

## Town Topics

# Radford's Show Is Charlie's, Too

By Marie McNair

THE FINAL party gun in almost a month long series of celebrations was fired yesterday at the Officers Club at Fort McNair.

It was the retiring chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Arthur W. Radford, and Mrs. Radford's party to honor the incoming JCS Chairman, Air Force Gen. Nathan Twining, and Mrs. Twining.

General Twining will step into Admiral Radford's shoes next Thursday.

The Army, Navy and Air Force joined hands yesterday to bid farewell to an outstanding officer who the day before had been awarded a



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Gold Star by President Eisenhower in lieu of a fourth Distinguished Service Medal, and to welcome the new Chief, a man of equal distinction in service to his country.

But it was "Engine Charlie" Wilson, retiring Secretary of Defense, who got the most attention. Mrs. Wilson, he said, is coming back from Michigan on Monday, and when Mrs. Wade Haislip heard this she said, "Maybe she will have time to play some 'Bolivia.'"

On the serious side, when Mr. Wilson was asked by Mrs. Richard Harkness what was one of the most pleasing aspects of his job, he replied, "I have one satisfaction. The 'folks' have understood me, whereas the press didn't."

There's another birthday party in the offing for Secretary Wilson. On September 17, 1956, Department of Defense will be 10 years old, and the Wilsons will celebrate it with a party for the new Secretary of Defense McElroy, all former Secretaries of Defense, the present and all former Deputy Secretaries of Defense, plus present and former Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Marine Band in its

scarlet jackets played throughout the afternoon for the several hundred guests largely from the military.

There were not more than a half dozen Ambassadors, even less from the Congress. Secretary of the Navy, Thomas S. Gates Jr., Under Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. William B. Franke, Deputy Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Donald Quarles and Chief of Staff, USAF, Gen. Thomas D. White and Mrs. White were among the service's upper echelons.

Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Walter Robertson came. Saw Gen. and Mrs. Omar Bradley, Under Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Randolph Burgess, Assistant Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Murray Snyder, Max Rabb, from the White House, Assistant Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Wilfred McNeil, Lt. Gen. and Mrs. Charles P. Cabell, Vice Adm. and Mrs. E. Tyler Woolbridge, former Ambassador and Mrs. Myron Cowen and down from Philadelphia the Radfords' good friends, Bob and Betty Sherrod.

### TOPRIDGE VISITORS:

Perle Mesta, Signora Augusto Rosso and George Williams will all meet in New

York on Sunday to go together to Camp Topridge in the Adirondacks to be guests for a fortnight of Mrs. Merriweather Post.

### COUNTRY PARTY:

Col. and Mrs. William S. Cullbertson who are at their farm at Charmian, Pa. for the summer, will entertain at luncheon on Sunday the new Argentine Ambassador an Senora de Yadarola and their two daughters. Ambassador and Senora de Yadarola will entertain at dinner Monday evening as a farewell to the Military Attache of the Argentine Embassy, Col. Ernesto Taquini and Senora de Taquini who are going to Canada where Colonel Taquini is to be Military Advisor on Special Mission.