

Colonel Bingham Assigned to AMC

Lt. Col. James H. Bingham, son of G. Arnold Bingham of Franklin, has been assigned to Air Materiel Command headquarters at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

In his new post, Col. Bingham will head administration and training reserve personnel assigned to AMC. He recently completed a two-year tour as director of personnel for the 810th Air Base Wing in Negoya, Japan.

A native of Franklin, Col. Bingham was graduated from Baldwin high school and received a bachelor of science degree in engineering from Michigan State college in 1931.

Serving with the Army's 6th Corps from 1935 to 1939, and personnel officer in the far East during World War II, he went back to active duty for the third time in 1951. In civilian life he was a training specialist for the Veterans administration and the air force. He is married to the former Harriett I. Everett of Franklin.

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Try the Telephone To Get Answers On Income Taxes

The Internal Revenue Service is encouraging taxpayers to ask their Federal income tax questions by telephone. District Director A. M. Menninger announced today.

"Large numbers of taxpayers can obtain advice and assistance in a minimum of time by using our telephone service," the director explained.

"Many taxpayers come to our office in Pontiac with questions which could be answered in a few seconds," Menninger continued, "and it would save them time and energy if they used the telephone service."

WITH NO substantial changes in the income tax law since 1952, the Director believes that many taxpayer queries result from technical points which the taxpayer has not confronted in the past.

"The director assured the public that 'those taxpayers who prepare their own returns, but encounter a technical problem not answered in the tax return instructions, can get a prompt answer by telephoning my office.'"

The deadline for filing Federal Income Tax returns is March 15, but as Menninger says, "Why wait until the last minute?"



ALL THE ELEMENTS OF NEWS PICTURE were captured in this shot taken by 11-year-old Butch Heavenrich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heavenrich, 815 Ridgedale. Butch was walking near the corner of the Worth-Ridgedale intersection last Thursday, when a car driven by Verne J. Ernst, of Pontiac was in collision with a car driven by Daniel M. Sylvester, 27, 1875 Villa. Butch ran home for his camera and snapped this candid of Lt. Henry Timm of the Birmingham police department (left) waiting near Mrs. Ruby G. Hanson, 52, 1375 Dorchester, lying on the ground (arrow) before an ambulance arrived. The smashed car in the center was thrown into the telephone pole by the impact. Mrs. Hanson was admitted to St. Joseph Mercy hospital, Pontiac, suffering from a concussion and possible fractured arm.

Fire Chief Checks On New Fire Truck

V. W. Griffith, fire department chief, has recently completed conferences with engineers of American LaFrance Co. to assure that the quintuple fire equipment, scheduled to be delivered to the city about August 1, 1954, will be tailored to meet the needs of providing fire protection for Birmingham.

This new fire equipment is of a type recently developed. A single unit, it provides a 75 foot powered aerial ladder, a 750 gallon per minute pump, a complete set of hand ladders, a complete 200 gallon high pressure booster unit, and is equipped with 1,000 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose.

"THIS TRUCK meets all of the needs of equipment answering a first alarm," Griffith pointed out. Being self-contained it can be operated with less personnel than would be required to operate the normal two or three units which would be required to furnish these facilities."

Griffith reports that this type of equipment is gaining in popularity in the smaller cities. He stated he is well pleased with the equipment which is to be furnished and is confident that it will perform in a very efficient manner for the protection of the city.

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Promoted to Corporal Serving in Korea

2D Div. Korea—Gene E. Moore, 21, whose wife, Rita, lives at 22820 Lahser rd., Southfield township, was recently promoted to corporal while serving with the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea.

Corporal Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred K. Moore, Hamlet, Ind., is a truck driver in the 72d Tank Battalion's Headquarters Company. He entered the Army in January 1953, completed basic training at Camp Atterbury, Ind., and joined the 2d Division last July.

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