimming pool opens season. Lt. Col. Cunningham succeeds Lt. Col. Bromley as chief of FDL.

Nappen goes to Redstone; Whitmore to head STD. Engineering branch of FDL gets OK for expansion.

Office of comptroller parallels post expansion. May 4—New Bell Gymnasium officially opens; dedicated to former commanding general.

Area cities assist WSPG in Armed Forces Day show May 19. Bid openings slated for additional wings on Missile Countermeasures Lab.

Another bus added to El Paso route. Army's Missile Master unveiled at Fort Meade.

May 11—Lt. John Chelgren, USN, heads Data Reduction Branch, FDL. "Search into Space" to have premier at post celebration.

Aerobee-Hi reaches 117-mile altitude. Capt. Wynne gets achievement certificate.

550th Rocket Battery departs for Bliss. Armed Forces Day May 19 to be good show.

May 18—Thousands expected for open house Saturday. Starting pay raised for scientific jobs.

Capt. J. D. McGary goes to Germany. "Slow down and live" safety drive planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Cantrall transfer from Rock Island Arsenal. May 25—Nike riddles drone for nation's newspapermen.

Payroll savings campaign will begin next week. Russ Gearou resigns as manager of Rocket baseball team.

4,000 flock to WSPG for Armed Forces Day. Maj. W. S. O'Connor leaves for Redstone.

SP3 La Venture invents bus towing device. C. N. Allain promoted to captain.

June 1—Pfc. W. G. Ramsey, MP, killed in jeep accident. Linda Holme, Charna Teitelbaum, Karen Fowler win "America" essay prizes.

Lt. Col. W. Wentz retires. Three WSPG civilian guards complete security course at Fort Gordon.

Bernard H. Gervais promoted to Captain. Lt. Cahn completes studies for M. A.

Rodger F. Kurtz signs with Lockheed. June 8—Post command setup reorganized.

Allen P. Crow critically hurt in desert road accident. New policy adopted for photography at WSPG.

Engineers seek bids on new mess hall. June 15—Dr. Furnas heads visiting VIP's here to study missiles.

\$693,000 expansion of WSPG utilities requested. Microwave experts to confer at WSPG.

Charles A. Brink recalls blast at Trinity Site. Hanson named chief of operations analysis office, OM.

New dental surgeon assigned to clinic. Holloman drone squadron sets new record with 400 flights.

June 22—WSPG soldier, SP3 B. H. Barton, killed in Oscura accident.

Post charity fund distributes \$8,000. West Point seniors visit White Sands.

Auto maintenance division services 1,700 vehicles. June 29—\$3,000,000 building program gets under way.

Russell Goff joins private industry. WSPG guards don new uniforms.

Three more charity fund donations total \$3,750. Lt. Col. R. C. Nelson assigned to WSSCA.

Religious rites planned July 15 at Trinity Site. America's arsenal expanding with guided missiles.

July 6—Aerobee-Hi sets world record with 163-mile single stage flight. Cdr. Gordon Head assigned to duties with Naval Facility.

Gifts totaling \$7,700 made from post fund. Lt. Col. B. H. Elliott leaves post for Okinawa.

Post to note 11th birthday with work as usual. Pvt. James M. Martin becomes officer after one year's service.

July 13—Bids to be offered on building at Army launching area No. 2. Incentive awards program sets new records; total of \$1,370 is presented to 13 employees.

WSPG pistol team scores victories in regional El Paso match. Carl E. Duckett transfers to Redstone; A. Flynn leaves for Huntsville.

Gordon Whitford goes with Con-

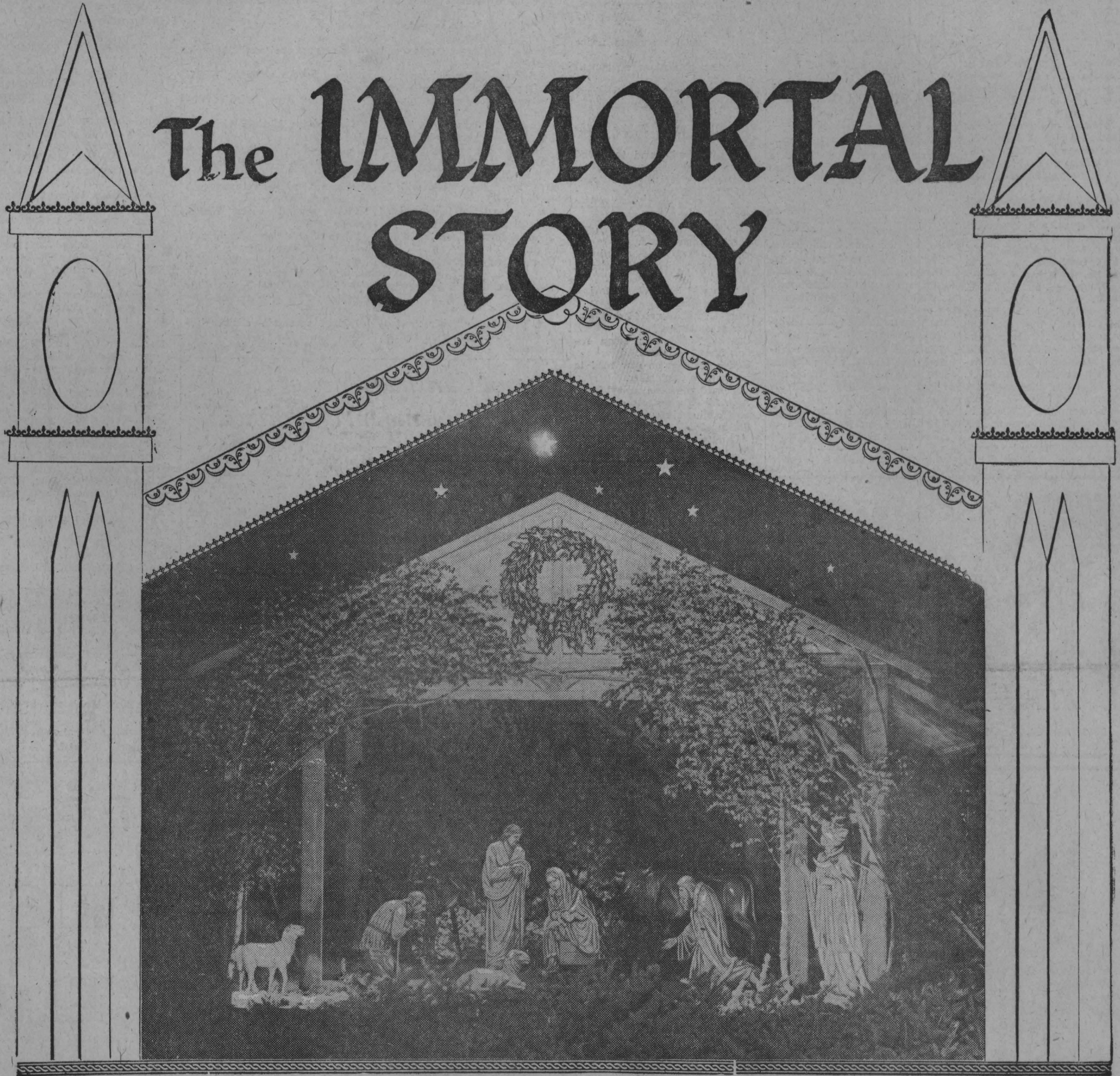
Soldier's Medal for saving pilot. Three Navy men win suggestion awards. July 27—New four-lane highway rushed; famous Organ Pass changes face.



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SP3 Charles N. Wilson Jr. gets (Continued on Page 2A)

The IMMORTAL STORY



(As related by St. Luke in the King James version of The Holy Bible)

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David;)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

LUKE 2:1-14.

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WSPG Garden Club Gains Membership, Hold Tours, Show

The Garden Club of White Sands Proving Ground gained strength and members during 1956, according to its officials, who said that membership now numbers between 30 and 40. "And growing interest indicates a successful 1957 season," they added.

The year started off with Mrs. Clifford Galloway of Truth or Consequences, nationally-accredited flower show judge—appearing here in January to instruct the club in preparing for and handling a flower show.

In February, Mr. Wiltbank of New Mexico A&M College spoke to the group on plant life in the Southwest.

The first tour of the season was held the latter part of June, with a ten-car caravan, headed by the current president, Mrs. F. L. Brittain, visiting outstanding gardens on post.

During the tour, 30 persons viewed the landscaped yards and gardens of Navy Lt. and Mrs. J. H. Harrier, Cdr. and Mrs. M. H. Osterlander, Lt. Col. and Mrs. B. H. Elliott, Maj. Gen. and Mrs. W. E. Laidlaw, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Devirian and Navy Capt. and Mrs. J. C. Farham Jr.

At the yearly election of officers, held in October, the following were named: Mrs. C. E. Schwitters, president; Mrs. B. M. Britain, program chairman; Mrs. E. C. Cowley, publicity chairman; Mrs. B. A. Phillips, hospitality chairman; Mrs. D. H. Sorrells and Mrs. W. Nichols, telephone committee; Mrs. R. F. Thomson, sunshine chairman; Mrs. J. F. Fowler, historian.

Preceding the annual flower show, held Nov. 7, Mrs. Henry

S.O.P.



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Baldwin, nationally accredited flower show judge and instructor, from the El Paso Garden Center—gave a demonstration and talk on arrangements for show entry.

Those attending took materials for constructing arrangements on the spot, and started work on creations for the annual fall event.

The fall show, which drew 150 entries, showed wide versatility in theme and arrangement. Patterns ran from classic Japanese to humorous and holiday, and horticultural entries covered most species adaptable to this area.

The dual event, honored members of the Mesilla Valley Garden Club. Mrs. Baldwin, aided by two El Paso junior judges, judged the entire show.

Tentative plans are being laid, officials said, for inauguration of spring flower shows here.

Slow Down and Live

Headlines Chronicle Year's Events

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AOA will install officers at annual dinner meeting at Alamogordo. Alert satisfactory at proving ground in its initial turnout. Capt. W. E. Pedersen assigned here. CONARC commander visits WSPG. New rail spur for post completed at Orogrande.

Aug. 3—Murphree lauds post facilities, sees excellent ICBM program. PX workers get five-year pins. Lt. Col. James R. Mills leaves for Chicago to study management. J. A. Gehres killed north of Oscura Peak. FDL hopes for answers under new study project. Redstone dimensions announced by Army.

Aug. 10—New \$100,000 telescope is installed; \$200,000 expansion begins. Russell Wayne Ashby joins Convair. Three-hundred slated to attend Nike B courses. Military drivers licenses now good for three years. Cdr. Diehl to head Aerobee and DAN firings at Churchill. Lustgarten leaves WSSCA, gets highest civilian award.

Aug. 17—Two research missiles make history; Nike Cajun reaches 90 miles. Karsch will leave WSPG to join private industry. Aerobee flights net 48 quarts of air from outer space. Survivor of horror camp receives incentive award. End of detours on new road to start early in September. Capehart contracts delayed. Aug. 24—Work starts on school annex, adding six classrooms. Six-hundred expected to enroll in off-duty education. Organ Pass four-lane highway project on schedule. Defense officials see missile shoots. Officer's wife, baby killed in auto collision. Climatic experiments vital to missile program.

Aug. 31—Army Aviation Branch wins OCO award for safe flying. Col. A. L. Ahnfeldt assumes duties as post surgeon. Field equipped combined services at WSPG join alert operation. First WSPG co-op student completes studies. L. D. Andrew named TIO deputy chief.

Sept. 7—50 high-ranking officials of Army schedule visit to WSPG. Accident rates still too high here. New service offered by post library.

CWO Rose retires after 20 years. WSPG soldier victim of traffic accident. Post school has 10 new teachers. Sept. 14—Army Scientific Advisory Panel visits proving ground. MP lies hours at scene after accident. Promotions announced for 152 enlisted men. Col. Harris leaves WSPG for position with Safety Council. Ordnance career programs outlined to WSPG staff. Registration Tuesday for college courses.

Sept. 21—Master plan to reduce accidents will augment safety program. Lt. Col. H. B. Wells assumes duties as provost marshal. Technical library grows and grows. Pupils move into school annex. Gavin praises job done by WSPG. Australian group studies proving ground. Deer hunting regulations issued. Rep. Dempsey predicts bright future for proving ground. Sept. 28—WSPG soldier competing in Olympics. Fire Prevention Week will be observed here. Two-hundred-foot tower erected in five days aids research. Soldiers donate blood for ill Las Cruces. New Highway 70 nearing completion. Staggs continues in job as civilian.

Oct. 5—Range officials meet at Cloudcroft; Dr. Furnas to address symposium.

Oct. 12—Furnas cites rapid missile progress. Four security guards hurt in head-on crash. WSPG personnel lead mountain rescue. Huge telescope watching WSPG missiles. Four new Army missiles unveiled. High-ranking Marines visit, see missile firings. Oct. 19—Bids on housing project of 134 units to be asked in November. Ordnance leaders meet next week on instrumentation. Italian general visits WSPG, praises NATO. Firemen give demonstrations to promote fire prevention. Two-hundred-fifty attend fall tea held by Woman's Club. Oct. 26—Two OAO groups study instrumentation problems of Integrated Range. Injured mountain climber recovering. Six WSPG GI's hurt in accident.

Special Christmas Message From Commandant of Marines

Almost two thousand years ago the birth of Christ, which we celebrate at this season, brought to a weary world a new vision of hope, brotherhood, and universal peace. In all the years since that time, mankind has pursued that hope.

Amidst the many changes through which the world has passed, the one hope stands unchanged. It is the one ideal toward which each of us, regardless of race or creed, constantly strives. It can be achieved, we know, only when the dignity of the individual and the freedom of the mind and spirit are recognized throughout the world.

But while men of good will strive tirelessly to attain this goal, there are forces of darkness and tyranny which seek to impose a Godless slavery upon the human race.

Despite their efforts, and whatever the cost, free men everywhere will defend those liberties that make possible the eventual attainment of human dignity and universal brotherhood. We stand ready to make whatever sacrifices are required to protect our freedoms and to prevent the further enslavement of the hearts and minds of men.

The Christmas season, then, is a time when every Marine must rededicate himself to ideals his Country and Corps hold dear—ideals for which Marines have fought and died throughout the world for almost two hundred years. It is a season when, amidst the happiness which surrounds the celebration of the birth of Christ and the Christian ideal, every Marine will renew his determination to defend the way of life that makes possible the continuing struggle to free mankind from physical and spiritual slavery.

For every Marine and for every Marine family, may this Christmas be especially meaningful. May it be a reverent occasion for all of us—and, as we recall the age-old words "on earth, peace, good will toward men," may our hearts go out to all of those who share this hope, wherever they may be. As the bells of Christmas ring out for us, may they also:

"Ring in the valiant man and free
The larger heart, the kinder hand
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be."

GEN. R. McC. PATE
Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps

Plays Santa Claus To Navys Families

NORFOLK (AFPS)—Many families in this area will hear the voices of their Navy men at sea or overseas this Christmas. The Santa Claus bringing this gift is radio station WTAR, which plans to broadcast the voices of servicemen from the Norfolk area.



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Year's Sports Program on Post Lags in Outstanding Successes of 1955

Compared with the 1955-56 sports program, 1956 trails like a slow B-29 taking out after a winged Nike.

During 1955 and early 1956 WSPG had its most successful sports year on record. The 1955 Rocket baseball team won the class AA 4th Army Baseball Championship.

Not to be outdone the Rocket hoopers fired away with accuracy and determination, to bring home the bacon in the form of the second-place trophy from the AA division of the 4th Army hoop loop.

But since the loss of such fine athletes as Bob Williams, Buster Cloud, Sam Jones, Frank Kaiser, Jim Root and numerous other sportsmen whose shoes have yet to be filled, the important wins haven't fallen to the Sandite Rockets.

WSPG squads this year have made gallant efforts, which have netted respectable showings in every meet they have entered, but though right in the thick of things, the Rockets have lacked that extra shove to send them over the top.

The highlights of the athletic events for this season by months follow:

JANUARY

The 1955-56 hardwood five, behind former Rocket greats, Sam Jones, Tom Deeming, John Blue and others, welcomed the new year in not too joyfully as they dropped their first game of 1956, 74-66 to Biggs AFB, bringing their season record to 8-6.

As the nets were being burned all over the country, the same was true for WSPG as the Post Intramural League reached the second half of play with Detachment 2, 9393, ahead with a perfect record.

Later in the month the Rocket basketball squad pushed up its win column with victories over William Beaumont, 88-78; New Mexico Aggies (B) 70-51 and Texas Western (B), 66-56. They also delighted fans by fighting nip and tuck with the Fort Bliss Falcons for two quarters, before the Falcons unleashed a powerful attack that snowed the Rockets under 90-74.

FEBRUARY

Detachment 2, 9393 TU, continued as the only undefeated squad in the loop, demonstrating power by allowing only two teams to come within 20 points of them.

The WSPG basketeers had their ups and downs during the month. The first weeks in February saw them down Manzano Barr, Albuquerque, Reese AFB, Lubbock, Tex., and lost to Sandia Base, 107-106, in a double overtime thriller that saw the versatile Sam Jones really work out, calling on a variety of shots that netted him 47 points.

With the season coming fast to a close, the Rockets lost another heartbreaker, this time to Texas Tech., by a 101-99 score in two overtimes. Shortly after the Rockets hit the road for a stint through

Arizona, which wrapped up regular season play. The boardmen then packed away their 18-16 season record and took off for Fort Hood, Tex., and the 4th Army Basketball Tournament.

MARCH

Suspense was terrific around the post while basketball enthusiasts awaited the return of their hoop heroes. When they did return the team had a huge trophy to show for their efforts, having taken runner-up honors in the class AA division.

The Rockets entered the tournament with a win over Sandia Base, 76-63, with Jones again paving the way with 24 points. Sam Sartain was right behind Jones with 22 points as he played his best game of the season (Sartain was expected to be one of the guns on the present Rocket squad, but is unable to play due to a field problem planned by his unit covering most of the season. He is in the 14th Ordnance Battalion.)

The team dropped into the loser's bracket after its next match, which they lost 78-77 to Killen Base, Tex. Jones led Rocket offenses with 35. Hitting the comeback trail after their loss the Sandites thoroughly lashed Manzano Base, 96-56, and repeated their win in the first round, taking Sandia again this time, 77-59. Aiming for the championship the squad next met Fort Sam Houston, Tex., and downed them 94-56, placing themselves in position to meet Killen Base for the area championship. But having played a heavy schedule in advancing from the losers bracket, the Rockets were forced to play for the championship the same day they scored 94 points against Fort Sam Houston. The strain of two games in one day proved too much for the Rocket-men and in spite of a game effort, they fizzled, losing 80-74.

Sam Jones, having dazzled fans, writers and opponents with his fine cage play, was elected to accompany the 4th Army Class A winners to the All-Army Tournament at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Jones averaged 26.6 points a game during the tourney, including two games in which he played only one half. He was picked to accompany the Chaffee cagers along with Al Bianchi, former all-American from Bowling Green College.

Near the end of the month requests for baseballs, bats and players began to cover the post.

The baseball team, featuring the huge sticks of Buster Cloud and Bob Williams opened its 1956 season play against Sul Russ College. Cloud was the man behind the mask, who talked the pitchers into the groove on defense and hit for the fence on offense. He led the team to the 4th Army AA baseball crown in 1955, hitting .467 and driving in 84 runs. Bob Williams also had a lot to do with how much range and velocity the Rockets

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maintained, batting in 134 runs, belting 34 four-baggers and tallying a .403 average.

APRIL

The Rocket cowhide nine had their first win of the season, defeating New Mexico Western 16-15, bringing their season mark to three losses and a single win.

Netting by far the most interest and participation of the post sports was the Softball League, which got under way early in the month, with Det. 4, 9393, and the 9577th TU jumping to the front.

Lt. Tony Giruc, became the first member of the WSPG family ever to win a local golf championship (open) when he captured the Las Cruces Country Club link title, defeating Billy Newell of Las Cruces.

MAY

Maj. Gen. W.E. Laidlaw, commanding general of WSPG, dropped the first two-pointer from the gleaming hardwoods of the new Post Gym, which was named the W. L. Bell Gym in memory of his predecessor. Cost of the new building was marked at \$255,000.

Gen. Laidlaw, also threw out the first ball opening the season for the Las Cruces Blue Sox at Apodaca Park. The Blue Sox played host to the Rockets and had their kickoff game spoiled as the Rockets downed the host team 6-3 behind the seven-hit pitching of Jim Fennessey.

Rockets treated post personnel to a slugfest thriller, downing Holloman AFB, 18-12, to even their season record at 4-4.

Douglas Aircraft took over the lead in the Post Softball League, scoring a crushing victory over the 7205th, 22-7.

The fair sex dominated the sports light, when the Navyettes, composed of Mrs. Ann Harvey, Mrs. Pat Bacon, Mrs. Marleen Mathiessen and Mrs. Dee Caudry, won first place in the WSPG Women's Bowling League.

Howard Mosbacher, on his way to winning 24 games before the end of the season, hurled his first no-hitter of the season against the

14th Ordnance Battalion. Moss hurled for Det. 4, 9393.

JUNE

The WSPG Youth Council, headed by Col. Howard Coleman, president, submitted plans for 18 summer activities for all dependent children on the proving ground. The plans included the organization of several sports teams.

Albert Loring, swimmer superb, led the Navy finnen to victory in the post swimming meet.

The Pony League Colts began their diamond tour with a 6-3 loss to the Atlas Lumber Co. team of Las Cruces.

The Little Leaguers also belted open their season's play. The post's youngest nine collected 18 hits and 23 runs to defeat the Yankees of Las Cruces 23-19.

All good things must come to an end, and June brought the ETS of hard hitting, smooth cathing, Buster Cloud, and a hard blow to the Rockets. Cloud left the service to return to pro baseball. He was the property of the Chicago Cub chain.

Mrs. Betty Allgaier created a sports first, when she organized the WSPG small fry and began grooming possible D. Harts and L. Hords. Mrs. Allgaier a charming instructor and accomplished tennis woman, conducted her classes on the post courts and laid plans for her court kids to show their progress in a tournament later in the season.

Khaki golfers hit the links against the Walker AFB boys in blue, taking two matches.

Post swimmers, 12 men strong, working under double handicaps where numbers were concerned (remember, 12 men and four pairs of trunks, which necessitated whirlwind changes) defeated the 27-man Fort Bliss swimming team 98-81.

JULY

WSPG junior swimmers joined with the varsity to dominate the Las Cruces Summer Recreation swim meet, winning 22 of 30 events.

Pony League nine netted their first win of the season, starting the league-leading Turrentine team 13-6.

WSPG golfers copped impressive victories over Kirtland AFB and Sandia Base. Giruc had a sensational day during the Kirtland match, which was played on the University of New Mexico links, tying the course record with a blazing 32 on the back nine.

Lt. Giruc returned to WSPG, golf bag in hand, to prove that he was master of the clubs at home as well as away. He won the WSPG open championship hands down, racking up his second title of the year. M/Sgt. Lee Abbott repeated his performance of the previous year by winning the senior division of the tournament, proving he's still the best old-timer around. The tournament was played on the course of the Las Cruces Country Club.

Mrs. Betty Allgaier's tennis charges took over the post courts in the first WSPG Youth Tournament.

Post swimmers placed fifth in the 4th Army meet, placing above Sandia, Camp Wolters, Fort Sam Houston, Fort Chaffee, William Beaumont Hospital and several others.

Personnel here were treated to the accurate shooting of Grayum Steel, Dunlap, N. M., who shattered targets with amazing accuracy to collar the hi-overall and All Gauge Skeet Championships in the New Mexico Skeet Matches held here.

AUGUST

Detachment 4, 9393, emerged as winners of the Post Softball League, sporting a near perfect 25-1 record.

The swimming team placed second in Texas Western College meet.

Athletic NCO's and officials select a post all-star team in pre-

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paration for the coming 4th Army Softball tourney.

Primo Carnera, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, now turned wrestler, appeared here with his troupe.

SEPTEMBER

The all-star softball team returned from the 4th Army Tournament at Camp Chaffee, Ark., with a 2-2 slate after defeating Fort Polk and Camp Leroy Johnson and losing to Manzano Base and Camp

Wolters. Howard Mosbacher, ace WSPG hurler, pitched all four games.

The Rocket diamond nine, having both Cloud and Williams, the stalwarts of the team, were eliminated from the 4th Army games after winning from WBAH and losing to Sandia and Fort Sam Houston.

Joe Masciarelli and Dan Silverman proved masters of the ivories, as (Continued On Page 4-A)

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Sports Roundup

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they placed one and two respectively, in the Five-Star Billiards Tournament at the Servicemen's YMCA in El Paso.

Pfc. Daniel B. Killeen stood out among WSPG sportsmen when he was selected to participate in the 1956 Olympics at Melbourne, Australia, as a member of the American four-man crew entered in the Dragon class sailing races. Killeen, 23, is from Det. 1, 9393 TU.

OCTOBER
SKG3 Robert M. Pritchett, USNR, was presented a hole-in-one trophy for being the first player to make a long-one at a New Mexico amateur golf meet. The match was played at Carlsbad.

Thirty-eight hoop aspirants showed up at the first practice for the post basketball squad, showing fine prospects as they competed for the 14 slots open.

NOVEMBER
WSPG "Dead-eye-Dicks" competed in the New Mexico State Pistol Championships and returned with 28 medals. The participating pistol team was composed of Sfc. Hyden Martin, SP3 Gale Boehlke, SP3 John Stroth and Pfc. Frank Heaney.

The Rocket basketball squad misfired in their first cage shoot of the season losing to the 3rd Guided Missile Battalion, Fort Bliss, 59-43.

WSPG basketballers get their first hardwood victory, defeating the Red Canyon five, 75-59.

Detachment 2, 9393 TU, is awarded the post flag football league



NICELY TRIMMED — That is, both the tree and Mara Corday in this pleasant Christmas scene. Mara, surely, wishes everyone a happy holiday and all sorts of good things for the coming year.

championship, as it ended with a perfect undefeated record.

Armed Forces Camera Contest Closes Jan. 15

WASHINGTON —The biggest armed forces camera contest of its kind—awarding \$2,500 in prizes—is now under way in the Army Times and the American Weekend and will remain open to contestants until midnight, Jan. 15.

Eligible are all men and women of the uniformed forces, their immediate dependents, civilian employees of the Defense Department, National Guardsmen and members of the Active Reserve of any branch of service.

There is no limitation on subject matter, allowing the widest possible choice of camera themes. Any picture fit to print, made anywhere in the world—whether or not related to military life—is eligible.

Pictures in black-and-white or color are welcome, although it is assumed that black-and-white entries will be most numerous. The prizes in U.S. Savings Bonds at face value are therefore scaled accordingly. For black-and-white, first prize is \$500, second prize \$250 and third \$100. Then come five of \$50 each and ten of \$25. There are also 15 prizes of \$10 cash each. Special color salon awards total \$1,000 in cash.

In addition to the prizes, the winning entries — black-and-white photos as well as color transparencies—will be displayed as part of one of the official exhibits at the International Photographic Exposition to be held in Washington March 22-29. The Army Times and the American Weekend display will be set up in the main lobby of the Department of Commerce Building.

Holiday Greetings From Sec. Wilson

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

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

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

CHARLES E. WILSON
Secretary of Defense

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20,000 Visitors During 1956 Show Rising Importance of Proving Ground

Attesting to the increasing importance of White Sands Proving Ground in the nation's guided missile program has been an astounding number of outsiders visiting the post during 1956.

A total of approximately 18,560 persons had visited WSPG by the end of November, according to records for this year dating back to Jan. 1. There was every indication that the figure would surpass the 20,000 mark by the end of the year.

This would outnumber the post's working population of 7,527 military personnel and civilian employees by nearly three to one.

The influx of visitors, about half in large organized groups and half in small groups or individually, created a mountain of work for such agencies as the Provost Marshal's Office, the Billeting Office, the Briefing Office and its Visitors Bureau, the Mess Branch, the Systems Test Division and the Public Information Office. At times these organizations were kept busy entertaining groups of as many as 400 persons.

Smaller groups of visitors and individuals, usually coming here on official business, were entertained daily by other organizations. Virtually every organization on the post had official visitors from off post from time to time during the year.

Outstanding performances were turned in by those WSPG organizations charged with the job of entertaining large groups of visitors. Many visitors, including some of the highest ranking officials of the Defense Department and the various branches of service, wrote back following their return home to express appreciation for the hospitality, courtesy and friendliness with which they were received and for the efficient manner in which they were given briefings, inspections and demonstrations of WSPG facilities and activities.

Some visitors spent only one day or part of a day on the post, simplifying the problems of the Billeting Office, Mess Branch and Briefing Office. Others were here for several days or even weeks, but were handled in stride despite housing shortages and already crowded facilities.

In several cases, such as a series of Nike-B specialized courses held from Aug. 13 through Nov. 30, visitors were lodged in El Paso hotels and motels, commuting daily. Attending the Nike-B classes in groups of about 30 each were a total of 450 persons from Army installations and missile contracting firms from coast to coast.

A similar arrangement prevailed during history's first Flight Simulation Symposium, held in the Post Theater Nov. 14-16, and during some visits of large groups of military and civilian officials. The flight simulation conference was attended by 400 of the world's leading scientists in this field from four nations. They represented industry, all branches of service, laboratory organizations and universities.

Other visitors during the year

came from every section of the U. S. and many foreign countries. Military installations, Washington agencies and national organizations were represented, led by Army Ordnance Corps establishments and Defense Department offices. Biggest groups of foreign officials were from Canada, Australia and Great Britain, while smaller groups represented France, Italy, Mexico and other countries.

Biggest day of the year for visitors was on May 19 when WSPG held its second annual Armed Forces Day Open House. More than 4,000 visitors from all parts of the WSPG area, including southern New Mexico and West Texas, poured onto the proving ground for an all-day program that resembled a giant state fair.

Nearly every organization on the post participated in the Armed Forces Day program, which included briefings, displays, demonstrations, motion pictures, conducted tours, meals and refreshments, aircraft flights, a movie premiere, illustrated lectures, the static test firing of a rocket motor and test flights of two guided missiles.

Approximately 10,000 visitors have registered with the Visitors Bureau, a branch of the Briefing Office located in the lobby of Headquarters Building, since Jan. 1, 1956. Only small groups and individuals, arriving to confer with WSPG personnel on official business, register with the Visitors Bureau. Those staying overnight or several days are accommodated further by the Billeting Office.

The flow through the Visitors Bureau averaged more than 27 a day, or nearly 200 a week, throughout the year.

Approximately 5,879 others, in addition to the 10,000 going through the Visitors Bureau, have visited the post during the year in large organized groups. These are handled by the main staff of the Briefing Office, with assistance on scheduled programs from the Systems Test Division and other organizations. The Provost Marshal's Office handles security clearances, when necessary, and the Mess Branch and its Officers' Open Mess cooperate by serving meals at special luncheons and dinner meetings.

A total of 2,681 persons visited the WSPG Integrated Range in two other large groups this fall, although not on official government business. During the New Mexico big game hunting season, Nov. 10-12, the range was thrown open to a total of 1,681 deer hunters who checked in and out through check points set up by the Provost Marshal's Office. In a special deer season Nov. 30 through Dec. 2, permits to hunt on the range were issued by the PMO to 1,000 more hunters.

In addition to those mentioned above, groups of visitors during the year included the following:

Jan. 19—Members of the Marine Corps Advanced Research Group, headed by Lt. Gen. Willard G. Wyman, USA, deputy commanding general of the Continental Army Command, and Maj. Gen. W. E.

Candlelight Luck



In Sweden, it is considered an omen of good luck if all Christmas candles burn brightly on Christmas Eve.

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Newest Navy Carrier Named Constellation

WASHINGTON (APPS) — The sixth Forrestal-class aircraft carrier, scheduled for keel-laying next September, will be named the Constellation (CVA-64), the Navy has announced.

The 60,000-ton carrier will be the second Navy ship to bear that name. The first Constellation was built in 1794 as a frigate for protection of American commerce against the raids of the Barbary pirates.

The new ship, designed to accommodate the Navy's heavier and faster jet aircraft, will be conventionally powered.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

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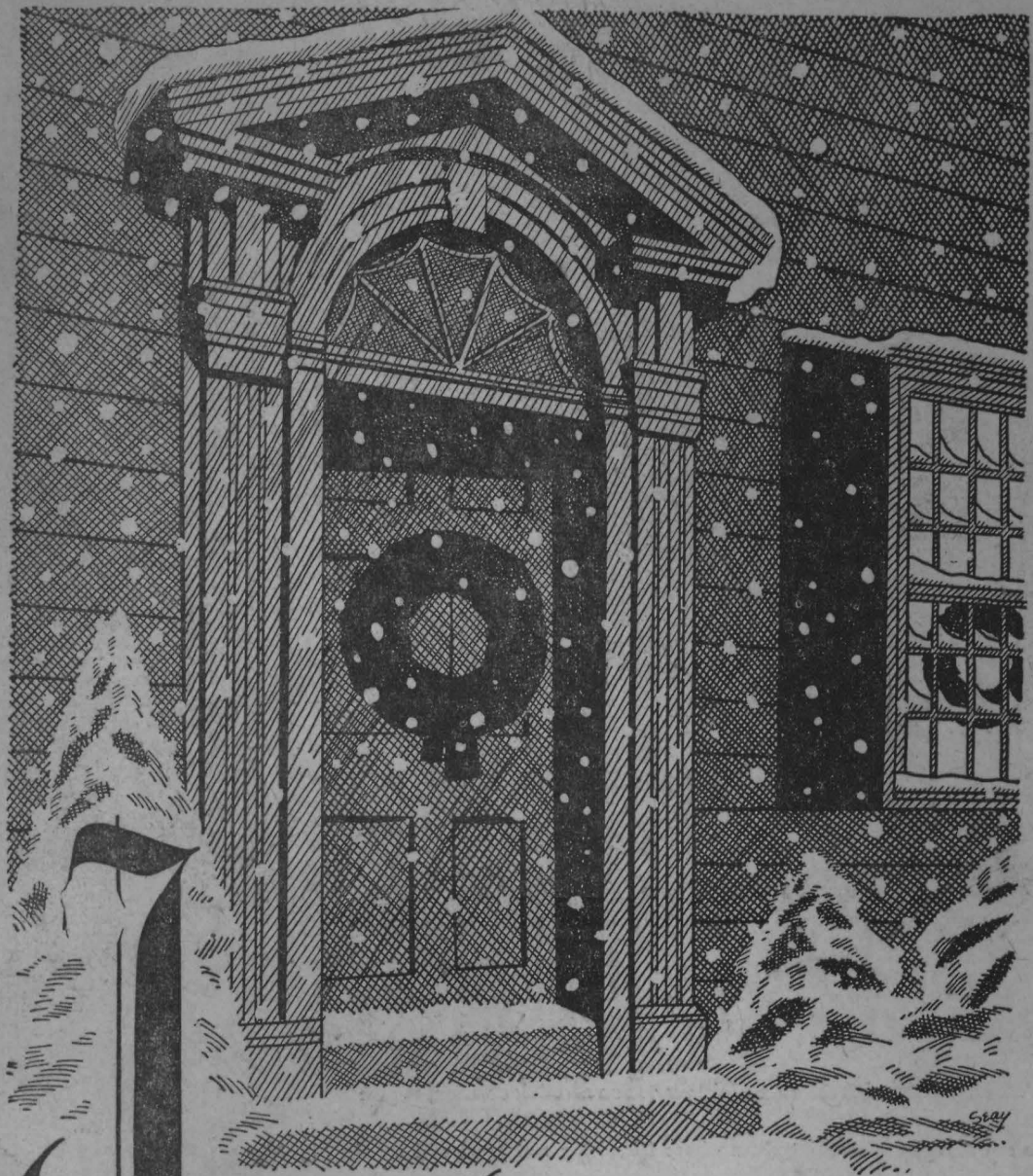
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State Police Urge Drivers Show Greater Caution During Holidays

New Mexico State Police, in a holiday message to White Sands Proving Ground drivers, expressed their appreciation for cooperation during the year and urged increased caution in driving on the highways during the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

The message from Capt. A.P. Winston, supervisor of the Las Cruces district of the State Police, follows:

The members of the New Mexico State Police wish to express their appreciation to the great majority of drivers at WSPG for the splendid cooperation in observing the highway rules and regulations on US 70 thus far this year.

However, with the approaching holiday season and the increase in night traffic resulting from basketball games and Christmas parties, all drivers are urged to exercise greater caution during the critical periods.

Four traffic accidents were investigated on U.S. 70 between Las Cruces and the access road during November. Fortunately, no one was seriously injured. Investigative reports disclose that violations occurred in three of these accidents.

Particular attention is directed to the following:

- Passing in yellow zones.
- Following too closely.
- Failure to yield right of way.
- Excessive speed on down grades.

Our officers will continue with manual control at the junction of the access road in order to expedite movement in the afternoons. In return, they will expect each of you to observe all safety regulations.

Dangerous Jump Made by Airman Near South Pole

McMURDO SOUND, Antarctica (AFPS)—An Air Force Sergeant parachuted onto the South Polar plateau recently, the first such feat in Antarctic history.

Later two Navy planes landed in the same area to set up a United States scientific station. The ten men on the planes joined eight who had been living there in tents.

T/Sgt. Richard J. Patton, with 14 years' service, made his jump from a Globemaster over the temporary camp about eight miles from the precise pole.

Sgt. Patton is an air drop specialist. He is to advise Globemasters how to parachute 450 tons of supplies for construction of the scientific station.

Several cargo drops have failed when parachutes did not open or became detached and the supplies buried themselves 15 feet deep in ice or snow.

Slow Down and Live



CONFUSING WORLD — Three-year-old Peter Breistone of Brooklyn was the proprietor of a complete set of illusions until he stopped in at this meeting and bumped into no less than 50 Santa Clauses all at once. The Santas were inside for a briefing before stepping out on street corners in New York for fundraising duties.

Armed Forces Secretaries Send Christmas Greetings

At this Christmas season my thoughts are with you — my fellow members of the United States Army, in all parts of the world. I extend to each of you my sincere greetings and my best wishes for a joyous holiday season.

Wherever your post of duty, whatever sacrifices you may be called upon to make, you can take pride and satisfaction in knowing that each of you bears an important share of responsibility for the security of our great Nation. You stand for the preservation of the fundamental ideals and precious values symbolized by Christmas. You embody the indomitable spirit of America.

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

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

May all of you and your loved ones enjoy a blessed Christmas, and find in the New Year the fulfillment of your fondest expectations.

WILBER M. BRUCKER
Secretary of the Army

To all members of the United States Navy, Marine Corps, our civilian employees and their families, I extend my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and successful New Year. To you who are separated from your family and home, it is my sincere hope that you have that personal satisfaction which can only come from your own sacrifice in the cause of peace which this holiday season symbolizes. I invite you all to join me in the hope and thankful prayer to Him for "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men," and together rededicate ourselves to this cause with His Divine assistance and guidance.

CHARLES S. THOMAS
Secretary of the Navy

During the 16 months that I have served as your secretary I have been privileged to meet many of you personally and see you performing your duties in many parts of the world. Performing those duties with a loyalty and devotion that never ceases to quicken my pride in you and my faith in your ability to fulfill the Air Force mission. I also have the deepest appreciation of the sacrifices you have made during the past year in helping to maintain the security of our country.

As the old year draws to a close may the Christmas spirit strengthen within you the satisfaction that comes from knowing you serve a just and worthwhile cause. For, on your efforts are based the free world's hopes for future, merrier Christmases. To all of you, at home or in distant lands, go my sincere best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DONALD A. QUARLES
Secretary of the Air Force



NOOK DRIVE-IN

Solano Drive

Proving Ground Attracts 20,000 Visitors in 1956

(continued from page 4A) ment officials, military and civilian, from the New York, Philadelphia and Detroit Ordnance Districts.

May 22—Newsmen, photographers and correspondents from many parts of the country gathered here to witness Corporal and Honest John firings and see Nike tested against Q2 jet drone targets. Also on hand were military officials headed by Lt. Gen. Stanley R. Mickelsen, in charge of Nike installations throughout the country, and Maj. Gen. G. S. Meloy, chief of information for the Army. Party of more than 100.

June 6—Dr. Clifford C. Furnas, assistant secretary of defense for research and development, and other DOD officials. Party of 15.

June 27—Microwave experts from the Denver offices of Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co. Party of ten.

Aug. 2—Dr. E. V. Murphree, assistant secretary of defense for guided missiles, and other civilian and military officials from Washington. Party of 15.

Sept. 10—Twenty-seven members of the Army Scientific Advisory Panel, led by Dr. Frederick L. Howde, president of Purdue University, and more than 30 high-ranking civilian and military officials of the Army. In the party were W. H. Martin, director of R&D for the Office of the Secretary of the Army; Lt. Gen. J. M. Gavin, Army chief of R&D; Dr. Ragnar Rolfsen, chief scientist of the Army; Lt. Gen. John H. Collier, commanding general of the 4th Army; Lt. Gen. E. T. Williams, deputy commander of the CONARC, and Maj. Gen. J. B. Medaris, chief of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency. Also present were Canadian Army officers stationed at Fort Bliss. Party of 60.

Sept. 18—Maj. Gen. James D. O'Connell, chief signal officer of the Army, and other Signal Corps officials from Washington.

Sept. 20—Australian research officials, led by Deputy Controller R. W. Boswell and John E. G. Harrison, British national liaison officer to Australia. Party of 15.

Sept. 21—U. S. Rep. John J. Dempsey, New Mexico.

Oct. 2—Group of 16 Marine Corps officers led by Brig. Gen. Robert B. Luckey, USMC deputy chief of staff for R&D.

Oct. 9—Annual fall tea of WSPG Women's Club, attended by 250 persons. Visitors were on hand from Fort Bliss, El Paso, Beaumont Army Hospital, Holloman ADC, Lower Valley, State College, Las Cruces, Alamogordo and Biggs AFB women's organizations. Guest of

honor was Mrs. Clifford C. Furnas of Washington, whose husband was in Cloudcroft for a week-long meeting of the Inter-Range Instrumentation Group.

Oct. 12—Party of Italian defense officials, headed by Gen. Giuseppe Mancinelli, chief of staff.

Oct. 15—Army Electronic Warfare Policy Committee, headed by Maj. Gen. James H. Phillips, chief of the Army Security Agency. Party of 20.

Oct. 22-23—The Proving Ground Instrumentation and Airborne Electronics Committees of the American Ordnance Association, headed by L. W. Morrison of Bell Telephone Laboratories, Whippany, N. J., and Dr. S. W. Herwald of Westinghouse Electric Corp., Baltimore, respectively. Party of 50.

Nov. 1—Thirty members of the San Antonio Chapter, Texas Reserve Officers Association.

Nov. 5—Hugh M. Milton II, assistant secretary of the Army for manpower and reserve forces.

Nov. 16—Party of 50 officials from the Nebraska Military District, led by U. S. Sen. Roman L. Hruska (R-Neb.).

Nov. 20—National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics and Institute of Aeronautical Sciences,

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And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.
—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

headed by Dr. Edward Raymond Sharp, director of the NACA Lewis Flight Propulsion Laboratory. Party of 50.

Bright Paint Makes Planes Easy to Spot

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — A new, weather-resistant fluorescent paint that makes airborne planes easier to see may reduce mid-air collisions, according to the Navy.

Currently being tested by naval aircraft in Operation Deepfreeze II in Antarctica, the bright orange-red paint gives greater contrast to backgrounds.

In addition, the "high-visibility" paint is proving invaluable as a sea-marker in search and rescue operations making downed craft easier to spot.

Developed by the Naval Research Laboratory, the new paint can weather harsh climates up to nearly six months.

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Woman's Club Annual Fall Tea Outstanding '56 Social Function

The outstanding social function of the year, was the Woman's Club's annual fall tea, on Oct. 9, when 250 ladies appeared at the Officers' Open Mess to meet the honoree, Mrs. Clifford C. Furnas, and enjoy the elaborately-detailed courtesy.

Members of 11 comparable clubs of this area thronged the Desert and Rocket Rooms, where live organ music formed a background for the beautifully-appointed tea and its elegantly-gowned participants.

The event was presented under the presidency of Mrs. J. D. Sloane Jr.

First activity of the 1956-57 season was a Valentine birthday luncheon. Later in the month, the group attended a static test firing.

In March, an Easter hat show proved popular and newsworthy, with models from the club and the Popular Dry Goods Co. of El Paso showing the high-style headgear. Stories and pictures were carried in all news media throughout this area, and one national publication.

An April luncheon at Town and Country Restaurant in Las Cruces featured Gen. C. H. Tenney as speaker.

In May, the 1956-57 slate of officers was presented at a luncheon held in the Officers' Open Mess.

The second annual dinner dance, featuring a theme titled "Daisies Won't Tell," proved a big success in June, when a near capacity crowd attended in the Rocket Room of Officers' Open Mess.

The mid-year election of officers gave the club Mrs. W. E. Laidlaw as honorary president; Mrs. J. C. Parham Jr., as honorary vice president; Mrs. M. D. Sloane Jr., as president; Mrs. M. H. Ostrander, vice president; Mrs. A. G. Devirian, recording secretary; Mrs. L. R. Jen-

sen, corresponding secretary; Mrs. D. E. Brown, treasurer; and Mrs. F. W. Laskowski, assistant treasurer. Named to inter-service representative advisory group were Mrs. Gerald Carlisle, Mrs. T. C. Buell, Mrs. W. D. Pritchard, Mrs. J. W. Fraser and Mrs. E. S. Roane.

On July 17, Mrs. Laidlaw and Mrs. Parham were honored at a coffee, held by the club, with 100 attending the event, held in the Officers' Open Mess.

A membership roundup was held the morning of Aug. 14, and membership cards were issued.

Interesting highlight of the season was a welcoming luncheon held Sept. 11, when each lady attending wore a hat representing her home state. Thirty-four states were represented by the 100 members and guests who attended.

Following the annual fall tea, the club started plans for its post tour in November, at which time its members got briefings on the Integrated Range Mission, Ordnance Mission and WSSCA Mission.

During the latter part of November, the club held a benefit card party to purchase club equipment.

On Dec. 11, the club held its annual Christmas party.

The club's program shows the following events for 1957:

January 8, birthday luncheon.

Feb. 12, book review and dessert.

March 12, tea and spring fashion show.

April 9, luncheon and talk on first aid in the home; May 14, luncheon and presentation of slate of officers. Mrs. Tom Charles, author of "Tales of the Tularosa," will speak on New Mexico and the Southwest.

June 1, annual dinner dance.

June 11, luncheon and election



ON GUARD — This masked Marine wields a bayonet practice stick at a Parris Island, S. C., bayonet class. The Marines recently replaced the old parry-thrust training with a new system of instruction based on boxing methods. For extra protection, trainees wear boxing gloves and football helmets.

Goodies to Drop By Parachute

LOS ANGELES (AFPS) — Eight thousand pounds of candy and cookies will be parachuted on isolated posts of the Air Defense Command during the holidays.

"Operation Candy-Cookie" is a function of the United States Voluntary Services. Established last year, membership in this group now totals 10,000.

Members not only will donate the candy and cookies, but also will aid in packing the tons of goodies.

Johnson Appointed To High Army Post

WASHINGTON (AFPS)—Courtney Johnson, a former Studebaker Corp. executive, has been named deputy to the assistant secretary of the Army, Frank H. Higgins.

He has been acting as a special consultant to Higgins in the field of production engineering and industrial processes since September. He succeeds Henry N. Marsh, who returned to private business in September.

of officers; bridge and canasta. The club's committees are as follows:

Program co-chairman, Mrs. Elbridge Heaney and Mrs. C. R. Cartwright; Hostess advisory co-chairmen, Mrs. R. D. Worthen and Mrs. H. E. Whitmore; membership co-chairmen, Mrs. F. E. Nickerson and Mrs. O. J. Cooper; publicity co-chairmen, Mrs. Martin Cunningham and Mrs. F. L. Brittain; cards co-chairmen, Mrs. H. T. Moses, bridge, and Mrs. M. F. Hoffay, canasta.

A Christmas Story

Faith Is a Street Light

Editor's Note: The following Christmas story, with a White Sands Proving Ground setting, was written by SP3 Phillip L. Hand of Flight Determination Laboratory. It is entirely fictional.

"What a way to spend Christmas Eve," he thought, as he watched the car lights disappear down the road towards Alamogordo. Looking up, he saw the sign pointing to the proving ground. He could barely read it because of the sand blowing so sharply against his face. A feeling of self-pity swept over him as he muttered to himself angrily "Why, of all nights, couldn't I have gotten a ride all the way out to the post? I'm stuck now. Nobody will be driving in this cyclone. Well, I won't get anywhere just standing here talking about it. I might just as well start walking."

He pulled his coat up around his face to shield it from the wind and began slowly to make his way down the road. By straining his eyes, he was able to make out the white line in the center of the road and, with this as a guide, he settled himself for the long walk ahead.

It had begun to blow late in the afternoon and now, at 10 o'clock, the wind was whipping across the desert, whistling and screaming, as it picked up tons of sand, as if playing with it, and then angrily threw it down.

As the wind built up, fear crept over him, for he suddenly realized that the white line had disappeared in the haze along with the grotesque silhouettes of greasewood along the roadside.

It was almost impossible to see now, except for the blurring screen of sand constantly pushing him drunkenly forward in what he hoped was the direction of the post.

Shaking with cold and fear, he stopped. "Now get hold of yourself, Johnny. No sense in getting all shook up. Just keep your head and stay on the road and you're all right. It's Christmas Eve, boy; nothing can happen to you tonight."

With this reassurance, he started out again. Scuffing cautiously along the pavement, his confidence continued to grow and he fell into a mood of wistful happiness as he thought of the folks back home and of the fun they would be having tonight.

"They must be just about getting ready to go to church now. Jerry's probably hurrying Mom up so they can get there early and sit in the back. I'll bet Mart is still standing in front of the mirror fixing his tie or combing his hair. He sure does like to look sharp."

Thoughts of home filled his mind and he became separated from the inky darkness and the howling wind that bit at him with a million tiny teeth. He was oblivious to everything, for he was not in New Mexico, but instead, two thousand miles away in Pennsylvania, listening to his girl tell of the wonderful dance they were going to have New Year's Eve and of the new gown she had bought for the occasion. The night and the cold were strangers, neglected and unobserved.

Abruptly and without warning, he stumbled and fell. Returning to the world of reality, he realized that he had wandered off the road and had fallen into the ditch on the side. It was then that he finally became aware that he had no sense of direction. His feet had betrayed him. They no longer could distinguish between the smooth pavement and the rough, hard sand that surrounded him.

A creeping wave of hysteria came over him as he peered frantically into the blackness for some sign of familiarity.

Suddenly, he tensed. "A light! I saw a light!" Then he sobered slightly. "I must be crazy. How could I see a light when I can't even see the road?"

Still, he hopefully pierced the darkness, looking for what he knew couldn't possibly be there.

Once again, he saw the small, twinkling dot far off in the distance. This time he knew that it was not a figment of his frightened imagination. There it was, shining bravely through the cruel curtain of raging sand before him.

He hurried forward eagerly, as though to catch it before it went out. He ran, stumbling and staggering, in a frantic race with nothing but his own hope. Gasping for breath, he came to a halt. "What an idiot! What a complete idiot; trying to run all the way to the post. I've got to take it easy. That light won't go out. It can't go out!"

Calmly, he continued at a steady pace while a new thought occupied his mind. "Why, it's just like a guiding light put there to lead me back; the way the shepherds were led to Bethlehem. That's what it is. It must be."

A sensation of a power too great for him to comprehend engulfed him in a feeling of warm comfort. All fear and uncertainty had vanished, giving way to this new and wonderful security.

Confidently, he trudged along with his eyes fixed on the miraculous little beam of light. Now and again it would disappear, but, as the cold grip of fear would clutch him, he would see it again, shining brighter than ever as he drew nearer to the post.

He began to sing to himself softly.

clear. . . . "Everything was wonderful. The night was dark, the wind was cold and the sand burned his face with a frozen fire, but everything was wonderful. He laughed when he thought of how foolish it was for him to be happy."

Almost before he realized it, he had arrived at the guard house located at the main gate. Then, for the first time, he could see what his guiding light actually was. "Why, it's nothing but a street light in the housing area."

Then he reflected soberly, "No, it's more than that. It's a street light of Faith bringing reassurance to someone like me who gropes in the dark. That's what Faith is, a street light in the darkness, shining for anyone who needs it. It shone brighter for me tonight because I needed it more."

The wind and sand lashed against his face, hurrying him across the ball-field toward the barracks. As he crossed the road, he noticed an ambulance coming up the side street next to the barracks. Drawing next to him, it stopped.

"What the devil are you doing out on a night like this, Johnny?" asked the driver.

"Well, I'll tell you," he said, and proceeded to describe his inspiring experience. He had to tell someone. It was something he could not shut out, no more than he could shut out the wind and sand around him.

"Yes, sir," he finished, "it was that light right there; the only thing that got me back here."

The driver looked in the direction to which he was pointing. "Which one are you talking about?"

"The third one from the left. See it?"

The driver turned to the medic seated beside him. "Well, I'll be darned. That's right on the corner where we delivered the kid tonight."

"What are you talking about?" Turning back, "Yeah, we just got back from there. The kid came early. In fact, we didn't even have time to get her to the infirmary. The baby was born in the house right under that light you were talking about. Poor Joe was going nuts."

"Joe?"

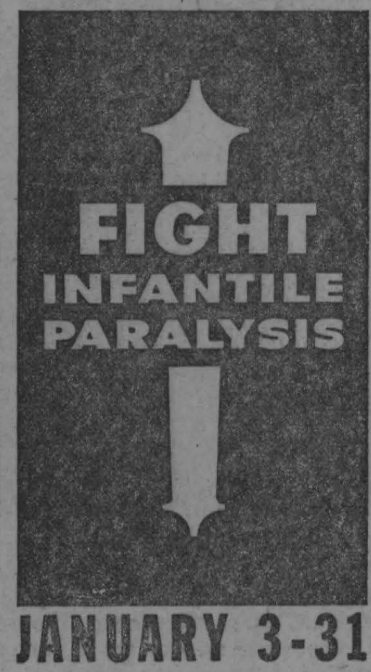
"Yeah, Joe Luchenski, the baby's father. Man, was he shook up."

"Joseph, huh? Tell me, what is the mother's name?"

"The mother's name? It's Mary. Why?"

"Oh, nothing, nothing at all," he

MARCH OF DIMES



Cuban Menu

A whole roasted pig graces the table of many Cuban homes at Christmas. The menu also includes chicken with rice, beans, wine and nuts, as well as casabe bread, a special black fruit cake, and avocado salad.

If you want to kill time, why not try working it to death?

answered as he headed for the barracks and a nice warm bunk.

Chaplain's Message

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

Wherever we are, we are not out of the sight of God. Christmas is essentially a holy season in the religious sense. It is the birthday of the Christ-child. We have dressed the day up with man-developed celebrations but it is basically a holy day, not a holiday. Let us then turn in thought to our loved ones and to our God. Let us rethink the high principles of life so beautifully represented in the life of the Christ. Let us kneel before the Manger and dedicate our lives to the interpretation of the teachings of Jesus, born in Bethlehem. Thus dedicated, we will bring to all the real meaning of Christmas and this dedication will develop the real spirit of Christmas within our lives. To you all, from your chaplains, comes the wish of "Merry Christmas" and a prayer that God's blessing may be ever yours.

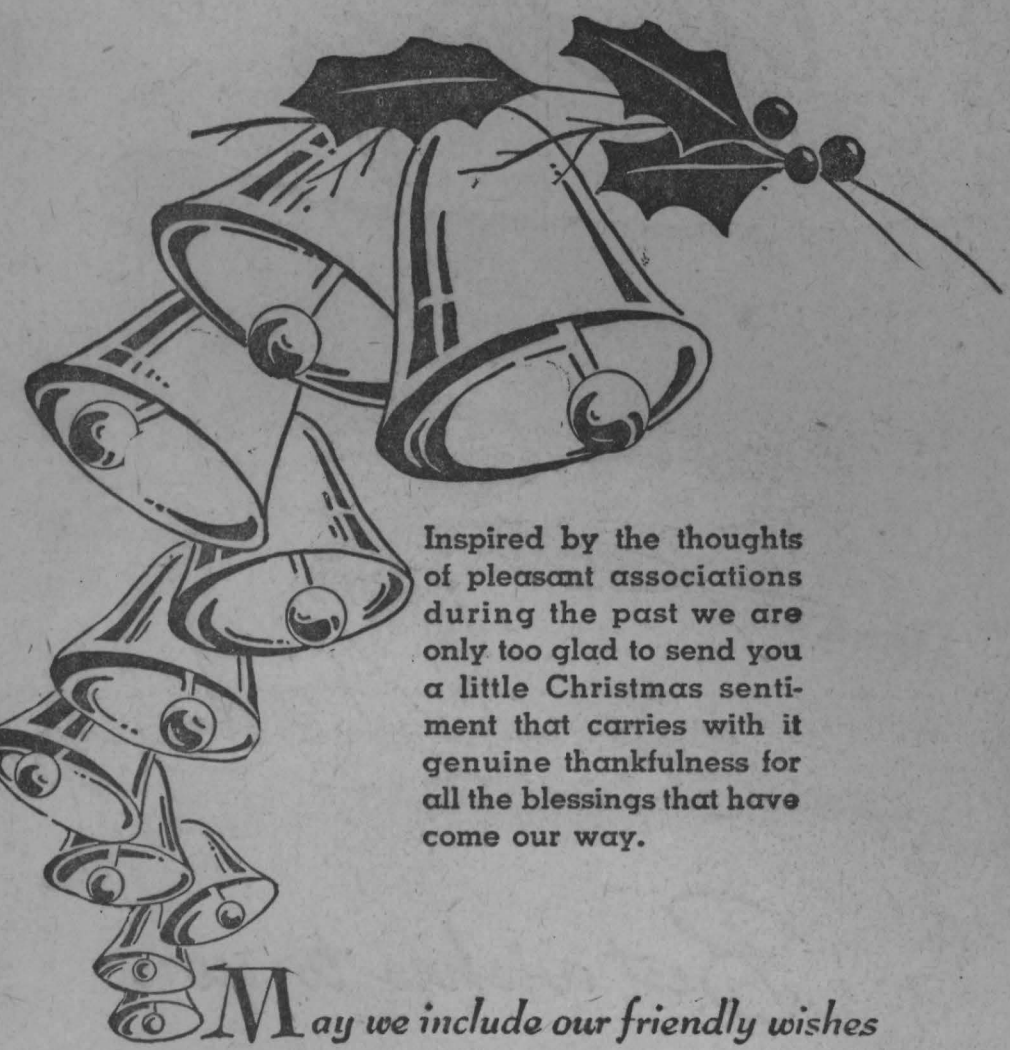
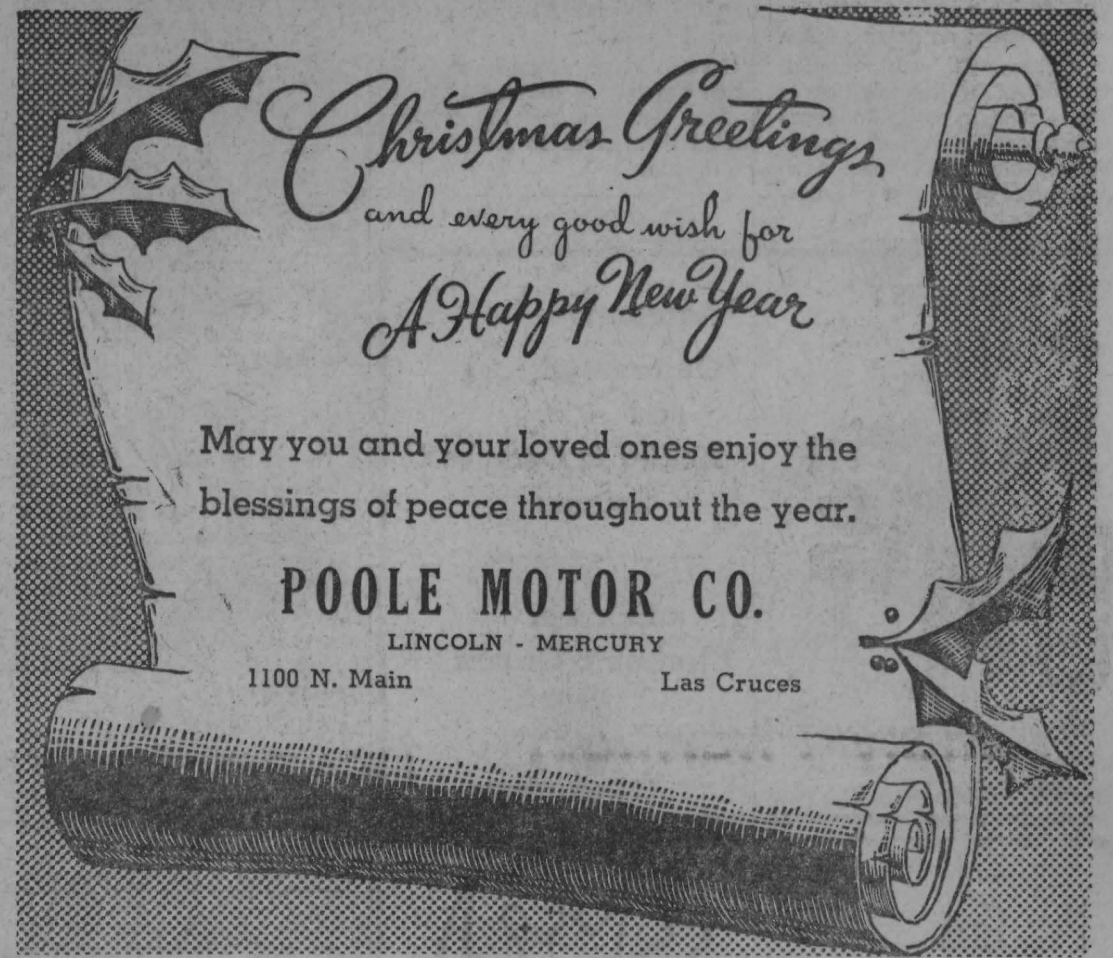
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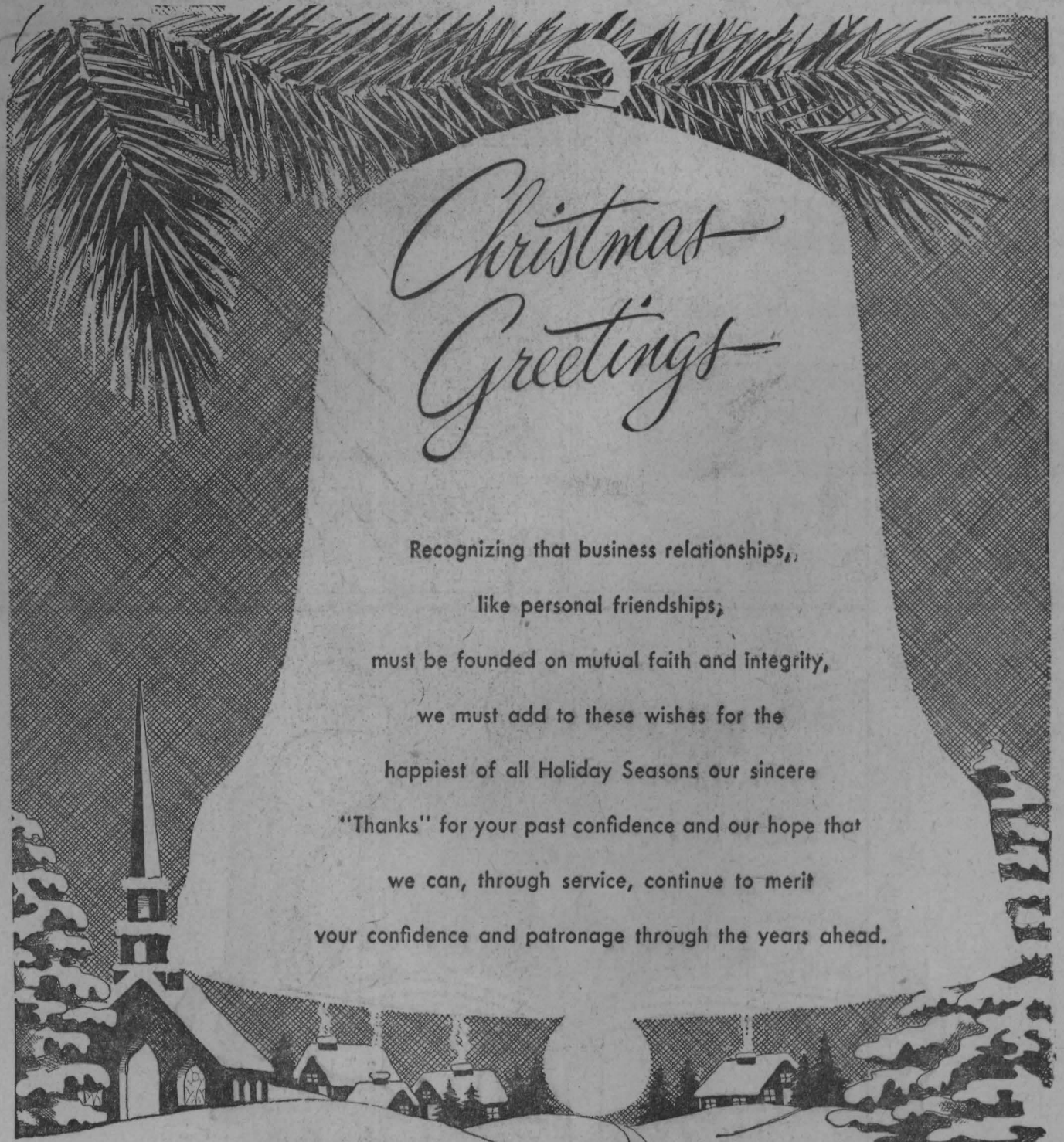
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Joint Chiefs of Staff Send Yule Greetings

To all men and women in our Armed Forces, my heartfelt best wishes for a happy Christmas and a successful, healthful New Year. Wherever you are stationed and whatever your duty status, you are the guardians of our country and our way of life. During this Holy Season, let each one of us repledge ourselves and our sacred honor to defend our faith in Christian and American ideals.

ADM. ARTHUR RADFORD
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

Christmas, with its message of peace, comes once more to the Army with its mission of peace. To our soldiers and their families, it is a time for thanksgiving that our country has continued to enjoy the blessings of peace during the past year. It is also a time for reflecting on our ever-present responsibility as soldiers, to work unceasingly to increase our ability to prevent war and to restrain the forces of aggression.

In discharging the peace-preserving functions of the Army, many of its members will pass the Christmas season far from their homes in the 73 foreign countries where our Army is stationed. To them should go an especial measure of thanks for the vigil they keep along the frontiers of freedom. I hope that another Christmas will find many of them safely returned to their homes.

With full confidence in the men and women of the Army wherever they are found, I wish for all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Together let us enter 1957 with the determination to make the Army an increasingly effective force for world peace.

GEN. MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
United States Army Chief of Staff

To the men and women of the United States Navy and their families, I extend season's greetings and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. To those who are necessarily separated from their loved ones during this holiday season go my warmest personal wishes and our nation's continued grateful appreciation for your sacrifices demanded in the guardianship of our democracy. May the real spirit of Christmas abide with all of you, and may all of us in concert with free peoples everywhere come nearer in the New Year to realizing man's desire for liberty, justice, and freedom.

ADM. ARLEIGH A. BURKE
Chief of Naval Operations

At this Christmastime we in the United States Air Force feel more than ever the responsibility of our position as a deterrent to world conflict. I trust that in the year ahead world conditions will become so stabilized that the possibility of future wars will become increasingly remote and peace will shed its blessings on the earth.

My trust is based on the sure knowledge of your accomplishments and achievements in the past and in the firm conviction that my faith is well placed in you. Wherever your post, whatever your assignment, I salute both military and civilian members of the Air Force family and wish each of you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a New Year which will fulfill your every hope.

GEN. NATHAN F. TWINING
United States Air Force Chief of Staff

Month's Smokes Cost \$1.14 Then

FORT RILEY, Kan. (AFPS)—The payroll of Troop C, 7th Cavalry Rgt. for April 30, 1876, displayed in Patton Hall here should quiet any complaints about the cost of living and present service pay.

The newest recruit draws more money than the highest ranking noncoms of C Troop.

The first sergeant drew \$50.61 for two months. Two other non-

coms got \$40.61 for the two months. Most of the privates collected \$24.61. Troopers paid a \$1.14 charge for their tobacco ration.

It was the last Army payday for most of the men of Troop C. The unit, commanded by Capt. Thomas Custer, was to ride out to the Little Big Horn in the massacre of Gen. George Custer's troops by Sitting Bull and his Sioux warriors.

Army May Switch To New Program Of Rifle Instruction

WASHINGTON, (ANS) — The Army may change in the near future a system of rifle instruction, which dates back more than 50 years, with the implementation of a new training program called Trainfire I.

Even with the development of the new and complex machines for the atomic-age Army, the infantry's foot-slogging rifleman has not been forgotten. Continental Army Command planners still believe that the rifle-wielding foot soldier is a key to success in battle.

The Army is experimenting with a rifle training program designed to produce infantrymen better fitted to deliver devastating, accurate and timely rifle fire against an enemy in combat.

Under the supervision of Headquarters Continental Army Command, Human Research Unit No. 3 worked on the problem at Fort Benning, Ga., and came up with the answer—Trainfire I. This is a revision of marksmanship training designed to give trainees realistic instruction in the type of shooting that could be expected in combat.

Several hundred trainees already have learned their shooting under this concept during the testing phase at Fort Jackson, S.C., and Fort Carson, Colo. Results thus far strongly indicate that Trainfire I is sufficiently superior to present methods to warrant adoption. Trainees under this program, firing at pop-up, partly-obscured targets, scored 10 percent more hits than conventionally-trained soldiers in recent tests.

The targets used in Trainfire I are electrically powered, remotely controlled mechanisms which present a silhouette and fall when struck by a bullet. They are designed to simulate a human figure that suddenly appears, remains exposed for a few seconds, then disappears.

The new target aptly named "Punchy Pete," has psychological and practical advantages in that it adds realism which conditions the soldier's firing reflexes. The easily-moved target can be used in field problems and does away with pit details on the known distance range.

Army Times Award Presented to Brucker

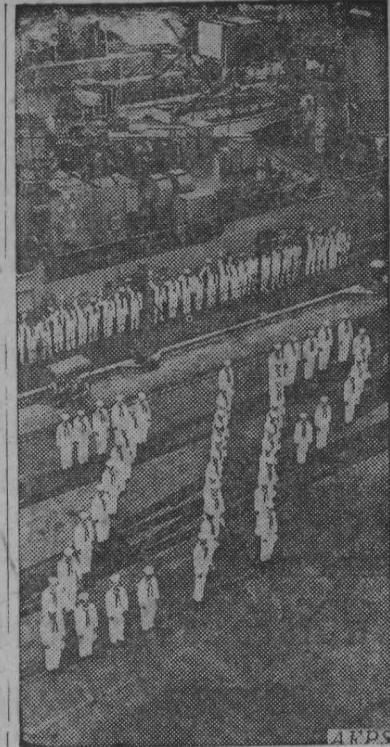
WASHINGTON, (ANS)—When publisher Mel Ryder presented the International Army Times Achievement Award to Secretary of the Army Brucker here recently, it was the first time this honor had ever been conferred on an individual.

In a surprise ceremony at the Pentagon, with Army Chief of Staff Maxwell D. Taylor and other high ranking military and civilian dignitaries looking on, Brucker was given an inscribed plaque in recognition of his devotion to duty, his achievements in enhancing the esprit de corps of the Army, and his support of the vital Reserve Forces Act of 1955.

The Army Times Awards program was originated several years ago to recognize persons and organizations who made outstanding contributions to Army affairs. Several organizations have received awards, but until this ceremony, no individual had been chosen for the honor.

Christmas Symbol

Laurel and bay used at Christmas time signify victory. Ivy expresses the convivial spirit of the holiday. The yew and cypress as well as other evergreens symbolize eternal life.



ZIP IN SHIP spells out the spirit on the destroyer escort Walker, where 59 men, more than one fourth of the ship's enlisted complement, advanced one step up the promotion ladder in recent Navy-wide examinations.

Mothers Keep Informed

BOSTON ARMY BASE, Mass. (AFPS)—Mothers of servicemen from Brockton, Mass., have formed an Armed Forces Mothers Club.

The club meets monthly to exchange news from servicemen. The guest speaker is often a military man discussing some phase of national defense.

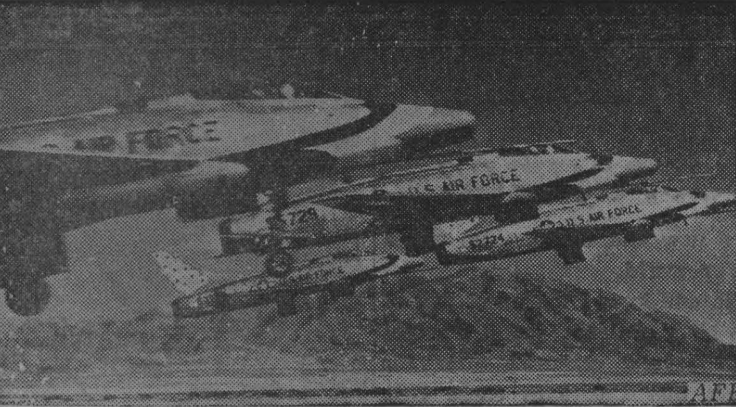
Club members also send birthday greetings and Christmas presents to all Brockton servicemen.

Armed Forces recruiters in the area attend meetings and serve as military advisors to the club.



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THUNDERING TAKEOFF—The Thunderbirds, Air Force precision flying team, soar in their F-100 Super Sabres. The demonstration team performs close-order maneuvers at many air shows pointing up the coordination and teamwork required in modern operations.

Sam Gets Himself Hitched

FORT WOOD, Mo. (AFPS)—Sam, the Army's gayest bachelor, has become a home-body.

The happy mornings of crowing from a tree outside the mess hall are no more. The days of posturing on one leg before a mirror are gone forever.

Sam has gone and got himself hitched.

To set matters straight, Sam is the company's pet rooster. Recently, the hen he has courted in a rather cavalier way hatched six chicks.

Shrew that she is, the hen insists that Sam get out every morning and procure corn for the family.

Latest reports indicated Sam was staying in service. Company clerks are awaiting the inevitable request for separate rations.

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

Christmas in England is much like that in the United States. Children receive presents from Father Christmas. Carols are sung. Roast goose and plum pudding are traditional at the table. The day following is also a major holiday—Boxing Day—named from the time when the village priest opened the poor box to help the needy.

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

Germany begins celebrating on the first of Advent—four Sundays before Christmas. Homes are decked out with red-ribboned wreaths of fir twigs. The big day for children is Dec. 6, the birthday of their Santa Claus. Two weeks before that date, youngsters put their shoes out each night and find candy in the morning, if they have behaved. On Christmas Eve, the whole family sings carols for the Christ Child.

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

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

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

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

Iceland shares many customs with Sweden. Icelanders have a holiday-packed Christmas week.

President Asks Nation to Honor Wilson Memory

WASHINGTON (APPS)—President Eisenhower has called on the nation and all government agencies to honor Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the United States, born Dec. 28, 1856, at Staunton, Va.

The Woodrow Wilson Centennial Year, marking the 100th of the birth of the great statesman, was established by a joint resolution of the 83rd Congress on Aug. 30, 1954.

President Wilson was a man of remarkably varied interests and achievements.

As a scholar and educator, he helped to make American education a democratic instrument in the service of the nation.

As a political reformer, he fought to shape government policies to the needs of the 20th Century.

As Chief Executive, he led the country through the first World War.

As a world statesman, he dedicated himself to the search for lasting peace based on justice and freedom through the League of Nations.

President Eisenhower in proclaiming the Woodrow Wilson Centennial Year last April urged citizens and organizations to take part in appropriate observances to commemorate his life, his ideals and his concern for the freedom of peoples throughout the world.

It's even possible for the fellow who thinks he knows it all to profit by experience.

Rhymes of the Times

IT ISN'T GOOD SENSE TO SHIRK ONE'S WORK SUCCESS SELDOM PICKS A GUY WHO GOLDBERICKS

Army Set to Build A New Prototype Of 'Magic Carpet'

WASHINGTON (APPS) — A \$500,000 contract has been awarded for construction of two advanced-design prototype multi-engine Flying Platforms, the Army has announced.

Similar in appearance to the original Flying Platform, the new version, also built by Hiller Helicopters of Palo Alto, Calif., will be powered by three 44-horsepower, two-cycle reciprocating engines.



The prototype will incorporate other refinements developed after more than a year of extensive testing of the single-engine experimental model.

The platform will employ the ducted fan principle of lift with air being channeled over the "lip" outside rim.

By standing above the lift ducts, the pilot can guide the platform by shifting his body weight, the Army said.

Dec. 23 is celebrated as St. Thorlakur Eve in honor of an early Icelandic hero, and Dec. 26 is, as in England, a holiday too.

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



Numerous Benevolences Performed By Proving Ground NCO Auxiliary

When the NCO Auxiliary gives toys and clothing to a family of needy Las Cruces boys this Christmas, it will mark the fourth year of their custodianship of the school-age brothers. Also, it will be a part of the well-laid 1956 plans of the group.

And when a bereft seamstress receives a sewing machine from them, it will be only one of the many benevolences performed by the philanthropic organization during the past year.

The year 1956 started off with new officers being installed in beautifully-performed ceremonies. Mrs. Raul Negrete became president; Mrs. Pat Cox, vice president; Mrs. Norma Kudiesy, secretary; Mrs. Daniel Whalen, treasurer; Mrs. Donald Clark, publicity chairman; Mrs. George Appleholm, phone chairman, and Mrs. Billy McNeely, card chairman.

Monthly meetings the first part of the year included plans for many events, including a western dance on July 3 and an anniversary buffet dinner on July 20.

On Sept. 16, a Sunday afternoon tea, marking the third anniversary of the auxiliary on post, was given, and officers of NCO Auxiliaries of Fort Bliss, William Beaumont Hospital, Biggs Air Force Base and Holloman Air Development Center were invited. Mrs. W. E. Laidlaw attended as a guest of honor.

Focal point of the graciously-appointed tea was a huge birthday cake, iced in the colors of the auxiliary, and bearing a birthday message.

Charter members present were Mrs. Frank Claver of Alamogordo, Mrs. H. S. Houseknecht of Las Cruces, Mrs. D. W. Whalen and Mrs. Russell Gearou of this post. Mrs. Harry C. Hand was among

those sharing pouring honors. Among the many philanthropies performed by the auxiliary in 1956, were bi-weekly visits with flowers and gifts for the late Sfc. Willie Grant, during his lengthy stay in Beaumont Hospital during the fall of 1956.

In October, Mrs. Albert Adler was elected the new president.

On Oct. 6, a triple event, including dinner, ceremonies and dancing, installed the new officers. They were: Mrs. Adler, president; Mrs. William Allen, vice president; Mrs. Norma Kudiesy, secretary; Mrs. Donald Clark, publicity chairman; Mrs. Eylar G. Thompson, card and telephone chairman.

Mrs. Adler, fifth president of the group, was installed at an impressive candle-lit ceremony, which included the pinning of orchid corsages.

On Oct. 30, the auxiliary decorated the club and laid plans for a Halloween dinner-dance, which drew several hundred persons plus original and skillfully-designed masquerade costumes.

Mrs. Adler, who, for several years, did social work in Kobe, Japan—for both the Red Cross and Armed Forces—announced for the 30 members who attended a late November meeting, that the auxiliary would join a nationwide movement to "Put Christ Back in Christmas."

"Aid to the needy," said Mrs. Adler, "will be the auxiliary mission in fulfilling this vow."

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Congress Will Open Hamilton Bicentennial During Joint Session

WASHINGTON (APPS) — Directed by an act of Congress, the 200th anniversary of the birth of soldier-statesman Alexander Hamilton will be observed during 1957.

The Alexander Hamilton Bicentennial will be formally opened with a ceremony before a joint session of the Congress on Jan. 11, next year.

One of the nation's great statesmen, Alexander Hamilton served as aide-de-camp to Gen. George Washington in the first United States Army and led an assault at the Battle of Yorktown in the American Revolution.

Born Jan. 11, 1757, in the British West Indies, the famous law-maker was the first secretary of the Treasury. He advocated a strong national Army and Navy, to be supported by all the states, with a unified command under the federal government.

From Beginning of History

Even Garden of Eden Had Yule Observance

Although Christmas is strictly a Christian holiday, originating with the birth of Christ, it may be said that many of its traditions stem from the birth of man.

According to legend, Adam's Garden of Eden was situated in the region of northern Mesopotamia, said to be the cradle of civilization.

Four thousand years ago, the people of this region annually held a celebration that lasted 12 days. They gave tribute to the New Year, prayed to purify themselves and renew the strength they needed for the coming year. They also asked forgiveness for past sins.

As peoples migrated from this center of early civilization, they carried their faith and traditions with them to Greece, to the Roman Empire and to habitats of what is now known as Europe.

The Romans, who, like the Greeks, believed in many gods, gave special homage to Saturn, the god of seed-time, from mid-December to Jan. 1.

The most important day of this period was Dec. 25 when the sun was near its lowest point.

This marked the Roman Saturnalia, a joyous, boisterous festival that looked to the rebirth

of the present Coast Guard. He also favored placing Marines on American privateers, which prevented British ships from resupplying the Red Coats during the Revolution. In 1790 he formed the Revenue Cutter Service, forerunner of the present Coast Guard.

The Alexander Hamilton Bicentennial celebration was established by the 83rd Congress, which approved a law on Aug. 20, 1954, fixing the observance for 1957.

of a new and brighter sun and a better world.

No one knows the exact day of the birth of Jesus, and it was not until several centuries after His death that Christians chose Dec. 25 as His birthday.

During the third century after the death of Christ, Rome began to change its pagan ways and joined with Christians in the celebration of Christmas.

Church services became an essential part of the Christmas holiday. In fact, its name comes from the celebration of mass to mark the birth of Christ.

Pagans and Christians both had high respect for plant life, the source of all nourishment. It therefore was natural that they should turn to evergreens as a form of plant life that never seemed to die. This was the beginning of the Christmas tree. (APPS)



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New Method Reduces Data Reduction Time

The increasing number of missile test programs being undertaken at White Sands Proving Ground and other of the nation's missile test centers have developed a game more fascinating and certainly more complicated than Beat the Clock.

It is no game, of course, to the people involved, but a deadly serious effort to solve one of the most complex problems to arise in the race to provide America with the world's fastest, most versatile and longest range guided missiles.

The problem and the progress toward its solution are set forth in a paper prepared by W. E. Leever, of Douglas Aircraft Co. Inc., Santa Monica, Calif., titled "A New Development in the Processing of PDM (Pulse Duration Modulated) Telemetry Data." The problem is certainly applicable to the Intermediate Range Mission at White Sands Proving Ground—is set forth in the opening paragraphs.

One of the largest problems facing organizations engaged in research and development activities is the tightening of the loop which feeds test data from one operation back to the engineers where it is translated into design action and product modification—and nowhere is that problem larger than in guided missile test programs.

Because the number of missile test programs is increasing and taxing even further the already overcrowded facilities at the nation's missile test centers, it is imperative that every single test opportunity be run as scheduled and not postponed simply because inconclusive or incomplete data from the previous test suggests that it might be unwise to proceed in the dark toward repetitions of the past."

Leever's discussion says in effect that the tight firing schedule maintained by the test ranges makes it imperative that re-shoots be held to the absolute minimum. A series of slides prepared for presentation with the discussion demonstrate the time lag between the flight of the test missile and the feedback of information to engineers for analysis and re-design or modification, whichever may be indicated as the necessary course. The time required to accomplish the complete and accurate reduction of the extremely large amounts of data resulting from such a flight and the further time required for analysis of the data and its conversion into engineering design or modification pattern has been one of the bugaboos of research and development.

An even further indeterminate time is necessary in which to effect these modifications for a later test," Leever says. "Since the latter is a manufacturing or fabricating operation there is very little that we who are in telemetering or data processing can do to speed up that phase of the operation.

"However, there is a great deal for us to do in accelerating the reduction phase, and there are many opportunities for us to aid the engineer with his design calculations.

Improvements in these two phases have enabled us to have the information necessary for a scheduling decision before the next test. If the modification can be made in time for the next test they are made and the mission run as scheduled. If the modifications are too extensive and the time short, the test is postponed and another test vehicle is substituted in the schedule with no loss of time. The development largely responsible for this state of affairs has been the institution of an improved system for the processing of pulse duration modulated data."

Leever then presented a detailed technical explanation of the use of magnetic tapes to record pulse duration data, conversion of the analog record to a digital tape "which speaks the same digital language as the 700 series IBM computer." The system introduces a specially designed converter which has three major functions: digitize PDM data, create a format acceptable to a 701 IBM computer and detect and discard certain categories of bad data consisting of double pulses, extraneous pulses, and extra long pulses.

"If a system such as this may be considered to have a heart, I should say that it has two—the analog converter and the computer program. One is of no value without the other," Leever says. The discussion then describes how the system not only reduces the data but, by the use of the electronic computers, completes the analysis and provides the specific answers for the engineers.

"This system has given the engineer a powerful new tool," Leever concludes, "in the automatic analysis of telemetered data. Now, the engineers are receiving the answers to power plant and aerodynamic calculations involving the telemetered values. Through the use of different programs the computer is taking the telemetered information from the converted tape and performing the operations formerly requiring days when done manually, point by point.

"The time required for processing data has been reduced from weeks to days. The accuracy is a full order of magnitude greater than required by the data. I believe the system could be adapted for use with a smaller computer and thus have applications in organizations which do not have one of the larger scientific computers.

"In spite of the foregoing, the system does have drawbacks which we are trying to overcome. In the light of more recent developments we see ways in which the process can be made even faster. It is now possible to build a converter with six times the speed of our present one. New high speed plotters, driven by magnetic tape instead of cards, are on order and when received will result in a ten or twenty fold reduction in plotting time. The use of magnetic tape for computer output will also halve the computer time.

"These and other possibilities, as yet unrecognized, are all directed towards our goal of delivering valuable telemetered information into the hands of the project engineer as quickly as possible in order that our missile test programs may continue with the least delay."

During a luncheon in the Rocket Room of the Officers' Club, the visitors were joined by Maj. Gen. W. E. Laidlaw, commanding general; Col. B. J. L. Hirshorn, deputy commander and other WSPG staff officials.

During their tour of the post in a convoy of contractor vehicles, the visitors were escorted by military policemen. During the day, the visitors inspected facilities at "C" Station, the Army Blockhouse, the JPL Command Center, the Nike Underground Launcher and Missile Assembly No. 1. Prototype tests on the Nike-B were discussed by Capt. Clark, and firings of two Nike-1 anti-aircraft missiles were witnessed.

The group had assembled at El Paso the morning, Dec. 12, after arriving there separately by commercial carriers. Following the all-day visit Wednesday, the visiting officials departed from Condron Field in a plane owned by the Sandia Corp.

Information concerning Nike-1 and Nike-B research, development and testing operations here is expected to be of benefit to the missile contractors in their production activities at their home plants.



"OUR MERRY TOY STORE" — Second graders of the post Elementary School used "Our Merry Toy Store" for their decorative theme, and with teacher, Mrs. Ellen Glazier, pose beside their handiwork. Front row, left to right: Jeffrey Chelgren, Jeffrey Worthen, Andrew Trotter, Elaine Pippin, Jean Wallis, (end) Dena McBride. Back row, left to right: Mrs. Glazier, Jon Gerault, Arlene George, Steve Cabell and Tracy Rando.

Contracting Officials Inspect Nike Research

High-ranking officials of three missiles contracting firms visited WSPG last week to inspect Nike-1 and Nike-B contractors' research and development facilities in connection with operations here and in their home plants.

Representatives of the Sandia Corp., the Western Electric Co., and the Bell Telephone Laboratories conferred with WSPG military and civilian officials and with local officials of the Douglas Aircraft Co., and the Bell Telephone Laboratories.

In the group were: J. W. McRae, president of the Sandia Corp., Albuquerque; F. R. Lack, vice president of the Radio Division of Western Electric Co., New York; W. C. Tinus, vice president of the Military Development Division of BTL, Whippany, N. J.; F. E. Henderson, North Carolina works manager for Western Electric, Winston-Salem; K. F. Morgan, government sales manager for WECO, New York, and R. R. Hough, director of the Military

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Camera Club Awards Prizes in Contest

Dr. Thomas K. Todsens, Ordnance Mission, walked off with two prizes at the photography contest held by the White Sands Camera Club last week in Bldg. T-1421.

Todsens won first and third prizes with his presentations of still life glass subjects. He was awarded a gadget bag and a brace of books on photography.

Frank Merry, Electro-Mechanical Laboratories, won second place with his study of hand-blown glass objects. Merry received a set of flood lights.

Judging the contest were Maj. M. L. Holcombe, Chief A. M. Weaver, USN, and Dinah Denham.

Following the business meeting, Mrs. Frank Merry presented a book review of the volume entitled "What Is Photography."

The next regular meeting of the club is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, in Bldg. T-1421. Col. Howard Coleman will discuss creative photography.



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The Spirit of Christmas is a challenge; it gives all of us an equal opportunity to be humble, grateful and helpful. The Spirit of Christmas recognizes all ages; it caters to the bright court of childhood, and the aged, too, can expect its blessings. The spirit of Christmas knows no religion; there are none above it, and none that measures up to its real worth. * * * The Spirit of Christmas commands nothing; it asks, though, what are we doing to show our appreciation for all of the blessings we have—our families, our friends, and our associates who have helped us through the years. The Spirit of Christmas is something with a time clock on it; you can hear it ticking—slowly but steadily the minutes roll on questioning simply: do we realize time is short; the Spirit of Christmas is a veritable searchlight that looks into every heart. It asks no questions. . . . But what a Christmas morning it will be if you can say "I'm glad I did" rather than "I wish I had!" And to this end every one of our employees is pledged to help you.

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Army Doctor Trained At Navy Diving School

FT. EUSTIS, Va. (AFPS)—For the first time an Army doctor has completed a 10-week course at the Navy's Deep Sea Diving School in Washington, D. C.

Major Gerald Champlin, post surgeon here, went through the course and experienced first-hand the many techniques, reactions and problems connected with deep sea diving.

The Army also operates a diving school here and has about 200 qualified divers stationed throughout the world.

MP Wounded as Pistol Fired Accidentally

A WSPG military policeman was wounded when his .45 caliber pistol accidentally discharged in a weekend accident, according to Capt. Ralph Fleming, assistant provost marshal.

Pvt. Sam Wilson Jr., of Det. 4, 9393 TU, was recuperating at mid-week from a pistol wound in his left hand.

Capt. Fleming quoted Wilson as saying his pistol discharged acci-

dently while he was attempting to unload a live round from the chamber of the pistol preparatory to replacing the weapon in his holster. Wilson said he had taken out the pistol to challenge a vehicle which approached his post.

The accident occurred Friday night at the Static Test Stand where Wilson was standing guard.

Post Military Police are investigating the accident.

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 Holiday Travelers: Earlean and Clifford Bruno to Cement, Okla.,—Norene Sredenshek and husband to Merion, Pa. (HOME)—Marie Helbert and husband to Denver—May and Tom Abbott, and daughter Debbie, to Seymour, Tex., to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Salisbury—Bill James home to Phoenix, Ariz.—Dorothy Sloan and son, Galen, to Esbon, Kans., to visit friends and relatives—Thelona and Bantz Dows to Waco, Tex.—Guye Travis to Houston to visit his folks—Pvt. Allan Williams to Los Angeles and San Francisco to spend Christmas seeing California—June and Lee Smith to Warren, Ohio, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kallis and Mr. and Mrs. Clair Smith and other relatives and friends—and Dale Kopitzke, who calls Wisconsin "Home," and his fiancée who goes to school in Iowa are off to North Dakota for the Christmas holidays.

Thelona and Bantz Dows had as their guests this week Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds of Independence, Mo.

SYSTEMS ENGINEERING BRANCH—

Congratulations on promotions to 1st Lt. Carl Walker, A/2c Richard Horan and A/1c Rodney Hazuga.
 Bill Miller is on TDY to points EAST—wonder how he's enjoying the snow?
 A/1c Gary Collins will be home for Christmas and to stay. Good luck.

Welcome to William Pabst Jr. and Maurice Clelland. Maurice came to us from WSSCA and is an electronic scientist.

What Santa Claus should bring: Eugene McKim—a real live doll; Lt. Martin—a nail file; Leonard Taylor—a new Olds; Bob Barto—some new tools; Bernie Lamberty and Lee Moy—2 weeks' leave; Clarence Pugh—some good 10 cent cigars; Jim Perdue—another set of bifocals; Claude Hurd—a good joke book; Jim Wood—a promotion; Hazel Lewis—some wisdom teeth; Bill Miller—a nameplate for his desk; Bob Paul—a larger trailer; Charlie Oppenheim—an oil well; Bill Wiliston—a box of chalk for his blackboard; Dr. Hanson—some new regulations; Ed Reynolds—adding machine to add up his overtime;

Jim Winn—degree of doctor in EE; Ronnie Tipton—a hot rod.

Violet Vukobratovich, our reporter from FDL-SW, says that so many of us are leaving to spend the holidays with our families and before leaving she would like to wish each of you a happy holiday along with a prayer for peace, health and happiness. Drive carefully, we need you. Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

FIELD MEASUREMENTS BRANCH—

Good luck to Charles D. Shaw who has accepted a position with private industry in Denver.

Leonard Chapin started his Christmas vacation real early this year—left for home in Montana on the 15th.

Ed Carrin is spending Christmas in New York.

John Mudge and wife have just returned from Florida and as luck would have it, they had the first flat tire of the trip just three miles from White Sands.

Mr. Perkins has a great big smile on his face since he finished a model of Nuestra Senora Conquistadora, a Spanish galleon of the 17th century. Now he's busy at work on a Brig Cabot of the Colonial Navy of 1775 and the biggest thing floated since the Lusitanis' the Great Eastern, the ship which killed many men and broke many corporations before it finally vindicated itself by successfully laying the early Atlantic cables.

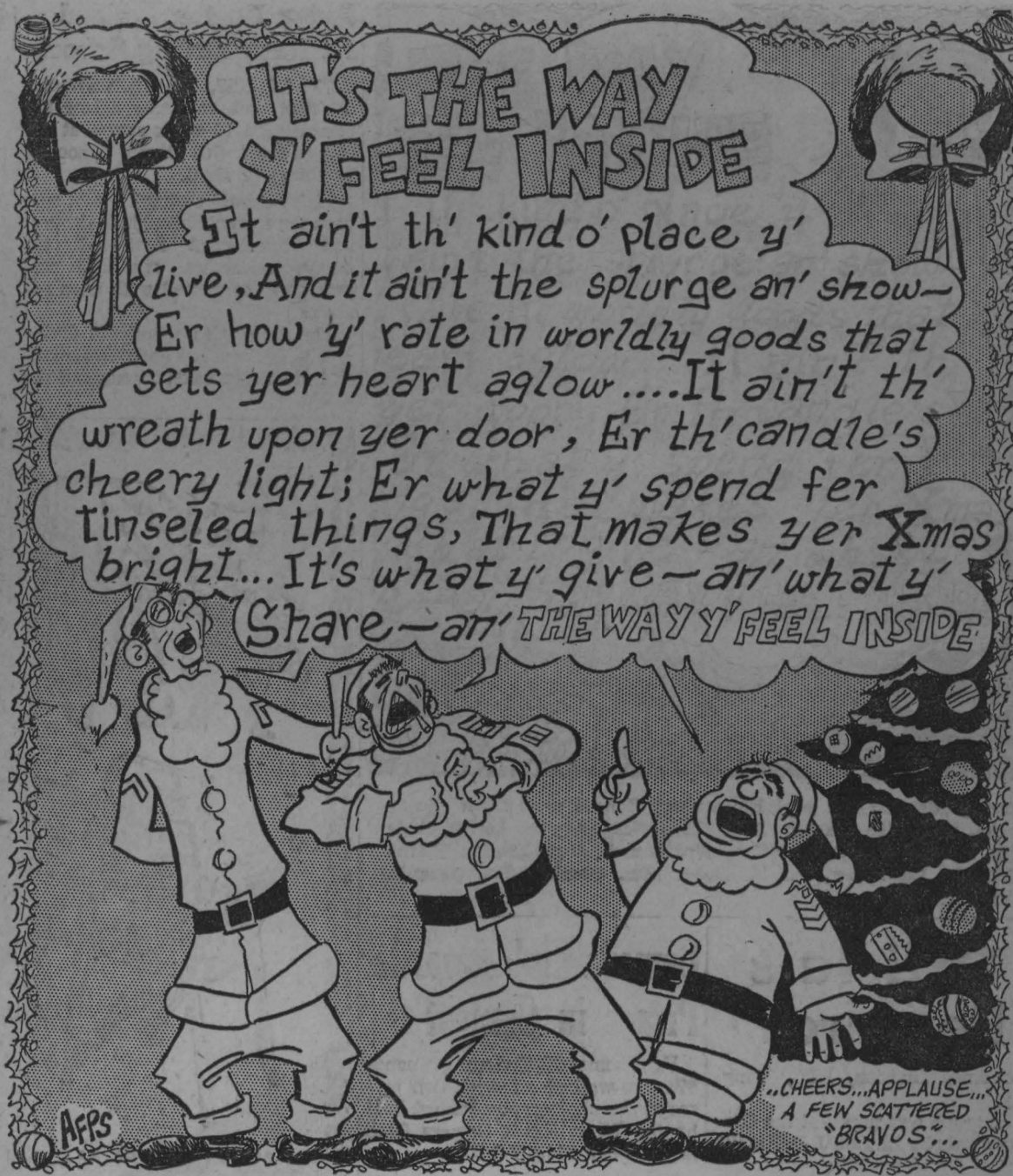
Welcome to new employees: Jeanette Hirashima, new secretary to Vern Miller; Johnie Bradham, Jose Rossi and James Jensen.

Congratulations to John Allen in GIS on his recent promotion. Thanks for the Dutch Master, John. It's a boy for the Filemon Tellz family. Congratulations.

Michael Dean is the name of the new arrival at the Danny Dickerson home. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 6 ozs. Glad to see Joe Medina and Donald Brewster back from a 13-week course in basic electronics at Fort Bliss.

Billie Clarkson is the artist who decorated the blackboard in Film Processing. That is very nice, Billie.

Girls in FMB beware—T&C's Radio Distribution Room fellows have some hidden mistletoe in their



room—supervised by Mr. Sheehan himself!

Dave Brummett would like an alarm clock for Christmas—the kind that tosses one out bodily! Carl Bundschuh and Ralph Schueller are thinking of getting it for him.

Jim McLimans, Ralph Day (the D. J.) and Bob Hajek are heading Illinois way for Christmas. Pat Boehnke wishes she could join them.

The Christmas trees in FMB are not winking at you—the fellows are showing off their prowess in coded timing.

Richard Parham buys himself a new pair of cowboy boots once a year—whether he needs them or not.

Wasn't the snow wonderful? That was like Illinois. We were out hunting that day and bagged two rabbits.

FDL STAFF—

What's the treasure in the pint jar in Lu Krikorian's desk?

Most of FDL-IT personnel will be away for Christmas—Chris Kavanagh is headed for Provo and Salt Lake City, Utah, and four Christmas dinners—one on Sunday, one on Monday, one on Tuesday and one on Wednesday. She hopes to find a snowy white Christmas and a comfortable chair before a glowing fire in an open fireplace—Julian Bilski will be home, St. Paul, Minn.—Bob Beach heading for Kentucky—Bob Mitchell going to Los Angeles, Dick Jones going to Oregon, Glenn Green off to Willcox, Ariz.—Jack Scarlett to Hatch, (wonder if the fishing attraction at Albuquerque is moving South)—Wayne Bell and Maria Aguirre at their homes, Wayne near Las Cruces and Maria in El Paso.

Capt. Keiser took his family to Denver last weekend, then flew to the east on TDY, but will be back in Denver for the holidays.

Congratulations on that extra stripe to SP2 Joe Filbert. Nice going, Joe.

SP3 Don Pattison (of Facilities) and his wife were guests of honor at a well-appointed farewell party given by the Ed Nobles (of Optical) last week at their home in Las Cruces. Highlights of the party were the original toasts recited as the holiday eggnog was served. Guests played bridge, rummy and dominoes during the evening. A lovely farewell gift was presented to the Pattisons with hearty wishes for good luck and happiness in the future.

Frank Clark is on a grand tour—

eastward to Florida, up along the Atlantic Coast and on to Chicago area where he will spend the holidays with his folks.

Snow and cold has driven Ed Noble southward to La Feria, Tex., where he will spend the holidays, hoping to bring back some warmer weather when he returns.

Little Pamela Stafford has recuperated from an attack of the measles. But her pet dog, "Tinker," was killed by a hit-and-run driver last Monday night and Dillard had to bury the animal before he left for work on Tuesday. Pam was upset and wanted to see "Tinker" again and Dillard cautioned her not to dig him up like she did her parakeet after he died recently. "It didn't matter, Daddy," said Pam, "He was in heaven by the time I dug him up, anyway!"

And who was the guy in FDL who was lucky enough to find a

wallet on East Chestnut Street last Tuesday morning?

Here is Giny Caldwell's Christmas Greeting:

If the numbers I post in books all day,

Could be changed by magic to wishes, so gay,

There'd be enough for Christmas cheer

For each employe to last all year!

I can't change numbers tho' I'd like to try,

And I can't send cards to each gal and guy,

But I can join with all the rest,

To hope your Christmas will be "the best!"

Lay aside something for the future—sign up to save easily and painlessly under the Payroll Savings Plan.

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Special Dividends On Reinstated USGLI Policies to Be Paid

WASHINGTON, (ANS)—A special dividend will be paid to Army personnel who surrendered permanent plan United States Government Life Insurance between April 25, 1951, and December 31, 1952, and who are now reinstating their policies, the Veterans Administration has announced.

The VA says that dividends were paid on most USGLI permanent plan policies in force on or after Dec. 31 1952, and termination dividends were paid on policies surrendered or matured on or after Jan. 1, 1953.

As trustee of the USGLI fund, the Veterans Administration has now decided to pay an appropriate special dividend to eligible policyholders who surrendered their insurance between April 1951 and December 1952, but who intend to replace it or have the coverage reinstated.

In addition, these USGLI policies will be entitled to whatever termination dividend is declared upon subsequent surrender, maturity, or death of the insured. The VA claims that this decision to pay the special dividend makes it even more advantageous for most individuals to either replace or reinstate their USGLI policies.

The special dividend is payable only to personnel who surrendered the permanent plan USGLI. It does not apply to members who surrendered National Service Life Insurance during the same period.

Applications for reinstatement or replacement of USGLI must be submitted while personnel are on active duty or within 120 days from the date of separation from the Army.

More C-123's to TAC

HAGERSTOWN, Md. (AFPS)—The Tactical Air Command's 464th Troop Carrier Wg. recently became the fourth Air Force organization to be equipped with Fairchild C-123 assault-logistics transports with the acceptance of the first aircraft by the wing's 347th Troop Carrier Sq. at Pope AFB, N. C.



CHILDREN'S VOICES SWEET AND CLEAR — While 12-year-old Mike Devirian plays Christmas hymns on his electric organ, tiny tot neighbors gather round to sing of the birth of the Christ Child. (Going around circle) Julie Knipe, Johnny Michael Walden, Karen Sue Hanline, Peggy Potter (sitting beside the organist), Ross Potter and Joanne Hammond. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Devirian, Capt. and Mrs. D. S. Hanline, Capt. and Mrs. V. W. Hammond, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Walden and Capt. and Mrs. W. H. Knipe.

Lay aside something for the future—sign up to save easily and painlessly under the Payroll Savings Plan.

Absentee voting procedures originated during the Civil War to give soldiers the opportunity of exercising their right of suffrage.

Merry Christmas

May the Spirit of Christmas fill our hearts as we join in a humble prayer for good-will among men and peace among nations.

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U.S. Navy Scuttlebutt

By RAY

The name of this column sounds pretty good but we just ain't getting any. How about you guys and dolls getting in news.

Chief Unbehend is off in a cloud of dust. He has been notified that he and his family are due to sail for Japan the early part of January on the SS President Wilson. This modern Navy is pretty plush.

Chief Sweisford and Thompson just got the word, "Orders canceled, continue on present duty."

GREETINGS TO NEW ARRIVALS
Lt. Howard B. Gibbs, USN, reported Dec. 7 for duty with Guided Missile Unit 22. Prior to reporting to NOMTF, Lt. Gibbs served on the USS Meredith. He graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1945. His previous duty assignments have been: Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla., Naval Gunnery School, Washington, D. C., USS Tarawa, Naval Electronics School, Boston; USS Missouri, Naval Special Weapons Unit 71, Albuquerque; Special

1,154 Candidates OK'd For Navy OCS Class

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — The Navy has announced a quota of 1,154 candidates for the March 1957, Officers Candidate School at Newport, R. I.

The quota will be divided as follows: general and aviation line officer, 1,008; restricted line, engineering duty officers, 28; ordnance engineers, 12; aeronautical engineers, 11; intelligence, 7; medical service corps, 8; supply, 36; and civil engineers, 44.

For further information on the program is available at offices of Naval Officer Procurement.

Weapons Unit, Atlantic Fleet. He is married to the former Doris M. Turner of Edgerton, Mo. Lt. and Mrs. Gibbs have two sons, Norman R. Gibbs and Kenneth T. Gibbs.

Charles W. Bellard, GM1, reported for duty with Guided Missile Unit 22 from the USS Fremont. He graduated from the Church Point, La., High School in June 1944 and enlisted in the U. S. Navy Nov. 20, 1944. Bellard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bellard of Church Point.

Terrance R. Van Sickle, SA, reported for duty Dec. 13 from the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Van Sickle of Altoona, Pa.

Harry S. Gault reported aboard Dec. 12 for four months temporary duty and further transfer to the Naval Guided Missile School at Dam Neck, Va., for duty. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Gault of Twin Falls, Idaho. He graduated from Twin Falls High School in June 1956 and entered the Navy in September 1956.

Gerald E. Wood, SA, USN, reported for duty on Dec. 14 from the Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Md. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wood of Cairo, Ohio. Prior to joining the Navy in August 1956, he worked for the Westinghouse Co., in Lima, Ohio.

John R. Hurst, SA, USN, reported for duty from the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Dec. 14. He graduated from Thomas Downey High School, Modesto, Calif., on June 15, 1956. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hurst, reside in Modesto.



GIFTS FOR THE NEEDY — Groceries, gifts and glitter highlighted the Dec. 12 meeting of the NCO Auxiliary, and shown above (left to right) Mrs. Eylar Thompson, Mrs. Donald Clark, Mrs. Albert Adler and Mrs. B. D. MacDonald finish filling a huge grocery box that will go to make a festive and merry Christmas for the club's "adopted" family.

'Christmas on Desert' Portrayed At Meeting of NCO Auxiliary

"Christmas on the desert" was portrayed with a bejeweled tumbledew centerpiece, flanked by tall red tapers in silver candelabra and set on a silver-lace cloth, at the Dec. 12 meeting of the NCO Auxiliary, held in the NCO Club.

The meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. with a prayer by club president, Mrs. Albert Adler. Later, she presented the club a glistening snowball candle, to be lighted at each succeeding meeting. The entertainment chairman, Mrs. B. D. MacDonald, accepted, on behalf of the club, and lighted the decorated candle for the first time.

A Christmas box was filled with groceries by members of the club and plans were made to deliver it to the needy family aided by the group. Also, plans were made by the welfare committee, composed of Mrs. Eylar Thompson, Mrs. Donald Clark and Mrs. MacDonald, to buy shoes and a surprise gift for each of the four brothers of the club's "family."

Arrangements were made to deliver a gift sewing machine, on Dec. 15, to the mother of three small girls. This used machine had been purchased some time before, so the bereft mother might clothe her children.

Mrs. MacDonald and Mrs. Cox, hostesses, served fruit cake, hot spiced punch, coconut snowballs, and coffee was poured from the club's silver coffee service, for 20 members and three guests.

The club president reissued an invitation to the ladyfolk of non-commissioned officers, as well as ladies on post, to join the club.

SCOUTING

the TREFOIL TRAIL

By ROSEMARY LUCZAK

Christmas gifts for others—caroling—keeping the "Christ" in Christmas—and troop Christmas parties seem to be the big news from the Girl Scouts and Brownie Scouts this week.

The big treat that is in store for the whole post is, of course, the Christmas caroling next Sunday evening, Dec. 23, between 6 and 7 o'clock. The Scouts will be carried by truck through the housing and cantonment areas, and if you enjoy their singing, they would appreciate it if you would indicate it by flashing your porch light as they drive by. Afterwards, at the Girl Scout Hut, they will gather for a hot chocolate party.

Two more troops report they are supporting the Christmas needs of less fortunate families. Eyla Thompson sends word that Troop 8 will pack a large box of food for a Las Cruces family who requested aid through the Red Cross. All the items bought for the box will be paid for out of the troop treasury.

Members of Troop 8 are: Mary L. Murphy, Yvonne Ganske, Mikie Hall, Lurana Neiss, Rachel Barnett, Retha Haynie, Jean Whitmore and Eyla Thompson. Mrs. G. A. Patrick is troop leader and assistant troop leader is Mrs. E. C. Cowley.

Troop 39, with Mrs. F. L. Brittain, leader, and Mrs. T. C. Buell, assistant leader, has started a collection for a Christmas basket for a needy family in Las Cruces, too. The children in the family are all boys, so the troop members have been raiding their brother's closets for outgrown clothing, which they will present all clean and mended. The main gift, however, will be food. The girls are not exchanging gifts in the troop, but are using that money toward the basket of food.

Troop 39 also had a joint Christmas party and Court of Awards on Dec. 18 with parents as special guests. Those attaining Second Class Rank were Barbara Jenkins and Barbara Mayfield. Other troop members who received badges were: Mary Ellen Benton—swimmer, outdoor cook, leather; Marilyn Brittain—outdoor cook, leather, cook, reader, garden flowers, dabbler; Edine Brown—swimmer, leather; Carol Buell—swimmer, outdoor cook, leather; Virginia Callaway—dabbler, outdoor cook, leather, cook, child care; Elizabeth Crowley—outdoor cook, leather, dabbler, sports; Gwen Dillon—outdoor cook, leather, child care, cook; Jaime Doak—leather; Patsy Gormly—swimmer, leather, cook, My Country, health-aid; Joyce Johnson—swimmer, leather, cook, child care; Carol Lynn Manchester—cook; Barbara Mayfield—leather; and Sandra Samples—swimmer, leather, My Country, housekeeper.

Following the Court of Awards, parents were presented Christmas gifts their daughters had made for them and refreshments were served. Gifts were cuff links for their fathers, and for their mothers they made candlestick holders in a Christmas leaf green pattern with glittered white candles.

One of the troop's patrol leaders, Sandra Samples, is moving to

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Sunday & Monday, Dec. 23 and 24—"Gun for a Coward"—(mature)—108 minutes.

Tuesday, Dec. 25—"Dance with me Henry"—(family)—104 minutes.

Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 26 & 27—"Three Violent People"—(mature)—113 minutes.

Friday, Dec. 28—"Edge of the City"—(Mature)—110 minutes.

Saturday, Dec. 29—"The Women of Pitcairn Island"—(mature)—103 minutes.

Saturday children's matinee—"The Yellow Mountain"—101 minutes.

Lex Barker, Mala Powers and Howard Duff.

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I guess all of you know that the Nobles family has a new Pontiac also. We are going home for Christmas, home being Felton, Calif., near San Jose. We'll be visiting Don's folks and also my mother, Mrs. Morgan of San Francisco. We plan on being back about the 28th. Merry, merry Christmas to all the CPO members and their families.

The events for the rest of this month at the CPO Mess consist of the usual Happy Hour from 4:15 to 6 this evening and also the 28th, Dec. 24, 25 and 31 free eggnog will be served to all members and their families.

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Honored members whose birthdays fall in December were: Marianne Fumich, Stephanie Hand, Jessie McClellan, Christine Runyon and Patricia Ann Sparks. Miniature Santa Claus made of apples, marshmallows, toothpicks and raisens were favors for each Brownie.

Other Brownies in the troop besides the "birthday girls" are: Marsha Block, Mary Ann Bridges, Evelyn Brillante, Andrea Herrick, Sandra Miles, Barbara Ann Powell, Tracy Rando and Lucy Schrupp. Mrs. S. L. Block is assistant troop leader.

The 13 Brownies in Troop 58 ushered in the seasonal spirit with a Christmas party, celebration of birthdays of members born in December, and presentation of gifts, made for this occasion, to their mothers, who were special guests.

Mrs. W. D. McClellan, troop leader, gave a narration of Charles Tazewell's "Littlest Angel," and several Christmas carols were sung by the girls. The special birthday cake, in the shape of a tree, complete with candles, served along

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"Old Salts of the Sands"

By GRACE

Henry Carpenter, better known as Hank, M/Sgt. from Det. 2, retired a year ago Nov. 30. He left for California and went to work for Cal. Tech. and returned here 10 months later. He's back working for JPL at WSPG. Hank lives in El Paso with his mother, Mrs. Emma Carpenter.

This all leads to the bit of news that all you members who were present at the club on Dec. 7 and 9, heard some very wonderful playing by Hank on the Hammond Organ. We have hopes of hearing him play again at the CPO Mess in the very near future. How's about it, huh, Hank?

Helen and Jim Armstrong, Dolly and Ernie Sweisford, and Dot and Bob Thompson extend their most heartfelt thanks to all those members who participated in making the evening of Dec. 7 a very memorable and enjoyable one. A surprise party was planned and given in honor of the above three departing members and their wives, only to discover when it was too late that they aren't leaving. At the last minute, their orders were canceled. The crowd who came to wish them well, stayed to celebrate their not going instead.

My thanks go out to Jean Frost and Alberta Sprinkles who assisted with serving the food and a special thanks to Bob Donaldson, self-appointed K. P. duty. The supper consisted of meat loaf, tuna salad, green beans, corn and hot rolls—all prepared by the wives. This was a party to remember!

Sorry to hear that Jim Armstrong is sick in bed with bronchitis. Sure hope you won't be down too long Jim and miss out on the holiday festivities.

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2 Drivers Hurt After Falling Asleep at Wheel



Two WSPG military personnel were injured in separate early-in-the-week highway accidents when they fell asleep at the wheel of the cars they were driving and the vehicles flipped out of control. Injured were Pvt. Ruddy Salinas, Det. 4, 9393 TU, and FTSN Henry N. Fisher, of Naval Ordnance Missile Test Facility.

Both drivers were treated at Post Dispensary for lacerations of the face and head and released.

Capt. Ralph Fleming, assistant provost marshal, said each driver admitted falling asleep at the wheel of his car.

Salinas was injured when his car somersaulted midway on Desert Road before dawn Monday. Fisher's accident occurred early Sunday morning about 200 yards north of the Main Access Road to U.S. Highway 70.

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By PENNY (CENTAVO) JONES

HAWK HEADLINES—

Hawk Project bids a fond farewell to SP3 Edwin Dahl, who is leaving WSPG to return to his native New York as a civilian. Best of luck to you, Ed, and don't forget all your friends in WSPG and Hawk Project.

Raytheon Manufacturing Co. also bids adieu to Mrs. Loretta Mears, who is leaving with her husband, Garland, to return to Atlanta, Ga. Garland plans to attend Georgia Tech and they both plan to live it up right down in the deep south. Tons of luck and keep in touch, you all.

Taking Loretta's place at Raytheon is Mrs. Janice Wineland who hails from Washington. Janice's husband is stationed on post and works in the dispensary. The couple is presently residing in Las Cruces.

Hawk Project welcomes back Eddie C. Normand, who recently returned from a two-week TDY to good ole Bedford, Mass. How do you like our freezing New England, Ed?

DART DILEMMA—

Wedding bells rang out recently for SP3 John I. Holland and the former Miss Donna Ray. John and Donna were married Dec. 1 in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Las Cruces. They are presently living in Cruces. Congratulations and many years of happy wedded bliss to you.

NIKE NEWS—

Nike rolls out the barrels for Pvt. Eugene Brannon who has been assigned to Nike Supply Section. Welcome to the wild and woolly west, Gene, and welcome to Nike Project.

Also, we wish to extend a very warm welcome to Walter F. Hulen, who has been assigned to Nike Battery Control Section. Hulen is a transfer from Fort Bliss.

SNAPS FROM SMB—

SMB boasts of three new lovelies. They are:

Mrs. Patricia Ames from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Pat's hobby works for WSSCA and they are residing in Las Cruces.

Mrs. Pauline Rab, who hails from Ganado, Tex., also brightens up the office over in SMB. Pauline's husband is assigned to 14th Ord. Bn., and they, too, live in Las Cruces.

Miss Marcia Wright is the newest employe in SMB. Marcia and her mother live in Las Cruces at the present time. She attended the University of New Mexico for two years and is now engaged to 2nd Lt. Arthur Anstine of Air Force.

Question of the week: Who put the gleam in the eyes of CENTAVO?

CORPORAL CUTUPS—

Beginning Dec. 17 Capt. Russell Cadle will be "batching" in Las Cruces with his weimaraner "Metz." His lively wife, Giselle, is planning to visit her family (via the USS United States) in Metz, France. Here's hoping you have a wonderful time, Giselle, and wish I were going along.

Congratulations to Thomas Bulger who recently made SP2. Cigars anyone?

That's all the news for this week, everyone have a nice weekend and

remember: Thirty days hath September, April, June and Johnny.

GOING ON LEAVE—

A few of the personnel going on leave from STD are:

From Hawk Project we have: Pvt. James Clark going to Louisiana, Pfc. Ray Nona to California, SP3 Alex Arevalo also going to California, Sfc. Bridges and Pfc. Deitz to Pennsylvania, Pvt. Covey going to Massachusetts, Pfc. Guildseth, going way up to Washington State, Eddie C. Normand going to Louisiana also. The rest of us are just going to spend a wonderful Christmas at home. William T. Hudson going to Denison, Tex.

From 603rd Camouflage Project the following personnel are taking off: Bobby J. Toles is leaving for Dallas, Sfc. Davidson going to Kansas City, Kan., George W. Johnson going to Georgia, Everett Williams going to Illinois.

Dart Project is losing personnel too: Sgt. Eberhardt is going to Baltimore, SP3 Joseph Poissonier leaving for Maine, SP3 Walter Weddle going to Maryland, Pfc. William Covlentz to Pennsylvania, Pfc. Norman Benjamin going to New York State, Pvt. Frank Welker going to Illinois, Pvt. John Bossart going all the way up to Wisconsin, Lt. Craig going to Belen for a few days and Lt. Arnold going down there to Mississippi. Bye bye ya'all.

Nike Project is going to be lost without the following personnel: Mrs. Anne Lilley going to California, Mrs. Irene Bassham going to Oklahoma, M/Sgt. Soellner of to New York, Pfc. Ralph Baum also going to New York, Pfc. John Andrews going for 30 whole days to North Carolina, Ronald Lambert on his way to Ohio, Robert Rynders to Illinois, Charles W. Berg all the way up to Minnesota, Orson D. Tolman to Utah, James Scott to Virginia, Roy McLain to Tennessee, Sineonon Davis to Arizona, Alvin Jackson to Penn State, Jonathon Mills to that giant of a state called Texas, Thomas Kehoe to Virginia and Geivin Goodwin is Alabama bound.

Walter (Scotty) Skotnicki is off for San Diego, Calif., John A. Ross going to Chicago, SP2 Barhydt off to New York, Hickson, Kasha, and Wilder going to Texas, Chicago and Mississippi respectively. These personnel are from Lacrosse Project.

From Honest John goes: SP3 Brandt to Ohio, Wm. Kern to New Jersey, Pvt. Murrin to Iowa, Sgt. Hollar to Colorado, Jeannie (the barefoot contessa) McKinney to Deming, Jo McSherry to Fayewood, and SP3 and Mrs. Donald Ryan are planning a quiet day with a few friends in Las Cruces.

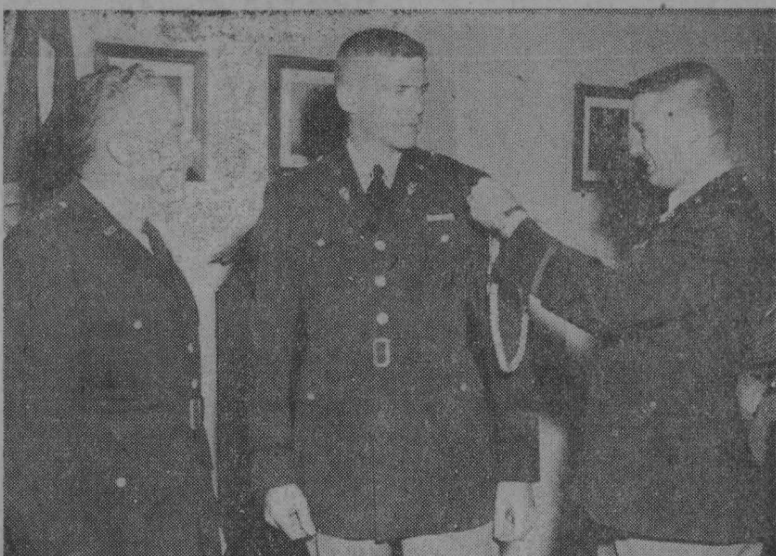
From STD Headquarters goes SP3 Steigerwald to Los Angeles, SP3 Lorensen to Minnesota, Pfc. Meeks to Fort Worth, Pfc. Don Tope to Ohio, Don Tischler to Louisiana, Opal Shanz to Dallas.

SMB personnel going on leave are: Smothers, California; Mawry to Massachusetts; Sparks to Seattle; Martz to Wisconsin; Sherner to Illinois; Tumolo to Pennsylvania; Hooks to Topeka, Kan., and Grundy to Phoenix, Ariz.

Everyone of you have a wonderful Christmas and a Haaaaaappy New Year. Bye Bye everyone, and goodbye John.

Regards,

CENTAVO



FAREWELL AND WELCOME — The commanding general of White Sands Proving Ground is an interested spectator as his retiring aide de camp, 1st Lt. Edwin J. Engram, right, drapes the aiguillette on the shoulder of 1st Lt. Robert H. Mackintosh, who succeeds Engram. Gen. Laidlaw had just given Lt. Engram a farewell surprise by presenting him with a Certificate of Achievement for meritorious service as the general's aide from Nov. 4, 1954, to Dec. 10, 1956. Lt. Engram will attend school at Fort Sill for the next four months and then will be assigned to Korea to finish out a two-year detail in artillery.

Mackintosh Succeeds Engram As Aide de Camp to General

A Certificate of Achievement for meritorious service as aide de camp to the commanding general was presented to 1st Lt. Edwin J. Engram as he prepared to leave White Sands Proving Ground for a new assignment.

At the same ceremony, in the office of Maj. Gen. W. E. Laidlaw Dec. 13, Lt. Engram placed his aiguillette on the shoulder of 1st Lt. Robert H. Mackintosh who takes over the duties of aide to the general.

Gen. Laidlaw read the citation which praised Lt. Engram for his services in the position from Nov. 4, 1954, through Dec. 10, 1956. Among other complimentary phrases, it said the lieutenant was "worthy of high confidence for his loyalty to duty, exceptional ability and keen interest" which enabled him to represent the commanding general at the meetings, conferences and social engagements. It said his service reflected credit to himself and to White Sands Proving Ground.

Lt. Engram left last Friday for Fort Sill, Okla., where he will attend Field Artillery Battery Officers' School for four months. Recently integrated into the Regular Army, Lt. Engram will be on detail to artillery for two years. In May he will go to Korea to complete the detail and will return to the Ordnance Corps when that tour is over.

Lt. Mackintosh has been at the proving ground since December, 1954, and since last August has served as assembly officer, Nike Project, STD. Before entering the Army, he attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he majored in industrial engineering.



GOOD JOB, DAVE — SP3 Dave Eckhardt (right), post Scoutmaster who is leaving the service next month, shakes hands with his successor, Pfc Joe Roy. The White Sands Signal Corps Agency soldiers volunteered their off-duty time.

Scoutmaster Who Tripled Strength Of Scout Troop Leaving Service

Dave Eckhardt, the White Sands Signal Corps Agency soldier and post Scoutmaster who tripled the strength of the WSPG troop in a year, will be separated from the service next month.

Succeeding Eckhardt as Scoutmaster of White Sands Boy Scout Troop 74 will be Pfc. Joe Roy of the Plans and Management Office, WSSCA, who was an assistant Scoutmaster of the troop.

Eckhardt, a specialist third class and a physical sciences assistant in the Missile Geophysics Program of the Signal Corps Agency, will return to his civilian job as a sales engineer in Marblehead, Mass.

In a recent ceremony, Cdr. T. C. Buell, Navy executive officer and chairman of the Boy Scout troop committee, presented Eckhardt a letter of appreciation, an inscribed trophy, and a memorandum billfold to mark recognition for his work with the troop.

When Eckhardt took over as Scoutmaster last January, there were only 13 active members of the troop. Today the troop numbers 40 active Scouts engaged in a full program of activity.

Eckhardt's leadership placed heavy emphasis on "getting the troop outdoors" and "learning to overcome the problems of camping and scouting." Encampments are held every month even in winter months, and the youngsters have learned to camp comfortably in temperatures as low as 16 degrees.

Roy, who along with Eckhardt volunteered off-duty time to work with the troop, will take over a program rivaling that of a big city troop.

Another WSSCA soldier, Pvt. Bob Kuhlman, is serving as assistant scoutmaster. He is assigned to the Management Engineering Office of the Signal Corps Agency.

The T.I.O. Tattler

Mrs. Lois Shofner, editorial clerk in the Technical Information Office, will be home for Christmas in spite of a sprained ankle. Mrs. Shofner, a patient in Southwestern Hospital in El Paso for the past two weeks, is going home today. She lives in El Paso.

A bad fall caused Mrs. Shofner to report to the hospital for treatment three weeks ago and she had to have an operation on her right foot. Although it is now in a cast, it is bedecked with the autographs of all her well-wishers.

TIO's new grandma, Mrs. Dorothy Bernier, bindery worker at the Field Printing plant, passed out chocolates to fellow employes this week upon the birth of her first grandchild. The 6-lb. baby girl is the first child of Mrs. Jacqueline Sanders, Mrs. Bernier's daughter.

Jack F. Shultz, TIO's chief since July, has been transferred to the retired reserve of the Army after 26 years of active duty and two years in the Reserve, it was announced recently by the Texas Military District.

Bertha Lopez, clerk-typist, Distribution section, is really "in the pink" these days. For her birthday last Thursday, her beau gave Miss Lopez a pink clock-radio. Her musical clock makes her getting up early

each morning to catch that bus to White Sands much more pleasant.

Mrs. Rita Ramsay, editorial clerk-typist, will have a "skiing" Christmas this year. She and her husband are spending the holidays in the San Francisco area visiting relatives and friends as well as skiing on California snow.

Mrs. Anita Lukens of Distribution section is looking forward to a very nice holiday season this year. Her mother, Mrs. Ethel Parker, is spending Christmas with Mrs. Lukens for the first time in many years. An aunt from Indiana will make Mrs. Lukens' Yule season even happier.

This is Mrs. Parker's first trip West. Mrs. Lukens brought Mrs. Parker back with her from Illinois recently when she returned from her vacation. Those pine cones which several people from TIO have been using for Christmas decorations are something else Mrs. Lukens brought back from her vacation.

One Stop Service

LEBANON, Tenn. (AFPS)—One of the local supermarkets believes in offering all conveniences to shoppers. In a recent advertisement, free marriage services were offered to those with licenses.

Scout Troop 74 Goes On Swim Excursion

Troop 74 of White Sands Boy Scouts held a swim excursion Dec. 14 when 22 of the boys, accompanied by Joseph H. Ray, post Scoutmaster, went to El Paso to enjoy the pool at the Armed Forces YMCA.

Several of the boys passed their first class swimming requirements, during the hour the Scouts spent in the pool. On the return trip,

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the troop stopped for hamburgers. Another swim trip will be scheduled early next year.

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Merry Christmas

White Sands Proving Ground Makes Steady Growth and Progress in '56

White Sands Proving Ground personnel will mark the close of another busy and eventful year at midnight Monday, Dec. 31.

It has been another year characterized by steady growth and progress along all lines of endeavor. Although not quite so rapid as in the past, the 1956 growth nevertheless has been in keeping with a trend that has been continuous since the post was activated on July 9, 1945.

But also in keeping with its predecessors, 1956 has been highlighted by a number of particularly outstanding achievements.

History has been made every year since the first contingents of personnel arrived in the summer of '45 at the little desert outpost—then a tent encampment—that was to become a sprawling permanent installation in a little more than a decade. The year 1956 was no exception.

A study of back issues of the post newspaper for 1956 gives an idea of the importance of many of the year's events and accomplishments. Scores of these also made headlines in newspapers of the surrounding area. Several were of such scope and interest as to be publicized nationally.

In fact, millions of words about WSPG, its personnel, their activities and their accomplishments were printed during 1956 in newspapers, magazines, booklets, programs, pamphlets and other publications—even books.

Millions more, equally as noteworthy if not more so, could not be publicized for security reasons and may be found only in technical reports, scientific papers and classified documents. For the time being at least, these are meant only for the eyes of authorized, security-cleared persons, on a "need-to-know" basis.

One of the biggest events of the year, because it involved practically every person living on the post and everyone of the employees living off post, was the 1956 Combined Charity Drive. This successful fundraising campaign, only one held on the post each year, ran from Feb. 17 through March 31.

Headed by Lt. Col. M. D. Sloane Jr., the 1956 drive had a goal of \$30,000. When all the benefit activities and solicitations were over, the post had raised more than \$35,000 for the years' charitable contributions.

Another big event was the change-of-command ceremony on

Feb. 1. Maj. Gen. W. E. Laidlaw, former chief of staff of U. S. Army forces in the Caribbean with headquarters in the Panama Canal Zone, became WSPG's fifth commander.

Gen. Laidlaw succeeded Maj. Gen. (then Brig. Gen.) William L. Bell Jr., who left Feb. 1 for a new assignment in the Pentagon as assistant chief of Ordnance. He had been commanding general of WSPG for nearly two years.

But on March 19 WSPG personnel were shocked and saddened by the unexpected death of Gen. Bell, who succumbed to a cerebral hemorrhage at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington. Only 51 years old, he had been promoted to major general just three days earlier.

(Other WSPG commanders, all now retired, were Col. Harold R. Turner, Brig. Gen. Phillip G. Blackmore and Brig. Gen. George G. Eddy.)

Another change-of-command ceremony was held in front of Navy Headquarters Building on April 12. Capt. J. C. Parham Jr., formerly assigned to the Navy Department's Bureau of Ordnance in Washington, succeeded Capt. Levering Smith as commander of the WSPG Naval Facility. Capt. Smith left to assume new duties in the Bureau of Ordnance.

Other key personnel changes during the year included:

Emil L. Sorenson succeeded William L. Duval as supervisor of the Douglas Aircraft Co., field station at WSPG in February.

Maj. Harry C. Hand succeeded Maj. Harold A. Mercier as post chaplain in February.

Maj. Sam Schlesinger succeeded Lt. Col. Frank C. Healy as commander of the 14th Ord. Bn. in March.

Lt. Col. Martin Cunningham succeeded Lt. Col. W. J. Bromley as chief of Flight Determination Laboratory in April.

Lt. Col. Harry E. Whitmore succeeded Lt. Col. Frank E. Napper as chief of Systems Test Division in April.

Lt. Col. Robert B. Arbuckle succeeded Lt. Col. James J. Hill as post dental surgeon in June.

Lt. Col. Eugene E. Roane Jr., succeeded Lt. Col. B. H. Elliott as Marine liaison officer in July.

Col. Winslow R. Willis succeeded Herbert L. Karsch as assistant for planning in August.

Col. Arnold L. Ahnfeldt succeeded



TIMED WITH MISSILES — These four secretaries in the Time Generating Laboratory, White Sands Proving Ground, decorate an ordinary little Christmas tree with some extraordinary lights. Mrs. Rita Watkin, Mrs. Nancy Brown, Mrs. Pat Boehnke and Mrs. Rachel Whitted (left to right) put the finishing touches on the tree in the hallway of the laboratory. The tree's lighting system was tied into the timing of the Integrated Range and its lights flash on and off with the time impulses which control all guided missile firings and the instruments which measure their flight at the proving ground. The tree may be a descendant or close relative of the one which now graces the White House grounds. It came from the same slope of the Sacramento Mountains as the one which was presented to President Eisenhower.

ed Lt. Col. M. D. Buscemi as post surgeon in August.

Lt. Col. Howard B. Wells succeeded Lt. Col. George W. Harris as provost marshal in September.

WSPG held its second annual Armed Forces Day open house on May 19. More than 4,000 visitors were on hand for a highly successful all-day program.

Another event affecting a majority of the personnel occurred on June 1 when the post's command setup and organization chart underwent a major reorganization. The entire post was formed into five major groups of organizations, including general staff organizations, special staff organizations, support divisions, mission operating divisions and commanding general's staff.

An historic event that attracted attention all over the world occurred at WSPG on June 29. The Navy's upper atmosphere research rocket, the Aerobee-HI, soared to an altitude of 163 miles, setting a new record for single-stage rockets. It broke the old record of 158 miles set by the Viking XI, also a Navy rocket, here on May 24, 1954.

Even more important than the new record was the fact that the Aerobee-HI, scheduled for extensive use during the International Geophysical Year explorations, obtained important new data from the ionosphere.

Launching a \$2,000,000 expansion program for instrumentation facilities on the Integrated Range, the first of four new Terminal Trajectory telescopes was installed at Southwest 70 late in July. It contained an 82-inch focal length tracking telescope with the range's first high-speed, full-frame, 70-mm. motion picture camera.

Three other new telescope systems, each also consisting of four instruments costing approximately \$100,000 each, will be installed during the next two years. All are under development in the Ballistic Research Laboratories at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Early in August, a series of Nike-Cajun rocket firings ended the pre-IGY program here. Under direction of the Naval Research Laboratory of Washington, these firings resulted in new data on the upper atmosphere and served to test equipment which will be used in the "Vanguard" earth satellite project and other IGY programs. Teams of Navy, Air Force, Army Signal Corps and civilian technicians left soon afterwards for Fort

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Churchill, Canada, to continue the tri-service program there.

In another firing early in August, sponsored by the Signal Corps Engineering Laboratories of Fort Monmouth, N. J., samples of pure air from the upper atmosphere were collected and parachuted to earth. Collected in aluminum "bottles" carried to an altitude of some 75 miles by an Aerobee rocket, the samples were sent to the University of Michigan, to SCEL and to Mainz, Germany, for analysis.

Another historic accomplishment was made at WSPG late in September. The Shock & Vibration Section of Electro-Mechanical Laboratories successfully carried out the first "restrained firing" of a Nike missile, utilizing a new seven-ton steel structure set up at the 300-000-pound Static Test Facility.

This fully instrumented "flight," in which the missile was restrained from taking off by means of an ingenuity elastic suspension system, paved the way for further tests to measure pressures, vibration and acceleration during ground firings.

Early in October, WSPG Regulation 123-1-56 instituted the "Master Accident Prevention Program." An all-out war on accidents and injuries began, with certain phases of the program affecting every person on the post.

Figures had shown that accidents and injuries to WSPG personnel cost a total of \$103,854 during the first eight months of 1956. Frequency rates had soared above those of 1955, which had been the highest in the history of the post up to that time.

By the end of November the frequency rates remained high, but the program was believed to be getting some results. There had been only three accidental deaths on the post in 1956, compared with eight during 1955.

Another "first" occurred at Cloudford Oct. 8-12. The Inter-Range Instrumentation Group's Steering Committee, composed of representatives of all the nation's guided missile testing ranges, met in the Cloudford Lodge, with all nine IRIG Working Groups, for a

Officers Return With Historic Souvenirs

Officers from White Sands Proving Ground who attended the ordnance research and development conference at Frankford Arsenal, Philadelphia, on Nov. 29 returned to WSPG with two historic souvenirs as well as the usual brainload of ultramodern missile information.

Souvenir No. 1 consisted of chrome .30 caliber cartridges for the Army's M1 rifle. These were favorably passed to the guests at the conference banquet, commemorating the 50 years of service of this particular cartridge since it was adopted by the Army in 1906.

"For an item to remain in the Ordnance supply system for 50 years is something of a record," Col. B. L. Luczak, chief of IRM, who received one of the chrome cartridges, remarked.

The other souvenir presented each guest was an exact replica on parchment of the Declaration of Independence, complete in detail down to the frayed edges of the original. This item has been in use in the American system since 1776.

Col. Luczak intends to present his copy of the Declaration to the Post Elementary School.

Also in attendance at the conference from the proving ground were Maj. Gen. W. E. Laidlaw, commanding general; Col. B. J. L. Hirschorn, deputy for technical operations, and Lt. Col. James P. Hamill, chief of Ordnance Mission.

It was the first time that the committee had ever met with all the working groups. Approximately 150 persons from WSPG and most other parts of the country attended.

Principal speaker was Dr. C. C. Furnas, assistant secretary of defense, who reported that the guided missile programs of all branches of service were progressing "very rapidly indeed."

Holiday Greetings

FROM THE DOUGLAS PEOPLE

We who build and test the Douglas Nike and Honest John missiles are proud to have been associated with White Sands Proving Ground and its surrounding community.

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It is our sincere wish that this pleasant association with the people of White Sands will continue for many years to come.



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YULETIDE LIBRARY TRIMMINGS — So that patrons of the Post Library may read and browse amidst the splendors of the Yuletide season, Mrs. Barbara Evans, librarian, aided by her four-year-old son, Tommy, trims the library Christmas tree, and Cpl. Edwin Pavao of Det. 4, 9393rd, adds the finishing touches to a huge greeting card which will greet all coming in the front door.

Holiday Cards Cheer Millions Through Years

NEW YORK (AFPS)—Christmas cards today are more varied and fancy than ever. Many feature Santa. Others are religious, scenic, jolly or teasing and bring cheer to myriads of homes in a very personal way.

Yet 75 years ago, Christmas cards were less jolly and more sedate. St. Nick was virtually absent from Christmas cards in the 19th century, and when he did appear, he was relatively thin and somber in appearance.

Sprigs of holly, Christmas trees, bells, reindeer and snow were seldom seen on cards. Only a few carried a religious theme. Most Christmas cards in the early days featured flowers, usually trailing from a basket. A few showed kittens carrying umbrellas.

Through the years, more varied cards were demanded, starting the growth of today's multi-million dollar greeting card industry.

CPO Calls for Assist In Job Recruiting To Fill Vacancies

A continuing shortage of scientific and clerical personnel at White Sands Proving Ground brought an SOS from the Civilian Personnel Office last week for an assist in recruiting qualified personnel to fill the vacancies.

M. E. Harris, civilian personnel officer, said there are a number of vacancies for clerk-typist, GS-3, and clerk-stenographer, GS-3 and GS-4. He also listed the following positions for which the installation is seeking applicants:

One general engineer, GS-15 (\$11,600 a year); one general engineer, GS-13 (\$8,990); administrative officer, GS-9; one management analyst, GS-9 (\$5,440); one position inspector, GS-9; two industrial engineer, GS-11 (\$6,390); one electronic engineer, GS-7 (\$4,525); one electronic scientist, GS-7; two electronic specialists, GS-7; one engineering aid, GS-7, and three general engineers, GS-5 (\$3,670). (Note: engineers and scientific personnel may receive higher starting salaries than the base salary listed here.)

El Paso residents may obtain full information about and application forms for these positions by contacting the White Sands Proving Ground Employment Office at 310 San Francisco.

Las Cruces residents may contact the White Sands office located in the New Mexico State Employment Security Office in Las Cruces. Applicants may also apply in person at the post employment office located north of the Las Cruces gate.

Famous Poem Turned Santa Into Jolly Man

Santa Claus, as we know him today, may be said to have originated in America, although his legend is based on stories from many lands, where he is known as St. Nicholas, Pere Noel, Father Christmas and so on.

The name comes from Holland, where under the Spanish influence, Saint became Santa. Nicholas was shortened to Ni'klaus or Claus—thus Santa Claus.

When Santa Claus came to America, he was tall and gaunt. Later, as a result of Clement Moore's "The Night Before Christmas," Santa put on weight and became the rollicking red-nosed, rotund and jolly character we know today.

It might have been easier for him to come down the chimney when he was thinner, but children now love him as he is, and many try to catch a glimpse of the elusive fellow who brings so many good things for Christmas Day. (AFPS)



DESERVED REWARD — Miss Dorothy Moorehead of Las Cruces, position classifier from the Civilian Personnel Office, receives a check for \$300 from Maj. Gen. W. E. Laidlaw for sustained superior performance of her duties and outstanding work as chairman of the Incentive Pay Committee which prepared a study justifying and recommending an incentive pay system for employees of White Sands Proving Ground. A recommendation that Miss Moorehead receive a further award of \$450 has been forwarded to the Army Incentive Awards board.

SERVICE CLUB

- SUNDAY, DEC. 23—9:30 a.m.—Coffee hour. 8 p.m.—Christmas movie.
- MONDAY, DEC. 24—7 p.m.—Hearthside party.
- TUESDAY, DEC. 25—9:30 a.m.—Coffee hour. 3 p.m.—Hypnotist show; Christmas buffet.
- WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26—1:30 p.m.—Duplicate bridge.
- THURSDAY, DEC. 27—8 p.m.—Bingo.
- FRIDAY, DEC. 28—6:30-9:30 p.m.—Jam session.
- SATURDAY, DEC. 29—8 p.m.—Kitchen bingo.
- SUNDAY, DEC. 30—9:30 a.m.—Coffee hour. Classical music.
- MONDAY, DEC. 31—Club open until 5 p.m.

Takes Dim View

FORT DIX, N. J. (AFPS)—The sergeant took a dim view of the trainee's clean web equipment. The reason: He had sent it home for his mother to wash.

Officer's Club

- MONDAY, DEC. 24—4:15-5:15 p.m.—Nickel beer.
- TUESDAY, DEC. 25—1-6 p.m.—Free eggnog and fruitcake.
- WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26—4:15-5:15 p.m.—Half-price; snacks.
- THURSDAY, DEC. 27—1 p.m.—Ladies' bridge.
- FRIDAY, DEC. 28—4:15-5:15 p.m.—Half-price; free beer.
- MONDAY, DEC. 31—8 p.m.—Formal dance, free cocktails.

Navy Awards Contracts For Torpedo Retrievers

WASHINGTON (AFPS)—Contracts have been awarded to two California firms to build two 72-foot torpedo retriever boats, according to the Navy. To be used for retrieving practice torpedoes after dummy-run firing, the boats are powered by two 1,300 hp diesel engines, have a 17-foot beam and a maximum displacement of 106,814 pounds.

Marine Reservists Brighten Christmas

WASHINGTON (AFPS)—More than a million youngsters are expected to have a brighter Christmas this year, thanks to the annual "Toys for Tots" drive of Marine Corps reservists.

Volunteers from 240 organized reserve units are taking part in the ninth annual nationwide collection of playthings for under-privileged children.

Last year's drive raised 5,047,777 toys for 886,988 children. Campaigns are run locally. Toys, collected and wrapped by Marines, are distributed through community organizations.

Shower Honors Miss Laidlaw

A bridal shower given last week at the home of Lt. and Mrs. Rob Roy Macgregor featured a gift-heaped throne, on which honoree, Miss Lois Barbara Laidlaw, sat while she unwrapped scores of beautiful household gifts.

The courtesy, attended by 28 ladies of the post and given by Mrs. Macgregor, Mrs. Robert E. Smith and Mrs. Jerome Engram combined a decor of Christmas theme and wedding bell motif.

The honored chair was decked with white wedding bells and Christmas tinsel. Interesting pieces of driftwood, with Christmas bubble-filled niches and holly berry trim made original and colorful decorations.

Vases filled with vari-colored baubles and swags of Christmas greenery set off clusters of wedding bells pendant from the ceiling of the decorated rooms.

Miss Laidlaw and 1st Lt. Robert H. Mackintosh will be married in the post chapel on Feb. 23.

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Since the beginning of time, almost invariably, boys and girls have grown up to become men and women. After attaining the age of maturity (if not sooner), they develop appropriate diversions to amuse themselves. Life, one learns, isn't much fun merely sleeping, eating, working and performing the functional needs of existence. Therefore, throughout the world, various

little niceties have been concocted to enhance the pleasures of life, many of them odd, peculiar and even unmentionable among conventional society. The basic idea of these customs, however, is to impart enjoyment. This is a variable factor, of course, relative to one's particular interest at the moment. At the ALCAZAR RESTAURANT, the objective is to

satisfy your stomach—with good foods. To supplement that purpose, several distinctive styles of drinking wine are offered, which includes a goat skin bag called the "BOTA." The word "BOTA" derives from Spanish, where it is a traditional custom to drink the nectar of the Gods from a goat skin bag which preserves the grape's essence in

a delightfully delicious manner. You're invited to enjoy good food at the ALCAZAR RESTAURANT in Juarez, Mexico, and the baptismal ritual of drinking wine from the "BOTA," an exhilarating experience that will serve your memory with pleasure. By Joe Molk.

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Soldier's Hobby Making Molehills of Mountains

FORT ORD, Calif. (AFPS)—Sfc. Wes W. Willoughby of the 5th Inf. Div. Band here isn't one to listen to timeworn adages.

His favorite hobby is making molehills out of mountains.

When he's not playing baritone horn in the band, Willoughby serves as models and plastics instructor at the post craft shop. His scale models of everything from a flying saucer to the waterfront of Atlanta, Ga., have been used in Hollywood films and displayed in the Pentagon and the Artillery School Museum at Fort. Sill, Okla.

Willoughby started on model airplanes as a youngster, but soon was making model houses, at \$5 each, to advertise his father's construction business. At the age of 18 Will-

oughby turned out an 11,000 piece model house which won a prize at the Los Angeles County Fair and brought the youth a job with Paramount Pictures.

While with Paramount, he did a scale model of the Atlanta waterfront. Those who viewed "Gone With the Wind" saw Willoughby's work go up in smoke in the scene of the destruction of Atlanta.

Willoughby entered service in 1942 as an artilleryman. After the war he returned to modeling and won a grand prize in the All-Army crafts contest with a model house which was displayed in the Pentagon.

He also did a series of miniature weapons for the Artillery School Museum at Fort Sill to show the history of artillery. One of the models, a 10-inch-long replica of an 1870-vintage cannon, sent a tiny projectile ripping through four walls of an old building when the gun was test-fired.

Keeping up with the times, he recently turned out a "flying saucer" powered by a small gas engine and carrying an eerie passenger from another planet.

Right now, Willoughby's finishing a miniature of an old mansion which stood in San Jose, Calif. The replica has about 20,000 pieces—Willoughby covered the roof with nearly 13,000 tiny "shingles"—and represents two years of painstaking work.

Army Warns:

Be Positive New Greens Meet Criteria

WASHINGTON (AFPS)—Officers and enlisted personnel, particularly overseas, have been cautioned against buying Army Green uniforms which do not meet required standards of color and quality.

According to AR 670-5, individuals purchasing Army Greens from commercial clothiers should obtain a written guarantee that the uniforms conform to regulations and are equal to or better than required by Quartermaster specifications.

The system of checks employed by the QM and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service makes it possible to assure those making purchases from these stores that their uniforms meet requirements, including color and weight of fabric.



CLASSIC HARMONY - JUNIOR STYLE — Providing vocals for the Sunday school Christmas program, plus tree-lighting ceremonies at Headquarters, precision three-part harmony singers of the Junior Choir are shown above. Left to right (front row): Debbie Orser, Phyllis Wilson, Susan Godlove, Judy Wilson, Theo Wilson, Sandy Burkett; (second row) Launa McBride, Dale Fleming, Marsha Godlove, Ann Nelson, Joyce Cowgill, Caroline Nair, Judy Brice, Helen Fowler, Corinne Kershaw.

Linda Thwing; (third row) Barbara Jenkins, Georgeann Roane, Vivian Arnold, Kathleen Harris, Sandra Stewart, Peggy Joyce Johnson, Mary Clauser, Brenda Bivin, Shiela Carlisle, Marsha Adams; (back row) Bill Hand, Alex Gordon, Tommy Sloane, Mark Ostrander, Malcomb Hardin, Marilyn Brittain, Carol Manchester, Shirley Powell, Jean Nelson and Carol Buell. The choir was organized eight months ago under directorship of Mrs. Alfred Dahl. Mrs. R. W. Steele is accompanist.

Banking Rates Revised For Overseas Patrons

WASHINGTON (AFPS)—Overseas banking facilities will operate under a revised schedule of charges for services to the Armed Forces starting Jan. 1, 1957.

The new rates, authorized as a result of recommendations by overseas commands, will provide a more equitable system of charges for users of the various banking services, according to a joint announcement by the Army chief of finance and the Treasury Department.

The new schedule will:

Cut the fee for cashing stateside checks from three fourths of one per cent (minimum charge 40 cents) to one fourth of one per cent (minimum charge 10 cents).

Permit a monthly charge of 50 cents on checking accounts where balances fall below \$200 during the month.

Charge 25 cents for each withdrawal in excess of two made by savings depositors during the month.

Asses a fee of \$1, plus actual costs, for checks returned because of insufficient funds.

On checks accepted for collection, charge depositors only the actual expense incurred; those without ac-

Church Leader Visiting Alaska

NEW YORK (AFPS)—The Rev. Eugene Carson Blake, president of the National Council of Churches of Christ, will spend two weeks with military personnel in Alaska this Christmas season.

The invitation to visit with Army, Navy and Air Force men in Alaska was extended by Air Force secretary Donald A. Quarles.

This will be the Rev. Mr. Blake's third consecutive Christmas with the Armed Forces. Last year he visited bases in Newfoundland and Greenland. Two years ago he went to Japan and Korea.

For every three dollars invested in U. S. Savings Bonds now you can receive four dollars ten years from now.

counts, one eighth of one per cent or a minimum charge of 25 cents.

The overseas banking facilities affected are the American Express Co., the Bank of America, the Chase National Bank and the First National City Bank of New York.

Enlisted ROA Chapter Formed at Fort Jay

NEW YORK (AFPS)—A newly formed Reserve Officers Assn. unit is composed entirely of active duty enlisted men.

The Ft. Jay ROA chapter draws its membership from men holding reserve commissions and serving in enlisted posts at Ft. Jay and in the New York metropolitan area.

Serviceman Minus Credits Protected Under New Law

WASHINGTON (AFPS)—The new Survivor Benefits Act provides protection through the Veterans Administration for servicemen who might die having neither worked nor served long enough to be covered by the Social Security System.

Under the Social Security law, a worker or member of the Armed Forces must participate as a contributor through wage-deductions for six quarters or 18 months before being eligible for "currently

insured" minimum benefits. To be "fully" covered with maximum benefits, an individual must be in the system for 40 quarters or 10 years.

In the event of the death of a serviceman, the benefits act, which will be effective Jan. 1, 1957, as Public Law 881, provides for monthly payments to the widow of \$112 plus 12 per cent of the deceased military member's base pay by the VA. However, additional

compensation for more than one child would be derived from Social Security.

Since the statutes governing Social Security carry the "currently insured" limitation, PL 881 stipulates that the VA will assume payment of benefits which might accrue to his children on the death of a serviceman prior to his eligibility under the law.

This is particularly important to reservists or in the event of a

national emergency when many young men with families conceivably would be called into service.



STORK SHOWER — Mrs. Carolyn Dye, fourth from left, was honored at a stork shower last week by her fellow workers. Employed at White Sands Proving Ground for two years, Mrs. Dye was secretary to Maj. Gen. W. E. Laidlaw. Shown above from left are: Mrs. Rita Kaczmarek, Comptroller's Office; Mrs. Deana Davidson, present secretary to the commanding general; Mrs. Billie Painter, secretary to the deputy commander; Mrs. Dye; Mrs. Sue Rando, Visitor's Bureau, and Mrs. Nancy McGahan, Comptroller's Office. Mrs. Dye and her husband, Greed, reside at 210 South Alameda, Las Cruces.

Small Units Tested By 101st Airborne

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AFPS)—The mobility and organizational structure of company and battery sized units were recently tested here by the 101st Abn. Div.

The exercise was known as "Jump Light."

Two units were utilized: Hq. Hq. & Svs. Co., of the 187th Abn. Inf. Combat Gp., and the 907th Field Artillery.

Reports of the evaluating team will be submitted to the Army. It is believed results of the exercises may influence future organization of all airborne and infantry divisions.

Frost Arrives

FORT HUACHUCA, Ariz. (AFPS)—Cold weather had just set in here when someone noticed the name of the newly arrived private—Jack F. Frost of the 73rd Signal Co.

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Fire Prevention Unit Praises Work of Its 'Building Custodians'

Fire Prevention Division, IEO, in line with the division's constant effort to reduce the danger of fire, will present a series of articles designed to familiarize White Sands Proving Ground personnel with the activities and the people involved in this continuing campaign to protect proving ground lives and property.

As a start, the division this week presents the following introduction to its "building custodians."

"Every building at WSPG has a person or persons who, in addition to other duties, has been designated as building custodian or fire marshal. They are responsible through their supervisors to the post fire marshal for the fire-safe condition of their building, as regards existing fire hazards by occupancy. They check all installed fire extinguishers and report all noted discrepancies to the Fire Department for corrective action.

"They control those activities of the other personnel of the building which are directly concerned with good housekeeping practices (control and disposal of all types of trash). They check their building, or the portion of the building assigned to their custody, at the close of each work day to determine that no fire hazards exist; which might possibly cause a fire to start during the night or any other period of time during which the building will be unoccupied.

"The Fire Prevention Division is

Services and Nation Will Honor Birthday Of Teddy Roosevelt

WASHINGTON (AFPS) — The Armed Forces and the nation will honor Theodore Roosevelt, soldier and champion of freedom, during 1958, the 100th anniversary of the birth of the 26th president of the United States.

Chief Executive from 1901 to 1909, President Roosevelt vigorously upheld the principles of free government and continually impressed upon Americans their responsibilities as citizens destined to play a major role in the world.

The *Free Citizen*, a book of selected writings and stories from the record of President Roosevelt, edited by Herman Hagedorn, has been published as a prelude to the Centennial Celebration established by the 84th Congress and signed into law by President Eisenhower on July 28, 1955.

proud of the building custodians, whose cooperation and efficiency are, to a great extent, responsible for our very fine record of low property loss and no loss of life by fire.

"At this time we wish to commend the following custodians who are doing a fine job: Charles W. Mansur, Bldg. 1544; J. L. Mayfield, Bldg. 1748; Sfc. E. J. Barlow, Bldg. 353; Capt. W. V. Jensen, Bldg. 1554; L. A. Banegas, NOMTF, Bldg. N61; Capt. R. S. Wheeler, USAF, Bldg. 1510; SP2 Fred Bowser, WSSCA, Bldg. 1624; Thomas Perea, Bldg. 1530."

When to Celebrate New Year's Day Big Question for Many Centuries

New Year's Day has turned up in some of the most unexpected spots on the calendar. Throughout history, men have celebrated the coming of the New Year, but there's been great variety of opinion concerning when the year should begin.

In ancient times many nations started the year at spring planting time or after the fall harvest. The ancient Egyptians, Phoenicians and Persians celebrated the new year on the first day of fall—the autumnal equinox.



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SWANKY — Svelte Mara Cor-day appears here appropriately dressed for almost anyone's New Year's party. Mara is one of the prettier persons to wear top hat and other associated evening dress.

Think of your future. Holdings of U.S. Savings Bonds can play an important part in it.

Even today the Jews fix their new year around the autumnal equinox. In 1956, Jews celebrated Rosh Hashanah—"Head of the Year"—Sept. 6-7. It marked the opening of the Jewish year 5717.

Two important dates to the early inhabitants of Europe were May 1 and Nov. 1. The first marked the arrival of warm weather, and was widely celebrated as May Day. Nov. 1 ushered in the cold weather, and was celebrated by the Celts as both New Year's and All Saints Day. The Celts also celebrated Halloween, and their new year thus fell at the time when ghosts were said to visit the earth and give clues to the future.

Before the Romans came to England, New Year's Day was celebrated in that country on March 10. The Romans introduced the custom of greeting the new year Jan. 1.

The Julian calendar of the Romans had minor flaws and in the 16th century many nations began replacing it with the more accurate Gregorian calendar.

England, however, waited about 200 years before adopting the Gregorian calendar in 1752. The switch was made also in this country, then an English colony.

This calendar change made it necessary to add 11 days to the birthdate of George Washington. He was born Feb. 11, 1732, under the old calendar, but the new calendar moved it to the traditional Feb. 22. (AFPS)

"Did you give your wife that lecture on economy you talked about?"
"Yes."
"Any results?"
"I've got to give up smoking."



AFPS-UB

CELEBRATING the advent of the brand new year, shapely actress Lee Fields appears in festive garb. When she isn't celebrating holidays, Miss Fields is featured on ABC Radio's "My True Story."

Mexico Gaiety

In Mexico, Christmas is marked by great gaiety. One of the most colorful customs is the breaking of the pinata by children. The pinata is a bright earthenware bowl that usually is made up to resemble the features of some animal. It is filled with fruit, peanuts, candies, and other goodies.

Veteran Enrollments In Training Programs Now Top 10 Million

Veterans' enrollments under four federal training programs administered by the Veterans Administration have passed the 10-million mark, Gene A. Robens, manager of the VA Regional Office in Albuquerque, said.

The ten-millionth veteran to start training probably was a Korean veteran, Robens added, since World War II training programs virtually have ended.

More than 57,000 veterans have entered training in New Mexico under the four programs, Robens said.

The first program—Public Law 16 vocational rehabilitation for disabled World War II veterans—came into existence in March 1943, during the height of the war. More than 3,400 disabled veterans in New Mexico and 612,000 nationwide, received training under this law during the past 13 years.

Training ended for nearly all disabled World War II veterans on July 25, 1956. However the law permits those in certain "hardship" categories to continue after that date, Robens explained.

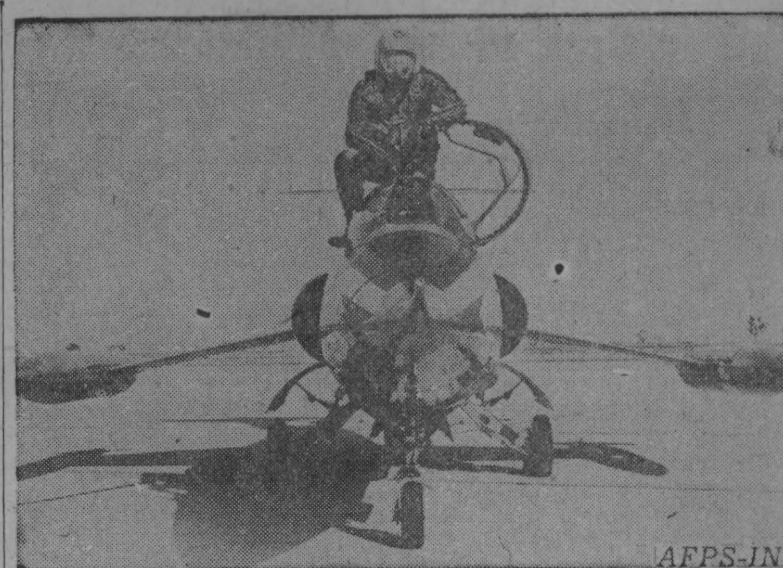
The largest program of all—the World War II GI Bill—also was enacted during wartime, in June 1944. More than half of all World War II veterans, or 7,815,000, have availed themselves of its education and training benefits. More than 36,000 veterans received training in New Mexico under this GI Bill, which also came to an end for practically all World War II veterans on July 25, 1956, Robens said.

Public Law 894, providing vocational training to disabled Korea veterans, was enacted late in 1950. Since then, more than 450 disabled veterans in New Mexico—44,000 nationwide—have received training.

The fourth program—the Korean GI Bill—became law in the summer of 1952. During the past four years, a nationwide total of 1,645,000 Korea veterans—18,000 in New Mexico—have received training. More than 3,650 are in training now under this law, Robens said.

Under present law, he explained, veterans' training will be part of the American scene until 1968, at which time the program for disabled Korea veterans will come to an end. The Korean GI Bill for non-disabled veterans is scheduled to end in 1965.

The time to save money is when you have some. Buy U. S. Savings Bonds with your extra cash.



AFPS-IN

SWIFT SPEEDSTER — Test pilot Tony Levier climbs into the cockpit of a Lockheed XF-104 Starfighter for a test flight from Edwards AFB, Calif. Said to be the world's fastest fighter plane, the speedy Starfighter has a wingspan of only 21 feet 11 inches.

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