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Biddy's Unit For German Duty

FORT CARSON, Colo.—M/sgt. Fred C. Biddy, son of Benjamin L. Biddy, Route 2, Kings Mountain, is scheduled to leave the U. S. for Europe as part of Operation Gyroscope, the Army's unit rotation plan.

Biddy is a member of the 8th Infantry Division which has been stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., and is replacing the 9th Infantry Division in Germany.

Assigned to Company K of the division's 5th Regiment, Biddy entered the Army in 1940. Sergeant Biddy holds the Bronze Star Medal among his decorations. He attended Hamlet High School.

The sergeant's wife, Ester lives in Colorado Springs.

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Patrolman's Radar Is Unbeatable As Catcher Of Heavy-Foot Drivers

NEW YORK — "Road Radar Patrolled."

These words, which now appear on traffic signs in communities all over the nation, bring a smile to the lips of many of the nation's motorists who think they are in on a secret method to "beat" the scientific speed detection devices.

Method or no method, they've got a surprise in store if they speed through a radar speed detection station, says William J. Toth of New York City. Mr. Toth, a member of the staff of New York University's Center for Safety Education, is currently on leave from the University and traveling through the nation with a radar-equipped car as an educational activity in connection with the nationwide "Slow Down and Live" campaign that began last Memorial Day and will end on Labor Day.

This is the fourth summer that Mr. Toth has been on the road with the car, and in that time he has probably heard more theories advanced for beating the radar equipment than any other man in the nation. "But I've yet to hear one that will work," he declares.

"The most widely held beliefs," he says, "are that strips of tin foil attached to the car, or steel bearings thrown loose in the hubcaps or chewing gum wrappers tossed from the window when passing a radar unit, will upset its readings."

"Other people think that if they blow their horns, or blink their lights, or throw their car in neutral and race their engines, they can jam radar. Actually, radar is as unaffected by these devices as it is by moonlight, or a car radio, or the color of a driver's clothing."

Some drivers are more inventive, and their methods for beating radar range from the use of sprack chains (to drag off static electricity) to plastic car bodies, to mechanical gadgets attached to the engine.

Still no luck, according to Mr. Toth. The determined machine cares nothing at all for mechanical gadgets or the amount of static electricity present. And as for the car body, it will shoot right through plywood, plastic, plate glass and cloth and take its readings from the engine and even from the driver's body!

Near as Mr. Toth can figure is would take an all plastic, driver-less car to escape radar detection, and there are very few of those around, now.

But why, he asks, should any right-thinking driver want to beat radar anyway? Its one purpose is to help law enforcement officers remove from the highways those drivers whose irresponsible actions endanger the lives of the 85 per cent of motorists who drive carefully, obey posted speed limits and would rather live and let live than to endanger their own and other innocent lives by juvenile actions.

Smith In German Firing Exercise

BAUMHOLDER, Germany — Pfc Everett H. Smith, son of Mrs. Ivey L. Smith, 806 N. Ind St., Kings Mountain, recently participated in a 5th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion firing exercise in Germany.

Smith helped the battalion post a high score in the firing at ground targets. He is a radar operator in the battalion's Battery B.

Smith entered the Army in September 1955 and completed basic training at Fort Bliss, Tex.

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Social Security To Be Available To Permanently Disabled At 50

By JOSEPH P. WALSH
Manager, Gastonia Social Security Office

Disability first came into the social security insurance picture in 1954. Until now, it was just a provision to protect the insurance rights of a worker who be record of employment or self-employment covered by the law. There was no provision to start paying benefits to him after he was determined to be disabled for any further gainful work.

The 1956 amendments to the social security law changed this. Beginning with July 1967, a disabled person, age 50 or over, may be eligible to start getting monthly social security insurance benefit payments. It is no longer necessary to wait until he reaches age 65 to have his retirement payments start, nor is it necessary for an insured woman worker to wait until she becomes 62, if she is disabled and has reached her 50th birthday.

To meet the requirements of this new provision in the law, you must be so severely disabled that you are not able to engage in any substantial work. If your disability is just a temporary condition — one that will not keep you out of work permanently, or for a long and indefinite period of time — you are not eligible for benefit payments. Or if your disability is a kind which just makes it necessary for you to slow down in work or work part time, you cannot qualify for monthly benefit payments. However, if your disability — either physical or mental — is long continued, has lasted for at least six months, and there is little chance of recovery in the future, you may be eligible for monthly benefit payments. These payments, which can start at the age 50, are the same as the amount of the old-age insurance benefit you would be entitled to if you were 65.

Bear this in mind: the first month for which cash disability payments can be made is July 1957. However, there will be no benefit payments for your dependents until you become entitled to old-age benefit payments at age 65 (or, in the case of a woman getting disability payments, at any time between age 62 and 65). Of course, receipt of disability

benefits will not effect the payment of benefits to any of your eligible dependents in case you should die.

The work requirements for disability insurance payments at age 50, are: social security credit for 5 years of work in the 10 years before the established beginning date of your disability, and 1½ years of work in the 3 years before that date. Active Military service at any time after September 15, 1940, and work in the railroad industry after 1936 can count toward the requirements for disability insurance payments under certain conditions. However, if you are receiving another Federal disability benefit for any month, the amount of your disability insurance benefit will be reduced by amount of the other benefit for that month.

If you apply for disability insurance benefits, you will be referred to a State vocational rehabilitation agency which will consider you for services which may help you return to gainful work. Disability insurance payments will be withheld from you if you refuse without good cause to accept rehabilitation services that may be offered to you by your State agency.

If you are now age 50 or over, have been in employment or self-employment covered by social security long enough to meet the above-stated requirements, are now disabled but never applied

Two Local Students In Pharmacy School

CHAPEL HILL — Delvin S. Huffstetter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Huffstetter, and Walter K. Griffin, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Griffin, all of Kings Mountain, are enrolled as second year students in the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy, according to announcement by Dean E. A. Brecht.

Both are studying for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy.

The present UNC Pharmacy School was established in 1897. Prior to that, from 1880 to 1886 and from 1890 to 1894, pharmacy courses were offered by the UNC School of Medicine and Pharmacy.

Plans were made for this year. The troop is working on our First Class Rank. There are nine members and the leaders are Mrs. L. Kesler and Mrs. R. S. Lennon. Scribe: Peggy Ware

The Girl Scout troop number 4 met on September 19, 1956 at the First Presbyterian church. Officers were elected for the coming year as follows: Pres: Gail Morrison, Vice-Pres: and Sec: Pukie Lewis, and Scribe Peggy Ware.

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for the "disability freeze" of your earnings record, you should get in touch with your social security office. If you have already had your earnings record "frozen", there is no hurry about applying for the benefits payable at age 50. The earliest time that applications for disability cash payments can be accepted is after October 1, 1956; the first month for which payments can be made is July 1957. You have until December 31, 1957, to make your application without losing any of the payments.

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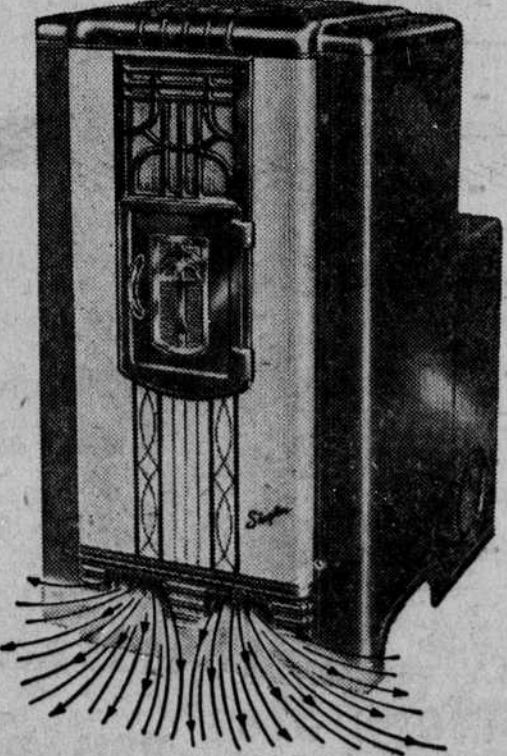
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