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EVANSVILLE TO BUILD 300-FOOT NAVY BOATS

Evansville, Ind., Feb. 15 (AP)—The Hoosier boat-building boom underway at Jeffersonville and Kokomo has spread to Evansville.

Rep. John W. Boehne, Jr., said Saturday the Navy department had authorized him to announce a ship yard would be built here for complete assembly of 300-foot boats.

The type of vessels to be constructed in this Ohio river city was not disclosed. An unlimited number will be built, Rep. Boehne said.

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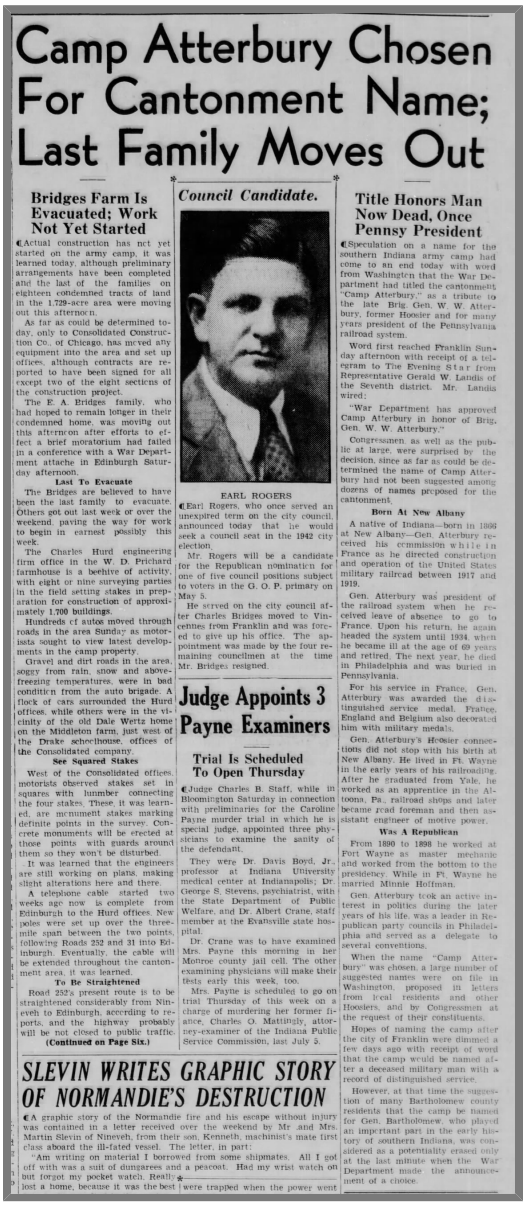

Camp Atterbury Chosen For Cantonment Name; Last Family Moves Out

Bridges Farm Is Evacuated; Work Not Yet Started

Actual construction has not yet started on the army camp, it was learned today, although preliminary arrangements have been completed and the last of the families on eighteen condemned tracts of land in the 1,729-acre area were moving out this afternoon.

As far as could be determined today, only to Consolidated Construction Co., of Chicago, has moved any equipment into the area and set up offices, although contracts are reported to have been signed for all except two of the eight sections of the construction project.

The E. A. Bridges family, who had hoped to remain longer in their condemned home, was moving out this afternoon after efforts to effect a brief moratorium had failed in a conference with a War Department attache in Edinburgh Saturday afternoon.

Last To Evacuate

The Bridges are believed to have been the last family to evacuate. Others got out last week or over the weekend, paving the way for work to begin in earnest possibly this week.

The Charles Hurd engineering firm office in the W. D. Prichard farmhouse is a beehive of activity, with eight or nine surveying parties in the field setting stakes in preparation for construction of approximately 1,700 buildings.

Hundreds of autos moved through roads in the area Sunday as motorists sought to view latest developments in the camp property.

Gravel and dirt roads in the area, soggy from rain, snow and above-freezing temperatures, were in bad condition from the auto brigade. A flock of cars surrounded the Hurd offices, while others were in the vicinity of the old Dale Wertz home on the Middleton farm, just west of the Drake schoolhouse, offices of the Consolidated company.

See Squared Stakes

West of the Consolidated offices, motorists observed stakes set in squares with lumber connecting the four stakes. These, it was learned, are monument stakes marking definite points in the survey. Concrete monuments will be erected at these points with guards around them so they won't be disturbed.

It was learned that the engineers are still working on plans, making slight alterations here and there.

A telephone cable started two weeks ago now is complete from Edinburgh to the Hurd offices. New poles were set up over the three-mile span between the two points, following Roads 252 and 31 into Edinburgh. Eventually, the cable will be extended throughout the cantonment area, it was learned.

To Be Straightened

Road 252's present route is to be straightened considerably from Nineveh to Edinburgh, according to reports, and the highway probably will be not closed to public traffic.

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Council Candidate.

EARL ROGERS

Earl Rogers, who once served an unexpired term on the city council, announced today that he would seek a council seat in the 1942 city election.

Mr. Rogers will be a candidate for the Republican nomination for one of five council positions subject to voters in the G. O. P. primary on May 5.

He served on the city council after Charles Bridges moved to Vincennes from Franklin and was forced to give up his office. The appointment was made by the four remaining councilmen at the time Mr. Bridges resigned.

Judge Appoints 3 Payne Examiners

Trial Is Scheduled To Open Thursday

Judge Charles B. Staff, while in Bloomington Saturday in connection with preliminaries for the Caroline Payne murder trial in which he is special judge, appointed three physicians to examine the sanity of the defendant.

They were Dr. Davis Boyd, Jr., professor at Indiana University medical center at Indianapolis; Dr. George S. Stevens, psychiatrist, with the State Department of Public Welfare, and Dr. Albert Crane, staff member at the Evansville state hospital.

Dr. Crane was to have examined Mrs. Payne this morning in her Monroe county jail cell. The other examining physicians will make their tests early this week, too.

Mrs. Payne is scheduled to go on trial Thursday of this week on a charge of murdering her former fiance, Charles O. Mattingly, attorney-examiner of the Indiana Public Service Commission, last July 5.

Title Honors Man Now Dead, Once Pennsy President

Speculation on a name for the southern Indiana army camp had come to an end today with word from Washington that the War Department had titled the cantonment "Camp Atterbury," as a tribute to the late Brig. Gen. W. W. Atterbury, former Hoosier and for many years president of the Pennsylvania railroad system.

Word first reached Franklin Sunday afternoon with receipt of a telegram to The Evening Star from Representative Gerald W. Landis of the Seventh district. Mr. Landis wired:

"War Department has approved Camp Atterbury in honor of Brig. Gen. W. W. Atterbury."

Congressmen, as well as the public at large, were surprised by the decision, since as far as could be determined the name of Camp Atterbury had not been suggested among dozens of names proposed for the cantonment.

Born At New Albany

A native of Indiana—born in 1866 at New Albany—Gen. Atterbury received his commission while in France as he directed construction and operation of the United States military railroad between 1917 and 1919.

Gen. Atterbury was president of the railroad system when he received leave of absence to go to France. Upon his return, he again headed the system until 1934, when he became ill at the age of 69 years and retired. The next year, he died in Philadelphia and was buried in Pennsylvania.

For his service in France, Gen. Atterbury was awarded the distinguished service medal. France, England and Belgium also decorated him with military medals.

Gen. Atterbury's Hoosier connections did not stop with his birth at New Albany. He lived in Ft. Wayne in the early years of his railroading. After he graduated from Yale, he worked as an apprentice in the Altoona, Pa., railroad shops and later became road foreman and then assistant engineer of motive power.

Was A Republican

From 1890 to 1898 he worked at Fort Wayne as master mechanic and worked from the bottom to the presidency. While in Ft. Wayne he married Minnie Hoffman.

Gen. Atterbury took an active interest in politics during the later years of his life, was a leader in Republican party councils in Philadelphia and served as a delegate to several conventions.

When the name "Camp Atterbury" was chosen, a large number of suggested names were on file in Washington, proposed in letters from local residents and other Hoosiers, and by Congressmen at the request of their constituents.

Hopes of naming the camp after the city of Franklin were dimmed a few days ago with receipt of word that the camp would be named after a deceased military man with a record of distinguished service.

However, at that time the suggestion of many Bartholomew county residents that the camp be named for Gen. Bartholomew, who played an important part in the early history of southern Indiana, was considered as a potentiality erased only at the last minute when the War Department made the announcement of a choice.

SLEVIN WRITES GRAPHIC STORY OF NORMANDIE'S DESTRUCTION

A graphic story of the Normandie fire and his escape without injury was contained in a letter received over the weekend by Mr. and Mrs. Martin Slevin of Nineveh, from their son, Kenneth, machinist's mate first class aboard the ill-fated vessel. The letter, in part:

"Am writing on material I borrowed from some shipmates. All I got off with was a suit of dungarees and a peacoat. Had my wrist watch on but forgot my pocket watch. Really lost a home, because it was the best were trapped when the power went

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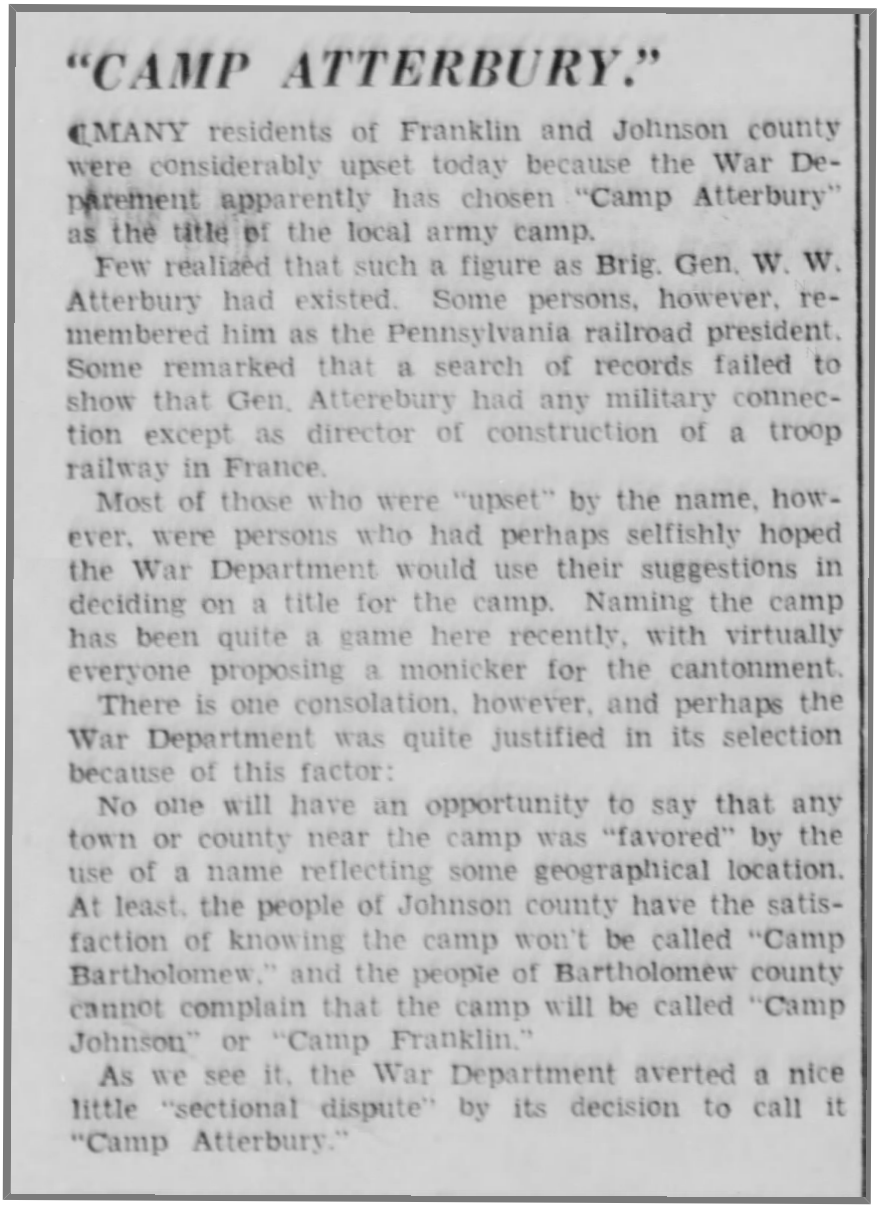

"CAMP ATTERBURY."

MANY residents of Franklin and Johnson county were considerably upset today because the War Department apparently has chosen "Camp Atterbury" as the title of the local army camp.

Few realized that such a figure as Brig. Gen. W. W. Atterbury had existed. Some persons, however, remembered him as the Pennsylvania railroad president. Some remarked that a search of records failed to show that Gen. Atterebury had any military connection except as director of construction of a troop railway in France.

Most of those who were "upset" by the name, however, were persons who had perhaps selfishly hoped the War Department would use their suggestions in deciding on a title for the camp. Naming the camp has been quite a game here recently, with virtually everyone proposing a monicker for the cantonment.

There is one consolation, however, and perhaps the War Department was quite justified in its selection because of this factor:

No one will have an opportunity to say that any town or county near the camp was "favored" by the use of a name reflecting some geographical location. At least, the people of Johnson county have the satisfaction of knowing the camp won't be called "Camp Bartholomew," and the people of Bartholomew county cannot complain that the camp will be called "Camp Johnson" or "Camp Franklin."

As we see it, the War Department averted a nice little "sectional dispute" by its decision to call it "Camp Atterbury."

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Where are the Trailers? Ask Residents of Nineveh

Where are the hundreds of trailers and the thousands of workmen?

That was the question the residents of Nineveh, the little town of a hundred inhabitants located at the west edge of the army camp project in the Johnson county sector, were asking yesterday.

They had read all the build-up, had seen a dozen or so of their neighbors to the east move out the last few days, and they were ready for the main show. Up to and including yesterday most of it had been in the press notice stage.

"Traffic a little heavier than usual today but it's mostly sightseers," remarked the attendant at the corner filling station. "But the trailers have been darned scarce up to now. Guess they'll begin coming in this week."

Pinochle Game in Progress.

The excitement connected with the building of the $30,000,000 camp on Nineveh's front porch hasn't appeared to change the routine of many of the inhabitants to any marked degree.

At the corner filling station the regular Sunday afternoon pinochle game was in progress. At the grocery-postoffice a crowd was seated around the stove. Out in front two boys and two girls were talking. A man was repairing a tire down the street, and sightseers who stopped to read the messages on the historical markers in the 100-year-old village found it necessary to jump over mud puddles in the streets.

From the tone of the comment heard around the little town yesterday, Nineveh is getting ready for some kind of boom, and then after the construction work is completed, expects to die a slow death.

The west line of the camp will be almost at the edge of town. The section of Road 252 between Nineveh and Road 31 will become an army road and not for public use.

Trade Comes from East.

Nineveh merchants report that most of their trade comes from east of the town. Most of that to the west goes either to Morgantown or Trafalgar.

Construction of the camp will remove considerably more than half the little town's normal trading area.

Although the state is planning to reroute 252 around the north end of the camp property into Nineveh, this is not expected to help the community so far as business is concerned.

"Maybe it won't be as bad as it looks, but the picture isn't very bright for us after the camp is built," remarked one store clerk.

Auto Traffic Heavy.

Automobile traffic was heavy most of yesterday afternoon through the camp area, but there wasn't much to see. Two dozen or more cars were parked around the office of Charles Hurd, the camp architect.

A short distance west of the Hurd office, sightseers could note where work had been started on laying out the hospital group. A couple of truckloads of lumber lay at the side of the road. Houses in the area were empty.

Over on the Furnas Mill road, the bulldozers, power graders and dirt wagons of the Calumet Paving company could be seen at work, making cuts and fills for the Pennsylvania railroad spur to the camp grounds.

There was considerable activity around the temporary office of the Calumet company, set up in a house on the Furnas Mill road.

Taking Last Look.

Sightseers also noted that a run-around has been put into effect on Road 31, north of Edinburg, where the "spur" is being build across the highway.

There wasn't much to see, but residents of the community wanted to take a look while the camp area is still open to the public.

Most of the cars seen traveling the roads in the camp area carried either Bartholomew or Johnson county plates.

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Third Company Sets Up Offices in Camp Area

Fourth Expected Today—Union Offices at Edinburg Are Thrown

A third construction company has set up its offices in the new army camp area and a fourth was expected to arrive on the scene of construction today.

Meanwhile, big crowds continued to line up at the union offices in Edinburg and there was a noticeable number of persons coming into Columbus asking about the army camp, but the "boom" was still not on.

Although activity in Edinburg has picked up some in the last 24 hours, streets were not crowded today nor were many trailers to be seen. There were crowds, however, around the carpenters and hod carriers and common labor union offices.

Strangers Ask Way.

A number of strangers have been stopping in Columbus in the last **24 hours and asking police offi**cers and others where they can go to get a job on the army camp.

Most of those who inquire are of the belief they will find the camp right in Columbus and few are certain just what type of work they expect to do on the camp. The main idea seems to be to find the camp and then get a job—any job.

It was revealed today that considerable changes are being made in the detailed plans for the camp and that a lot of blue print and drawing work will be necessary.

In order to do this work, the Charles Hurd engineering firm, architect-engineer company on the camp job, is moving part of its force to the armory at Franklin.

Third Company Moves In.

The third company to move into the camp area and set up offices is the Birmingham Construction company of Birmingham, Mich., which will construct the sewage disposal plant and water supply system. The firm was awarded the contract on a bid of $691,628.

The Birmingham company has moved onto the L. N. Records farm just west of the bridge over Driftwood river on the road from Road 31 to the Kansas community. The sewage plant and water plant will be constructed near where the firm has set up its office.

Harry Phelps is superintendent of construction for the firm and Ed Cook is assistant superintendent. Mr. Cook said today at his office that the company at the peak of its construction would hire not more than 150 persons and he explained that most of the work done by the firm is of a highly specialized type.

Must Remove Buildings.

Before the company can get construction under way it will be necessary to remove several buildings on the Records farm, Mr. Cook said.

This will be the fifth defense project for the company. It has recently been employed on projects at Lockland, Ohio, at Curtiss-Wright plant at St. Louis, at the Chrysler tank arsenal in Detroit and the U. S. Naval Air base at Grosse Ile, Mich.

Other construction firms in the camp area now are the Consolidated Construction company of Chicago, which will build the hospital group buildings, and the Calumet Paving company, which is building the railroad spur into the camp.

The Consolidated firm has hired a few carpenters and these men are busy working on the company's office and doing other preliminary work to get construction under way. Stakes have been set in the hospital group area.

Fourth Firm Expected Today.

The fourth company expected today is the McDougal firm which has a subcontract with the Fontarelli and Son firm of Chicago, which with the Rock Road company of Chicago has the contract for grading, roads, drainage and gas distribution. The McDougal firm will do grading under the subcontract, and is expected to start work of grading for the hospital buildings which will be put up by the Consolidated firm.

Fields in the camp area were still full of mud today and water stood in many places, making it doubtful that much could be done in the way of grading.

The Charles Hurd engineering firm will move part of its force into the Franklin armory. The company will maintain its office in the Prichard home on Road 252 in the camp area as a field office, but is moving its designing and accounting departments to the Franklin armory. A force of from 100 to 150 persons will be employed by the Hurd company at Franklin. Edwin C. Hurd, who is in charge of the company's work on the project, will have offices both at the armory and in the field.

In addition to the main field office of the Hurd company, as construction gets under way other smaller offices of the company will be set up over the camp area.

The 1,729 acre area of the camp which was to be vacated by all residents by Sunday was practically vacant today. The last to leave was Mrs. Nellie Henderson and family, who planned to be completely out of the area some time today.

They have purchased a farm three miles from Greensburg and have been moving their grain for several days. Another family which had difficulty in getting out before the deadline was the E. A. Bridges family which moved its belongings to the Alvin Riggs house until they could find a place to go.

SCHULTZ WILL IS PROBATED

Friends, Relatives and Organizations of Church to Share Estate.

Friends, relatives and Lutheran organizations are to share in the estate of the late Miss Minnie C. Schultz, found dead at her home here Sunday, under provisions of her will filed for probate in the Bartholomew circuit court today.

A $400 bequest is made to the Lutheran Orphans home at Indianapolis. After other cash bequests are filed the remainder of the estate is left in trust to the trustees of the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church with a stipulation that the earnings be used in maintenance of the Schultz lot in the City cemetery and for providing flowers.

Cash bequests were as follows: Mrs. Elsie Wedertz, Burlington, Iowa; a cousin, $200; Mrs. Lou Stolding, Moline, Ill., a cousin, $200; Mrs. Hannah Siekman, Columbus route 8, a cousin, $100; Mrs. Carrie Donlon, Burlington, a cousin, $300 and certain household articles; Louise Fehring, 811 Pearl street, $100; Gertrude E. Fehring, 225 Lafayette, $200; Mrs. Anna Pegge, Anderson, $200; Mrs. Emma Steer, 703 Sycamore street, $100.

Several items of household furnishings were left to her friends. These articles, the will set out, have on them the names of the persons to receive them.

Oscar E. Snyder was named executor of the will.

Fireman Saves Spy Papers From Furnace

New York, Feb. 17 (AP)— Red hot magic as practiced by a patriotic boiler-room engineer has won him a place as a civilian hero of the government's Nazi spy roundup.

The engineer, Walter Edward Morrisey, employed in the building housing the German consulate, testified yesterday that when consular employes brought him large packages to burn last summer he thrust them into the furnace under their very eyes.

But, he added, he did so in such a way as to cause the papers themselves to smother the flames, and later, when the watchers had gone, he snatched the scorched data from the fire and turned it over to FBI agents.

"I did it because I am an American," he explained when cross-examined about his action. Morrisey testified at the trial of five men and a woman on espionage charges.

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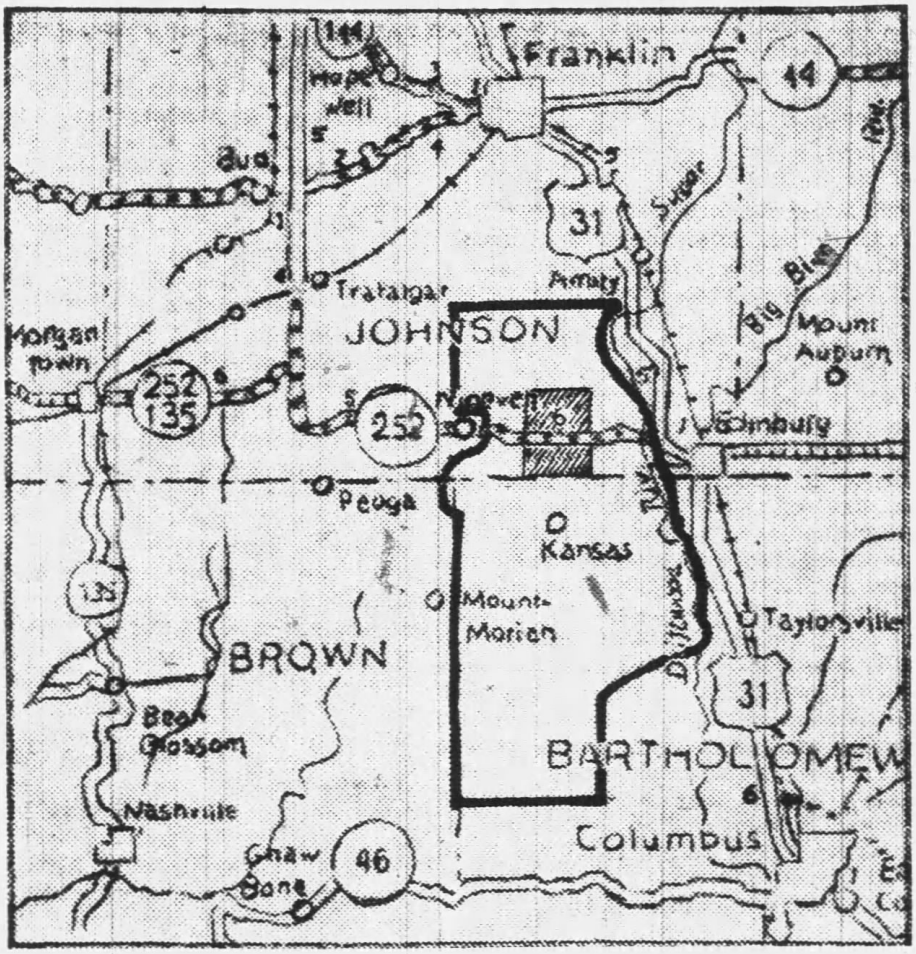

The revised boundaries of Camp Atterbury are shown above, with the cantonment area in Johnson county indicated. The southern boundary now follows the Georgetown pike and all but three tracts in Brown county have been eliminated.

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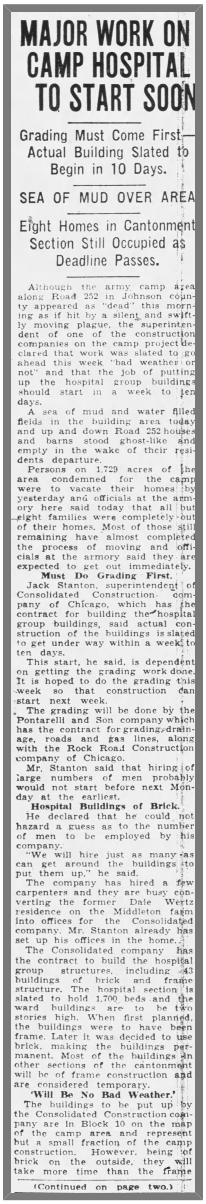

MAJOR WORK ON CAMP HOSPITAL TO START SOON

Grading Must Come First—Actual Building Slated to Begin in 10 Days.

SEA OF MUD OVER AREA

Eight Homes in Cantonment Section Still Occupied as Deadline Passes.

Although the army camp area along Road 252 in Johnson county appeared as "dead" this morning as if hit by a silent and swiftly moving plague, the superintendent of one of the construction companies on the camp project declared that work was slated to go ahead this week 'bad weather or not' and that the job of putting up the hospital group buildings should start in a week to ten days.

A sea of mud and water filled fields in the building area today and up and down Road 252 houses and barns stood ghost-like and empty in the wake of their residents departure.

Persons on 1,729 acres of the area condemned for the camp were to vacate their homes by yesterday and officials at the armory here said today that all but eight families were completely out of their homes. Most of those still remaining have almost completed the process of moving and officials at the armory said they are expected to get out immediately.

Must Do Grading First.

Jack Stanton, superintendent of Consolidated Construction company of Chicago, which has the contract for building the hospital group buildings, said actual construction of the buildings is slated to get under way within a week to ten days.

This start, he said, is dependent on getting the grading work done. It is hoped to do the grading this week so that construction can start next week.

The grading will be done by the Pontarelli and Son company which has the contract for grading, drainage, roads and gas lines, along with the Rock Road Construction company of Chicago.

Mr. Stanton said that hiring of large numbers of men probably would not start before next Monday at the earliest.

Hospital Buildings of Brick.

He declared that he could not hazard a guess as to the number of men to be employed by his company.

"We will hire just as many as can get around the buildings to put them up," he said.

The company has hired a few carpenters and they are busy converting the former Dale Wertz residence on the Middleton farm into offices for the Consolidated company. Mr. Stanton already has set up his offices in the home.

The Consolidated company has the contract to build the hospital group structures, including 43 buildings of brick and frame structure. The hospital section is slated to hold 1,700 beds and the ward buildings are to be two stories high. When first planned, the buildings were to have been frame. Later it was decided to use brick, making the buildings permanent. Most of the buildings in other sections of the cantonment will be of frame construction and are considered temporary.

'Will Be No Bad Weather.'

The buildings to be put up by the Consolidated Construction company are in Block 10 on the map of the camp area and represent but a small fraction of the camp construction. However, being of brick on the outside, they will take more time than the frame

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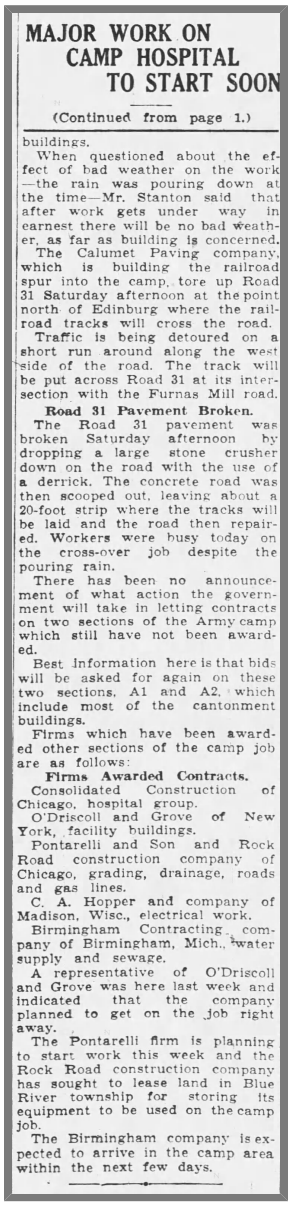

MAJOR WORK ON CAMP HOSPITAL TO START SOON

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buildings.

When questioned about the effect of bad weather on the work—the rain was pouring down at the time—Mr. Stanton said that after work gets under way in earnest there will be no bad weather, as far as building is concerned.

The Calumet Paving company, which is building the railroad spur into the camp, tore up Road 31 Saturday afternoon at the point north of Edinburg where the railroad tracks will cross the road.

Traffic is being detoured on a short run around along the west side of the road. The track will be put across Road 31 at its intersection with the Furnas Mill road.

Road 31 Pavement Broken.

The Road 31 pavement was broken Saturday afternoon by dropping a large stone crusher down on the road with the use of a derrick. The concrete road was then scooped out, leaving about a 20-foot strip where the tracks will be laid and the road then repaired. Workers were busy today on the cross-over job despite the pouring rain.

There has been no announcement of what action the government will take in letting contracts on two sections of the Army camp which still have not been awarded.

Best information here is that bids will be asked for again on these two sections, A1 and A2, which include most of the cantonment buildings.

Firms which have been awarded other sections of the camp job are as follows:

Firms Awarded Contracts.

Consolidated Construction of Chicago, hospital group.

O'Driscoll and Grove of New York, facility buildings.

Pontarelli and Son and Rock Road construction company of Chicago, grading, drainage, roads and gas lines.

C. A. Hopper and company of Madison, Wisc., electrical work.

Birmingham Contracting company of Birmingham, Mich., water supply and sewage.

A representative of O'Driscoll and Grove was here last week and indicated that the company planned to get on the job right away.

The Pontarelli firm is planning to start work this week and the Rock Road construction company has sought to lease land in Blue River township for storing its equipment to be used on the camp job.

The Birmingham company is expected to arrive in the camp area within the next few days.

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There is nothing to some of the rumors going the rounds of the workingmen who would like to get jobs on the camp project—the Camp Atterbury project, if you please. Persons close to it say there are no age limits for workmen, as has been rather widely gossipped, and no physical examination required, as also talked around. All you have to be is old enough, young enough and physically fit to do a day's work. But neither is there any reason to think that a job on the camp will keep you out of the draft. One of the men connected with a labor organization established at Edinburg said seven carpenters were taken off the job at the Clinton ordnance works the week before last to be inducted into military service.

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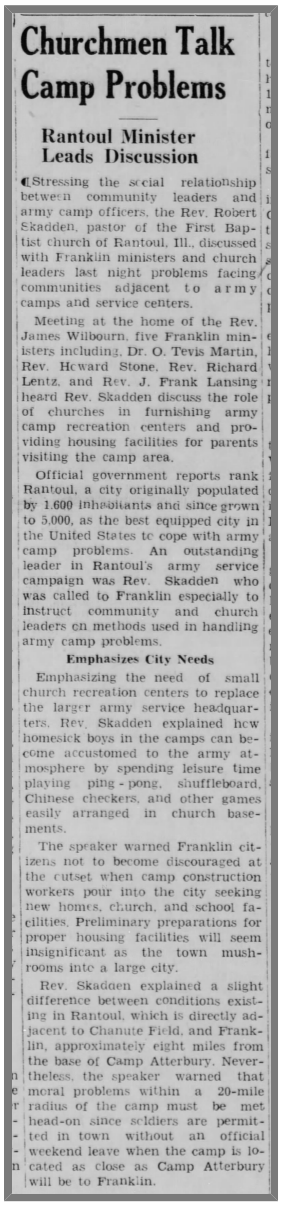

Churchmen Talk Camp Problems

Rantoul Minister Leads Discussion

Stressing the social relationship between community leaders and army camp officers, the Rev. Robert Skadden, pastor of the First Baptist church of Rantoul, Ill., discussed with Franklin ministers and church leaders last night problems facing communities adjacent to army camps and service centers.

Meeting at the home of the Rev. James Wilbourn, five Franklin ministers including, Dr. O. Tevis Martin, Rev. Howard Stone, Rev. Richard Lentz, and Rev. J. Frank Lansing heard Rev. Skadden discuss the role of churches in furnishing army camp recreation centers and providing housing facilities for parents visiting the camp area.

Official government reports rank Rantoul, a city originally populated by 1,600 inhabitants and since grown to 5,000, as the best equipped city in the United States to cope with army camp problems. An outstanding leader in Rantoul's army service campaign was Rev. Skadden who was called to Franklin especially to instruct community and church leaders on methods used in handling army camp problems.

Emphasizes City Needs

Emphasizing the need of small church recreation centers to replace the larger army service headquarters, Rev. Skadden explained how homesick boys in the camps can become accustomed to the army atmosphere by spending leisure time playing ping-pong, shuffleboard, Chinese checkers, and other games easily arranged in church basements.

The speaker warned Franklin citizens not to become discouraged at the outset when camp construction workers pour into the city seeking new homes, church, and school facilities. Preliminary preparations for proper housing facilities will seem insignificant as the town mushrooms into a large city.

Rev. Skadden explained a slight difference between conditions existing in Rantoul, which is directly adjacent to Chanute Field, and Franklin, approximately eight miles from the base of Camp Atterbury. Nevertheless, the speaker warned that moral problems within a 20-mile radius of the camp must be met head-on since soldiers are permitted in town without an official weekend leave when the camp is located as close as Camp Atterbury will be to Franklin.

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Cummins All-Stars to Meet Indianapolis Five

Proceeds From Game Sponsored by Junior Chamber to Go Into Fund for Entertainment of Soldiers.

The soldiers to be stationed at Camp Atterbury will be the main winners in a benefit independent basketball game to be played next Tuesday night at the high school gymnasium, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

In the contest the Cummins All-Stars, a team made up largely of former Columbus high school net performers, will play the All-Stars of the Allison Engineering company of Indianapolis.

Proceeds from the game will be turned over to the Bartholomew county civilian defense organization, to go towards providing entertainment for Camp Atterbury soldiers with the opening of the USO recreation center in Columbus.

Players Are Listed.

Plans call for holding the expenses connected with the game at a minimum in order that a nice size purse can be turned over to the recreation fund.

Players who will see action in the Columbus lineup will be Forrest Weber, Bud Prewitt, Pete Ray, Emerson Daugherty, Joe Schofield, Homer Rush, Jim McKinney, Gene Coleman, Garnet Welch and Chuck Hall.

Prewitt, Rush, McKinney, Welch and Coleman have been members of Columbus high school teams in recent years.

The Allison team is made up of former well-known Hoosier high school and college stars.

Arrangements are being made for a preliminary game which may bring together the local Wilson junior high team and a Muncie eighth grade quintet which recently won the northern Indiana championship. Woodrow Fleming, Wilson coach, is endeavoring to arrange this added attraction.

Plan Ticket Sale.

An advance sale of tickets is to be conducted by members of the Junior Chamber and the Welfare club at the Cummins engine company.

"We feel that through this contest the basketball fans will be given a good attraction and at the same time we will be starting a fund for a worthy cause," said Herbert Everroad, member of the Junior Chamber committee.

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ARMY ASKS NEW BIDS ON FINAL PARTS OF CAMP

Sections A1 and A2 Divided into 8 Sub-Sections for Smaller Companies.

TO OPEN BIDS MARCH 12

Contracts Still to Be Let Include Major Portions of Camp Buildings.

The War department, through the Corps of Engineers district office at Louisville, is re-advertising for bids on Sections A1 and A2 of Camp Atterbury, northwest of here, and bids are to be opened March 12. The plans are to be ready for the contractors by Feb. 20.

Each of the two sections, representing the major part of the camp buildings, has been divided into four sub-sections, so that as many as eight contractors may be awarded parts of the two sections.

With opening of these bids set for March 12, it appears likely that construction of the two main sections will not get under way until the latter part of March or the first of April and that the demand for workers will not reach its peak until after that time.

Big Field House Included.

It is believed that the number of men employed on the two sections—now really eight sections—will equal or be more than the total workers on all other sections of the camp combined.

Sections A1 and A2, for building 1,278 of the camp's estimated 1,700 structures, include the barracks and facilities for one division of troops, and barracks and facilities for attached troops equal to one division.

Erection of 242 barracks was listed under the original plans for Section A1. These barracks are of two types, for 63 men and for 74 men. The larger are 90 by 29½ feet and the smaller 80 by 29½ feet.

Also included in the mammoth camp plans is a field house, whose dimensions are 181 feet by 133 feet. This is a little larger than a quarter of a city block, and is ample for two college-sized basketball floors.

Apparent motive for the War department's re-advertising of Sections A1 and A2 in subdivided form is to make it possible for smaller companies to enter bids and thus it is hoped to reduce the cost of the project. The original bids on the sections, opened Feb. 6, were above War department estimates.

The total of the lowest bids on the two sections was $20,474,128, compared to a total of $12,377,799 for the other five sections of the contract which was let after Feb. 6.

Under the original plans for letting contracts, the camp construction was divided into eight sections. The first of these was let to the Calumet Paving company and Pennsylvania railroad for construction of a railroad spur into the camp area. The five other sections were let after opening of bids Feb. 6 and now the last two sections—divided into eight parts—are to be let on or after March 12.

Major Part of Work.

Of the six sections let, Sections A3 and A4 compose the major building work. Section A3 is that part on which the Consolidated Construction company has started work and consists of the hospital group buildings. This represents but a small fraction of the camp layout.

The hospital buildings will be at the west side of the cantonment area and will lie north of Road 252, facing the highway.

North of these buildings will be Section 4A buildings, contract for which has been let to the firm of O'Driscoll and Grove, Inc., of New York city.

These buildings are facility buildings and include 29 big warehouses. They will be located in the northwest section of the cantonment area, where the railroad spur ends. The tracks of the spur will divide into switches and the rail lines will run between the warehouses, where materials may be unloaded direct from freight cars onto warehouse platforms.

Of the sections let, Consolidated and O'Driscoll and Grove are expected to hire the most men. Companies who have the other sections, including grading, gas, electric and water supplies and distribution, sewage, drainage, roads, etc., owing to the specialized types of work, have many permanent employes to handle their machinery.

A number of electricians will be required for installation of electric facilities in the buildings, but this work cannot be done until the buildings are erected.

SMOKE KILLS 200 CHICKENS

Blaze Damages Interior of Brownie's Poultry Market —Loss Near $300.

Approximately 200 chickens died in a fire early this morning which damaged the interior of Brownie's poultry market on Twenty-third street, owned and operated by Brownie Deiwert.

Damage to the 3-room market, which is located at the rear of the lot occupied by the Deiwert home, 2239 Chestnut street, was confined to one room and was estimated at $100.

The chickens, fries and hens, were valued at approximately $200. Mr. Deiwert said the loss was partly covered by insurance.

The fire was discovered by Mr. Deiwert shortly before 7 o'clock, the alarm coming into Central fire station at 6:50 o'clock. Both fire companies answered and the flames were put out within a short time.

Mr. Deiwert saw the fire while eating breakfast at his home. He had been to the market and fixed the fire in the stove a little before 6 o'clock, returning to the house about 6:30.

It was believed the blaze started from a pan of ashes which had been placed close to a blanket hanging in a doorway between two rooms of the establishments. An electric fan used to circulate heat in the room was thought to have fanned the ashes enough to set fire to the blanket. The flames damaged the wall, ceiling and one side of a cold storage box.

The chickens were in a rear room and were suffocated by the smoke which filled the market.

ASSESSORS IN MEETING HERE

A meeting of the township assessors and trustees of Bartholomew county was held at the office of Fred Newby, county assessor, at the courthouse this afternoon, for the purpose of making preliminary plans for the 1942 personal property assessment which will begin on March 2.

Rolla Stratton, field representative of the state board of tax commissioners, met with the group and explained some of the new regulations.

Another meeting of the assessors will be held on Feb. 28, at which time the schedule of values to be used as the basis for assessments, will be set. Supplies will be distributed at that meeting.

02/19/1942 Army asks for bids on buildings

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COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE IS GIVEN GO SIGN

Commissioners Put Names to Measure and It Goes into Effect at Once.

CONTROLS ALL BUILDING

Designed to Give Official Regulation Over Trailer and Tourist Camps.

A zoning ordinance for Bartholomew county, approved by the county planning commission, was adopted by the county board of commissioners at a special meeting Wednesday afternoon, and became effective at once.

The ordinance prepared by the local commission with the assistance of Ladislas Segoe, planning consultant of the National Resources Planning Board, is designed to give the county control over the construction and operation of tourist camps, trailer camps, roadhouses, dance halls, restaurants and other building in the rural districts of the county.

Passage of the zoning measure was considered advisable by the county commissioners in view of a boom condition expected in the local territory in conjunction with the construction of Camp Atterbury.

Temporary Measure.

The ordinance is temporary but is to remain in force until a permanent program is adopted. The temporary ordinance, however, cannot be used for more than 12 months from the date of passage. It applies to all lands, properties, buildings and structures in the unincorporated portions of the county.

Under the ordinance no tourist camp or hotel may be established in any residential district, unless authorized in writing by the board of zoning appeals and subject to such conditions as the board may impose in order to preserve the character of the neighborhood and to otherwise promote and effectuate the purpose of the ordinance.

No hotel or tourist camp shall be authorized by the board of zoning appeals, unless the application is accompanied by the written consent of at least 51 percent of the owners of all properties within 400 feet of the hotel or camp in a residence district; and within 1,320 feet, if the establishment is in an agricultural area.

Business Limited.

The ordinance states "that no retail business or merchandising other than such as is incidental to the operation of a hotel or tourist camp, respectively, and intended primarily for their occupants shall be permitted in connection with any hotel or tourist camp in any residence district."

No vehicular entrance or exit from any tourist camp for more than 10 tourist cabins or trailers shall be within 200 feet of any school, playground, church, hospital, library or institution for dependents or children, except where such building or property is in another block or fronts on a street on which the camp will have no entrance or exit.

The measure fixes the lot frontages for buildings, the set-back lines and provides for other uniformity in the location of building, but sets out that existing buildings shall not be affected.

Persons planning to build in the rural districts are required to obtain a county building permit, and provisions of the ordinance are to be enforced by a county building commissioner. The county planning commission will select the commission and fix the amount of his compensation.

Board of Appeals.

The county planning commission will serve as the board of zoning appeals.

Persons convicted of violating provisions of the ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than $10 or more than $100 to which may be added a jail sentence not to exceed 30 days.

Each day's continuance of the violation shall constitute a separate offense.

The ordinance was signed by John C. Ballinger, Harry Hartman and R. C. Williams, members of the county commissioners.

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VIEWS ON THE NEWS.

In the last few days the Hattiesburg paper has carried a couple of items of significance for us who will soon be living within an area affected by an army camp, although we may not be affected as much as Hattiesburg has been.

One deals with the fact that the January payroll had just been expended. Guess how much it was—$2,701.000. That included $225.000 for civilians working for the Government.

The Camp Atterbury payroll may never be that high, but will be well over a million dollars a month when the soldiers move in. What it will be while construction is under way is more or less a guess, but a million a month would be a conservative estimate.

It's no wonder the merchants and bankers in the area are trying to get the payroll staggered so it won't all come at once.

02-20-1942-3 Expected Payroll

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LOCAL GUARDS TO 'STREAMLINE'

38th Division Will Be One of 18 to Be Organized, Says Stimson.

The Columbus national guardsmen will become part of a streamlined division, according to announcement of Secretary of War Henry F. Stimson that 18 national guard divisions, including the 38th which incorporates personnel of Columbus' Company C and former Headquarters battery, will be streamlined. The 38th has been stationed at Camp Shelby.

Stimson said the 18 divisions would be shaped into "powerful, fast-striking triangular divisions" as a move to weld the American Army into the most effective fighting machine possible.

Camp Atterbury, to be located northwest of Columbus, is designed to house a streamlined division and attached troops.

Streamlining of the national guard divisions will be followed in the reorganization along the same lines of a total of 27 divisions of the organized reserve.

Only Three Regiments.

Reorganization from the old square to the triangular type division entails a change from two infantry brigades of two regiments each into a total of three regiments.

"Reorganization of this division manpower to the triangular organization, which was extensively tested and tried during the Louisiana and North Carolina maneuvers last summer and fall is considered a natural and logical step toward welding the army into the most effective machine possible," Stimson said.

National Guard divisions and their home states affected by the order include:

Calls up Reserves.

Thirty-second, Michigan and Wisconsin; 23rd, Illinois; 34th, Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota; 35th, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri; 38th, Kentucky, West Virginia and Indiana.

At the same time, Stimson called up for March 25 three divisions of organized infantry reserves, the 77th, 82nd and 90th—all famed for their records in World war I. An executive order authorizing the summons was signed by President Roosevelt on Feb. 6.

As it relates to Hoosiers, the move to triangularize the 18 divisions apparently affects every former National Guardsman now in service with the 38th division. This would include all Hoosiers and their Kentucky and West Virginia neighbors.

02-20-1942 38th NG Division Formed

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CAMP BARRACKS BIDS REJECTED

Army Estimates at Odds With Contractors—New Offering Due March 12

COLUMBUS, Ind., Feb. 20 (Spl.)—Work on the biggest job in the construction of Camp Atterbury near here—building the barracks—will not start before the latter part of March, it appeared today. It was learned the war department will call for new bids on that work, to be opened March 12.

Setcions A1 and A2 of the project as shown on the original plans, will be subdivided into eight sections each, apparently to encourage smaller contractors to bid on the work.

Total of the low bids on those two sections was $20,474,128 when the bids were opened February 6 at Louisville. This was far above the war department's estimate.

Sections A1 and A2 cover building of 1,278 of the camp's estimated 1,700 structures, including the barracks and facilities for a triangular division and an equal number of other troops.

Section A1, for example, covers erection of 242 barracks, of two types, one housing sixty-three men and the other seventy-four. The barracks will be 29½ feet wide. Some will be eighty feet long, others ninety.

Also included in this section is a fieldhouse, 133 by 181 feet.

Work on other parts of the camp is expected to be well under way by the time contracts for the eight new sections are let.

John Walsh, formerly of Martinsville, has been named real estate project manager to succeed John S. Palmore, who will go to the Vicksburg (Miss.) office. Walsh has been assistant project manager for the Wabash valley ordnance plant at Clinton.

Johnson County to Be Zoned.

FRANKLIN, Ind., Feb. 20 (AP)—Johnson county commissioners Thursday passed an interim zoning ordinance to regulate building and commercial locations in the unincorporated part of the county.

The ordinance was recommended by a county planning board and John M. Picton, representing a seven-state national resources planning board district, because of location of Camp Atterbury in Johnson and Bartholomew counties.

Edinburg and Whiteland have passed zoning and health ordinances. The Franklin city council is to pass restaurant and milk sanitation ordinances in final reading next week.

2 Fleeing State Farm Caught as Stolen Car Stalls

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Feb. 20 (UP)—Allen county sheriff's deputies late yesterday arrested two men, identified as Chuck Munger, age twenty, Ft. Wayne, and Ralph Wells, Indianapolis, who told authorities they had escaped from the State Farm last night. The men were in possession of an automobile stolen in Indianapolis early today. The car had run out of gasoline in Road 24 two miles outside Ft. Wayne. The two tried to hitch a ride into Ft. Wayne with Wilfred Goss, city humane officer, who became suspicious and called the sheriff's office.

Munger and Wells denied any knowledge of the whereabouts of two others who escaped from the State Farm today.

1942-02-20 Camp barracks bids rejected

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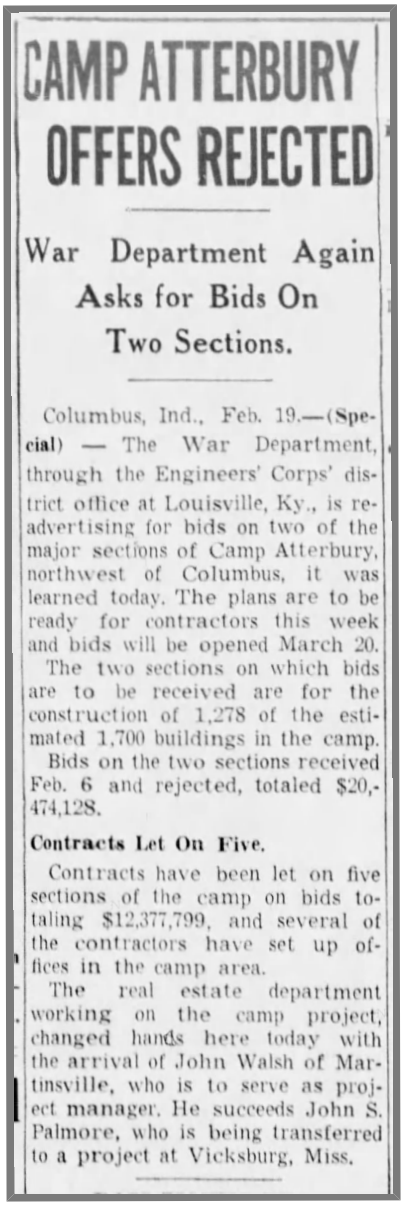

CAMP ATTERBURY OFFERS REJECTED

War Department Again Asks for Bids On Two Sections.

Columbus, Ind., Feb. 19.—(Special) — The War Department, through the Engineers' Corps' district office at Louisville, Ky., is re-advertising for bids on two of the major sections of Camp Atterbury, northwest of Columbus, it was learned today. The plans are to be ready for contractors this week and bids will be opened March 20.

The two sections on which bids are to be received are for the construction of 1,278 of the estimated 1,700 buildings in the camp.

Bids on the two sections received Feb. 6 and rejected, totaled $20,474,128.

Contracts Let On Five.

Contracts have been let on five sections of the camp on bids totaling $12,377,799, and several of the contractors have set up offices in the camp area.

The real estate department working on the camp project, changed hands here today with the arrival of John Walsh of Martinsville, who is to serve as project manager. He succeeds John S. Palmore, who is being transferred to a project at Vicksburg, Miss.

1942-02-20 Offers rejected on two sections. Bid again.

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START DIGGING FOR BUILDINGS AT CAMP SITE

Machines Go into Action Grading and Excavating for Hospital Group.

DRAINAGE AREA CLEARED

Activity Picks Up in Area But Lags at Union Offices in Edinburg.

Huge tractors and a big power shovel swung into action today grading and excavating for the hospital buildings of Camp Atterbury north of Road 252 in the cantonment area of the camp.

This turning of dirt—in a cornfield just off Road 252—was the first for any of the main camp buildings, which within the next few months will spring up all over the broad cantonment site.

The first moving of dirt on the camp project itself was done several weeks ago by the Calumet Paving company, which is putting the rail spur into the camp area, north of Edinburg.

Clearing of land also has been started by the Birmingham Construction company of Birmingham, Mich., which has the contract for sewage disposal plant and water supply.

Office in Bartholomew County.

This firm has located its offices on the Levi Records farm in Bartholomew county and has started grading down a slope near where the new structures will be located.

Big 17½-ton tractors of the Seward-McDougal-J. G. Lain company of Chicago moved into the camp area last night and started work on the hospital building site today. The Seward-McDougal-J. G. Lain firm has a subcontract on the grading work.

A big shovel also was at work today excavating a large hole in the field and tossing aside the frozen ground in big bites.

In the same field, carpenters for Consolidated Construction company were continuing work of building forms for the hospital buildings, and engineers were running levels.

At the north end of the cantonment area, the Calumet company has completed a large part of the railroad fill which will extend across a valley to Sugar Creek.

Offices Look Busier.

While the roar of big machinery got under way in the camp area, business also picked up noticeably around the offices of the construction companies and cars crowded around all the offices.

More materials were being unloaded near the Consolidated company offices and were to be used in constructing forms. Six freight cars of materials also are on the new Pennsylvania siding, north of Edinburg, where the camp spur will strike the main Pennsylvania line.

With the moving in of more subcontractors on the camp job, it now appears that perhaps as many as 30 or more companies will be involved in the construction.

While activity picked up in the camp area itself, there was little to be seen in Edinburg, where the first load of camp workers and followers is expected to hit when contractors start hiring large numbers of men.

There were only two cars at the carpenters' union office this morning and a half-dozen at the hod carriers' and common laborers' union office. Earlier this

02/20/1942 Start Digging for buildings

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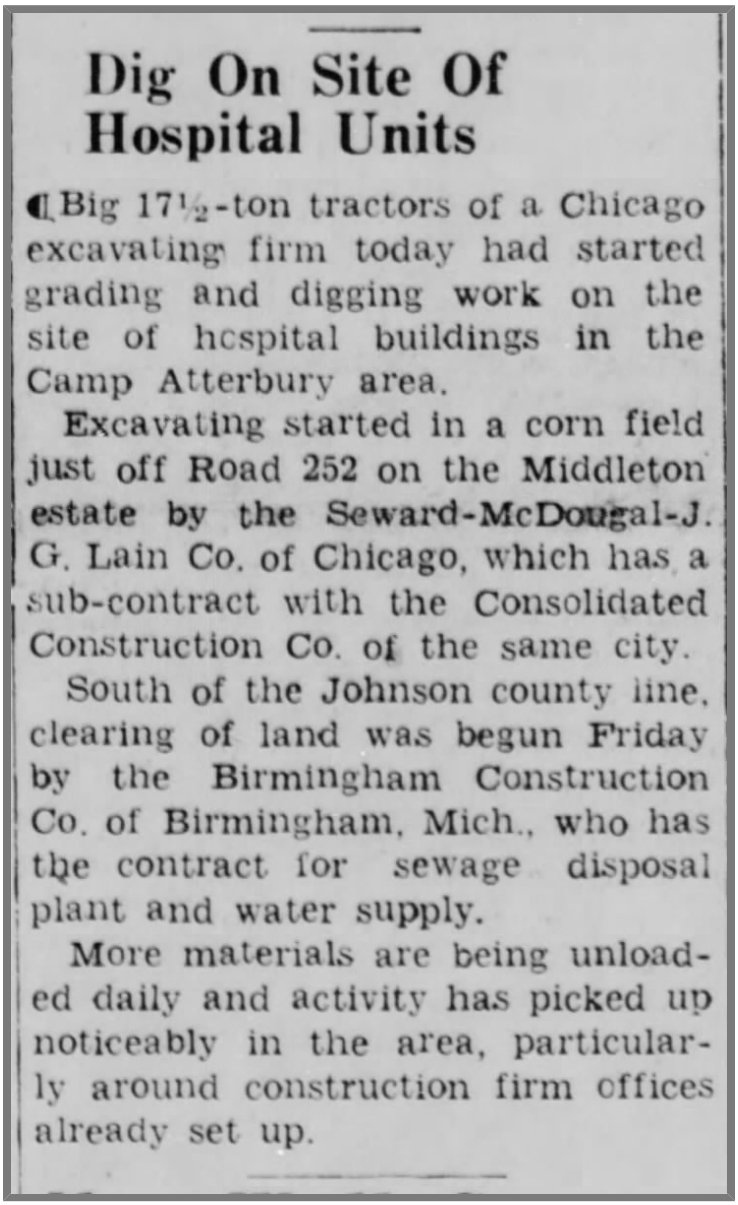

Dig On Site Of Hospital Units

Big 17½-ton tractors of a Chicago excavating firm today had started grading and digging work on the site of hospital buildings in the Camp Atterbury area.

Excavating started in a corn field just off Road 252 on the Middleton estate by the Seward-McDougal-J. G. Lain Co. of Chicago, which has a sub-contract with the Consolidated Construction Co. of the same city.

South of the Johnson county line, clearing of land was begun Friday by the Birmingham Construction Co. of Birmingham, Mich., who has the contract for sewage disposal plant and water supply.

More materials are being unloaded daily and activity has picked up noticeably in the area, particularly around construction firm offices already set up.

1942_02_21_HOSPITAL digging begins

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ARMY NAMES NEW CAMPS; OUTSTANDING SOLDIERS HONORED

Washington, D. C., Feb. 21—(AP).—The army announced today the names chosen for some of its new training camps. Camps designated and their location are:

Camp White, Medford, Ore.; Camp Atterbury, Columbus, Ind.; Camp Gruber, Cookson Hills, Okla.; Camp Carson, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Camp Campbell, Clarksville, Tenn., extending into Kentucky, and Camp Hood, Killeen, Tex.

The names honor:

Maj. Gen. George A. White, late commander of the 41st division. Brig. Gen. William W. Atterbury, director of transportation of the AEF in World war I. Brig. Gen. Edmund L. Gruber, established the field artillery firing center at Fort Sill, Okla. Brig. Gen. Christopher [Kit] Carson, famous Indian scout, hunter, and soldier. Maj. Gen. William B. Campbell, colonel of the Tennessee volunteers in the Mexican war, governor of Tennessee from 1851 to 1855. Confederate General John B. Hood, organized and led the famous Texas brigade in the Civil war.

1942-02-22 Army names new camps

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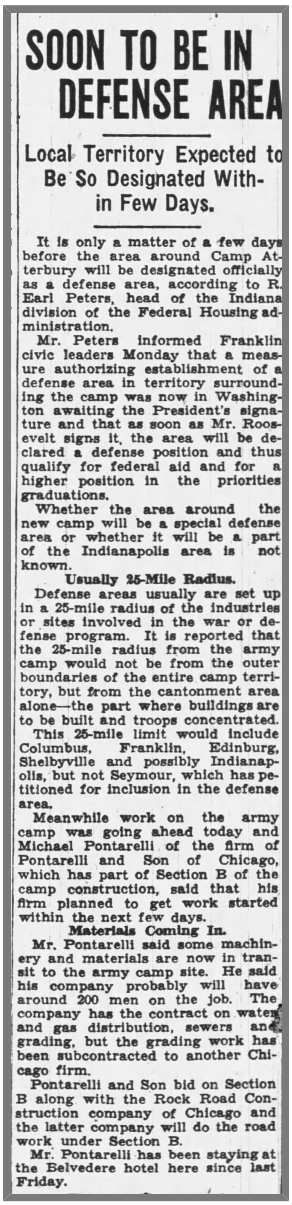

SOON TO BE IN DEFENSE AREA

Local Territory Expected to Be So Designated Within Few Days.

It is only a matter of a few days before the area around Camp Atterbury will be designated officially as a defense area, according to R. Earl Peters, head of the Indiana division of the Federal Housing administration.

Mr. Peters informed Franklin civic leaders Monday that a measure authorizing establishment of a defense area in territory surrounding the camp was now in Washington awaiting the President's signature and that as soon as Mr. Roosevelt signs it, the area will be declared a defense position and thus qualify for federal aid and for a higher position in the priorities graduations.

Whether the area around the new camp will be a special defense area or whether it will be a part of the Indianapolis area is not known.

Usually 25-Mile Radius.

Defense areas usually are set up in a 25-mile radius of the industries or sites involved in the war or defense program. It is reported that the 25-mile radius from the army camp would not be from the outer boundaries of the entire camp territory, but from the cantonment area alone—the part where buildings are to be built and troops concentrated.

This 25-mile limit would include Columbus, Franklin, Edinburg, Shelbyville and possibly Indianapolis, but not Seymour, which has petitioned for inclusion in the defense area.

Meanwhile work on the army camp was going ahead today and Michael Pontarelli of the firm of Pontarelli and Son of Chicago, which has part of Section B of the camp construction, said that his firm planned to get work started within the next few days.

Materials Coming In.

Mr. Pontarelli said some machinery and materials are now in transit to the army camp site. He said his company probably will have around 200 men on the job. The company has the contract on water and gas distribution, sewers and grading, but the grading work has been subcontracted to another Chicago firm.

Pontarelli and Son bid on Section B along with the Rock Road Construction company of Chicago and the latter company will do the road work under Section B.

Mr. Pontarelli has been staying at the Belvedere hotel here since last Friday.

02-25-1942-2 Defense Area

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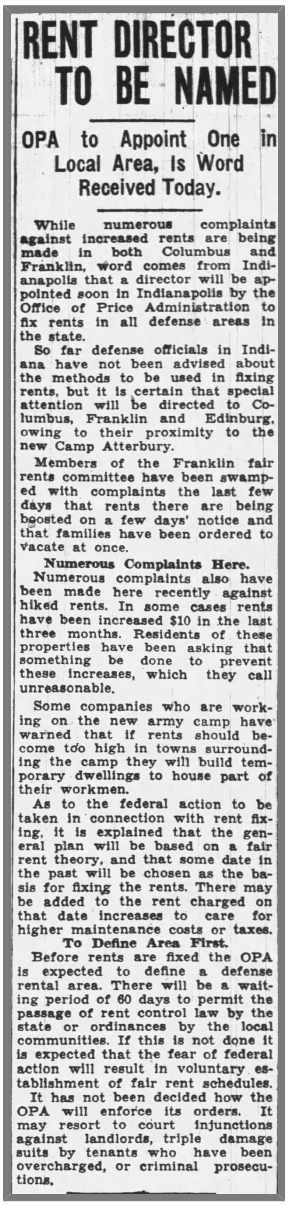

RENT DIRECTOR TO BE NAMED

OPA to Appoint One in Local Area, Is Word Received Today.

While numerous complaints against increased rents are being made in both Columbus and Franklin, word comes from Indianapolis that a director will be appointed soon in Indianapolis by the Office of Price Administration to fix rents in all defense areas in the state.

So far defense officials in Indiana have not been advised about the methods to be used in fixing rents, but it is certain that special attention will be directed to Columbus, Franklin and Edinburg, owing to their proximity to the new Camp Atterbury.

Members of the Franklin fair rents committee have been swamped with complaints the last few days that rents there are being boosted on a few days' notice and that families have been ordered to vacate at once.

Numerous Complaints Here.

Numerous complaints also have been made here recently against hiked rents. In some cases rents have been increased $10 in the last three months. Residents of these properties have been asking that something be done to prevent these increases, which they call unreasonable.

Some companies who are working on the new army camp have warned that if rents should become too high in towns surrounding the camp they will build temporary dwellings to house part of their workmen.

As to the federal action to be taken in connection with rent fixing, it is explained that the general plan will be based on a fair rent theory, and that some date in the past will be chosen as the basis for fixing the rents. There may be added to the rent charged on that date increases to care for higher maintenance costs or taxes.

To Define Area First.

Before rents are fixed the OPA is expected to define a defense rental area. There will be a waiting period of 60 days to permit the passage of rent control law by the state or ordinances by the local communities. If this is not done it is expected that the fear of federal action will result in voluntary establishment of fair rent schedules.

It has not been decided how the OPA will enforce its orders. It may resort to court injunctions against landlords, triple damage suits by tenants who have been overcharged, or criminal prosecutions.

02/25/1942-1 Rent Director named

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Day by day the state road past Camp Atterbury shows increasing activity. The "Trailer Court" at Edinburg is nearly ready for its tenants; the Hartman camp has numerous trailer occupants; trailers are parked along some of the farm houses; and the railroad spur entering the camp between Edinburg and Amity makes the cantonment seem very real.

Somehow or other, however, we can't seem to feel the camp is connected with "Columbus, Indiana"—as per all the publicity—especially in view of the tire situation. But, one of these days we may be surprised!

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1942-02-26 Hartman Camp

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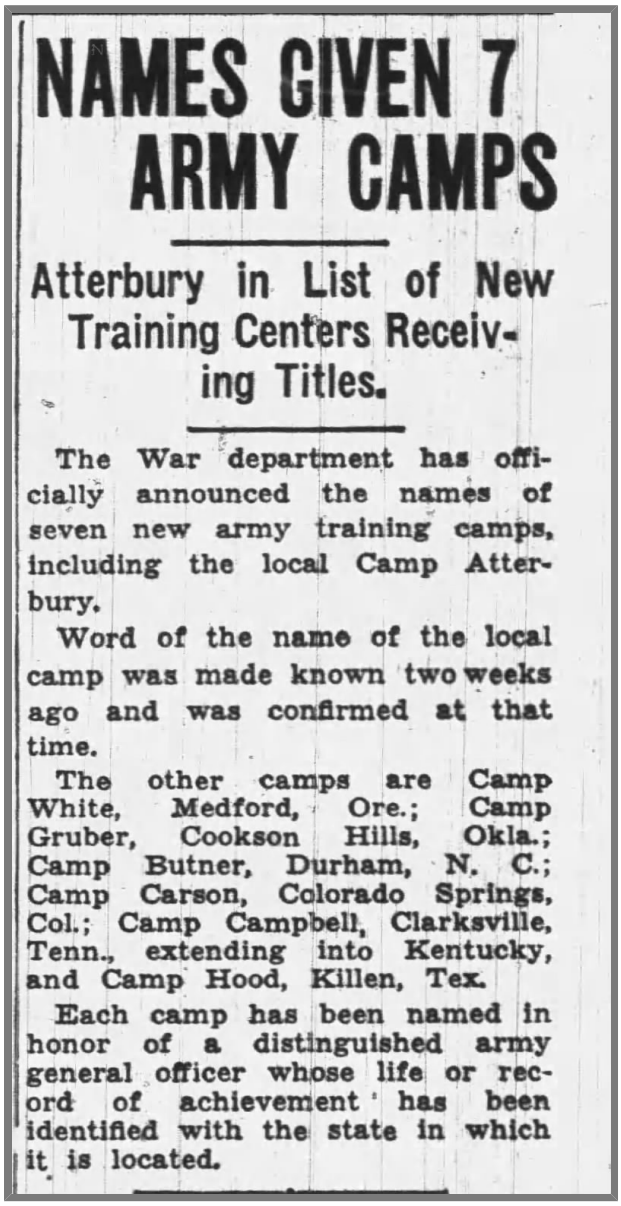

NAMES GIVEN 7 ARMY CAMPS

Atterbury in List of New Training Centers Receiving Titles.

The War department has officially announced the names of seven new army training camps, including the local Camp Atterbury.

Word of the name of the local camp was made known two weeks ago and was confirmed at that time.

The other camps are Camp White, Medford, Ore.; Camp Gruber, Cookson Hills, Okla.; Camp Butner, Durham, N. C.; Camp Carson, Colorado Springs, Col.; Camp Campbell, Clarksville, Tenn., extending into Kentucky, and Camp Hood, Killen, Tex.

Each camp has been named in honor of a distinguished army general officer whose life or record of achievement has been identified with the state in which it is located.

02/26/1942/1 Names Given 7 Camps

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1,000 Believed Working Now In Camp Area

New Contractors Moving In Daily, Project Picking Up Speed; Hurd Office Growing

It was established today that as many as 1,000 persons already may be working on survey and construction projects in the army camp area.

Additional contractors and sub-contractors are moving into the area each day and the project is going forward with increased momentum. A large number of sub-contractors are reported on the job, though many of their contracts have not yet been approved in Washington by the War Department.

Work at present is confined chiefly to the sewage plant, hospital and warehouses, with preliminary work well under way.

Most of the workmen now on the job are employes brought along by the contractors, and few men have been supplied by labor union branch offices in Edinburgh and Franklin, it was reported.

Only Two Plumblers Sent.

The plumbers and steamfitters locals located here have sent only two men into the area at the request of contractors.

The Charles Hurd engineering firm, which now has offices in the Franklin armory, has about 150 persons on its payroll including surveyors in the field, and attaches of offices in the camp area and in the armory here.

Equipment for the general headquarters office here continues to arrive daily. Since 5 o'clock Thursday evening, 14 additional drafting tables and boards and 12 or 15 desks have been moved into the armory. Additional lighting fixtures and other facilities are coming in daily, in preparation for the employment of a large force of draftsmen and clerical workers at the armory.

Picture Broadens.

The Camp Atterbury picture becomes broader day by day, and probably will continue to do so until contracts are awarded for Sections A-1 and A-2, for construction of about 1,200 of the 1,700 buildings. When contracts are let in those divisions, of which there are now to be eight, it is probable that the number of men on construction will show a sudden gain to a point near the expected peak.

Attaches of the project still insist that when the contracts are all signed and work actually begins in earnest on all phases of the construction program, the project will move forward with considerable speed so that the job may be completed by the August deadline, if not before.

If the estimated 1,000 workers already are on the job, they appear to be well distributed around towns and cities near the camp site. Many new faces are seen daily around Franklin, but there are many available living quarters still unclaimed.

Bert Devore Is Taken By Death

Rites Monday For Clark Twp. Farmer

A. C. Devore, 65, better known as "Bert," died Friday morning at 5 o'clock at his home, three miles north of Needham in Clark township. Mr. Devore had suffered from asthma for a number of years and had been confined to his bed since just before Christmas.

Funeral services will be held on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Second Mt. Pleasant church. Burial will be in Greenlawn cemetery.

The body will be taken to the home Saturday morning and friends may call at any time after noon Saturday, and are invited to attend the funeral.

Mr. Devore was born east of Franklin, Dec. 17, 1876, the son of David and Ellen Turpin Devore. On Oct. 15, 1896, he married Miss Matilda Stillabower, who survives. The couple had no children.

Two brothers, Philander Devore, east of Franklin, and Pearl Devore of Indianapolis, and a number of nieces and nephews also survive.

Mr. Devore was a member of the Second Mt. Pleasant church and of the Franklin Red Men lodge and the Acton Knights of Pythias lodge. He was a lifelong farmer and active in the affairs of his community, where he had a host of friends.

AUTO USE STAMPS CHEAPER MONDAY

Federal use tax stamps for automobiles will sell for only $1.67 instead of $2.09 starting March 2, it was announced today. The stamps will be good until June 30, when a new $5 use tax stamp must be placed on the automobiles for the coming year. Approximately 877,000 already have been sold in Indiana to date.

There are blanks on the back of the new stamps for filling in the make of automobile and serial, motor number and license numbers. Use stamps, in reduced pro rata

1942-02-27-1000 Working in Camp

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Pennsy Workmen Staying In City

"Special Pullmans" House Crew Of 25

Between 20 and 25 Pennsylvania railroad employes have been living in "special Pullman" cars strung along a siding in front of the local station the past few days while working on communication lines between Indianapolis and Columbus.

Half a dozen or more bunk and dining cars are on the siding to serve as living quarters for the gang during preparations for the pickup in business expected by the Pennsylvania because of the construction of Camp Atterbury.

Old poles along the communication line which follows the Pennsy right-of-way are being replaced in some instances. Cross-arms are being replaced and other repairs made. Later, additional telegraph wires are expected to be strung to provide extra facilities in view of the boom in business expected shortly when materials begin to arrive in freight shipments of unprecedented size.

The crew of workmen is the same one which was located here during the 1937 flood, when tracks in this county were washed out and other damage done by high water.

Meals are prepared and served at a long table filling one of the cars. Other cars contain bunks and various housing facilities.

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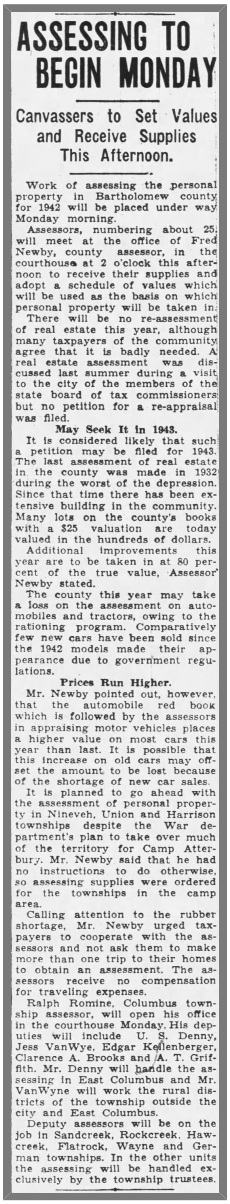

ASSESSING TO BEGIN MONDAY

Canvassers to Set Values and Receive Supplies This Afternoon.

Work of assessing the personal property in Bartholomew county for 1942 will be placed under way Monday morning.

Assessors, numbering about 25, will meet at the office of Fred Newby, county assessor, in the courthouse at 2 o'clock this afternoon to receive their supplies and adopt a schedule of values which will be used as the basis on which personal property will be taken in.

There will be no re-assessment of real estate this year, although many taxpayers of the community agree that it is badly needed. A real estate assessment was discussed last summer during a visit to the city of the members of the state board of tax commissioners but no petition for a re-appraisal was filed.

May Seek It in 1943.

It is considered likely that such a petition may be filed for 1943. The last assessment of real estate in the county was made in 1932 during the worst of the depression. Since that time there has been extensive building in the community. Many lots on the county's books with a $25 valuation are today valued in the hundreds of dollars.

Additional improvements this year are to be taken in at 80 percent of the true value, Assessor Newby stated.

The county this year may take a loss on the assessment on automobiles and tractors, owing to the rationing program. Comparatively few new cars have been sold since the 1942 models made their appearance due to government regulations.

Prices Run Higher.

Mr. Newby pointed out, however, that the automobile red book which is followed by the assessors in appraising motor vehicles places a higher value on most cars this year than last. It is possible that this increase on old cars may offset the amount to be lost because of the shortage of new car sales.

It is planned to go ahead with the assessment of personal property in Nineveh, Union and Harrison townships despite the War department's plan to take over much of the territory for Camp Atterbury. Mr. Newby said that he had no instructions to do otherwise, so assessing supplies were ordered for the townships in the camp area.

Calling attention to the rubber shortage, Mr. Newby urged taxpayers to cooperate with the assessors and not ask them to make more than one trip to their homes to obtain an assessment. The assessors receive no compensation for traveling expenses.

Ralph Romine, Columbus township assessor, will open his office in the courthouse Monday. His deputies will include U. S. Denny, Jess VanWye, Edgar Kellenberger, Clarence A. Brooks and A. T. Griffith. Mr. Denny will handle the assessing in East Columbus and Mr. VanWyne will work the rural districts of the township outside the city and East Columbus.

Deputy assessors will be on the job in Sandcreek, Rockcreek, Hawcreek, Flatrock, Wayne and German townships. In the other units the assessing will be handled exclusively by the township trustees.

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COURT AWARDS NEAR APPRAISAL

Owners of 25 Martin County Tracts Gain Less Than 50 Cents Acre.

Condemnation suits on 25 tracts of land in Martin county acquired by the government for the Burns City ammunition dump, were tried this week before Judge Robert C. Baltzell in federal district court at Evansville and the owners were awarded a total of $1,412 more for the 2,304 acres involved than had been offered under the government appraisals.

This figures an increase of less than 50 cents an acre over the prices originally offered the owners on the options. In comparison, judgments awarded by a federal court at New Albany recently for acquisition of land for expansion of the Jefferson Proving grounds ran considerably above the federal appraisals. Out of this increase lawyer fees and minor court costs must be paid by the owners.

The suits are of special interest here because of government acquisition of land for the new Camp Atterbury. Further condemnation proceedings have been recommended against several owners of land on the Atterbury site who have been dissatisfied with appraisal prices set by the government and these cases will go into federal court before Judge Baltzell, unless the owners agree to sell. A number of owners have signed options and their cases are being removed from the condemnation suit.

Awards Near Appraisal.

The Burns City condemnation suit was filed last May 28 and originally included 90 tracts of land. Before the case went to trial last week, 54 agreements as to value were made and during the trial 11 additional agreements as to value were made with owners.

On the 25 tracts which went to trial, the jury awarded $55,402 to the owners. The court appraisers had placed a value of $68,810 on the 25 tracts last November.

The amount sought by the land owners was $132,144 and the federal appraisal totalled $53,990.

In each case the land owners filed exceptions to the court appraisement and in 14 cases the government also filed exceptions.

The land owners were represented by Frank Hatfield and Son, Joe S. Hatfield, attorneys of Evansville. The government attorneys were B. Howard Caughran, U. S. district attorney, Ewing E. Wright of Osgood, special assistant to the U. S. attorney general, and D. James Snodgrass, special attorney, department of Justice.

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Although there is reason to expect that some of those demountable houses may be put up in the area surrounding Camp Atterbury, we rather doubt that Columbus will get any of them. In view of the tire situation, it is more reasonable to believe they will be put up at Edinburg and such points nearer the camp. However, the city is watching the progress of a prefabricated house, now under construction here, with more than passing interest, and it is likely that if this one stands the test of local conditions, many more of them will be built. The chief difference between the demountable and the prefabricated type is that the demountable house is intended to be put up, then taken down and moved elsewhere, while the prefabricated house is intended to stay where built.

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GIVE MEDALS AT CLUB MEETING

5-Acre, Ton Litter Awards Made at Session of Kiwanians.

Winners of medals in the county 5-acre corn and the ton litter contests were honored at the meeting of the Kiwanis club last night and presented with their awards.

The meeting was in charge of the agriculture committee of the club, consisting of Carl Fox, chairman, Orville Thompson, Charles E. Boyer and Deloss Cummins.

Mr. Thompson made a short talk explaining the contests and then presented the awards.

Maurice Glick was awarded permanent possession of the corn trophy presented by the Hybrid Growers association, having won the trophy for the second time in the county 4-H club corn show.

Five-acre corn growers who were present and were awarded medals included:

Gold—Ed D. Scheidt, Albert Suhre, Woodrow Newkirk and Ben Wehmeier.

Silver—Homer Arnholt, Dallas Collier, Ernest Foust, Harley Keller, Albert Meier, Lewis Meek, George Campbell, Orrin Dodd Thayer, and Charles Wetzel.

Bronze—Marshall Boll, Charles Wehmeier and Elmer Wehmeier.

Several of those who are to receive medals were unable to attend the meeting last night. They included Dave Thayer, Lynn Thayer, Charley Bowers, William Carr Lentz and Tom Lentz, gold medals; Warren Anthers, Lloyd McKinney, Fred Solomon and Charles Trotter, bronze medals.

Lynn Thayer also won permanent possession of the First National bank trophy presented to the winner of the county 4-H club single ear corn contest.

Warren Anthers won the Irwin-Union bank trophy presented to the 4-H 10-ear champion.

Those awarded ton litter medals at the meeting were Albert Meier, gold; Albert Carman and Ralph Heilman, silver, and Ben Wehmeier, bronze. William Carr Lentz, who was not present, also will receive a gold medal.

Guests at the meeting last night included Henry Anthers, Fred Suhre, Rex Davis and Captain W. S. Arrasmith, area engineer on the Camp Atterbury project.

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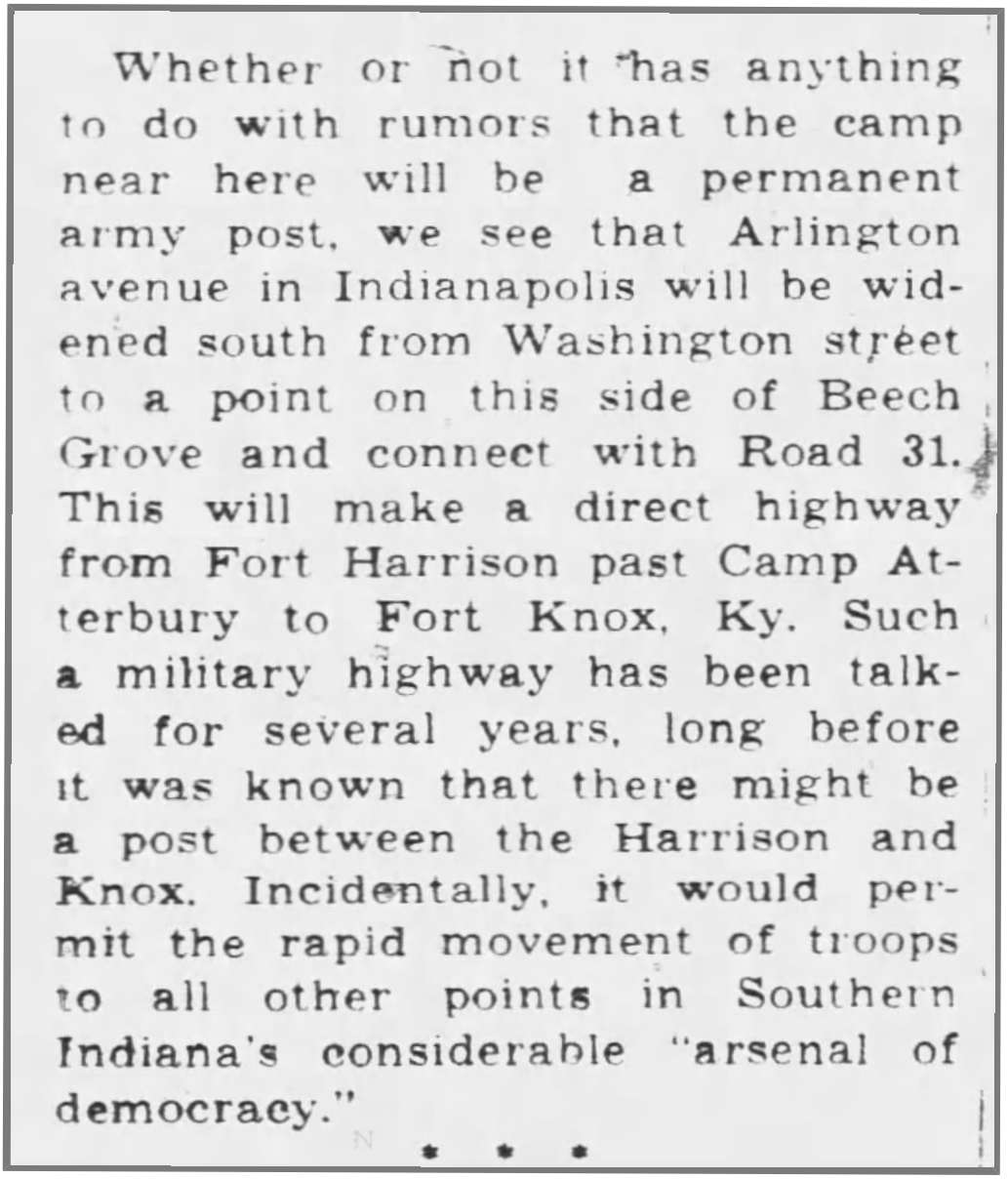

Whether or not it has anything to do with rumors that the camp near here will be a permanent army post, we see that Arlington avenue in Indianapolis will be widened south from Washington street to a point on this side of Beech Grove and connect with Road 31. This will make a direct highway from Fort Harrison past Camp Atterbury to Fort Knox, Ky. Such a military highway has been talked for several years, long before it was known that there might be a post between the Harrison and Knox. Incidentally, it would permit the rapid movement of troops to all other points in Southern Indiana's considerable "arsenal of democracy."

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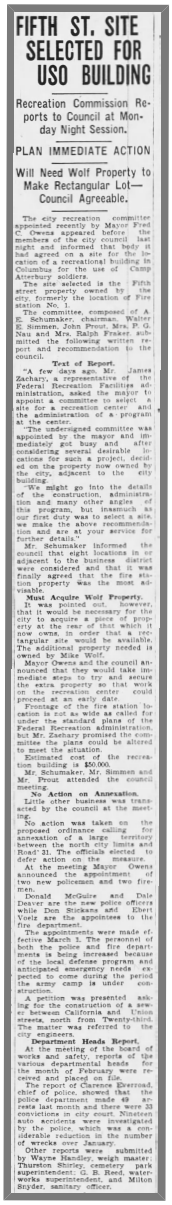

FIFTH ST. SITE SELECTED FOR USO BUILDING

Recreation Commission Reports to Council at Monday Night Session.

PLAN IMMEDIATE ACTION

Will Need Wolf Property to Make Rectangular Lot—Council Agreeable.

The city recreation committee appointed recently by Mayor Fred C. Owens appeared before the members of the city council last night and informed that body it had agreed on a site for the location of a recreational building in Columbus for the use of Camp Atterbury soldiers.

The site selected is the Fifth street property owned by the city, formerly the location of Fire station No. 1.

The committee, composed of A. E. Schumaker, chairman, Walter E. Simmen, John Prout, Mrs. P. G. Nau and Mrs. Ralph Fraker, submitted the following written report and recommendation to the council.

Text of Report.

"A few days ago Mr. James Zachary, a representative of the Federal Recreation Facilities administration, asked the mayor to appoint a committee to select a site for a recreation center and the administration of a program at the center.

"The undersigned committee was appointed by the mayor and immediately got busy and after considering several desirable locations for such a project, decided on the property now owned by the city, adjacent to the city building.

"We might go into the details of the construction, administration and many other angles of this program, but inasmuch as our first duty was to select a site, we make the above recommendation and are at your service for further details."

Mr. Schumaker informed the council that eight locations in or adjacent to the business district were considered and that it was finally agreed that the fire station property was the most advisable.

Must Acquire Wolf Property.

It was pointed out, however, that it would be necessary for the city to acquire a piece of property at the rear of that which it now owns, in order that a rectangular site would be available. The additional property needed is owned by Mike Wolf.

Mayor Owens and the council announced that they would take immediate steps to try and secure the extra property so that work on the recreation center could proceed at an early date.

Frontage of the fire station location is not as wide as called for under the standard plans of the Federal Recreation administration, but Mr. Zachary promised the committee the plans could be altered to meet the situation.

Estimated cost of the recreation building is $50,000.

Mr. Schumaker, Mr. Simmen and Mr. Prout attended the council meeting.

No Action on Annexation.

Little other business was transacted by the council at the meeting.

No action was taken on the proposed ordinance calling for annexation of a large territory between the north city limits and Road 31. The officials elected to defer action on the measure.

At the meeting Mayor Owens announced the appointment of two new policemen and two firemen.

Donald McGuire and Dale Deaver are the new police officers while Don Sticksans and Ehert Voelz are the appointees to the fire department.

The appointments were made effective March 1. The personnel of both the police and fire departments is being increased because of the local defense program and anticipated emergency needs expected to come during the period the army camp is under construction.

A petition was presented asking for the construction of a sewer between California and Union streets, north from Twenty-third. The matter was referred to the city engineers.

Department Heads Report.

At the meeting of the board of works and safety, reports of the various departmental heads for the month of February were received and placed on file.

The report of Clarence Elverroad, chief of police, showed that the police department made 49 arrests last month and there were 33 convictions in city court. Nineteen auto accidents were investigated by the police, which was a considerable reduction in the number of wrecks over January.

Other reports were submitted by Wayne Handley, weigh master; Thurston Shirley, cemetery park superintendent; G. B. Reed, water works superintendent, and Milton Snyder, sanitary officer.

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defense organization.

Sheriff Nolting had asked for appropriations for two additional deputies, a new car and 2-way radio communication equipment for the car.

Thinks It Unnecessary.

W. T. Barbre, representing the Bartholomew Research institute, local taxpayers organization, informed the councilmen that the taxpayers with whom he had talked were in favor of providing the community with adequate protection but that there was no need for going to the additional expense if it was not needed.

Mr. Barbre said that he had tried to visualize the coming situation, and that he could not see that the city and county would be overrun with new people. Columbus, he said, is 17 miles from the main entrance to the camp. Edinburg and Franklin are much closer, while Martinsville, Shelbyville and Greenwood are just as near to the entrance as Columbus. The influx of newcomers, in his opinion, will be spread over the several communities and Columbus will not be overly burdened.

He also pointed out that the state police had promised to give the communities all possible police protection during the emergency.

Against Buying Car.

He expressed the opinion that two new full timed deputies for the sheriff's office "is out of the question."

The councilmen expressed themselves as opposing a $1,100 appropriation for purchase of a new car for the sheriff's office. They were of the belief that the county should provide the sheriff with additional expense money for a car and that he buy his own vehicle.

With regard to the appropriation requests for deputies salaries and salary increases, Mr. Barbre advised the officials of a state tax board opinion setting out that increases could not be made which were not provided for in the 1942 budgets. With regard to the appropriations for new salaries no explanation was given. The state board pointed out that a suit is pending in a court at Wabash to settle the question. The councilmen indicated that they would go ahead and make the appropriations subject to the state board's approvals.

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County Councilmen Discuss Temporary Building for Camp Emergencies.

TWO DEPUTIES PROVIDED

Purchase of New Car for Sheriff Nolting Is Also Authorized.

The advisability of providing funds for the construction of a temporary barracks type hospital on the grounds of the Bartholomew county hospital for use during the camp construction period and while Camp Atterbury is in operation, was being considered today by the county council meeting in special session at the courthouse.

The council was in session for the purpose of acting on requests for appropriations for a number of civil defense needs, but devoted most of its time to considering the emergency needs at the hospital.

Before the session adjourned this afternoon, the council approved most of the appropriation requests. Salaries for additional deputy sheriffs were authorized as was a $1,100 fund for purchase of a car for the sheriff's department. These were termed emergency measures, and the councilmen stipulated that the deputies were to be on the job only for the duration of the emergency.

A committee composed of Ross Bruner, Todd Huffman and Otte Trimpe was named to meet with the county commissioners and hospital board on the hospital emergency.

Late this afternoon the commissioners, voting on a member of the county liquor board, were deadlocked. The candidates being voted on were Curt Hill and Bert Gore.

Dr. Lyman Overshiner, member of the civilian defense organization, met with the councilmen this morning and explained the need for some type of emergency hospital quarters during the construction period.

Would Take Too Long.

It was brought out that surveys have been made and recommendations submitted by the U. S. Public Health service for the construction of a 50-bed addition to the present hospital. However, there has been no federal authorization of such a project, and should it come now the addition could not possibly be ready for use until long after Camp Atterbury is occupied.

At the present time the county hospital is crowded with local patients, and as soon as the camp construction work gets under way on a big scale it is considered likely there will be many emergency cases brought here.

At the same time, with the local population growing steadily, the need for additional quarters at the hospital increases.

It was stated at the meeting that the camp contractors and their insurance companies are planning emergency first aid stations on the camp grounds, but that they would be for handling only minor cases.

Caldwell House Suggested.

A suggestion was made that the county might secure the Caldwell property on Twenty-fifth street, recently purchased by Elmer H. Nolting, for an emergency hospital building. The principal argument against this proposal was that it is so far away from the county hospital it would be necessary to equip and staff it. Should a temporary building be erected on the hospital grounds, many of the facilities and staff of the main hospital could be used.

Appropriation requests under consideration of the councilmen today were principally for the sheriff's office and the civilian

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Camp Boundaries Not to Sever Tracts of Land

Three Churches and Cemetery Lying On Line Also to Be Excluded.

The new southern boundary of Camp Atterbury which lies roughly along the Georgetown pike in Bartholomew county will not cut in two any individual tracts of land. Instead, all tracts which straddle the road will be eliminated from the camp area.

In order to prevent splitting of these farms—in some cases the houses are on the north side of the Georgetown pike and the farms are on the south—the War department has arranged for the boundary to go around them. At all other points the road will be the southern boundary.

Tracts which lie across the road and which under the new boundary plan will be eliminated from the camp area, include those of the following persons (from east at the Mauxferry road west to the Bartholomew-Brown county line):

D. C. Loy, John C. Trembly, Smith Carmichael, Berl Newcomb, Harve Kirts, David Phegley, Chester Thomas, Mrs. Bert Perry, Lester Dobbs and George Wesley and Mary Moore.

Three Churches Excluded.

Also being excluded from the camp area are three churches and a cemetery which lie on the camp boundary lines.

Two of the churches are on the north side of the Georgetown pike. They are the Mt. Olive Methodist and the Shiloh Baptist. The boundary is being moved back from the road to leave the two structures out of the camp area.

The Bethel Methodist church, located adjacent to the property of the Addie Hargis heirs on the road which runs northeast from the Mauxferry road to Tannehill bridge, also is being left out of the camp area. The boundary, which follows this road, will go around the north side of the church property. The church has not been used for regular services for about a year.

The cemetery which will be left out of the camp area is located on the Brown-Bartholomew county line adjacent to the Mary Ellen McClanahan tract. The fact that the three churches and cemetery are right on the boundary lines makes it possible to eliminate them from the camp area.

Includes Brown County Tract.

Two minor changes also have been decided on in the western boundary of the camp. The boundary will extend into Brown county to include an 80-acre tract of Charles B. Parker and prevent a severance of the property. Mr. Parker owns an 80-acre tract in Bartholomew county adjoining the Brown county land. Further to the north a 10-acre tract of Charles A. Cordray in Bartholomew county will be eliminated from the camp area. Mr. Cordray has an adjoining 40-acre tract in Brown county and elimination of the Bartholomew county section will prevent another severance.

Addition of the Parker tract to the camp area puts four tracts of Brown county land in the camp. With the exception of these four tracts and the small Cordray tract, the western camp boundary follows the Brown - Bartholomew county line.

There have been rumors that major changes in the camp area are still being considered, but these rumors are unfounded. The boundaries as now set up appear to be final, although there may be minor changes as the camp project develops. Unforeseen conditions might arise during the building of the camp that would necessitate these changes.

POUR FOOTINGS FOR CAMP UNIT

Foundation of One Building in Hospital Group In—Work in Mud.

Concrete footings have been poured for one of the buildings in the hospital group at Camp Atterbury and grading and excavating work is being speeded so that construction of the concrete block hospital buildings can get under way.

Jack Stanton, superintendent for Consolidated Construction company, which is to build the hospital group structures, said today it would be at least another week before much work could be started on the buildings themselves.

Although construction activity is scattered all over the cantonment area, most of the work is still devoted to grading and excavating and comparatively few workers have been hired by the construction companies. Many farmers are moving their equipment out of the camp area in trucks and wagons and it is not uncommon to see large pieces of farm machinery moving down the road, headed out of the camp area.

To Begin Night Work.

Swords-McDougal-Lane, which has the grading work under a subcontract with Pontarelli and Son, slated to start tonight doing night work on the grading job in the hospital area. Twelve-foot frame towers holding floodlights and each containing a gasoline engine driven generator are being set up by the company and will be used to light the area for night work. It will be possible to move the frames and generator sets wherever they are needed.

The area now being graded is ankle deep in mud, but the heavy

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The grading company has set up its offices in a vacated home in the Furnas Mill community. Pontarelli and Son was slated to set up its offices today in another home in the Furnas Mill locality.

Begin New Bridge.

Pontarelli and Son moved some of its equipment into the camp area yesterday for work of laying sewer lines near the sewage disposal plant being built in Bartholomew county.

Construction of a new bridge over Sugar creek on Road 252 has been started. This bridge will be a few feet south of the present iron bridge. The bridge will be built by the Stuntz-Yeoman company. A power shovel has started digging a large hole for the abutment on the east side of the river and considerable equipment has been moved in for making forms.

The new bridge will replace the old iron structure to the north and the new Road 252, which will lead into the camp area from Road 31, north of Edinburg, will connect with the new bridge. The section of the new road from Road 31 to the bridge will be built by the state. From the bridge on through the camp area the road will be constructed by the War department. The present Road 252 will be straightened and improved

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KIWANIS PLANS JOINT MEETING

Books National Authority on Venereal Disease for Monday Night.

The Kiwanis club will hold an inter-club meeting here Monday night with members of the other service clubs, city officials, medical society, superintendent of schools and ministerial association as guests.

The club has also invited the Kiwanis clubs of Shelbyville, Franklin and Greensburg and the Franklin city officials.

Dr. L. E. Burney of Kansas City, considered one of the foremost authorities in the United States on venereal diseases, will be the speaker.

He will discuss venereal diseases.

The talk is considered timely in view of the large transient population expected to move in on the community during the Camp Atterbury construction and occupation.

Dr. Burney is being sent here through the courtesy of the surgeon general of the U. S. Public Health service in Washington.

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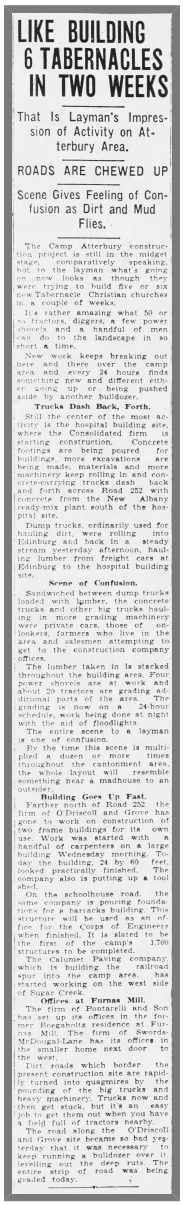

LIKE BUILDING 6 TABERNACLES IN TWO WEEKS

That Is Layman's Impression of Activity on Atterbury Area.

ROADS ARE CHEWED UP

Scene Gives Feeling of Confusion as Dirt and Mud Flies.

The Camp Atterbury construction project is still in the midget stage, comparatively speaking, but to the layman what's going on now looks as though they were trying to build five or six new Tabernacle Christian churches in a couple of weeks.

It's rather amazing what 50 or so tractors, diggers, a few power shovels and a handful of men can do to the landscape in so short a time.

New work keeps breaking out here and there over the camp area and every 24 hours finds something new and different either going up or being pushed aside by another bulldozer.

Trucks Dash Back, Forth.

Still the center of the most activity is the hospital building site, where the Consolidated firm is starting construction. Concrete footings are being poured for buildings, more excavations are being made, materials and more machinery keep rolling in and concrete-carrying trucks dash back and forth across Road 252 with concrete from the New Albany ready-mix plant south of the hospital site.

Dump trucks, ordinarily used for hauling dirt, were rolling into Edinburg and back in a steady stream yesterday afternoon, hauling lumber from freight cars at Edinburg to the hospital building site.

Scene of Confusion.

Sandwiched between dump trucks loaded with lumber, the concrete trucks and other big trucks hauling in more grading machinery were private cars, those of onlookers, farmers who live in the area and salesmen attempting to get to the construction company offices.

The lumber taken in is stacked throughout the building area. Four power shovels are at work and about 20 tractors are grading additional parts of the area. The grading is now on a 24-hour schedule, work being done at night with the aid of floodlights.

The entire scene to a layman is one of confusion.

By the time this scene is multiplied a dozen or more times throughout the cantonment area, the whole layout will resemble something near a madhouse to an outsider.

Building Goes Up Fast.

Farther north of Road 252 the firm of O'Driscoll and Grove has gone to work on construction of two frame buildings for its own use. Work was started with a handful of carpenters on a large building Wednesday morning. Today the building, 24 by 60 feet, looked practically finished. The company also is putting up a tool shed.

On the schoolhouse road, the same company is pouring foundations for a barracks building. This structure will be used as an office for the Corps of Engineers when finished. It is slated to be the first of the camp's 1,700 structures to be completed.

The Calumet Paving company, which is building the railroad spur into the camp area, has started working on the west side of Sugar Creek.

Offices at Furnas Mill.

The firm of Pontarelli and Son has set up its offices in the former Boegaholtz residence at Furnas Mill. The firm of Swords-McDougal-Lane has its offices in the smaller home next door to the west.

Dirt roads which border the present construction site are rapidly turned into quagmires by the pounding of the big trucks and heavy machinery. Trucks now and then get stuck, but it's an easy job to get them out when you have a field full of tractors nearby.

The road along the O'Driscoll and Grove site became so bad yesterday that it was necessary to keep running a bulldozer over it levelling out the deep ruts. The entire strip of road was being graded today.

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LANDOWNERS IN CAMP AREA GET FIRST CHECKS

3 Who Signed Options First Paid 5 Weeks Later by Government.

FRAKER CLOSING AGENT

Long Is Appointed Assistant Project Manager—3 Negotiators Added.

The first landowners to be paid for their land acquired by the government for Camp Atterbury were presented their checks yesterday in Franklin. The checks were received five weeks after signing of options by the owners.

Receipt of the checks in five weeks answers a big question for landowners in the camp area, who have been wondering how long it would be before they obtained their money.

The three persons receiving checks yesterday own land in Johnson county and their land was included in the Johnson county area of the section condemned for the camp.

The first check went to Mrs. Louisa Prichard, wife of William Allen Prichard, who signed the first option. The other checks were to Mrs. Rebecca Irwin and to Austin E. Poe.

Long Made Assistant.

Checks for landowners who have signed other options and which have been approved by the government are expected to keep coming in from time to time.

John R. Walsh, local project manager, announced today that Ralph W. Fraker of this city has been appointed closing agent and will be in charge of the final settlements.

Mr. Walsh also announced that Charles W. Long of Columbus has been appointed assistant project manager. Both Mr. Fraker and Mr. Long have been on the real estate department staff since last summer and were in charge of the title work.

It also was announced that three negotiators are being added to the staff of negotiators which is under Joseph W. Springer of Elizabethtown, chief negotiator.

There was no comment on addition of the three negotiators, but it appears likely that they are being added in preparation for start of negotiations for the remainder of the 40,000 acres of land to be acquired.

Edinburg Men Added.

The new negotiators are Leving L. Hinshaw of Edinburg, Jack C. Thompson of Edinburg and John C. Shirkie of Clinton. All have been employed by the government and formerly were at Clinton, site of a new powder plant. They were transferred from Clinton to Point Pleasant, W. Va., ordnance plant site, and have now been moved here.

Mr. Long, Mr. Fraker and Jack C. Burdett of the Department of Justice went to Franklin yesterday for the first settlements with the landowners. All settlements on land in Johnson county will be conducted at Franklin, as that town is the Johnson county seat.

Mr. Burdett was project manager at Clinton during the time Mr. Walsh was assistant project manager there.

There had been rumors in the camp area that several months probably would elapse before landowners were paid by the government. Officials in the real estate department have been informing the farmers that they should obtain checks within 60 days after signing options in cases where the titles are clear.

Title Work All Done.

The first checks arrived 25 days sooner than the 60-day estimate and quicker than at any of the other defense projects in this area. It was pointed out by the real estate department that the title work connected with the local camp was completed last fall, while at many defense projects which started immediately the government had to condemn the land for immediate possession, then start optioning and doing the title work at the same time. As a result the landowners had to wait for their checks until the titles could be cleared.

The title work on the land being acquired for the local army camp was done by the Columbus Abstract company and the titles certified as of July 15. Prior to final payment it is necessary to bring the titles up to date, but this takes only a short time. Work of bringing the titles up to date as fast as options are approved by the government is being done by the Columbus firm.

The landowner does not have to pay for the cost of the abstract or any fees in connection with the settlement. The only costs to be borne are any taxes outstanding, taxes due and the cost of recording the sale.

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POLICE POST AT CAMP PLANNED

State Troopers to Be Quartered Temporarily Near Atterbury.

The Indiana state police are considering establishment of a temporary police post in the vicinty of Camp Atterbury for the duration of the construction period, it was learned here today.

The location under consideration for the post is at the junction of Roads 31 and 252, north of Edinburg.

Lieut. Leo Moore of the state police was here today conferring with Army officials on the matter. Other conferences had been held.

In event the post is established, it is likely that the radio messages from the temporary post will clear through the Columbus police radio system. The city has offered its cooperation to the state police.

Establishment of the state police post at the edge of the camp would mean that this locality would be well fortified for the construction period.

The city of Columbus has added two police patrolmen and the sheriff's office is planning to put on two more full time deputies.

Additional police are being put to work at Edinburg and Franklin.

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SNOW FOLLOWS 1.30-INCH RAIN, COVERS COUNTY

Streets Made Dangerous, Roads Difficult by Heavy Blanket.

BUSES BEHIND SCHEDULE

Run as Much as Hour and a Half Late This Morning.

After a day of steady rain, Columbus and Bartholomew county residents awakened this morning to find all surroundings covered with a blanket of snow — the heaviest in several weeks.

Rainfall measuring 1.30 inches was recorded here during the 24-hour period ending at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The snow began falling last night.

Streets and highways were placed in a treacherous condition by the slush and snow, but comparatively few vehicle accidents were reported.

Bus service between Columbus and Indianapolis ran behind schedule as much as an hour and a half this morning.

Dirt roads in the Camp Atterbury area were made almost impassable by the mud, and many of the county roads were in a similar condition.

View of Road Obscured.

Motorists reported that during the snow last night and this morning the view of the road was almost totally obscured. Several vehicles were reported in the ditch.

The snow last night was accompanied by a sudden drop in temperature which brought the mercury to 29 degrees last night after a high yesterday of 59.

The low last night was 18 degrees under Saturday night's low of 47. The mercury stood at 36 degrees at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

Five inches of snow was reported in the Crawfordsville and Greenfield districts by the highway commission.

Six to eight inches of snow was reported in the LaPorte and Fort Wayne districts.

The wind and heavy snow caused damage to power and communication lines. A broken high tension line blacked out LaPorte for three hours last night and for another two hours today, the Associated Press reported.

Hoosier transportation lines, particularly busses, had difficulty in maintaining schedules.

Numerous accidents occurred on slick roads.

An unidentified woman was killed and a bus driver critically injured 15 miles east of Indianapolis on U. S. 40 when the bus going from Dayton, O., to Indianapolis crashed after hitting a milk truck. The bus driver gave his name as W. O. Hayden of Dayton.

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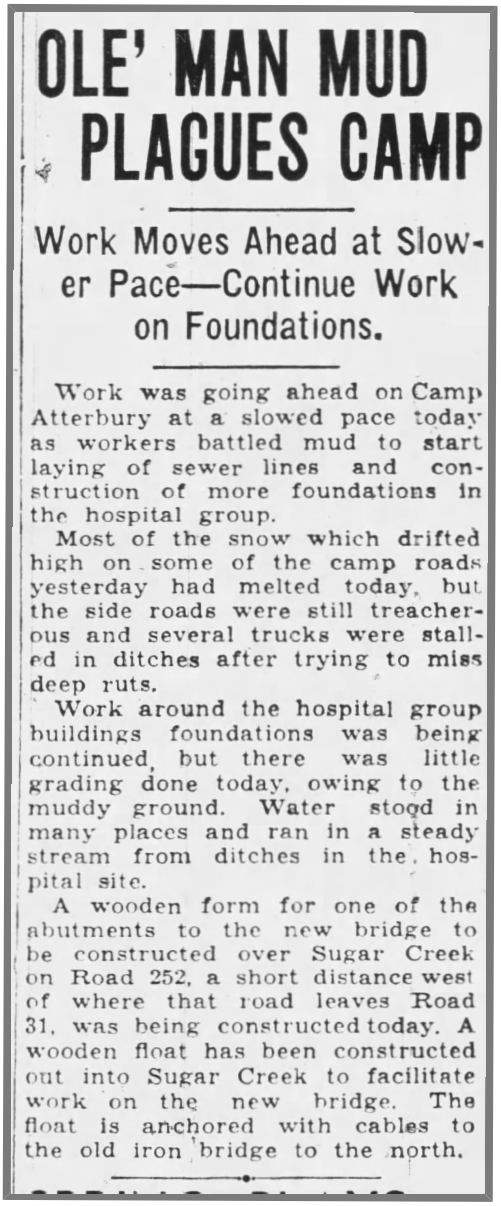

OLE' MAN MUD PLAGUES CAMP

Work Moves Ahead at Slower Pace—Continue Work on Foundations.

Work was going ahead on Camp Atterbury at a slowed pace today as workers battled mud to start laying of sewer lines and construction of more foundations in the hospital group.

Most of the snow which drifted high on some of the camp roads yesterday had melted today, but the side roads were still treacherous and several trucks were stalled in ditches after trying to miss deep ruts.

Work around the hospital group buildings foundations was being continued, but there was little grading done today, owing to the muddy ground. Water stood in many places and ran in a steady stream from ditches in the hospital site.

A wooden form for one of the abutments to the new bridge to be constructed over Sugar Creek on Road 252, a short distance west of where that road leaves Road 31, was being constructed today. A wooden float has been constructed out into Sugar Creek to facilitate work on the new bridge. The float is anchored with cables to the old iron bridge to the north.

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Religious Director to Speak.

Edinburg, March 10—On Wednesday night instead of the usual prayer service at the Christian church, the Rev. H. G. Haney, director of religious work carried on by the Christian churches in all the army camps, will speak in preparation of the local church's work at Camp Atterbury.

The speaker is a former classmate of the Rev. Glenn O. Mills, and members of the Nineveh church have been invited to join in the meeting. The Rev. G. F. Powers also will have a part in the service.

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3,000 ACRES MORE TO BE LOPPED OFF U. S. RESERVATION

Heflen's Camp and Hartman's Water Front to Be Left Out.

NEGOTIATORS LAID OFF

Move Indicates Some Time May Pass Before More Land Is Bought.

Plans are being made to slice approximately 3,000 more acres off the projected boundaries of Camp Atterbury, according to reports today.

The change in boundaries would leave out a section of Nineveh township at the township's southeast corner and a strip of land running across the northern boundary of the camp area in Johnson county.

The revised boundaries would leave out Heflen's camp, well-known resort north of Columbus, which was included in the original boundaries, and that part of the riverfront of Hartman's camp, which was inside the original boundaries.

Negotiators Laid Off.

It also was learned today that the negotiators who have been working for the real estate department at the local armory have been taken off the job, at least temporarily. However, Joseph W. Springer of Elizabethtown, chief negotiator, is still on the real estate staff.

Release of the negotiators, at least temporarily, indicates that some time may elapse before the War department takes further steps toward acquisition of the additional land for the camp.

Three negotiators were added to the staff last week and it appeared that work of obtaining the additional camp land, most of which is in Bartholomew county, would get under way within a short time. Recent evelopments, however, indicate that this acquisition will be delayed temporarily.

Farmers living in the area to be taken for the camp have been hoping that the government would begin acquiring the land at once in order that they might find out just where they stand in regard to being in or out of the camp area.

No Information at Armory.

Many of the persons living in the area to be left out of the camp under the revised plans already have made plans to move, although they have been advised at various times that changes might be made along the camp's outer boundary lines.

No information was available at the armory today on the boundary changes.

The 3,000-acre change now being planned is the second major shift in boundaries since the government started acquisition of land for the cantonment area. Previously 12,000 acres was taken off the camp area. This first change cut an area off the southern boundary in Bartholomew county and eliminated most of the part of Brown county which originally was inside the camp area.

The newest change in boundaries would leave out a part of Nineveh township along Driftwood river north from Tannehill bridge, where the original boundary had crossed to the east side of Driftwood river. Under the new plan, a section along the west side of the river would be excluded and the boundary would not cross the river until north of Hartman's camp.

The change in boundary at the northern end of the camp area, which is Johnson county, would leave out a number of tracts in the northwest corner and a strip of tracts along the northern edge, bringing the northern boundary a short distance southwest of the Sugar Creek bridge on Road 31 north of Edinburg. The northern limit of the camp originally extended to the first road turning off to the left north of Sugar Creek bridge.

DIVORCE ACTION FILED IN COURT

Charles Detherage, Hope, Asks Freedom and Custody of Daughter.

Charles B. Detherage of Hope has instituted divorce proceedings in Bartholomew circuit court against Mrs. Madeline Detherage, charging cruel and inhuman treatment.

According to the complaint, the couple was married June 28, 1930, and separated Feb. 21, 1942.

He asks for his freedom and the custody of their 10-year-old daughter, Betty Jean. Clarence E. Custer is attorney for the plaintiff.

An inheritance tax report has been filed in court in the estate of Mrs. Laura Ella Ruddick, deceased. Her estate was found to be valued at $8,494.64 with tax amounting to $249.73 due the state.

Net value of the estate of James M. Weddle was found to be $595.35 with no tax due.

A petition to have Sophia Bick, 64, Columbus route 3, adjudged of unsound mind and admitted to Madison State hospital for treatment, has been filed in court.

HUNTER SEEKS ASSEMBLY POST

Elizabethtown Man Announces on G.O.P. Ticket —Others File.

Ralph E. Hunter of Elizabethtown has filed his declaration of candidacy for the office of state representative from Bartholomew county, subject to the Republican primary election in May.

His declaration was placed on file in the office of the secretary of state.

Mr. Hunter served one term in the legislature and was defeated for reelection in 1940.

Harry Haftman of German township has filed his declaration of candidacy for the office of Bartholomew county commissioner on the Republican ticket. Mr. Hartman is a member of the present board and is seeking reelection.

J. B. Bartholomew has filed for trustee of Ohio township on the Democratic ticket, and Charles H. Shireman is officially in the race for Harrison township trustee on the Democratic ticket.

FICTION CLASS HEARS AUTHOR

Mrs. Philip R. Long, 1837 Wash-

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Biggest Trailer Camp So Far Is One at Hartman's

Twenty-six trailers are now established in the Driftwood camp of Harry Hartman on Road 31 north of Columbus, making it the largest trailer camp in the area around Camp Atterbury. In addition to the trailers, Mr. Hartman has rented seven of his 14 camp cottages.

Occupants of the trailers and cottages, most of them Hoosiers, are working, or hope to be working soon, on the Camp Atterbury project.

Children from the trailers play on the playground equipment of the Driftwood camp, washings hang on lines from the trailers to the big trees, which shade the camp, and the menfolks who are not working on the Atterbury project pitch horseshoes or do odd jobs about their trailer residences.

Hope to Get Jobs Soon.

All hope to have jobs soon, the sooner the better. They realize they'll have to wait until grading and excavating work on the army camp progresses further and good weather comes. Some thought they would go to work this week, but the heavy rain and snow caused a delay.

The Driftwood camp, the site of a golf course, camp cottages and picnic ground, has been equipped for some time to accommodate trailers and there were several trailers in the camp last summer. The last of these moved out in November. The trailers of the army camp workers-to-be started coming in last month and the camp has grown steadily in size.

Mr. Hartman, who is a county commissioner, said that he believed that, if needed, the camp was roomy enough to accommodate 100 to 125 trailers.

Most of the trailer folks are from Indiana, but some are from neighboring states and one family is from Louisiana. The majority of the men are carpenters, although a few are tractor operators. The tractor operators are employed on the camp project at the present time.

Trailer Life Interesting.

Some of the men formerly worked on the Jefferson proving grounds project at Madison and at the Kingsbury shell loading plant.

Their trailers range in size from 1½ to 3 rooms. Life inside a trailer looks interesting, but concentrated. Every inch of space is utilized and often the same inch is used for more than one thing. In the average trailer the bedroom and living room are combined and there are a small toilet and kitchen. Kerosene stoves are usually used for cooking and the trailers bulge with gadgets and all sorts of inventions rigged up by their indi-

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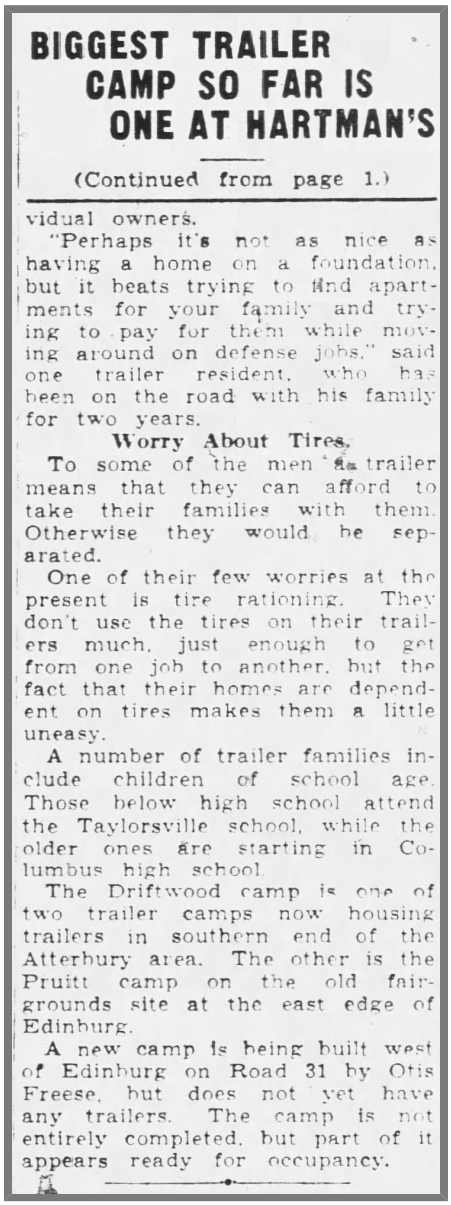

BIGGEST TRAILER CAMP SO FAR IS ONE AT HARTMAN'S

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vidual owners.

"Perhaps it's not as nice as having a home on a foundation, but it beats trying to find apartments for your family and trying to pay for them while moving around on defense jobs," said one trailer resident, who has been on the road with his family for two years.

Worry About Tires.

To some of the men a trailer means that they can afford to take their families with them. Otherwise they would be separated.

One of their few worries at the present is tire rationing. They don't use the tires on their trailers much, just enough to get from one job to another, but the fact that their homes are dependent on tires makes them a little uneasy.

A number of trailer families include children of school age. Those below high school attend the Taylorsville school, while the older ones are starting in Columbus high school.

The Driftwood camp is one of two trailer camps now housing trailers in southern end of the Atterbury area. The other is the Pruitt camp on the old fairgrounds site at the east edge of Edinburg.

A new camp is being built west of Edinburg on Road 31 by Otis Freese, but does not yet have any trailers. The camp is not entirely completed, but part of it appears ready for occupancy.

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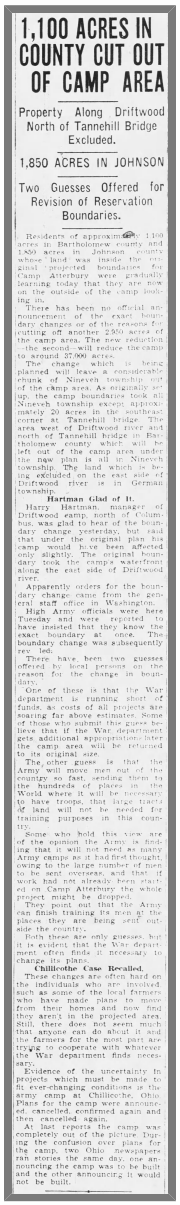

1,100 ACRES IN COUNTY CUT OUT OF CAMP AREA

Property Along Driftwood North of Tannehill Bridge Excluded.

1,850 ACRES IN JOHNSON

Two Guesses Offered for Revision of Reservation Boundaries.

Residents of approximately 1,100 acres in Bartholomew county and 1,850 acres in Johnson county whose land was inside the original projected boundaries for Camp Atterbury were gradually learning today that they are now on the outside of the camp looking in.

There has been no official announcement of the exact boundary changes or of the reasons for cutting off another 2,950 acres of the camp area. The new reduction, the second, will reduce the camp to around 37,000 acres.

The change which is being planned will leave a considerable chunk of Nineveh township out of the camp area. As originally set up, the camp boundaries took all Nineveh township except approximately 20 acres in the southeast corner at Tannehill bridge. The area west of Driftwood river and north of Tannehill bridge in Bartholomew county which will be left out of the camp area under the new plan is all in Nineveh township. The land which is being excluded on the east side of Driftwood river is in Germantown township.

Hartman Glad of It.

Harry Hartman, manager of Driftwood camp, north of Columbus, was glad to hear of the boundary change yesterday, but said that under the original plan his camp would have been affected only slightly. The original boundary took the camp's waterfront along the east side of Driftwood river.

Apparently orders for the boundary change came from the general staff office in Washington.

High Army officials were here Tuesday and were reported to have insisted that they know the exact boundary at once. The boundary change was subsequently revealed.

There have been two guesses offered by local persons on the reason for the change in boundary.

One of these is that the War department is running short of funds, as costs of all projects are soaring far above estimates. Some of those who submit this guess believe that if the War department gets additional appropriations later the camp area will be returned to its original size.

The other guess is that the Army will move men out of the country so fast, sending them to the hundreds of places in the World where it will be necessary to have troops, that large tracts of land will not be needed for training purposes in this country.

Some who hold this view are of the opinion the Army is finding that it will not need as many Army camps as it had first thought, owing to the large number of men to be sent overseas, and that if work had not already been started on Camp Atterbury the whole project might be dropped.

They point out that the Army can finish training its men at the places they are being sent outside the country.

Both these are only guesses, but it is evident that the War department often finds it necessary to change its plans.

Chillicothe Case Recalled.

These changes are often hard on the individuals who are involved such as some of the local farmers who have made plans to move from their homes and now find they aren't in the projected area. Still, there does not seem much that anyone can do about it and the farmers for the most part are trying to cooperate with whatever the War department finds necessary.

Evidence of the uncertainty in projects which must be made to fit ever-changing conditions is the army camp at Chillicothe, Ohio. Plans for the camp were announced, cancelled, confirmed again and then cancelled again.

At last reports the camp was completely out of the picture. During the confusion over plans for the camp, two Ohio newspapers ran stories the same day, one announcing the camp was to be built and the other announcing it would not be built.

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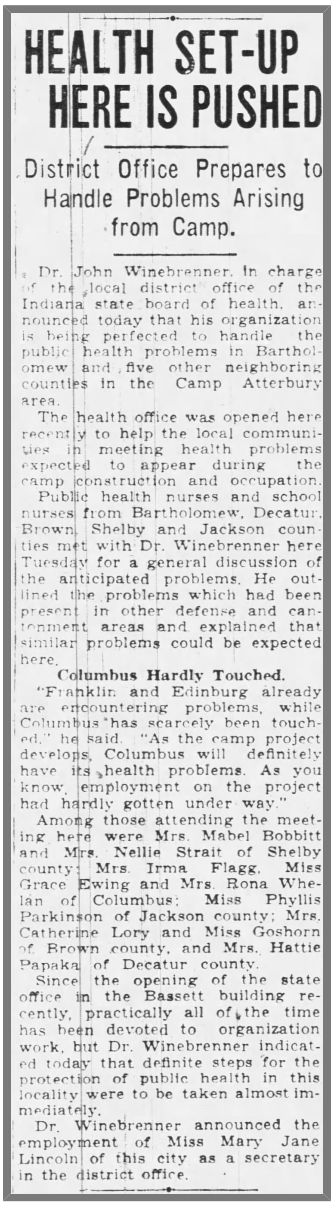

HEALTH SET-UP HERE IS PUSHED

District Office Prepares to Handle Problems Arising from Camp.

Dr. John Winebrenner, in charge of the local district office of the Indiana state board of health, announced today that his organization is being perfected to handle the public health problems in Bartholomew and five other neighboring counties in the Camp Atterbury area.

The health office was opened here recently to help the local communities in meeting health problems expected to appear during the camp construction and occupation.

Public health nurses and school nurses from Bartholomew, Decatur, Brown, Shelby and Jackson counties met with Dr. Winebrenner here Tuesday for a general discussion of the anticipated problems. He outlined the problems which had been present in other defense and cantonment areas and explained that similar problems could be expected here.

Columbus Hardly Touched.

"Franklin and Edinburg already are encountering problems, while Columbus has scarcely been touched," he said. "As the camp project develops, Columbus will definitely have its health problems. As you know, employment on the project had hardly gotten under way."

Among those attending the meeting here were Mrs. Mabel Bobbitt and Mrs. Nellie Strait of Shelby county; Mrs. Irma Flagg, Miss Grace Ewing and Mrs. Rona Whelan of Columbus; Miss Phyllis Parkinson of Jackson county; Mrs. Catherine Lory and Miss Goshorn of Brown county, and Mrs. Hattie Papaka of Decatur county.

Since the opening of the state office in the Bassett building recently, practically all of the time has been devoted to organization work, but Dr. Winebrenner indicated today that definite steps for the protection of public health in this locality were to be taken almost immediately.

Dr. Winebrenner announced the employment of Miss Mary Jane Lincoln of this city as a secretary in the district office.

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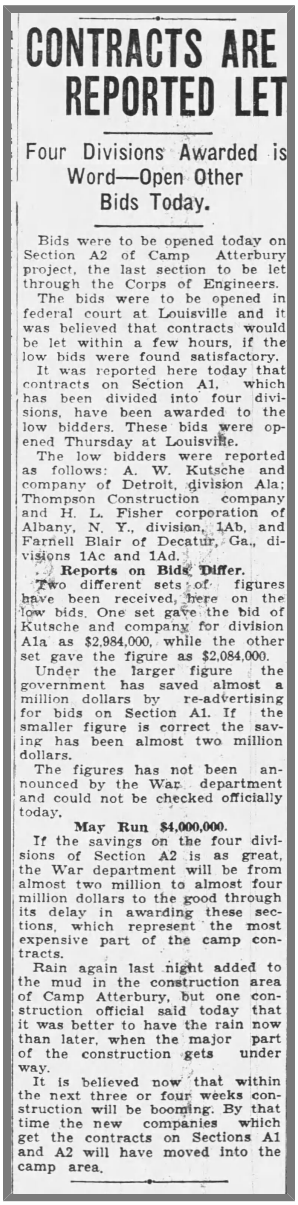

CONTRACTS ARE REPORTED LET

Four Divisions Awarded is Word—Open Other Bids Today.

Bids were to be opened today on Section A2 of Camp Atterbury project, the last section to be let through the Corps of Engineers.

The bids were to be opened in federal court at Louisville and it was believed that contracts would be let within a few hours, if the low bids were found satisfactory.

It was reported here today that contracts on Section A1, which has been divided into four divisions, have been awarded to the low bidders. These bids were opened Thursday at Louisville.

The low bidders were reported as follows: A. W. Kutsche and company of Detroit, division Ala; Thompson Construction company and H. L. Fisher corporation of Albany, N. Y., division, 1Ab, and Farnell Blair of Decatur, Ga., divisions 1Ac and 1Ad.

Reports on Bids Differ.

Two different sets of figures have been received here on the low bids. One set gave the bid of Kutsche and company for division A1a as $2,984,000, while the other set gave the figure as $2,084,000.

Under the larger figure the government has saved almost a million dollars by re-advertising for bids on Section A1. If the smaller figure is correct the saving has been almost two million dollars.

The figures has not been announced by the War department and could not be checked officially today.

May Run $4,000,000.

If the savings on the four divisions of Section A2 is as great, the War department will be from almost two million to almost four million dollars to the good through its delay in awarding these sections, which represent the most expensive part of the camp contracts.

Rain again last night added to the mud in the construction area of Camp Atterbury, but one construction official said today that it was better to have the rain now than later, when the major part of the construction gets under way.

It is believed now that within the next three or four weeks construction will be booming. By that time the new companies which get the contracts on Sections A1 and A2 will have moved into the camp area.

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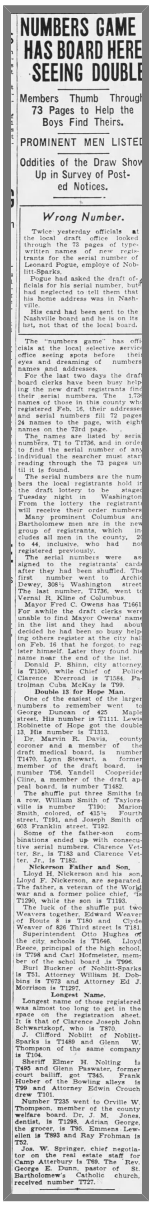

NUMBERS GAME HAS BOARD HERE SEEING DOUBLE

Members Thumb Through 73 Pages to Help the Boys Find Theirs.

PROMINENT MEN LISTED

Oddities of the Draw Show Up in Survey of Posted Notices.

Wrong Number.

Twice yesterday officials at the local draft office looked through the 73 pages of typewritten names of new registrants for the serial number of Leonard Pogue, employe of Noblitt-Sparks.

Pogue had asked the draft officials for his serial number, but had neglected to tell them that his home address was in Nashville.

His card had been sent to the Nashville board and he is on its list, not that of the local board.

The "numbers game" has officials at the local selective service office seeing spots before their eyes and dreaming of numbers and addresses.

For the last two days the draft board clerks have been busy helping the new draft registrants find their serial numbers. The 1,736 names of those in this county who registered Feb. 16, their addresses and serial numbers fill 72 pages of 24 names to the page, with eight names on the 73rd page.

The names are listed by serial numbers, T1 to T1736, and in order to find the serial number of any individual the searcher must start reading through the 73 pages until it is found.

The serial numbers are the numbers the local registrants hold in the draft lottery to be staged Tuesday night in Washington. From the lottery the registrants will receive their order numbers.

Many prominent Columbus and Bartholomew men are in the new group of registrants, which includes all men in the county, 21 to 44, inclusive, who had not registered before.

The serial numbers were assigned to the registrants' cards after they had been shuffled. The first number went to Archie Dewey, 304½ Washington street. The last number, T1736, went to Vernal R. Kline of Columbus.

Mayor Fred C. Owens has T1661. For awhile the draft clerks were unable to find Mayor Owens' name in the list and they had about decided he had been so busy helping others register at the city hall on Feb. 16 that he forgot to register himself. Later they found his name near the end of the list.

Donald F. Shinn, city attorney, is T1300, while Chief of Police Clarence Everroad is T1304. Patrolman Cuba McKay is T99.

Double 13 for Hope Man.

One of the easiest of the larger numbers to remember went to George Duncan of 425 Maple street, Hope, who is T1313. Lewis Meisenitz of Hope got double 13. His number is T1313.

Dr. Marvin R. Davis, county coroner and a member of the draft medical board, is number T1470. Lynn Stewart, a former member of the draft board, is number T56. Yandell Cooperider Cline, a member of the draft appeal board, is number T1482.

The shuffle put three Smiths in a row. William Smith of Taylorsville is number T190; Marion Smith, colored, of 415½ Fourth street, T191, and Joseph Smith of 603 Franklin street, T192.

Some of the father-son combinations ended up with consecutive serial numbers. Clarence Vetter, Sr., is T182 and Clarence Vetter, Jr., is T182.

Nickerson Father and Son.

Lloyd H. Nickerson and his son, Lloyd F. Nickerson, are separated. The father, a veteran of the World war and a former police chief, is T1286, while the son is T1287.

The luck of the shuffle put two Weavers together, Edward Weaver of Route 8 is T190 and Clyde Weaver of 826 Third street is T181.

Superintendent Otto Hughes of the city schools is T1646. Lloyd Reece, principal of the high school, is T798 and Carl Hofmeister, member of the school board, is T996.

Burl Buckner of Noblitt-Sparks is T51, Attorney William H. Dobbins is T973 and Attorney Ed J. Morrison is T1287.

Longest Name.

Longest name of those registered was almost too long to get in the space on the registration sheet. It is that of Clarence Joseph John Schwartzkopf, who is T870.

J. Clifford Noblitt of Noblitt-Sparks is T1480 and Glenn W. Thompson of the same company is T1756.

Sheriff Elmer M. Nolting is T495 and Clerk Pfaswalter, former court bailiff, got T561. Frank Hoober of the Bowling alleys is T99 and Attorney Edwin Crouch drew T101.

Number T235 went to Orville W. Thompson, member of the county welfare board. Dr. J. M. Jones, dentist, is T1298, Adrian George, the grocer, is T95, Emmess Lewellen is T993 and Ray Frohman is T52.

Jos. W. Springer, chief negotiator on the real estate staff for Camp Atterbury is T69. The Rev. George E. Dunn, pastor of St. Bartholomew's Catholic church, received number T727.

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Gen. Mud Takes Another Round in Camp Battle

Rain again today added to the woes of the construction companies engaged on Camp Atterbury, although some of the work is going ahead despite the rain.

Most of the grading has been halted by the muddy condition of the ground, and swollen waters of Sugar creek are hindering bridge work.

Carpenters have started putting up the framework of the first barracks building to be erected on the camp site. This building, two stories high, is being erected on the schoolhouse road and will be used as offices for the Corps of Engineers during the construction period.

When completed, this building will provide a preview of the hundreds of similar barracks buildings which will fill the cantonment area. Sixteen carpenters were observed working on the structure yesterday.

Brick Company Moves In.

The F. A. Wilhelm brick company of Indianapolis has set up an office in the camp area. This company will work under Consolidated Construction company of Chicago on the brick portion of the hospital buildings. Its office has been established in a house on Road 252 west of the hospital buildings site.

Pontarelli and Son of Chicago, contractors for Section B of the camp, drainage, sewers, gas and water distribution, have unloaded eight flatcars of heavy machinery from the Pennsylvania railroad siding in Franklin the last few days.

After being unloaded, the machinery is taken through Franklin streets and over the Mauxferry road into the cantonment area. The machinery received thus far at Franklin has been from Camp Chaffee, Ark., where a cantonment has been under construction.

Huge ditches and derricks are included in the Pontarelli equipment. In some instances one piece of machinery occupies a whole flatcar.

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TO SAVE MILLION ON ONE SECTION OF CAMP ATTERBURY

Low Bids on Four Parts Nearly That Much Below First Offer.

OPEN OTHERS TOMORROW

At Least Three Contracts Expected to Be Let Immediately.

Bids were opened yesterday at Louisville on S. tion A1—now divided into four divisions—of the Camp Atterbury construction project and it appeared that contracts for at least three of the divisions would be let immediately.

By dividing the section into four divisions and re-advertising for bids, the War department appears to have saved almost a million dollars. The total of the low bids on divisions of Section A1 yesterday was $9,144,451, as compared to a low bid of $10,099,780 for Section A1 submitted by O'Driscoll and Grove, Inc., of New York when bids on the camp work were originally opened Feb. 6.

The bids were opened yesterday in federal courtroom at Louisville and only four companies entered bids.

Bids for Section A2—also divided into four divisions—will be opened tomorrow at Louisville.

Largely Carpenter Work.

The War department did not award contracts on Sections A1 and A2 when bids originally were opened Feb. 6, owing to the fact that the offers were too far above estimate.

Sections A1 and A2 comprise the major part of the camp's main buildings and most of the men employed by these firms will be carpenters.

Reported low bidders on Section A1 divisions yesterday were as follows:

Division A1a—A. W. Kutche and company of Detroit, $2,776,070.

Division A1b—Thompson Construction company and H. L. Fisher corporation of Albany, N. Y. (combined firms), $1,566,375.

Division A1c—Farnell Blair of Decatur, Ga., $2,984,006.

Division A1d—Farnell Blair of Decatur, Ga., $1,818,000.

It was believed that contracts for divisions A1b, A1c and A1d would be let immediately, but there was some question about division A1a as the bid of the Kutsche company was far below that of other bidders on the division.

The fourth firm which entered a bid on the camp construction was the William R. Goss company of Chicago which entered a bid of $3,121,277 for division A1a.

The Farnell Blair firm of Georgia bid on all four divisions of Section A1, but were low only on divisions A1c and A1d.

There were less than a hundred people present for the opening of the bids yesterday and most of these were salesmen for construction supply firms or representatives of subcontractors. Many of the representatives of the firms entering bids had been up most of the night before preparing the bids.

Expected To Start Soon.

With the letting of the contracts, the new firms are expected to arrive in the cantonment area and get their sections of the work under way as soon as possible.

None of the firms which already have started work on the camp entered bids yesterday under their own names, although it is thought that O'Driscoll and Grove may have an alliance with the two Albany, N. Y. firms which were low bidders on division A1d.

It was believed here yesterday that bids on both Section A1 and A2 were to be opened. However, the bids on Section A2 will not be opened until tomorrow at Louisville.

New Boundaries

There has been no further information on the latest change in the boundaries for Camp Atterbury, under which it is planned to slice off approximately 3,000 acres included in the original survey.

However, persons who live in the northern end of the original camp area in Johnson county or in the section in Bartholomew county north of Tannehill bridge and along the west side of Driftwood river may contact real estate officials at the Columbus armory to learn if their farms are in the area being taken out.

MRS. SUBLETTE TAKEN BY DEATH

Injuries Are Fatal to Well-Known Woman—Funeral Monday.

Mrs. Dora B. Sublette, 71, widow of John H. Sublette, died at 3:20 o'clock this morning at the home of a son, John B. Sublette, 2440 Union street. She had been ill since last October, when she suffered a stroke of paralysis. In December she fell and broke a hip, which led to her death.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Hathaway funeral home. The Rev. K. K. Merryman of Wertz Memorial U. B. church will have charge, assisted by the Rev. Charles J. Meyers of the East Columbus Christian church. Burial will be made in Garland Brook cemetery. The casket will be open at the funeral home from Saturday noon until the services.

Mrs. Sublette was a resident of this county about 80 years. She and her husband operated a general store and the postoffice at Taylorsville until eight years ago, when they moved to East Columbus and later into the city. He died in 1938.

Surviving are two other sons, Sherman T. Sublette, here, and Myrick H. Sublette of Winona, Minn.; eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a brother, Pierson McClain of Scottsburg.

CONNER WILL HEAD JAYCEES

Other Officers Elected at Meeting Last Night—Navy Rally Discussed.

William A. Conner, county prosecuting attorney, was elected president of the Columbus Junior Chamber of Commerce at the organization's election last night held at a dinner meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Other officers elected are Clyde Carter, vice-president; Thomas R. Henderson, secretary; Alvin Mundt, treasurer, and James Poulton and Carl Chitwood, directors.

The new officers will take office at a special business meeting of the Junior Chamber next week.

The program at the meeting last night was in the form of a "Navy night" and the possibility of holding a Navy Booster program here was discussed by two members of the Indianapolis Naval Recruiting station. They were Ensign H. R. Bryant and H. S. Heitkamp, boatswain, second class.

The program here would be

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COUNCIL WILL MEET MONDAY

Is Expected to Authorize Condemnation Action on Wolf Property.

The regular meeting of the city council is scheduled to be held at 7:30 o'clock Monday night at the city hall.

At the meeting the council is expected to decide what action should be taken to acquire a strip of real estate adjoining the city hall, which is sought for the site of a recreation center for Camp Atterbury soldiers.

The property sought is owned by Mike Wolf, who has declined to sell.

The city owns all the property needed with the exception of a small strip across the back of the lot.

It is considered likely that the city council will pass a resolution authorizing the city attorney to institute proceedings to secure the property.

The council is also expected to give further consideration to the proposed ordinance calling for annexation of a large section of land between Twenty-fifth street and the Road 31 by-pass.

Other routine business will be brought up.

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WELLS IN AREA ARE CONDEMNED

State Health Office Reports Much of Atterbury Water Supply Dangerous.

After finding half the well water within the cantonment area of Camp Atterbury unfit for drinking purposes, engineers and workers from the district office of the Indiana State Board of Health here started today posting those wells found dangerous for human use.

The action was authorized by Capt. W. S. Arrasmith, area engineer for the Corps of Engineers, who has his office in the Columbus armory.

A survey of the water supplies throughout the construction area of the camp, made through the district health office here, revealed a major hazard demanding immediate attention, according to Dr. John Winebrenner, who is in charge of the local health office.

Dr. Winebrenner said many of the wells were found wide open to accidental contamination and sabotage.

To Close Ten Today.

He pointed out that safety of drinking water is an extremely important factor in the maintenance of health and efficiency of the workers on the camp project. Wells that are dangerous and cannot be reclaimed will be put out of working order and Dr. Winebrenner said ten of these wells would be closed today. Other dangerous wells will be posted, warning the workers until the water can be made fit for consumption or the wells destroyed.

Dr. Winebrenner said many of the wells can be made satisfactory with minor repairs and that the camp contractors had been very cooperative in helping get the water supply safeguarded.

He declared the fact that persons who recently lived on the land were not often made ill is no safeguard to the non-immune newcomers. He also pointed out that health dangers will increase as the number of workers grows and the weather becomes warmer.

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WILL GIVE PLAY AS OCD BENEFIT

Little Theater Group to Present 'Melodramer' Here Friday Night.

With proceeds to go to the Recreation committee of the county Civilian Defense council, the Columbus Little Theater group will present an old-fashioned melodrama Friday night at Crump's theater.

The play is entitled "Pure as the Driven Snow, or A Working Girl's Secret."

Turning over of the proceeds to the recreation committee, which was formed here recently to handle arrangements for the U. S. O. building to be erected, will be the first local contribution to that organization. The organization is designed to aid in offering recreation and entertainment for the soldiers which will be stationed at Camp Atterbury.

Members of the cast for the play, which is slated to recall early days of the stage and movie house "flickers," was announced today.

The play is being directed by Mrs. John Reynard.

A Villain to Hiss.

The hero and heroine will be Miss Martha Ann Marr as Purity Deane and Robert Cole as Leander Longfellow. The much-hissed villian will be Norman Klayer as Mortimer Frothingham.

The cast also includes Sydney Showalter as John Logan; Miss Marjorie Lewis as Mrs. Zamah Logan; Mrs. Hugh Jones as Mrs. Hewlitt; Miss Ruth Ritzenthaler as Alison Hewlitt; Mrs. William Lienberger as Imogene Pickens; William Lienberger as E. Z. Pickens; Chadwick Miller as Jed Lunn; Mrs. Ben Kroot as Nellie, the cloak model; Mrs. Frank Coers as Letty Barbour, and Mrs. George W. Macy as Mrs. Faith Hogue.

Incidental music for the production and between acts will be furnished by an orchestra under the direction of G. Chester Kitzinger.

The Little Theater is being assisted in the ticket sale by the service clubs of the city, including Rotary club, Kiwanis club, Exchange club and Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The lower floor seats will be reserved. The reservations may be made at the St. Denis hotel after 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

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BLAIR COMPANY NEEDS HOUSING FOR 300 KEY MEN

Contractor of Biggest Job at Camp Says Situation Here Worst He's Seen.

TO EMPLOY 7,000-10,000

Only 20 to 25 Percent of Workmen Will Live in Trailers, He Says.

"This is the worst situation I've seen yet," commented W. E. Lasater of the firm of Farnell Blair of Decatur, Ga., which has the major contract on Camp Atterbury, in discussing the problem of housing the construction workers. "It took me all day to find an apartment for my own family, and we'll need housing for at least 300 key men of our firm, so you can see what the situation is."

Lasater, former member of the North Carolina university football team, should know whereof he speaks, for Atterbury is his fifth camp project on which to work. He arrived here Sunday night from Camp Chaffee at Fort Smith, Ark., where he was materials superintendent for the Blair company. Prior to that, he worked on the Fort Bragg, N. C., Camp Croft, S. C., and Camp Shelby, Miss., projects. His home is in North Carolina, ten miles from Fort Bragg.

To Employ 7,000-10,000.

Within a period of from 30 to 60 days Lasater asserted that the Farnell Blair firm would have from 7,000 to 10,000 employes on the project.

"We are now winding up the Camp Chaffee project and still have 3,000 on the payroll," he said.

Lasater was accompanied here by a dozen employes of Farnell Bl. and two truck loads of offic. equipment. A temporary office was set up yesterday in a farm home, located about a half mile northwest of the Hurd engineering office on Road 252.

Asked when the Farnell Blair firm planned to begin work, Lasater said, "right away." It planned to start today on the construction of an office building large enough for 125 to 150 workers. Approximately 50 persons will be employed in the accounting department, alone, he said. Approximately 75,000 feet of lumber will be used in the office building.

Boom to Exceed Expectations.

A construction boom, the likes of which few in this community have permitted themselves to realize in connection with the Camp Atterbury project, seems almost certain to materialize within the next 30 days. Explaining that the Blair firm has a $17,000,000 contract for the construction of virtually everything on the project except the hospital units, Lasater asserted, "The Camp Chaffee project was only half the size of this one and we had twice as long to complete it."

Total cost of Camp Atterbury construction is expected to run slightly above the $30,000,000 figure. Camp Chaffee was only a $15,000,000 project.

Buildings to be erected by Blair will include the barracks, theaters, chapels, storage buildings, etc.

Lasater spiked the report that most of the construction workers would reside in trailers. "This has not been the case on any of the projects I've been on," he said. "I would say that not more than 20 to 25 percent use trailers."

May Erect Barracks Quarters.

For some time now there has been talk of the possible need for erecting temporary barracks in the camp area for housing many of the workers. In view of the housing shortage in Columbus, Franklin, Edinburg and other towns near the cantonment, it appears more and more that this will be necessary.

Columbus is already practically filled up and the influx of construction workers has hardly begun. Ed-

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BLAIR COMPANY NEEDS HOUSING FOR 300 KEY MEN

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inburg and Franklin, likewise, are beginning to notice a crowded condition.

Workers and equipment for the Blair part of the construction were expected to begin rolling into this locality today. Many hundred men who were with the company on the Chaffee project will come here to work.

When the construction gets under way, the Blair firm alone plans to have something like 200 trucks, from 50 to 75 caterpillar tractors and numerous bulldozers in operation.

Lasater secured a furnished apartment at the Miss Sara Green home, 1105 Lafayette avenue. With his wife and two small children they located there today.

Other representatives of the Blair company, including Mr. Blair, head of the firm, arrived in Columbus today, making plans for getting their part of the work on the camp under way.

The Blair company has the biggest portion of the camp contracts and its payroll is expected to be $420,000 or more a week when construction is at its peak.

Work in the camp area was progressing today, but still at reduced speed owing to the muddy ground. In some places in the section where the hospital buildings are being erected the mud was knee deep.

Provide Parking Space.

A field across from the hospital building site has been graded and covered with gravel to provide parking space for the cars of camp workers. This has relieved some of the traffic congestion caused by the parking of the workers' cars along the road.

Trucks of all kinds and sizes roll into the camp area in a steady stream, hauling lumber, steel, sewers, gravel and machinery.

A gravel pit is being started along Road 31 at the northwest corner of Edinburg.

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FAILS TO ACT ON U. S. O. PROJECT

Council Discusses Center But Fails to Take Definite Move.

At the regular meeting of the city council last night several matters were discussed but no definite action was taken.

The councilmen discussed at some length the steps necessary to acquire a strip of property at the rear of the site of the old fire station on Fifth street, which is sought for the location of a U. S. O. recreation center for Camp Atterbury soldiers.

The property sought is owned by Mike Wolf of this city, who has declined to sell.

Officials, however, have not given up hope that Mr. Wolf will reconsider and that the matter may be settled without the necessity of condemnation proceedings.

Merchants Approve Site.

The council received a communication from the local Merchants association headed by Clem Thompson, endorsing the Fifth street location as the logical site for the recreation center.

A communication from Dr. John Ferree of the state department of health, approving the sanitary features of the proposed $350,000 water plant improvement, was read to the council. The state board's approval was given on condition that a ground water supply be used.

The councilmen spent some time discussing the water plant program.

Defer Annexation.

The north side annexation program was also talked but action was deferred. The council has under consideration an ordinance calling for annexation of an area of approximately 400 acres located between Twenty-fifth street and the Road 31 by-pass.

A petition was received, requesting a street light in the cross-alleys between Gilmore and Maple, Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets.

A request was received from the King taxi company, seeking authority to cut the curbing and make a driveway at 903 Franklin street.

Several other matters are pending before the city officials, including the removal of the interurban tracks from Washington street, but no final decisions have been made.

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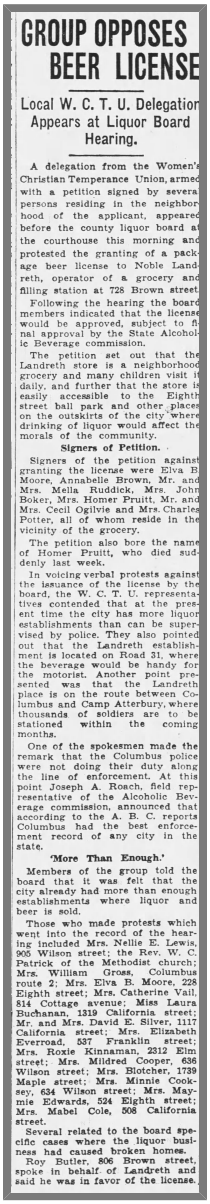

GROUP OPPOSES BEER LICENSE

Local W. C. T. U. Delegation Appears at Liquor Board Hearing.

A delegation from the Women's Christian Temperance Union, armed with a petition signed by several persons residing in the neighborhood of the applicant, appeared before the county liquor board at the courthouse this morning and protested the granting of a package beer license to Noble Landreth, operator of a grocery and filling station at 728 Brown street.

Following the hearing the board members indicated that the license would be approved, subject to final approval by the State Alcoholic Beverage commission.

The petition set out that the Landreth store is a neighborhood grocery and many children visit it daily, and further that the store is easily accessible to the Eighth street ball park and other places on the outskirts of the city where drinking of liquor would affect the morals of the community.

Signers of Petition.

Signers of the petition against granting the license were Elva B. Moore, Annabelle Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Mella Ruddick, Mrs. John Boker, Mrs. Homer Pruitt, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ogilvie and Mrs. Charles Potter, all of whom reside in the vicinity of the grocery.

The petition also bore the name of Homer Pruitt, who died suddenly last week.

In voicing verbal protests against the issuance of the license by the board, the W. C. T. U. representatives contended that at the present time the city has more liquor establishments than can be supervised by police. They also pointed out that the Landreth establishment is located on Road 31, where the beverage would be handy for the motorist. Another point presented was that the Landreth place is on the route between Columbus and Camp Atterbury, where thousands of soldiers are to be stationed within the coming months.

One of the spokesmen made the remark that the Columbus police were not doing their duty along the line of enforcement. At this point Joseph A. Roach, field representative of the Alcoholic Beverage commission, announced that according to the A. B. C. reports Columbus had the best enforcement record of any city in the state.

'More Than Enough.'

Members of the group told the board that it was felt that the city already had more than enough establishments where liquor and beer is sold.

Those who made protests which went into the record of the hearing included Mrs. Nellie E. Lewis, 905 Wilson street; the Rev. W. C. Patrick of the Methodist church; Mrs. William Gross, Columbus route 2; Mrs. Elva B. Moore, 228 Eighth street; Mrs. Catherine Vail, 814 Cottage avenue; Miss Laura Buchanan, 1319 California street; Mr. and Mrs. David E. Silver, 1117 California street; Mrs. Elizabeth Everroad, 537 Franklin street; Mrs. Roxie Kinnaman, 2312 Elm street; Mrs. Mildred Cooper, 636 Wilson street; Mrs. Blotcher, 1739 Maple street; Mrs. Minnie Cooksey, 634 Wilson street; Mrs. Maymie Edwards, 524 Eighth street; Mrs. Mabel Cole, 508 California street.

Several related to the board specific cases where the liquor business had caused broken homes.

Roy Butler, 806 Brown street, spoke in behalf of Landreth and said he was in favor of the license.

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HURD MEN FIND FRANKLIN O. K.

Rents and Housing Facilities Satisfactory—Employes to Move There.

Employes of the Charles Hurd firm of architects and engineers on the Camp Atterbury project, which has its company offices in the Franklin armory, find Franklin housing facilities and rents the most satisfactory encounted "in a long time," according to word from that city.

At the present time about half the employes in the Hurd office are commuting between Franklin and Indianapolis each day, while the others are residing in Franklin, Columbus and Edinburg.

Eventually, according to persons connected with the Hurd office, all the employes will be living in Franklin.

The Hurd company had its offices in the Columbus armory during the camp survey last summer and fall and at that time practically all the employes lived in Columbus.

Find Fair Rents.

A spokesman said employes of the Hurd organization have found Franklin's housing conditions above the average and rents generally quite fair.

"The situation with regard to housing facilities and rents is the best we have found anywhere in a long time," the spokesman said.

More employes each week are finding it impractical to drive back and forth between Franklin and Indianapolis, Edinburg and Columbus. As a result, Franklin is becoming the residential headquarters for the majority of the employes, and, eventually, it is believed probable that all except a very few will be living there.

The Hurd company still has no office hours, it seems. According to The Franklin Star, lights often burn late into the night at the armory there. Local persons can recall the many nights the company was burning midnight oil here during its work on the survey job.

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Charles R. Davis of 1101 Chestnut street has accepted a position as office manager with the Birmingham Contracting company which is building the sewage disposal plant and water supply system for Camp Atterbury. Mr. Davis formerly was employed in the office of the construction company on the Jefferson proving ground project at Madison.

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DUNN IS NAMED AS CHAPLAIN

Bishop John F. O'Hara of New York, who is in charge of all Catholic military chaplains in the United States, has appointed the Rev. George Dunn, pastor of St. Bartholomew's Catholic church, to serve as an auxiliary chaplain for Camp Atterbury.

The Rev. Anthony Segar of Franklin has received a similar designation from Bishop O'Hara.

The two local priests will work with the Catholic chaplain at the camp.

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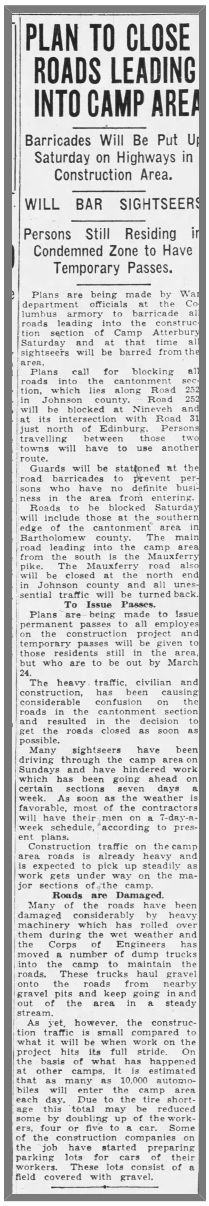

PLAN TO CLOSE ROADS LEADING INTO CAMP AREA

Barricades Will Be Put Up Saturday on Highways in Construction Area.

WILL BAR SIGHTSEERS

Persons Still Residing in Condemned Zone to Have Temporary Passes.

Plans are being made by War department officials at the Columbus armory to barricade all roads leading into the construction section of Camp Atterbury Saturday and at that time all sightseers will be barred from the area.

Plans call for blocking all roads into the cantonment section, which lies along Road 252 in Johnson county. Road 252 will be blocked at Nineveh and at its intersection with Road 31 just north of Edinburg. Persons travelling between those two towns will have to use another route.

Guards will be stationed at the road barricades to prevent persons who have no definite business in the area from entering.

Roads to be blocked Saturday will include those at the southern edge of the cantonment area in Bartholomew county. The main road leading into the camp area from the south is the Mauxferry pike. The Mauxferry road also will be closed at the north end in Johnson county and all unessential traffic will be turned back.

To Issue Passes.

Plans are being made to issue permanent passes to all employes on the construction project and temporary passes will be given to those residents still in the area, but who are to be out by March 24.

The heavy traffic, civilian and construction, has been causing considerable confusion on the roads in the cantonment section and resulted in the decision to get the roads closed as soon as possible.

Many sightseers have been driving through the camp area on Sundays and have hindered work which has been going ahead on certain sections seven days a week. As soon as the weather is favorable, most of the contractors will have their men on a 7-day-a-week schedule, according to present plans.

Construction traffic on the camp area roads is already heavy and is expected to pick up steadily as work gets under way on the major sections of the camp.

Roads are Damaged.

Many of the roads have been damaged considerably by heavy machinery which has rolled over them during the wet weather and the Corps of Engineers has moved a number of dump trucks into the camp to maintain the roads. These trucks haul gravel onto the roads from nearby gravel pits and keep going in and out of the area in a steady stream.

As yet, however, the construction traffic is small compared to what it will be when work on the project hits its full stride. On the basis of what has happened at other camps, it is estimated that as many as 10,000 automobiles will enter the camp area each day. Due to the tire shortage this total may be reduced some by doubling up of the workers, four or five to a car. Some of the construction companies on the job have started preparing parking lots for cars of their workers. These lots consist of a field covered with gravel.

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PLAN FRANKLIN TRAILER CAMP

Plans are being made for the first trailer camp at Franklin to help handle trailers which move in for the Camp Atterbury construction.

A petition signed by 15 Franklin persons was presented to the city council of that city Tuesday night asking that Mrs. Esther Murphy of Franklin be granted the right to establish a camp. The petition was referred to the city and state health boards for approval.

The site on which Mrs. Murphy would establish a trailer court is a triangular lot in east Franklin, just across the street to the south from the new Franklin high school building.

1942_03_19_2_Franklin Trailer Park

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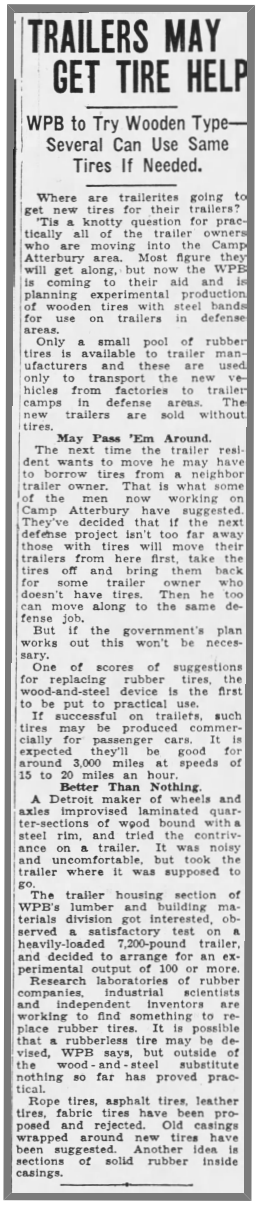

TRAILERS MAY GET TIRE HELP

WPB to Try Wooden Type—Several Can Use Same Tires If Needed.

Where are trailerites going to get new tires for their trailers?

'Tis a knotty question for practically all of the trailer owners who are moving into the Camp Atterbury area. Most figure they will get along, but now the WPB is coming to their aid and is planning experimental production of wooden tires with steel bands for use on trailers in defense areas.

Only a small pool of rubber tires is available to trailer manufacturers and these are used only to transport the new vehicles from factories to trailer camps in defense areas. The new trailers are sold without tires.

May Pass 'Em Around.

The next time the trailer resident wants to move he may have to borrow tires from a neighbor trailer owner. That is what some of the men now working on Camp Atterbury have suggested. They've decided that if the next defense project isn't too far away those with tires will move their trailers from here first, take the tires off and bring them back for some trailer owner who doesn't have tires. Then he too can move along to the same defense job.

But if the government's plan works out this won't be necessary.

One of scores of suggestions for replacing rubber tires, the wood-and-steel device is the first to be put to practical use.

If successful on trailers, such tires may be produced commercially for passenger cars. It is expected they'll be good for around 3,000 miles at speeds of 15 to 20 miles an hour.

Better Than Nothing.

A Detroit maker of wheels and axles improvised laminated quarter-sections of wood bound with a steel rim, and tried the contrivance on a trailer. It was noisy and uncomfortable, but took the trailer where it was supposed to go.

The trailer housing section of WPB's lumber and building materials division got interested, observed a satisfactory test on a heavily-loaded 7,200-pound trailer, and decided to arrange for an experimental output of 100 or more.

Research laboratories of rubber companies, industrial scientists and independent inventors are working to find something to replace rubber tires. It is possible that a rubberless tire may be devised, WPB says, but outside of the wood-and-steel substitute nothing so far has proved practical.

Rope tires, asphalt tires, leather tires, fabric tires have been proposed and rejected. Old casings wrapped around new tires have been suggested. Another idea is sections of solid rubber inside casings.

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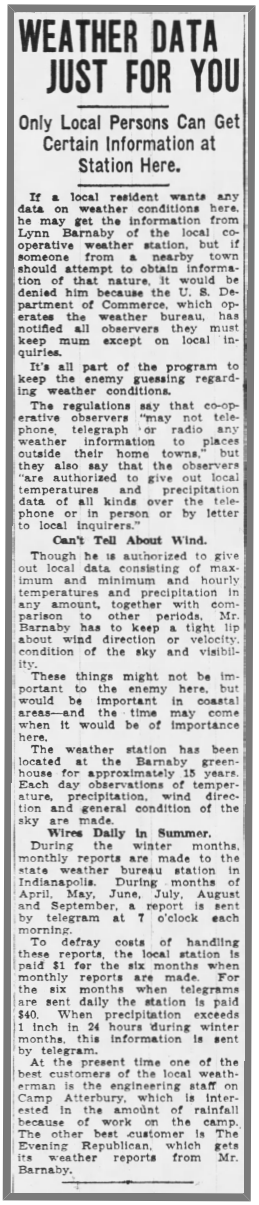

WEATHER DATA JUST FOR YOU

Only Local Persons Can Get Certain Information at Station Here.

If a local resident wants any data on weather conditions here, he may get the information from Lynn Barnaby of the local co-operative weather station, but if someone from a nearby town should attempt to obtain information of that nature, it would be denied him because the U. S. Department of Commerce, which operates the weather bureau, has notified all observers they must keep mum except on local inquiries.

It's all part of the program to keep the enemy guessing regarding weather conditions.

The regulations say that co-operative observers "may not telephone, telegraph or radio any weather information to places outside their home towns," but they also say that the observers "are authorized to give out local temperatures and precipitation data of all kinds over the telephone or in person or by letter to local inquirers."

Can't Tell About Wind.

Though he is authorized to give out local data consisting of maximum and minimum and hourly temperatures and precipitation in any amount, together with comparison to other periods, Mr. Barnaby has to keep a tight lip about wind direction or velocity, condition of the sky and visibility.

These things might not be important to the enemy here, but would be important in coastal areas—and the time may come when it would be of importance here.

The weather station has been located at the Barnaby greenhouse for approximately 15 years. Each day observations of temperature, precipitation, wind direction and general condition of the sky are made.

Wires Daily in Summer.

During the winter months, monthly reports are made to the state weather bureau station in Indianapolis. During months of April, May, June, July, August and September, a report is sent by telegram at 7 o'clock each morning.

To defray costs of handling these reports, the local station is paid $1 for the six months when monthly reports are made. For the six months when telegrams are sent daily the station is paid $40. When precipitation exceeds 1 inch in 24 hours during winter months, this information is sent by telegram.

At the present time one of the best customers of the local weatherman is the engineering staff on Camp Atterbury, which is interested in the amount of rainfall because of work on the camp. The other best customer is The Evening Republican, which gets its weather reports from Mr. Barnaby.

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NEW FLAGPOLE IS DEDICATED

C. L. Cummins Speaks at Ceremonies at Ceco Plant.

"We have a job to do and let us remember that every ounce of material and effort wasted is a help to our enemies," C. L. Cummins, president of Cummins Engine company, told employes in a talk at the flagstaff dedication program at the Fifth street Ceco plant Thursday afternoon.

"If we all do our part, we will end this war much quicker than otherwise," he added.

In his short talk Mr. Cummins pointed out that not since the war days of 1917 and '18 has the American flag meant so much.

"That flag which you see at the top of the pole is the only spark of hope in the eyes of the civilized world today," he said. "Today it is flying on battlefronts in various parts of the world.

"Many of our boys who worked here are fighting under that flag. Many working today will be on the battlefront fighting under it tomorrow. And we have a battlefield of our own, right here at home. Our materials are going to many fields of battle to help our armed forces. It is up to us to give our every effort to help them."

The new flagstaff, located on the west side of the main office building at the Cummins plant, was put up through the combined efforts of the Diesel Workers union, Concession fund organization and the company.

The committee in charge of arrangements was composed of Sam Jones, Jeffrey VanNorman and William Fox. Don Miller presided at the program.

Captain W. S. Arrasmith who is here on the Camp Atterbury project officiated for the flag raising, and music was furnished by the Columbus high school band under direction of Russell Goucher.

A large crowd attended the ceremony.

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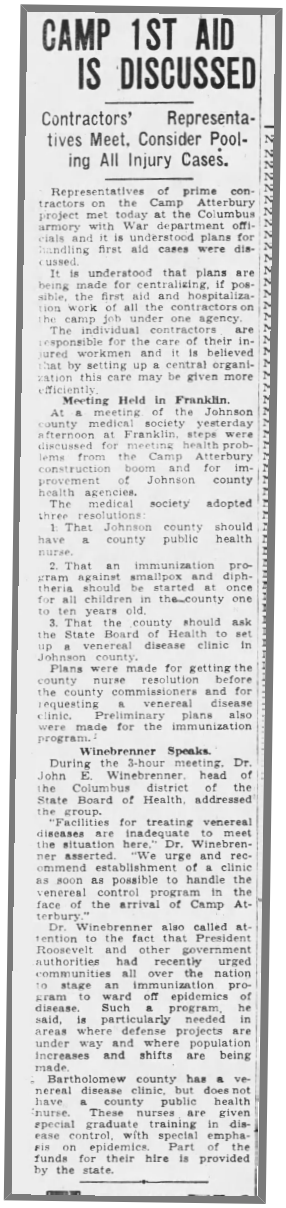

CAMP 1ST AID IS DISCUSSED

Contractors' Representatives Meet, Consider Pooling All Injury Cases.

Representatives of prime contractors on the Camp Atterbury project met today at the Columbus armory with War department officials and it is understood plans for handling first aid cases were discussed.

It is understood that plans are being made for centralizing, if possible, the first aid and hospitalization work of all the contractors on the camp job under one agency.

The individual contractors are responsible for the care of their injured workmen and it is believed that by setting up a central organization this care may be given more efficiently.

Meeting Held in Franklin.

At a meeting of the Johnson county medical society yesterday afternoon at Franklin, steps were discussed for meeting health problems from the Camp Atterbury construction boom and for improvement of Johnson county health agencies.

The medical society adopted three resolutions:

1. That Johnson county should have a county public health nurse.

2. That an immunization program against smallpox and diphtheria should be started at once for all children in the county one to ten years old.

3. That the county should ask the State Board of Health to set up a venereal disease clinic in Johnson county.

Plans were made for getting the county nurse resolution before the county commissioners and for requesting a venereal disease clinic. Preliminary plans also were made for the immunization program.

Winebrenner Speaks.

During the 3-hour meeting, Dr. John E. Winebrenner, head of the Columbus district of the State Board of Health, addressed the group.

"Facilities for treating venereal diseases are inadequate to meet the situation here," Dr. Winebrenner asserted. "We urge and recommend establishment of a clinic as soon as possible to handle the venereal control program in the face of the arrival of Camp Atterbury."

Dr. Winebrenner also called attention to the fact that President Roosevelt and other government authorities had recently urged communities all over the nation to stage an immunization program to ward off epidemics of disease. Such a program, he said, is particularly needed in areas where defense projects are under way and where population increases and shifts are being made.

Bartholomew county has a venereal disease clinic, but does not have a county public health nurse. These nurses are given special graduate training in disease control, with special emphasis on epidemics. Part of the funds for their hire is provided by the state.

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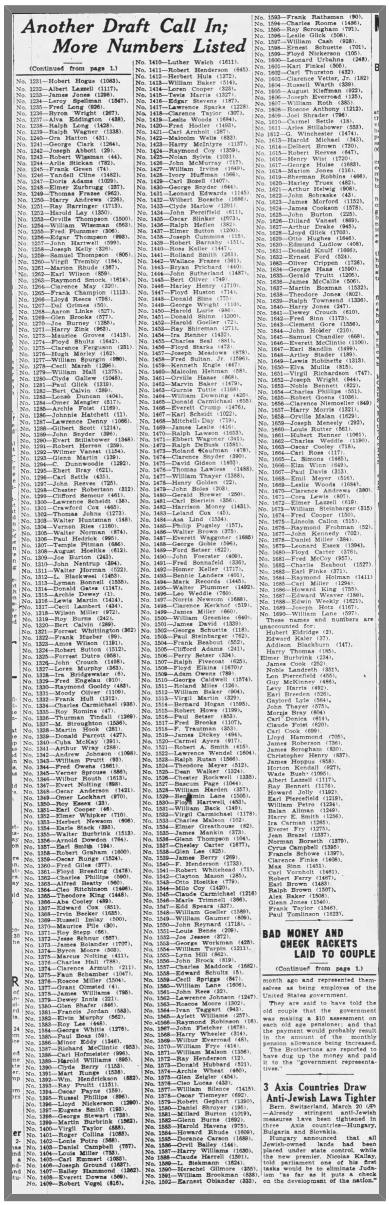

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No. 1534—Elmer Greathouse (82).
No. 1535—James Mankin (373).
No. 1536—Glenn Thompson (104).
No. 1537—Ralph Hedrick (1413).
No. 1538—Glen Lee (1529).
No. 1539—James Berry (269).
No. 1540—F. Henderson (1753).
No. 1541—Robert Whitehead (71).
No. 1542—Clayton Mason (285).
No. 1543—Otis Hostike (779).
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No. 1546—Ralph Hedrick (1413).
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No. 1548—William Goeller (1580).
No. 1549—William Gaumer (836).
No. 1550—John Reynard (1718).
No. 1551—Louis Benes (296).
No. 1552—Joe Jones (872).
No. 1553—Ralph Hedrick (1413).
No. 1554—William Turpin (1211).
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No. 1559—Cecil Spriggs (947).
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No. 1574—Archie Wheat (485).
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No. 1576—Ralph Hall (1509).
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No. 1578—Oscar Tiemeyer (692).
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No. 1582—Glenn Burns (1692).
No. 1583—Harold Havens (975).
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No. 1585—Ralph Hedrick (1413).
No. 1586—Orvil Bailey (1464).
No. 1587—Harry Williams (1630).
No. 1588—Claude Harrell (1301).
No. 1589—L. Biehmann (1624).
No. 1590—Herschel Gilmore (1393).
No. 1591—William Brookman (1581).
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No. 1593—Frank Rathsman (90).
No. 1594—Charles Rooms (1486).
No. 1595—Ray Scrougham (791).
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No. 1597—William Cash (928).
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No. 1602—Carl Thurston (432).
No. 1603—Clarence Vetter, Jr. (1182).
No. 1604—Russell Warth (339).
No. 1605—August Hoffman (1621).
No. 1606—Joseph Everroad (1393).
No. 1607—Ralph Hall (1509).
No. 1608—Roscoe Anthony (1212).
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No. 1610—Carmel Settle (28).
No. 1611—Arlee Stillabower (532).
No. 1612—G. Winchester (1474).
No. 1613—Harold Michael (343).
No. 1614—Delbert Brown (793).
No. 1615—Robert Reeves (647).
No. 1616—Ralph Hall (1509).
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No. 1643—Clement Gore (1556).
No. 1644—John Hieber (210).
No. 1645—Samuel Chandler (668).
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No. 1648—Ralph Hall (1509).
No. 1649—Lewis Robberts (1318).
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No. 1665—L. Simons (1485).
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No. 1667—Paul Davis (313).
No. 1668—Emil Mayer (516).
No. 1669—Leslie Woods (1664).
No. 1670—Clarence Andrews (380).
No. 1671—Cora Lewis (807).
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No. 1674—Fred Cooper (1701).
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No. 1677—John Kennedy (702).
No. 1678—Daniel Miller (384).
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Addison Blackburn (147).
Harry Thomas (195).
Elmer Burbrink (234).
James Cook (242).
Noah Lazell (1117).
Don Pennfield (455).
Guy McKinney (485).
Levy Harris (492).
Earl Breeden (526).
Gaylord Lyle (564).
John Thayer (575).
Morgis Bray (604).
Ralph Brown (1307).
Claude Frue (620).
Carl Cook (699).
Lloyd Hammond (705).
James Roberson (736).
James Scroghan (820).
Christopher Henry (837).
James Hoskins (867).
Curtis Tindall (871).
Wood Bush (1066).
Albert Lazell (1117).
Ray Bennett (1176).
Howard Jolly (1182).
Earl Pierrefield (1219).
Willem Petro (1234).
Bulan Allman (1249).
Ralph Brown (1307).
Ira Carrick (1361).
Everet Fry (1375).
Jean Brasel (1397).
Norman Borsech (1379).
Cyrus Campbell (1385).
Francis Schnur (1397).
Clarence Finke (1408).
Max Wood (1417).
Ray Bennett (1461).
Robert Perry (1467).
Earl Brown (1483).
Ralph Brown (1307).
Alex Baker (1508).
Glenn Jones (1540).
Frank Taylor (1546).
Paul Tomlinson (1623).

BAD MONEY AND CHECK RACKETS LAID TO COUPLE

(Continued from page 1.)

month ago and represented themselves as being employes of the United States government.

They are said to have told the old couple that the government was making a $10 assessment on each old age pensioner; and that the payment would probably result in the amount of the monthly pension allowance being increased.

The Brothertons are reported to have dug up the money and paid it to the "government representative."

3 Axis Countries Draw Anti-Jewish Laws Tighter

Bern, Switzerland, March 20 (AP)—Already stringent anti-Jewish measures have been tightened in three Axis countries—Hungary, Bulgaria and Slovakia.

Reports reaching here that all Jewish-owned lands had been placed under state control, while the new premier, Nicolas Kallay, told parliament one of his first tasks would be to eliminate Judism "as far as it puts a check on the development of the nation."

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Another Draft Call In; More Numbers Listed

The county selective service board has received another call for draftees to be inducted into the Army next month. The men to be taken in this call will be notified by mail within the near future and their names announced by the selective service board.

This call is in addition to the one received recently. The names of men to go in the recent call were announced last Wednesday. The men in this group already have been given their final physical examination by Army doctors and will go directly into the Army.

The men who will go out next month, however, have not been given their final examinations and will receive them on the day of induction. Those rejected will be sent home, while the others will go into the Army.

The local draft calls are being speeded up considerably. Three groups already have been inducted so far this month and a fourth group, those men announced last Wednesday, will leave at the end of the month.

This is All, Folks.

The final group of order numbers determined in Tuesday's drawing are published today. The list is incomplete because some order numbers were not recorded in the figures supplied The Republican.

The paper's listings are unofficial, but little change is expected in the official list, which will be compiled and released by the local selective board.

The names appearing without order numbers at the bottom of today's list are those whose numbers were "lost" in transmission to The Republican.

No. 1211—John Kress (793).
No. 1212—Karl Legan (207).
No. 1213—Ishmael Baute (216).
No. 1214—Virgil Mobley (1130).
No. 1215—Charles Greathouse (487).
No. 1216—Frederick Dinkins (1002).
No. 1217—Ralph Baute (843).
No. 1218—Harry Forrest (1015).
No. 1219—Clarence Cox (1202).
No. 1220—Malcolm Mattox (624).
No. 1221—Elra Chaney (669).
No. 1222—Olin Jenkins (1017).
No. 1223—Dale Robertson (1263).
No. 1224—Morris Hogue (253).
No. 1225—Roy Brannan (1458).
No. 1226—Herman J. Smith (1087).
No. 1227—Alton Bookwalter (1365).
No. 1228—Andrew Baker (64).
No. 1229—Adam Everroad (35).
No. 1230—Charles Wetzel (528).

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WELFARE FOLK TALK PROBLEMS

Camp Atterbury Is Topic of District Meeting at Franklin.

Welfare problems expected to arise as a result of the construction of Camp Atterbury were discussed at a meeting held yesterday at Franklin, attended by welfare workers from Bartholomew, Johnson, Brown, Shelby, Morgan and Decatur counties.

Representatives from the various counties explained the problems which have already begun to show up in their respective communities as a result of the camp.

The Bartholomew county welfare department was represented by Mrs. Dorothy Wallace, Miss Imogene Sharpnack, Mrs. Virgil Miller, Paul Lawson, Mrs. Harley Callon, Mrs. Fred Sulton, Mrs. Marlin Stewart, Mrs. Donald Wagner, Mrs. Ward Gossman, Miss Henrietta Pruitt and James Acher.

Topics discussed included housing, trailer camps, child welfare service, recreation, and the relation of the local welfare departments to other active social agencies working within the camp area.

1942_03_20_1_Welfare Problems

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9,000 OF CAMP SOLDIERS WILL BE COLORED, AUTHORITY SAYS

Local men who attended a USO discussion meeting in Indianapolis Friday to talk over Camp Atterbury problems today were quoting one speaker as saying that almost one-third of the soldiers to be stationed at the cantonment will be colored men.

Captain Joseph Lovett, representing the special service office of the Fifth Zone area at Columbus, O., was quoted as saying that the camp personnel will consist of a total of 29,000 men, 20,000 of them white and 9,000 colored.

Capt. Lovett was one of several speakers who sought to prepare leaders of communities surrounding the new camp with problems they might be expected to face.

One speaker was General Robert H. Tyndall, director of the Marion county civilian defense council and former commanding officer at Camp Shelby, Miss.

Gen. Tyndall spoke of soldier habits and camp life in general.

Another speaker was Frank Findley, regional representative of the national USO with offices in Chicago.

It was brought out during the conference that soldier morals depended on co-operation between towns and cities nearby and the authorities at the army camp.

Failure to maintain proper conditions in cities and towns can lead to declaration by camp authorities that entire communities, or parts of them, are off limits and not to be visited by servicemen.

Leaders also stressed the importance of churches in providing recreational facilities for soldiers. Churches should plan to use their available facilities as much as possible after the soldiers come, the leaders were told, because it is surprising the large number of enlisted men who solicit religious organizations for recreational assistance.

It was pointed out that not over 10 per cent of the camp personnel would be on leave outside the camp area at any one time except for weekends.

1942_03-_21_2_9,000 Colored at Camp

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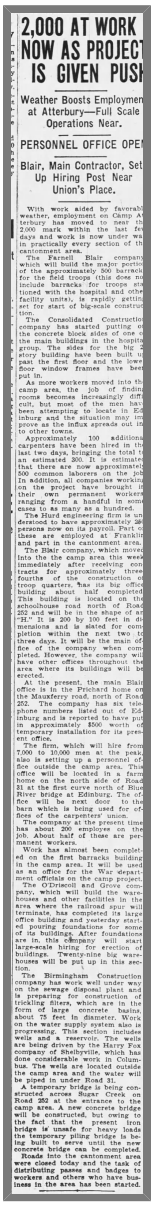

2,000 AT WORK NOW AS PROJECT IS GIVEN PUSH

Weather Boosts Employmen at Atterbury—Full Scale Operations Near.

PERSONNEL OFFICE OPE

Blair, Main Contractor, Set Up Hiring Post Near Union's Place.

With work aided by favorabl weather, employment on Camp A terbury has moved to near th 2,000 mark within the last fe days and work is now under wa in practically every section of th cantonment area.

The Farrell Blair company which will build the major portio of the approximately 500 struct for the field troops (this does no include barracks for troops sta tioned with the hospital and othe facility units), is rapidly gettin set for start of big-scale construc tion.

The Consolidated Construction company has started putting o the concrete block sides of one o the main buildings in the hospita group. The sides for the big 2 story building have been built u past the first floor and the lower floor window frames have been put in.

As more workers moved into th camp area, the job of findin rooms becomes increasingly diffi cult, but most of the men hav been attempting to locate in Ed inburg and the situation may im prove as the influx spreads out in to other towns.

Approximately 100 additiona carpenters have been hired in th last two days, bringing the total t an estimated 300. It is estimated 500 common laborers on the job In addition, all companies working on the project have brought in their own permanent workers ranging from a handful in some cases to as many as a hundred.

The Hord engineering firm is un derstood to have approximately 20 persons now on its payroll. Part o these are employed at Franklin and part in the cantonment area.

The Blair company, which move into the the camp area this week immediately after receiving con tracts for approximately three fourths of the construction of troop quarters, has its big office building about half completed. This building is located on the schoolhouse road north of Road 252 and will be in the shape of an "H." It is 200 by 100 feet in di mensions and is slated for com pletion within the next two to three days. It will be the main of fice of the company when com pleted. However, the company will have other offices throughout the area where its buildings will be erected.

At the present, the main Blair office is in the Prichard home on the Mauzfery road, north of Road 252. The company has six tele phone numbers listed out of Ed inburg and is reported to have put in approximately $500 worth of temporary installation for its pres ent office.

The firm, which will hire from 7,000 to 10,000 men at the peak, also is setting up a personnel of fice outside the camp area. This office will be located in a farm home on the north side of Road 31 at the first curve north of Blue River bridge at Edinburg. The of fice will be next door to the bars which is being used for of fices of the carpenters' union.

The company at the present time has about 200 employes on the job. About half of these are per manent workers.

Work has almost been complet ed on the first barracks building in the camp area. It will be used as an office for the War depart ment officials on the camp project.

The O'Driscoll and Grove com pany, which will build the ware houses and other facilities in the area where the railroad spur will terminate, has completed its large office building and yesterday start ed pouring foundations for some of its buildings. After foundations are in, this company will start large-scale hiring for erection of buildings. Twenty-nine big ware houses will be put up in this sec tion.

The Birmingham Construction company has work well under way on the sewage disposal plant and is preparing for construction of trickling filters, which are in the form of large concrete basins, about 75 feet in diameter. Work on the water supply system also is progressing. This section includes wells and a reservoir. The wells are being driven by the Harry Fox company of Shelbyville, which has done considerable work in Colum bus. The wells are located outside the camp area and the water will be piped in under Road 31.

A temporary bridge is being con structed across Sugar Creek on Road 252 at the entrance to the camp area. A new concrete bridge will be constructed, but owing to the fact that the present iron bridge is unsafe for heavy loads the temporary piling bridge is be ing built to serve until the new concrete bridge can be completed.

Roads into the cantonment area were closed today and the task of distributing passes and badges to workers and others who have bus iness in the area has been started.

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ATTERBURY BUS LINE TO START

Transportation for Workers Planned Between Edinburg, Martinsville.

The "Camp Atterbury" bus line is slated to start operation Monday, running between Edinburg and Martinsville through the cantonment area.

The bus line is being operated for camp workers and its schedule has been posted at various points in Edinburg, including the union offices.

Establishment of the bus line to Martinsville may send to that city a considerable number of the camp workers who are seeking living quarters.

Special 6-day round-trip fares are offered by the bus line.

The buses will leave Martinsville at 6:30 a. m. daily, arrive at Camp Atterbury at 7:15 a. m. and at Edinburg at 7:30.

May Need 24-hour Service.

They will leave Edinburg at 8 a. m., arrive at Camp Atterbury at 8:15 and at Martinsville at 9.

Eastbound buses also will leave Martinsville at 10:30 a. m. and at 3:30 p. m. and westbound trips will start from Edinburg at 12:30 p. m. and 4:30 p. m.

There may be need for 24-hour service as work will be on a 24-hour basis in many sections of the camp after preliminary construction is finished. At the present time part of the grading is being done at night, when the weather permits.

There has been considerable talk of a bus line from Columbus to the camp area, but there has been no announcement of plans for such a line.

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SET TO START LAND BUYING

War Department Believed Ready to Start Negotiating for Rest of Camp.

Plans for War department acquisition of the remainder of the land for Camp Atterbury, the major portion in Bartholomew county, are rapidly taking shape and it appeared today that negotiations for purchase of the land will be started within the next few days.

Start of negotiations will bring some relief to many farmers in the county who are inside the camp boundaries and who have been waiting for the War department to act.

Practically all of the persons in that portion of the condemned 7,200-acre area from which residents are to be out by next Tuesday have moved. Persons on 1,729 acres of the condemned section moved from their homes prior to Feb. 15.

Only seven Bartholomew county tracts, totalling 800 acres, are in the condemned part of the camp and four families are affected by the March 24 moving order. All these families have completed moving arrangements, and almost all homes in the cantonment area now stand vacant. A few farmers are still moving out farm equipment, but for the most part farmyards and barns are empty, gates stand open and rings of straw on the ground indicates where strawstacks once stood.

The four Bartholomew county families affected under the Tuesday date are those of Oscar Snepp, the Rev. Ralph Records, Aubrey Coy and Levi Records.

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Churches Invite Construction Men

Hope For Strangers To Join In Worship

Edinburgh, March 21. — The three Protestant churches are uniting in an invitation to all workers in Camp Atterbury to attend church on Sunday.

The organ prelude of fifteen minutes of music by Mrs. Ben G. Breeding will precede the morning service at the Presbyterian church.

The scriptural text of the sermon to be given by the Rev. Arthur H. Keeney is taken from Revelation 21, "I Heard a Great Voice Out of Heaven."

The Christian Endeavor and Tuxis groups will meet Sunday evening at 6:30 at the church. The congregational meeting will be held Wednesday evening, April 1, and all departments are asked to get reports in order. The mid-week prayer service will be held Wednesday at 7:30 and the lesson will concern "The Death of Jesus Christ."

The Christian church will begin a week of prayer services Sunday, March 22, and everyone is invited to attend. The service Sunday will be the sixth in a series of pre-Easter sermons by the Rev. Glenn O. Mills, and the subject of the morning sermon is, "Christ's Testament of Love." The mixed choir will sing by special request, "My Task," by Ashford, under the direction of Mrs. Owen Breeding.

The Rev. G. J. Pickett, who will open a week of nightly sermons, will address the senior congregation of the Methodist church at 10:30 and his subject is, "The Touch of Christ, or the Secret of His Presence." Miss Mary Woodsides has prepared an interesting message for the junior church. The evening services will begin promptly each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

1942_03_21_6_Churches Invite Construction Men

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GROUP TOURS SOCIAL CENTER

5 from Here Attend Camp Recreational Meeting in Indianapolis.

Five representatives of Columbus attended the Camp Atterbury recreational meeting yesterday in Indianapolis, during which the problems of serving the soldiers who will be stationed at the camp were discussed.

Those from here who attended the meeting, which was held in the Army, Navy and Marine Service Men's club in Indianapolis, were Mayor Fred C. Owens, A. E. Schumaker, the Rev. W. F. Badgett, Walter E. Simmen and Aaron Tross.

Representatives also were present from Indianapolis, Franklin and Edinburg. The group was shown through the club and the activities were explained. The meeting started at 5 o'clock and was followed by lunch served at the club.

Speakers included Gen. Robert H. Tyndall, director of the Marion county Civilian Defense council, and Capt. Joseph Lovett, representing the special service at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio.

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STORES STUDY NIGHT OPENING

Franklin merchants are considering staying open several hours at night in order to cater to construction workers on Camp Atterbury.

At a meeting of the directors of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce this week it was pointed out that the store hours are out of line with the hours of the construction workers and that in order to get maximum trade from the workers it will be necessary to revise the hour schedule.

A meeting of merchants will be held soon to discuss the change.

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Surveyors' Paradise

The Camp Atterbury cantonment area, inch for inch, now rates as one of the most surveyed area in Indiana.

Fields throughout the camp area are full of stakes and still engineers parade through the fields, survey down the roads and apparently "shoot" everything in sight.

Every one of the camp's 1,750 to 1,800 structures must be located by survey, grade stakes must be set, new roads must be surveyed, sewer lines and gas lines surveyed—in fact, everything in the 7,200-acre area must be located exactly or the whole camp is liable to be out of plumb.

This survey work was started when the camp survey project got underway here last summer and part of it is still going on.

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9,000 COLORED TROOPS COMING

Also 20,000 White Soldiers from Ohio, U.S.O. Representatives Told.

The first troops may move into Camp Atterbury by July 15, a contingent of approximately 500 officers and 1,000 men, followed about Aug. 15 by 20,000 white soldiers and 9,000 colored troops.

This was revealed by Captain Joseph Lovett, representing the special service office of the Fifth Zone area at Columbus, Ohio, at U. S. O. meeting Friday evening in Indianapolis, attended by five representatives of the city of Columbus.

Captain Lovett said one unit which will move into the camp will be the 83rd Division, composed of Ohio men.

In Full Swing Oct. 15.

According to present plans, the camp will be in full operation by Oct. 15.

It was not stated whether another full division beside the 83rd would be stationed at Camp Atterbury or not. The camp is believed planned to house one triangular division and troops equal to one division, plus troops for handling camp facilities. This would put the total around 40,000 men.

Captain Lovett's figures were the first revealed concerning the troops to be moved into the camp and the first time that colored troops have been mentioned officially. On the basis of his figures, almost one-third of the men stationed at the camp will be colored.

1942_03_23_3_9000 Colored Troops

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Carpenter Strike Rumor Given No Credence In City

Lower-Than-Scale Wage Reported As Potential Irritant

There were no reports or rumors in Franklin today of an impending strike in the Camp Atterbury area by carpenters among the 2,000 or more workmen employed in rush construction of the $31,000,000 Army cantonment.

From Columbus came a rumor of prospects of a work stoppage, but J. E. Moore, business agent of the carpenters' union there, emphatically denied it Sunday.

No one in Franklin connected officially or unofficially with the camp project had heard anything about a potential strike, a checkup revealed this afternoon.

The rumor said that the strike might come about because only one contracting firm in the area is paying the $1.42½ cents an hour carpenter union scale. The others were reported to be paying $1.30.

Expect Many Workmen.

Meanwhile, Franklin made plans to play host to dozens of additional workmen as the A. F. Blair construction firm of Decatur, Ga., got set to start large-scale work on construction of 500 or more barracks buildings for field troops.

Additional rooms, apartments and houses are being sought for the expected influx this week or early next week—expected to be by far the heaviest influx of the construction period thus far. Blair plans to hire between 7,000 and 10,000 men at the peak of construction. A large office building of frame construction is being completed for the Blair firm on the Drake schoolhouse road north of Road 252.

The Birmingham Construction Co. has work well under way on the sewage disposal plant south of the Johnson county line on the old Levi Records farm. Morris Prosser, Franklin excavating contractor, is doing a considerable amount of excavating work in preparation for construction of trickling filters.

Pipe Water Across

The water supply system also is taking form, with construction and excavating activities visible east of Road 31 and a short distance north of Edinburgh. Water is to be piped under Road 31 flowing west to the cantonment area.

Barricading of roads leading into the construction area did not materialize until Sunday morning, but guards and barricades were stationed in time to prevent a flow of sightseer traffic through the area, thus avoiding a slowdown in work particularly in the hospital area along Road 252 east of Nineveh.

It could not be established today just how the area engineers had arranged for essential traffic to be admitted to the area.

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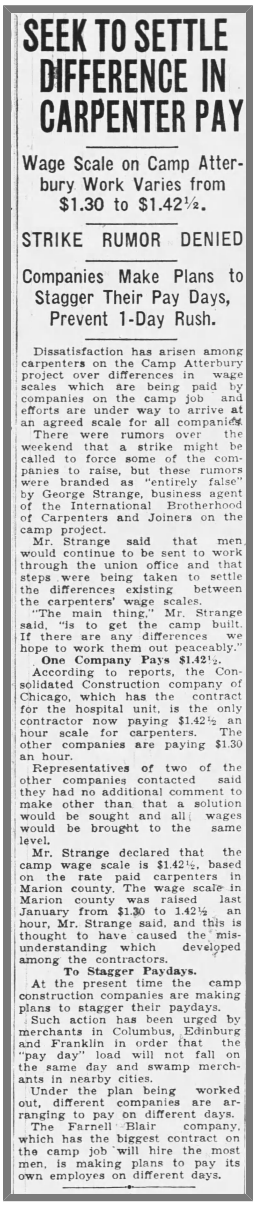

SEEK TO SETTLE DIFFERENCE IN CARPENTER PAY

Wage Scale on Camp Atterbury Work Varies from $1.30 to $1.42½.

STRIKE RUMOR DENIED

Companies Make Plans to Stagger Their Pay Days, Prevent 1-Day Rush.

Dissatisfaction has arisen among carpenters on the Camp Atterbury project over differences in wage scales which are being paid by companies on the camp job and efforts are under way to arrive at an agreed scale for all companies.

There were rumors over the weekend that a strike might be called to force some of the companies to raise, but these rumors were branded as "entirely false" by George Strange, business agent of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners on the camp project.

Mr. Strange said that men would continue to be sent to work through the union office and that steps were being taken to settle the differences existing between the carpenters' wage scales.

"The main thing," Mr. Strange said, "is to get the camp built. If there are any differences we hope to work them out peaceably."

One Company Pays $1.42½.

According to reports, the Consolidated Construction company of Chicago, which has the contract for the hospital unit, is the only contractor now paying $1.42½ an hour scale for carpenters. The other companies are paying $1.30 an hour.

Representatives of two of the other companies contacted said they had no additional comment to make other than that a solution would be sought and all wages would be brought to the same level.

Mr. Strange declared that the camp wage scale is $1.42½, based on the rate paid carpenters in Marion county. The wage scale in Marion county was raised last January from $1.30 to 1.42½ an hour, Mr. Strange said, and this is thought to have caused the misunderstanding which developed among the contractors.

To Stagger Paydays.

At the present time the camp construction companies are making plans to stagger their paydays.

Such action has been urged by merchants in Columbus, Edinburg and Franklin in order that the "pay day" load will not fall on the same day and swamp merchants in nearby cities.

Under the plan being worked out, different companies are arranging to pay on different days.

The Farnell Blair company, which has the biggest contract on the camp job will hire the most men, is making plans to pay its own employes on different days.

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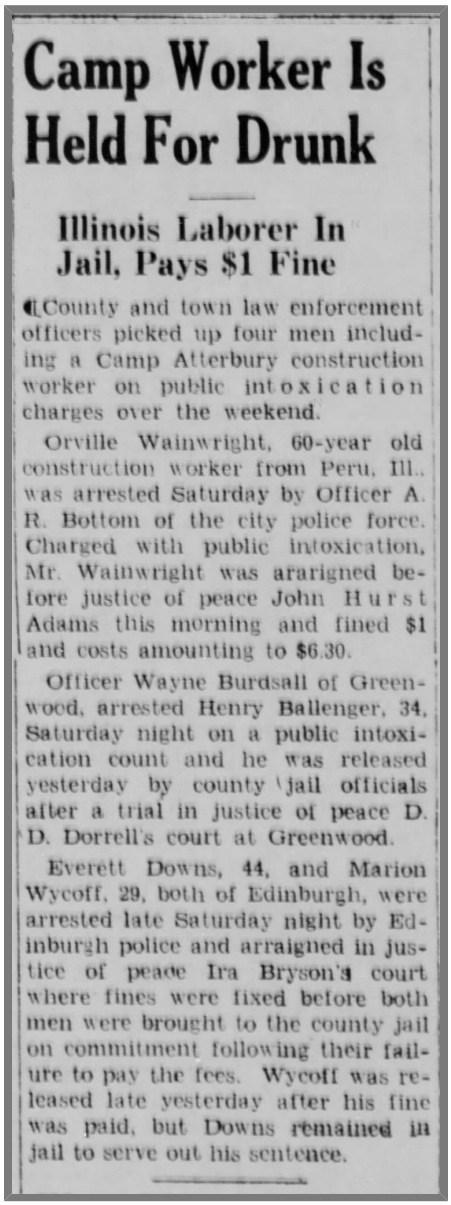

Camp Worker Is Held For Drunk

Illinois Laborer In Jail, Pays $1 Fine

County and town law enforcement officers picked up four men including a Camp Atterbury construction worker on public intoxication charges over the weekend.

Orville Wainwright, 60-year old construction worker from Peru, Ill., was arrested Saturday by Officer A. R. Bottom of the city police force. Charged with public intoxication, Mr. Wainwright was ararigned before justice of peace John Hurst Adams this morning and fined $1 and costs amounting to $6.30.

Officer Wayne Burdsall of Greenwood, arrested Henry Ballenger, 34, Saturday night on a public intoxication count and he was released yesterday by county jail officials after a trial in justice of peace D. D. Dorrell's court at Greenwood.

Everett Downs, 44, and Marion Wycoff, 29, both of Edinburgh, were arrested late Saturday night by Edinburgh police and arraigned in justice of peace Ira Bryson's court where fines were fixed before both men were brought to the county jail on commitment following their failure to pay the fees. Wycoff was released late yesterday after his fine was paid, but Downs remained in jail to serve out his sentence.

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Negotiations On For Additional Atterbury Acres

Real Estate Office Ordered To Dicker For Land Located In Southern Bartholomew Co.

An order to start negotiations for acquisition by the War Department of additional land in the Camp Atterbury area was issued today, just a few hours before the deadline was to arrive for evacuation of the last land owners in a 7,271-acre area condemned in January.

Instructions were given John Walsh, real estate project manager at Columbus, to proceed with negotiations on tracts in Bartholomew county between the Georgetown pike and the Ohio Ridge road.

Just how many acres are included in the area, located in the southern portion of the territory, could not be determined today.

Simultaneously, it was learned that instructions to start negotiations for the acquisition of land in the remainder of the area thus far free from evacuation orders might be expected within a few days.

May File Federal Suit.

Whether or not the War department will find it advisable to file a suit in Federal court at Indianapolis to gain early possession of the land was purely speculative today. Was considered possible action similar to that taken on Jan. 24 might be brought about in order to have a court order made regarding a date for vacating land in the area.

As was done following the January order to begin negotiations for purchase of land in the area, negotiations will be conducted the first few days in the real estate offices at the Columbus Armory, but later the negotiators will take to the field to contact those who did not call at the Armory.

Meanwhile, the remainder of the 7,271-acre area acquired thus far is virtually completely evacuated today in advance of the Tuesday deadline.

Land owners and tenants who have moved or must move by tomorrow are listed as follows:

Land Owners, Tenants.

In Bartholomew county—Ralph I. Records; Henry C. White heirs, occupied by Oscar Stepp, tenant; Earl Freese, occupied by Aubrey Cox, tenant; Levi N. Records, occupied by Mark Records, tenant.

In Johnson county—James A. Riggs; Emerson & Delphia Clark, occupied by George Hanner, tenant; Katherine C. Wright; John R. Mutz, et al, occupied by William Watts, tenant; Ida T. Deming; John F. & Mollie B. Drybread; Clarence P. & Eva M. Hardin; Louie A. & Bonnie Farr; Leo and Mable Smyser; Loring L. Hinshaw, Jr.; Udell Delaney; George F. & Anna H. Waltz; Eliza J. Stargeon; Paul Foxworthy, occupied by Arthur Dragoo, tenant, Jesse Herriott, and others; Julia Acton; Louisa Prichard; Laura D. Dragoo, occupied by William Henderson, tenant, Ruth Muldoon, and others; Elmer D. Bills; Alice M. Bay.

Others in Johnson county — Ira Prichard heirs, occupied by Clarence Prichard, tenant. William D. Prichard, occupied by Everett Ashley, tenant; Harriet Solenberg; Charles E. & Lewis M. McCammon; Charles C. Bills; Jesse Beavers; Nathaniel C. Wells, occupied by Landy O. Keller, tenant; Arlie W. Foxworthy; Nancy Harter, and others; Lucy L. Winchester; Fred J. Dorsey, Joseph E. Carter; Farmers' Trust Co.; J. Franklin Bowman; Gerald F. Branigin; Rebecca Irwin; Matilda Boegaholtz, occupied by Howard Boegaholtz, tenant, Bonnie Compton; Roscoe Compton; Lola Sanders and Gertrude Waltz.

Warner Is Fined; Says He'll Appeal

Cut Tree As "Good Deed To Neighbor"

Serving as his own attorney, John C. Warner, well known Franklin property owner, was found guilty in city court Monday morning of cutting and destroying a shade tree at the Dr. George Blake residence, 158 East King street, and was fined $10 and costs, totaling $21.

Mayor L. W. Oliver, who heard the case, issued a court order restraining Warner from being on the property of his neighbors. The defendant said he would file an appeal bond and carry his case into circuit court.

Charges had been filed by Mrs. R. H. Kent, owner of the Blake property, which is adjacent to the Warner residence. The incident, according to the affidavit, is said to have taken place last Thursday. Warner was arraigned Friday but pleaded not guilty.

Mrs. Kent and Dr. and Mrs. Blake all testified against Warner. The latter based his defense on the claim that he believed he was doing a good deed to his neighbors by removing the tree, which he claimed "was dead or dying and which shaded Dr. Blake's garden, thereby rendering it useless."

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PREPARE TO MOVE FIVE HUNDRED GRAVES FROM CAMP SITE

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property north of Road 252 and one body in the Prichard property near the Schoolhouse road.

Titles to the lots will be transferred and persons owning lots in these cemeteries will own lots of the same size in the new cemetery established by the government.

Control of the cemetery sections in the new cemetery will be in the hands of the trustees of the present cemeteries.

Specifications for work of removal of the bodies will be sent this week to prospective burial companies who may bid on the work. The bids will be opened in the district engineers office in Louisville.

1942_03_2_Bodies moved to Freeman-Part 2

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Prepare to Move 500 Graves from Camp Site

Plans for removing approximately 500 bodies from cemeteries in the cantonment area of Camp Atterbury were announced today by John R. Walsh, project manager.

Mr. Walsh said approval of the site for a new cemetery for all the bodies had been received today from Col. Henry Hutchings, Jr., district engineer at Louisville, and now waited only final court approval.

The new cemetery site consists of approximately seven acres and is located on the land of Nate Wells just outside the camp area about two miles north of Edinburg. The tract lies on the south side of a public lane leading to the Barnett camp from Road 31 and is about one-fourth of a mile west of Road 31.

The new site is across the lane from the Freeman cemetery and will be just as wide as the Freeman cemetery.

To Copy Original Lay Out.

Bodies in the cantonment area, the part now condemned, will be moved to the new cemetery. Each cemetery from which the graves are moved will be laid out in the new cemetery, with the graves in exactly the same relation as in the original cemetery, Mr. Walsh said.

He also explained that the War department will bear all costs connected with re-interment. He said that in each case, the stone marker and all ornaments will be moved to the new site.

He also explained that persons who wish to re-bury bodies taken from the cemeteries inside the cantonment area in a cemetery beside the planned site may do so, but must pay the cost of moving and burial. The War department will pay for taking the body out of the ground in either case.

Persons who wish to move bodies to other cemeteries than the one prepared by the government should contact the real estate department at the Columbus armory.

Those who wish to be present at the time the bodies are exhumed from the cemeteries and at the time of burial in the new cemetery may do so, Mr. Walsh said.

Five Burial Sites Affected.

Graves in five burial sites in the cantonment area will be moved. These sites are the Pisgah Methodist church cemetery, which contains the bodies of two Revolutionary war soldiers; the Harriett Creek Burial association cemetery northwest of the Pisgah Christian church; the Knapp cemetery on Road 252; five graves on the Ira Prichard property north of Road 252 and one body in the Prichard

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Army Camps Cover 14,000,000 Acres

(Washington, March 24 (INS) —Army contonments and proving grounds now occupy 14,000,000 acres in the United States—an area equal to New Jersey, Massachusetts and Connecticut, combined.

The figures were disclosed by Fred Johnson, commissioner of the land office, during testimony on the interior department appropriation bill, which was released today.

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GUARD PLAN FOR CAMP IS SET UP

Local War Veterans and Others Experienced May Apply for Positions.

War department officials are rapidly getting the guard organization set up for Camp Atterbury, but more guards are needed and local men who have the necessary qualifications may apply for the jobs through the Corps of Engineers office at the Columbus armory.

The roads into the cantonment area have been closed and guards stationed at the barricades. Persons who have jobs in the area and others who must enter from time to time are being given passes.

Men who wish to apply as guards must be between 20 and 55 years of age (veterans excepted), must be of sound health, must be at least five feet, eight inches tall (veterans excepted) and well proportioned.

Must Know Use of Guns.

They must show that they are experienced in use of small arms weapons. This experience might be attained in an organized police department, in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Guard, which required regular target practice or actual service use of small arms weapons.

At least two years' experience as a guard or related position which required guarding or protection of life or property also will qualify persons for the camp guard positions.

Also needed are officers of the guard. These men must have had experience in supervising guard work.

The positions are under civil service rules and regulations, but are temporary.

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In the first major accident on the camp project, a worker for the Calumet Paving company was killed while employed on construction of the railroad spur.

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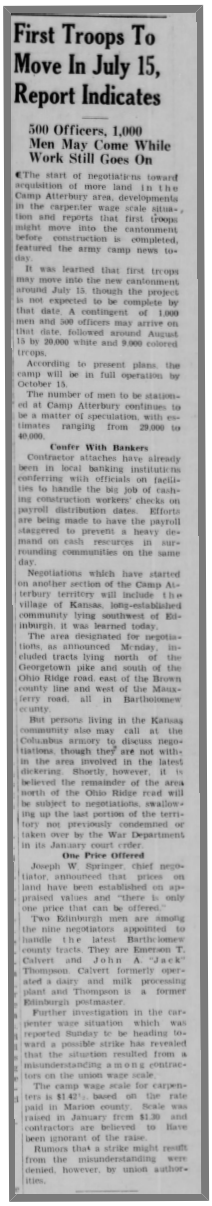

First Troops To Move In July 15, Report Indicates

500 Officers, 1,000 Men May Come While Work Still Goes On

The start of negotiations toward acquisition of more land in the Camp Atterbury area, developments in the carpenter wage scale situation and reports that first troops might move into the cantonment before construction is completed, featured the army camp news today.

It was learned that first troops may move into the new cantonment around July 15 though the project is not expected to be complete by that date. A contingent of 1,000 men and 500 officers may arrive on that date, followed around August 15 by 20,000 white and 9,000 colored troops.

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The number of men to be stationed at Camp Atterbury continues to be a matter of speculation, with estimates ranging from 29,000 to 40,000.

Confer With Bankers

Contractor attaches have already been in local banking institutions conferring with officials on facilities to handle the big job of cashing construction workers' checks on payroll distribution dates. Efforts are being made to have the payroll staggered to prevent a heavy demand on cash resources in surrounding communities on the same day.

Negotiations which have started on another section of the Camp Atterbury territory will include the village of Kansas, long-established community lying southwest of Edinburgh, it was learned today.

The area designated for negotiations, as announced Monday, included tracts lying north of the Georgetown pike and south of the Ohio Ridge road, east of the Brown county line and west of the Maux-ferry road, all in Bartholomew county.

But persons living in the Kansas community also may call at the Columbus armory to discuss negotiations, though they are not within the area involved in the latest dickering. Shortly, however, it is believed the remainder of the area north of the Ohio Ridge road will be subject to negotiations, swallowing up the last portion of the territory not previously condemned or taken over by the War Department in its January court order.

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Two Edinburgh men are among the nine negotiators appointed to handle the latest Bartholomew county tracts. They are Emerson T. Calvert and John A. "Jack" Thompson. Calvert formerly operated a dairy and milk processing plant and Thompson is a former Edinburgh postmaster.

Further investigation in the carpenter wage situation which was reported Sunday to be heading toward a possible strike has revealed that the situation resulted from a misunderstanding among contractors on the union wage scale.

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Rumors that a strike might result from the misunderstanding were denied, however, by union authorities.

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MOST CAMP EVACUEES MOVED IN TIME TO SAVE PRIMARY VOTES

Despite the change of residence forced upon a large number of persons by orders to evacuate portions of the Camp Atterbury area, observers believe that few adults will lose their vote in the May 5, primary.

So important did some consider the right to vote that they moved from the camp area earlier than necessary in order to protect their franchise, it has been learned.

Others qualified more or less accidentally, with the result that they may cast their ballots for party choices along with the rest of the populace on May 5—providing, of course, that they are properly registered.

Will Have Qualified.

The first evacuation of land was carried out on Feb. 14. On that date, more than 20 families had vacated Nineveh and Blue River township farms. All who moved elsewhere in the same township did so in plenty of time, since the election law requires that a voter moving from one precinct to another in the same township need be a resident only 30 days before the primary.

Those who moved into other townships or even out of the county by Feb. 14 will have qualified with a 60-day residential requirement on April 14, which is plenty of time before the primary.

Voters who waited until after March 6 to evacuate their camp acres and then moved into another township or another county are out of luck, for the 60-day residential requirement means that voters had to establish their new residence before March 6.

Avoided Late Rush.

However, many of the land owners and tenants who were served notice they had to get out by March 24 did so well in advance in order to avoid a last-minute rush and also to establish themselves in a new location before the spring farm work got under way.

There is only one possibility that a large number of voters may be prevented from casting ballots at the primary. If the War department is given permission to take possession of land already surveyed but not yet condemned, between now and May 5, with orders issued for residents to move before that date, it is probable that many would not get to vote because they would be unable to fulfill the residential requirements.

Already, 7,271 acres have been evacuated, the last residents leaving their old homes today. There were about 13,000 acres of Johnson county land in the surveyed area. Recently, 1,800 were removed. Only 4,000 acres remain unevacuated, and the number of voters in that area would probably not be much larger than 100 or 125.

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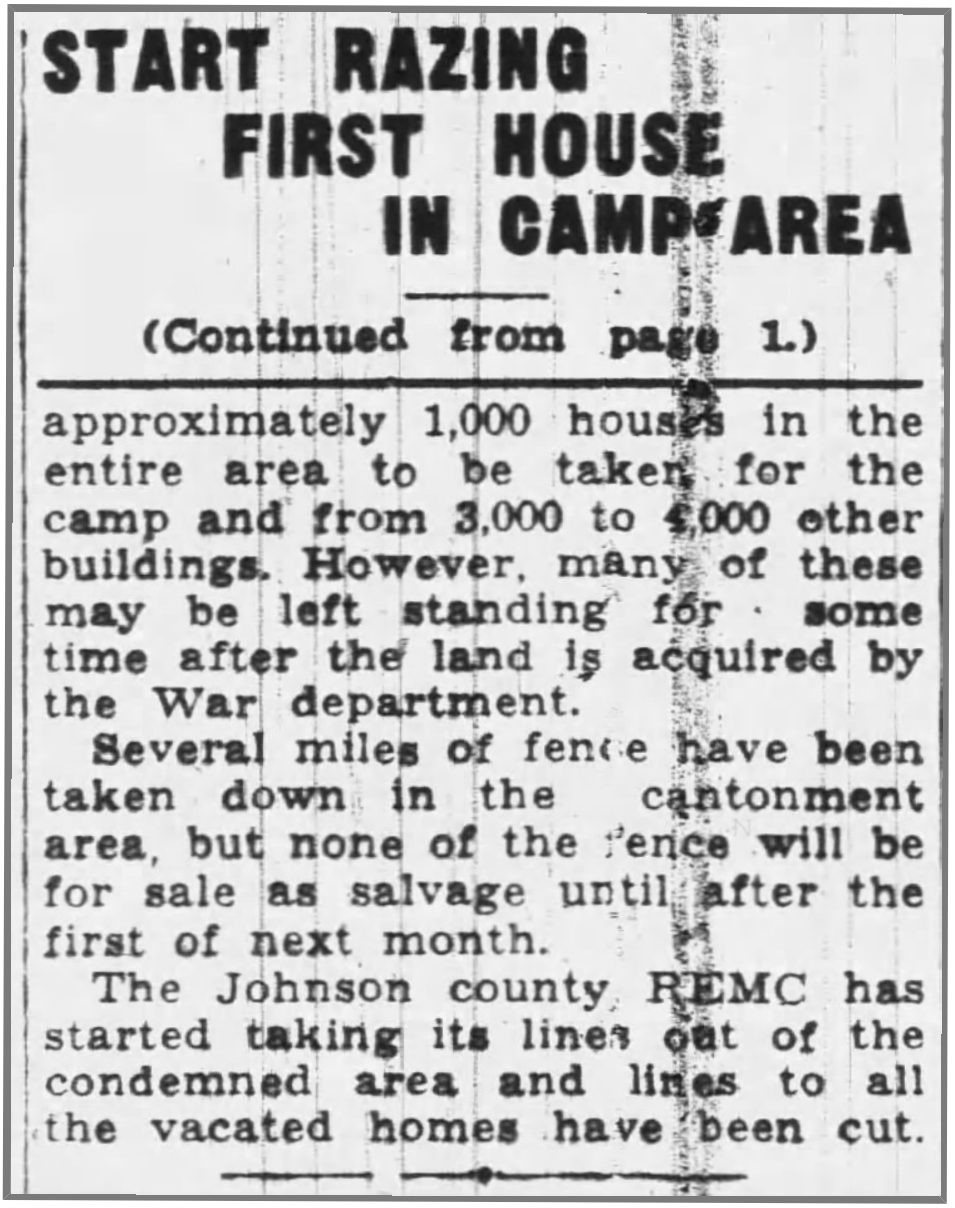

START RAZING FIRST HOUSE IN CAMP AREA

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approximately 1,000 houses in the entire area to be taken for the camp and from 3,000 to 4,000 other buildings. However, many of these may be left standing for some time after the land is acquired by the War department.

Several miles of fence have been taken down in the cantonment area, but none of the fence will be for sale as salvage until after the first of next month.

The Johnson county REMC has started taking its lines out of the condemned area and lines to all the vacated homes have been cut.

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BUS SERVICE TO CAMP IS SOUGHT

Merchants Seek Transportation for Workers and Soldiers.

A movement to obtain bus service between Camp Atterbury and Columbus was inaugurated yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the Columbus Merchants association division of the Chamber of Commerce, held at the Chamber.

A committee headed by C. J. Cerney, manager of the Montgomery Ward store, was appointed to investigate the possibilities for getting the service, and the group went to work at once.

Other members of the transportation committee are Don Frazee, Jr., of Gause cafe; A. E. Schumaker of Coca Cola Bottling company; Philip (Sap) Essex of the Columbus Bar; and Harley Lockman of the Indiana Railroad.

The committee will meet at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon to draft plans for obtaining the service.

Service Already Needed.

It was pointed out that bus service to the camp is already needed, and that the need will increase after it is completed and occupied by the soldiers. According to reports reaching the committee, this has been the experience around other army camps.

At the present time there is Greyhound and Suburban line service, but the only stop made is in Edinburg.

The transportation committee will welcome suggestions with regard to the camp bus service and will assist any reliable concern or individual who is interested in procuring the necessary franchises, Mr. Cerney pointed out.

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Apartments Full, Only Rooms Left

Couples Turned Away By Chamber Secretary

The first major rush for room, apartment and house accommodations in Franklin is under way this week, and added to the request for living quarters is a plea for board in the homes where rooms are taken, the Chamber of Commerce reported today.

After weeks of slow movement of construction workers and contractor employes for Camp Atterbury into this city as temporary residents, the speed accelerated this week with the arrival of the A. F. Blair company of Decatur, Ga., which has the biggest contract of the construction setup.

Though work has barely started among the Blair employes, the demand for living accommodations has spurted sharply, and Fred C. Lockwood, secretary of the Greater Franklin Chamber of Commerce, reports a heavy rush.

Tuesday, by actual count, 15 couples seeking apartments or houses were turned away by the Chamber secretary because he had no more houses or apartments on his list. Some of the couples are believed to have found recently vacated quarters or apartments not listed on the Chamber rolls.

The demand for room and board is growing, also. Foremen are asking the Chamber for lists of available rooms with board for groups of 20 or 25 men working in squads or divisions of the construction project.

From figures in the C. of C. office it would appear there are plenty of rooms left but few, if any, apartments or houses. The Chamber listed 826 rooms, 597 of them in Franklin and the remainder elsewhere over the county. Of the Franklin rooms, 464 are left—at least, landlords who listed them have not had the rooms taken off the roll.

Twenty-six houses and apartments already have been rented through the C. of C. service, Mr. Lockwood said.

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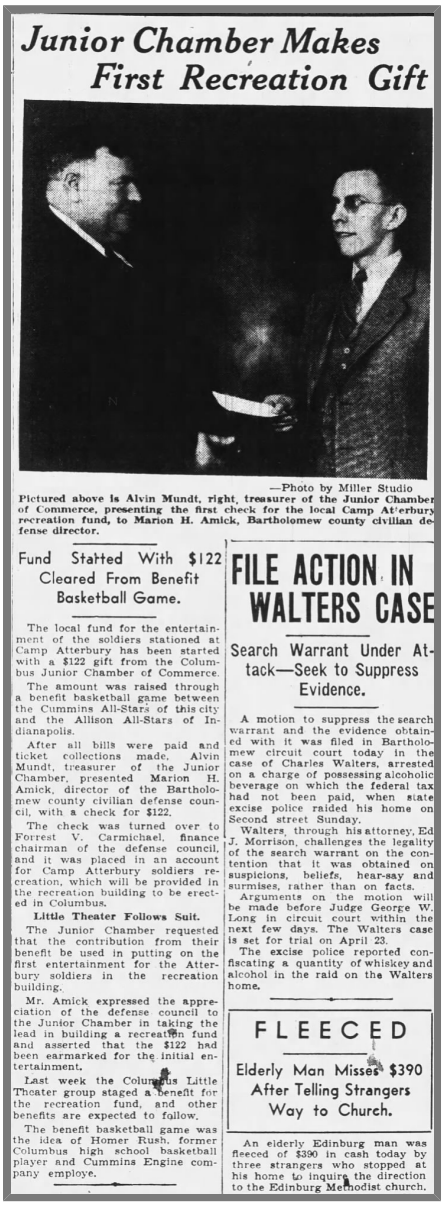

Junior Chamber Makes First Recreation Gift

—Photo by Miller Studio

Pictured above is Alvin Mundt, right, treasurer of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, presenting the first check for the local Camp Atterbury recreation fund, to Marion H. Amick, Bartholomew county civilian defense director.

Fund Statted With $122 Cleared From Benefit Basketball Game.

The local fund for the entertainment of the soldiers stationed at Camp Atterbury has been started with a $122 gift from the Columbus Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The amount was raised through a benefit basketball game between the Cummins All-Stars of this city and the Allison All-Stars of Indianapolis.

After all bills were paid and ticket collections made, Alvin Mundt, treasurer of the Junior Chamber, presented Marion H. Amick, director of the Bartholomew county civilian defense council, with a check for $122.

The check was turned over to Forrest V. Carmichael, finance chairman of the defense council, and it was placed in an account for Camp Atterbury soldiers recreation, which will be provided in the recreation building to be erected in Columbus.

Little Theater Follows Suit.

The Junior Chamber requested that the contribution from their benefit be used in putting on the first entertainment for the Atterbury soldiers in the recreation building.

Mr. Amick expressed the appreciation of the defense council to the Junior Chamber in taking the lead in building a recreation fund and asserted that the $122 had been earmarked for the initial entertainment.

Last week the Columbus Little Theater group staged a benefit for the recreation fund, and other benefits are expected to follow.

The benefit basketball game was the idea of Homer Rush, former Columbus high school basketball player and Cummins Engine company employe.

FILE ACTION IN WALTERS CASE

Search Warrant Under Attack—Seek to Suppress Evidence.

A motion to suppress the search warrant and the evidence obtained with it was filed in Bartholomew circuit court today in the case of Charles Walters, arrested on a charge of possessing alcoholic beverage on which the federal tax had not been paid, when state excise police raided his home on Second street Sunday.

Walters, through his attorney, Ed J. Morrison, challenges the legality of the search warrant on the contention that it was obtained on suspicions, beliefs, hear-say and surmises, rather than on facts.

Arguments on the motion will be made before Judge George W. Long in circuit court within the next few days. The Walters case is set for trial on April 23.

The excise police reported confiscating a quantity of whiskey and alcohol in the raid on the Walters home.

FLEECED

Elderly Man Misses $390 After Telling Strangers Way to Church.

An elderly Edinburg man was fleeced of $390 in cash today by three strangers who stopped at his home to inquire the direction to the Edinburg Methodist church.

1042_03_25_3_Benefit brings $250

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MAN BURIED AT KANSAS

Edinburg, Mar. 25.—Burial of Howard Louis Lee, 51, who died Saturday at his home in Indianapolis, was made yesterday afternoon in the Kansas cemetery, southwest of here. Rites were conducted at the J. C. Wilson mortuary in Indianapolis at 1 o'clock. A brief service was held at the grave.

The deceased was born in Shelby county and spent his early life in this community. For 30 years he had resided in Indianapolis. He was a fireman on the New York Central railroad and belonged to the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen who conducted services on Monday morning.

Beside the widow, survivors are his mother, Mrs. Addah Lee; a daughter, Mrs. Mary L. Clark; four sisters Miss Nora Lee, Mrs. Grace Berry, Mrs. Thelma Baskerville and Mrs. Hazel Blackhern, and a grandson.

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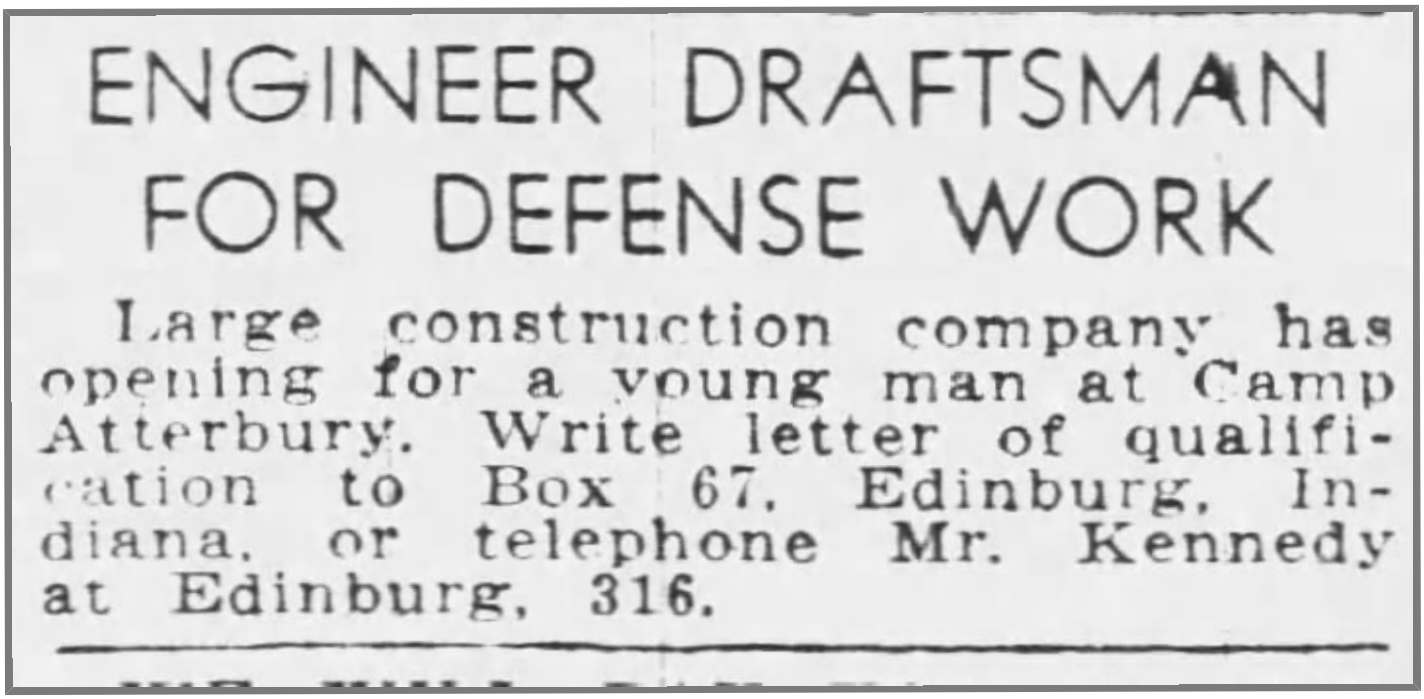

ENGINEER DRAFTSMAN FOR DEFENSE WORK

Large construction company has opening for a young man at Camp Atterbury. Write letter of qualification to Box 67, Edinburg, Indiana, or telephone Mr. Kennedy at Edinburg, 316.

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5 THEATERS IN PLANS OF CAMP

Field House, Club Rooms and Other Facilities to Be Built.

The soldiers who move into Camp Atterbury will not lack for entertainment, athletics or recreation on the camp reservation.

As now planned, the camp will include four medium-sized theaters, a large theater, field house, club rooms and social centers.

The War department has not revealed information on the size of the theaters, but the usual medium-sized theaters at the newer Army camps seat as many as 1,000 persons. The Army camp theaters are equipped with the latest type film projectors and sound equipment, and timely pictures are shown.

Two complete shows are usually presented each night and there are matinees on Sundays and legal holidays.

Field House 181 by 133.

Price of admission to the camp theaters is normally 20 cents for adults, but the soldiers are offered special coupon books, which bring the cost of admission down to around 14 cents. There is no federal amusement tax on the camp theaters.

The field house, or sports arena, which will be constructed by the Farnell Blair company, will be 181 feet by 133 feet and will have a suspended roof. It will be big enough for all types of sports events and may be used for other type gatherings.

The club rooms and social centers will be spread over the cantonment area. In addition each camp section will have space for sports facilities such as horse shoe pitching courts and baseball diamonds.

There also will be chapels (churches) throughout the camp area. Five chapels were included in the original plans for Section A1 and a like number is believed planned in Section A2.

1942_03_25_5_5 Theaters Planned

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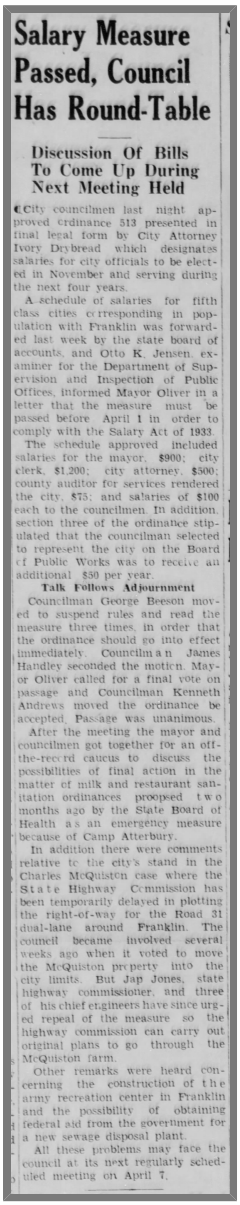

Salary Measure Passed, Council Has Round-Table

Discussion Of Bills To Come Up During Next Meeting Held

City councilmen last night approved ordinance 513 presented in final legal form by City Attorney Ivory Drybread which designates salaries for city officials to be elected in November and serving during the next four years.

A schedule of salaries for fifth class cities corresponding in population with Franklin was forwarded last week by the state board of accounts, and Otto K. Jensen, examiner for the Department of Supervision and Inspection of Public Offices, informed Mayor Oliver in a letter that the measure must be passed before April 1 in order to comply with the Salary Act of 1933.

The schedule approved included salaries for the mayor, $900; city clerk, $1,200; city attorney, $500; county auditor for services rendered the city, $75; and salaries of $100 each to the councilmen. In addition, section three of the ordinance stipulated that the councilman selected to represent the city on the Board of Public Works was to receive an additional $50 per year.

Talk Follows Adjournment

Councilman George Beeson moved to suspend rules and read the measure three times, in order that the ordinance should go into effect immediately. Councilman James Handley seconded the motion. Mayor Oliver called for a final vote on passage and Councilman Kenneth Andrews moved the ordinance be accepted. Passage was unanimous.

After the meeting the mayor and councilmen got together for an off-the-record caucus to discuss the possibilities of final action in the matter of milk and restaurant sanitation ordinances proposed two months ago by the State Board of Health as an emergency measure because of Camp Atterbury.

In addition there were comments relative to the city's stand in the Charles McQuiston case where the State Highway Commission has been temporarily delayed in plotting the right-of-way for the Road 31 dual-lane around Franklin. The council became involved several weeks ago when it voted to move the McQuiston property into the city limits. But Jap Jones, state highway commissioner, and three of his chief engineers have since urged repeal of the measure so the highway commission can carry out original plans to go through the McQuiston farm.

Other remarks were heard concerning the construction of the army recreation center in Franklin and the possibility of obtaining federal aid from the government for a new sewage disposal plant.

All these problems may face the council at its next regularly scheduled meeting on April 7.

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START RAZING FIRST HOUSE IN CAMP AREA

Number of Homes, Barn and Silos to Be Offered for Sale.

CCC WORKS ON SALVAGE

May Be Quartered Within Reservation—Land Buying Is Extended.

Work of tearing down the first house to make way for construction of Camp Atterbury was to be started today and at the same time Charles W. Long, assistant project manager, stated that a number of houses, barns, silos and other buildings in the way of construction are for sale.

It also was announced today at the Columbus armory that land negotiations are being extended to include all territory south of the Kansas road and west of the Mauxferry road.

Joseph W. Springer, chief negotiator, said all landowners in that section of the camp may call at the armory at any time now and discuss sale of the land to the War department. Negotiations were started Monday in the area between the Ohio Ridge road and the Georgetown pike on the south and a number of landowners in that area of Bartholomew county have been calling at the armory in the last few days.

Several Options Signed.

Several have signed options for sale of their land to the War department.

Negotiations will continue in the southern section as well as starting in the area north to the Kansas road and persons who have not yet called at the armory are invited to do so, Mr. Springer said. The negotiating will be extended to include all of the camp area as soon as the real estate department completes collection of necessary data, Mr. Springer said.

With expansion of the construction work in the camp cantonment area, salvage plans have been placed under way and a number of buildings must be torn down to make way for the camp structures.

Civilian Conservation Corps enrollees from the CCC camp in Brown county have been assisting in cleaning up debris in the cantonment area and in tearing down fences.

May Move CCC In.

The CCC men will continue to help with the salvage work and there have been reports that the War department is considering moving a number of the men into the area and providing them with quarters.

All buildings in the condemned area of the camp that are in the way of construction will be sold directly through the real estate department at the Columbus armory.

Those buildings which are not in the way of immediate construction will be sold later by sealed bids or at public auction.

Tearing down of the first home in the cantonment area marks a milestone in the camp construction. A step toward conversion of the former prosperous farming area into a military camp, packed tightly with barracks and other camp buildings.

Military streets will cross through the area where fields of corn once stood and on the sloping land within a few months will be enough living quarters and other structures to care for a city the size of Andersonville.

Parmalee Home Razed.

The home to be razed today is that on the farm of Ethel Parmalee and is located on the east side of Schoolhouse road, a short distance south of Road 252.

Bulldozers and big scoops have been grading around the house for the past week and its removal is necessary for continuation of the work. The house is of frame construction and has six rooms.

Mr. Long said there will be numerous other houses, barns, silos and other buildings which must be razed because they lie in the path of construction.

Persons interested in buying these properties at salvage prices may contact Mr. Long at once at the armory. The salvage prices were fixed at the time the properties were appraised.

Will Show Property.

Prospective buyers of these homes, which must be razed at once, will be shown the properties and given the salvage price. Persons may pay either by cash, personal check or certified check, but if cash or personal check is used there will be a fee of 25 cents per $100 to handle draft costs, Mr. Long said.

Houses which must be sold now include those from two rooms up. The silos are of frame, concrete slabs and tile construction.

Also to be sold are windmills, barns, garages and chickenhouses.

Light wires and electrical and other fixtures will be sold along with the residences unless otherwise specified by the War department. Persons who buy the properties must clean up the debris after tearing the buildings down, Mr. Long explained.

There is approximately 100 residences in the condemned area of the camp and many of these will be torn down soon because they hinder construction.

It is estimated that there are

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SHOWERS MAY FALL TONIGHT

After almost a week of fair weather, which has speeded construction on the Camp Atterbury project, brought bikes onto streets in droves and given most all a touch of spring fever, the weatherman forecast, showers and thunderstorms for tonight.

However, the warm weather is slated to continue.

The mercury at 1 o'clock this afternoon stood at 73 degrees in the shade, the same as yesterday's high. The low last night was 35.

The coolest day since last Saturday—the first day of spring—was Sunday, with a high of 58. The highest temperature recorded since last fall was 78 on March 16.

1942_03_25_1_Showers expected

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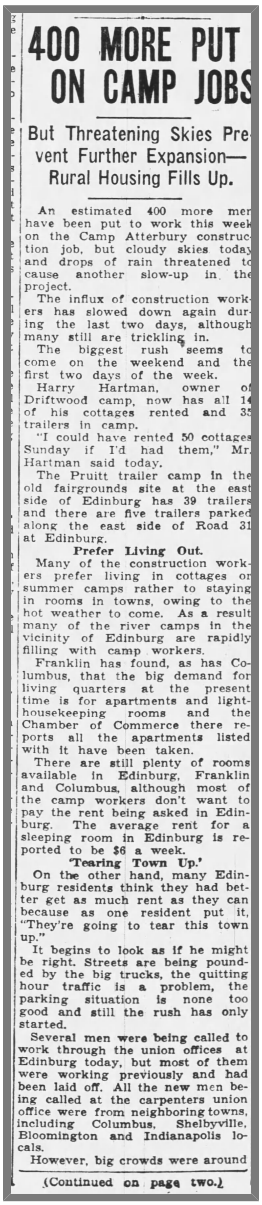

400 MORE PUT ON CAMP JOBS

But Threatening Skies Prevent Further Expansion—Rural Housing Fills Up.

An estimated 400 more men have been put to work this week on the Camp Atterbury construction job, but cloudy skies today and drops of rain threatened to cause another slow-up in the project.

The influx of construction workers has slowed down again during the last two days, although many still are trickling in.

The biggest rush seems to come on the weekend and the first two days of the week.

Harry Hartman, owner of Driftwood camp, now has all 14 of his cottages rented and 35 trailers in camp.

"I could have rented 50 cottages Sunday if I'd had them," Mr. Hartman said today.

The Pruitt trailer camp in the old fairgrounds site at the east side of Edinburg has 39 trailers and there are five trailers parked along the east side of Road 31 at Edinburg.

Prefer Living Out.

Many of the construction workers prefer living in cottages or summer camps rather to staying in rooms in towns, owing to the hot weather to come. As a result many of the river camps in the vicinity of Edinburg are rapidly filling with camp workers.

Franklin has found, as has Columbus, that the big demand for living quarters at the present time is for apartments and light-housekeeping rooms and the Chamber of Commerce there reports all the apartments listed with it have been taken.

There are still plenty of rooms available in Edinburg, Franklin and Columbus, although most of the camp workers don't want to pay the rent being asked in Edinburg. The average rent for a sleeping room in Edinburg is reported to be $6 a week.

'Tearing Town Up.'

On the other hand, many Edinburg residents think they had better get as much rent as they can because as one resident put it, "They're going to tear this town up."

It begins to look as if he might be right. Streets are being pounded by the big trucks, the quitting hour traffic is a problem, the parking situation is none too good and still the rush has only started.

Several men were being called to work through the union offices at Edinburg today, but most of them were working previously and had been laid off. All the new men being called at the carpenters union office were from neighboring towns, including Columbus, Shelbyville, Bloomington and Indianapolis locals.

However, big crowds were around

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1942_03_26_1_400 more employees at camp

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400 MORE PUT ON CAMP JOBS

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the carpenters and common laborers union offices and the A. Farnell Blair employment office, waiting for calls, to work. The Blair company is setting up its new big construction office inside the camp area and a telephone switchboard is being installed.

Hospital Buildings Sided.

Concrete block sides of several of the hospital group buildings have been put up and the buildings are ready for roofs. These large buildings are being built by the Consolidated Construction company which hired a number of additional men this week.

There has been no further information revealed on the differences in the carpenters' pay on the camp project, but two of the companies are paying $1.42½ an hour. These companies are the Consolidated and the Birmingham Contracting company, which is building the sewage disposal plant and water supply system. The floors of two of the large trickling filters for the sewage plant have been poured and forms started for the sides.

The railroad tracks for the spur into the camp area have been laid on towards Sugar Creek west of Road 252 and the field just west of Road 31 where the tracks cross has been prepared for putting in switches.

Several of the camp construction companies are having photographs of their workers taken for identification in getting in and out of the camp area, but for the most part men are now entering on their own company badges.

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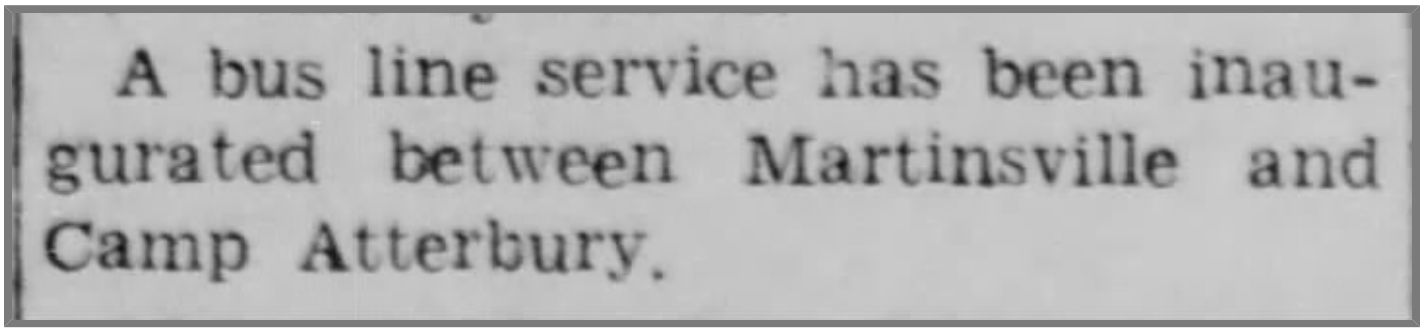
A bus line service has been inaugurated between Martinsville and Camp Atterbury.

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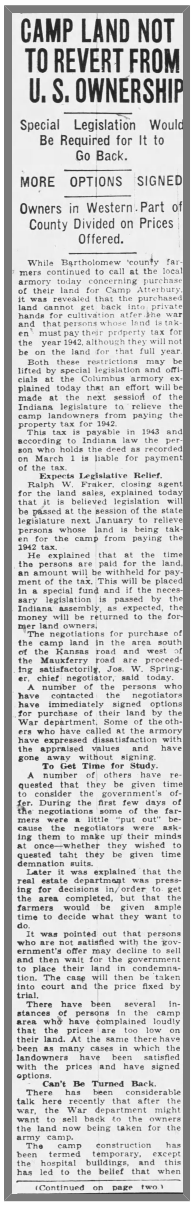

CAMP LAND NOT TO REVERT FROM U. S. OWNERSHIP

Special Legislation Would Be Required for It to Go Back.

MORE OPTIONS SIGNED

Owners in Western Part of County Divided on Prices Offered.

While Bartholomew county farmers continued to call at the local armory today concerning purchase of their land for Camp Atterbury, it was revealed that the purchased land cannot get back into private hands for cultivation after the war and that persons whose land is taken must pay their property tax for the year 1942, although they will not be on the land for that full year.

Both these restrictions may be lifted by special legislation and officials at the Columbus armory explained today that an effort will be made at the next session of the Indiana legislature to relieve the camp landowners from paying the property tax for 1942.

This tax is payable in 1943 and according to Indiana law the person who holds the deed as recorded on March 1 is liable for payment of the tax.

Expects Legislative Relief.

Ralph W. Fraker, closing agent for the land sales, explained today that it is believed legislation will be passed at the session of the state legislature next January to relieve persons whose land is being taken for the camp from paying the 1942 tax.

He explained that at the time the persons are paid for the land, an amount will be withheld for payment of the tax. This will be placed in a special fund and if the necessary legislation is passed by the Indiana assembly, as expected, the money will be returned to the former land owners.

The negotiations for purchase of the camp land in the area south of the Kansas road and west of the Mauxferry road are proceeding satisfactorily, Jos. W. Springer, chief negotiator, said today.

A number of the persons who have contacted the negotiators have immediately signed options for purchase of their land by the War department. Some of the others who have called at the armory have expressed dissatisfaction with the appraised values and have gone away without signing.

To Get Time for Study.

A number of others have requested that they be given time to consider the government's offer. During the first few days of the negotiations some of the farmers were a little "put out" because the negotiators were asking them to make up their minds at once—whether they wished to quested taht they be given time demnation suits.

Later it was explained that the real estate department was pressing for decisions in order to get the area completed, but that the farmers would be given ample time to decide what they want to do.

It was pointed out that persons who are not satisfied with the government's offer may decline to sell and then wait for the government to place their land in condemnation. The case will then be taken into court and the price fixed by trial.

There have been several instances of persons in the camp area who have complained loudly that the prices are too low on their land. At the same there have been as many cases in which the landowners have been satisfied with the prices and have signed options.

Can't Be Turned Back.

There has been considerable talk here recently that after the war, the War department might want to sell back to the owners the land now being taken for the army camp.

The camp construction has been termed temporary, except the hospital buildings, and this has led to the belief that when

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the camp is no longer needed the camp area might be resold by the government.

According to testimony revealed today in a record of hearings released by a House committee in Washington, this would not be possible without special legislation by Congress.

The record, covering testimony on the sixth supplemental national defense appropriation bill for fiscal 1942, showed that the question of whether the land might go back into private cultivation was raised by Rep. Louis Ludlow (D-Ind) in connection with a "new Terre Haute project."

J. Edward Williams, acting head of the lands division of the Department of Justice, told Ludlow the titles obtained by the government in buying land for camp sites are full titles and contain no clauses authorizing reconveyance.

Williams said he understood a bill was being drawn to provide that the land "can be reconveyed at not less than the price paid by the United States, plus any enhancement to it which might be caused by the erection of improvements."

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Two More Contractors Prepare to Start Work

Representatives of two more contracting firms—the last of the major prime contractors to arrive—have made preliminary arrangements for getting their work under way on Camp Atterbury.

These firms are A. W. Kutsche and company of Detroit, which is reported to have a contract for $2,766,070, and the Thompson Construction cimpany of New York, reported to have a contract for $1,566,375.

Both firms will work on Section A1, which includes the barracks, chapels and other living quarters facilities. Half of the Section A1 work is being done by the A. Farnell Blair company, which also has all of Section A2, barracks, chapels and facilities for one division of the two troop divisions the camp is designed to house.

Move into Office Building.

With arrival of the two prime contractors, work is expected to start soon on all main sections of the camp project.

The Blair company arrived here a week ago last Monday and the next day started work on its office building. The frame building, 100 by 200 feet in the shape of an "H," is completed and the company started moving in yesterday.

Rain last night and today put another crimp in work on the camp project. The ground in the camp area had dried out considerably the last few days and roads were becoming dusty, but the earth under the top soil was still damp when turned over by the big graders. Rain of the last 24 hours will turn this into another sea of mud.

Water Supply Satisfactory.

The Camp Atterbury water supply, being used by the workers on the camp construction job, is now satisfactory for temporary use, Dr. John E. Winebrenner, head of the local district office of the Indiana State Board of Health, said today.

The water supply, however, is not adequate for present construction needs and as the camp's permanent water supply system will not be completed until later a number of new wells are being drilled to supply the construction workers.

The water supply is one of the major problems connected with the camp construction, as adequate water must be provided for an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 workers to be employed on the camp—more water than needed for the city of Columbus—as well as water to be used for mixing concrete and in other construction.

Companies Haul Water.

During the time the well water supply was being made safe for

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60 WELLS CLOSED, ATTERBURY WATER SITUATION IS CLEARED

The water supply in the Camp Atterbury construction area is now "fairly satisfactory" for "temporary use," according to Dr. John D. Winebrenner, chief of the local district office of the State Board of Health.

Dr. Winebrenner announced that "about sixty wells" out of the approximately 100 examined in the evacuated area where construction workers now are busy have been decommissioned, which means that they have been capped, filled in or posted to prevent use of the water supply.

The physician also revealed that a number of new wells are being drilled to supply construction workers with drinking water, since the water supply now in process of construction for the military cantonment will not be available for present needs

Action of the State Health Board was taken to prevent epidemics of disease which might have arisen from an unhealthful water supply.

Robert G. Beer, engineer of the local district office, has finished a survey of all wells within the building area of Camp Atterbury.

Statement Issued

The statement issued by Dr. Winebrenner today follows:

"It is now possible to say that Atterbury water supplies are fairly satisfactory for temporary use. The necessary margin of safety for the prevention of epidemics has been established. A survey of all wells within the building area proper of Camp Atterbury has been completed. Certain scattered wells considered significant, including those in the proximity of sewer lines and those along the railroad right-of-way, were included in the survey.

"Except in the case of homes not yet vacated, all the wells examined have either been decommissioned or fully approved, save for a few on which reconstruction work is proceeding. A total of about sixty wells out of approximately 100 have been decommissioned. The water supply being constructed for the permanent military establishment will not be available for the present construction need and a number of wells are being drilled to supply the construction workers. The work of safeguarding water sources is one of the most necessary measures for the operations of large bodies of men in new areas. The clean-up of the Atterbury area was completed before rather than after the actual emergency and routine examination of water sources will now be continued."

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Defense Area; Housing Planned

Designation For Priorities Assistance Opens Way For Building, Remodeling Work

Franklin and the remainder of the area around Camp Atterbury has been designated as a defense territory, thus increasing the prospects of the community receiving higher priorities ratings and paving the way for resumption of construction and remodeling particularly in the housing field.

A letter from John B. Blandford, Jr., administrator of the National Housing Agency in Washington, was received today in reply to an inquiry made ten days ago as to when this area would be given a lift in the priorities schedule.

Mr. Blandford wrote that a designation "has just been made" placing the area around Camp Atterbury in a better position for priorities assistance.

Get Extra Condsideration.

He did not come right out in the letter and say that this is a defense area, but the local interpretation is that a designation for priorities assistance is synonymous.

Now that the city and at least a part, if not all, of the country are in a designated area, persons desiring to remodel homes or build new ones will receive extra consideration when they make applications for priorities assistance at the nearest office of the Federal Housing Administration. The nearest is at Indianapolis.

Mr. Blandford commented in the letter:

"I hope that this designation will be of assistance to you in solving your war housing needs."

That statement indicated that anything local persons wish to do in the way of building or reconditioning houses for living quarters would get the "go sign" from the FHA.

Credit To Wayne Coy.

Building materials and home furnishing equipment which have been virtually off the market as far as local dealers and consumers were concerned presumably now will be thawed out to this area solely because of Camp Atterbury and the fact that a housing shortage exists or will exist.

Credit for the designation of this area as a defense area is believed due chiefly to Wayne Coy, former Franklin newspaperman now high in the federal government administration. Mr. Coy, while visiting in Franklin a few days ago, promised members of a local committee interested in having this area designated that he would look into the matter in Washington and see what could be done toward immediate designation. Apparently his pledge was not forgotten when he returned to the capital and the designation is the result.

The matter was referred to Mr. Coy after several weeks of efforts on the part of a local three-man committee appointed by Mayor L. W. Oliver to investigate the possibility of having this designated a defense area.

The committee's efforts included several visits to the office of R. Earl Peters, head of the FHA for Indiana, and, though Mr. Peters assured the committeemen that a designation was only a matter of a few days, weeks passed and nothing materialized until Mr. Coy visited here last week.

Committee members who tried to push action through the Indiana FHA and who contacted Mr. Coy and Mr. Blandford were LeRoy T. Croke, Henry E. White and James A. Waggener.

Quezon Arrives With MacArthur

General Takes Over Northern Territory

By International News

United Nations bombers struck new blows at the Axis in Europe and the southwest Pacific today as the Australian government placed the entire northern territory of the island continent under military control and Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced that President Manuel Quezon of the Philippines had arrived in Australia.

While President Quezon rejoined General MacArthur, whom he once made the first field general of the Philippine army, officials in Washington pointed out that unless the American-Filipino defenders at Bataan and Corregidor are crushed within a month, Japanese General Tomoyuki Yamashita will suffer the same loss of face which prompted his predecessor, Lieut. Gen. Masanaharau Homma to commit hara-kiri.

Yamashita, conqueror of Singapore, has 27 days left in which to win in the Philippines or admit he could do no better than Homma, observers calculated.

In the southwest Pacific, American and Australian flyers braved hazardous weather to bomb enemy shipping and other military targets in the vicinity of Koepang on Japanese-held Dutch Timor, and in the European theater, the Royal Air Force kept up its hammering of Nazi-held territory on the continent.

R. A. F. Bombs Shipping.

No results of the latest raids were immediately available, but yesterday, the R. A. F. combed shipping near the Channel port of LeHavre and destroyed eight German fighter planes during the assignment. The British fighter planes also continued to take heavy toll of German Junkers bombers assaulting the Mediterranean island of Malta. Four of the Junkers were shot down and four others damaged in the latest attack, but the Germans inflicted some damage and a few casualties.

The Luftwaffe also crossed the English Channel for the fourth straight night to bomb an undisclosed area of northeastern England, but two German planes were lost in the raid and no damage was inflicted, the Air Ministry said.

ED, ATTERBURY ON IS CLEARED

Atterbury construction area is now use," according to Dr. John D. Wine, office of the State Board of Health, "about sixty wells" out of the ap-

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CAMP JOB FAILS, MAN ENDS LIFE

Orleans War Veteran Takes Poison After Trying to Get Work Here.

Funeral services were held yesterday at Orleans for Willard Brown, 46-year-old World war veteran, who, despondent because he could not obtain work Monday at Camp Atterbury, ended his life by taking poison.

After having told the driver of a Charlestown-Seymour bus on which he was riding, and Seymour city police, that he had taken the poison Brown became violently ill and died at 3 a. m. Tuesday at Schneck Memorial hospital in Seymour, 15 minutes after his admission.

Deputy Coroner S. F. Tower, following an inquest conducted early Tuesday morning, returned a verdict of suicide. The body was removed to Orleans.

Mr. Brown, a native of Seymour, where he had lived until he was eight years old, told police he was discouraged because he was out of work and unable to get a job at Charlestown, where he had gone six times in futile attempts to secure employment.

He told them he had borrowed a truck and had driven to Columbus and Edinburg, Monday, in an effort to get work at the new Army camp. Unsuccessful, he drove back to Seymour and left the truck, purchasing a round-trip ticket on the bus line to Charlestown.

The man had ridden to Charlestown in the bus and then boarded it on the return trip. He took the poison while returning to Seymour.

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ZACHARY MEETS WITH OFFICIALS

Confers With Mayor and Defense Director on Building Site.

James Zachary of the federal recreation facilities administration paid a visit to Columbus this afternoon, to check on the progress being made by the city in procuring a site for a U. S. O. recreation building for the soldiers of Camp Atterbury.

Mr. Zachary was in conference this afternoon with Mayor Fred C. Owens and Marion H. Amick, Bartholomew county civilian defense director.

The city has not completed negotiations or plans for acquiring the rear section of the lot on Fifth street adjoining the city hall, which is owned by Mike Wolf.

Mr. Zachary stated that plans for the construction of recreation centers at Edinburg and Franklin, which will also be for the use of Camp Atterbury soldiers, are progressing.

Both communities have agreed to provide building sites and their applications for buildings are reported going through the federal channels.

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"Scorched Earth" Is Cause of Foot Burn

Donald Stapp of Hope, a watchman at Camp Atterbury, received third-degree burns on his left heel from standing on ground at the construction area which had been cleared by burning.

The heat penetrated his shoe. He is able to walk with the aid of crutches, but must remain in bed most of the time.

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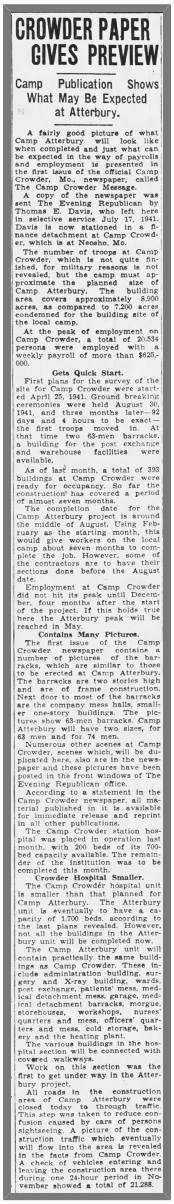

CROWDER PAPER GIVES PREVIEW

Camp Publication Shows What May Be Expected at Atterbury.

A fairly good picture of what Camp Atterbury will look like when completed and just what can be expected in the way of payrolls and employment is presented in the first issue of the official Camp Crowder, Mo., newspaper, called The Camp Crowder Message.

A copy of the newspaper was sent The Evening Republican by Thomas E. Davis, who left here in selective service July 17, 1941. Davis is now stationed in a finance detachment at Camp Crowder, which is at Neosho, Mo.

The number of troops at Camp Crowder, which is not quite finished, for military reasons is not revealed, but the camp must approximate the planned size of Camp Atterbury. The building area covers approximately 8,500 acres, as compared to 7,200 acres condemned for the building site of the local camp.

At the peak of employment on Camp Crowder, a total of 20,534 persons were employed with a weekly payroll of more than $625,000.

Gets Quick Start.

First plans for the survey of the site for Camp Crowder were started April 25, 1941. Ground breaking ceremonies were held August 30, 1941, and three months later—92 days and 4 hours to be exact—the first troops moved in. At that time two 63-men barracks, a building for the post exchange and warehouse facilities were available.

As of last month, a total of 393 buildings at Camp Crowder were ready for occupancy. So far the construction has covered a period of almost seven months.

The completion date for the Camp Atterbury project is around the middle of August. Using February as the starting month, this would give workers on the local camp about seven months to complete the job. However, some of the contractors are to have their sections done before the August date.

Employment at Camp Crowder did not hit its peak until December, four months after the start of the project. If this holds true here the Atterbury peak will be reached in May.

Contains Many Pictures.

The first issue of the Camp Crowder newspaper contains a number of pictures of the barracks, which are similar to those to be erected at Camp Atterbury. The barracks are two stories high and are of frame construction. Next door to most of the barracks are the company mess halls, smaller one-story buildings. The pictures show 63-men barracks. Camp Atterbury will have two sizes, for 63 men and for 74 men.

Numerous other scenes at Camp Crowder, scenes which will be duplicated here, also are in the newspaper and these pictures have been posted in the front windows of The Evening Republican office.

According to a statement in the Camp Crowder newspaper, all material published in it is available for immediate release and reprint in all other publications.

The Camp Crowder station hospital was placed in operation last month, with 200 beds of its 700-bed capacity available. The remainder of the institution was to be completed this month.

Crowder Hospital Smaller.

The Camp Crowder hospital unit is smaller than that planned for Camp Atterbury. The Atterbury unit is eventually to have a capacity of 1,700 beds, according to the last plans revealed. However, not all the buildings in the Atterbury unit will be completed now.

The Camp Atterbury unit will contain practically the same buildings as Camp Crowder. These include administration building, surgery and X-ray building, wards, post exchange, patients' mess, medical detachment mess, garage, medical detachment barracks, morgue, storehouses, workshops, nurses' quarters and mess, officers' quarters and mess, cold storage, bakery and the heating plant.

The various buildings in the hospital section will be connected with covered walkways.

Work on this section was the first to get under way in the Atterbury project.

All roads in the construction area of Camp Atterbury were closed today to through traffic. This step was taken to reduce confusion caused by cars of persons sightseeing. A picture of the construction traffic which eventually will flow into the area is revealed in the facts from Camp Crowder. A check of vehicles entering and leaving the construction area there during one 24-hour period in November showed a total of 21,288.

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Congress May Act to Revert Camp Land to Crops After War Is Over

Congress may be asked to adopt legislation authorizing reconveyance of land bought by the government for military camp sites back into private hands for agricultural purposes after the war, it developed today.

There is no existing legislation making such a move possible, according to a record of hearing released by a House committee in Washington yesterday.

Rep. Louis Ludlow, Indiana Democratic congressman, raised the question in connection with a Hoosier defense project, apparently having been the recipient of queries from voters in his district who wondered if they might have their land back for private cultivation purposes after the government's need for it was past.

Rep. Ludlow was told that the titles obtained by the government in buying land for camp sites are full titles and contain no clauses authorizing reconveyance.

Want Old Homes Back

The developments were of particular interests in Johnson county because virtually every farmer and many other persons have raised the question as to whether land for Camp Atterbury will remain idle as the property of the government after the need for army camps is gone. Many farmers who have vacated or are to vacate the area have secret hopes of getting their old places back some day.

Rep. Ludlow was told by J. Edward Williams, acting head of the lands division of the Department of Justice, that he understood a bill was being drawn to provide that the land "can be reconveyed at not less than the price paid by the United States, plus any enhancement to it which might be caused by the erection of improvements."

Ludlow had asserted that some 70,000 acres of farmland "almost as fertile as land in the valley of the Nile" is being taken in Indiana for defense projects. He said that to some people it is a matter beyond comprehension why the government would take very fertile land producing prize farm crops when sub-marginal land was available at one-fifth the cost.

Johnson county landowners in the surveyed area for Camp Atterbury registered protests at the start of the survey, pointing to the value of the land for war food production purposes, but to no avail.

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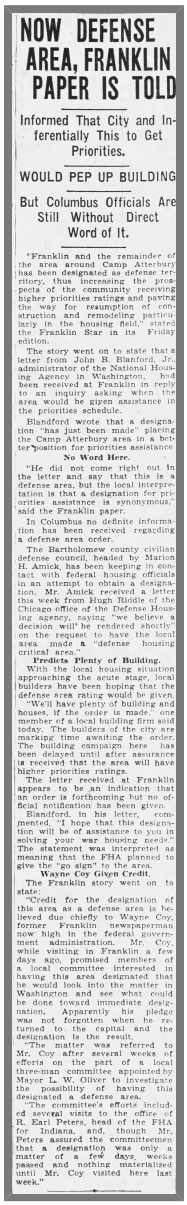

NOW DEFENSE AREA, FRANKLIN PAPER IS TOLD

Informed That City and Inferentially This to Get Priorities.

WOULD PEP UP BUILDING

But Columbus Officials Are Still Without Direct Word of It.

"Franklin and the remainder of the area around Camp Atterbury has been designated as defense territory, thus increasing the prospects of the community receiving higher priorities ratings and paving the way for resumption of construction and remodeling particularly in the housing field," stated the Franklin Star in its Friday edition.

The story went on to state that a letter from John B. Blandford, Jr., administrator of the National Housing Agency in Washington, had been received at Franklin in reply to an inquiry asking when the area would be given assistance in the priorities schedule.

Blandford wrote that a designation "has just been made" placing the Camp Atterbury area in a better position for priorities assistance.

No Word Here.

"He did not come right out in the letter and say that this is a defense area, but the local interpretation is that a designation for priorities assistance is synonymous," said the Franklin paper.

In Columbus no definite information has been received regarding a defense area order.

The Bartholomew county civilian defense council, headed by Marion H. Amick, has been keeping in contact with federal housing officials in an attempt to obtain a designation. Mr. Amick received a letter this week from Hugh Riddle of the Chicago office of the Defense Housing agency, saying "we believe a decision will be rendered shortly" on the request to have the local area made a "defense housing critical area."

Predicts Plenty of Building.

With the local housing situation approaching the acute stage, local builders have been hoping that the defense area rating would be given.

"We'll have plenty of building and houses, if the order is made," one member of a local building firm said today. The builders of the city are marking time awaiting the order. The building campaign here has been delayed until after assurance is received that the area will have higher priorities ratings.

The letter received at Franklin appears to be an indication that an order is forthcoming but no official notification has been given.

Blandford, in his letter, commented, "I hope that this designation will be of assistance to you in solving your war housing needs." The statement was interpreted as meaning that the FHA planned to give the "go sign" to the area.

Wayne Coy Given Credit.

The Franklin story went on to state:

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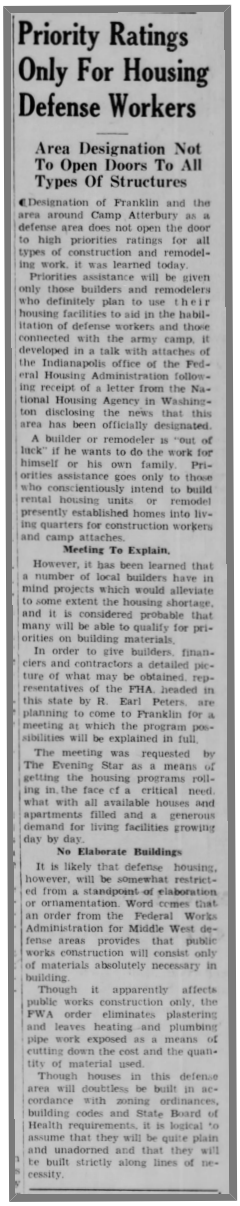

Priority Ratings Only For Housing Defense Workers

Area Designation Not To Open Doors To All Types Of Structures

Designation of Franklin and the area around Camp Atterbury as a defense area does not open the door to high priorities ratings for all types of construction and remodeling work, it was learned today.

Priorities assistance will be given only those builders and remodelers who definitely plan to use their housing facilities to aid in the habilitation of defense workers and those connected with the army camp, it developed in a talk with attaches of the Indianapolis office of the Federal Housing Administration following receipt of a letter from the National Housing Agency in Washington disclosing the news that this area has been officially designated.

A builder or remodeler is "out of luck" if he wants to do the work for himself or his own family. Priorities assistance goes only to those who conscientiously intend to build rental housing units or remodel presently established homes into living quarters for construction workers and camp attaches.

Meeting To Explain.

However, it has been learned that a number of local builders have in mind projects which would alleviate to some extent the housing shortage, and it is considered probable that many will be able to qualify for priorities on building materials.

In order to give builders, financiers and contractors a detailed picture of what may be obtained, representatives of the FHA, headed in this state by R. Earl Peters, are planning to come to Franklin for a meeting at which the program possibilities will be explained in full.

The meeting was requested by The Evening Star as a means of getting the housing programs rolling in the face of a critical need, what with all available houses and apartments filled and a generous demand for living facilities growing day by day.

No Elaborate Buildings

It is likely that defense housing, however, will be somewhat restricted from a standpoint of elaboration or ornamentation. Word comes that an order from the Federal Works Administration for Middle West defense areas provides that public works construction will consist only of materials absolutely necessary in building.

Though it apparently affects public works construction only, the FWA order eliminates plastering and leaves heating and plumbing pipe work exposed as a means of cutting down the cost and the quantity of material used.

Though houses in this defense area will doubtless be built in accordance with zoning ordinances, building codes and State Board of Health requirements, it is logical to assume that they will be quite plain and unadorned and that they will be built strictly along lines of necessity.

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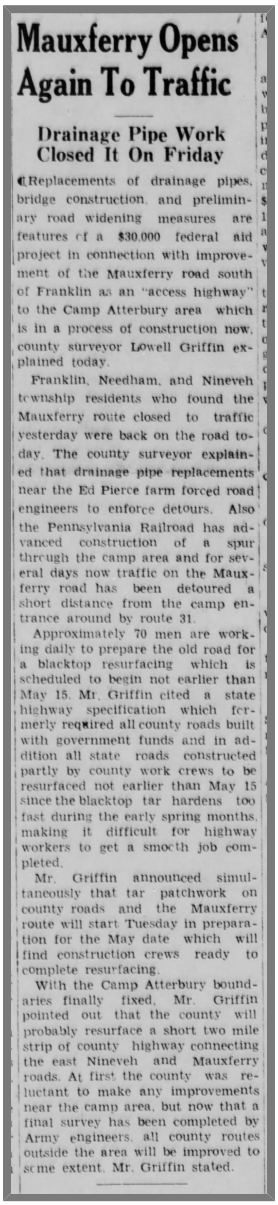

Mauxferry Opens Again To Traffic

Drainage Pipe Work Closed It On Friday

Replacements of drainage pipes, bridge construction, and preliminary road widening measures are features of a $30,000 federal aid project in connection with improvement of the Mauxferry road south of Franklin as an "access highway" to the Camp Atterbury area which is in a process of construction now, county surveyor Lowell Griffin explained today.

Franklin, Needham, and Nineveh township residents who found the Mauxferry route closed to traffic yesterday were back on the road today. The county surveyor explained that drainage pipe replacements near the Ed Pierce farm forced road engineers to enforce detours. Also the Pennsylvania Railroad has advanced construction of a spur through the camp area and for several days now traffic on the Mauxferry road has been detoured a short distance from the camp entrance around by route 31.

Approximately 70 men are working daily to prepare the old road for a blacktop resurfacing which is scheduled to begin not earlier than May 15. Mr. Griffin cited a state highway specification which formerly required all county roads built with government funds and in addition all state roads constructed partly by county work crews to be resurfaced not earlier than May 15 since the blacktop tar hardens too fast during the early spring months, making it difficult for highway workers to get a smooth job completed.

Mr. Griffin announced simultaneously that tar patchwork on county roads and the Mauxferry route will start Tuesday in preparation for the May date which will find construction crews ready to complete resurfacing.

With the Camp Atterbury boundaries finally fixed, Mr. Griffin pointed out that the county will probably resurface a short two mile strip of county highway connecting the east Nineveh and Mauxferry roads. At first the county was reluctant to make any improvements near the camp area, but now that a final survey has been completed by Army engineers, all county routes outside the area will be improved to some extent, Mr. Griffin stated.

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MAN STRICKEN BY MENINGITIS

Edinburg, March 28—Robert Horth, employed in the engineering division at Camp Atterbury, is suffering from spinal meningitis.

A Farr and Gosney ambulance was used yesterday to transfer him from the Albert Breeding residence to St. Vincent's hospital in Indianapolis, where examination determined his ailment.

1942_03_28_3_Meningitis case

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NAMES OF NEW DRAFT LISTED

Another Group to Be Sent to Indianapolis in Near Future.

Names of another group of local selectees who will go to Indianapolis for their final physical examinations and induction into the Army in the near future were announced today by the selective service board.

These men will be inducted after the group of men announced March 18. The men announced March 18 will go directly into service as they already have been given their final exams by Army doctors.

The second group, whose names were announced today, will be given their final examination on the day of induction under the new plan being adopted by the selective service system. Men who fail to pass the final exam will be sent home, while those who pass will be inducted into the Army immediately.

Two Volunteers.

Two men will go with the first group, announced March 18, in addition to those previously announced. They are two volunteers, both of whom have been deferred because of physical requirements, but wish to volunteer for service and attempt to pass the final examination.

The volunteers are Donald Phillips of 1502 Washington street, son of Mrs. C. H. Smith, and Charles L. (Dutch) Pruitt of this city.

Robert Crilly of Vincennes, who has been transferred to the local board, also will go to Indianapolis with the men whose names were announced March 18.

Men who will go out in the second group and whose names were announced today for the most part are those who formerly were deferred but are now eligible for service under reduced physical requirements.

Members of Draft Listed.

Their names, addresses and occupations as listed with the selective service board are as follows:

Charles L. Fitzgerald, 719 Brown street, unemployed.
Edwin H. Darlage, Cortland route 1, acetylene welder.
William M. West, Route 2, factory worker.
Roy Lee Eickleberry, Route 7, plasterer.
Willis F. Zeigler, Route 5, farmer.
James B. Hofer, 627 Sycamore street, Noblitt-Sparks employe.
Raymond E. Callam, Jonesville, track repairman.
Cecil Earl Dixon, Fifth street, unemployed.
Howard R. Sneed, Hartsville, farmer.
Paul Wilcox, Columbus, unemployed.
Herschel Golden, Route 1, farmer.
Clarence Knapp, Edinburg, filling station attendant.
Arthur W. Kerkhof, Route 8, farmer.
Walter W. Vogt, Columbus, foundry worker.
Anderson M. Wagner, Columbus, truck operator.
William O. Wheeler, Columbus, tannery worker.
Lawrence D. Whitehorn, Route 8, laborer.
Harold C. Byland, Columbus, Recreation Alleys employe.
Otis Glendon Holbrook, Edinburg route 4, farmer.
Lewis D. Rambo, Columbus, caretaker.
Delbert E. Kinser, Route 5, laborer.
Robert M. Bozell, Edinburg route 4, farmer.
Lawrence D. Rutan, Route 1, assembly worker.
Conrad Leo Seymour, Columbus, laborer.

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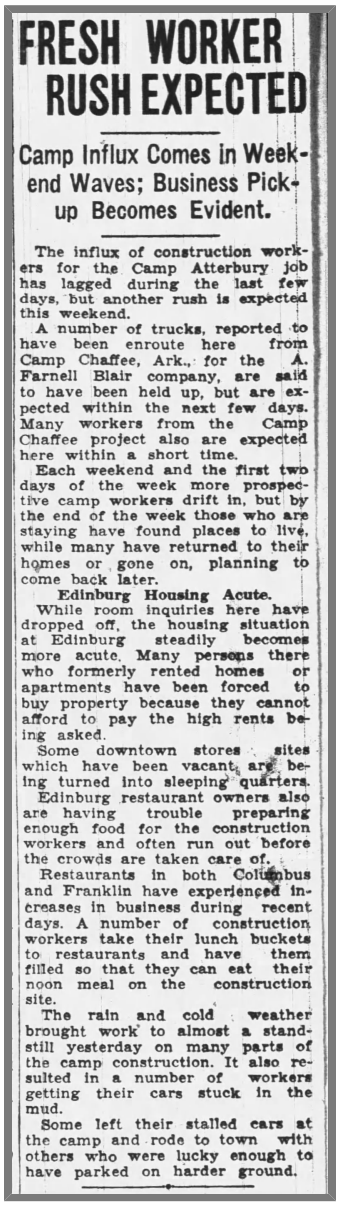

FRESH WORKER RUSH EXPECTED

Camp Influx Comes in Week-end Waves; Business Pick-up Becomes Evident.

The influx of construction workers for the Camp Atterbury job has lagged during the last few days, but another rush is expected this weekend.

A number of trucks, reported to have been enroute here from Camp Chaffee, Ark., for the A. Farnell Blair company, are said to have been held up, but are expected within the next few days. Many workers from the Camp Chaffee project also are expected here within a short time.

Each weekend and the first two days of the week more prospective camp workers drift in, but by the end of the week those who are staying have found places to live, while many have returned to their homes or gone on, planning to come back later.

Edinburg Housing Acute.

While room inquiries here have dropped off, the housing situation at Edinburg steadily becomes more acute. Many persons there who formerly rented homes or apartments have been forced to buy property because they cannot afford to pay the high rents being asked.

Some downtown stores sites which have been vacant are being turned into sleeping quarters.

Edinburg restaurant owners also are having trouble preparing enough food for the construction workers and often run out before the crowds are taken care of.

Restaurants in both Columbus and Franklin have experienced increases in business during recent days. A number of construction workers take their lunch buckets to restaurants and have them filled so that they can eat their noon meal on the construction site.

The rain and cold weather brought work to almost a standstill yesterday on many parts of the camp construction. It also resulted in a number of workers getting their cars stuck in the mud.

Some left their stalled cars at the camp and rode to town with others who were lucky enough to have parked on harder ground.

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NINEVEH TO LAUNCH APRIL FARM BUREAU

¶The April series of eight Farm Bureau meetings will be launched Wednesday night at Union Christian church when the Nineveh organization, now combined with Blue River township, will convene.

Blue River township recently abandoned its Bureau unit, consolidating with Nineveh because the Camp Atterbury evacuation order removed not only a large number of members from the township, but also forced vacation of the Pisgah church, meeting place for many years of the Blue River group.

Mrs. Paul Flinn of the Triple-A office here will be a speaker at the meeting, and motion pictures on soil conservation will be shown.

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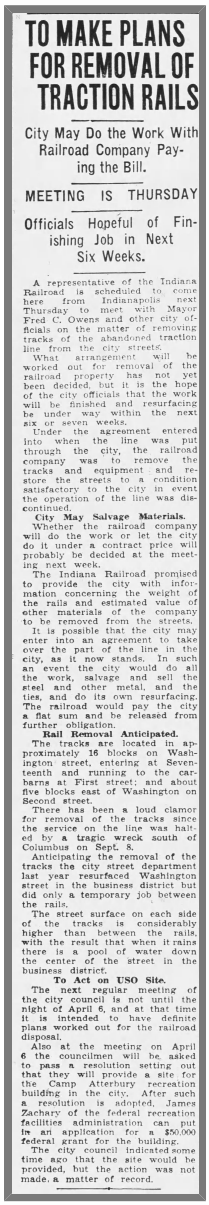

TO MAKE PLANS FOR REMOVAL OF TRACTION RAILS

City May Do the Work With Railroad Company Paying the Bill.

MEETING IS THURSDAY

Officials Hopeful of Finishing Job in Next Six Weeks.

A representative of the Indiana Railroad is scheduled to come here from Indianapolis next Thursday to meet with Mayor Fred C. Owens and other city officials on the matter of removing tracks of the abandoned traction line from the city streets.

What arrangement will be worked out for removal of the railroad property has not yet been decided, but it is the hope of the city officials that the work will be finished and resurfacing be under way within the next six or seven weeks.

Under the agreement entered into when the line was put through the city, the railroad company was to remove the tracks and equipment and restore the streets to a condition satisfactory to the city in event the operation of the line was discontinued.

City May Salvage Materials.

Whether the railroad company will do the work or let the city do it under a contract price will probably be decided at the meeting next week.

The Indiana Railroad promised to provide the city with information concerning the weight of the rails and estimated value of other materials of the company to be removed from the streets.

It is possible that the city may enter into an agreement to take over the part of the line in the city, as it now stands. In such an event the city would do all the work, salvage and sell the steel and other metal, and the ties, and do its own resurfacing. The railroad would pay the city a flat sum and be released from further obligation.

Rail Removal Anticipated.

The tracks are located in approximately 16 blocks on Washington street, entering at Seventeenth and running to the carbarns at First street; and about five blocks east of Washington on Second street.

There has been a loud clamor for removal of the tracks since the service on the line was halted by a tragic wreck south of Columbus on Sept. 8.

Anticipating the removal of the tracks the city street department last year resurfaced Washington street in the business district but did only a temporary job between the rails.

The street surface on each side of the tracks is considerably higher than between the rails, with the result that when it rains there is a pool of water down the center of the street in the business district.

To Act on USO Site.

The next regular meeting of the city council is not until the night of April 6, and at that time it is intended to have definite plans worked out for the railroad disposal.

Also at the meeting on April 6 the councilmen will be asked to pass a resolution setting out that they will provide a site for the Camp Atterbury recreation building in the city. After such a resolution is adopted, James Zachary of the federal recreation facilities administration can put in an application for a $50,000 federal grant for the building.

The city council indicated some time ago that the site would be provided, but the action was not made a matter of record.

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ARMY TAKING BIDS THIS WEEK FOR EVACUATING CEMETERIES

Specifications for removal of bodies from cemeteries in the cantonment area of Camp Atterbury have been sent to prospective bidders and bids may be submitted to the district office of the Corps fo Engineers at Louisville until 10 o'clock next Saturday mornng.

The bids will be opened at that time in the engineer's office. The company which receives the contract will do all the necessary work in connection with removing bodies from five burial sites in the cantonment area of the camp, under supervision of a government inspector.

It is estimated that there are 300 bodies in the five burial grounds. The bodies will be moved to a new cemetery site north of Edinburgh and outside the camp boundaries. However, persons may at their own expense move the bodies to cemeteries of their own choosing.

May Move Elsewhere.

Persons who wish to have bodies removed to other sites than the one chosen by the government have been asked to contact the real estate department at the Columbus Armory.

As yet, there has been no official announcement concerning the cemeteries in the part of the proposed camp area which has not yet been acquired by the government.

Some of these cemeteries probably will be moved, owing to the artillery ranges. Two cemeteries are located just south of the land condemned for the cantonment. They are both on the road leading into Kansas from the east. Burials are continuing there, with an Indianapolis man, Howard L. Lee, being buried in one of them only last week.

It was indicated some time ago by Gerald W. Landis when he gave information at a mass meeting here that the War department had informed him it intended to fence off as many cemeteries as possible in the area and move only those which would interfere with buildings in the actual cantonment area and those in line of shell fire outside the cantonment site.

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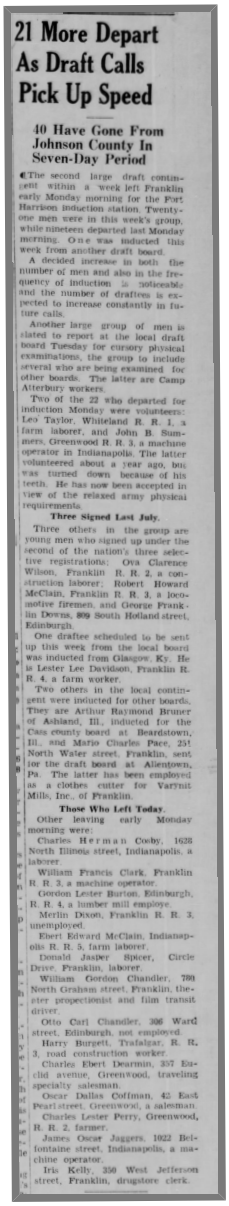

21 More Depart As Draft Calls Pick Up Speed

40 Have Gone From Johnson County In Seven-Day Period

The second large draft contingent within a week left Franklin early Monday morning for the Fort Harrison induction station. Twenty-one men were in this week's group, while nineteen departed last Monday morning. One was inducted this week from another draft board.

A decided increase in both the number of men and also in the frequency of induction is noticeable and the number of draftees is expected to increase constantly in future calls.

Another large group of men is slated to report at the local draft board Tuesday for cursory physical examinations, the group to include several who are being examined for other boards. The latter are Camp Atterbury workers.

Two of the 22 who departed for induction Monday were volunteers: Leo Taylor, Whiteland R. R. 1, a farm laborer, and John B. Summers, Greenwood R. R. 3, a machine operator in Indianapolis. The latter volunteered about a year ago, but was turned down because of his teeth. He has now been accepted in view of the relaxed army physical requirements.

Three Signed Last July.

Three others in the group are young men who signed up under the second of the nation's three selective registrations: Ova Clarence Wilson, Franklin R. R. 2, a construction laborer; Robert Howard McClain, Franklin R. R. 3, a locomotive firemen, and George Franklin Downs, 809 South Holland street, Edinburgh.

One draftee scheduled to be sent up this week from the local board was inducted from Glasgow, Ky. He is Lester Lee Davidson, Franklin R. R. 4, a farm worker.

Two others in the local contingent were inducted for other boards. They are Arthur Raymond Bruner of Ashland, Ill., inducted for the Cass county board at Beardstown, Ill., and Mario Charles Pace, 251 North Water street, Franklin, sent for the draft board at Allentown, Pa. The latter has been employed as a clothes cutter for Varsity Mills, Inc., of Franklin.

Those Who Left Today.

Other leaving early Monday morning were:

Charles Herman Cooby, 1628 North Illinois street, Indianapolis, a laborer.

William Francis Clark, Franklin R. R. 3, a machine operator.

Gordon Lester Burton, Edinburgh, R. R. 4, a lumber mill employe.

Merlin Dixon, Franklin R. R. 3, unemployed.

Ebert Edward McClain, Indianapolis R. R. 5, farm laborer.

Donald Jasper Spicer, Circle Drive, Franklin, laborer.

William Gordon Chandler, 780 North Graham street, Franklin, theater propectionist and film transit driver.

Otto Carl Chandler, 306 Ward street, Edinburgh, not employed.

Harry Burgett, Trafalgar, R. R. 3, road construction worker.

Charles Ebert Dearmin, 357 Euclid avenue, Greenwood, traveling specialty salesman.

Oscar Dallas Coffman, 42 East Pearl street, Greenwood, a salesman.

Charles Lester Perry, Greenwood, R. R. 2, farmer.

James Oscar Jaggers, 1022 Belfontaine street, Indianapolis, a machine operator.

Iris Kelly, 350 West Jefferson street, Franklin, drugstore clerk.

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SNOW IS BLOW TO CAMP WORK

Blankets Mud and Makes Morass of Project—Cold Night Seen.

The weather man dealt Camp Atterbury construction work another low blow today with a 2½-inch snow that blanketed the mud in the camp area and made parts of the area an almost bottomless morass.

Work, however, was going ahead despite the snow, although at a slackened pace.

The temperature at 2 o'clock this afternoon was right at the freezing point—32 degrees— and the weather forecast for tonight is more low temperatures, with March due to make its exit tomorrow like a lion.

The low last night was 29 degrees and the high Sunday was 48. The low Saturday night was 26.

Mauxferry Road Reopened.

The Mauxferry road which was closed temporarily to traffic at the north end in Johnson county has been re-opened. The road was closed for drainage pipe replacement.

Traffic on the Mauxferry road is still being detoured near the north camp entrance, owing to work being done on the railroad spur which has advanced to the road.

Replacement of drainage pipes, bridge construction and road widening measures are features of a $30,000 federal aid project in connection with improvement of the Mauxferry road from Franklin south into the camp area to make in an "access highway" for the camp.

The Mauxferry road is slated to be the main access highway to the camp from the north, at least for the present, while Road 252 will be the main road leading into the camp area from the east.

Road 252 will be straightened and widened and a new bridge is being built over Sugar Creek.

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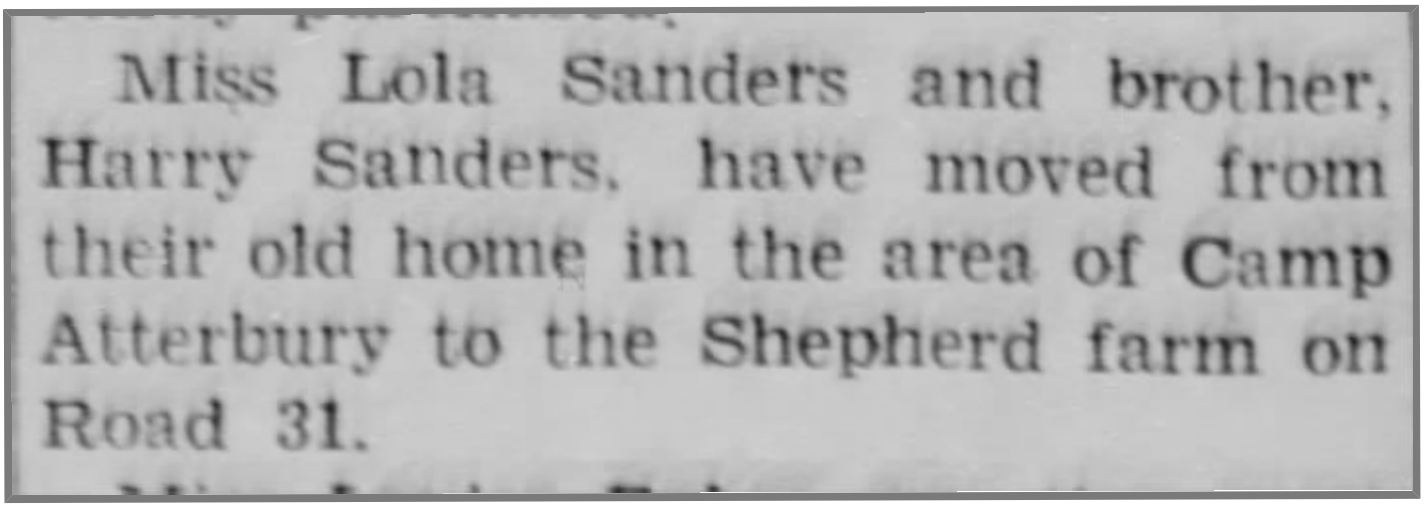

Miss Lola Sanders and brother, Harry Sanders, have moved from their old home in the area of Camp Atterbury to the Shepherd farm on Road 31.

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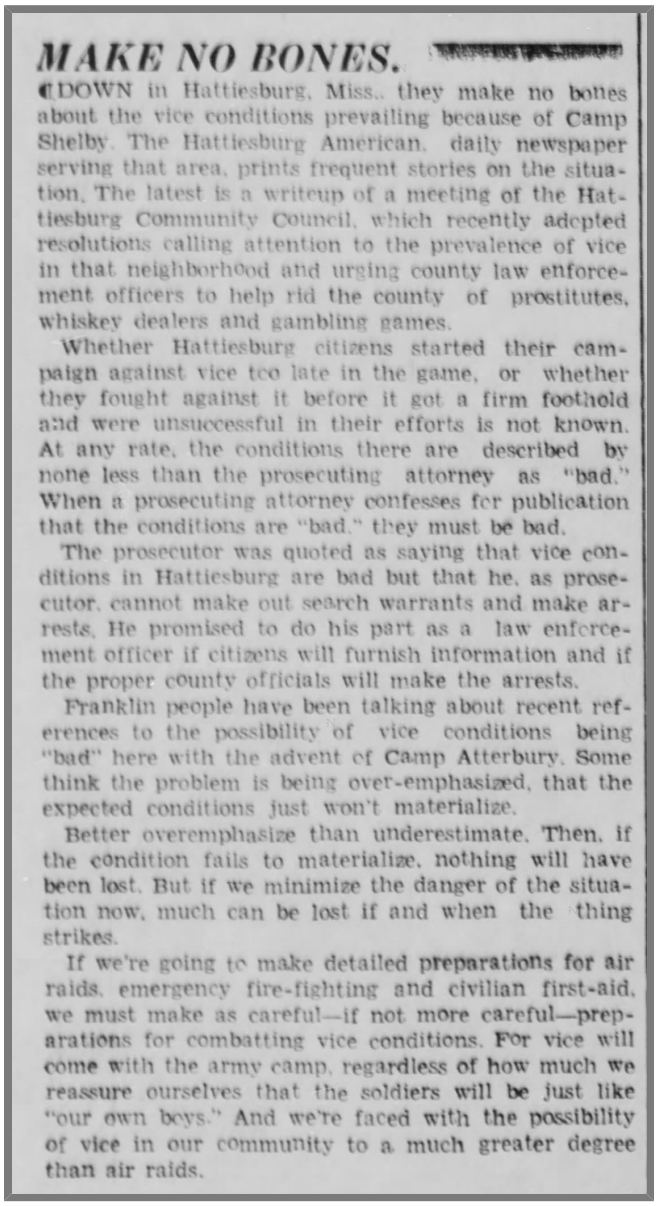

MAKE NO BONES.

DOWN in Hattiesburg, Miss., they make no bones about the vice conditions prevailing because of Camp Shelby. The Hattiesburg American, daily newspaper serving that area, prints frequent stories on the situation. The latest is a writeup of a meeting of the Hattiesburg Community Council, which recently adopted resolutions calling attention to the prevalence of vice in that neighborhood and urging county law enforcement officers to help rid the county of prostitutes, whiskey dealers and gambling games.

Whether Hattiesburg citizens started their campaign against vice too late in the game, or whether they fought against it before it got a firm foothold and were unsuccessful in their efforts is not known. At any rate, the conditions there are described by none less than the prosecuting attorney as "bad." When a prosecuting attorney confesses for publication that the conditions are "bad," they must be bad.

The prosecutor was quoted as saying that vice conditions in Hattiesburg are bad but that he, as prosecutor, cannot make out search warrants and make arrests. He promised to do his part as a law enforcement officer if citizens will furnish information and if the proper county officials will make the arrests.

Franklin people have been talking about recent references to the possibility of vice conditions being "bad" here with the advent of Camp Atterbury. Some think the problem is being over-emphasized, that the expected conditions just won't materialize.

Better overemphasize than underestimate. Then, if the condition fails to materialize, nothing will have been lost. But if we minimize the danger of the situation now, much can be lost if and when the thing strikes.

If we're going to make detailed preparations for air raids, emergency fire-fighting and civilian first-aid, we must make as careful—if not more careful—preparations for combatting vice conditions. For vice will come with the army camp, regardless of how much we reassure ourselves that the soldiers will be just like "our own boys." And we're faced with the possibility of vice in our community to a much greater degree than air raids.

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Urges Makeshift "Defense Busses"

School Transports Suggested In Crisis

Four possibilities for transportation of defense workers, including a suggestion for converting school busses into passenger coaches, was proposed today by the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce.

The proposal, which would affect the Camp Atterbury transportation situation along with situations at other defense projects and industries, was suggested in a special bulletin.

The bulletin proposed use of passenger cars owned by workers on a "share expense" plan; conversion of passenger cars into busses; increase in licensed busses, and use of school busse.

The bulletin expresed the opinion that the best prospect now appears to lie in the use of traditional busses and staggered shifts.

Thus far in the Camp Atterbury construction work, the transportation problem has not been a serious one, but it is expected to increase with the passing of time and the boost in employment.

Most workers now employed on the cantonment site drive their own cars or have arrangements with fellow workers to ride to and from the job each day.

It was reported that about 700 autos containing construction workers went past guards at the area barricades each day last week.

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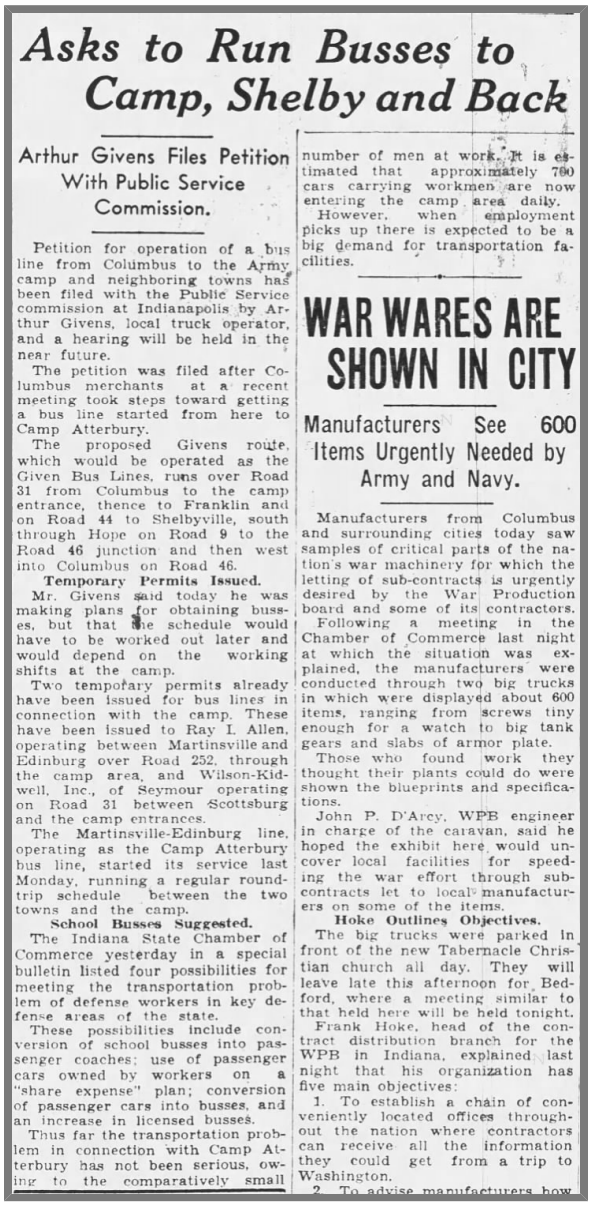

Asks to Run Busses to Camp, Shelby and Back

Arthur Givens Files Petition With Public Service Commission.

Petition for operation of a bus line from Columbus to the Army camp and neighboring towns has been filed with the Public Service commission at Indianapolis by Arthur Givens, local truck operator, and a hearing will be held in the near future.

The petition was filed after Columbus merchants at a recent meeting took steps toward getting a bus line started from here to Camp Atterbury.

The proposed Givens route, which would be operated as the Given Bus Lines, runs over Road 31 from Columbus to the camp entrance, thence to Franklin and on Road 44 to Shelbyville, south through Hope on Road 9 to the Road 46 junction and then west into Columbus on Road 46.

Temporary Permits Issued.

Mr. Givens said today he was making plans for obtaining busses, but that the schedule would have to be worked out later and would depend on the working shifts at the camp.

Two tempofary permits already have been issued for bus lines in connection with the camp. These have been issued to Ray I. Allen, operating between Martinsville and Edinburg over Road 252, through the camp area, and Wilson-Kidwell, Inc., of Seymour operating on Road 31 between Scottsburg and the camp entrances.

The Martinsville-Edinburg line, operating as the Camp Atterbury bus line, started its service last Monday, running a regular round-trip schedule between the two towns and the camp.

School Busses Suggested.

The Indiana State Chamber of Commerce yesterday in a special bulletin listed four possibilities for meeting the transportation problem of defense workers in key defense areas of the state.

These possibilities include conversion of school busses into passenger coaches; use of passenger cars owned by workers on a "share expense" plan; conversion of passenger cars into busses, and an increase in licensed busses.

Thus far the transportation problem in connection with Camp Atterbury has not been serious, owing to the comparatively small number of men at work. It is estimated that approximately 700 cars carrying workmen are now entering the camp area daily.

However, when employment picks up there is expected to be a big demand for transportation facilities.

WAR WARES ARE SHOWN IN CITY

Manufacturers See 600 Items Urgently Needed by Army and Navy.

Manufacturers from Columbus and surrounding cities today saw samples of critical parts of the nation's war machinery for which the letting of sub-contracts is urgently desired by the War Production board and some of its contractors.

Following a meeting in the Chamber of Commerce last night at which the situation was explained, the manufacturers were conducted through two big trucks in which were displayed about 600 items, ranging from screws tiny enough for a watch to big tank gears and slabs of armor plate.

Those who found work they thought their plants could do were shown the blueprints and specifications.

John P. D'Arcy, WPB engineer in charge of the caravan, said he hoped the exhibit here would uncover local facilities for speeding the war effort through subcontracts let to local manufacturers on some of the items.

Hoke Outlines Objectives.

The big trucks were parked in front of the new Tabernacle Christian church all day. They will leave late this afternoon for Bedford, where a meeting similar to that held here will be held tonight.

Frank Hoke, head of the contract distribution branch for the WPB in Indiana, explained last night that his organization has five main objectives:

1. To establish a chain of conveniently located offices throughout the nation where contractors can receive all the information they could get from a trip to Washington.

2. To advise manufacturers how

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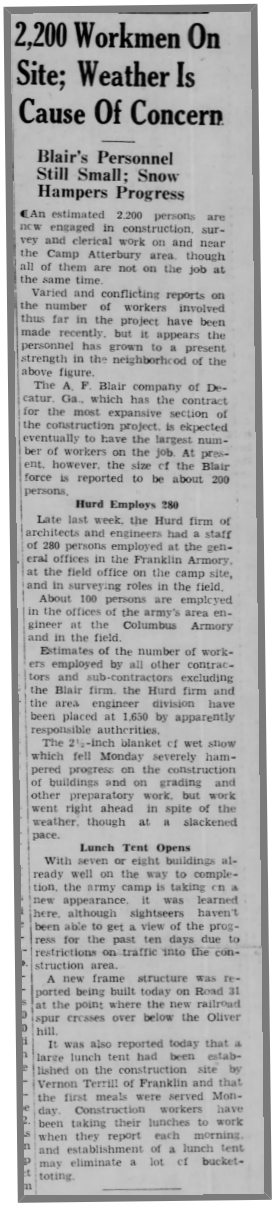

2,200 Workmen On Site; Weather Is Cause Of Concern

Blair's Personnel Still Small; Snow Hampers Progress

An estimated 2,200 persons are now engaged in construction, survey and clerical work on and near the Camp Atterbury area, though all of them are not on the job at the same time.

Varied and conflicting reports on the number of workers involved thus far in the project have been made recently, but it appears the personnel has grown to a present strength in the neighborhood of the above figure.

The A. F. Blair company of Decatur, Ga., which has the contract for the most expansive section of the construction project, is expected eventually to have the largest number of workers on the job. At present, however, the size of the Blair force is reported to be about 200 persons.

Hurd Employs 280

Late last week, the Hurd firm of architects and engineers had a staff of 280 persons employed at the general offices in the Franklin Armory, at the field office on the camp site, and in surveying roles in the field.

About 100 persons are employed in the offices of the army's area engineer at the Columbus Armory and in the field.

Estimates of the number of workers employed by all other contractors and sub-contractors excluding the Blair firm, the Hurd firm and the area engineer division have been placed at 1,650 by apparently responsible authorities.

The 2½-inch blanket of wet snow which fell Monday severely hampered progress on the construction of buildings and on grading and other preparatory work, but work went right ahead in spite of the weather, though at a slackened pace.

Lunch Tent Opens

With seven or eight buildings already well on the way to completion, the army camp is taking on a new appearance, it was learned here, although sightseers haven't been able to get a view of the progress for the past ten days due to restrictions on traffic into the construction area.

A new frame structure was reported being built today on Road 31 at the point where the new railroad spur crosses over below the Oliver hill.

It was also reported today that a large lunch tent had been established on the construction site by Vernon Terrill of Franklin and that the first meals were served Monday. Construction workers have been taking their lunches to work when they report each morning, and establishment of a lunch tent may eliminate a lot of bucket-toting.

1942_03_31_2_2200 Workers on site

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MANY RELIEVED BY WORD THAT ILLNESS WAS NON-CONTAGIOUS

Immeasurable relief was expressed Sunday by army engineers and officals of Camp Atterbury construction contractors when it was learned the type of meningitis which caused the serious illness of a young surveyor was the non-ontagious type.

Disclosure that Robert Horth of Indianapolis, was suffering from pneumococcic meningitis, which is no more contagious than pneumonia, ended hours of feverish activity in an effort to prevent an epidemic, it was learned today.

When Horth's illness was diagnosed as a meningitis condition by an Edinburgh physician who attended him at his room in an Edinburgh home, the army and contractor authorities felt real fear.

Later, however, when Horth was removed to an Indianapolis hospital for a specialized diagnosis, it was learned his illness was not contagious, and the pressure was removed from what had appeared to be a critical situation.

Isolation Considered

A checkup had revealed that Horth had been working around approximately 150 other camp attaches when he first felt ill, and it appeared for a time that isolation of those individuals for a period of two weeks or more be necessary in an attempt to stave off spread of the germs.

All plans for action to combat an epidemic were dropped, however, when the nature of the case was definitely established.

Though pneumococcic meningitis is a serious illness and Horth was critically ill when taken to the hospital, it was reported Monday evening that his condition showed improvement and that he may recover.

Horth was staying in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Breeding at Edinburgh. He had been living there since February.

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DINING PLACE AT CAMP OPENS

Establishment Designed to Feed 600 at Time Starts Operations.

An eating establishment—designed to feed 600 workers at a time and the first to be set up inside the Camp Atterbury cantonment area—was placed in operation yesterday on a small scale.

The establishment, which is being operated by Standard Concessions company of Franklin, headed by V. R. (Dippy) Terrill of Franklin, was slated to go into full operation today.

The Franklin company has obtained concessions from several of the camp companies to feed their workers. However, the men pay for the meals and do not have to eat at the concession restaurant.

The restaurant is located near the hospital group buildings and box lunches will be prepared for taking to workers who are in sections distant from the restaurant.

The restaurant establishment consists of a large frame structure housing the kitchen and a large tent for the dining room. There are seats for 600 men in the dining room under the tent.

The camp workmen have 30 minutes for lunch and it is planned to stagger the hours so that the men can be fed in different groups. In this manner it may be possible to handle as many as 2,000 in the dining room, while hundreds of others can be given box lunches to eat near their construction sites.

A well has been drilled at the kitchen and running water has been installed, both hot and cold. The men will be served cafeteria style in the dining room and as many as 200 girls may be employed in the restaurant. After production gets on a 24-hour basis, it is planned to operate the kitchen and dining room 24 hours.

At the present time most of the workers in the camp area are taking their noon lunches with them.

Construction work on the camp was still going ahead at a reduced rate today, although additional men were being hired by the A. Farnell Blair company.

Erect Storage Sheds.

Storage sheds are being erected on the west side of Road 31 north of Edinburg, where the railroad spur crosses Road 31. Switches have been put down here and it will be possible to unload freight cars alongside the large sheds which are being constructed. These sheds are outside the camp area and can be viewed from the highway.

The cold weather of the last few days has been hard on the camp guards, who are stationed at the roads leading into the camp area. Many of the guards are local residents.

Some of the guards have obtained containers and built fires at their posts to keep warm.

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SPINAL CASE IS NON CONTAGIOUS

Fear of Epidemic at Atterbury Is Cleared by Hospital Report.

Fear of a spinal meningitis epidemic among workers on Camp Atterbury has been ended with word from an Indianapolis hospital, where a young camp worker was taken after becoming seriously ill, that the form of meningitis he has is not contagious.

After the workers became ill, eleven men with whom he worked, were placed in quarantine. They were released after it was definitely established that the disease was not contagious.

Though his condition is described as serious, the ill worker, Robert Horth, is given a good chance for recovery. He had been living at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Breeding at Edinburg. Friday night he complained of a headache and after going to bed became seriously ill. He was taken in an ambulance to St. Vincent hospital at Indianapolis.

Employe of Hurd.

Horth is an employe of the Hurd firm of architects and engineers and has been working in the field since February. His father, president of the Central Engineering company, was in Texas at the time his son was stricken, but went to Indianapolis by plane to be with the ill youth.

Immediately after the meningitis case developed, steps were taken to isolate workers who had been in contact with Horth and Dr. John E. Winebrenner, head of the district health office here, today complimented the precautionary action taken by the camp officials and Dr. Russell G. Wilson, Johnson county health officer, toward stopping a possible epidemic.

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Prepare to Move 500 Graves from Camp Site

Plans for removing approximately 500 bodies from cemeteries in the cantonment area of Camp Atterbury were announced today by John R. Walsh, project manager.

Mr. Walsh said approval of the site for a new cemetery for all the bodies had been received today from Col. Henry Hutchings, Jr., district engineer at Louisville, and now waited only final court approval.

The new cemetery site consists of approximately seven acres and is located on the land of Nate Wells just outside the camp area about two miles north of Edinburg. The tract lies on the south side of a public lane leading to the Barnett camp from Road 31 and is about one-fourth of a mile west of Road 31.

The new site is across the lane from the Freeman cemetery and will be just as wide as the Freeman cemetery.

To Copy Original Lay Out.

Bodies in the cantonment area, the part now condemned, will be moved to the new cemetery. Each cemetery from which the graves are moved will be laid out in the new cemetery, with the graves in exactly the same relation as in the original cemetery, Mr. Walsh said.

He also explained that the War department will bear all costs connected with re-interment. He said that in each case, the stone marker and all ornaments will be moved to the new site.

He also explained that persons who wish to re-bury bodies taken from the cemeteries inside the cantonment area in a cemetery beside the planned site may do so, but must pay the cost of moving and burial. The War department will pay for taking the body out of the ground in either case.

Persons who wish to move bodies to other cemeteries than the one prepared by the government should contact the real estate department at the Columbus armory.

Those who wish to be present at the time the bodies are exhumed from the cemeteries and at the time of burial in the new cemetery may do so, Mr. Walsh said.

Five Burial Sites Affected.

Graves in five burial sites in the cantonment area will be moved. These sites are the Pisgah Methodist church cemetery, which contains the bodies of two Revolutionary war soldiers; the Harriett Creek Burial association cemetery northwest of the Pisgah Christian church; the Knapp cemetery on Road 252; five graves on the Ira Prichard property north of Road 252 and one body in the Prichard

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Crisis Near On Housing, Public Here Is Warned

Atterbury Area Fast Filling; Health Authority Says Major Emergency Due In Short Time

Asserting that the Camp Atterbury civilian area is rapidly approaching the long-expected housing crisis, Dr. John D. Winebrenner, local district State Board of Health office chief, today warned that the public must place "personal profits secondary to the best interests of the community."

The transient population has grown noticeably within the last three days, Dr. Winebrenner said, and another heavy influx is expected next week. Within 30 days, he observed, a serious crisis will be in effect.

"We are just about at the end of our rope on housing facilities in this community (Columbus, Edinburgh and Franklin) and from now on we must face the problem of control and regulation of congestion," Dr. Winebrenner warned.

"There has been a fairly adequate absorption of newcomers up to the present," he continued, "but nearly all the slack has been taken up. We are definitely on the verge of the long-anticipated emergency and it will be fast enough even if everyone does everything he can to help.

First Lasily Dangerous

"It is best that the public be warned that misdirected kindness can do a great deal of damage in these situations. This danger begins with insidious infractions of ordinances designed to protect the community. It is necessary for the public to have a co-operative and understanding attitude toward the growing problem.

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"Trailer and tourist camps have been satisfactorily handled here up to now. There are adequate accommodations, as approved and deemed, camps to more than take care of the present trailer population.

"These camps now licensed can carry on with efficient police measures necessary to assume community protection desired.

Quote From Law

"Aside from local regulations to govern establishments, there exists a state law, Chapter 214 of the 1935 Acts of the General Assembly, in which the following definitions is given:

"Sec. 1: The words tourist camp as used in this act shall be construed to mean any plot of land used, maintained or held out, to the public as a place for use for camping purposes by transient guests, whether equipped with tents, huts or cottages, or not so equipped, and to whatever name the same may be called, and whether any fee is charged for use thereof or not."

Dr. Winebrenner continued.

"We have had already in other experiences, rulings of attorneys that anyone may be called a transient who has not lived in a community long enough to establish permanent residence. Thus, anyone coming in here within the next five months could be considered a transient.

One Trailer Is Camp

"Attention should be called to the fact that one trailer not only constitutes a camp but any plot of land advertised as such is also subject to the law. State and local regulations can be enforced if the public is aware of the need of supporting local authorities at least to the extent of placing their immediate personal profits secondary to the best interests of the community.

"The state law gives the State Board of Health broad powers to control matters involving public health, but local ordinances are even more stringent in most cases. It is not the intent of the state to take over local responsibility but rather that local police carry out local regulations with the aid of the state health and sanitary officers."

Dr. Winebrenner called attention

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Old Tubes Must Be Turned Over

Empty Necessary To Buy Cream, Paste

(Washington, April 1.—(INS)—Yes'd better start rescuing those throw-away toothpaste and shaving cream tubes from the trash pile if you want a "refill."

A new war production board order goes into effect today requiring everyone who buys a tube of toothpaste or shaving cream to turn in an old tube for each new one purchased.

Old tooth paste tubes can be turned in when buying shaving cream or vice versa, but you must have an old tube to exchange or it's no sale.

Druggists and other retailers will return the old tubes to the collapsible tube industry which will salvage the tin and use it in making new tin coated tubes.

The requirements was contained in an order imposing drastic regulations on the use and production of collapsible tin tubes, completely eliminating their use for foods, cosmetics and most toilet preparations.

One hundred per cent tin tubes will be allowed only for certain medical, ointments, and pharmaceutical preparations, toothpaste and shaving cream.

Former Greenwood Baker Passes Away

(Greenwood, April 1.—Fritz Bauer, who was engaged in the bakery business in Greenwood many years ago, died Wednesday at 2:30 a.m. at the Knights of Pythias Home at Lafayette.

The body has been taken to the home of a niece, Mrs. Miranda Spurgeon, three and a half miles southeast of Greenwood in the Glade neighborhood, where funeral services will be held at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. Burial will be made in the Greenwood cemetery.

Business to Close Friday Afternoon

(Franklin business firms will suspend operations and offices will be generally closed for two hours Friday afternoon while Good Friday union services are being conducted at the Methodist church.

Banks will close between 1 and 2:45 o'clock. The Chamber of Commerce and Mayor L. W. Oliver requested business houses to cease activities during a like period to provide a religious atmosphere and to allow employes and merchants to attend the service.

S IN NEW SETUP WELFARE COST

partments of public welfare in Indiana the monthly old age assistance burden, e bring mailed to 547 recipients, is $362 higher than the March total. ere persons on the list this month.

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e old age assistance rolls make a re- ll part of the amount due for each nt case to the welfare office. The de- ge partment cannot pay the physician ne directly under the present setup. to but must turn over the money first to the recipient with a specification by that the physician is to be paid ts promptly by the recipient.

The checks to 547 recipients for e- on amount totaling $10,526 com- pared with $10,064 to 543 recipients ar last month. During the month there re were 46 increases totaling $238; 16 new cases, awards totaling $274 a month; nine decreases, totaling $42; no and one temporary suspension.

In the dependent children's di- vision, a reduction was observed this be month, $2,193 total comparing with $2,214 spent in March. Number of ew cases was 81 both in March and ver April, with 151 children receiving aid each month. There were $46 in new awards, $19 in decreases and $62 in temporary suspensions.

WEATHER

Data furnished by J. L. Vanclave, observer for the Franklin co-operative weather station.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31.

Maximum temperature	44
Minimum temperature	29
Low last night	34
Amount precipitation	trace
Precip. since March 1	4.93
Precip. since Jan. 1	9.73

FORECAST

(Indiana — Not much change in temperature tonight and Thursday forenoon.

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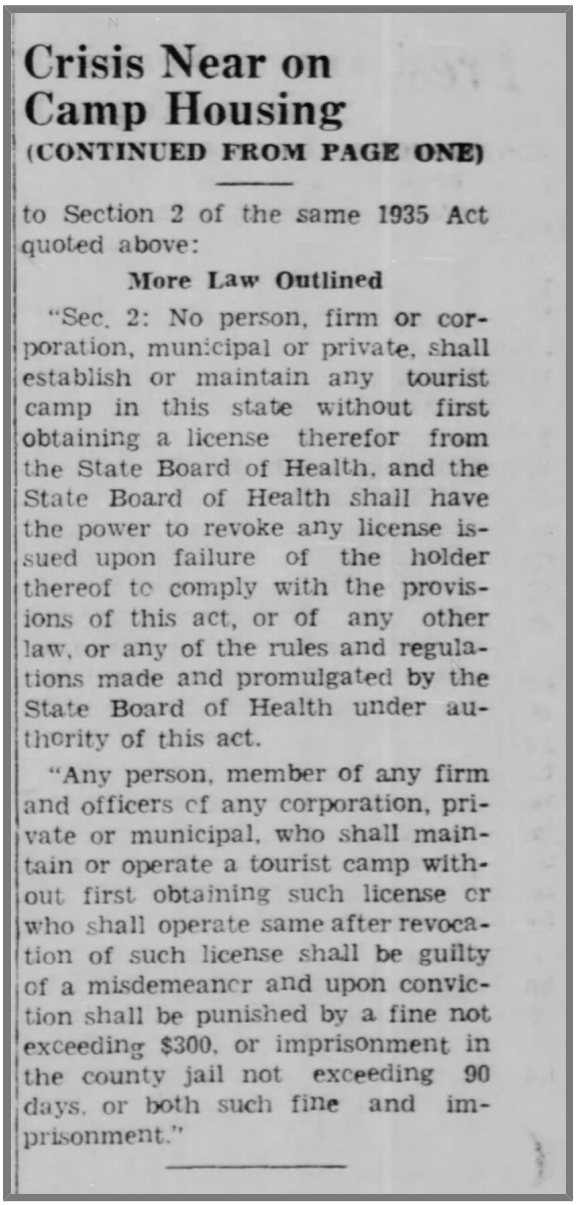

Crisis Near on Camp Housing

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to Section 2 of the same 1935 Act quoted above:

More Law Outlined

"Sec. 2: No person, firm or corporation, municipal or private, shall establish or maintain any tourist camp in this state without first obtaining a license therefor from the State Board of Health, and the State Board of Health shall have the power to revoke any license issued upon failure of the holder thereof to comply with the provisions of this act, or of any other law, or any of the rules and regulations made and promulgated by the State Board of Health under authority of this act.

"Any person, member of any firm and officers of any corporation, private or municipal, who shall maintain or operate a tourist camp without first obtaining such license or who shall operate same after revocation of such license shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding $300, or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding 90 days, or both such fine and imprisonment."

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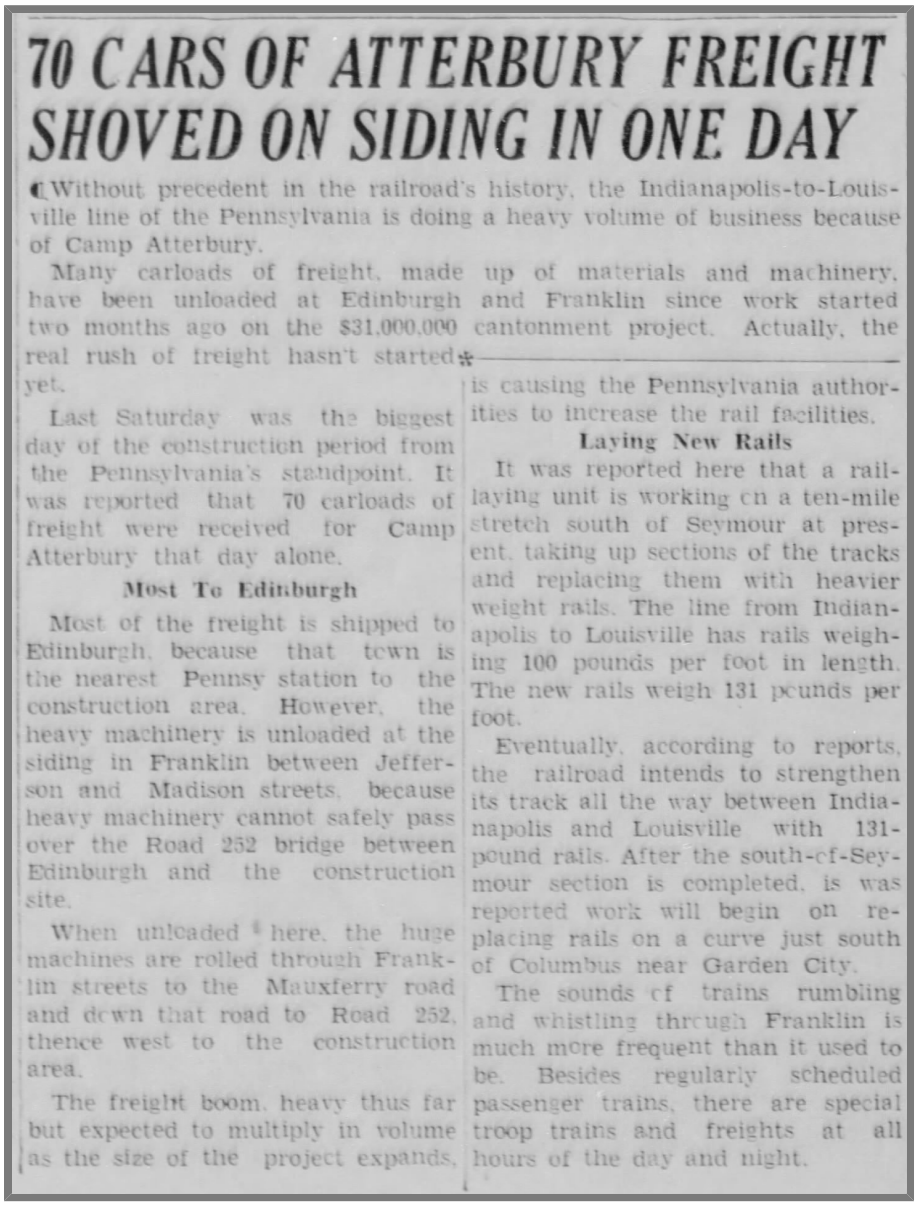

70 CARS OF ATTERBURY FREIGHT SHOVED ON SIDING IN ONE DAY

Without precedent in the railroad's history, the Indianapolis-to-Louisville line of the Pennsylvania is doing a heavy volume of business because of Camp Atterbury.

Many carloads of freight, made up of materials and machinery, have been unloaded at Edinburgh and Franklin since work started two months ago on the $31,000,000 cantonment project. Actually, the real rush of freight hasn't started yet.

Last Saturday was the biggest day of the construction period from the Pennsylvania's standpoint. It was reported that 70 carloads of freight were received for Camp Atterbury that day alone.

Most To Edinburgh

Most of the freight is shipped to Edinburgh, because that town is the nearest Pennsy station to the construction area. However, the heavy machinery is unloaded at the siding in Franklin between Jefferson and Madison streets, because heavy machinery cannot safely pass over the Road 252 bridge between Edinburgh and the construction site.

When unloaded here, the huge machines are rolled through Franklin streets to the Mauxferry road and down that road to Road 252, thence west to the construction area.

The freight boom, heavy thus far but expected to multiply in volume as the size of the project expands, is causing the Pennsylvania authorities to increase the rail facilities.

Laying New Rails

It was reported here that a rail-laying unit is working on a ten-mile stretch south of Seymour at present, taking up sections of the tracks and replacing them with heavier weight rails. The line from Indianapolis to Louisville has rails weighing 100 pounds per foot in length. The new rails weigh 131 pounds per foot.

Eventually, according to reports, the railroad intends to strengthen its track all the way between Indianapolis and Louisville with 131-pound rails. After the south-of-Seymour section is completed, is was reported work will begin on replacing rails on a curve just south of Columbus near Garden City.

The sounds of trains rumbling and whistling through Franklin is much more frequent than it used to be. Besides regularly scheduled passenger trains, there are special troop trains and freights at all hours of the day and night.

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Extra Allotment Eases Local Tire Situation

The truck tire situation in Columbus and Bartholomew county is going to be relieved to a considerable extent as the result of an additional allotment awarded this locality by the state rationing board.

The county rationing board today received notification of the following truck and passenger car tire and tube quotas for the month of April:

Passenger cars—23 tires, 69 tubes and 115 retreads.

Trucks and busses—74 tires, 70 tubes and 67 retreads.

The above figures are about the same as the March allotment. However, the board was notified of an additional allotment of 40 truck tires and 15 passenger car tires, to be used in filling requests which could not be handled in March.

Gets Allotment for Blair.

"With these additional tires it will be possible for us to fill the requests of most of the eligible applicants," remarked A. W. Goshorn, member of the board.

The local board was also notified of an allotment of 150 tires and tubes for trucks of the Farnell Blair company, one of the large contractors on the Camp Atterbury project. Issuance of purchase certificates for the Blair tires constitutes a big job and will be handled by the local board.

The Blair firm is using a large fleet of trucks on the camp job.

No Word On Defense Workers.

Although press releases have indicated that the passenger car retreads would be for defense workers as well as those who could qualify under the existing regulations, the local rationing board has received no such instructions.

The April passenger car allotment for the county includes 115 retreads. If workers in defense industries and on defense projects are made eligible, as the press releases have indicated, the local board will doubtless have a run of new applicants in the near future.

The rationing board was working at top speed today issuing tire purchase certificates under the new allotment just received.

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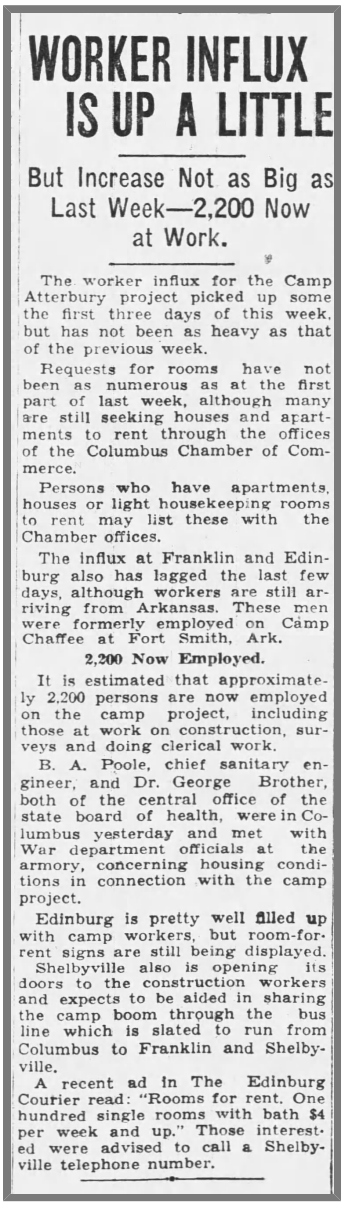

WORKER INFLUX IS UP A LITTLE

But Increase Not as Big as Last Week—2,200 Now at Work.

The worker influx for the Camp Atterbury project picked up some the first three days of this week, but has not been as heavy as that of the previous week.

Requests for rooms have not been as numerous as at the first part of last week, although many are still seeking houses and apartments to rent through the offices of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

Persons who have apartments, houses or light housekeeping rooms to rent may list these with the Chamber offices.

The influx at Franklin and Edinburg also has lagged the last few days, although workers are still arriving from Arkansas. These men were formerly employed on Camp Chaffee at Fort Smith, Ark.

2,200 Now Employed.

It is estimated that approximately 2,200 persons are now employed on the camp project, including those at work on construction, surveys and doing clerical work.

B. A. Poole, chief sanitary engineer, and Dr. George Brother, both of the central office of the state board of health, were in Columbus yesterday and met with War department officials at the armory, concerning housing conditions in connection with the camp project.

Edinburg is pretty well filled up with camp workers, but room-for-rent signs are still being displayed.

Shelbyville also is opening its doors to the construction workers and expects to be aided in sharing the camp boom through the bus line which is slated to run from Columbus to Franklin and Shelbyville.

A recent ad in The Edinburg Courier read: "Rooms for rent. One hundred single rooms with bath $4 per week and up." Those interested were advised to call a Shelbyville telephone number.

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STATE POLICE AREAS CHANGED

Local Officers Are Assigned to Seymour Post—Will Handle Camp Section.

A redistricting of the territory of the Seymour, Connersville and Charlestown state police posts, effective today, changes the headquarters of four officers who cover this area from Connersville to Seymour.

The officers are Nate Bush of Columbus, Harold Crabtree of Gnawbone and Nathan Brewer and Fred Neal of Franklin.

Under the new plan, the Seymour post is given the area around Camp Atterbury, where a temporary barracks may be located.

In the rearrangement, which changes and reduces the territory policed by the Seymour post from eleven to seven counties, the Seymour post will lose five officers who are transferred to the Connersville and Charlestown posts, and will gain the four others.

Three Counties in Area.

New territory, which is being added to the Seymour post, includes Bartholomew, Brown and Johnson counties, which formerly were patrolled by officers from the Connersville post.

Other counties which officers of the Seymour post will continue to patrol in addition to the three new ones are Jackson, Jennings, Washington and Scott.

Connersville Post No. 6, of which First Sgt. Menlo C. Turner, formerly of Seymour, is in charge, will receive Ripley and Dearborn counties, formerly policed by the Seymour post, and will get Officers Herbert Behlmer, William W. Woods and Warren A. Taflinger, formerly assigned at the Seymour post.

The Charlestown Post, in charge of Sgt. Robert K. Gormon, also formerly of the Seymour post, will get Floyd, Switzerland, Ohio and Harrison counties to patrol, in addition to Jefferson and Clark counties which comprised its former area.

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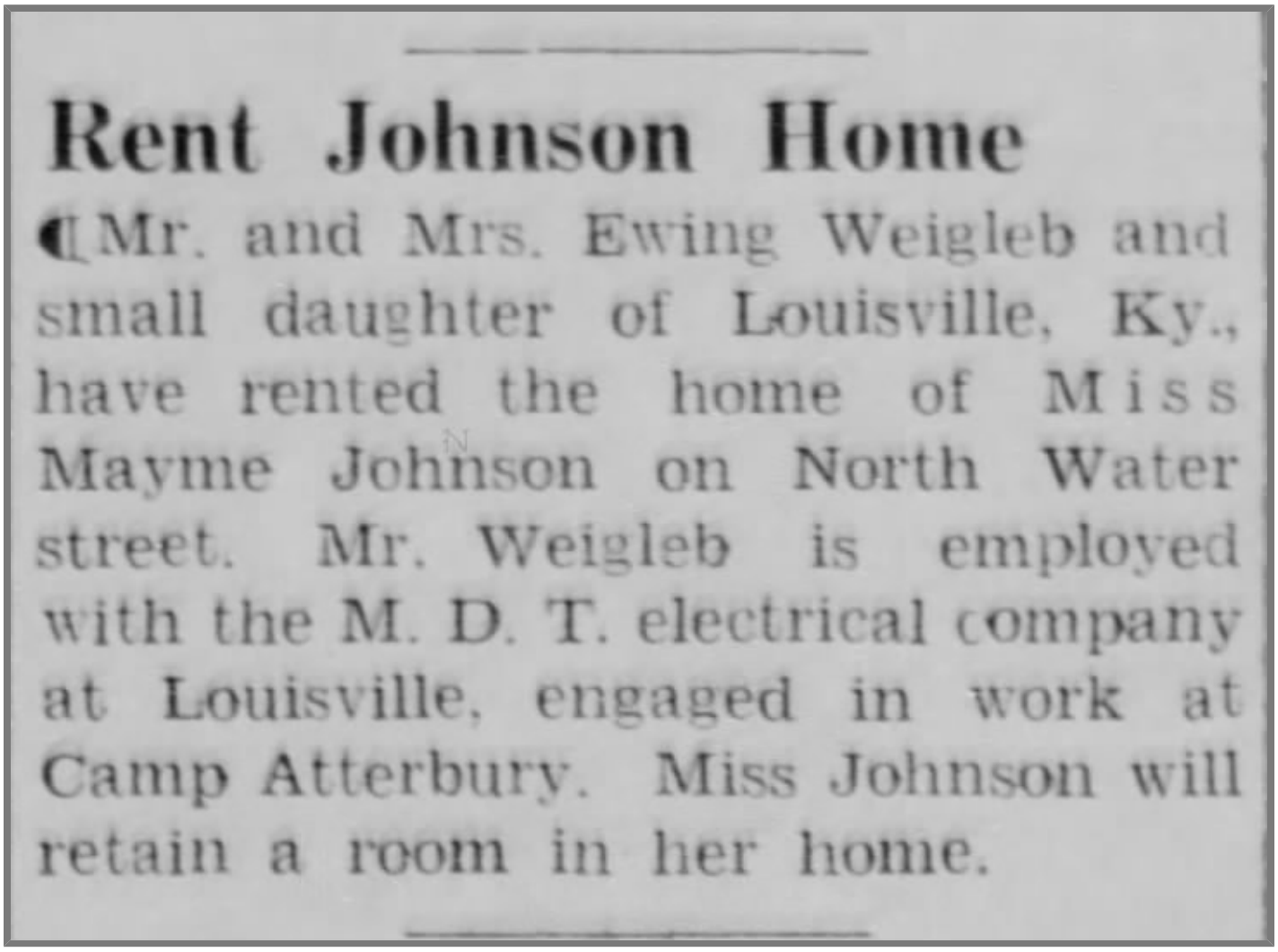

Rent Johnson Home

Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Weigleb and small daughter of Louisville, Ky., have rented the home of Miss Mayme Johnson on North Water street. Mr. Weigleb is employed with the M. D. T. electrical company at Louisville, engaged in work at Camp Atterbury. Miss Johnson will retain a room in her home.

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No Tire Shortage Here, Is Feeling of Board

Certificates for Purchase of 200 Issued in Last Few Days.

In the opinion of the Bartholomew county rationing board, there is no tire shortage.

At least, that was the feeling among the board members as they pushed along with their work of signing tire purchase certificates for this week's distribution.

Purchase certificates for nearly 200 tires have been issued by the board in the last two days.

Of the number, 134 tires and tubes were for the firm of Farnell Blair, holder of a $16,000,000 contract for Camp Atterbury. This comprised a man-size order, since it was necessary for the rationing board to issue a purchase certificate for every two tires.

It is understood that the Blair firm purchased practically all the truck tires locally.

The rationing board members, serving without pay, have also been carrying on the rationing work without benefit of clerical help.

Other Truck Tire Grants.

On top of filling the large order for the Camp Atterbury contractor, the board also issued truck tire purchase certificates to the following:

Charles P. Mohr, Clifford, 2; Purity Milk company, Columbus, 2; Flanigan, Reed and Hull, 2 ambulance tires; Francis Abel, Hope, 1; Eugene Bennett, Columbus, 1; Dale Brand, Columbus, 1; State Highway garage, 2; Howard L. Browning, Columbus, 2; Mrs. Eva Harker, Hope, 2; William D. Johnson, East Columbus, 2; Frank Yeley, Hope, 1; Coy B. Daily, Columbus, 1; John A. Kirts, East Columbus, 1; Emil Trimpe, Columbus, 1; V. J. Deiwert, Columbus, 2; Albert Rittman, Columbus, 2; Clarence E. Holman, Columbus, 1; J. H. Gant, Flatrock, 1; Ed J. Pardieck, Jonesville, 2; J. W. Leppert, Columbus, 2; Virgil Hubbard, Columbus, 2; Garnet Forkner, Columbus, 2; Public Service company, Columbus, 2; E. H. Trimpe, Columbus, 2; Givens Trucking company, Columbus, 8; Dunlap & Co., Columbus, 5; Schildmeier Trucking company, Columbus, 2; Earl Moffitt, Columbus, 2; Joseph Kroot company, Columbus, 2; Albert Sohn, Jonesville, 1; Elmer Smith, Columbus, 1; Albert Hickey, Columbus, 1; Pure Oil company, Columbus, 1.

Many of those to whom truck tire purchase certificates were issued also received permits to buy tubes.

Passenger Tires Issued.

A doctor, minister, traveling evangelist, Camp Atterbury official, naval recruiting officer, veterinarian, mail carrier and health official, were among those to whom passenger car tire purchase certificates were ordered.

This list was as follows: Dr. Lyman Overshiner, 2 tires; George B. Martin, 2 tires; Neal Whiteside, 1; Harlow Hyde, Jr., 2; Herman G. Porter, 4; Daniel Eckleman, 2; Rev. Elmer J. Clem, 1; Rev. Paul Gregory, 2; O. B. Roy, 3, and Dr. E. W. Fry, 1.

The board also issued certificates for the purchase of tractor tires to J. W. Springer, Frank McHenry and Dave Marr.

A permit for the purchase of a new automobile was issued to A. W. Kutsche, one of the contractors on the Camp Atterbury project.

CITY TO MARK GOOD FRIDAY

Plans for Union Service Outlined — Theaters to Close.

The order of service for the union Good Friday observance at First Methodist church was announced today by the Rev. W. F. Badgett, president of the ministerial association.

The day will be observed generally throughout the city and East Columbus, and special services have been arranged at many other points in the county.

The three Columbus theaters will be closed tomorrow afternoon in observance of the day. They will reopen for the regular night performances.

All the city schools will be closed for the day.

The union service will be divided into seven periods. Mr. Badgett will preside. Miss Louise Utterbach of First Methodist will be in charge of the music.

The speakers and their subjects, in order, follow:

Rev. W. C. Patrick, First Methodist, "The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus;" Dr. T. K. Smith, Tabernacle Christian, "The Verdict of Annas and Caiaphas;" Rev. Ralph Ahlemann, Nazarene, "The Denial of Peter;" Rev. Charles J. Meyers, East Columbus Christian, "The Remorse of Judas;" Rev. A. L. Beatty, East Columbus Methodist, "The Verdict of Pilate;" Rev. Nellie Lewis, Free Methodist, "The Experience of Simon of Cyrene;" Rev. K. K. Merryman, Wertz Memorial U. B., "The Crucifixion of Jesus."

WPA GRANT FOR CAMP IS MADE

VanNuys Announces $378,787 Set Aside for Atterbury Improvements.

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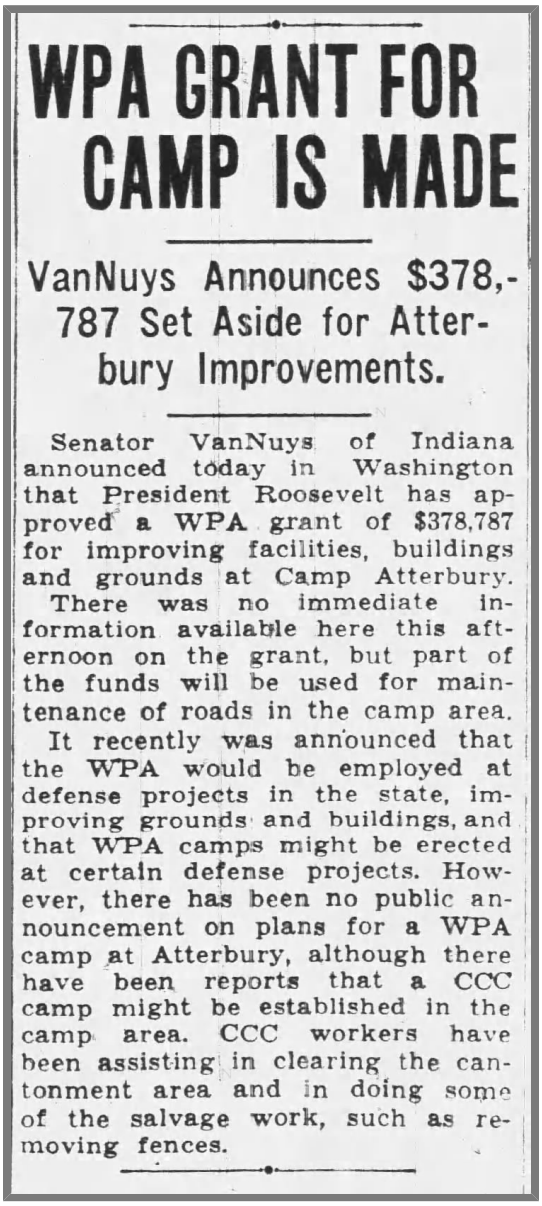

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Senator VanNuys of Indiana announced today in Washington that President Roosevelt has approved a WPA grant of $378,787 for improving facilities, buildings and grounds at Camp Atterbury.

There was no immediate information available here this afternoon on the grant, but part of the funds will be used for maintenance of roads in the camp area.

It recently was announced that the WPA would be employed at defense projects in the state, improving grounds and buildings, and that WPA camps might be erected at certain defense projects. However, there has been no public announcement on plans for a WPA camp at Atterbury, although there have been reports that a CCC camp might be established in the camp area. CCC workers have been assisting in clearing the cantonment area and in doing some of the salvage work, such as removing fences.

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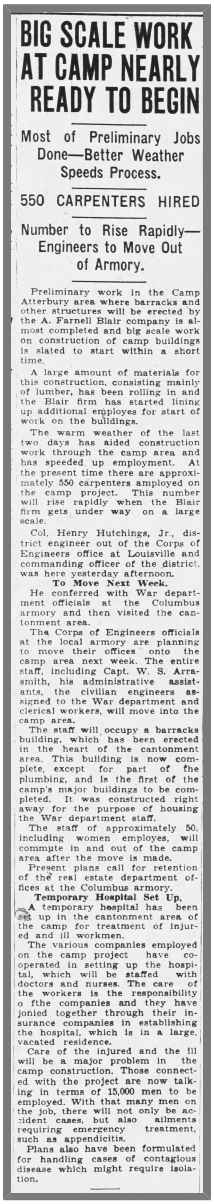

BIG SCALE WORK AT CAMP NEARLY READY TO BEGIN

Most of Preliminary Jobs Done—Better Weather Speeds Process.

550 CARPENTERS HIRED

Number to Rise Rapidly—Engineers to Move Out of Armory.

Preliminary work in the Camp Atterbury area where barracks and other structures will be erected by the A. Farnell Blair company is almost completed and big scale work on construction of camp buildings is slated to start within a short time.

A large amount of materials for this construction, consisting mainly of lumber, has been rolling in and the Blair firm has started lining up additional employes for start of work on the buildings.

The warm weather of the last two days has aided construction work through the camp area and has speeded up employment. At the present time there are approximately 550 carpenters employed on the camp project. This number will rise rapidly when the Blair firm gets under way on a large scale.

Col. Henry Hutchings, Jr., district engineer out of the Corps of Engineers office at Louisville and commanding officer of the district, was here yesterday afternoon.

To Move Next Week.

He conferred with War department officials at the Columbus armory and then visited the cantonment area.

The Corps of Engineers officials at the local armory are planning to move their offices onto the camp area next week. The entire staff, including Capt. W. S. Arrasmith, his administrative assistants, the civilian engineers assigned to the War department and clerical workers, will move into the camp area.

The staff will occupy a barracks building, which has been erected in the heart of the cantonment area. This building is now complete, except for part of the plumbing, and is the first of the camp's major buildings to be completed. It was constructed right away for the purpose of housing the War department staff.

The staff of approximately 50, including women employes, will commute in and out of the camp area after the move is made.

Present plans call for retention of the real estate department offices at the Columbus armory.

Temporary Hospital Set Up.

A temporary hospital has been set up in the cantonment area of the camp for treatment of injured and ill workmen.

The various companies employed on the camp project have cooperated in setting up the hospital, which will be staffed with doctors and nurses. The care of the workers is the responsibility o fthe companies and they have joined together through their insurance companies in establishing the hospital, which is in a large, vacated residence.

Care of the injured and the ill will be a major problem in the camp construction. Those connected with the project are now talking in terms of 15,000 men to be employed. With that many men on the job, there will not only be accident cases, but also ailments requiring emergency treatment, such as appendicitis.

Plans also have been formulated for handling cases of contagious disease which might require isolation.

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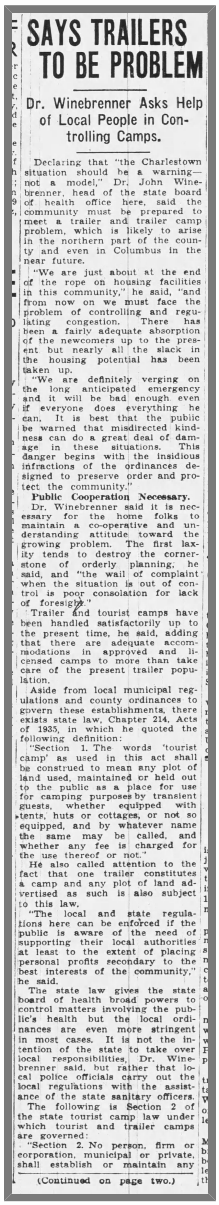

SAYS TRAILERS TO BE PROBLEM

Dr. Winebrenner Asks Help of Local People in Controlling Camps.

Declaring that "the Charlestown situation should be a warning—not a model," Dr. John Winebrenner, head of the state board of health office here, said the community must be prepared to meet a trailer and trailer camp problem, which is likely to arise in the northern part of the county and even in Columbus in the near future.

"We are just about at the end of the rope on housing facilities in this community," he said, "and from now on we must face the problem of controlling and regulating congestion. There has been a fairly adequate absorption of the newcomers up to the present but nearly all the slack in the housing potential has been taken up.

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He also called attention to the fact that one trailer constitutes a camp and any plot of land advertised as such is also subject to this law.

"The local and state regulations here can be enforced if the public is aware of the need of supporting their local authorities at least to the extent of placing personal profits secondary to the best interests of the community," he said.

The state law gives the state board of health broad powers to control matters involving the public's health but the local ordinances are even more stringent in most cases. It is not the intention of the state to take over local responsibilities, Dr. Winebrenner said, but rather that local police officials carry out the local regulations with the assistance of the state sanitary officers.

The following is Section 2 of the state tourist camp law under which tourist and trailer camps are governed:

"Section 2. No person, firm or corporation, municipal or private, shall establish or maintain any

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SAYS TRAILERS TO BE PROBLEM

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tourist camp in this state without first obtaining a license therefor from the state board of health, and the state board of health shall have the power to revoke any license issued upon the failure of the holder thereof to comply with the provisions of this act, or any other law, or any of the rules and regulations made and promulgated by the state board of health under authority of this act. Any person, the members of any firm, and the officers of any corporation, private or municipal, who shall maintain or operate a tourist camp without first obtaining such license, or who shall operate the same after the revocation of such license, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding ninety days, or both such fine and imprisonment."

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CAMP WORKER HURT IN FALL

Harry Cirgin, construction worker on the Camp Atterbury project, was injured painfully yesterday when he slipped on a wet plank and fell.

He was taken to an Edinburg physician and given medical treatment.

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Says 30,000 Soldiers To Be in Atterbury

Another Army spokesman, whose identity remains a secret, has placed the number of troops to be housed at Camp Atterbury at approximately 30,000.

Recently an officer from Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, told an U. S. O. meeting at Indianapolis that approximately 29,000 troops would be moved into the camp.

The more recent spokesman, who set the figure at 30,000, addressed the Rotary club at Greensburg this week and discussed civic problems to arise at Greensburg as a result of the cantonment.

At the personal request of the speaker, his identity was withheld from publication in the Greensburg Daily News' account of his speech. The paper, in a special editor's note, explained that it was withholding the officer's name "for military reasons."

Tank Destroyer Units.

The speaker said one triangular division and auxiliary forces totalling around 30,000 men would be moved into the new camp. It will be an infantry division, he said, with tank destroyer battalions, which, when each basic training schedule is completed will give the Army another 25,000 finished troops, packing three times the fire power of World War 1 divisions.

He declared that when the tremendous influx of camp workers and others comes it not only will create a serious housing, police, hospital and amusement problem in the immediate Columbus area but is is one which every community within a radius of one hundred miles will be called on to assist in solving. The same conditions will hold true when the camp is finished and the "soldier factory" goes into full "production," the speaker said.

Thousands on Leave.

He urged Greensburg city officials, civic organizations and individuals to cooperate with the government in the handling of

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SAYS 30,000 SOLDIERS TO BE IN ATTERBURY

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these men in the interest of the nation's welfare.

During camp leaves, he said, thousands of men will be turned loose on 24 and 48 hour leaves to find diversion from the "humdrum" of the army camp in surrounding cities and towns. These men, the speaker said, are no different from those in civilian life except that they wear the uniform of the United States Army. They will not necessarily merit special courtesies but the morale of the men will be built up if citizens of the community give them consideration.

It would be a fine thing, the speaker said, if citizens would make it a point to make the acquaintance of the men in uniform and, perhaps, invite them to their homes for a dinner or a few hours of social recreation. Civic groups could cooperate in this respect by having the men in the ranks and some of the official personnel as guests at occasional dinners and parties.

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No Higher Price to Be Offered, Say Land Buyers

A rumor being circulated through the Bartholomew county area to be purchased for Camp Atterbury that a second land appraisal will be made if persons refuse to sign options was denied today by John R. Walsh, project manager.

Mr. Walsh said that the offer now being made to the land owners is the one and only offer that will be made.

He declared that negotiations are moving ahead satisfactorily, but that some landowners have been of the opinion that they would be offered a second price if they refused to sign an option the first time they are contacted.

Some speculation has resulted from the fact that at the present time there is a group of appraisers working in the Johnson county area of the camp. However, it is understood that these men have been employed by the Department of Justice and are making preparations to appear as witnesses for the government in the forthcoming condemnation trial in the Indianapolis division of federal court for the Southern district of Indiana.

View Condemned Land.

The land which these men are viewing is that included in the condemned section of the camp, which consists of the cantonment area, and is that of persons who have not signed options. This land will be included in the forthcoming condemnation trials.

It is expected that some of the cases will come up for trial early next fall.

In a statement today concerning the re-appraisal rumors, Mr. Walsh explained the court procedure followed in handling the land acquisition. He said that if the owner rejects the present offer the Land Acquisition office is forced to recommend that condemnation proceedings be filed. If such action is taken, Judge Robert C. Baltzell of the U. S. district court is required to appoint commissioners to review the land and make a report to the court at the time of the trial on condemnation.

Final Action Soon.

The figures arrived at by the commissioners are not given to the landowners and they will not be given an opportunity to accept these figures, unless they are ruled, as a result of the trial, to be the fair purchase price.

It is expected that within the next few days the final declaration of taking on the cantonment

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NO HIGHER PRICE TO BE OFFERED SAY LAND BUYERS

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area, already condemned, will be filed in federal district court at Indianapolis and at that time payment will be turned over to the court by the War department for at least a percentage of the value of the land taken by condemnation. Of this money paid into court, the landowner, if his title is good, can draw a part. The amount of this part is determined by the court and generally has been from 50 to 75 percent in other land acquisition cases. However, in some instances it has run as high as 90 percent.

Fewer Owners Call.

Negotiations for purchase of the Bartholomew camp land south of the Kansas road and including the town of Kansas have been in progress now for a little more than a week.

The number of people calling at the armory to talk with negotiators has decreased the last few days and part of the negotiators have started contacting the landowners at their homes. Many of those who called at the office at the start of negotiations asked for time in which to decide whether or not to sign options and these people are now being contacted by the land negotiators.

As yet no suit has been filed for acquisition of the Bartholomew county area, but it is believed likely that within a short time a condemnation suit will be filed in district court against all land in the camp area, except that already in condemnation.

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GOTTA SHINE

Odd Camp Job is Cleaning Windows — 400,000 Panes in Blair Section.

Another odd job in the Camp Atterbury project is the cleaning of windows.

As the barracks and other buildings are erected the new window panes must be scraped clear of paint and stickers and washed.

One man who is attempting to obtain a contract for this work from the A. Farnell Blair company, which will build about three-fourths of the barracks, estimates that there will be about 400,000 panes to be cleaned in the Blair section of the project.

This window cleaner is from Philadelphia and had a contract with Blair at Camp Chaffee. He hires his own men and puts them to work cleaning the windows as fast as the buildings go up.

On one camp job, his outfit cleaned more than 1,000,000 panes.

"That's 4 million corners that have to be dug into and the paint gotten off the panes," he explained.

Asked if it isn't hard to estimate the cost of such a contract he was quick to reply, "Yes, I lost $4,000 one job, because the men only worked about half as fast as I'd figured."

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Asked To Accept 4-Party Service

Phone Firm Appeals To Edinburgh Folk

Edinburgh, April 2. — New telephone subscribers here are being asked to accept four-party service because of recent War Production rulings to conserve scarce materials.

Fred Preston, manager of the local Indiana Bell Telephone Company branch, said the WPB requires phone firms to employ party line service in the event materials can be conserved by so doing.

The WPB order also prohibits replacement of wall and desk type phones with other types of phones and prohibits installation of extension phones in residences.

"New training camps, such as Camp Atterbury in this area, are requiring telephone facilities and equipment," Mr. Preston announced. "The use of four-party service instead of an individual line by new subscribers will help make the facilities available go as far as possible to provide service for those who need it."

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CITY DECLARED DEFENSE AREA, WILSON ADVISES

Wires Mayor Owens and Supt. Hughes Information from Washington.

BUILDING BOOM IS SEEN

Critical Materials Will Be Available With High Priority Rating.

Columbus has been declared a defense area, according to word received here late yesterday from Earl Wilson, Ninth district representative in Congress.

"Have been advised that Columbus has been officially declared defense area," was the text of telegraphic messages received from Wilson by Mayor Fred C. Owens and Otto Hughes, superintendent of the city schools.

The designation means that the city will have a high priorities rating, which is expected to speed up municipal facilities projects and result in a local building boom to provide living quarters for defense workers and Camp Atterbury officials.

Architects Wire, Too.

Superintendent Hughes also received a message from Washington from the firm of McGuire and Shook, Indianapolis architects, employed by the Columbus school city to draft preliminary plans and specifications for a new school building.

"As promised, checkup here indicates Columbus declared defense area," the message said.

Application to have the city declared a defense area was made in January after the visit here by a congressional committee from Washington. The committee visited Columbus to check on housing and facilities requirements expected to be caused by the location of an army camp near the city.

The congressional committee recommended that the application be made.

Now Has A-10 Rating.

The city now has a priorities rating of A-10. With its designation as a defense area, the rating is almost certain to be boosted considerably, and thus make various critical materials more easy to obtain.

The designation is viewed as highly important in the municipal water works expansion program. Despite the fact that the improvement has been recommended by the state board of health and is badly needed, it was feared that the community would encounter many delays and set-backs in bringing the project to completion without benefit of a higher priorities rating.

It is also believed that the defense area classification will considerably improve the chances of the proposed sewage disposal plant, school building and hospital addition going through with federal assistance.

To Help Entire City.

Informants say that the rating will help the entire city, making it possible for merchants to obtain some items which are not obtainable outside defense areas.

Indications are that the defense classifications may result in something of a building boom in the community to provide additional living quarters. At least, it will bring about building of a far larger scale than without the rating.

Some local contractors report that building here has been virtually "stymied" by inability to secure many materials vitally important in home construction.

The defense area classification will offer some assurance that the critical materials will be made available to the community and thus result in opening up building.

Some Stocks On Hand.

One building contractor reported today that he had in stock sufficient critical materials to go ahead with a few projects, but every in dication was that once his stock were depleted there would not be more. However, with the defense area rating, it will be possible for him to replenish his supplies.

Generally there has been opposition in the community to the construction of strictly defense housing. It has been generally felt that there is a sufficient amount of private capital here interested to provide many new homes to care for much of the increased population.

This capital, however, has been unable to go to work on a large scale because of the absence of assurance that materials would be available to bring the construction work to completion.

WILSON TO BE HERE APRIL 10

Washington, April 3 (AP)— Rep. Earl Wilson (R-Ind.) announced today he was taking advantage of a congressional lull to make a trip home and is going to devote the rest of this week and all of next touring his district and holding meetings with his constituents.

Wilson said he would be in Columbus on April 10.

GOSHORN MADE RATION CLERK

Resigns as Board Member to Accept Paid Position.

At a meeting of the county ration board yesterday afternoon with officials of the county civilian defense council, A. W. Goshorn resigned as a member of the board and accepted appointment as paid clerk.

Appointment of Goshorn was made by Marian H. Amick, county civilian defense director, with the approval of the ration board members.

Salary for the job is $1,260 a year, made available out of federal funds.

Clerical work in the office has been increasing so steadily that it was the feeling of the board that there should be paid help on the job. Three members of the board, W. H. Scott, Earl Butler and Mr. Goshorn, worked all day Wednesday and Thursday on this week's applications for tire purchase certificates and their clerical work remained unfinished today.

Government regulations provided that a clerk could be named through civil service, or a member of the rationing board could be appointed to the job.

For the present it is not intended to fill the vacancy on the board caused by Goshorn's resignation.

FEW PERSONS TO REGISTER

Although the office of O. D. (Buck) Wilson, county clerk, has been open nightly this week for the convenience of voters seeking to register or transfer registration, it has hardly been worthwhile. Only a small number of persons have called at the office each night although there are hundreds who must transfer their registration if they are to be eligible to vote in the May primary.

The clerk's office will keep open tonight, and again Saturday and Monday nights. Monday is the deadline for registration.

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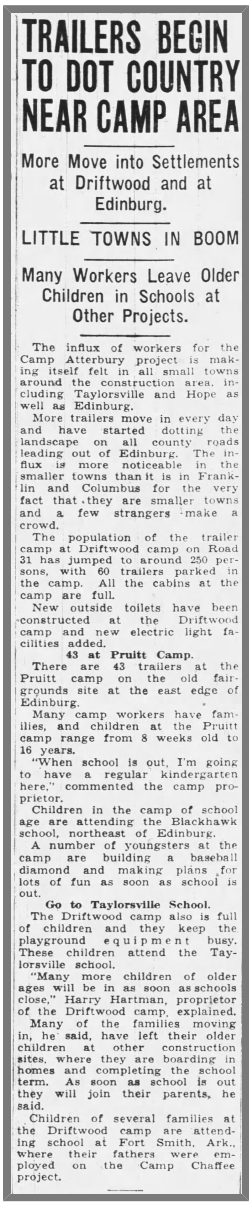

TRAILERS BEGIN TO DOT COUNTRY NEAR CAMP AREA

More Move into Settlements at Driftwood and at Edinburg.

LITTLE TOWNS IN BOOM

Many Workers Leave Older Children in Schools at Other Projects.

The influx of workers for the Camp Atterbury project is making itself felt in all small towns around the construction area, including Taylorsville and Hope as well as Edinburg.

More trailers move in every day and have started dotting the landscape on all county roads leading out of Edinburg. The influx is more noticeable in the smaller towns than it is in Franklin and Columbus for the very fact that they are smaller towns and a few strangers make a crowd.

The population of the trailer camp at Driftwood camp on Road 31 has jumped to around 250 persons, with 60 trailers parked in the camp. All the cabins at the camp are full.

New outside toilets have been constructed at the Driftwood camp and new electric light facilities added.

43 at Pruitt Camp.

There are 43 trailers at the Pruitt camp on the old fairgrounds site at the east edge of Edinburg.

Many camp workers have families, and children at the Pruitt camp range from 8 weeks old to 16 years.

"When school is out, I'm going to have a regular kindergarten here," commented the camp proprietor.

Children in the camp of school age are attending the Blackhawk school, northeast of Edinburg.

A number of youngsters at the camp are building a baseball diamond and making plans for lots of fun as soon as school is out.

Go to Taylorsville School.

The Driftwood camp also is full of children and they keep the playground equipment busy. These children attend the Taylorsville school.

"Many more children of older ages will be in as soon as schools close," Harry Hartman, proprietor of the Driftwood camp, explained.

Many of the families moving in, he said, have left their older children at other construction sites, where they are boarding in homes and completing the school term. As soon as school is out they will join their parents, he said.

Children of several families at the Driftwood camp are attending school at Fort Smith, Ark., where their fathers were employed on the Camp Chaffee project.

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CAMP EATING POINTS EXPAND

Health Regulations Issued—Plans Made for Box Lunches.

With the start of large-scale hiring on the Camp Atterbury project plans are being made for opening new eating establishments to serve camp workers, and today the Columbus district office of the state board of health sent a bulletin to all contractors and subcontractors concerning food regulations.

A large restaurant went into operation this week inside the cantonment area. The regulations sent to the contractors today deal with food handled or sold within the cantonment area.

Meanwhile, plans are being made for opening eating establishments on the edges of the camp area.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Manning of Madison have taken over the Harry Workman restaurant on Road 31 at the west edge of Edinburg. They plan to start operation Monday and will serve box lunches for the workers' noon day meals, as well as offer regular restaurant service.

At Jefferson Proving Ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Manning will operate the restaurant on a 24-hour schedule and will have the box lunch service arranged so that workers can get their lunches by merely driving past the front of the building.

Mr. Workman, who had operated the restaurant for many years, will continue to run the rooming house to the rear and the tourist cabins.

Mr. and Mrs. Manning have two restaurants at Madison and had the concession for feeding workmen on the Jefferson Proving ground site. They served approximately 3,000 workmen daily at the proving ground restaurant.

It is reported that an eating establishment may be started along Road 31, where the railroad spur crosses the highway north of Edinburg, but there has been no public announcement.

Health Regulations.

The regulations issued today by the district health office for food handled or sold within the cantonment area, included the following:

All meats must be supplied from establishments operating under U. S. inspection or state-approved inspection.

All milk must be Grade "A" or if Grade "A" milk is not obtainable that which is next best, except that no milk may be sold or distributed that is not approved by the Indiana State Board of Health. No milk may be sold or handled which is not pasteurized.

Box lunches sold within the cantonment shall be prepared and packed with methods and in kitchens approved by the Indiana State Board of Health, and shall be transported in closed, sanitary conveyances.

All food handlers within the cantonment must be prepared to show health certificates. Such certificates of examination must be subsequent to March 1, 1942. A blood test is a minimal requirement. The serological result should not appear on the certificate. The management shall be held responsible for the employee.

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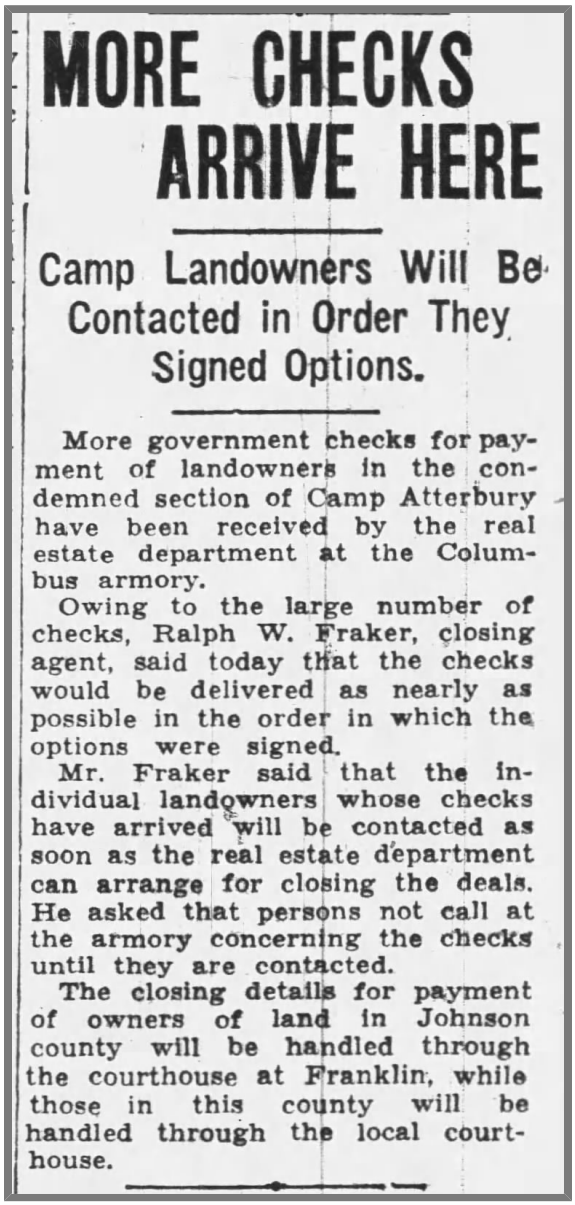

MORE CHECKS ARRIVE HERE

Camp Landowners Will Be Contacted in Order They Signed Options.

More government checks for payment of landowners in the condemned section of Camp Atterbury have been received by the real estate department at the Columbus armory.

Owing to the large number of checks, Ralph W. Fraker, closing agent, said today that the checks would be delivered as nearly as possible in the order in which the options were signed.

Mr. Fraker said that the individual landowners whose checks have arrived will be contacted as soon as the real estate department can arrange for closing the deals. He asked that persons not call at the armory concerning the checks until they are contacted.

The closing details for payment of owners of land in Johnson county will be handled through the courthouse at Franklin, while those in this county will be handled through the local courthouse.

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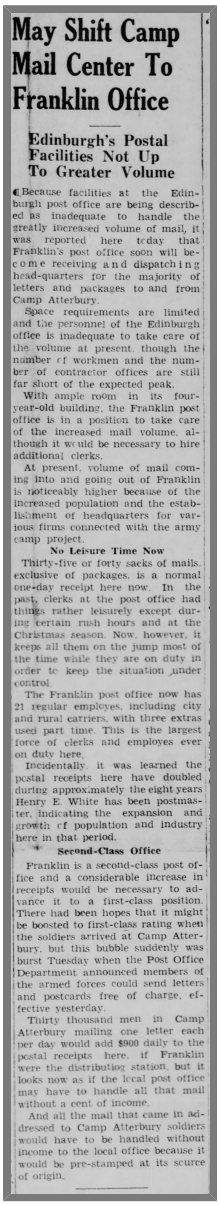

May Shift Camp Mail Center To Franklin Office

Edinburgh's Postal Facilities Not Up To Greater Volume

Because facilities at the Edinburgh post office are being described as inadequate to handle the greatly increased volume of mail, it was reported here today that Franklin's post office soon will become receiving and dispatching head-quarters for the majority of letters and packages to and from Camp Atterbury.

Space requirements are limited and the personnel of the Edinburgh office is inadequate to take care of the volume at present, though the number of workmen and the number of contractor offices are still far short of the expected peak.

With ample room in its four-year-old building, the Franklin post office is in a position to take care of the increased mail volume, although it would be necessary to hire additional clerks.

At present, volume of mail coming into and going out of Franklin is noticeably higher because of the increased population and the establishment of headquarters for various firms connected with the army camp project.

No Leisure Time Now

Thirty-five or forty sacks of mails, exclusive of packages, is a normal one-day receipt here now. In the past, clerks at the post office had things rather leisurely except during certain rush hours and at the Christmas season. Now, however, it keeps all them on the jump most of the time while they are on duty in order to keep the situation under control.

The Franklin post office now has 21 regular employes, including city and rural carriers, with three extras used part time. This is the largest force of clerks and employes ever on duty here.

Incidentally, it was learned the postal receipts here have doubled during approximately the eight years Henry E. White has been postmaster, indicating the expansion and growth of population and industry here in that period.

Second-Class Office

Franklin is a second-class post office and a considerable increase in receipts would be necessary to advance it to a first-class position. There had been hopes that it might be boosted to first-class rating when the soldiers arrived at Camp Atterbury, but this bubble suddenly was burst Tuesday when the Post Office Department announced members of the armed forces could send letters and postcards free of charge, effective yesterday.

Thirty thousand men in Camp Atterbury mailing one letter each per day would add $900 daily to the postal receipts here, if Franklin were the distributiog station, but it looks now as if the local post office may have to handle all that mail without a cent of income.

And all the mail that came in addressed to Camp Atterbury soldiers would have to be handled without income to the local office because it would be pre-stamped at its source of origin.

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Rail Traffic Soars as Camp Materials Roll in

Traffic on the Indianapolis-Louisville line of the Pennsylvania railroad is moving toward an all-time peak as carloads of materials for Camp Atterbury roll in, adding to the increased traffic of troop trains and war plant production.

Many carloads of freight, made up of materials and machinery, have been unloaded at the camp siding, Edinburg and Franklin since work on the project started two months ago. The shipments, however, are still far below the expected peak.

One railroad official commented that material "is coming in like rain."

Seventy carloads of freight were reported received for the camp in one day.

Through Edinburg by Truck.

Most of the freight is shipped to the camp siding or to Edinburg, from where it rolls through Edinburg streets by truck out to the cantonment area.

The heavy machinery is unloaded at Franklin because it cannot safely pass over the iron bridge across Sugar Creek on Road 252. This bridge is being replaced with a new structure.

The big increase in freight is causing the Pennsylvania line to increase its rail facilities and a rail-laying unit is working on a 10-mile stretch south of Seymour at present, replacing the 100-pound per foot rails with 131 pound rails.

The track from Seymour to Rockford is of the 131-pound type and original plans called for use of this weight track all the way between Indianapolis and Louisville. However, owing to uncertainties of materials it may not be possible to complete the strengthening project immediately.

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TO OPEN GRAVE REMOVAL BIDS

Proposals to Be Received Tomorrow at Louisville Engineers' Office.

Bids on the work of moving approximately 500 bodies from five cemeteries in part of the Camp Atterbury area will be opened at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at Louisville and the work of moving the bodies is slated to get under way within five days after letting of bids.

The bodies will be moved to the new cemetery site obtained by the War department in a large field adjacent to the Freeman cemetery on the west side of Road 31, north of Edinburg.

New burial vaults will be required for each body and grave markers, tombstones and monuments will be transferred to the new cemetery, with each of the old cemeteries retaining its identity in the new cemetery. In the case of unmarked graves, which are not identified, special markers will be erected and labeled, "Unidentified Body."

Most of the cemeteries to be moved have not been used for many years. In many the vaults have collapsed and the graves sunk. Tombstones and markers have been removed, broken or stolen. Weeds have grown up in the cemeteries and graves have levelled off until it is almost impossible to tell where the burials have been made.

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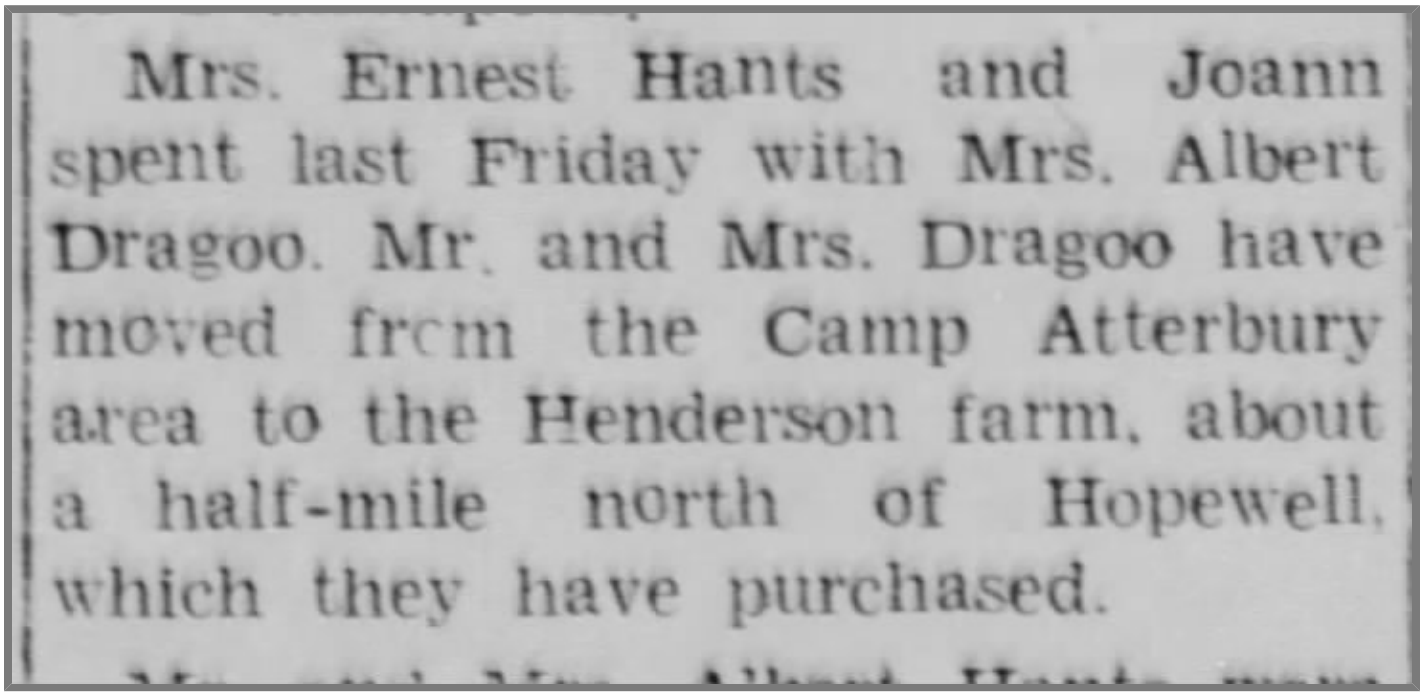

Mrs. Ernest Hants and Joann spent last Friday with Mrs. Albert Dragoo. Mr. and Mrs. Dragoo have moved from the Camp Atterbury area to the Henderson farm, about a half-mile north of Hopewell, which they have purchased.

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WORK STARTED ON ALL PARTS OF ARMY CAMP

Employment Tops 2,500 Mark as Fair Weather Aids Construction.

JUMP SEEN NEXT WEEK

Kutsche and Thompson-Fisher Firms Under Way—Buildings Springing Up.

Work on all major parts of the Camp Atterbury project has been placed under way and every day new buildings are springing up in the camp area.

Fair weather this week has shot the employment total well above the 2,500 mark and a big increase in workers is expected next week, barring return of bad weather.

The A. W. Kutsche and company of Detroit, and Thompson-Fisher corporation of Albany, N. Y., which with A. Farnell Blair, are erecting the buildings in the area where the troops will be quartered, have started work in their sections of the camp area. Mr. Kutsche is directing the start of the work here.

The Kutsche company has erected its own office building on the camp site and has approximately 125 men employed.

Thompson-Fisher corporation has moved its offices into a residence on the Henry C. White heirs farm in Bartholomew county and has 46 laborers and carpenters at work.

This company recently has been employed on construction work at Fort Terry and Fort Michie on Long Island sound, N. Y., and at Fort Dix, N. J. John S. Thompson is in charge of the work and Samuel S. Kilmer is the project superintendent.

Concrete Footings Poured.

Grading work is being done in this company's area and pouring of footings for the buildings has started. The company hopes to have large scale construction under way within the next seven days.

Its construction will include barracks, mess halls, store houses and other buildings, including 22 different types.

Work is moving ahead rapidly in other sections. The concrete block sides of a number of the hospital group buildings have been erected and roofs are being put on. Workmen also are moving in the heating equipment for the buildings.

The sewer lines are being put down and grading work being done in various parts of the camp area.

A large amount of materials, including lumber, has been unloaded from freight cars at the new storage sheds which have been built along Road 31 where the railroad spur crosses the highway north of Edinburg. Trucks are carrying this material into the cantonment area.

Work on Railroad Spur.

The Calumet Paving company is working on the railroad spur inside the camp area and is building a fill and a piling bridge west of the Mauxferry road. The north end of the Mauxferry road has been closed owing to work on the railroad spur.

Estimates still vary greatly on the number of men to be employed when the camp project hits its peak, but estimates from the contractors indicate that approximately 15,000 persons will be employed. The contractors point out, however, that the total will be dependent on the speed of the project and the number of men available.

The camp work, for the most part, already is several weeks behind schedule, owing mainly to bad weather. The labor question is still uncertain. Workers have been moving in, but not as yet in large numbers. A few more arrive each day and a number of these are from southern and western states, including Missouri, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee.

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Fences 'Frozen'

The government late last night "froze" sale of all salvaged fencing in the cantonment area of Camp Atterbury, according to announcement made today by Charles W. Long, assistant project manager.

Mr. Long said that the order banned further sale of the fencing, which has been much sought after, owing to scarcity of new fencing. It is presumed that the government plans to use the fencing itself or plans to sell it later at auction.

One house which is in the way of construction is still for sale and there are several outbuildings available, but no more garages.

Persons who wish to buy the remaining salvage properties may contact Mr. Long at the Columbus armory.

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ANOTHER CAMP COMPANY FINED

Another camp contractor has been fined for failure to have license plates on one of his trucks.

Michael Pontarelli of the Pontarelli and Sons company was fined $10 and costs in Edinburg court. The truck was said to be the only one in a large fleet of company vehicles which did not have license plates.

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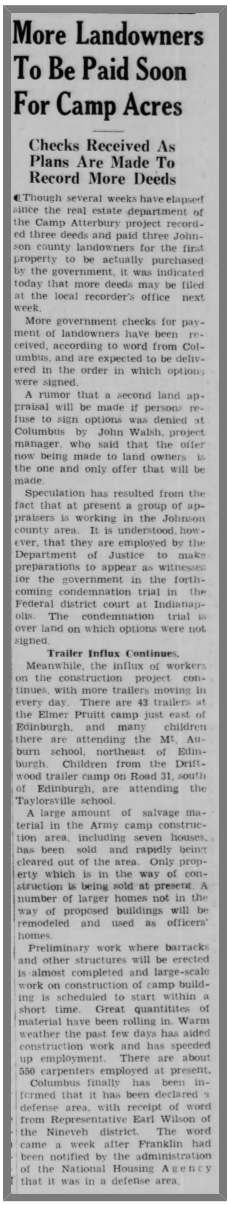

More Landowners To Be Paid Soon For Camp Acres

Checks Received As Plans Are Made To Record More Deeds

Though several weeks have elapsed since the real estate department of the Camp Atterbury project recorded three deeds and paid three Johnson county landowners for the first property to be actually purchased by the government, it was indicated today that more deeds may be filed at the local recorder's office next week.

More government checks for payment of landowners have been received, according to word from Columbus, and are expected to be delivered in the order in which options were signed.

A rumor that a second land appraisal will be made if persons refuse to sign options was denied at Columbus by John Walsh, project manager, who said that the offer now being made to land owners is the one and only offer that will be made.

Speculation has resulted from the fact that at present a group of appraisers is working in the Johnson county area. It is understood, however, that they are employed by the Department of Justice to make preparations to appear as witnesses for the government in the forthcoming condemnation trial in the Federal district court at Indianapolis. The condemnation trial is over land on which options were not signed.

Trailer Influx Continues.

Meanwhile, the influx of workers on the construction project continues, with more trailers moving in every day. There are 43 trailers at the Elmer Pruitt camp just east of Edinburgh, and many children there are attending the Mt. Auburn school, northeast of Edinburgh. Children from the Driftwood trailer camp on Road 31, south of Edinburgh, are attending the Taylorsville school.

A large amount of salvage material in the Army camp construction area, including seven houses, has been sold and rapidly being cleared out of the area. Only property which is in the way of construction is being sold at present. A number of larger homes not in the way of proposed buildings will be remodeled and used as officers' homes.

Preliminary work where barracks and other structures will be erected is almost completed and large-scale work on construction of camp building is scheduled to start within a short time. Great quantitites of material have been rolling in. Warm weather the past few days has aided construction work and has speeded up employment. There are about 550 carpenters employed at present.

Columbus finally has been informed that it has been declared a defense area, with receipt of word from Representative Earl Wilson of the Nineveh district. The word came a week after Franklin had been notified by the administration of the National Housing Agency that it was in a defense area.

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PLAN START ON CAMP CHIMNEYS

10,000,000 Bricks Slated to Be Used on Stacks in Barracks Area.

Approximately 1,250,000 bricks will be used for chimneys in the section of Camp Atterbury being erected by the A. W. Kutsche company of Detroit, which represents about one-eighth of the barracks, mess halls and other troop buildings.

Preliminary work for construction of the 152 smoke stacks in the Kutsche section was slated to be placed under way today by the firm of Platt and Schneider, contractors.

Similar stacks will be erected in the sections being built by the A. Farnell Blair company and Thompson-Fisher corporation. On the basis of the bricks to be needed in the Kutsche section, which includes 190 of the camp's buildings, 10,000,000 bricks will be used in the baracks area. These will go into chimneys of the barracks and other buildings and do not include bricks to be needed for the hospital group, storehouses, bakery, laundry, sewage plant and other facility buildings.

The Platt and Schneider firm is composed of George S. Schneider of Millhousen and F. M. Platt of Aurora and has a subcontract under the Kutsche company.

The contract calls for completion of the chimneys within eleven weeks. The 152 stacks will average 9,000 bricks to the stack.

Platt and Schneider last summer did the brick work on the homes constructed on the Jefferson Proving Ground federal housing project at Versailles. The buildings at Versailles were erected by Dunlap and Company of this city.

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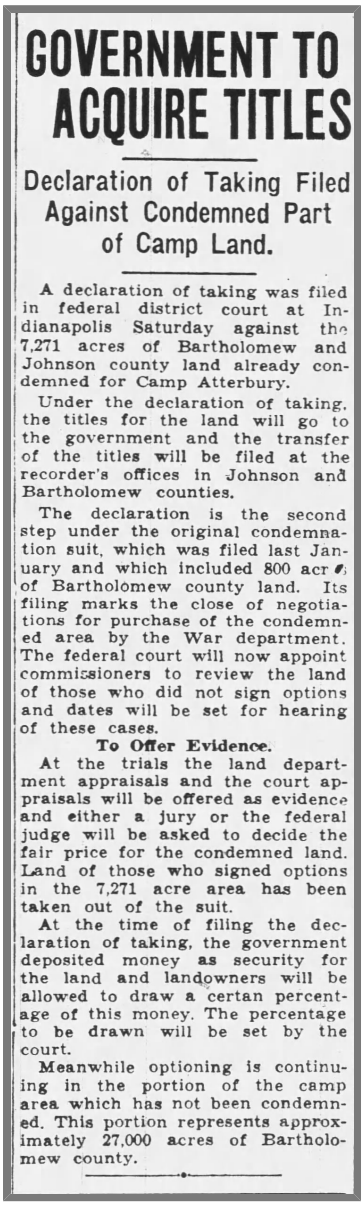

GOVERNMENT TO ACQUIRE TITLES

Declaration of Taking Filed Against Condemned Part of Camp Land.

A declaration of taking was filed in federal district court at Indianapolis Saturday against the 7,271 acres of Bartholomew and Johnson county land already condemned for Camp Atterbury.

Under the declaration of taking, the titles for the land will go to the government and the transfer of the titles will be filed at the recorder's offices in Johnson and Bartholomew counties.

The declaration is the second step under the original condemnation suit, which was filed last January and which included 800 acres of Bartholomew county land. Its filing marks the close of negotiations for purchase of the condemned area by the War department. The federal court will now appoint commissioners to review the land of those who did not sign options and dates will be set for hearing of these cases.

To Offer Evidence.

At the trials the land department appraisals and the court appraisals will be offered as evidence and either a jury or the federal judge will be asked to decide the fair price for the condemned land. Land of those who signed options in the 7,271 acre area has been taken out of the suit.

At the time of filing the declaration of taking, the government deposited money as security for the land and landowners will be allowed to draw a certan percentage of this money. The percentage to be drawn will be set by the court.

Meanwhile optioning is continuing in the portion of the camp area which has not been condemned. This portion represents approximately 27,000 acres of Bartholomew county.

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TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM.

Greensburg News.

If Greensburg is to be of any service to Camp Atterbury—is to help out in housing, in furnishing any labor or help in any way—the very first thing it needs is some means of transportation.

This city is about 30 miles from this camp and might help to meet some of its needs.

After the camp is occupied, in the opinion of one speaker, soldiers on leave will visit Greensburg and other nearby cities seeking recreation and amusement, diversion from their duties.

This, too, would furnish a bus line with additional passengers.

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COUNCIL WILL MEET TONIGHT

Consideration to Be Given Proposal for Removal of Traction Line.

Regular meetings of the city council and board of public works and safety will be held tonight at the city hall.

One of the principal items of business at the council session will be a discussion of the proposition of the Indiana Railroad company relative to removal of the traction line inside the city.

The railroad has offered to give the city the steel rails, copper and other materials to be salvaged, if the city will remove the line and resurface the streets.

At tonight's meeting the council is scheduled to pass a resolution agreeing to furnish a site for the Camp Atterbury recreation center in Columbus.

Members of the council asserted several weeks ago that they would provide a site but it was never made a matter of record.

Negotiations for securing a piece of property owned by Mike Wolf to the rear of the Fifth street location formerly occupied by Fire Station No. 1 are still in progress.

The Fifth street site has been approved by the local recreation committee for the U. S. O. center.

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WORKMEN AT CAMP FINED

Edinburg, April 6.—Several arrests of men employed on construction at Camp Atterbury were made over the weekend by local officers.

Raymond Pohler was fined $10 and costs this morning for having improper license plates on his truck.

Joseph Schmidt was fined a like amount for having expired plates on his auto.

Walter Kirkpatrick was fined $1 and costs for intoxication.

Ochell L. Tuck and Clester H. Phillips were fined for reckless driving.

All weer tried in Ira Bryson's peace court. t

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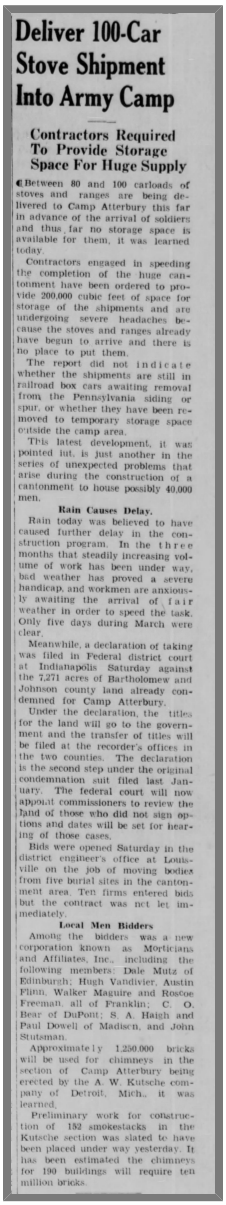

Deliver 100-Car Stove Shipment Into Army Camp

Contractors Required To Provide Storage Space For Huge Supply

Between 80 and 100 carloads of stoves and ranges are being delivered to Camp Atterbury this far in advance of the arrival of soldiers and thus far no storage space is available for them, it was learned today.

Contractors engaged in speeding the completion of the huge cantonment have been ordered to provide 200,000 cubic feet of space for storage of the shipments and are undergoing severe headaches because the stoves and ranges already have begun to arrive and there is no place to put them.

The report did not indicate whether the shipments are still in railroad box cars awaiting removal from the Pennsylvania siding or spur, or whether they have been removed to temporary storage space outside the camp area.

This latest development, it was pointed iut, is just another in the series of unexpected problems that arise during the construction of a cantonment to house possibly 40,000 men.

Rain Causes Delay.

Rain today was believed to have caused further delay in the construction program. In the three months that steadily increasing volume of work has been under way, bad weather has proved a severe handicap, and workmen are anxiously awaiting the arrival of fair weather in order to speed the task. Only five days during March were clear.

Meanwhile, a declaration of taking was filed in Federal district court at Indianapolis Saturday against the 7,271 acres of Bartholomew and Johnson county land already condemned for Camp Atterbury.

Under the declaration, the titles for the land will go to the government and the transfer of titles will be filed at the recorder's offices in the two counties. The declaration is the second step under the original condemnation suit filed last January. The federal court will now appoint commissioners to review the land of those who did not sign options and dates will be set for hearing of those cases.

Bids were opened Saturday in the district engineer's office at Louisville on the job of moving bodies from five burial sites in the cantonment area. Ten firms entered bids but the contract was not let immediately.

Local Men Bidders

Among the bidders was a new corporation known as Morticians and Affiliates, Inc., including the following members: Dale Mutz of Edinburgh; Hugh Vandivier, Austin Flinn, Walker Maguire and Roscoe Freeman, all of Franklin; C. O. Bear of DuPont; S. A. Haigh and Paul Dowell of Madison, and John Stutsman.

Approximately 1,250,000 bricks will be used for chimneys in the section of Camp Atterbury being erected by the A. W. Kutsche company of Detroit, Mich., it was learned.

Preliminary work for construction of 152 smokestacks in the Kutsche section was slated to have been placed under way yesterday. It has been estimated the chimneys for 190 buildings will require ten million bricks.

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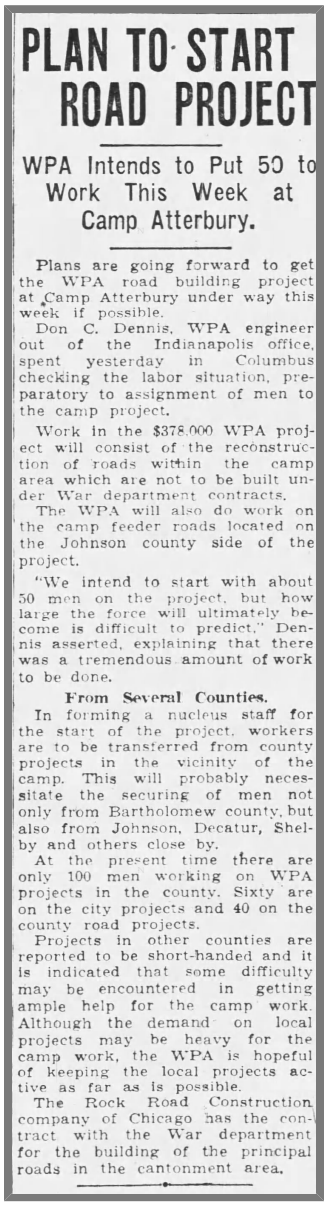

PLAN TO START ROAD PROJECT

WPA Intends to Put 50 to Work This Week at Camp Atterbury.

Plans are going forward to get the WPA road building project at Camp Atterbury under way this week if possible.

Don C. Dennis, WPA engineer out of the Indianapolis office, spent yesterday in Columbus checking the labor situation, preparatory to assignment of men to the camp project.

Work in the $378,000 WPA project will consist of the reconstruction of roads within the camp area which are not to be built under War department contracts.

The WPA will also do work on the camp feeder roads located on the Johnson county side of the project.

"We intend to start with about 50 men on the project, but how large the force will ultimately become is difficult to predict," Dennis asserted, explaining that there was a tremendous amount of work to be done.

From Several Counties.

In forming a nucleus staff for the start of the project, workers are to be transferred from county projects in the vicinity of the camp. This will probably necessitate the securing of men not only from Bartholomew county, but also from Johnson, Decatur, Shelby and others close by.

At the present time there are only 100 men working on WPA projects in the county. Sixty are on the city projects and 40 on the county road projects.

Projects in other counties are reported to be short-handed and it is indicated that some difficulty may be encountered in getting ample help for the camp work. Although the demand on local projects may be heavy for the camp work, the WPA is hopeful of keeping the local projects active as far as is possible.

The Rock Road Construction company of Chicago has the contract with the War department for the building of the principal roads in the cantonment area.

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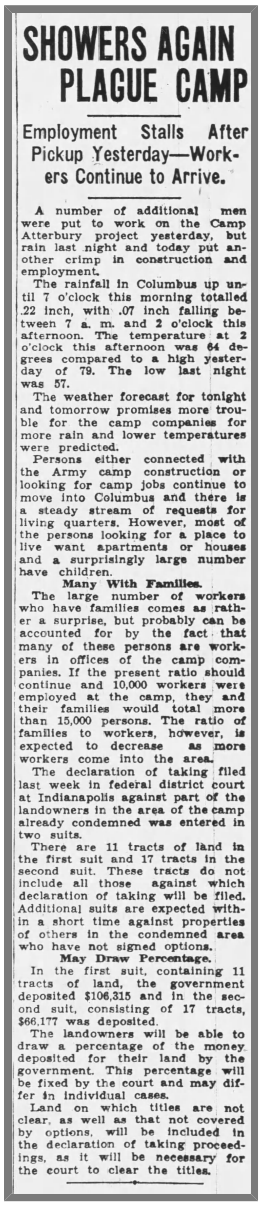

SHOWERS AGAIN PLAGUE CAMP

Employment Stalls After Pickup Yesterday—Workers Continue to Arrive.

A number of additional men were put to work on the Camp Atterbury project yesterday, but rain last night and today put another crimp in construction and employment.

The rainfall in Columbus up until 7 o'clock this morning totalled .22 inch, with .07 inch falling between 7 a. m. and 2 o'clock this afternoon. The temperature at 2 o'clock this afternoon was 64 degrees compared to a high yesterday of 79. The low last night was 57.

The weather forecast for tonight and tomorrow promises more trouble for the camp companies for more rain and lower temperatures were predicted.

Persons either connected with the Army camp construction or looking for camp jobs continue to move into Columbus and there is a steady stream of requests for living quarters. However, most of the persons looking for a place to live want apartments or houses and a surprisingly large number have children.

Many With Families.

The large number of workers who have families comes as rather a surprise, but probably can be accounted for by the fact that many of these persons are workers in offices of the camp companies. If the present ratio should continue and 10,000 workers were employed at the camp, they and their families would total more than 15,000 persons. The ratio of families to workers, however, is expected to decrease as more workers come into the area.

The declaration of taking filed last week in federal district court at Indianapolis against part of the landowners in the area of the camp already condemned was entered in two suits.

There are 11 tracts of land in the first suit and 17 tracts in the second suit. These tracts do not include all those against which declaration of taking will be filed. Additional suits are expected within a short time against properties of others in the condemned area who have not signed options.

May Draw Percentage.

In the first suit, containing 11 tracts of land, the government deposited $106,315 and in the second suit, consisting of 17 tracts, $66,177 was deposited.

The landowners will be able to draw a percentage of the money deposited for their land by the government. This percentage will be fixed by the court and may differ in individual cases.

Land on which titles are not clear, as well as that not covered by options, will be included in the declaration of taking proceedings, as it will be necessary for the court to clear the titles.

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Calumet Paving Company Superintendent Dies Instantly in Head-on.

FUNERAL RITES FRIDAY

Body Mutilated and Car Demolished in Road 31 Wreck.

Arwin G. Verplank, 26, of 1336 Twenty-third street, was instantly killed about 11 o'clock last night in a head-on collision with a truck on Road 31, eight miles north of Columbus.

His body was mutilated almost beyond recognition and the car he was driving, a new Buick coach, was totally demolished.

Verplank was a superintendent for Calumet Construction company, the firm which built the Road 31 by-pass and at present has a contract for building a railroad spur at Camp Atterbury. He had resided in Columbus for two years, coming here at the time the by-pass construction job started.

Dr. Marvin R. Davis, county coroner, who conducted the investigation, described the wreck as one of the worst he had ever seen. He said pieces off the Verplank car were strewn along the roadside as if it had been hit by a train.

Wedged in Wreckage.

Verplank's head and chest were mutilated. His crushed body was wedged in the wreckage.

The accident occurred a short distance north of the Driftwood golf course.

Verplank, traveling north, had rounded the curve in the road. He apparently drove to the left side of the highway and was unable to get back on his own side in time to avoid striking the truck.

The truck, a 1941 model ton-and-a-half Chevrolet, was driven by Woodrow Wrightsman, 212 Bishop avenue, Mooresville.

The authorities reported that the front of the Verplank car caught the left front corner of the truck, and lacked only a few inches of missing the truck entirely, as the left front headlight of the truck was not touched.

Truck Driver Little Hurt.

The impact knocked the truck off the road and it came to a stop on the berm on the west side, facing east. Only slight damage was caused to the truck and Wrightsman climbed out without injury except for a laceration on the forehead.

A corner was knocked off the bed of the truck on the left side.

The top of the Verplank car was torn off and the frame was buckled in the center. It appeared that after striking the front corner of the truck, the Verplank car then shot under the bed stripping off the top.

It went between 75 and 100 feet before coming to a stop. It did not appear that the car rolled over after the crash.

In a statement to Coroner Davis, Wrightsman explained that he was traveling at a speed of about 40 miles an hour.

"I noticed a car coming toward me at a speed that didn't seem to be excessive," he said. "This was at a slight curve about two miles south of Edinburg.

On Wrong Side of Road.

"As the approaching car came toward me it seemed to be on my side of the road. I pulled to the right and it swung back just in time to hit the left corner of my truck.

"I seemd to whirl around and when the truck had stopped I climbed out and found the other car was completely demolished and the driver dead.

"After some little time a car came along and stopped for a little while and went on into Edinburg to notify the state police."

The other car was that of Dale Mutz, Edinburg undertaker, who brought his ambulance back to bring the body to Columbus.

Verplank was wearing sport clothes. He had been at home during part of the evening but a short time before the accident occurred he was with friends downtown in Columbus. He is understood to have been on his way to Edinburg at the time of the crash.

The death car was still at the accident scene this morning. It was such a total wreck that numerous motorists on Road 31 stopped to view it.

Brother of Football Star.

Patrolmen Neal, Brewer, Hyslope and Curry of the state police conducted the investigation.

Verplank was born in Gary, on Dec. 18, 1915, and attended Purdue university. One of his brothers, Carl Verplank, was a star football player at Purdue a few years ago.

His father, George Verplank of Indianapolis, is head of Calumet Construction company, one of the largest road building firms in the state.

He is survived by his wife, Marcella; one small daughter, Gloria Lynn; his parents; three brothers, Lawrence, Glenn and Carl Verplank, all of Indianapolis, and two sisters, Mrs. Richard Nees of Indianapolis, and Mrs. William Luscombe, Jr., of Gary.

His wife and daughter were baptized at First Presbyterian church at the Easter services Sunday.

The body was moved last night to the Hathaway funeral home.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Hathaway funeral home with the Rev. Harold W. Turpin of First Presbyterian church in charge. Burial will be made in an Indianapolis cemetery.

The casket will not be open.

Hard to Identify Him.

Deputy Sheriff Lowell Barrows of Bartholomew county and Edinburg police joined in the investigation of the accident.

Some difficulty was encountered in identifying Verplank. No papers were found on him or in the car, and he was finally identified by police through a check of the license plates on his car.

The truck driver said he was on his way to Seymour after a load of fertilizer.

MRS. LEONARD ASKS DIVORCE

Restraining Order Is Issued in Case by Judge Long.

Mrs. Alberta M. Leonard has filed suit for divorce in Bartholomew circuit court against Ernest M. Leonard, Jr., charging cruel and inhuman treatment.

An order restraining the defendant from visiting the plaintiff at her home, 205 Lafayette, or molesting her, was issued by Judge George W. Long.

The complaint set out that the couple was married Nov. 22, 1940, and separated April 7, 1942. Mrs. Leonard charges that on one occasion within the past few days her husband drove her from their home.

She asks for her freedom and restoration of her former name of Alberta Miller. William J. Bowman is her attorney.

A complaint for possession of 80 acres of land and for damages has been instituted by Christena Schneider and others against Fred Carpenter. The plaintiffs demand immediate possession of the property and $100 damages. Ed J. Morrison is attorney for the plaintiff.

RAIN, WARMER IS FORECAST

The mercury was down in the 40's this afternoon, but the weatherman predicted warmer temperatures—and more rain—for tonight and Thursday.

Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 7 o'clock this morning totalled .33 of an inch, bringing the total for the previous 48 hours to .55 of an inch.

The mercury stood at 42 degrees at 1 o'clock this afternoon, one degree higher than last night's low.

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2 MEN INJURED SERIOUSLY IN AUTO ACCIDENT

John Thompson, 70, Camp Land Negotiator, Sustains Broken Jaw.

ONE FRACTURES PELVIS

William Whittington, East Columbus, in Hospital—Cars Damaged $900.

John Thompson, 70, of Edinburg, employe of the real estate department on the Camp Atterbury project, was in a serious condition in the Bartholomew county hospital today as a result of injuries sustained at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in an automobile accident on Road 31, one and one-half miles north of Columbus.

He sustained a brain injury and a fractured jaw.

Two other persons were injured. William Whittington, 627 Gladstone avenue, East Columbus, received a fractured pelvis, and E. W. Newkirk of Seymour was cut and bruised.

Mr. Thompson has been working as a negotiator on the Atterbury project. Prior to being assigned here recently, he worked as a negotiator on another federal defense project.

Swerves Into Car's Path.

Thompson was traveling north on Road 31 in a Plymouth coach, and Newkirk, accompanied by Whittington, was enroute south.

According to the report of Deputy Sheriff Lowell Barrows, who with Deputy Oneal investigated, the Newkirk car, a 1937 model Oldsmobile coach, drove up behind a truck and the driver applied the brakes.

The highway was slippery and the rear of the Newkirk car swerved around into the path of the Thompson car.

The Thompson car hit the other vehicle broadside, overturning it in the road.

Both vehicles were badly wrecked. Officers estimated the total damage at between $800 and $900.

Thompson, Whittington and Newkirk were taken to the county hospital. Newkirk was dismissed after receiving first aid.

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28 TRACTS ARE TAKEN BY U. S.

Land Totalling 1,528 Acres Covered by Suits in Federal Court.

A total of 1,528.44 acres of land, all in Johnson county, was included in the declaration of taking suits filed last week in federal district court at Indianapolis in connection with Camp Atterbury, according to the court records.

The land is part of that condemned under a suit filed Jan. 24 in federal district court.

Under the declaration of taking on the 28 tracts, the War departments deposited $272,492 with the clerk of the court, and landowners will be allowed to draw a certain percentage of this money, pending outcome of the condemnation trials.

The names of the landowners involved, the acreage and estimated amounts deposited by the War department are as follows:

Defendants Listed.

John Bills, Elijah Dehart and John Knapp, trustees of Knapp cemetery, Edinburg—$100.

Heirs of Ira Prichard (unlisted) 200 acres more or less, $33,915.

Frank and Katherine Prichard, Edinburg, 168 acres more or less—$14,700.

William D. Prichard, Edinburg, 481 acres more or less—$45,000.

Lucy L. Winchester, Greenwood, 49 acres more or less—$11,600.

Gerald F. Branigan, Franklin, 1 acre more or less—$1,000.

Delphi Clark, Morgantown, Emerson Clark, Morgantown and William Hanner, Morgantown, 202 acres, more or less—$20,000.

Guy Davis, R. R., Edinburg, 40 acres more or less—$3,000.

Jasper Davis and Mattie Davis, R. R. Edinburg, 40 acres more or less—$4,800.

Udell Delaney, R. R. Edinburg, 49 acres more or less—$4,500.

Fred J. Dorsey, Edinburg, 80.5 acres more or less—$4,400.

Arlie W. Foxworthy and James L. Graham, Greensburg, 79 acres more or less—$4,500.

Farmers Trust Company, trustee, Franklin, 6¾ acres more or less—$800.

Lola Sanders, R. R. Edinburg, 61 acres more or less—$4,740.

Leo and Mable Smyser, R. R. Edinburg, 37 acres more or less—$4,400.

Eliza J. Sturgeon, R. R. 3, Franklin, 30 acres more or less—$3,400.

Gertrude Waltz, R. R. Edinburg, 40 acres more or less—$4,412.

Mary Sanders heirs, one-half acre more or less, $25.

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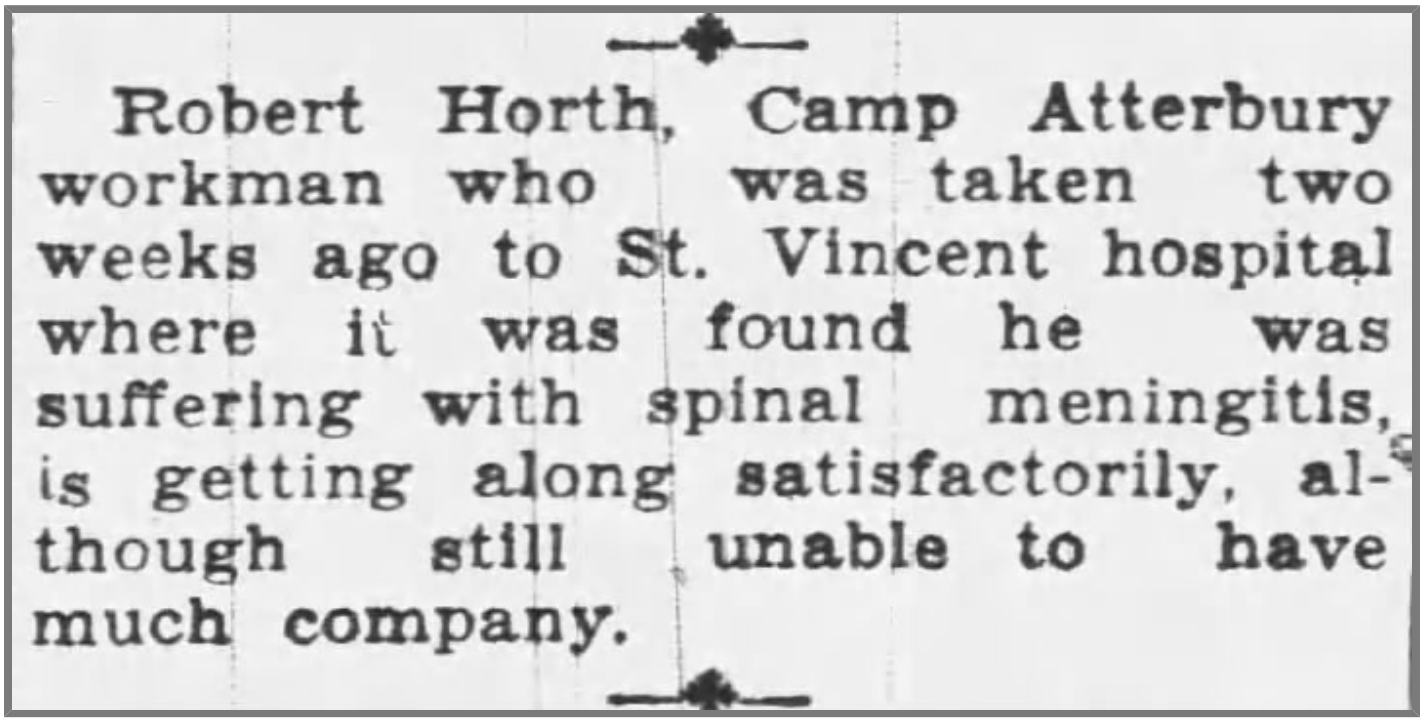

Robert Horth, Camp Atterbury workman who was taken two weeks ago to St. Vincent hospital where it was found he was suffering with spinal meningitis, is getting along satisfactorily, although still unable to have much company.

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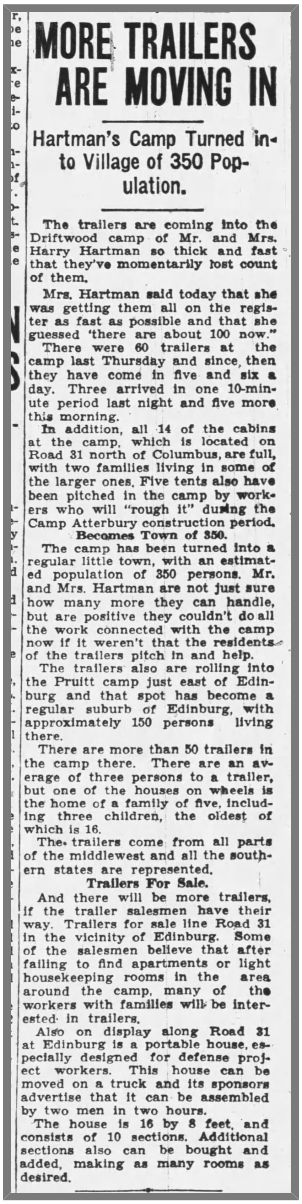

MORE TRAILERS ARE MOVING IN

Hartman's Camp Turned into Village of 350 Population.

The trailers are coming into the Driftwood camp of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hartman so thick and fast that they've momentarily lost count of them.

Mrs. Hartman said today that she was getting them all on the register as fast as possible and that she guessed 'there are about 100 now."

There were 60 trailers at the camp last Thursday and since then they have come in five and six a day. Three arrived in one 10-minute period last night and five more this morning.

In addition, all 14 of the cabins at the camp, which is located on Road 31 north of Columbus, are full, with two families living in some of the larger ones. Five tents also have been pitched in the camp by workers who will "rough it" during the Camp Atterbury construction period.

Becomes Town of 350.

The camp has been turned into a regular little town, with an estimated population of 350 persons. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman are not just sure how many more they can handle, but are positive they couldn't do all the work connected with the camp now if it weren't that the residents of the trailers pitch in and help.

The trailers also are rolling into the Pruitt camp just east of Edinburg and that spot has become a regular suburb of Edinburg, with approximately 150 persons living there.

There are more than 50 trailers in the camp there. There are an average of three persons to a trailer, but one of the houses on wheels is the home of a family of five, including three children, the oldest of which is 16.

The trailers come from all parts of the middlewest and all the southern states are represented.

Trailers For Sale.

And there will be more trailers, if the trailer salesmen have their way. Trailers for sale line Road 31 in the vicinity of Edinburg. Some of the salesmen believe that after failing to find apartments or light housekeeping rooms in the area around the camp, many of the workers with families will be interested in trailers.

Also on display along Road 31 at Edinburg is a portable house, especially designed for defense project workers. This house can be moved on a truck and its sponsors advertise that it can be assembled by two men in two hours.

The house is 16 by 8 feet, and consists of 10 sections. Additional sections also can be bought and added, making as many rooms as desired.

1942_04_08_4_More trailers move in

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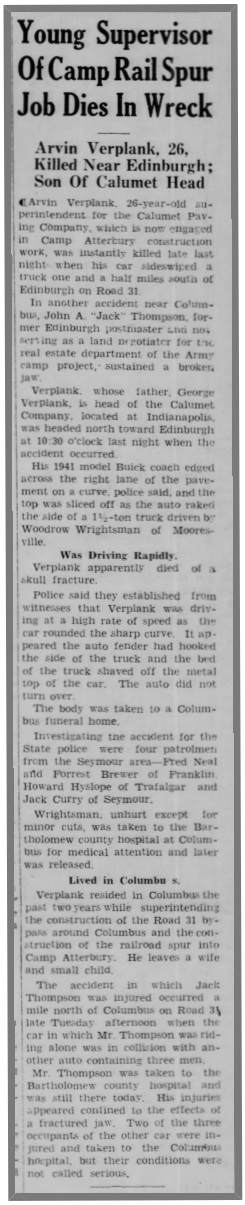

Young Supervisor Of Camp Rail Spur Job Dies In Wreck

Arvin Verplank, 26, Killed Near Edinburgh; Son Of Calumet Head

Arvin Verplank, 26-year-old superintendent for the Calumet Paving Company, which is now engaged in Camp Atterbury construction work, was instantly killed late last night when his car sideswiped a truck one and a half miles south of Edinburgh on Road 31.

In another accident near Columbus, John A. "Jack" Thompson, former Edinburgh postmaster and now serving as a land negotiator for the real estate department of the Army camp project, sustained a broken jaw.

Verplank, whose father, George Verplank, is head of the Calumet Company, located at Indianapolis, was headed north toward Edinburgh at 10:30 o'clock last night when the accident occurred.

His 1941 model Buick coach edged across the right lane of the pavement on a curve, police said, and the top was sliced off as the auto raked the side of a 1½-ton truck driven by Woodrow Wrightsman of Mooresville.

Was Driving Rapidly.

Verplank apparently died of a skull fracture.

Police said they established from witnesses that Verplank was driving at a high rate of speed as the car rounded the sharp curve. It appeared the auto fender had hooked the side of the truck and the bed of the truck shaved off the metal top of the car. The auto did not turn over.

The body was taken to a Columbus funeral home.

Investigating the accident for the State police were four patrolmen from the Seymour area—Fred Neal and Forrest Brewer of Franklin, Howard Hyslope of Trafalgar and Jack Curry of Seymour.

Wrightsman, unhurt except for minor cuts, was taken to the Bartholomew county hospital at Columbus for medical attention and later was released.

Lived in Columbus.

Verplank resided in Columbus the past two years while superintending the construction of the Road 31 bypass around Columbus and the construction of the railroad spur into Camp Atterbury. He leaves a wife and small child.

The accident in which Jack Thompson was injured occurred a mile north of Columbus on Road 31 late Tuesday afternoon when the car in which Mr. Thompson was riding alone was in collision with another auto containing three men.

Mr. Thompson was taken to the Bartholomew county hospital and was still there today. His injuries appeared confined to the effects of a fractured jaw. Two of the three occupants of the other car were injured and taken to the Columbus hospital, but their conditions were not called serious.

1942_04_08_6_Young supervisor of camp rail spur dies

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Camp Check Serial Numbers Are Listed

The sheriff's office today announced serial numbers of checks of the Calumet Paving Company which were issued today to its employes on the Camp Atterbury project.

The checks are numbered from 16,345 to 16,445 inclusive, and one other check has a serial number 16,286.

The numbers are being published for the benefit of local merchants who do not personally know the workmen.

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INDIANAPOLIS TO FETE SOLDIERS

10,000 from Camp Atterbury Expected to Visit Capital Each Weekend.

Indianapolis is mapping plans to care for its share of the soldiers who are expected to roll into town each weekend from Camp Atterbury.

The capital city will have to gear itself to entertain more than 10,000 soldiers from Camp Atterbury each weekend, starting in August, Mrs. Dorothy Buschmann, director of the Service Men's club, told the Indianapolis City Recreation department staff yesterday.

A meeting at Indianapolis, attended by Weaver W. Pangborn, field representative of the national recreation association, was held to arrange for a new system of entertaining service men—the use of community centers.

Explaining the effect of the influx of men from Camp Atterbury, in addition to the several hundred from Fort Harrison and the Indianapolis Naval armory, Mrs. Buschmann said Indianapolis will have to support the program.

She cited the need of churches organizing entertainment, hotels donating dance floors and mass dances being arranged in the streets.

She suggested that the community centers organize cadette units with the centers themselves serving as auxiliary service men's clubs.

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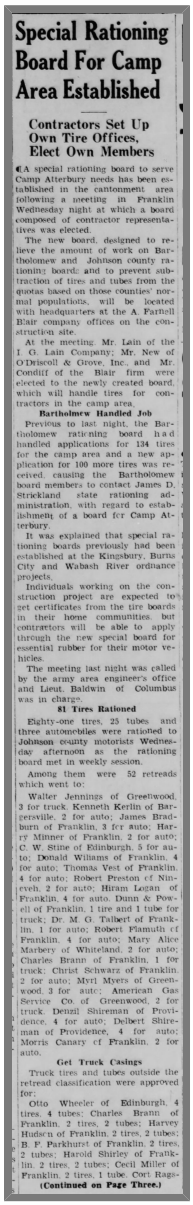

Special Rationing Board For Camp Area Established

Contractors Set Up Own Tire Offices, Elect Own Members

A special rationing board to serve Camp Atterbury needs has been established in the cantonment area following a meeting in Franklin Wednesday night at which a board composed of contractor representatives was elected.

The new board, designed to relieve the amount of work on Bartholomew and Johnson county rationing boards and to prevent subtraction of tires and tubes from the quotas based on those counties' normal populations, will be located with headquarters at the A. Farrell Blair company offices on the construction site.

At the meeting Mr. Lain of the I. G. Lain Company; Mr. New of O'Driscoll & Grove, Inc., and Mr. Condiff of the Blair firm were elected to the newly created board, which will handle tires for contractors in the camp area.

Bartholomew Handled Job

Previous to last night, the Bartholomew rationing board had handled applications for 134 tires for the camp area and a new application for 100 more tires was received, causing the Bartholomew board members to contact James D. Strickland state rationing administration, with regard to establishment of a board for Camp Atterbury.

It was explained that special rationing boards previously had been established at the Kingsbury, Burns City and Wabash River ordnance projects.

Individuals working on the construction project are expected to get certificates from the tire boards in their home communities, but contractors will be able to apply through the new special board for essential rubber for their motor vehicles.

The meeting last night was called by the army area engineer's office and Lieut. Baldwin of Columbus was in charge.

81 Tires Rationed

Eighty-one tires, 25 tubes and three automobiles were rationed to Johnson county motorists Wednesday afternoon as the rationing board met in weekly session.

Among them were 52 retreads which went to:

Walter Jennings of Greenwood, 3 for truck; Kenneth Kerlin of Bargersville, 2 for auto; James Bradburn of Franklin, 3 for auto; Harry Minner of Franklin, 2 for auto; C. W. Stine of Edinburgh, 5 for auto; Donald Williams of Franklin, 4 for auto; Thomas Vest of Franklin, 4 for auto; Robert Preston of Nineveh, 2 for auto; Hiram Logan of Franklin, 4 for auto. Dunn & Powell of Franklin, 1 tire and 1 tube for truck; Dr. M. G. Talbert of Franklin, 1 for auto; Robert Flamuth of Franklin, 4 for auto; Mary Alice Marbery of Whiteland, 2 for auto; Charles Brann of Franklin, 1 for truck; Christ Schwarz of Franklin, 2 for auto; Myrl Myers of Greenwood, 2 for auto; American Gas Service Co. of Greenwood, 2 for truck. Denzil Shireman of Providence, 4 for auto; Delbert Shireman of Providence, 4 for auto; Morris Canary of Franklin, 2 for auto.

Get Truck Casings

Truck tires and tubes outside the retread classification were approved for:

Otto Wheeler of Edinburgh, 4 tires, 4 tubes; Charles Brann of Franklin, 2 tires, 2 tubes; Harvey Hudson of Franklin, 2 tires, 2 tubes; B. F. Parkhurst of Franklin, 2 tires, 2 tubes; Harold Shirley of Franklin, 2 tires, 2 tubes; Cecil Miller of Franklin, 2 tires, 1 tube. Curt Rags-

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Special Rationing Board for Camp Area

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dale of Trafalgar, 3 tires, 3 tubes; Oren W. Deer & Son of Franklin, 2 tires, 2 tubes; Earl Francis of Greenwood, 4 tires, 4 tubes.

Two tractor tires were authorized for Harold N. Vandivier of Providence.

Roscoe Barrett, Edinburgh rural mail carrier, was given a certificate to purchase two auto tires and two tubes, and Ray Griffith of Whiteland was given a permit to buy two auto tires and one tube.

Three new autos were also rationed to eligible persons. One goes to Dr. Oran A. Province, Franklin physician; another to A. W. Kutsche & Co., of Camp Atterbury, and the third to Hoosier Tomatoes, Inc., of Bargersville.

¶Fire and destruction mark what once was big New Guinea hangar at one of first pictures from New Guinea since enemy stru

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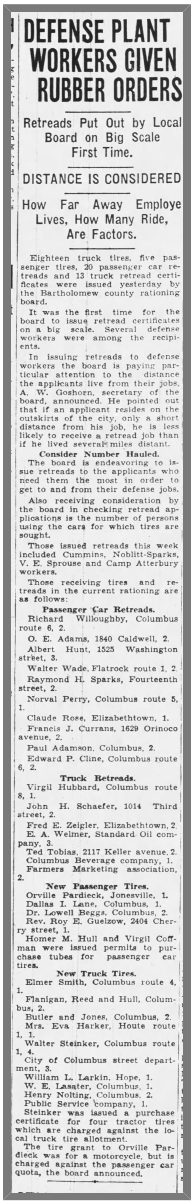

DEFENSE PLANT WORKERS GIVEN RUBBER ORDERS

Retreads Put Out by Local Board on Big Scale First Time.

DISTANCE IS CONSIDERED

How Far Away Employe Lives, How Many Ride, Are Factors.

Eighteen truck tires, five passenger tires, 20 passenger car retreads and 13 truck retread certificates were issued yesterday by the Bartholomew county rationing board.

It was the first time for the board to issue retread certificates on a big scale. Several defense workers were among the recipients.

In issuing retreads to defense workers the board is paying particular attention to the distance the applicants live from their jobs, A. W. Goshorn, secretary of the board, announced. He pointed out that if an applicant resides on the outskirts of the city, only a short distance from his job, he is less likely to receive a retread job than if he lived several miles distant.

Consider Number Hauled.

The board is endeavoring to issue retreads to the applicants who need them the most in order to get to and from their defense jobs.

Also receiving consideration by the board in checking retread applications is the number of persons using the cars for which tires are sought.

Those issued retreads this week included Cummins, Noblitt-Sparks, V. E. Sprouse and Camp Atterbury workers.

Those receiving tires and retreads in the current rationing are as follows:

Passenger Car Retreads.

Richard Willoughby, Columbus route 6, 2.
O. E. Adams, 1840 Caldwell, 2.
Albert Hunt, 1525 Washington street, 3.
Walter Wade, Flatrock route 1, 2.
Raymond H. Sparks, Fourteenth street, 2.
Norval Perry, Columbus route 5, 1.
Claude Rose, Elizabethtown, 1.
Francis J. Currans, 1629 Orinoco avenue, 2.
Paul Adamson, Columbus, 2.
Edward P. Cline, Columbus route 6, 2.

Truck Retreads.

Virgil Hubbard, Columbus route 8, 1.
John H. Schaefer, 1014 Third street, 2.
Fred E. Zeigler, Elizabethtown, 2.
E. A. Welmer, Standard Oil company, 3.
Ted Tobias, 2117 Keller avenue, 2.
Columbus Beverage company, 1.
Farmers Marketing association, 2.

New Passenger Tires.

Orville Pardieck, Jonesville, 1.
Dallas I. Lane, Columbus, 1.
Dr. Lowell Beggs, Columbus, 2.
Rev. Roy E. Guelzow, 2404 Cherry street, 1.
Homer M. Hull and Virgil Coffman were issued permits to purchase tubes for passenger car tires.

New Truck Tires.

Elmer Smith, Columbus route 4, 1.
Flanigan, Reed and Hull, Columbus, 2.
Butler and Jones, Columbus, 2.
Mrs. Eva Harker, Houte route 1, 1.
Walter Steinker, Columbus route 1, 4.
City of Columbus street department, 3.
William L. Larkin, Hope, 1.
W. E. Lasater, Columbus, 1.
Henry Nolting, Columbus, 2.
Public Service company, 1.

Steinker was issued a purchase certificate for four tractor tires which are charged against the local truck tire allotment.

The tire grant to Orville Pardieck was for a motorcycle, but is charged against the passenger car quota, the board announced.

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FINED AFTER WRECK ON 31

Edinburg, April 9—Lyle Conway, 38, of Gary was found guilty yesterday of driving without a driver's license and fined $10 and costs in Franklin city court.

Conway is employed at Camp Atterbury and was driving the car which was wrecked Tuesday when the driver swerved from the highway to avoid a collision with an oncoming truck on Road 31 north of here. Ed Hill, retired farmer living south of town, was injured when the car was wrecked and is confined to his home.

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GATE TO CAMP NOT DECIDED

Hurd Man Says Entrance Still Undetermined—Gives Data on Project.

The War department has not yet decided how many entrances will be constructed to Camp Atterbury or where they will be located, but will have to have adequate facilities as transportation will be a major item in the camp picture, according to M. W. Tatlock, office manager for the Hurd firm of architects and engineers.

Speaking before the Franklin Kiwanis club, Mr. Tatlock said that while the camp entrances are still not definitely decided, almost everything else is fairly well planned.

Mr. Tatlock, whose home is in Dayton, Ohio, said plans call for the soldiers to be stationed in barracks on a basis of 74 men to each structure. Barracks and facility buildings are being erected on a "Block" basis, with the cantonment consisting of 16 blocks covering the construction area of 3½ miles long and 2½ miles wide. Each barracks block, Mr. Tatlock said, will have its own moving picture theater.

Bigger Than Methodist Hospital.

While barracks structures will be temporary in nature, built on a "5-year plan," the administration building, hospital structures and power house will be of semi-permanent construction, according to Mr. Tatlock. The 1,700-bed hospital will be 2½ times as biz as the Methodist hospital in Indianapolis, he asserted.

Transportation will be a major item in the camp picture, he said, pointing out that everything needed in the cantonment for approximately 40,000 men would have to be hauled by railroad or truck into the area. In addition, all materials will have to be taken into the area the same way during the construction period.

"Most people around here didn't realize what was happening when the survey on this camp started last summer," Mr. Tatlock asserted. "When you stop to think that an army camp with a population equivalent to the population of the city of Anderson is being established here, it helps to visualize what is ahead."

Ducks Deadline Query.

Mr. Tatlock declined to answer a question as to whether he believed the construction project would be completed by Aug. 1, the date reportedly set by the War department for contractors to finish the job.

According to reports from various Army sources, it is planned to move some soldiers into the camp during July, with the majority of the troops to follow by the middle of August.

Many, however, are skeptical that the camp can be completed by the middle of August. The belief has been strengthened by the rains of last month and this week. Work in the cantonment area was stalled for the most part again today, following last night's downpour.

One of the biggest troubles from the rain is the turning of the dirt roads into quagmires and making it almost impossible to get through with big loads of materials.

The rain also is delaying work on completion of the railroad spur. Completion of the spur is expected to speed construction considerably, owing to the fact that materials can then be shipped by freight car directly into the cantonment area.

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OFFICIALS WAR ON WILD WOMEN

Allyne Lothery Is in Court Today on Prostitution Charge.

With local authorities continuing their campaign of cracking down on prostitutes as soon as they arrive in Columbus, a second woman was sentenced in court here today.

Mrs. Allyne Lothery, 21, of Horse Cave, Ky., pleaded guilty to a charge of being a common prostitute when arraigned before Judge George W. Long in circuit court this afternoon.

On her plea she was fined $5 and costs, amounting to $15 and was sentenced to 30 days in the Woman's prison.

Judge Long suspended the sentence during good behavior when the woman announced her intentions of returning to Kentucky and remaining there.

On Monday Mrs. Blanch Wheeler was given a 108 day sentence in city court on charges of intoxication and public indecency. She was taken to the woman's prison at Indianapolis yesterday.

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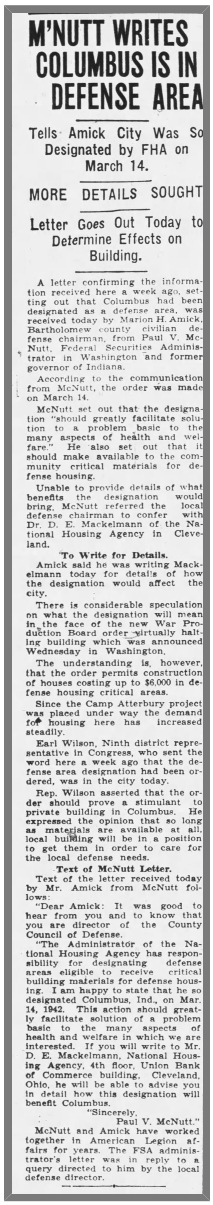

M'NUTT WRITES COLUMBUS IS IN DEFENSE AREA

Tells Amick City Was So Designated by FHA on March 14.

MORE DETAILS SOUGHT

Letter Goes Out Today to Determine Effects on Building.

A letter confirming the information received here a week ago, setting out that Columbus had been designated as a defense area, was received today by Marion H. Amick, Bartholomew county civilian defense chairman, from Paul V. McNutt, Federal Securities Administrator in Washington and former governor of Indiana.

According to the communication from McNutt, the order was made on March 14.

McNutt set out that the designation "should greatly facilitate solution to a problem basic to the many aspects of health and welfare." He also set out that it should make available to the community critical materials for defense housing.

Unable to provide details of what benefits the designation would bring, McNutt referred the local defense chairman to confer with Dr. D. E. Mackelmann of the National Housing Agency in Cleveland.

To Write for Details.

Amick said he was writing Mackelmann today for details of how the designation would affect the city.

There is considerable speculation on what the designation will mean in the face of the new War Production Board order virtually halting building which was announced Wednesday in Washington.

The understanding is, however, that the order permits construction of houses costing up to $6,000 in defense housing critical areas.

Since the Camp Atterbury project was placed under way the demand for housing here has increased steadily.

Earl Wilson, Ninth district representative in Congress, who sent the word here a week ago that the defense area designation had been ordered, was in the city today.

Rep. Wilson asserted that the order should prove a stimulant to private building in Columbus. He expressed the opinion that so long as materials are available at all, local building will be in a position to get them in order to care for the local defense needs.

Text of McNutt Letter.

Text of the letter received today by Mr. Amick from McNutt follows:

"Dear Amick: It was good to hear from you and to know that you are director of the County Council of Defense.

"The Administrator of the National Housing Agency has responsibility for designating defense areas eligible to receive critical building materials for defense housing. I am happy to state that he so designated Columbus, Ind., on Mar. 14, 1942. This action should greatly facilitate solution of a problem basic to the many aspects of health and welfare in which we are interested. If you will write to Mr. D. E. Mackelmann, National Housing Agency, 4th floor, Union Bank of Commerce building, Cleveland, Ohio, he will be able to advise you in detail how this designation will benefit Columbus.

"Sincerely,

Paul V. McNutt."

McNutt and Amick have worked together in American Legion affairs for years. The FSA administrator's letter was in reply to a query directed to him by the local defense director.

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Heflen's Camp to House Camp Atterbury Workers

Heflen's camp, well-known Bartholomew county river resort for many years, has given way to the defense program.

Carl Heflen, proprietor of the camp, revealed today that the establishment will not operate as a resort this summer. Instead, the cabins will be used by company workers on the Camp Atterbury construction project.

Two companies already have placed a number of their workers in the camp and have hired carpenters to fix the cabins so that they will be comfortable during the cool weather.

Chance to Do Bit.

"With so many workers looking for places for their families, it seemed that Heflen's had a chance to do its part in the defense program," Mr. Heflen said.

The A. Farnell Blair construction company and the McDonald engineering firm have moved some of their workers into the camp.

The camp has been operated for a number of years as a resort, with dances twice a week. When the boundaries for the camp were firs fixed Heflen's was included, but it was taken out in the last reduction of the area.

Driftwood camp also is out of the resort picture for this summer as it is now the site of the biggest trailer camp in the Atterbury area.

May Not Run Golf Course.

Harry Hartman, proprietor of the camp, is undecided as yet whether he will operate his golf course this summer, but doubts if it will be possible, owing to the large amount of work necessary to take care of the trailer camp.

The problem of housing is still causing considerable concern among the Atterbury contractors, owing to a shortage of apartments, light housekeeping rooms and vacant houses.

Most of the companies' permanent personnel, as well as many of the ordinary camp workers, have families who travel from job to job with them.

1942_04_0_2_Heflen's camp to house workers

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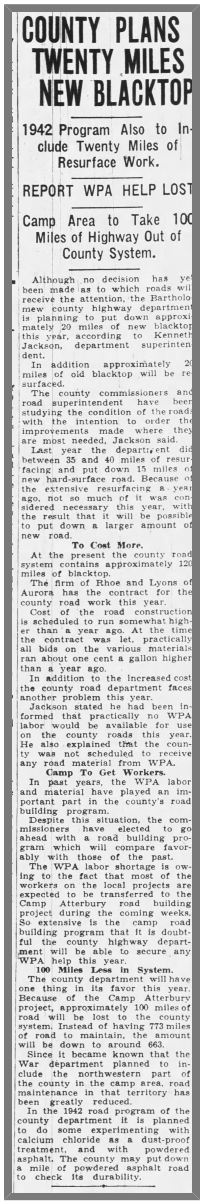

COUNTY PLANS TWENTY MILES NEW BLACKTOP

1942 Program Also to Include Twenty Miles of Resurface Work.

REPORT WPA HELP LOST

Camp Area to Take 100 Miles of Highway Out of County System.

Although no decision has yet been made as to which roads will receive the attention, the Bartholomew county highway department is planning to put down approximately 20 miles of new blacktop this year, according to Kenneth Jackson, department superintendent.

In addition approximately 20 miles of old blacktop will be resurfaced.

The county commissioners and road superintendent have been studying the condition of the roads with the intention to order the improvements made where they are most needed, Jackson said.

Last year the department did between 35 and 40 miles of resurfacing and put down 15 miles of new hard-surface road. Because of the extensive resurfacing a year ago, not so much of it was considered necessary this year, with the result that it will be possible to put down a larger amount of new road.

To Cost More.

At the present the county road system contains approximately 125 miles of blacktop.

The firm of Rhoe and Lyons of Aurora has the contract for the county road work this year.

Cost of the road construction is scheduled to run somewhat higher than a year ago. At the time the contract was let, practically all bids on the various materials ran about one cent a gallon higher than a year ago.

In addition to the increased cost the county road department faces another problem this year.

Jackson stated he had been informed that practically no WPA labor would be available for use on the county roads this year. He also explained that the county was not scheduled to receive any road material from WPA.

Camp To Get Workers.

In past years, the WPA labor and material have played an important part in the county's road building program.

Despite this situation, the commissioners have elected to go ahead with a road building program which will compare favorably with those of the past.

The WPA labor shortage is owing to the fact that most of the workers on the local projects are expected to be transferred to the Camp Atterbury road building project during the coming weeks. So extensive is the camp road building program that it is doubtful the county highway department will be able to secure any WPA help this year.

100 Miles Less in System.

The county department will have one thing in its favor this year. Because of the Camp Atterbury project, approximately 100 miles of road will be lost to the county system. Instead of having 773 miles of road to maintain, the amount will be down to around 663.

Since it became known that the War department planned to include the northwestern part of the county in the camp area, road maintenance in that territory has been greatly reduced.

In the 1942 road program of the county department it is planned to do some experimenting with calcium chloride as a dust-proof treatment, and with powdered asphalt. The county may put down a mile of powdered asphalt road to check its durability.

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REPORT RUN ON RUBBERS

Edinburg, April 10—Since the rain of the last few days, Edinburg merchants are almost deluged by Camp Atterbury workmen buying boots, overshoes and artics to keep their feet dry. Raincoats, umbrellas and water repellent clothing also have fast disappeared from the shelves of local stores.

Merchants who have for the last few years, due to mild and snowless winters, had an oversupply of rubber footwear, are becoming anxious about next winter's supply, since now is the time to place orders for that line and they are reminded that they are limited to dozens now, whereas heretofore they bought hundreds.

Most of the construction work on the camp has been halted because of the rain and mud, and the eating places and stores have been filled with the restless men. This morning some of the crews resumed their work.

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CAMP RATION BOARD SET UP

Big Load Will Be Taken Off Bartholomew and Johnson County Groups.

A special rationing board to serve Camp Atterbury contractors has been established in the cantonment area of the camp and will take a big load off the local rationing board. Representatives of the various companies were elected to the board at a meeting held at Franklin.

The new board, designed to relieve the amount of work on Bartholomew and Johnson county rationing boards and to prevent subtraction of tires and tubes from the quotas based on those counties' normal populations, will be located with headquarters at the A. Farnell Blair company offices on the construction site.

At the meeting, Mr. Lain of the I. G. Lain company; Mr. New of O'Driscoll & Grove, Inc., and Mr. Condiff of the Blair firm were elected to the newly created board, which will handle tires for contractors in the camp area.

Had Been Handled Here.

Previous to setting up of the new camp board, the Bartholomew county rationing board had handled applications for 134 tires for the camp area and a new application for 100 more tires was received recently.

Special rationing boards previously had been established at the Kingsbury, Burns City and Wabash River ordnance projects.

Individuals working on the construction project are expected to get certificates from the tire boards in their home communities, but contractors will be able to apply through the new special board for essential rubber for their motor vehicles.

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SEEK TIRES FOR CAMP WORKERS

Board Takes Steps Toward Getting Retreads for Those on Job.

Steps toward putting the new ration board for Camp Atterbury into action have been taken and information is being sought on how many retread tires will be available for cars of construction workers.

The ration board was set up this week to take the tire rationing load off boards in Bartholomew and Johnson counties.

All companies on the camp project have been asked to determine as nearly as possible the number of retreated tires now needed by their workers for transportation, as well as the number of new tires needed for construction equipment.

May Get Retreads.

Under the tire ration system set up by the federal government, defense workers will be rationed retreaded tires and many working on the Camp Atterbury project are expected to ask for retreads before the camp job is completed.

The transportation of camp workers has been one of the major problems connected with employment, but it is believed that issuing of retreads and setting up of bus lines into the camp area will solve the problem.

I. G. Lain of the I. G. Lain company, which is employed on the camp project, went to Indianapolis yesterday with information on the number of tires needed by camp companies. He is a member of the camp ration board.

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U. S. O. GROUP TO VISIT CITY

A group of U. S. O. officials will come here Monday to confer with the members of the local recreation committee on the matter of a site for the Camp Atterbury recreation center in Columbus.

The committee met last night at the home of A. E. Schumaker, chairman, and discussed the project. James Zachary, representative of the federal recreation facilities administration, attended the meeting.

The commission has practically given up the idea of locating the center on the site on Fifth street adjoining the city hall, and is now considering the lease of a building to be converted into a recreation center.

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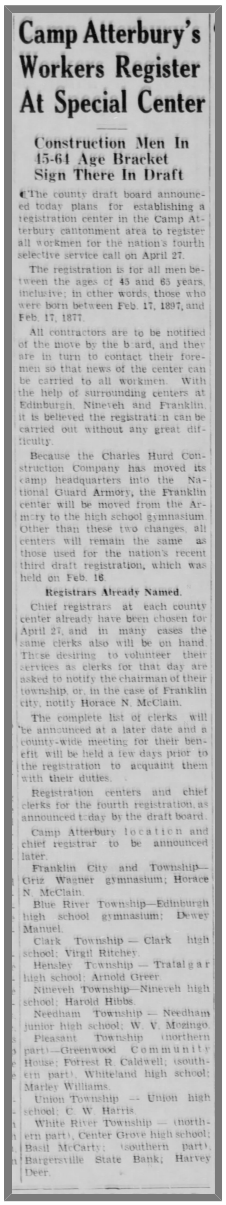

Camp Atterbury's Workers Register At Special Center

Construction Men In 45-64 Age Bracket Sign There In Draft

The county draft board announced today plans for establishing a registration center in the Camp Atterbury cantonment area to register all workmen for the nation's fourth selective service call on April 27.

The registration is for all men between the ages of 45 and 65 years, inclusive; in other words, those who were born between Feb. 17, 1897, and Feb. 17, 1877.

All contractors are to be notified of the move by the board, and they are in turn to contact their foremen so that news of the center can be carried to all workmen. With the help of surrounding centers at Edinburgh, Nineveh and Franklin, it is believed the registration can be carried out without any great difficulty.

Because the Charles Hurd Construction Company has moved its camp headquarters into the National Guard Armory, the Franklin center will be moved from the Armory to the high school gymnasium. Other than these two changes, all centers will remain the same as those used for the nation's recent third draft registration, which was held on Feb. 16.

Registrars Already Named.

Chief registrars at each county center already have been chosen for April 27, and in many cases the same clerks also will be on hand. Those desiring to volunteer their services as clerks for that day are asked to notify the chairman of their township, or, in the case of Franklin city, notify Horace N. McClain.

The complete list of clerks will be announced at a later date and a county-wide meeting for their benefit will be held a few days prior to the registration to acquaint them with their duties.

Registration centers and chief clerks for the fourth registration, as announced today by the draft board.

Camp Atterbury location and chief registrar to be announced later.

Franklin City and Township—Griz Wagner gymnasium; Horace N. McClain.

Blue River Township—Edinburgh high school gymnasium; Dewey Manuel.

Clark Township — Clark high school; Virgil Ritchey.

Hensley Township — Trafalgar high school; Arnold Greer.

Nineveh Township—Nineveh high school; Harold Hibbs.

Needham Township — Needham junior high school; W. V. Mozingo.

Pleasant Township (northern part)—Greenwood Community House; Forrest R. Caldwell; (southern part), Whiteland high school; Marley Williams.

Union Township — Union high school; C. W. Harris.

White River Township — (northern part), Center Grove high school; Basil McCarty; (southern part), Bargersville State Bank; Harvey Deer.

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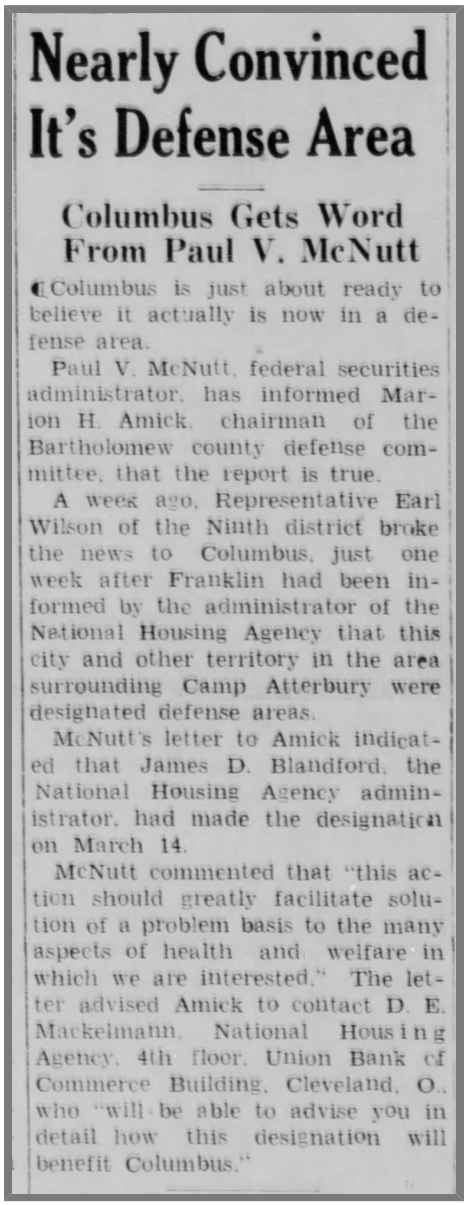

Nearly Convinced It's Defense Area

Columbus Gets Word From Paul V. McNutt

Columbus is just about ready to believe it actually is now in a defense area.

Paul V. McNutt, federal securities administrator, has informed Marion H. Amick, chairman of the Bartholomew county defense committee, that the report is true.

A week ago, Representative Earl Wilson of the Ninth district broke the news to Columbus, just one week after Franklin had been informed by the administrator of the National Housing Agency that this city and other territory in the area surrounding Camp Atterbury were designated defense areas.

McNutt's letter to Amick indicated that James D. Blandford, the National Housing Agency administrator, had made the designation on March 14.

McNutt commented that "this action should greatly facilitate solution of a problem basis to the many aspects of health and welfare in which we are interested." The letter advised Amick to contact D. E. Mackelmann, National Housing Agency, 4th floor, Union Bank of Commerce Building, Cleveland, O., who "will be able to advise you in detail how this designation will benefit Columbus."

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5 GET CHECKS FOR CAMP LAND

$33,162 Is Paid for 322.39 Acres and Improvements in Johnson County.

Five more checks have been paid to landowners who signed options for acquisition of their property for Camp Atterbury and the deeds have been filed in Johnson county recorder's office.

The checks totalled $33,162 and were distributed among five owners of 322.39 acres of land in Nineveh and Blue River townships of Johnson county.

Ralph Fraker, closing agent for the land acquisition department, completed the transactions with the property owners. Three checks were delivered to property owners in the cantonment area several weeks ago and those delivered yesterday were the first since that time.

A number of other checks have been received by the land department at the Columbus armory and will be delivered as quickly as possible, Mr. Fraker said.

Largest Check $16,809.

The largest check delivered this week was for $16,809 and went to Loring L. Hinshaw for a tract of 172.12 acres in Nineveh township, Johnson county. He has been employed recently as a government land appraiser.

Second largest check went to Harriett M. Solenberg, now of Shelby county, whose check for $8,566 was in payment for 89.42 acres of Blue River township land. Mrs. Solenberg, a widow, lived until recently on her farm along Road 252 between Nineveh and Edinburg.

Another substantial check was that which went to William A. and Lottie Russell of Shelby county, near Edinburg, who received $5,087 in payment for 56 acres of land in Nineveh township.

Two small plots represented the remaining transactions. A check for $1,500 went to Effie A. and Roy Yoder for two acres of Nineveh township land. This represented $750 an acre, but the land contained improvements. A check for $1,200 was given to Joseph E. and Ruby Carter for 2.85 acres of Nineveh township land which also had improvements on it.

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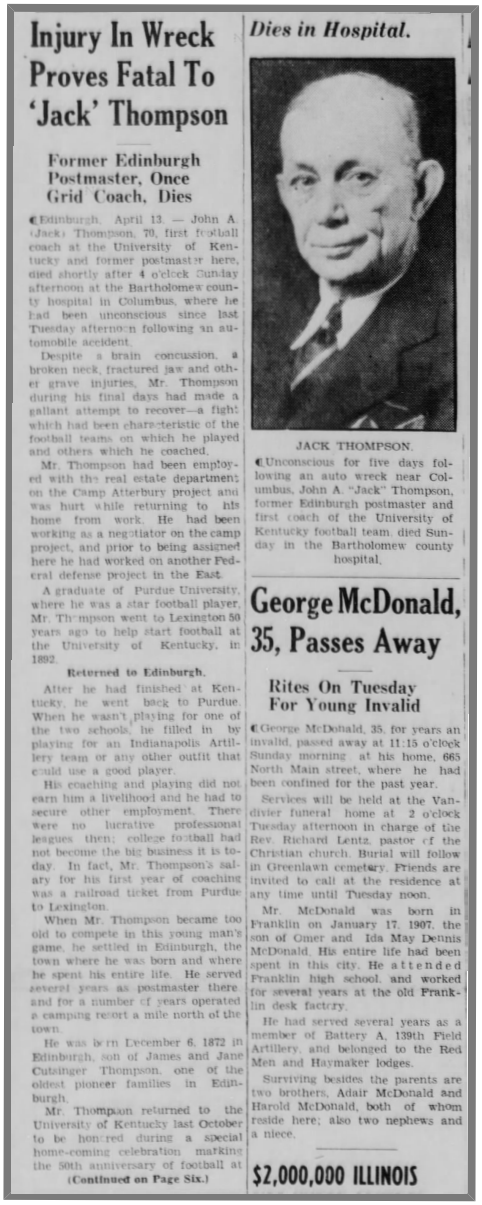

Injury In Wreck Proves Fatal To 'Jack' Thompson

Former Edinburgh Postmaster, Once Grid Coach, Dies

Edinburgh, April 13. — John A. (Jack) Thompson, 70, first football coach at the University of Kentucky and former postmaster here, died shortly after 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Bartholomew county hospital in Columbus, where he had been unconscious since last Tuesday afternoon following an automobile accident.

Despite a brain concussion, a broken neck, fractured jaw and other grave injuries, Mr. Thompson during his final days had made a gallant attempt to recover—a fight which had been characteristic of the football teams on which he played and others which he coached.

Mr. Thompson had been employed with the real estate department on the Camp Atterbury project and was hurt while returning to his home from work. He had been working as a negotiator on the camp project, and prior to being assigned here he had worked on another Federal defense project in the East.

A graduate of Purdue University, where he was a star football player, Mr. Thompson went to Lexington 50 years ago to help start football at the University of Kentucky, in 1892.

Returned to Edinburgh.

After he had finished at Kentucky, he went back to Purdue. When he wasn't playing for one of the two schools, he filled in by playing for an Indianapolis Artillery team or any other outfit that could use a good player.

His coaching and playing did not earn him a livelihood and he had to secure other employment. There were no lucrative professional leagues then; college football had not become the big business it is today. In fact, Mr. Thompson's salary for his first year of coaching was a railroad ticket from Purdue to Lexington.

When Mr. Thompson became too old to compete in this young man's game, he settled in Edinburgh, the town where he was born and where he spent his entire life. He served several years as postmaster there and for a number of years operated a camping resort a mile north of the town.

He was born December 6, 1872 in Edinburgh, son of James and Jane Cutsinger Thompson, one of the oldest pioneer families in Edinburgh.

Mr. Thompson returned to the University of Kentucky last October to be honored during a special home-coming celebration marking the 50th anniversary of football at

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Dies in Hospital.

JACK THOMPSON.

Unconscious for five days following an auto wreck near Columbus, John A. "Jack" Thompson, former Edinburgh postmaster and first coach of the University of Kentucky football team, died Sunday in the Bartholomew county hospital.

George McDonald, 35, Passes Away

Rites On Tuesday For Young Invalid

George McDonald, 35, for years an invalid, passed away at 11:15 o'clock Sunday morning at his home, 665 North Main street, where he had been confined for the past year.

Services will be held at the Vandivier funeral home at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in charge of the Rev. Richard Lentz, pastor of the Christian church. Burial will follow in Greenlawn cemetery. Friends are invited to call at the residence at any time until Tuesday noon.

Mr. McDonald was born in Franklin on January 17, 1907, the son of Omer and Ida May Dennis McDonald. His entire life had been spent in this city. He attended Franklin high school, and worked for several years at the old Franklin desk factory.

He had served several years as a member of Battery A, 139th Field Artillery, and belonged to the Red Men and Haymaker lodges.

Surviving besides the parents are two brothers, Adair McDonald and Harold McDonald, both of whom reside here; also two nephews and a niece.

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Wreck Injury Fatal To Jack Thompson

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the university. Mr. Thompson received the personal congratulations of Governor Keen Johnson and Lexington's 80,000 persons took down their hair to make Jack Thompson know he was welcome. That weekend of Oct. 11, 1941, was perhaps the most memorable event in his colorful life.

Funeral On Tuesday.

His body has been returned to the home of his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Moffett, where funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in charge of the Rev. Glenn O. Mills, pastor of the Edinburgh Christian church. Burial will follow in Rest Haven cemetery here. Friends are invited to call at the home at any time.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Carl F. Payne of Franklin, Mrs. Elizabeth Moffett of Edinburgh and Mrs. Samuel Moore of Alexandria, Virginia. Several nieces and nephews also remain. Two brothers have preceded him in death.

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YOUNG FOLK PLANNING SOCIALS FOR CAMP ATTERBURY SOLDIERS

Plans for socials and entertainment for soldiers to be stationed at Camp Atterbury were made Saturday evening by 113 young people from fourteen Christian churches in Johnson county at an organization meeting in the Franklin College gymnasium.

A four-point project, submitted by the Rev. Burdette Charles of the Union church and adopted by the youth group, calls for parties for men in the service, transportation of soldiers to churches, a drive for good movies and a campaign to erect billboard signs urging church attendance.

Adopting the name, "The Christian Youth Fellowship of Johnson County," the young folk elected officers and made plans to hold frequent meetings in the future.

Eugene Brown, of Providence church, who had been serving as temporary chairman, and Miss Wheeler, of Union church were elected to serve as co-chairmen of the organization. Miss Virginia Brown, of Greenwood church was chosen secretary. James Vandivier, of the Franklin church was selected as treasurer. Merrill Deer, of the Bargersville church was named publicity chairman.

Rev. Charles Advisor.

Rev. Charles was selected as the ministerial advisor for the group.

To complete the organization, a cabinet will be formed with the officers as a nucleus and the other members to be chosen on the basis of one representative from each of the fourteen churches in the county of the Disciples denomination.

The organization meeting Saturday evening was a successful one, with eight ministers and at least one youth representative from each church being present.

The program opened with a series of recreational activities in charge of the Providence church delegation. Supper was served by the Chapel church group. Pictures of summer Christian youth conferences in the state were shown by Miss Rosemarie Clodfelter, director of state young people's work in the Christian church.

Concluding the program was a worship period in charge of the youth of the Edinburgh church.

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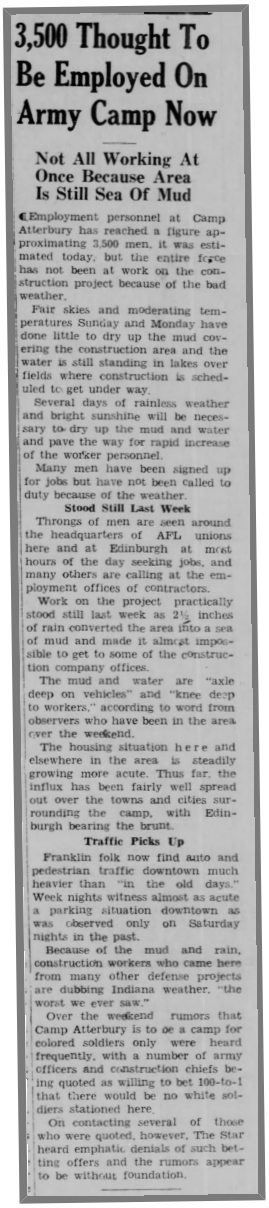

3,500 Thought To Be Employed On Army Camp Now

Not All Working At Once Because Area Is Still Sea Of Mud

Employment personnel at Camp Atterbury has reached a figure approximating 3,500 men, it was estimated today, but the entire force has not been at work on the construction project because of the bad weather.

Fair skies and moderating temperatures Sunday and Monday have done little to dry up the mud covering the construction area and the water is still standing in lakes over fields where construction is scheduled to get under way.

Several days of rainless weather and bright sunshine will be necessary to dry up the mud and water and pave the way for rapid increase of the worker personnel.

Many men have been signed up for jobs but have not been called to duty because of the weather.

Stood Still Last Week

Throngs of men are seen around the headquarters of AFL unions here and at Edinburgh at most hours of the day seeking jobs, and many others are calling at the employment offices of contractors.

Work on the project practically stood still last week as 2½ inches of rain converted the area into a sea of mud and made it almost impossible to get to some of the construction company offices.

The mud and water are "axle deep on vehicles" and "knee deep to workers," according to word from observers who have been in the area over the weekend.

The housing situation here and elsewhere in the area is steadily growing more acute. Thus far, the influx has been fairly well spread out over the towns and cities surrounding the camp, with Edinburgh bearing the brunt.

Traffic Picks Up

Franklin folk now find auto and pedestrian traffic downtown much heavier than "in the old days." Week nights witness almost as acute a parking situation downtown as was observed only on Saturday nights in the past.

Because of the mud and rain, construction workers who came here from many other defense projects are dubbing Indiana weather, "the worst we ever saw."

Over the weekend rumors that Camp Atterbury is to be a camp for colored soldiers only were heard frequently, with a number of army officers and construction chiefs being quoted as willing to bet 100-to-1 that there would be no white soldiers stationed here.

On contacting several of those who were quoted, however, The Star heard emphatic denials of such betting offers and the rumors appear to be without foundation.

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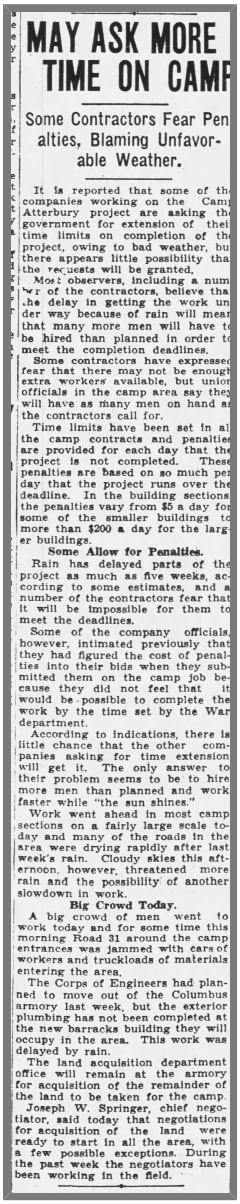

MAY ASK MORE TIME ON CAMP

Some Contractors Fear Penalties, Blaming Unfavorable Weather.

It is reported that some of the companies working on the Camp Atterbury project are asking the government for extension of their time limits on completion of the project, owing to bad weather, but there appears little possibility that the requests will be granted.

Most observers, including a number of the contractors, believe that the delay in getting the work under way because of rain will mean that many more men will have to be hired than planned in order to meet the completion deadlines.

Some contractors have expressed fear that there may not be enough extra workers available, but union officials in the camp area say they will have as many men on hand as the contractors call for.

Time limits have been set in all the camp contracts and penalties are provided for each day that the project is not completed. These penalties are based on so much per day that the project runs over the deadline. In the building sections the penalties vary from $5 a day for some of the smaller buildings to more than $200 a day for the larger buildings.

Some Allow for Penalties.

Rain has delayed parts of the project as much as five weeks, according to some estimates, and a number of the contractors fear that it will be impossible for them to meet the deadlines.

Some of the company officials, however, intimated previously that they had figured the cost of penalties into their bids when they submitted them on the camp job because they did not feel that it would be possible to complete the work by the time set by the War department.

According to indications, there is little chance that the other companies asking for time extension will get it. The only answer to their problem seems to be to hire more men than planned and work faster while "the sun shines."

Work went ahead in most camp sections on a fairly large scale today and many of the roads in the area were drying rapidly after last week's rain. Cloudy skies this afternoon, however, threatened more rain and the possibility of another slowdown in work.

Big Crowd Today.

A big crowd of men went to work today and for some time this morning Road 31 around the camp entrances was jammed with cars of workers and truckloads of materials entering the area.

The Corps of Engineers had planned to move out of the Columbus armory last week, but the exterior plumbing has not been completed at the new barracks building they will occupy in the area. This work was delayed by rain.

The land acquisition department office will remain at the armory for acquisition of the remainder of the land to be taken for the camp.

Joseph W. Springer, chief negotiator, said today that negotiations for acquisition of the land were ready to start in all the area, with a few possible exceptions. During the past week the negotiators have been working in the field.

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Plan Last Homecoming.

Edinburg, April 13.—The Kansas Church of Christ will hold its last homecoming next Sunday beginning at 10:30 with Sunday school.

The Rev. Ralph Records will preach at the regular worship hour. Following the service a basket dinner will be served in charge of the Ladies Aid society. In the afternoon a program of song and recitations and concluding with another sermon. Many visitors are expected to attend.

The church is located in the Camp Atterbury area and will be taken over by the government soon.

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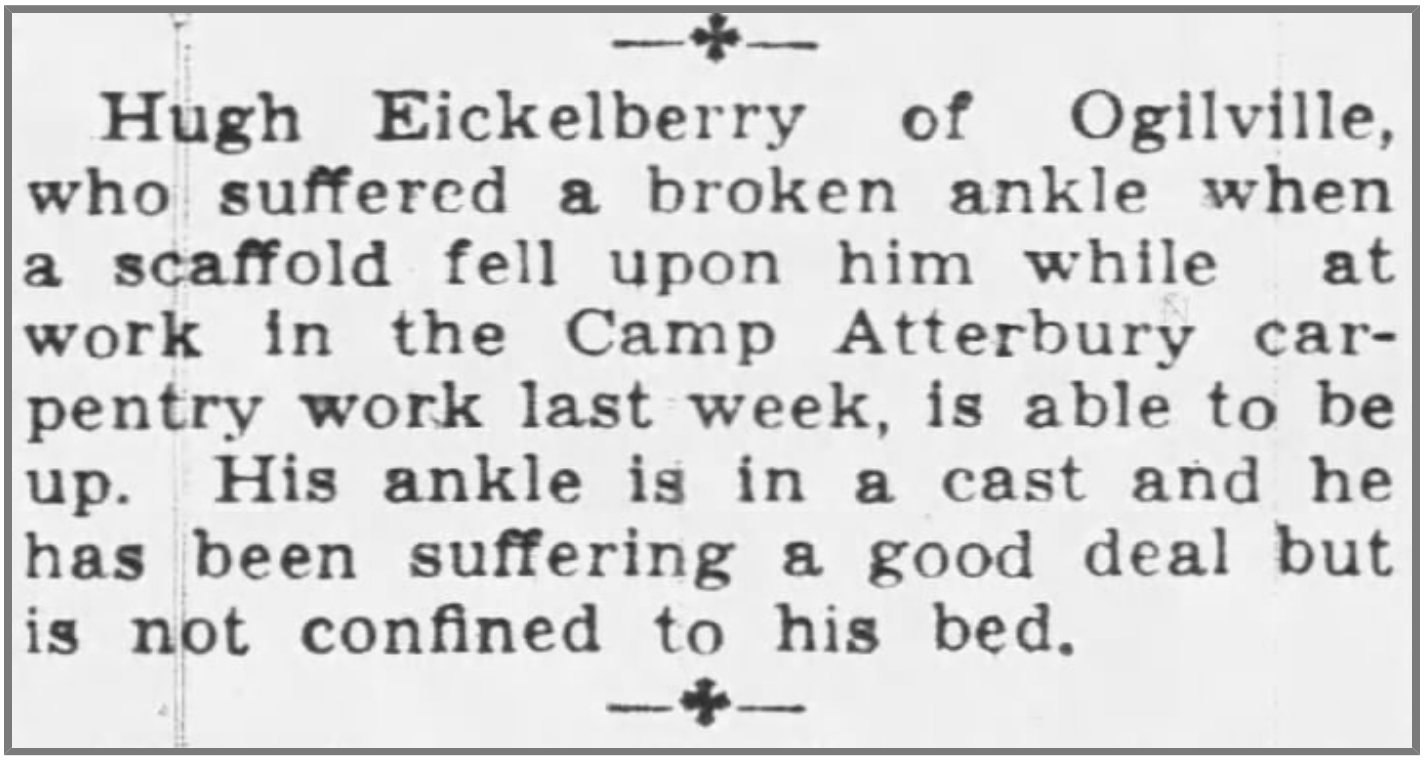

Hugh Eickelberry of Ogilville, who suffered a broken ankle when a scaffold fell upon him while at work in the Camp Atterbury carpentry work last week, is able to be up. His ankle is in a cast and he has been suffering a good deal but is not confined to his bed.

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Farmers, Moving Away, Asked New Addresses

The biggest exodus ever to take place in Bartholomew county is now under way and The Evening Republican is making an attempt to obtain the names and future homes of as many of these people as possible.

When the exodus is over, an estimated 900 persons will have moved from their homes in the 25,882-acre area in Nineveh, Union, Harrison and German townships to be taken for Camp Atterbury. Many are leaving their birthplaces, but that's the part they are playing in the nation's war effort.

In an attempt to obtain a list of as many as possible of these families, The Republican is publishing the accompanying form which persons in the camp area are asked to fill out and mail to this office. The blank will be published more than once.

To Publish Names.

The names of these people, many well-known throughout the county, and the locations of their future homes will be published in order that their friends may know where they are moving.

Already, every day is moving day in the camp area as more families find new places, load up their belongings and move to new homes. For some it's the first time they have ever moved and they hope it's the last.

A few find consolation in the fact that being forced to move gives them a chance to start all over, something they probably never would have done otherwise. Some admit that it would have been hard to have found anyone who would have purchased their present home sites and given them a fair price and a chance to locate on a new farm and correct

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New Addresses

Name_____

No. in Family_____

Camp Land Address:

R. R._____

Township_____

New Address:

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FARMERS, MOVING AWAY, ASKED FOR NEW ADDRESSES

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old mistakes.

But the majority doesn't want to move. It is a bad time to relocate. Prices are high and some do not believe they are getting enough money for their land. Nevertheless, they are moving and without a great deal of complaint. It's their job to do their bit and they are doing it.

There are approximately 1,200 buildings in the Bartholomew county area to be taken and within a few months these buildings will stand silent and empty, while the Army makes ready to convert the land into a training area for the Camp Atterbury soldiers to be stationed in the cantonment area to the north.

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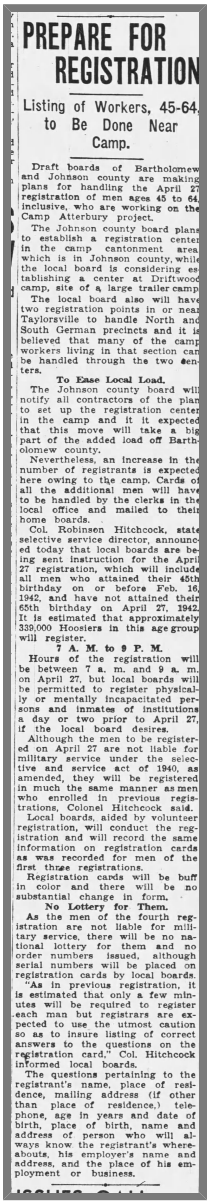

PREPARE FOR REGISTRATION

Listing of Workers, 45-64, to Be Done Near Camp.

Draft boards of Bartholomew and Johnson county are making plans for handling the April 27 registration of men ages 45 to 64, inclusive, who are working on the Camp Atterbury project.

The Johnson county board plans to establish a registration center in the camp cantonment area, which is in Johnson county, while the local board is considering establishing a center at Driftwood camp, site of a large trailer camp.

The local board also will have two registration points in or near Taylorsville to handle North and South German precincts and it is believed that many of the camp workers living in that section can be handled through the two centers.

To Ease Local Load.

The Johnson county board will notify all contractors of the plan to set up the registration center in the camp and it it expected that this move will take a big part of the added load off Bartholomew county.

Nevertheless, an increase in the number of registrants is expected here owing to the camp. Cards of all the additional men will have to be handled by the clerks in the local office and mailed to their home boards.

Col. Robinsen Hitchcock, state selective service director, announced today that local boards are being sent instruction for the April 27 registration, which will include all men who attained their 45th birthday on or before Feb. 16, 1942, and have not attained their 65th birthday on April 27, 1942. It is estimated that approximately 339,000 Hoosiers in this age group will register.

7 A. M. to 9 P. M.

Hours of the registration will be between 7 a. m. and 9 a. m. on April 27, but local boards will be permitted to register physically or mentally incapacitated persons and inmates of institutions a day or two prior to April 27, if the local board desires.

Although the men to be registered on April 27 are not liable for military service under the selective and service act of 1940, as amended, they will be registered in much the same manner as men who enrolled in previous registrations, Colonel Hitchcock said.

Local boards, aided by volunteer registration, will conduct the registration and will record the same information on registration cards as was recorded for men of the first three registrations.

Registration cards will be buff in color and there will be no substantial change in form.

No Lottery for Them.

As the men of the fourth registration are not liable for military service, there will be no national lottery for them and no order numbers issued, although serial numbers will be placed on registration cards by local boards.

"As in previous registration, it is estimated that only a few minutes will be required to register each man but registrars are expected to use the utmost caution so as to insure listing of correct answers to the questions on the registration card," Col. Hitchcock informed local boards.

The questions pertaining to the registrant's name, place of residence, mailing address (if other than place of residence,) telephone, age in years and date of birth, place of birth, name and address of person who will always know the registrant's whereabouts, his employer's name and address, and the place of his employment or business.

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More Tracts Are Converted To U.S.

3 Parcels Owned By Same Couple

Deeds were recorded, negotiations completed and checks handed over by the government today at the Johnson county court house for three additional tracts of land in the Camp Atterbury area.

Total amount of money involved in the transaction was $2,648, all of which went to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Runshe of Edinburgh. Mrs. Runshe was formerly Miss Edna Dragoo.

The Runshes received checks for $1,173 for five acres of land in one tract; $1,075 for 13.46 acres in another tract, and $400 for a small strip of land 14 rods wide in the third tract.

The checks were turned over by Ralph Fraker of Columbus, attorney engaged in closing deals between landowners and the government in the Army camp area.

The recording of deeds boosted to eight the number of tracts in Johnson county which are now fully the property of the government and for which payment has been made in full.

Previously, three tracts were recorded several weeks ago, and on Wednesday and Thursday of last week an additional five tracts were deeded to the government. A sum of approximately $50,000 already has been expanded for local land in the eight tracts.

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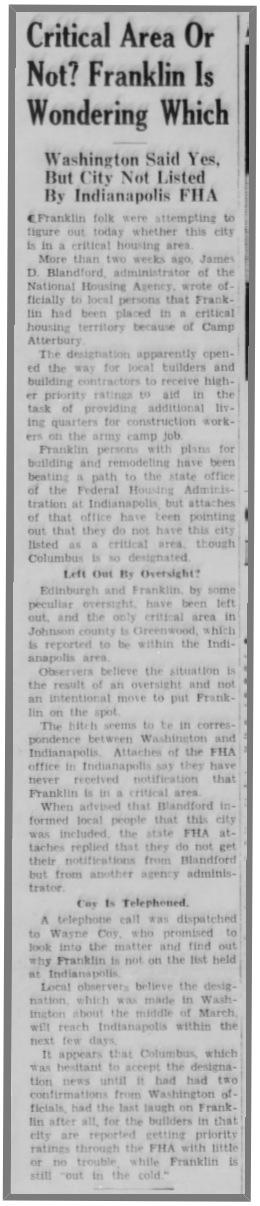

Critical Area Or Not? Franklin Is Wondering Which

Washington Said Yes, But City Not Listed By Indianapolis FHA

Franklin folk were attempting to figure out today whether this city is in a critical housing area.

More than two weeks ago, James D. Blandford, administrator of the National Housing Agency, wrote officially to local persons that Franklin had been placed in a critical housing territory because of Camp Atterbury.

The designation apparently opened the way for local builders and building contractors to receive higher priority ratings to aid in the task of providing additional living quarters for construction workers on the army camp job.

Franklin persons with plans for building and remodeling have been beating a path to the state office of the Federal Housing Administration at Indianapolis, but attaches of that office have been pointing out that they do not have this city listed as a critical area, though Columbus is so designated.

Left Out By Oversight?

Edinburgh and Franklin, by some peculiar oversight, have been left out, and the only critical area in Johnson county is Greenwood, which is reported to be within the Indianapolis area.

Observers believe the situation is the result of an oversight and not an intentional move to put Franklin on the spot.

The hitch seems to be in correspondence between Washington and Indianapolis. Attaches of the FHA office in Indianapolis say they have never received notification that Franklin is in a critical area.

When advised that Blandford informed local people that this city was included, the state FHA attaches replied that they do not get their notifications from Blandford but from another agency administrator.

Coy Is Telephoned.

A telephone call was dispatched to Wayne Coy, who promised to look into the matter and find out why Franklin is not on the list held at Indianapolis.

Local observers believe the designation, which was made in Washington about the middle of March, will reach Indianapolis within the next few days.

It appears that Columbus, which was hesitant to accept the designation news until it had had two confirmations from Washington officials, had the last laugh on Franklin after all, for the builders in that city are reported getting priority ratings through the FHA with little or no trouble, while Franklin is still "out in the cold."

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PLAN PROGRAM FOR SOLDIERS

The young people of 14 Christian churches in Johnson county are making plans for socials and entertainment for the soldiers to be stationed at Camp Atterbury.

A 4-point project, submitted by the Rev. Burdette Charles of the Union church and adopted by the youth group, calls for parties for men in the service, transportation of soldiers to churches, a drive for good movies and a campaign to erect billboard signs urging church attendance.

Adopting the name, "The Christian Youth Fellowship of Johnson County," the young folk have elected officers and plan to hold frequent meetings in the future.

To complete the organization, a cabinet will be formed with the officers as a nucleus and the other members to be chosen on the basis of one representative from each of the 14 churches in the county of the Disciples denomination.

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Offices of the Camp Atterbury land acquisition department were closed this afternoon while the staff attend the funeral services of John (Jack) Thompson of Edinburg, a member of the staff, who died Sunday of injuries received in an auto accident. The services were held at the Thompson residence in Edinburg.

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Basement Is Among Rooms Rented in Edinburgh Influx

Edinburgh, April 15.—Two hundred rooms, four cabins, three houses and one basement have been rented to newcomers here through the housing bureau established and operated since the Camp Atterbury construction influx began by the Business & Professional Women's club.

The information was divulged in a report given Monday evening at a B. & P. W. meeting by Miss Marjorie Mutz, who reported the organization has functioned successfully thus far.

Mrs. Clarence Henderson reported to the club that 1,759 cards were filled out in the recent civilian defense registration in Edinburgh. There were 422 residents who signified that they would donate to the blood plasma bank, according to the card tabulations, and 44 women stated they had had experience in mass cooking.

A total of 300 hours was required to tabulate the cards, according to Mrs. Henderson's report.

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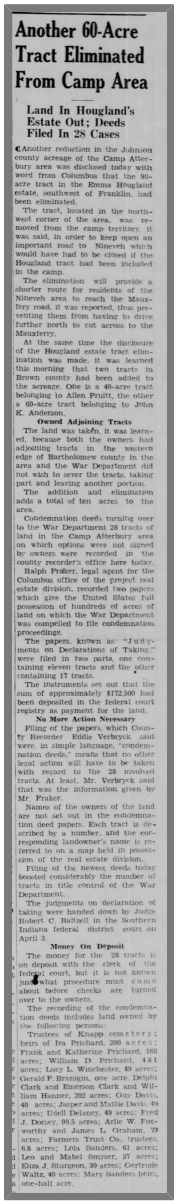

Another 60-Acre Tract Eliminated From Camp Area

Land In Hougland's Estate Out; Deeds Filed In 28 Cases

Another reduction in the Johnson county acreage of the Camp Atterbury area was disclosed today with word from Columbus that the 90-acre tract in the Emma Hougland estate, southwest of Franklin, had been eliminated.

The tract, located in the northwest corner of the area, was removed from the camp territory, it was said, in order to keep open an important road to Nineveh which would have had to be closed if the Hougland tract had been included in the camp.

The elimination will provide a shorter route for residents of the Nineveh area to reach the Mauxferry road, it was reported, thus preventing them from having to drive further north to cut across to the Mauxferry.

At the same time the disclosure of the Hougland estate tract elimination was made, it was learned this morning that two tracts in Brown county had been added to the acreage. One is a 40-acre tract belonging to Allen Pruitt, the other a 60-acre tract belonging to John K. Anderson.

Owned Adjoining Tracts

The land was taken, it was learned, because both the owners had adjoining tracts in the western edge of Bartholomew county in the area and the War Department did not wish to sever the tracts, taking part and leaving another portion.

The addition and elimination adds a total of ten acres to the area.

Condemnation deeds turning over to the War Department 28 tracts of land in the Camp Atterbury area on which options were not signed by owners were recorded in the county recorder's office here today.

Ralph Fraker, legal agent for the Columbus office of the project real estate division, recorded two papers which give the United States full possession of hundreds of acres of land on which the War Department was compelled to file condemnation proceedings.

The papers, known as "Judgments on Declarations of Taking," were filed in two parts, one containing eleven tracts and the other containing 17 tracts.

The instruments set out that the sum of approximately $172,500 had been deposited in the federal court registry as payment for the land.

No More Action Necessary

Filing of the papers, which County Recorder Eddie Verbyck said were, in simple language, "condemnation deeds," means that no other legal action will have to be taken with regard to the 28 involved tracts. At least, Mr. Verbyck said that was the information given by Mr. Fraker.

Names of the owners of the land are not set out in the condemnation deed papers. Each tract is described by a number, and the corresponding landowner's name is referred to on a map held in possession of the real estate division.

Filing of the newest deeds today boosted considerably the number of tracts in title control of the War Department.

The judgments on declaration of taking were handed down by Judge Robert C. Baltzell in the Southern Indiana federal district court on April 2.

Money On Deposit

The money for the 28 tracts is on deposit with the clerk of the federal court, but it is not known just what procedure must come about before checks are turned over to the owners.

The recording of the condemnation deeds includes land owned by the following persons:

Trustees of Knapp cemetery; heirs of Ira Prichard, 200 acres; Frank and Katherine Prichard, 168 acres; William D. Prichard, 4.84 acres; Lucy L. Winchester, 40 acres; Gerald F. Branigin, one acre; Delphi Clark and Emerson Clark and William Hanner, 202 acres; Guy Davis, 40 acres; Jasper and Mattie Davis, 40 acres; Udell Delaney, 49 acres; Fred J. Dorsey, 90.5 acres; Arlie W. Foxworthy and James L. Graham, 79 acres; Farmers Trust Co., trustee, 6.8 acres; Lola Sanders, 61 acres; Leo and Mabel Smyser, 27 acres; Eliza J. Sturgeon, 30 acres; Gertrude Waltz, 40 acres; Mary Sanders heirs, one-half acre.

1942_04_15_2_60 acres removed from camp area - Pritchard farm

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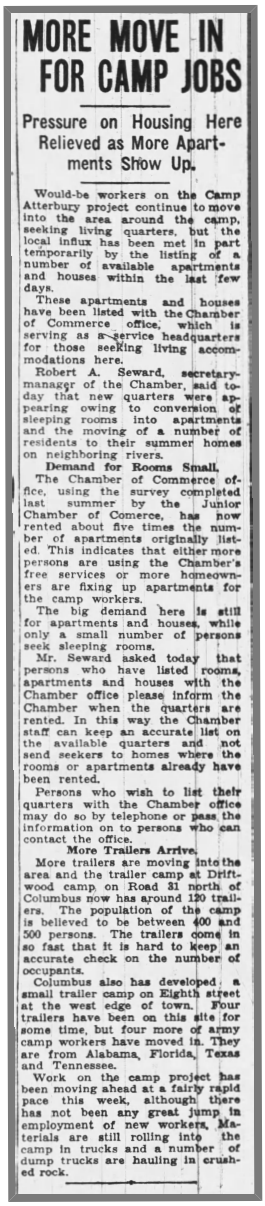

MORE MOVE IN FOR CAMP JOBS

Pressure on Housing Here Relieved as More Apartments Show Up.

Would-be workers on the Camp Atterbury project continue to move into the area around the camp, seeking living quarters, but the local influx has been met in part temporarily by the listing of a number of available apartments and houses within the last few days.

These apartments and houses have been listed with the Chamber of Commerce office, which is serving as a service headquarters for those seeking living accommodations here.

Robert A. Seward, secretary-manager of the Chamber, said today that new quarters were appearing owing to conversion of sleeping rooms into apartments and the moving of a number of residents to their summer homes on neighboring rivers.

Demand for Rooms Small.

The Chamber of Commerce office, using the survey completed last summer by the Junior Chamber of Comerce, has now rented about five times the number of apartments originally listed. This indicates that either more persons are using the Chamber's free services or more homeowners are fixing up apartments for the camp workers.

The big demand here is still for apartments and houses, while only a small number of persons seek sleeping rooms.

Mr. Seward asked today that persons who have listed rooms, apartments and houses with the Chamber office please inform the Chamber when the quarters are rented. In this way the Chamber staff can keep an accurate list on the available quarters and not send seekers to homes where the rooms or apartments already have been rented.

Persons who wish to list their quarters with the Chamber office may do so by telephone or pass the information on to persons who can contact the office.

More Trailers Arrive.

More trailers are moving into the area and the trailer camp at Driftwood camp on Road 31 north of Columbus now has around 120 trailers. The population of the camp is believed to be between 400 and 500 persons. The trailers come in so fast that it is hard to keep an accurate check on the number of occupants.

Columbus also has developed a small trailer camp on Eighth street at the west edge of town. Four trailers have been on this site for some time, but four more of army camp workers have moved in. They are from Alabama, Florida, Texas and Tennessee.

Work on the camp project has been moving ahead at a fairly rapid pace this week, although there has not been any great jump in employment of new workers. Materials are still rolling into the camp in trucks and a number of dump trucks are hauling in crushed rock.

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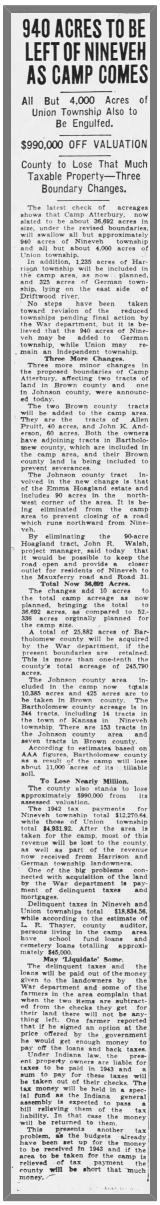

940 ACRES TO BE LEFT OF NINEVEH AS CAMP COMES

All But 4,000 Acres of Union Township Also to Be Engulfed.

$990,000 OFF VALUATION

County to Lose That Much Taxable Property—Three Boundary Changes.

The latest check of acreages shows that Camp Atterbury, now slated to be about 36,692 acres in size, under the revised boundaries, will swallow all but approximately 940 acres of Nineveh township and all but about 4,000 acres of Union township.

In addition, 1,235 acres of Harrison township will be included in the camp area, as now planned, and 325 acres of German township, lying on the east side of Driftwood river.

No steps have been taken toward revision of the reduced townships pending final action by the War department, but it is believed that the 940 acres of Nineveh may be added to German township, while Union may remain an independent township.

Three More Changes.

Three more minor changes in the proposed boundaries of Camp Atterbury, affecting two tracts of land in Brown county and one in Johnson county, were announced today.

The two Brown county tracts will be added to the camp area. They are the tracts of Allen Pruitt, 40 acres, and John K. Anderson, 60 acres. Both the owners have adjoining tracts in Bartholomew county, which are included in the camp area, and their Brown county land is being included to prevent severances.

The Johnson county tract involved in the new change is that of the Emma Hoagland estate and includes 90 acres in the northwest corner of the area. It is being eliminated from the camp area to prevent closing of a road which runs northward from Nineveh.

By eliminating the 90-acre Hoagland tract, John R. Walsh, project manager, said today that it would be possible to keep the road open and provide a closer outlet for residents of Nineveh to the Mauxferry road and Road 31.

Total Now 36,692 Acres.

The changes add 10 acres to the total camp acreage as now planned, bringing the total to 36,692 acres, as compared to 52,336 acres orginally planned for the camp site.

A total of 25,582 acres of Bartholomew county will be acquired by the War department, if the present boundaries are retained. This is more than one-tenth the county's total acreage of 245,760 acres.

The Johnson county area included in the camp now totals 10,385 acres and 425 acres are to be taken in Brown county. The Bartholomew county acreage is in 344 tracts, including 14 tracts in the town of Kansas in Nineveh township. There are 153 tracts in the Johnson county area and seven tracts in Brown county.

According to estimates based on AAA figures, Bartholomew county as a result of the camp will lose about 11,000 acres of its tillable soil.

To Lose Nearly Million.

The county also stands to lose approximately $990,000 from its assessed valuation.

The 1942 tax payments for Nineveh township total $12,270.64, while those of Union township total $4,931.92. After the area is taken for the camp, most of this revenue will be lost to the county, as well as part of the revenue now received from Harrison and German township landowners.

One of the big problems connected with acquisition of the land by the War department is payment of delinquent taxes and mortgages.

Delinquent taxes in Nineveh and Union townships total $18,834.56, while according to the estimate of L. R. Thayer, county auditor, persons living in the camp area have school fund loans and cemetery loans totalling approximately $45,000.

May 'Liquidate' Some.

The delinquent taxes and the loans will be paid out of the money given to the landowners by the War department and some of the farmers in the area complain that when the two items are subtracted from the checks they get for their land there will not be anything left. One farmer reported that he signed an option at the price offered by the government he would get enough money to pay off the loans and back taxes. Under present law, the present property owners are liable for taxes to be paid this year and a sum to pay for those taxes will be taken out of their checks. The tax money will be held in a special fund as the Indiana general assembly is expected to pass a bill relieving them of the tax liability. In that case the money will be returned to them.

This presents another tax problem, as the budgets already have been set up for the money to be received in 1942 and if the area to be taken for the camp is relieved of tax payment the county will be short that much money.

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PAID FOR MORE LAND IN CAMP

Runshes Received Checks for 3 Tracts—$2,648 Involved.

Three more War department checks were delivered yesterday at Franklin to owners of Camp Atterbury land, who signed options for sale of their land to the government.

The checks were for a total of $2,648, all of which went to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis E. Runshe of Edinburg for three tracts of land. Mrs. Runshe was formerly Miss Edna Dragoo.

Mr. and Mrs. Runshe received checks for $1,173 for five acres of land in one tract; $1,075 for 13.46 acres in another tract, and $400 for a small strip of land 14 rods wide in the third tract. The prices paid for the land include all improvements.

The checks were turned over to the former property owners by Ralph Fraker of this city, closing agent, and the recording of the deeds brought to eleven the number of tracts for which the government has paid the owners.

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Five Move Out of Kansas, Leaving Population of 8

By ROBERT J. MARSHALL.

The town of Kansas in Nineveh township is on its last legs, to be swallowed within a short time by the Army camp, and five-thirteenths of its population already has moved—one family.

Kansas, as Val Ulrey, 85-year-old village blacksmith, puts it, got all its growth early, and its population prior to the moving of the Frank Dinn family this week was 13 persons.

The Dinn family, Mr. and Mrs. Dinn and their three daughters who live at home, vacated their general store-filling station this week and moved to Edinburg.

The single filling station pump in front of the store was being dismantled yesterday afternoon and the lightpost taken down.

Store Social Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Dinn had operated the store for two years and, although it was cracker-box in size, it was the Saturday night social center of the Kansas community.

Their son, John Henry Dinn, was employed on the survey for Camp Atterbury and is now surveying for an Army camp in Illinois.

Kansas proper is a town of five houses, a number of outbuildings, the store, a Christian church and the Ulrey blacksmith shop, which was the town's lone industry. The school, Kansas school No. 2, is located south of the town proper and another church, the Methodist, is located to the east. It was established in 1860 and has an adjoining cemetery.

Looking north out of Kansas one can dimly see buildings being erected in the cantonment area of Camp Atterbury.

Oldest man in town and also the oldest resident is Ulrey, who observed his 85th birthday Feb. 14, the day the first residents were to move out of the condemned section of the camp.

Ulrey has been ill and in bed since February. He lives alone in a house he remodeled 40 years ago. Next door to the east is his blacksmith shop, ready for operation with its forge and anvil. Horseshoes hang on the wall in neat rows. At the rear is the woodworking and wagon repair shop. It still is full of tools, wagon wheels and an occasional carriage lantern.

In this blacksmith shop Ulrey started in the smithy business in 1878 and continued until his health became bad. His son, Dillard, who lives next door, did the repair work on the wagons.

Streets Just Didn't Develop.

Ulrey was born in 1857 at Dupont, which he still identifies as being down on the Madison rail line. He moved to Kansas when three years old.

His house is on Lot 6 at the corner of Main and Walnut streets. But Kansas never grew and Main street is just the road that runs through the town, while Walnut

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5 MOVE OUT OF KANSAS, LEAVING POPULATION OF 8

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is a trail that leads to a barn and then nowhere.

Dillard Ulrey works as a painter. He, his wife, father and son, Raymond, plan to move into Edinburg as soon as the government tells them when it wants their land.

Next door to the Dillard Ulrey family live Mrs. Mable Waltz and son, Luther. Mrs. Waltz is employed in Edinburg, but as yet they do not know where they are going to move.

First Move for Couple.

At this point the road through Kansas turns northward past the Christian church and to the house of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hand. Mrs. Hand, formerly Daisy Bevis, was born in this house 50-odd years ago. The house must be around 100 years old, says Mr. Hand, and he admits that it looks it. He was born near Kansas and when he and his wife move out it will be the first move they've made since their marriage.

"We sure hate to make this one," said Mr. Hand as he looked over the backyards of the little hamlet. "It isn't much, but it was home."

Mr. and Mrs. Hand plan to move to Edinburg.

To the residents of Kansas one of the worst things about moving is that they'll lose their neighbors. Edinburg isn't a big town, but it's not the same as Kansas with its 13 friendly inhabitants.

MODERNIZES OLD CABOOSE.

Camp Claiborne, La. (UP)—The army has streamlined "the little red caboose." In the old caboose the brakeman sat in a cupola on a "monkey seat" overlooking the tops of the cars. In the new car built by the 711th battalion he sits in one of the six-foot wide bay windows extending a foot from both sides of the caboose.

Rent that room with a classified.

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CONTRACTORS TALK HOUSING

Camp People Discuss Situation at Meeting in Franklin.

A special meeting of representatives of companies engaged on the Camp Atterbury project was held last night in the office of the Hurd company, architect-engineer firm on the project, at Franklin to discuss housing for the workers.

Dr. John Winebrenner, head of the district health office here, met with the company representatives and the housing situation was discussed in detail. During the meeting an attempt was made to determine the number of men to be employed and facilities needed to handle these men.

The contractors pointed out that the project is only getting under way and that the present influx of workers is only the start. Many of them expressed the opinion that a large number of workers will find housing facilities in Indianapolis, as well as in towns closer to the camp project.

The possibility of providing structures for the workers through a federal agency was discussed, but no action taken.

Work is Slowed.

The camp work has been slowed down considerably by the bad weather, grading delays and shortages of some materials, but is expected to start hitting its stride within the next two weeks.

To date plenty of labor has been available for the camp work, but some contractors are still skeptical about finding men when the rush starts. One contractor talks in terms of putting on "500 men a day" when the camp job is ready to start rolling on a big scale.

At the present time it is estimated that from 3,500 to 4,000 persons are doing work connected with the camp, but this number is only an estimate and varies from day to day.

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ENGINEERS TO LEAVE ARMORY

The Corps of Engineers staff, stationed at the armory since work got under way on Camp Atterbury, plans to move into a barracks building in the camp area over the weekend.

Part of the office equipment is now being moved to the camp site.

The staff includes Captain W. S. Arrasmith, area engineer on the project, his Army assistants, and the engineers and other administrative workers assigned to the Corps of Engineers, numbering approximately 50 persons.

The real estate department will continue to have its headquarters in the armory.

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1,000 HERE FOR WORK ON CAMP

C. of C. Places 130 Families, 300 Single Persons in Columbus.

The influx in the Columbus area of persons connected with Camp Atterbury is estimated at over the 1,000 mark, and a report today of the Chamber of Commerce housing service showed that more than 130 families have been placed in homes, apartments and housekeeping rooms and approximately 300 persons in sleeping rooms.

The demand for quarters still continues and is particularly heavy for:

Houses, both furnished and unfurnished.

Apartments, both furnished and unfurnished.

Light housekeeping rooms, consisting of 3, 2 or 1 room.

Rooms with board.

Many Ask for Apartments.

Of 23 requests Friday, 10 were for apartments. On Thursday, approximately 40 requests for quarters were received, including all types. Sixteen requests for apartments were received on both Monday and Tuesday, in addition to the calls for rooms and houses.

For the past six weeks, the calls for apartments have been running from 10 to 15 a day, as this type of quarters appears to be most in demand and at the same time the scarcest in the towns around the camp.

Many of the carpenters arriving here from Detroit want rooms with

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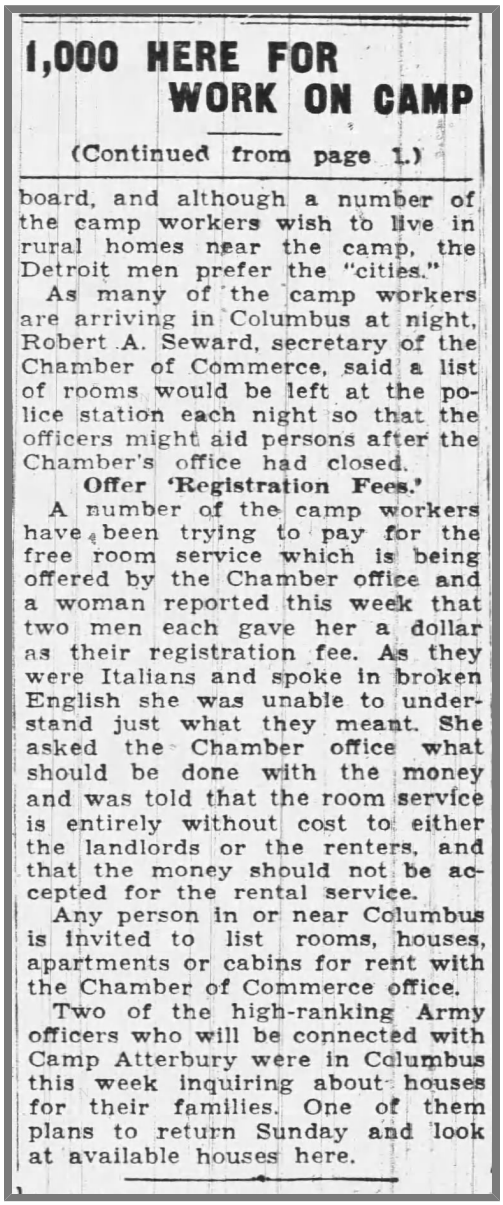

1,000 HERE FOR WORK ON CAMP

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board, and although a number of the camp workers wish to live in rural homes near the camp, the Detroit men prefer the "cities."

As many of the camp workers are arriving in Columbus at night, Robert A. Seward, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, said a list of rooms would be left at the police station each night so that the officers might aid persons after the Chamber's office had closed.

Offer 'Registration Fees.'

A number of the camp workers have been trying to pay for the free room service which is being offered by the Chamber office and a woman reported this week that two men each gave her a dollar as their registration fee. As they were Italians and spoke in broken English she was unable to understand just what they meant. She asked the Chamber office what should be done with the money and was told that the room service is entirely without cost to either the landlords or the renters, and that the money should not be accepted for the rental service.

Any person in or near Columbus is invited to list rooms, houses, apartments or cabins for rent with the Chamber of Commerce office.

Two of the high-ranking Army officers who will be connected with Camp Atterbury were in Columbus this week inquiring about houses for their families. One of them plans to return Sunday and look at available houses here.

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ROAD 252 BIDS ARE REJECTED

Several bids have been received on the paving of Road 252 from the Road 31 junction to the east entrance of Camp Atterbury, but no contract will be awarded on the basis of the bids received.

The bids were received Tuesday, but a spokesman for the State Highway commission said that no bid was received in line with the engineer's estimated cost and that the specifications would have to be re-advertised and further bids solicited.

The access road will be improved by the state from the point where it intersects Road 31 at the curve north of Edinburg to the camp area at the bridge over Sugar Creek, west of Road 31.

1942_04_16_5_Road 252 bids rejected

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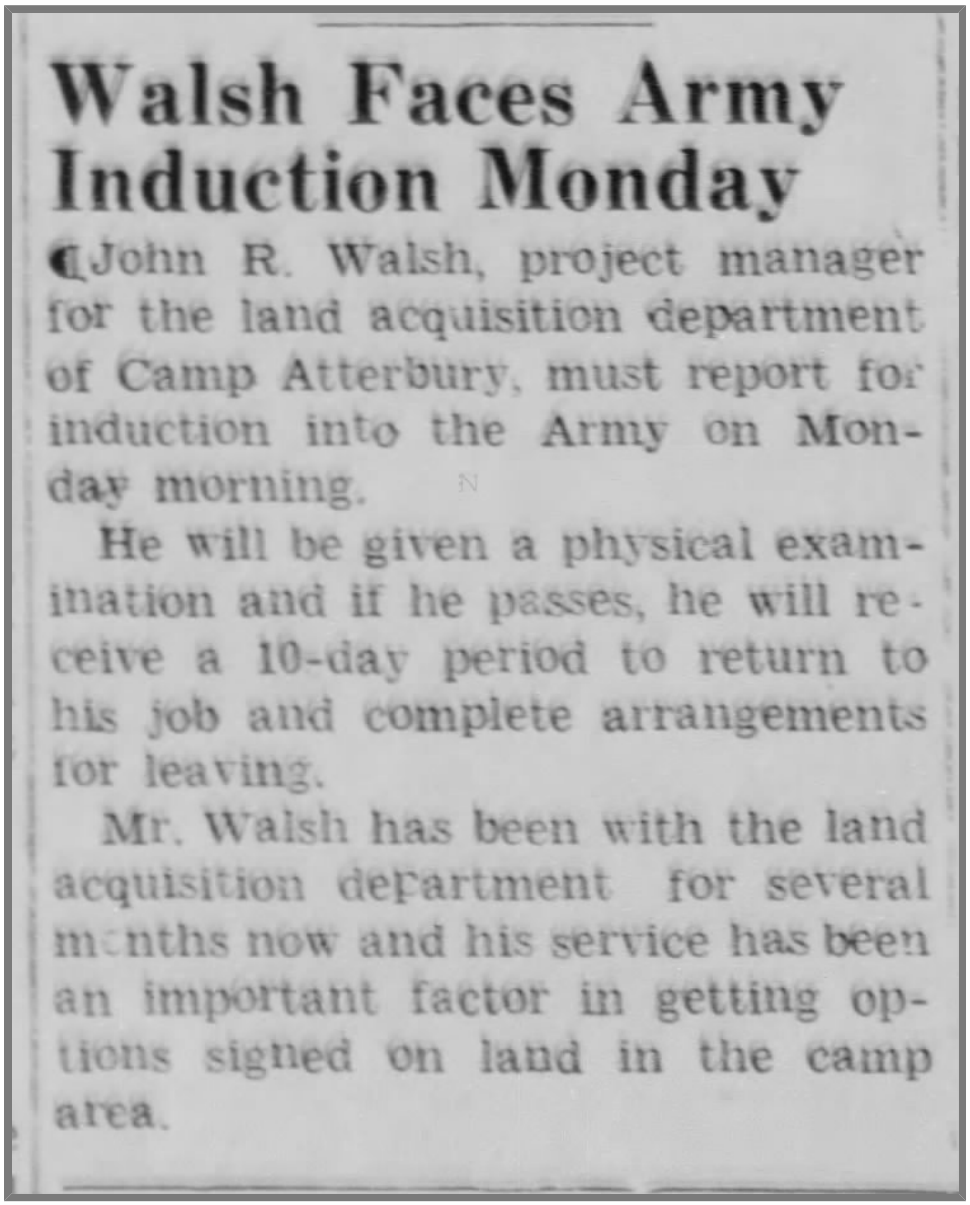

Walsh Faces Army Induction Monday

John R. Walsh, project manager for the land acquisition department of Camp Atterbury, must report for induction into the Army on Monday morning.

He will be given a physical examination and if he passes, he will receive a 10-day period to return to his job and complete arrangements for leaving.

Mr. Walsh has been with the land acquisition department for several months now and his service has been an important factor in getting options signed on land in the camp area.

1942_04_16_5_Walsh to be inducted

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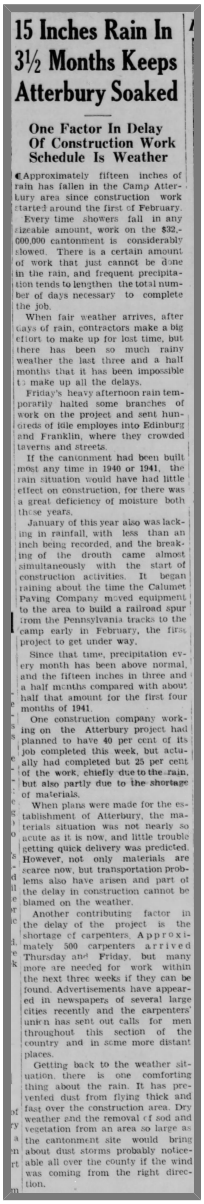

15 Inches Rain In 3½ Months Keeps Atterbury Soaked

One Factor In Delay Of Construction Work Schedule Is Weather

Approximately fifteen inches of rain has fallen in the Camp Atterbury area since construction work started around the first of February.

Every time showers fall in any sizeable amount, work on the $32,000,000 cantonment is considerably slowed. There is a certain amount of work that just cannot be done in the rain, and frequent precipitation tends to lengthen the total number of days necessary to complete the job.

When fair weather arrives, after days of rain, contractors make a big effort to make up for lost time, but there has been so much rainy weather the last three and a half months that it has been impossible to make up all the delays.

Friday's heavy afternoon rain temporarily halted some branches of work on the project and sent hundreds of idle employes into Edinburg and Franklin, where they crowded taverns and streets.

If the cantonment had been built most any time in 1940 or 1941, the rain situation would have had little effect on construction, for there was a great deficiency of moisture both those years.

January of this year also was lacking in rainfall, with less than an inch being recorded, and the breaking of the drouth came almost simultaneously with the start of construction activities. It began raining about the time the Calumet Paving Company moved equipment to the area to build a railroad spur from the Pennsylvania tracks to the camp early in February, the first project to get under way.

Since that time, precipitation every month has been above normal, and the fifteen inches in three and a half months compared with about half that amount for the first four months of 1941.

One construction company working on the Atterbury project had planned to have 40 per cent of its job completed this week, but actually had completed but 25 per cent of the work, chiefly due to the rain, but also partly due to the shortage of materials.

When plans were made for the establishment of Atterbury, the materials situation was not nearly so acute as it is now, and little trouble getting quick delivery was predicted. However, not only materials are scarce now, but transportation problems also have arisen and part of the delay in construction cannot be blamed on the weather.

Another contributing factor in the delay of the project is the shortage of carpenters. Approximately 500 carpenters arrived Thursday and Friday, but many more are needed for work within the next three weeks if they can be found. Advertisements have appeared in newspapers of several large cities recently and the carpenters' union has sent out calls for men throughout this section of the country and in some more distant places.

Getting back to the weather situation, there is one comforting thing about the rain. It has prevented dust from flying thick and fast over the construction area. Dry weather and the removal of sod and vegetation from an area so large as the cantonment site would bring about dust storms probably noticeable all over the county if the wind was coming from the right direction.

1942_04_16_7_15 inches of rain

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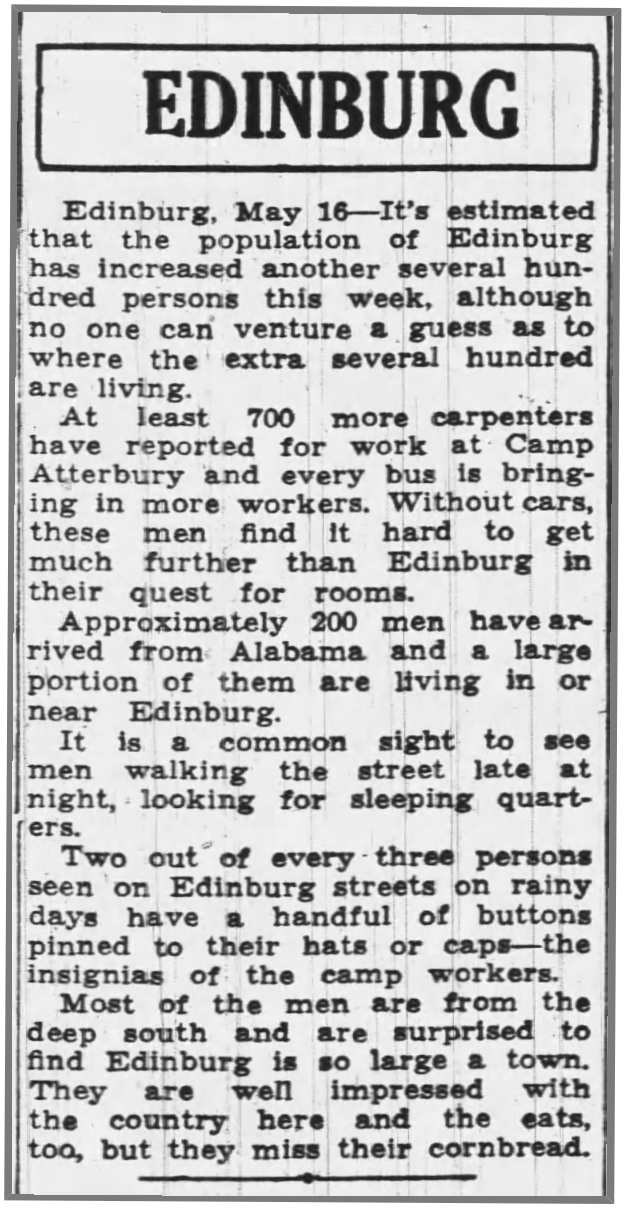

EDINBURG

Edinburg, May 16—It's estimated that the population of Edinburg has increased another several hundred persons this week, although no one can venture a guess as to where the extra several hundred are living.

At least 700 more carpenters have reported for work at Camp Atterbury and every bus is bringing in more workers. Without cars, these men find it hard to get much further than Edinburg in their quest for rooms.

Approximately 200 men have arrived from Alabama and a large portion of them are living in or near Edinburg.

It is a common sight to see men walking the street late at night, looking for sleeping quarters.

Two out of every three persons seen on Edinburg streets on rainy days have a handful of buttons pinned to their hats or caps—the insignias of the camp workers.

Most of the men are from the deep south and are surprised to find Edinburg is so large a town. They are well impressed with the country here and the eats, too, but they miss their cornbread.

1942_04_16_8_Edinburg population increases

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LAND OWNER GETS PAYMENT

A 12th check was delivered yesterday for land purchased by the War department for Camp Atterbury.

The check was delivered at Franklin by Ralph Fraker, closing agent, and went to Ralph and Della Poole. It was for .16 of an acre of land in Johnson county and amounted to $40.

1942_04_16_9_one more payment for land

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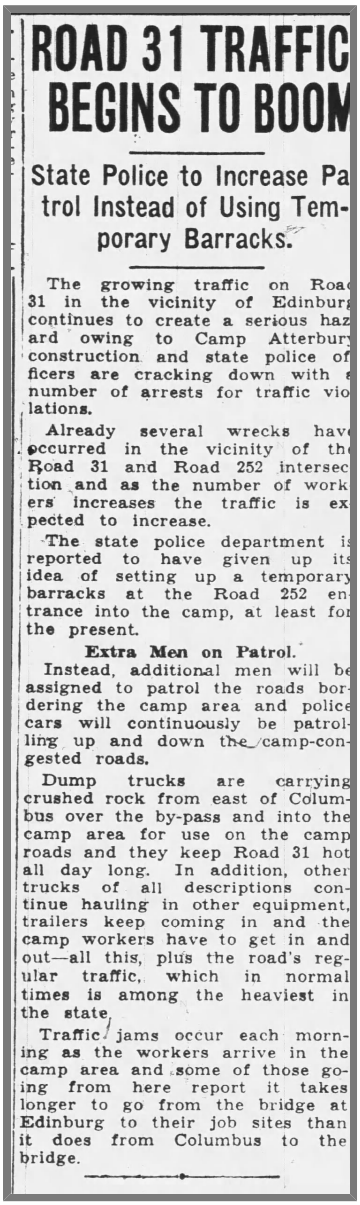

ROAD 31 TRAFFIC BEGINS TO BOOM

State Police to Increase Patrol Instead of Using Temporary Barracks.

The growing traffic on Road 31 in the vicinity of Edinburg continues to create a serious hazard owing to Camp Atterbury construction and state police officers are cracking down with a number of arrests for traffic violations.

Already several wrecks have occurred in the vicinity of the Road 31 and Road 252 intersection and as the number of workers increases the traffic is expected to increase.

The state police department is reported to have given up its idea of setting up a temporary barracks at the Road 252 entrance into the camp, at least for the present.

Extra Men on Patrol.

Instead, additional men will be assigned to patrol the roads bordering the camp area and police cars will continuously be patrolling up and down the camp-congested roads.

Dump trucks are carrying crushed rock from east of Columbus over the by-pass and into the camp area for use on the camp roads and they keep Road 31 hot all day long. In addition, other trucks of all descriptions continue hauling in other equipment, trailers keep coming in and the camp workers have to get in and out—all this, plus the road's regular traffic, which in normal times is among the heaviest in the state.

Traffic jams occur each morning as the workers arrive in the camp area and some of those going from here report it takes longer to go from the bridge at Edinburg to their job sites than it does from Columbus to the bridge.

1942_04_16_10_Road 31 traffic builds

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TIRES STOLEN FROM GUARD

The face of Les Bair, the chief of guards at Camp Atterbury, has been of a red shade lately, according to a story that comes by the round-about way of the Greensburg News.

The News declared that Bair discovered two tires missing from his official car one morning recently. As far as is known, the tires are still missilng.

Theft of tires and wheels has almost been epidemic in the Atterbury area.

Friday morning a tire and wheel were stolen at Franklin from a car belonging to the A. Farnell Blair company, one of the construction firms on the camp project.

1942_04_18_1 tires stolen from guard

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Prepare 2nd Camp Suit Action; 70 Percent Sign

A list of those landowners of the 29,436 acres of Camp Atterbury land taken under the condemnation suit filed April 28 who have not signed options has been prepared and sent to the land acquisition office at Cincinnati in preparation for a declaration of taking, the second step under the condemnation suit.

Approximately 80 percent of the landowners in Bartholomew county have signed options, while the percentage for the entire 36,692 camp area figures at approximately 70 percent.

Negotiations for the last of the land to be taken for the camp closed Friday night, but landowners may still sign options up until the actual filing of the declaration of taking.

When the declaration of taking is filed in federal court at Indianapolis, the land acquisition will go to the hands of the Justice department and persons wishing to settle their cases out of court will deal with the Justice department. This will be possible through the filing of stipulations.

Government Puts Up Money.

In the declaration of taking, which probably will be filed in the near future, the landowners who have not signed options are listed and the government puts up a sum of money to cover at least part of the land's value. The deeds to the land area are then turned over to the War department through the recorders' offices in the counties involved. The federal court will then appoint commissioners to appraise the property of those listed and the price to be paid will be settled in court.

In addition to the options already signed, 18 tracts are still in the process of being optioned and the land acquisition department hopes the final percentage for the entire camp area will be around 75 percent, according to John R. Walsh, project manager.

Mr. Walsh also revealed that approximately one-fourth of the tracts in condemnation at present and expected to be shortly are there because of title defects, a purely technical reason and not based on any protest idea on the part of the owners. Some landowners are signing options despite the fact that estates involving their land are still open and that the time has not elapsed for filing of claims. The options will be used as evidence in probate

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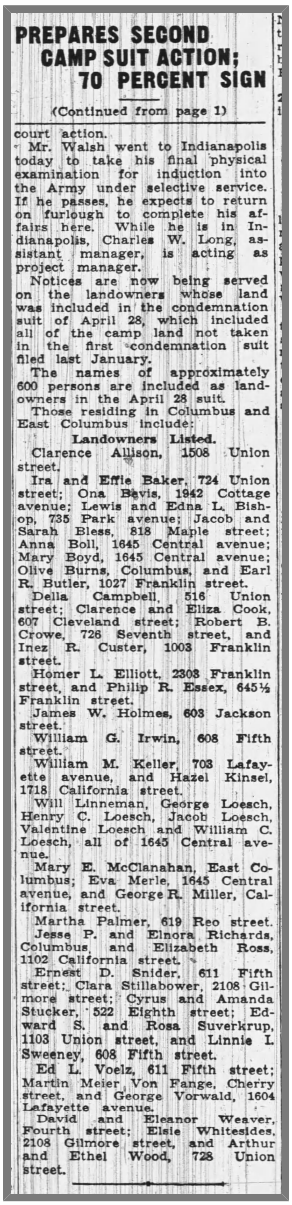

PREPARES SECOND CAMP SUIT ACTION; 70 PERCENT SIGN

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court action.

Mr. Walsh went to Indianapolis today to take his final physical examination for induction into the Army under selective service. If he passes, he expects to return on furlough to complete his affairs here. While he is in Indianapolis, Charles W. Long, assistant manager, is acting as project manager.

Notices are now being served on the landowners whose land was included in the condemnation suit of April 28, which included all of the camp land not taken in the first condemnation suit filed last January.

The names of approximately 600 persons are included as landowners in the April 28 suit.

Those residing in Columbus and East Columbus include:

Landowners Listed.

Clarence Allison, 1508 Union street.

Ira and Effie Baker, 724 Union street; Ona Bavis, 1942 Cottage avenue; Lewis and Edna L. Bishop, 735 Park avenue; Jacob and Sarah Bless, 818 Maple street; Anna Boll, 1645 Central avenue; Mary Boyd, 1645 Central avenue; Olive Burns, Columbus, and Earl R. Butler, 1027 Franklin street.

Della Campbell, 516 Union street; Clarence and Eliza Cook, 607 Cleveland street; Robert B. Crowe, 726 Seventh street, and Inez R. Custer, 1003 Franklin street.

Homer L. Elliott, 2303 Franklin street, and Philip R. Essex, 645½ Franklin street.

James W. Holmes, 603 Jackson street.

William G. Irwin, 608 Fifth street.

William M. Keller, 703 Lafayette avenue, and Hazel Kinsel, 1718 California street.

Will Linneman, George Loesch, Henry C. Loesch, Jacob Loesch, Valentine Loesch and William C. Loesch, all of 1645 Central avenue.

Mary E. McClanahan, East Columbus; Eva Merle, 1645 Central avenue, and George R. Miller, California street.

Martha Palmer, 619 Reo street.

Jesse P. and Elnora Richards, Columbus, and Elizabeth Ross, 1102 California street.

Ernest D. Snider, 611 Fifth street; Clara Stillabower, 2108 Gilmore street; Cyrus and Amanda Stucker, 522 Eighth street; Edward S. and Rosa Suverkrup, 1103 Union street, and Linnie L. Sweeney, 608 Fifth street.

Ed L. Voelz, 611 Fifth street; Martin Meier, Von Fange, Cherry street, and George Vorwald, 1604 Lafayette avenue.

David and Eleanor Weaver, Fourth street; Elsie Whitesides, 2108 Gilmore street, and Arthur and Ethel Wood, 728 Union street.

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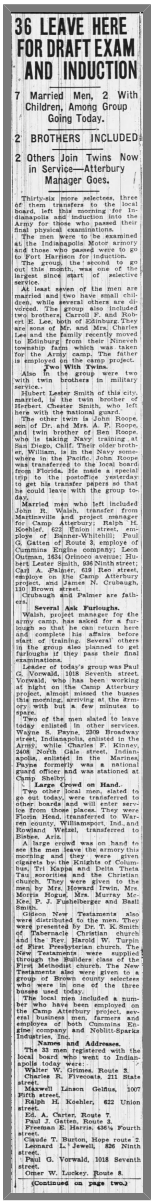

36 LEAVE HERE FOR DRAFT EXAM AND INDUCTION

7 Married Men, 2 With Children, Among Group Going Today.

2 BROTHERS INCLUDED

2 Others Join Twins Now in Service—Atterbury Manager Goes.

Thirty-six more selectees, three of them transfers to the local board, left this morning for Indianapolis and induction into the Army for those who passed their final physical examinations.

The men were to be examined at the Indianapolis Motor armory and those who passed were to go to Fort Harrison for induction.

The group, the second to go out this month, was one of the largest since start of selective service.

At least seven of the men are married and two have small children, while several others are divorced. The group also included two brothers, Carroll F. and Robert E. Lee, both of Edinburg. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lee and the family recently moved to Edinburg from their Hineveh township farm which was taken for the Army camp site. The father is employed on the camp project.

Two With Twins.

Also in the group were two with twin brothers in military service.

Hubert Lester Smith of this city, married, is the twin brother of Herbert Chester Smith, who left here with the national guard.

The other twin is John Roope, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Roope, and twin brother of Ben Roope, who is taking Navy training at San Diego, Calif. Their older brother, Lieut. Jack Roope, is somewhere in the Pacific. John Roope was transferred to the local board from Florida. He made a special trip to the postoffice yesterday to get his transfer papers so that he could leave with the group today.

Married men who left included John R. Walsh, transfer from Martinsville and project manager for Camp Atterbury; Ralph H. Koehler, 622 Union street, employe of Zaner-Wood; Paul G. Gatten of Route 3, employe of Cummins Engine company; Paul Norman, 1834 Orleans street; Hobart Foster Smith, 836 Ninth street; Carl A. Pfeiler, 618 Eeo street, employe on the Camp Atterbury project, and James N. Crabaugh, 130 Brown street.

Crabaugh and Palmer are fathers.

Several Ask Furloughs.

Walsh, project manager for the army camp, has asked for a furlough so that he can return here and complete his affairs before entering the service. Several others in the group also planned to get furloughs if they pass their final examinations.

Leader of today's group was Paul G. Vorwald, 1018 Seventh street. Vorwald, who has been working at night on the Camp Atterbury project, almost missed the busses this morning, arriving at the Armory with but a few minutes to spare.

Two of the men slated to leave today enlisted in other services. Wayne E. Payne, 2309 Broadway street, Indianapolis, enlisted in the Marines, and Robert L. Kinder, 3406 North Gale street, Indianapolis, enlisted in the Marines. Payne formerly was a national guard officer and was stationed at Camp Shelby.

Large Crowd on Hand.

Two other local men, slated to go out today, were transferred to other boards and will enter service from those places. They were Flotin Head, transferred to Warren county, Williamsport, Ind., and Rowland Weigel, transferred to Scott county.

A large crowd was on hand to see the men leave the armory this morning and they were given cigarets by the Knights of Columbus, Tri Kappa and Delta Theta Tau sororities and the Christian church. They were given to the men by Mrs. Howard Irwin, Mrs. Morris Hogue, Mrs. Murray McKee, P. J. Fuhrlberger and Basil Smith.

Bibles New Testaments also were distributed to the men. They were presented by Dr. T. K. Smith of Tabernacle Christian church and the Rev. Harold W. Turpin of First Presbyterian church. The New Testaments were supplied through the Builders class of the First Methodist church. The New Testaments also were given to a group of Brown county selectees who were in one of the three busses used today.

The group included a number who have been employed on the Camp Atterbury project, several business men, farmers and employes of both Cummins Engine company and Noblitt-Sparks Industries, Inc.

Names and Addresses.

The 33 men registered with the local board who went to Indianapolis today were:

Walter W. Grimes, Route 3.
Charles R. Fivecoats, 211 State street.
Maxwell Linson Geidus, 1007 Fifth street.
Ralph H. Koehler, 622 Union street.
Ed. A. Carter, Route 7.
Paul J. Gatten, Route 3.
Freeman E. Harris, 436½ Fourth street.
Claude T. Buston, Hope route 2.
Leonard L. Jewell, 826 Ninth street.
Paul G. Vorwald, 1018 Seventh street.
Omer W. Lockey, Route 8.

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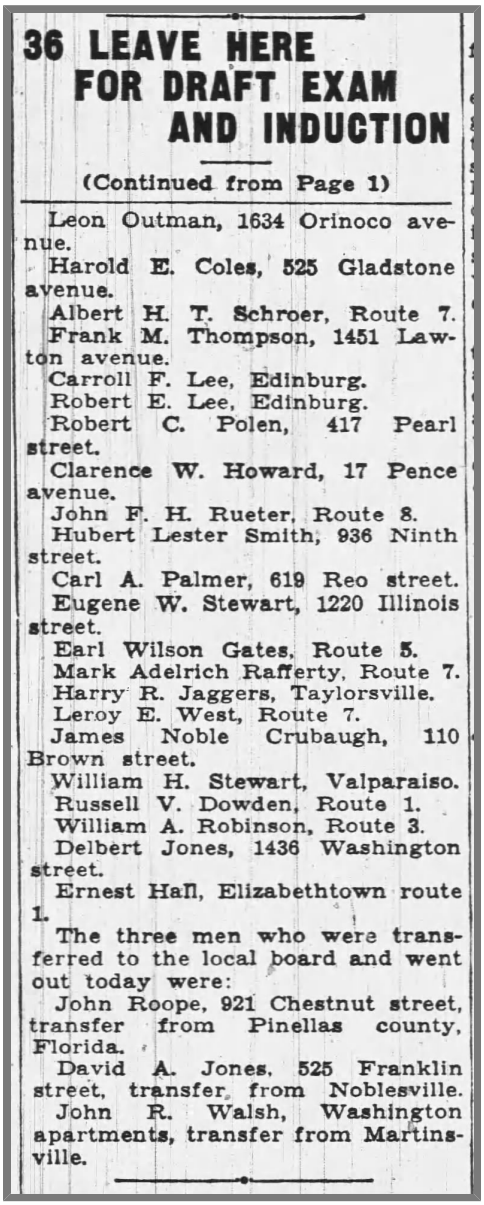

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Leon Outman, 1634 Orinoco avenue.
Harold E. Coles, 525 Gladstone avenue.
Albert H. T. Schroer, Route 7.
Frank M. Thompson, 1451 Lawton avenue.
Carroll F. Lee, Edinburg.
Robert E. Lee, Edinburg.
Robert C. Polen, 417 Pearl street.
Clarence W. Howard, 17 Pence avenue.
John F. H. Rueter, Route 8.
Hubert Lester Smith, 936 Ninth street.
Carl A. Palmer, 619 Reo street.
Eugene W. Stewart, 1220 Illinois street.
Earl Wilson Gates, Route 5.
Mark Adelrich Rafferty, Route 7.
Harry R. Jaggers, Taylorsville.
Leroy E. West, Route 7.
James Noble Crubaugh, 110 Brown street.
William H. Stewart, Valparaiso.
Russell V. Dowden, Route 1.
William A. Robinson, Route 3.
Delbert Jones, 1436 Washington street.
Ernest Hall, Elizabethtown route 1.

The three men who were transferred to the local board and went out today were:

John Roope, 921 Chestnut street, transfer from Pinellas county, Florida.
David A. Jones, 525 Franklin street, transfer from Noblesville.
John R. Walsh, Washington apartments, transfer from Martinsville.

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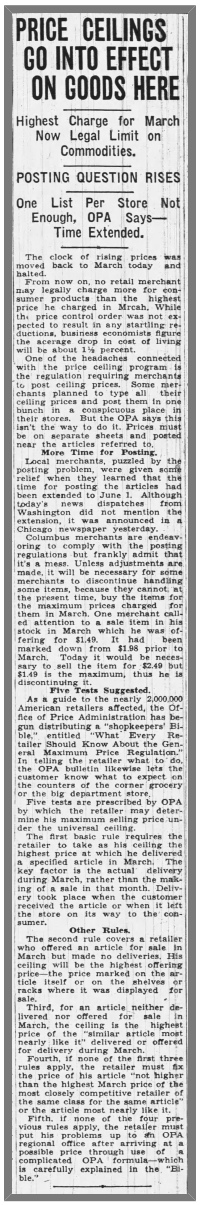

PRICE CEILINGS GO INTO EFFECT ON GOODS HERE

Highest Charge for March Now Legal Limit on Commodities.

POSTING QUESTION RISES

One List Per Store Not Enough, OPA Says— Time Extended.

The clock of rising prices was moved back to March today and halted.

From now on, no retail merchant may legally charge more for consumer products than the highest price he charged in Mrcah. While th price control order was not expected to result in any startling reductions, business economists figure the acerage drop in cost of living will be about 1½ percent.

One of the headaches connected with the price ceiling program is the regulation requiring merchants to post ceiling prices. Some merchants planned to type all their ceiling prices and post them in one bunch in a conspicuous place in their stores. But the OPA says this isn't the way to do it. Prices must be on separate sheets and posted near the articles referred to.

More Time for Posting.

Local merchants, puzzled by the posting problem, were given some relief when they learned that the time for posting the articles had been extended to June 1. Although today's news dispatches from Washington did not mention the extension, it was announced in a Chicago newspaper yesterday.

Columbus merchants are endeavoring to comply with the posting regulations but frankly admit that it's a mess. Unless adjustments are made, it will be necessary for some merchants to discontinue handling some items, because they cannot at the present time, buy the items for the maximum prices charged for them in March. One merchant called attention to a sale item in his stock in March which he was offering for $1.49. It had been marked down from $1.98 prior to March. Today it would be necessary to sell the item for $2.49 but $1.49 is the maximum, thus he is discontinuing it.

Five Tests Suggested.

As a guide to the nearly 2,000,000 American retailers affected, the Office of Price Administration has begun distributing a "shopkeepers' Bible," entitled "What Every Retailer Should Know About the General Maximum Price Regulation." In telling the retailer what to do, the OPA bulletin likewise lets the customer know what to expect on the counters of the corner grocery or the big department store.

Five tests are prescribed by OPA by which the retailer may determine his maximum selling price under the universal ceiling.

The first basic rule requires the retailer to take as his ceiling the highest price at which he delivered a specified article in March. The key factor is the actual delivery during March, rather than the making of a sale in that month. Delivery took place when the customer received the article or when it left the store on its way to the consumer.

Other Rules.

The second rule covers a retailer who offered an article for sale in March but made no deliveries. His ceiling will be the highest offering price—the price marked on the article itself or on the shelves or racks where it was displayed for sale.

Third, for an article neither delivered nor offered for sale in March, the ceiling is the highest price of the "similar article most nearly like it" delivered or offered for delivery during March.

Fourth, if none of the first three rules apply, the retailer must fix the price of his article "not higher than the highest March price of the most closely competitive retailer of the same class for the same article" or the article most nearly like it.

Fifth, if none of the four previous rules apply, the retailer must put his problems up to an OPA regional office after arriving at a possible price through use of a complicated OPA formula—which is carefully explained in the "Bible."

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POLICE PROBE TIRE THEFT AT SCHILDMEIER'S

Burglar Breaks into Transportation Building in Night.

REPORT CAMP ROBBERY

Tires and Wheels Removed from Project Policeman's Automobile.

Columbus police were called today to probe a burglary which occurred some time Tuesday night at the terminal of the F. W. Schildmeier Transportation company at the northeast corner of Seventh and Brown streets.

The loot consisted of two new automobile tires and one tube.

At the same time officers out of the sheriff's office and state police were investigating a tire theft which occurred Tuesday night at the Camp Atterbury project.

Guard's Wheels Stolen.

At Atterbury thieves stole the tires and wheels off an automobile owned by Mike Steinbarger of Clifford. Steinbarger is a guard at the project.

The robbery at the Schildmeier place occurred some time between 8 p. m. and 7 a. m. When attendants discovered the robbery police were notified and Sgt. Bohn Burnett and Patrolman Herb Moore conducted the investigation.

Entrance to the building was gained through a basement door.

After gaining admission to the basement the thief or thieves entered a storage room by removing both the door and the door frame. An iron bar, owned by the Schildmeier firm, was used in forcing open the door.

Other Tires Not Bothered.

Two 600x16 Goodrich passenger car tires, valued at $25, were taken, along with the one tube. There were other tires in the storage room but they were not bothered.

In the theft at Camp Atterbury the wheels and tires were removed from Steinbarger's automobile which was parked near the project police headquarters.

Deputy Sheriff Walter Oneal went to the project to join state police in the investigation.

It was reported that other tire thefts have occurred at the camp project recently.

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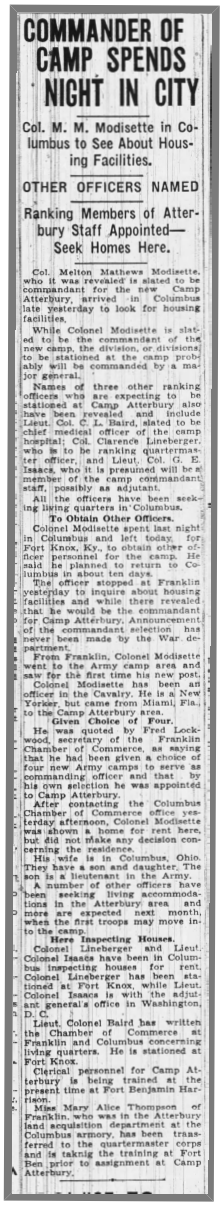

COMMANDER OF CAMP SPENDS NIGHT IN CITY

Col. M. M. Modisette in Columbus to See About Housing Facilities.

OTHER OFFICERS NAMED

Ranking Members of Atterbury Staff Appointed—Seek Homes Here.

Col. Melton Mathews Modisette, who it was revealed is slated to be commandant for the new Camp Atterbury, arrived in Columbus late yesterday to look for housing facilities.

While Colonel Modisette is slated to be the commandant of the new camp, the division, or divisions, to be stationed at the camp probably will be commanded by a major general.

Names of three other ranking officers who are expecting to be stationed at Camp Atterbury also have been revealed and include Lieut. Col. C. L. Baird, slated to be chief medical officer of the camp hospital; Col. Clarence Lineberger, who is to be ranking quartermaster officer, and Lieut. Col. G. E. Isaacs, who it is presumed will be a member of the camp commandant staff, possibly as adjutant.

All the officers have been seeking living quarters in Columbus.

To Obtain Other Officers.

Colonel Modisette spent last night in Columbus and left today for Fort Knox, Ky., to obtain other officer personnel for the camp. He said he planned to return to Columbus in about ten days.

The officer stopped at Franklin yesterday to inquire about housing facilities and while there revealed that he would be the commandant for Camp Atterbury. Announcement of the commandant selection has never been made by the War department.

From Franklin, Colonel Modisette went to the Army camp area and saw for the first time his new post.

Colonel Modisette has been an officer in the Cavalry. He is a New Yorker, but came from Miami, Fla., to the Camp Atterbury area.

Given Choice of Four.

He was quoted by Fred Lockwood, secretary of the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, as saying that he had been given a choice of four new Army camps to serve as commanding officer and that by his own selection he was appointed to Camp Atterbury.

After contacting the Columbus Chamber of Commerce office yesterday afternoon, Colonel Modisette was shown a home for rent here, but did not make any decision concerning the residence.

His wife is in Columbus, Ohio. They have a son and daughter. The son is a lieutenant in the Army.

A number of other officers have been seeking living accommodations in the Atterbury area and more are expected next month, when the first troops may move into the camp.

Here Inspecting Houses.

Colonel Lineberger and Lieut. Colonel Isaacs have been in Columbus inspecting houses for rent. Colonel Lineberger has been stationed at Fort Knox, while Lieut. Colonel Isaacs is with the adjutant general's office in Washington, D. C.

Lieut. Colonel Baird has written the Chamber of Commerce at Franklin and Columbus concerning living quarters. He is stationed at Fort Knox.

Clerical personnel for Camp Atterbury is being trained at the present time at Fort Benjamin Harrison.

Miss Mary Alice Thompson of Franklin, who was in the Atterbury land acquisition department at the Columbus armory, has been transferred to the quartermaster corps and is taknig the training at Fort Ben prior to assignment at Camp Atterbury.

1942_04_19_3_Commander of Camp spends night in Columbus

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28 Class 1 Men Given Notices to Take Exams

More of Those Classified Feb. 16 to Begin Taking Preliminary Physicals.

Twenty-eight more Class 1 draft registrants, most of them men who signed on the dotted line on Feb. 16, were slated to receive notices in the mail today instructing them to report to local doctors for their first physical examination.

Those who pass the preliminary exam will be placed in Class 1A and will be listed with the selective service board's group of men read for final examination and induction.

The 28 bring to 88 the number of men placed in Class 1 by the local selective service board this month. A number of these men already have completed their preliminary examinations. Names of those placed in Class 1A will be posted outside the draft office in the near future and they will be sent notices of their classification.

Approximately 70 Class 1 men have been obtained from the questionnaires of the first 300 men who registered on Feb. 16.

New Class 1 Men.

Names of the 28 Class 1 men sent notices for examination yesterday follow:

Harold R. Jahn, 803 Cottage avenue.
John Edward Budd, 2402 Pearl street.
Leonard M. Pogue, Columbus.
Clyde Leep, 318½ Sixth street.
Louis E. Breedlove, 2307 Home avenue.
Henry F. Schaefer, 1110 Seventh street.
James Garner, Elizabethtown route 1.
Charles T. McNeal, 713½ Reed street.
Luther M. Welch, 1320 Union street.
Arthur Cox, 1051 Fourth street.
Lawrence W. Allen, 932 Pearl street.
Robert O. Gammon, 1312 Lafayette avenue.
William Betz, Edinburg route 2.
Carl E. Hege, Hope.
Creed Frazier Bey, Hope.
Rex H. Shriver, 806 Brown street.
James Yates, Route 3.
Paul Andrew Ritz, 1105 Seventeenth street.
Homer E. Reedy, 1809 Cottage avenue.
Elbert Leo Greene, 1533 Franklin street.
Norman A. Borseth, Terre Haute.
Donald Julian Long, Edinburg.
Arthur Miller, 538 Franklin street.
Elbert Leo Greene, 1533 Franklin street.
Claude A. Mackey, 1904 Cottage avenue.
John Barton Joy, 1319 Washington street.
Robert E. Rogers, 1103 California street.
Herman Godbey, Belvedere hotel.

Doctor Shortage Seen.

Two officers from state selective service headquarters visited the draft office in the Columbus armory yesterday on a routine call. They are Colonel J. D. Friday, procurement officer, and Maj. Glenn Ward Lee, medical officer.

During their talk with Charles E. Boyer, the local board clerk, it was brought out that the selective service organization is anticipating difficulty in getting its men examined by local doctors in the future, owing to the large numbers of doctors to be called into military service.

At present, all Class 1 men are given cursory examinations by local doctors. If the men pass, they are placed in Class 1A and have ten days in which to appeal their classification. At the end of the ten days they are subject to final examination and induction whenever needed to complete the local board's calls.

MRS. DOYLE IS TAKEN BY DEATH

Well-Known Resident Dies After Long Illness—Funeral Thursday.

Mrs. Harriett Amelia Doyle, 71, widow of Michael J. Doyle, died at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Elsie Jones, 1321 Ninth street, following a long illness. She was injured in a fall last November and was in the county hospital until Dec. 6, when she was moved to the Jones home.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning at the Hathaway funeral home, conducted by the Rev. Charles J. Meyers of the East Columbus Christian church. Burial will be made in a cemetery at Jeffersonville. The casket is open at the funeral home.

Mrs. Doyle spent her early life in Jeffersonville but lived here for many years and was well known. She was an expert seamstress and she also worked at the Reliance Manufacturing company for some time.

Surviving is a stepdaughter, Mrs. Robert May of Hope, and a brother, A. J. Chrisman of Jeffersonville.

2 MORE GET CHECKS PAID

Two more checks for Bartholomew county land purchased under option by the War department for Camp Atterbury have been delivered by Ralph W. Fraker, closing attorney, and the warranty deeds recorded in the county recorder's office.

One check was for $5,300 and was in payment for 80 acres of land and improvements in Nineveh township owned by Mr. and Mrs. James R. Lain. Payment figured at $66.25 an acre.

The records showed the other check was for $1,800 and was for 31.3 acres in Nineveh township owned by the Frank A. Pruitt heirs. The payment figured at approximately $58 an acre.

The two checks brought to five the total delivered for Bartholomew county land to date. Payment has totalled $28,829 and was for 303.3 acres.

Tokyo 'Okehs' New Russ Ambassador to Japan

1942_04_19_4_29 men tale draft exams (Creed Frazier-Bey)

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WATER BOYS

Two Atterbury Workmen Bail Water Out of Hole at 75c An Hour.

Rain slowed work on the Camp Atterbury project again today, but to two particular workmen it must have been the last blow, or maybe they found a pump.

These two workmen, when last seen, were dipping 5-feet of water out of a 15-foot ditch three feet wide. One of the workmen stood on a board thrown across the ditch, dipping a bucket into the water and then handing it to his co-worker to throw out on the ground.

The theory behind the procedure had the two workmen a little confused because they understood the hole was to be filled with dirt anyway. The way they figured it the job would be a lot easier if you just shoveled in the dirt and forgot about the water.

Maybe though there was a good reason for taking out the water in the ditch, which was dug out so that plumbing could be installed in one of the mess halls. Perhaps more work had to be done on the pipe.

Nevertheless, the two workmen, swinging their one bucket at 75 cents an hour, were sure that theirs was a job with a future—for, they explained, every time it rained, the "blankety-blank" hole filled up with water again and maybe they'd still be there trying to empty it after the soldiers had moved into the camp.

The idea of the two men dipping the water out of the ditch sounds a little queer as a pump would do the trick in a jiffy. But pumps are hard items to get, what with priorities and the like.

A shortage of power pumps has been one of the headaches in the camp area and when it rains the dipping starts. However, even if there was no shortage of pumps, it would be difficult to find room for enough pumps to handle all the excavations in the Camp Atterbury area.

In its search for power pumps to keep the rain water out of its larger excavations, one of the companies has offered to rent pumps from private owners.

1942_04_19_5_two workers dip water out of hole

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To Move Old Nineveh Parsonage from Camp

The historic homestead of the Miller family, at present the parsonage for the Nineveh Christian church, will be moved from the Camp Atterbury area and placed on a lot directly across from the Nineveh church, provided by Hugh Th. Miller of Columbus.

Mr. Miller is the son of the late Rev. John C. Miller, one of the pioneer preachers of the Nineveh church.

The 80-acre tract on which the home now stands and which is being taken for the army camp lies one-half mile south of the Nineveh church and has been in possession of the Miller family for more than 115 years.

Work of moving the building will be started at once. Thus a parsonage will be provided for the church and one of Johnson county's oldest landmarks will be preserved.

The Nineveh church, although it will lose many of its members owing to the camp, will continue to minister to the community in which it is the only church, according to the Rev. G. F. Powers, pastor.

The church was organized in 1832 and is the oldest church of Christian denomination in Johnson county.

In 1866, while serving as pastor of the Christian church at Madison, the Rev. John C. Miller bought the interests of the other heirs in the Nineveh farm and built the homestead while he served as pastor of the church. With the exception of five years, he remained there until his death in 1901.

Assures New Church.

On this farm, the Millers reared their family of three sons and three daughters. Two of the daughters, Laura and Gertrude, never married, but remained at the old home. Miss Laura died in 1931 and Miss Gertrude in 1933. Miss Gertrude willed her part of the farm to the Nineveh church with the understanding that the farm home be used as a parsonage. The other heirs turned over their interests to the church. On Sunday, June 6, 1937, a program of dedication was held at the farm.

Mr. Powers, who was pastor at the time and has continued in that capacity, and his wife, have occupied the old homestead as a parsonage since its dedication.

In regard to a building fund of $25,000 established by the Miller family a few years ago, Mr. Powers stated that Hugh Th. Miller, the trustee of the fund, has assured him a new church will be built just as soon as conditions permit.

1942_04_20_1_Move old Nineveh parsonage from camp area

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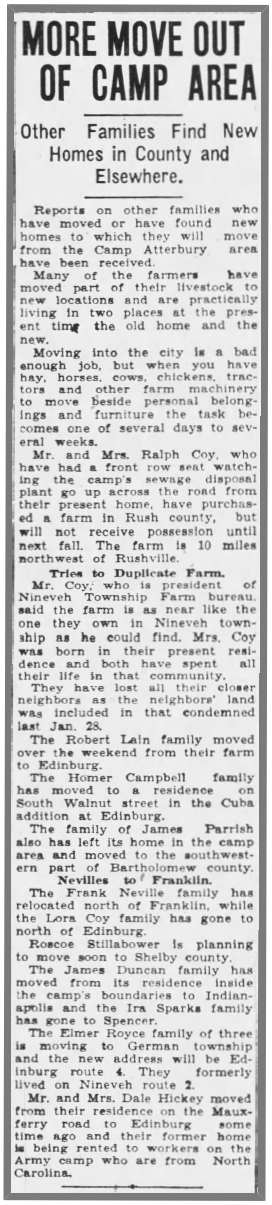

MORE MOVE OUT OF CAMP AREA

Other Families Find New Homes in County and Elsewhere.

Reports on other families who have moved or have found new homes to which they will move from the Camp Atterbury area have been received.

Many of the farmers have moved part of their livestock to new locations and are practically living in two places at the present time the old home and the new.

Moving into the city is a bad enough job, but when you have hay, horses, cows, chickens, tractors and other farm machinery to move beside personal belongings and furniture the task becomes one of several days to several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coy, who have had a front row seat watching the camp's sewage disposal plant go up across the road from their present home, have purchased a farm in Rush county, but will not receive possession until next fall. The farm is 10 miles northwest of Rushville.

Tries to Duplicate Farm.

Mr. Coy, who is president of Nineveh Township Farm bureau, said the farm is as near like the one they own in Nineveh township as he could find. Mrs. Coy was born in their present residence and both have spent all their life in that community.

They have lost all their closer neighbors as the neighbors' land was included in that condemned last Jan. 28.

The Robert Lain family moved over the weekend from their farm to Edinburg.

The Homer Campbell family has moved to a residence on South Walnut street in the Cuba addition at Edinburg.

The family of James Parrish also has left its home in the camp area and moved to the southwestern part of Bartholomew county.

Nevilles to Franklin.

The Frank Neville family has relocated north of Franklin, while the Lora Coy family has gone to north of Edinburg.

Roscoe Stillabower is planning to move soon to Shelby county.

The James Duncan family has moved from its residence inside the camp's boundaries to Indianapolis and the Ira Sparks family has gone to Spencer.

The Elmer Royce family of three is moving to German township and the new address will be Edinburg route 4. They formerly lived on Nineveh route 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hickey moved from their residence on the Mauxferry road to Edinburg some time ago and their former home is being rented to workers on the Army camp who are from North Carolina.

1942_04_20_2_More move from camp area

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$4,000 LOSS AT BURNSIDE PLANT CAUSED BY FIRE

Office and Garage Buildings Are Completely Destroyed.

FIVE TRUCKS ARE SAVED

Occupant of Room Routed by Flames, Losing All But His Pants.

Fire of undetermined origin caused loss estimated at $4,000 at the plant of E. T. Burnside and Company, Inc., at Garden City one mile south of Columbus, at about 5 o'clock Sunday morning.

Luckily, neither the gravel plant nor the equipment used in preparation of ready-mixed concrete was damaged and production was carried on as usual this morning.

Harry Reisteck, an employe, who has been sleeping in a room on the second floor of the garage

1942_04_20_8_Burnside Gravel destroyed by fire

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Sunday Bootleggers Are Rounded Up by Police

A Sunday "bootleg" ring was rounded up here by state excise and city police and four persons were fined $35 each after pleading guilty in a special session of city court Sunday night.

The arrests followed sale of liquor to an excise officer who posed as a worker on the Camp Atterbury project. He wore old clothes and carried out his disguise with a worker's identification button distributed by one of the camp companies.

The "bootleg" ring was believed by officers to have been functioning for about two weeks, following the influx of camp workers, and Police Chief Clarence Everroad said several other persons were believed to be involved.

One of the excise officers connected with the case said it was about the busiest group of liquor salesmen he had seen," with two or three persons trying to sell me whiskey on the street all at the same time."

Everroad Issues Warning.

The arrests brought a warning from Chief Everroad who declared that he had received complaints of gambling in the city and that action will be taken to "clean these elements out of the city."

"Those who try to capitalize illegally on the Army camp are playnig with fire," he warned.

Chief Everroad pointed out that federal agents have visited the city and have asked him to give them information on vice. This information, he said, is to include any tavern, restaurant or other establishment which is a "trouble spot."

"The federal agents havn informed me," said the polic chief, "that they intend to keep vice at a minimum and they'll have the complete support of the local police department."

The federal agents told the police department that as this is a defense area they will have jurisdiction and intend to prosecute persons who through vice block the defense effort.

Those fined Sunday night for sale of alcoholic beverages without a permit after pleading guilty on arraignment before Mayor Fred C. Owens were Terry D. Weddle, 35, of 222¼ Jackson street; Gilbert Rodman, 34, of 240¼ Jackson street; Curtis Gullett, 31, of 222¼ Jackson street, and Harvey 'Judd' Imel, 60, of Jackson street.

The men were taken in charge by city police after alleged sale of whiskey to excise officers. The whiskey they were selling was stamped and tax paid, but the men failed to have a permit for its sale.

$1 to $1.25 a Half Pint.

The whiskey was sold at $1 to $1.25 a half pint. "The price," Chief Everroad said, "depended on how much the customer was willing to pay."

He declared that the men were looking for camp workers and others who were unable to buy liquor legally on Sunday.

Prosecutor William A. Conner assisted in getting the men into court at a special session Sunday night and they were fined a total of $140 following pleas of guilty.

Chief Everroad said Weddle had been arrested and fined on a similar charge before, that Rodman is under a suspended sentence in circuit court, and that Gullett is on parole from a penal farm term.

1942_04_20_4-Bootleggers rounded up

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CARPENTERS AT CAMP TO MEET

Session Here Tonight Is Called by Union's Business Agent.

A meeting for all carpenters employed on the Camp Atterbury construction project will be held at 7:30 o'clock in the Eagles building here.

George Strange, business agent for the union offices at Edinburg, said today that the meeting would be in the form of a get-together for the men and that all of the carpenters were being invited.

Mr. Strange said that he hoped to have between 500 and 600 men present at the meeting.

Steps are still being taken to iron out differences in the wage scale being paid carpenters on the camp project, but as yet there has been no move toward reaching a uniform rate.

The case has been presented to Washington officials and action may be taken through the federal mediation board if the wage differences cause any slow-down in work.

Officers Visit Armory.

Carpenters are still being hired by the companies through the labor union and most of the major companies report that there have been sufficient carpenters available to meet their needs.

Three Army officers visited the Columbus armory yesterday in connection with the Camp Atterbury work. They are Col. George B. Byers of Memphis, Lieut. Col. W. E. Bohlender of Fort Knox, and Lieut. Col. P. J. Hurley of Fort Hayes.

The Corps of Engineers staff had planned to move from the armory last weekend to the camp site, but the move was delayed until possibly next weekend.

Work on the camp has been progressing rapidly during the last few days.

Several Barracks Erected.

Several of the barracks have been erected, part of the sewers and water mains have been put down and the hospital group buildings are well advanced.

Foundations for several hundred of the camp's 1,700 buildings have been poured and everything is fairly well in readiness for carpenters to begin full-scale erection of the frame buildings.

Following recent sunny skies, roads and fields are now back in shape so that motor vehicles and heavy equipment can get around without miring down.

1942_04_20_6_Carpenters to meet at camp

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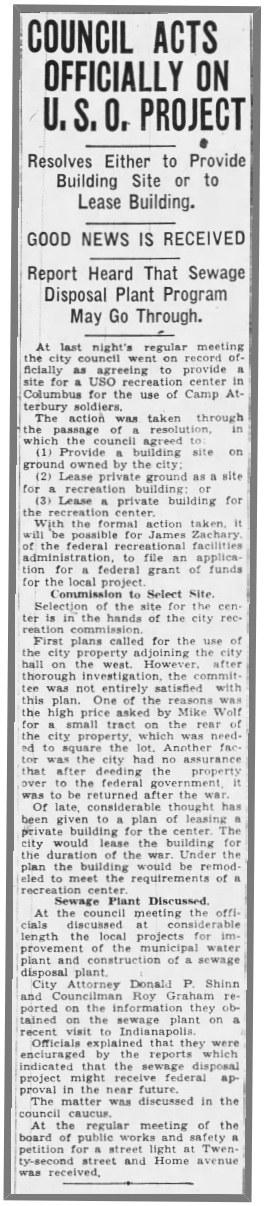

COUNCIL ACTS OFFICIALLY ON U. S. O. PROJECT

Resolves Either to Provide Building Site or to Lease Building.

GOOD NEWS IS RECEIVED

Report Heard That Sewage Disposal Plant Program May Go Through.

At last night's regular meeting the city council went on record officially as agreeing to provide a site for a USO recreation center in Columbus for the use of Camp Atterbury soldiers.

The action was taken through the passage of a resolution, in which the council agreed to:

(1) Provide a building site on ground owned by the city;

(2) Lease private ground as a site for a recreation building; or

(3) Lease a private building for the recreation center.

With the formal action taken, it will be possible for James Zachary, of the federal recreational facilities administration, to file an application for a federal grant of funds for the local project.

Commission to Select Site.

Selection of the site for the center is in the hands of the city recreation commission.

First plans called for the use of the city property adjoining the city hall on the west. However, after thorough investigation, the committee was not entirely satisfied with this plan. One of the reasons was the high price asked by Mike Wolf for a small tract on the rear of the city property, which was needed to square the lot. Another factor was the city had no assurance that after deeding the property over to the federal government, it was to be returned after the war.

Of late, considerable thought has been given to a plan of leasing a private building for the center. The city would lease the building for the duration of the war. Under the plan the building would be remodeled to meet the requirements of a recreation center.

Sewage Plant Discussed.

At the council meeting the officials discussed at considerable length the local projects for improvement of the municipal water plant and construction of a sewage disposal plant.

City Attorney Donald P. Shinn and Councilman Roy Graham reported on the information they obtained on the sewage plant on a recent visit to Indianapolis.

Officials explained that they were enciuraged by the reports which indicated that the sewage disposal project might receive federal approval in the near future.

The matter was discussed in the council caucus.

At the regular meeting of the board of public works and safety a petition for a street light at Twenty-second street and Home avenue was received.

1942_04_21_1_Council acts on USO project

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CAMP WORKER HURT IN CAVE-IN

Edward Young of Bloomington Taken to Local Hospital Following Accident.

Edward Young of Bloomington, one of two workmen on the Camp Atterbury project who were trapped in a 4-foot ditch yesterday by a cave-in, was reported getting along fairly good today at the county hospital here, but his condition is still serious.

Young suffered fractures of the pelvis and a fracture of the back. He was taken to the local hospital after emergency treatment at the camp hospital.

The other workman, Oscar Boruff, near Bloomington, escaped with a bruise on one leg. He did not work today but was to be back on the job tomorrow.

The two men are employed with the Crumley, Jones and Crumley company, which has a subcontract for laying water mains. At the time of the accident the two men were in the ditch together and were caught when part of the top of the bank caved in. Young was crushed about the chest by the weight of the dirt. He was freed by fellow workmen.

Few Accidents, So Far.

The number of accidents reported thus far on the Camp Atterbury project has been relatively small and most of the injury cases have been handled at the temporary emergency hospital in the camp area, which was set up some time ago in the former George Parmerlee residence inside the camp area.

An emergency hospital has been constructed and the staff is planning to move tomorrow from the Parmerlee home into the new building which is located across the road.

The new frame structure is 25 by 84 feet in size and is one-story tall. For the present it will have six beds. The hospital is operated through the insurance companies of the various firms engaged on the camp project.

At the present time the staff consists of Dr. E. R. Beaver, formerly of iCty hospital in Indianapolis, five nurses and two first aid men.

1942_04_21_2_Camp worker hurt in cave-in

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HEARING HELD ON BUS LINE

A hearing on the petition of Arthur Givens of this city to operate a bus line for Camp Atterbury workers was held yesterday before the Public Service Commission at Indianapolis.

It was indicated that a decision on the hearing would be returned within the next two weeks.

Mr. Givens, who operates a local truck line, filed recently for the bus line, which would be operated between Columbus, the Army camp, Franklin, Shelbyville and Hope.

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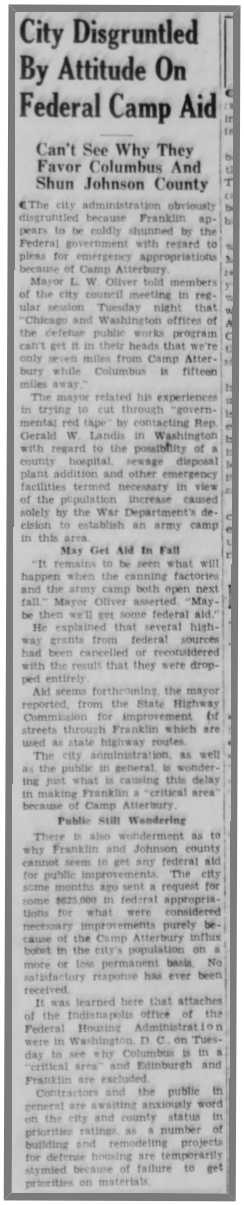

City Disgruntled By Attitude On Federal Camp Aid

Can't See Why They Favor Columbus And Shun Johnson County

The city administration obviously disgruntled because Franklin appears to be coldly shunned by the Federal government with regard to pleas for emergency appropriations because of Camp Atterbury.

Mayor L. W. Oliver told members of the city council meeting in regular session Tuesday night that "Chicago and Washington offices of the defense public works program can't get it in their heads that we're only seven miles from Camp Atterbury while Columbus is fifteen miles away."

The mayor related his experiences in trying to cut through "governmental red tape" by contacting Rep. Gerald W. Landis in Washington with regard to the possibility of a county hospital, sewage disposal plant addition and other emergency facilities termed necessary in view of the population increase caused solely by the War Department's decision to establish an army camp in this area.

May Get Aid In Fall

"It remains to be seen what will happen when the canning factories and the army camp both open next fall," Mayor Oliver asserted. "Maybe then we'll get some federal aid."

He explained that several highway grants from federal sources had been cancelled or reconsidered with the result that they were dropped entirely.

Aid seems forthcoming, the mayor reported, from the State Highway Commission for improvement of streets through Franklin which are used as state highway routes.

The city administration, as well as the public in general, is wondering just what is causing this delay in making Franklin a "critical area" because of Camp Atterbury.

Public Still Wondering

There is also wonderment as to why Franklin and Johnson county cannot seem to get any federal aid for public improvements. The city some months ago sent a request for some $625,000 in federal appropriations for what were considered necessary improvements purely because of the Camp Atterbury influx boost in the city's population on a more or less permanent basis. No satisfactory response has ever been received.

It was learned here that attaches of the Indianapolis office of the Federal Housing Administration were in Washington, D. C., on Tuesday to see why Columbus is in a "critical area" and Edinburgh and Franklin are excluded.

Contractors and the public in general are awaiting anxiously word on the city and county status in priorities ratings, as a number of building and remodeling projects for defense housing are temporarily stymied because of failure to get priorities on materials.

1942_04_22_2_Franklin city disgruntled on federal aid

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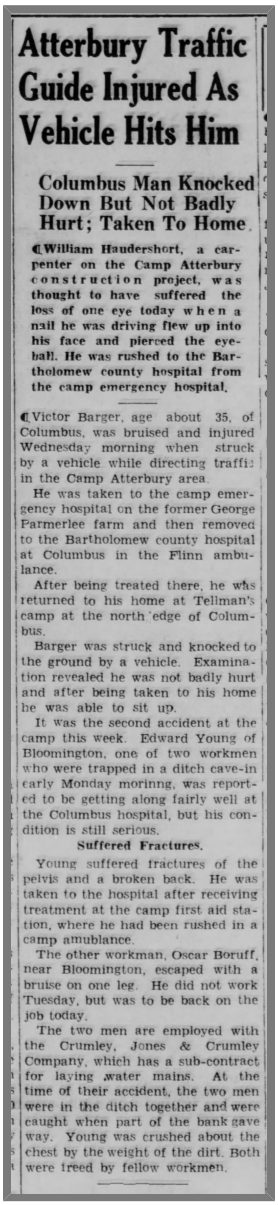

Atterbury Traffic Guide Injured As Vehicle Hits Him

Columbus Man Knocked Down But Not Badly Hurt; Taken To Home

William Haudershort, a carpenter on the Camp Atterbury construction project, was thought to have suffered the loss of one eye today when a nail he was driving flew up into his face and pierced the eyeball. He was rushed to the Bartholomew county hospital from the camp emergency hospital.

Victor Barger, age about 35, of Columbus, was bruised and injured Wednesday morning when struck by a vehicle while directing traffic in the Camp Atterbury area.

He was taken to the camp emergency hospital on the former George Parmerlee farm and then removed to the Bartholomew county hospital at Columbus in the Flinn ambulance.

After being treated there, he was returned to his home at Tellman's camp at the north edge of Columbus.

Barger was struck and knocked to the ground by a vehicle. Examination revealed he was not badly hurt and after being taken to his home he was able to sit up.

It was the second accident at the camp this week. Edward Young of Bloomington, one of two workmen who were trapped in a ditch cave-in early Monday morinng, was reported to be getting along fairly well at the Columbus hospital, but his condition is still serious.

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1942_04_22_3_Injuries at camp

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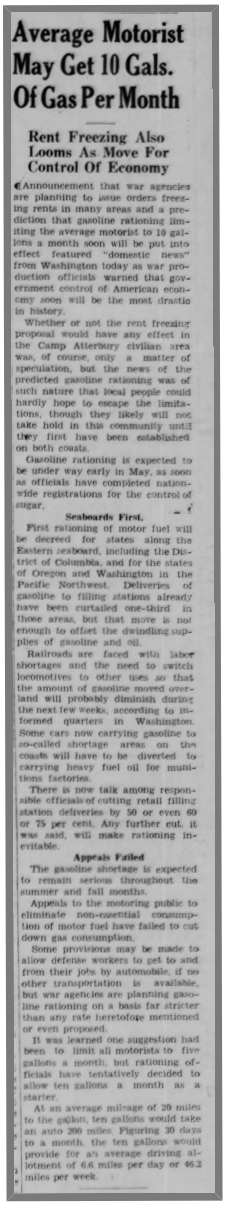

Average Motorist May Get 10 Gals. Of Gas Per Month

Rent Freezing Also Looms As Move For Control Of Economy

Announcement that war agencies are planning to issue orders freezing rents in many areas and a prediction that gasoline rationing limiting the average motorist to 10 gallons a month soon will be put into effect featured "domestic news" from Washington today as war production officials warned that government control of American economy soon will be the most drastic in history.

Whether or not the rent freezing proposal would have any effect in the Camp Atterbury civilian area was, of course, only a matter of speculation, but the news of the predicted gasoline rationing was of such nature that local people could hardly hope to escape the limitations, though they likely will not take hold in this community until they first have been established on both coasts.

Gasoline rationing is expected to be under way early in May, as soon as officials have completed nation-wide registrations for the control of sugar.

Seaboards First.

First rationing of motor fuel will be decreed for states along the Eastern seaboard, including the District of Columbia, and for the states of Oregon and Washington in the Pacific Northwest. Deliveries of gasoline to filling stations already have been curtailed one-third in those areas, but that move is not enough to offset the dwindling supplies of gasoline and oil.

Railroads are faced with labor shortages and the need to switch locomotives to other uses so that the amount of gasoline moved overland will probably diminish during the next few weeks, according to informed quarters in Washington. Some cars now carrying gasoline to so-called shortage areas on the coasts will have to be diverted to carrying heavy fuel oil for munitions factories.

There is now talk among responsible officials of cutting retail filling station deliveries by 50 or even 60 or 75 per cent. Any further cut, it was said, will make rationing inevitable.

Appeals Failed

The gasoline shortage is expected to remain serious throughout the summer and fall months.

Appeals to the motoring public to eliminate non-essential consumption of motor fuel have failed to cut down gas consumption.

Some provisions may be made to allow defense workers to get to and from their jobs by automobile, if no other transportation is available, but war agencies are planning gasoline rationing on a basis far stricter than any rate heretofore mentioned or even proposed.

It was learned one suggestion had been to limit all motorists to five gallons a month, but rationing officials have tentatively decided to allow ten gallons a month as a starter.

At an average mileage of 20 miles to the gallon, ten gallons would take an auto 200 miles. Figuring 30 days to a month, the ten gallons would provide for an average driving allotment of 6.6 miles per day or 46.2 miles per week.

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STATE POLICE WAR ON VICE

Crack Down in Defense Areas—Close Watch Kept on Camp Atterbury.

State police, at the urgent request of the War department, are daily making sweeping raids on houses of prostitution in defense plant areas and near Army camps and it is reported that more men will be added to the Seymour district next month to help police the Camp Atterbury area.

The War department recently urged Governor Schricker to clean up "red light" districts by using state police vice squads.

No vice raids by state police have been reported recently in the Camp Atterbury area, but a number of motorists have been arrested for traffic violations near the entrance to the Army camp north of Edinburg. A police car is stationed at the Roads 31-252 junction during the camp rush hours and Road 31 is kept under constant patrol.

The Dunes park region on Lake Michigan, described by police as the "worst spot in the state" has suffered ceaseless raiding recently, and at Clinton, where houses have mushroomed along with the growth of the Wabash river Ordnance plant, state police made a raid Saturday night.

The Calumet area also has been raided by state troopers while at Terre Haute, Fort Wayne and other large cities, local police have taken the initiative at the request of Army or Navy officials.

Police officials said some of the prostitutes have been migrating in trailers along with the influx of workers, moving from one army camp or defense plant to another.

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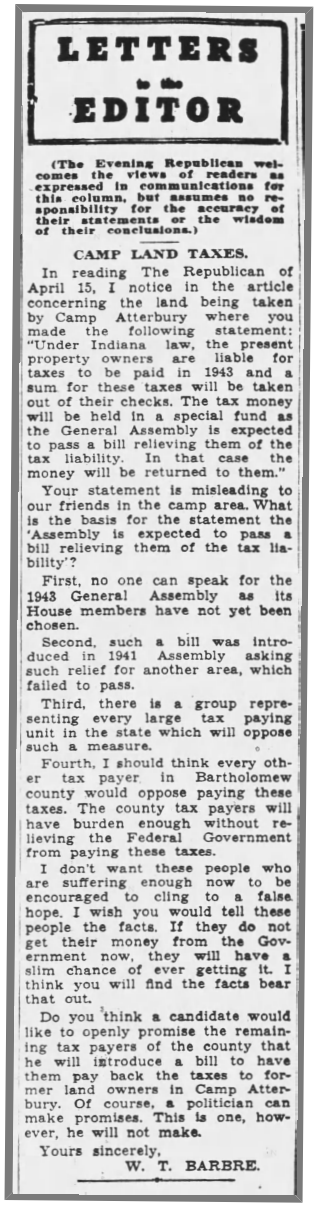

LETTERS to the EDITOR

(The Evening Republican welcomes the views of readers as expressed in communications for this column, but assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of their statements or the wisdom of their conclusions.)

CAMP LAND TAXES.

In reading The Republican of April 15, I notice in the article concerning the land being taken by Camp Atterbury where you made the following statement: "Under Indiana law, the present property owners are liable for taxes to be paid in 1943 and a sum for these taxes will be taken out of their checks. The tax money will be held in a special fund as the General Assembly is expected to pass a bill relieving them of the tax liability. In that case the money will be returned to them."

Your statement is misleading to our friends in the camp area. What is the basis for the statement the 'Assembly is expected to pass a bill relieving them of the tax liability'?

First, no one can speak for the 1943 General Assembly as its House members have not yet been chosen.

Second, such a bill was introduced in 1941 Assembly asking such relief for another area, which failed to pass.

Third, there is a group representing every large tax paying unit in the state which will oppose such a measure.

Fourth, I should think every other tax payer in Bartholomew county would oppose paying these taxes. The county tax payers will have burden enough without relieving the Federal Government from paying these taxes.

I don't want these people who are suffering enough now to be encouraged to cling to a false hope. I wish you would tell these people the facts. If they do not get their money from the Government now, they will have a slim chance of ever getting it. I think you will find the facts bear that out.

Do you think a candidate would like to openly promise the remaining tax payers of the county that he will introduce a bill to have them pay back the taxes to former land owners in Camp Atterbury. Of course, a politician can make promises. This is one, however, he will not make.

Yours sincerely,
W. T. BARBRE.

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MORE MOVE OUT OF CAMP AREA

Other Families Find New Homes in County and Elsewhere.

Reports on other families who have moved or have found new homes to which they will move from the Camp Atterbury area have been received.

Many of the farmers have moved part of their livestock to new locations and are practically living in two places at the present time, the old home and the new.

Moving into the city is a bad enough job, but when you have hay, horses, cows, chickens, tractors and other farm machinery to move beside personal belongings and furniture the task becomes one of several days to several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coy, who have had a front row seat watching the camp's sewage disposal plant go up across the road from their present home, have purchased a farm in Rush county, but will not receive possession until next fall. The farm is 10 miles northwest of Rushville.

Tries to Duplicate Farm.

Mr. Coy, who is president of Nineveh Township Farm bureau, said the farm is as near like the one they own in Nineveh township as he could find. Mrs. Coy was born in their present residence and both have spent all their life in that community.

They have lost all their closer neighbors as the neighbors' land was included in that condemned last Jan. 28.

The Robert Lain family moved over the weekend from their farm to Edinburg.

The Homer Campbell family has moved to a residence on South Walnut street in the Cuba addition at Edinburg.

The family of James Parrish also has left its home in the camp area and moved to the southwestern part of Bartholomew county.

Nevilles to Franklin.

The Frank Neville family has relocated north of Franklin, while the Lora Coy family has gone to north of Edinburg.

Roscoe Stillabower is planning to move soon to Shelby county.

The James Duncan family has moved from its residence inside the camp's boundaries to Indianapolis and the Ira Sparks family has gone to Spencer.

The Elmer Royce family of three is moving to German township and the new address will be Edinburg route 4. They formerly lived on Nineveh route 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hickey moved from their residence on the Mauxferry road to Edinburg some time ago and their former home is being rented to workers on the Army camp who are from North Carolina.

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Survey Shows Companies 19,500 Employment Peak

In an effort to forestall a possible acute housing problem in connection with Camp Atterbury construction, the Columbus district office of the Indiana state board of health has completed an employment survey, which shows that the camp companies expect to employ a total of approximately 19,500 workers at their peak.

This peak, which is expected around June 15, may bring in as many as 17,000 persons, including workers and their families, in the next two months, in addition to those already in the area.

The influx is expected to pick up rapidly and it is believed many of those coming in from now on will want sleeping rooms, whereas the majority of the inquiries in Columbus to date have been for apartments and houses, owing to the fact that many of these people have been permanent employes of the companies, including office workers and superintendents, and have had their families with them. Others will bring in families, too, but the percentage is not expected to run as high.

First Comprehensive Study.

The survey just completed is the first comprehensive study made of the employment picture and the estimates given are dependent on several factors, including the weather, the labor supply and arrival of materials.

The employment is expected to taper off rather rapidly in August, if the companies meet their deadlines, but it is believed that the "boom" in towns in the area will hold up, as civilian workers connected with the permanent camp establishment will start moving in. These workers together with wives and families of the Army officers are expected to total several thousand. By October it is conservatively estimated that this "permament" influx will total between 6,000 and 8,000 people.

The survey of employment expectations was made by the district health officials with the aid of the office of Captain W. S. Arrasmith, area engineer, and its objective was to obtain a perspective of the future demand for housing accommodations.

Part Columbus Will Play.

Dr. John D. Winebrenner, head of the district health office, pointed out that since the main flow of labor into the construction of Camp Atterbury was known to be pending the question as to how rapidly the demand would grow is necessarily of interest to everyone in the community.

He called attention to the part Columbus will be called upon to play in handling the influx and declared the obligation of the community to meet the needs of the construction workers is as much a part of the war effort as the production of weapons or the fighting on Bataan.

Charts of the estimated employ-

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SURVEY SHOWS PEAK OF 19,500 WORKERS

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ment have been made and they show the following anticipated employment between now and the first of August, when the camp is slated to be completed:

May 1—8,500 men employed.
May 15—12,200 men employed.
June 1—16,000 men employed.
June 15—19,500 men employed.

Major Load May-July.

The major load of employment is expected in a period roughly between May 5 and the latter part of July.

In explaining the survey, Dr. Winebrenner described what the influx meant to the community of Columbus as well as to Edinburg, Franklin, and other towns in the camp area.

He estimated that Bartholomew and Johnson counties can satisfactorily care for 4,500 more persons without overtaxing sanitation and other facilities. Neighboring towns such as Greensburg, Shelbyville and Martinsville also will be called upon to provide housing for workers, as well as smaller towns in the area.

It is believed that a large number of workers can be housed in Indianapolis, but there is the problem of transportation. It is possible that special trains will be put into service to carry the workers back and forth to the camp, but this would serve only a limited number. At the same time it will be practical for only a certain number to drive their cars on Road 31 to the camp, owing to the heavy traffic already on the road.

Problems Expected.

At the present time between 5,000 and 6,000 workers are engaged on the camp project and approximately 30 percent of these workers are natives of the camp area.

The influx, which already is making itself felt in Edinburg, Franklin and Columbus, will bring a number of problems owing to congestion.

These include:

1. Traffic congestion resulting in increased accidents and injuries.
2. The problem of moving in enough food to care for the workers and the task of providing adequate restaurant accommodations.
3. Danger of contagious disease through overcrowding and improper arrangements in sleeping rooms, such as "flop" houses, where beds are rented by the hour.
4. Increase in crime and vice.
5. Recreational demands, including theaters, pool halls, bowling alleys, skating rinks and the like.
6. Demand on utilities, including electricity, water and sewage.

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ALL CAMP AREA IN NEGOTIATION

Majority of Owners Now Contacted—Condemnation Suit Expected Soon.

Negotiations for acquisition of the entire Camp Atterbury area, except that already under condemnation, have been opened and persons from any part of the area may call at the armory to discuss negotiations, Joseph W. Springer, chief negotiator, said today.

The people who live in the area still to be taken for the camp do not know just when they will be required to move, but indications are that a condemnation suit will be filed against the entire camp area within the near future and at that time a date for evacuation of residents will be set by Federal Judge Robert Baltzell.

The tracts of owners who sign options will be removed from the condemnation suit, but the time limit set by Judge Baltzell will apply to them as well as to those who have not signed.

As the majority of the landowners in the 36,600-acre camp area have now been contacted, three of the negotiators who have been engaged with the land acquisition department here have been transferred to Terre Haute.

They are Wallace Harman of Dixon, Ky., M. McFall, Jr., of Clarksville, Tenn., and Barrett E. Brown of Hopkinsville, Ky.

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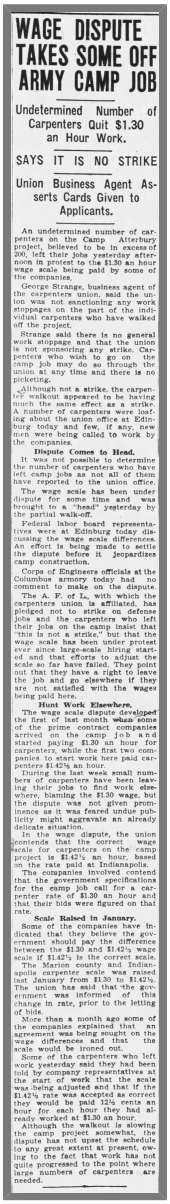

WAGE DISPUTE TAKES SOME OFF ARMY CAMP JOB

Undetermined Number of Carpenters Quit $1.30 an Hour Work.

SAYS IT IS NO STRIKE

Union Business Agent Asserts Cards Given to Applicants.

An undetermined number of carpenters on the Camp Atterbury project, believed to be in excess of 200, left their jobs yesterday afternoon in protest to the $1.30 an hour wage scale being paid by some of the companies.

George Strange, business agent of the carpenters union, said the union was not sanctioning any work stoppages on the part of the individual carpenters who have walked off the project.

Strange said there is no general work stoppage and that the union is not sponsoring any strike. Carpenters who wish to go on the camp job may do so through the union at any time and there is no picketing.

Although not a strike, the carpenter walkout appeared to be having much the same effect as a strike. A number of carpenters were loafing about the union office at Edinburg today and few, if any, new men were being called to work by the companies.

Dispute Comes to Head.

It was not possible to determine the number of carpenters who have left camp jobs as not all of them have reported to the union office.

The wage scale has been under dispute for some time and was brought to a "head" yesterday by the partial walk-off.

Federal labor board representatives were at Edinburg today discussing the wage scale differences. An effort is being made to settle the dispute before it jeopardizes camp construction.

Corps of Engineers officials at the Columbus armory today had no comment to make on the dispute.

The A. F. of L., with which the carpenters union is affiliated, has pledged not to strike on defense jobs and the carpenters who left their jobs on the camp insist that "this is not a strike," but that the wage scale has been under protest ever since large-scale hiring started and that efforts to adjust the scale so far have failed. They point out that they have a right to leave the job and go elsewhere if they are not satisfied with the wages being paid here.

Hunt Work Elsewhere.

The wage scale dispute developed the first of last month when some of the prime contract companies arrived on the camp job and started paying $1.30 an hour for carpenters, while the first two companies to start work here paid carpenters $1.42½ an hour.

During the last week small numbers of carpenters have been leaving their jobs to find work elsewhere, blaming the $1.30 wage, but the dispute was not given prominence as it was feared undue publicity might aggravate an already delicate situation.

In the wage dispute, the union contends that the correct wage scale for carpenters on the camp project is $1.42½ an hour, based on the rate paid at Indianapolis.

The companies involved contend that the government specifications for the camp job call for a carpenter rate of $1.30 an hour and that their bids were figured on that rate.

Scale Raised in January.

Some of the companies have indicated that they believe the government should pay the difference between the $1.30 and $1.42½ wage scale if $1.42½ is the correct scale.

The Marion county and Indianapolis carpenter scale was raised last January from $1.30 to $1.42½. The union has said that the government was informed of this change in rate, prior to the letting of bids.

More than a month ago some of the companies explained that an agreement was being sought on the wage differences and that the scale would be ironed out.

Some of the carpenters who left work yesterday said they had been told by company representatives at the start of work that the scale was being adjusted and that if the $1.42½ rate was accepted as correct they would be paid 12½ cents an hour for each hour they had already worked at $1.30 an hour.

Although the walkout is slowing the camp project somewhat, the dispute has not upset the schedule to any great extent at present, owing to the fact that work has not quite progressed to the point where large numbers of carpenters are needed.

1942_04_23_4_Wage dispute takes some carpenters off the job

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Franklin Frets at Red Tape, Wants Priorities

Franklin officials are protesting because they have encountered so much red tape in trying to get federal aid for city projects in connection with Camp Atterbury.

Mayor I. W. Oliver told members of the Franklin city council this week that "Chicago and Washington offices of the defense public works program can't get it in their heads that we're only seven miles from Camp Atterbury while Columbus is 15 miles away."

The mayor related his experiences in trying to cut through "governmental red tape" by contacting Rep. Gerald W. Landis in Washington with regard to the possibility of a county hospital, sewage disposal plant addition and other emergency facilities termed necessary in view of the population increase caused solely by the War department's decision to establish an army camp in this area.

May Get Aid in Fall.

"It remains to be seen what will happen when the canning factories and the army camp both open next fall," Mayor Oliver asserted. "Maybe then we'll get some federal aid."

He explained that several highway grants from federal sources had been cancelled or reconsidered with the result that they were dropped entirely.

Aid seems forthcoming, the mayor reported, from the State Highway commission for improvement of streets through Franklin which are used as state highway routes.

Need Priority Ratings.

Franklin also is wondering why that city has not been declared a "critical area."

The Franklin Star reported yesterday that it was learned that members of the Indianapolis office of the Federal Housing Administration were in Washington Tuesday to see why Columbus is in a critical area and Edinburg and Franklin are not.

The Star reports Franklin contractors and private builders who wish to expand properties to meet housing needs are stymied by failure to get priority ratings.

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MEDICAL FORMS BEING SENT OUT

First Military Questionnaires Received Here by Doctors, Dentists, Veterinarians.

Local doctors, dentists and veterinarians are beginning to receive military questionnaires being sent out by the new Office of Procurement and Assignment.

The questionnaires will be used for calling the professional men into military service under a voluntary plan.

The questionnaires include questions on dependents, previous military experience, desired branch of service, experience in special phases of medicine and other data which might be needed in obtaining medical men for the war services.

At the present time few doctors are being taken through regular draft channels and War department officials have declared that it will be necessary to set up some plan for obtaining the doctors, dentists and veterinarians needed for the nation's expanded military forces.

Some medical men have warned that if the nation raises an armed force of 10,000,000 men many communities in the country will be stripped of all but the older doctors and dentists.

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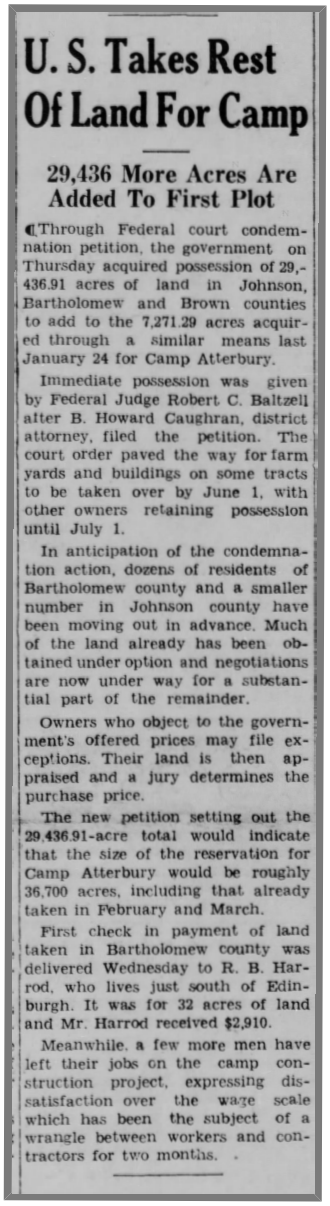

U. S. Takes Rest Of Land For Camp

29,436 More Acres Are Added To First Plot

Through Federal court condemnation petition, the government on Thursday acquired possession of 29,436.91 acres of land in Johnson, Bartholomew and Brown counties to add to the 7,271.29 acres acquired through a similar means last January 24 for Camp Atterbury.

Immediate possession was given by Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell after B. Howard Caughran, district attorney, filed the petition. The court order paved the way for farm yards and buildings on some tracts to be taken over by June 1, with other owners retaining possession until July 1.

In anticipation of the condemnation action, dozens of residents of Bartholomew county and a smaller number in Johnson county have been moving out in advance. Much of the land already has been obtained under option and negotiations are now under way for a substantial part of the remainder.

Owners who object to the government's offered prices may file exceptions. Their land is then appraised and a jury determines the purchase price.

The new petition setting out the 29,436.91-acre total would indicate that the size of the reservation for Camp Atterbury would be roughly 36,700 acres, including that already taken in February and March.

First check in payment of land taken in Bartholomew county was delivered Wednesday to R. B. Harrod, who lives just south of Edinburgh. It was for 32 acres of land and Mr. Harrod received $2,910.

Meanwhile, a few more men have left their jobs on the camp construction project, expressing dissatisfaction over the wage scale which has been the subject of a wrangle between workers and contractors for two months.

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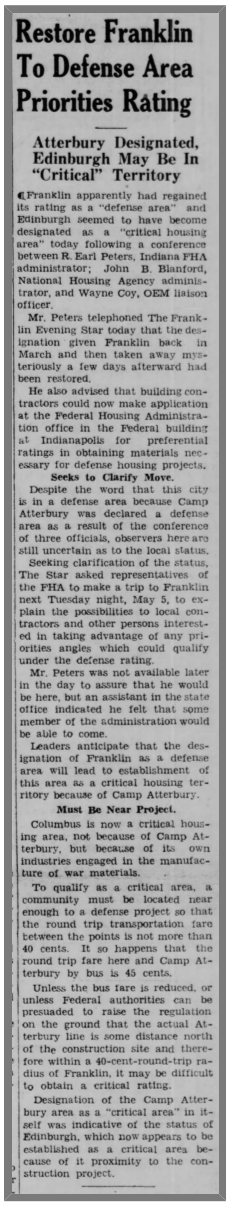

Restore Franklin To Defense Area Priorities Rating

Atterbury Designated, Edinburgh May Be In "Critical" Territory

Franklin apparently had regained its rating as a "defense area" and Edinburgh seemed to have become designated as a "critical housing area" today following a conference between R. Earl Peters, Indiana FHA administrator; John B. Blanford, National Housing Agency administrator, and Wayne Coy, OEM liaison officer.

Mr. Peters telephoned The Franklin Evening Star today that the designation given Franklin back in March and then taken away mysteriously a few days afterward had been restored.

He also advised that building contractors could now make application at the Federal Housing Administration office in the Federal building at Indianapolis for preferential ratings in obtaining materials necessary for defense housing projects.

Seeks to Clarify Move.

Despite the word that this city is in a defense area because Camp Atterbury was declared a defense area as a result of the conference of three officials, observers here are still uncertain as to the local status.

Seeking clarification of the status, The Star asked representatives of the FHA to make a trip to Franklin next Tuesday night, May 5, to explain the possibilities to local contractors and other persons interested in taking advantage of any priorities angles which could qualify under the defense rating.

Mr. Peters was not available later in the day to assure that he would be here, but an assistant in the state office indicated he felt that some member of the administration would be able to come.

Leaders anticipate that the designation of Franklin as a defense area will lead to establishment of this area as a critical housing territory because of Camp Atterbury.

Must Be Near Project.

Columbus is now a critical housing area, not because of Camp Atterbury, but because of its own industries engaged in the manufacture of war materials.

To qualify as a critical area, a community must be located near enough to a defense project so that the round trip transportation fare between the points is not more than 40 cents. It so happens that the round trip fare here and Camp Atterbury by bus is 45 cents.

Unless the bus fare is reduced, or unless Federal authorities can be presuaded to raise the regulation on the ground that the actual Atterbury line is some distance north of the construction site and therefore within a 40-cent-round-trip radius of Franklin, it may be difficult to obtain a critical rating.

Designation of the Camp Atterbury area as a "critical area" in itself was indicative of the status of Edinburgh, which now appears to be established as a critical area because of it proximity to the construction project.

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One Union Twp. School Closes for Keeps Today

Precinct to Be No More—Only 35 Pupils to Be Left.

Today was the last day of school in Union township and the last day for one of the Union township schools, at least in its present location, which is inside the Camp Atterbury boundaries.

Today also was the last that more than half the students will attend a Union township school, although there are only eight in the eighth grade graduating class. Two-thirds of Union township lies in the area condemned Thursday for Camp Atterbury.

It is estimated that next year there will be about 35 children of grade school in what will be left of the township.

This noon all grade school children in the township, approximately 75 in number, met at the 2-room frame Precinct school, which is inside the camp area, for the final day dinner and program this afternoon.

Commencement at St. John's.

Commencement exercises for the eight eighth grade graduates will be held tonight at St. John's church, with Dr. T. K. Smith of Columbus, as the principal speaker.

There are two schools in Union township. These schools are the 2-room Precinct school and the 1-room Lowell school. The Precinct school is inside the camp boundaries, while the Lowell school is on the outside.

The first six grades attend the Precinct school and the sixth, seventh, and eighth go to Lowell where the teacher is W. F. Rogers.

The first, second and third grades at Precinct are taught by Miss Ruth Ritz, while the three higher grades are taught by Murrell Deckard. None of the teachers lives in the camp area, but Mr. Deckard will have to move as the farm on which he lives has been purchased by Mr. and Mrs. William Ott, who will move there from their present land which is inside the camp area.

Four in Camp Area.

Four of the eighth grade graduates live inside the camp area and will be leaving the township before July 1. They are Oren Christopher, Nona Knapp, George O'Bannon and Elsie Cochram.

The others are Owen Lee Stillabower, Lyle Carmichael, Max Taylor and Charles Marvin. Owen Stillabower lived in the camp area, but his mother and family have moved across the road and out of the camp area, although still in Union township. The parents of Elsie Cochram, Mr. and Mrs. James Cochram, have moved into Edinburg.

A ninth girl who would have graduated from Lowell school tonight is Lucille Boilanger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adonis Boilanger. The Boilanger family moved from the camp area recently to a farm near Mt. Auburn and their daughter graduated from the Mt. Auburn school Wednesday night. Her two girl classmates, Elsie Cochram and Nona Knapp, and the Lowell teacher and wife attended the commencement exercises.

Lucille planned to attend the last day activities at Precinct today and the commencement at ed the church tonight. She had always gone to school in Union township prior to moving to near Mt. Auburn.

There are three schools in Nineveh township, two of which are in the camp area. They will close next week.

As yet, residents of the parts of Union and Nineveh townships which are left out of the camp area have not made up their minds what they want to do about their existence as to township units. However, a large number of the Union township residents want to remain as an independent unit or possibly join with what is left of Nineveh, making one township. Several Nineveh residents are in favor of the remnant of that township joining German township.

1942_05_01_3_One Union Twp closes for good

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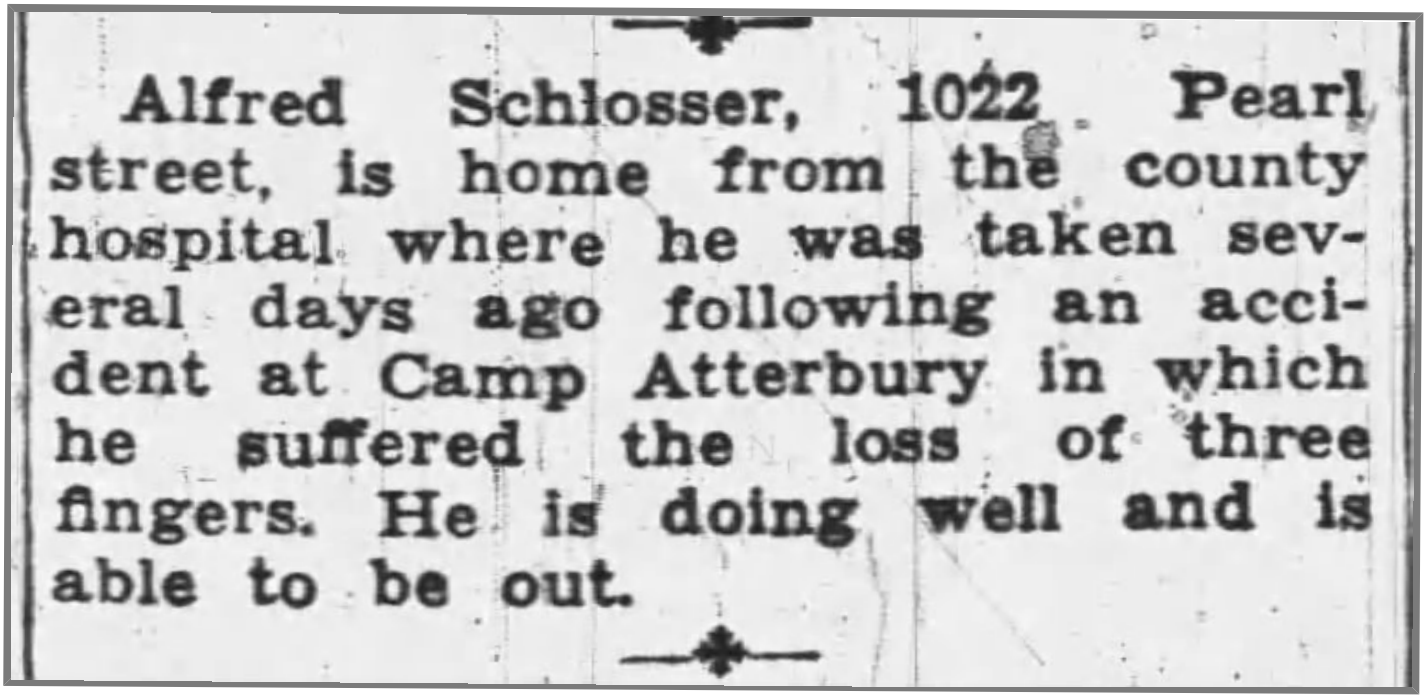

Alfred Schlosser, 1022 Pearl street, is home from the county hospital where he was taken several days ago following an accident at Camp Atterbury in which he suffered the loss of three fingers. He is doing well and is able to be out.

1942_05_01_4_worker loses three fingers

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Army Takes 25,000 Acres Here by Condemnation

Approximately 25,000 more acres of Bartholomew county were in the possession of the War department today, following the filing of a petition for condemnation of the land in federal district court at Indianapolis yesterday.

Residents on some 20 tracts must vacate their homes by June 1, while the other residents will retain possession until July 1.

The suit included 29,436.91 acres of land in Bartholomew, Brown and Johnson counties for completion of the Camp Atterbury project.

Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell ordered immediate possession of the land after B. Howard Caughran, district attorney, filed the condemnation petition.

Two Deadlines Fixed.

Under the order, although the government is given possession of land immediately, the residents do not have to leave their homes until the June 1 and July 1 deadlines.

More than 7,200 acres, the site of the camp buildings, were acquired by the War department last January in a similar suit.

The residents of the camp area who must leave by June 1 are in a strip of land bounded by the Kansas road on the north and extending about one mile south, bounded on the east by the Mauxferry road and on the west by the Paul Johnson road.

In addition, a strip of land on the Taylorsville road is included in the June 1 order.

Tracts in the Kansas area which must be vacated by June 1 are those of William D. Wells, Euna E. Hartman, Ival Stillabower, Addison S. and Ruby MaGaw, Clara McGaw, James R. Garrison, William P. Records heirs and Elmer and Dora Records.

One of the James R. Garrison tracts included extends north of the Kansas road. The others are on the south side of the road.

The strip on the Taylorsville road which must be vacated by June 1 includes tracts of Marvin VonFange, Guy Bevis, Addie Hargis and John W. Bevis.

Residents of these tracts now have 30 days in which to move their possessions. Some of them at last reports still had not found new homes, although they have known for some time that their land was included in the proposed camp area.

Others Get 60 Days.

Residents of the rest of the area taken by the War department have 60 days in which to leave.

People in the area have been waiting for the condemnation suit for some time. Many of them already have signed options for sale of their land to the War department, but they did not know until the federal judge's action yesterday when they would be asked to move.

A large number of the residents of Nineveh township already have moved from their homes, but in Union township there are a correspondingly large number of

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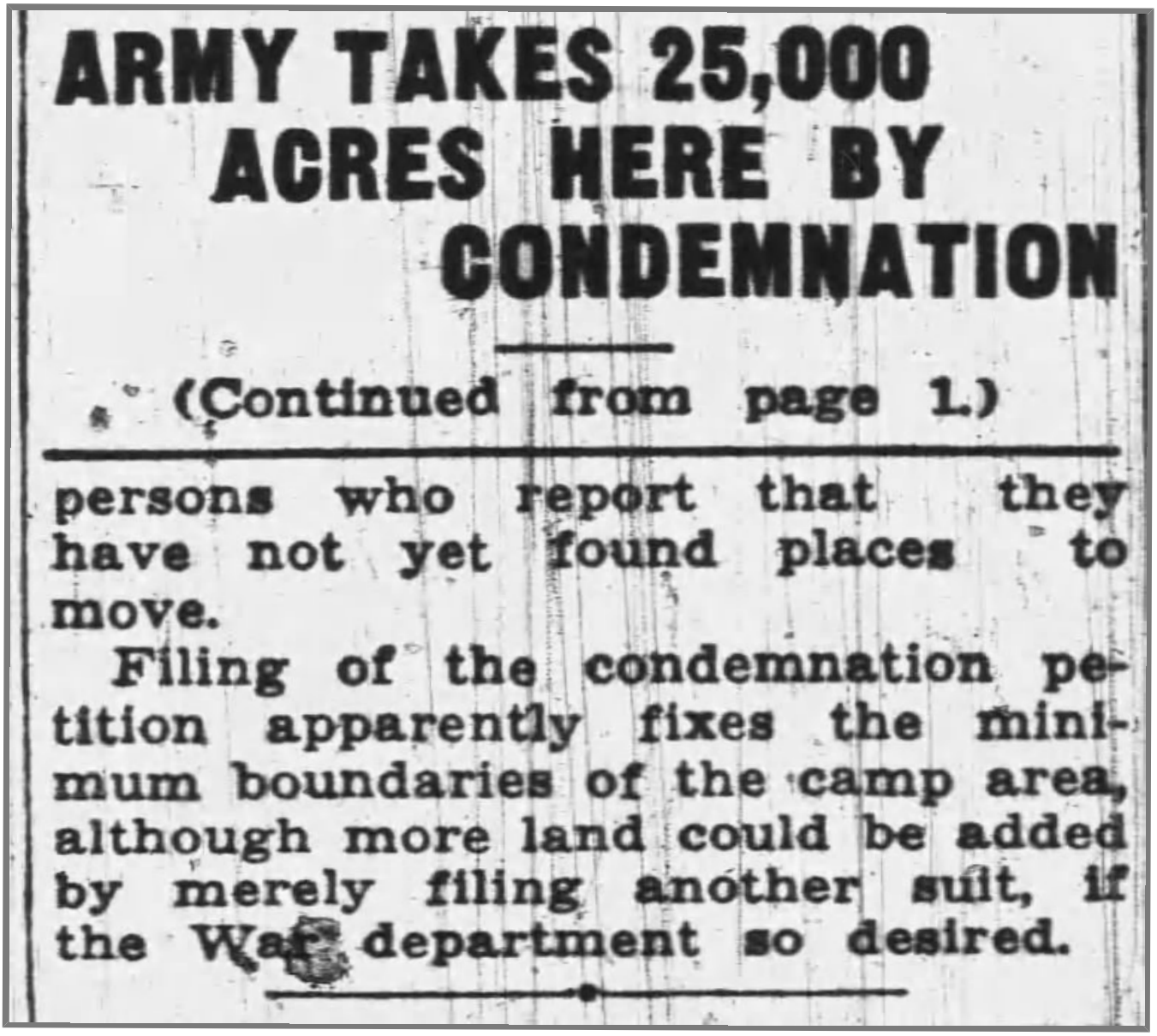

ARMY TAKES 25,000 ACRES HERE BY CONDEMNATION

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persons who report that they have not yet found places to move.

Filing of the condemnation petition apparently fixes the minimum boundaries of the camp area, although more land could be added by merely filing another suit, if the War department so desired.

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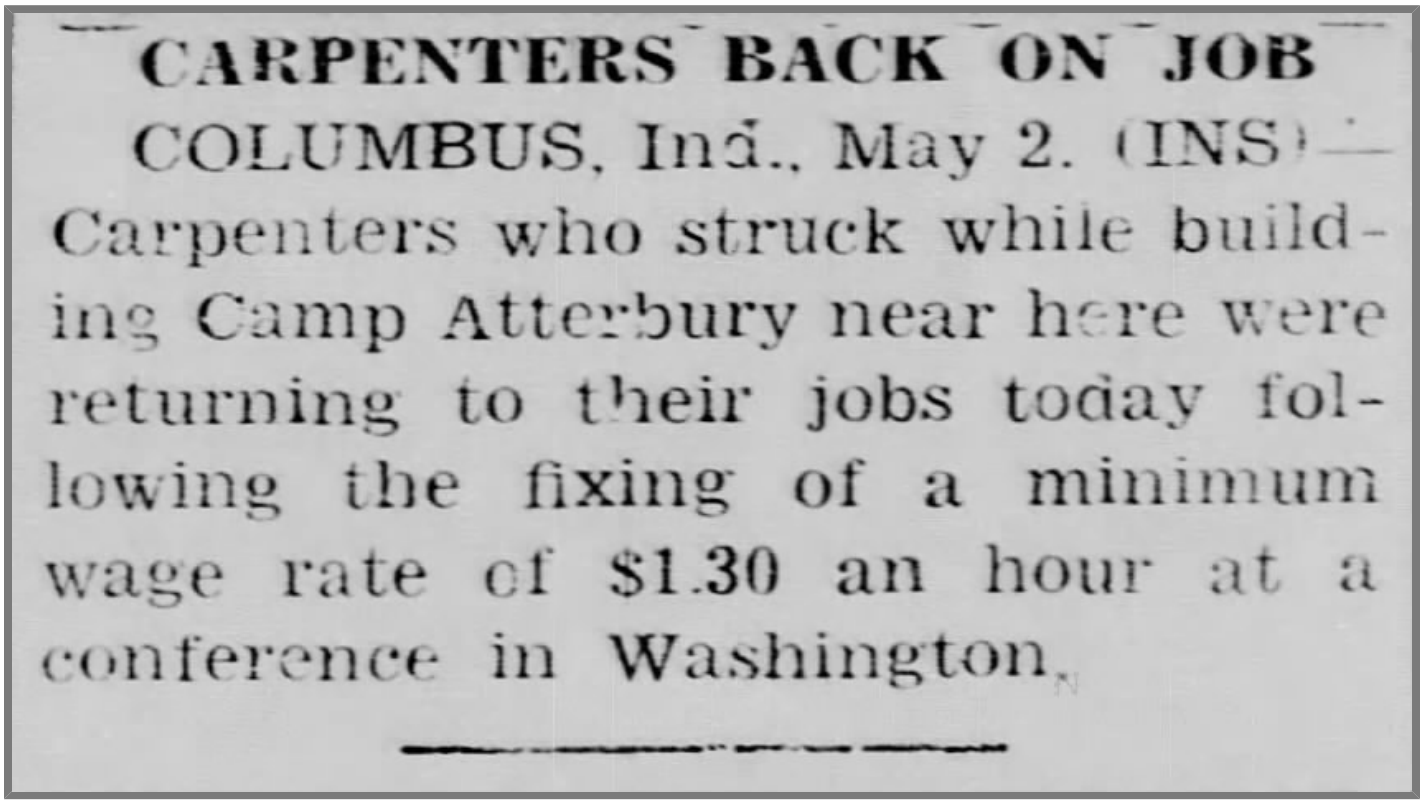

CARPENTERS BACK ON JOB

COLUMBUS, Ind., May 2. (INS)— Carpenters who struck while building Camp Atterbury near here were returning to their jobs today following the fixing of a minimum wage rate of $1.30 an hour at a conference in Washington.

1942_05_02_1_Carpenters back on job at $1.30 per hour

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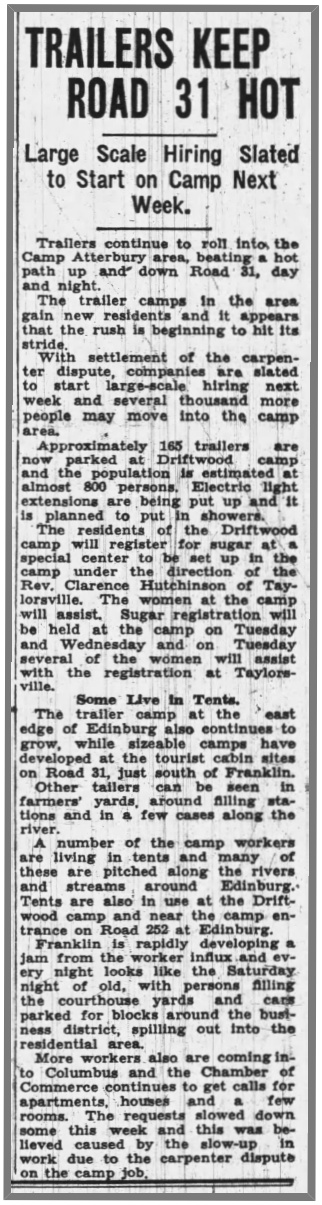

TRAILERS KEEP ROAD 31 HOT

Large Scale Hiring Slated to Start on Camp Next Week.

Trailers continue to roll into the Camp Atterbury area, beating a hot path up and down Road 31, day and night.

The trailer camps in the area gain new residents and it appears that the rush is beginning to hit its stride.

With settlement of the carpenter dispute, companies are slated to start large-scale hiring next week and several thousand more people may move into the camp area.

Approximately 165 trailers are now parked at Driftwood camp and the population is estimated at almost 800 persons. Electric light extensions are being put up and it is planned to put in showers.

The residents of the Driftwood camp will register for sugar at a special center to be set up in the camp under the direction of the Rev. Clarence Hutchinson of Taylorsville. The women at the camp will assist. Sugar registration will be held at the camp on Tuesday and Wednesday and on Tuesday several of the women will assist with the registration at Taylorsville.

Some Live in Tents.

The trailer camp at the east edge of Edinburg also continues to grow, while sizeable camps have developed at the tourist cabin sites on Road 31, just south of Franklin.

Other tailers can be seen in farmers' yards, around filling stations and in a few cases along the river.

A number of the camp workers are living in tents and many of these are pitched along the rivers and streams around Edinburg. Tents are also in use at the Driftwood camp and near the camp entrance on Road 252 at Edinburg.

Franklin is rapidly developing a jam from the worker influx and every night looks like the Saturday night of old, with persons filling the courthouse yards and cars parked for blocks around the business district, spilling out into the residential area.

More workers also are coming into Columbus and the Chamber of Commerce continues to get calls for apartments, houses and a few rooms. The requests slowed down some this week and this was believed caused by the slow-up in work due to the carpenter dispute on the camp job.

1942_05_02_3_Trailers keep Road 31 Hot

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VAL ULREY, 85, KANSAS, DIES

Resident of Village in Camp Area 78 Years Dead.

Vallencourt Ulrey will not have to move away from his home and smithy in Kansas town, after all.

The 85-year-old blacksmith died peacefully at 3 o'clock this morning in the village which had been his home for 78 years. A few weeks more, and he would have had to leave it and try to get used to some other community. And that was an idea Val Ulrey, as he was called by his neighbors, never could quite grasp.

He knew that an army camp would engulf the village and that people said he would have to go away, but before he ever fully comprehended just what that meant, his health failed and his mind became a little confused. So it was that Val Ulrey never quite grasped the fact that he would have to leave what had come to be the center of the universe to him.

Funeral services had not been arranged this morning, but friends may learn them by getting in touch with the Mutz funeral home in Edinburg.

Cemetery to Go, Too.

Where the burial will be was another question, for the Kansas cemetery near the Ulrey home may be moved soon, as it, too, is in the camp area.

Mr. Ulrey was born Feb. 14, 1857, in Jefferson county, the son of Dr. D. S. and Nancy Roseberry Ulrey. The family moved to Kansas when Val was a child of seven, and he spent the rest of his life there.

He married Miss Margaret Ann Bevis on March 4, 1878. She died in 1917, early in the first World war, as her husband died early in the second.

Mr. Ulrey was a member of the Masons at Nineveh and of the Lutheran church.

He is survived by a son, Dillard, who lives next door at Kansas; two daughters, Mrs. Mabel Waltz of Edinburg, and Mrs. Ida Royse of El Reno, Okla.; five grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Alveretta Sutton.

1942_05_02_3_Val Ulrey dies in Kansas

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Builder Finds Wooden Tire Runs O. K. at 55

Marshal Smith Carries His As Spare 'Good for 2,000 Miles.'

Pictured herewith is one Columbus man's solution of the rubber shortage—to use something else for rubber.

It is a wooden tire built by Marshall Smith, 2203 Cherry street, and already tested at speeds up to 55 miles an hour.

No, it's not better than a rubber tire. But it's better than nothing. It's good enough, in fact, that Mr. Smith is carrying it for a spare. He figures he can easily get back on it as far as he's likely to go.

Mr. Smith designed the tire himself, had a draftsman make the blue prints, and Sidney Swim turn out the wooden blocks. This took two and one-half days. Mr. Smith then assembled the blocks and locked them on a wheel.

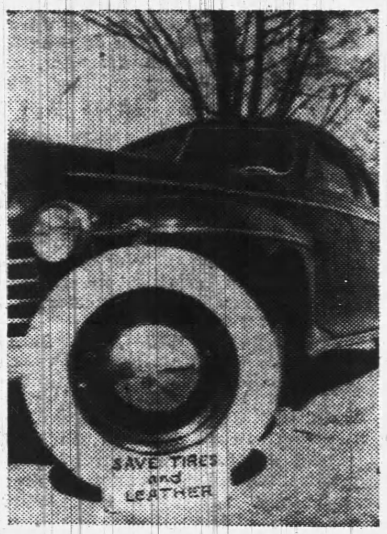
Noisy, But Not Bad.

He admits that he did the job largely as a hobby, but hobby or not, he has a tire that he believes has a couple of thousand miles in it and is safer than many of the second-hand rubber tires which have been on the market.

Of course, it's noisy, but not as noisy as you'd think, says Mr. Smith. It has some vibration, which is noticed chiefly as a rumble from the rear of the car, but not as much vibration as one would expect, especially when run faster than 20 miles an hour.

Mr. Smith hasn't tried it on dirt roads as yet, but believes it would ride better on such surfaces than on paving.

Now for the construction, which will not be too easy to describe.



The blocks, 27 of them, are shaped to fit down into the rim, then taper a little to the surface which meets the road.

Strung on Steel Hoops.

They are wedge shape, as may be seen from the picture, and every block is fastened to those on each side with dowell pins. This is to keep them from slipping sidewise.

The blocks are strung on two steel hoops which run through holes bored in the base, and then tightened with turn buckles. They are made of oak and cut so that the end of the grain meets the road.

It's quite a job to make just one such tire, Mr. Smith says, but if the need for such tires became imperative, they could be turned out quickly and cheaply by production methods.

1942_05_02_4_Wooden tire runs fine at 55 mph

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MORE LAND IS DEEDED TO U. S.

275 Acres in Atterbury Area Bring Aggregate of $31,700.

Edinburg, May 4.—More land has been deeded to the United States government by farmers in the Camp Atterbury area and includes 275 acres for which approximately $31,700 was paid.

The largest tract listed is that of Mrs. Nellie Irene Henderson, a relative of Wayne Coy, whose 70 acres located in Nineveh township brought her a check for $9,000, representing almost $130 an acre.

Charles Bills' 50.15 acres a mile away on the Mauxferry road in Blue river township brought $3,470.

Mrs. Maggie Warder received $4,667 in payment for 47.95 acres one mile and a half east of Nineveh on Road 252. Near her place Clarence P. Hardin sold his 40-acre tract, including an attractive bungalow built a few years ago for $6,500.

Isaac Burkhart received $2,300 for his 23.94 acres in Blue River township.

Charles E. McCammon was paid $2,662 for 20.4 acres on the Mauxferry road south of Pisgah. The smallest tract, 20 acres in Blue River township, netted its owner, Alice Bay, $3,249.

Most of the families living in the Johnson county portion of the camp have vacated and those remaining probably will all be out by the first of June or not later than July.

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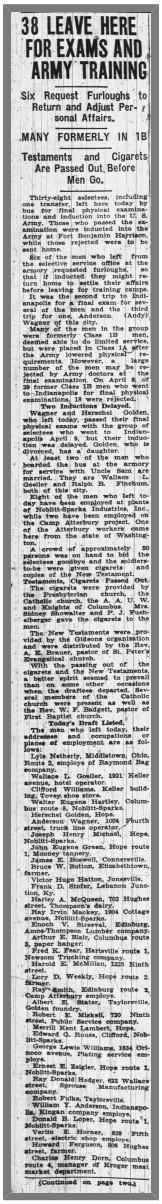

38 LEAVE HERE FOR EXAMS AND ARMY TRAINING

Six Request Furloughs to Return and Adjust Personal Affairs.

MANY FORMERLY IN 1B

Testaments and Cigarets Are Passed Out Before Men Go.

Thirty-eight selectees, including one transfer, left here today by bus for final physical examinations and induction into the U. S. Army. Those who passed the examination were inducted into the Army at Fort Benjamin Harrison, while those rejected were to be sent home.

Six of the men who left from the selective service office at the armory requested furloughs, so if inducted they might return home to settle their affairs before leaving for training camps.

It was the second trip to Indianapolis for a final exam for several of the men and the third trip for one, Anderson (Andy) Wagner of this city.

Many of the men in the group were formerly Class 1B men, deemed able to do limited service, but were placed in Class 1A after the Army lowered physical requirements. However, a large number of the men had been rejected by Army doctors at the final examination. On April 6, of 29 former Class 1B men who went to Indianapolis for final physical examinations, 18 were rejected.

Two Inductions Delayed.

Wagner and Herschel Golden, who left today, passed their final physical exams with the group of selectees who went to Indianapolis April 6. Golden, whose wife divorced, has a daughter.

At least two of the men who boarded the bus at the armory for service with Uncle Sam are married. They are Wallace L. Goeller and Ralph B. Fleshum, both of this city.

Eight of the men who left today have been employed at plants of Noblitt-Sparks Industries, Inc., while two have been employed on the Camp Atterbury project. One of the Atterbury workers came here from the state of Washington.

A crowd of approximately 50 persons was on hand to bid the selectees goodbye and the soldiers-to-be were given cigarets and copies of the New Testament.

Testaments, Cigarets Passed Out.

The cigarets were provided by the Presbyterian church, the Catholic church, the A. A. U. W. and Knights of Columbus. Mrs. Sidney Showalter and P. J. Rueblberger gave the cigarets to the men.

The New Testaments were provided by the Gideons organization and were distributed by the Rev. A. E. Bonser, pastor of St. Peter's Evangelical church.

With the passing out of the cigarets and the New Testaments, a better spirit seemed to prevail than on some other occasions when the draftees have left. Several members of the local Catholic clergy were present as well as the Rev. W. F. Bridgett, pastor of First Baptist church.

Today's Draft Listed.

The men who left today, their addresses and occupations or places of employment are as follows:

Lyle Netherly, Middletown, Ohio, Route 2, employe of Raymond Bag company.

Wallace L. Goeller, 1921 Keller avenue, hotel operator.

Clifford Williams, Keller building, Tovey shoe store.

Ralph B. Fleshum, Hartsville, Columbus route 6, Noblitt-Sparks.

Herschel Golden, Hope.

Anderson Wagner, 1104 Fourth street, truck line operator.

Joseph Henry Michael, Hope, Noblitt-Sparks.

John Eugene Green, Hope route 1, Mooney tannery.

James E. Boswell, Connersville.

Bruce W. Sutton, Elizabethtown, farmer.

Victor Hugo Hatton, Jonesville.

Frank D. Shafer, Lebanon Junction, Ky.

Charles A. McQueen, 702 Hughes street, Thompson's dairy.

Ray Irvin Mackey, 1904 Cottage avenue, Noblitt-Sparks.

Enoch V. Sizeval, Edinburg, Ames-Thompson Lumber company.

Arthur E. Blair, Columbus route 2, paper hanger.

Fred K. Fear, Hartsville route 1, Newsom Trucking company.

Harold E. McMillan, 1225 Ninth street.

Henry D. Weekly, Hope route 2, farmer.

Ray Smith, Edinburg route 3, Camp Atterbury employe.

Albert E. Slater, Taylorsville, Golden foundry.

Robert E. Mikell, 720 Ninth street, Public Service company.

Merrill Kent Lambert, Hope.

Edward G. House, Clifford, Noblitt-Sparks.

Hugo Lewis Williams, 1434 Ottawa avenue, Plating service employe.

Ernest E. Zeigler, Hope route 1, Noblitt-Sparks.

Ray Donald Hedger, 622 Wallace street, Sprouse Manufacturing company.

Robert Fulks, Taylorsville.

William T. Anderson, Indianapolis, Kingan company employe.

Donald B. Loper, Hope route 1, Noblitt-Sparks.

Varlin E. Horner, 529 Fifth street, shop employe.

Howard Ferguson, 806 Hughes street, farmer.

Charles Henry Dora, Columbus route 4, manager of Kroger (meat) market department.

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Bob Carr Wright, Hope route 1, construction company employe.

Lloyd Marshall Carmichael, Columbus route 7,. Noblitt-Sparks.

Paul Miller, 420 McKinley avenue, farmer.

Ralph Burton Finchum, 1103 Franklin street, Noblitt-Sparks.

Fred Grider, transfer from Okanogan, Wash., Camp Atterbury employe.

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TO BUILD WALK BRIDGE ON 31

Span at Edinburg Will Aid Camp Workers—Road 252 Being Widened.

A wooden walkway bridge for pedestrians will be constructed by the Indiana state highway department at the Road 31 bridge over Blue River at Edinburg and a crew of workmen today started moving the guard poles north of the highway bridge.

The new bridge for pedestrians will be constructed because of the large amount of foot traffic from Edinburg out to the Army camp and to the Blair employment office and the carpenters and bricklayers union offices, which are north of the bridge.

The pedestrian bridge will be made of wood and will be four feet wide. It will be constructed on the north side of the present highway bridge and the highway bridge will be used as support. Work on the bridge is slated to start around May 20.

Move Posts Two Feet.

The guard posts north of the bridge are being moved two feet closer to the road so that a pedestrian walk may be constructed on the outside of the road. It will be separated from the road by the guard posts. This walk will lead to the Blair and union offices.

The north shoulder of Road 252 from the point it intersects Road 31 south of the bridge on into Edinburg is being widened so that it can handle a maximum of camp traffic.

The state highway department has taken a number of safety steps in the Atterbury area, including the posting of special speed and no parking signs. At each end of the camp area along Road 31 signs have been put up, reading "Camp Atterbury military area. Observe speed regulations." Other signs have been put up to prevent parking within 15 feet of the highway.

The Corps of Engineers also has erected a large new sign at the Road 252 entrance to the Army camp. This sign bears the words Camp Atterbury in large letters and has the Corps of Engineers insignia on it. A large arrow at the bottom points into the camp.

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NINEVEH GIVES LAST DIPLOMAS

Final Commencement Held in Township to Be Absorbed by Camp.

What was probably the last eighth grade commencement for Nineveh township was held Saturday night at the Kansas Christian church.

Before another school year rolls around, practically the entire township is scheduled to be taken over by the War department for Camp Atterbury. What small part of the township remains will probably be consolidated with German township.

The Rev. Ralph Records was the principal speaker at the Nineveh exercises. The Rev. G. J. Pickett gave the invocation and benediction.

At the conclusion of the program, Forrest V. Carmichael, county superintendent of the schools, presented diplomas to the following graduates:

Denzil Neil Coy, Colleen Mae Lain, Billy Carl Waltz, Frances Jean Petro, Alfred Dale Stucker and Esther Lela Nichols.

The Sandcreek township commencement will be held tonight at Elizabethtown.

Columbus township exercises will be held Wednesday night at the East Columbus Christian church.

1942_05_04_4_Nineveh gives out last diplomas

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TRAIN WORKERS FOR LOCAL CAMP

Both Soldier and Civilian Personnel Prepared at Fort Harrison.

At least a part of the permanent civilian staff for Camp Atterbury is being formed at Fort Benjamin Harrison and applicants who are selected for typist and stenographical work will start a training course at the fort May 15.

This group is slated to be ready for duty at Camp Atterbury by July 1.

Mayors of cities in the Camp Atterbury area were notified recently that the quartermaster's office at Fort Harrison needed persons as clerk-typists and clerk-stenographers at Camp Atterbury. Persons selected will be given the training course starting May 15. The jobs are understood to be for the duration of the war.

Trained soldier personnel also is being prepared at Fort Harrison for specialized work at Camp Atterbury and these men are expected to move into the new camp between July 1 and July 15, if construction goes ahead on schedule.

Several officers already have been informed that they will be sent to Camp Atterbury and it now appears certain that the government is planning to place the 83rd Division at Camp Atterbury. This division is slated to be composed of Ohio men.

The first contingent of troops is slated to move into the camp around July 15 and will include approximately 500 officers and 1,000 men. These troops will have the job of getting various details of the camp ready for occupancy by the bulk of the troops, expected around Aug. 15.

A letter was received at Franklin recently asking about housing facilities for Lieut. Col. C. L. Baird, who, the letter said, is slated to receive orders for duty as a division surgeon for the 83rd Division at Camp Atterbury. The letter solicited information about a home for Colonel Baird's family.

1942_05_04_5_Tran workers for Atterbury at Ft. Harrison

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BRIDGE INTO CAMP CLOSED

County Blocks Kansas Road When It Finds Structure Unsafe.

Fear that the Hendrick's Ford bridge over Driftwood on the Kansas black-top road, southwest of Edinburg, would collapse at any time, resulted in the bridge being closed to traffic late Saturday night.

With large trucks and pieces of equipment of Camp Atterbury contractors operating over the Kansas road, the bridge has taken a terrific pounding. An inspection Saturday night disclosed that the I-beams of the bridge have turned over on their sides, and that the structure generally was in an unsafe condition.

The bridge is in the Atterbury area but had not been taken over by the government.

Army Takes It Over.

County Commissioner Harry Hartman was called to the bridge Saturday night, and after viewing the dangerous condition of the structure, was kept busy for several hours. Hartman left two men at the bridge to stop traffic while he went to get help from the state police.

A blockade was set up and all traffic kept off the bridge.

Sunday morning the commissioners conferred with Lieut. Gordon Iddles of the U. S. Army engineers corps on the camp project. He informed the commissioners that the Army would take over the bridge immediately.

Commissioner Hartman said the Birmingham Contracting company, building the sewage disposal plant at Atterbury, has been carrying on most of its operations over the Hendrick's Ford bridge in getting to and from the project. Representatives of the company informed the commissioner that the closing of the bridge would cause them considerable disadvantage.

Of Light Construction.

The Kansas entrance has also been used by many of the Columbus workmen in getting into the camp project. By using the Kansas road they have avoided the heavy traffic at Edinburg and on Road 252.

The Hendrick's Ford bridge is approximately 200 feet long and is of light steel construction. The commissioners explained that it was built to handle loads of not more than six or seven tons. Since the camp work began it has been carrying loads of from 15 to 20 tons.

"It was in mighty dangerous condition when I got there Saturday night," Commissioner Hartman said.

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BUILDS STORE FOR WORKERS

A new Camp Atterbury "general store" is being built on Road 31 across from the A. Farnell Blair lumber yard and storage sheds north of Edinburg.

The building is being erected by L. H. Razor, who came here from Missouri. It is situated in a field on the east side of Road 31. Mr. Razor said he plans to build a small place at first, handling soft drinks, cigarets and possibly groceries and other items for the camp workers. If business is good, he will expand.

1942_05_04_6_Builds store for camp workers

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INJURED CAMP WORKERS HERE

Two Camp Atterbury workmen who suffered injuries have been admitted to the county hospital.

William Ross of Franklin was admitted to the county hospital today where he was given X-ray examination. He was to be dismissed later today.

William Richards, colored, worker for the Birmingham Contracting company, was getting along well at the hospital today. He suffered a badly lacerated foot while at work on the camp project.

Albert Fisher of Gosport, another camp employe, was brought to Columbus yesterday for X-ray examination. Fisher suffered a knee injury when he fell through the floor of a building.

1942_05_05_1_Two camp workers injured

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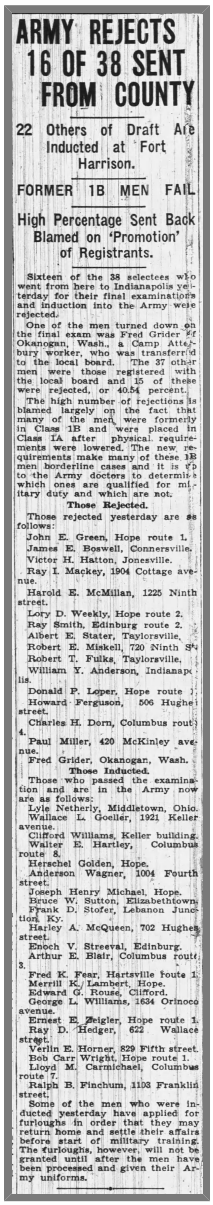

ARMY REJECTS 16 OF 38 SENT FROM COUNTY

22 Others of Draft Are Inducted at Fort Harrison.

FORMER 1B MEN FAIL

High Percentage Sent Back Blamed on 'Promotion' of Registrants.

Sixteen of the 38 selectees who went from here to Indianapolis yesterday for their final examinations and induction into the Army were rejected.

One of the men turned down on the final exam was Fred Grider of Okanogan, Wash., a Camp Atterbury worker, who was transferred to the local board. The 37 other men were those registered with the local board and 15 of these were rejected, or 40.54 percent.

The high number of rejections is blamed largely on the fact that many of the men were formerly in Class 1B and were placed in Class 1A after physical requirements were lowered. The new requirements make many of these 1B men borderline cases and it is up to the Army doctors to determine which ones are qualified for military duty and which are not.

Those Rejected.

Those rejected yesterday are as follows:

John E. Green, Hope route 1.
James E. Boswell, Connersville.
Victor H. Hatton, Jonesville.
Ray I. Mackey, 1904 Cottage avenue.
Harold E. McMillan, 1225 Ninth street.
Lory D. Weekly, Hope route 2.
Ray Smith, Edinburg route 2.
Albert E. Stater, Taylorsville.
Robert E. Miskell, 720 Ninth St.
Robert T. Fulks, Taylorsville.
William Y. Anderson, Indianapolis.
Donald P. Loper, Hope route 1.
Howard Ferguson, 506 Hughes street.
Charles H. Dorn, Columbus route 4.
Paul Miller, 420 McKinley avenue.
Fred Grider, Okanogan, Wash.

Those Inducted.

Those who passed the examination and are in the Army now are as follows:

Lyle Netherly, Middletown, Ohio.
Wallace L. Goeller, 1921 Keller avenue.
Clifford Williams, Keller building.
Walter E. Hartley, Columbus route 8.
Herschel Golden, Hope.
Anderson Wagner, 1004 Fourth street.
Joseph Henry Michael, Hope.
Bruce W. Sutton, Elizabethtown.
Frank D. Stofer, Lebanon Junction, Ky.
Harley A. McQueen, 702 Hughes street.
Enoch V. Streeval, Edinburg.
Arthur E. Blair, Columbus route 3.
Fred K. Fear, Hartsville route 1.
Merrill K. Lambert, Hope.
Edward G. Rouse, Clifford.
George L. Williams, 1634 Orinoco avenue.
Ernest E. Zeigler, Hope route 1.
Ray D. Hedger, 822 Wallace street.
Verlin E. Horner, 829 Fifth street.
Bob Carr Wright, Hope route 1.
Lloyd M. Carmichael, Columbus route 7.
Ralph B. Finchum, 1103 Franklin street.

Some of the men who were inducted yesterday have applied for furloughs in order that they may return home and settle their affairs before start of military training. The furloughs, however, will not be granted until after the men have been processed and given their Army uniforms.

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STORES MAY BE OPEN UNTIL 6

Merchants Decide Those Who Wish May Change Hours to Aid Workers.

In order that employes of local factories and those working on Camp Atterbury might have an opportunity to visit Columbus stores after work, Columbus merchants who wish to do so will keep their stores open as late as 6 o'clock each night.

The decision for readjustment of store hours was reached this morning at a meeting of the Columbus Retail Merchants association in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

It was pointed out that the later closing hour does not permit longer store hours, but that stores which lengthen their hours in the evening are expected to open that much later of a morning. If a store now opens at 8:30 and closes at 5 plans to stay open until 6 o'clock, its new opening hour will be 9:30 o'clock.

The 6 o'clock closing hour is left to the wish of each store-owner.

For the last two weeks merchants in the city have been attempting to work out some plan that would allow them to stay open later to accommodate defense workers and still not lengthen the working hours for their own employes.

Some of the merchants favored staying open one night a week, in addition to Saturday night, and compensating by closing one morning each week, but this plan failed to carry.

1942_05_05_3_Stores to remain open longer for camp workers

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New Project

The Army draft is beckoning the project manager for Camp Atterbury and, if he passes his exam, there is the possibility—although remote—that he will serve part of his training at Camp Atterbury.

The project manager is John R. Walsh, who heads the land acquisition office at the Columbus armory. Mr. Walsh received today his induction orders from the local board at Martinsville, his home town, and is to report for examination and induction on May 15. However, he may be transferred to the local board and go to Indianapolis from here.

Mrs. Walsh is employed in the office of the Kutsche company on the camp project.

Before joining the War department Mr. Walsh was a lawyer at Martinsville.

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THREE ARE FINED IN CITY COURT

Atterbury Worker Thinks Food Market Is His Home.

Three men were fined today in city court, including a Camp Atterbury worker, who said he mistook a grocery store for his rooming house late last night.

The camp worker was William P. Berry, 31, who gave his address as 1036 Chestnut street. He was taken in charge by Patrolmen Cuba McKay and Dale Deaver at Tenth street and Hutchins avenue after it was reported he was trying to get into the Ralph Deitz food market.

He told Mayor Fred C. Owens that he apparently missed Chestnut street and landed on Hutchins avenue by mistake. His error and the intoxication count cost him a $11 fine.

Allen Boone, 65, of this city was fined $15 today for public intoxication. He was arrested Saturday afternoon. Upon failure to pay the fine he was taken back to jail.

Frank Koons, 63 ,was fined $11 for intoxication. He was arrested early Sunday morning.

Orville Lang, 18, of Route 8 also was fined today on a speeding charge. He was halted Sunday morning.

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Seymour Gets Training Site

War Department Announces $10,000,000 Project Through Earl Wilson.

The War department announced through Congressman Earl Wilson today that a site near Seymour had been selected for a war pilot training center to cost $8,000,000 to $10,000,000.

Three auxiliary fields will be acquired, including one west of Peters Switch, just below the Bartholomew county line.

The announcement was exclusive to the Seymour Tribune and The Evening Republican. It will be released to press associations and to other newspapers tonight.

Reports have been heard here that about 5,000 men will be employed on the project.

The training center will be for advanced training with twin-motored planes.

After contacting the War department and obtaining the announcement, Congressman Wilson telephoned the Seymour paper and requested it to relay the information to The Republican.

Will Buy 2,560 Acres.

Although few other details were contained in the announcement, it was learned that the War department will buy 2,560 acres of land one mile and a half southwest of Seymour, and acquire at least three other fields in Jackson county for emergency landings and auxiliary training.

One of these lies between Cortland and Jonesville.

Two of the fields are expected to be 900 acres each and the other 600 acres.

Whether these will be acquired by purchase or lease has not been learned.

It was learned that real estate men representing the War department checked Jackson county records this week.

Armory Office in Charge.

Acquiring of the land for the Seymour project is slated to be handled by the land acquisition department which has been in charge of similar work on the Camp Atterbury project. The department has its offices in the Columbus armory.

The local office already has started preliminary work in the area to be taken and some of the landowners have been contacted.

Harlow Packard, draftsman, was transferred to the local land acquisition department yesterday from the West Virginia ordnance works at Point Pleasant, W. Va. It is understood that he has been assigned here in connection with the work to be done at Seymour.

Robert N. Brumfield also has been transferred to the Columbus office from Clarksville, Tenn. He will serve as an assistant attorney.

7305 REGISTER FOR SUGAR HERE

More Than Half City's Population Applies During First Two Days.

The rush continued today at the four sugar rationing registration centers, despite the fact that tabulations for the first two days of registering showed that 7,305, or more than half the population of the city, had already registered.

A total of 4,146 persons registered yesterday at McKinley, Jefferson, Wilson and Garfield schools. Each center showed an increase over Monday.

Approximately 12,000 persons are expected to register in the city.

All school centers in the city will be open until 9 o'clock tonight.

They will be open again tomorrow, morning, afternoon and night which is the final day for registering.

Reports coming from the rural districts of the county where residents are registering at the school-

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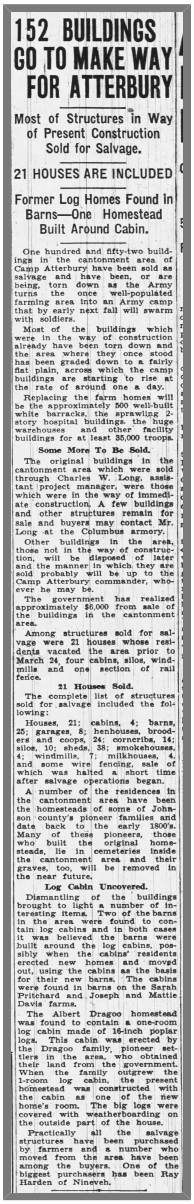

152 BUILDINGS GO TO MAKE WAY FOR ATTERBURY

Most of Structures in Way of Present Construction Sold for Salvage.

21 HOUSES ARE INCLUDED

Former Log Homes Found in Barns—One Homestead Built Around Cabin.

One hundred and fifty-two buildings in the cantonment area of Camp Atterbury have been sold as salvage and have been, or are being, torn down as the Army turns the once well-populated farming area into an Army camp that by early next fall will swarm with soldiers.

Most of the buildings which were in the way of construction already have been torn down and the area where they once stood has been graded down to a fairly flat plain, across which the camp buildings are starting to rise at the rate of around one a day.

Replacing the farm homes will be the approximately 500 well-built white barracks, the sprawling 2-story hospital buildings, the huge warehouses and other facility buildings for at least 35,000 troops.

Some More To Be Sold.

The original buildings in the cantonment area which were sold through Charles W. Long, assistant project manager, were those which were in the way of immediate construction. A few buildings and other structures remain for sale and buyers may contact Mr. Long at the Columbus armory.

Other buildings in the area, those not in the way of construction, will be disposed of later and the manner in which they are sold probably will be up to the Camp Atterbury commander, whoever he may be.

The government has realized approximately $6,000 from sale of the buildings in the cantonment area.

Among structures sold for salvage were 21 houses whose residents vacated the area prior to March 24, four cabins, silos, windmills and one section of rail fence.

21 Houses Sold.

The complete list of structures sold for salvage included the following:

Houses, 21; cabins, 4; barns, 25; garages, 5; henhouses, brooders and coops, 24; corneribs, 14; silos, 10; sheds, 38; smokehouses, 4; windmills, 7; milkhouses, 4, and some wire fencing, sale of which was halted a short time after salvage operations began.

A number of the residences in the cantonment area have been the homesteads of some of Johnson county's pioneer families and date back to the early 1800's. Many of these pioneers, those who built the original homesteads, lie in cemeteries inside the cantonment area and their graves, too, will be removed in the near future.

Log Cabin Uncovered.

Dismantling of the buildings brought to light a number of interesting items. Two of the barns in the area were found to contain log cabins and in both cases it was believed the barns were built around the log cabins, possibly when the cabins' residents erected new homes and moved out, using the cabins as the basis for their new barns. The cabins were found in barns on the Sarah Pritchard and Joseph and Mattie Davis farms.

The Albert Dragoo homestead was found to contain a one-room log cabin made of 16-inch poplar logs. This cabin was erected by the Dragoo family, pioneer settlers in the area, who obtained their land from the government. When the family outgrew the 1-room log cabin, the present homestead was constructed with the cabin as one of the new home's room. The big logs were covered with weatherboarding on the outside part of the house.

Practically all the salvage structures have been purchased by farmers and a number who moved from the area have been among the buyers. One of the biggest purchasers has been Ray Harden of Nineveh.

1942_05_06_4_152 buildings torn down

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'Missus' Takes Hand in Placing Blair Workers

A list of 200 rooms for rent in Columbus has been turned over to the wife of a foreman on the Camp Atterbury project and she is seeing to it personally that the new camp workers find suitable quarters.

The list of available rooms was given to Mrs. Ted Weathers whose husband is employed by A. Farnell Blair company, one of the major camp contractors, and she is contacting some of the landlords for the new men being brought in by the Blair company.

The prospective new Columbus residents are arriving at the present time and their number is expected to increase steadily during the next few days.

Some Already Rented.

Mr. and Mrs. Weathers, formerly of New Albany, are residing at 2315 Chestnut street.

Mrs. Weathers reported that after contacting some of the landlords, she found a number of the rooms listed with the Chamber of Commerce had already been rented, and Robert Seward, Chamber secretary, urged today that persons who have rooms listed with the free Chamber service please notify the Chamber offices as soon as the rooms are rented, thus avoiding delay in getting the workers located.

It was pointed out that the persons who are coming into Columbus are willing to pay good prices for rooms but in return expect clean, comfortable quarters. Persons who have rooms for rent are invited to call the Chamber of Commerce and have their quarters listed.

Some of the camp companies have intimated that if suitable quarters cannot be found they will build barracks for their workers, taking many of them out of towns neighboring the camp area.

Many local merchants already have found that catering to camp workers not only aids defense but is "good business" and they believe that local stores are going to feel a big boost from the camp construction. Business at Edinburg already has jumped past almost all expectations of residents there and has increased noticeably at Franklin.

Mr. Seward said today that calls for apartments and houses are continuing to come into the Chamber of Commerce offices and that there is little likelihood that the demand will decrease for some time to come.

This prediction is based on the fact that approximately 1,200 officers will be stationed at Camp Atterbury and will begin arriving within the next two to three months. About half of these officers are expected to live with their families in towns surrounding the camp. In addition there will be 2,000 to 3,000 civilian employes connected with the camp, many of whom will want houses or apartments for their families.

1942_05_06_4_Missus takes hand in finding houses for workers

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CAMP WILL USE MORE WPA MEN

Work at Atterbury May Be Expanded—Force of 30 Employed in City.

The Camp Atterbury project has whittled down WPA work in the area around the camp, owing to the fact that a large number of the WPA men have been placed at work on keeping roads inside the camp area serviceable, and future plans call for the use of considerable more WPA men on the camp.

At the present time, WPA labor in the city is confined to curb and gutter installation and a crew of approximately 30 men is at work, according to Homer Martin, local supervisor. In the county, approximately 20 men are working on county roads and 18 are employed on Road 46 improvements.

A special WPA grant for repair of roads inside the Camp Atterbury area was made recently by Congress and this work has been started. Men put on the camp project have been from counties in the local area, including Bartholomew, Johnson, Shelby, Brown, Decatur, Jackson and Jennings.

Meeting Held Here.

If present plans go through added funds will be made available for further WPA work in the Camp Atterbury area. This work would include improvements not contained in the camp contracts.

A monthly meeting of area WPA officials was held last night at the city hall here, with approximately 30 persons present.

Those present included Cliff Kirkpatrick of Greensburg, area engineer; Carl Barnhart of North Vernon, state safety consultant; John H. Liming of Indianapolis, district property accountant; Gerald Hasler of Shelbyville, area timekeeper, and project supervisors in the area.

The curb and gutter crew in the city has been working at Twenty-third and Chestnut streets and will move to Maple street, where curb and gutter will be installed between Sixteenth and Twenty-fifth streets.

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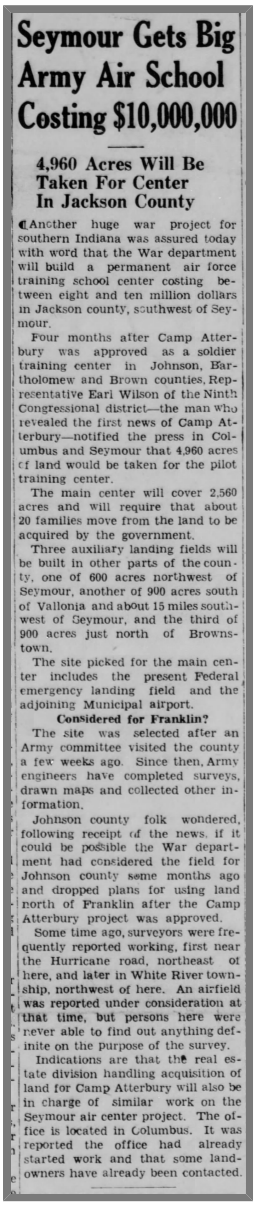

Seymour Gets Big Army Air School Costing $10,000,000

4,960 Acres Will Be Taken For Center In Jackson County

Another huge war project for southern Indiana was assured today with word that the War department will build a permanent air force training school center costing between eight and ten million dollars in Jackson county, southwest of Seymour.

Four months after Camp Atterbury was approved as a soldier training center in Johnson, Bartholomew and Brown counties, Representative Earl Wilson of the Ninth Congressional district—the man who revealed the first news of Camp Atterbury—notified the press in Columbus and Seymour that 4,960 acres of land would be taken for the pilot training center.

The main center will cover 2,560 acres and will require that about 20 families move from the land to be acquired by the government.

Three auxiliary landing fields will be built in other parts of the county, one of 600 acres northwest of Seymour, another of 900 acres south of Vallonia and about 15 miles southwest of Seymour, and the third of 900 acres just north of Brownstown.

The site picked for the main center includes the present Federal emergency landing field and the adjoining Municipal airport.

Considered for Franklin?

The site was selected after an Army committee visited the county a few weeks ago. Since then, Army engineers have completed surveys, drawn maps and collected other information.

Johnson county folk wondered, following receipt of the news, if it could be possible the War department had considered the field for Johnson county some months ago and dropped plans for using land north of Franklin after the Camp Atterbury project was approved.

Some time ago, surveyors were frequently reported working, first near the Hurricane road, northeast of here, and later in White River township, northwest of here. An airfield was reported under consideration at that time, but persons here were never able to find out anything definite on the purpose of the survey.

Indications are that the real estate division handling acquisition of land for Camp Atterbury will also be in charge of similar work on the Seymour air center project. The office is located in Columbus. It was reported the office had already started work and that some landowners have already been contacted.

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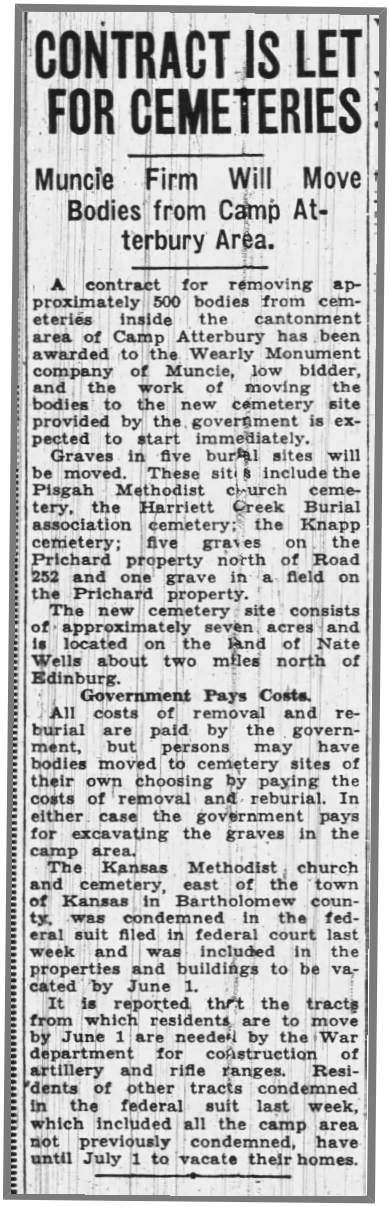

CONTRACT IS LET FOR CEMETERIES

Muncie Firm Will Move Bodies from Camp Atterbury Area.

A contract for removing approximately 500 bodies from cemeteries inside the cantonment area of Camp Atterbury has been awarded to the Wearly Monument company of Muncie, low bidder, and the work of moving the bodies to the new cemetery site provided by the government is expected to start immediately.

Graves in five burial sites will be moved. These sites include the Pisgah Methodist church cemetery, the Harriett Creek Burial association cemetery; the Knapp cemetery; five graves on the Prichard property north of Road 252 and one grave in a field on the Prichard property.

The new cemetery site consists of approximately seven acres and is located on the land of Nate Wells about two miles north of Edinburg.

Government Pays Costs.

All costs of removal and reburial are paid by the government, but persons may have bodies moved to cemetery sites of their own choosing by paying the costs of removal and reburial. In either case the government pays for excavating the graves in the camp area.

The Kansas Methodist church and cemetery, east of the town of Kansas in Bartholomew county, was condemned in the federal suit filed in federal court last week and was included in the properties and buildings to be vacated by June 1.

It is reported that the tracts from which residents are to move by June 1 are needed by the War department for construction of artillery and rifle ranges. Residents of other tracts condemned in the federal suit last week, which included all the camp area not previously condemned, have until July 1 to vacate their homes.

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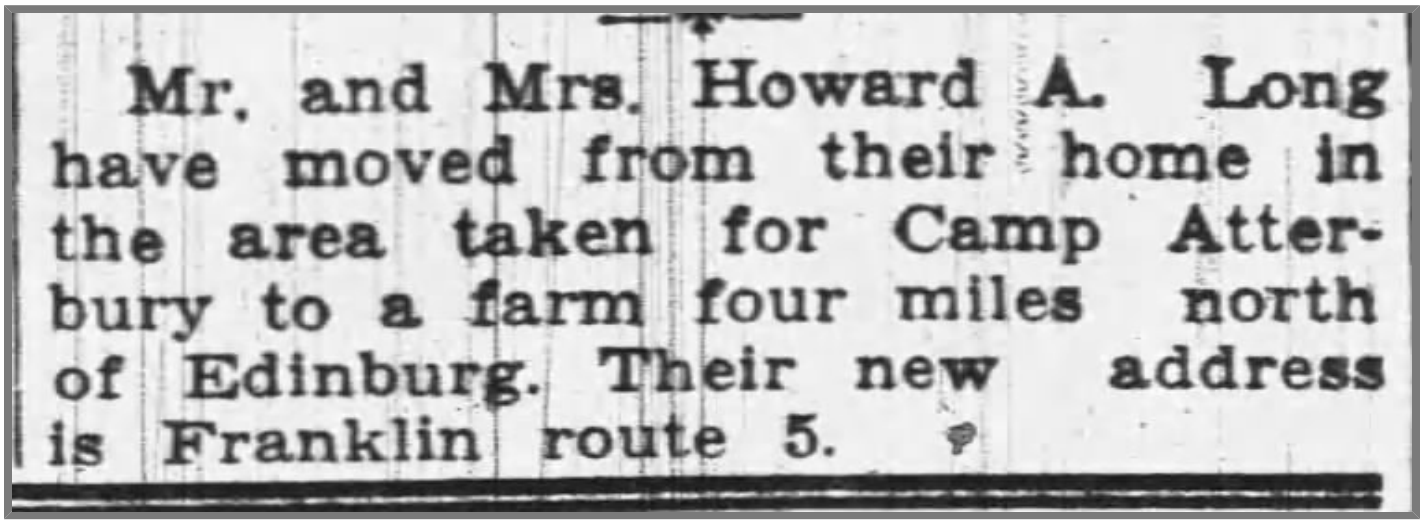

Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Long have moved from their home in the area taken for Camp Atterbury to a farm four miles north of Edinburg. Their new address is Franklin route 5.

1942_05_08_1_Howard Long family move out

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POLICE ADDED TO CAMP FORCE

Three More State Troopers Assigned to Assist in Atterbury Area.

Three more state troopers have been assigned to the Seymour state police post to assist in policing the area around Camp Atterbury and a new 2-way radio has been installed in one of the cars in the Atterbury area.

New officers assigned to the Seymour post, who will augment other members of the post who have been detailed to police duty in the camp vicinity, are James L. DeArmond of Wabash, previously stationed at the Ligonier post; Gordon B. Taylor of Veedersburg, formerly of the West Lafayette post, and Robert F. Dillon of Spiceland, formerly of the Pendleton post.

The new 2-way radio, the second to be installed in cars of the Seymour post, has been placed in the car of Officer Fred Neal of Franklin, who is assigned to the Atterbury project. The other 2-way radio is in the car of Sergt. Harry McMillin, second in command at the Seymour post.

Now 20 Men in Post.

Addition of the three officers brings to 20 the number of officers now assigned to the Seymour post, the largest number since its formation.

For a time, the state police department had been considering putting a temporary barracks near Edinburg, but this plan was shelved, at least temporarily, in favor of using patrol cars in the camp area, with at least one equipped with a 2-way radio so that it might send messages to other cars in the area or to the post headquarters at Seymour.

The state police officers have been patrolling Road 31 around the camp entrances constantly and have been serving as foot traffic officers during the morning and evening periods when workers are entering and leaving the camp area in large numbers.

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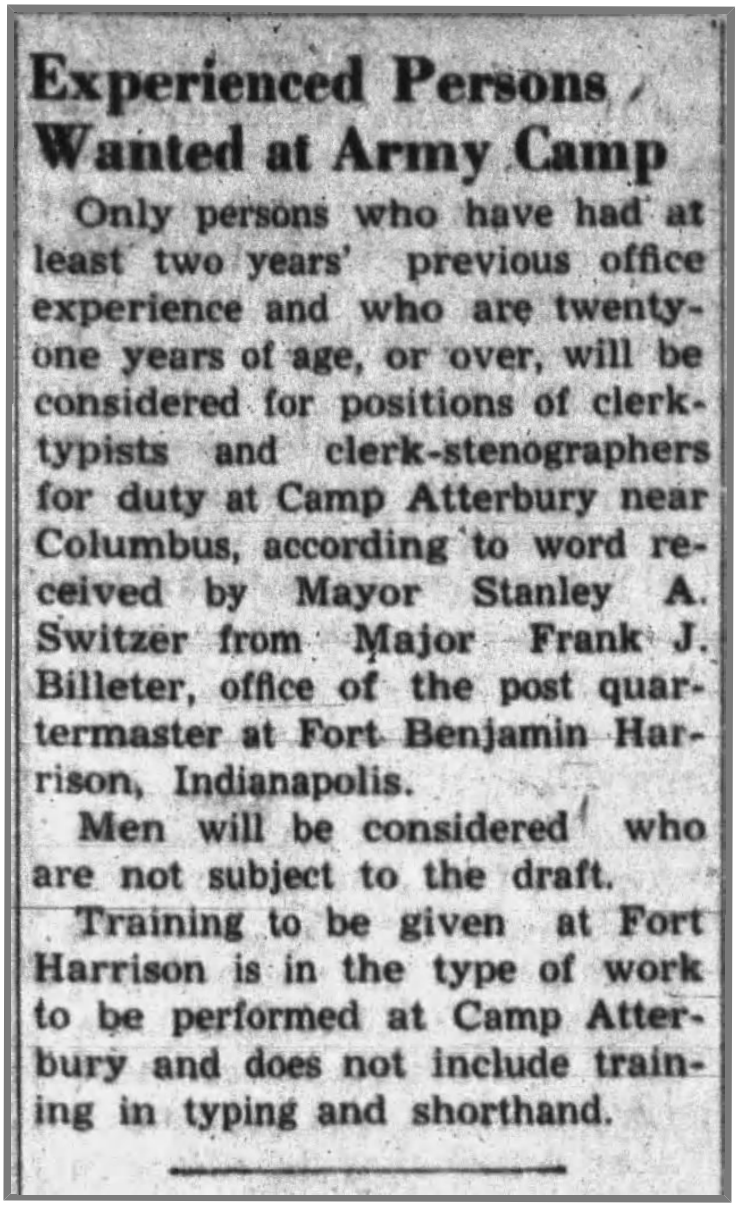

Experienced Persons Wanted at Army Camp

Only persons who have had at least two years' previous office experience and who are twenty-one years of age, or over, will be considered for positions of clerk-typists and clerk-stenographers for duty at Camp Atterbury near Columbus, according to word received by Mayor Stanley A. Switzer from Major Frank J. Billeter, office of the post quartermaster at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis.

Men will be considered who are not subject to the draft.

Training to be given at Fort Harrison is in the type of work to be performed at Camp Atterbury and does not include training in typing and shorthand.

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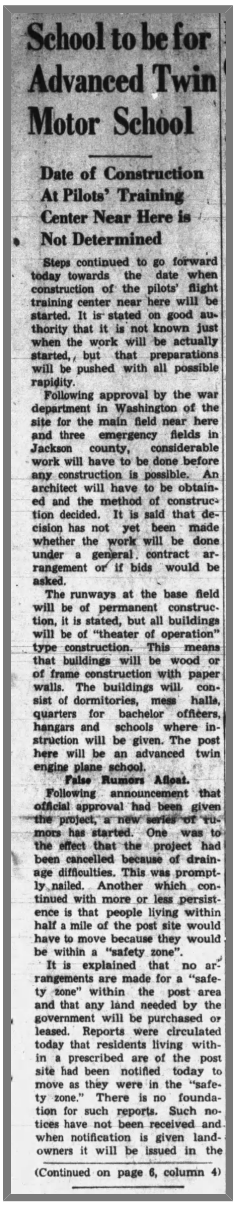

School to be for Advanced Twin Motor School

Date of Construction At Pilots' Training Center Near Here is Not Determined

Steps continued to go forward today towards the date when construction of the pilots' flight training center near here will be started. It is stated on good authority that it is not known just when the work will be actually started, but that preparations will be pushed with all possible rapidity.

Following approval by the war department in Washington of the site for the main field near here and three emergency fields in Jackson county, considerable work will have to be done before any construction is possible. An architect will have to be obtained and the method of construction decided. It is said that decision has not yet been made whether the work will be done under a general contract arrangement or if bids would be asked.

The runways at the base field will be of permanent construction, it is stated, but all buildings will be of "theater of operation" type construction. This means that buildings will be wood or of frame construction with paper walls. The buildings will consist of dormitories, mess halls, quarters for bachelor officers, hangars and schools where instruction will be given. The post here will be an advanced twin engine plane school.

False Rumors Afloat.

Following announcement that official approval had been given the project, a new series of rumors has started. One was to the effect that the project had been cancelled because of drainage difficulties. This was promptly nailed. Another which continued with more or less persistence is that people living within half a mile of the post site would have to move because they would be within a "safety zone".

It is explained that no arrangements are made for a "safety zone" within the post area and that any land needed by the government will be purchased or leased. Reports were circulated today that residents living within a prescribed are of the post site had been notified today to move as they were in the "safety zone." There is no foundation for such reports. Such notices have not been received and when notification is given landowners it will be issued in the

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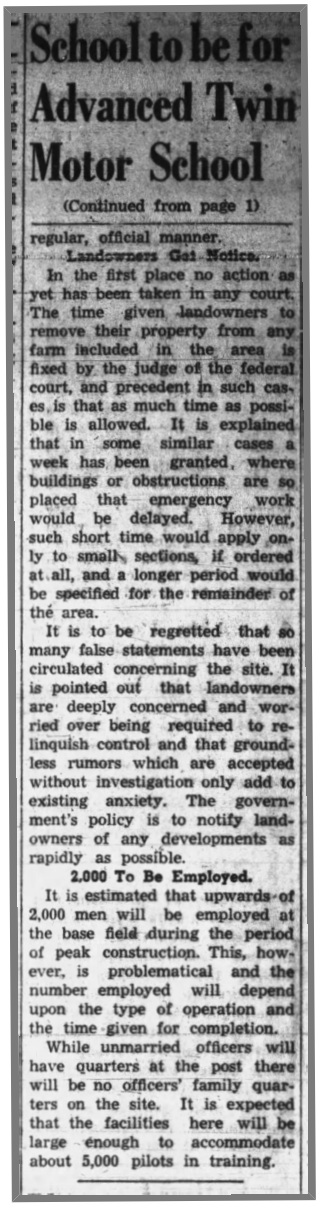

School to be for Advanced Twin Motor School

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regular, official manner.

Landowners Get Notice.

In the first place no action as yet has been taken in any court. The time given landowners to remove their property from any farm included in the area is fixed by the judge of the federal court, and precedent in such cases is that as much time as possible is allowed. It is explained that in some similar cases a week has been granted, where buildings or obstructions are so placed that emergency work would be delayed. However, such short time would apply only to small sections, if ordered at all, and a longer period would be specified for the remainder of the area.

It is to be regretted that so many false statements have been circulated concerning the site. It is pointed out that landowners are deeply concerned and worried over being required to relinquish control and that groundless rumors which are accepted without investigation only add to existing anxiety. The government's policy is to notify landowners of any developments as rapidly as possible.

2,000 To Be Employed.

It is estimated that upwards of 2,000 men will be employed at the base field during the period of peak construction. This, however, is problematical and the number employed will depend upon the type of operation and the time given for completion.

While unmarried officers will have quarters at the post there will be no officers' family quarters on the site. It is expected that the facilities here will be large enough to accommodate about 5,000 pilots in training.

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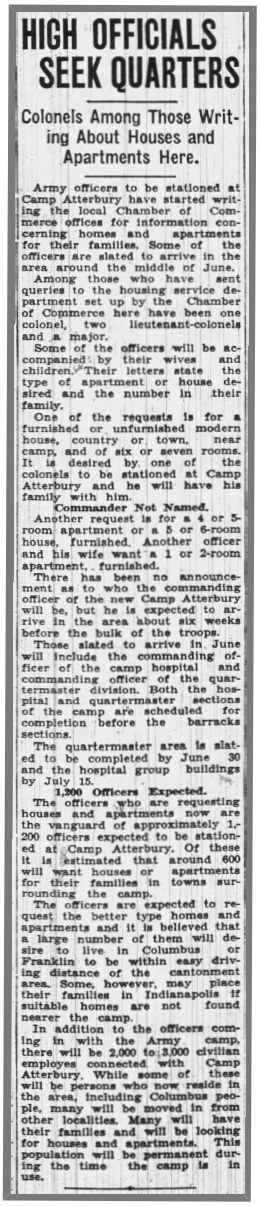

HIGH OFFICIALS SEEK QUARTERS

Colonels Among Those Writing About Houses and Apartments Here.

Army officers to be stationed at Camp Atterbury have started writing the local Chamber of Commerce offices for information concerning homes and apartments for their families. Some of the officers are slated to arrive in the area around the middle of June.

Among those who have sent queries to the housing service department set up by the Chamber of Commerce here have been one colonel, two lieutenant-colonels and a major.

Some of the officers will be accompanied by their wives and children. Their letters state the type of apartment or house desired and the number in their family.

One of the requests is for a furnished or unfurnished modern house, country or town, near camp, and of six or seven rooms. It is desired by one of the colonels to be stationed at Camp Atterbury and he will have his family with him.

Commander Not Named.

Another request is for a 4 or 5-room apartment or a 5 or 6-room house, furnished. Another officer and his wife want a 1 or 2-room apartment, furnished.

There has been no announcement as to who the commanding officer of the new Camp Atterbury will be, but he is expected to arrive in the area about six weeks before the bulk of the troops.

Those slated to arrive in June will include the commanding officer of the camp hospital and commanding officer of the quartermaster division. Both the hospital and quartermaster sections of the camp are scheduled for completion before the barracks sections.

The quartermaster area is slated to be completed by June 30 and the hospital group buildings by July 15.

1,200 Officers Expected.

The officers who are requesting houses and apartments now are the vanguard of approximately 1,200 officers expected to be stationed at Camp Atterbury. Of these it is estimated that around 600 will want houses or apartments for their families in towns surrounding the camp.

The officers are expected to request the better type homes and apartments and it is believed that a large number of them will desire to live in Columbus or Franklin to be within easy driving distance of the cantonment area. Some, however, may place their families in Indianapolis if suitable homes are not found nearer the camp.

In addition to the officers coming in with the Army camp, there will be 2,000 to 3,000 civilian employes connected with Camp Atterbury. While some of these will be persons who now reside in the area, including Columbus people, many will be moved in from other localities. Many will have their families and will be looking for houses and apartments. This population will be permanent during the time the camp is in use.

1942_05_08_5_High officials looking for rooms

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Checks Given To 4 More Farmers For 451.40 Acres

Total Cost $45,780 As Land Purchase Activity Continues

Boosting to near $125,000 the amount already spent by the government for Camp Atterbury land, four more deals were recorded in Johnson county Friday and checks handed the former owners.

Less than 20 tracts have been actually purchased thus far, indicating the owners signed options and agreed to dispose of the land without further ceremony.

The latest four farmers to give up their land and receive payments in full included two with tracts of more than 100 acres each, one of whom received a check for more than $25,000.

Biggest check thus far went yesterday to Mrs. Matilda Boegaholtz of Edinburg, who received $25,056 for 180.60-acre tract located in the Furnas Mill neighborhood in Blue River township.

Second largest farm sold thus far was a 105-acre tract for which a check for $11,730 was given Friday to Mrs. Anna Waltz. The farm was located in Nineveh township, north of Road 252.

Husband Sells Tract.

Mrs. Waltz's husband, George F. Waltz, turned over a 20-acre adjoining tract for $3,500 at the same time.

The other farm for which payment was made was that of Katherine C. Wright, who received $5,494 for a tract measuring 73.80 acres in size. The farm was located south of Road 252 in Blue River township, near the Knapp cemetery.

Total of the four checks handled owners by Ralph Fraker of Columbus, closing agent for the real estate department of the camp project, was $45,780. It paid for 451.40 acres.

The average for Mrs. Boegaholtz's land was the highest. The government paid an average of $128 an acre. For Mr. Waltz's 20 acres, the average was $175 per acre. Mrs. Waltz received an average of $112 an acre, and Mrs. Wright was given $75 an acre for her tract.

1942_05_09_1_Four more farmers gets checks

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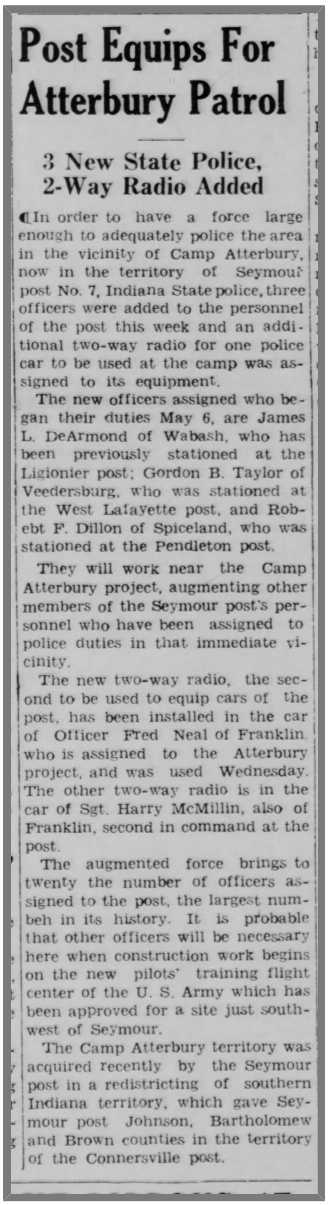

Post Equips For Atterbury Patrol

3 New State Police, 2-Way Radio Added

In order to have a force large enough to adequately police the area in the vicinity of Camp Atterbury, now in the territory of Seymour post No. 7, Indiana State police, three officers were added to the personnel of the post this week and an additional two-way radio for one police car to be used at the camp was assigned to its equipment.

The new officers assigned who began their duties May 6, are James L. DeArmond of Wabash, who has been previously stationed at the Ligionier post; Gordon B. Taylor of Veedersburg, who was stationed at the West Lafayette post, and Robebt F. Dillon of Spiceland, who was stationed at the Pendleton post.

They will work near the Camp Atterbury project, augmenting other members of the Seymour post's personnel who have been assigned to police duties in that immediate vicinity.

The new two-way radio, the second to be used to equip cars of the post, has been installed in the car of Officer Fred Neal of Franklin, who is assigned to the Atterbury project, and was used Wednesday. The other two-way radio is in the car of Sgt. Harry McMillin, also of Franklin, second in command at the post.

The augmented force brings to twenty the number of officers assigned to the post, the largest numbeh in its history. It is probable that other officers will be necessary here when construction work begins on the new pilots' training flight center of the U. S. Army which has been approved for a site just southwest of Seymour.

The Camp Atterbury territory was acquired recently by the Seymour post in a redistricting of southern Indiana territory, which gave Seymour post Johnson, Bartholomew and Brown counties in the territory of the Connersville post.

1942_05_09_2_Police Post equips for Atterbury patrol

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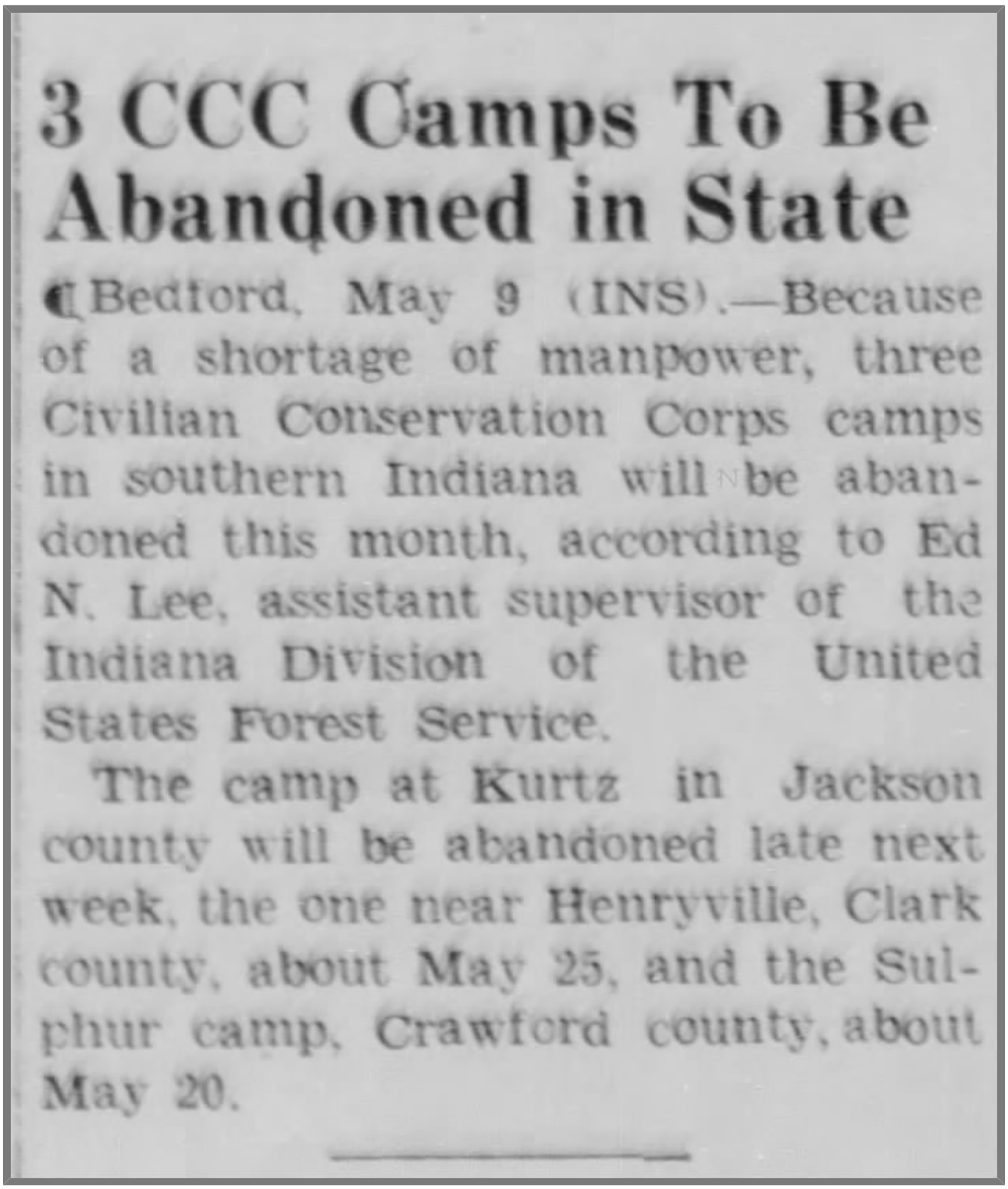

3 CCC Camps To Be Abandoned in State

Bedford, May 9 (INS).—Because of a shortage of manpower, three Civilian Conservation Corps camps in southern Indiana will be abandoned this month, according to Ed N. Lee, assistant supervisor of the Indiana Division of the United States Forest Service.

The camp at Kurtz in Jackson county will be abandoned late next week, the one near Henryville, Clark county, about May 25, and the Sulphur camp, Crawford county, about May 20.

1942_05_09_3_three CCC camps to be abandoned

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TRAILERS

Oddest Camp in Area On Henry Farm Near New Rail Spur.

One of the oddest of the trailer camps which have sprung into being in the Camp Atterbury area is the camp located at the Walter C. Henry farm on Road 31, south of the camp railway spur and across the road from the A. Farnell Blair lumberyard.

Its occupants, like those in other trailer camps around Edinburg, work on the Army camp but their trailers are home-made affairs of all sorts and descriptions.

Five of these trailers, three of them board shanty-type affairs, are parked near the home at the present time. There are also seven tents of all sizes in the Henry barnyard and yard. Mr. and Mrs. Henry also have five roomers living in their home.

Two families, including seven persons, also were living in the filling station in front of the Henry home, but yesterday packed their belongings and went back to Arkansas. Now, Mr. Henry is considering operating the filling station and tire repair shop and installing a market.

His biggest trouble to date is the fact that he has been unable to get a REMC line put onto his property to provide electricity for the trailers and tent-owners.

Most of the people living in the Henry encampment are from this part of Indiana. It's doubtful that their trailers could have gone much farther than Camp Atterbury.

1942_05_09_3_Odd homes built for campers

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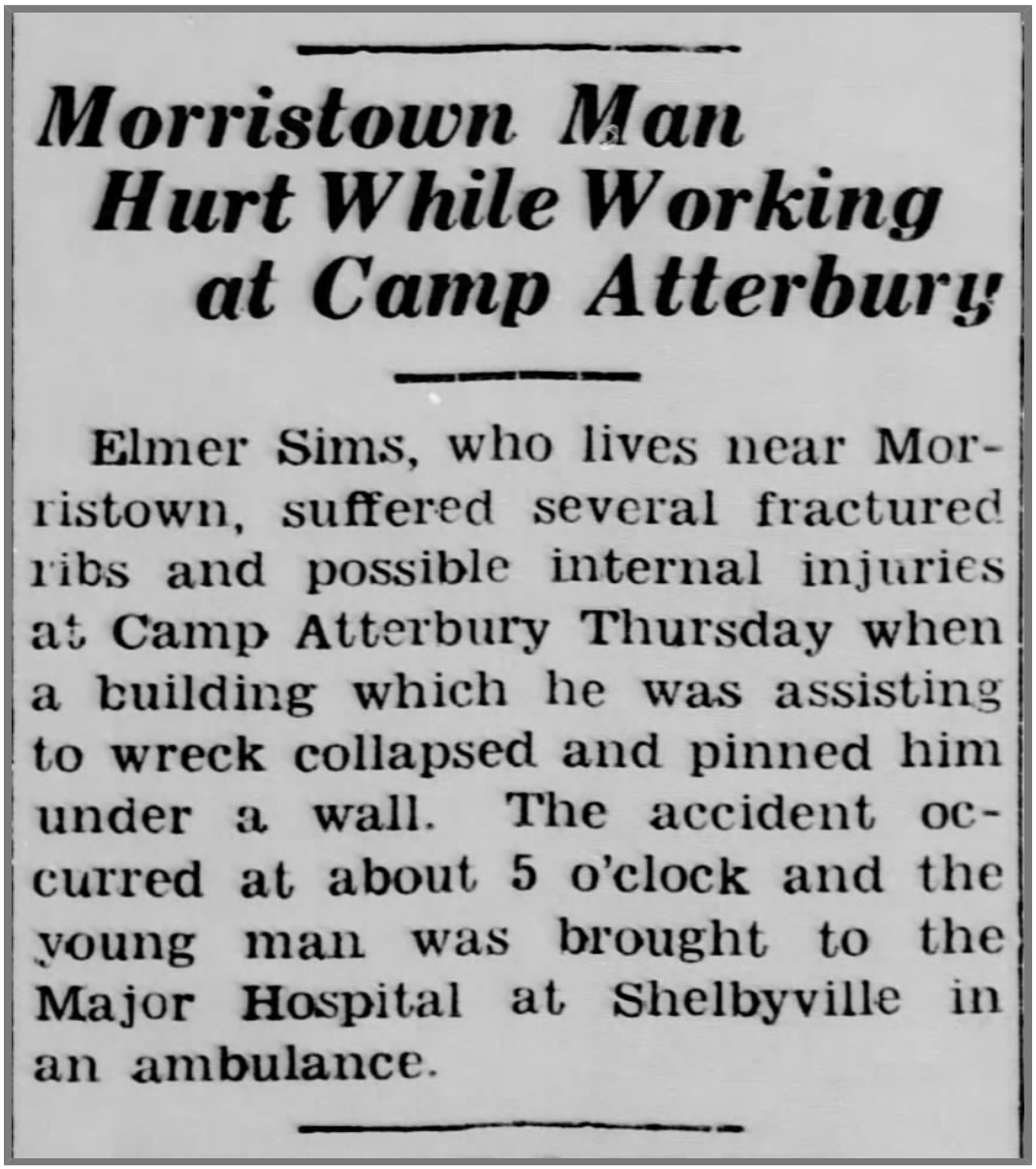

Morristown Man Hurt While Working at Camp Atterbury

Elmer Sims, who lives near Morristown, suffered several fractured ribs and possible internal injuries at Camp Atterbury Thursday when a building which he was assisting to wreck collapsed and pinned him under a wall. The accident occurred at about 5 o'clock and the young man was brought to the Major Hospital at Shelbyville in an ambulance.

1942_05_09_5_Morristown man hurt at camp

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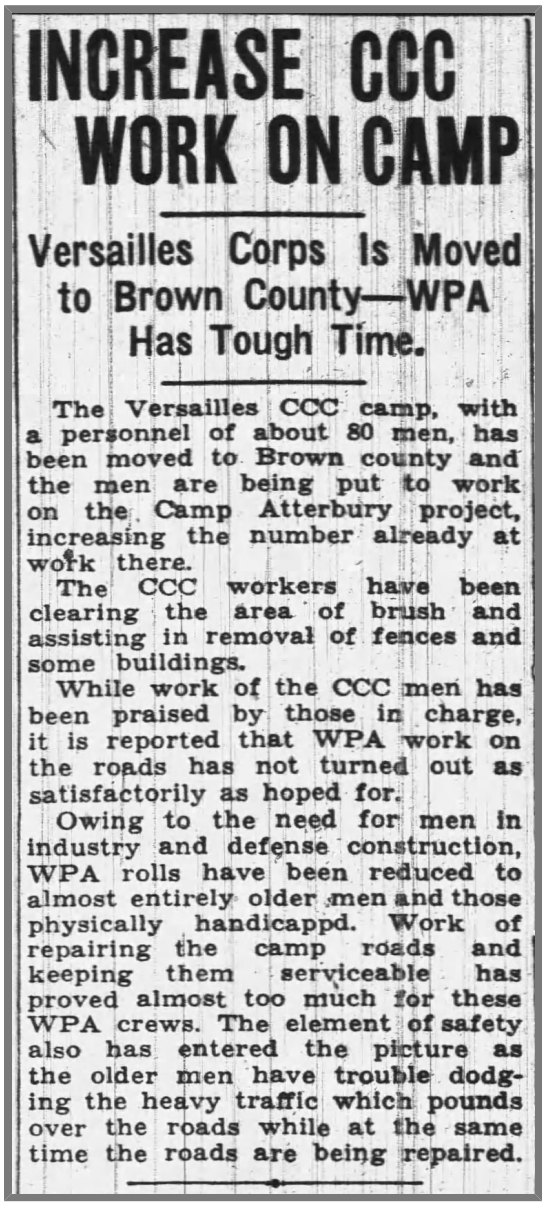

INCREASE CCC WORK ON CAMP

Versailles Corps Is Moved to Brown County—WPA Has Tough Time.

The Versailles CCC camp, with a personnel of about 80 men, has been moved to Brown county and the men are being put to work on the Camp Atterbury project, increasing the number already at work there.

The CCC workers have been clearing the area of brush and assisting in removal of fences and some buildings.

While work of the CCC men has been praised by those in charge, it is reported that WPA work on the roads has not turned out as satisfactorily as hoped for.

Owing to the need for men in industry and defense construction, WPA rolls have been reduced to almost entirely older men and those physically handicappd. Work of repairing the camp roads and keeping them serviceable has proved almost too much for these WPA crews. The element of safety also has entered the picture as the older men have trouble dodging the heavy traffic which pounds over the roads while at the same time the roads are being repaired.

1942_05_09_6_Increase CCC work on camp

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Turning to sugar, the registration this week gave us the best count of our residents we had since the census was taken and the figures may be taken as a fairly accurate picture of Columbus population as of May, 1942. It shows a gain of approximately 1,500 for the city in the last two years. Everybody wants his sugar. In fact, sugar will coax out balky elements of our population who did not care whether their names got into the census pot or not. The official census of 1940 gave Columbus a population of 11,738. The "sugar census" of 1942 showed 13,524. Included, of course, were some who have moved in for the Camp Atterbury project, but it did not include some more who will move in this summer. Less than 1,500 would be required to raise Columbus to 15,000, and 1,500 is an ultra-conservative estimate of the increase we may expect from the camp.

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1942_05_09_6_Sugar census

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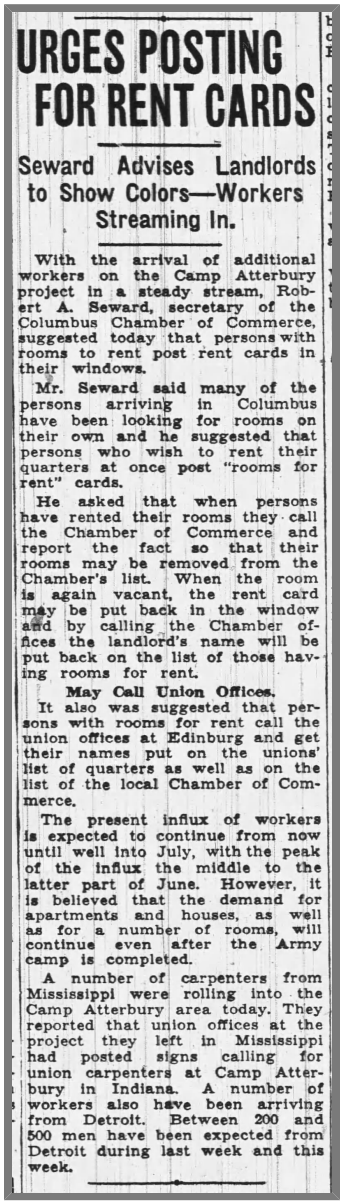

URGES POSTING FOR RENT CARDS

Seward Advises Landlords to Show Colors—Workers Streaming In.

With the arrival of additional workers on the Camp Atterbury project in a steady stream, Robert A. Seward, secretary of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, suggested today that persons with rooms to rent post rent cards in their windows.

Mr. Seward said many of the persons arriving in Columbus have been looking for rooms on their own and he suggested that persons who wish to rent their quarters at once post "rooms for rent" cards.

He asked that when persons have rented their rooms they call the Chamber of Commerce and report the fact so that their rooms may be removed from the Chamber's list. When the room is again vacant, the rent card may be put back in the window and by calling the Chamber offices the landlord's name will be put back on the list of those having rooms for rent.

May Call Union Offices.

It also was suggested that persons with rooms for rent call the union offices at Edinburg and get their names put on the unions' list of quarters as well as on the list of the local Chamber of Commerce.

The present influx of workers is expected to continue from now until well into July, with the peak of the influx the middle to the latter part of June. However, it is believed that the demand for apartments and houses, as well as for a number of rooms, will continue even after the Army camp is completed.

A number of carpenters from Mississippi were rolling into the Camp Atterbury area today. They reported that union offices at the project they left in Mississippi had posted signs calling for union carpenters at Camp Atterbury in Indiana. A number of workers also have been arriving from Detroit. Between 200 and 500 men have been expected from Detroit during last week and this week.

1942_05_11_1_Post your For Rent Cards

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TO END CAMP NEGOTIATIONS

Friday Is Deadline for Signing of Options—Second Check Delivered.

Negotiations for acquisition of land in Bartholomew, Johnson and Brown counties for Camp Atterbury will end Friday and all persons who have not yet signed options have been sent notices of the negotiation deadline.

Following the close of negotiations, an addition to the condemnation suit filed April 30 will be entered in federal court by the War department against those persons who have not signed options.

Their cases will be taken to court and the price to be paid for their land will be established by the court after a trial.

Approximately 80 per cent of the landowners in the Bartholomew county area to be taken for the camp have signed options, according to John R. Walsh, project manager.

The second check from the War department for land being acquired in Bartholomew county for the camp was delivered Saturday by Ralph Fraker, closing attorney.

It was a check for $18,819 in payment to Earl Freese and wife for 160 acres of land in Nineveh township. The transfer of title was made in the Bartholomew county recorder's office.

The first Bartholomew county check was presented to Rutherford B. Harrod April 29.

1942_05_11_2_End Camp land negotiations

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CONTINUE RURAL SCRAP CAMPAIGN

Trucks in Rockcreek, Wayne Today—Will Work Hawcreek Later This Week.

The county-wide collection of scrap for the nation's war industries is being continued and today trucks were collecting waste materials in Rockcreek and Wayne townships.

The trucks in Rockcreek this morning were in charge of Dale Muir and Harry Rogers, while this afternoon they were in charge of Harold Friedersdorf and Reed Dickey.

Charles Strietelmeier was in charge of the truck which was completing the collection today in Wayne township.

The Rockcreek collection will be completed Tuesday in charge of Errol Oneal and Norval Ritchey.

The collection in north Sandcreek and Clifty was completed last week and it is planned to collect scrap in Hawcreek township the latter part of this week. The Clifty collection was in charge of Joe Howe, Hubert Renner, Paul Robertson and William Fear.

The south Sandcreek collection was in charge of Frank Runge and James Catlin.

At the close of this week, scrap will have been collected in all townships but Harrison, Columbus and Union.

1942_05_11_4_Continue Rural Scrap campaign

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4 MORE GET PAY FOR CAMP LAND

Checks for 451.40 Acres in Johnson County Total $45,780.

Four more checks have been delivered to Camp Atterbury landowners in Johnson county by Ralph Fraker, closing agent, and brings to almost $125,000 the amount so far paid landowners who signed options.

Biggest check thus far went to Mrs. Matilda Boegaholtz of Edinburg, who received $25,056 for 180.60-acre tract located in the Furnas Mill neighborhood in Blue River township.

Second largest farm sold thus far was a 105-acre tract for which a check for $11,730 was given to Mrs. Anna Waltz. The farm was located in Nineveh township, north of Road 252.

Mrs. Waltz's husband, George F. Waltz, turned over a 20-acre adjoining tract for $3,500 at the same time.

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Total of the four checks handed owners was $45,780 in payment for 451.40 acres of land, including improvements.

1942_05_11_5_four more get checks

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CAMP INFLUX SWELLS COUNTY POPULATION BY 11 PER CENT

If the sugar rationing book registration figures are any indication of the population boost because of the Camp Atterbury construction project, then Edinburg's population is up more than 50 per cent, and Franklin's is up more than 15 per cent.

Based on the 1940 census figures, there were 1,262 more persons applying for rationing books in Blue River township than there were persons listed in the last census. The Blue River population was 3,065 two years ago and 4,327 persons applied for rationing books at the Edinburg school center last week.

In Franklin's three centers, 7,966 applicants called for books last week, compared with 7,197 population for the township in the 1940 census, a gain of 769 persons.

Considering the fact that quite a number of landowners in the army camp area have moved out of the county or at least out of the township, the Blue River population gain may be even greater than 50 per cent.

Gains In Every Township.

Despite the evacuation of quite a number of Nineveh township families to make way for the cantonment, there were 34 more applicants for rationing books than there were persons counted in the 1940 census.

There was a gain in every township over the census. Pleasant township had 201 more rationing book applicants than there were inhabitants in the census two years ago. Clark township's gain was 35 persons, Union's 29 persons and White River's 44 persons.

For the county as a whole, there were 24,954 applicants for sugar books, compared with 22,493 population in the last census, a gain of 2,461 persons, or more than 10 per cent of the most recent population count.

Quite a number of persons with excess sugar are known not to have registered for books, and many camp workers eating at restaurants are known to have had their wives back home get rationing books for them.

1942_05_11_6_Camp swells county population by 11%

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BUS LINE GOES INTO ATTERBURY

The Greyhound bus lines have reduced their special Columbus-Camp Atterbury fare to $2.00 for ten trips, good for one week periods.

The rate conforms with the critical area rating for Columbus. Under critical area regulations, areas so designated are to be within a 40-cent round fare transportation rate from the defense project in the area.

Busses which take workers directly into the Camp Atterbury grounds leave Columbus at 6 and 6:50 a. m. each morning. These busses go to the bus terminal at the camp, located at the intersection of Roads 252 and Schoolhouse road inside the cantonment area.

Two busses leave the terminal each evening.

Other regular busses to Indianapolis stop at the camp entrance on Road 252.

Another bus line from Columbus to Camp Atterbury, to Franklin and Shelbyville and then Hope and back to Columbus is expected to be started soon by Arthur Givens of this city. Mr. Givens has petitioned the state commission for the route and approval is expected.

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NEGROES AT CAMP.

THE Columbus Republican ran an editorial recently about the rumor that Camp Atterbury will be occupied largely by colored troops. "It is a rumor said to be circulated in every community where a new camp is established," the editorial said, mentioning that the rumor likely was inspired by elements out of sympathy with the war effort.

"There have been reports that about a fourth of the soldiers at Atterbury will be colored, but no official confirmation by the War Department. However, as a white soldier stationed at Fort Harrison, where there are also many colored soldiers, remarked to this writer the other day, 'Columbus needn't worry about that. Those boys are soldiers.'"

The neighboring editor goes on to say that another thing to reassure Columbus is the fact that its colored population, which represents about as good a class of citizens as that city has, person for person, is just as anxious for the negro soldiers to behave while here on leave as the white population is for the white soldiers to behave.

"Personally," the editorial concluded, "we expect that to be the least of our problems connected with the camp." What the editorial said about Columbus

1942_05_12_2_Negroes at camp?

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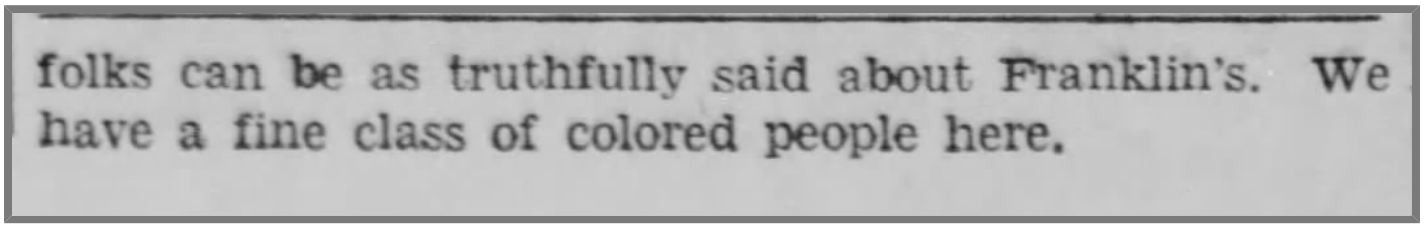
folks can be as truthfully said about Franklin's. We have a fine class of colored people here.

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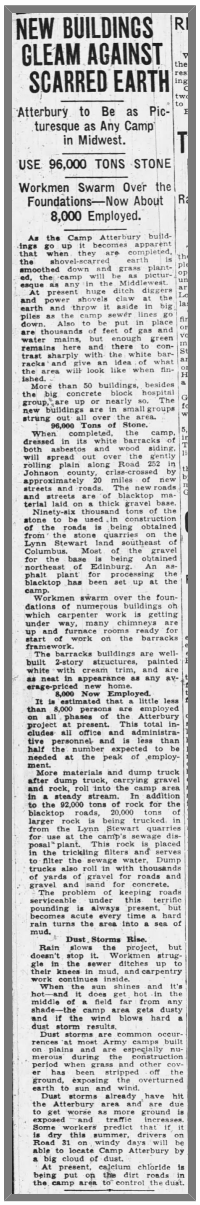

NEW BUILDINGS GLEAM AGAINST SCARRED EARTH

Atterbury to Be as Picturesque as Any Camp in Midwest.

USE 96,000 TONS STONE

Workmen Swarm Over the Foundations—Now About 8,000 Employed.

As the Camp Atterbury buildings go up it becomes apparent that when they are completed, the shovel-carved earth is smoothed down and grass planted, the camp will be as picturesque as any in the Middlewest.

At present huge ditch diggers and power shovels claw at the earth and throw it aside in big piles as the camp sewer lines go down. Also to be put in place are thousands of feet of gas and water mains, but enough green remains here and there to contrast sharply with the white barracks and give an idea of what the area will look like when finished.

More than 50 buildings, besides the big concrete block hospital group, are up or nearly so. The new buildings are in small groups strung out all over the area.

96,000 Tons of Stone.

When completed, the camp, dressed in its white barracks of both asbestos and wood siding, will spread out over the gently rolling plain along Road 252 in Johnson county, criss-crossed by approximately 20 miles of new streets and roads. The new roads and streets are of blacktop material laid on a thick gravel base.

Ninety-six thousand tons of the stone to be used in construction of the roads is being obtained from the stone quarries on the Lynn Stewart land southeast of Columbus. Most of the gravel for the base is being obtained northeast of Edinburg. An asphalt plant for processing the blacktop has been set up at the camp.

Workmen swarm over the foundations of numerous buildings oh which carpenter work is getting under way, many chimneys are up and furnace rooms ready for start of work on the barracks framework.

The barracks buildings are well-built 2-story structures, painted white with cream trim, and are as neat in appearance as any average-priced new home.

8,000 Now Employed.

It is estimated that a little less than 8,000 persons are employed on all phases of the Atterbury project at present. This total includes all office and administrative personnel and is less than half the number expected to be needed at the peak of employment.

More materials and dump truck after dump truck, carrying gravel and rock, roll into the camp area in a steady stream. In addition to the 92,000 tons of rock for the blacktop roads, 20,000 tons of larger rock is being trucked in from the Lynn Stewart quarries for use at the camp's sewage disposal plant. This rock is placed in the trickling filters and serves to filter the sewage water. Dump trucks also roll in with thousands of yards of gravel for roads and gravel and sand for concrete.

The problem of keeping roads serviceable under this terrific pounding is always present, but becomes acute every time a hard rain turns the area into a sea of mud.

Dust Storms Rise.

Rain slows the project, but doesn't stop it. Workmen struggle in the sewer ditches up to their knees in mud, and carpentry work continues inside.

When the sun shines and it's hot—and it does get hot in the middle of a field far from any shade—the camp area gets dusty and if the wind blows hard a dust storm results.

Dust storms are common occurrences at most Army camps built on plains and are especially numerous during the construction period when grass and other cover has been stripped off the ground, exposing the overturned earth to sun and wind.

Dust storms already have hit the Atterbury area and are due to get worse as more ground is exposed and traffic increases. Some workers predict that if it is dry this summer, drivers on Road 31 on windy days will be able to locate Camp Atterbury by a big cloud of dust.

At present, calcium chloride is being put on the dirt roads in the camp area to control the dust.

1942_05_13_1_New buildings gleam against scarred earth

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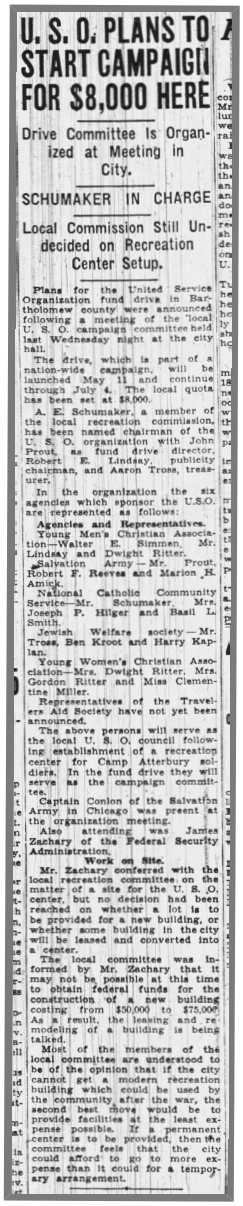

U. S. O. PLANS TO START CAMPAIGN FOR $8,000 HERE

Drive Committee Is Organized at Meeting in City.

SCHUMAKER IN CHARGE

Local Commission Still Undecided on Recreation Center Setup.

Plans for the United Service Organization fund drive in Bartholomew county were announced following a meeting of the local U. S. O. campaign committee held last Wednesday night at the city hall.

The drive, which is part of a nation-wide campaign, will be launched May 11 and continue through July 4. The local quota has been set at $8,000.

A. E. Schumaker, a member of the local recreation commission, has been named chairman of the U. S. O. organization with John Prout, as fund drive director, Robert E. Lindsay, publicity chairman, and Aaron Tross, treasurer.

In the organization the six agencies which sponsor the U.S.O. are represented as follows:

Agencies and Representatives.

Young Men's Christian Association—Walter E. Simmen, Mr. Lindsay and Dwight Ritter.

Salvation Army—Mr. Prout, Robert F. Reeves and Marion H. Annick.

National Catholic Community Service—Mr. Schumaker, Mrs. Joseph P. Hilger and Basil L. Smith.

Jewish Welfare society—Mr. Tross, Ben Kroot and Harry Kaplan.

Young Women's Christian Association—Mrs. Dwight Ritter, Mrs. Gordon Ritter and Miss Clementine Miller.

Representatives of the Travelers Aid Society have not yet been announced.

The above persons will serve as the local U. S. O. council following establishment of a recreation center for Camp Atterbury soldiers. In the fund drive they will serve as the campaign committee.

Captain Conlon of the Salvation Army in Chicago was present at the organization meeting.

Also attending was James Zachary of the Federal Security Administration.

Work on Site.

Mr. Zachary conferred with the local recreation committee on the matter of a site for the U. S. O. center, but no decision had been reached on whether a lot is to be provided for a new building, or whether some building in the city will be leased and converted into a center.

The local committee was informed by Mr. Zachary that it may not be possible at this time to obtain federal funds for the construction of a new building costing from $50,000 to $75,000. As a result, the leasing and remodeling of a building is being talked.

Most of the members of the local committee are understood to be of the opinion that if the city cannot get a modern recreation building which could be used by the community after the war, the second best move would be to provide facilities at the least expense possible. If a permanent center is to be provided, then the committee feels that the city could afford to go to more expense than it could for a temporary arrangement.

1942_05_13_2_USO plans campaign for 8000 $

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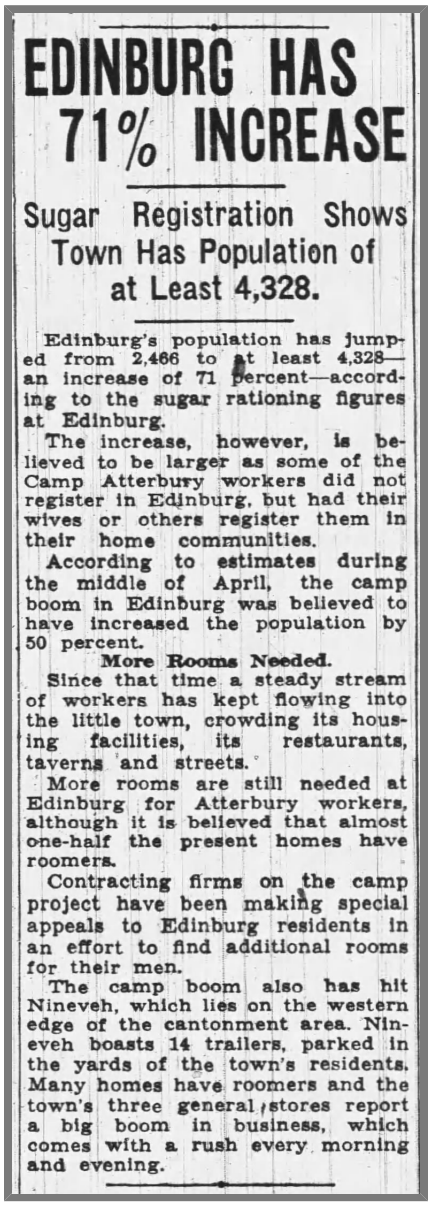

EDINBURG HAS 71% INCREASE

Sugar Registration Shows Town Has Population of at Least 4,328.

Edinburg's population has jumped from 2,466 to at least 4,328—an increase of 71 percent—according to the sugar rationing figures at Edinburg.

The increase, however, is believed to be larger as some of the Camp Atterbury workers did not register in Edinburg, but had their wives or others register them in their home communities.

According to estimates during the middle of April, the camp boom in Edinburg was believed to have increased the population by 50 percent.

More Rooms Needed.

Since that time a steady stream of workers has kept flowing into the little town, crowding its housing facilities, its restaurants, taverns and streets.

More rooms are still needed at Edinburg for Atterbury workers, although it is believed that almost one-half the present homes have roomers.

Contracting firms on the camp project have been making special appeals to Edinburg residents in an effort to find additional rooms for their men.

The camp boom also has hit Nineveh, which lies on the western edge of the cantonment area. Nineveh boasts 14 trailers, parked in the yards of the town's residents. Many homes have roomers and the town's three general stores report a big boom in business, which comes with a rush every morning and evening.

1942_05_13_3_Edinburg has 71% increase

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HIGH OFFICERS SEEK QUARTERS

Colonels Among Those Writing About Houses and Apartments Here.

Army officers to be stationed at Camp Atterbury have started writing the local Chamber of Commerce offices for information concerning homes and apartments for their families. Some of the officers are slated to arrive in the area around the middle of June.

Among those who have sent queries to the housing service department set up by the Chamber of Commerce here have been one colonel, two lieutenant-colonels and a major.

Some of the officers will be accompanied by their wives and children. Their letters state the type of apartment or house desired and the number in their family.

One of the requests is for a furnished or unfurnished modern house, country or town, near camp, and of six or seven rooms. It is desired by one of the colonels to be stationed at Camp Atterbury and he will have his family with him.

Commander Not Named.

Another request is for a 4 or 5-room apartment or a 5 or 6-room house, furnished. Another officer and his wife want a 1 or 2-room apartment, furnished.

There has been no announcement as to who the commanding officer of the new Camp Atterbury will be, but he is expected to arrive in the area about six weeks before the bulk of the troops.

Those slated to arrive in June will include the commanding officer of the camp hospital and commanding officer of the quartermaster division. Both the hospital and quartermaster sections of the camp are scheduled for completion before the barracks sections.

The quartermaster area is slated to be completed by June 30 and the hospital group buildings by July 15.

1,200 Officers Expected.

The officers who are requesting houses and apartments now are the vanguard of approximately 1,200 officers expected to be stationed at Camp Atterbury. Of these it is estimated that around 600 will want houses or apartments for their families in towns surrounding the camp.

The officers are expected to request the better type homes and apartments and it is believed that a large number of them will desire to live in Columbus or Franklin to be within easy driving distance of the cantonment area. Some, however, may place their families in Indianapolis if suitable homes are not found nearer the camp.

In addition to the officers coming in with the Army camp, there will be 2,000 to 3,000 civilian employes connected with Camp Atterbury. While some of these will be persons who now reside in the area, including Columbus people, many will be moved in from other localities. Many will have their families and will be looking for houses and apartments. This population will be permanent during the time the camp is in use.

BABY DAY NOT TO BE STAGED

Scarcity of Help Compels Hospital to Call Off Event.

The annual baby party held at the Bartholomew county hospital in connection with Hospital day, will not be held this year for the first time in several years.

The reason is that the hospital scarcely has sufficient professional personnel to take care of the sick, let alone stage a big party. The war is making it increasingly difficult to obtain nurses and hospital technicians, according to Miss Olive Murphy, superintendent.

On Tuesday, Hospital day, open house will be held at the hospital and there will be visiting hours from 2 to 4 p. m. There will be no exhibits or program, however.

Because of the shortage of professional hospital workers steps are being taken at the local institution to secure a supply of assistants. Plans are being made.

TAKE TRAINING AT CULVER

Arthur Peterson of this city, and Otha E. Bishop of Flatrock are among the 96 recruits attending the Indiana state police school at Culver Military academy.

The eight-week course will close June 25, after students complete police academic instruction and war-time emergency training.

Lt. Don Kooken, supervising lieutenant of the state police, and Maj. C. A. Whitney, tactical officer on the Culver staff, head the list of 38 instructors.

1942_05_13_4_High Officers looking for rooms

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SHIFT PLANS OF SEYMOUR FIELD

Boundaries Are Revised—Negotiations Here Near Close.

The proposed boundaries for the pilots' training base to be located near Seymour have been changed somewhat, according to information from Seymour.

Present plans, it is said, call for leaving off the southern one-fourth of the proposed site and adding a similar amount to the northern end of the area.

Landowners in the area and others immediately interested in the flight school project met last night at the Kasting school, near the project area, with various officials connected with the project.

The land acquisition department of Camp Atterbury, which has its offices in the Columbus armory, is handling the land acquisition phase of the Seymour project and Charles W. Long, assistant project manager here, attended the meeting last night.

Negotiations Here Near End.

Meanwhile, the negotiations for purchase of the Camp Atterbury land are drawing to a close and all the negotiators, with the exception of Joseph W. Springer, chief negotiator, have been transferred from the local project.

The last to leave were Emerson T. Calvert of Edinburg, who left today for Vincennes; M. E. Choate and L. L. Shadoin, who were transferred to Louisville, and John Shirkie, who was transferred to Warren, Ohio.

Negotiations on the Atterbury project are to close Friday night and those who wish to sign options must do so before that time, Mr. Springer said.

1942_05_13_4_Seymour field plans shift

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HISTORY OF WAR TO BE COMPILED

County Historical Society Acts at Annual Dinner Meeting.

Plans to compile a history of Bartholomew county's participation in World war II were made at the annual meeting of the county historical society last night in Mrs. Mannen's tea room.

A new war history committee was appointed by Mrs. E. E. Arbuckle of Elizabethtown, president of the society. It includes Ross Crump, Miss Cleo Rogers, J. Ray Ross, Otto Hughes and Mrs. Emily Rickmeyer.

Following dinner, served to 21 members, the society heard an address on "A World Perspective in History" by Dr. Christopher B. Coleman, head of the state historical bureau and member of the Bartholomew society.

A tribute to the late Miss Lillian Volland was paid by Mrs. Perry King, and Mrs. Arbuckle mentioned the gift of the M. A. Locke collection of newspaper files to the society by Mr. and Mrs. Ray S. Brown.

Directors Elected.

The following directors were elected, following a report by Mrs. Dulcie Thomas, as nominating committee:

W. G. Irwin, Hugh Th. Miller, John W. Suverkrup, Walter C. Nugent and Mrs. Margaret Talley.

The board will meet later to elect officers.

Other committees appointed were:

Toll gates—Mr. Irwin.

Cemeteries—Mrs. Talley, Mrs. R. H. Gardner, Miss Ella Orr, Mrs. Philip R. Long and Mr. Miller.

Obituaries—Mrs. John Ryner-son.

Genealogies—Mr. Crump, Miss Clementine Miller, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Suverkrup and Mrs. Nugent.

Hall of fame—Mr. Miller.

Early mills—W. D. Richards, George Donhost, George Utterback, Lewis Sims, Mr. Suverkrup and Mr. Nugent.

Museum—Mrs. Will Adams, Mrs. Fred Pancake, Mrs. King and Mr. Nugent.

Miss Miller announced that anyone interested in the Indiana Society of Pioneers may get in touch with her. Persons eligible to membership are those whose forebears settled in the county prior to 1880.

1942_05_13_5_History of war compiled by county historical society

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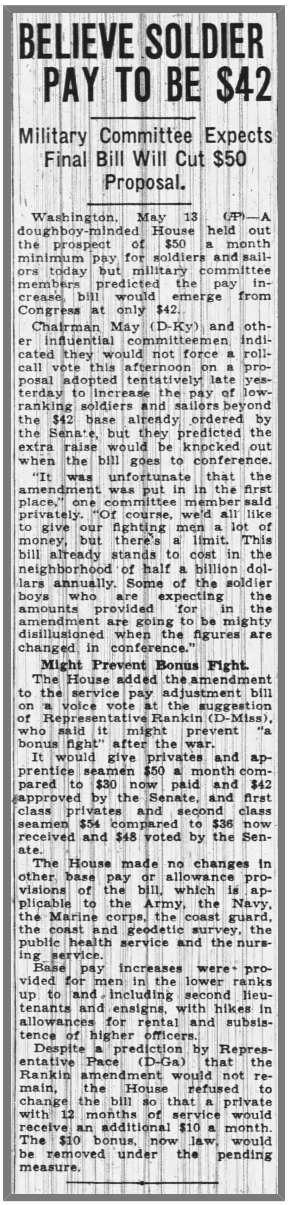

BELIEVE SOLDIER PAY TO BE $42

Military Committee Expects Final Bill Will Cut $50 Proposal.

Washington, May 13 (AP)—A doughboy-minded House held out the prospect of $50 a month minimum pay for soldiers and sailors today but military committee members predicted the pay increase bill would emerge from Congress at only $42.

Chairman May (D-Ky) and other influential committeemen indicated they would not force a roll-call vote this afternoon on a proposal adopted tentatively late yesterday to increase the pay of low-ranking soldiers and sailors beyond the $42 base already ordered by the Senate, but they predicted the extra raise would be knocked out when the bill goes to conference.

"It was unfortunate that the amendment was put in in the first place," one committee member said privately. "Of course, we'd all like to give our fighting men a lot of money, but there's a limit. This bill already stands to cost in the neighborhood of half a billion dollars annually. Some of the soldier boys who are expecting the amounts provided for in the amendment are going to be mighty disillusioned when the figures are changed in conference."

Might Prevent Bonus Fight.

The House added the amendment to the service pay adjustment bill on a voice vote at the suggestion of Representative Rankin (D-Miss), who said it might prevent "a bonus fight" after the war.

It would give privates and apprentice seamen $50 a month compared to $30 now paid and $42 approved by the Senate, and first class privates and second class seamen $54 compared to $36 now received and $48 voted by the Senate.

The House made no changes in other base pay or allowance provisions of the bill, which is applicable to the Army, the Navy, the Marine corps, the coast guard, the coast and geodetic survey, the public health service and the nursing service.

Base pay increases were provided for men in the lower ranks up to and including second lieutenants and ensigns, with hikes in allowances for rental and subsistence of higher officers.

Despite a prediction by Representative Pace (D-Ga) that the Rankin amendment would not remain, the House refused to change the bill so that a private with 12 months of service would receive an additional $10 a month. The $10 bonus, now law, would be removed under the pending measure.

1942_05_13_6_Soldier pay to be 42 dollars

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CAMP AREA IS ALLOCATED 110 DEFENSE HOMES

Restrictions Explained at Housing Meeting Held at Franklin.

F. H. A. OFFERS TO HELP

Remodelling Appears Best Chance of Aiding Shortage at Present.

One hundred and ten houses, under certain restrictions, may be built in the defense housing critical area of the Camp Atterbury area under the present allocation which extends to Sept. 1, it was pointed out at the housing meeting with F. H. A. officials held last night at Franklin.

According to information obtained at the meeting, it appears that the best chance of obtaining local housing relief, at least at present, is through remodelling and expansion of present living quarters to care for defense workers.

It was brought out that this type of construction is being encouraged most by the War Production board, which provides additional quarters with a minimum amount of critical materials.

$800 Worth of Materials.

Under this remodelling program, a permit for up to $800 worth of critical materials may be issued by the WPB, if the expanded property is to increase the housing facilities. The $800 limit does not include cost of labor or cost of the non-critical materials used in the improvement.

The meeting at Franklin was held in the F. H. A. field was conducted by R. Earl Peters, Indiana director of the Federal Housing Administration, and Emery M. Searcy of the F. H. A. office, who is working under the WPB division.

Approximately 50 persons were present, including defense officials from Columbus, Franklin and Edinburg and contractors from the three towns. They included Marshall H. Acuff, Columbus defense director; Fred C. Owens of Columbus; Forrest Carmichael, Bartholomew county defense director, and representatives of most of the building and supply firms in Columbus.

Reason For Curtailment.

Both Mr. Peters and Mr. Searcy made talks explaining the various buildings restrictions and what types of construction were permissible under the recent government building curbs.

Mr. Peters pointed out that the government is curtailing building only because shortages of certain critical materials exist and these materials are vitally needed for defense production.

He declared that the F. H. A. is anxious to see that the building allowed to the Camp Atterbury area goes through and said that the F. H. A. would see to it that funds were made available for private housing construction, where those houses were to be used by defense workers.

Mr. Searcy explained that Columbus, Edinburg and Franklin are in the Camp Atterbury defense housing critical area, as well as any other point within a 40-cent round trip transportation fare of the camp.

Bars Not Let Down.

As such, Columbus, Edinburg and Franklin enjoy the same privileges as any other critical area, but this does not mean that all types of building can go ahead without restrictions. On the contrary, only types of essential building which do not require the use of critical materials are used, are those designed for defense workers. A defense worker was defined as any person working in a defense plant, a plant supplying a defense plant or a member of the nation's armed forces.

Mr. Peters pointed out that the F. H. A. is encouraging the building of new homes for defense workers and that every effort will be made to speed up loans for this type of construction. He explained the new Title 6 program, now before Congress, which allows construction of a $4,000 home on a 90 percent loan, with a 25-year payment.

Half Must be Rented.

Under the 110-house allocation—this means that the WPB has set this top figure for the number of homes to be built in the Atterbury area up until September 1—the WPB board requires that at least one-half of these new homes must be rented to defense workers, the other 50 percent may be sold to the defense workers.

It is believed doubtful that 110 homes spread out between Columbus, Franklin and Edinburg would relieve the housing shortage to any great extent and it may be that the number will be increased after Sept. 1.

On the other hand Mr. Peters pointed out that there is very much work to be done and that the WPB must conserve building materials and release those critical items only where the need is most imperative.

During the question period, Mr. Searcy expressed the belief that the critical area rating for the Camp Atterbury section will continue for the duration of the war. He also brought out that there is not a great deal that can be done, except through remodelling, to care for the camp construction workers, owing to the fact that this is not time to build new homes.

Three Types of Construction.

Applications for only three types of construction will be received and processed by the Federal Housing Administration, Mr. Peters pointed out.

The three types acceptable are residential construction, except farm houses and publicly financed

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CAMP AREA IS ALLOCATED 110 DEFENSE HOMES

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housing: privately financed roads or streets within property lines of privately-financed war housing projects and utility lines and systems within property lines of privately-financed war housing projects.

All other applications for construction work, excepting those of agriculture alone, should be sent directly to the WPB in Washington. Agricultural construction applicants should consult their local county war boards, Mr. Peters said.

Despite the fact that the government has required permits for most types of major construction, much building can still be done without permits.

This includes:

1. RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION: Any residential construction with a total estimated cost of less than $500, within a 12-month period. (a) Remodelling jobs (as distinguished from maintenance and repair jobs) costing less than $500. Example: Adding a porch, new concrete walks, or house remodeling. (b) Private garages and other structures providing accommodations normally associated with residential construction, costing less than $500. (c) Reconstruction or restoration of residential construction: Residential construction damaged or destroyed after Dec. 31, 1941, by fire, flood, tornado or earthquake, act of God or the public enemy may be rebuilt.

2. AGRICULTURAL CONSTRUCTION: (a) Any individual or single farm building, structure or project, excepting residential, having a total estimated cost of less than $1,000, within any one 12-month period. (b) Residential construction on the farm is subject to the same limitations applying to other residential construction.

3. INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION: Recreational, highway, roadway, sub-surface and utilities construction, is permitted, provided the total estimated cost is less than $500.

4. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS, as defined in the order, are completely exempted.

5. PERMITS for all other construction must be secured from the WPB.

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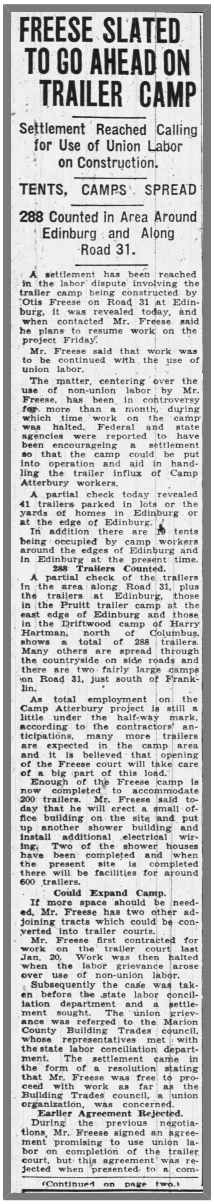

FREESE SLATED TO GO AHEAD ON TRAILER CAMP

Settlement Reached Calling for Use of Union Labor on Construction.

TENTS, CAMPS SPREAD

288 Counted in Area Around Edinburg and Along Road 31.

A settlement has been reached in the labor dispute involving the trailer camp being constructed by Otis Freese on Road 31 at Edinburg, it was revealed today, and when contacted Mr. Freese said he plans to resume work on the project Friday.

Mr. Freese said that work was to be continued with the use of union labor.

The matter, centering over the use of non-union labor by Mr. Freese, has been in controversy for more than a month, during which time work on the camp was halted. Federal and state agencies were reported to have been encourageing a settlement so that the camp could be put into operation and aid in handling the trailer influx of Camp Atterbury workers.

A partial check today revealed 41 trailers parked in lots or the yards of homes in Edinburg or at the edge of Edinburg.

In addition there are 70 tents being occupied by camp workers around the edges of Edinburg and in Edinburg at the present time.

288 Trailers Counted.

A partial check of the trailers in the area along Road 31, plus the trailers at Edinburg, those in the Pruitt trailer camp at the east edge of Edinburg and those in the Driftwood camp of Harry Hartman, north of Columbus, shows a total of 288 trailers. Many others are spread through the countryside on side roads and there are two fairly large camps on Road 31, just south of Franklin.

As total employment on the Camp Atterbury project is still a little under the half-way mark, according to the contractors' anticipations, many more trailers are expected in the camp area and it is believed that opening of the Freese court will take care of a big part of this load.

Enough of the Freese camp is now completed to accommodate 200 trailers. Mr. Freese said today that he will erect a small office building on the site and put up another shower building and install additional electrical wiring. Two of the shower houses have been completed and when the present site is completed there will be facilities for around 600 trailers.

Could Expand Camp.

If more space should be needed, Mr. Freese has two other adjoining tracts which could be converted into trailer courts.

Mr. Freese first contracted for work on the trailer court last Jan. 20. Work was then halted when the labor grievance arose over use of non-union labor.

Subsequently the case was taken before the state labor conciliation department and a settlement sought. The union grievance was referred to the Marion County Building Trades council, whose representatives met with the state labor conciliation department. The settlement came in the form of a resolution stating that Mr. Freese was free to proceed with work as far as the Building Trades council, a union organization, was concerned.

Earlier Agreement Rejected.

During the previous negotiations, Mr. Freese signed an agreement promising to use union labor on completion of the trailer court, but this agreement was rejected when presented to a com-

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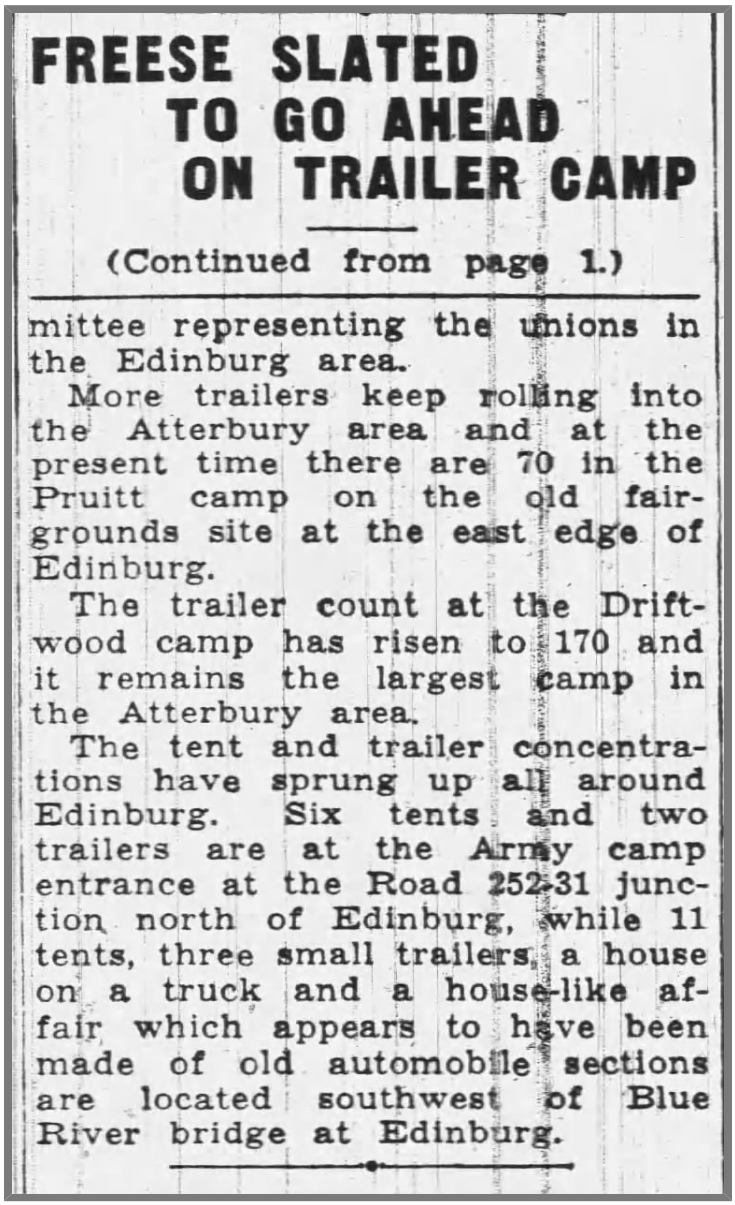

FREESE SLATED TO GO AHEAD ON TRAILER CAMP

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mittee representing the unions in the Edinburg area.

More trailers keep rolling into the Atterbury area and at the present time there are 70 in the Pruitt camp on the old fairgrounds site at the east edge of Edinburg.

The trailer count at the Driftwood camp has risen to 170 and it remains the largest camp in the Atterbury area.

The tent and trailer concentrations have sprung up all around Edinburg. Six tents and two trailers are at the Army camp entrance at the Road 252-31 junction north of Edinburg, while 11 tents, three small trailers, a house on a truck and a house-like affair which appears to have been made of old automobile sections are located southwest of Blue River bridge at Edinburg.

1942_05_14_1B_another trailer camp - continued

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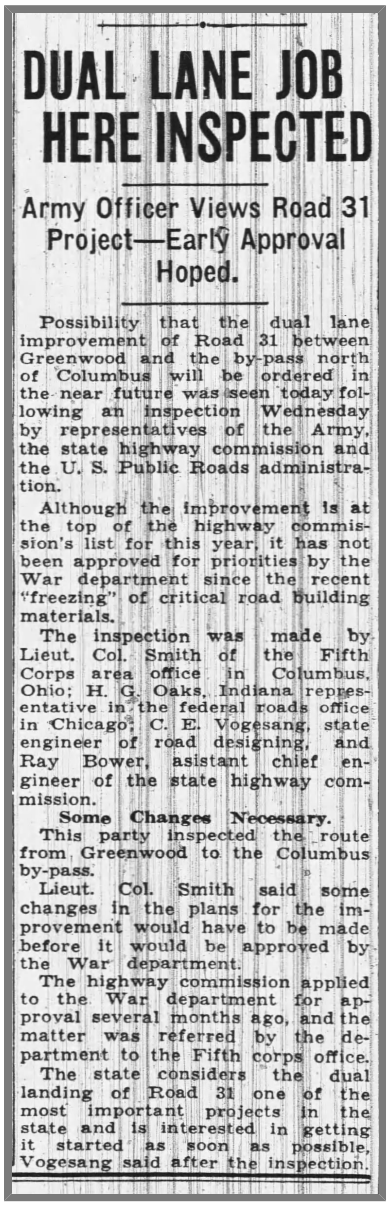

DUAL LANE JOB HERE INSPECTED

Army Officer Views Road 31 Project—Early Approval Hoped.

Possibility that the dual lane improvement of Road 31 between Greenwood and the by-pass north of Columbus will be ordered in the near future was seen today following an inspection Wednesday by representatives of the Army, the state highway commission and the U. S. Public Roads administration.

Although the improvement is at the top of the highway commission's list for this year, it has not been approved for priorities by the War department since the recent "freezing" of critical road building materials.

The inspection was made by Lieut. Col. Smith of the Fifth Corps area office in Columbus, Ohio; H. G. Oaks, Indiana representative in the federal roads office in Chicago; C. E. Vogesang, state engineer of road designing, and Ray Bower, asistant chief engineer of the state highway commission.

Some Changes Necessary.

This party inspected the route from Greenwood to the Columbus by-pass.

Lieut. Col. Smith said some changes in the plans for the improvement would have to be made before it would be approved by the War department.

The highway commission applied to the War department for approval several months ago, and the matter was referred by the department to the Fifth corps office.

The state considers the dual landing of Road 31 one of the most important projects in the state and is interested in getting it started as soon as possible, Vogesang said after the inspection.

1942_05_14_3_dual lane 31 route inspected

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200 MORE SEEK PLACES TO STAY

Several Hundred Other Carpenters Expected This Week on Camp Job.

Approximately 200 more carpenters, slated to work on the Camp Atterbury project, rolled into Edinburg last night looking for living quarters that for the most part weren't to be found and it was being recommended that the men seek rooms in Columbus or Franklin.

Several hundred more carpenters are expected during the next three days and, although the rain today curtailed outside work on the camp project, a number of carpenters were being registered at the carpenters union office at Edinburg.

The influx of new workmen brought calls for rooms and apartments and the union offices began efforts to find additional quarters for the men.

The carpenters union at Edinburg has sent out calls for men throughout the Middlewest and South and large numbers have been arriving as they finish work on other projects.

Newcomers during the last week have included persons from Mississippi, Missouri, Florida, Nebraska, Michigan, Arkansas and Kentucky.

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OLD HOUSE, MODERN JOB

¶The old Marshall homestead, 105 years old, first frame house built and plastered in Nineveh township, is furnishing living quarters for 15 Camp Atterbury workers now. Here's the way it looked before it was recently remodeled.

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FIRST PLASTERED FRAME HOME IN NINEVEH DOING WAR WORK

¶Remodeled to provide living quarters for fifteen workmen on Camp Atterbury, the first frame house built and plastered in Nineveh township is now doing its part to ease the defense housing shortage.

It is the old Marshall homestead, built in 1838 and used continuously since as a residence. Mrs. Gloria Grace Marshall, a well known Indiana composer writing under the name of G. Marshall Loepke, recently remodeled the house and now rooms and boards fifteen construction workers.

The house was erected by Frank Scoefield and later was owned by Abner Walker. Dr. J. A. Marshall, a practicing physician, bought it well over half a century ago, and since that time it has been in the hands of the Marshall family. A son of Dr. Marshall inherited the farm after the doctor died in 1891, and his widow, Mrs. A. C. (Mary Coppock) Marshall, now owns it. Mrs. Gloria Grace Marshall is her daughter.

Information, as well as the picture, were furnished The Star by Miss Clara Marshall of Nineveh. Miss Marshall relied on O. J. Shuck of Franklin, for some of the details.

1942_05_15_1_Marshall homestead houses 15 workers

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Three Army Camp Workers Injured

Rod Pierces Hip Of One; Man Loses Thumb

Three Camp Atterbury workmen were injured and a fourth was taken to a hospital with a ruptured appendix during Wednesday and Thursday, it was learned today.

Claude Wheatley of Wabash suffered severe lacerations of the head when he was struck by a chain. He was treated by an Edinburg physician.

Arthur Mitchell fell on an iron rod and it punctured his hip, and Frank Seibel suffered the loss of a thumb in a saw. Both were taken to the Methodist hospital at Indianapolis.

The appendix victim was R. A. Vannalta, who was taken to the Major hospital at Shelbyville.

The number of accidents on the construction job steadily increases as the number of workmen is hiked, but the number of accidents of serious nature is small when the size of the construction gang is taken into consideration.

1942_05_15_3_three camp workers injured

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No Low Bids, So More Being Asked

All Above Estimates On Road To Atterbury

Though a number of bids received Tuesday on the paving of Road 252 from the Road 31 junction to the east entrance of Camp Atterbury, no contract will be awarded on the basis of those received.

Spokesmen for the State Highway Commission said that no bid was received under the engineer's estimated cost and that the specifications would have to be re-advertised and further bids solicited.

The access road in this county was one of eight projects in Martin, Daviess, Green, Clark, Johnson, Marion and LaPorte counties on which bids were received Tuesday. All were certified as important war routes.

1942_05_15_2_No low bids on paving 252

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CHANGE OF SCENERY.

QUITE a number of Franklin persons have recently been through the Camp Atterbury area to view the progress of the huge construction project, despite the fact that admission is limited to those having necessary business in the area. They tell almost unbelievable stories of how far the project has progressed in the few weeks work has been under way. What once was a quiet countryside valued on tax duplicates at less than one millon dollars is rapidly being transfored into a cantonment, the value of which will be many, many millions.

Though scarcely a year ago such a project was not even though of, today it is estimated that soldiers will start coming in very shortly and that work will be completed in a few months. Folks here are anxious to take a look at the new buildings and are patiently waiting for the traffic ban to be lifted.

1942_05_15_4_change of scenery in camp area

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ROAD 252 BIDS ARE REJECTED

Several bids have been received on the paving of Road 252 from the Road 31 junction to the east entrance of Camp Atterbury, but no contract will be awarded on the basis of the bids received.

The bids were received Tuesday, but a spokesman for the State Highway commission said that no bid was received in line with the engineer's estimated cost and that the specifications would have to be re-advertised and further bids solicited.

The access road will be improved by the state from the point where it intersects Road 31 at the curve north of Edinburg to the camp area at the bridge over Sugar Creek, west of Road 31.

1942_05_16_1_Road 252 bids rejected

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1,000 HERE FOR WORK ON CAMP

C. of C. Places 130 Families, 300 Single Persons in Columbus.

The influx in the Columbus area of persons connected with Camp Atterbury is estimated at over the 1,000 mark, and a report today of the Chamber of Commerce housing service showed that more than 130 families have been placed in homes, apartments and housekeeping rooms and approximately 300 persons in sleeping rooms.

The demand for quarters still continues and is particularly heavy for:

Houses, both furnished and unfurnished.

Apartments, both furnished and unfurnished.

Light housekeeping rooms, consisting of 3, 2 or 1 room.

Rooms with board.

Many Ask for Apartments.

Of 23 requests Friday, 10 were for apartments. On Thursday, approximately 40 requests for quarters were received, including all types. Sixteen requests for apartments were received on both Monday and Tuesday, in addition to the calls for rooms and houses.

For the past six weeks, the calls for apartments have been running from 10 to 15 a day, as this type of quarters appears to be most in demand and at the same time the scarcest in the towns around the camp.

Many of the carpenters arriving here from Detroit want rooms with

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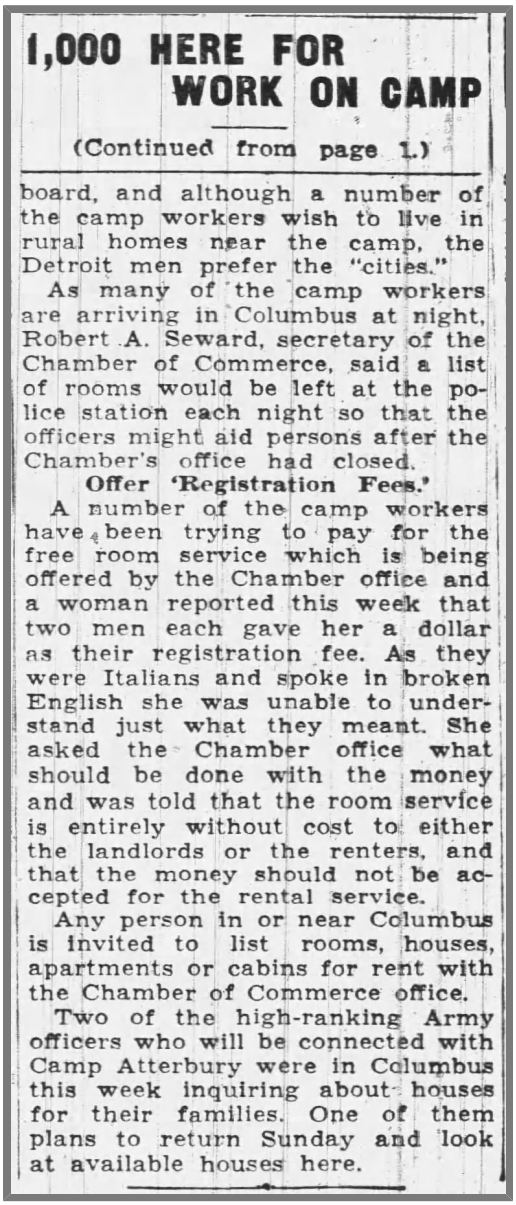

1,000 HERE FOR WORK ON CAMP

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board, and although a number of the camp workers wish to live in rural homes near the camp, the Detroit men prefer the "cities."

As many of the camp workers are arriving in Columbus at night, Robert A. Seward, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, said a list of rooms would be left at the police station each night so that the officers might aid persons after the Chamber's office had closed.

Offer 'Registration Fees.'

A number of the camp workers have been trying to pay for the free room service which is being offered by the Chamber office and a woman reported this week that two men each gave her a dollar as their registration fee. As they were Italians and spoke in broken English she was unable to understand just what they meant. She asked the Chamber office what should be done with the money and was told that the room service is entirely without cost to either the landlords or the renters, and that the money should not be accepted for the rental service.

Any person in or near Columbus is invited to list rooms, houses, apartments or cabins for rent with the Chamber of Commerce office.

Two of the high-ranking Army officers who will be connected with Camp Atterbury were in Columbus this week inquiring about houses for their families. One of them plans to return Sunday and look at available houses here.

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10,000 NOW AT WORK AS CAMP GOES UP FAST

Employment Above Half-Way Mark—Want 500 Carpenters a Day.

BARRACKS RISE RAPIDLY

Men Labor in Two Shifts and Under Floodlights at Night.

Total Camp Atterbury employment has topped the 10,000-mark, with large-scale building under way in every section of the cantonment site. According to maximum estimates on employment, the 10,000 figure is a little better than the half-way mark.

Barracks buildings are up in groups throughout the barracks blocks, while bricklayers continue to erect new chimneys for additional buildings.

Many of the big hospital buildings, 2-story structures of concrete blocks, stand in long rows, their exteriors completed. In another section, a number of the warehouses are erected and railroad cars stand on the switches alongside the new buildings.

Chimneys Dot Landscape.

The new chimneys rise from the midst of the concrete foundation pillars, which dot the landscape by the thousands, before the carpenters start on the framework of the structures. Also completed prior to putting the cut-to-fit barracks together, the utility room which houses the barrack's hot air heating plant is installed in a sub-basement.

An employment peak of 9,898 persons was reached last week and 385 carpenters were hired Monday. At 6:15 o'clock last night long lines of carpenters stood at the union office windows waiting to sign up for work today.

The carpenters are arriving from as far away as California and, in addition to many from the southern states and Detroit, a number are coming from St. Louis and Chicago.

Work in Two Shifts.

At present the carpenters are being hired as fast as they arrive. The A. Farnell Blair company, biggest of the camp contractors, is calling for around 500 carpenters a day, but isn't getting quite that many in spite of the present influx. The Blair company has more than 5,000 persons on its payroll.

Work in a number of sections is on two shifts and large floodlights are used at night. The new war time (daylight saving) has been a big help to construction, as the men can work until 8 o'clock without the aid of artificial light.

The 10,000 employment mark at present is better than half the total maximum estimate of 19,500 persons which the contractors estimated would be on the job around June 15. Others connected with the camp construction have offered a more conservative estimate of 15,000. Their estimate is based partly on doubt that another 9,500 men will be available. If their estimate proves correct, the employment is now at the two-thirds mark.

Will Swamp Edinburg.

Even if only 5,000 more are put to work, the influx will shove Edinburg past the bursting point, as most of the 5,000 new men must come from outside the area surrounding the camp.

Approximately 8,000 common laborers have signed up for work on the camp, but a big number of these men are permanent residents of towns and farms in the area around the camp and do not present a housing problem. The bulk of the carpenters, however, must come from outside the camp area. Many Columbus carpenters already have quit jobs here to go to the camp, but they represent only a drop in the bucket in comparison to the number needed.

Although shortages of materials still cause minor delays, the materials are being obtained through continued pressure and work on

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1942_05_19_1_10000 now at work as camp goes up fast

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Gosh! Camp Is Big, and Swell, too, Scribe Finds

By BOB GORDON.

Yesterday I rode with The Evening Republican's Bob Marshall on his Camp Atterbury beat.

It was this reporter's first tour of Uncle Sam's Bartholomew-Johnson county premises since they first began pouring concrete for the foundations of the buildings in the hospital unit. It is needless to report that much progress has been made since my previous visit two months ago.

Words cannot depict the immensity of the project. A vast expanse of territory—only a few weeks ago the cream of Bartholomew and Johnson county farmland—is now the scene of a growing military city. Under the hammers of thousands of carpenters, the Atterbury buildings are growing much faster than the fine hybrid corn formerly produced on the rich land.

Like the rabbit in the magician's hat, the Atterbury picture is almost unbelievable. In two months time it has been a case of presto-chango. From a point on Road 252, east of Nineveh, you can look in any direction, north, south, east and west, and all you can see are buildings. No longer is there evidence of corn, wheat, alfalfa, soybeans or timothy.

You can ride and keep on riding, and the farther you go the more building you see.

The project is so large that few on the scene know what is going on. Men working in one section seldom see one of the other sections.

"What kind of a building is that?" I inquired of a skilled workman who was walking by a tier of structures. "That's what I've been trying to figure out," he replied. It wasn't a military secret, but there are so many different types of buildings and so many buildings that even the workmen aren't quite certain what they are working on.

Barracks, administration offices, mess halls, recreation buildings, hospitals, theaters, are going up with rapidity. When completed, and it won't be long, the Bartholomew-Johnson county cantonment site will be occupied by a military city large enough to swallow the combined populations of Columbus, Edinburg and Franklin, with room to spare.

It will be a home which Uncle Sam's khaki-clad laddies will be proud to occupy—one which would cause any mother to rest with ease, knowing her soldier son had such a modern and complete military home.

It is a gigantic project, but not until you have an opportunity to get on the inside and view it with the naked eye can you appreciate the immensity and completeness of this Atterbury project.

1942_05_19_2_Gosh - camp is swell !

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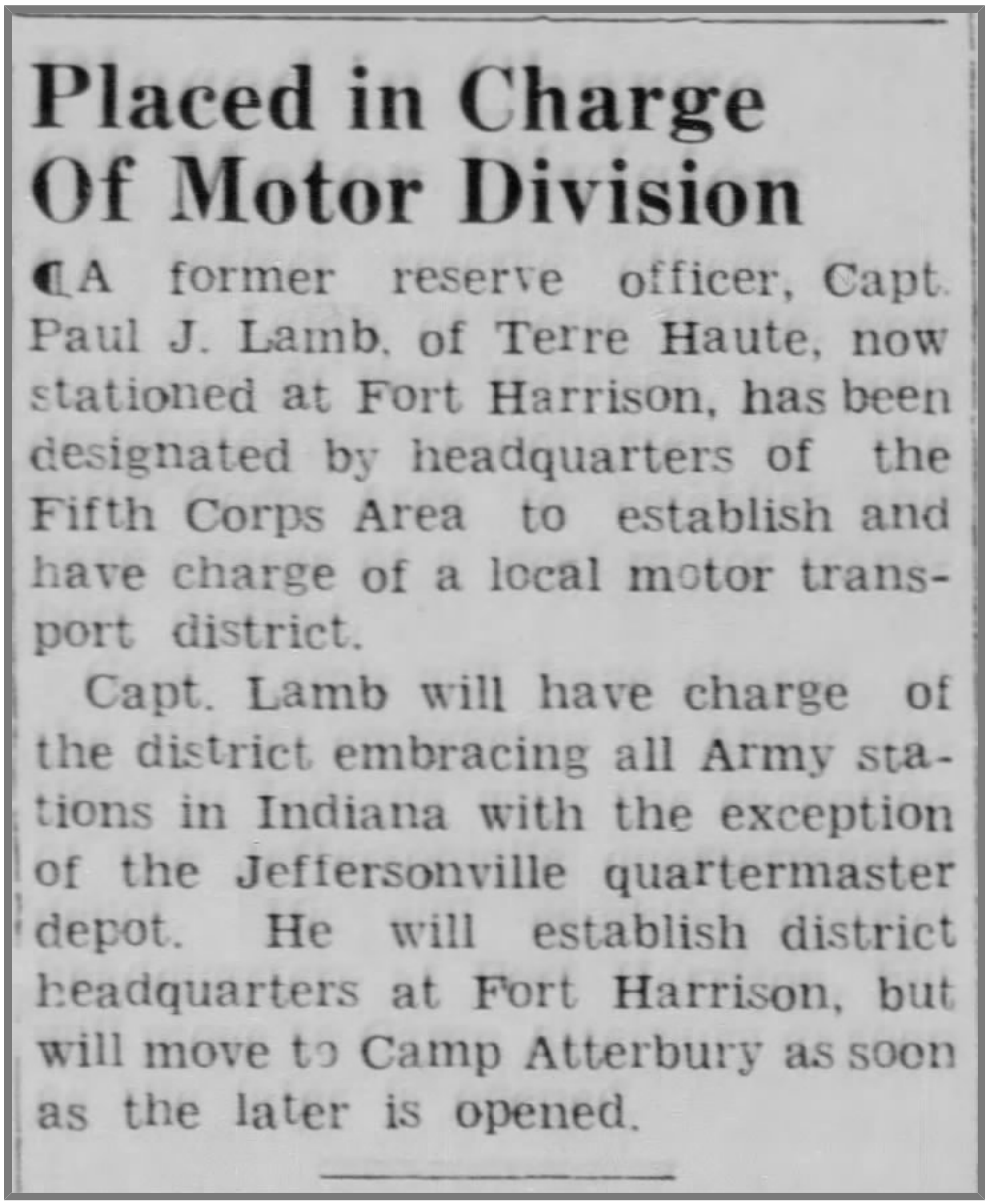

Placed in Charge Of Motor Division

A former reserve officer, Capt. Paul J. Lamb, of Terre Haute, now stationed at Fort Harrison, has been designated by headquarters of the Fifth Corps Area to establish and have charge of a local motor transport district.

Capt. Lamb will have charge of the district embracing all Army stations in Indiana with the exception of the Jeffersonville quartermaster depot. He will establish district headquarters at Fort Harrison, but will move to Camp Atterbury as soon as the later is opened.

1942_05_20_1_Capt Lamb in charge of Motor Division

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Insists Camp Be Done August 15th

High Officer Demands Schedule To Be Met

Unless the Army is just bluffing, it intends to have construction work on Camp Atterbury completely done by Aug. 1, or not later than Aug. 15, regardless of how far behind the project now may be lagging.

According to reports, a high-ranking Army officer from the construction division of the War department in Washington paid a hurried visit to the area Sunday and made it plain that the Army wants the job done on schedule.

The Army doesn't care about the $30,000 per day it would cost the contractors if they fail to get the cantonment finished on time, but the Army is insistent upon having the actual construction out of the way according to specifications handed out to contractors at the time bids were advertised last January or February.

It has been pretty well established recently that present plans are to begin moving some uniformed men into the Atterbury area during June —some say the first and some say the last of the month. Everything points that way now.

By the time the camp is completed, if in August, it is probable there will be many soldiers already stationed there, and shortly afterward the camp may be full to capacity.

Recent estimates of peak employment, expected around the middle of June, were 19,450 workers. But if the contractors heed the Army's demands for completion on schedule, some observers consider it possible that the peak will be even higher, because it stands to reason that more rapid progress means more men.

1942_05_20_2_Camp must be done by August 15

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COLORED FOLK RENEW PLEA FOR WEST SIDE RECREATION CENTER

Franklin city councilmen last night heard three representatives from the city's negro population make new requests for a colored recreation center.

Speaking for the negro group was George McGill, who told Mayor L. W. Oliver and the council that "we want to do something to help ourselves in this situation." Mr. McGill stressed in his opening remarks that purpose behind the new movement had nothing to do with the influx of army camp workers and he disclaimed all knowledge of and endeavor to propose construction of a new recreation hall solely to care for an overflow negro defense population.

"We're asking for something that will do us some good in the future. Army camp workers are here today and gone tomorrow and we know that so we're not asking for anything along that line."

While Mr. McGill was not specific as to the probable location of a new hall of the type of building desired, he pointed out that a large majority of Franklin colored people much preferred a recreation hall instead of a park or athletic field.

Suggests Use of School

Paul Goodpasture asserted that "regardless of what we must do to get the recreation center, we want also to know what we can expect from the city."

Mayor Oliver questioned the possibility of transferring 28 negro children from the George Washington grade school to the Payne school and remodeling the colored school into the desired recreation center.

But Mr. Goodpasture explained that the cost of fixing up the George Washington school would be about equal to building an entire new recreational unit.

Earl Jackson, a member of the city street department, was the other member of the recreational delegation. He did not speak, however.

Mayor Oliver asked members of the council to consider the situation before the first meeting in June and promised the colored representatives some form of definite action at that time.

1942_05_20_3_Colored folk renew plea for west side rec center

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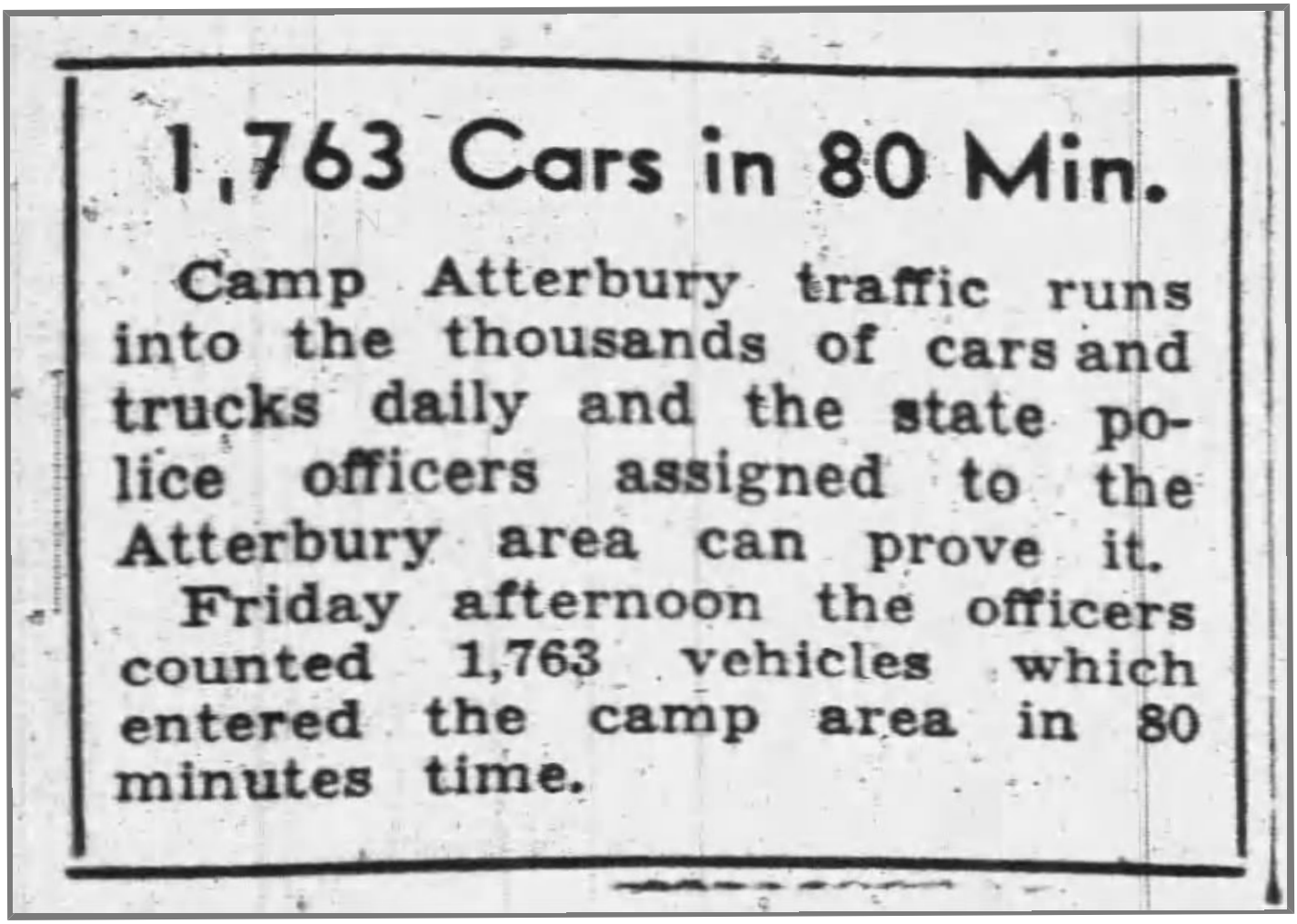

1,763 Cars in 80 Min.

Camp Atterbury traffic runs into the thousands of cars and trucks daily and the state police officers assigned to the Atterbury area can prove it.

Friday afternoon the officers counted 1,763 vehicles which entered the camp area in 80 minutes time.

1942_05_25_1_traffic counted at camp

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CAMP WORKER'S INJURIES FATAL

Charles R. Sivard, 25, of North Vernon route 1, Camp Atterbury worker, who was found injured on a road near his home Monday night, died Saturday at Methodist hospital in Indianapolis.

Dr. James M. Leffel, a Marion county deputy coroner, said Mr. Sivard apparently was struck by an automobile while he was walking along the road. His skull was fractured.

The man was found unconscious early Tuesday morning by state police.

Two Indianapolis negro workers from Camp Atterbury were injured last week when the automobile in which they were riding went out of control and turned end-over-end on Road 31, near the Johnson-Marion county line.

The men were en route from work at the camp. They are Daniel Bishop, 50, facial lacerations, and James Smith, 51, chest injuries and facial lacerations. Both were taken to City hospital at Indianapolis.

1942_05_25_2_workers injures are fatal

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CONDEMN LAND NEAR SEYMOUR

Work of Grading Site to Level Plain Slated to Start in Near Future.

The government today had possession of 2,560 acres of Jackson county land on the outskirts of Seymour for construction of the Seymour Twin-Engine Flying school, following a condemnation suit filed Saturday in federal district court at Indianapolis.

Occupants of 20 farm tracts in the area will be given 60 days to vacate their homes under the terms of the federal court order.

Condemnation proceedings, similar to those filed against Camp Atterbury landowners, were started Saturday by B. Howard Caughran, U. S. district attorney, and Judge Robert C. Baltzell handed down an order granting immediate possession of the land to the government.

Jos. W. Springer of Elizabethtown, project manager for the Camp Atterbury and Seymour projects, was in Indianapolis Saturday for the filing of the suit.

Local Office in Charge.

The land acquisition office at the Columbus armory will handle the acquisition of the land for the Seymour school and also is in charge of securing additional land for the Jefferson Proving ground near Madison.

Meanwhile, it was revealed at Seymour that actual work on the project there will get under way in the near future. The major portion of the work will consist of grading the area to an almost perfect plain in order that runways may be put down.

The architect-engineering firm which will draw up plans for the school was to move into the Seymour gymnasium today for the start of its work.

The condemnation suit filed against the Jackson county land Saturday did not include the sites for the emergency landing fields. Condemnation suits against these tracts are expected later.

Tracts for two other defense projects were condemned and possession granted in federal court at Indianapolis Saturday. One, consisting of 525 acres, is on the outskirts of Terre Haute for construction of a civilian defense holding and reconsignment depot, and 23.63 acres are in Kokomo, the abandoned plant of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass company. The Navy will lease the old glass company property for manufacture of war materials.

1942_05_25_4_Condemn Land Near Seymour

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Farmer Migration Is Moving North

Atterbury Evacuees Settling In Johnson

A number of Camp Atterbury evacuees from the Bartholomew county area are taking over farms in Johnson county north and west of Franklin, and when the migration is completed there will be major changes in the personnel of many local neighborhoods.

Among the latest changes:

Oscar Snepp, who purchased a new farm north of Franklin, will trade the farm for one which James E. Neville purchased west of Franklin. Neville also owns a farm across the road from the farm bought by Snepp and is trading for the Snepp farm so that he will have two adjoining places. Snepp plans to take over the farm west of Franklin about Sept. 1.

Dallas Coy has moved from Bartholomew county to a farm west of Whiteland.

Paul Johnson has gone from a farm near Kansas to Edinburg.

Clifford Sheek has moved north of Franklin.

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RURAL MAIL SERVICE IN CAMP AREA STOPS

There will be no rural mail delivery during the month of June to farmers remaining in the Camp Atterbury area, it has been learned.

Some farmers have until July 1 to evacuate, but mail delivery service is being suspended next Saturday when two routes are eliminated from the Edinburg post office and one route is discontinued from the Franklin post office.

After next weekend, persons still residing in the area will have to make their own arrangements for getting their mail from the post offices which formerly served them.

1942_05_25_5_Rural mail delivery in camp area stops

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Camp Worker Hurt In Eight-Foot Fall

A Camp Atterbury worker, Joseph Dunning of Edinburg, injured his ankle Sunday when he fell eight feet from a building under construction to a concrete floor. He was taken to the Barthclomew county hospital at Columbus and released after observation and treatment.

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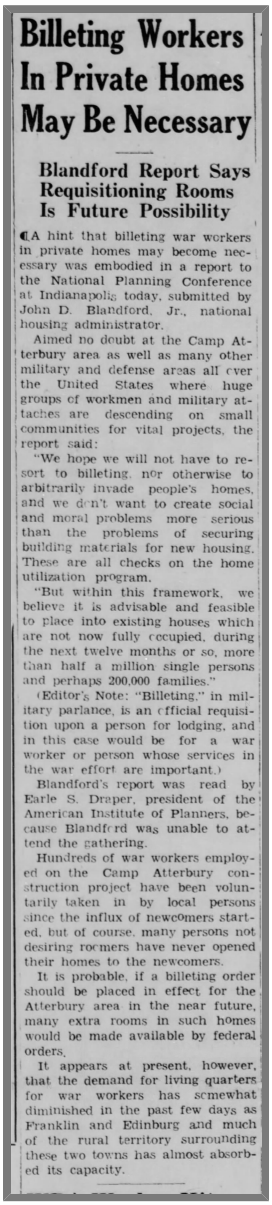

Billeting Workers In Private Homes May Be Necessary

Blandford Report Says Requisitioning Rooms Is Future Possibility

¶A hint that billeting war workers in private homes may become necessary was embodied in a report to the National Planning Conference at Indianapolis today, submitted by John D. Blandford, Jr., national housing administrator.

Aimed no doubt at the Camp Atterbury area as well as many other military and defense areas all over the United States where huge groups of workmen and military attaches are descending on small communities for vital projects, the report said:

"We hope we will not have to resort to billeting, nor otherwise to arbitrarily invade people's homes, and we don't want to create social and moral problems more serious than the problems of securing building materials for new housing. These are all checks on the home utilization program.

"But within this framework, we believe it is advisable and feasible to place into existing houses which are not now fully occupied, during the next twelve months or so, more than half a million single persons and perhaps 200,000 families."

(Editor's Note: "Billeting," in military parlance, is an official requisition upon a person for lodging, and in this case would be for a war worker or person whose services in the war effort are important.)

Blandford's report was read by Earle S. Draper, president of the American Institute of Planners, because Blandford was unable to attend the gathering.

Hundreds of war workers employed on the Camp Atterbury construction project have been voluntarily taken in by local persons since the influx of newcomers started, but of course, many persons not desiring roomers have never opened their homes to the newcomers.

It is probable, if a billeting order should be placed in effect for the Atterbury area in the near future, many extra rooms in such homes would be made available by federal orders.

It appears at present, however, that the demand for living quarters for war workers has somewhat diminished in the past few days as Franklin and Edinburg and much of the rural territory surrounding these two towns has almost absorbed its capacity.

1942_05_26_2_Billeting workers in private homes may be necessary

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$11,751 More Paid For Camp Tracts

Three Owners Receive Checks For 86 Acres

Three more Blue River township residents received checks from the government this week totaling $11,751 for land turned over to the government for Camp Atterbury.

All three tracts of land were in Blue River township, two of them near the Pisgah church and a third near Furnas Mill. Land purchased by the government yesterday totaled 86.2 acres.

The largest tract was a 36-acre tract belonging to Hazel M. Hill and located approximately one-half mile northeast of Pisgah church. The land sold for $1,700.

To Bonnie Compton went the largest government check for 25 acres near Furnas Mill. The sale price was listed in the recorder's office at $8,380.

A $1,671 check went to Laura B. Deupree for 24.2 acres located approximately one-fourth mile west of Pisgah church.

The price of land per acre purchased by the government this week averaged slightly above $136.

1942_05_26_3_More money for camp tracts

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Shanty Stolen

LOST: One Camp Atterbury shanty.

A contractor's shanty which was to have been shipped to the Camp Atterbury construction project has been reported "missing."

It was eight feet square and was believed to have been stolen during the weekend from the storage lot of the Kreis Trucking company in Indianapolis.

1942_05_26_4_Shanty stolen

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3 MORE CHECKS ARE DELIVERED

Properties Are Transferred to War Dept.—Total Rises to $44,479.

Warranty deeds for three more tracts of land in Nineveh township acquired by the U. S. government for the Camp Atterbury project have been placed on file in the Bartholomew county recorder's office.

One is the 80-acre farm of the Rev. Ralph L. Records. The consideration was $13,520 for the land and improvements.

Daisy Bevis Hand and husband deeded six lots in Kansas to the government for a consideration of $930; and Albert Hand and wife deeded a piece of property and right-of-way easement for a consideration of $1,200.

Checks in payment for the land were delivered to the former owners by Ralph W. Fraker, closing attorney, and brought to $44,479 the total paid owners for eight tracts of land.

1942_05_26_5_More money for tracts

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MAJ. GEN. MILLIKIN IS CHOSEN ATTERBURY CAMP COMMANDER

According to a news dispatch to an Indianapolis newspaper from Camp Funston, Kas., Major General John J. Millikin has been relieved from the command of the 2nd Cavalry Division at that army camp and has been assigned commanding general of the 83rd Infantry Division to be located at Camp Atterbury.

It was the first news concerning the identity of the Major General who would take over here as chief officer in command of any unit of the local army camp, and also the first news of the identity of the Division which would be stationed here.

Gen. Millikin is married and has a son, a first lieutenant in the cavalry, assigned to the 82nd Reconnaisance Squadron at Camp Funston.

The new commanding general of the 83rd Division has been commander at Camp Funston since last June, and previously was commander of the First Cavalry Division at Fort Bliss, Tex.

Saw Hawaiian Service.

He is a graduate of the U. S. Military Academy in 1910 and was immediately assigned to the Fifth Cavalry as second lieutenant. He saw active service with that regiment in Hawaii and the Mexican border, and was promoted to first lieutenant while stationed at Ft. Meyer, Va., in 1916. He taught military science and tactics at St. John's College, Annapolis, and in 1917 was appointed captain of the Second Cavalry.

He rose quickly to major and lieutenant colonel with the AEF in France and was executive officer of the Army General Staff College, being awarded the distinguished service medal for his service there.

Gen. Millikin returned to the United States in 1919, serving as a member of the War department general staff, Hawaiian division, and successively was an instructor in the Command and General Staff School, lieutenant colonel of the Third Cavalry at Ft. Meyer, and a member of the general staff of the First Corps Area in Boston.

Three years ago he was promoted to colonel and commanded the Sixth Cavalry at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., during its reorganization and development as the first horse-mechanized unit of the American army.

In October of 1940, he was promoted to brigadier general and placed in command of the First Cavalry brigade at Ft. Clark, Tex., which he relinquished to go to the Kansas camp.

1942_05_27_1_MG Millikin new camp commander

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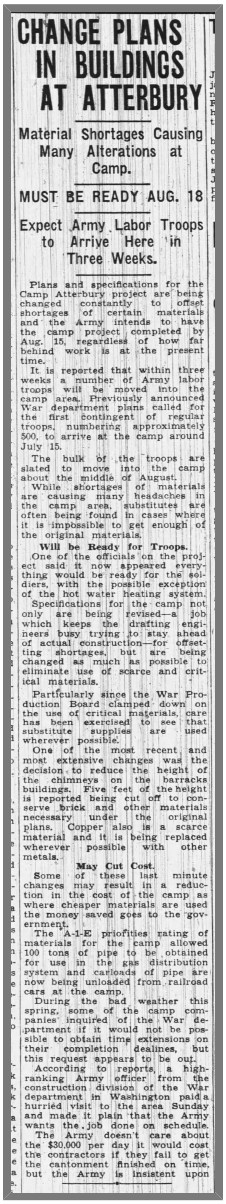

CHANGE PLANS IN BUILDINGS AT ATTERBURY

Material Shortages Causing Many Alterations at Camp.

MUST BE READY AUG. 18

Expect Army Labor Troops to Arrive Here in Three Weeks.

Plans and specifications for the Camp Atterbury project are being changed constantly to offset shortages of certain materials and the Army intends to have the camp project completed by Aug. 15, regardless of how far behind work is at the present time.

It is reported that within three weeks a number of Army labor troops will be moved into the camp area. Previously announced War department plans called for the first contingent of regular troops, numbering approximately 500, to arrive at the camp around July 15.

The bulk of the troops are slated to move into the camp about the middle of August.

While shortages of materials are causing many headaches in the camp area, substitutes are often being found in cases where it is impossible to get enough of the original materials.

Will be Ready for Troops.

One of the officials on the project said it now appeared everything would be ready for the soldiers, with the possible exception of the hot water heating system.

Specifications for the camp not only are being revised—a job which keeps the drafting engineers busy trying to stay ahead of actual construction—for offsetting shortages, but are being changed as much as possible to eliminate use of scarce and critical materials.

Particularly since the War Production Board clamped down on the use of critical materials, care has been exercised to see that substitute supplies are used wherever possible.

One of the most recent and most extensive changes was the decision to reduce the height of the chimneys on the barracks buildings. Five feet of the height is reported being cut off to conserve brick and other materials necessary under the original plans. Copper also is a scarce material and it is being replaced wherever possible with other metals.

May Cut Cost.

Some of these last minute changes may result in a reduction in the cost of the camp as where cheaper materials are used the money saved goes to the government.

The A-1-E priorities rating of materials for the camp allowed 100 tons of pipe to be obtained for use in the gas distribution system and carloads of pipe are now being unloaded from railroad cars at the camp.

During the bad weather this spring, some of the camp companies inquired of the War department if it would not be possible to obtain time extensions on their completion dealines, but this request appears to be out.

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The Army doesn't care about the $30,000 per day it would cost the contractors if they fail to get the cantonment finished on time, but the Army is insistent upon

1942_05_27_1_Change bldg plans - shorten chimneys

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Find But 1 Garden on 35 Mile Tour of Camp Area

By ROBERT J. MARSHALL.

Yesterday afternoon A. V. Keesling, county agent, Carl Smith, Purdue garden expert, and this reporter travelled 35 miles through northwestern Bartholomew county but found only one garden and a big strawberry patch.

The jaunt was through the two areas where by Monday—June 1—residents on 15 more tracts of Bartholomew county land to be taken for Camp Atterbury are to vacate their homes.

All but four families have left and three of the remaining have made plans for moving. The status of the fourth appears in doubt.

Guy Bevis was moving the last of his possessions yesterday off his place on the north side of the Taylorsville - Mauxferry road, camp boundary at this point. He has been living near Taylorsville for the last seven years and renting out the farm being taken for the camp.

Bevis hates to leave his big barn which he built three years ago. Made of huge timbers, it contains one solid beam 47 feet long.

Talk About Land Prices.

Oscar Coley was helping Bevis move yesterday. Next month someone may have to help him move as his house is inside the area to be vacated by July 1.

The conversation with the farmers always drifts to the subject of the prices they were paid for their land and, with few exceptions, the farmers believe that the government's offers were too low. A number of those who signed options said they did so because they could not afford to go to court and could not get new farms if they had to wait on the court action before getting their money out of their present farms.

Hargis Only Gardener.

On up the road, Roscoe Hargis was pumping water and here the travelling trio found its only garden. Hargis, who can neither speak nor hear, wrote on a slip of paper that he is going to move as soon as he gets done planting corn. He was born 49 years ago on the farm he is leaving.

But he and his wife won't go far. They have bought a farm a short distance away on River road, south of Tannehill bridge. It's between the places of Otis Ott and Oliver Weaver.

The next neighbors to Hargis have moved to near Ogilville but have been picking strawberries at their former home. They are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Phelps.

Circling into the 943 acres of Nineveh township which escaped the camp, County Agent Keesling spotted Sherm Evans' strawberry patch.

Farm Out of Bounds.

Evans stopped long enough to comment that since it had been in The Evening Republican that he'd moved to town he had been run ragged by persons trying to rent his house. The Evanses moved to Columbus and built two new houses. Then a few weeks ago they found their farm was being left out of the camp. Now they are back in the country.

It has been a big strawberry season, but it's hard to find pickers. Evans had a number of youngsters helping harvest the big, red berries yesterday. He also is selling the berries on a pick-your-own basis.

This is the second "pick" this year. The first was on May 16 and was the second time in the 20 years he has been raising strawberries that the berries have been ripe as early as the middle of May.

Expects 3,500 Gallons.

Evans got 800 gallons from 1½

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1942_05_29_1_one garden on 35 mile tour of camp area

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CAMP WORKER CRASH VICTIM

Truck Hit by Pennsy Train Four Miles South of Franklin.

Jesse A. Richardson, 32, was instantly killed at 5:45 o'clock this morning when the truck he was driving was struck by a southbound passenger train on the Pennsylvania at Goat's crossing, four miles south of Franklin.

The train was detained at the scene of the accident for more than an hour and was late arriving in Columbus this morning.

Richardson, a Camp Atterbury worker, was on his way to the project when the accident happened. The accident occurred less than a mile from his home.

The wreckage was carried a mile down the track to the crossing at the M. C. Dragoo farm.

Richardson's body was found a quarter of a mile from the place of the collision. Dr. W. L. Porteus, Johnson county coroner, said death was due to a crushed skull and chest.

Search for Other Body.

For sometime following the accident members of the train crew searched for another body. The engineer said that he thought he saw two men in the truck just before the crash. Mrs. Lucy Lanham Richardson, wife of the wreck victim, told authorities, however, that he was alone when he left home.

The Richardson family formerly resided in Casey county, Kentucky.

The body will be returned to Liberty, Ky., for burial services.

Richardson is survived by his wife, three sons and one daughter.

He is understood to have worked for the A. Farnell Blair company at Atterbury.

1942_05_29_2_Camp worker struck and killed by train

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USE ALL SUGAR RATION CARDS

Edinburg, May 29—The second day for securing canning sugar allotments in Edinburg was much heavier than the first, according to the registrars. Fewer than 100 signed up Wednesday but yesterday work was held up because the supply of cards was exhausted.

Most of those who appeared for cards were strangers, who presumably are here during the construction of Camp Atterbury. A total of 300 permits were issued. A shortage of cards throughout the state necessitated dispensing of further registering until next Wednesday. Unless sugar ration cards are presented one cannot receive canning permits. Serial numbers may be obtained by calling the Reid Dugger coal office in Franklin by those who had a supply on hand and did not receive a card in the initial signup.

1942_05_29_9_Use all sugar rationing cards

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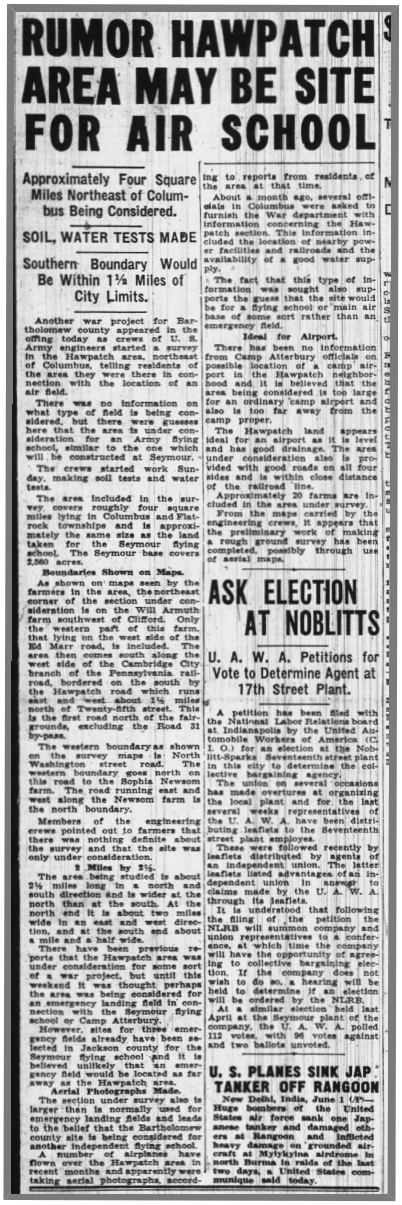

RUMOR HAWPATCH AREA MAY BE SITE FOR AIR SCHOOL

Approximately Four Square Miles Northeast of Columbus Being Considered.

SOIL, WATER TESTS MADE

Southern Boundary Would Be Within 1½ Miles of City Limits.

Another war project for Bartholomew county appeared in the offing today as crews of U. S. Army engineers started a survey in the Hawpatch area, northeast of Columbus, telling residents of the area they were there in connection with the location of an air field.

There was no information on what type of field is being considered, but there were guesses here that the area is under consideration for an Army flying school, similar to the one which will be constructed at Seymour.

The crews started work Sunday, making soil tests and water tests.

The area included in the survey covers roughly four square miles lying in Columbus and Flatrock townships and is approximately the same size as the land taken for the Seymour flying school. The Seymour base covers 2,560 acres.

Boundaries Shown on Maps.

As shown on maps seen by the farmers in the area, the northeast corner of the section under consideration is on the Will Armuth farm southwest of Clifford. Only the western part of this farm, that lying on the west side of the Ed Marr road, is included. The area then comes south along the west side of the Cambridge City branch of the Pennsylvania railroad, bordered on the south by the Hawpatch road which runs east and west about 2¼ miles north of Twenty-fifth street. This is the first road north of the fairgrounds, excluding the Road 31 by-pass.

The western boundary as shown on the survey maps is North Washington street road. The western boundary goes north on this road to the Sophia Newsom farm. The road running east and west along the Newsom farm is the north boundary.

Members of the engineering crews pointed out to farmers that there was nothing definite about the survey and that the site was only under consideration.

2 Miles by 2¼.

The area being studied is about 2¼ miles long in a north and south direction and is wider at the north than at the south. At the north end it is about two miles wide in an east and west direction, and at the south end about a mile and a half wide.

There have been previous reports that the Hawpatch area was under consideration for some sort of a war project, but until this weekend it was thought perhaps the area was being considered for an emergency landing field in connection with the Seymour flying school or Camp Atterbury.

However, sites for three emergency fields already have been selected in Jackson county for the Seymour flying school and it is believed unlikely that an emergency field would be located as far away as the Hawpatch area.

Aerial Photographs Made.

The section under survey also is larger than is normally used for emergency landing fields and leads to the belief that the Bartholomew county site is being considered for another independent flying school.

A number of airplanes have flown over the Hawpatch area in recent months and apparently were taking aerial photographs, according to reports from residents of the area at that time.

About a month ago, several officials in Columbus were asked to furnish the War department with information concerning the Hawpatch section. This information included the location of nearby power facilities and railroads and the availability of a good water supply.

The fact that this type of information was sought also supports the guess that the site would be for a flying school or main air base of some sort rather than an emergency field.

Ideal for Airport.

There has been no information from Camp Atterbury officials on possible location of a camp airport in the Hawpatch neighborhood and it is believed that the area being considered is too large for an ordinary camp airport and also is too far away from the camp proper.

The Hawpatch land appears ideal for an airport as it is level and has good drainage. The area under consideration also is provided with good roads on all four sides and is within close distance of the railroad line.

Approximately 20 farms are included in the area under survey.

From the maps carried by the engineering crews, it appears that the preliminary work of making a rough ground survey has been completed, possibly through use of aerial maps.

ASK ELECTION AT NOBLITTS

U. A. W. A. Petitions for Vote to Determine Agent at 17th Street Plant.

A petition has been filed with the National Labor Relations board at Indianapolis by the United Automobile Workers of America (CI. O.) for an election at the Noblitt-Sparks Seventeenth street plant in this city to determine the collective bargaining agency.

The union on several occasions has made overtures at organizing the local plant and for the last several weeks representatives of the U. A. W. A. have been distributing leaflets to the Seventeenth street plant employes.

These were followed recently by leaflets distributed by agents of an independent union. The latter leaflets listed advantages of an independent union in answer to claims made by the U. A. W. A. through its leaflets.

It is understood that following the filing of the petition the NLRB will summon company and union representatives to a conference, at which time the company will have the opportunity of agreeing to collective bargaining election. If the company does not wish to do so, a hearing will be held to determine if an election will be ordered by the NLRB.

At a similar election held last April at the Seymour plant of the company, the U. A. W. A. polled 112 votes, with 96 votes against and two ballots unvoted.

U. S. PLANES SINK JAP TANKER OFF RANGOON

New Delhi, India, June 1 (AP)—Huge bombers of the United States air force sank one Japanese tanker and damaged others at Rangoon and inflicted heavy damage on grounded aircraft at Mytkyina airdrome in north Burma in raids of the last two days, a United States communique said today.

1942_06_01_1_Hawpatch may be site of Air School

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SURVEY LAND FOR FLYING FIELD IN COUNTY

RUMOR HAWPATCH AREA MAY BE SITE FOR AIR SCHOOL

$1,000 DAMAGE RESULTS FROM WEEKEND FIRES

Transformers Burn at Cummins Plant, Halting Work on Night Shift.

New Tabernacle Church Dedicated With Simple, Impressive Ceremonies

$750,000 Building Turned Over to Congregation Free of Debt.

tended the services. Herman Wells, president of Indiana university, spent the day here, as did several members of the faculty of Butler

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER TO BE NAMED TONIGHT

City Council to Elect Trustee at Session This Evening.

3,000 U. S., BRITISH PLANES TO BLAST RHINELAND PLANTS

1942_06_01_2_Survey land for flying field

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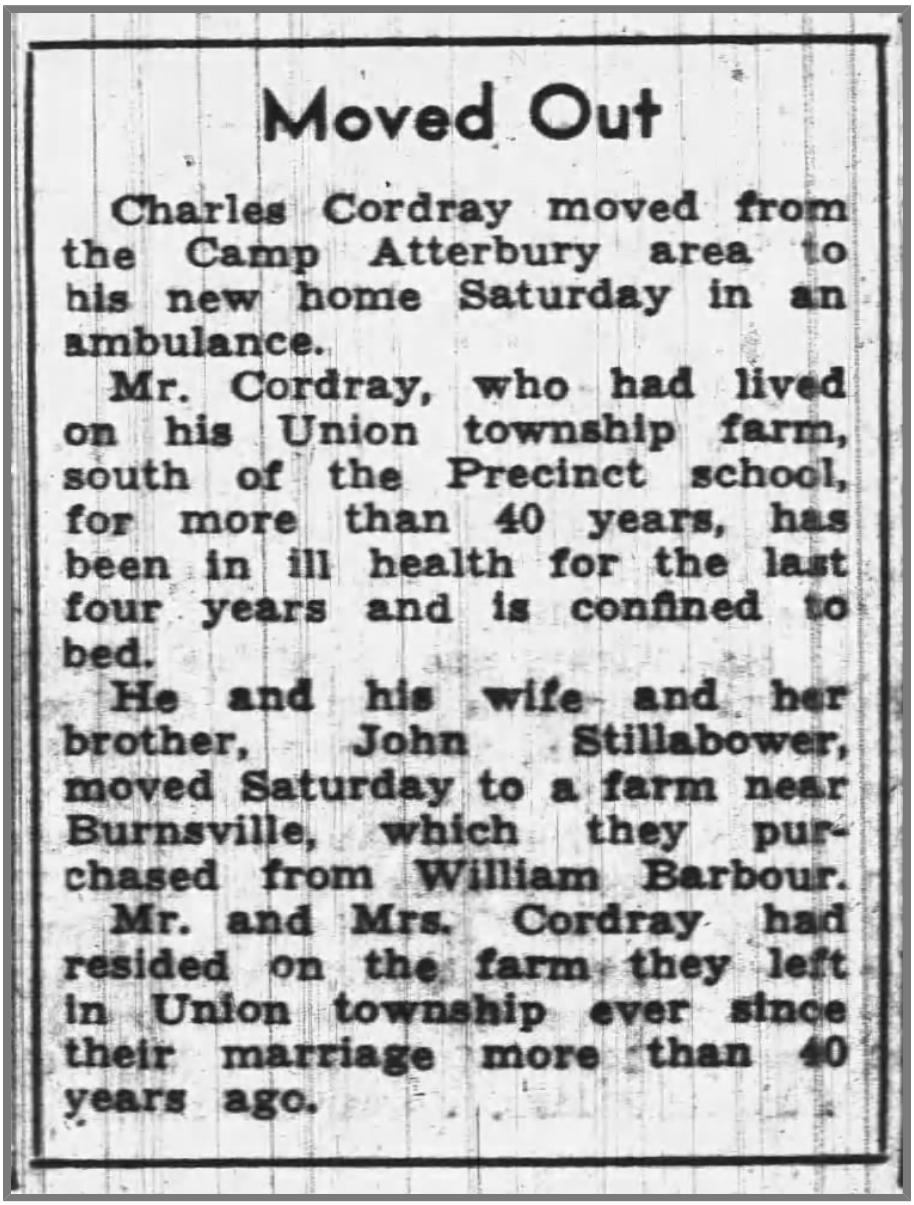

Moved Out

Charles Cordray moved from the Camp Atterbury area to his new home Saturday in an ambulance.

Mr. Cordray, who had lived on his Union township farm, south of the Precinct school, for more than 40 years, has been in ill health for the last four years and is confined to bed.

He and his wife and her brother, John Stillabower, moved Saturday to a farm near Burnsville, which they purchased from William Barbour.

Mr. and Mrs. Cordray had resided on the farm they left in Union township ever since their marriage more than 40 years ago.

1942_06_01_3_Cordrays move out of camp

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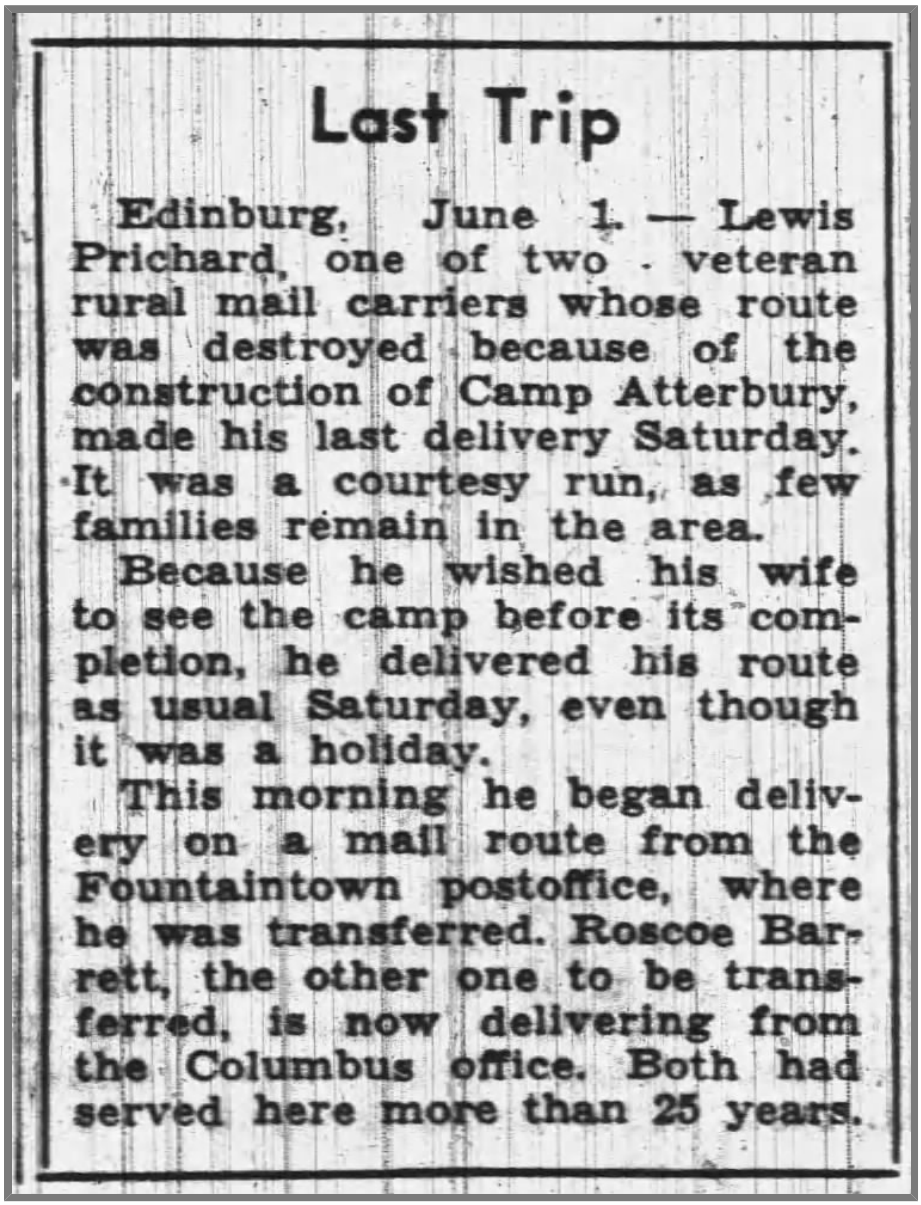

Last Trip

Edinburg, June 1. — Lewis Prichard, one of two veteran rural mail carriers whose route was destroyed because of the construction of Camp Atterbury, made his last delivery Saturday. It was a courtesy run, as few families remain in the area.

Because he wished his wife to see the camp before its completion, he delivered his route as usual Saturday, even though it was a holiday.

This morning he began delivery on a mail route from the Fountaintown postoffice, where he was transferred. Roscoe Barrett, the other one to be transferred, is now delivering from the Columbus office. Both had served here more than 25 years.

1942_06_01_4_Lewis Prichard makes last mail delivery trip

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COL. MODISETTE, OFFICIALS MEET

Camp Commandant Confers With Columbus Authorities, Discusses Relations.

Col. Melton M. Modisette, commandant of new Camp Atterbury, was in Columbus today and met with a group of city officials in an informal get-acquainted session.

Colonel Modisette discussed with local officials the coordination of civilian and military affairs and inquired about recreational facilities being planned in the city for the Camp Atterbury soldiers.

Among those who were present at the meeting were Mayor Fred C. Owens, Donald P. Shinn, city attorney; Police Chief Clarence Everroad; A. E. Schumaker, local U. S. O. chairman, and James E. Zacharay, U. S. O. field representative.

Colonel Modisette is setting up his offices in the Camp Atterbury area and has been visiting officials of nearby towns and talking over effect of the camp on local communities.

1942_06_03_1_Col Modisette meets with city officials

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NO COMMENT ON AIRPORT PLANS

Maurice Early Says Field Is Designed for Both Seymour and Atterbury.

The office of the Louisville district of the U. S. Corps of Engineers has declined to comment on the land survey under way northeast of Columbus for some sort of an airport and there was no further information available today.

From information gained so far, it appears that official word may not be forthcoming until a decision is reached on establishment of the flying field.

Maurice Early, writer for The Indianapolis Star, reported today in his column, "The Day in Indiana", the following in connection with the Bartholomew county survey:

"Another new army airport to include two to three square miles northeast of Columbus will serve a dual purpose. It is to be the airport for Camp Atterbury and also will serve as a landing field for the Twin Engine Air Corps School at Seymour. At one time the Camp Atterbury airport was proposed for a site in Johnson county, south of Franklin.

"Several additional air fields, smaller than the proposed one at Columbus, are to be built in Indianapolis and adjoining states. They will be emergency landing fields for the air corps schools in the state."

While this information may be entirely correct, officials connected with the Seymour flying school project have said that they do not know anything about the survey near Columbus.

Officials connected with Camp Atterbury also have stated that they have no information on the survey.

1942_06_03_2_no comments on Columbus airport plans

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Galloping Cubes

Some of the Camp Atterbury workmen just can't be separated from a pair of dice.

At least two truckloads of men have been seen en route to Columbus from the camp in the evening, rolling dice while the trucks rolled down the highways.

One thing about these crap games is that a man with a pair of balanced dice or a skilled hand in rolling them wouldn't have much more chance than a rank beginner in the jolting, bouncing trucks.

Both the crap games observed were in two of the many trucks which haul workers back and forth to the camp each day and are equipped with wooden board seats along the outer sides.

Seven of these trucks were passed along the highway one evening this week. In some of the other trucks the workers just squat on the floor.

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Get a Break

During the first several weeks of construction on the Camp Atterbury project, rain and wet ground resulted in numerous delays.

But yesterday, the Atterbury workmen got a break.

While Columbus was being drenched with a near cloudburst yesterday afternoon, scarcely a drop of water fell on Atterbury.

Workmen returning from Atterbury to Columbus reported that they failed to find evidence of rain until arriving near Taylorsville.

1942_06_03_4_No rain today

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Men In Uniform Arriving In City

Preparing For Influx Of Military Personnel

An insight into how Franklin will look when the military personnel of Camp Atterbury has moved in is being given local residents with the arrival of a group of officers and non-commissioned men who are reported assisting in preparations for the influx of the camp's main body of soldiers.

Quite a number of men wearing the summer issue of army uniforms were seen in the city Tuesday and Wednesday, following official word last week of the appointment of Col. Welton M. Modisette as camp command and Major General John J. Millikin as commanding general.

Col. Clarence Lineberger, the ranking quartermaster officer for Atterbury, is believed now engaged in employing approximately 100 laborers for year-round jobs. He recently told Mayor L. W. Oliver that the men would be hired between June 1 and June 10 and that some would begin work on or about the latter date.

In addition, clerical workers who have been training at Fort Harrison for Atterbury jobs are expected to start work within the next two weeks—both men and women being included.

There are now about 13,000 workers on the construction job, and while some work is still behind schedule, there was a new report today that progress has gone forward so smoothly in recent days that the contractors are now almost on schedule and expecting to complete the $32,000,000 job in advance of the August contract deadline. The report indicated the work is now 50 per cent. completed.

1942_06_03_5_Men in uniform arriving in Franklin

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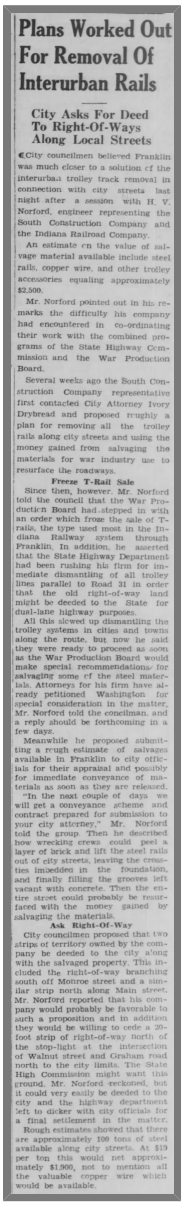

Plans Worked Out For Removal Of Interurban Rails

City Asks For Deed To Right-Of-Ways Along Local Streets

City councilmen believed Franklin was much closer to a solution of the interurban trolley track removal in connection with city streets last night after a session with H. V. Norford, engineer representing the South Construction Company and the Indiana Railroad Company.

An estimate on the value of salvage material available include steel rails, copper wire, and other trolley accessories equaling approximately $2,500.

Mr. Norford pointed out in his remarks the difficulty his company had encountered in co-ordinating their work with the combined programs of the State Highway Commission and the War Production Board.

Several weeks ago the South Construction Company representative first contacted City Attorney Ivory Drybread and proposed roughly a plan for removing all the trolley rails along city streets and using the money gained from salvaging the materials for war industry use to resurface the roadways.

Freeze T-Rail Sale

Since then, however, Mr. Norford told the council that the War Production Board had stepped in with an order which froze the sale of T-rails, the type used most in the Indiana Railway system through Franklin. In addition, he asserted that the State Highway Department had been rushing his firm for immediate dismantling of all trolley lines parallel to Road 31 in order that the old right-of-way land might be deeded to the State for dual-lane highway purposes.

All this slowed up dismantling the trolley systems in cities and towns along the route, but now he said they were ready to proceed as soon as the War Production Board would make special recommendations for salvaging some of the steel materials. Attorneys for his firm have already petitioned Washington for special consideration in the matter, Mr. Norford told the councilman, and a reply should be forthcoming in a few days.

Meanwhile he proposed submitting a rough estimate of salvages available in Franklin to city officials for their appraisal and possibly for immediate conveyance of materials as soon as they are released.

"In the next couple of days we will get a conveyance scheme and contract prepared for submission to your city attorney," Mr. Norford told the group. Then he described how wrecking crews could peel a layer of brick and lift the steel rails out of city streets, leaving the crossties imbedded in the foundation, and finally filling the grooves left vacant with concrete. Then the entire street could probably be resurfaced with the money gained by salvaging the materials.

Ask Right-Of-Way

City councilmen proposed that two strips of territory owned by the company be deeded to the city along with the salvaged property. This included the right-of-way branching south off Monroe street and a similar strip north along Main street. Mr. Norford reported that his company would probably be favorable to such a proposition and in addition they would be willing to cede a 20-foot strip of right-of-way north of the stop-light at the interaction of Walnut street and Graham road north to the city limits. The State High Commission might want this ground, Mr. Norford reckoned, but it could very easily be deeded to the city and the highway department left to dicker with city officials for a final settlement in the matter.

Rough estimates showed that there are approximately 100 tons of steel available along city streets. At $19 per ton this would net approximately $1,900, not to mention all the valuable copper wire which would be available.

1942_06_03_6_Plans worked out for removal of Franklin Interurban rails

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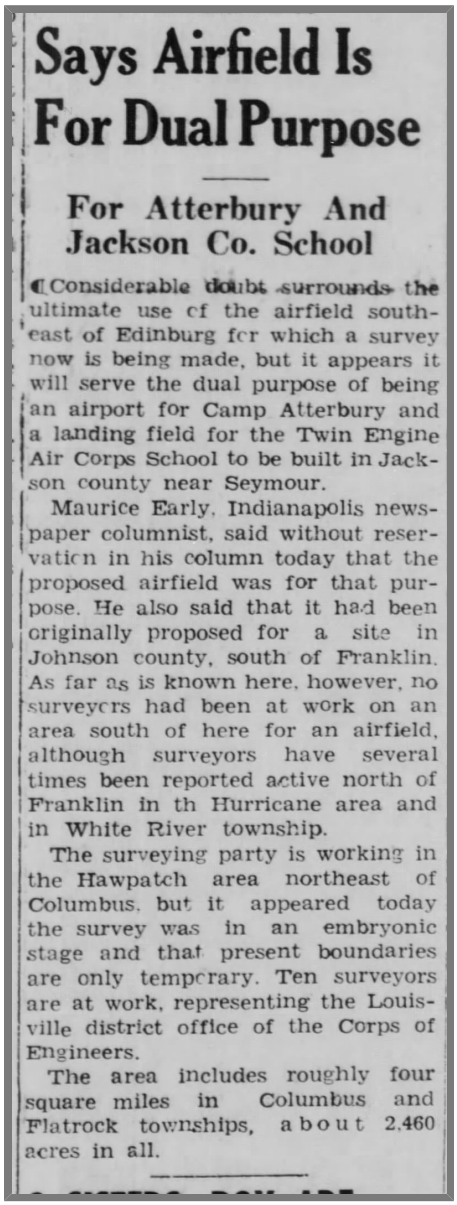

Says Airfield Is For Dual Purpose

For Atterbury And Jackson Co. School

Considerable doubt surrounds the ultimate use of the airfield southeast of Edinburg for which a survey now is being made, but it appears it will serve the dual purpose of being an airport for Camp Atterbury and a landing field for the Twin Engine Air Corps School to be built in Jackson county near Seymour.

Maurice Early, Indianapolis newspaper columnist, said without reservation in his column today that the proposed airfield was for that purpose. He also said that it had been originally proposed for a site in Johnson county, south of Franklin. As far as is known here, however, no surveyors had been at work on an area south of here for an airfield, although surveyors have several times been reported active north of Franklin in th Hurricane area and in White River township.

The surveying party is working in the Hawpatch area northeast of Columbus, but it appeared today the survey was in an embryonic stage and that present boundaries are only temporary. Ten surveyors are at work, representing the Louisville district office of the Corps of Engineers.

The area includes roughly four square miles in Columbus and Flatrock townships, about 2,460 acres in all.

1942_06_03_8_Columbus airfield may serve dual purpose

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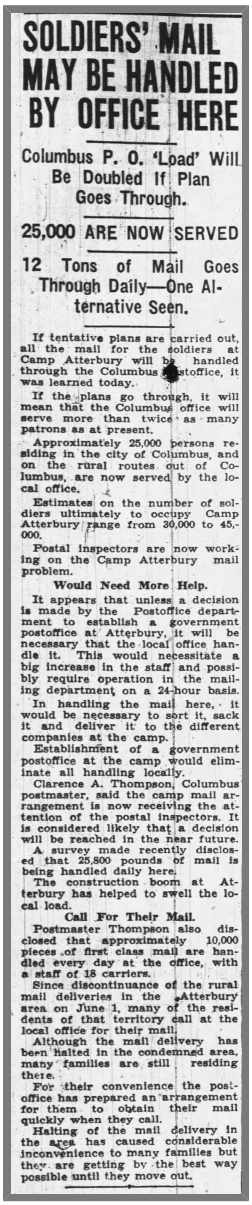

SOLDIERS' MAIL MAY BE HANDLED BY OFFICE HERE

Columbus P. O. 'Load' Will Be Doubled If Plan Goes Through.

25,000 ARE NOW SERVED

12 Tons of Mail Goes Through Daily—One Alternative Seen.

If tentative plans are carried out, all the mail for the soldiers at Camp Atterbury will be handled through the Columbus postoffice, it was learned today.

If the plans go through, it will mean that the Columbus office will serve more than twice as many patrons as at present.

Approximately 25,000 persons residing in the city of Columbus, and on the rural routes out of Columbus, are now served by the local office.

Estimates on the number of soldiers ultimately to occupy Camp Atterbury range from 30,000 to 45,000.

Postal inspectors are now working on the Camp Atterbury mail problem.

Would Need More Help.

It appears that unless a decision is made by the Postoffice department to establish a government postoffice at Atterbury, it will be necessary that the local office handle it. This would necessitate a big increase in the staff and possibly require operation in the mailing department on a 24-hour basis.

In handling the mail here, it would be necessary to sort it, sack it and deliver it to the different companies at the camp.

Establishment of a government postoffice at the camp would eliminate all handling locally.

Clarence A. Thompson, Columbus postmaster, said the camp mail arrangement is now receiving the attention of the postal inspectors. It is considered likely that a decision will be reached in the near future.

A survey made recently disclosed that 25,800 pounds of mail is being handled daily here.

The construction boom at Atterbury has helped to swell the local load.

Call For Their Mail.

Postmaster Thompson also disclosed that approximately 10,000 pieces of first class mail are handled every day at the office, with a staff of 18 carriers.

Since discontinuance of the rural mail deliveries in the Atterbury area on June 1, many of the residents of that territory call at the local office for their mail.

Although the mail delivery has been halted in the condemned area, many families are still residing there.

For their convenience the postoffice has prepared an arrangement for them to obtain their mail quickly when they call.

Halting of the mail delivery in the area has caused considerable inconvenience to many families but they are getting by the best way possible until they move out.

1942_06_04_1_Soldiers mail may be handled by Columbus Post Office

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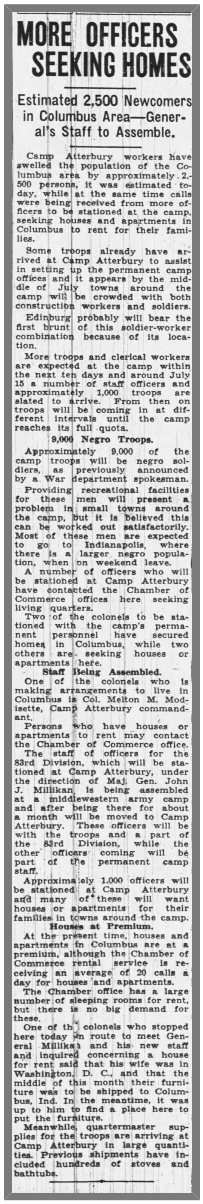

MORE OFFICERS SEEKING HOMES

Estimated 2,500 Newcomers in Columbus Area—General's Staff to Assemble.

Camp Atterbury workers have swelled the population of the Columbus area by approximately 2,500 persons, it was estimated today, while at the same time calls were being received from more officers to be stationed at the camp, seeking houses and apartments in Columbus to rent for their families.

Some troops already have arrived at Camp Atterbury to assist in setting up the permanent camp offices and it appears by the middle of July towns around the camp will be crowded with both construction workers and soldiers.

Edinburg probably will bear the first brunt of this soldier-worker combination because of its location.

More troops and clerical workers are expected at the camp within the next ten days and around July 15 a number of staff officers and approximately 1,000 troops are slated to arrive. From then on troops will be coming in at different intervals until the camp reaches its full quota.

9,000 Negro Troops.

Approximately 9,000 of the camp troops will be negro soldiers, as previously announced by a War department spokesman.

Providing recreational facilities for these men will present a problem in small towns around the camp, but it is believed this can be worked out satisfactorily. Most of these men are expected to go to Indianapolis, where there is a larger negro population, when on weekend leave.

A number of officers who will be stationed at Camp Atterbury have contacted the Chamber of Commerce offices here seeking living quarters.

Two of the colonels to be stationed with the camp's permanent personnel have secured homes in Columbus, while two others are seeking houses or apartments here.

Staff Being Assembled.

One of the colonels who is making arrangements to live in Columbus is Col. Melton M. Modisette, Camp Atterbury commandant.

Persons who have houses or apartments to rent may contact the Chamber of Commerce office.

The staff of officers for the 83rd Division, which will be stationed at Camp Atterbury, under the direction of Maj. Gen. John J. Millikan, is being assembled at a middlewestern army camp and after being there for about a month will be moved to Camp Atterbury. These officers will be with the troops and a part of the 83rd Division, while the other officers coming will be part of the permanent camp staff.

Approximately 1,000 officers will be stationed at Camp Atterbury and many of these will want houses or apartments for their families in towns around the camp.

Houses at Premium.

At the present time, houses and apartments in Columbus are at a premium, although the Chamber of Commerce rental service is receiving an average of 20 calls a day for houses and apartments.

The Chamber office has a large number of sleeping rooms for rent, but there is no big demand for these.

One of the colonels who stopped here today en route to meet General Millikan and his new staff and inquired concerning a house for rent said that his wife was in Washington, D. C., and that the middle of this month their furniture was to be shipped to Columbus, Ind. In the meantime, it was up to him to find a place here to put the furniture.

Meanwhile, quartermaster supplies for the troops are arriving at Camp Atterbury in large quantities. Previous shipments have included hundreds of stoves and bathtubs.

1942_06_04_2_More officers seeking homes

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Residents Move Out of Harrison Twp. Gulleys

The residents of Harrison township's ridges and gulleys which are being taken for Camp Atterbury are busy moving out, but some of them are having a tough time finding new homes. They have 25 more days in which to leave.

Maj. General John J. Millikan could lose his whole 83rd division in some of the ravines in this 1,235 acre strip of Harrison township, which lies north of the Georgetown pike and west of the Mauxferry road, extending westward to the Brown county line, which at that point is the western camp boundary.

No one but the residents know just where some of the roads go and often they are not sure.

A reported for this paper toured part of this area Thursday afternoon and if ever a fellow needed a jeep it's out there.

Reports were received on 13 families in this area, representing around 65 persons. Families run big in Harrison township.

Wise Moving to Mooresville.

One of the first families on the Georgetown pike inside the eastern camp boundary is that of Roscoe Wise; which is moving to Mooresville. Homer Bless is still living in the hollow north of the Georgetown pike, but Joseph Chasteen moved some weeks ago from further north of the pike to the Smith Carmichael farm on the pike. The Carmichael farm is one of those on the north side of the road, which are left out of the camp area.

At first, Thursday, Chasteen counted his family as himself, wife and three children. Then he remembered the 3-month-old son which made four children. Perhaps the reporter's visit had him a little flustered.

Samuel Goetz is planning to move to Indianapolis, while Mr. and Mrs. John Goins have moved to Hartsville route 1.

Further west on the Georgetown pike, Oscar Coley was getting ready to move his family of wife and six children into a 3-room house on the Bertie Perry farm which straddles the Georgetown pike. He has another son, Oscar, Jr., who is in the Army. The last he heard from him he was in California.

Has Tents He Can Use.

It's not much of a house Coley is moving into, but he figures he can fix it up. He has a couple of tents he can use if necessary while the house is undergoing repairs.

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1942_06_05_1A_Residents of Harrison Twp move out

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RESIDENTS MOVE OUT OF HARRISON TOWNSHIP GULLEYS

(Continued from page 1.)

Coley is moving off the Earl Butler farm in Union township. Most of his neighbors have made plans to move. Homer Paseley has moved to the Locke farm west of Jonesville. Tom Foster plans to go to Indianapolis temporarily. Charles Hearne is moving to East Columbus and Ernie Betz and wife have bought the 30-acre John Patrick farm south of the pike.

West of Coley's new home the James W. Perry family is still living in the camp area. The Perrys have not yet found a place for their family of five children. One of the boys, Maurice Neal, 10, fell out of a tree this week and broke his left arm.

Just before getting to the Perry place you can turn north and about a half-mile up the road can turn west again, that is if you're not particular where you are bound.

There are worse roads than this in the camp area. But no one is trying to use them.

Hair-Raising Trip.

A hair-raising trip, including two fords and rocks bigger than your head down this road into Salt Creek's valley nets two log cabins where nobody is home, a larger log cabin of another century converted into a weatherboarded house, where nobody is home either, and the foundation of a 1-room house whose owner this week just picked up his home and moved out.

The only visible residents of this valley are a flock of crawdads and minnows in the little pools of rock Salt Creek and a lone rabbit which took to tall timber.

This road eventually goes into Brown county, about one-eighth of a mile away, but unless you're in that jeep, don't try it.

By turning around in an abandoned field and going back through the two fords and over the rocks, and turning north from where you originally took off, you will go past the house of Howard Clark, which is located on a good road that leads to the Lowell road in Union township. The Clark family of seven has not decided on a new home as yet. He is employed at the Mooney tannery in Columbus.

Columbus Towers Visible.

Next door north, Arthur Dobbs and his five children are still residing, but they are considering a place near Elizabethtown. From their back yard, high on the ridge, can plainly be seen the towers of the new Christian church and the courthouse in Columbus, although they are eight miles away as the crow flies.

Back of the Dobbs place, Mr. and Mrs. George Bishop resided, but they have moved to St. Louis Crossing.

All in all, Camp Atterbury's Harrison township land, gradually rising along the Georgetown pike until it tops the first ridge of Brown county hills, is rough, low in farm value and poorly kept, but pretty.

The soldiers who have to climb its hills, crawl through its briar patches and keep their bearings in a maze of gulleys and wagon trails that go nowhere, will cuss it, but they, too, will have to admit it's doggone pretty scenery.

1942_06_05_2B_Residents move out of Harrison Twp - continued

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LAND BUYER FOR AIR SCHOOL HERE

One Negotiator for Seymour Field Arrives, Another Expected.

One government land negotiator arrived here Thursday night and another was expected today in preparation for start of negotiations for land to be taken for the Seymour flying school project.

Meanwhile, there was no new information on the survey which is being made northeast of Columbus for a flying field. Indications, however, were that if the local project is approved it will go through in a hurry.

As yet, government officials have not revealed what type of air project is being considered for Bartholomew county.

Survey crews were still in the local area and it was reported that further soil tests were being made.

Survey Also near Nineveh.

It also was reported that survey crews this week were busy northeast of Nineveh, but it was not known for what the crews were surveying, although rumors at Franklin were to the effect that an airport might be planned in the Nineveh area.

An airport was previously considered northeast of Nineveh for Camp Atterbury. This projected airport site is inside the camp boundaries.

The negotiator who arrived here Thursday night for acquisition of the Seymour flying school land is L. L. Shadoin, who formerly was with the local land acquisition department on negotiations for Camp Atterbury land. After leaving here he went to Vincennes, where another flying school is being constructed.

Louis B. Harrington, the second negotiator, was expected to arrive from Vincennes and negotiations at Seymour are expected to start in the near future.

The land acquisition at Seymour is being handled through the office in the Columbus armory.

1942_06_05_3_Land buyer for Seymour air school here

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COLONEL HESS LEASES HOME

Edinburg, June 5—Colonel Hess of the U. S. Army, who will be stationed at Camp Atterbury, has leased the house here recently purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Christian from Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Sherman.

Colonel Hess plans to locate in Edinburg by July 8.

1942_06_05_4_Col Hess leases home

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U. S. GETS MORE COUNTY DEEDS

Several more transfers of property in the Camp Atterbury area to the U. S. Government have been placed on file at the office of Mrs. Mollie McFerron, Bartholomew county recorder.

New warranty deed transfers recorded, together with the acreage and the amount of the consideration, are as follows:

Edna M. Gairity, 177 acres, $2,500.

John W. McMurray, 143 acres, $1,400.

Elmer Smith and wife, 18 acres, $170.

Arthur D. Gray and wife, 80 acres, $900.

Elizabeth Ross, 100 acres, $850.

George Hornberger and wife, 20 acres, $900.

1942_06_05_4_US gets more county deeds

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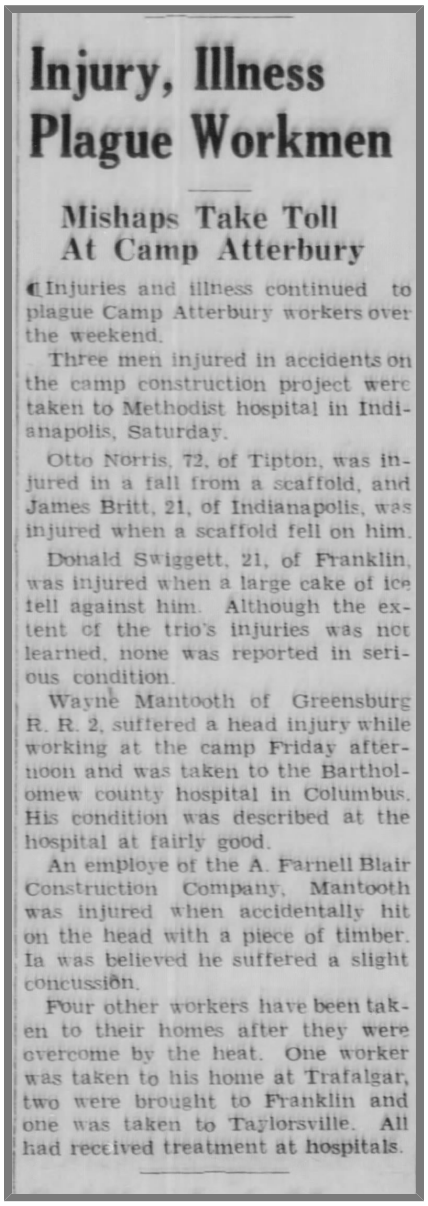

Injury, Illness Plague Workmen

Mishaps Take Toll At Camp Atterbury

Injuries and illness continued to plague Camp Atterbury workers over the weekend.

Three men injured in accidents on the camp construction project were taken to Methodist hospital in Indianapolis, Saturday.

Otto Norris, 72, of Tipton, was injured in a fall from a scaffold, and James Britt, 21, of Indianapolis, was injured when a scaffold fell on him.

Donald Swiggett, 21, of Franklin, was injured when a large cake of ice fell against him. Although the extent of the trio's injuries was not learned, none was reported in serious condition.

Wayne Mantooth of Greensburg R. R. 2, suffered a head injury while working at the camp Friday afternoon and was taken to the Bartholomew county hospital in Columbus. His condition was described at the hospital at fairly good.

An employe of the A. Farnell Blair Construction Company, Mantooth was injured when accidentally hit on the head with a piece of timber. Ia was believed he suffered a slight concussion.

Four other workers have been taken to their homes after they were overcome by the heat. One worker was taken to his home at Trafalgar, two were brought to Franklin and one was taken to Taylorsville. All had received treatment at hospitals.

1942_06_08_1_Injuries plague camp workmen

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Post Exchange Head Arrives

Major Murray B. Frazee, who has been assigned as head of the Camp Atterbury post exchange, has arrived in Columbus with his wife and daughter.

They are visiting his brother, Don Frazee, and Mrs. Frazee at 715 Sycamore street.

1942_06_08_2_Post Exchange Maj Murray Frazee arrives

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WALTZ ESTATE WORTH $4,500

Edinburg, June 10—A petition in lieu of an inheritance tax schedule was filed yesterday in Johnson circuit court in the estate of the late Alfred H. Waltz by his widow, Mrs. Gertrude Waltz, now of Edinburg. Mr. Waltz died in 1939 on his farm, which was recently acquired for a part of the Camp Atterbury site.

The estate included real estate valued at $4,000 and $500 personal property.

1942_06_10_1_Waltz land worth 4500

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NEW TRANSFERS ARE RECORDED

Business at County Recorder's Office Continues to Pick Up.

Business at the office of Mrs. Mollie McFerron, county recorder, is still picking up and deeds to property being transferred to the United States government by residents of the Camp Atterbury area are still rolling in.

New transfers recorded this week, showing the acreage and considerations, are as follows:

Thomas F. Sadler, 31 acres, consideration $313.

Joseph Chasteen and wife, 60 acres, $1,000.

Adonis R. Bolinger and wife, 160 acres, $1,500.

Jessie P. Richards and others, 40 acres, $2,403.

Elnora Richards, 40 acres, $4,400.

Granville C. Smith, acreage not stated, $5,142.

Ora F. Cox, 39 acres, $2,100.

Lewis W. Marr, 122 acres, $11,442.

Leonard Chain and wife, 100 acres, $1,766.

B. Frank Snyder, 22 acres, $1,618.

Otto Stillabower, 40 acres, $1,336.

Roy W. Stillabower, 44 acres, $3,118, and Roy Stillabower and others, 36 acres, $2,756.

William A. Coffman and wife, 80 acres, $800.

1942_06_10_2_New land transfers are recorded

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SEEK RELEASE FROM DAMAGE

Contracts Circulated in Area Being Surveyed for Flying Field.

Contracts apparently releasing the government from any responsibility for damage done property in the survey for a flying field northeast of Columbus have been circulated in the area, but few, if any, farmers have signed them, as far as could be learned.

As the surveyors in most cases have been given permission by landowners to go on the land and there have been no reports of any friction over the survey, it was not clear why the government was circulating the contracts.

As far as learned, no such contracts were used during the survey of land for Camp Atterbury.

The surveyors in the area being considered for a flying field have crossed many of the fields, but none of the farmers has reported any unnecessary damage done to the property.

Most of the landowners in the area who have been contacted express the feeling that if the government needs their land they will willingly give it up. At the same time they have been willing to let the surveyors enter the property as long as no unnecessary damage is done. However, they are not sure they want to sign any release which would free the government from all responsibility.

1942_06_10_5_seek release from damage in Columbus air field survey

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TO UNVEIL LAST OF HONOR ROLLS

Noblitt-Sparks Plans Final Ceremonies at Thirteenth Street Plant.

Noblitt-Sparks Industries, Inc., will hold its final honor roll dedication at 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at its Thirteenth street plant, unveiling a board bearing the names of men who have entered the armed forces from that plant and the company's general office.

The following names appear on the board:

Edward Baute, Richard L. Borges, Clarence T. Biddinger, Thomas E. Davis, Arthur Rayjean Denney, Clarence Elmer Downing, Charles E. Fivecoat, John William French, Ivan E. Gullett, Kenneth P. Hendricks, James Hofer, Charles Edward Hutton, Raymond Kirts, Robert G. Nau, Richard N. Porter, Joseph B. Schwartzkopf and Ralph E. Shelton.

The Rev. K. H. Merryman, pastor of Wertz Memorial U. B. church, will deliver the dedicatory address. The invocation and benediction will be given by Dr. W. C. Patrick of First Methodist church. Special music will be provided, and the mother of some man who left the company to enter service will have charge of the unveiling, this to be determined by lot.

Photographs of relatives of men in service from the Thirteenth street plant and office, with the Roll of Honor in the background, will be taken and presented to parents and other relatives.

Dedicatory services already have been held at Seymour, Franklin and Greenwood plants of the company, as well as at the Seventeenth street, Central avenue and Orinoco plants in Columbus.

1942_06_10_4_Noblitt-Sparks unveils honor roll

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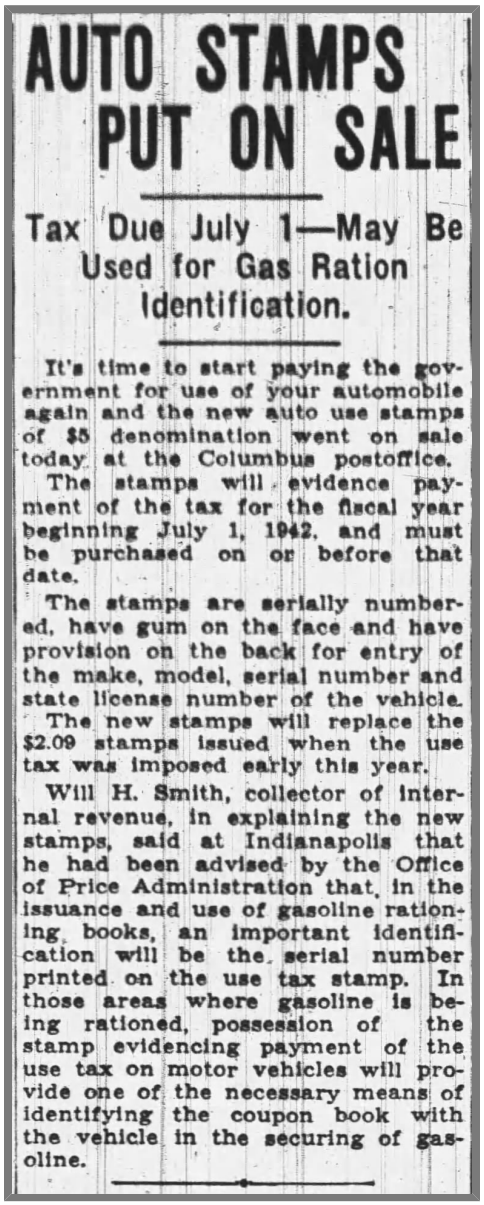

AUTO STAMPS PUT ON SALE

Tax Due July 1—May Be Used for Gas Ration Identification.

It's time to start paying the government for use of your automobile again and the new auto use stamps of $5 denomination went on sale today at the Columbus postoffice.

The stamps will evidence payment of the tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1942, and must be purchased on or before that date.

The stamps are serially numbered, have gum on the face and have provision on the back for entry of the make, model, serial number and state license number of the vehicle.

The new stamps will replace the $2.09 stamps issued when the use tax was imposed early this year.

Will H. Smith, collector of internal revenue, in explaining the new stamps, said at Indianapolis that he had been advised by the Office of Price Administration that, in the issuance and use of gasoline rationing books, an important identification will be the serial number printed on the use tax stamp. In those areas where gasoline is being rationed, possession of the stamp evidencing payment of the use tax on motor vehicles will provide one of the necessary means of identifying the coupon book with the vehicle in the securing of gasoline.

1942_06_10_5_Auto stamps put on sale

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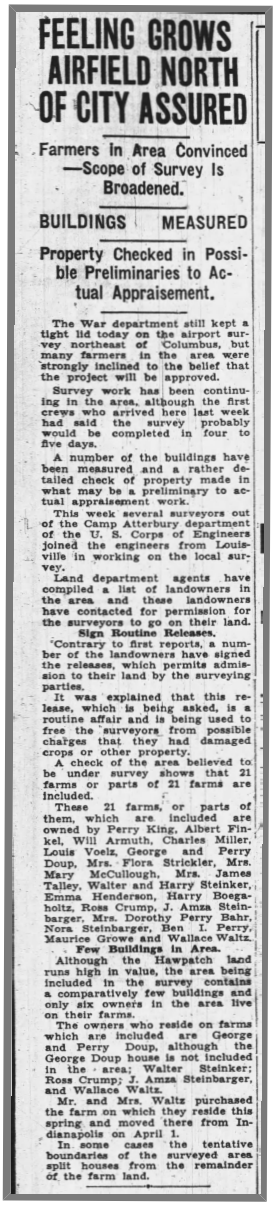

FEELING GROWS AIRFIELD NORTH OF CITY ASSURED

Farmers In Area Convinced —Scope of Survey Is Broadened.

BUILDINGS MEASURED

Property Checked in Possible Preliminaries to Actual Appraisement.

The War department still kept a tight lid today on the airport survey northeast of Columbus, but many farmers in the area were strongly inclined to the belief that the project will be approved.

Survey work has been continuing in the area, although the first crews who arrived here last week had said the survey probably would be completed in four to five days.

A number of the buildings have been measured and a rather detailed check of property made in what may be a preliminary to actual appraisement work.

This week several surveyors out of the Camp Atterbury department of the U. S. Corps of Engineers joined the engineers from Louisville in working on the local survey.

Land department agents have compiled a list of landowners in the area and these landowners have contacted for permission for the surveyors to go on their land.

Sign Routine Releases.

Contrary to first reports, a number of the landowners have signed the releases, which permits admission to their land by the surveying parties.

It was explained that this release, which is being asked, is a routine affair and is being used to free the surveyors from possible charges that they had damaged crops or other property.

A check of the area believed to be under survey shows that 21 farms or parts of 21 farms are included.

These 21 farms, or parts of them, which are included are owned by Perry King, Albert Finkel, Will Armuth, Charles Miller, Louis Voelz, George and Perry Doup, Mrs. Flora Strickler, Mrs. Mary McCullough, Mrs. James Talley, Walter and Harry Steinker, Emma Henderson, Harry Boegaholtz, Ross Crump, J. Amza Steinbarger, Mrs. Dorothy Perry Bahr, Nora Steinbarger, Ben I. Perry, Maurice Growe and Wallace Waltz.

Few Buildings in Area.

Although the Hawpatch land runs high in value, the area being included in the survey contains a comparatively few buildings and only six owners in the area live on their farms.

The owners who reside on farms which are included are George and Perry Doup, although the George Doup house is not included in the area; Walter Steinker; Ross Crump; J. Amza Steinbarger, and Wallace Waltz.

Mr. and Mrs. Waltz purchased the farm on which they reside this spring and moved there from Indianapolis on April 1.

In some cases the tentative boundaries of the surveyed area split houses from the remainder of the farm land.

1942_06_11_1_Airfield north of Columbus assured

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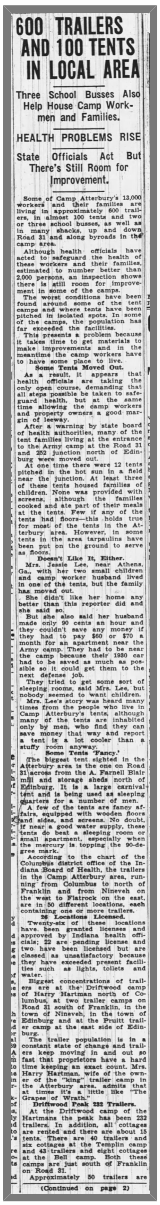

600 TRAILERS AND 100 TENTS IN LOCAL AREA

Three School Busses Also Help House Camp Workmen and Families.

HEALTH PROBLEMS RISE

State Officials Act But There's Still Room for Improvement.

Some of Camp Atterbury's 13,000 workers and their families are living in approximately 600 trailers, in almost 100 tents and two or three school busses, as well as in many shacks, up and down Road 31 and along byroads in the camp area.

Although health officials have acted to safeguard the health of these workers and their families, numbering a number better than 2,000 persons, an inspection shows there is still room for improvement in some of the camps.

The worst conditions have been found around some of the tent camps and where tents have been pitched in isolated spots. In some of the camps, the population has far exceeded the facilities.

This presents a problem because it takes time to get materials to make improvements and even the toughest of workers need to have some place to live.

Some Tents Moved Out.

As a result, it appears that health officials are taking the only open course, demanding that all steps possible be taken to safeguard health, but at the same time allowing the camp workers and property owners a good margin of leeway.

After a warning by state board of health authorities, many of the tent families living at the entrance to the Army camp at the Road 31 and Road 252 junction of Edinburg were moved out.

At one time there were 12 tents pitched in the hot sun in a field near the junction. At least three of these tents housed families of children. None was provided with screens, although the families cooked and ate part of their meals at the tents. Few if any of the tents had floors—this holds true for most of the tents in the Atterbury area. However, in some tents in the area tarpaulins have been put on the ground to serve as floors.

Doesn't Like It, Either.

Mrs. Lee Lee, from Athens, Ga., with her two small children and camp worker husband lived in one of the tents, but the family has moved out.

She didn't like her home any better than this reporter did and she said so.

But she also said her husband made only 90 cents an hour and they couldn't save any money if they had to pay $60 or $70 a month for an apartment near the Army camp. Here, they said, they had a job because their $600 car had to be saved as much as possible so it could get them to the next defense job.

They tried to get some sort of sleeping rooms, said Mrs. Lee, but nobody seemed to want children.

Mrs. Lee's story was heard many times from the people who live in Camp Atterbury's tents, although many of the tents are inhabited only by men, who find they can save money that way and report a tent is a lot cooler than a stuffy apartment.

Some Tents 'Fancy.'

The biggest tent sighted in the Atterbury area is the one on Road 31 across from the A. Farnell Blair mill and storage sheds north of Edinburg. It is a large carnival tent and is being used as sleeping quarters for a number of men.

A few of the tents are fancy affairs, equipped with wooden floors and sides, and screens. No doubt, if near a good water supply, these tents do beat a sleeping room or small apartment, especially when the mercury is topping the 90-degree mark.

According to the chart of the Columbus district office of the Indiana Board of Health, the trailers in the Camp Atterbury area, running from Columbus to north of Franklin and from Nineveh on the west to Flatrock on the east, are in 30 different locations, each containing one or more trailers.

36 Locations Licensed.

Twenty-six of these locations have been visited, inspected and approved by Indiana health officials; 22 are pending license and two have been licensed but are classed as unsatisfactory because they have exceeded present facilities such as lights, toilets and water.

Biggest concentrations of trailers are at the Driftwood camp of Harry Hartman north of Columbus, at two trailer camps on Road 31 south of Franklin, in the town of Nineveh, in the town of Edinburg and at the Pruitt trailer camp at the east side of Edinburg.

The trailer population is in a constant state of change and trailers keep moving in and out so fast that proprietors have a hard time keeping an exact count. Mrs. Harry Hartman, wife of the owner of the "king" trailer camp in the Atterbury area, admits that at times it's a little like "The Grapes of Wrath."

Driftwood Peak 232 Trailers.

At the Driftwood camp of the Hartmans the peak has been 232 trailers, 12 tents and 10 cottages are rented and there are about 15 vacant. There are 40 trailers and six cottages at the Templin camp and 43 trailers and eight cottages at the Bell camp. Both these camps are just south of Franklin on Road 31.

Approximately 50 trailers are

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1942_06_11_2_600 trailers and 100 tents in area

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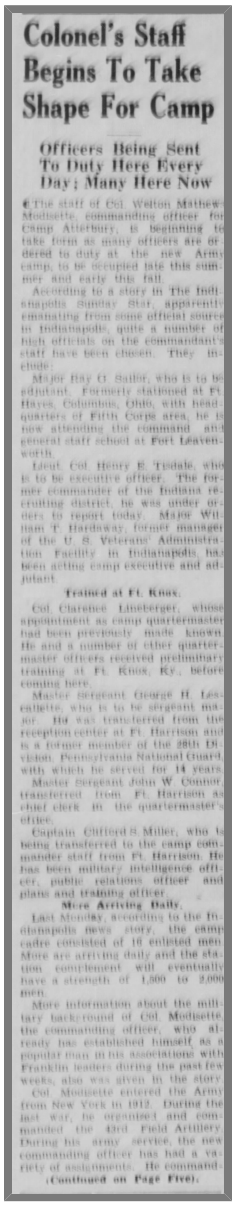

Colonel's Staff Begins To Take Shape For Camp

Officers Being Sent To Duty Here Every Day; Many Here Now

The staff of Col. Welton Mathew Modisette, commanding officer for Camp Atterbury, is beginning to take form as many officers are ordered to duty at the new Army camp, to be occupied late this summer and early this fall.

According to a story in The Indianapolis Sunday Star, apparently emanating from some official source in Indianapolis, quite a number of high officials on the commandant's staff have been chosen. They include:

Major Ray O. Sailor, who is to be adjutant. Formerly stationed at Ft. Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, with headquarters of Fifth Corps area, he is now attending the command and general staff school at Fort Leavenworth.

Lieut. Col. Henry E. Tisdale, who is to be executive officer. The former commander of the Indiana recruiting district, he was under orders to report today. Major William T. Hardaway, former manager of the U. S. Veterans' Administration Facility in Indianapolis, has been acting camp executive and adjutant.

Trained at Ft. Knox.

Col. Clarence Lineberger, whose appointment as camp quartermaster had been previously made known. He and a number of other quartermaster officers received preliminary training at Ft. Knox, Ky., before coming here.

Master Sergeant George H. Lescallette, who is to be sergeant major. He was transferred from the reception center at Ft. Harrison and is a former member of the 28th Division, Pennsylvania National Guard, with which he served for 14 years.

Master Sergeant John W. Connor, transferred from Ft. Harrison as chief clerk in the quartermaster's office.

Captain Clifford S. Miller, who is being transferred to the camp commander staff from Ft. Harrison. He has been military intelligence officer, public relations officer and plans and training officer.

More Arriving Daily.

Last Monday, according to the Indianapolis news story, the camp cadre consisted of 16 enlisted men. More are arriving daily and the station complement will eventually have a strength of 1,500 to 2,000 men.

More information about the military background of Col. Modisette, the commanding officer, who already has established himself as a popular man in his associations with Franklin leaders during the past few weeks, also was given in the story.

Col. Modisette entered the Army from New York in 1912. During the last war, he organized and commanded the 42nd Field Artillery. During his army service, the new commanding officer has had a variety of assignments. He command-

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1942_06_15_1A_Cols staff begins to take shape

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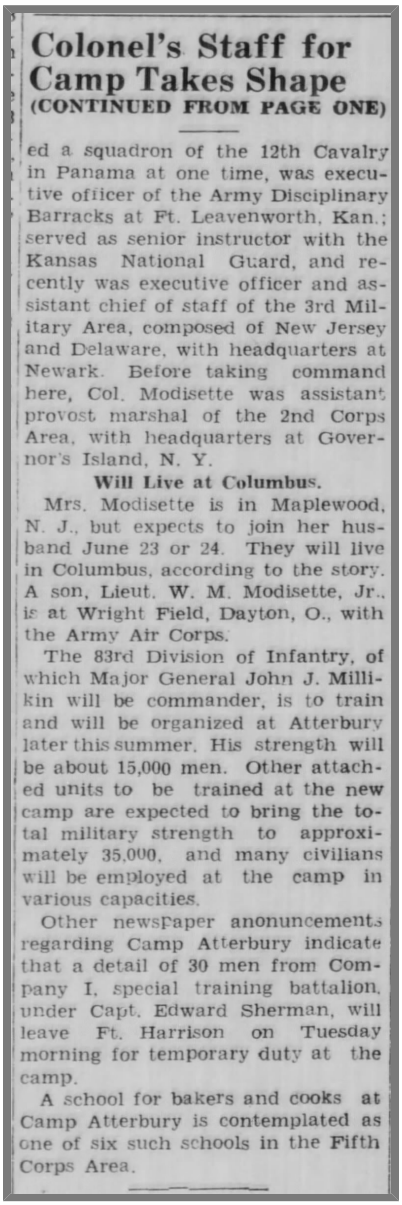

Colonel's Staff for Camp Takes Shape

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ed a squadron of the 12th Cavalry in Panama at one time, was executive officer of the Army Disciplinary Barracks at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.; served as senior instructor with the Kansas National Guard, and recently was executive officer and assistant chief of staff of the 3rd Military Area, composed of New Jersey and Delaware, with headquarters at Newark. Before taking command here, Col. Modisette was assistant provost marshal of the 2nd Corps Area, with headquarters at Governor's Island, N. Y.

Will Live at Columbus.

Mrs. Modisette is in Maplewood, N. J., but expects to join her husband June 23 or 24. They will live in Columbus, according to the story. A son, Lieut. W. M. Modisette, Jr., is at Wright Field, Dayton, O., with the Army Air Corps.

The 83rd Division of Infantry, of which Major General John J. Millikin will be commander, is to train and will be organized at Atterbury later this summer. His strength will be about 15,000 men. Other attached units to be trained at the new camp are expected to bring the total military strength to approximately 35,000, and many civilians will be employed at the camp in various capacities.

Other newspaper anonuncements regarding Camp Atterbury indicate that a detail of 30 men from Company I, special training battalion, under Capt. Edward Sherman, will leave Ft. Harrison on Tuesday morning for temporary duty at the camp.

A school for bakers and cooks at Camp Atterbury is contemplated as one of six such schools in the Fifth Corps Area.

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First Soldiers to See Atterbury in Early August

FRANKLIN, Ind., June 15—U. S. Army official indicated here today that the first soldiers will arrive at Camp Atterbury, new army cantonement near here, early in August.

Although construction work will not be completed at the camp at that time, there will be sufficient baracks to house the first group of men, the officer said. Approximately 30,000 soldiers are expected to be stationed at the camp when it is completed.

Construction of the camp is now more than half complete.

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To Ask Camp Road Bids; 31 Job May Go Through

A second set of bids will be solicited by the state highway commission on June 25 for the paving of a little over half a mile of Road 252 between Road 31 and the east entrance of Camp Atterbury.

This highway will serve as the access route to the camp area from the east.

Bids for the paving job were accepted in May, but none was as low as estimates of engineers and the bids were discarded.

The Atterbury project is one of a series of nine road improvements, having an estimated total cost of $1,236,000, as "access roads" in the vicinity of Indiana defense areas.

A new big highway bridge is now under construction over Sugar creek on the Road 252 route at the east edge of the camp area. The new paved strip will connect with this bridge and lead into the camp.

Use Old Iron Bridge.

At the present time camp automobile traffic is using the old iron bridge and trucks are using a temporary wood piling bridge constructed north of present iron bridge.

As yet there has been no announcement as to whether the War department has approved the dual-laning of Road 31 from Greenwood to Columbus, but a condemnation suit filed Tuesday in court here for right-of-way at Taylorsville indicates that the project will go through.

Construction of the dual lane project was halted by the new road "freeze" order and the road must now be approved by the War department as essential to defense before the state can get materials for its construction.

'Phone Poles Moved.

Telephone poles north of Edinburg already have been put in west of the present route of Road 31 in preparation for the dual-laning project.

The proposed road north of Edinburg would cross Blue river by way of a new bridge west of the present bridge and would eliminate the curves at the south and north edges of Edinburg, leaving the town about one-half mile east of the new highway.

Although it's a little hard to believe, the heavy car and truck traffic up and down Road 31 in the vicinity of Edinburg and as far south as Columbus has caused numerous cracks and bumps to appear in the road's surface and it may not be many more years before this section will be unusable.

According to original plans, most of the present route will be used as one lane of the new dual lane road.

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Soldiers' Wives to Get Help from Government

Wives and families of local soldiers and sailors will receive financial assistance—both from the servicemen and the government—as the result of House acceptance yesterday of the new allotment measure for dependents.

The House completed congressional action on the bill and it was sent to the White House for presidential approval.

A measure raising the pay of armed forces to a minimum of $50 a month, to cover contributions to dependents, also awaits President Roosevelt's signature.

The dependents' bill also states a congressional policy that the selective service should "not break up the institution of the home" and, according to Rep. Andrew J. May (D-Ky) of the House military committee, local draft boards will be asked to reclassify married men of draft age, using new deferment groups.

May Subdivide 3A.

The new classifications probably would sub-divide all men in Class 3. The first to be drafted when 1A rolls are exhausted probably would be men with dependents other than wives, followed by married men with self-supporting wives and no children, then married men with unemployed wives, men with a wife and one child, and men with a wife and additional children.

The new allotment bill now waiting the President's signature defines two groups of dependents, Class A and Class B. In the former are wives and children and former wives entitled to alimony; in the latter are parents, brothers, sisters and grandchildren.

Where a service man has class A dependents, the deductions from his pay for their benefit are mandatory and amount to $22 a month. To this the government would add $28 for a wife, $40 for a wife and one child, and $10 for each additional child; $20 for a child but

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President Signs It

Washington, June 17. (AP)—A measure boosting the minimum base pay of the nation's fighting forces to $50 a month was signed into law today by President Roosevelt.

For most of the men, it means at lesat $20 more each month for necessities and entertainment on time-off, or to send back home to dependents. The bill carried a clause making the increase retroactive to June 1.

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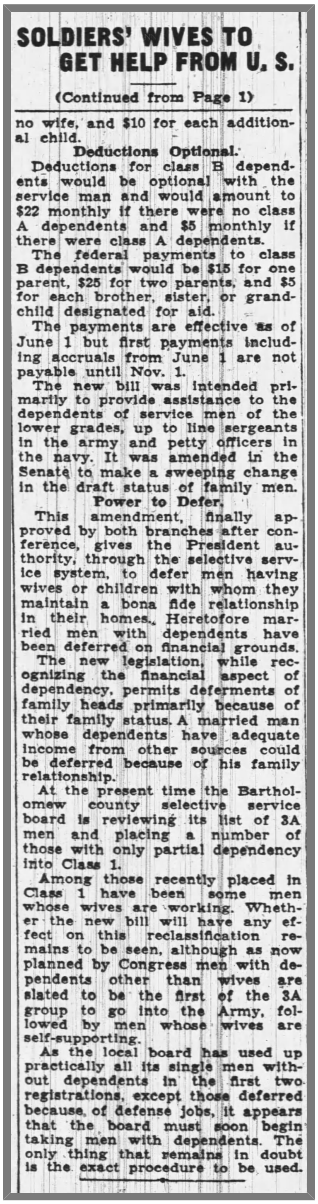

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no wife, and $10 for each additional child.

Deductions Optional.

Deductions for class B dependents would be optional with the service man and would amount to $22 monthly if there were no class A dependents and $5 monthly if there were class A dependents.

The federal payments to class B dependents would be $15 for one parent, $25 for two parents, and $5 for each brother, sister, or grandchild designated for aid.

The payments are effective as of June 1 but first payments including accruals from June 1 are not payable until Nov. 1.

The new bill was intended primarily to provide assistance to the dependents of service men of the lower grades, up to line sergeants in the army and petty officers in the navy. It was amended in the Senate to make a sweeping change in the draft status of family men.

Power to Defer.

This amendment, finally approved by both branches after conference, gives the President authority, through the selective service system, to defer men having wives or children with whom they maintain a bona fide relationship in their homes. Heretofore married men with dependents have been deferred on financial grounds.

The new legislation, while recognizing the financial aspect of dependency, permits deferments of family heads primarily because of their family status. A married man whose dependents have adequate income from other sources could be deferred because of his family relationship.

At the present time the Bartholomew county selective service board is reviewing its list of 3A men and placing a number of those with only partial dependency into Class 1.

Among those recently placed in Class 1 have been some men whose wives are working. Whether the new bill will have any effect on this reclassification remains to be seen, although as now planned by Congress men with dependents other than wives are slated to be the first of the 3A group to go into the Army, followed by men whose wives are self-supporting.

As the local board has used up practically all its single men without dependents in the first two registrations, except those deferred because of defense jobs, it appears that the board must soon begin taking men with dependents. The only thing that remains in doubt is the exact procedure to be used.

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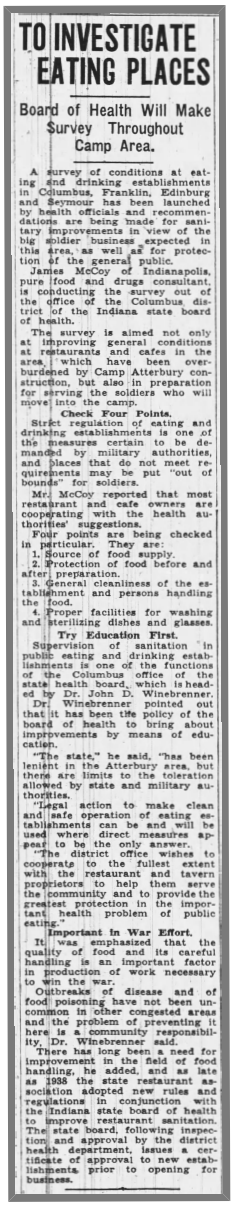

TO INVESTIGATE EATING PLACES

Board of Health Will Make Survey Throughout Camp Area.

A survey of conditions at eating and drinking establishments in Columbus, Franklin, Edinburg and Seymour has been launched by health officials and recommendations are being made for sanitary improvements in view of the big soldier business expected in this area, as well as for protection of the general public.

James McCoy of Indianapolis, pure food and drugs consultant, is conducting the survey out of the office of the Columbus district of the Indiana state board of health.

The survey is aimed not only at improving general conditions at restaurants and cafes in the area, which have been overburdened by Camp Atterbury construction, but also in preparation for serving the soldiers who will move into the camp.

Check Four Points.

Strict regulation of eating and drinking establishments is one of the measures certain to be demanded by military authorities, and places that do not meet requirements may be put "out of bounds" for soldiers.

Mr. McCoy reported that most restaurant and cafe owners are cooperating with the health authorities' suggestions.

Four points are being checked in particular. They are:

1. Source of food supply.
2. Protection of food before and after preparation.
3. General cleanliness of the establishment and persons handling the food.
4. Proper facilities for washing and sterilizing dishes and glasses.

Try Education First.

Supervision of sanitation in public eating and drinking establishments is one of the functions of the Columbus office of the state health board, which is headed by Dr. John D. Winebrenner.

Dr. Winebrenner pointed out that it has been the policy of the board of health to bring about improvements by means of education.

"The state," he said, "has been lenient in the Atterbury area, but there are limits to the toleration allowed by state and military authorities.

"Legal action to make clean and safe operation of eating establishments can be and will be used where direct measures appear to be the only answer.

"The district office wishes to cooperate to the fullest extent with the restaurant and tavern proprietors to help them serve the community and to provide the greatest protection in the important health problem of public eating."

Important in War Effort.

It was emphasized that the quality of food and its careful handling is an important factor in production of work necessary to win the war.

Outbreaks of disease and of food poisoning have not been uncommon in other congested areas and the problem of preventing it here is a community responsibility, Dr. Winebrenner said.

There has long been a need for improvement in the field of food handling, he added, and as late as 1938 the state restaurant association adopted new rules and regulations in conjunction with the Indiana state board of health to improve restaurant sanitation. The state board, following inspection and approval by the district health department, issues a certificate of approval to new establishments, prior to opening for business.

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Gee, Little Western Town, Says Soldier from East

"Gee, a little western town" was the comment Wednesday afternoon of one of the eastern soldiers who has just arrived at Camp Atterbury and who was on his first visit to Edinburg.

"It's a quiet, peaceful place," said his buddy and added: "It won't be for long. Wait until the soldiers start pouring in."

Quiet? Peaceful?

Edinburg has considered itself bustling, brimful and at times overflowing, what with the camp construction workers. (The two soldiers should have seen Edinburg four months ago.)

Hunt Shower.

But, according to the two buddies, one from New Jersey and the other from Pennsylvania, Edinburg hasn't witnessed anything yet.

The two, dust-weary from Camp Atterbury, were looking for a Y. M. C. A. or some other place where they could find a shower.

Edinburg is expecting a lot of soldiers, but the residents figure their town can't be much more crowded than it has been from the camp workers.

One of the biggest "boom" businesses in Edinburg is the tavern trade and Edinburg's four taverns report their sales have jumped four to five times since start of camp construction.

On hot days, the taverns are packed with workers who linger on until late evening.

Cash Hundreds of Checks.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday—paydays—are the biggest in the taverns' week and some proprietors cash from $7,000 to as high as $20,000 in checks on each payday. The men form in long lines to get their checks cashed. Although there is a charge for each check cashed, the tavern proprietors report they break about even for every so often a bad check shows up and they are stuck for the money. These checks run as high as $125.

At one of the Edinburg taverns, beer sales alone run as high as $325 a day and at another tavern package liquor sales on Saturday total around $400.

Although the camp workers are coming into the taverns from late morning until night, proprietors report little trouble from drunks. There have been fights, but to date most of the camp men have handled themselves in a gentlemanly fashion that has surprised a lot of Edinburg residents.

One Edinburger commented crisply, "If these 13,000 camp folks were as bad as some of our own permanent barflies, they'd have swept us off the map."

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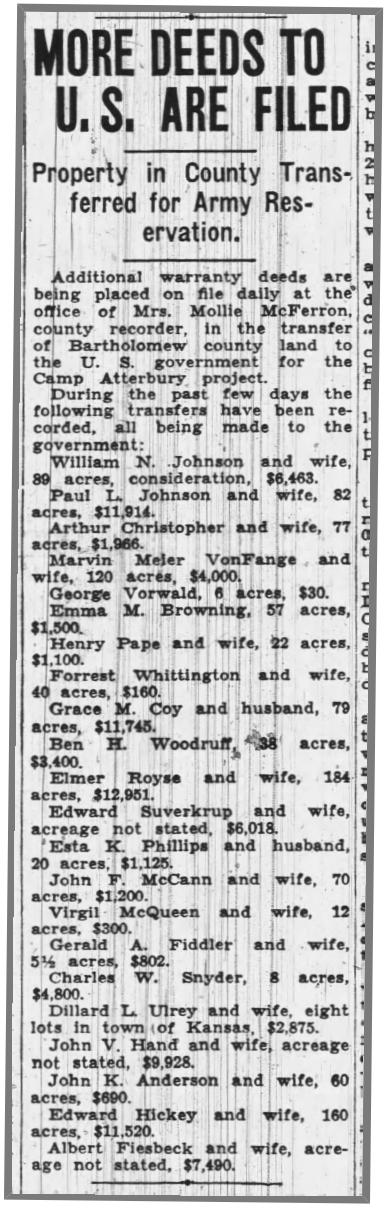

MORE DEEDS TO U. S. ARE FILED

Property in County Transferred for Army Reservation.

Additional warranty deeds are being placed on file daily at the office of Mrs. Mollie McFerron, county recorder, in the transfer of Bartholomew county land to the U. S. government for the Camp Atterbury project.

During the past few days the following transfers have been recorded, all being made to the government:

William N. Johnson and wife, 89 acres, consideration, $6,463.

Paul L. Johnson and wife, 82 acres, $11,914.

Arthur Christopher and wife, 77 acres, $1,966.

Marvin Meier VonFange and wife, 120 acres, $4,000.

George Vorwald, 6 acres, $30.

Emma M. Browning, 57 acres, $1,500.

Henry Pape and wife, 22 acres, $1,100.

Forrest Whittington and wife, 40 acres, $160.

Grace M. Coy and husband, 79 acres, $11,745.

Ben H. Woodruff, 38 acres, $3,400.

Elmer Royse and wife, 184 acres, $12,951.

Edward Suverkrup and wife, acreage not stated, $6,018.

Esta K. Phillips and husband, 20 acres, $1,125.

John F. McCann and wife, 70 acres, $1,200.

Virgil McQueen and wife, 12 acres, $300.

Gerald A. Fiddler and wife, 5½ acres, $802.

Charles W. Snyder, 8 acres, $4,800.

Dillard L. Ulrey and wife, eight lots in town of Kansas, $2,875.

John V. Hand and wife, acreage not stated, $9,928.

John K. Anderson and wife, 60 acres, $690.

Edward Hickey and wife, 160 acres, $11,520.

Albert Fiesbeck and wife, acreage not stated, $7,490.

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CAMP JOB PEAK NEARLY 14,000, STARTS DROP

Building Companies Begin Lay-Offs as Work Moves into Home Stretch.

SOME STILL BEING HIRED

Few More Troops Arrive—83rd Division to Be Formed in August.

Employment at Camp Atterbury has hit a peak of around 14,000 men and is starting on the down grade as contractors engaged in erecting the camp buildings begin moving into the last lap of construction.

Large numbers of skilled workers are being dismissed by some of the building companies and it is believed the peak has been passed, although new men are being hired for finishing the various phases of the camp construction.

From now on a gradual decline in employment is expected, with more men moving out from time to time.

Although the official figures on the camp payroll have not been released, it is estimated that at the peak the weekly payroll has been in the neighborhood of three-quarters of a million dollars. Most of this huge sum has been dumped into the area around the camp.

One Every 20 Minutes.

At present, it appears that within the next month, most or all the camp buildings will be erected, although the utilities, including, water, sewers and roads, may not be entirely finished.

The A. Farrell Blair company has been finishing a building every 20 minutes in its blocks and at the height of its employment had 7,900 workers. This number has dropped to around 7,000 in the last two weeks.

Another small group of soldiers arrived at Camp Atterbury this week to do guard duty. These soldiers are living at the unfinished camp and for the most part are "roughing" it, cooking their meals outside. But they report it is a better life than maneuvers in the field.

Information which has been released recently indicates that Atterbury's population when completed will be around 35,000 men.

To Be 83rd Division.

Recent quotations for bids on the camp's garbage estimated the number of men to be around 21,000, but these figures are subject to change.

Approximately 13,000 of these men will be in the 83rd Infantry Division, under command of Maj. Gen. John J. Millikin. This division, according to an official War department publicity release, will be organized at Camp Atterbury during the month of August.

The War department has not announced what the other units to be stationed at Camp Atterbury will be and possibly the department has not decided. Another division could be stationed at the camp, or various regiments or units of several divisions might be assembled at the camp for special training courses.

Permanent or Temporary?

There has been considerable speculation as to whether Camp Atterbury will be a permanent camp or will be discarded after the war.

This is one of the many angles which remain to be seen. Most of the camp's buildings have been erected so that they will be usable for many years, although the type of construction is called temporary, with the exception of the hospital buildings.

These hospital buildings are of semi-permanent construction and the 1,750 bed institution is designed for at least temporary use as a veterans' hospital after the war is over. Many of the hospital buildings at the present time are nearly finished.

Use of the hospital group as a veterans' hospital following the war will mean business to Edinburg, regardless of what is done with the rest of the camp. As a veterans' hospital, it is estimated that around 2,000 persons would be employed and that Edinburg as the nearest town, would get much of the business of those visiting relatives and friends at the hospital.

May Build Officers' Quarters.

It is reported that plans are under way to build living quarters for Army officers near the northern boundary of the camp, in Johnson county. One report is to the effect that the farm formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Christian, is being considered as a site for a school building for officers or officers' quarters.

Other land, including the Earl Isley farm on the Mauxferry road, is reported being considered for a camp airport.

These plans, if they go through, point strongly to the possibility that the War department is planning to maintain the camp for a number of years following the war.

This is in line with the present trend toward the belief that after this war if the United States wins and it is planning to win, it will be necessary for this country to maintain a strong army for a number of years. On the other hand, a wave of pacifism may sweep the nation as it did at the close of World war I. If that is the case, Camp Atterbury probably will be scrapped, along with the approximate $40,000,000 it is going to cost.

1942_06_18_3_Worers peak at 14000 - more 83rd division troops arrive

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7 ATTERBURY WORKERS HURT

Three Taken to Hospitals—Four Others Receive Treatment.

Three Camp Atterbury workers were taken to hospitals yesterday for treatment following injuries received at the camp, while four others were treated for injuries.

Ward Fitzpatrick, worker for the Calumet Paving company, was injured when a piece of steel penetrated one arm and he was taken to the Bartholomew county hospital for treatment.

George Brewer, Wilmer Weir and Clarence Hardin also were brought here for treatment and X-ray examination.

Buster Johnson, negro, suffered broken ribs in a fall and was taken to City hospital in Indianapolis.

Two other workmen, Henry Stahl and Eddie Harrod, were injured when scaffolding fell. Stahl suffered broken ribs and Harrod crushed vertebra. Both were taken to Methodist hospital in Indianapolis.

Both the Mutz and Farr and Gosney ambulances from Edinburg were used to take the men to the hospitals.

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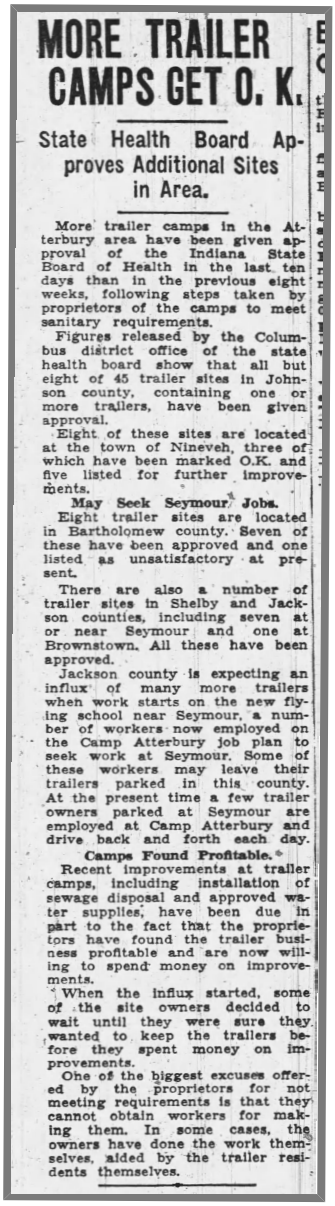

MORE TRAILER CAMPS GET O. K.

State Health Board Approves Additional Sites in Area.

More trailer camps in the Atterbury area have been given approval of the Indiana State Board of Health in the last ten days than in the previous eight weeks, following steps taken by proprietors of the camps to meet sanitary requirements.

Figures released by the Columbus district office of the state health board show that all but eight of 45 trailer sites in Johnson county, containing one or more trailers, have been given approval.

Eight of these sites are located at the town of Nineveh, three of which have been marked O.K. and five listed for further improvements.

May Seek Seymour Jobs.

Eight trailer sites are located in Bartholomew county. Seven of these have been approved and one listed as unsatisfactory at present.

There are also a number of trailer sites in Shelby and Jackson counties, including seven at or near Seymour and one at Brownstown. All these have been approved.

Jackson county is expecting an influx of many more trailers when work starts on the new flying school near Seymour, a number of workers now employed on the Camp Atterbury job plan to seek work at Seymour. Some of these workers may leave their trailers parked in this county. At the present time a few trailer owners parked at Seymour are employed at Camp Atterbury and drive back and forth each day.

Camps Found Profitable.

Recent improvements at trailer camps, including installation of sewage disposal and approved water supplies, have been due in part to the fact that the proprietors have found the trailer business profitable and are now willing to spend money on improvements.

When the influx started, some of the site owners decided to wait until they were sure they wanted to keep the trailers before they spent money on improvements.

One of the biggest excuses offered by the proprietors for not meeting requirements is that they cannot obtain workers for making them. In some cases, the owners have done the work themselves, aided by the trailer residents themselves.

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SEYMOUR GETS LAND OFFICE

Land Buying for Air School to Be Handled from There.

A new federal land acquisition office is being set up at Seymour to handle acquisition of land for the Seymour flying school and the records and personnel now employed on the Seymour job will be transferred from the Columbus armory to the Seymour office.

The office at Seymour is being set up temporarily at the high school gymnasium.

The new office will be headed by Frank H. Wolfe of Shelbyville as project manager. Mr. Wolfe has been in charge of similar work in Kentucky.

At the present time, Mr. Wolfe is at the Columbus armory, working with Jos. W. Springer, Camp Atterbury project manager.

Prior to the decision to set up a separate office in Seymour, the land acquisition affairs for the Seymour job were being handled through the Atterbury department at the local armory. The shift to Seymour will not affect the local office, which will remain here with its permanent personnel under Mr. Springer.

An area of 2,560 acres will be purchased at Seymour for the main field. In addition, there probably will be three to five auxiliary or emergency fields nearby. Negotiations for purchase of the land for the main field got under way Tuesday.

1942_06_18_5_Seymour gets land office

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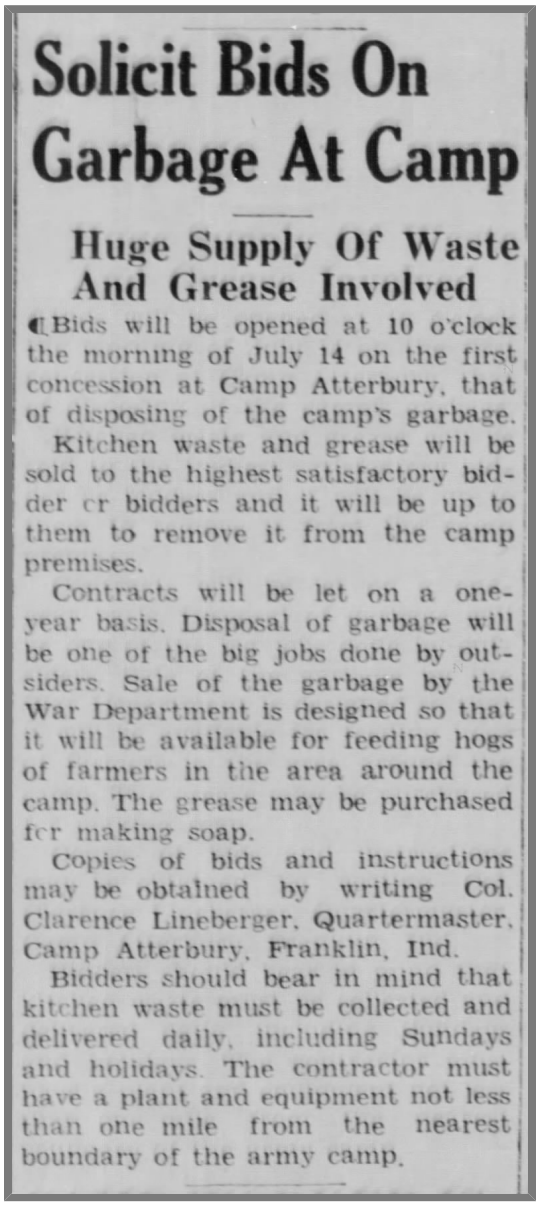

Solicit Bids On Garbage At Camp

Huge Supply Of Waste And Grease Involved

Bids will be opened at 10 o'clock the morning of July 14 on the first concession at Camp Atterbury, that of disposing of the camp's garbage.

Kitchen waste and grease will be sold to the highest satisfactory bidder or bidders and it will be up to them to remove it from the camp premises.

Contracts will be let on a one-year basis. Disposal of garbage will be one of the big jobs done by outsiders. Sale of the garbage by the War Department is designed so that it will be available for feeding hogs of farmers in the area around the camp. The grease may be purchased for making soap.

Copies of bids and instructions may be obtained by writing Col. Clarence Lineberger, Quartermaster, Camp Atterbury, Franklin, Ind.

Bidders should bear in mind that kitchen waste must be collected and delivered daily, including Sundays and holidays. The contractor must have a plant and equipment not less than one mile from the nearest boundary of the army camp.

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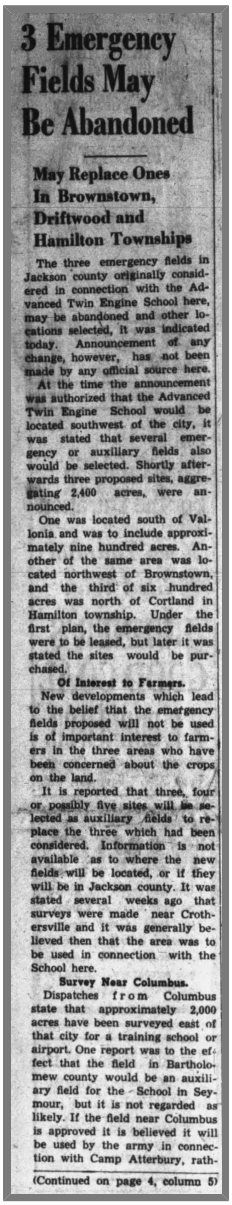

3 Emergency Fields May Be Abandoned

May Replace Ones In Brownstown, Driftwood and Hamilton Townships

The three emergency fields in Jackson county originally considered in connection with the Advanced Twin Engine School here, may be abandoned and other locations selected, it was indicated today. Announcement of any change, however, has not been made by any official source here.

At the time the announcement was authorized that the Advanced Twin Engine School would be located southwest of the city, it was stated that several emergency or auxiliary fields also would be selected. Shortly afterwards three proposed sites, aggregating 2,400 acres, were announced.

One was located south of Vallonia and was to include approximately nine hundred acres. Another of the same area was located northwest of Brownstown, and the third of six hundred acres was north of Cortland in Hamilton township. Under the first plan, the emergency fields were to be leased, but later it was stated the sites would be purchased.

Of Interest to Farmers.

New developments which lead to the belief that the emergency fields proposed will not be used is of important interest to farmers in the three areas who have been concerned about the crops on the land.

It is reported that three, four or possibly five sites will be selected as auxiliary fields to replace the three which had been considered. Information is not available as to where the new fields will be located, or if they will be in Jackson county. It was stated several weeks ago that surveys were made near Crothersville and it was generally believed then that the area was to be used in connection with the School here.

Survey Near Columbus.

Dispatches from Columbus state that approximately 2,000 acres have been surveyed east of that city for a training school or airport. One report was to the effect that the field in Bartholomew county would be an auxiliary field for the School in Seymour, but it is not regarded as likely. If the field near Columbus is approved it is believed it will be used by the army in connection with Camp Atterbury, rath-

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1942_20_3_Seymour emergency air fields may be abandoned

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Mr. and Mrs. Luther Conner, who recently sold their farm near the Camp Atterbury area, have purchased from Charles C. Noblitt the farm and house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hardy, near Ogilville. Mr. and Mrs. Conner moved in the latter part of the week. They have three children.

1942_06_20_5_Luther Conner buys newhouse

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CAMP EVACUEES' BARN CONSUMED

Structure on Farm Bought by Coys Burns to Ground After Hit by Bolt.

Edinburg, June 22—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Coy, lifelong residents of this community who are among the many compelled to vacate their homesteads of generations to help make way for Camp Atterbury, hope there is no more trouble in sight for them.

About 7:45 o'clock Saturday night the large barn on the farm which they recently purchased 10 miles northwest of Rushville was struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

Hay, oats and corn which had been stored were consumed by the fire, but some farm implements which had been moved were saved. The tenant, John Morgan, had just completed his milking and was standing in the barn waiting for the rain to abate, to go to the house. He was thrown to the floor and stunned. The building had a lightning rod, but according to witnesses the lightning played over the entire roof. It was practically new and was 40x60 feet.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy had left the scene of the storm less than three hours before for their home here. They were planning to move their goods this week as they must vacate their present home by July 1.

1942_06_22_1_Coys newly purchased barn burns to ground

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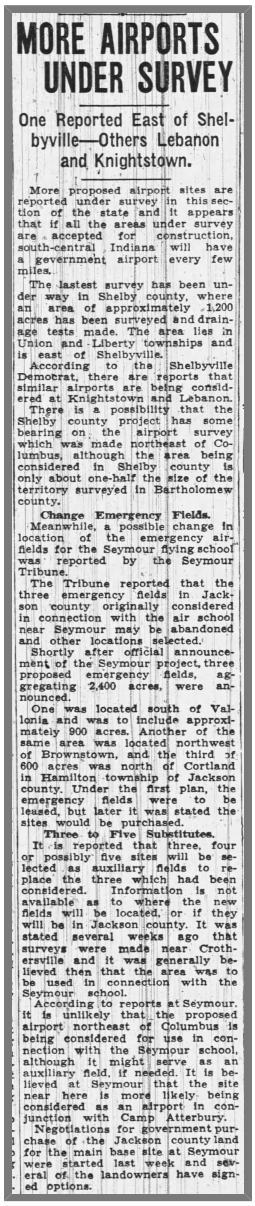

MORE AIRPORTS UNDER SURVEY

One Reported East of Shelbyville—Others Lebanon and Knightstown.

More proposed airport sites are reported under survey in this section of the state and it appears that if all the areas under survey are accepted for construction, south-central Indiana will have a government airport every few miles.

The lastest survey has been under way in Shelby county, where an area of approximately 1,200 acres has been surveyed and drainage tests made. The area lies in Union and Liberty townships and is east of Shelbyville.

According to the Shelbyville Democrat, there are reports that similar airports are being considered at Knightstown and Lebanon.

There is a possibility that the Shelby county project has some bearing on the airport survey which was made northeast of Columbus, although the area being considered in Shelby county is only about one-half the size of the territory surveyed in Bartholomew county.

Change Emergency Fields.

Meanwhile, a possible change in location of the emergency airfields for the Seymour flying school was reported by the Seymour Tribune.

The Tribune reported that the three emergency fields in Jackson county originally considered in connection with the air school near Seymour may be abandoned and other locations selected.

Shortly after official announcement of the Seymour project, three proposed emergency fields, aggregating 2,400 acres, were announced.

One was located south of Vallonia and was to include approximately 900 acres. Another of the same area was located northwest of Brownstown, and the third of 600 acres was north of Cortland in Hamilton township of Jackson county. Under the first plan, the emergency fields were to be leased, but later it was stated the sites would be purchased.

Three to Five Substitutes.

It is reported that three, four or possibly five sites will be selected as auxiliary fields to replace the three which had been considered. Information is not available as to where the new fields will be located, or if they will be in Jackson county. It was stated several weeks ago that surveys were made near Crothersville and it was generally believed then that the area was to be used in connection with the Seymour school.

According to reports at Seymour, it is unlikely that the proposed airport northeast of Columbus is being considered for use in connection with the Seymour school, although it might serve as an auxiliary field, if needed. It is believed at Seymour that the site near here is more likely being considered as an airport in conjunction with Camp Atterbury.

Negotiations for government purchase of the Jackson county land for the main base site at Seymour were started last week and several of the landowners have signed options.

1942_06_22_1_More airports under survey

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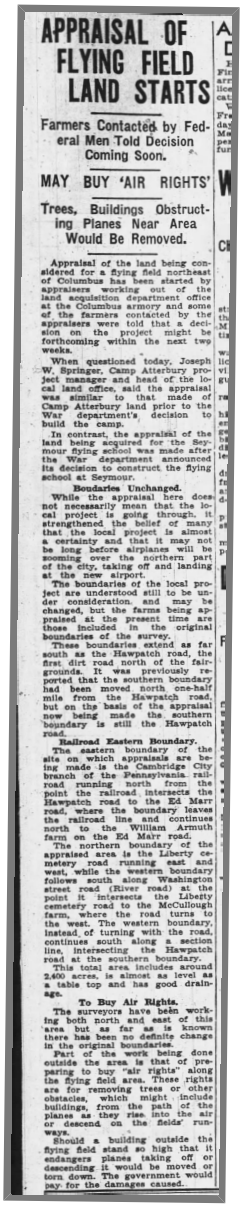

APPRAISAL OF FLYING FIELD LAND STARTS

Farmers Contacted by Federal Men Told Decision Coming Soon.

MAY BUY 'AIR RIGHTS'

Trees, Buildings Obstructing Planes Near Area Would Be Removed.

Appraisal of the land being considered for a flying field northeast of Columbus has been started by appraisers working out of the land acquisition department office at the Columbus armory and some of the farmers contacted by the appraisers were told that a decision on the project might be forthcoming within the next two weeks.

When questioned today, Joseph W. Springer, Camp Atterbury project manager and head of the local land office, said the appraisal was similar to that made of Camp Atterbury land prior to the War department's decision to build the camp.

In contrast, the appraisal of the land being acquired for the Seymour flying school was made after the War department announced its decision to construct the flying school at Seymour.

Boundaries Unchanged.

While the appraisal here does not necessarily mean that the local project is going through, it strengthened the belief of many that the local project is almost a certainty and that it may not be long before airplanes will be zooming over the northern part of the city, taking off and landing at the new airport.

The boundaries of the local project are understood still to be under consideration, and may be changed, but the farms being appraised at the present time are those included in the original boundaries of the survey.

These boundaries extend as far south as the Hawpatch road, the first dirt road north of the fairgrounds. It was previously reported that the southern boundary had been moved north one-half mile from the Hawpatch road, but on the basis of the appraisal now being made the southern boundary is still the Hawpatch road.

Railroad Eastern Boundary.

The eastern boundary of the site on which appraisals are being made is the Cambridge City branch of the Pennsylvania railroad running north from the point the railroad intersects the Hawpatch road to the Ed Marr road, where the boundary leaves the railroad line and continues north to the William Armuth farm on the Ed Marr road.

The northern boundary of the appraised area is the Liberty cemetery road running east and west, while the western boundary follows south along Washington street road (River road) at the point it intersects the Liberty cemetery road to the McCullough farm, where the road turns to the west. The western boundary, instead of turning with the road, continues south along a section line, intersecting the Hawpatch road at the southern boundary.

This total area, includes around 2,400 acres, is almost as level as a table top and has good drainage.

To Buy Air Rights.

The surveyors have been working both north and east of this area but as far as is known there has been no definite change in the original boundaries.

Part of the work being done outside the area is that of preparing to buy "air rights" along the flying field area. These rights are for removing trees or other obstacles, which might include buildings, from the path of the planes as they rise into the air or descend on the fields' runways.

Should a building outside the flying field stand so high that it endangers planes taking off or descending it would be moved or torn down. The government would pay for the damages caused.

1942_06_24_1_Appraisal of Columbus air field starts

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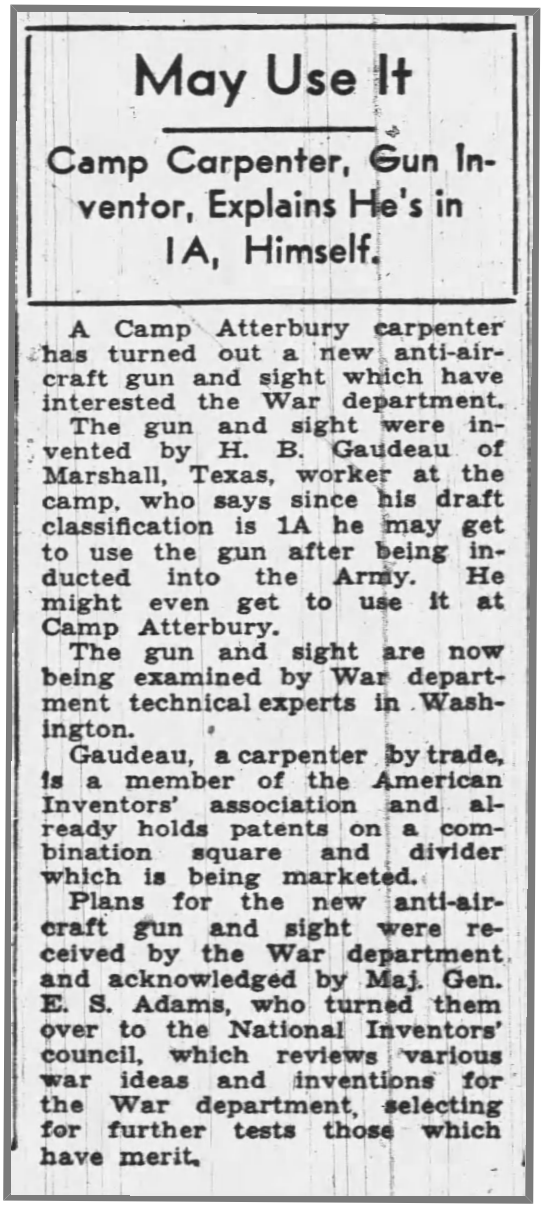

May Use It

Camp Carpenter, Gun Inventor, Explains He's in 1A, Himself.

A Camp Atterbury carpenter has turned out a new anti-aircraft gun and sight which have interested the War department.

The gun and sight were invented by H. B. Gaudeau of Marshall, Texas, worker at the camp, who says since his draft classification is 1A he may get to use the gun after being inducted into the Army. He might even get to use it at Camp Atterbury.

The gun and sight are now being examined by War department technical experts in Washington.

Gaudeau, a carpenter by trade, is a member of the American Inventors' association and already holds patents on a combination square and divider which is being marketed.

Plans for the new anti-aircraft gun and sight were received by the War department and acknowledged by Maj. Gen. E. S. Adams, who turned them over to the National Inventors' council, which reviews various war ideas and inventions for the War department, selecting for further tests those which have merit.

1942_06_24_2_camp carpenter invents new anti-aircraft gun

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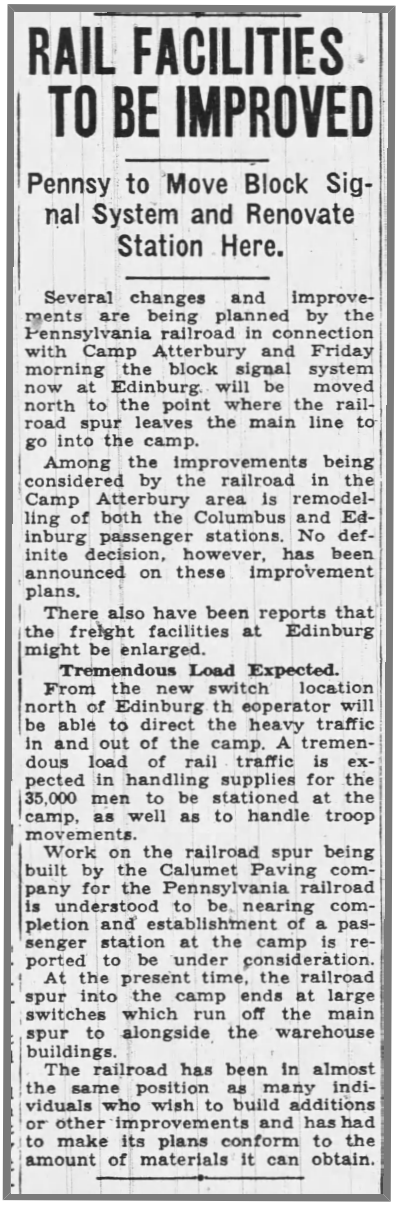

RAIL FACILITIES TO BE IMPROVED

Pennsy to Move Block Signal System and Renovate Station Here.

Several changes and improvements are being planned by the Pennsylvania railroad in connection with Camp Atterbury and Friday morning the block signal system now at Edinburg will be moved north to the point where the railroad spur leaves the main line to go into the camp.

Among the improvements being considered by the railroad in the Camp Atterbury area is remodelling of both the Columbus and Edinburg passenger stations. No definite decision, however, has been announced on these improvement plans.

There also have been reports that the freight facilities at Edinburg might be enlarged.

Tremendous Load Expected.

From the new switch location north of Edinburg th eoperator will be able to direct the heavy traffic in and out of the camp. A tremendous load of rail traffic is expected in handling supplies for the 35,000 men to be stationed at the camp, as well as to handle troop movements.

Work on the railroad spur being built by the Calumet Paving company for the Pennsylvania railroad is understood to be nearing completion and establishment of a passenger station at the camp is reported to be under consideration.

At the present time, the railroad spur into the camp ends at large switches which run off the main spur to alongside the warehouse buildings.

The railroad has been in almost the same position as many individuals who wish to build additions or other improvements and has had to make its plans conform to the amount of materials it can obtain.

1942_06_25_2_rail facilities to be improved

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EATING PLACES HERE INSPECTED

Health Officials Prepare for Influx of Soldiers by Hundreds.

In preparation for the occupation of Camp Atterbury and the subsequent heavy influx of Uncle Sam's soldiers into local communities, local and state health authorities are engaged in a thorough inspection of all restaurants and places where food and beverages are sold.

J. Milton Snyder, city sanitary officer, and James McCoy, inspector from the food and drug division of the state board of health, have just completed an inspection of 62 concerns in the city of Columbus where food and drink are sold.

Many orders have been given for concerns to make improvements and changes to comply with the rules and regulations for sanitary control of public eating establishments, as outlined by the state board of health.

Closings Not Confirmed.

It was rumored today that at least two places in the city had been ordered closed, but no verification of the reports could be obtained. One establishment was closed down for repairs, following a change of ownership. Another has closed because of a shortage of help.

In the inspection, special emphasis is being placed on a check on the source of the food supply, the protection from dust and dirt of the food while being prepared and when served, and the dishwashing facilities and washing methods.

In each restaurant 40 different points are checked in washrooms, dining rooms, kitchen and pantry. Data is also collected on employes, the milk supply, water supply and sewage disposal.

All Towns in Area Affected.

An inspection similar to that carried on here is being made in all towns and cities in the local area. Today health officials were working in Seymour.

It is understood that within the near future military officials from Camp Atterbury will make an inspection of the local eating places. Establishments failing to meet the health and sanitation standards required by the Army will be declared "out of bounds" so far as the Atterbury soldiers are concerned, it is understood.

1942_06_25_2_Eating places inspected

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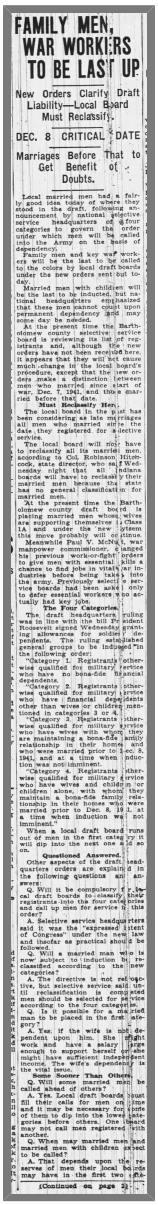

FAMILY MEN, WAR WORKERS TO BE LAST UP

New Orders Clarify Draft Liability—Local Board Must Reclassify.

DEC. 8 CRITICAL DATE

Marriages Before That to Get Benefit of Doubts.

Local married men had a fairly good idea today of where they stood in the draft, following announcement by national selective service headquarters of four categories to govern the order under which men will be called into army on the basis of dependency.

Family men and key war workers will be the last to be called to the colors by local draft boards under the new orders sent out today.

Married men with children will be the last to be inducted, but national headquarters emphasized that these men cannot count upon permanent dependency and may some day be needed.

At the present time the Bartholomew county selective service board is reviewing its list of registrants and, although the new orders have not been received here, it appears that they will not cause much change in the local board's procedure, except that the new orders make a distinction between men who married since start of war, Dec. 7, 1941, and those married before that date.

Must Reclassify Men.

The local board in the past has been considering as late marriages all those contracted after the date they registered for selective service.

The local board will now have to reclassify all its married men, according to Col. Robinson Hitchcock, state director, who said Wednesday night that all Indiana boards will have to reclassify their married men because the state has no general classification for married men.

At the present time the Bartholomew county draft board is placing married men whose wives are employed in class 1A, and under the new system this move probably will continue.

Meanwhile Paul V. McNutt, war manpower commissioner, changed his previous work-or-fight orders to give men with essential skills a chance to find jobs in vital war industries before being taken into the army. Previously selective service boards had been asked to defer essential workers who actually had key jobs.

The Four Categories.

The draft headquarters ruling followed the line of the Tydings-Rogers bill signed Wednesday granting allowances for soldiers' dependents. The ruling established general groups to be indicated in the following order:

"Category 1. Registrants otherwise qualified for military service who have no bona-fide financial dependents.

"Category 2. Registrants otherwise qualified for military service who have financial dependents other than wives or children mentioned in categories 3 or 4.

"Category 3. Registrants otherwise qualified for military service who have wives or children with whom they are maintaining a bona-fide family relationship in their homes and who were married prior to Dec. 8, 1941, and at a time when induction was not imminent.

"Category 4. Registrants otherwise qualified for military service who have wives and children or children alone, with whom they maintain a bona-fide family relationship in their homes who were married prior to Dec. 8, 1941, at a time when induction was not imminent."

When a local draft board runs out of men in the first category it will dip into the next one and so on.

Questioned Answered.

Other aspects of the draft headquarters orders are explained in the following questions and answers:

Q. Will it be compulsory for local draft boards to classify their registrants into the four categories and call up men for service in this order?

A. Selective service headquarters said it was the "expressed intent of Congress" under the new law and insofar as practical should be followed.

Q. Will a married man who is now subject to induction be reclassified according to the new categories?

A. The directive is not retroactive, but selective service said until reclassification is completed all registrants will be considered according to the four categories.

Q. Is it possible for a married man to be placed in the first category?

A. Yes, if the wife is not dependent upon him. She might work and have a salary large enough to support herself or she might have sufficient independent income. The wife's dependency is the vital factor.

Single Men Before Those With Children.

Q. Will some married men be called ahead of others?

A. Yes. Local draft boards must fill their calls for men on time and it may be necessary for some of them to dip into the lower categories before others. One board may not call men registered with another.

Q. When may married men and married men with children be expected to be called?

A. That depends upon the reserves of men their local boards may have in the first two or three

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1942_06_25_3A_Family men - war workers last to be called up

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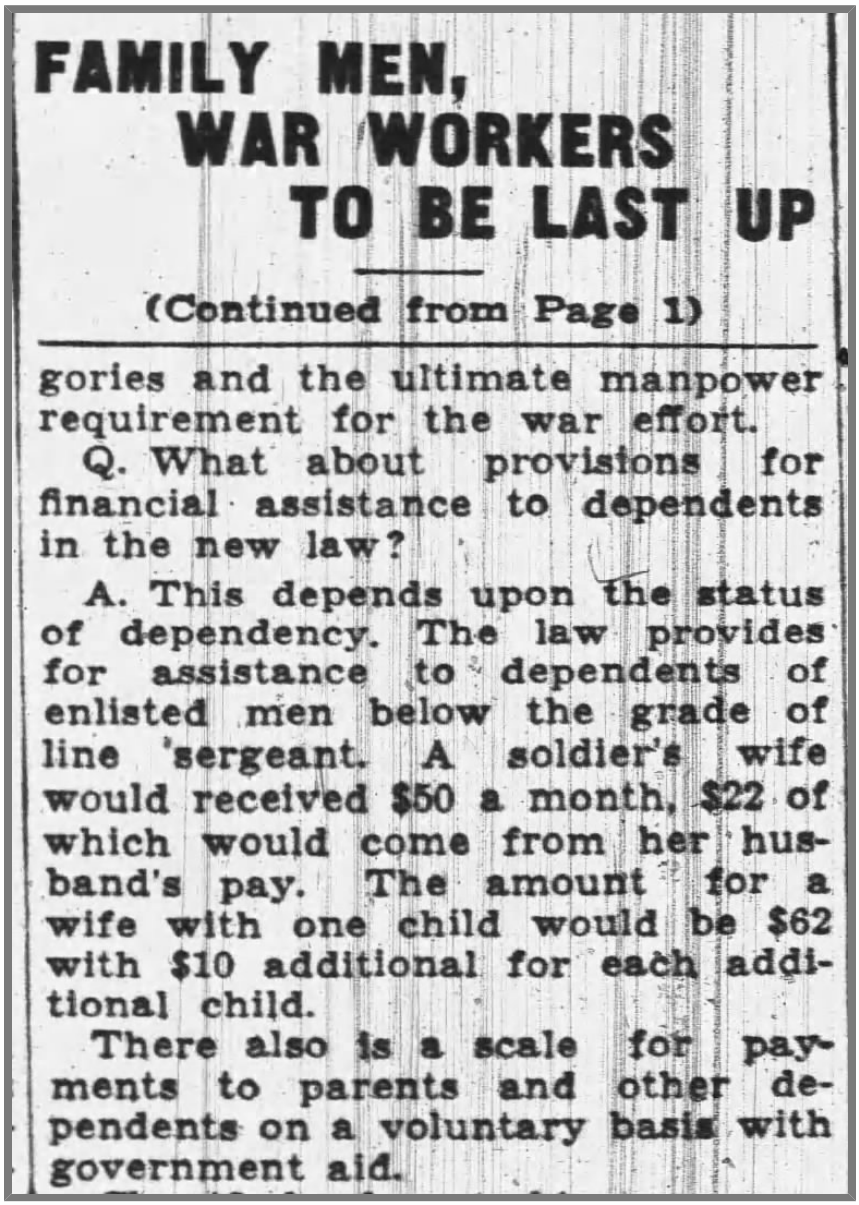

FAMILY MEN, WAR WORKERS TO BE LAST UP

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gories and the ultimate manpower requirement for the war effort.

Q. What about provisions for financial assistance to dependents in the new law?

A. This depends upon the status of dependency. The law provides for assistance to dependents of enlisted men below the grade of line sergeant. A soldier's wife would received $50 a month, $22 of which would come from her husband's pay. The amount for a wife with one child would be $62 with $10 additional for each additional child.

There also is a scale for payments to parents and other dependents on a voluntary basis with government aid.

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COLONEL RENTS HARRIS HOME

Col. M. F. Lindsay, who will be stationed at Camp Atterbury, has rented the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Harris at 1704 Central avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris are leaving soon for St. Paul, Minn., where Mr. Harris will be in defense work.

Colonel and Mrs. Lindsay have twin daughters, who will enter Columbus high school as freshmen. The family will move into the Harris property Saturday.

Colonel Lindsay is understood to be on duty at Georgia at the present time.

1942_06_25_4_Col Lindsay rents home

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TRACK REMOVAL CLOSES STREET

Washington street has been closed to through traffic from Eighth to Eleventh street while work is being done on removal of the old interurban rails.

Work of getting the double set of rails out of the street has progressed to near Tenth street, with the section from there north to Seventeenth street completed, although work of filling in the large hole in the middle of the street has not been started.

1942_06_25_4_Interurban track removal closes Washington st.

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OFFICERS MAY USE FARM HOMES

Salvage Sales Cannot Be Resumed Until Officials Select Buildings.

Camp Atterbury officials are considering moving a number of vacated farm residences in the camp area to a central point inside the camp for use as officers' living quarters.

As a result, salvage operations are being delayed until the camp officials decide what buildings will be moved to the officers' colony. After this decision is reached it is believed that salvage sales will be resumed.

A number of farmers who have moved out of the camp area have been inquiring about the possibility of buying back some of their own buildings or those of neighbors.

At the present time a site on the high ground just inside the east entrance to the camp and south of Road 252 is being considered for the officers' quarters.

It is not known how many buildings will be moved or how many officers will be quartered in the proposed colony. However, such a colony would help in relieving crowded living conditions in towns neighboring the camp.

1942_06_26_1_Officers may use farm houses

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MAZE OF LINES TO LINK CAMP

1,000 Strands to Give It State's Biggest Dependent Exchange.

One thousand telephone lines will link Camp Atterbury's 1,700 buildings, forming the biggest single, dependent exchange unit in the state of Indiana.

Inside camp calls will be handled by a dial system through a separate telephone building being established inside the cantonment area.

Incoming and outgoing calls will be routed through the Edinburg office of the Indiana Bell Telephone company. In addition, there will be special direct lines into Indianapolis.

To Employ 15 Girls.

Approximately 15 girl operators will be employed in the camp telephone building, which is slated to be in full operation around the first of August.

These girls will have quarters on the post and will eat meals at their own mess.

At the present time telephones are being installed in the new buildings as fast as the buildings are completed.

The girl operators at the switchboard in the telephone building will handle incoming and outgoing calls, independent of the camp's dial system, which will be the same as that recently installed in Columbus.

A. T. and T. Strings Lines.

The American Telephone and Telegraph company is stringing its lines along the eastern boundary of the camp in the vicinity of Edinburg to replace the lines which now enter the camp area at the Log Cabin filling station south of Edinburg going in the Kansas road and then north on the Mauxferry road to Franklin.

These are the toll lines of the company and include 30 pairs of wires. The lines will be strung on new poles which have been placed west of Road 31 at Edinburg and can be seen from the highway. The new poles are west of the proposed route for the new dual-lane highway which will go west of the town of Edinburg.

A number of other services will soon be moved from the Camp Atterbury area. These include lines of the Bartholomew county REMC and five miles of line of the Edinburg Power and Light company.

1942_06_26_2_Maze of telephone lines - states biggest exchange

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OPEN BIDS ON ROAD 252 JOB

D. M. Vaughn company of Lafayette was the low bidder for paving approximately one-half mile of Road 252 at the east entrance to Camp Atterbury, the state highway commission announced late yesterday.

The bid was $43,559.30.

Paving of the strip of Road 252 westward to the camp from the point it intersects Road 31 north of Edinburg is one of six paving and improvement projects planned by the state at a total cost of $599,191.23 on the basis of the low bids.

1942_06_26_5_Open bids to pave road 252 into camp

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CHAPLAINS SEEK QUARTERS HERE

5 Visit Columbus—Will Be Among Those Stationed at Camp Atterbury.

Several of the chaplains to be stationed at Camp Atterbury have been in Columbus recently and at least two are looking for houses or apartments here.

The chaplains who were here recently included three of the Evangelical Lutheran church, one of the Presbyterian and one of the Baptist.

At the present time they are attending the chaplains' school at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Seven other chaplains to be stationed at the camp were announced recently.

The three Lutheran chaplains who were in Columbus this week are Captains Ernest E. Heuer, Luecke and Evans.

Chaplains Heuer and Evans wish to rent living quarters in Columbus.

HITLER'S FUNERAL

Troy, N. Y., June 26 (UP)—When Albert J. Rainville closed his barber shop in nearby Cohoes and left for military service, he put in the window a sign: "Closed until Hitler's funeral."

1942_06_26_1_Chaplains seek quarter in Columbus

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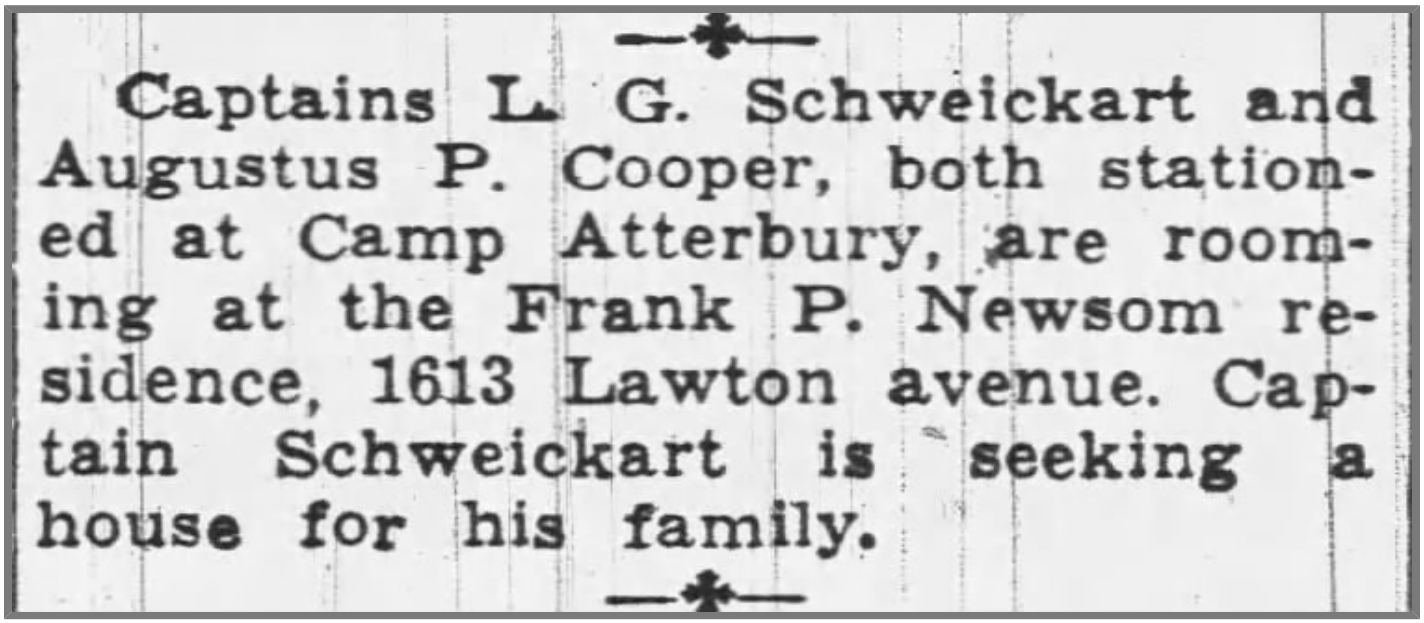

Captains L. G. Schweickart and Augustus P. Cooper, both stationed at Camp Atterbury, are rooming at the Frank P. Newsom residence, 1613 Lawton avenue. Captain Schweickart is seeking a house for his family.

1942_06_26_4_Capt Schweickart and Cooper are rooming with Frank Newsom

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One of Camp Atterbury's Chapels Almost Finished

Resembles Fairly Large Rural Church—Post Exchanges Go Up.

One of Camp Atterbury's 12 chapels is nearing completion and work is progressing on several others.

From the outside the frame chapels resemble fairly large rural churches, with their belfries and steeples. On the inside they are the most attractive of any of the camp buildings visited by this reporter.

The chapel which is almost completed is one being built by the Thompson-Fischer corporation of New York. The chapel is 95 feet long and 37 feet wide. At the front entrance is an alcove, with a consultation room on one side and a cloakroom on the other. From the cloakroom a stairway leads up into the balcony or choir loft, which is located at the front end of the building. The choir loft is constructed so that an organ may be installed.

The auditorium is entered from the alcove through double doors. Here the soldiers will be seated on wooden benches. The lower five feet of the walls are of knotty pine panelling, while the upper section is covered with brown insulation board. The auditorium has large opaque windows.

All to be Alike.

The pulpit or altar is at the rear and is equipped with a chancel rail. At the rear of the auditorium are the chaplain's office, closet space and the steam heating plant.

All the chapels are to be alike with the possible exception of some of the interior decorations. All are designed for use of loudspeaker systems and are constructed so that they may be adapted for use by any of the Christian faiths.

Also under construction and nearing completion are several of the camp's post exchange buildings. Each regiment will have its own exchange building, large structures 144 feet long and 50 feet wide.

The main room in the exchange buildings is circled on the outside with counters. The counters are divided into departments which include soda fountain, soft drinks, short orders, tobacco and toilet articles.

The regimental tailor shop and barber shop are located opposite one another at the rear of the exchange building.

The exchanges and chapels will be steam-heated. While the chapels have belfries and steeples, they will not be equipped with bells.

1942_06_29_1_One Atterbury Chapel almost finished

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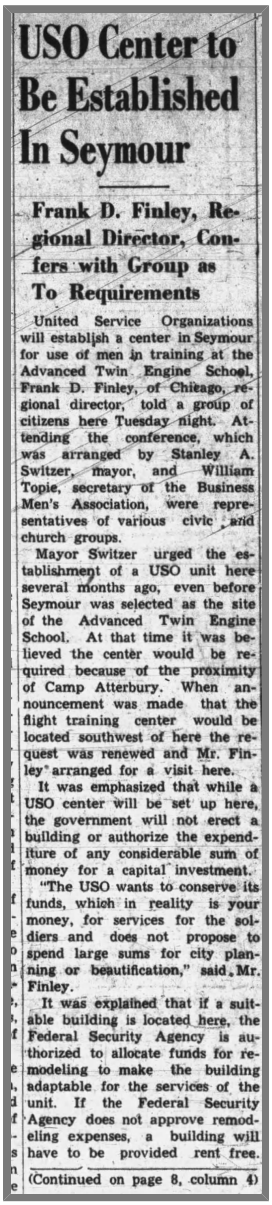

USO Center to Be Established In Seymour

Frank D. Finley, Regional Director, Confers with Group as To Requirements

United Service Organizations will establish a center in Seymour for use of men in training at the Advanced Twin Engine School, Frank D. Finley, of Chicago, regional director, told a group of citizens here Tuesday night. Attending the conference, which was arranged by Stanley A. Switzer, mayor, and William Topie, secretary of the Business Men's Association, were representatives of various civic and church groups.

Mayor Switzer urged the establishment of a USO unit here several months ago, even before Seymour was selected as the site of the Advanced Twin Engine School. At that time it was believed the center would be required because of the proximity of Camp Atterbury. When announcement was made that the flight training center would be located southwest of here the request was renewed and Mr. Finley arranged for a visit here.

It was emphasized that while a USO center will be set up here, the government will not erect a building or authorize the expenditure of any considerable sum of money for a capital investment.

"The USO wants to conserve its funds, which in reality is your money, for services for the soldiers and does not propose to spend large sums for city planning or beautification," said Mr. Finley.

It was explained that if a suitable building is located here, the Federal Security Agency is authorized to allocate funds for remodeling to make the building adaptable for the services of the unit. If the Federal Security Agency does not approve remodeling expenses, a building will have to be provided rent free.

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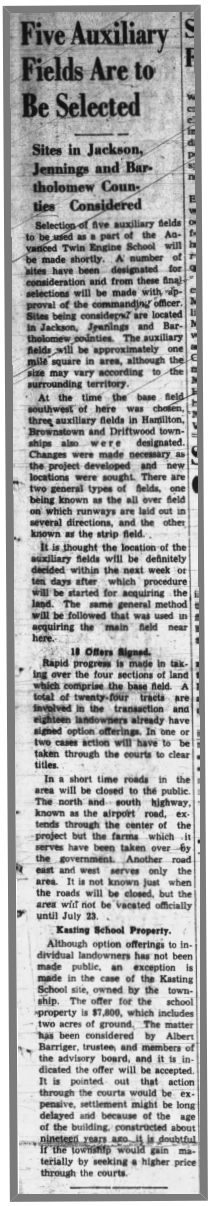

Five Auxiliary Fields Are to Be Selected

Sites in Jackson, Jennings and Bartholomew Counties Considered

Selection of five auxiliary fields to be used as a part of the Advanced Twin Engine School will be made shortly. A number of sites have been designated for consideration and from these final selections will be made with approval of the commanding officer. Sites being considered are located in Jackson, Jennings and Bartholomew counties. The auxiliary fields will be approximately one mile square in area, although the size may vary according to the surrounding territory.

At the time the base field southwest of here was chosen, three auxiliary fields in Hamilton, Brownstown and Driftwood townships also were designated. Changes were made necessary as the project developed and new locations were sought. There are two general types of fields, one being known as the all over field on which runways are laid out in several directions, and the other known as the strip field.

It is thought the location of the auxiliary fields will be definitely decided within the next week or ten days after which procedure will be started for acquiring the land. The same general method will be followed that was used in acquiring the main field near here.

18 Offers Signed.

Rapid progress is made in taking over the four sections of land which comprise the base field. A total of twenty-four tracts are involved in the transaction and eighteen landowners already have signed option offerings. In one or two cases action will have to be taken through the courts to clear titles.

In a short time roads in the area will be closed to the public. The north and south highway, known as the airport road, extends through the center of the project but the farms which it serves have been taken over by the government. Another road east and west serves only the area. It is not known just when the roads will be closed, but the area will not be vacated officially until July 23.

Kasting School Property.

Although option offerings to individual landowners has not been made public, an exception is made in the case of the Kasting School site, owned by the township. The offer for the school property is $7,800, which includes two acres of ground. The matter has been considered by Albert Barriger, trustee, and members of the advisory board, and it is indicated the offer will be accepted. It is pointed out that action through the courts would be expensive, settlement might be long delayed and because of the age of the building, constructed about nineteen years ago, it is doubtful if the township would gain materially by seeking a higher price through the courts.

1942_07_01_2_five auxiliary fields are to be selected at Seymour

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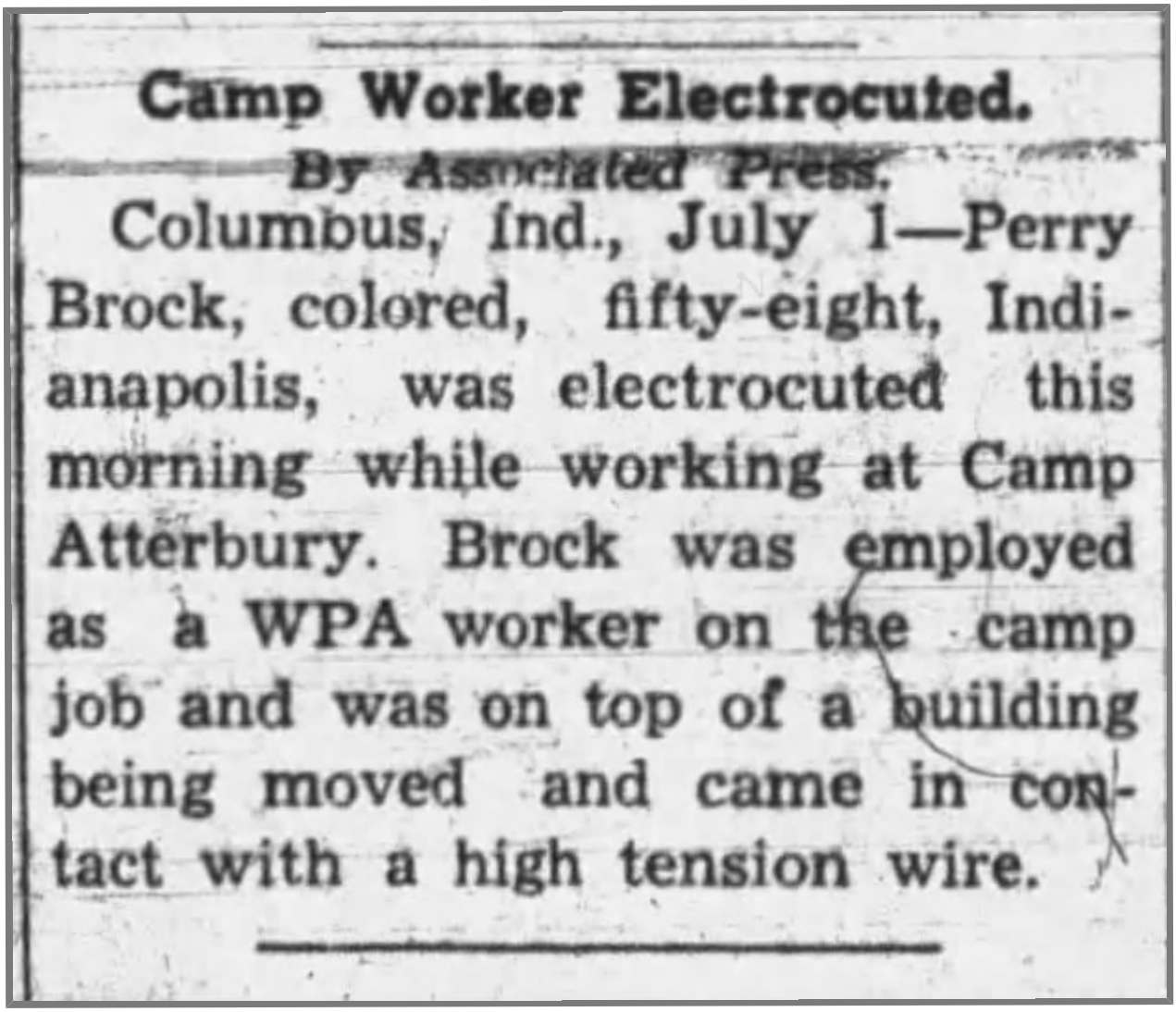

Camp Worker Electrocuted.

By Associated Press.

Columbus, Ind., July 1—Perry Brock, colored, fifty-eight, Indianapolis, was electrocuted this morning while working at Camp Atterbury. Brock was employed as a WPA worker on the camp job and was on top of a building being moved and came in contact with a high tension wire.

1942_07_01_3_Camp worker electrocuted

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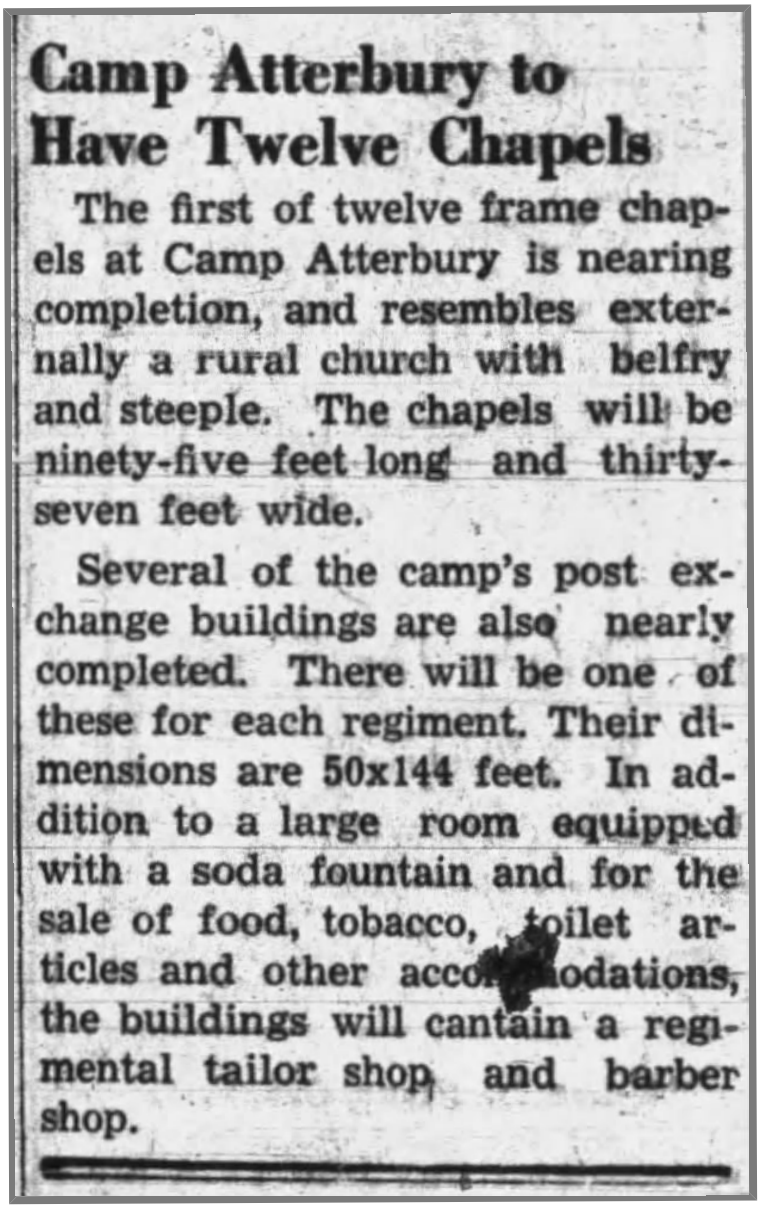

Camp Atterbury to Have Twelve Chapels

The first of twelve frame chapels at Camp Atterbury is nearing completion, and resembles externally a rural church with belfry and steeple. The chapels will be ninety-five feet long and thirty-seven feet wide.

Several of the camp's post exchange buildings are also nearly completed. There will be one of these for each regiment. Their dimensions are 50x144 feet. In addition to a large room equipped with a soda fountain and for the sale of food, tobacco, toilet articles and other accommodations, the buildings will cantain a regimental tailor shop and barber shop.

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A dozen commissioned officers, several non-commissioned officers and civilian workers to be stationed at Camp Atterbury have obtained homes and apartments in Columbus and more than 30 others are looking for living quarters here. This is merely the vanguard of the house and apartment seekers and nobody seems to know just how many others there will be. Army officers estimate that from 1,000 to 2,000 persons to be stationed at the camp will seek apartments and houses nearby.

1942_07_01_5_Many have obtained homes and apartments

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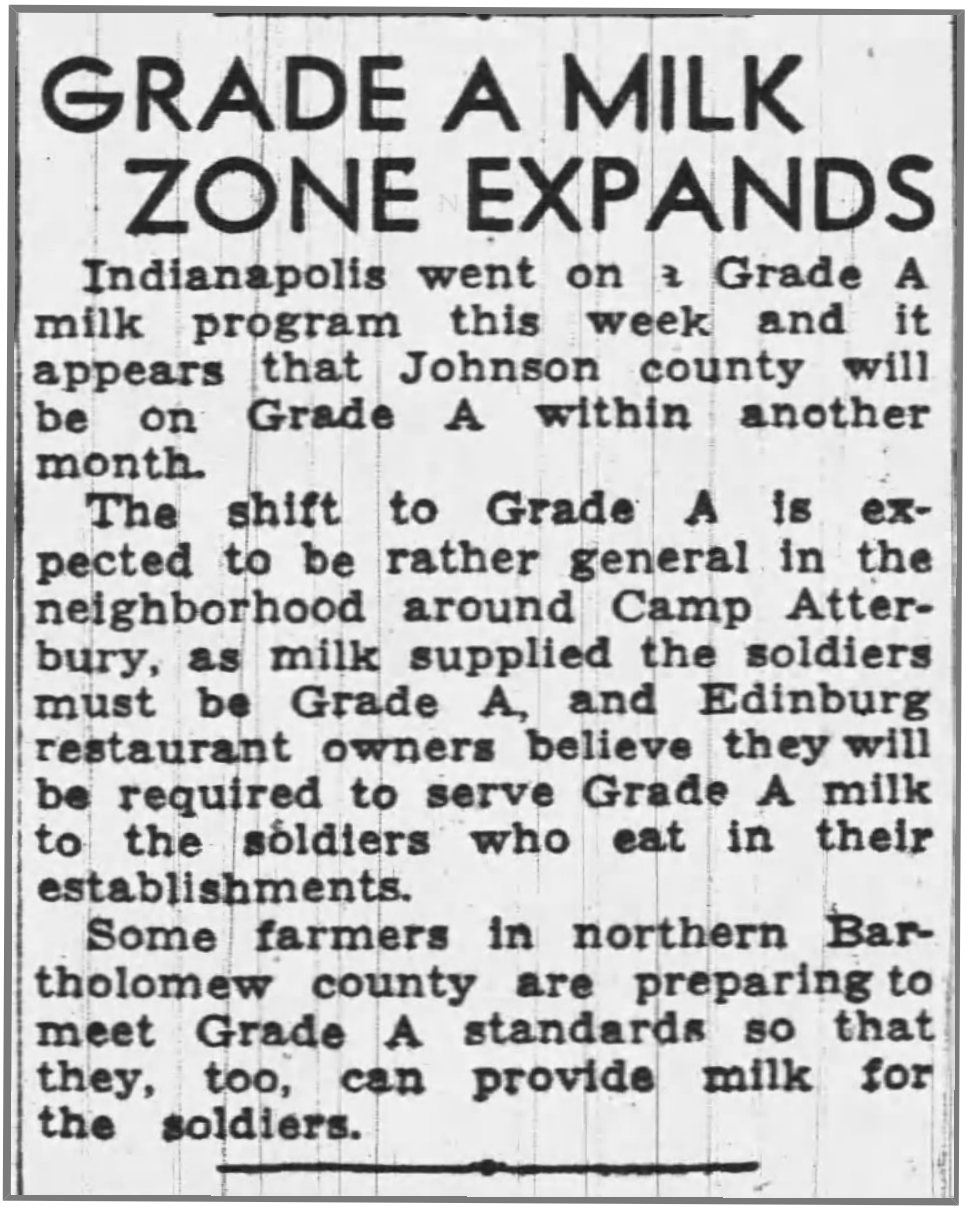

GRADE A MILK ZONE EXPANDS

Indianapolis went on a Grade A milk program this week and it appears that Johnson county will be on Grade A within another month.

The shift to Grade A is expected to be rather general in the neighborhood around Camp Atterbury, as milk supplied the soldiers must be Grade A, and Edinburg restaurant owners believe they will be required to serve Grade A milk to the soldiers who eat in their establishments.

Some farmers in northern Bartholomew county are preparing to meet Grade A standards so that they, too, can provide milk for the soldiers.

1942_07_01_6_Grade A Milk zone expands

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SMALL AIRFIELD SITES STUDIED

Two, and possibly three, sites south of Columbus are reported to be under consideration as an emergency air field for the Seymour flying school.

The emergency field is slated to be one mile square, but its definite location has not yet been decided. However, it appears almost certain that at least one will be located in Bartholomew county.

Emergency or auxiliary fields for the Seymour school were chosen some time ago, but were discarded because they were too close to the main field. After the originally chosen fields were abandoned, surveys were started in southern Bartholomew county for one of the sites.

At last reports there were to be five of the emergency fields, located in different directions from the main base.

1942_07_01_7_Small airfields studied for Seymour airfield

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1,000 CANS OF FRUIT MOVED

Edinburg, July 2—It's something to can more than one thousand cans of fruit and vegetables, but it's still a greater task to move that amount.

At least that is what, D. B. Manion and his son have concluded since they learned something of what a job it was transferring the canned fruit from their Camp Atterbury farm to a farm purchased near Brownstown.

Mr. and Mrs. Manion, who lived for several years southwest of Edinburg near the Renner school were among the last of the community to vacate.

The family knows it will at least have "eats" throughout the winter months for Mrs. Manion is still expecting to put up several more cans before the season is over.

1942_07_02_1_1000 cans of fruit moved

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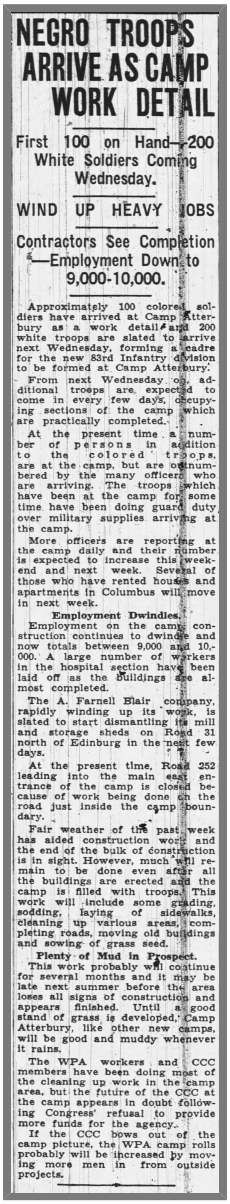

NEGRO TROOPS ARRIVE AS CAMP WORK DETAIL

First 100 on Hand—200 White Soldiers Coming Wednesday.

WIND UP HEAVY JOBS

Contractors See Completion —Employment Down to 9,000-10,000.

Approximately 100 colored soldiers have arrived at Camp Atterbury as a work detail and 200 white troops are slated to arrive next Wednesday, forming a cadre for the new 83rd Infantry division to be formed at Camp Atterbury.

From next Wednesday on, additional troops are expected to come in every few days, occupying sections of the camp which are practically completed.

At the present time a number of persons in addition to the colored troops, are at the camp, but are outnumbered by the many officers who are arriving. The troops which have been at the camp for some time have been doing guard duty over military supplies arriving at the camp.

More officers are reporting at the camp daily and their number is expected to increase this weekend and next week. Several of those who have rented houses and apartments in Columbus will move in next week.

Employment Dwindles.

Employment on the camp construction continues to dwindle and now totals between 9,000 and 10,000. A large number of workers in the hospital section have been laid off as the buildings are almost completed.

The A. Farnell Blair company, rapidly winding up its work, is slated to start dismantling its mill and storage sheds on Road 31 north of Edinburg in the next few days.

At the present time, Road 252 leading into the main east entrance of the camp is closed because of work being done on the road just inside the camp boundary.

Fair weather of the past week has aided construction work and the end of the bulk of construction is in sight. However, much will remain to be done even after all the buildings are erected and the camp is filled with troops. This work will include some grading, sodding, laying of sidewalks, cleaning up various areas, completing roads, moving old buildings and sowing of grass seed.

Plenty of Mud in Prospect.

This work probably will continue for several months and it may be late next summer before the area loses all signs of construction and appears finished. Until a good stand of grass is developed, Camp Atterbury, like other new camps, will be good and muddy whenever it rains.

The WPA workers and CCC members have been doing most of the cleaning up work in the camp area, but the future of the CCC at the camp appears in doubt following Congress' refusal to provide more funds for the agency.

If the CCC bows out of the camp picture, the WPA camp rolls probably will be increased by moving more men in from outside projects.

1942_07_03_1_Negro troops arrive

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CAMP POWER SUITS FILED

Condemnation Action Started by Public Service for Line Right-of-Way.

A land condemnation suit was filed Thursday in Johnson county circuit court by attorneys for the Public Service company of Indiana, who sought to gain a 50-foot right of way through two Union township farms in Johnson county for erection of utility poles and transmission of electric power from the company's Lenore substation in Marion county to the Camp Atterbury project.

Attorney Gerald Branigin asked that appraisers be appointed immediately to fix the value of a fifty-foot strip of territory through an 81-acre farm owned jointly by Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Collier and located immediately south of Road 44, about a mile and a quarter west of the First Mount Pleasant church.

In a separate action, the Public Service company asked that the court institute condemnation proceedings against Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sedam, who jointly own an 80-acre farm just across the road from the Collier farm.

Would Raise 8 Poles.

The condemnation complaint explained the company's purpose in seeking the land to construct utility poles along fence rows adjoining the property. Electric lines along the right-of-way would transmit power to Camp Atterbury, the complaint pointed out.

1942_07_03_1_Camp Electrical power suits filed

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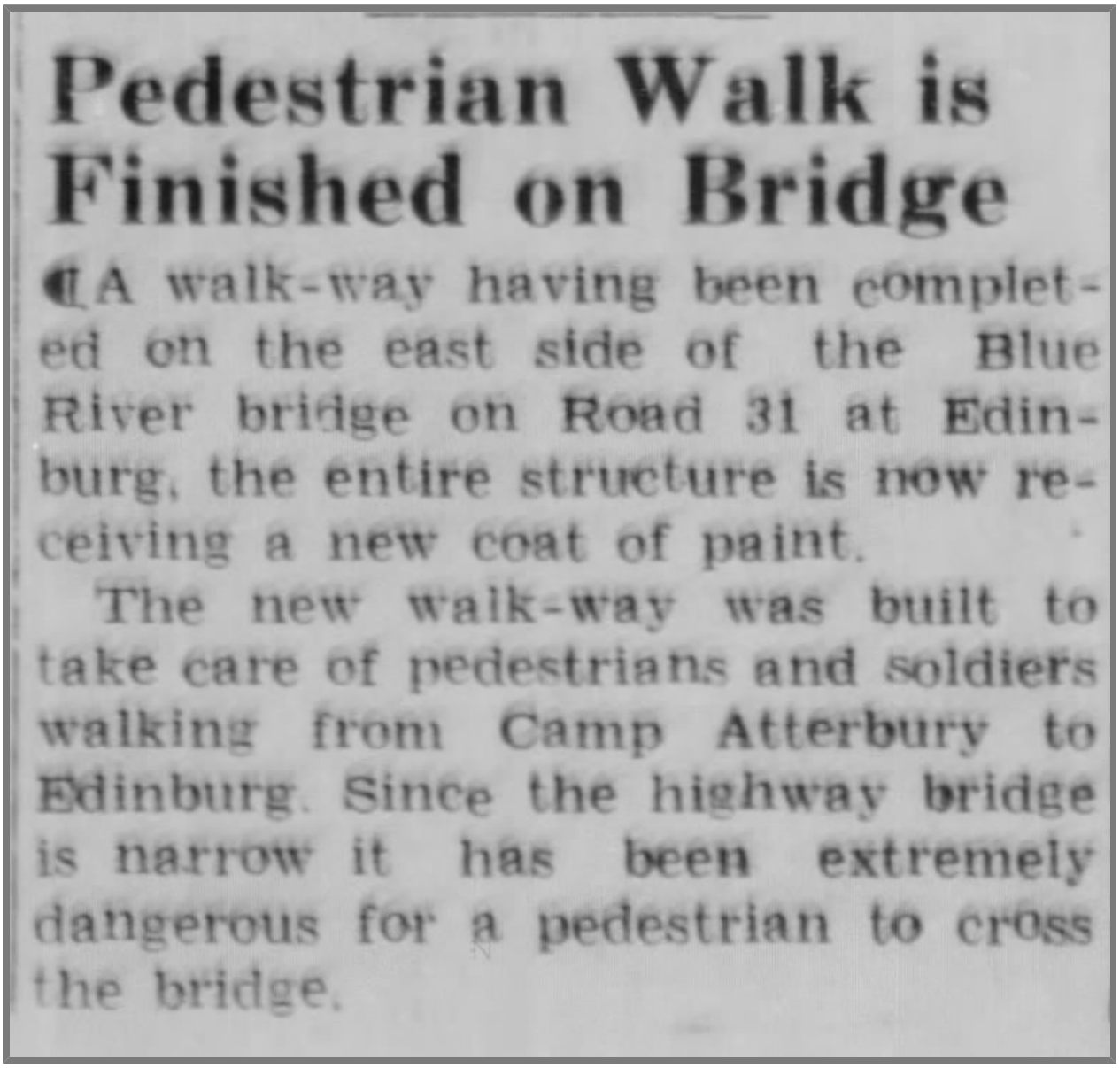

Pedestrian Walk is Finished on Bridge

A walk-way having been completed on the east side of the Blue River bridge on Road 31 at Edinburg, the entire structure is now receiving a new coat of paint.

The new walk-way was built to take care of pedestrians and soldiers walking from Camp Atterbury to Edinburg. Since the highway bridge is narrow it has been extremely dangerous for a pedestrian to cross the bridge.

1942_07_03_3_Pedestrian Walk is finished on bridge

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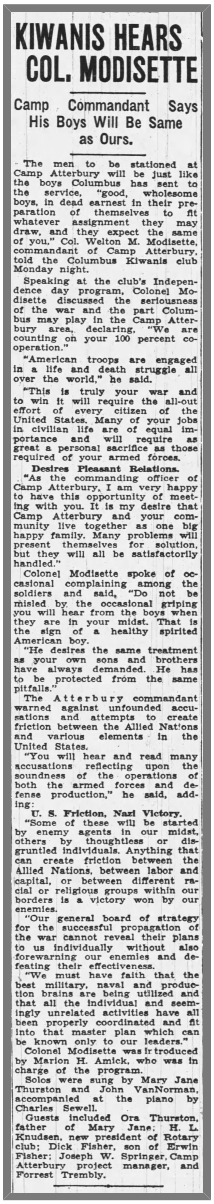

KIWANIS HEARS COL. MODISETTE

Camp Commandant Says His Boys Will Be Same as Ours.

The men to be stationed at Camp Atterbury will be just like the boys Columbus has sent to the service, "good, wholesome boys, in dead earnest in their preparation of themselves to fit whatever assignment they may draw, and they expect the same of you," Col. Welton M. Modisette, commandant of Camp Atterbury, told the Columbus Kiwanis club Monday night.

Speaking at the club's Independence day program, Colonel Modisette discussed the seriousness of the war and the part Columbus may play in the Camp Atterbury area, declaring, "We are counting on your 100 percent cooperation."

"American troops are engaged in a life and death struggle all over the world," he said.

"This is truly your war and to win it will require the all-out effort of every citizen of the United States. Many of your jobs in civilian life are of equal importance and will require as great a personal sacrifice as those required of your armed forces.

Desires Pleasant Relations.

"As the commanding officer of Camp Atterbury, I am very happy to have this opportunity of meeting with you. It is my desire that Camp Atterbury and your community live together as one big happy family. Many problems will present themselves for solution, but they will all be satisfactorily handled."

Colonel Modisette spoke of occasional complaining among the soldiers and said, "Do not be misled by the occasional griping you will hear from the boys when they are in your midst. That is the sign of a healthy spirited American boy.

"He desires the same treatment as your own sons and brothers have always demanded. He has to be protected from the same pitfalls."

The Atterbury commandant warned against unfounded accusations and attempts to create friction between the Allied Nations and various elements in the United States.

"You will hear and read many accusations reflecting upon the soundness of the operations of both the armed forces and defense production," he said, adding:

U. S. Friction, Nazi Victory.

"Some of these will be started by enemy agents in our midst, others by thoughtless or disgruntled individuals. Anything that can create friction between the Allied Nations, between labor and capital, or between different racial or religious groups within our borders is a victory won by our enemies.

"Our general board of strategy for the successful propagation of the war cannot reveal their plans to us individually without also forewarning our enemies and defeating their effectiveness.

"We must have faith that the best military, naval and production brains are being utilized and that all the individual and seemingly unrelated activities have all been properly coordinated and fit into that master plan which can be known only to our leaders."

Colonel Modisette was introduced by Marion H. Amick, who was in charge of the program.

Solos were sung by Mary Jane Thurston and John VanNorman, accompanied at the piano by Charles Sewell.

Guests included Ora Thurston, father of Mary Jane; H. L. Knudsen, new president of Rotary club; Dick Fisher, son of Erwin Fisher; Joseph W. Springer, Camp Atterbury project manager, and Forrest Trembly.

1942_07_07_1_Kiwanis hears Col Modisette

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Boom Subsides; Edinburg Begins to Catch Breath

Still Big Crowd in Town But Resident Says Bubble Has Burst.

With Camp Atterbury employment hitting the down grade, Edinburg is beginning to catch its breath again, although the last few hot days have convinced everybody that there's still a crowd in a town.

Taverns continue to do a big trade, the postoffice business still booms, and hot nights keep downtown streets well-filled.

"There is still a crowd," said Policeman Clarence Ferguson, "but they've all found rooms now and don't wander on the streets like they did."

Ira C. Bryson, town justice of the peace, continues to keep busy, fining those who stray too far from the straight and narrow. In the last three days, 27 persons have been fined in his court.

Says Bubble Has Burst.

Several thousand less persons are employed on the camp now than were working at the peak last month and the drop has been reflected in Edinburg.

"The bubble has burst and this is the fade-out," said one Edinburg businessman who can't be convinced that the soldiers will bring much business to Edinburg.

"There may be lots of soldiers, but Edinburg could never be as crowded again as it was from the construction workers. And the soldiers won't have as much money to spend either," he added.

The money poured into Edinburg since start of camp construction last February has run well into the hundreds of thousands of dollars and practically every type business has enjoyed some of the boom, even the undertaking establishments, whose ambulances have hauled injured workmen to hospitals.

The construction influx has taxed all Edinburg facilities, but the town has come along in surprisingly good condition, despite the wear and tear.

Pumpage at the water plant of the Edinburg Light and Power company this spring has run 10 percent over the same period last spring, while the electric output has jumped 25 percent.

"The pumpage would have been almost too much for us this spring if it hadn't been so wet and nobody had to sprinkle," said C. L. Ross, superintendent of the Light and Power company.

Edinburg gets its water from wells and is more than a little proud of its system.

Before the camp contractors dug temporary wells for the workers, the Edinburg company sold them water by the barrel. For a time the A. Farnell Blair company took 8,000 to 9,000 gallons a day, said Mr. Ross.

Postoffice Swamped.

The camp crowd all but swamped the Edinburg postoffice, which at the peak had around 1,600 general delivery customers. This has dropped to around 1,000 at the present time.

The camp construction brought a nice increase in customers at the Pixy, Edinburg's lone movie theater, which had a 50 percent increase in business last month.

The overcrowded conditions from the influx have left Edinburg dirty and soiled in many spots and at times streets look like the street-cleaning crew had gone on strike. But the town council has jumped into the job of getting straightened up for the soldiers and has ordered a general clean-up.

The soldiers will soon be in, with the first big group slated to arrive in less than 10 days, and regardless of what Edinburg thinks, the few soldiers already stationed at Camp Atterbury predict the town is in for another boom.

1942_07_08_1_Edinburg bubble subsides

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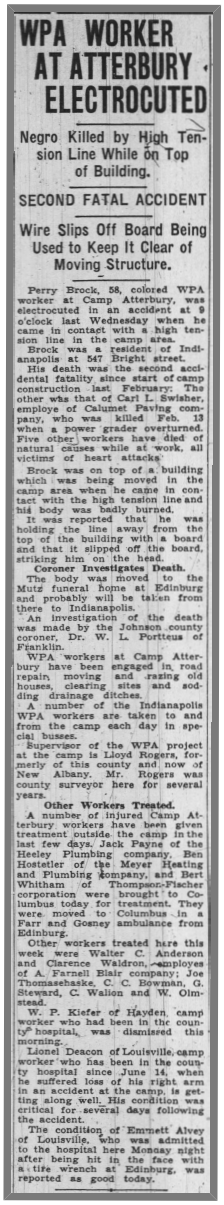

WPA WORKER AT ATTERBURY ELECTROCUTED

Negro Killed by High Tension Line While on Top of Building.

SECOND FATAL ACCIDENT

Wire Slips Off Board Being Used to Keep It Clear of Moving Structure.

Perry Brock, 58, colored WPA worker at Camp Atterbury, was electrocuted in an accident at 9 o'clock last Wednesday when he came in contact with a high tension line in the camp area.

Brock was a resident of Indianapolis at 547 Bright street.

His death was the second accidental fatality since start of camp construction last February. The other was that of Carl L. Swisher, employe of Calumet Paving company, who was killed Feb. 13 when a power grader overturned. Five other workers have died of natural causes while at work, all victims of heart attacks.

Brock was on top of a building which was being moved in the camp area when he came in contact with the high tension line and his body was badly burned.

It was reported that he was holding the line away from the top of the building with a board and that it slipped off the board, striking him on the head.

Coroner Investigates Death.

The body was moved to the Mutz funeral home at Edinburg and probably will be taken from there to Indianapolis.

An investigation of the death was made by the Johnson county coroner, Dr. W. L. Forttess of Franklin.

WPA workers at Camp Atterbury have been engaged in road repair, moving and razing old houses, clearing sites and sodding drainage ditches.

A number of the Indianapolis WPA workers are taken to and from the camp each day in special busses.

Supervisor of the WPA project at the camp is Lloyd Rogers, formerly of this county and now of New Albany. Mr. Rogers was county surveyor here for several years.

Other Workers Treated.

A number of injured Camp Atterbury workers have been given treatment outside the camp in the last few days. Jack Payne of the Heeley Plumbing company, Ben Hostetler of the Meyer Heating and Plumbing company, and Bert Whitham of Thompson-Fischer corporation were brought to Columbus today for treatment. They were moved to Columbus in a Farr and Gosney ambulance from Edinburg.

Other workers treated here this week were Walter C. Anderson and Clarence Waldron, employes of A. Farnell Blair company; Joe Thomasehaske, C. C. Bowman, G. Steward, C. Walion and W. Olmstead.

W. P. Kiefer of Hayden, camp worker who had been in the county hospital, was dismissed this morning.

Lionel Deacon of Louisville, camp worker who has been in the county hospital since June 14, when he suffered loss of his right arm in an accident at the camp, is getting along well. His condition was critical for several days following the accident.

The condition of Emmett Alvey of Louisville, who was admitted to the hospital here Monday night after being hit in the face with a tire wrench at Edinburg, was reported as good today.

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Camp Exchanges Will Employ 200 Civilians

Maj. Murray B. Frazee, who will be in charge of the post exchanges at Camp Atterbury, arrived here Wednesday and immediately began making preparations for the camp exchanges which will begin operating in the near future.

Major Frazee will supervise operation of the 15 stores at the camp.

He has rented property at 1702 Union street and will move his family here from Gettysburg, Pa.

On his arrival, he announced that Capt. C. G. Collins of Keyser, W. Va., and Lieut. D. A. Gillespie of Muncie will be his assistants. Captain Collins, a former manager of the G. C. Murphy store at Shelbyville, comes here from Fort Hayes, Ohio. Lieut. Gillespie has rented a home in Hope and will move his family there.

Each Bigger than Murphy's.

At the post exchange stores, various items not issued the soldiers will be on sale, such as soft drinks, beer, cigarettes and candy.

Each store will be 50 by 150 feet in dimensions. Major Frazee asserted that each store will be the size of the local Murphy store, with approximately 30 feet added to it.

Some 200 civilians will be employed by the post exchange.

From his office at Camp Atterbury Major Frazee will transact the business relative to contracting for merchandise, and carrying out other details.

First Opens About July 15.

He asserted that it was planned to have the first exchange stores in operation around July 15. Plans call for having all the stores operating by mid-September.

The post exchange is a big business. It will serve the estimated 35,000 enlisted men and officers at the camp, which represents a total equivalent to the trading area served by the business interests of the city of Columbus.

Major Frazee is a brother of Don Frazee, local merchant. He was transferred to Atterbury from Fort Knox, Ky.

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MORE DEEDS ARE RECORDED HERE

Several Additional Tracts Are Transferred to U. S. Government.

Several more deeds to property transferred to the U. S. Government in the Camp Atterbury area have been placed on file at the office of Mrs. Mollie McFerron, Bartholomew county recorder.

Transfers have been made by the following:

David A. Jones and wife, 40 acres, consideration $1,900.

Ellis McKee and wife, 180 acres, $5,102.

Frederick J. Roberts and wife, 40 acres, $940.

Cora Coy Clark and husband, 30 acres, $1,000.

Henry Bush, 40 acres, $300.

Delia Coy Galey and husband, 10 acres, $1,800.

William Galey and wife, 40 acres, $650.

Mary I. Stillabower and husband, 172 acres, $15,218.

Roscoe Stillabower and wife, 40 acres, $3,096.

Emerson Coy and wife, 52 acres, $6,219.

Kathryn N. Death, 57 acres, $5,020.

John A. Glasson and wife, 36 acres, $550.

Richard A. Coy, 60 acres, $1,068.

Ida M. Coy, 100 acres, $6,868.

Lena Coy Waltz, 60 acres, $1,983.

Leslie Waltz and wife, 23 acres, $1,965.

George Lain and wife, 40 acres, $5,200.

George W. Lain and wife, acreage and right-of-way, $1,018.

Charles Nichols, 40 acres, $600.

Roscoe Francis Hargis and wife, acreage not stated, $2,858.

Ralph L. Records and wife, 80 acres, $5,100.

Thomas Hundley and wife, 76 acres, $2,830.

Dessie M. Clark, 120 acres, $1,250.

Frances L. Records and husband, 80 acres, $6,350.

Leopoldine Boulinger, 80 acres, $1,000.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo McKee, 839 Hughes street, are the parents of a 9-pound daughter born

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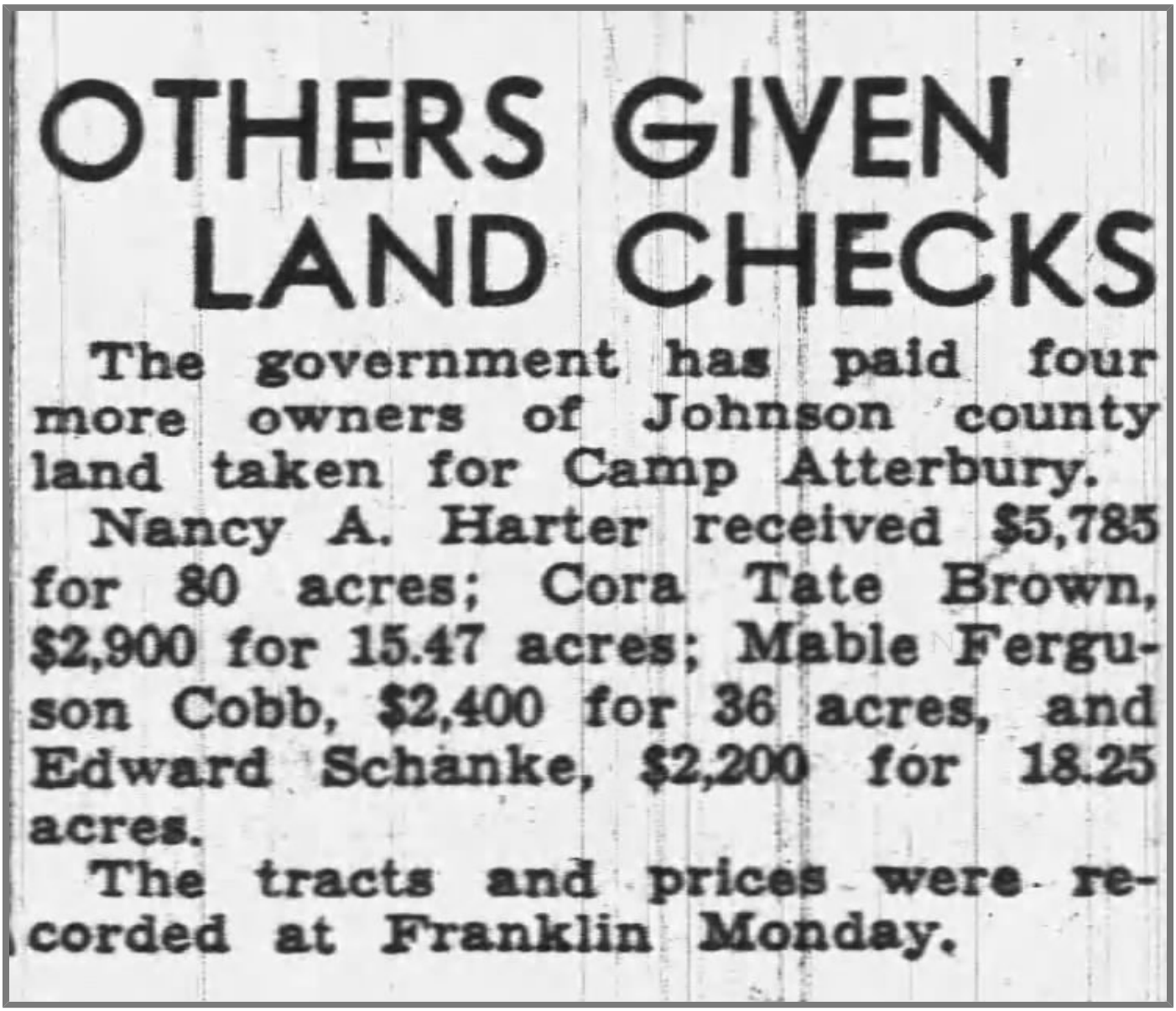

OTHERS GIVEN LAND CHECKS

The government has paid four more owners of Johnson county land taken for Camp Atterbury.

Nancy A. Harter received $5,785 for 80 acres; Cora Tate Brown, $2,900 for 15.47 acres; Mable Ferguson Cobb, $2,400 for 36 acres, and Edward Schanke, $2,200 for 18.25 acres.

The tracts and prices were recorded at Franklin Monday.

1942_07_08_5_More checks delivered

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2 AIRFIELDS TO EDGE GRAMMER AND WALESBORO

One Landing Site to Adjoin Bethel Baptist Church If Approved.

CONTACT LANDOWNERS

Boundaries Determined, Subject to Final Acceptance by Government.

Representatives of the federal land acquisition office at Seymour have started contacting landowners of the two sites being considered in southern Bartholomew county for auxiliary flying fields for the new Seymour air school.

The sites which are under consideration but which have not been given final approval are approximately one mile square and are located in Wayne and Rock creek townships, near the towns of Walesboro and Grammer.

One is located directly southwest of Bethel Baptist church, which is situated northwest of the town of Walesboro on Alternate road 31 south of Columbus.

The area being considered here includes the southwest quarter of Section 12, the northwest quarter of Section 13, a little more than the northeast quarter of Section 14 and a little more than the southeast quarter of Section 11, all in Wayne township.

Boundaries Given.

The area is bounded on the east by the road which runs past the Bethel Baptist church south to the Grammer-Walesboro road from Walesboro west to Ogdville. The road running west to Ogdville is the approximate southern boundary. On the north the area is bounded by the road running east and west from the Bethel Baptist church. The first north and south road west of the church is the approximate western boundary.

According to present plans, the Bethel Baptist church and its cemetery will not be included in the auxiliary field, but its land will be directly adjacent to the field's boundaries.

Whether it will be desirable to continue to hold services at the church will depend on the extent to which the auxiliary field is used.

Church Burns Twice.

The Bethel church building has been plagued by bad luck for the last several years. Twice the church burned down and both times it was rebuilt, with members of the congregation doing most of the work on the new buildings.

The area being considered southwest of the church is flat and appears ideal for a flying field. It contains good farm land and several nice homes.

A map of Bartholomew county shows 13 tracts included in the area, although there are probably more, belong to just ownership.

Just South of Grammer.

The other auxiliary airport to be located in Rock creek township, if given final approval by the War department, includes all of Section 14 of the township.

The area lies one-quarter mile south of the town of Grammer and is directly southeast of the Henry Anthers corner, being bounded by the roads which meet at the Anthers corner and extending one mile east and one mile south.

The Anthers home is not in Section 14, but he owns another tract which does lie in that section.

Those who own property in this section, which is not as thickly populated as the area near the Bethel church, include L. M. Burns, Mr. Anthers, Wade Marsh, Elisabeth Blake, Charles Elliott and Dr. Charles J. McIntyre of Indianapolis.

1,280 Acres More.

Seymour land office representatives at the present time are contacting landowners in the two areas and asking them to sign permits for survays and exploration of their property. Detailed work on the survays is expected to get under way in the near future.

The government is planning to buy the land outright.

If the two auxiliary fields are established in this county—it appears that they will be unless some unforeseen obstacle arises—the government will take over approximately 1,280 more acres of Bartholomew county for war use.

Camp Atterbury has already taken 25,562 acres of the county and approximately 2,600 more acres northeast of Columbus are under consideration for another flying field.

Over Tenth of County.

If all the projects go through, the government will have 29,792 acres of the county's total 245,760 acres and airplanes will be buzzing over the county almost as thick as automobiles.

There has been no information on whether or not the auxiliary fields will contain any buildings, although they no doubt will be marked with beacons and field landing lights and equipment might include a radio control station.

Sites for the five auxiliary fields are under consideration for the Seymour school. They include the two in Bartholomew county, two in Jennings county and one in Jackson county.

When first announced, it was planned to have only three auxiliary fields for the school.

1942_07_08_6_Two airfields to edge Grammer and Walesboro

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Rumors Camp Will Be Enlarged Gather Weight

While 73 more soldiers moved into new Camp Atterbury Wednesday and plans were being made for a thousand or more expected to arrive Saturday, new rumors spread throughout the camp area that the War department is considering enlargement of the cantonment.

For the first time, these rumors appeared to have some foundation, although the U. S. Engineers office at the camp reported it knew nothing of the plans and an effort to contact Col. Henry Hutchings, Jr., head of the Louisville office of the Corps of Engineers, was unsuccessful.

According to the rumors, the War department is considering erecting additional buildings at the camp to care for more soldiers than originally planned and some of the companies now employed on the camp project have reportedly been told that there may be a development on the camp enlargement within a few days.

Rumors of an enlargement have been persistent for the last two or three weeks, but not until Wednesday did there seem to be any basis for them.

One report current at Edinburg Wednesday was that 826 more buildings would be erected. However, this report, even though more buildings should be erected, seems exaggerated as that would be almost a 50 percent expansion.

The rumors of an enlargement have been given support by the fact that a number of other Army camps have been enlarged, including newly-built Camp Crowder, Mo., where a number of Columbus soldiers are now stationed.

Approximately 200 soldiers had been expected to arrive at Atterbury Wednesday, but only 73 moved into the camp and the group expected Saturday or this weekend will be the first large contingent.

Turn Over Barracks.

More than 100 officers already are at the camp and the number is expected to increase to around 700 in the next two weeks.

Regular meals are being served to both the officers and enlisted man and 100 officers were served at mess Wednesday.

As fast as the barracks buildings are completed and are needed for the new troops moving in, they are turned over to Col. Welton M. Modisette, camp commandant, by the Corps of Engineers, although the formal turning over of the camp by the engineers probably will not take place until the last of this month or the first of August.

1942_07_09_1_Rumors camp will be enlarged

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Speas Farm Sold To Edinburg Man

175-Acre Deal Tops Property Transfers

At least nine real estate transfers aside from the recording of warranty deeds on army camp land to the government and the Pennsylvania Railroad's purchase of a right of way for a rail spur to the Camp Atterbury reservation were recorded in the court house this week.

The sales were divided evenly between town and country territory, four town transfers and five from the rural area, the latter totaling 503 acres.

Largest of the rural transfers was the sale of 175.82 acres belonging to the Pleasant I. Speas heirs and situated in Pleasant township approximately a mile northeast of Whiteland. John F. Drybread, of Edinburg, was the purchaser and the sale price was listed at $1. Drybread recently lost considerable farm land to Camp Atterbury.

Other transfers recorded included:

Annie Coons estate to Margaret Sullivan, a lot on North Yandes street in Franklin, $3,500.

Ray E. Moore to Bertha I. Fisher, a lot in Needham, $1.

Charles W. Wright to Ivory J. Drybread, 146.36 acres in Franklin township, located one mile southeast of the First Mount Pleasant church, $1.

Pansy M. Ferris to Jacob G. Bueche, 40 acres in Union township located one-fourth mile southwest of Budd, $1.

Cary F. Galbraith to Cameron L. Williams, a lot in Greenwood, $1.

Martin D. French to Leslie Waltz, 110 acres located approximately one mile south of Samaria in Hensley township, $1.

Chambers N. Garner to Paris Fleener, 30.89 acres in White River township, near Kinder, $1.

Cary F. Galbraith to Gladys I. Hildebrand, a lot in Greenwood, $1.

1942_07_09_9_Land transfers for railroad spur to camp

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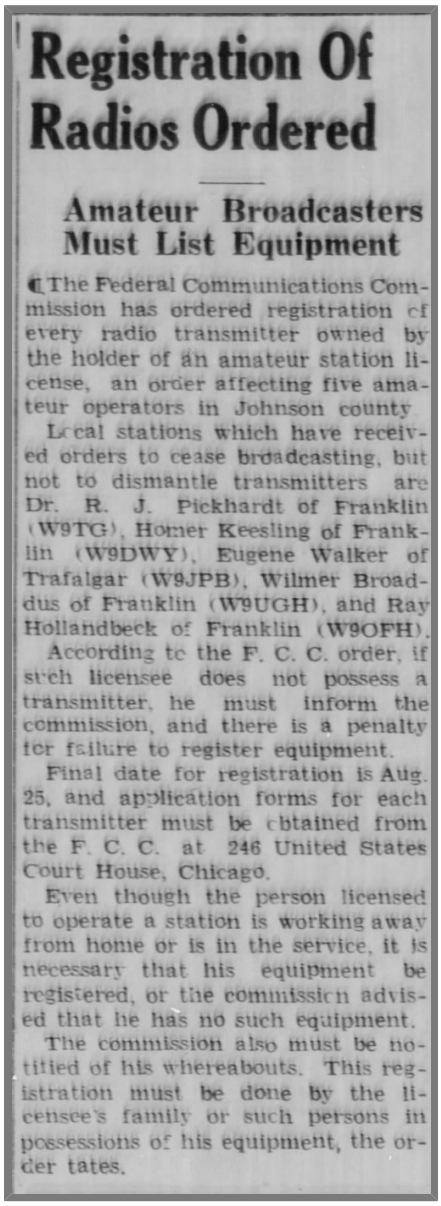

Registration Of Radios Ordered

Amateur Broadcasters Must List Equipment

The Federal Communications Commission has ordered registration of every radio transmitter owned by the holder of an amateur station license, an order affecting five amateur operators in Johnson county.

Local stations which have received orders to cease broadcasting, but not to dismantle transmitters are Dr. R. J. Pickhardt of Franklin (W9TG), Homer Keesling of Franklin (W9DWY), Eugene Walker of Trafalgar (W9JPB), Wilmer Broaddus of Franklin (W9UGH), and Ray Hollandbeck of Franklin (W9OFH).

According to the F. C. C. order, if such licensee does not possess a transmitter, he must inform the commission, and there is a penalty for failure to register equipment.

Final date for registration is Aug. 25, and application forms for each transmitter must be obtained from the F. C. C. at 246 United States Court House, Chicago.

Even though the person licensed to operate a station is working away from home or is in the service, it is necessary that his equipment be registered, or the commission advised that he has no such equipment.

The commission also must be notified of his whereabouts. This registration must be done by the licensee's family or such persons in possessions of his equipment, the order tates.

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NEW TEACHER AT EDINBURG

Ralph Roth Replaces Miss Ellis, Who Resigns to Move to California.

Edinburg, July 9—The resignation of Miss Vanna Mae Ellis, a member of the faculty of the Edinburg school, has been received by the school board and Ralph Roth of Edinburg has been named to fill the vacancy.

For the past 12 years Miss Ellis has taught the sixth grade. She expects to go to California for residence.

She was active in the Christian church, Business Women's club, P. T. A. and other organizations.

Mr. Roth is a native of the Kansas community and was one of the evacuees from the land taken over for Camp Atterbury. He taught school in that community for several years but now resides in Edinburg. He was graduated from the local high school and attended State Teachers college at Terre Haute and Franklin college. He taught at Taylorsville and St. Louis Crossing before going to Kansas.

Three other vacancies in the faculty are still to be filled. Ray Brooks, agriculture instructor, was forced to leave when the subject was dropped due to the lack of students. Mrs. Walter Rinehart, instructor in the primary grade, moved to Indianapolis following her marriage, and Herbert Arlington, music instructor, resigned to accept another position.

Miss Sarah Briscoe, high school English instructor, resigned to marry Francis Otto.

1942_07_09_5_New teacher at Edinburg

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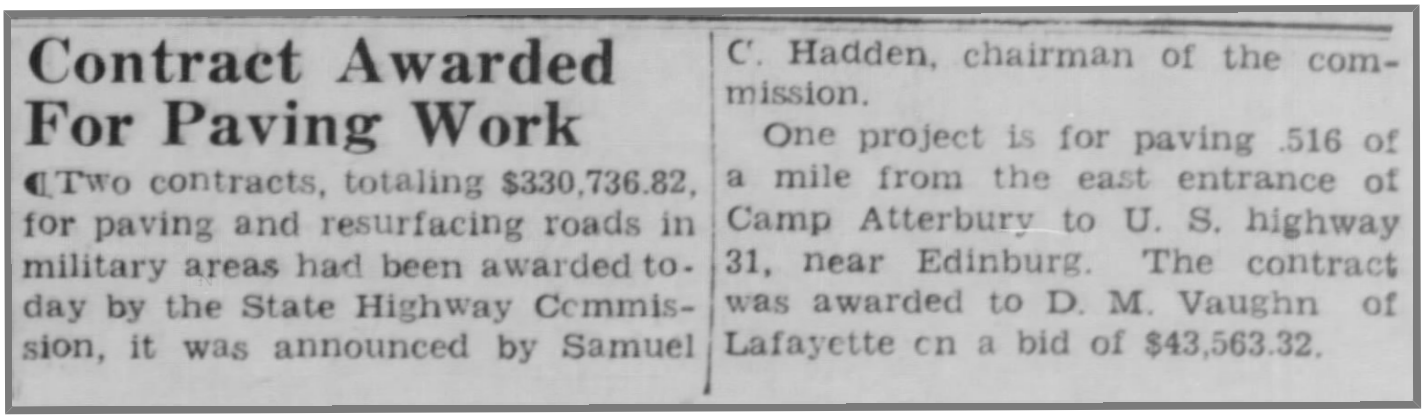

Contract Awarded For Paving Work

¶Two contracts, totaling $330,736.82, for paving and resurfacing roads in military areas had been awarded today by the State Highway Commission, it was announced by Samuel C. Hadden, chairman of the commission.

One project is for paving .516 of a mile from the east entrance of Camp Atterbury to U. S. highway 31, near Edinburg. The contract was awarded to D. M. Vaughn of Lafayette on a bid of $43,563.32.

1942_07_09_5_contract for military paving

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800 CASES OF 'COKES' A DAY

As many as 800 cases of Coca Cola a day—19,200 bottles—may roll out of the new Coca Cola plant here for consumption by soldiers at Camp Atterbury.

The Columbus plant has been furnishing Coca Cola for the camp for several weeks and will continue to provide the refreshments for the arriving soldiers.

When the camp is full of soldiers the "coke" business is expected to soar. At Fort Knox, with 60,000 to 65,000 soldiers, from 1,100 to 1,200 cases of Coca Cola are consumed every day.

The local company is exempt from any quotas on the Coca Cola furnished for the Army camp and the Coca Cola being sent there will not reduce the amount available for Columbus and area.

The new Columbus plant has a capacity of 2,000 cases every eight hours.

Beer (3.2) also is on the available list for the Atterbury soldiers and is sold at the canteens.

1942_07_10_1_800 cases of coke a day

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EDINBURG HAS ANOTHER INFLUX

Edinburg, July 10—From the frying pan to the fire.

Edinburg housewives and landlords, just beginning to get their homes back to normal after renting quarters to camp workers, are experiencing another swarm of doorknockers, seeking rocms and houses.

This time it is the Army and during the last few days many soldiers who will be stationed at Camp Atterbury have been scouring Edinburg for quarters for their families.

A large number wish to rent houses.

Many of the camp workers are still here, and after they are gone it is believed a rather large number of apartments will be available.

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PREPARE MEN FOR ATTERBURY

Group of New Selectees to Train at Fort Harrison, Then Enter Camp.

Approximately 800 selectees have been assigned to a training battalion at Fort Benjamin Harrison prior to being sent to Camp Atterbury and to Camp Campbell in Kentucky as permanent personnel.

The provisional battalion was formed this week at Fort Harrison under the direction of Major Kenneth D. Lamb, a graduate of the infantry school and provost marshal general's school.

The new troops will be given as much basic military training as time permits before being sent to Camp Atterbury and to Camp Campbell, which is a new camp similar to Camp Atterbury.

Five hundred of the selectees are from the Fort Harrison reception center. Others were received from centers at Fort Hayes, Ohio; Fort Thomas, Ky., and Camp Perry, Ohio.

More Officers Arrive.

Apparently the group does not include any men from Bartholomew county, but some local soldiers may be stationed at Camp Atterbury.

More commissioned and non-commissioned officers arrived in Columbus today on their way to Camp Atterbury. A group of eight lieutenants was at the postoffice building this morning waiting transportation to the camp.

Many of the non-commissioned officers are arriving in their own cars and by train. Upon reaching Columbus, they want to know the way to Camp Atterbury.

It previously was announced by the War department that most of the selectees to be assigned to the new 83rd Division at Camp Atterbury would be from the state of Ohio.

1942_07_10_3_Prepare men for Atterbury

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COMBINE MIDST CAMP BUILDINGS

Cutting, Threshing of Wheat Is One of Few Traces of Area As It Was.

Amid grunting and groaning ditch-digger machines, big rollers pounding down new streets and painters slapping paint on nearby buildings, a wheat combine outfit worked back and forth Thursday afternon through a Camp Atterbury wheatfield—one of the last remnants of the old life in what once was part of Johnson county's better farmland.

Nearby were camp warehouses full of the weapons of war, under guard, but the combine rolled ahead, unmindful of the changing times.

The combine, surrounded on three sides by buildings, was being operated by one of the crews of R. T. Prosser of Nineveh, who has contracted to cut the Camp Atterbury wheat and deliver it for the government.

Most of the camp area's 1,300 acres of wheat are outside the building area, but in a few instances wheat fields are circled by buildings.

Traces of Old Days Gone.

In some of these vacant areas will be located the parade grounds and baseball diamonds for the troops.

Almost all remnants of former life in the cantonment area are gone. A few barns and a handful of houses being used as offices are still standing, but their life is near an end.

For three miles in one direction the buildings extend, a city bigger than Columbus, erected since February.

Bulldozers, power shovels, and 14,000 men have put miles of shining new buildings and roads and streets where corn and wheatfields once stood, changing the landscape so much that a former farm resident of the area on a visit "back home" would have trouble finding just where his former farm was located.

1942_07_10_4_Combine wheat amidst camp buildings

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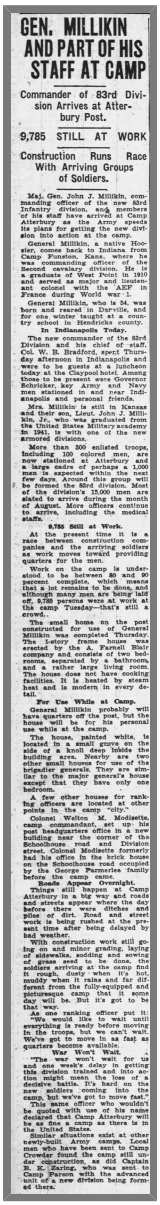

GEN. MILLIKIN AND PART OF HIS STAFF AT CAMP

Commander of 83rd Division Arrives at Atterbury Post.

9,785 STILL AT WORK

Construction Runs Race With Arriving Groups of Soldiers.

Maj. Gen. John J. Millikin, commanding officer of the new 83rd Infantry division, and members of his staff have arrived at Camp Atterbury as the Army speeds its plans for getting the new division into action at the camp.

General Millikin, a native Hoosier, comes back to Indiana from the Carolina maneuvers where he was commanding officer of the Second cavalry division. He is a graduate of West Point in 1910 and served as major and lieutenant colonel with the AEF in France during World war 1.

General Millikin, who is 54, was born and reared in Danville, and for one winter taught at a country school in Hendricks county.

In Indianapolis Today.

The new commander of the 83rd Division and his chief of staff, Col. W. B. Bradford, spent Thursday afternoon in Indianapolis and were to be guests at a luncheon today at the Claypool hotel. Among those to be present were Governor Schricker, key Army and Navy men stationed in and near Indianapolis and personal friends.

Mrs. Millikin is still in Kansas and their son, Lieut. John J. Millikin, Jr., who was graduated from the United States Military academy in 1941, is with one of the new armored divisions.

More than 200 enlisted troops, including 100 colored men, are now stationed at Atterbury and 1,000 officers and enlisted men is expected within the next few days. Around this group will be formed the 83rd division. Most of the division's 15,000 men are slated to arrive during the month of August. More officers continue to arrive, including the medical staffs.

9,785 Still at Work.

At the present time it is a race between construction companies and the arriving soldiers as work moves toward providing quarters for the men.

Work on the camp is understood to be between 80 and 90 percent complete, which means that a lot remains to be done, and although many men are being laid off, 9,785 persons were at work at the camp Tuesday—that's still a crowd.

The small home on the post constructed for use of General Millikin is now complete and ready. The home, a frame house, was erected by the A. Farnell Blair company and consists of two bedrooms, separated by a bathroom, and a rather large living room. The house does not have cooking facilities. It is heated by steam heat and is modern in every detail.

For Use While at Camp.

General Millikin probably will have quarters off the post, but the house will be for his personal use while at the camp.

The house, painted white, is located in a small grove on the side of a knoll deep beside the building area. Nearby are two other small houses for use of the brigadier generals. They are similar to the major general's house except that they have only one bedroom.

A few other houses for ranking officers are located at other points in the camp "city."

Colonel Walter M. Modisette, camp commandant, set up his camp headquarters in a new building on the corner of the Schoolhouse road and Division street. Colonel Modisette formerly had his office in the brick house on the Schoolhouse road occupied by the George Farmeries family before the camp came.

Roads Appear Overnight.

Things still happen at Camp Atterbury in a big way and roads and streets appear where the day before there were ditches and piles of dirt. Roads and streets were all rushed at the present time rather being delayed by bad weather.

With construction work still going on and minor grading, laying of sidewalks, sodding and sowing of grass seed to be done, the soldiers arriving at the camp find it rough, dusty when it's hot, muddy when it rains and far different from the fully-equipped and picturesque camp that it some day will be. But it's got to be that way.

"We," a ranking officer put it, "would like to wait until everything is ready before moving in the troops, but we can't wait. We've got to move in as fast as quarters become available."

War Won't Wait.

"The war won't wait for us and one week's delay in getting this division trained and into action might mean the loss of a decisive battle. It's hard on the new soldiers coming into the camp, but we've got to have it."

This same officer who wouldn't be quoted with use of his name declared that Camp Atterbury will be as fine a camp as there is in the United States.

Similar situations exist at other newly-built Army camps. Local men who have been sent to Camp Crowder found the camp still under construction, as did Captain R. K. Saxing, who was sent to Camp Farson with the advanced unit of a new division being formed there.

1942_07_10_5_Gen Millikin and part of his staff at camp

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No Peace

Pruitts, Moved by Army Camp, Land in Middle of Proposed Airport Site.

The U. S. Engineers seem to be chasing Allen Pruitt and family, and it's no fun for the Pruitts.

Forced to move from their Nineveh township farm when it was taken for Camp Atterbury, the family is now faced with the prospect of moving again because its present home lies in the area near Walesboro being considered for an auxiliary flying field.

The family moved May 1 to the 39-acre William Deaver farm on the Wagner road west of Bethel Baptist church. They purchased the farm from Mr. Deaver, who lives in East Columbus, and closing arrangements for recording the transfer were being made when it was revealed this week that their new farm is the scene of another war project.

From the looks of things, the Pruitt family will be on the move again in the near future, wondering just what will happen to them next.

Before the Pruitt family moved in, the Deaver farm was occupied by Oscar Deckard, who moved to the Charles Hodler farm, three-quarters of a mile northwest.

1942_07_10_6_Pruitts moved by Army now moved by Corps of Engineers

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CCC Leaves Atterbury Work, Ready to Disband

300 World War Veterans From Brown County Park End Camp Job Today.

Approximately 300 veterans of another war will wind up their work at Camp Atterbury today and most of the labor they have been doing will be shifted to the WPA.

The World war I veterans are members of the CCC companies from the camp in the Brown county state park and their work is being halted following Congress' failure to provide new appropriations, thus ending the life of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

According to U. S. Engineers officials, the CCC has been doing a good job at the camp and its passing has caused more than a little sorrow, but all the men have been offered regular jobs at 85 cents an hour on the camp.

Under the order disbanding the CCC over the nation, its equipment is to be turned over to the Army and the equipment at Camp Atterbury, including more than 30 dump trucks, is being handed over.

Doing Many Jobs.

The CCC men have been riding in trucks to the Atterbury area each day from the CCC camp at the park and have been eating their noon-day meal in a former farm home in the camp area.

The CCC and the WPA have been doing a hundred and one odd jobs at the camp, which weren't covered in the camp contracts. These jobs include road repair, clearing out brush, removing fences, moving houses, digging ditches, helping with sewer lines and sodding ditches.

From now on the work will be done by the WPA and possibly by regular labor. However, it may prove to be a tough job to find private labor who will do the work done by the CCC at the same cost.

145 WPA Men at Work.

Approximately 145 WPA men are working at Camp Atterbury under special federal appropriations made for this work. The WPA is shoved here, there and everywhere, wherever needed, and the men don't know from one day to the next what their job will be.

Their work includes road repair, sewer work, moving houses, clearing sites, assisting with drainage, sodding ditches and countless other tasks.

Congress willing, there probably will be work for the WPA to do at the camp throughout most of next winter. This work is expected to include the laying of several miles of sidewalks in the building area.

Travel in Special Busses.

The majority of the WPA workers at Atterbury are from Indianapolis, but some are from Bartholomew, Shelby, Brown and Johnson counties.

The Indianapolis men are taken to and from the camp each day in three special busses. A number of the workers are negroes.

Supervisor of the Atterbury WPA project is Lloyd Rogers, formerly of Bartholomew county, but now of New Albany. Mr. Rogers lives in the WPA headquarters, located in a farmhouse on the Mauxferry road.

The men normally work 8 hours a day, from 7 a. m. to 3:30 p. m., with a half hour for lunch, but are limited to 120 hours a month. Because of the limitation on hours, the workers are staggered so that men will be on the project practically every day.

DEFENSE WORK GIVEN PRAISE

Strickland Congratulates Rationers and Local C. D. Director.

The Bartholomew county war price and rationing board members, the county defense director and all volunteers connected with their work were congratulated today by James D. Strickland, state Office of Price Administration director, for having completed a half-year of service.

Mr. Strickland pointed out that their unselfishness and their attention to duty have made the rationing program successful and that since that first day of duty, Jan. 5, their work has increased many fold.

Members of the Bartholomew county board are Frank Aldenhagen, E. R. Butler and Vincent L. Whalley.

The county defense director is Marion Amick.

"To these persons, and to all

1942_07_10_7_CCC leaves Atterbury. Ready to disband

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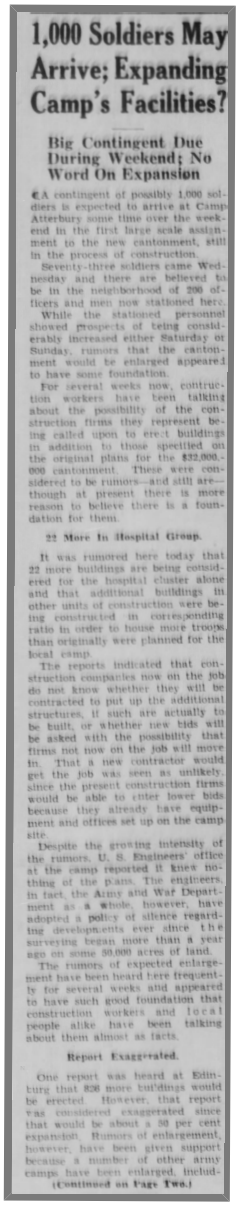

1,000 Soldiers May Arrive; Expanding Camp's Facilities?

Big Contingent Due During Weekend; No Word On Expansion

A contingent of possibly 1,000 soldiers is expected to arrive at Camp Atterbury some time over the weekend in the first large scale assignment to the new cantonment, still in the process of construction.

Seventy-three soldiers came Wednesday and there are believed to be in the neighborhood of 200 officers and men now stationed here.

While the stationed personnel showed prospects of teing considerably increased either Saturday or Sunday, rumors that the cantonment would be enlarged appeared to have some foundation.

For several weeks now, contruction workers have been talking about the possibility of the construction firms they represent being called upon to erect buildings in addition to those specified on the original plans for the $22,000,000 cantonment. These were considered to be rumors—and still are—though at present there is more reason to believe there is a foundation for them.

22 More In Hospital Group.

It was rumored here today that 22 more buildings are being considered for the hospital cluster alone and that additional buildings in other units of construction were being constructed in corresponding ratio in order to house more troops, than originally were planned for the local camp.

The reports indicated that construction companies now on the job do not know whether they will be contracted to put up the additional structures, if such are actually to be built, or whether new bids will be asked with the possibility that firms not now on the job will move in. That a new contractor would get the job was seen as unlikely, since the present construction firms would be able to enter lower bids because they already have equipment and offices set up on the camp site.

Despite the growing intensity of the rumors, U. S. Engineers' office at the camp reported it knew nothing of the plans. The engineers, in fact, the Army and War Department as a whole, however, have adopted a policy of silence regarding developments ever since the surveying began more than a year ago on some 50,000 acres of land.

The rumors of expected enlargement have been heard here frequently for several weeks and appeared to have such good foundation that construction workers and local people alike have been talking about them almost as facts.

Report Exaggerated.

One report was heard at Edinburg that 836 more buildings would be erected. However, that report was considered exaggerated since that would be about a 50 per cent expansion. Rumors of enlargement, however, have been given support because a number of other army camps have been enlarged, includ-

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1942_07_10_1000 Soldiers arriving Saturday

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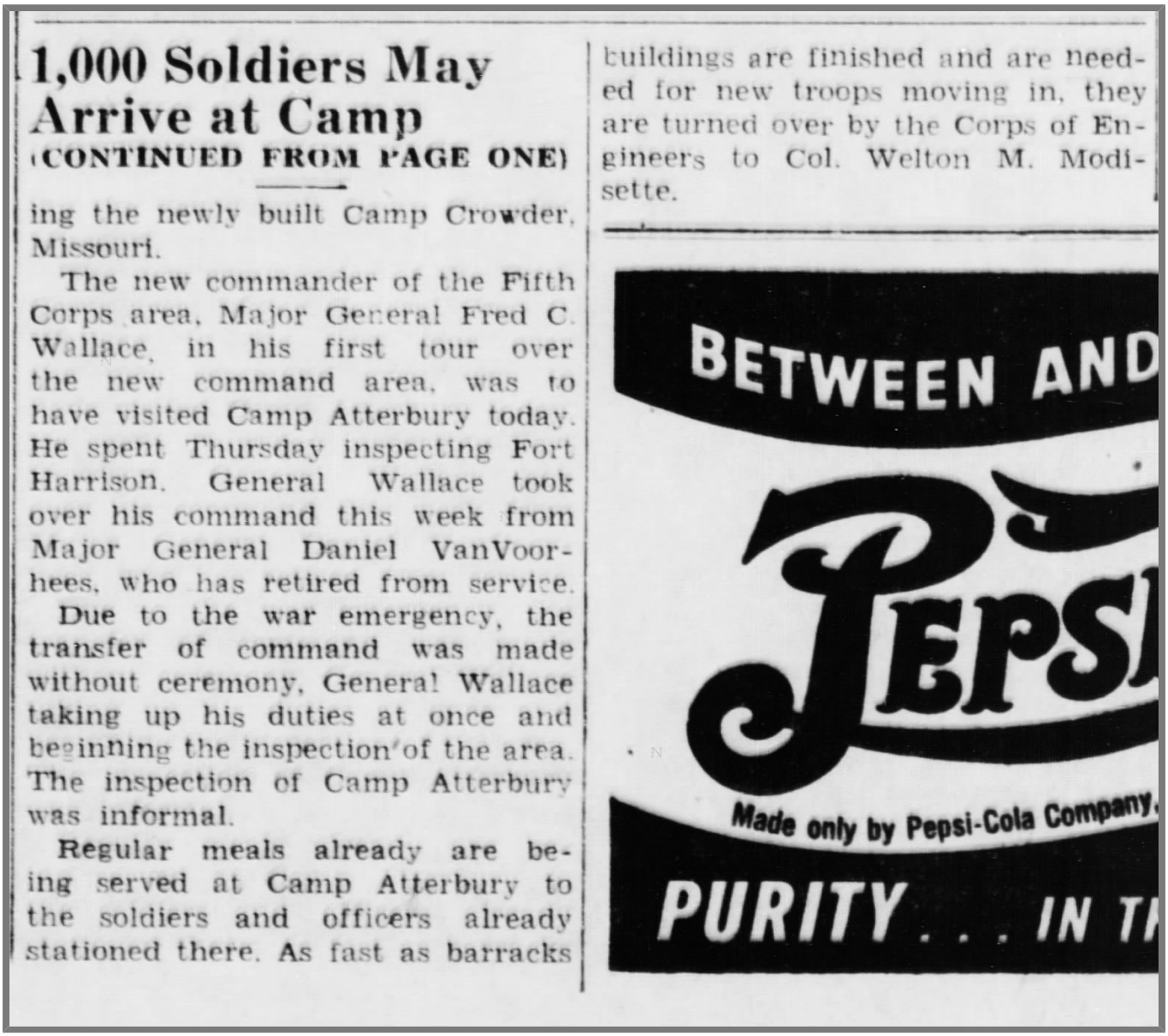

1,000 Soldiers May Arrive at Camp

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ing the newly built Camp Crowder, Missouri.

The new commander of the Fifth Corps area, Major General Fred C. Wallace, in his first tour over the new command area, was to have visited Camp Atterbury today. He spent Thursday inspecting Fort Harrison. General Wallace took over his command this week from Major General Daniel VanVoorhees, who has retired from service.

Due to the war emergency, the transfer of command was made without ceremony, General Wallace taking up his duties at once and beginning the inspection of the area. The inspection of Camp Atterbury was informal.

Regular meals already are being served at Camp Atterbury to the soldiers and officers already stationed there. As fast as barracks buildings are finished and are needed for new troops moving in, they are turned over by the Corps of Engineers to Col. Welton M. Modisette.

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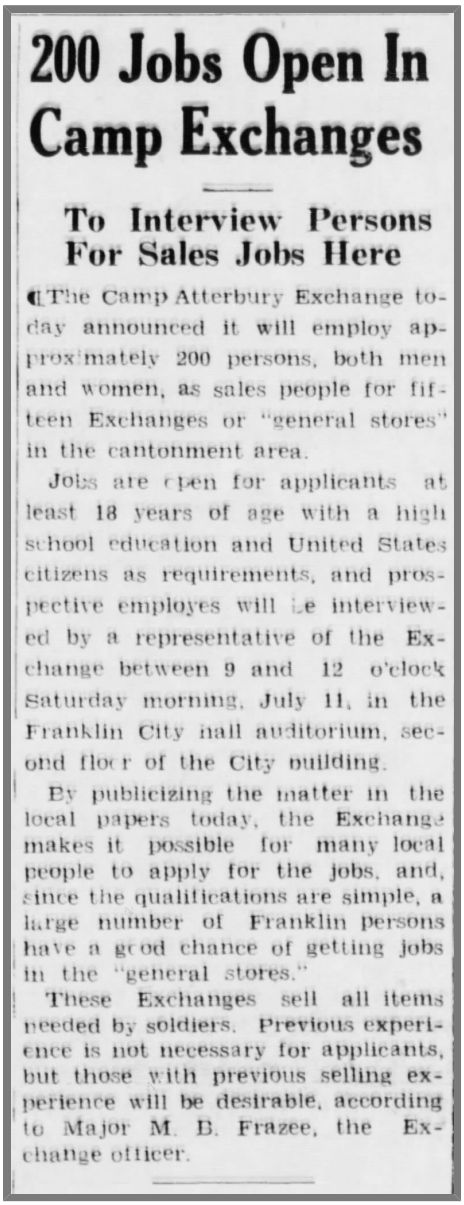

200 Jobs Open In Camp Exchanges

To Interview Persons For Sales Jobs Here

The Camp Atterbury Exchange today announced it will employ approximately 200 persons, both men and women, as sales people for fifteen Exchanges or "general stores" in the cantonment area.

Jobs are open for applicants at least 18 years of age with a high school education and United States citizens as requirements, and prospective employes will be interviewed by a representative of the Exchange between 9 and 12 o'clock Saturday morning, July 11, in the Franklin City hall auditorium, second floor of the City building.

By publicizing the matter in the local papers today, the Exchange makes it possible for many local people to apply for the jobs, and, since the qualifications are simple, a large number of Franklin persons have a good chance of getting jobs in the "general stores."

These Exchanges sell all items needed by soldiers. Previous experience is not necessary for applicants, but those with previous selling experience will be desirable, according to Major M. B. Frazee, the Exchange officer.

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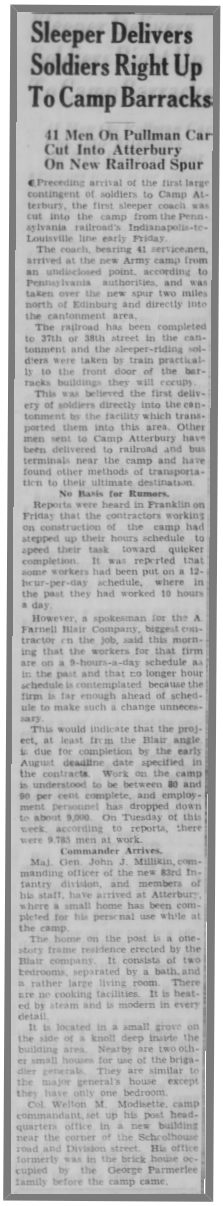

Sleeper Delivers Soldiers Right Up To Camp Barracks

41 Men On Pullman Car Cut Into Atterbury On New Railroad Spur

Preceding arrival of the first large contingent of soldiers to Camp Atterbury, the first sleeper coach was cut into the camp from the Pennsylvania railroad's Indianapolis-to-Louisville line early Friday.

The coach, bearing 41 servicemen, arrived at the new Army camp from an undisclosed point, according to Pennsylvania authorities, and was taken over the new spur two miles north of Edinburg and directly into the cantonment area.

The railroad has been completed to 37th or 38th street in the cantonment and the sleeper-riding soldiers were taken by train practically to the front door of the barracks buildings they will occupy.

This was believed the first delivery of soldiers directly into the cantonment by the facility which transported them into this area. Other men sent to Camp Atterbury have been delivered to railroad and bus terminals near the camp and have found other methods of transportation to their ultimate destination.

No Basis for Rumors.

Reports were heard in Franklin on Friday that the contractors working on construction of the camp had stepped up their hours schedule to speed their task toward quicker completion. It was reported that some workers had been put on a 12-hour-per-day schedule, where in the past they had worked 10 hours a day.

However, a spokesman for the A. Farnell Blair Company, biggest contractor on the job, said this morning that the workers for that firm are on a 9-hours-a-day schedule as in the past and that no longer hour schedule is contemplated because the firm is far enough ahead of schedule to make such a change unnecessary.

This would indicate that the project, at least from the Blair angle is due for completion by the early August deadline date specified in the contracts. Work on the camp is understood to be between 80 and 90 per cent complete, and employment personnel has dropped down to about 9,000. On Tuesday of this week, according to reports, there were 9,785 men at work.

Commander Arrives.

Maj. Gen. John J. Millikin, commanding officer of the new 83rd Infantry division, and members of his staff, have arrived at Atterbury, where a small home has been completed for his personal use while at the camp.

The home on the post is a one-story frame residence erected by the Blair company. It consists of two bedrooms, separated by a bath, and a rather large living room. There are no cooking facilities. It is heated by steam and is modern in every detail.

It is located in a small grove on the side of a knoll deep inside the building area. Nearby are two other small houses for use of the brigadier generals. They are similar to the major general's house except they have only one bedroom.

Col. Welton M. Modisette, camp commandant, set up his post headquarters office in a new building near the corner of the Schoolhouse road and Division street. His office formerly was in the brick house occupied by the George Parmerlee family before the camp came.

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CAMP TO HAVE FULL ARRAY OF TRAINING AIDS

9-Mile Long Artillery Range Among Facilities to be Built at Atterbury.

TANK COURSE INCLUDED

Obstacle Run Also Planned for Troops, Along With Anti-Aircraft Range.

While construction of Camp Atterbury's buildings is speeded for arrival of more troops, preliminary work has been placed under way on the camp's practice ranges, which lie south of the cantonment area and include a 9-mile-long field artillery range.

Plans also have been completed for the many training sites on which soldiers of the 83rd Division will get their first taste of war and practice for meeting the enemy.

In addition to the field artillery range for the division's several battalions of artillery, the ranges will include four 50-yard target rifle ranges and three sets of 30 and ten individual target machine gun ranges.

When in action, the roar of the bigger guns on the artillery range probably will be heard in Columbus.

Anti-Aircraft Range.

Camp Atterbury also will be provided with ample training aids for some of the newer innovations of war, including an anti-aircraft range in five parts with five movements.

The five movements are airplanes diving, planes flying horizontally, planes flying directly overhead and planes climbing after making dives. This range will be used by machine guns and rifles.

The training sites also include an anti-tank range in which moving tanks will shoot at moving tank-like targets.

Motor ranges will provide practice for field motors using field explosive projectiles.

Bayonets and Grenades.

Similar to World war 1 days, bayonet courts will provide space for 32 men to practice simultaneously and soldiers will practice throwing hand grenades into trenches in grenade practice courts. These courts also are expected to contain frameworks similar to windows of buildings through which the soldiers will practice lobbing the grenades.

Obstacle courses provide numerous obstacles including fences, ditches, rope swings, pole climbs, water crossings where soldiers will have to cross ditches on poles and by other means. They will carry full kits and rifle when practicing on the obstacle courses. There will be gas chambers in which officers and men wear gas masks. Combat ranges in the field will include bobbing targets, all bobbing at different heights and angles.

To Practice River Crossings.

Engineer trainings aids will include pontoon bridge construction and practice river crossings over Driftwood river.

The enlargement of the camp on Road 31 near Edinburg, which is under consideration, would be for the purpose of increasing the amount of camp land along the course of the river so that there would be more room for the practice crossings.

As yet the enlargement plans are in preliminary stage and no definite action toward acquiring the land has been taken. It is believed that whether the land is taken or not may depend on plans for the new route of the dual-lane Road 31.

According to reports, the flying field which is under consideration northeast of Columbus would be used, at least in part, by observation planes which would spot shots for the artillery units practicing on the camp's range.

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OTHERS NAMED TO ATTERBURY

Other officers, not previously announced, who have been transferred from Fort Benjamin Harrison

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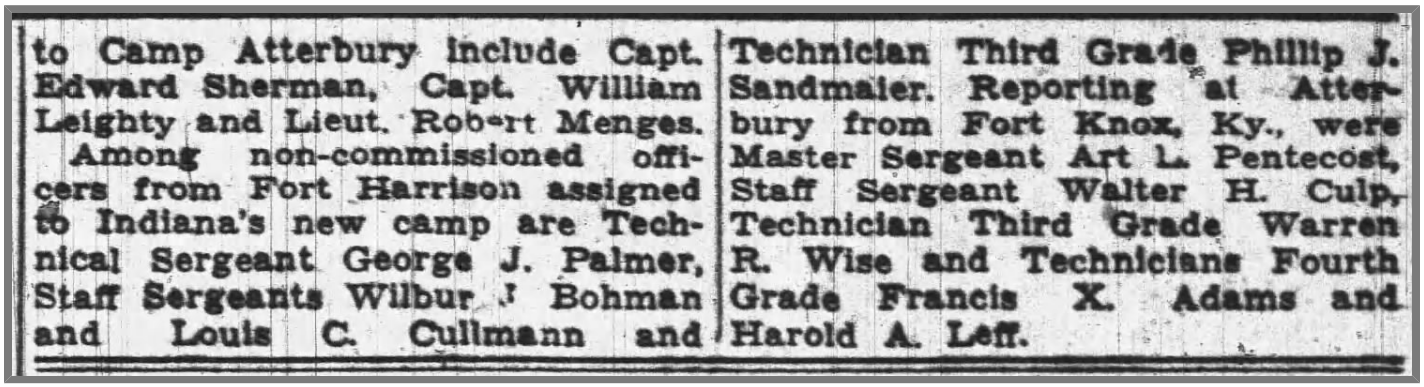

to Camp Atterbury include Capt. Edward Sherman, Capt. William Leighty and Lieut. Robert Menges.

Among non-commissioned officers from Fort Harrison assigned to Indiana's new camp are Technical Sergeant George J. Palmer, Staff Sergeants Wilbur J. Bohman and Louis C. Cullmann and Technician Third Grade Phillip J. Sandmaier. Reporting at Atterbury from Fort Knox, Ky., were Master Sergeant Art L. Pentecost, Staff Sergeant Walter H. Culp, Technician Third Grade Warren R. Wise and Technicians Fourth Grade Francis X. Adams and Harold A. Leff.

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MORE ARE PAID FOR CAMP LAND

Johnson County Owners Given Checks—Declaratory Judgments Filed.

Edinburg, July 13.—Four former Johnson county owners of Camp Atterbury land received checks for 367 acres of camp land and a declaratory judgment for 1,150 acres of 13 farms now in condemnation proceedings was filed last week.

Grover Hughes of Nineveh township drew the largest check, which amounted to $35,204 for 240 acres, including the homes of himself and his son, Orris Hughes. Iona Coffman received $1,700 for 20 acres; Robert N. Graves $12,964 for 87 acres and Otto Ashley $1,500 for 20 acres. All the land was in Nineveh township.

Land involved in the declaratory judgments with payments being by the Federal clerk pending the outcome of condemnation proceedings was that of the following:

Edward O. Bridges, 204.47 acres in Nineveh township, $22,000; Geo. C. Parmerlee, 144.5 acres, Nineveh township, $16,087; J. Frank Bowman, 363.69 acres Blue River township, $25,000; James A. Riggs, 200 acres Blue River township, $20,682; Adam Mutz heirs, 90 acres in Blue River township, $7,000; Herrott's Creek Burial Association, one-fourth acre in Blue River township, $25; Sarah J. Prichard, 45.95 acres in Nineveh township, $5,000; Pisgah Meeting House, one acre in Blue River township, $4,200; Julia A. Acton, 28.01 acres in Blue River township, $4,500; Perry F. Nichols, 20 acres in Nineveh township, $3,000; Roscoe Compton heirs, 31 acres in Blue River township, $1,800; Trustees of Pisgah Methodist church, 20 acres in Nineveh township, $1,250.

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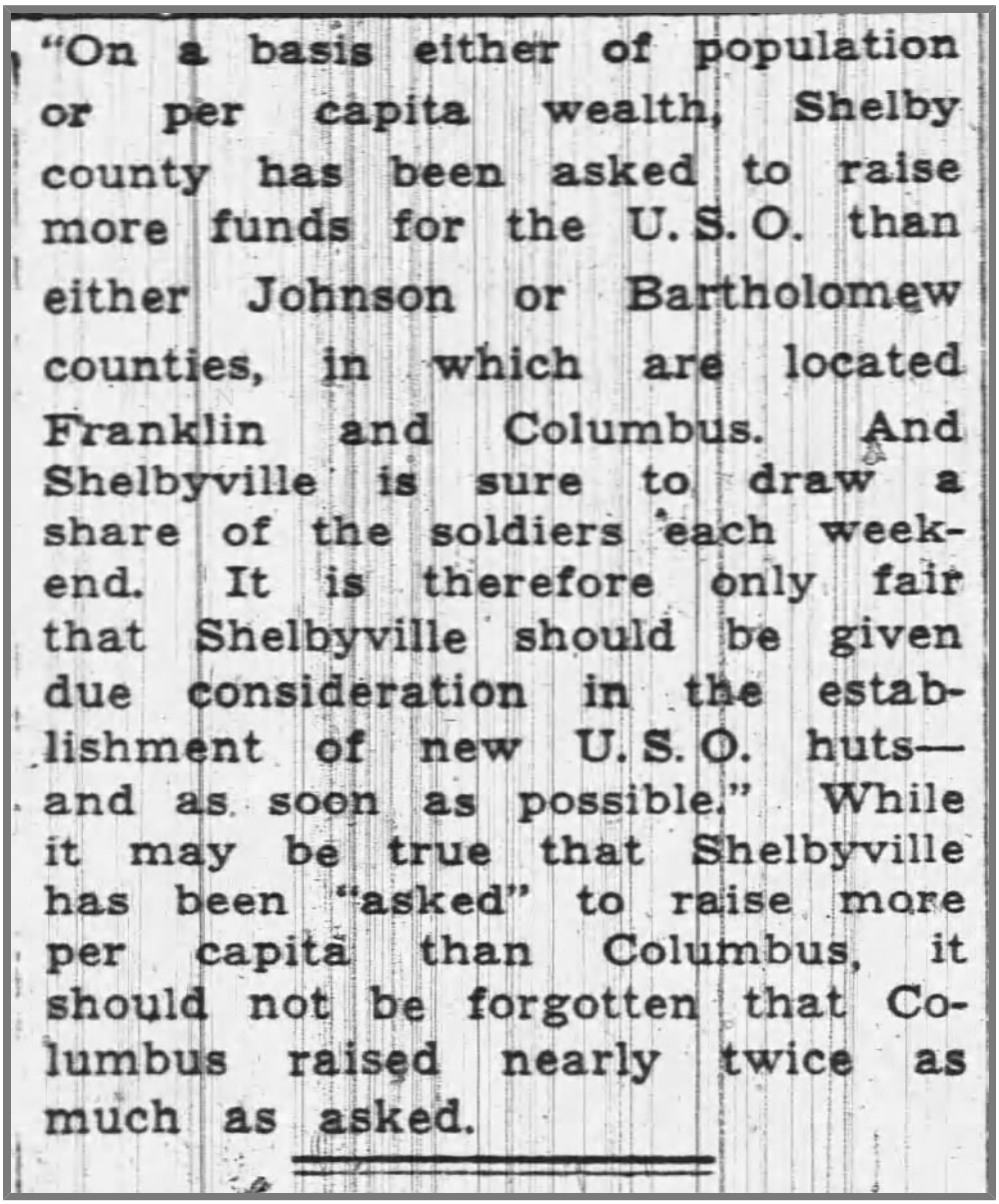

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RATION CAMP TIRES IN CITY

The Bartholomew county tire ration office is now doing double duty with the transfer of the Camp Atterbury ration office to Columbus.

Carl Chambers, who has been the tire inspector for the Atterbury office, is helping with the local work and it is understood additional help is to be provided.

For the balance of this month the local ration office will work with tire allotments for both Bartholomew county and Atterbury. Next month it is understood that only one allotment will be given the local office to care for the county and the camp.

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Shelbyville wants a U. S. O. center, and no doubt should have one, because that city is near enough to Camp Atterbury (and the flying fields to be established near Columbus and Seymour) to get a lot of soldiers on leave. Says the Shelbyville Democrat:

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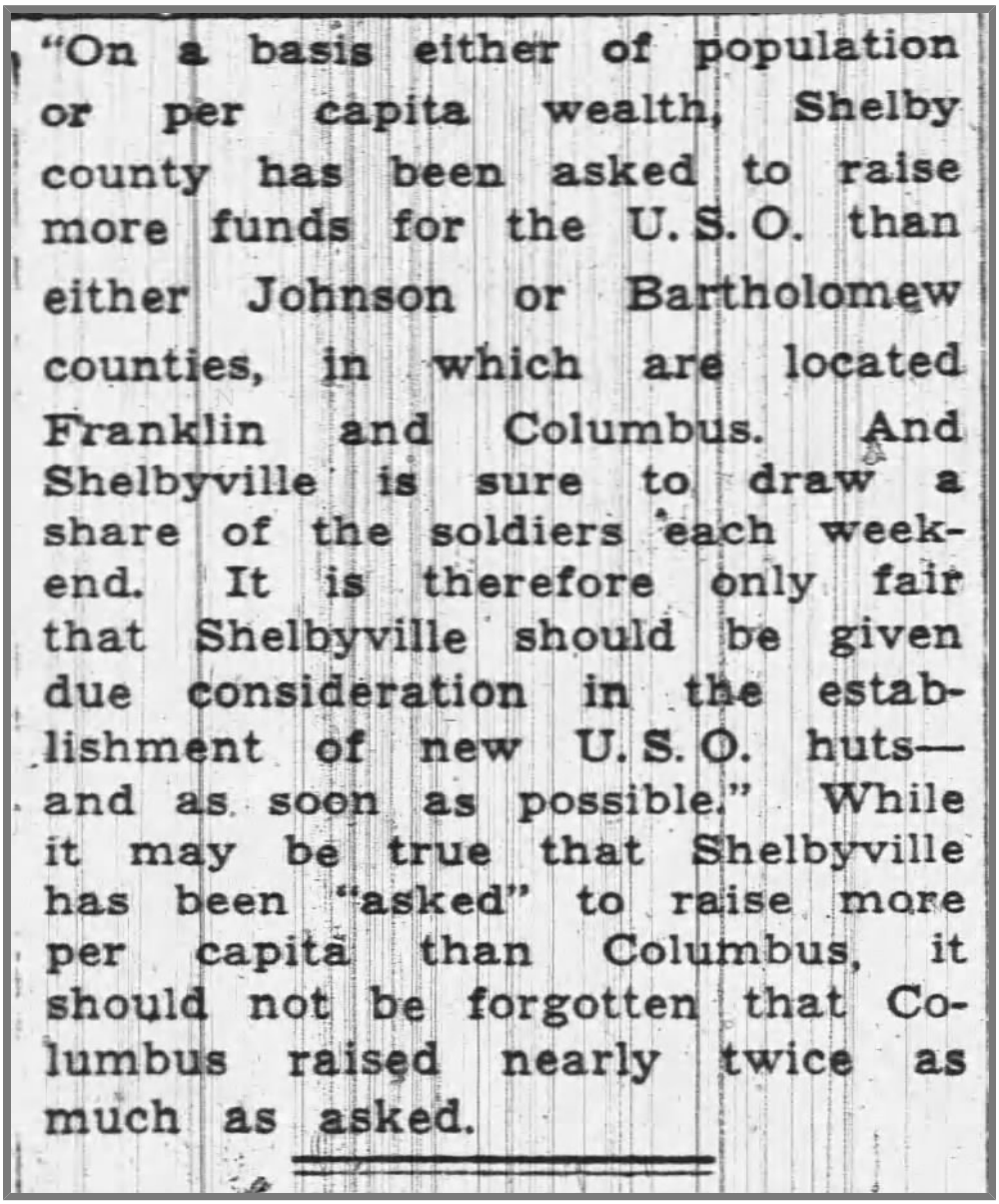

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Army Folks Grab Houses Before They're on Market

Camp Atterbury officers have descended on Columbus in full force in the last few days and modern rental property here is being grabbed as fast as it gets on the market, with many of the officers arranging to rent homes or apartments which are not yet completed.

The rush of the last few days has all but swamped the Chamber of Commerce rental service. More than 75 calls for apartments and houses have been received since Saturday morning.

All day Monday crowds filled the Chamber of Commerce offices in the city hall, seeking living quarters in Columbus, and while some are finding places here many more quarters are needed.

Those who have found houses or apartments in the last few days include a colonel and a lieutenant-colonel.

Rents Marshall Property.

Col. Robert B. Tobias, ranking dental officer to be stationed at Camp Atterbury, has made arrangements to rent the J. F. Marshall property at 1626 Washington street for his family.

Colonel and Mrs. Tobias and younger daughter, 14, are here at the present time.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have purchased a new home at Twenty-second and Pennsylvania streets and plan to move in the near future.

Colonel and Mrs. Tobias have three children, the younger daughter, a daughter who is attending Duke university and a son who will soon enter West Point.

Take Keller Apartment.

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Wilson Spann have rented the upstairs apartment in the William M. Keller property at 719 Lafayette avenue. They came to Columbus from Boston.

Capt. and Mrs. Thomas F. McNeal have moved into rooms at the home of Mrs. Marjorie Newton, 1038 California street.

The latest officers to find housing facilities here bring to more than 20 the number wno will live in Columbus.

The rush of applicants for houses and apartments at the Chamber rental service increased to the point where another helper was needed and Miss Alta Redmond, local teacher, is now assisting Miss Evelyn Seward with the work.

Another 'Phone Installed.

Another telephone was added to the office Monday so that out calls can be made. Incoming calls have been so numerous that it has not been possible to use the 'phone for calling outside.

As the Chamber service has

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Army Folks Grab Houses Before They're On the Market

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practically exhausted its list of available houses—as soon as a house or apartment is listed for rent it is gobbled up—an effort is being made to contact property owners who might have quarters available and to offer them tenants.

In other words, the rental service has ten to twenty prospective renters for every available modern rental that turns up.

Some of the officers and their wives have been driving up and down streets in the residential area of Columbus, looking for vacant houses or apartments for rent.

Every Train Brings More.

Some have called The Evening Republican office prior to publication time, asking if they couldn't be tipped off to for rent ads to be run in the paper so that they can beat others there.

And still more officers arrive. Many of the men and their wives are staying at local hotels and almost every train brings baggage of more soldiers to be stationed at Camp Atterbury.

A number of the officers arriving in Columbus to seek houses for their wives have about decided the wives will have to stay at home.

The Chamber of Commerce office has listed property in Greensburg, Shelbyville, Seymour and Bloomington, but officers wish to live closer to the camp unless bus service is provided from the more distant towns.

The officers arriving in Columbus are from all parts of the Middlewest, the South and the East.

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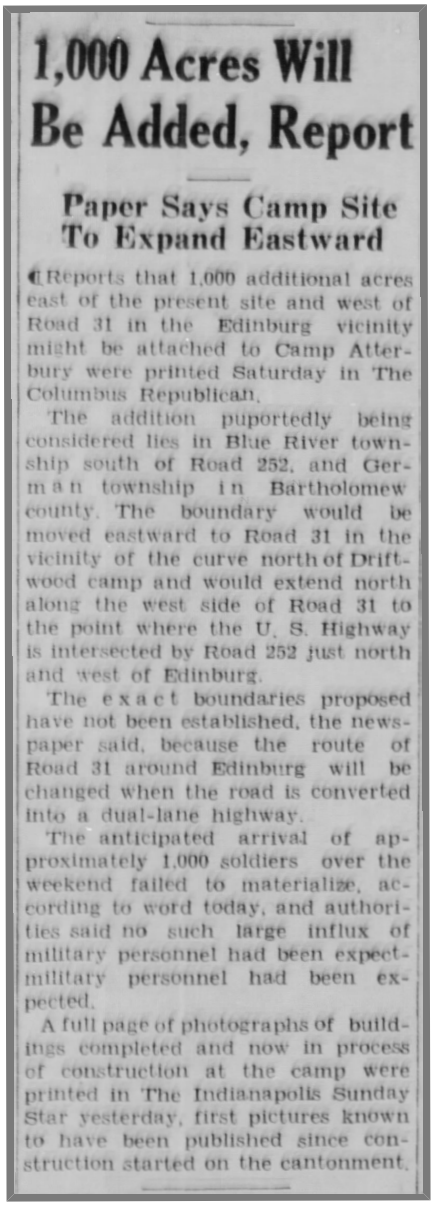

1,000 Acres Will Be Added, Report

Paper Says Camp Site To Expand Eastward

Reports that 1,000 additional acres east of the present site and west of Road 31 in the Edinburg vicinity might be attached to Camp Atterbury were printed Saturday in The Columbus Republican.

The addition puportedly being considered lies in Blue River township south of Road 252, and German township in Bartholomew county. The boundary would be moved eastward to Road 31 in the vicinity of the curve north of Driftwood camp and would extend north along the west side of Road 31 to the point where the U. S. Highway is intersected by Road 252 just north and west of Edinburg.

The exact boundaries proposed have not been established, the newspaper said, because the route of Road 31 around Edinburg will be changed when the road is converted into a dual-lane highway.

The anticipated arrival of approximately 1,000 soldiers over the weekend failed to materialize, according to word today, and authorities said no such large influx of military personnel had been expect-military personnel had been expected.

A full page of photographs of buildings completed and now in process of construction at the camp were printed in The Indianapolis Sunday Star yesterday, first pictures known to have been published since construction started on the cantonment.

1942_07_13_1_1000 acres to be added to US 31

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Capt. Miller Sent To Pittsburgh, Pa.

Leaves Atterbury To Head Army War Show

Capt. Clifford S. Miller, recently transferred to Camp Atterbury from Fort Harrison to serve on the staff of the camp commander, Col. Welton M. Modisette, has been ordered to temporary duty at Shenley Park Oval, Pittsburgh, Pa., as executive officer of the Army War Show. The tour is for four months.

Capt. Miller's duties as public relations officer at Camp Atterbury has been assumed by Capt. Leroy L. Wahle. Both officeres are from Indianapolis.

Fort Harrison officers recently transferred to Camp Atterbury were Capt. Edward Sherman, Capt. William E. Leighty and Lieut. Robert Menges.

Capt. Benjamin H. Tellejohn and Capt. Chauncey G. Collins of Fort Hayes, Ohio, have been assigned to Camp Atterbury.

Among non-commissioned officers from Fort Harrison asisgned to the new camp here are, Technical Sergeant George J. Palmer, Staff Sergeants Wilbur J. Bohman and Louis C. Cullmann and Tecnhician Third Grade Phillip J. Sandmaier. Reporting at Atterbury from Fort Knox, Ky., were Master Sergeant Art L. Pentecost, Staff Sergeant Walter H. Culp, Technician Third Grade Warren R. Wise, and Technicians Fourth Grade Francis X. Adams and Harold A. Leff.

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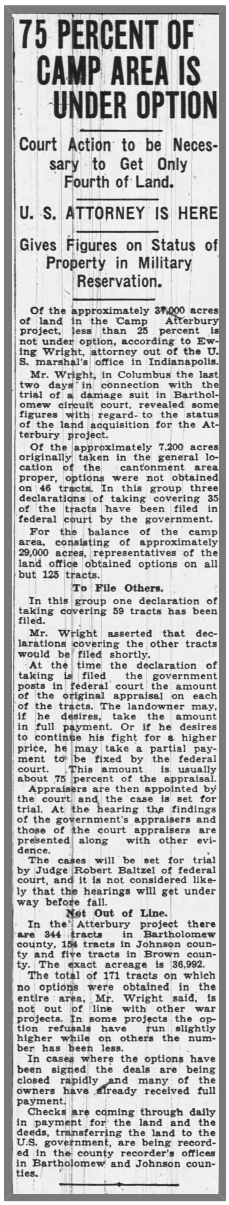

75 PERCENT OF CAMP AREA IS UNDER OPTION

Court Action to be Necessary to Get Only Fourth of Land.

U. S. ATTORNEY IS HERE

Gives Figures on Status of Property in Military Reservation.

Of the approximately 37,000 acres of land in the Camp Atterbury project, less than 25 percent is not under option, according to Ewing Wright, attorney out of the U. S. marshal's office in Indianapolis.

Mr. Wright, in Columbus the last two days in connection with the trial of a damage suit in Bartholomew circuit court, revealed some figures with regard to the status of the land acquisition for the Atterbury project.

Of the approximately 7,200 acres originally taken in the general location of the cantonment area proper, options were not obtained on 46 tracts. In this group three declarations of taking covering 35 of the tracts have been filed in federal court by the government.

For the balance of the camp area, consisting of approximately 29,000 acres, representatives of the land office obtained options on all but 125 tracts.

To File Others.

In this group one declaration of taking covering 59 tracts has been filed.

Mr. Wright asserted that declarations covering the other tracts would be filed shortly.

At the time the declaration of taking is filed the government posts in federal court the amount of the original appraisal on each of the tracts. The landowner may, if he desires, take the amount in full payment. Or if he desires to continue his fight for a higher price, he may take a partial payment to be fixed by the federal court. This amount is usually about 75 percent of the appraisal.

Appraisers are then appointed by the court and the case is set for trial. At the hearing the findings of the government's appraisers and those of the court appraisers are presented along with other evidence.

The cases will be set for trial by Judge Robert Baltzel of federal court, and it is not considered likely that the hearings will get under way before fall.

Not Out of Line.

In the Atterbury project there are 344 tracts in Bartholomew county, 154 tracts in Johnson county and five tracts in Brown county. The exact acreage is 36,992.

The total of 171 tracts on which no options were obtained in the entire area, Mr. Wright said, is not out of line with other war projects. In some projects the option refusals have run slightly higher while on others the number has been less.

In cases where the options have been signed the deals are being closed rapidly and many of the owners have already received full payment.

Checks are coming through daily in payment for the land and the deeds, transferring the land to the U.S. government, are being recorded in the county recorder's offices in Bartholomew and Johnson counties.

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U.S.O. HUT AT CAMP LIKELY

Talk of a U. S. O. center to be erected in or adjacent to Camp Atterbury has been given authority by announcement of Frank K. Zoll, state U. S. O. campaign director, that a U. S. O. club house probably will be built in the camp area or adjacent to the camp.

This center, Mr. Zoll said, would be in addition to the service units approved for the towns of Columbus, Franklin and Edinburg.

1942_07_14_2_USO Hut at camp likely

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Two-Star Boarder at Grand Hotel Receives Delegation from City

General Millikin Confers With Civic and Press Representatives.

SHOWS GROUP THE CAMP

43 Hospitals Each as Big as One Here, on Itinerary.

BY MELVIN LOSTUTTER

The guests in Col. Welton M. Modisette's Grand Hotel want to be neighborly with us Bartholomewites. We have that word not only from the Colonel but from his two-star boarder, Maj. Gen. John J. Millikin.

The General received eleven of us Monday afternoon in his brand new divisional headquarters building at Camp Atterbury and his public relations officer, Col. R. E. Vermitte, took us on an informal tour of the city which has sprung miraculously from the fertile farmland of Johnson county between Edinburg and Nineveh.

Incidentally, you wouldn't know the old place now. Most of an approximately $40,000,000 allotment has been spent to fix it up so you wouldn't.

Colonel Vermitte and his driver came down in a jeep—or perhaps a peep—anyway, one of those homely but capable little Army jobs of the smallest size, to conduct representatives of the Columbus press and civic organizations to Atterbury to meet the General Millikin and to see for ourselves what was going on up there.

Who Went and Why.

For the record, here's who went and how come:

Clarence A. Thompson, postoffice and Chamber of Commerce; Marion H. Amick, civilian defense; Clyde Carter, Junior Chamber; William White, American Legion; Robert E. Lindsay, Kiwanis club; A. E. Schumaker, U.S.O.; Charles Atkinson, Exchange club; Mayor Fred C. Owens, City Attorney Donald F. Shinn and Police Chief Clarence Everroad, city administration and Yours Truly, representing what we modestly refer to as Southern Indiana's Best Newspaper.

Thompson and Carter got to ride in the jeep from here to Atterbury, Bill White and I got to ride in it around the camp. The reason White and Amick didn't get in the back seat together is because they were afraid that would lift its front wheels off the ground.

Getting back to the "hotel," that was the way General Millikin described it to help us civilians understand the set-up. The establishment is permanent, but the people who occupy it, except the ones who operate it, are not.

Certain troops under the direction of Colonel Modisette, the camp commandant or "hotel manager," will be there more or less permanently, but most of them will be there just for board and room while they learn to be a good fighting man.

A Fightin' Outfit.

These will include the 83rd Division, which General Millikin will organize, train, then head when it goes to the front at the end of its training period, the length of which the General declined to specify.

They will include, also, other units in training, to a total in the neighborhood of 30,000 to 35,000, as reported in this paper many, many times before.

Our interview with the General was quite informal. Everybody sat around in his office, listened to what he had to say about the camp and its relations with our city, asked questions of him and volunteered information, which he was polite enough to act as if he didn't already know.

And he talked our language because he's a native Hoosier, himself, even though he hasn't worked at it for a long time.

General Millikin is a rather tall, slender man, youngish in appearance for a man of his rank, although with thinning hair. He is military enough in bearing but seems to find it easy to unbend when his duties are not essentially military, as was the case yesterday.

Drops Some Hints.

Even though you feel that you can trust the General not to go around giving away military secrets, some of the things he told us were not intended for publication, and therefore are not quoted in this article. On the other hand, he dropped a few remarks that may be passed along.

One was to express approval of our city's initiative in getting its U. S. O. program going promptly to take care of early visitors from the camp.

Another was to remind us that his boys will represent a cross-section of American life and may be expected to behave themselves just about like our own boys are behaving in other communities to which they have been sent as soldiers.

A third was to indicate that the camp administration will cooperate with local authorities in every way possible and will provide the discipline for men here on leave when necessary.

A fourth was to indicate that the city probably will be invited to help with the entertainment of the boys inside the camp as well as outside. He mentioned the fact that nearby cities often provide contingents of girls and their chaperons for dances at a post, and added that there had never been an unfortunate incident growing out of this practice at any post where he had served, so far as he had ever heard.

Don't Have Money to Burn.

A fifth was the suggestion that the boys, in spite of their recent increase in pay, do not have much money to spend—what with their allotments and this and that—and that, therefore, the prices they are asked to pay for goods and services should be kept down to reasonable levels.

At the conclusion of the interview, Colonel Vermitte conducted our party through one of the new chapels, of which there are 12; one of the post exchanges, about the size of the Murphy store, of which there are 15; the field house, about as big as all outdoors, of which there is one; a guest house, like a country hotel only nicer, of which there are several; and through one of the hospital buildings, which are each at least as big as the Bartholomew county hospital, and of which there are 43.

INJURED RIDING MOTOR SCOOTER

Tom Tempest Gets Bike Going for Son, but Crashes Automobile.

Tom Tempest, 35, who resides on the Nigger Hill road east of the city, had a lucky escape from serious injury in an accident which occurred in front of his home early this morning.

A motor scooter which Tempest was riding collided with a 1940 Plymouth sedan driven by Wallace Mizner, 29, of Westport route 2.

Tempest was thrown from the vehicle.

He was taken to the county hospital where examination disclosed his injuries were confined to bruises and abrasions.

According to information given Deputy Sheriff Walter Oneal, Tempest had the scooter in the road to get it started for his son. When the engine fired, he went for a ride down the road and returned in front of the house. Apparently unaware that the Mizner automobile was following him, he made a turn in the road in front of the house, just as the Westport motorist was starting to pass him. He drove directly into the car.

2 Star Gen leads tour of camp - Tom Tempest

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The fact that the postoffice at Camp Atterbury will be a branch of the Columbus postoffice means that all the soldier mail will bear a Columbus address, and this means that people outside the immediate area will consider the camp and city more closely linked than they actually are geographically. Hence, camp visitors are likely to come first to Columbus, though Edinburg and Franklin are nearer the cantonment, just as visitors to Camp Shelby go first to Hattiesburg. This is particularly true since the soldiers will be almost altogether from other states, and they and their people back home will not be familiar with southern Indiana geography. So choice of Columbus for the postoffice carries an opportunity—and a responsibility.

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1942_07_14_3_camp will be a branch of Columbus Post Office

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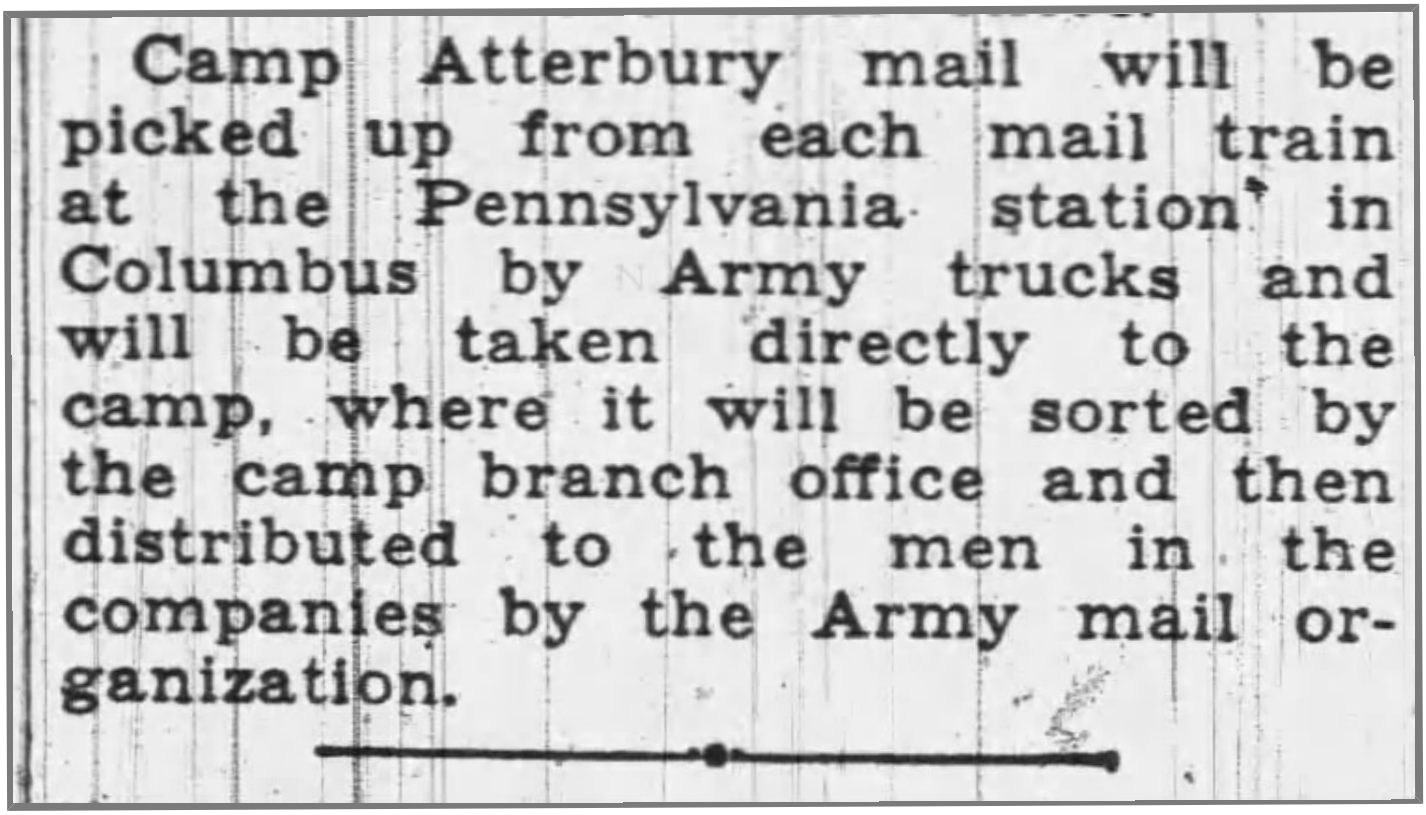

Camp Atterbury mail will be picked up from each mail train at the Pennsylvania station in Columbus by Army trucks and will be taken directly to the camp, where it will be sorted by the camp branch office and then distributed to the men in the companies by the Army mail organization.

1942_07_15_1_Camps mail picked up at Penn RR Station

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Advance Bookings

So that more Camp Atterbury families may be accommodated, the rental service department of the Chamber of Commerce asked today that persons with houses or apartments now rented to camp construction workers please notify the department now of when the quarters will be vacant.

If notified in advance of when the property will be available, rental service attaches pointed out, the office will be able to rent the property for occupancy at a future date, thus taking care of some of the many families which are now seeking living facilities here.

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TRUCK COMPANY MOVES TO CAMP

Will Assist in Mobilization —Demand for Quarters Continues Here.

A truck company, believed to include more than 50 Army trucks, moved north on Road 31 to Camp Atterbury this morning.

Two colored soldiers were in each of the trucks in the convoy, which also included a few jeeps.

The truck company will assist with mobilization of the troops coming into the new camp.

More officers are arriving at the camp daily and five officers' messes are operating at the present time.

Requests for living quarters through the local Chamber of Commerce office slowed down some today after a big rush Tuesday, but the demand is still many times greater than the available rentals.

The rental service has practically reached the bottom of its list of modern rentals and one apartment listed this morning was reported rented 15 minutes after it reached the market.

The Chamber office has several rural non-modern quarters for rent, but many of the officers and non-commissioned officers seeking houses and apartments fear their auto tires will not last and want to be located where there will be bus service to and from the camp.

1942_07_15_3_Truck Company moves to camp with 50 trucks

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First Formation Shows Efficiency Of U.S. Soldier

Skeleton Of 83rd On March At Atterbury; Commander Welcomes

After entertaining a welcome from Maj. Gen. John J. Millikin, commanding general of the 83rd Infantry Division, several hundred officers and enlisted men who arrived at Camp Atterbury a few days ago to form the skeleton framework of the new division held the first formation at the new Army camp, early, Monday evening.

A 20-piece band from Benjamin Harrison furnished the martial music, and to the strict tempo the men of the 83rd gave a remarkable demonstration of parading in the retreat formation.

The welcome was given and the parade launched in a great vacant space between Edinburg street and Road 252, north to south, and between barracks buildings, east to west. The parade also included marching on several of the nearby streets.

It was a brief ceremony and formation, lasting no longer than half an hour, but in that short span the high-ranking officers of the division and the very few selected civilian observers had an opportunity to view the efficiency of the men in action for the first time as a cadre at Camp Atterbury.

Text of Welcome.

The text of Maj. Gen. Millikin's welcome to the cadre is as follows:

"This evening marks the first formation of you officers and enlisted men who will, before another month passes, bring into being the 83rd Infantry Division. You are the essential skeleton framework upon which we expect to mould a fast-marching, straight-shooting, power-fighting, front line division.

"It is my honor and privilege as your Division commander to extend my personal and official greetings to each officer, each non-commissioned officer and each other soldier, and to welcome you, one and all, in joining me as charter members of this new division.

"Most of you officers I have met since reporting here. Although some are old acquaintances, most faces are new to me; but you are all fresh from your service schools and are 'on the marks,' 'a set,' ready for the word 'Go!'

Cites Parent Divisions.

"The majority of you enlisted men come to us from our parent organizations, the 2nd Cavalry Division and the 3rd Cavalry. It has been my good fortune to serve in and command, for a short period at least, both of those splendid organizations. As I watched you detrain during the last day or so, I saw familiar faces amongst the men from my old division and from the 3rd Cavalry, and there were also a few familiar mascots that were organization pets.

"To my personal knowledge, our parent units are composed of regiments and battalions with glorious war records, built upon fine traditions, fighting efficiency, organization esprit and high morale. They bear the streamers on their standards and colors that indicate to the

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First Formation Shows Efficiency

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world these characteristics. I for one know that you members of all cadres have been specially selected for this task. I know that you bring with you the traditions, splendid spirit and high morale of your former units.

"With such a background, I feel secure in the certainty that you cadremen constitute a firm and solid foundation upon which, with your help, we may likewise build and develop the 83rd Division to the highest of efficiency and morale."

1942_07_21_1B_first 83rd formation

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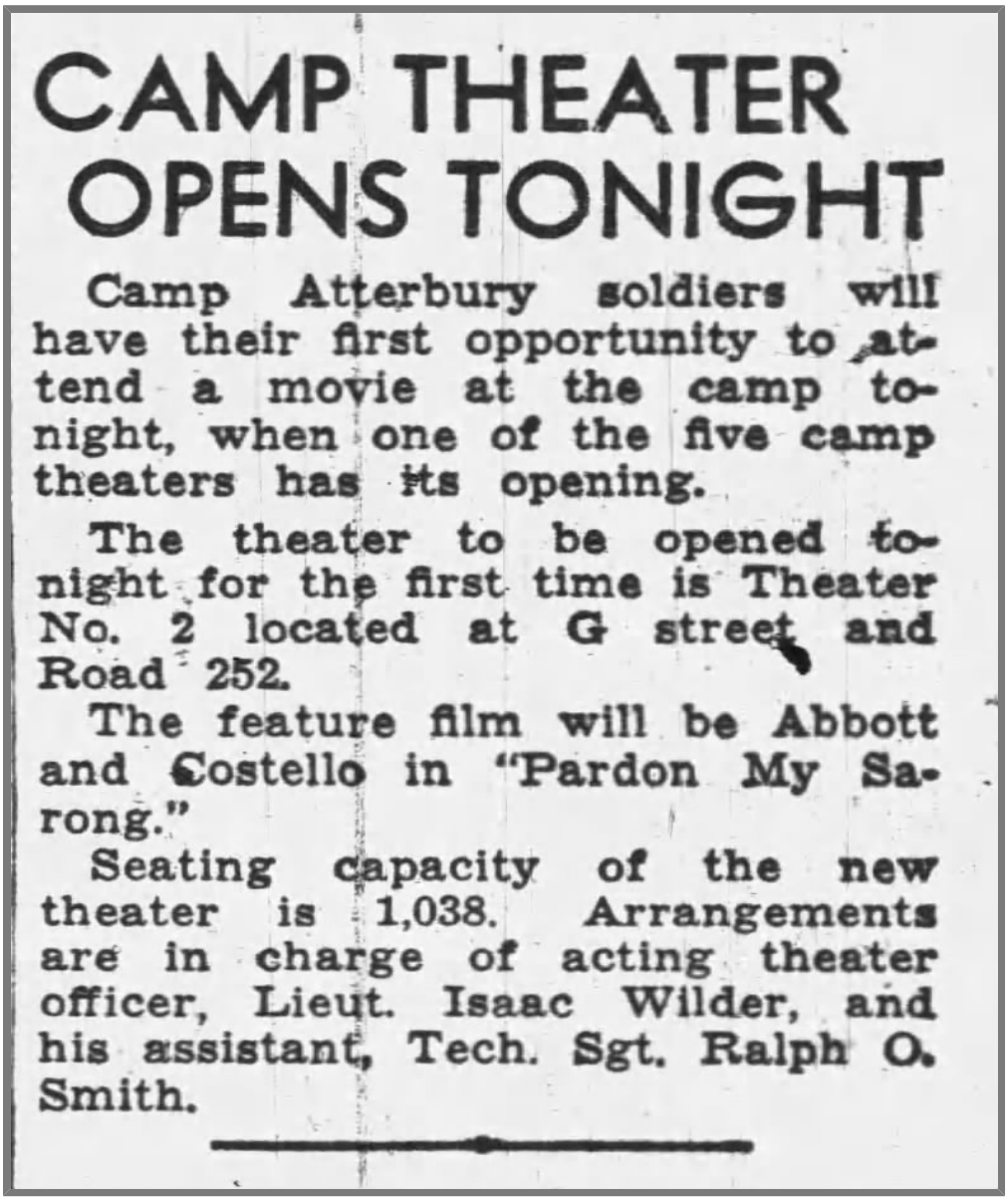

CAMP THEATER OPENS TONIGHT

Camp Atterbury soldiers will have their first opportunity to attend a movie at the camp tonight, when one of the five camp theaters has its opening.

The theater to be opened tonight for the first time is Theater No. 2 located at G street and Road 252.

The feature film will be Abbott and Costello in "Pardon My Sarong."

Seating capacity of the new theater is 1,038. Arrangements are in charge of acting theater officer, Lieut. Isaac Wilder, and his assistant, Tech. Sgt. Ralph O. Smith.

1942_08_01_Camp theater opens tonight - Abbott & Costello "Pardon My Sarong"

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SEYMOUR MAY HAVE U. S. O.

A possible site for a U. S. O. center at Seymour is being sought for entertainment of soldiers to be stationed at the new Seymour flying school and those at Camp Atterbury.

R. A. Hoyer of the Federal Security agency was in Seymour this week looking over possible locations. He plans to return later this month.

1942_08_01_2_Seymour may have USO

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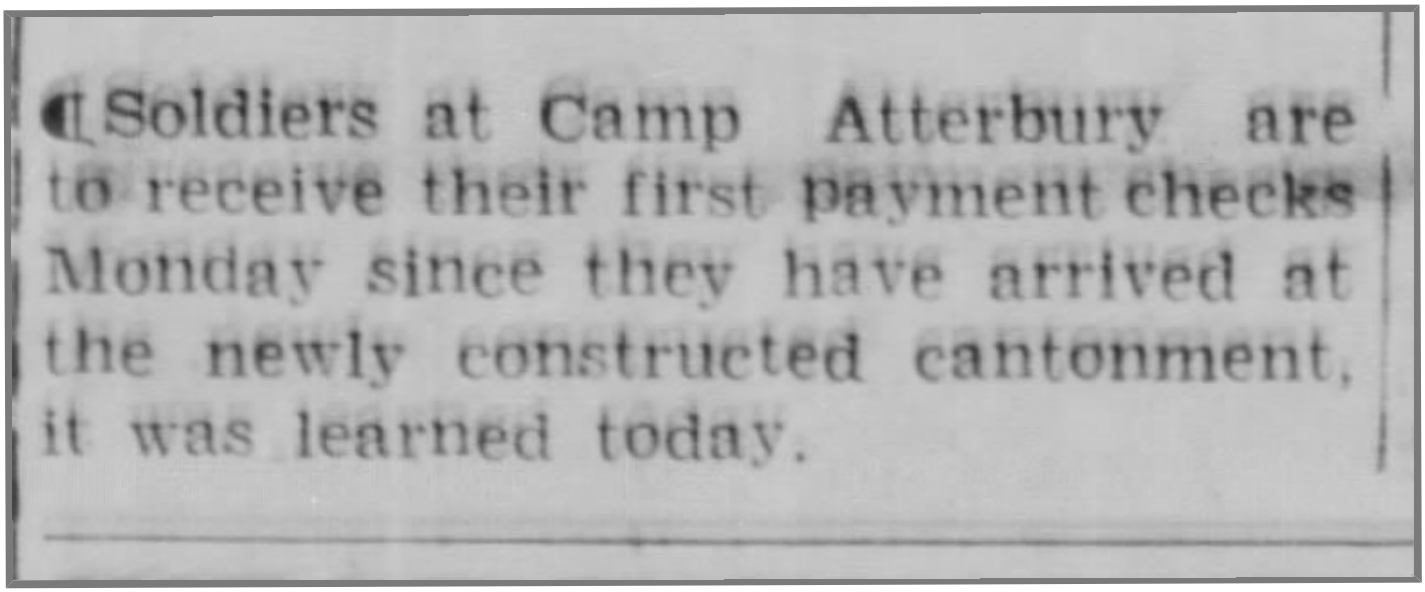
Soldiers at Camp Atterbury are to receive their first payment checks Monday since they have arrived at the newly constructed cantonment, it was learned today.

1942_08_01_3_Soldiers at camp receive first paycheck

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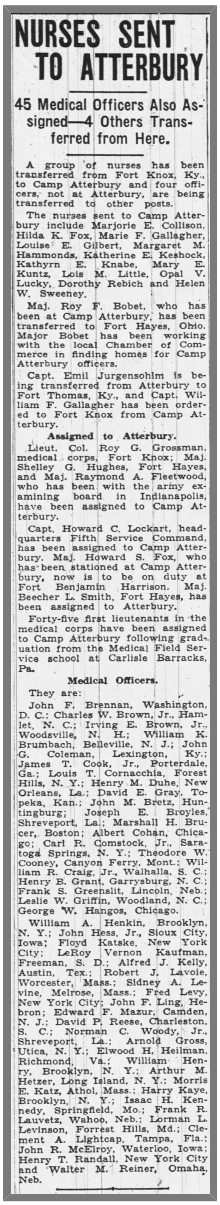

NURSES SENT TO ATTERBURY

45 Medical Officers Also Assigned—4 Others Transferred from Here.

A group of nurses has been transferred from Fort Knox, Ky., to Camp Atterbury and four officers, not at Atterbury, are being transferred to other posts.

The nurses sent to Camp Atterbury include Marjorie E. Collison, Hilda K. Fox, Marie F. Gallagher, Louise E. Gilbert, Margaret M. Hammonds, Katherine E. Keshock, Kathyrn E. Knabe, Mary E. Kuntz, Lois M. Little, Opal V. Lucky, Dorothy Rebich and Helen W. Sweeney.

Maj. Roy F. Bobet, who has been at Camp Atterbury, has been transferred to Fort Hayes, Ohio. Major Bobet has been working with the local Chamber of Commerce in finding homes for Camp Atterbury officers.

Capt. Emil Jurgensohlm is being transferred from Atterbury to Fort Thomas, Ky., and Capt. William F. Gallagher has been ordered to Fort Knox from Camp Atterbury.

Assigned to Atterbury.

Lieut. Col. Roy G. Grossman, medical corps, Fort Knox; Maj. Shelley G. Hughes, Fort Hayes, and Maj. Raymond A. Fleetwood, who has been with the army examining board in Indianapolis, have been assigned to Camp Atterbury.

Capt. Howard C. Lockart, headquarters Fifth Service Command, has been assigned to Camp Atterbury. Maj. Howard S. Fox, who has been stationed at Camp Atterbury, now is to be on duty at Fort Benjamin Harrison. Maj. Beecher L. Smith, Fort Hayes, has been assigned to Atterbury.

Forty-five first lieutenants in the medical corps have been assigned to Camp Atterbury following graduation from the Medical Field Service school at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Medical Officers.

They are:

John F. Brennan, Washington, D. C.; Charles W. Brown, Jr., Hamlet, N. C.; Irving E. Brown, Jr., Woodsville, N. H.; William K. Brumbach, Belleville, N. J.; John G. Coleman, Lexington, Ky.; James T. Cook, Jr., Porterdale, Ga.; Louis T. Cornacchia, Forest Hills, N. Y.; Henry M. Duhe, New Orleans, La.; David E. Gray, Topeka, Kan.; John M. Bretz, Huntingburg; Joseph E. Broyles, Shreveport, La.; Marshall H. Brucer, Boston; Albert Cohan, Chicago; Carl R. Comstock, Jr., Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; Theodore W. Cooney, Canyon Ferry, Mont.; William R. Craig, Jr., Walhalla, S. C.; Henry B. Grant, Garrysburg, N. C.; Frank S. Greenslit, Lincoln, Neb.; Leslie W. Griffin, Woodland, N. C.; George W. Hangos, Chicago.

William A. Henkin, Brooklyn, N. Y.; John Hess, Jr., Sioux City, Iowa; Floyd Katske, New York City; LeRoy Vernon Kaufman, Freeman, S. D.; Alfred J. Kelly, Austin, Tex.; Robert J. Lavoie, Worcester, Mass.; Sidney A. Levine, Melrose, Mass.; Fred Levy, New York City; John F. Ling, Hebron; Edward F. Mazur, Camden, N. J.; David P. Reese, Charleston, S. C.; Norman C. Woody, Jr., Shreveport, La.; Arnold Gross, Utica, N. Y.; Elwood H. Heilman, Richmond, Va.; William Henry, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Arthur M. Hetzer, Long Island, N. Y.; Morris E. Katz, Athol, Mass.; Harry Kaye, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Isaac H. Kennedy, Springfield, Mo.; Frank R. Lauvetz, Wahoo, Neb.; Lorman L. Levinson, Forrest Hills, Md.; Clement A. Lightcap, Tampa, Fla.; John R. McElroy, Waterloo, Iowa; Henry T. Randall, New York City and Walter M. Reiner, Omaha, Neb.

1942_08_03_1_Nurses and Medical Officers sent to Atterbury

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83RD SELECTS SWEETHEART

The 83rd Infantry division being activated at Camp Atterbury received its first nation-wide radio recognition Sunday morning when Horace Heidt's orchestra, broadcasting from the stage of the Circle theater in Indianapolis, dedicated its program to the new unit.

The division, during the program, designated Mimi Cabanne, featured vocalist with the Heidt orchestra, as its sweetheart.

Brown-eyed and 22, Miss Cabanne was proclaimed the sweetheart of the boys at Atterbury and presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Miss Cabanne was a natural choice for an Army sweetheart. She was born at Fort Knox, Ky., was reared in the Orient and has lived at Army posts over the country. Her great-grandfather was a general in the Civil war; her grandfather is a retired major general, and her father, Lieut. Col. John Jenkins, Jr., is stationed at Fort Bragg, N. C.

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Columbus Will Get Camp Atterbury Air Support Base

2,339 Acres North Of That City Includes Mrs. Strickler Land

Establishment of an Air Command Support Base to be located one mile northeast of Columbus has been approved and orders have been given for the purchase of 2,339.72 acres of land for the flying field site, it was learned today.

Joseph W. Springer, Camp Atterbury project manager, announced that the federal land acquisition office had been instructed to begin negotiations for the land, which includes tracts owned by Franklin and Edinburg residents.

Among the twenty-three tracts to be taken for the projects are two belonging to Mrs. Flora G. Strickler of Franklin, widow of Ferd Strickler, totaling 205 acres. One tract contains 175 acres and the other 30 acres.

Another tract of 67 acres belongs to Mrs. Roger Lounhery of Edinburg, and Charles A. Miller of near Edinburg.

For Atterbury Protection.

It was understood that the Air Command Suppose base is designed as a fighter plane protection for Camp Atterbury and other war projects in this area.

The base is said to be planned to accommodate approximately 1,000 men and will include about 90 buildings, together with runways for planes.

Buildings will be of frame construction and are classed as temporary structures.

The land and buildings in the area already have been appraised and instructions call for the purchase of the land included in the appraisal boundaries. Negotiations for signing of options with land owners will probably be started within the next ten days.

The architect-engineer for the project is the Allied Architects and Engineers Company of Indianapolis, and R. C. Lennox of Indianapolis will be the resident engineer.

Construction will be directed from Columbus.

Located In Hawpatch.

The flying field site is located in what is known as the Hawpatch section of Bartholomew county. The site is located one mile north of Columbus city limits. One corner of the area is about one-half mile southwest of the town of Clifford.

First action that revealed the area was under consideration for an airfield came on Memorial Day when crews of Army engineers started a preliminary survey of the area.

Only five of the houses included in the area are occupied by the owners of the land.

There is one cemetery, the Liberty cemetery, located inside the area.

The latest approved project puts this section of Indiana in a vital war zone, since the huge Camp Atterbury cantonment and the Seymour flying school had previously been approved.

Gets Seymour Contract.

The Birmingham Contracting Co. of Birmingham, Mich., which is building the sewage disposal plant and water supply structures for Camp Atterbury, has been awarded a contract for construction of a water system at the Seymour flying school. The cost, according to the War Department, will be under $500,000.

More than 2,200 persons will be employed on the different phases of the Seymour project by the middle or latter part of August, according to The Seymour Tribune, and contracting companies are already

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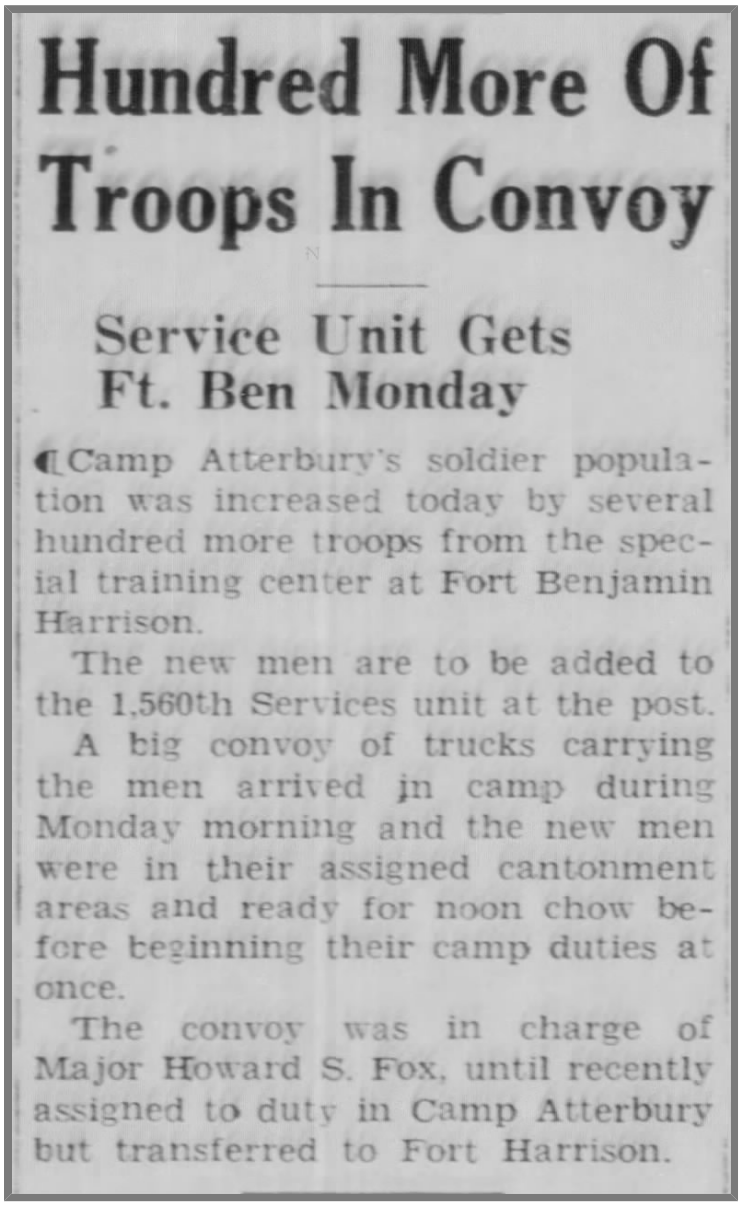

Hundred More Of Troops In Convoy

Service Unit Gets Ft. Ben Monday

Camp Atterbury's soldier population was increased today by several hundred more troops from the special training center at Fort Benjamin Harrison.

The new men are to be added to the 1,560th Services unit at the post.

A big convoy of trucks carrying the men arrived in camp during Monday morning and the new men were in their assigned cantonment areas and ready for noon chow before beginning their camp duties at once.

The convoy was in charge of Major Howard S. Fox, until recently assigned to duty in Camp Atterbury but transferred to Fort Harrison.

1942_08_04_2_More men added to 1560 SU

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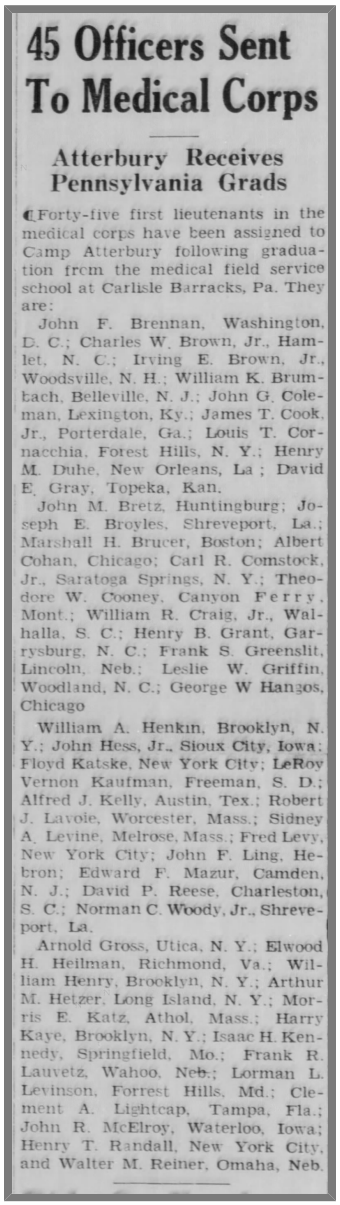

45 Officers Sent To Medical Corps

Atterbury Receives Pennsylvania Grads

Forty-five first lieutenants in the medical corps have been assigned to Camp Atterbury following graduation from the medical field service school at Carlisle Barracks, Pa. They are:

John F. Brennan, Washington, D. C.; Charles W. Brown, Jr., Hamlet, N. C.; Irving E. Brown, Jr., Woodsville, N. H.; William K. Brumbach, Belleville, N. J.; John G. Coleman, Lexington, Ky.; James T. Cook, Jr., Porterdale, Ga.; Louis T. Cornacchia, Forest Hills, N. Y.; Henry M. Duhe, New Orleans, La; David E. Gray, Topeka, Kan.

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Arnold Gross, Utica, N. Y.; Elwood H. Heilman, Richmond, Va.; William Henry, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Arthur M. Hetzer, Long Island, N. Y.; Morris E. Katz, Athol, Mass.; Harry Kaye, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Isaac H. Kennedy, Springfield, Mo.; Frank R. Lauvetz, Wahoo, Neb.; Lorman L. Levinson, Forrest Hills, Md.; Clement A. Lightcap, Tampa, Fla.; John R. McElroy, Waterloo, Iowa; Henry T. Randall, New York City, and Walter M. Reiner, Omaha, Neb.

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Bids On Further Buildings Aug. 7

17 Structures To Be Contracted Shortly

Bids for seventeen additional buildings to be erected at Camp Atterbury are being invited by the U. S. Engineers office at Louisville and are due by August 7, it was learned today.

The buildings are understood to include administration building and storehouse, connected with the recreational building, mess halls, officers quarters and other structures.

The 17 new buildings being planned are believed to be included in the 45 to 50 buildings added to the original camp plans. Also included in the additional buildings were 26 structures for a field hospital center, for which contracts already had been let.

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ENGINEERS GET SET FOR WORK ON PLANE BASE

Drafting Boards and Offices Set Up in School by Indianapolis Firm.

SEEK QUARTERS FOR 35

Primary Purpose of Field Reported to Be to Work With Atterbury Troops.

Scenes of more than a year ago at the Columbus armory when the Camp Atterbury survey got under way were being repeated today at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran school as engineers set up their offices and drafting room for work on the flying field northeast of Columbus.

As the engineers speeded to get their offices into operation, it was reliably reported that the main purpose of the flying field will be for training ground troops at Camp Atterbury and air pilots in coordinating their work as a "combat team." Such work is expected to include the spotting of artillery firing by observation planes. It was reported Monday that the field would be used primarily for fighter plane protection for Camp Atterbury, but this apparently is not true.

In location but one day, things already are beginning to buzz at the Lutheran school, where preliminary engineering work in connection with the flying field will take place.

Drafting Boards Set Up.

The Allied Architects and Engineers, Indianapolis company which is serving as architect-engineer firm for the flying field construction, has set up offices and drafting room in the large east room in the basement of the school, while Capt. Stratton O. Hammon, area engineer, is establishing his office on the main floor of the building.

Drafting boards and office equipment already have been moved into the architect-engineer department and telephones were being installed.

The Indianapolis firm has not revealed how many persons will be employed on the engineering work, but the number is expected to run fairly high and inquiries for rooms for as many as 35 persons already have been made here.

New 'Camp Workers' Coming.

When construction gets under way, Columbus will have another influx of "camp workers," although the number to be employed on the airport construction will be well under the 14,000 man top reached on Camp Atterbury. However, most of the airport workers probably will seek quarters in the town of Columbus or in smaller towns north of the airport site, including Clifford, Hope, and St. Louis Crossing, as well as in farmers' homes, many of which contain Camp Atterbury workers.

As in the case of the main base site at the Seymour flying school, the biggest part of the construction job is expected to be the laying of the field's long runways.

To Remove Trees.

Construction of the runways will necessitate removal of trees in the flying field area, grubbing out of roots and a large amount of grading. However, the already fairly level ground surface of the site will expedite the grading.

Capt. Hammon, area engineer on the flying field project, holds the same position here as that held at Camp Atterbury by Capt. W. S. Arrasmith, who formerly had his offices in the Columbus armory. Both are representatives of the U. S. Corps of Engineers out of the Louisville district office. Both are residents of Louisville, where they were architects, and were well acquainted prior to entering active service with the Army engineers.

Captain Hammon is married and has two sons and a daughter. His family will remain in Louisville while he is here. He formerly was stationed at the flying school being built near Vincennes.

1942_08_04_6_Engineers get set for work on Columbus air base

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Atterbury, Hoosier Rail Expert, Is Honored Here

Camp Named for Man Who Took Hard Way to Fame.

When Camp Atterbury, already rapidly filling with troops, is placed in complete service within a few weeks as a training post for 30,000 soldiers, the government will pay tribute to an outstanding American—a native of Hoosierland—who won the highest distinctions in the fields of military and civil transportation and whose attainments brought honors not only from his own nation, but also from five foreign countries.

Brig. Gen. William Wallace Atterbury, in whose memory this newest midwestern army training camp has been named, though not a professional soldier, was universally recognized for his achievements which played a major part in the Allied victory in the first World war.

General Atterbury was born on Jan. 31, 1866, at New Albany. His father's family, of English origin, was prominent in the upbuilding of the Middlewest, following the Revolutionary war period. On his mother's side, he was descended from the family of Elias Boudinot, at one time President of the Continental Congress."

Pershing Sends for Expert.

In July, 1917, the first World war was about to enter its final phase; the arms of America were to turn the scales. General Pershing, in France, faced the colossal task of handling the disembarkation and movement to the front of two million American soldiers and their equipment and supplies. Needing expert help, he cabled the War department for the "ablest railroad man in the United States." Secretary Baker sent him Atterbury, who was then vice-president of the Pennsylvania railroad, and head of its operating department. The railroad leader sailed for Europe at once, as director general of transportation of the American Expeditionary Forces. President Wilson and the Senate elevated him to the rank of a general officer in the United States Army.

General Atterbury's work abroad included the construction and operation of enormous harbor and railroad facilities, and bringing them into harmony with those of the Allies. Aided by a staff of picked railroad men selected by himself, each top-notch in his own field, he carried out his task with a success so conspicuous that it won immediate acclaim. His own country conferred upon him the Distinguished Service Medal. France made him a Commander of the Legion of Honor; Great Britain, a Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath; Belgium, a Commander of the Order of the Crown; Serbia, a Member of the Royal Order of the White Eagle; and Rumania, a Grand Officer of the Order of the Crown.

Atterbury was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth. In every sense of the word he was a selfmade man. His father, believing himself called to preach religion, sacrificed a promising legal career for the meagre pay of a minister in Middlewestern communities during the 1870's and '80's. In the families of both parents, however, education was a tradition, and they accordingly underwent great sacrifices to send their son to Yale, his father's alma mater. He made his way through college under trying circumstances and was graduated in the class of 1888.

Railroading had fascinated him as a boy, and he decided to make it his life's work. Holding a bachelor's degree, he nevertheless chose to begin at the bottom. For four years, 1888 to 1889, he steeled himself to the hard work and rigorous discipline of a special apprentice in the Pennsylvania railroad's Altoona, Pa., works. He received, during this period, first five cents, then seven cents, then nine cents, and finally 14 cents an hour. Nevertheless, he made himself self-supporting.

"I paid the rent for my room," he explained years afterward, "and all my expenses, by working from 13 to 14 hours a day."

Makes Rapid Advance.

Following this apprenticeship came three years of practical experience in the engine service. After that, the advancement of the brilliant young railroader was rapid. In 1892, he was promoted to assistant engineer of motive power of the main line and branches from Pittsburgh to Chicago, and the following year was placed in charge of the important locomotive and car shops at Fort Wayne. By 1903, when still not quite 37 years old, he had risen to general manager of the entire Pennsylvania system east of Pittsburgh, becoming the youngest general manager the railroad has ever had before or since.

In 1909, he was appointed a vice president and placed in charge of transportation, and in 1911, was elected a director. He became vice president in charge of operation in 1912, and in 1920, his jurisdiction was extended to include the lines of the system west of Pittsburgh, as well as the eastern lines. He was made vice president of the company in 1924, and the following year was elected president.

In 1934, because of ill health, General Atterbury declined re-election and nominated as his successor M. W. Clement, the railroad's present head. He died on September 20 of the same year.

General Atterbury believed in directing the affairs of his company by guidance and persuasion, rather than by formal command. He summed up his philosophy of leadership by saying that he felt the best test of the soundness of any idea of his own was his ability to "sell" it to his associates in the management.

Tall, straight, slender, without an ounce of superfluous flesh, General Atterbury, until his final illness, presented a picture of almost perfect health, and seemed much younger than his real years.

1942_08_05_1_Wallace Atterbury honored here

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TWO ORIENTAL AMERICANS ON DUTY AT CAMP

One of Chinese, Other of Japanese Parentage, Both Born in U. S.

TALK WITH REPORTER

Corp. Nagamoto and Corp. Ming Ready to Fight for Country.

A Chinese-American and a Japanese-American are among the soldiers stationed at Camp Atterbury, full-fledged members of the nation's fighting forces and ready to tote a gun for Uncle Sam.

Grinning from ear to ear and flashing shiny white teeth, Corp. Sien Y. Ming, Chinese doughboy born in San Francisco, said when asked what he thought of the war:

"The Japanese haven't been able to beat China in four years. How in hell beat United States?"

Ming knows something about war in China. His parents were in Canton the last time he heard from them—that was in August of 1941.

The reporter found Ming sitting on the end of his bed in the barracks, writing a letter—in English.

Glad Now He's In.

The 22-year-old Chinese youth, short but well put together, entered the Army last Oct. 17 under selective service. He wasn't over-impressed with being in the Army until the attack on Pearl Harbor. Now he's tickled he's in and hopes maybe to get a crack at Tokyo.

Ming was born in this country and while a child went to China with his parents, both of whom were born in China. He returned to the United States alone in 1936 after attending school in China. He also attended high school at Pasadena, Calif.

His particular pastime is drawing cartoons and he hopes someday to be a cartoonist. But right now his No. 1 job is being a soldier. He is a corporal in the field artillery.

Nagamoto Born in U. S.

Corp. Sadao Nagamoto, born in America of Japanese parents, also thinks the Army is O.K. and says "everybody treats me swell."

Although Nagamoto and Ming came to Camp Atterbury from the same fort, and have seen one another at various times, they are in different outfits and are not well acquainted.

Nagamoto was catching a 5-minute catnap on his cot, face covered with a towel. He got up with a grin and held out his hand.

Nagamoto, who is 24 years old, was born at Ogden, Utah, and moved to California with his parents when a child. He attended junior college for two years at the University of California and had planned to continue his studies in foreign trade.

Gets Free Beer Here.

He entered the Army under selective service nine months ago at Sacramento and is company clerk at Camp Atterbury.

Nagamoto is a little timid and his sentences end before he's said much.

But he did say he's been in Columbus once and got a free beer from a local resident who was quite surprised to find a Japanese-American among Atterbury's soldiers.

Nagamoto was surprised, too, when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and from the way he says "I was surprised" one gets the impression he was also hurt.

1942_08_05_6_Two Orientals in army at Camp Atterbury

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Hundreds More Pour into Atterbury, Despite Threating Weather.

'HAPPY DAY,' SCHRICKER

Gen. Lear Says New Division May Be in Action Within 7 Months.

An estimated crowd of 15,000 stood through a light rain this morning for the impressive reactivation ceremonies for the new 83rd Division at Camp Atterbury.

The large crowd, including hundreds from the city of Columbus on hand to see for the first time the great $40,000,000 military project which sprung up almost overnight, also was privileged to hear the famous Lieut. General Ben Lear, commanding officer of the Second Army, officially welcome the 83rd.

In his remarks, General Lear pointed out that in the 83rd he saw the beginning of a division which would prove a real asset to the nation. He asserted that, with such a cadre as that with which he was working with, it was sometimes only a period of seven months until the division was ready for combat.

Play-by-Play by Short Wave.

As the program progressed, the crowds continued to pour into the cantonment area by the hundreds. It was apparent that few were being kept away by threatening weather. The steady line of automobiles bearing Hoosier citizens was still moving into the camp at noon.

Governor Henry F. Schricker, with an escort of Indiana state armored cars, reached the camp grounds on time. The crowd was given a treat with a broadcast over the public address giving the movement of the governor's party between Indianapolis and the camp, via short wave radio broadcast from one of the military cars.

Governor Schricker, addressing the crowd, declared that it was indeed a big moment in his life to participate in such a ceremony within the bounds of what was possibly the best Indiana was known as a state of peaceful people, but in time of war it was always more than ready to do its part.

Towns to Go "All Out."

He added that he was certain that the people of Columbus, Edinburg and Franklin would go all out for the convenience and well being of the soldiers stationed at Atterbury.

Governor Schricker delivered regrets from Governor Bricker of Ohio, who was unable to attend the ceremony.

Camp Atterbury's troops moved with precision as they took their places in a hollow square on the parade ground for the ceremonies. The guides were placed on the line. The troops moved to the line and then were "dressed" by the battalion commanders.

The adjutant general faced the troops and commanded "Present arms," after which the adjutant general saluted Maj. Gen. William H. McMahon and salutes.

General McMahon, assistant commanding officer of the division, returned the salute and commanded "order arms."

A salute of 19 guns was fired as Governor Schricker and other distinguished guests arrived. As the car bearing the governor approached the reviewing stand, General McMahon commanded "present arms" and a march was played by the Fort Benjamin Harrison band.

Veterans' Commander Introduced.

Orders activating the division were then read and Gregory O'Leary, commander of the 83rd Division Veterans association of Ohio was introduced by General Milburn, who then introduced General Lear.

General McMahon faced the troops and commanded, "Battalions, attention" and "Present arms." The band played the national anthem and the "General's March" for General Lear, after which General McMahon commanded "Order arms" and "Parade rest," then faced the front.

The addresses by General Lear and Governor Schricker followed.

Fire 21-Gun Salute.

The colors and color guards took their post in front of the reviewing stand, then General McMahon brought the battalions to attention again, and marched the unit commanders to the center while the colors of the division were presented to the regimental commanders by General Milburn.

General McMahon commanded "Present arms," the band played "The Star Spangled Banner," and the national salute of 21 guns was fired.

The colors were then dedicated by the division chaplain.

The officers and colors moved to positions in front of the troops to the music of the band, and the troops then passed in review.

Scene Through Cantonment.

The big crowd of visitors swarmed over the cantonment area peering at the hundreds of buildings that sprawl over the landscape where five months ago there were wheat fields and Johnson county pastures.

First dirt for the project was turned on Feb. 5 by the Calumet Construction company, which constructed the rail spur into the camp. First grading excavation for buildings took place on Feb. 20, when the Consolidated Construction company started work on the camp's 43 big concrete block hospital buildings.

However, it was not until the first of March that the War department authorized the start of the construction of the barracks and other camp structures related

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One Casualty

This morning's ceremonies at Camp Atterbury clicked off on schedule and without any reported accidents.

The lone casualty up to noon was a soldier.

He fainted while standing in rank with the troops.

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to housing of the troops.

From then on construction moved at a dizzy pace. At one time more than 14,000 workers milled through the cantonment area, climbing over the new buildings and altered landscape like busy ants. More than 150 farm buildings were levelled and thousands of yards of dirt shoved aside. Whole hills disappeared almost overnight and new buildings sprang up between morning and night.

The peak employment was 14,491 persons and was reached on June 16.

Today, local residents toured new Camp Atterbury and saw the 83rd Infantry division being reactivated just eight months after the War department gave Columbus a big thrill by announcing that the camp would be built.

On display today was the equipment of the division, including big guns, all types of Army vehicles, anti-tank guns and field fortifications.

Lunch was served to the public and this afternoon the camp was turned over for general inspection by the visitors, the majority of whom were getting their first good look at the workings of an Army camp.

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Columbus Men Employed As Atterbury Firemen

Eleven From Here Take Jobs As Fire-Fighters At Camp.

When the fire bells clang at Camp Atterbury, many of the men who jump aboard the trucks and take off are blaze-fighters from Columbus.

At least 11 local men have taken positions in the Camp Atterbury fire department and the number is expected to increase following the second special training course which will be started next Tuesday night at Central fire station. Forty men are being sought for the course to start Tuesday night.

The positions are under civil service and most of the local men now in the Atterbury department completed the course recently given here.

From Several Towns.

The camp's firefighters also are from a number of other towns, including Edinburg, Franklin, Morgantown and North Vernon. A few of the men in the department have been transferred here from other war projects.

They man the camp's five firehouses in regular shifts, and sleeping and eating quarters are to the rear of the firehouses.

Camp Atterbury has had no serious fire and no damage to buildings. Blazes have been confined to grass fires and fires which started from spontaneous combustion in the large piles of scrap lumber in vacant areas throughout the cantonment area.

Designed to Halt Spread.

The camp's buildings are laid out in large blocks with vacant areas between so that should a serious fire break out in one of the blocks the danger of it spreading is minimized.

Some of the local men who have joined the Atterbury fire department are Oscar Durbin, 629 Fourth street; Garris Lucas, 213 Vollmer avenue; Claude Manley, 1008 Pennsylvania street; Omer Betts, 619 Fourth street; Marshall D. Kelley, 619 Indiana avenue; Albert Zeigler, Route 8; Gordon Burton, Route 3; Cecil Petro, East Columbus; Carmen Wagner, near Columbus, who was formerly a civilian guard at the camp, and Garland Armstrong and James Dickey, both of Columbus.

Also in the department are Samuel Hemphill and Howard Warfield, both of Edinburg.

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Mary, the Star's writer, found that while General Milburn didn't want to say too much about Egypt he was ready to talk about the 83rd Division.

Talks On 83rd Division.

"The 83rd Division is starting all over again," he said, "and it's going to be a good division, and I'm proud to be the commander of it. We have an excellent cadre—a skeleton force of 600 officers and 1,200 non-coms around which the division will be built—they're all hand-picked. The enlisted men will come straight from the reception centers.

"Camp Atterbury is a fine place for a camp. It's got everything we need for training—woods and a river and open fields—old farm houses and fences—it's an ideal place for training for war. We've got an awfully big job ahead of us, licking the Germans and the Japs, but the 83rd Division will help do it, though I've no notion where the division will be sent after it's been trained."

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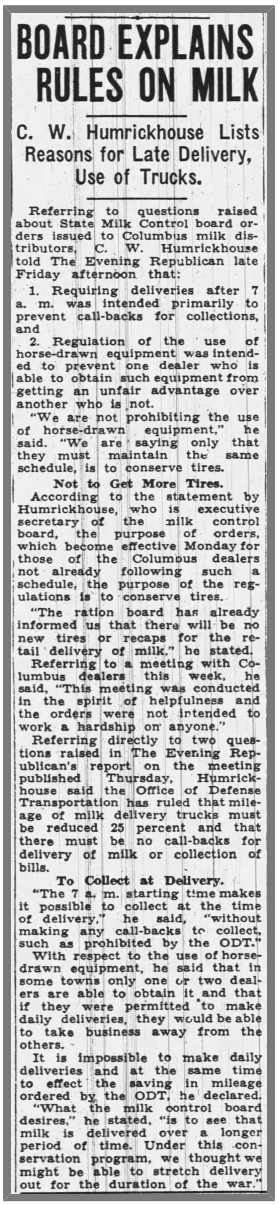

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Officers Are Hosts At Formal Dance.

The first formal dance at the Officers club was given Saturday night at Camp Atterbury, with approximately 75 couples in attendance. The party concluded the festivities of the formal opening of the camp Saturday, when thousands of visitors were entertained. One of the camp bands, composed of enlisted men, furnished the music.

Among those from Columbus attending were Lieut. and Mrs. Howard Frohman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kinney, Miss Janet Cumming, Miss Charlotte Kinney and Miss Frances Lostutter.

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Have You Noticed?

By the Observer.

There are weeks at a time when I scarcely get off the home premises—and when the noticing," consequently, is much too personal; but not so this last week-end! Beginning Saturday morning with the trek to Camp Atterbury, up to an exhausted state Sunday evening, this observer noticed enough to keep a typewriter clicking indefinitely.

Probably the most impressive thing we saw Saturday was the first view of the camp, seen when we arrived atop the high spot in the camp's wide, sweeping, new highway; this is a magnificent panorama. At about this point we picked up an attractive young Captain, and managed to get near enough the ceremonies to see the troops pass in review. Right after the ceremonies a big moment was when General Lear walked by, about six feet from us!

And then we walked—walked—and walked! Finally, some three miles from the parade ground, Roscoe and Carl Heflen who knew their way around picked us up and took us on a real tour—the hospital—the unbelievably vast laundry—a church—post exchange!

We saw Mary Bottorff at the Officers' Mess—came head-on into General Lear again—we all bowed, and called it another big moment. By the way, General Lear looks exactly as you'd picture the head of one of our armies should look—big, brown, rangy, hard and tough! Not to overlook a couple of piercing eyes.

But enough of this—from the size of the crowd most of you were there—had similar experiences; and seen through the milling mob in the Post Exchange, huddled in a telephone booth, was the editor of this paper, getting the news of the day to you for Saturday afternoon.

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Saturday night Tri Kappa was hostessing at the U.S.O., and we saw more soldiers, and discovered a new service there. A sergeant "parked" the liveliest 15 month-old baby I've ever seen, while he did some shopping!

Having talked long distance to his Daddy many times, the baby knew all about dialing, and for a few minutes it took three hostesses to save the telephone. Lillian Schmitt, who was on the desk, said it was the first time to her knowledge the local U.S.O. has been used as a nursery—but it's not a bad idea, is it?

1942_08)17_2_Writer tours camp with Gen Lear

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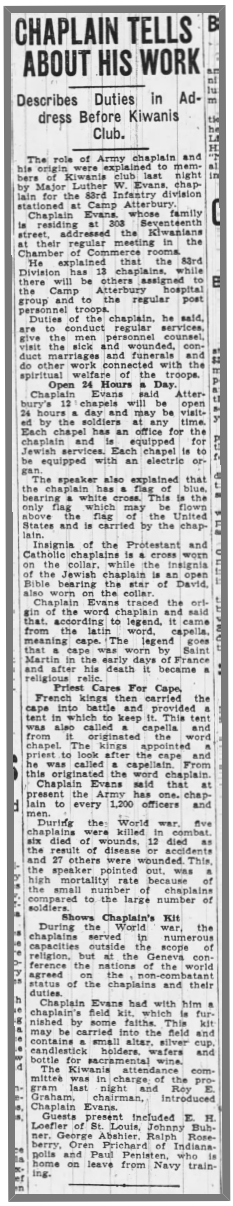

CHAPLAIN TELLS ABOUT HIS WORK

Describes Duties in Address Before Kiwanis Club.

The role of Army chaplain and his origin were explained to members of Kiwanis club last night by Major Luther W. Evans, chaplain for the 83rd Infantry division stationed at Camp Atterbury.

Chaplain Evans, whose family is residing at 303 Seventeenth street, addressed the Kiwanians at their regular meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

He explained that the 83rd Division has 13 chaplains, while there will be others assigned to the Camp Atterbury hospital group and to the regular post personnel troops.

Duties of the chaplain, he said, are to conduct regular services, give the men personnel counsel, visit the sick and wounded, conduct marriages and funerals and do other work connected with the spiritual welfare of the troops.

Open 24 Hours a Day.

Chaplain Evans said Atterbury's 12 chapels will be open 24 hours a day and may be visited by the soldiers at any time. Each chapel has an office for the chaplain and is equipped for Jewish services. Each chapel is to be equipped with an electric organ.

The speaker also explained that the chaplain has a flag of blue, bearing a white cross. This is the only flag which may be flown above the flag of the United States and is carried by the chaplain.

Insignia of the Protestant and Catholic chaplains is a cross worn on the collar, while the insignia of the Jewish chaplain is an open Bible bearing the star of David, also worn on the collar.

Chaplain Evans traced the origin of the word chaplain and said that, according to legend, it came from the latin word, capella, meaning cape. The legend goes that a cape was worn by Saint Martin in the early days of France and after his death it became a religious relic.

Priest Cares For Cape.

French kings then carried the cape into battle and provided a tent in which to keep it. This tent was also called a capella and from it originated the word chapel. The kings appointed a priest to look after the cape and he was called a capellain. From this originated the word chaplain.

Chaplain Evans said that at present the Army has one chaplain to every 1,200 officers and men.

During the World war, five chaplains were killed in combat, six died of wounds, 12 died as the result of disease or accidents and 27 others were wounded. This, the speaker pointed out, was a high mortality rate because of the small number of chaplains compared to the large number of soldiers.

Shows Chaplain's Kit

During the World war, the chaplains served in numerous capacities outside the scope of religion, but at the Geneva conference the nations of the world agreed on the non-combatant status of the chaplains and their duties.

Chaplain Evans had with him a chaplain's field kit, which is furnished by some faiths. This kit may be carried into the field and contains a small altar, silver cup, candlestick holders, wafers and bottle for sacramental wine.

The Kiwanis attendance committee was in charge of the program last night and Roy E. Graham, chairman, introduced Chaplain Evans.

Guests present included E. H. Loefler of St. Louis, Johnny Buhner, George Abshier, Ralph Roseberry, Oren Prichard of Indianapolis and Paul Penisten, who is home on leave from Navy training.

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Tables Are Turned

The Government has turned the tables on Henry L. Anthers.

He was one of the negotiators for the Government when optioning of the land for Camp Atterbury was started last winter.

Now a negotiator will call on on him, because he is the owner of land to be taken for an auxiliary airfeld near Grammer.

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Grammer Folk Excited By Project on Doorstep

The placing of an auxiliary flying field right on its outskirts is about the biggest thing that has happened to the town of Grammer since two stores and a house burned down some 20 years ago.

But it's no fun to residents of four houses which lie in the 640-acre, mile-square area to be taken by the government.

A number of residents whose houses sit just across the four roads which bound the airfield area also are wondering what it's going to be like having planes buzz over their homes. But at least they'll have a front row seat for all that goes on.

Only one of the families whose homes are on the airfield site have completed plans for moving, but with one voice all those who must leave declare they are ready to go if the government needs their land.

None Complains.

None complained Monday when they learned that the government was planning to take the land, even though it's been a blow to find that of all the mile square strips which might have been taken theirs was the one selected.

The area which has been approved for the airport consists of rolling land one-half mile south of the town of Grammer (population 153, more or less, by the 1940 census).

Grammer is 10 miles southeast of Columbus as the airplanes fly and is in Rockcreek township. It includes two general stores, churches, a school and a number of dwellings. A railroad line from Seymour to Westport runs through the town.

The airfield itself is bounded on all four sides by roads. A large section in the center of the site is covered with small trees. This section has been known to rabbit hunters as Wright's thicket.

Worries About Her Flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogan Burns, who have resided on the north side of the area for the last ten years, are among the families who will have to leave. The airfield project splits their farm, taking 40

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Tables Are Turned

The Government has turned the tables on Henry L. Anthers.

He was one of the negotiators for the Government when optioning of the land for Camp Atterbury was started last winter.

Now a negotiator will call on on him, because he is the owner of land to be taken for an auxiliary airfeld near Grammer.

1942_08_18_3_Grammer folk excited about airfield

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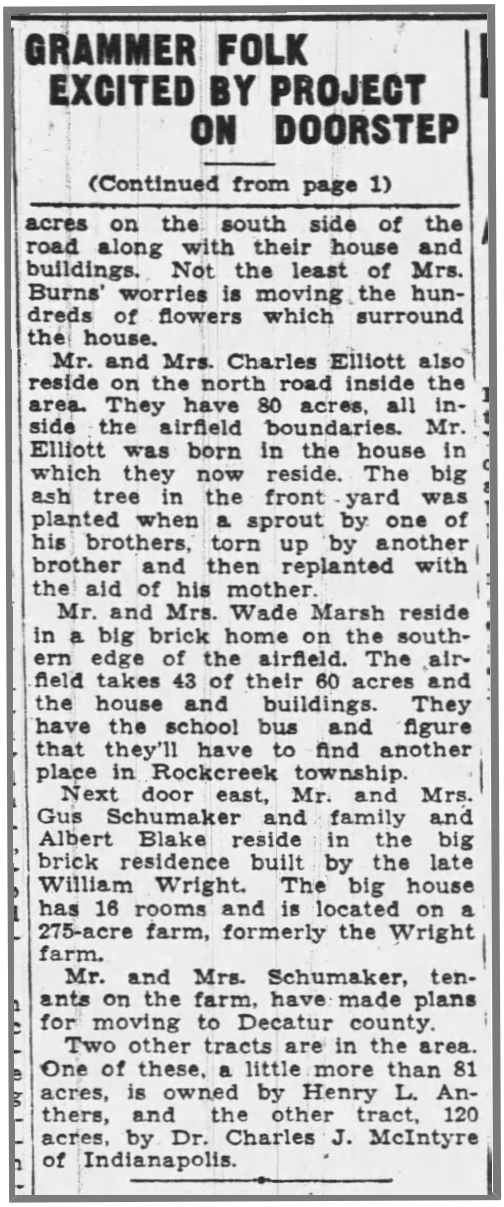

GRAMMER FOLK EXCITED BY PROJECT ON DOORSTEP

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acres on the south side of the road along with their house and buildings. Not the least of Mrs. Burns' worries is moving the hundreds of flowers which surround the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elliott also reside on the north road inside the area. They have 80 acres, all inside the airfield boundaries. Mr. Elliott was born in the house in which they now reside. The big ash tree in the front yard was planted when a sprout by one of his brothers, torn up by another brother and then replanted with the aid of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Marsh reside in a big brick home on the southern edge of the airfield. The airfield takes 43 of their 60 acres and the house and buildings. They have the school bus and figure that they'll have to find another place in Rockcreek township.

Next door east, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Schumaker and family and Albert Blake reside in the big brick residence built by the late William Wright. The big house has 16 rooms and is located on a 275-acre farm, formerly the Wright farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Schumaker, tenants on the farm, have made plans for moving to Decatur county.

Two other tracts are in the area. One of these, a little more than 81 acres, is owned by Henry L. Anthers, and the other tract, 120 acres, by Dr. Charles J. McIntyre of Indianapolis.

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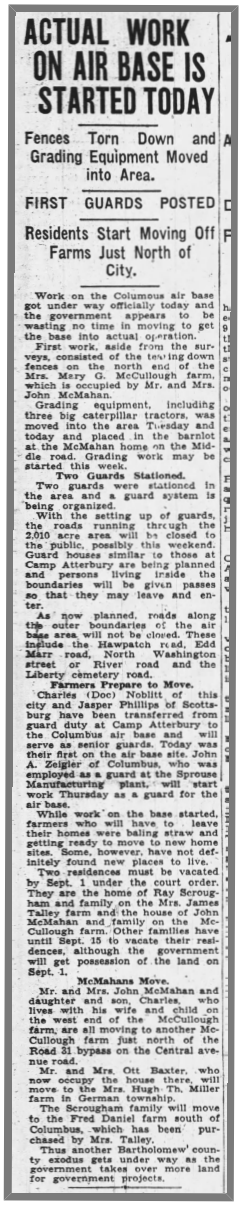

ACTUAL WORK ON AIR BASE IS STARTED TODAY

Fences Torn Down and Grading Equipment Moved into Area.

FIRST GUARDS POSTED

Residents Start Moving Off Farms Just North of City.

Work on the Columbus air base got under way officially today and the government appears to be wasting no time in moving to get the base into actual operation.

First work, aside from the surveys, consisted of the tearing down fences on the north end of the Mrs. Mary G. McCullough farm, which is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John McMahan.

Grading equipment, including three big caterpillar tractors, was moved into the area Tuesday and today and placed in the barnlot at the McMahan home on the Middle road. Grading work may be started this week.

Two Guards Stationed.

Two guards were stationed in the area and a guard system is being organized.

With the setting up of guards, the roads running through the 2,010 acre area will be closed to the public, possibly this weekend. Guard houses similar to those at Camp Atterbury are being planned and persons living inside the boundaries will be given passes so that they may leave and enter.

As now planned, roads along the outer boundaries of the air base area will not be closed. These include the Hawpatch road, Edd Marr road, North Washington street or River road and the Liberty cemetery road.

Farmers Prepare to Move.

Charles (Doc) Noblitt of this city and Jasper Phillips of Scottsburg have been transferred from guard duty at Camp Atterbury to the Columbus air base and will serve as senior guards. Today was their first on the air base site. John A. Zeigler of Columbus, who was employed as a guard at the Sprouse Manufacturing plant, will start work Thursday as a guard for the air base.

While work on the base started, farmers who will have to leave their homes were baling straw and getting ready to move to new home sites. Some, however, have not definitely found new places to live.

Two residences must be vacated by Sept. 1 under the court order. They are the home of Ray Scrougham and family on the Mrs. James Talley farm and the house of John McMahan and family on the McCullough farm. Other families have until Sept. 15 to vacate their residences, although the government will get possession of the land on Sept. 1.

McMahans Move.

Mr. and Mrs. John McMahan and daughter and son, Charles, who lives with his wife and child on the west end of the McCullough farm, are all moving to another McCullough farm just north of the Road 31 bypass on the Central avenue road.

Mr. and Mrs. Ott Baxter, who now occupy the house there, will move to the Mrs. Hugh Th. Miller farm in German township.

The Scrougham family will move to the Fred Daniel farm south of Columbus, which has been purchased by Mrs. Talley.

Thus another Bartholomew county exodus gets under way as the government takes over more land for government projects.

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5 EATING PLACES MEET APPROVAL

Columbus Establishments Get Placards on Second Inspection.

Five Columbus eating places were given approval of Army and health board officials today for entertainment of Camp Atterbury soldiers and were presented with placards designating them as approved.

Dr. Milton S. Ross, director of the local health office, said that several other places here have asked for reinspections and probably will be inspected later this week.

At last reports, seven of 33 eating establishments at Franklin have been approved, while one at Edinburg and one at Shelbyville have been given approval

None of the Columbus eating places met approval on the first inspection, but it is believed that a number will meet approval on reinspection.

1942_08_19_2_Five eating places get approval

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Camp on Air

Plans are being made for putting Camp Atterbury "on the air" and a radio program to originate from the camp is slated to start next Wednesday night as a regular weekly feature of radio station WIBC, Indianapolis.

The program will be staged at one of the camp's service clubs each week and will include numbers by soldiers stationed at the camp.

It will be broadcast from 8 to 8:30 p. m. In addition to the 30-minute broadcast, the entertainers from WIBC will give an hour's program for the soldiers.

Another program, tentatively set to start in September, also is being planned for broadcast over WISH, Indianapolis.

1942_08_19_3_Camp on the Air

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NEW BUILDING PLANS READIED

The plans for 80 additional buildings at Camp Atterbury are being completed, but these may include the 40 on which negotiations with contractors were to have been started this week.

The 80 structures include barracks, mess halls and administration buildings.

Plans for erection of 40 additional buildings were revealed earlier this week and they may be included in the 80.

Plans also are being made for painting the camp's hospital buildings. A total of 834,000 square feet of two coats of cement base paint will be required.

1942_08_20_1_80 new buildings and paint Hospital

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FIRST GUARD POST SET UP

More Fences Go in Air Base Area—Fields Cleared for Construction.

More fences were being torn down on the Columbus air base site today and a guard post was constructed on the Middle road, just north of the big Doup residence.

It is understood that a parking lot will be arranged north of the Doup residence and that present plans are for the construction companies to have their offices at the edge of the construction area.

Fences are being torn down on the Mrs. Mary G. McCullough farm and part of the fields cleared so that grading and other work can get under way. Part of the field at the southwest corner of the Middle road and the road which runs west to New Hope Christian church was being burned this afternoon and clouds of smoke drifted across the area.

Corn was being picked on the McCullough farm in order to get it out of the way of construction.

1942_08_20_2_first guard post at Columbus Air Base - Burn church

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CALLS MEETING OF ALL GROUPS

Defense Director Plans Conference on Colored Soldier Problems.

A meeting of representatives of various clubs and other organizations will be held at 8 o'clock Wednesday night at the Coca Cola bottling plant under the auspices of the civilian defense council to discuss entertainment of negro troops on leave from Camp Atterbury.

The meeting was called by Marion H. Amick, defense director, after conferences with members of the council, army officers, colored residents of the city and members of the state council of defense.

Invitations to representatives of men's and women's organizations in the county will go out this week, Mr. Amick said.

The belief that large numbers of the colored soldiers to be stationed at Atterbury will come to Columbus on leave, plus the fact that almost no facilities for entertaining them exist, resulted in the decision to bring the problem before the public as represented by the men's and women's organizations.

Meanwhile, a program was in formation at Franklin following a meeting of that city's colored residents Tuesday night in the A.M.E. church. J. Chester Allen of South Bend, negro coordinator of the state defense council, spoke. He had spoken at a similar meeting here Monday night.

The Franklin city council has given permission to the colored people to use the city hall auditorium on Thursday or Friday nights and it is possible that weekly entertainments will be arranged for the negro troops.

PHOTOGRAPHER TO JOIN ARMY

Don M. Miller, proprietor of the Miller Studio, 421½ Washington street, is going to use his photographic talents in the Army.

Miller, who announced Wednesday that his studio would be closed for the duration of the war, will leave Sept. 1 for Hollywood, Calif., where he will be with the motion picture division of the Signal corps.

After an 8-week training course under some of Hollywood's outstanding movie producers, Miller is slated to receive a commission in the Signal corps.

He will be accompanied to Hollywood by Mrs. Miller, whose parents reside in the state of Washington. He has operated the studio here for the last two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller reside at 624 Sixth street.

WINS FIRST IN STATE CONTEST

John Harrod Buhner, grandson of Dr. C. G. Harrod of Columbus, won first prize in the state Hampshire lamb show held this week at Connersville.

His entries place first in the single ewe lamb class and fourth in the yearling ewe class.

The Hampshire show was one of the best ever held in the state and attracted a larger entry than at Indianapolis last year.

1942_08_20_3_Meeting to discuss colored troops

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Fire Department to Get $25,000 Equipment Loan

Still Faces Shortage of Personnel to Man Extra Pumps.

The Columbus fire department is slated to get $25,000 worth of equipment from the government as a loan for the duration of the war, but still faces a shortage of auxiliary firemen to man the equipment.

Fire Chief James D. Kallor said that more auxiliary firemen are needed urgently and that persons may apply at Central fire station.

The auxiliary firemen will be trained under the civilian defense program and will take regular courses in fire-fighting.

The equipment is being lent by the government as part of the civilian defense protection program and will be manned by the auxiliary firemen along with the regular fire force in case of a major conflagration in the city.

Early Arrival Expected.

The equipment is expected to arrive here in the near future. It will include a trailer pump and two skid pumps, each with an output of 500 gallons of water a minute.

The trailer pump is mounted on its own wheels. The pump is driven by a gasoline motor and there are racks for carrying hose on the trailer.

The skid pumps, which are also powered by gasoline motors, will be mounted on truck chassis. The chassis also will be equipped for carrying hose.

After arriving at a fire, the skid pumps can be removed from the trucks and carried wherever needed.

The city council has already turned over to the fire department a 1½ ton Chevrolet truck chassis from the street department.

Overhauled by Firemen.

This truck chassis has been overhauled and painted by the firemen and when the skid pumps arrive one will be placed on it.

The fire department still needs another truck chassis. It must be a 1½ ton Chevrolet, Dodge or Ford truck.

In addition to the pumps, the fire department will receive from the government gas masks, first aid supplies and other equipment.

The trailer pump and skid pumps, mounted on the truck chassis will be stationed at selected points in the city, so that the city's fire-fighting defenses will not be grouped in any one spot, where they might all be put out of action by sabotage or air attack.

After the first aid equipment arrives, plans are being made for setting up first aid stations at both Central fire station and Fire station No. 2.

3 MARRIED MEN IN DRAFT OF 43

1942_08_20_4_Columbus Fire Dept gets 25000 equipment loan

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CAMP TO GET NEW TRAINEES

More than 2.600 selectees from the special training center at Fort Benjamin Harrison are to be assigned to Camp Atterbury and other posts, following closing of the Fort Harrison training center Saturday.

Officers and enlisted men now at the center will return to their permanent stations.

1942_08_21_9_camp gets 2600 new trainees from Ft Ben

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FRANKLIN U.S.O. PLAN APPROVED

To Lease Hall—Dance Is Held for Officers at Atterbury.

The city of Franklin has completed plans for a temporary U. S. O. center and the plans have been approved.

The temporary center will be established in the Red Men's hall at Franklin. The hall is being leased for one year and will be re-decorated and re-arranged.

A dance for Camp Atterbury officers was held Thursday night in the service club building at the camp and was in charge of the Franklin U. S. O. organization. It was the first of its kind held at the camp and U. S. O. girls from Franklin were taken to the camp in busses.

A dance for enlisted men will be held Saturday night in the Franklin city hall auditorium.

Present plans at Franklin call for at least two weekly activities for soldiers, one of them an outdoor affair while the summer weather lasts.

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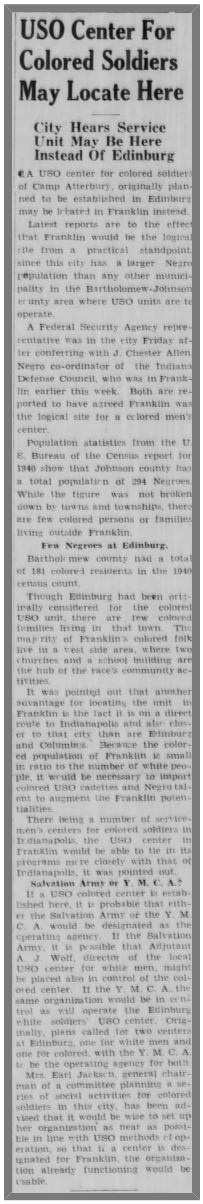

USO Center For Colored Soldiers May Locate Here

City Hears Service Unit May Be Here Instead Of Edinburg

A USO center for colored soldiers of Camp Atterbury, originally planned to be established in Edinburg may be located in Franklin instead.

Latest reports are to the effect that Franklin would be the logical site from a practical standpoint since this city has a larger Negro population than any other municipality in the Bartholomew-Johnson county area where USO units are to operate.

A Federal Security Agency representative was in the city Friday after conferring with J. Chester Allen, Negro co-ordinator of the Indiana Defense Council, who was in Franklin earlier this week. Both are reported to have agreed Franklin was the logical site for a colored men's center.

Population statistics from the U. S. Bureau of the Census report for 1940 show that Johnson county has a total population of 294 Negroes. While the figure was not broken down by towns and townships, there are few colored persons or families living outside Franklin.

Few Negroes at Edinburg.

Bartholomew county had a total of 181 colored residents in the 1940 census count.

Though Edinburg had been originally considered for the colored USO unit, there are few colored families living in that town. The majority of Franklin's colored folk live in a west side area, where two churches and a school building are the hub of the race's community activities.

It was pointed out that another advantage for locating the unit in Franklin is the fact it is on a direct route to Indianapolis and also closer to that city than are Edinburg and Columbus. Because the colored population of Franklin is small in ratio to the number of white people, it would be necessary to import colored USO cadettes and Negro talent to augment the Franklin potentialities.

There being a number of service-men's centers for colored soldiers in Indianapolis, the USO center in Franklin would be able to tie in its programs more closely with that of Indianapolis, it was pointed out.

Salvation Army or Y. M. C. A.?

If a USO colored center is established here, it is probable that either the Salvation Army or the Y. M. C. A. would be designated as the operating agency. If the Salvation Army, it is possible that Adjutant A. J. Wolf, director of the local USO center for white men, might be placed also in control of the colored center. If the Y. M. C. A., the same organization would be in control as will operate the Edinburg white soldiers' USO center. Originally, plans called for two centers at Edinburg, one for white men and one for colored, with the Y. M. C. A. to be the operating agency for both.

Mrs. Earl Jackson, general chairman of a committee planning a series of social activities for colored soldiers in this city, has been advised that it would be wise to set up her organization as near as possible in line with USO methods of operation, so that if a center is designated for Franklin, the organization already functioning would be usable.

1942_08_22_9_Colored USO may end up in Franklin

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Gen. Milburn Was University Coach

(Camp Atterbury, Aug. 22.—(Special)—Brig. Gen. Frank W. Milburn, commander o the 83rd Infantry Division, is well equipped to put a fighting unit together.

Besides having many years of Army experience, he was head football coach for Montana University, then in the Pacific Coast League, from 1926 to 1931. General Milburn, a star halfback at West Point before graduating in 1914, also coached baseball for the Western school.

1942_08_22_2_Gen Milburn was university football coach

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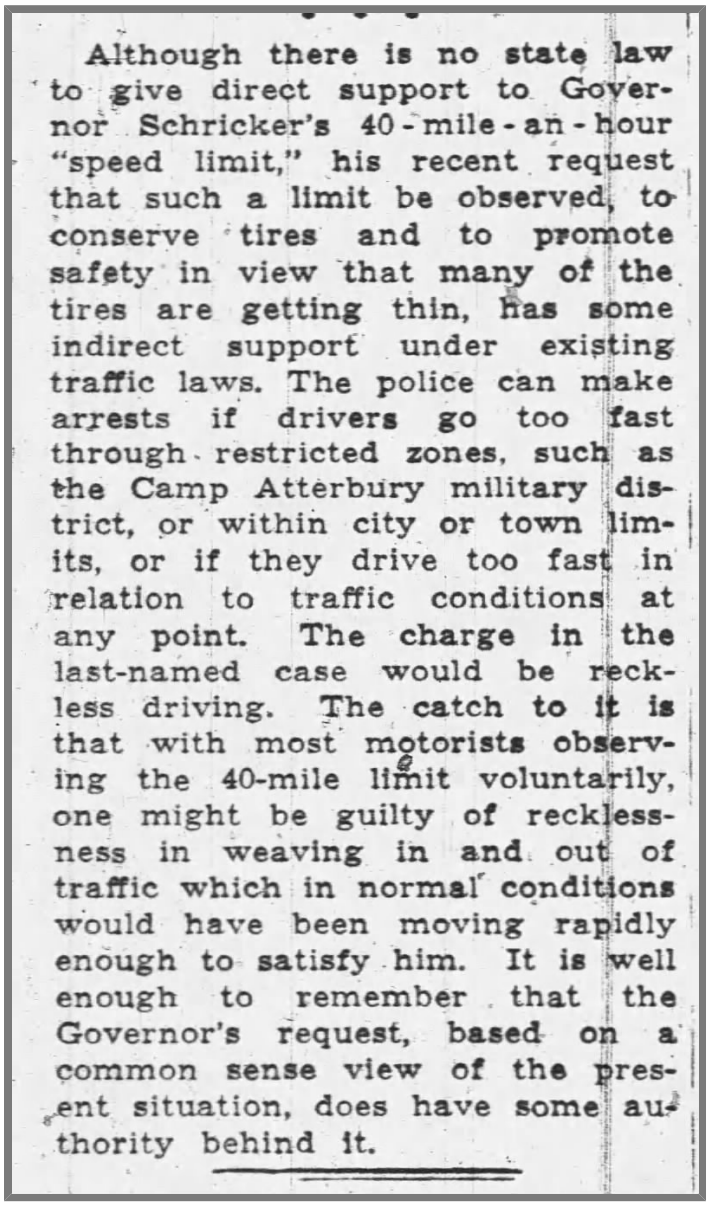

Although there is no state law to give direct support to Governor Schricker's 40-mile-an-hour "speed limit," his recent request that such a limit be observed, to conserve tires and to promote safety in view that many of the tires are getting thin, has some indirect support under existing traffic laws. The police can make arrests if drivers go too fast through restricted zones, such as the Camp Atterbury military district, or within city or town limits, or if they drive too fast in relation to traffic conditions at any point. The charge in the last-named case would be reckless driving. The catch to it is that with most motorists observing the 40-mile limit voluntarily, one might be guilty of recklessness in weaving in and out of traffic which in normal conditions would have been moving rapidly enough to satisfy him. It is well enough to remember that the Governor's request, based on a common sense view of the present situation, does have some authority behind it.

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ALLEN TO TALK AT CONFERENCE

Negro Member of State Defense Council to Speak Wednesday.

J. Chester Allen of South Bend, negro member of the state council of civilian defense, will be the speaker at a meeting here Wednesday night to consider inter-racial problems connected with Camp Atterbury.

The meeting to be held in the Coca Cola building, beginning at 8 o'clock, will be for representatives of the various men's and women's organizations in the city.

Marion H. Amick, county civilian defense director, said invitations had been mailed to about 100 representatives of organizations but that some might have been overlooked. He said he would appreciate any civic organization sending a representative if it was missed.

Allen spoke at a recent meeting of colored men and women here, called by the defense council.

1942_08_24_2_Allen to speak on inter-racial problems

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NORTH VERNON AIDS AIRPORT

Work on the Seymour flying school has spread to the town of North Vernon, where the Independent Tile company of Indianapolis has opened a plant to make concrete sewer tile to be used for the Seymour airfield.

The tile will be in four sizes, ranging from 48 inches to 66 inches in diameter. Stone and sand are being obtained from the Frank quarry at North Vernon.

1942_08_24_3_North Vernon aids Seymour airport

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EDINBURG U.S.O. SITE SELECTED

Temporary Center Planned in 2-Story Kellams Garage Building.

A temporary U. S. O. center at Edinburg will be located in the Kellams garage building, it has been decided.

A representative of the regional U. S. O. building committee and an architect, meeting with a citizens' committee Friday at Edinburg, decided on the site.

The building is a 2-story affair with one large room on each floor. Present plans are to use the entire second floor and a large portion of the first floor for U. S. O. activities, while the garage business of A. W. Kellams will remain on part of the ground floor.

'Y' to Operate It.

The Y. M. C. A. has been designated as operating agency for the Edinburg unit and a director is expected to be sent to Edinburg soon to get plans for temporary facilities under way as soon as possible.

A permanent building has been applied for, but is as yet unapproved. A site in Eden park was donated by the town board many months ago.

A U. S. O. center for colored soldiers of Camp Atterbury, originally planned to be established at Edinburg may be located in Franklin instead, according to the Franklin Star.

Reports are to the effect that Franklin would be the logical site as that city has a larger negro population than any other municipality in the Bartholomew-Johnson county area.

1942_08_24_4_Edinburg selects site for USO

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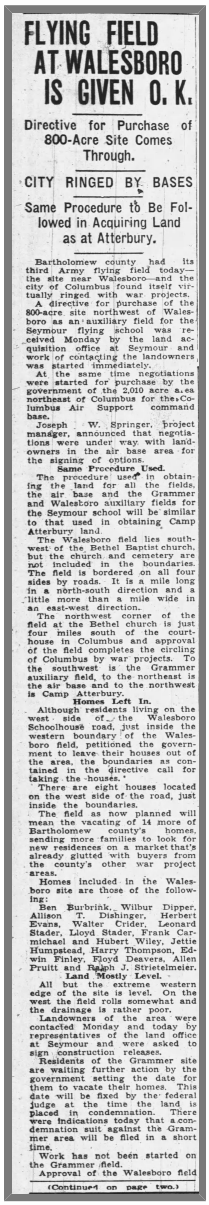

FLYING FIELD AT WALESBORO IS GIVEN O. K.

Directive for Purchase of 800-Acre Site Comes Through.

CITY RINGED BY BASES

Same Procedure to Be Followed in Acquiring Land as at Atterbury.

Bartholomew county had its third Army flying field today—the site near Walesboro—and the city of Columbus found itself virtually ringed with war projects.

A directive for purchase of the 800-acre site northwest of Walesboro as an auxiliary field for the Seymour flying school was received Monday by the land acquisition office at Seymour and work of contacting the landowners was started immediately.

At the same time negotiations were started for purchase by the government of the 2,010 acre area northeast of Columbus for the Columbus Air Support command base.

Joseph W. Springer, project manager, announced that negotiations were under way with landowners in the air base area for the signing of options.

Same Procedure Used.

The procedure used in obtaining the land for all the fields, the air base and the Grammer and Walesboro auxiliary fields for the Seymour school will be similar to that used in obtaining Camp Atterbury land.

The Walesboro field lies southwest of the Bethel Baptist church, but the church and cemetery are not included in the boundaries. The field is bordered on all four sides by roads. It is a mile long in a north-south direction and a little more than a mile wide in an east-west direction.

The northwest corner of the field at the Bethel church is just four miles south of the courthouse in Columbus and approval of the field completes the circling of Columbus by war projects. To the southwest is the Grammer auxiliary field, to the northeast is the air base and to the northwest is Camp Atterbury.

Homes Left In.

Although residents living on the west side of the Walesboro Schoolhouse road, just inside the western boundary of the Walesboro field, petitioned the government to leave their houses out of the area, the boundaries as contained in the directive call for taking the houses.

There are eight houses located on the west side of the road, just inside the boundaries.

The field as now planned will mean the vacating of 14 more of Bartholomew county's homes, sending more families to look for new residences on a market that's already glutted with buyers from the county's other war project areas.

Homes included in the Walesboro site are those of the following:

Ben Burbrink, Wilbur Dipper, Allison T. Dishinger, Herbert Evans, Walter Crider, Leonard Stader, Lloyd Stader, Frank Carmichael and Hubert Wiley, Jettie Humpstead, Harry Thompson, Edwin Finley, Floyd Deavers, Allen Pruitt and Ralph J. Strietelmeier.

Land Mostly Level.

All but the extreme western edge of the site is level. On the west the field rolls somewhat and the drainage is rather poor.

Landowners of the area were contacted Monday and today by representatives of the land office at Seymour and were asked to sign construction releases.

Residents of the Grammer site are waiting further action by the government setting the date for them to vacate their homes. This date will be fixed by the federal judge at the time the land is placed in condemnation. There were indications today that a condemnation suit against the Grammer area will be filed in a short time.

Work has not been started on the Grammer field.

Approval of the Walesboro field

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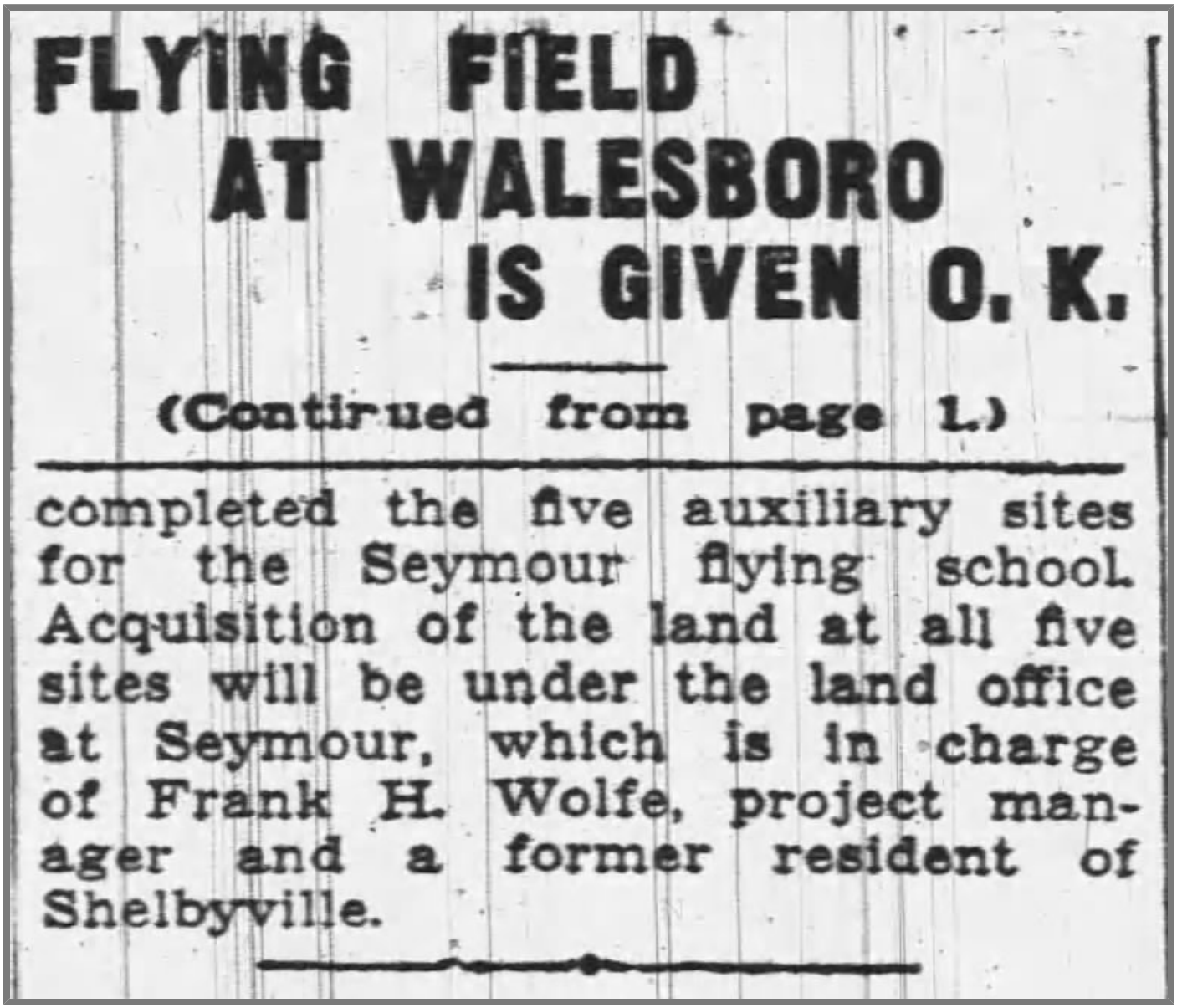

FLYING FIELD AT WALESBORO IS GIVEN O. K.

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completed the five auxiliary sites for the Seymour flying school. Acquisition of the land at all five sites will be under the land office at Seymour, which is in charge of Frank H. Wolfe, project manager and a former resident of Shelbyville.

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MAIN CAMP JOB IS NEARLY DONE; 2,500 WORKING

Construction Boom Fades as Employment Falls to Low Level.

SELECTEES COME LATER

Postponement of Arrival of Big Contingents Gives Time to Finish.

Work on the original sections of Camp Atterbury is almost finished and the major portion of work still to be done is that of completing road construction.

The "boom" from the camp construction has almost faded away and total employment has dropped to around 2,500 persons. Many sections of the camp appear almost deserted compared to the swarms of workers who a few weeks ago filled the area.

Work is progressing on two additions to the camp, but the number employed in these sections is small compared to the over-all job.

Civilians guards, under the Corps of Engineers, are still employed at the camp, but part of their duties are being taken over by the military police.

Lieut. Clemmens Leaves.

Lieut. Eugene Clemmens, who was an assistant to Capt. W. S. Arrasmith, area engineer, has been transferred from Atterbury to the district office of the Engineers at Louisville. He reported for his new assignment Monday. Lieutenant and Mrs. Clemmens and family had resided at 1535 Twenty-fifth street.

The first large contingents of new selectees, who will make up the 83rd Infantry division, were expected at Camp Atterbury this month, but their arrival has been postponed. As a result, the camp will be in much better shape, both in construction and organization, to receive the new men.

While only a fraction of Camp Atterbury's peak quota of troops is now at the post, a full program of entertainment is being arranged.

Radio Audition Monday.

An audition was held at the camp Monday afternoon to select talent for a show to be staged at the camp next Monday night. The show, "Radio Revels," is being sponsored by the 83rd Division, but will be for all troops at the camp.

The program will be given at theater No. 2 at 7:30 o'clock and will be broadcast over stations WIBC, WISH, WIRE and WFBM, all of Indianapolis.

Entertainers from all four radio stations will take part, as well as the soldiers and winners in the talent contest held by the Red Gables at Indianapolis. An attempt also is being made to obtain Frank Sinatra, singer with Tommy Dorsey's orchestra, as a guest artist.

'Meet the Yanks.'

Plans have been completed for the first of a weekly radio program feature to be broadcast from the camp each Wednesday night over radio station WIBC. This program will be from 8:05 to 8:30 p. m. and will be known as "Meet the Yanks." The talent will include soldiers stationed at the camp and entertainers from the radio station.

WIBC already has started an early morning program linked to Camp Atterbury. It is known as "Keep It Private" and is on the air from 6:30 to 7 a. m.

Plans also are being made for a distinctive feature to be broadcast twice a week from Camp Atterbury. It will be a 15-minute radio program over station WISH. The program will originate from one of the camp's chapels and will be entitled "Time for Taps." The program will be on from 10:15 to 10:30 p. m. and will include a commentator, organist and singer. It will be similar to the "Moon River" program of WLW.

1942_08_25_4_Main camp job nearly done

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LOWER GERMAN TAX RATE SEEN

Township to Ask Reduction of at Least 40 Percent.

A substantial reduction in the proposed $1 tax levy in German township was indicated Tuesday by Leonard R. Thayer, county auditor.

Increased valuation of $805,900 added from Nineveh township and money turned over to German from Nineveh were the reasons given for the expected cut.

Last year the rate was $1.66.

Recommendations to the county council, which will act on the township budgets Sept. 8, may ask for a reduction of at least 40 percent in the German rate.

Poor Levy Eliminated.

Trustee Harry Dinn has eliminated the 4-cent poor relief levy imposed in German township last year, as one more indication of the wartime boom which Bartholomew county is enjoying.

The unit proposes to collect $13,090 next year compared to $17,502 this year and $15,033 last year.

In the tuition fund there is a $5,400 item for teachers salaries and $3,000 for school transfers.

Interest due on the bond fund showed a $160 decrease from the $1,000 due this year.

The budget calls for spending $720 for the trustee's salary, $150 for traveling expenses, $300 for supplies, printing and advertising, $15 for wages to the advisory board, $50 for care of cemeteries, $25 for examination of records, and $150 miscellaneous.

Other Budget Items.

The special school fund calls for $300 for repair of buildings and care of grounds, $200 for repairs to bus equipment, $200 for furniture, $300 for janitor's supplies, and $700 for fuel, $800 janitor's services, $4,475 for transportation of children, $300 for light and power and miscellaneous $165.

The actual balance as of July 31 of this year was $1,675 in the township fund, $6,565 in special school fund, $2,570 in tuition fund, and $735 in the bond fund.

The budget calls for $3,780 to be raised for expenses to the end of this year. Of this amount $2,380 is for the special school fund and the remainder for the bond fund.

Trustee Dinn's budget lists taxable property in Edinburg at $12,845, a decrease of $690.

Taxable polls totaled 177 in the township exclusive of Edinburg and two in that city.

1942_08_25_3_Lower German Twp tax rate seen

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Permanent Employes are Needed at Atterbury

A serious shortage of civilian labor is developing at Camp Atterbury and, although many workers from neighboring towns have gone to the camp, many more are needed.

As the camp continues to call for men and women, towns nearby are finding it harder and harder to meet their own labor requirements and those of the camp, too.

Franklin has lost half its police force to Atterbury.

The two members of the 4-man force who quit are Earl Rynerson and Marion Featherngill. Rynerson took a job as a policeman at the camp and Featherngill as a fireman.

Franklin officials said the men quit because of the city council's failure to meet new salary demands. Franklin has been paying its police officers $1,300 a year.

Still Need Laundry Help.

Civil service officials are running into considerable trouble in trying to find workers to operate Atterbury's big laundry. Approximately 275 employes will be hired at the laundry.

Other civil service jobs which must be filled at the camp include those for stenographers and typists, $1,260 to $1,440; shoe repairmen, both trainees and skilled, $1,140 to $1,380; an accountant with previous experience for work with a construction company, $1,800 to $2,300, and an assistant clerk, with railway or transportation experience, $1,440 to $1,620.

Persons interested in the camp jobs may apply at the U. S. Employment service office, 430 Third street.

The shortage of workers also is being felt in local defense plants. Many have lost workers to the Army and to larger Indianapolis industries.

As a result, several local industries are planning to hire more women in anticipation of heavier losses to selective service.

1942_08_25_4_Permanent employees needed at Atterbury

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ARMY BAKES ITS BREAD AT CAMP

Puts Out Its Own Loaves in Ultra-Modern Plant at Atterbury.

Camp Atterbury, Aug. 25—The thousands of officers and men at this newly-opened training camp, the home of the 83rd Infantry division, Monday began eating vitamin-enriched bread made in their own post bakery, operating on a 24-hour schedule to meet the demands of the fast-growing population of hungry soldiers.

Until now, private baking firms have furnished the camp bread.

Pound and a quarter loaves made to the famous army recipe began coming out of the ovens Friday on a test run, but it was not until Monday that the new bakery, completely sunlighted, swung into regular production under the direction of First Lieut. Henry J. Spatz and Technical Sgt. James T. Fink, who is chief baker. In addition, a baking school will be conducted by Staff Sgt. A. L. Sparks, technician third grade. The school will be under the supervision of the chief baking school of the Fifth Service command, which is located at Fort Knox, Ky.

To Open Cooks' School.

Announcement was made also of the opening soon of a camp school for cooks with Staff Sgt. Joseph T. Ater as instructor. Operation of cooks' and bakers' schools in the Fifth Service command is under the direction of Lieut. Col. Frank E. Noyes, who is assisted by Maj. William J. B. Cline.

Automatic machinery that would be the pride of any commercial bakery, processes the ingredients of Camp Atterbury bread with perfect control of temperature and humidity factors, producing bread perfectly uniform in texture and quality.

Nowhere in the baking is it necessary to handle flour, dough, or anything else; and the two ovens, each capable of holding 640 loaves, have circulating heat and automatic controls that assure even baking throughout.

The bread is delivered to the mess halls as quickly as possible, without slicing. When the full complement of troops is in training here the bakery will employ approximately 30 bakers on a 24-hour schedule.

1942_08_25_5_Army bakes it's own bread

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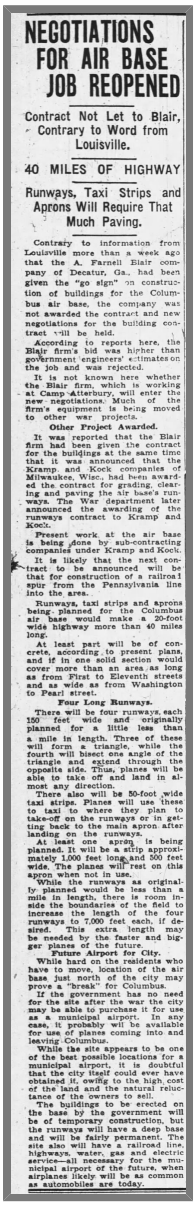

NEGOTIATIONS FOR AIR BASE JOB REOPENED

Contract Not Let to Blair, Contrary to Word from Louisville.

40 MILES OF HIGHWAY

Runways, Taxi Strips and Aprons Will Require That Much Paving.

Contrary to information from Louisville more than a week ago that the A. Farnell Blair company of Decatur, Ga., had been given the "go sign" on construction of buildings for the Columbus air base, the company was not awarded the contract and new negotiations for the building contract will be held.

According to reports here, the Blair firm's bid was higher than government engineers' estimates on the job and was rejected.

It is not known here whether the Blair firm, which is working at Camp Atterbury, will enter the new negotiations. Much of the firm's equipment is being moved to other war projects.

Other Project Awarded.

It was reported that the Blair firm had been given the contract for the buildings at the same time that it was announced that the Kramp and Kock companies of Milwaukee, Wisc., had been awarded the contract for grading, clearing and paving the air base's runways. The War department later announced the awarding of the runways contract to Kramp and Kock.

Present work at the air base is being done by sub-contracting companies under Kramp and Kock.

It is likely that the next contract to be announced will be that for construction of a railroad spur from the Pennsylvania line into the area.

Runways, taxi strips and aprons being planned for the Columbus air base would make a 20-foot wide highway more than 40 miles long.

At least part will be of concrete, according to present plans, and if in one solid section would cover more than an area as long as from First to Eleventh streets and as wide as from Washington to Pearl street.

Four Long Runways.

There will be four runways, each 150 feet wide and originally planned for a little less than a mile in length. Three of these will form a triangle, while the fourth will bisect one angle of the triangle and extend through the opposite side. Thus, planes will be able to take off and land in almost any direction.

There also will be 50-foot wide taxi strips. Planes will use these to taxi to where they plan to take-off on the runways or in getting back to the main apron after landing on the runways.

At least one apron is being planned. It will be a strip approximately 1,000 feet long and 500 feet wide. The planes will rest on this apron when not in use.

While the runways as originally planned would be less than a mile in length, there is room inside the boundaries of the field to increase the length of the four runways to 7,000 feet each, if desired. This extra length may be needed by the faster and bigger planes of the future.

Future Airport for City.

While hard on the residents who have to move, location of the air base just north of the city may prove a "break" for Columbus.

If the government has no need for the site after the war the city may be able to purchase it for use as a municipal airport. In any case, it probably will be available for use of planes coming into and leaving Columbus.

While the site appears to be one of the best possible locations for a municipal airport, it is doubtful that the city itself could ever have obtained it, owing to the high cost of the land and the natural reluctance of the owners to sell.

The buildings to be erected on the base by the government will be of temporary construction, but the runways will have a deep base and will be fairly permanent. The site also will have a railroad line, highways, water, gas and electric service—all necessary for the municipal airport of the future, when airplanes likely will be as common as automobiles are today.

1942_08_26_1_Negotiations for Columbus air base reopened

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Large-Scale Grading at Air Base Gets Under Way

First large-scale grading was started on the Columbus air base today and big graders and dirt haulers were busy in the field north of the John McMahan residence on the Middle road.

The grading is being done for the field's runways, the courses of which have been staked out.

Equipment in action today included a large grader with conveyor attachment which loads the dirt into a big dirt hauler as fast as it is graded. The dirt haulers move alongside the grader and are loaded as the grading progresses.

Trees Cut Down.

Some trees also are being cut down and more equipment was moved into the area today.

The speed with which contractors are getting actual work under way indicates that the air base job will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible.

Four guard posts have now been erected, one at each of the four entrances to the interior of the air base area. A guard office will be set up at the employment office building which has been constructed at the extreme south end of the area on Middle road. Other guards are being added to the local project and include Emil Noblitt and Albert Prewitt. Prewitt is being transferred from Camp Atterbury.

Other activity in the area today included work by Bell Telephone company linemen who were stringing a telephone cable onto the site for telephones needed by the construction companies.

A number of farm families near the flying field are planning to provide sleeping rooms for the air base workers and have listed their sleeping rooms. Many of them formerly had Camp Atterbury workers in their homes.

1942_08_26_2_Large scale grading of Cols airport begins

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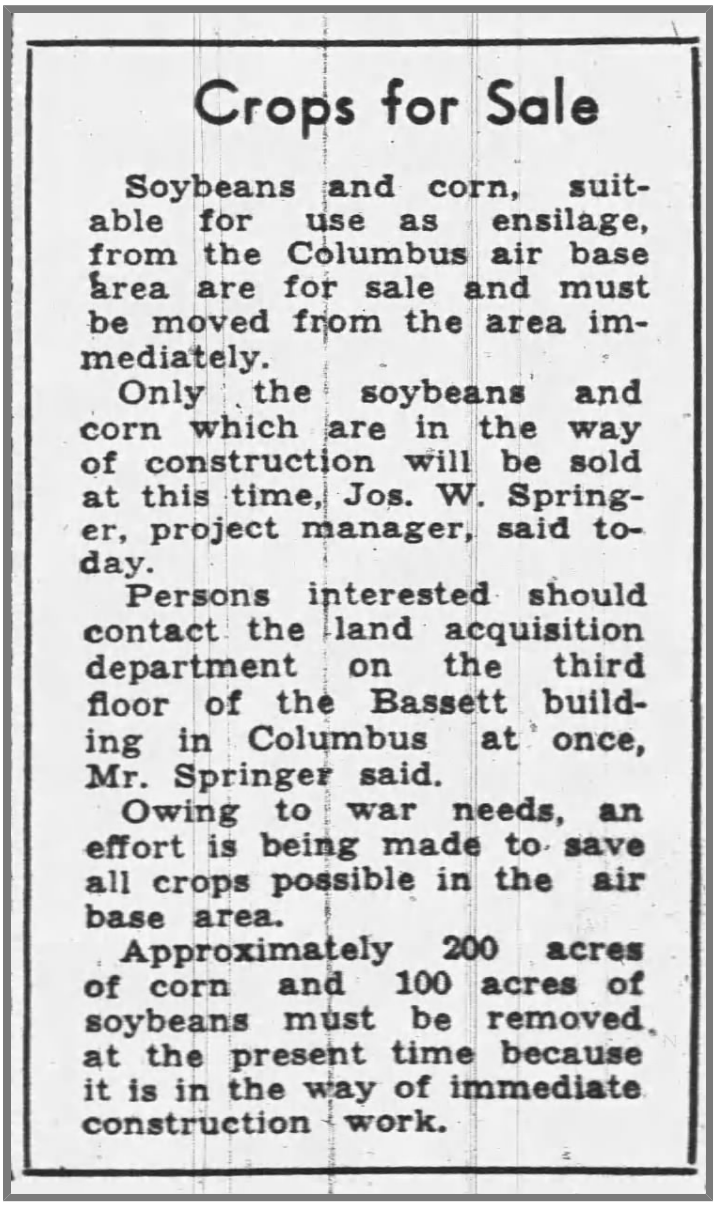

Crops for Sale

Soybeans and corn, suitable for use as ensilage, from the Columbus air base area are for sale and must be moved from the area immediately.

Only the soybeans and corn which are in the way of construction will be sold at this time, Jos. W. Springer, project manager, said today.

Persons interested should contact the land acquisition department on the third floor of the Bassett building in Columbus at once, Mr. Springer said.

Owing to war needs, an effort is being made to save all crops possible in the air base area.

Approximately 200 acres of corn and 100 acres of soybeans must be removed at the present time because it is in the way of immediate construction work.

1942_08_26_3_Cols airport crops for sale

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FIX DANCE FOR NEGRO TROOPS

The city of Franklin will have its first dance for colored soldiers at Camp Atterbury Thursday night.

The dance will be staged from 8 to 11:30 o'clock in the Franklin city hall.

Frank Reynolds' orchestra will furnish the music. Private Andrew Ruffin of Camp Atterbury, C. M. P., will also assist in entertaining.

Fifty Cadettes and five hostesses from Indianapolis will be present to assist Franklin in entertaining the boys from Atterbury.

1942_08_26_4_First Dance for Negro troops Franklin City Hall

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COLONELS MEET AGAIN AT CAMP

Edinburg, Aug. 26—Col. Welton M. Modisette, commandant of Camp Atterbury, and Lieut. Col. George Middleton of Fort Sill, Okla., who became close friends while stationed in Panama following the World war, met Tuesday for their first time since leaving Panama several years ago.

Colonel Middleton, who is here visiting his mother, Mrs. J. T. Middleton, returned home when invited with his mother, to be the luncheon guests of Colonel Modisette at the new Army camp since a part of it is the large farm formerly owned by the heirs of the late Dr. J. T. Middleton, for years Edinburg physician and former president of the Johnson County National bank.

1942_08_26_5_Two Cols meet at camp

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Each day you run into someone who has just seen Camp Atterbury for the first time—and is he, or she, impressed! And each time we hear this raving, the whole camp project flashes before us—the first "inkle" there would be a camp—our reactions—the incoming of the surveyors—land men—the architectural force at the armory—the actual building—the officers—the soldiers—and the final grand opening of the camp.

Now we hear the men who have built this marvelous camp are leaving, and we are sorry; many of them and their families have been our friends. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse T. Johnson, who have been in Columbus a year and two months, are leaving next week for another building project connected with the war, but there is a difference in this leaving; they have liked it here and will be back—they are leaving their furniture to anchor them. And so it may be in many other cases where visitors-on-business have found Columbus a pleasant place to live.

1942_08_26_6_Hate to see them leave

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APARTMENTS IN LARGE DEMAND

100 of Three-Room Size With Bath Could Be Rented.

More persons connected with Camp Atterbury and the Columbus air base under construction here have found living quarters in Columbus, but the Chamber of Commerce rental service waiting list continues to grow.

Particularly in demand are 3-room apartments with private baths. According to the rental waiting list, more than 100 such apartments could be rented immediately if they were available.

Requests have decreased slightly the last two days, but another large group of officers to be stationed at Camp Atterbury is expected in the near future.

Recent Rentals.

Among persons who have rented property in Columbus recently are the following:

Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Robert Naylor have rented the Roy T. Marshall residence at 1628 Washington street and plan to move into the house about Sept. 7. Mrs. Marshall and daughter, Margaret Ann, are planning to go to Austin, Tex.

Lieut. and Mrs. T. Davenport are residing at 2408 Union street.

Lieut. and Mrs. H. M. Duhe are residing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn W. Thompson, 1750 Lafayette avenue.

Lieut. Paul M. Ambrose is residing at 2233 Chestnut street.

Lieut. and Mrs. R. E. Kretschmor are residing at 1314 Lafayette avenue.

Theodore Frank, connected with the air base, is staying at 2315 Chestnut street.

L. W. Larimore, also connected with the air base, is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hart, 1736 Lafayette avenue.

Miss Evelyn Seward and Miss Alta Redmond, local teachers, who were working in the rental service office, have quit in preparation for the start of the school term and Mrs. Maude McCaslin has returned to the office following a vacation.

1942_08_27_1_Columbus apartments in large demand

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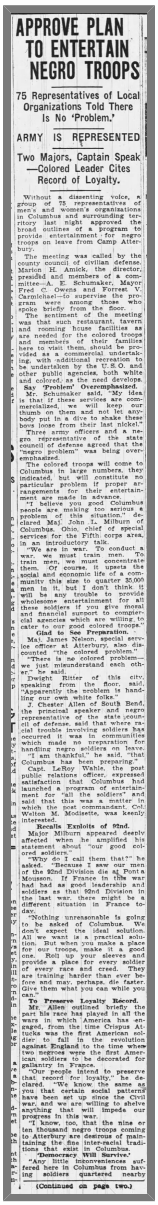

APPROVE PLAN TO ENTERTAIN NEGRO TROOPS

75 Representatives of Local Organizations Told There Is No 'Problem,'

ARMY IS REPRESENTED

Two Majors, Captain Speak —Colored Leader Cites Record of Loyalty.

Without a dissenting voice, a group of 75 representatives of men's and women's organizations in Columbus and surrounding territory last night approved the broad outlines of a program to provide entertainment for negro troops on leave from Camp Atterbury.

The meeting was called by the county council of civilian defense. Marion H. Amick, the director, presided and members of a committee—A. E. Schumaker, Mayor Fred C. Owens and Forrest V. Carmichael—to supervise the program were among those who spoke briefly from the floor.

The sentiment of the meeting was that such restaurant, tavern and rooming house facilities as are needed for the colored troops and members of their families who come here to visit them, should be provided by a commercial undertaking, with additional recreation to be undertaken by the U.S.O. and other public agencies, both white and colored, as the need develops.

Say 'Problem' Overemphasized.

Mr. Schumaker said, "My idea is that if these services are commercialized, we will keep our thumb on them and not let anybody put in a dive to shake these boys loose from their soldier pay."

Three army officers and a representative of the state council of defense agreed that the "negro problem" was being overemphasized.

The colored troops will come to Columbus in large numbers, they indicated, but will constitute no particular problem if proper arrangements for their entertainment are made in advance.

"I believe you good Columbus people are making too much of the problem," declared Maj. John L. Milburn of Columbus, Ohio, chief of special services for the Fifth corps area, in an introductory talk.

"We are in war. To conduct a war, we must train men. To train men, we must concentrate them. Of course, it upsets the social and economic life of a community this size to quarter 25,000 men in it, but I don't think it will be any trouble to provide wholesome entertainment for all these soldiers. It is a matter of social pursuit to complement the services which are willing to cater to our good colored troops."

Glad to See Preparation.

Maj. James Nelson, special service officer at Atterbury, also discounted "the colored problem."

"There is no colored problem—we just misunderstand each other," he said.

Dwight Ritter of this city, speaking from the floor, said, "Apparently the problem is handling our white folks."

Chester Allen of South Bend, the principal speaker and negro representative of the state council of defense, said that where racial trouble involving soldiers has occurred it was in communities which made no preparation for handling negro soldiers on leave.

"I am thankful," he said, "that Columbus has been preparing."

Capt. LeRoy White, the post public relations officer, said with satisfaction that Columbus had made a program of entertainment for "all the soldiers" and said that this was a matter in which the post commandant, Col. Welton M. Modisette, was keenly interested.

Recalls Exploits of 92nd.

Major Milburn appeared deeply affected when he amplified his statement about "our good colored soldiers."

"Why do I call them that?" he asked. "Because I saw our men of the 92nd Division die at Pont a Mousson. If France in the war had had as good leadership and soldiers as that 92nd Division in the last war, there might be a different situation in France today.

"Nothing unreasonable is going to be asked of Columbus. We don't expect the ideal solution. All we want is a practical solution. Let's get together, Columbus, for our troops, make it a good one. Roll up your sleeves and provide a place for every soldier of every race and creed. They are training harder than ever before and may, perhaps, die faster. Give them what you can while you can."

To Preserve Loyalty Record.

Mr. Allen outlined briefly the part his race has played in all the wars in which America has engaged. "Crispus Attucks, negro sailor, was the first American soldier to fall in the revolution against England to the time when two negroes were the first American soldiers to be decorated for gallantry in France.

"Our people intend to preserve that record for loyalty," he declared. "We know the same as you that certain social patterns have been set up since the Civil war, but we are willing to shelve anything that will impede our progress in this war.

"I know, too, that the nine or ten thousand negro troops coming to Atterbury are desirous of maintaining the fine inter-racial traditions that exist in Columbus.

"Democracy Will Survive."

"Any little inconveniences suffered here in Columbus from having soldiers quartered nearby

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1942_08_27_2_Approve plan to entertain Negro troops in Columbus - 92nd mentioned

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APPROVE 2 MORE EATING PLACES

9 in City Now Have Placards —Number at Franklin Is 12.

Two more eating places in Columbus have been given approval for serving Camp Atterbury soldiers and the city is running a fairly close second to Franklin in the number of places so far approved.

There are now nine eating places in Columbus which have been presented with placards designating them as approved. These placards are presented on a temporary basis and may be withdrawn at any time if the eating places fall below the required standards.

At last reports, 12 of Franklin's 33 eating places had been given approval. Two eating places are now approved at Shelbyville, while none is approved at Seymour.

Eating places at Morgantown and Martinsville were inspected this week, completing the inspection of eating places in larger towns in the area around Camp Atterbury.

1942_08_27_2_Approve two more eating places

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CHAPEL RITES AT ATTERBURY

One of the 12 chapels at Camp Atterbury will be open Sunday for the first services to be conducted in a chapel at the new camp.

Within the next week the division chapel is slated for completion and services will be held in it, dedicating all the camp chapels.

1942_08_27_4_Chapel rites at 83rd Division Chapel

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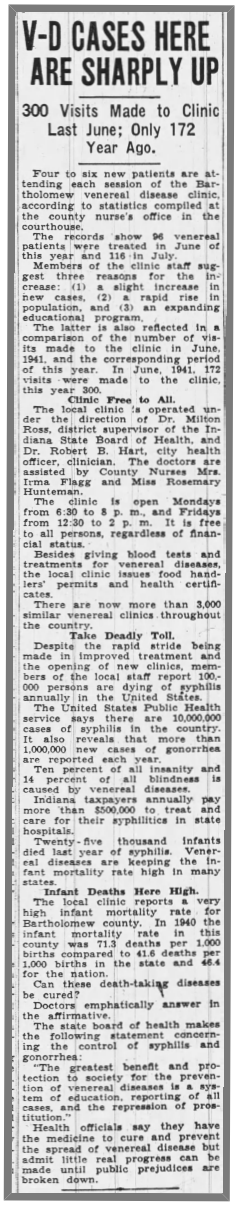

V-D CASES HERE ARE SHARPLY UP

300 Visits Made to Clinic Last June; Only 172 Year Ago.

Four to six new patients are attending each session of the Bartholomew venereal disease clinic, according to statistics compiled at the county nurse's office in the courthouse.

The records show 96 venereal patients were treated in June of this year and 116 in July.

Members of the clinic staff suggest three reasons for the increase: (1) a slight increase in new cases, (2) a rapid rise in population, and (3) an expanding educational program.

The latter is also reflected in a comparison of the number of visits made to the clinic in June, 1941, and the corresponding period of this year. In June, 1941, 172 visits were made to the clinic, this year 300.

Clinic Free to All.

The local clinic is operated under the direction of Dr. Milton Ross, district supervisor of the Indiana State Board of Health, and Dr. Robert B. Hart, city health officer, clinician. The doctors are assisted by County Nurses Mrs. Irma Flagg and Miss Rosemary Hunteman.

The clinic is open Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p. m., and Fridays from 12:30 to 2 p. m. It is free to all persons, regardless of financial status.

Besides giving blood tests and treatments for venereal diseases, the local clinic issues food handlers' permits and health certificates.

There are now more than 3,000 similar venereal clinics throughout the country.

Take Deadly Toll.

Despite the rapid stride being made in improved treatment and the opening of new clinics, members of the local staff report 100,000 persons are dying of syphilis annually in the United States.

The United States Public Health service says there are 10,000,000 cases of syphilis in the country. It also reveals that more than 1,000,000 new cases of gonorrhea are reported each year.

Ten percent of all insanity and 14 percent of all blindness is caused by venereal diseases.

Indiana taxpayers annually pay more than $500,000 to treat and care for their syphilitics in state hospitals.

Twenty-five thousand infants died last year of syphilis. Venereal diseases are keeping the infant mortality rate high in many states.

Infant Deaths Here High.

The local clinic reports a very high infant mortality rate for Bartholomew county. In 1940 the infant mortality rate in this county was 71.3 deaths per 1,000 births compared to 41.6 deaths per 1,000 births in the state and 46.4 for the nation.

Can these death-taking diseases be cured?

Doctors emphatically answer in the affirmative.

The state board of health makes the following statement concerning the control of syphilis and gonorrhea:

"The greatest benefit and protection to society for the prevention of venereal diseases is a system of education, reporting of all cases, and the repression of prostitution."

Health officials say they have the medicine to cure and prevent the spread of venereal disease but admit little real progress can be made until public prejudices are broken down.

1942_08_27_5_VD cases in Barth Cty up sharply

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Prepare for Work on Air Base Rail Lines

First equipment for construction of a railroad switch and the first carload of lumber were moved into the Columbus air base area Thursday, while more heavy grading equipment was moved in today.

Approximately one-half mile of track will be put down for the Pennsylvania railroad switch which will run along one edge of the air base boundary.

It is understood that the grading and laying of track for the railroad spur inside the air base area proper will be done by the Central Engineering Construction company of Indianapolis.

Actual work of putting down the switch is expected to start within the next few days.

Grading for the field's runways was continuing today, the big graders looking from a distance like a group of tanks.

Buildings at South.

At present only a small number of construction workers have been hired, but more are arriving each day.

As now planned, it is understood, most of the air base buildings will be in the southern end of the area and the base's arrangement and facilities will be like Camp Atterbury on a smaller scale.

Roads and streets will run through the building area. The main entrance, as tentatively planned, will be by way of the Middle road from the south.

The buildings will be of frame construction and will be similar to those at Camp Atterbury. As parts of the project are still in the planning stage, there probably will be numerous changes before its completion. However, original plans are understood to call for approximately 90 buildings. As in the case of Atterbury, this number may be increased before the project is completed.

As now laid out, the building area will be arranged so that there will be ample room for expansion and addition of more structures should they be desired by the War department.

In addition to barracks, mess halls and other facility buildings for the men, the cantonment section will have at least one post exchange and at least one big repair hangar. An oil storage and dispensing system also will be included, along with a fire department.

It is likely that the cantonment also will include hospital facilities.

The field will have its own electric, gas, water, sewage and drainage systems, making it an entirely independent city of perhaps around 1,000 persons, sitting on the outskirts of Columbus.

1942_08_28_9_Prepare for work on rail lines Columbus air base

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CAMP LAUNDRY READY TO BEGIN

Will Give Thousands of Soldiers Fast Service at Low Cost.

Camp Atterbury's big, new laundry is ready to begin operation keeping the clothes of thousands of the camp's soldiers clean, Col. Welton M. Modisette, camp commander, announced today.

However, with the institution ready for operation, Army officials are confronted with the immediate problem of finding sufficient civilian workers, both men and women, to man the hundreds of machines that go to make a laundry which can give thousands of soldiers two and 3-day laundry service at the cost of only $1.50 a month.

The maximum capacity of the laundry is a military secret, just as is the exact number of men who will be trained at Camp Atterbury, but it has been announced that somewhere in the neighborhood of 300 workers will be employed at the laundry.

Call for Workers.

Calls for laundry workers have gone out to civilians in towns and communities neighboring the camp, informing them that jobs at the laundry await them with pay while they are learning to operate the machines to which they will be assigned.

A group of trained workers gleaned from leading commercial laundries are now at work in the laundry under the supervision of Ray Birren, civilian superintendent, and are ready to begin classes of instruction for workers.

The Atterbury laundry is Indiana's largest and newest, as well as most modern and its steady customers shouldn't have need to complain about fading, shrinking or damaging of clothing or equipment.

Modern equipment installed makes possible low temperature washing with mild, neutral soaps and consequently means longer life for garments.

The laundry building itself is big and roomy and has overhead windows for increased lighting and ventilation.

1942_08_28_2_Camp Laundry ready to begin. Burnt to the ground by Job Corps enrollees cir 1999

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er rents and higher food, fuel and clothing costs have gained as much as it looks. Likewise farmers, looking at the apparent rise in revenues, will be disappointed somewhat when the net earnings figure is established. In other words—no one makes a real profit out of war.

Damon Runyon, the columnist, came forth with an idea which has possibilities but has not been "thought out," as to an aid in softening the after the war shock and unemployment. He says the government should be before-handed in making plans and arrangements by which the great war aviation industry should be turned as near immediately as possible from the production of war craft to the production of peace-time cargo and passenger planes. The idea is alright. The point is—if they didn't do what else would they do with the big plants; and why should the government be "rung in" on the proposition? Wouldn't native American ingenuity dictate this course very surely without governmental guidance? Rather than to try to do this by edict, would it not be better to let the experts of transportation, aviation and manufacture work out the types, plans and modifications on a basis which would insure profitable operations. There are some types of loads, under certain conditions which can be moved economically by air. There are other conditions where this can never be done. Even then, with this new form of activity explcited to the limit and the market thoroughly saturated, the number of planes needed for this work would only be a small portion of present war requirements.

Seek Employes for Laundry at Camp Atterbury

CAMP ATTERBURY, Ind., Aug. 28. —Indiana's largest and newest, as well as most modern, laundry is ready to begin operation to keep the clothes of the thousands of Camp Atterbury soldiers clean, Colonel Welton M. Modisette, camp commander, announced today.

However, with such an institution ready for operation, Army officials are confronted with the immediate problem of finding sufficient civilian workers, men and women, to man the hundreds of machines that go to make a laundry which can gve thousands of soldiers two to three-day service at the cost of only $1.50 per month.

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A group of trained workers gleaned from leading commercial laundries are now at work in the laundry under the supervision of Ray Birren, civilian superintendent, ready to begin classes of instruction for workers.

The maximum capacity of the laundry is a military secret, just as is the number of men who will train here, but it has been announced that somewhere in the neighborhood of three-hundred workers will be employed.

This laundry's many steady customers will not complain about fading, shrinking, or damaging of clothing or equipment, because the finest all-new equipment has been installed, making possible low temperature washing with mild, neutral soaps and a consequent long life for all garments.

All the equipment, which has been laid out by laundry machinery experts to produce the greatest amount of output, embodies every safey feature yet devised. The building has been designed with overhead windows, for fine lighting and ample ventilation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Plummer and family and Marjorie Jean Roland, of near Cumberland, and Mr. and Mrs. William Merchant, of Indianapolis, spent Sunday in Brown county sight-seeing.

Find Pair of Glasses

A pair of horn-rimmed eye glasses have been found on the first floor of the county courthouse and the owner may have same by identifying them at the county jail.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Moore have moved from the country to 326 Main street.

1942_08_28_4_Seek civilian employees for new camp laundry

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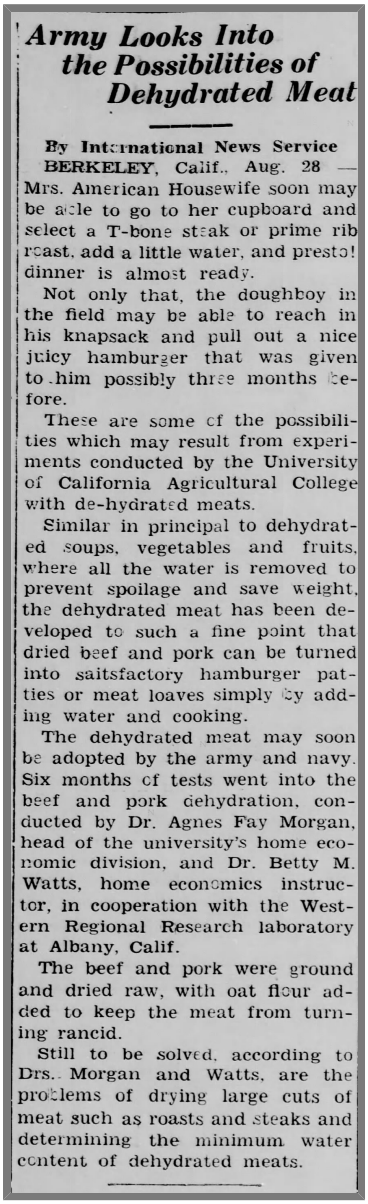

Army Looks Into the Possibilities of Dehydrated Meat

By International News Service

BERKELEY, Calif., Aug. 28 — Mrs. American Housewife soon may be able to go to her cupboard and select a T-bone steak or prime rib roast, add a little water, and presto! dinner is almost ready.

Not only that, the doughboy in the field may be able to reach in his knapsack and pull out a nice juicy hamburger that was given to him possibly three months before.

These are some of the possibilities which may result from experiments conducted by the University of California Agricultural College with de-hydrated meats.

Similar in principal to dehydrated soups, vegetables and fruits, where all the water is removed to prevent spoilage and save weight, the dehydrated meat has been developed to such a fine point that dried beef and pork can be turned into saitsfactory hamburger patties or meat loaves simply by adding water and cooking.

The dehydrated meat may soon be adopted by the army and navy. Six months of tests went into the beef and pork dehydration, conducted by Dr. Agnes Fay Morgan, head of the university's home economic division, and Dr. Betty M. Watts, home economics instructor, in cooperation with the Western Regional Research laboratory at Albany, Calif.

The beef and pork were ground and dried raw, with oat flour added to keep the meat from turning rancid.

Still to be solved, according to Drs. Morgan and Watts, are the problems of drying large cuts of meat such as roasts and steaks and determining the minimum water content of dehydrated meats.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Office of Price Administration

SPECIAL PURPOSE APPLICATION
for
Sugar Purchase Certificate

NOT TO BE FILLED IN BY APPLICANT
Local Rationing Board No. _____
County _____ State _____
Date _____

IMPORTANT

This form is to be used in applying for a Sugar Purchase Certificate necessitated by a special purpose such as home canning. Applicant must present this application along with War Ration Books of each member of family unit to local OPA War Price and Rationing Board. If application is mailed to local OPA War Price and Rationing Board, a stamped and addressed return envelope must be mailed in with application, along with the War Ration Books of each member of the family unit.

1. Name of applicant _____ War Ration Book No. _____
2. Address _____
   Number Street City County State
3. Names of the other individuals in the Family Unit, and Serial No. of War Ration Book held by each:

   Name _____ War Ration Book No. _____
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4. Number of quarts of fruit of all kinds canned in year 1941 _____
5. Amount of sugar already obtained in 1942 on previous applications for home canning _____ lbs.
6. Amount of canning sugar still unused out of previous canning allotments _____ lbs.
7. Number of quarts of fruit canned with sugar already obtained on previous applications in 1942 _____.
8. Number of quarts of fruit now in possession of Family Unit, or individual applying _____
9. Number of quarts of fruit to be canned between date of this application and December 31, 1942 _____
10. Number of pounds of sugar for which application is made _____ lbs. (IMPORTANT: Applicant is entitled to receive only one pound of sugar for each four quarts of finished canned fruits or fruit juices for home consumption.)
11. Number of additional pounds of sugar needed for preserves, jams, jellies or fruit butters? _____ lbs. (IMPORTANT: Only one pound of sugar per person per year is allowed for this purpose. If allotment has already been made on previous application in 1942, no further allotment can be made until 1943.)
12. If no War Ration Books were issued, how many pounds of sugar did family unit have on May 4, 1942? _____ lbs.
13. Registered at _____
    (Name of school, building, or other address.)

NOTE: Presentation of incorrect facts on this application represents a violation of Rationing Order No. 3 which is a crime punishable by a fine of not more than $10,000.00, or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both.

APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY make application for the issuance of a Sugar Purchase Certificate authorizing the acceptance of delivery of sugar in such amount as may be allotted on the basis of statements made herein, and certify and represent to the Office of Price Administration, an agency of the United States, that I am the _____ (applicant, agent of applicant, or representative of applying organization); that the facts herein stated are true; and that I am authorized to make the statements herein.

Signature _____
(IMPORTANT—Application must be signed.)
Date _____ Acting for _____

CERTIFICATION OF ISSUING OFFICER

I CERTIFY that I have issued to the person above the following Sugar Purchase Certificate on the basis of the information submitted.

Effective date _____ Signature _____
Serial Number of Certificate issued _____ Weight value _____ lbs.

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ASKS BIDS ON REMOVING DIPS FROM ROAD 46

Highway Commission to Lay Retread Bituminous Pavement.

BIDS ARE DUE SEPT. 15

Will Repair Approximately 1.5 Miles of Road West of City.

The state highway commission apparently is planning for a quick start on elimination of the "dips" in Road 46, west of Columbus, and is advertising for bids on laying bituminous retread pavement.

The bids are due Sept. 15 and call for paving two gaps approximately 1.5 miles west of Columbus.

Owing to the dips in Roads 46, the highway is impassable during high water and recently the Chamber of Commerce circulated a petition, requesting removal of the dips.

Before the petition was completed highway engineers started a survey of the road for possible elimination of the dips. The Chamber, however, went ahead and completed the petition and it was forwarded to the highway commission last Saturday.

There are two principal dips on Road 46. Water from White river during floods crosses the road at the dip farthest from Columbus and then crosses back again at the dip nearest the city.

The Chamber of Commerce highway committee, which circulated the petition for action on the improvement, is composed of Earl C. Booth, chairman, Arthur Givens, William H. Scott, Lee Wendel, E. A. Welmer and Harry Davis.

To Build New 252.

The state highway commission is slated to open bids Sept. 15 for construction of a new route for Road 252 between Amity and Trafalgar in Johnson county.

The old route of Road 252 was closed because of Camp Atterbury.

Bids also will be opened Sept. 15 for a new road from the rerouted Road 252 to the north entrance of Camp Atterbury.

Both highways may be of concrete.

The new route of Road 252 will meet Road 31 about one mile south of Amity.

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Two Colored Men In Draft Call Today

Two colored men, one of them married, left here today for Indianapolis and their final draft physical examinations. If they pass they will be inducted for selective service.

They are Creed Frazier Bey, 32, of 1213 Ninth street and Ray Thompson, 35, of 712 Jackson street.

Thompson is married and is employed with the city street department.

Bey has been employed at Camp Atterbury.

The two men left here by bus and will return home today on furloughs if they pass their examination and are inducted.

1942_08_29_2_Two colored men in draft call today - Creed Frazier-Bey

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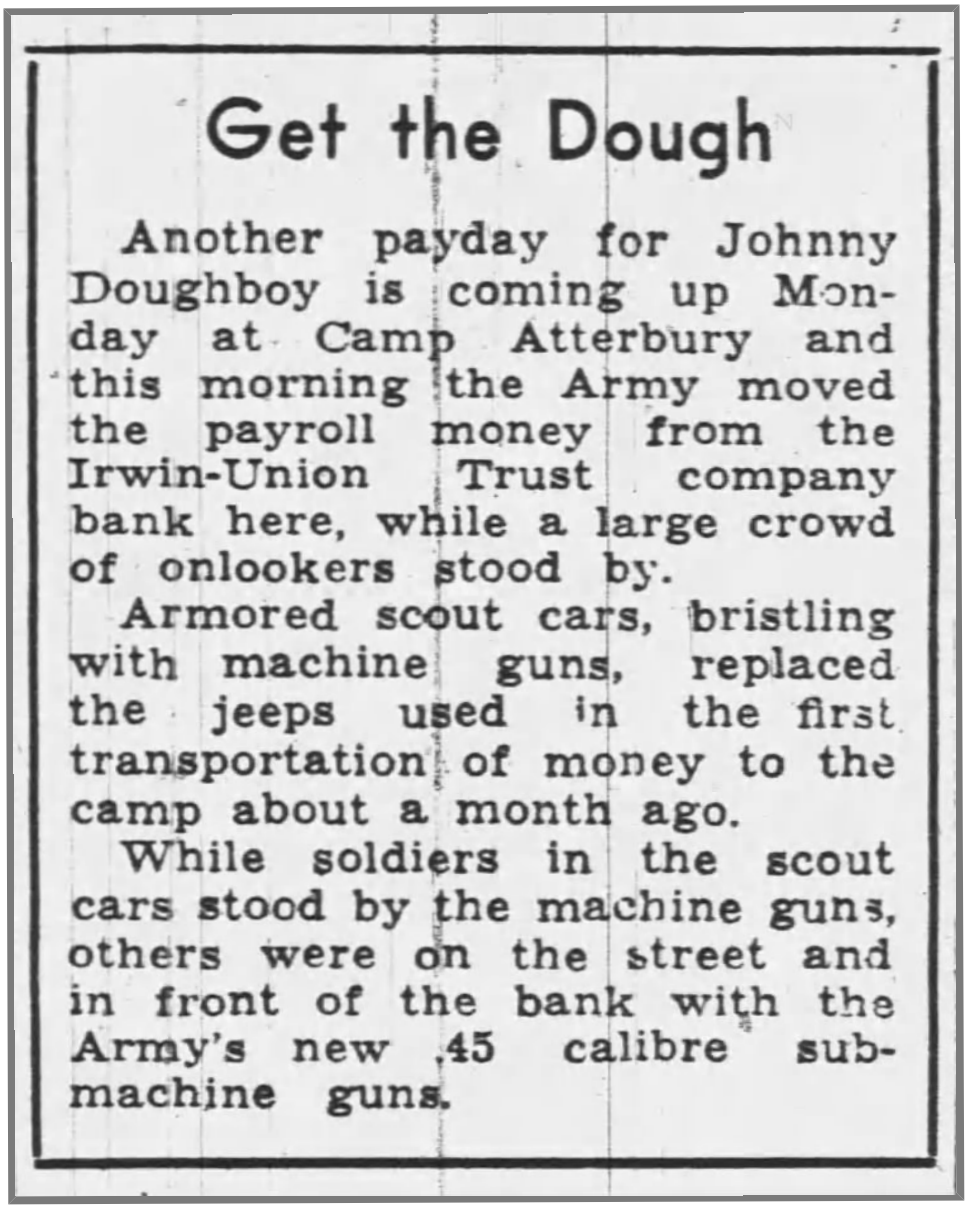

Get the Dough

Another payday for Johnny Doughboy is coming up Monday at Camp Atterbury and this morning the Army moved the payroll money from the Irwin-Union Trust company bank here, while a large crowd of onlookers stood by.

Armored scout cars, bristling with machine guns, replaced the jeeps used in the first transportation of money to the camp about a month ago.

While soldiers in the scout cars stood by the machine guns, others were on the street and in front of the bank with the Army's new .45 calibre submachine guns.

1942_08_29_3_Payday for camp in Columbus - guards and armored cars

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Look Again

Officers' Insignia Moved Off Shoulder Onto Neck.

Just when Columbus residents had found out you can tell the rank of an Army officer by the gadgets on his shoulders, War Secretary Henry L. Stimson announces that from now on the insignia of grade will be placed on the collar of the shirt instead of the shirt shoulder.

The insignia will be worn where the letters "U. S." have been displayed, when worn without the service coat. Such insignia also will be worn on the garrison cap and will continue to be worn on the shoulders of the service coats.

The shift from the shoulders of shirts and field jackets to the collars was ordered because the insignia has been found to interfere with the use of gas masks, carbines and other military equipment.

1942_08_29_4_Officers insignia moves off shoulder to neck

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5 Deluxe Post Exchanges Are Opened at Atterbury

Camp Atterbury, Ind., Sept. 1—Soldiers at this new training camp got their first glimpse of a glamorized post exchange today when the first of five such deluxe units opened for business here.

Although it is not the first of the soldiers' general merchandise stores at Camp Atterbury, it is the first with birchwood panelled fixtures, fluorescent lighting, streamlined glass display cases, and serving counters. It is the fifth of 15 to be established in the camp under the direction of Maj. Murray B. Frazee, Post Exchange officer.

Everything on Sale.

The exchange is a miniature metropolitan combination of department store, five and ten-cent store, drug store, soda fountain, and restaurant. Everything is on sale from stamps to trunks.

The soldier can make his phone calls, meet and entertain friends who visit him in camp, sip his drink, eat his sandwich, read his magazine, or buy his clothing. There is a tailor and dry cleaning shop and a barber shop.

Not only can the men buy anything in the way of soft drinks and sandwiches, but they can also order plate lunches from the steam tables, and eat it either inside on dairy lunch style arm-table chairs, or out on an adjoining verandah.

The merchandise section occupies half of the building, divided from the refreshment side by the backs of wall cases. Here the soldier can buy boxed candy to send to "the girl back home," any of hundreds of different toilet articles, stationery, jewelry, tobacco items, periodicals. No matter whether a man wants a sweater or a pair of bedroom slippers, the well-equipped men's furnishings department can supply him.

Lowell Barrows in Charge.

If a store doesn't have what a soldier wants, he can order it, and it will be obtained for him. None of the post exchanges expect to have everything desired, but when the demand appears, new items will appear on the shelves very soon.

The exchanges are operated by the Army for the soldiers, and the small profits derived go into special funds for soldier recreation and other camp needs.

Civilian employes are used in the stores, the new deluxe store at Atterbury having 14 full-time trained workers under Manager Lowell Barrows (of Taylorsville).

1942_09_01_1_Five deluxe post exchanges open at Atterbury

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AIR BASE FOLK NEED HOUSING

Many Apartments Required for Officers and Workmen.

"We need very badly 2 and 3-room apartments and 5-room houses, both furnished and unfurnished," Mrs. Maude McCaslin, of the Chamber of Commerce housing bureau, said today.

Workers at the air base north of the city are now seeking living quarters here, adding to the critical housing situation created by the presence of Camp Atterbury.

The people inquiring at the Chamber of Commerce for rooms, Mrs. McCaslin said, usually ask for cooking facilities.

There is a big demand for light housekeeping rooms.

Lieut. and Mrs. Ralph Williams have rented the Lon Beckwith home at 734 California street. Lieutenant Williams was transferred to Camp Atterbury from Fort Knox, Ky. The Williamses have two children, Bobby and Ralph. Bobby will be in grade 1A at school.

Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith are living with their daughter, Mrs. Bohn Burnett, and Mr. Burnett at 732 California street.

R. C. Young of Lexington, Ky., an inspector at the air base, has rented the H. O. Stover apartment at 820 Sixth street.

1942_09_2_Cols air base folk need housing

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Men With Families May Not Have to Go to War

Bartholomew county men and other selectees the country over with dependent wives and children should not be drafted for a year and one-half and "possibly not at all," Chairman Andrew J. May, chairman of the House military affairs committee, revealed today after studying a survey of selectee service manpower requirements.

The local men drafted thus far have had only collateral dependents such as brothers, sisters, parents, or wives and children with whom they were not living at the time of induction.

Yesterday Maj. Gen. Hershey, national draft director, issued an order to the state state headquarters to re-allocate their calls in order to the several state headquarters to re-allocate their calls in order to place the heaviest loads on boards now having the greatest number of single men or with collateral dependents only.

Huge Army Possible.

The survey of the manpower requirements of the selective service, as revealed to Chairman May by General Hershey, disclosed:

1. An army of 6,296,000 men can be raised before the draft age is lowered from 20 to 18.

2. After that the armed forces can be increased to 9,000,000 before men with dependent wives and children are called.

Sen. Chan Gurney of South Dakota will introduce a bill in the Senate tomorrow to lower the draft age to 18. He said drafting of 18 and 19 year olds "should have started Dec. 8—24 hours after Pearl Harbor."

May said his committee would start similar legislation in the House "by the end of the year," but that he is determined to prevent drafting 18 and 19 years olds until the Army makes it clear that it is necessary.

More Than 2,000,000.

May said Hershey's figures showed that the reclassification of registrants now going on would yield between 2,296,000 and 2,766,000 men for immediate induction. In addition 2,000,000 more are expected to measure up to physical requirements from the present group of 18 and 19 year olds.

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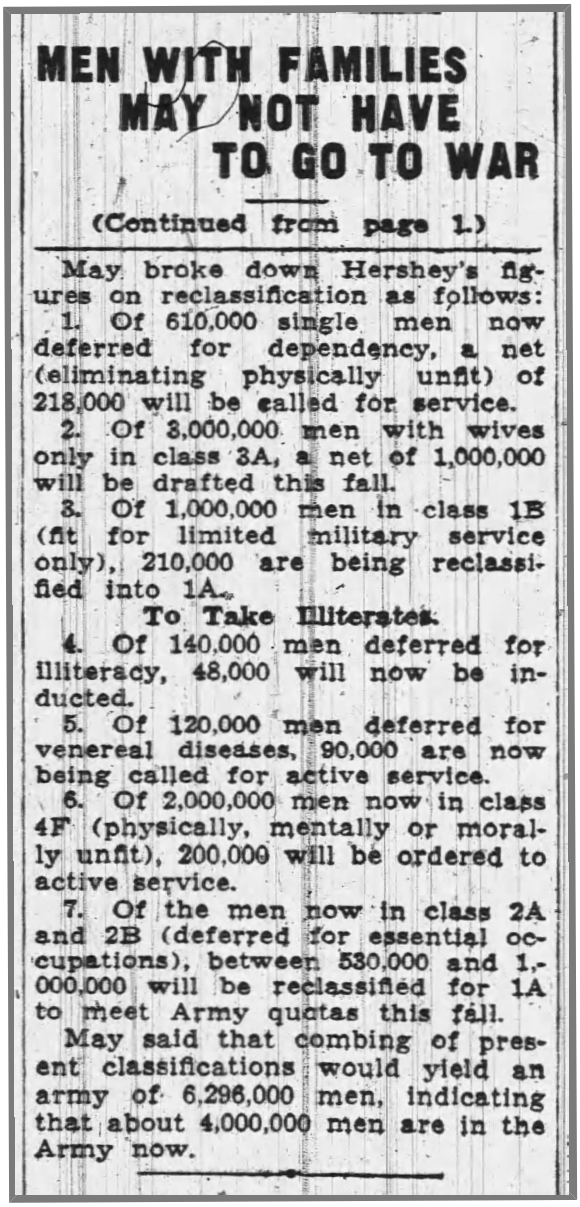

MEN WITH FAMILIES MAY NOT HAVE TO GO TO WAR

(Continued from page 1.)

May broke down Hershey's figures on reclassification as follows:

1. Of 610,000 single men now deferred for dependency, a net (eliminating physically unfit) of 218,000 will be called for service.

2. Of 3,000,000 men with wives only in class 3A, a net of 1,000,000 will be drafted this fall.

3. Of 1,000,000 men in class 1B (fit for limited military service only), 210,000 are being reclassified into 1A.

To Take Illiterates.

4. Of 140,000 men deferred for illiteracy, 48,000 will now be inducted.

5. Of 120,000 men deferred for venereal diseases, 90,000 are now being called for active service.

6. Of 2,000,000 men now in class 4F (physically, mentally or morally unfit), 200,000 will be ordered to active service.

7. Of the men now in class 2A and 2B (deferred for essential occupations), between 530,000 and 1,000,000 will be reclassified for 1A to meet Army quotas this fall.

May said that combing of present classifications would yield an army of 6,296,000 men, indicating that about 4,000,000 men are in the Army now.

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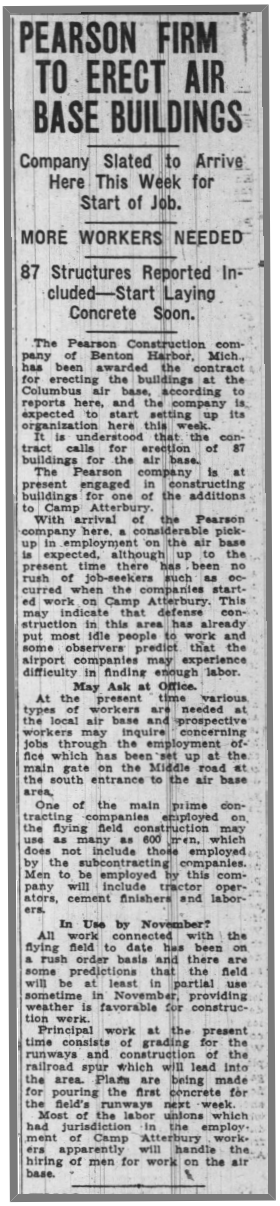

PEARSON FIRM TO ERECT AIR BASE BUILDINGS

Company Slated to Arrive Here This Week for Start of Job.

MORE WORKERS NEEDED

87 Structures Reported Included—Start Laying Concrete Soon.

The Pearson Construction company of Benton Harbor, Mich., has been awarded the contract for erecting the buildings at the Columbus air base, according to reports here, and the company is expected to start setting up its organization here this week.

It is understood that the contract calls for erection of 87 buildings for the air base.

The Pearson company is at present engaged in constructing buildings for one of the additions to Camp Atterbury.

With arrival of the Pearson company here, a considerable pick-up in employment on the air base is expected, although up to the present time there has been no rush of job-seekers such as occurred when the companies started work on Camp Atterbury. This may indicate that defense construction in this area has already put most idle people to work and some observers predict that the airport companies may experience difficulty in finding enough labor.

May Ask at Office.

At the present time various types of workers are needed at the local air base and prospective workers may inquire concerning jobs through the employment office which has been set up at the main gate on the Middle road at the south entrance to the air base area.

One of the main prime contracting companies employed on the flying field construction may use as many as 600 men, which does not include those employed by the subcontracting companies. Men to be employed by this company will include tractor operators, cement finishers and laborers.

In Use by November?

All work connected with the flying field to date has been on a rush order basis and there are some predictions that the field will be at least in partial use sometime in November, providing weather is favorable for construction work.

Principal work at the present time consists of grading for the runways and construction of the railroad spur which will lead into the area. Plans are being made for pouring the first concrete for the field's runways next week.

Most of the labor unions which had jurisdiction in the employment of Camp Atterbury workers apparently will handle the hiring of men for work on the air base.

1942_09_16)Cols Air base contractor chosen

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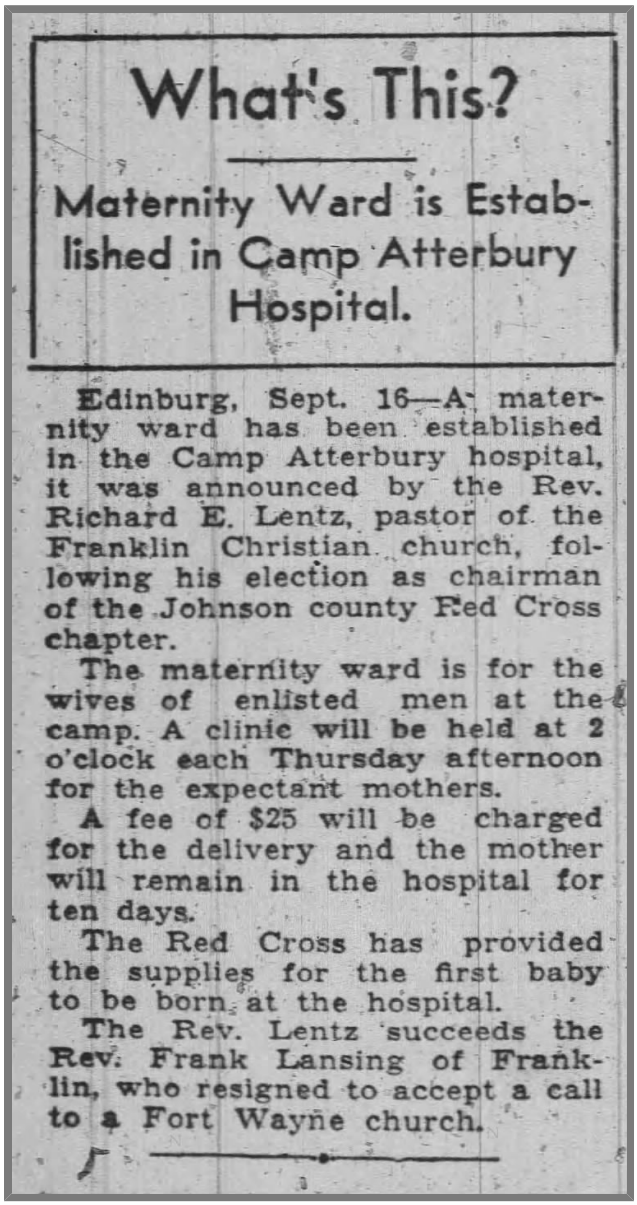

What's This?

Maternity Ward is Established in Camp Atterbury Hospital.

Edinburg, Sept. 16—A maternity ward has been established in the Camp Atterbury hospital, it was announced by the Rev. Richard E. Lentz, pastor of the Franklin Christian church, following his election as chairman of the Johnson county Red Cross chapter.

The maternity ward is for the wives of enlisted men at the camp. A clinic will be held at 2 o'clock each Thursday afternoon for the expectant mothers.

A fee of $25 will be charged for the delivery and the mother will remain in the hospital for ten days.

The Red Cross has provided the supplies for the first baby to be born at the hospital.

The Rev. Lentz succeeds the Rev. Frank Lansing of Franklin, who resigned to accept a call to a Fort Wayne church.

1942_09_16_HOSPITAL Maternity ward established

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COLORED MEN OFF TO ARMY

Leave Saturday for Ft. Ben —Bring to 7 Number Taken from Here.

Two colored selectees headed for Indianapolis by train Saturday morning for start of service in the Army. The men were inducted Aug. 29 and went to Fort Benjamin Harrison today following 14-day furloughs.

They are Creed Frazier Bey, 1213 Ninth street, and Ray Thompson, 712 Jackson street.

The wife of Thompson was among a group of approximately 25 persons present at the Pennsylvania railroad station to bid the men goodbye. Bey is not married.

Thompson has been employed with the city street department while Bey has been working at Camp Atterbury.

The two who left today brought to seven the number of negro men from this county taken into the Army through selective service. Two more are slated to go up for final physical examination later this month.

1942_09)16)Two colored men to Army - Creed Frazier Bey

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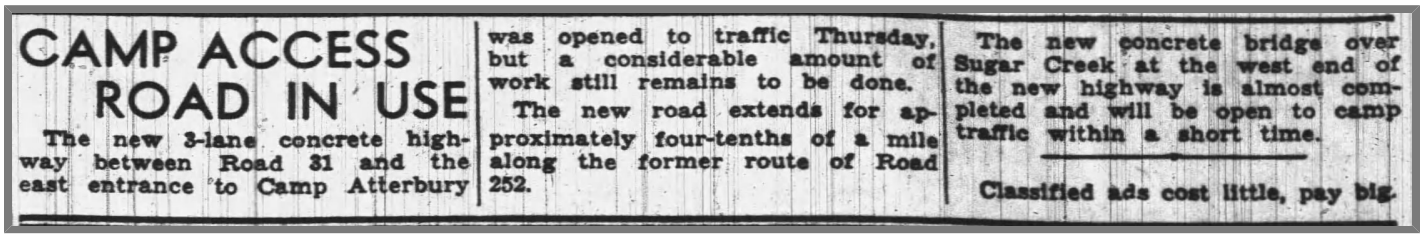

CAMP ACCESS ROAD IN USE

The new 3-lane concrete highway between Road 31 and the east entrance to Camp Atterbury was opened to traffic Thursday, but a considerable amount of work still remains to be done.

The new road extends for approximately four-tenths of a mile along the former route of Road 252.

The new concrete bridge over Sugar Creek at the west end of the new highway is almost completed and will be open to camp traffic within a short time.

Classified ads cost little, pay big.

1942_10_02_1_New camp access road open

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MORE MACHINES AT WALESBORO

Tractors, Graders Roll In— Changes Reported Holding Up Start of Work.

More machinery, including eight tractors and scoop wagons and a 27-ton bulldozer, has been moved onto the Walesboro flying field site, but as yet no large-scale work has started.

The M. Pontarelli and Sons company, which will lay sewers for the field's drainage, has had its equipment on the field more than a week, but it is understood that work was not started because of changes which have been made in the drainage plans. More than 10 miles of concrete sewer pipe probably will be put down for the field's drainage system.

Drainage pipe is now being unloaded at various points in the 800-acre area and more fences are being torn down.

Part of the grading equipment which has been moved in in the last two days will be used by the Western Contracting company, which is coming onto the Walesboro project in place of the Ralph Myers Construction company. The War department announced that the Myers company had been awarded one of the contracts, but it is understood that the contract was re-negotiated and given to Western Contracting company, which also has a contract for the auxiliary field at St. Ann.

Guards Posted.

Guards have been posted at the Walesboro site and include Leonard (Doc) Housmyer and Roy Cooper, both of Columbus.

Work on the Grammer field, which with the Walesboro field will be auxiliaries for the Seymour flying school, is still progressing on a 24-hour schedule, with three 8-hour shifts.

Most of the heavily wooded area in the center of the 640-acre project has been cleared.

The Birmingham Contracting company of Birmingham, Mich., which will build the sewage plant and water installations for the Columbus air base, north of the city, moved onto the local site Wednesday. The company moved one of its office buildings here from Camp Atterbury, where the firm constructed a sewage disposal plant and water system installations. The company also is engaged on the Seymour flying field project.

1942_10_01_2_Machinery at Walesboro

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10,000 Bibles for Camp Received by Gideons

Stored Here By Ray Gress Until Dedication Week From Sunday.

Ten thousand New Testaments, made available through the Gideons, have arrived in Columbus for distribution to the soldiers stationed at Camp Atterbury.

E. Ray Gress, city clerk-treasurer, president of the local camp of Gideons and vice-president of the state organization, announced today that a special service would be held at 2:30 o'clock the afternoon of Oct. 11 at First Methodist church to dedicate the books to the use of the Army.

Mr. Gress now has the big stock of testaments stored in his garage. He has arranged a display in the Irwin-Union Trust company window which has been attracting attention.

Program Started at Once.

The Gideons is an interdenominational Christian business men's association, whose early activities consisted of placing Bibles in hotel rooms and later in penal institutions and schoolrooms.

At the start of the present war emergency the organization embarked upon a program of helping arm the troops with testaments. Ten days before the bombing of Pearl Harbor the organizations dedicated 40,000 testaments to the men of the southern Pacific.

Upon announcement that Camp Atterbury was to be located here the local Gideon organization immediately began making plans to place a large quantity of testaments at the disposal of the troops.

At the dedication on Oct. 11, the testaments will be placed at the disposal of the Camp Atterbury chaplains.

Soldiers Ask for Them.

After the dedication, the chaplains distribute them to the men as needed. The soldiers are given notice that testaments are available, then have to ask for them. There is no blanket distribution. This avoids duplication of testaments from other sources. The need being so great, the Gideon testaments have to be distributed with care so they will reach as many persons as possible, it was explained.

The chaplains like the Gideon testaments which contain identification, the Lord's prayer, hymns, national anthems; aids, the King James version of the New Testament, the Psalms and other features.

The book is well bound and printed, fits the pocket, and in lots of 1,000,000 cost the Gideons 25 cents each.

SMALL BUSINESS VIEWS OUTLINED

Elmer Davis Says Little Fellows Willing to Sacrifice, But Are Bewildered.

Washington, Oct. 1 (AP)—Elmer Davis, director of war information, told a special Senate committee today that the chief grievance of the small businessman was "the mode of application of government policies requiring sacrifice rather than the implied sacrifice itself."

In testimony prepared for the committee which is seeking to prevent failure of thousands of small firms unable to convert to war production, Davis pictured the small manufacturer, retailer and other businessmen as "bewildered by the complexity and apparent contradictions" of price-fixing, rationing and other wartime regulations.

This attitude, he observed, "parallels the general public's disposi-

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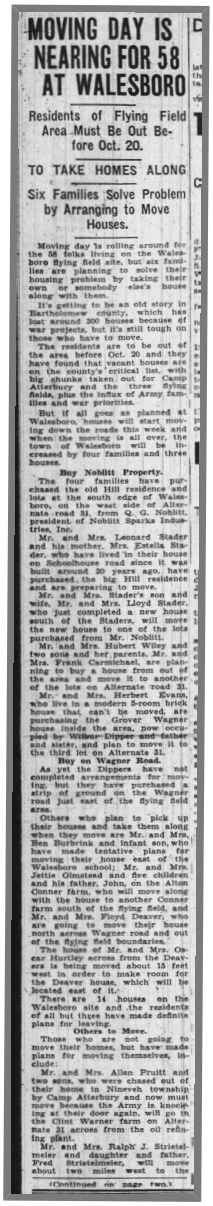

MOVING DAY IS NEARING FOR 58 AT WALESBORO

Residents of Flying Field Area Must Be Out Before Oct. 20.

TO TAKE HOMES ALONG

Six Families Solve Problem by Arranging to Move Houses.

Moving day is rolling around for the 58 folks living on the Walesboro flying field site, but six families are planning to solve their housing problem by taking their own or somebody else's houses along with them.

It's getting to be an old story in Bartholomew county, which has lost around 300 houses because of war projects, but it's still tough on those who have to move.

The residents are to be out of the area before Oct. 20 and they have found that vacant houses are on the county's critical list, with big chunks taken out for Camp Atterbury and the three flying fields, plus the influx of Army families and war priorities.

But if all goes as planned at Walesboro, houses will start moving down the roads this week and when the moving is all over, the town of Walesboro will be increased by four families and three houses.

Buy Noblitt Property.

The four families have purchased the old Hill residence and lots at the south edge of Walesboro, on the west side of Alternate road 31, from Q. G. Noblitt, president of Noblitt Sparks Industries, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stader and his mother, Mrs. Estella Stader, who have lived in their house on Schoolhouse road since it was built around 20 years ago, have purchased the big Hill residence and are preparing to move.

Mr. and Mrs. Stader's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stader, who just completed a new house south of the Staders, will move the new house to one of the lots purchased from Mr. Noblitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wiley and two sons and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carmichael, are planning to buy a house from out of the area and move it to another of the lots on Alternate road 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Evans, who live in a modern 5-room brick house that can't be moved, are purchasing the Grover Wagner house inside the area, now occupied by Wilbur Dipper and father and sister, and plan to move it to the third lot on Alternate 31.

Buy on Wagner Road.

As yet the Dippers have not completed arrangements for moving, but they have purchased a strip of ground on the Wagner road just east of the flying field area.

Others who plan to pick up their houses and take them along when they move are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Burbrink and infant son, who have made tentative plans for moving their house east of the Walesboro school; Mr. and Mrs. Jettie Olmstead and five children and his father, John, on the Alton Conner farm, who will move along with the house to another Conner farm south of the flying field, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Deaver, who are going to move their house north across Wagner road and out of the flying field boundaries.

The house of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hurtley across from the Deavers is being moved about 15 feet west in order to make room for the Deaver house, which will be located east of it.

There are 14 houses on the Walesboro site and the residents of all but three have made definite plans for leaving.

Others to Move.

Those who are not going to move their homes, but have made plans for moving themselves, include:

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Pruitt and two sons, who were chased out of their home in Nineveh township by Camp Atterbury and now must move because the Army is knocking at their door again, will go to the Clint Warner farm on Alternate 31 across from the oil refining plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Striteimeier and daughter and father, Fred Striteimeier, will move about two miles west to the

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1942_10_01_4_Moving day for 58 at Walesboro

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Scratch Match to See If Tank Empty—Is Now

A Camp Atterbury workman struck a match last night to see if there was any oil left in a railroad tank car and the report could be heard more than a mile away.

The blast sent two workmen, Orvin Hammond, 54, of Cloverdale route 1, and Elroy Martin, Horse Cave, Ky., to the Bartholomew county hospital, suffering foot injuries sustained when they leaped from the tank car to the ground below, a distance of about 15 feet. The two, employes of the Rock Road Construction company, which is putting down the oil streets and roads at Camp Atterbury, were running road oil about 10 o'clock from a tank car at the company's plant, which has been set up west of Road 31 north of Edinburg.

Strikes Match to See.

They believed the tank car was empty and while both were standing on the walks along the top of the tank car, one on each side, Martin struck a match over the top opening to inspect the interior. There was no oil in the tank car, but it was full of fumes and they ignited with a big swish, flames shooting into the air from the tank's opening. The men leaped backward to the ground and escaped burns.

Both of Martin's ankles were injured and Hammond's right ankle hurt when they hit the ground below. They were brought to the local hospital in an ambulance from the Mutz Funeral home at Edinburg. Both were getting along satisfactorily at the hospital today.

"It was just like a bomb going off," said Martin from his hospital bed today. "There was a swish and then a big bang."

"Luckily there weren't enough fumes in the car to blow it apart or we wouldn't be here now."

Fumes from the tank car were still burning when they left the scene, Martin said.

Martin has been staying with his uncle, Bradley Martin on Route 4, while Hammond lives in a trailer parked in the Driftwood trailer camp on Road 31.

1942_10_01_5_Match to see if oil tank empty

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Early Winter Brings Wools to Atterbury

From The Atterbury Crier, Camp Atterbury Newspaper.

It may be cold today and warm tomorrow, but O. D.'s are the order of the day.

By an order effective Tuesday, officers and enlisted men at Camp Atterbury donned their wool uniforms. The original date set for the change was Oct. 11, but weather conditions made it advisable to move it forward to Sept. 29. The 83rd Division changed the next day.

The rules are:

Khaki colored neckties will be worn with the wool uniforms on all occasions. Black ties will not be worn.

Officers and enlisted men may wear the wool garrison (overseas) cap at any time. Officers and enlisted men assigned to the Service Command may wear wool service caps (visored) when coats are worn. This does not apply to men of the 83rd Division.

Wool shirts will be worn as outer garments, but cotton khaki shirts may be worn under the service coats.

Wool trousers will be worn at all times. This does not apply to the 83rd Division.

Tan socks will be used when low shoes are worn.

Rules concerning shoes are not effected by the change to wool uniforms.

Field jackets may be worn in the camp when wool shirt is worn as an outer garment; but enlisted men may not wear field jackets off the post unless they maintain quarters outside the post. Those maintaining quarters outside the post may wear field jackets to and from duty. For the 83rd Division, no jackets will be worn off the post unless on duty.

Enlisted men will wear service coats when off the post on pass.

No leather belts will be worn.

Officers may wear service coat, O. D., with cloth belt.

Officers may wear either the long or short overcoat or trench coat; and the service hat may be worn in inclement weather.

Enlisted men may wear short overcoats on the post; but will wear the army overcoat issued to them when off the post. Mackinaws will not be worn by 83rd Division enlisted men.

Tan colored gloves may be used as dress gloves any time.

1942_10_06_1_Early winter brings out wool uniforms

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SGT. NICALOSI TO BROADCAST

Sergt. Frank Nicalosi of Camp Atterbury, who has been singing with the Columbus First Methodist church choir, will be heard on the "Meet the Yanks" program broadcast at 8:05 o'clock Wednesday night from Camp Atterbury.

The program is broadcast each Wednesday night over WIBC, Indianapolis.

Sergeant Nicalosi will sing "Morning," by Ole Speaks, accompanied at the piano by Sergt. Nick Montalbano of Atterbury. Sergeant Nicalosi is a native of Scranton, Pa., and before entering the Army sang with the Scranton Civic Opera company and was a voice student of Madame Fitz-Randolph.

Sergeant Montalbano formerly studied at the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music and was accompanist for Norina Creco of the Metropolitan Opera company.

1942_10_06_2_Singers on radio

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CAMP CHAPELS ARE DEDICATED

Colonel Evans Makes Address at Atterbury—Prominent Clergymen Present.

Keys to Camp Atterbury's 12 chapels were turned over to Col. Welton M. Modisette, post commander, by Maj. W. S. Arrasmith, area engineer, at dedication ceremonies this afternoon outside one of the chapels.

Full complements of troops from all units occupying the camp took part in the ceremonies, which climaxed the Army program of furnishing religious facilities for members of the armed forces.

The 12 Atterbury chapels are of standard type—simple, graceful framework, slanting roofs and tall steeples.

Each cost approximately $21,000 to build, has a seating capacity of about 400 and includes an electric organ.

The dedicatory address at the ceremonies this afternoon was made by Col. Albert L. Evans, Fifth Service Command chaplain. The ceremonies were attended by distinguished members of the Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish faiths. Among special guests were William Rosenberg, director of the National Jewish Welfare board, and members of the Indianapolis Ministerial association.

Other Speakers Heard.

Other speakers were Dr. Henry R. Danner, president of the Church Federation in Indianapolis; the Rev. Henry F. Dugan, chancellor of Roman Catholic diocese of Indianapolis, and Rabbi Maurice Goldblatt, assistant pastor of Indianapolis Hebrew temple.

On receiving keys to the chapels from Major Arrasmith, Colonel Modisette in turn presented them to Brig. Gen. William C. McMahon, assistant commander of the 83rd Infantry division; Col. Richard C. Stickney, commanding officer, 8th Headquarters Detachment, Special Troops, 2nd Army; and Col. Walter A. Elliott, commanding officer, 365th Infantry Regiment, 92nd division.

These officers then turned over the keys to Chaplains Luther W. Evans, Ben W. Cox and Edward W. Jones, who will direct the religious activities to be held in the chapels. Benediction was said by Chaplain John D. Duggan. An organ recital and the singing of hymns completed the program.

Mrs. Luther W. Evans cut the ribbon stretched across the door of the chapel outside of which the ceremonies were held and inspection of the chapel followed. Chaplain and Mrs. Evans are residents of Columbus.

1942_10_07_1_Twelve Camp Chapels dedicated

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NEW ATTERBURY SHOW TO OPEN

'It's Time for Taps' Will Make Debut Thursday Night Over WISH.

Camp Atterbury, Ind., Oct. 7—(Special)—"It's Time for Taps," the 83rd Division's first radio show, makes a unique debut over WISH, Indianapolis, at 9:15 o'clock Thursday night. Although the program has never been broadcast, the idea has received favorable comment both in this country and in England.

Advance scripts have been sent to the British Broadcasting company, where arrangements are being made for Quentin Reynolds, famous war correspondent, to narrate the show for American soldiers in Britain. The scripts also have received commendable reaction from Washington and radio critics in other parts of the country.

"It's Time For Taps" will attempt to present a new phase of Army life. Instead of the usual musical variety show heard from most Army camps, this program will portray the inner thoughts of the soldier at the end of a day's work—his thoughts, his problems, a general survey of all phases of his life in the Army, contrasted by his environment before entering the service.

The program will be conducted in the 83rd Division chapel, with an all-soldier cast consisting of a narrator, a singer and an organist. It is being written and produced by Lt. C. J. Allen, press and radio officer of the 83rd Division.

1942_10_07_2_83rd and Time for Taps show on WISH

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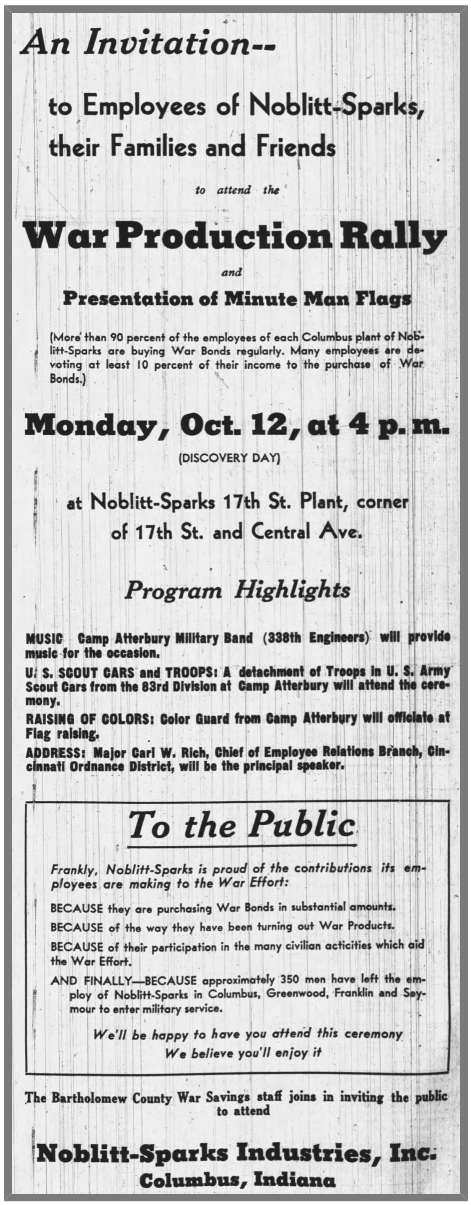

An Invitation--

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to attend the

War Production Rally

and

Presentation of Minute Man Flags

(More than 90 percent of the employees of each Columbus plant of Noblitt-Sparks are buying War Bonds regularly. Many employees are devoting at least 10 percent of their income to the purchase of War Bonds.)

Monday, Oct. 12, at 4 p. m.

(DISCOVERY DAY)

at Noblitt-Sparks 17th St. Plant, corner of 17th St. and Central Ave.

Program Highlights

MUSIC Camp Atterbury Military Band (338th Engineers) will provide music for the occasion.

U. S. SCOUT CARS and TROOPS: A detachment of Troops in U. S. Army Scout Cars from the 83rd Division at Camp Atterbury will attend the ceremony.

RAISING OF COLORS: Color Guard from Camp Atterbury will officiate at Flag raising.

ADDRESS: Major Carl W. Rich, Chief of Employee Relations Branch, Cincinnati Ordnance District, will be the principal speaker.

To the Public

Frankly, Noblitt-Sparks is proud of the contributions its employees are making to the War Effort:

BECAUSE they are purchasing War Bonds in substantial amounts.

BECAUSE of the way they have been turning out War Products.

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AND FINALLY—BECAUSE approximately 350 men have left the employ of Noblitt-Sparks in Columbus, Greenwood, Franklin and Seymour to enter military service.

We'll be happy to have you attend this ceremony
We believe you'll enjoy it

The Bartholomew County War Savings staff joins in inviting the public to attend

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Columbus, Indiana

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1942_10_09_2_Shorty Lunchroom closes early

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FURNITURE STILL NEEDED AT CAMP

200 Recreation Rooms for 30,000 or More Men Require a Lot.

Camp Atterbury's approximately 200 company reading and recreation rooms are still short of the furniture, curtains, and other equipment needed to provide the men with recreational facilities when cold winter nights come.

Much material already has been provided through the assistance of a number of organizations and individuals in Columbus and other nearby towns, but it takes a lot of furniture for 200 rooms and a lot of games for 30,000 to 40,000 men.

Mrs. F. M. Hart of 1736 Lafayette avenue is receiving material donated for the 331st Infantry recreation rooms. Persons with chairs, settees, pianos, radios, davenports—most any kind of furniture which would normally be used in a living room—or various types of games and books to donate may call Mrs. Hart or the Columbus Chamber of Commerce office.

Colonel Expresses Appreciation.

Mrs. Hart pointed out that new articles are not being asked, but pieces of furniture which might not be in use in the homes of local residents will get plenty of use if turned over to Camp Atterbury.

Columbus residents already have presented at least two pianos and two radios to the camp, along with a number of chairs and other furniture.

Col. Welton M. Modisette, camp commander, in a news release from Atterbury recently, expressed his appreciation of the generous response to requests for suitable furnishings for the rooms and pointed out that properly equipped rooms where soldiers can read, write and play games are important to morale.

Room for Ping-Pong.

Camp Atterbury's company reading and recreation rooms, commonly called day rooms by the soldiers, are combined with the company supply rooms in one building. The recreation rooms are approximately 50 by 25 feet in size and are heated by three coal stoves.

There is plenty of space in the rooms for one or more ping-pong tables and some of the companies have been lucky enough to obtain tables, which get a big play.

As the companies are now being formed there are no large company funds and the men must depend on donations to fill the rooms. Later it will be possible to buy additional equipment with company funds.

1942_10_09_3_Furniture still needed for rec rooms at camp

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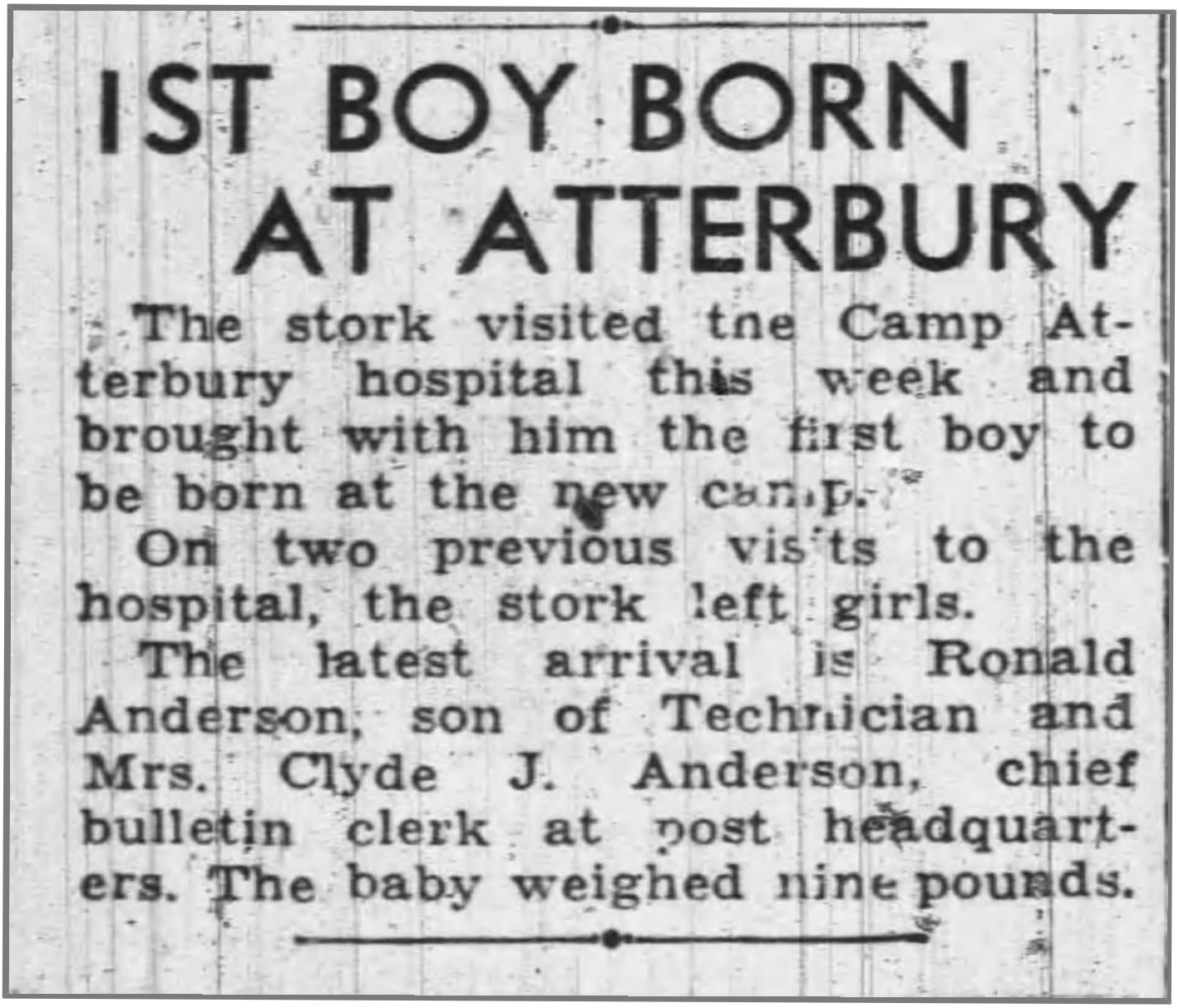

1ST BOY BORN AT ATTERBURY

The stork visited the Camp Atterbury hospital this week and brought with him the first boy to be born at the new camp.

On two previous visits to the hospital, the stork left girls.

The latest arrival is Ronald Anderson, son of Technician and Mrs. Clyde J. Anderson, chief bulletin clerk at post headquarters. The baby weighed nine pounds.

1942_10_10_1_First boy born at Atterbury

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TO OPEN AIR BASE BUS LINE

Leppert to Start Service Monday, Taking Workers to Local Project.

The Columbus air base, under construction north of the city, will have a bus line to take workers back and forth to the project, starting Monday.

A temporary permit to put in the line was granted Friday afternoon by the Public Service commission to James Leppert, operator of the Columbus city bus line.

There probably will be two trips daily to the air base, at least for a time. One of these will be early in the morning to take the first shift of workers to the project and the second in the afternoon to take the other shift to the job.

The fare will be 15 cents and the busses will go from the downtown terminal to the field offices inside the air base area.

Lack of transportation for workers has been one of the project's problems, owing to the tire shortage.

1942_10_10_2_Bus line to cols air base

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Smoke and Dust Clouds Rise at Walesboro Field

Trees Dynamited and Homes Razed At New Flying Center.

Clouds of dust swirl over the Walesboro auxiliary flying field area as big graders and power shovels get going in earnest on the project. Smoke also rolls into the sky from brush fires which have been started to clean out the 800-acre site.

The dust and smoke can be seen rising into the air from several miles away and travelers south on Alternate road 31 to Seymour can observe the machines and men at work west of Bethel Baptist church.

Residents of the flying field site are rapidly vacating their homes. Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wiley and two sons and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carmichael, have moved into Walesboro and their former residence at the southeast corner of the flying field is being razed.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stader and his mother, Mrs. Estella Stader, have moved to the former Hill residence at the south edge of Walesboro. They recently purchased the property from Q. G. Noblitt.

To Move Houses.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Dishinger and son and his father, Tull, are moving their household furnishings. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crider and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Strietelmeier already have moved.

Several houses in the area will be moved to the south edge of Walesboro and the foundations of most of these are now being removed.

Movers also have started relocating the house of Mr. and Mrs. Lettie Olmstead, which is to be moved south of the area.

Preliminary grading work is under way on the Walesboro field's two runways and sewer lines are being put down.

Work of removing the timber in the western part of the area also has been started. There are a large number of big trees in the southwest corner of the site and all must come down. Part of the trees are being brought down with saws, while others are toppled by heavy charges of dynamite.

Trees Topple and Crash.

The dynamite goes off with a roar that can be heard for a mile or more around the area, the big trees split and then topple to the ground with a second crash, while dirt and debris fly through the air in a big black cloud.

More men are being hired on the project and it appears likely that peak employment will be near the 400 figure, if that many men are available.

Two of the three turf runways for the auxiliary flying field at Grammer are rapidly taking shape and grading work is on a 22-hour day, with two 11-hour shifts employed. Total on the field is running near the 100 mark.

Two families are still residing on the Grammer site. They are Mr. and Mrs. Hogan Burns and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Marsh. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elliott moved this week to Sandinia.

DEMAND FOR ROOMS GROWS

Calls for Sleeping Accommodations Reach Highest Number Yet.

The influx of air base construction workers on both the Columbus and Walesboro fields is creating a demand for sleeping rooms here greater than that when Camp Atterbury construction was at its peak.

Attaches of the Chamber of Commerce rental service office today reported the big increase in calls for sleeping rooms, but pointed out that the No. 1 need is still for apartments and houses.

The rental office is receiving five to ten calls a day for apartments and houses.

The increased demand for sleeping rooms is due largely to the tire shortage and future gasoline rationing which is causing the workers to seek quarters as near the war projects as possible.

Few Apartments Found.

The rental office urged today that persons who have listed quarters with it inform the office when the quarters are rented so that prospective renters will not be sent to the already rented property.

A number of persons have been placed in sleeping rooms in the last week, but only a few new persons have been able to find apartments, houses or light housekeeping rooms. In some cases persons seeking apartments have taken sleeping rooms temporarily in the hope that other quarters will become available.

Those placed here recently include the following:

Recent Rentals.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sanders and daughter of St. Louis, Mo., have rented the Mrs. Emma Nugent house, 1026 Cottage avenue.

1942_10_10_3_Smoke and dust at Walesboro field

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TO SELL MORE FARM BUILDINGS

Approximately 255 Structures in Atterbury to Go on Block Next Week.

Approximately 255 more farm buildings in the Camp Atterbury reservation are being released for sale to the general public for salvage, it was announced today by the salvage department of the land acquisition office here.

The sales will start probably Tuesday, and persons may contact the salvage office on the Mauxferry road west of Taylorsville for detailed information next week.

The buildings to be for sale include 65 more former dwellings of the camp area's evacuated residents. These buildings are prices from $25 to $200.

Sixty barns also are going on the block, ranging in price from $30 to $150.

Other buildings for sale are 35 poultry houses, $5 to $15; 35 miscellaneous sheds, $5 to $15; 15 cribs, $5 to $30; 10 smokehouses, $5 to $15; 10 brooder houses, $5 to $10, and 25 other buildings, including garages, granaries, feed houses and fuel houses.

Owing to scarcity of materials, buildings in the camp area have been selling at a rapid rate.

1942_10_10_4_More farm buildings for sale at camp

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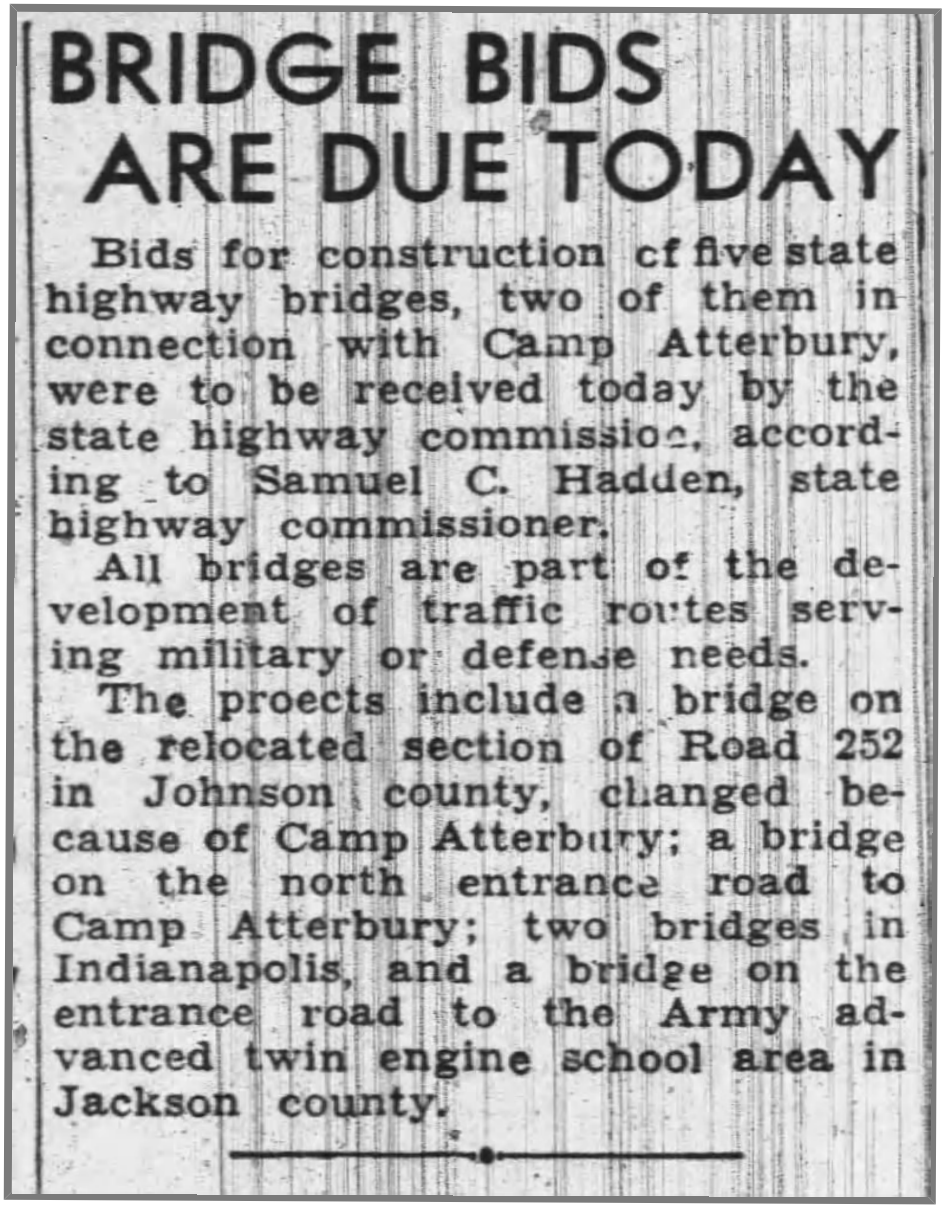

BRIDGE BIDS ARE DUE TODAY

Bids for construction of five state highway bridges, two of them in connection with Camp Atterbury, were to be received today by the state highway commission, according to Samuel C. Hadden, state highway commissioner.

All bridges are part of the development of traffic routes serving military or defense needs.

The proects include a bridge on the relocated section of Road 252 in Johnson county, changed because of Camp Atterbury; a bridge on the north entrance road to Camp Atterbury; two bridges in Indianapolis, and a bridge on the entrance road to the Army advanced twin engine school area in Jackson county.

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Army Officials Attend Noblitt-Sparks Rally

Colonel Modisette. General Milburn.

Minute Man Flags Are Presented to Four Plants at Big Ceremony.

"This is total war. It is not 40 percent, 51 is not 75 percent or 99 percent. It is 100 percent war and until every man, woman and child realizes it, and resolves to do everything in his or her power to help, we can't win."

With the above challenge, Maj. Carl W. Rich, chief of the employ relations branch of the Cincinnati Ordnance district, addressed 2,000 persons attending a war production and bond rally staged Monday afternoon at the Seventeenth street plant of Noblitt-Sparks Industries, Inc.

At the rally, the U. S. Treasury department awarded Minute Man flags to the four Noblitt plants in Columbus where at least 90 percent of the employes have pledged to invest 10 percent of their earnings in war bonds.

The patriotic and military atmosphere predominated at the rally. Heading the list of army figures seated on the flag-draped speakers' platform were Maj. Gen. Frank W. Milburn, commander of the 83rd Division at Camp Atterbury, and Col. W. H. Modisette, Atterbury post commander.

Flag Handed Sailor's Mother.

Preceding the program, the approximately 1,500 Noblitt employes in Columbus marched in a parade from their respective plants. Leading in the war workers were the 138th Engineers band from Atterbury, a squadron of armed scout trucks fully manned by Atterbury soldiers, and a state and local police escort. Each worker carried an American flag, presented by the company as a souvenir of the occasion.

The presentation of the Minute man award was impressive. Meredith Lienberger, chairman of the Bartholomew county war saving staff, presented it to Q. G. Noblitt, president of Noblitt-Sparks, and he in turn turned it over to Mrs. Kathryn Lithe, mother of Robert Lloyd Smith, 21, the first of approximately 350 Noblitt employes entering the fighting forces of Uncle Sam to be reported missing in action.

"For all the Noblitt-Sparks employes I am happy to accept this flag," said Mrs. Lithe, an employe of the Thirteenth street plant.

A Long Trained.

Glenn W. Thompson, Noblitt-Sparks vice-president, was master of ceremonies. He addressed the group as the Noblitt-Sparks family, explaining that when their wives and children were counted, the 1,500 employes in the Columbus plants actually represented about 5,000 individuals.

He commented on the production of war materials by the Noblitt employes.

"I'm not permitted to tell military secrets but I think I can give you some idea of how much material you have turned out," he said. "If you would drive your car to a railroad crossing where a freight train loaded with these materials was passing, you would have quite a wait before it passed by. You had better turn off the motor, too, because it would take four hours for the train, moving at an average speed, to clear the crossing."

Must Have Fighting Spirit.

Major Rich, a veteran of World war I, who resigned as prosecuting attorney of Hamilton county, Ohio, to enter the present conflict, was a forceful speaker. Commenting on World war I, he said, "We saved democracy for 20 years but we failed to achieve an end to all wars. The war dogs of Europe don't believe in peace."

He denounced the brutal acts of Germany, Italy and Japan and charged that although ample warning had been given of what to expect, the United States had slept through it all. He told of the fighting spirit of the peoples of China and Britain and declared that such a spirit was needed here to insure victory.

"We want you to know that you are an important part of a great team—a great victory team," he said. "We want you to do everything in your power to help win. When you go home at night, ask yourself the question 'Have I done everything in my power today?' We have everything but a fighting spirit and we must have that to win."

Introduces Military Guests.

Marian Foulke, a Noblitt-Sparks vice-president, introduced the military guests who included Colonel Modisette, Col. Fred A. McMahan, chief, and Col. Joseph C. Shapiro, deputy chief, of Cincinnati ordnance district; Capt. J. H. Peacock, Cincinnati; Capt. G. H. Tompkins; Capt. Marshall Wallach, Camp Atterbury; Lieutenants Davis, Neff, Hughes, Carney, Gertley, DuBinsky and Birkenhauer.

E. J. Martin, civilian chief of the industrial service of the Cincinnati Ordnance district, also attended.

Local citizens occupying seats on the speakers platform were Judge George W. Long of the circuit court; Mayor Fred C. Ewens; M. H. Amick, civilian defense chairman, and Forrest V. Carmichael, vice-chairman of civilian defense.

The platform was decorated with the flags of all allied nations. A color guard from Atterbury took part in the program, and the music was furnished by the Atterbury band.

ALL YOUTHS, 20, ARE CLASSIFIED

Work Completed While President Spoke on Drafting Boys, 18-19.

The Bartholomew county selective service board met Monday night and completed classification of all 20 year-olds who registered June 30 while President Roosevelt was urging in a nation-wide address the drafting of men ages 18 and 19.

The young men classified Monday night by the local board included those who were 20 years old before Oct. 1.

There are 176 of these young men listed with the local board and the bulk of them are being placed in Class 1. The first of the June 30 20-year-olds to be called up for final examination and induction are slated to go to Indianapolis later this month. The others are expected to be called into service at a rapid rate as few are qualified for deferment.

722 Already Enrolled.

If the Army drafts the men 18 and 19 years old, as urged by President Roosevelt last night, the Bartholomew county board will immediately have 722 more men eligible for service. These youngsters registered on June 30 and are being sent questionnaires as fast as they reach their 20th birthday. Approximately 20 become 20 years old each month.

Indications that 18 and 19-year-olds will be drafted has led to a report in enlistments by these youths and the local board already has a total of 16 men 18 and 19 years old through enlistments in the Navy, Army, Marines and Air corps. The Navy accepts men as soon as they reach their 17th birthday, provided they have the parents' consent.

"Approximately half of the young men applying for enlistment in the U. S. Army are less than 21 years old," Col. Carl R. Byrd, commanding officer of Indiana recruiting, said today at Indianapolis.

Inquire About Enlistment.

Colonel Byrd said that many are enlisting because they face possible draft calls and want to get a "head start."

Many of the 18 and 19-year-old Bartholomew county draft registrants have been calling at the local draft office in the last few days, asking about enlistment in the various services.

The list of the 20-year-old men classified by the local board last night will be posted late today outside the draft office at the Columbus armory. The last man classified by the board at its meeting was Milford Spencer Jones.

Churchill Requests Nazis To Unshackle Prisoners

London, Oct. 13. (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill announced today that Germany had been requested to rescind her action in shackling British and Canadian prisoners and that if the Nazis agreed Britain immediately would cancel her reprisal measures.

Churchill said the Germans violated the Geneva convention when they chained 1,376 prisoners taken at Dieppe Aug. 19 and that representations had been made to Berlin through Switzerland, urging the shackles be removed.

If the Germans will desist, he continued, "the counter-measures of similar nature which the (British) government felt themselves forced to take will immediately be withdrawn."

1942_10_13_2_Army officials attend Noblitt-Sparks rally

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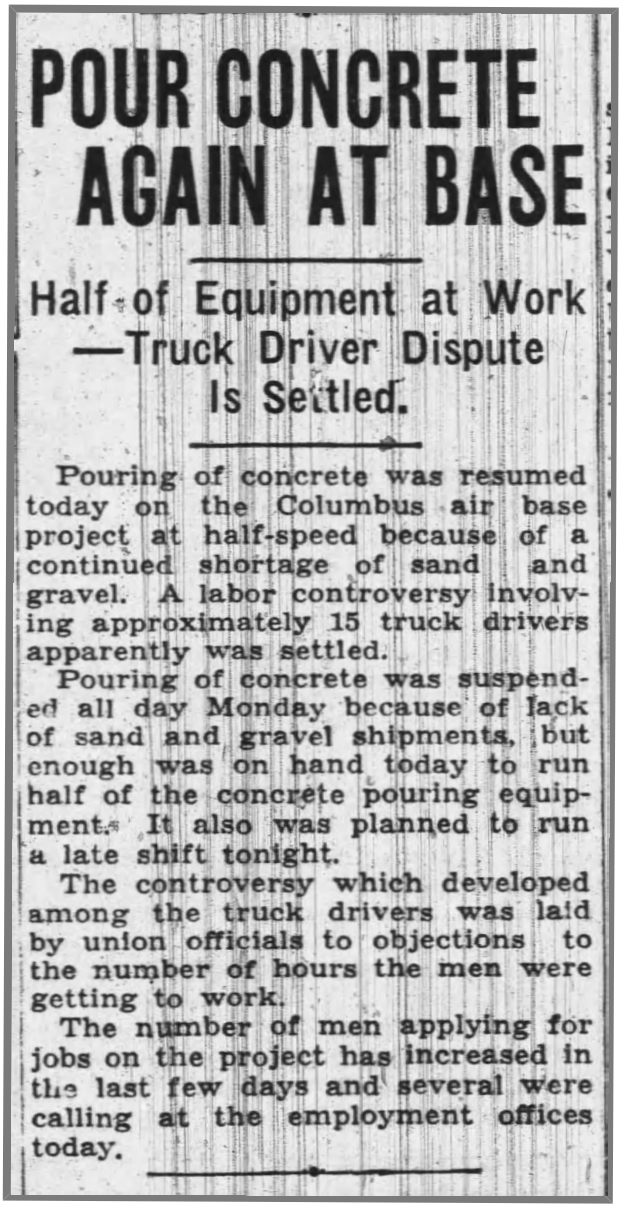

POUR CONCRETE AGAIN AT BASE

Half of Equipment at Work —Truck Driver Dispute Is Settled.

Pouring of concrete was resumed today on the Columbus air base project at half-speed because of a continued shortage of sand and gravel. A labor controversy involving approximately 15 truck drivers apparently was settled.

Pouring of concrete was suspended all day Monday because of lack of sand and gravel shipments, but enough was on hand today to run half of the concrete pouring equipment. It also was planned to run a late shift tonight.

The controversy which developed among the truck drivers was laid by union officials to objections to the number of hours the men were getting to work.

The number of men applying for jobs on the project has increased in the last few days and several were calling at the employment offices today.

1942_10_13_4_Pour concrete at Cols air base

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Sign for Gas Books Nov. 9

Washington, Oct. 13 (AP)—Registration for gasoline rationing will begin Nov. 9 in all parts of the country except the already rationed East.

The Office of Price Administration, announcing this today, said, however, car owners in the East like the rest of the country would be required to furnish additional information concerning the tires they own.

In gearing the gasoline rationing more closely to the tire conservation program, OPA made these innovations in the plan now operating in the East:

1. Periodic tire inspection as a requirement for any renewal of rationing books as well as for applications for tires and recaps;

2. Certification that applicant owns no more than five tires for any one vehicle;

3. Revocation or reduction of rations for drivers who exceed the 35-mile-an-hour speed limit.

The registration beginning Nov. 9 will be for "A" coupon book, with rationing planned to go into effect Nov. 22.

Each applicant will be required to list the serial numbers for all tires he owns.

OPA said it would announce shortly details of the periodic tire inspection program.

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TO REACTIVATE 92ND DIVISION, PART AT CAMP

Famous Negro Unit of First World War Goes Back into Service.

CEREMONIES THURSDAY

Combat Team at Atterbury to Be Reviewed by Artillery General.

The 92nd Division, composed of negro selective service men, will be re-activated formally Thursday morning at ceremonies to be held at Camp Atterbury, where a combat team of the division is being organized.

The day's ceremonies will be observed simultaneously at each of the four scattered stations of the division. At Camp Atterbury the combat team consists of the 365th Infantry regiment and the 587th Field Artillery battalion and is commanded by Col. Walter A. Elliott.

The Activation Day ceremonies call for transcribed addresses by Lieut. Gen. Ben Lear, Second Army commander, and Major General Edward M. Almond, 92nd Division commander, who will thus be present by proxy.

Artillery Commander Coming.

The 365th combat team was reviewed for the first time Saturday at Camp Atterbury by General Almond.

Thursday, the combat team will be reviewed at Atterbury by Brig. Gen. William H. Colbern, artillery commander of the division, as part of the day's ceremonies.

Later, General Colbern will present the colors to Colonel Elliott.

The Fort Benjamin Harrison band will be present at the ceremonies and will play the national anthem.

Capt. Edward W. Jones, 365th combat team chaplain, will deliver the invocation.

Thus, a second division will be formally re-activated at new Camp Atterbury. The 83rd Infantry division was activated at the camp in August and "open house" ceremonies were held for the general public.

Fought in France.

The 92nd Division wrote a glorious page of combat history in World war I. Activated Oct. 24, 1917, and demobilized March 7, 1919, the division saw action in Lorraine and the Meuse-Argonne.

As part of the old National army, it was activated at Camp Funston, Kan. It was made up of negro selective service men from the United States at large and was under the command of Brig. Gen. Charles C. Ballou.

Component units were the 183rd and 184th Infantry brigades, 167th Field Artillery, division troops and train.

The last units were demobilized at Camp Meade, Md., following return to the United States at the close of the war.

The original cadre of the new division was sent to Atterbury from Fort Huachuca, Ariz. It consisted of 29 infantry and eight field artillery officers and around this group the 92nd is being formed.

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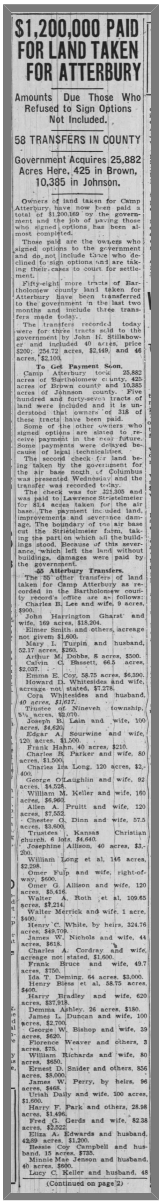

$1,200,000 PAID FOR LAND TAKEN FOR ATTERBURY

Amounts Due Those Who Refused to Sign Options Not Included.

58 TRANSFERS IN COUNTY

Government Acquires 25,882 Acres Here, 425 in Brown, 10,385 in Johnson.

Owners of land taken for Camp Atterbury have now been paid a total of $1,200,000 by the government and the job of paying them for leased options has been almost completed.

Those paid are the owners who signed options to the government and do not include those who declined to sign options and are taking their cases to court for settlement.

Fifty-eight more tracts of Bartholomew county land taken for Atterbury have been transferred to the government in the last two months and include three transfers made today.

The transfers recorded today were for three tracts sold to the government by John H. Stillabower and included 40 acres, price $200; 254.72 acres, $2,149; and 46 acres, $2,105.

To Get Payment Soon.

Camp Atterbury total 25,882 acres of Bartholomew county, 425 acres of Brown county and 10,385 acres of Johnson county. Five hundred and forty-seven tracts of land were included and it is understood that owners of 218 of these tracts have been paid.

Some of the other owners who signed options are slated to receive payment in the near future. Some payments were delayed because of legal technicalities.

The second tract of land being sold to the government for the air base south of Columbus was presented Wednesday and the transfer was recorded today.

The check was for 221.305 and was paid to Lawrence Striebelmeier for 85.4 acres taken for the air base. The payment included land, improvements and severance damage. The boundary of the air base cut the Striebelmeier farm, taking the part on which all the buildings stood. Because of this severance, which left the land without buildings, damages were paid by the government.

48 Atterbury Transfers.

The other transfers of land taken for Camp Atterbury as recorded in the Bartholomew county record's office are as follows:

Charles B. Lee and wife, 9 acres, $900.

John Harrington Gharst and wife, 160 acres, $15,204.

Elmer Smith and others, acreage not given, $1,600.

Mary L. Turpin and husband, 52.17 acres, $265.

Arthur M. Dobbs, 8 acres, $500.

Calvin G. Sheets, 66.5 acres, $2,000.

Emma E. Coy, 58.75 acres, $6,300.

Howard D. Whitesides and wife, acreage not stated, $7,278.

Cora Whitesides and husband, 40 acres, $1,037.

Trustee of Nineveh township, 5¼ acres, $2,070.

Joseph B. Lain and wife, 100 acres, $4,620.

Edgar A. Sourwine and wife, 120 acres, $1,200.

Frank Hahn, 40 acres, $216.

Charles R. Parker and wife, 80 acres, $1,500.

Charles Ida Long, 120 acres, $1,

George O'Leighbis and wife, 92 acres, $4,528.

William M. Keller and wife, 160 acres, $6,960.

Allen A. Pruitt and wife, 120 acres, $7,553.

Chester G. Elon and wife, 57.5 acres, $3,600.

Trustees], Kansas Christian church, 6 lots, $4,640.

Josephine Allison, 40 acres, $1,200.

William Long et al, 146 acres, $2,208.

Owen Fulp and wife, right-of-way, $36.

Omer G. Allison and wife, 120 acres, $5,416.

Walter A. Roth et al, 109.65 acres, $7,214.

Walter Merrick and wife, 1 acre, $400.

Henry C. White, by heirs, 324.76 acres, $45,719.

James W. Nichols and wife, 44 acres, $618.

Charles A. Cordray and wife, acreage not stated, $1,600.

Frank Bruce and wife, 49.7 acres, $736.

Ida T. Deming, 64 acres, $3,000.

Henry Biese et al, 58.75 acres, $405.

Harry Bradley and wife, 620 acres, $37,313.

Demma Ashley, 26 acres, $180.

James L. Duncan and wife, 100 acres, $2,700.

George W. Bishop and wife, 29 acres, $620.

Florence Weaver and others, 3 acres, $75.

William Richards and wife, 80 acres, $850.

Ernest D. Snider and others, 856 acres, 38,000.

Mary C. Perry, by heirs, 96 acres, $403.

Uriah Daily and wife, 100 acres, $1,000.

Harry F. Park and others, 28.36 acres, $1,496.

Fred G. Gerds and wife, 82.38 acres, $3,502.

Eliza A. Edwards and husband, 42.09 acres, $1,200.

Hessie Coy Campbell and husband, 15 acres, $735.

Minnie Mae Jenson and husband, 40 acres, $600.

Lucy C. Keller and husband, 48

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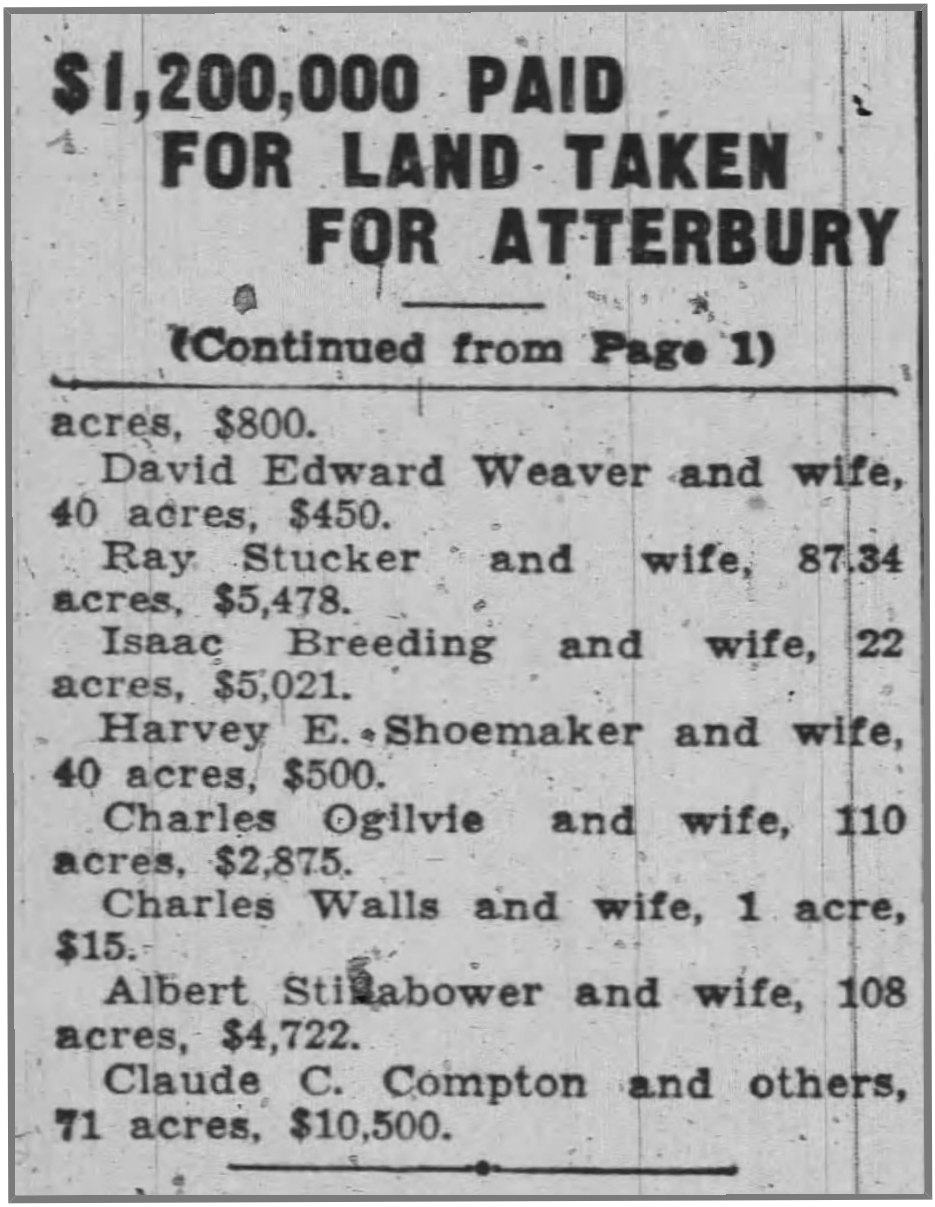

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acres, $800.

David Edward Weaver and wife, 40 acres, $450.

Ray Stucker and wife, 87.34 acres, $5,478.

Isaac Breeding and wife, 22 acres, $5,021.

Harvey E. Shoemaker and wife, 40 acres, $500.

Charles Ogilvie and wife, 110 acres, $2,875.

Charles Walls and wife, 1 acre, $15.

Albert Stillabower and wife, 108 acres, $4,722.

Claude C. Compton and others, 71 acres, $10,500.

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Lay 10,000 Yards of Paving Daily at Base

Laying of concrete at the new Columbus air base has hit 10,000 square yards a day—equivalent to a strip 25 feet wide and two-thirds of a mile long—and it is understood that the local project is leading the Louisville Army engineer district in speed of progress.

Work of pouring the enormous amount of concrete to be used at the base—enough to make a 20-foot highway 40 miles long—was started less than four weeks ago, but four 25-foot strips, almost a mile long, have been put down for one runway and work is well under way on a second.

Each of the field's four runways will be 150 feet wide, consisting of six 25-foot strips. In addition, there will be 50-foot wide taxi strips and at least one huge concrete apron, around 500 feet wide and 1,000 feet long.

Want More Speed.

The Army also is looking to the future and the base's plans provide room for two more big aprons should they be needed at a later date.

Despite present speed of the work, which is rapidly turning the 2,000-acre Hawpatch area north of Columbus into a $5,000,000 war installation, officials in charge of the project are calling for more speed and are aiming at laying 15,000 square yards of concrete — nine inches thick—a day.

Four giant cement mixers are in operation at the field and a fifth is to be added, with another crew of men to be put to work.

Actual work got under way on the air base Aug. 19—less than two months ago—but the Hawpatch area already has lost most of its former appearance as buildings spring into being and bulldozers shove aside thousands of yards of dirt.

Many of the former farm homes in the area are now being razed and their materials salvaged.

Walesboro Job Expands.

Construction work is expanding on the site of the Walesboro auxiliary flying field, south of Columbus.

The Highland Construction company of Louisville moved in more of its equipment Tuesday and was preparing to set up offices in the former residence of Ralph J. Strietelmeier.

Approximately 1,000,000 cubic yards of dirt will have to be moved for the Walesboro project, which will be part of the Seymour flying school set-up.

Two concrete runways are to be constructed at Walesboro and the entire 800-acre area is to be graded level so that planes can land at practically any point.

The rolling hills at the west end of the site will be graded away and the dirt piled into the low places at other points.

Engineers Set up Office.

Grading work already has started on a small scale and power shovels are at work excavating for the laying of concrete sewers.

The engineers from Seymour project have set up a temporary office and first aid station in the basement of the Herbert Evans home.

The residents of the area have until Oct. 19 to vacate their houses and many are completing plans for moving. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Pruitt were moving their household furnishings Tuesday afternoon and preliminary work was being done on three houses which will be moved out of the area. These are the homes of A. T. Dishinger, Lloyd Stader and Jettie Olmstead.

1942_10_14_3_10000 yards of paving daily at cols airfield

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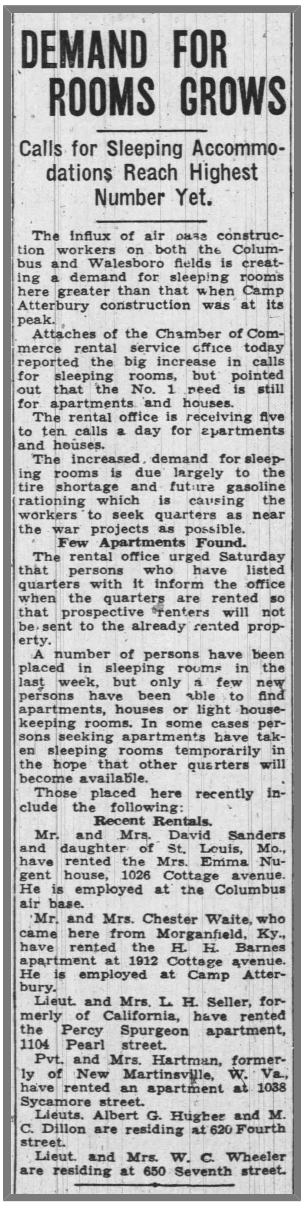

DEMAND FOR ROOMS GROWS

Calls for Sleeping Accommodations Reach Highest Number Yet.

The influx of air base construction workers on both the Columbus and Walesboro fields is creating a demand for sleeping rooms here greater than that when Camp Atterbury construction was at its peak.

Attaches of the Chamber of Commerce rental service office today reported the big increase in calls for sleeping rooms, but pointed out that the No. 1 need is still for apartments and houses.

The rental office is receiving five to ten calls a day for apartments and houses.

The increased demand for sleeping rooms is due largely to the tire shortage and future gasoline rationing which is causing the workers to seek quarters as near the war projects as possible.

Few Apartments Found.

The rental office urged Saturday that persons who have listed quarters with it inform the office when the quarters are rented so that prospective renters will not be sent to the already rented property.

A number of persons have been placed in sleeping rooms in the last week, but only a few new persons have been able to find apartments, houses or light housekeeping rooms. In some cases persons seeking apartments have taken sleeping rooms temporarily in the hope that other quarters will become available.

Those placed here recently include the following:

Recent Rentals.

Mr. and Mrs. David Sanders and daughter of St. Louis, Mo., have rented the Mrs. Emma Nugent house, 1026 Cottage avenue. He is employed at the Columbus air base.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Waite, who came here from Morganfield, Ky., have rented the H. H. Barnes apartment at 1912 Cottage avenue. He is employed at Camp Atterbury.

Lieut. and Mrs. L. H. Seller, formerly of California, have rented the Percy Spurgeon apartment, 1104 Pearl street.

Pvt. and Mrs. Hartman, formerly of New Martinsville, W. Va., have rented an apartment at 1038 Sycamore street.

Lieuts. Albert G. Hugher and M. C. Dillon are residing at 620 Fourth street.

Lieut. and Mrs. W. C. Wheeler are residing at 650 Seventh street.

1942_10_14_4_Demand for rooms at air base grows

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Smoke and Dust Clouds Rise at Walesboro Field

Trees Dynamited and Homes Razed At New Flying Center.

Clouds of dust swirl over the Walesboro auxiliary flying field area as big graders and power shovels get going in earnest on the project. Smoke also rolls into the sky from brush fires which have been started to clean out the 800-acre site.

The dust and smoke can be seen rising into the air from several miles away and travelers south on Alternate road 31 to Seymour can observe the machines and men at work west of Bethel Baptist church.

Residents of the flying field site are rapidly vacating their homes. Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wiley and two sons and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carmichael, have moved into Walesboro and their former residence at the southeast corner of the flying field is being razed.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stader and his mother, Mrs. Estella Stader, have moved to the former Hill residence at the south edge of Walesboro. They recently purchased the property from Q. G. Noblitt.

To Move Houses.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Dishinger and son and his father, Tull, are moving their household furnishings. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Crider and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph J. Strietelmeier already have moved.

Several houses in the area will be moved to the south edge of Walesboro and the foundations of most of these are now being removed.

Movers also have started relocating the house of Mr. and Mrs. Jettie Olmstead, which is to be moved south of the area.

Preliminary grading work is under way on the Walesboro field's two runways and sewer lines are being put down.

Work of removing the timber in the western part of the area also has been started. There are a large number of big trees in the southwest corner of the site and all must come down. Part of the trees are being brought down with saws, while others are toppled by heavy charges of dynamite.

Trees Topple and Crash.

The dynamite goes off with a roar that can be heard for a mile or more around the area, the big trees split and then topple to the ground with a second crash, while dirt and debris fly through the air in a big black cloud.

More men are being hired on the project and it appears likely that peak employment will be near the 400 figure, if that many men are available.

Two of the three turf runways for the auxiliary flying field at Grammer are rapidly taking shape and grading work is on a 22-hour day, with two 11-hour shifts employed. Total on the field is running near the 100 mark.

Two families are still residing on the Grammer site. They are Mr. and Mrs. Hogan Burns and Mr. and Mrs. Wade Marsh. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elliott moved this week to Sardinia.

1942_10_14_5_Smoke and dust rise at Walesboro field

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ONE WORKER ON AIR BASE KILLED, ONE BADLY HURT

Henry F. Brown Victim of Auto Collision South of Whiteland.

MAN CAUGHT IN GRADER

Pruitt Jennings Falls into Whirling Blades—Taken to Hospital.

A construction worker on the Columbus air base project was killed in an auto accident south of Whiteland and another air base worker was severely injured last Wednesday afternoon while employed on the project.

Henry Francis Brown, 48, of Indianapolis, employe of the Pearson construction company on the Columbus air base, was killed in the Road 31 crash early Wednesday morning.

Pruitt Jennings, 36, of Louisville, employe of Kramp and Koch construction companies, was injured about 4:15 o'clock Wednesday afternoon when he fell into the whirling blades of a power grader.

The accident to Jennings was the first serious mishap on the project, despite the fact that more than 1,000 persons are employed.

Jennings was taken immediately to the Bartholomew county hospital, where his condition was described as fairly good today. He suffered a broken right leg, a broken left arm and bruises.

Falls Into Machine.

The accident happened as Jennings was oiling the idle power grader. The operator did not know Jennings was on the machine and turned on the motor. Jennings fell down into the machine and was struck by the blades.

The power grader runs on wheels along the forms into which concrete is poured for the field's runways. The machine is about 25 feet wide and levels the ground surface between the concrete forms. It is followed by the paving machines, which pour the concrete into the forms.

Jennings has been staying on Route 5 since he has been employed on the local job. His wife was called here from Louisville because of his injuries.

Crashes Into Cattle Truck.

In the accident in which Brown was killed, the 1936 Buick he was driving south crashed into the side of a north-bound truck about two miles south of Whiteland. The truck was loaded with 22 head of cattle.

Brown's driver's license and draft registration cards gave his address as Charlestown, but officials of the Pearson company here said they understood his present residence was in Indianapolis. He was employed as a carpenter.

Both Brown's car and the truck were badly damaged, but the truck driver and cattle escaped injury. The truck was driven by Ernest L. Sutherlin of Indianapolis.

Several of the cattle, which escaped from the truck, were rounded up by State Patrolman Fred Neal and Deputy Sheriff Russell Cochran of Johnson county, who investigated the accident.

Brown's body was moved to the Vandivier funeral home at Franklin.

1942_10_14_6_one air base worker killed and one badly hurt

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Model Planes Made by Schoolboys Aid Soldiers

Some Fabricated Here May Be in Use in Instruction At Atterbury.

Camp Atterbury's soldiers have got to learn to distinguish a U. S. plane from an enemy plane and in a hurry—the difference may mean life or death.

To learn the various types—pursuits, bombers and all other varieties—the soldiers are using hundreds of model airplanes made by Indiana schoolboys.

Approximately 100 of the "spotter planes" were made last year by Columbus high school boys and 200 more are to be made this year.

Some of the planes made here may be among those now in use at Atterbury. Most of the planes bear the names and addresses of their makers.

Hundreds on Hand.

The "spotters" were sent to Atterbury from the Indiana department of public instruction and several hundred are now on hand.

The planes are being turned over to the various units and the men will be given lessons enabling them to distinguish the planes by their different characteristics. The models also will be on display in some of the camp day rooms so that each soldier can have a chance to inspect each one during his leisure time.

The models are painted black and made to scale so that when suspended in the air from a short distance they look like the silhouette of a real plane approaching.

Want Enemy Uniforms.

If it were a real enemy plane, the soldier would have but seconds to swing his gun into action or take cover. If it were a U. S. plane approaching, the Army wants to be sure that its soldiers aren't going to make a mistake and fire at it.

Plans also are under way for acquainting the Camp Atterbury soldiers with the uniforms worn by German, Italian and Japanese soldiers. Posters showing the various uniforms have been distributed throughout the camp and it is hoped that enemy uniforms can be obtained so that the men can see the real thing.

Officers in charge point out that it is vitally important for the men quickly to recognize, even at night, every part of the enemy uniforms—in combat only a helmet or boot may be visible.

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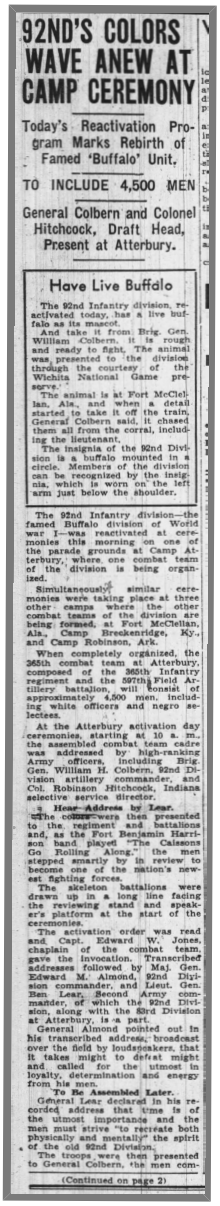

92ND'S COLORS WAVE ANEW AT CAMP CEREMONY

Today's Reactivation Program Marks Rebirth of Famed 'Buffalo' Unit.

TO INCLUDE 4,500 MEN

General Colbern and Colonel Hitchcock, Draft Head, Present at Atterbury.

Have Live Buffalo

The 92nd Infantry division, reactivated today, has a live buffalo as its mascot.

And take it from Brig. Gen. William Colbern, it is rough and ready to fight. The animal was presented to the division through the courtesy of the Wichita National Game preserve.

The animal is at Fort McClellan, Ala., and when a detail started to take it off the train, General Colbern said, it chased them all from the corral, including the lieutenant.

The insignia of the 92nd Division is a buffalo mounted in a circle. Members of the division can be recognized by the insignia, which is worn on the left arm just below the shoulder.

The 92nd Infantry division—the famed Buffalo division of World war I—was reactivated at ceremonies this morning on one of the parade grounds at Camp Atterbury, where one combat team of the division is being organized.

Simultaneously, similar ceremonies were taking place at three other camps where the other combat teams of the division are being formed, at Fort McClellan, Ala., Camp Breckenridge, Ky., and Camp Robinson, Ark.

When completely organized, the 365th combat team at Atterbury, composed of the 365th Infantry regiment and the 597th Field Artillery battalion, will consist of approximately 4,500 men, including white officers and negro selectees.

At the Atterbury activation day ceremonies, starting at 10 a. m., the assembled combat team cadre was addressed by high-ranking Army officers, including Brig. Gen. William H. Colbern, 92nd Division artillery commander, and Col. Robinson Hitchcock, Indiana selective service director.

Hear Address by Lear.

The colors were then presented to the regiment and battalions and, as the Fort Benjamin Harrison band played "The Caissons Go Rolling Along," the men stepped smartly by in review to become one of the nation's newest fighting forces.

The skeleton battalions were drawn up in a long line facing the reviewing stand and speaker's platform at the start of the ceremonies.

The activation order was read and Capt. Edward W. Jones, chaplain of the combat team, gave the invocation. Transcribed addresses followed by Maj. Gen. Edward M. Almond, 92nd Division commander, and Lieut. Gen. Ben Lear, Second Army commander, of which the 92nd Division, along with the 83rd Division at Atterbury, is a part.

General Almond pointed out in his transcribed address, broadcast over the field by loudspeakers, that it takes might to defeat might and called for the utmost in loyalty, determination and energy from his men.

To Be Assembled Later.

General Lear declared in his recorded address that time is of the utmost importance and the men must strive "to recreate both physically and mentally" the spirit of the old 92nd Division.

The troops were then presented to General Colbern, the men com-

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ing to snappy salutes all along the line as the guidon flags dipped.

General Colbern, tall, youthful, sandy-haired and mustached, told the men they "must be imbued with the desire to attack and destroy" the enemy.

He explained that the members of the cadre are the selected leaders of the new division and face "the severest warfare we have ever known." General Colbern also explained that later in the training program all combat teams of the division would be assembled at one camp for training as a division.

Col. Walter E. Elliott, commanding officer of the combat team at Atterbury, also spoke. He traced the history of the division in World war I and promised that soon the battle streamers won by the division on the soil of France would adorn the regimental colors.

Hitchcock Represents Schricker.

Colonel Hitchcock, representing Governor Schricker and the people of Indiana, welcomed the new division to the state.

The colors were then presented to Colonel Elliott by General Colbern and the regimental commander, battalion commanders and color guards marched to the front. The flags were presented to the commanders of each unit by Colonel Elliott as the guards stood with rifles at present arms.

The Fort Harrison band played the National Anthem, followed by the troops marching in review past General Colbern and Colonel Elliott. The program ended at 11 a. m.

Witnesses included the negro section of the 1560th Service unit of the Quartermaster company at Atterbury and a number of the other post personnel and guests.

General Colbern, 92nd artillery commander, has his headquarters at Fort McClellan, but said today that much of his time would be spent visiting the various combat teams. General Almond, commander of the 92nd Division, also is stationed at Fort McClellan. He reviewed the new combat team at Atterbury last Saturday.

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Atterbury 'Phone Lines Run 1,000 Calls Hourly

Camp Atterbury's telephone exchange, the largest private branch in Indiana, is handling about 1,000 "local" calls an hour.

The exchange is equipped to handle 1,000 lines and compares in size with the telephone facilities in a city of 10,000 population. Included in the post system are 100,000 feet of cable ranging from 26-pair lines to 900-pair. If all the wires in the cables were laid end to end they would reach around the earth.

The exchange is under the direction of First Lieut. Taylor C. Smith, post signal officer, and his assistants, 2nd Lieut. Stuart D. Miles and Staff Sergt. Charles E. Harris. Lieutenant Smith formerly operated photograph shops in Edinburg and Franklin.

All calls, except long distance, are handled automatically by the dial system.

Slated to Get WAACs.

Fourteen women operators under the direction of Chief Operator Miss Frances White are employed at the exchange. Supervisors are Misses Hester Burnette and Margaret Gee. All the operators are from Indianapolis.

The women live in a barracks near the office. Housemother Mrs. Edith Winkel sees that the girls are in the barracks on time —10:30 from Monday to Friday and midnight Saturday and Sunday.

Several of the WAACs expected at Atterbury within a few months probably will be assigned to the exchange office to assist with administrative work.

Through the use of the telephones, Camp Atterbury has an efficient fire-reporting system. Installed in fire headquarters is a 5-call conference wire for emergency duty in case a fire breaks out on the post. When a fire is reported to the fire dispatcher, he flips a single switch and simultaneously notifies the water pumping station, the hospital admissions and dispositions office, the assistant post engineer and military police headquarters.

98 Fire Telephones.

Ninety-eight special telephones for reporting fires are spread over the post on poles painted with red stripes. Eighteen more will be installed.

Another unique feature of the post telephone system is the direct wire connections between the 81 telephones in the station hospital and the telephone office. This arrangement was designed to give quicker service. Numbers of telephones in the wards are easy to remember. The ward number is always preceded by the figure 8. The telephone number of Ward 17, for instance, is 817. There will be 115 telephones in the hospital when installations are completed.

Atterbury's communication system also includes telegraph service, which is available for use of the soldiers.

Classified ads cost little, pay big

How To Relieve Bronchitis

Creomulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germ laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Creomulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

CREOMULSION
for Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis

1942_10_16_1_Atterbury phones run 1000 calls hourly

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ROOM OPENED FOR SOLDIERS

A recreation room for soldiers was opened this week in Nashville, just west of the Brown county courthouse.

The Brown County Democrat said the room will soon fill an "even more needed" place as another group of soldiers are scheduled to arrive at the camp in the next few days."

According to the Democrat, the Army Transport school near Nashville now has about 125 men but is scheduled to have up to 600 men later.

1942_10_16_2_Brown County room opened for soldiers

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O. K. 14 EATING PLACES IN CITY

Military Reported Working on Plan to Keep Men from Those Unapproved.

Only one additional Columbus eating place has been approved recently for serving military personnel, bringing to 14 the total number approved here.

Two more establishments at Seymour have been approved and that city now has six.

Camp Atterbury officials have put into operation a plan for periodic re-inspections of the approved establishments, but Dr. Milton S. Ross, director of the Columbus health district, pointed out today that persons wishing to obtain inspections for approval are to apply to the district health office in the Bassett building, as in the past.

The military has not yet made any widescale effort to keep soldiers out of establishments which do not have approval, but it is understood that a program of enforcement is being worked out at the present time.

This program likely will call for the taking by the military police of the names and company addresses of the men found eating in unapproved places and reporting them to their company commanders.

1942_10_16_3_OK 14 eating places in Columbus

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Use of Critical Items Cut to Bare Minimum In Air Base Buildings

Structures of More Temporary Type Than Atterbury Rising Rapidly.

MOST ARE 1-STORY HIGH

Pouring of Concrete Back On Schedule With Increased Shipments of Materials.

Use of all critical materials has been cut to an absolute minimum in the buildings at the Columbus air base and the structures will be of a far more temporary type than those at Camp Atterbury.

The wooden frames of the buildings are covered with a thick, green fiberboard. This has eliminated the use of thousands of feet of lumber and has speeded up construction.

The same type of building is being erected at the Seymour Army flying school, except that there the buildings will be buff in color.

Although some of the air base buildings have concrete floors resting on the ground, the barracks for the soldiers will have wooden floors resting on concrete blocks. The buildings are going up at a rapid rate throughout the cantonment section.

Stoves Instead of Furnaces.

An improvement has been made over the Camp Atterbury construction as the space around the concrete blocks under the barracks at the air base is being filled in with dirt. At Camp Atterbury the wind can get under the floors of the barracks, although engineers point out that the forced air furnaces in the Atterbury barracks will keep them warm despite the air blowing underneath.

The air base barracks will not have furnaces, but will be heated by three stoves placed at intervals in the center aisle between the soldiers' cots.

Most of the buildings at the air base will be one-story structures.

No Plumbing in Barracks.

There will be no showers or toilets in the barracks. These will be located in separate lavatory buildings as was the general practice in Army construction during World war I.

There also will be supply buildings and day rooms for the soldiers.

Among the larger structures will be a squadron hangar, a large repair shop and the warehouses.

The field also will have a control tower located near the center of air activity. From this tower the taking off and landing of planes will be coordinated.

Pouring of concrete at the air base is back on a day and night schedule with two companies, instead of one, furnishing sand and gravel for the ever-hungry concrete mixers.

Water, Sewer Work Started.

Work was halted Monday because of lack of aggregate, but is now moving back into high gear with increased shipments of materials.

Work also has been started on the base's water installations and sewage disposal plant.

The air base engineers who moved from the Lutheran school Thursday night have occupied two separate buildings on the project site. Capt. Stratton O. Hammon, area engineer, Lieut. Austin Griffith, assistant area engineer, and civilian members of the U. S. engineers office, have set up offices in the air base's new administration building.

Members of the Allied Architects and Engineers, architect-engineer firm on the project, have occupied field offices in the building which will later became the air base utility engineers' building.

HARRY DICKEY PASSES AWAY

Member of County Council Dies Three Weeks After Brother.

Harry Dickey, 69, died at 10 o'clock Friday night at his home, fives miles east of Columbus. He had been in poor health for two years but was as active as usual through the day Friday and his death came unexpectedly.

He died just three weeks after his brother, Richard J. Dickey, of this city.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning at the Hathaway funeral home, conducted by Dr. Alexander Sharp, Sr., of Indianapolis. Burial will be made in City cemetery.

The casket will be open at the funeral home from Sunday noon until the services.

Formerly on Hospital Board.

Mr. Dickey was a member of the Bartholomew county council and a former member of the county hospital board.

He was born Nov. 19, 1872, near Hope, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Dickey, and married Miss Nancy Burnett on March 10, 1898. They moved in 1900 to the farm where they have since lived.

Mr. Dickey was engaged at farming all his life until his recent

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Camp Bits

(Items from The Atterbury Crier, Camp Atterbury's weekly newspaper.)

300 NEW K. P.'S.

Three hundred new men have been assigned to the 308th Medical battalion of the 83rd Division and many were the sighs of joy as the numerous non-coms paused in their kitchen labors to greet the new men.

Up to arrival of the new men, it was necessary for the non-commissioned officers to carry on various menial details in addition to their regular work. The majority of the new men received their basic instructions at Camp Grant, Ill.

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FIRST AID CLASSES.

First aid classes open to all men at Camp Atterbury will begin Oct. 26. Thomas Costello, Red Cross field representative is organizing the classes.

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CAISSON CHARIVARI.

Capt. George W. Irvine, battery commander of Headquarters battery, 83rd Division artillery, and Miss Eunice Walker of San Francisco, who were wed recently in the division artillery chapel, were showered with rice and escorted to a waiting caisson for the traditional artillery wedding ride, after which they departed on their honeymoon.

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MOTOR SHOP OPENS.

Opening of the Fourth Motor Echelon motor shop last week by Company M, 56th Ordnance regiment, inaugurated the first all-soldier motor repair shop at Atterbury.

Instruction will be provided to prepare men for duties in heavy maintenance and at the same time create a repair shop for 8th Detachment troop motor vehicles.

The unit will serve as "general hospital" for motor vehicles ranging from wreckers to jeeps and peeps.

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COMPLETE COURSES.

Certificates were awarded last week to 67 men in the Medical Section of the 1560th Service unit, who have successfully completed their 7-week basic training course.

Special ceremonies were held with the men passing in review before Maj. Ray G. Sailor, post adjutant, and Maj. Charles W. Gravenkemper, provisional regimental commander.

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ON THE WAY UP.

Nine more Camp Atterbury soldiers have been accepted for Officer Candidate schools, while three others have been accepted for training as Army flying cadets.

Eight men of the 83rd Signal company have left Atterbury to attend refresher schools and get additional training in communications. Upon return these men will be qualified as instructors.

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BOWL AT FRANKLIN.

Initial games were rolled last week in Camp Atterbury's first bowling league, with play at the Park-'N-Bowl alleys in Franklin.

The 1560th Service Unit Medical section had the highest score, a 2,346.

MR. CHAMBERS PASSES AWAY

Native of County and Hardware Man in Montana Dies.

Funeral services for Willard Chambers, 61, native of Bartholomew county, were held Sunday at Billings, Mont. He died Wednesday at Rochester, Minn.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Chambers and engaged in farming east of this city until 1906, when he moved to Billings and entered the hardware business.

He is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Daily Chambers of Route 1.

Other survivors are the widow; a sister, Mrs. Ralph Beatty of Billings, and a brother, at Bakersfield, Calif.

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HEARING IS SET FOR NOVEMBER 4

Application Filed for Beer License for Colored Restaurant.

A hearing on the application of Albert Phillips and Charles W. Snyder for a state license to handle beer and wine at a restaurant to be located at 302 Eighth street is scheduled to be held Nov. 4 before the county liquor board.

Phillips, operator of Al's shining parlor at the Blue Front shoe shop, and Snyder, former Union township trustee, are planning to open the Eighth street establishment principally for colored troops stationed at Camp Atterbury.

Work of remodeling the brick building to house the restaurant and bar has been in progress for some time. Fixtures to be used were purchased from C. H. Kepley when he closed Kep's lunch.

Two other hearings on applications are scheduled for Nov. 4.

They are on the application of Martin H. Schafstall for renewal of his 3-way, liquor, beer and wine retail license, and the application of Frank Gibson for renewal of his beer permit at the White Star meat market.

1942_10_20_2_Hearing set for beer and wine for colored restaurant

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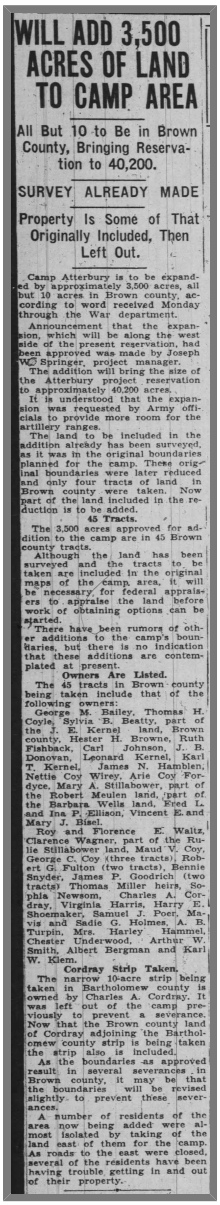

WILL ADD 3,500 ACRES OF LAND TO CAMP AREA

All But 10 to Be in Brown County, Bringing Reservation to 40,200.

SURVEY ALREADY MADE

Property Is Some of That Originally Included, Then Left Out.

Camp Atterbury is to be expanded by approximately 3,500 acres, all but 10 acres in Brown county, according to word received Monday through the War department.

Announcement that the expansion, which will be along the west side of the present reservation, had been approved was made by Joseph W. Springer, project manager.

The addition will bring the size of the Atterbury project reservation to approximately 40,200 acres.

It is understood that the expansion was requested by Army officials to provide more room for the artillery ranges.

The land to be included in the addition already has been surveyed, as it was in the original boundaries planned for the camp. These original boundaries were later reduced and only four tracts of land in Brown county were taken. Now part of the land included in the reduction is to be added.

45 Tracts.

The 3,500 acres approved for addition to the camp are in 45 Brown county tracts.

Although the land has been surveyed and the tracts to be taken are included in the original maps of the camp area, it will be necessary for federal appraisers to appraise the land before work of obtaining options can be started.

There have been rumors of other additions to the camp's boundaries, but there is no indication that these additions are contemplated at present.

Owners Are Listed.

The 45 tracts in Brown county being taken include that of the following owners:

George M. Bailey, Thomas H. Coyle, Sylvia B. Beatty, part of the J. E. Kernel land, Brown county, Hester H. Browne, Ruth Fishback, Carl Johnson, J. B. Donovan, Leonard Kernel, Karl T. Kernel, James N. Hamblen, Nettie Coy Wirey, Arie Coy Fordyce, Mary A. Stillabower, part of the Robert Meulen land, part of the Barbara Wells land, Fred L. and Ina P. Ellison, Vincent E. and Mary J. Bisel.

Roy and Florence E. Waltz, Clarence Wagner, part of the Rulie Stillabower land, Maud V. Coy, George C. Coy (three tracts), Robert G. Fulton (two tracts), Bennie Snyder, James P. Goodrich (two tracts) Thomas Miller heirs, Sophia Newsom, Charles A. Cordray, Virginia Harris, Harry E. Shoemaker, Samuel J. Poer, Mavis and Sadie G. Holmes, A. B. Turpin, Mrs. Harley Hammel, Chester Underwood, Arthur W. Smith, Albert Bergman and Karl W. Klem.

Cordray Strip Taken.

The narrow 10-acre strip being taken in Bartholomew county is owned by Charles A. Cordray. It was left out of the camp previously to prevent a severance. Now that the Brown county land of Cordray adjoining the Bartholomew county strip is being taken the strip also is included.

As the boundaries as approved result in several severances in Brown county, it may be that the boundaries will be revised slightly to prevent these severances.

A number of residents of the area now being added were almost isolated by taking of the land east of them for the camp. As roads to the east were closed, several of the residents have been having trouble getting in and out of their property.

1942_10_21_1_Add 3500 acres to camp

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U. S. TAKES 1440 ACRES OF LAND

More County Farms Become Property of Government Today.

All buildings, not reserved by their owners, on another 1,440 acres of Bartholomew county became the property of the United States government Monday midnight.

The buildings are those included in the 640 acres taken for the Grammer auxiliary flying field and the 800 acres taken for the Walesboro auxiliary flying field.

The government was given immediate possession of the land at the time of the condemnation suits, but residents of the areas had until Monday midnight to vacate their buildings.

However, at least seven houses and a number of other buildings at the Walesboro field have been retained by the owners and are being moved out of the area. Some of the families at Walesboro are still residing in the houses inside the field's boundaries, but work of moving the houses has been started and all will be out within a few days.

Officials Wanted More.

The next action of the government in obtaining the approximately 3,500 acres to be added on the west side of Camp Atterbury in Brown county probably will be the filing of a condemnation suit.

The strip to be added is roughly one mile wide and approximately six miles long, extending from southwest of Nineveh on the north to the south end of the former John Tinkey farm in Bartholomew county.

It is understood that Army officials at Camp Atterbury had asked that all the Brown county land included in the original boundaries of the camp and then left out be added back on again, but the War department would only approve the 3,500-acre addition as announced Monday.

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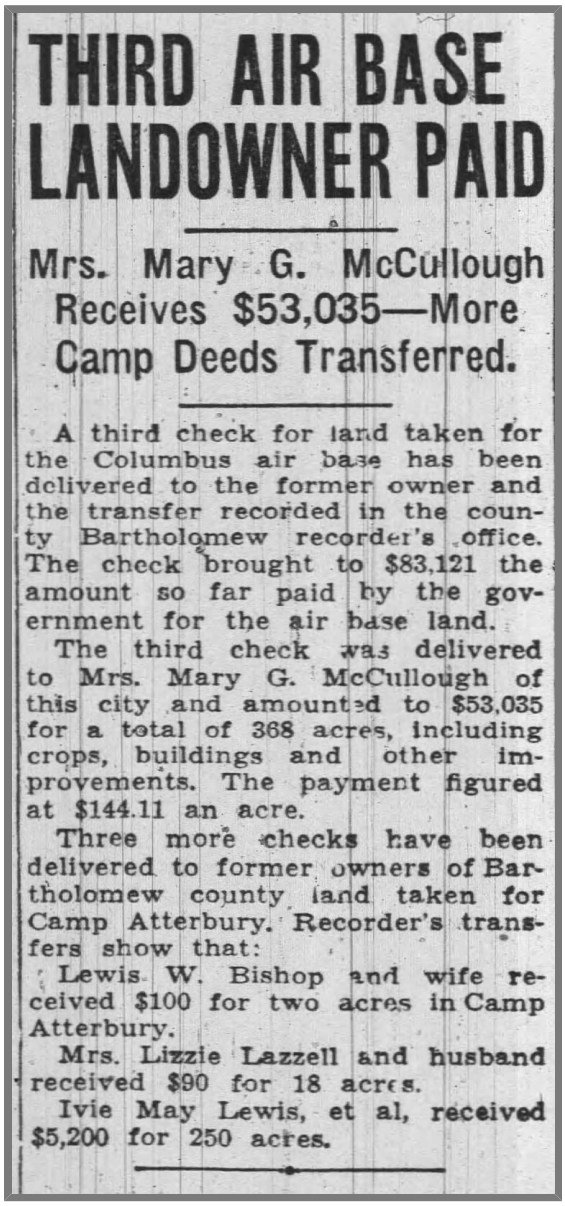

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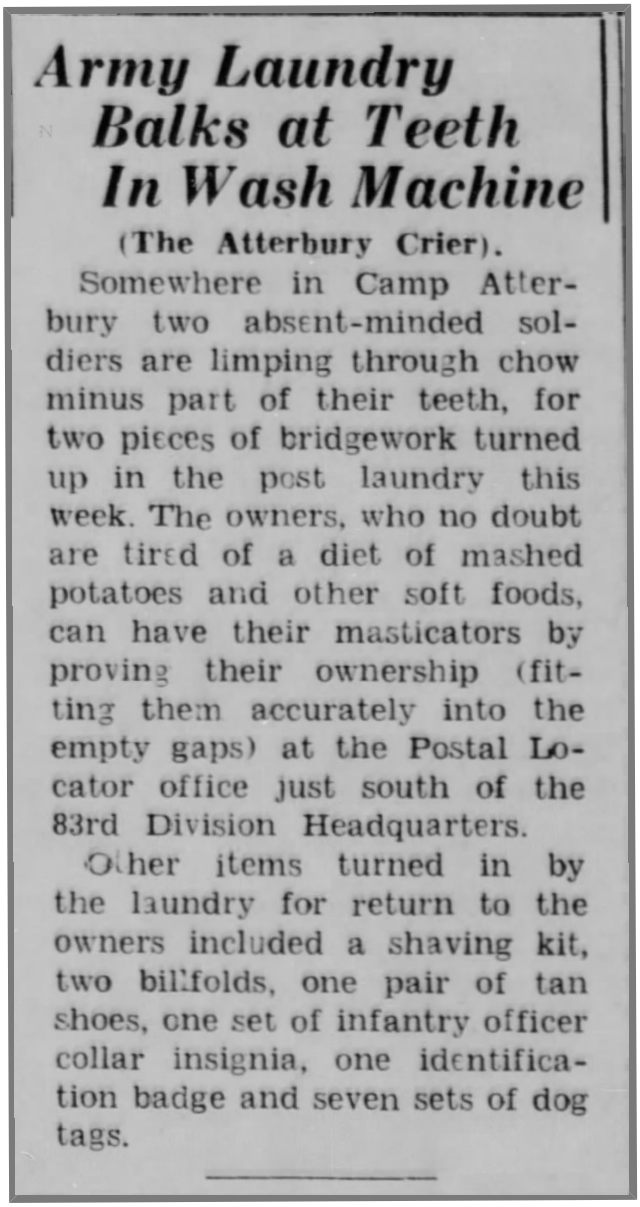

Army Laundry Balks at Teeth In Wash Machine

(The Atterbury Crier).

Somewhere in Camp Atterbury two absent-minded soldiers are limping through chow minus part of their teeth, for two pieces of bridgework turned up in the post laundry this week. The owners, who no doubt are tired of a diet of mashed potatoes and other soft foods, can have their masticators by proving their ownership (fitting them accurately into the empty gaps) at the Postal Locator office just south of the 83rd Division Headquarters.

Other items turned in by the laundry for return to the owners included a shaving kit, two billfolds, one pair of tan shoes, one set of infantry officer collar insignia, one identification badge and seven sets of dog tags.

1942_10_24_9_Laundry at camp turns up items

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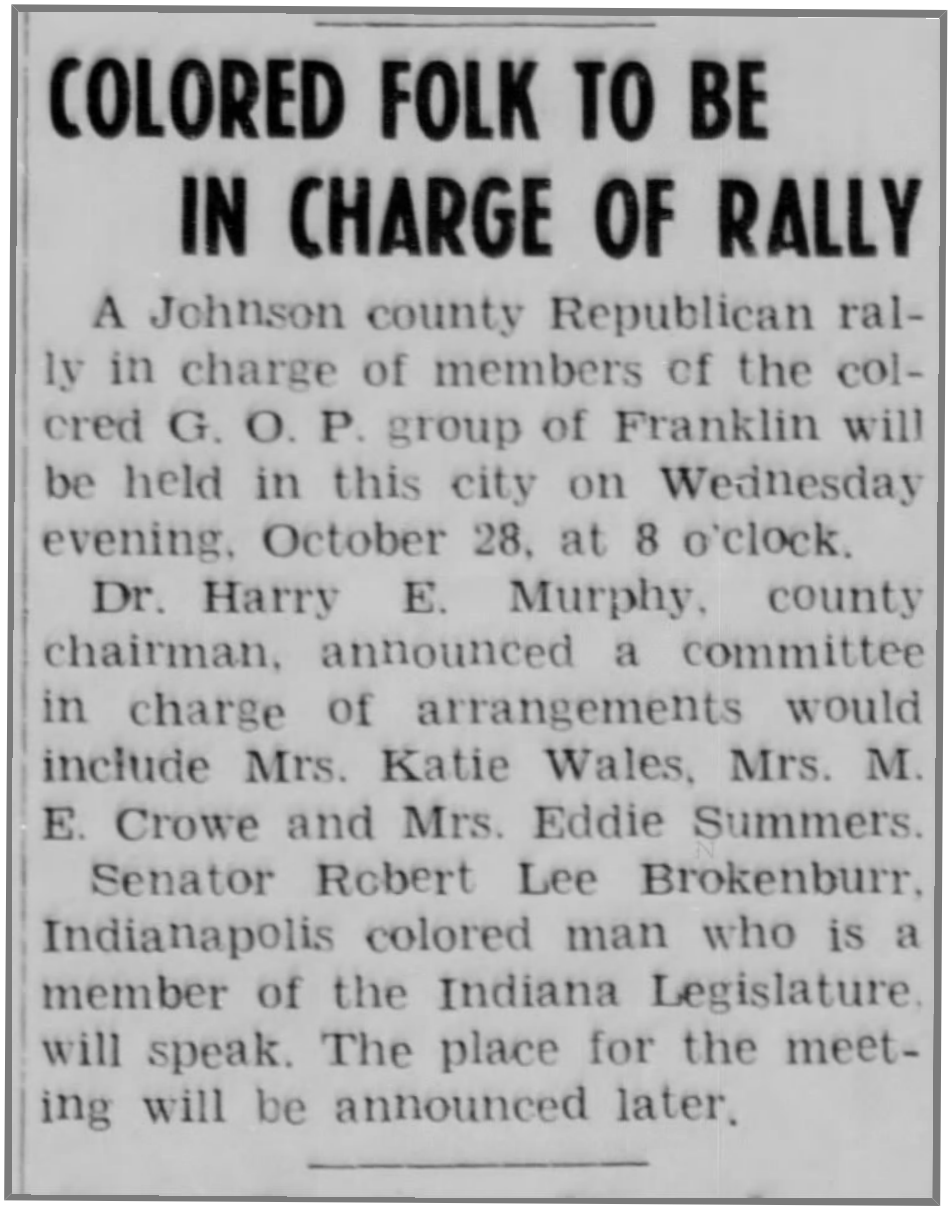

COLORED FOLK TO BE IN CHARGE OF RALLY

A Johnson county Republican rally in charge of members of the colored G. O. P. group of Franklin will be held in this city on Wednesday evening, October 28, at 8 o'clock.

Dr. Harry E. Murphy, county chairman, announced a committee in charge of arrangements would include Mrs. Katie Wales, Mrs. M. E. Crowe and Mrs. Eddie Summers.

Senator Robert Lee Brokenburr, Indianapolis colored man who is a member of the Indiana Legislature, will speak. The place for the meeting will be announced later.

1942_10_24_2_Colored folk in charge of rally

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POST OFFICES BEING ENLARGED

Two Atterbury Buildings to Be One—Include Powder Room for WAAC's.

The two present post headquarters buildings at Camp Atterbury are being made into one large building and a 2-story west wing is being added, Col. Welton M. Modisette, camp commander, has announced.

The new arrangement will provide office space for all of the various post officers, some of whom at present are located in buildings distant from post headquarters.

The new building when completed will be "T" shaped, with the new west wing 90 feet long. The two middle doors of the present buildings will be converted into windows and there will be a single entrance with reception room in the center of the completed structure.

Most offices will remain in their present locations, with exception of the military personnel office which will occupy the second floor of the new wing. There also will be office space for the post chaplain, internal security and intelligence, public relations, civilian personnel, special services and surgeon.

One of the features of the new building will be inclusion of a ladies powder room, preparing for the advent of the WAAC's in December.

Buildings to house the WAAC's are being constructed west of post headquarters.

Several other office buildings at the camp also have been rearranged and partitions added to care for more personnel.

1942_10_26_1_Post HQ being enlarged to accommodate WAACs

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BIG BARN BURNS NEAR EDINBURG

Andrew Parmerlee Farm Is Scene of $6,000 Blaze.

Edinburg, Oct. 26—The second disastrous fire in less than two weeks Saturday destroyed the large barn on the Andrew Parmerlee farm, causing damage estimated at $6,000.

The fire destroyed the building and burned valuable farm machinery including a large Dodge truck, a trailer, mower, corn plows, a bicycle and a Farmall.

The fire is believed to have started from a small stove.

Soldiers from Camp Atterbury discovered the blaze and assisted firemen in preventing complete destruction of other buildings, to which the blaze had spread.

The interior of the barn was ablaze before the fire was discovered and the contents were a total loss.

The Parmerlee farm is located on Road 252 near the east entrance of Camp Atterbury.

Film Burns.

About 6 o'clock Sunday evening a film at the Pixy theater caught fire and was partially destroyed.

The theater was filled but was cleared in record time.

The blaze was put out with a fire extinguisher before the fire department arrived.

The show was not opened Sunday evening.

1942_10_26_2_Parmerlee barn burns

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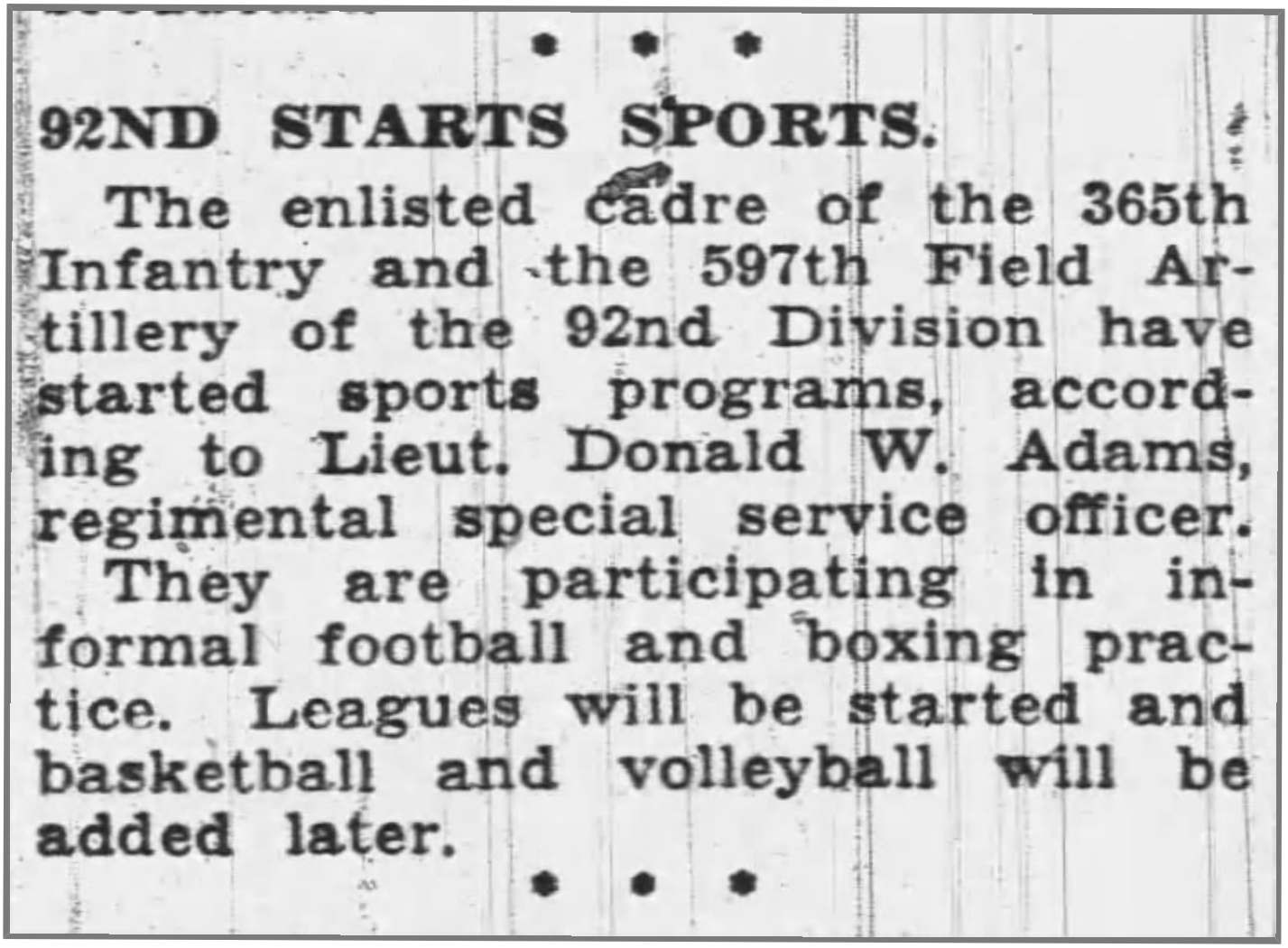

92ND STARTS SPORTS.

The enlisted cadre of the 365th Infantry and the 597th Field Artillery of the 92nd Division have started sports programs, according to Lieut. Donald W. Adams, regimental special service officer.

They are participating in informal football and boxing practice. Leagues will be started and basketball and volleyball will be added later.

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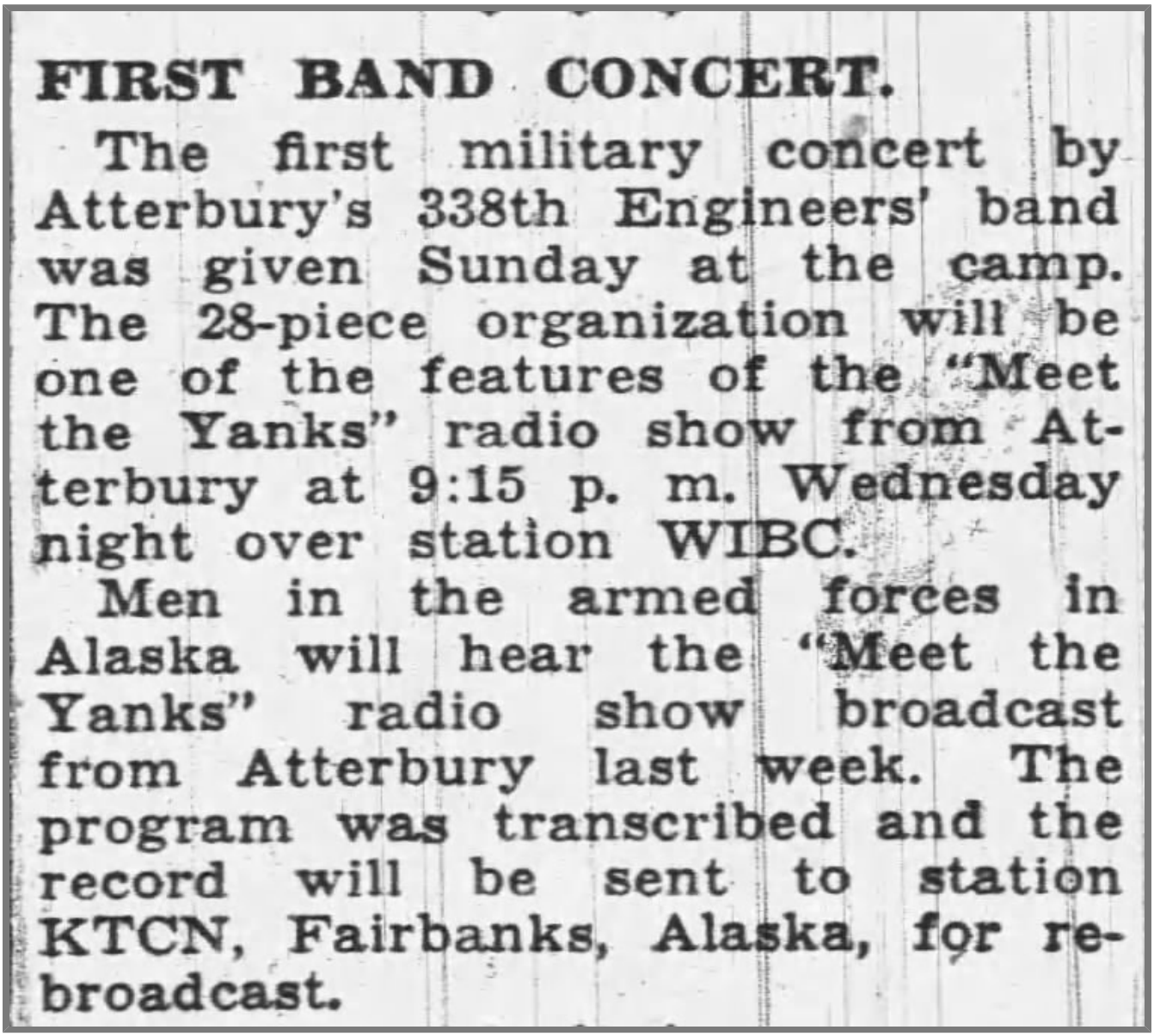

FIRST BAND CONCERT.

The first military concert by Atterbury's 338th Engineers' band was given Sunday at the camp. The 28-piece organization will be one of the features of the "Meet the Yanks" radio show from Atterbury at 9:15 p. m. Wednesday night over station WIBC.

Men in the armed forces in Alaska will hear the "Meet the Yanks" radio show broadcast from Atterbury last week. The program was transcribed and the record will be sent to station KTCN, Fairbanks, Alaska, for rebroadcast.

1942_10_26_338th Band gives lst concert on Meet the Yanks

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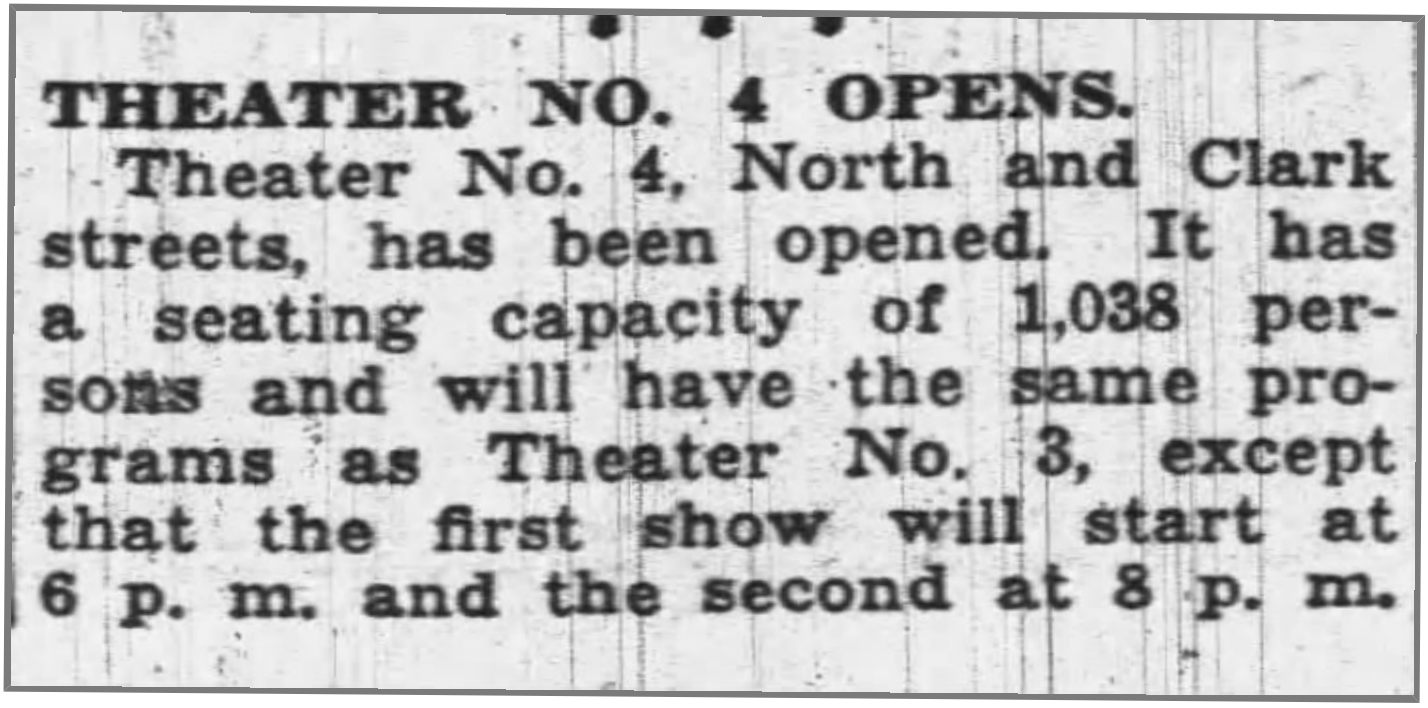

THEATER NO. 4 OPENS.

Theater No. 4, North and Clark streets, has been opened. It has a seating capacity of 1,038 persons and will have the same programs as Theater No. 3, except that the first show will start at 6 p. m. and the second at 8 p. m.

1942_10_26_Theater #4 opens. North & Clark streets

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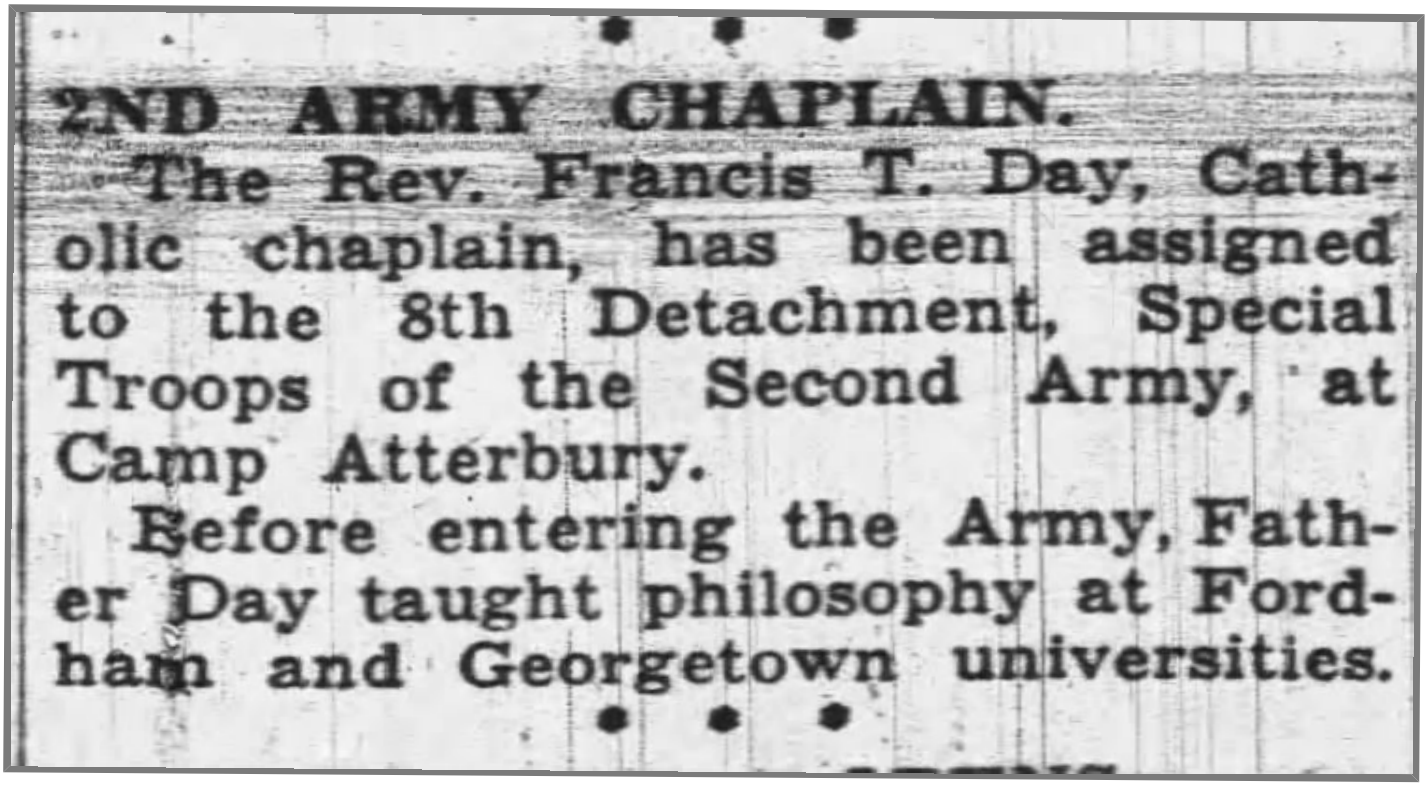

2ND ARMY CHAPLAIN.

The Rev. Francis T. Day, Catholic chaplain, has been assigned to the 8th Detachment, Special Troops of the Second Army, at Camp Atterbury.

Before entering the Army, Father Day taught philosophy at Fordham and Georgetown universities.

1942_10_26_Chaplain assigned 8th Det Special troops

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CUPID COMPLICATIONS.

Cupid, as usual, is causing complications—this time in the newly-opened chapels at Camp Atterbury. This is the story Lieut. Virgil M. Hailey, post chaplain, tells.

There have been so many weddings the last few weeks in the chapels and so much rice thrown around that field mice have taken abode in and about the special altars of the chapels.

Twenty-three couples have become man and wife in Atterbury's chapels since their recent opening.

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1942_10_26_Many marriages at Camp's chapels. Rice attracting mice

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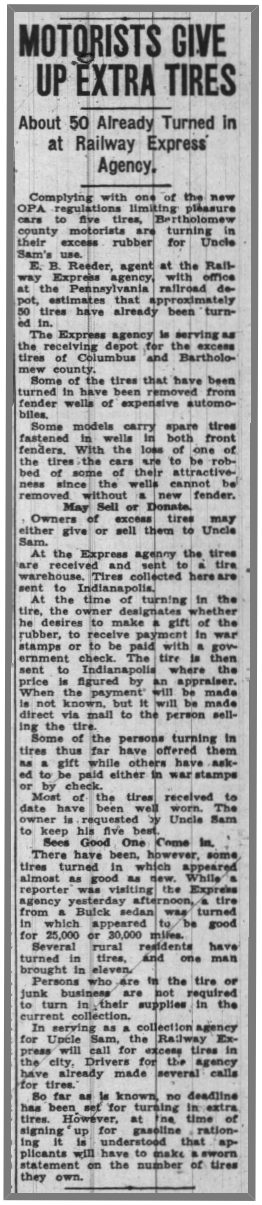

MOTORISTS GIVE UP EXTRA TIRES

About 50 Already Turned in at Railway Express Agency.

Complying with one of the new OPA regulations limiting pleasure cars to five tires, Bartholomew county motorists are turning in their excess rubber for Uncle Sam's use.

E. B. Reeder, agent at the Railway Express agency with office at the Pennsylvania railroad depot, estimates that approximately 50 tires have already been turned in.

The Express agency is serving as the receiving depot for the excess tires of Columbus and Bartholomew county.

Some of the tires that have been turned in have been removed from fender wells of expensive automobiles.

Some models carry spare tires fastened in wells in both front fenders. With the loss of one of the tires the cars are to be robbed of some of their attractiveness since the wells cannot be removed without a new fender.

May Sell or Donate.

Owners of excess tires may either give or sell them to Uncle Sam.

At the Express agency the tires are received and sent to a tire warehouse. Tires collected here are sent to Indianapolis.

At the time of turning in the tire, the owner designates whether he desires to make a gift of the rubber, to receive payment in war stamps or to be paid with a government check. The tire is then sent to Indianapolis where the price is figured by an appraiser. When the payment will be made is not known, but it will be made direct via mail to the person selling the tire.

Some of the persons turning in tires thus far have offered them as a gift while others have asked to be paid either in war stamps or by check.

Most of the tires received to date have been well worn. The owner is requested by Uncle Sam to keep his five best.

Sees Good One Come In.

There have been, however, some tires turned in which appeared almost as good as new. While a reporter was visiting the Express agency yesterday afternoon, a tire from a Buick sedan was turned in which appeared to be good for 25,000 or 30,000 miles.

Several rural residents have turned in tires, and one man brought in eleven.

Persons who are in the tire or junk business are not required to turn in their supplies in the current collection.

In serving as a collection agency for Uncle Sam, the Railway Express will call for excess tires in the city. Drivers for the agency have already made several calls for tires.

So far as is known, no deadline has been set for turning in extra tires. However, at the time of signing up for gasoline rationing it is understood that applicants will have to make a sworn statement on the number of tires they own.

1942_10_28_2_Extra tires must be turned in.

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3 TIMES AS MANY USO CLUBS IN INDIANA NOW AS 7 MONTHS AGO

The number of U.S.O. clubs and service centers in Indiana has tripled in the last seven months, according to a report from headquarters of the organization in New York.

Last March 16, there were only three units and one club in this state. Now there are twelve clubs and service centers in Indiana, offering a wide range of activities designed to interest servicemen drawn from all walks of life.

Two of the twelve centers have already been set up in the immediate vicinity of Camp Atterbury, one in Franklin and one in Columbus. A third is scheduled to be set up at Edinburg shortly and a fourth is scheduled to be in operation soon in Franklin for colored soldiers.

In a recent month, total attendance at U.S.O. clubs and centers in Indiana was 14,645. Organized group activities, such as dances, movies, parties classes and hobbies, some of which are held outside of clubs, numbered 528. Attendance at these group activities was 26,794, including servicemen and civilians.

Included in USO programs are dances, movies, vespers, open house, games, sports, hobby classes, dramatics, music appreciation hours, discussion forums, and various social events.

Among the facilities at U. S. O. clubs are reading, writing and game rooms, showers, libraries, social halls, snack bars and information service.

U. S. O. at present maintains 1,030 operations, including 632 clubs, 280 smaller units, 79 troops-in-transit lounges in railroad and bus stations, and 36 mobile service units. Of the 632 clubs, 586 are in the continental United States and 46 in hemisphere bases. The U.S.O. affiliate, camp shows brings plays, revues, concert artists and named bands to entertain men in Army and Navy posts. More than 3,000,000 servicemen a month visit U.S.O. clubs and units throughout the country.

Number of Indiana USO clubs has tripled. Now 12

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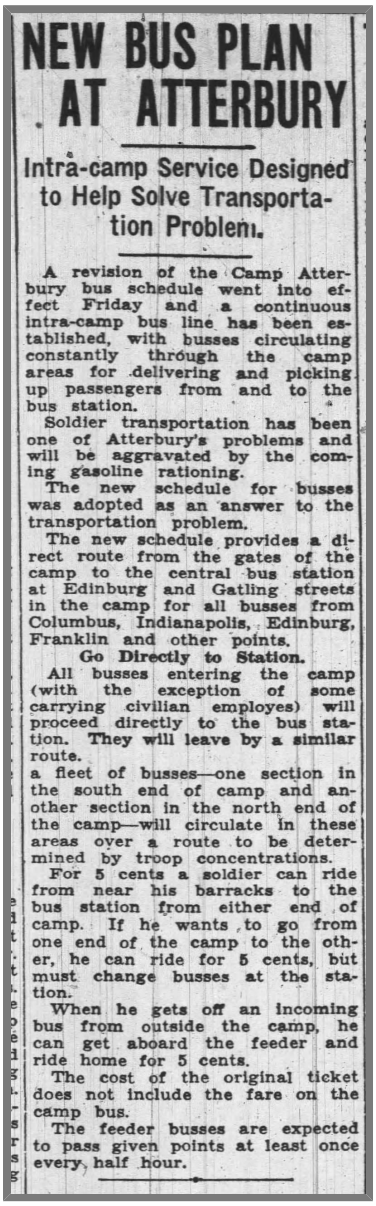

NEW BUS PLAN AT ATTERBURY

Intra-camp Service Designed to Help Solve Transportation Problem.

A revision of the Camp Atterbury bus schedule went into effect Friday and a continuous intra-camp bus line has been established, with busses circulating constantly through the camp areas for delivering and picking up passengers from and to the bus station.

Soldier transportation has been one of Atterbury's problems and will be aggravated by the coming gasoline rationing.

The new schedule for busses was adopted as an answer to the transportation problem.

The new schedule provides a direct route from the gates of the camp to the central bus station at Edinburg and Gatling streets in the camp for all busses from Columbus, Indianapolis, Edinburg, Franklin and other points.

Go Directly to Station.

All busses entering the camp (with the exception of some carrying civilian employes) will proceed directly to the bus station. They will leave by a similar route.

a fleet of busses—one section in the south end of camp and another section in the north end of the camp—will circulate in these areas over a route to be determined by troop concentrations.

For 5 cents a soldier can ride from near his barracks to the bus station from either end of camp. If he wants to go from one end of the camp to the other, he can ride for 5 cents, but must change busses at the station.

When he gets off an incoming bus from outside the camp, he can get aboard the feeder and ride home for 5 cents.

The cost of the original ticket does not include the fare on the camp bus.

The feeder busses are expected to pass given points at least once every half hour.

142_10_28_2_New bus plan at Atterbury

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Camp Branch Threatens To Outgrow Postoffice

Already Using as Many Inside Men as Columbus Does.

The Camp Atterbury branch of the Columbus postoffice bids soon to outgrow the home office and already as many people are employed at the branch as are working inside the postoffice here.

But it probably will never equal, the dollars and cents business of the parent office, as the bulk of the thousands of pieces of mail which flow through the camp branch daily goes free.

Revenue from the Atterbury branch is mainly on air mail and parcel post. The soldiers mail their regular letters free of postage, but must pay for air mail.

"And the soldiers go in for air mail in a big way," Clarence A. Thompson, Columbus postmaster, said today. As head of the local office he also directs the Atterbury branch.

V-Mail Popular.

The Victory mail is becoming popular with the soldiers who are using it to send letters to their buddies overseas, according to Wilbur O. Elliott of this city, who is superintendent of the Atterbury branch office.

Elliott asked that it be pointed out to the public again that the "V-mail" is for use only in sending letters to men stationed outside the United States.

"Some people still think that the V-mail can be used for sending letters to soldiers inside the United States," Elliott said.

The Atterbury branch office now has 12 employes, including seven from Columbus and one from Hope.

Staff Listed.

The present employes, in addition to Superintendent Elliott, are John Beatty, Warren Yancey, Owen Percifield, Fred E. Schultz, Delmos Holmes and John Wiley, all of Columbus; Frank Kent of Hope; Maurice Frymeier of Fort Wayne; William Burgess of Gas City; Carroll Snyder of Fort Wayne, and Frank Kuhn of Ligonier. Hubert Powell of Franklin is slated to join the staff in the near future.

Lieut. B. A. Sweigart is the Atterbury postal officer and heads the camp's postal locator section.

The locator is for use in finding the men who get letters that are not completely addressed or have an incorrect address.

Needle in Haystack.

Sometimes the locator's job is like finding a needle in a haystack, but it usually works.

"Dear Sergeant, Camp Atterbury, Indiana," was the way one letter arrived at Atterbury recently.

Official opening and reading of the letter revealed that the feminine writer had met the addressee in a movie, that she didn't know his name, but would like to attend another show with him—such are the headaches of the locator section.

The postal locator has a card file containing name, rank, serial number, section and date of transfer of every man in the post and Lieutenant Sweigart explains that the section is able to locate addresses of all but about one percent of the mail received at the camp.

Use Rail Station Here.

Camp mail is hauled to and from the Columbus railroad station by camp personnel and trucks, but the postoffice employes are civilians.

Correctly addressed mail reaches the addressee quickly, but a letter may be delayed six to 24 hours if it is necessary to turn it over to the postal locator section because of incomplete or incorrect address. The locator section is staffed by soldiers.

If a correct address cannot be found in two weeks, the letter is returned to the sender.

The postal locator, besides straightening out the incorrect mail, also acts as a clearing house for camp offices, which call to check on spelling, rank and location of men.

Civilians also may use the locator to find men they wish to visit.

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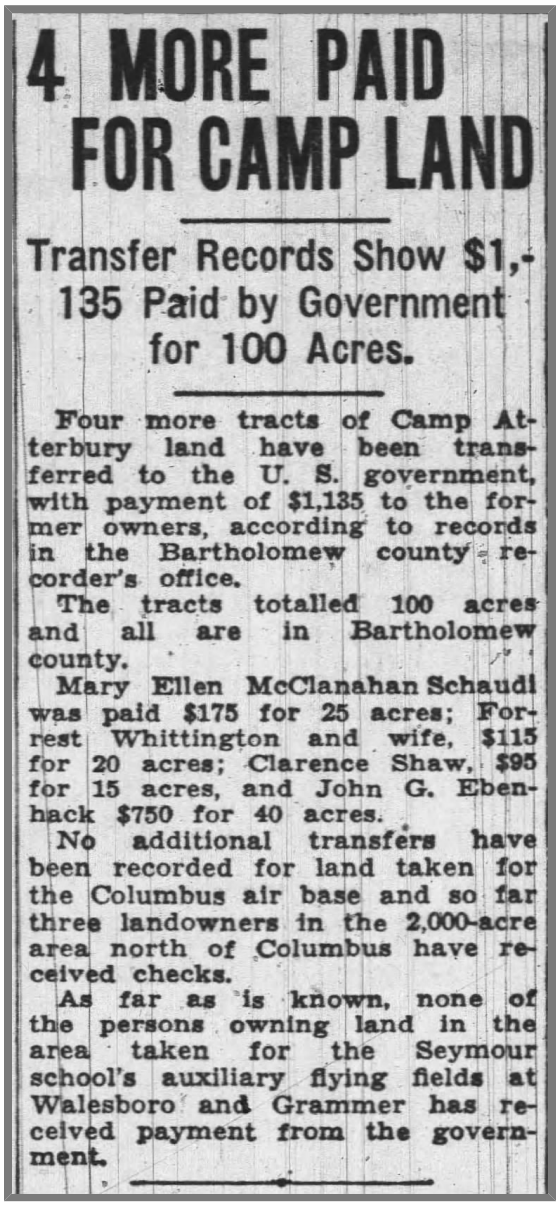

4 MORE PAID FOR CAMP LAND

Transfer Records Show $1,135 Paid by Government for 100 Acres.

Four more tracts of Camp Atterbury land have been transferred to the U. S. government, with payment of $1,135 to the former owners, according to records in the Bartholomew county recorder's office.

The tracts totalled 100 acres and all are in Bartholomew county.

Mary Ellen McClanahan Schaudi was paid $175 for 25 acres; Forrest Whittington and wife, $115 for 20 acres; Clarence Shaw, $95 for 15 acres, and John G. Ebenhack $750 for 40 acres.

No additional transfers have been recorded for land taken for the Columbus air base and so far three landowners in the 2,000-acre area north of Columbus have received checks.

As far as is known, none of the persons owning land in the area taken for the Seymour school's auxiliary flying fields at Walesboro and Grammer has received payment from the government.

1942_10_28_5_Four more paid for Atterbury land

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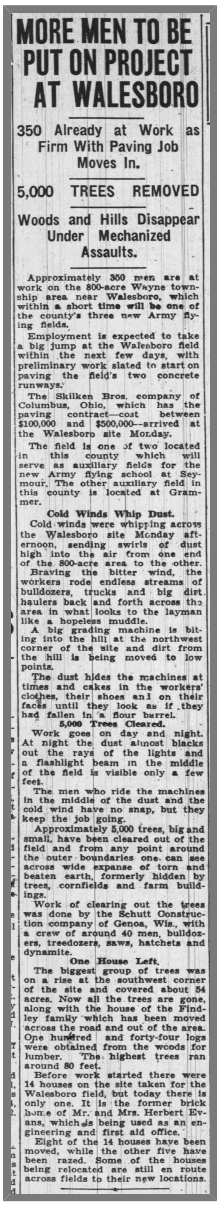

MORE MEN TO BE PUT ON PROJECT AT WALESBORO

350 Already at Work as Firm With Paving Job Moves In.

5,000 TREES REMOVED

Woods and Hills Disappear Under Mechanized Assaults.

Approximately 350 men are at work on the 800-acre Wayne township area near Walesboro, which within a short time will be one of the county's three new Army flying fields.

Employment is expected to take a big jump at the Walesboro field within the next few days, with preliminary work slated to start on paving the field's two concrete runways.

The Skilken Bros. company of Columbus, Ohio, which has the paving contract—cost between $100,000 and $500,000—arrived at the Walesboro site Monday.

The field is one of two located in this county which will serve as auxiliary fields for the new Army flying school at Seymour. The other auxiliary field in this county is located at Grammer.

Cold Winds Whip Dust.

Cold winds were whipping across the Walesboro site Monday afternoon, sending swirls of dust high into the air from one end of the 800-acre area to the other.

Braving the bitter wind, the workers rode endless streams of bulldozers, trucks and big dirt haulers back and forth across the area in what looks to the layman like a hopeless muddle.

A big grading machine is biting into the hill at the northwest corner of the site and dirt from the hill is being moved to low points.

The dust hides the machines at times and cakes in the workers' clothes, their shoes and on their faces until they look as if they had fallen in a flour barrel.

5,000 Trees Cleared.

Work goes on day and night. At night the dust almost blacks out the rays of the lights and a flashlight beam in the middle of the field is visible only a few feet.

The men who ride the machines in the middle of the dust and the cold wind have no snap, but they keep the job going.

Approximately 5,000 trees, big and small, have been cleared out of the field and from any point around the outer boundaries one can see across wide expanse of torn and beaten earth, formerly hidden by trees, cornfields and farm buildings.

Work of clearing out the trees was done by the Schutt Construction company of Genoa, Wis., with a crew of around 40 men, bulldozers, treedozers, saws, hatchets and dynamite.

One House Left.

The biggest group of trees was on a rise at the southwest corner of the site and covered about 54 acres. Now all the trees are gone, along with the house of the Findley family which has been moved across the road and out of the area. One hundred and forty-four logs were obtained from the woods for lumber. The highest trees ran around 80 feet.

Before work started there were 14 houses on the site taken for the Walesboro field, but today there is only one. It is the former brick home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Evans, which is being used as an engineering and first aid office.

Eight of the 14 houses have been moved, while the other five have been razed. Some of the houses being relocated are still en route across fields to their new locations.

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CAMPBELL TOT BORN AT CAMP

Edinburg, Oct. 27.—Johnson county now has its own first baby born in the Camp Atterbury hospital.

The stork brought the baby—a daughter—Saturday night to Mrs. John Campbell, who formerly lived near the Atterbury boundaries in Johnson county. The father, a former basketball player at Franklin high school, is in the Army and is stationed at Fort Knox.

The baby weighed 8½ pounds and has been named Virginia Gail Campbell.

Mrs. Campbell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arland Saunders.

1942_10_28_First Johnson Cty baby born at HOSPITAL

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FORMULATE USO CLUB PLANS

The city's recently organized colored U.S.O. Club today had received with much enthusiasm word of the approval of a $41,500 colored U.S.O. recreation building for Negro soldiers in West Franklin, and began the formulation of plans to assist federal officials in the location of a site and the immediate construction of the new war public works recreational facilities project.

The movement was begun several weeks ago as a Community Club by interested colored residents of the city who had the foresight to realize that entertainment must be provided for the growing numbers of colored troops arriving at Camp Atterbury and who seek recreation during their idle hours.

The movement culminated in the organization of a U. S. O. club here at the suggestion of the Army and Navy department of the Y. M. C. A. which also instructed the chairman of the club, Fred J. Hord, to name the committee of management and then proceed to elect officers.

Others Are Chosen.

Other leaders chosen were: Webster Montgomery, vice chairman; Miss Ethel Harnett, secretary; Roy M. Clark, assistant secretary; Mrs. Katie Wales, treasurer.

"Our group has been working faithfully for the past few months to obtain for Franklin a creditable U. S. O. building for Camp Atterbury soldiers," Mr. Hord said today.

"We were encouraged in this by reliable Camp Atterbury officers, notably Major James T. Nelson and Major Copeland, who addressed a meeting called at City Hall to consider the matter several weeks ago. In this effort we are glad to say we have had the assistance and advice of public-spirited citizens.

Preference of Soldiers.

"We have labored conscientiously for its location in Franklin before, and even after, Columbus and Edinburg had been tentatively designated as the place, because we found census statistics show the colored population of our city to be more than the combined population of both the other prospective cities. Then, too, many of the soldiers themselves, by their presence in growing numbers, indicated their preference," Mr. Hord continued.

"We were also actuated greatly by the church facilities of Franklin, being blessed with two thriving, progressive churches, the edifices being very creditable to the City of Homes.

"Another factor entering into the consideration was the recreational point of view. This situation presented a very sad picture. The soldiers were coming in large numbers and our group felt that proper recreational facilities and rest rooms should be provided them.

Cannot Neglect Morale.

"This war is the real article, and the morale of the soldier boys of any group must not be neglected. We have endeavored to discharge our duty, and the prospects now seem bright for a full realization of our hopes. Representatives of the different governmental agencies, Mr. Hoyer and Mr. Typer, and others, have visited our city, looked over the field, endorsed our efforts, made their recommendations, and their judgment has been sustained.

"The plans have cleared all necessary governmental bureaus, Federal officials certified the project as essential to the health and welfare of the armed forces, and President Roosevelt has placed his stamp of approval on the project for erection of the building.

Appeal to Citizens.

"We now appeal to the public-spirited citizens and church people of Franklin to assist us in putting over the project, which means temporary use of a room until the approved building can be erected. Our operating agency, the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. department, is anxiously awaiting your verdict, having already appropriated the money for operating expenses," Mr. Hord concluded.

Working hand in hand with the local group was B. R. Jones of Chicago, associate regional supervisor of the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A. Walter Scott of Chicago is the Y. M. C. A. director.

The local committee of management was made up of the following members of the two colored churches: A. M. E.—Webster Montgomery, Mrs. Hattie Cain, Mrs. Mattie Wilkins, Mrs. Rozella Roberts, William Brooudus, Carey Hunter, Mrs. Irene Jackson; and Baptist—Roy M. Clark, Miss Ethel Harnett, Mrs. Katie Wales, Mrs. Chester Lee, Frank Ritte, Mrs. Lucille Turk, Mrs. Gordon Taylor.

Rules of Order.

The local group adopted the by-laws or rules of operation as set forth by the Army and Navy Y. M. C. A., and with the new building as its ultimate goal, the board of management meets monthly on the third Friday night of each month.

Ex-officio members named by the chairman for consultation and advice are: Major James T. Nelson special service officer at Camp Atterbury; the senior colored chaplain at Camp Atterbury; Karl Suckow and James A. Waggener, both of Franklin.

FURLOUGH FOR DRAFTEES CUT

Army Inductees Now To Get Only One Week Prior To Actual Duty

Washington, Oct. 29 (INS)—Reduction of the furlough period for Army inductees from two weeks to one week, effective about Nov. 1, was announced by Secretary of War Stimson today.

Result of the new plan will be the induction each month of four groups of inductees instead of two.

Secretary Stimson said the new plan is a logical consequence of deferment of agricultural workers requested by the War Manpower Commission.

The number of deferments in November, the Secretary said, makes it necessary to draw on men in the inactive status in order to have sufficient training personnel to receive the number of men the Army must have.

"Otherwise," Stimson said, "the War Manpower Commission action would result in a serious shortage in the army. We are faced with the choice of reducing the preliminary furlough period or deviating from 'full speed ahead' in the war effort."

BAND TO PLAY AT HALLOWEEN

Legionnaires, Merchants Are Prepared For Big City Celebration Friday

Maskers will march to the music of the Johnson County Farm Bureau 4-H band Friday evening when the big American Legion and business men's annual Halloween party gets under way on the east side of the court house.

All who take part in the parade must register and receive numbers at the American Legion rooms in the court house basement, where Legion Auxiliary will be in charge. The parade is limited to public school children, but is a county-wide event.

Prizes will be awarded in several divisions to the masked participants who will march past the reviewing stand on East Court street. More than one hundred prizes have been donated by local business firms.

All will receive favors of apples, caps and noise-makers of various kinds. This will be a gala event and the public is invited to come and share the fun.

RED CROSS HAS NOW EXPANDED

War Effort Leads To Increase In Space; Chapter Now In Star Building

Due to the war effort, activities in the Johnson county chapter of the American Red Cross have increased to such an extent that the headquarters in the Masonic Temple were no longer adequate, and it became necessary to provide additional space.

New chapter rooms have been opened in the Star Building in offices formerly occupied by the Farm Security Administration, who have taken another room in the building. These new officers will house the executive secretary, home service worker and staff.

The Masonic Temple rooms will continue to be the production center of the chapter and the headquarters of the special volunteer services.

Miss Mary Koch, of Indianapolis, has been added to the staff as home service worker. Miss Koch comes highly recommended, having been in social work since 1934, and for the past several years a member of the staff of the State Department of Public Welfare. She will begin her duties with the Johnson county chapter November 2.

Sugar Coupon No. 8 "Dead" After Oct. 31

Anyone who has not made use of his sugar rationing coupon Number 8 which is good for five pounds of sugar, is reminded that the expiration time for the validity of that coupon is this coming Saturday.

After October 31st, the Number 8 coupon will be void.

LOCAL ARRESTS THIS YEAR 900

Totals From January 1 To Present Compiled At Jail By Officers

Well over 900 individuals have been arrested in Johnson county since January 1 according to figures compiled by county authorities this week with public intoxication charges taking the lead with a total of 443 arrests on that count during the period.

Police have arrested 163 people on vagrancy charges to put that offense in the second spot, while drunken driving charges have been filed against 128 automobile operators. These figures include the period from January 1, 1942 until Wednesday evening.

A total of 934 arrests have been made on 25 different charges ranging from desertion and gambling to peeping and petit larceny. Ninety-seven offenders have been booked with disorderly conduct while 27 have been placed in jail on assault and battery counts.

These five offenses constitute the majority of the 443 arrests and the remaining 20 law violations are less frequent occurrences, according to the sheriff's office figure. Traffic violations during the period totalled only 11 while petit larceny arrests number nine and grand larceny seven. Deserters from the army and navy figured in seven arrests, while six were nabbed for gambling.

Bootlegging put four prisoners in Sheriff Pete Pangburn's hostelry while another quartet was lodged in the cooler for vehicle taking. The sheriff's office, which includes Deputy Grover Ohlrogge and Deputy Russell Cochran, along with other county and state police, also caught up with seven runaways and brought in five men for non-support.

Child desertion, fraudulent checks and delinquency accounted for two each. Three men were arrested on draft technicalities and a trio of prisoners were also jailed for dodging their board bills. There was one arrest made for each of four of-

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Air Mail Rate Now Increased

Postal authorities here today pointed out an amendment to the postal laws and regulation regarding the rate of postage on air mail sent through Army and Navy post offices outside the continental United States.

The rate of postage on matter carried by airplane to and from the personnel of the armed forces of the United States stationed outside the continent, and to and from contractors and civilian employes receiving mail through Army and Navy post offices outside the U. S., including transportation of the mail to and from air-mail routes, will now be six cents for each half ounce or fraction thereof, instead of for one full ounce as previously.

This rate applies to all air mail sent to or by such armed forces contractors and civilian employes when deposited at any place where the United States mail service is in operation, addressed to any other place where the U. S. mail service is in operation, but will not affect the present air-mail rate to and from Alaska.

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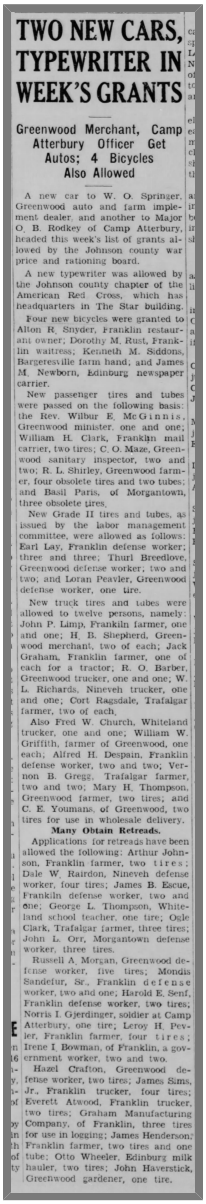

TWO NEW CARS, TYPEWRITER IN WEEK'S GRANTS

Greenwood Merchant, Camp Atterbury Officer Get Autos; 4 Bicycles Also Allowed

A new car to W. O. Springer, Greenwood auto and farm implement dealer, and another to Major O. B. Rodkey of Camp Atterbury, headed this week's list of grants allowed by the Johnson county war price and rationing board.

A new typewriter was allowed by the Johnson county chapter of the American Red Cross, which has headquarters in The Star building.

Four new bicycles were granted to Alfon R. Snyder, Franklin restaurant owner; Dorothy M. Rust, Franklin waitress; Kenneth M. Siddons, Bargersville farm hand, and James M. Newborn, Edinburg newspaper carrier.

New passenger tires and tubes were passed on the following basis: the Rev. Wilbur E. McGinnis, Greenwood minister, one and one; William H. Clark, Franklin mail carrier, two tires; C. O. Maze, Greenwood sanitary inspector, two and two; R. L. Shirley, Greenwood farmer, four obsolete tires and two tubes; and Basil Paris, of Morgantown, three obsolete tires.

New Grade II tires and tubes, as issued by the labor management committee, were allowed as follows: Earl Lay, Franklin defense worker; three and three; Thurl Breedlove, Greenwood defense worker, two and two; and Loran Peavler, Greenwood defense worker, one tire.

New truck tires and tubes were allowed to twelve persons, namely: John P. Lamp, Franklin farmer, one and one; H. B. Shepherd, Greenwood merchant, two of each; Jack Graham, Franklin farmer, one of each for a tractor; R. O. Barber, Greenwood trucker, one and one; W. L. Richards, Nineveh trucker, one and one; Cort Ragsdale, Trafalgar farmer, two of each.

Also Fred W. Church, Whiteland trucker, one and one; William W. Griffith, farmer of Greenwood, one each; Alfred H. Despain, Franklin defense worker, two and two; Vernon B. Gregg, Trafalgar farmer, two and two; Mary H. Thompson, Greenwood farmer, two tires; and C. E. Youmans, of Greenwood, two tires for use in wholesale delivery.

Many Obtain Retreads.

Applications for retreads have been allowed the following: Arthur Johnson, Franklin farmer, two tires; Dale W. Rairdon, Nineveh defense worker, four tires; James B. Escue, Franklin defense worker, two and one; George L. Thompson, Whiteland school teacher, one tire; Ogle Clark, Trafalgar farmer, three tires; John L. Orr, Morgantown defense worker, three tires.

Russell A. Morgan, Greenwood defense worker, five tires; Mondis Sandefur, Sr., Franklin defense worker, two and one; Harold E. Senf, Franklin defense worker, two tires; Norris I. Gjerdinger, soldier at Camp Atterbury, one tire; Leroy H. Pevler, Franklin farmer, four tires; Irene I. Bowman, of Franklin, a government worker, two and two.

Hazel Crafton, Greenwood defense worker, two tires; James Sims, Jr., Franklin trucker, four tires; Everett Atwood, Franklin trucker, two tires; Graham Manufacturing Company, of Franklin, three tires for use in logging; James Henderson, Franklin farmer, two tires and one tube; Otto Wheeler, Edinburg milk hauler, two tires; John Haverstick, Greenwood gardener, one tire.

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PERMIT FOR NEGRO TAVERN HERE IS SHARPLY CONTESTED

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that the ministerial association had no objection to the colored restaurant but did oppose issuing of a beer license for it or any other establishment in Columbus. He also criticized the location, because it is near the railroad and on Alternate road 31 and Road 46.

In closing he made an appeal to the liquor board to reject the petition on the basis of the law of God over the law of state and then repeated a prayer.

Dr. T. K. Smith Objects.

He was followed by Dr. T. K. Smith, who declared that Columbus has reached the saturation point in liquor establishments and that by adding another place to obtain beer the city will only be inviting soldiers to drink.

He pointed out that there are no places of entertainment for colored soldiers in Columbus and establishment of a tavern would be bringing them here to give them liquor.

By continued approval of liquor establishments here, Dr. Smith warned "that good people" will rise and "the battle is only starting."

Other members of the ministerial association spoke briefly, followed by Mrs. Roxie Kinnaman, the Rev. Mrs. Nellie Lewis, Mrs. Mable Cole, David E. Silver, Mrs. Lula Sullivan, Mrs. Marie Taylor, Mrs. Carlos Vail, Mrs. Minnie Cooksey, Mrs. Laura Buchanan, Mrs. Margaret Hendershot and the Rev. Mrs. Minnie Noblitt. Each person was sworn in as she or he made an objection.

Major Smith then spoke briefly, pointing out that Camp Atterbury officials have no objection to issuance of the permit and hope Columbus will be able to provide entertainment for colored soldiers. He declared that there would be colored M. P.'s assigned to the city.

The Rev. Washington followed with support of the petition for sale of beer at the colored restaurant.

Suggests Alternative Crusade.

"I hate liquor," he said, "but no handful of ministers can handle this government.

"I suggest you direct your efforts to a council to wipe out all this prejudice. Perhaps you hadn't thought of that."

He declared that the colored troops, as the whites, will come to Camp Atterbury from all parts of the country and will be good and bad.

He pointed out that the colored people have no place to go in Columbus and when admitted to a movie must sit in special sections. "Brothers," he said, "this is no time for that."

"I don't endorse liquor, but a lot of things have been established here since the camp came and nobody objected.

"Can't you give a colored man a chance to go in one place of his own?

'Drunken Men All Same.'

"The only way we'll win this war is to get the prejudice out of our hearts.

"All drunken men, black or white, are the same," he declared, and added, "If you want to fight this one colored place I can fight every white place in town."

The Rev. K. K. Merryman then explained that the Ministerial association had no thought of prejudice against any persons and that its sole objection was to the beer permit.

"The colored restaurant," he said, "has our full support and cooperation."

Following the meeting, L. B. Moreillon, chairman of the liquor board, explained that the board was bound by certain rules and that the final decision in the case would be up to the state. However, he pointed out that if establishments meet all requirements under the law they are entitled to permits.

Richard O'Bryan, son of Jack W. O'Bryan and a student at Indiana university, has qualified for entrance into university's school of medicine. He will enter medical school in the January term.

Joins WPB

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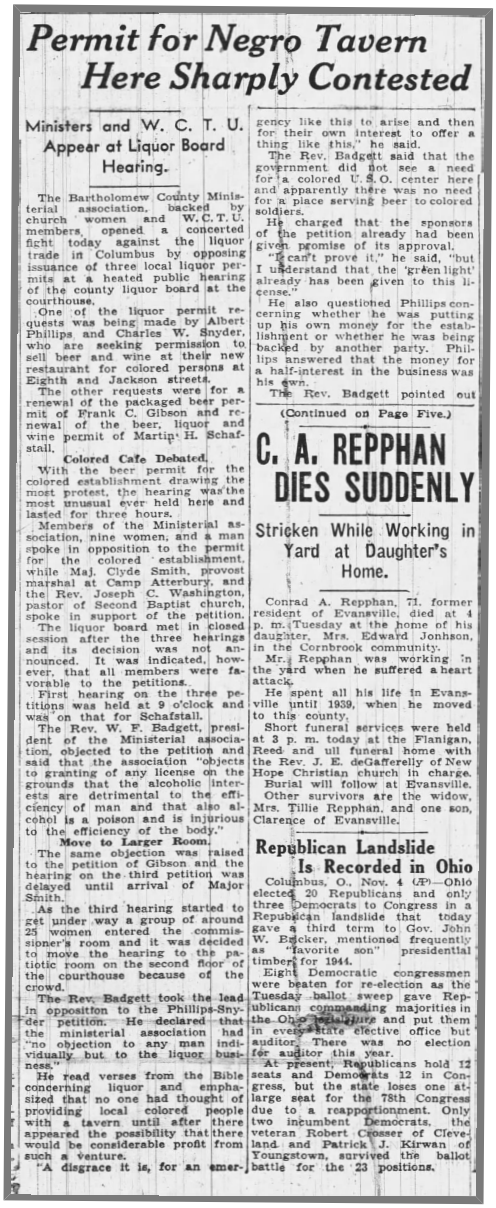

Permit for Negro Tavern Here Sharply Contested

Ministers and W. C. T. U. Appear at Liquor Board Hearing.

The Bartholomew County Ministerial association, backed by church women and W. C. T. U. members, opened a concerted fight today against the liquor trade in Columbus by opposing issuance of three local liquor permits at a heated public hearing of the county liquor board at the courthouse.

One of the liquor permit requests was being made by Albert Phillips and Charles W. Snyder, who are seeking permission to sell beer and wine at their new restaurant for colored persons at Eighth and Jackson streets.

The other requests were for a renewal of the packaged beer permit of Frank C. Gibson and renewal of the beer, liquor and wine permit of Martin H. Schafstall.

Colored Cafe Debated.

With the beer permit for the colored establishment drawing the most protest, the hearing was the most unusual ever held here and lasted for three hours.

Members of the Ministerial association, nine women, and a man spoke in opposition to the permit for the colored establishment, while Maj. Clyde Smith, provost marshal at Camp Atterbury, and the Rev. Joseph C. Washington, pastor of Second Baptist church, spoke in support of the petition.

The liquor board met in closed session after the three hearings and its decision was not announced. It was indicated, however, that all members were favorable to the petitions.

First hearing on the three petitions was held at 9 o'clock and was on that for Schafstall.

The Rev. W. F. Badgett, president of the Ministerial association, objected to the petition and said that the association "objects to granting of any license on the grounds that the alcoholic interests are detrimental to the efficiency of man and that also alcohol is a poison and is injurious to the efficiency of the body."

Move to Larger Room.

The same objection was raised to the petition of Gibson and the hearing on the third petition was delayed until arrival of Major Smith.

As the third hearing started to get under way a group of around 25 women entered the commissioner's room and it was decided to move the hearing to the patiotic room on the second floor of the courthouse because of the crowd.

The Rev. Badgett took the lead in opposition to the Phillips-Snyder petition. He declared that the ministerial association had "no objection to any man individually but to the liquor business."

He read verses from the Bible concerning liquor and emphasized that no one had thought of providing local colored people with a tavern until after there appeared the possibility that there would be considerable profit from such a venture.

"A disgrace it is, for an emergency like this to arise and then for their own interest to offer a thing like this," he said.

The Rev. Badgett said that the government did not see a need for a colored U. S. O. center here and apparently there was no need for a place serving beer to colored soldiers.

He charged that the sponsors of the petition already had been given promise of its approval.

"I can't prove it," he said, "but I understand that the 'green light' already has been given to this license."

He also questioned Phillips concerning whether he was putting up his own money for the establishment or whether he was being backed by another party. Phillips answered that the money for a half-interest in the business was his own.

The Rev. Badgett pointed out

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C. A. REPPHAN DIES SUDDENLY

Stricken While Working in Yard at Daughter's Home.

Conrad A. Repphan, 71, former resident of Evansville, died at 4 p. m. Tuesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edward Jonhson, in the Cornbrook community.

Mr. Repphan was working in the yard when he suffered a heart attack.

He spent all his life in Evansville until 1939, when he moved to this county.

Short funeral services were held at 3 p. m. today at the Flanigan, Reed and ull funeral home with the Rev. J. E. deGafferelly of New Hope Christian church in charge.

Burial will follow at Evansville.

Other survivors are the widow, Mrs. Tillie Repphan, and one son, Clarence of Evansville.

Republican Landslide Is Recorded in Ohio

Columbus, O., Nov. 4 (AP)—Ohio elected 20 Republicans and only three Democrats to Congress in a Republican landslide that today gave a third term to Gov. John W. Bricker, mentioned frequently as "favorite son" presidential timber for 1944.

Eight Democratic congressmen were beaten for re-election as the Tuesday ballot sweep gave Republicans commanding majorities in the Ohio legislature and put them in every state elective office but auditor. There was no election for auditor this year.

At present, Republicans hold 12 seats and Democrats 12 in Congress, but the state loses one at-large seat for the 78th Congress due to a reapportionment. Only two incumbent Democrats, the veteran Robert Crosser of Cleveland and Patrick J. Kirwan of Youngstown, survived the ballot battle for the 23 positions.

1942_11_04_-1-_1_Negro tavern sharply contested

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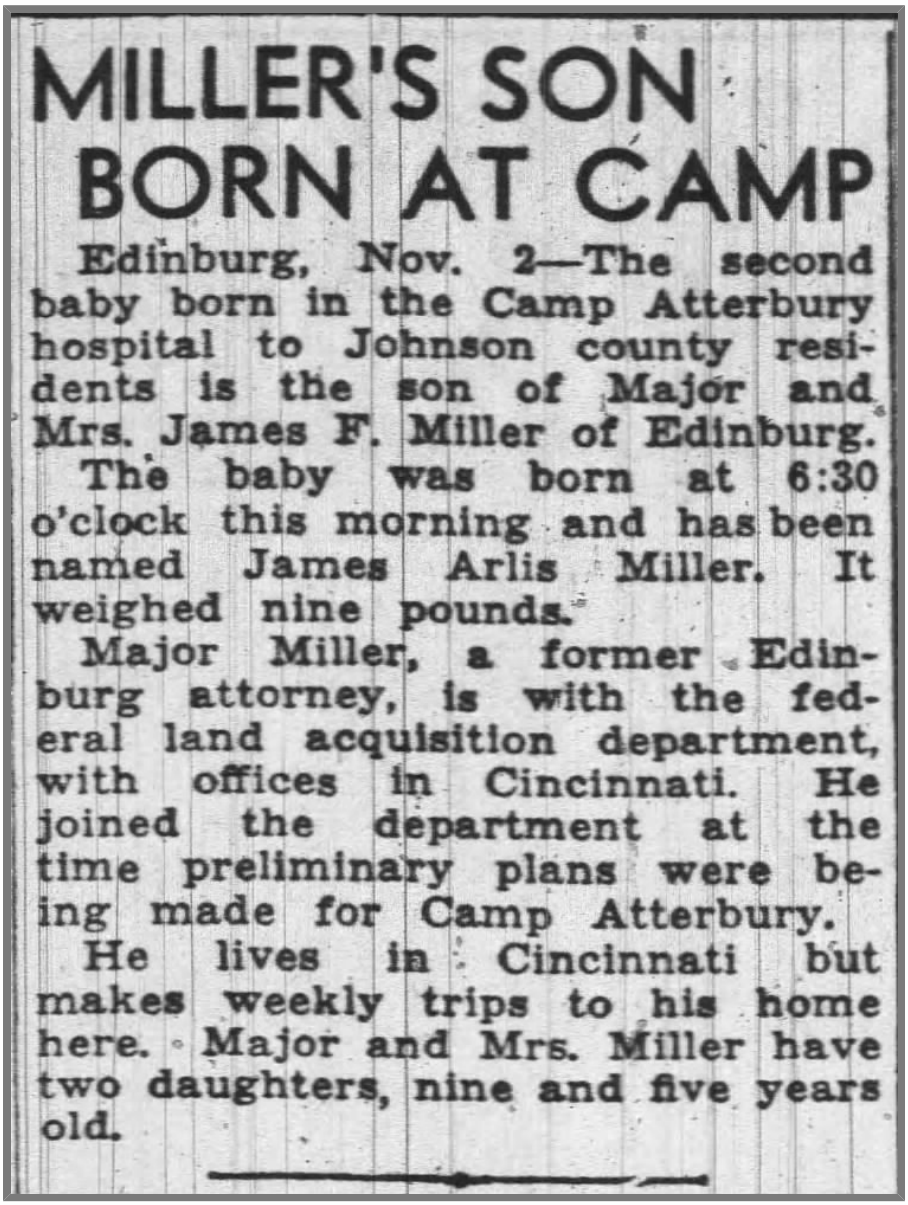

MILLER'S SON BORN AT CAMP

Edinburg, Nov. 2—The second baby born in the Camp Atterbury hospital to Johnson county residents is the son of Major and Mrs. James F. Miller of Edinburg.

The baby was born at 6:30 o'clock this morning and has been named James Arlis Miller. It weighed nine pounds.

Major Miller, a former Edinburg attorney, is with the federal land acquisition department, with offices in Cincinnati. He joined the department at the time preliminary plans were being made for Camp Atterbury.

He lives in Cincinnati but makes weekly trips to his home here. Major and Mrs. Miller have two daughters, nine and five years old.

1942_11_05_2nd Johnson Cty baby born at Station HOSPITAL

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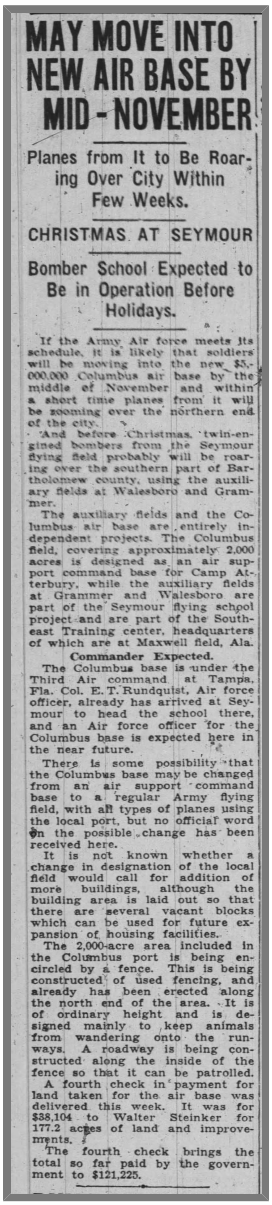

MAY MOVE INTO NEW AIR BASE BY MID-NOVEMBER

Planes from It to Be Roaring Over City Within Few Weeks.

CHRISTMAS AT SEYMOUR

Bomber School Expected to Be in Operation Before Holidays.

If the Army Air force meets its schedule, it is likely that soldiers will be moving into the new $5,000,000 Columbus air base by the middle of November and within a short time planes from it will be zooming over the northern end of the city.

And before Christmas, twin-engined bombers from the Seymour flying field probably will be roaring over the southern part of Bartholomew county, using the auxiliary fields at Walesboro and Grammer.

The auxiliary fields and the Columbus air base are entirely independent projects. The Columbus field, covering approximately 2,000 acres is designed as an air support command base for Camp Atterbury, while the auxiliary fields at Grammer and Walesboro are part of the Seymour flying school project and are part of the Southeast Training center, headquarters of which are at Maxwell field, Ala.

Commander Expected.

The Columbus base is under the Third Air command at Tampa, Fla. Col. E. T. Rundquist, Air force officer, already has arrived at Seymour to head the school there, and an Air force officer for the Columbus base is expected here in the near future.

There is some possibility that the Columbus base may be changed from an air support command base to a regular Army flying field, with all types of planes using the local port, but no official word on the possible change has been received here.

It is not known whether a change in designation of the local field would call for addition of more buildings, although the building area is laid out so that there are several vacant blocks which can be used for future expansion of housing facilities.

The 2,000-acre area included in the Columbus port is being encircled by a fence. This is being constructed of used fencing, and already has been erected along the north end of the area. It is of ordinary height and is designed mainly to keep animals from wandering onto the runways. A roadway is being constructed along the inside of the fence so that it can be patrolled.

A fourth check in payment for land taken for the air base was delivered this week. It was for $38,104 to Walter Steinker for 177.2 acres of land and improvements.

The fourth check brings the total so far paid by the government to $121,225.

1942_11_05_Cols air base may be ready mid-november

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GRAMMER JOB IS SLOWED BY PLAN CHANGES

Two Million More Cubic Yards of Dirt to Be Moved at Airfield.

RUNWAYS NEARLY DONE

95 Men at Work on Project —All Residents Out, Buildings Come Down.

Because of changes in plans, now calling for removal of around 2,000,000 cubic yards of dirt, it appears that the auxiliary flying field under construction at Grammer will fail to meet its completion schedule.

Original plans called for removal of about 8,000,000 cubic yards of dirt in levelling the rolling 640-acre field and constructing the three long runways, but a decision to bring all parts of the field closer to level will more than double the amount of dirt to be moved.

The total dirt now slated to be hauled and shoved around by the machinery of the Carl Myers company, contractors—2,000,000 cubic yards—would be enough to make a pile three Columbus city blocks square and 54 feet high.

Runways Near Completion.

The company already has moved approximately 600,000 cubic yards in the six weeks it has been on the job. The three runways, from 300 to 500 feet in width and around one mile long, are nearing completion. Original plans called for them to be cut through high places in the field and to be built on fills in the low places, with only the tops of the knolls between to be removed. However, it is understood that changed plans call for bringing most of the field to almost a level, with a gradual slope leading up to the four roads which bound the area.

Plans call for replacing the topsoil on the runways so that grass can be grown, providing a turf surface on which the planes can land. To the layman, however, it appears that such a field—without concrete or asphalt runways—could not be used during real wet seasons or while the ground is freezing and thawing in the spring. However, a drainage system with use of concrete tile is being placed under the field and it may be that this will keep the field in shape for flying 12 months a year.

95 Men at Work.

Around 95 men are now employed on the Grammer project, not including engineers of the architect-engineering firm and the civilian guards posted around the field.

All former residents of the site have moved from their homes and part of the buildings are being torn down. There were only four homes on the 640-acre site. The last to move were Mr. and Mrs. Wade Marsh and family, who have rented the C. J. Haney property on Road 7, three miles west of their former home, and Mr. and Mrs. Hogan Burns, who moved into Grammer.

The barn on the former Burns farm is to be torn down and the Myers company is erecting a repair shop and storage shed on the George Campbell farm on the outside edge of the field. The company formerly used the Burns barn for its shops.

Mrs. Nellie Jeans has received word that her son, Pvt. George P. Stoner, is now stationed at Madison, Wis. His address is 618 T. SS., A.A.F., T.T.C., Truax Field, Madison, Wis. She has not heard from her other son, Sgt. Clarence W. Stoner, for more than two months. He is on duty overseas.

Robert Lee Coffman has been made a hospital apprentice, first class, at Great Lakes Naval training station. His address is H.A. 1-c, Company 1493.

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FIND SKELETONS AT ATTERBURY

Remains of Adult and Child Uncovered in Shallow Grave in Area.

Edinburg, Oct. 31 — Johnson county and Camp Atterbury officials are investigating discovery of the skulls and partial skeletons of an adult and a child, thought to be about 6 years old, which were uncovered in the camp a half mile west of the Pisgah churches by workmen.

Dr. W. L. Portteus, county coroner, said the bones were only about two or three feet below the surface of the ground. The child's skull was uncovered first and the adult's bones indicated they were those of a woman.

Major Clyde W. Smith, provost marshal at the camp, was in charge of the investigation conducted at the cantonment and later the remains were taken to the coroner's office in Franklin.

The discovery was made on the farm last owned by Jasper Davis, who had purchased the land from Ed Bridges.

1942_11_05_Skeletons at Atterbury found

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YOU CAN "hear" anything these days what with rumors as thick as bugs in the middle of July and you can't always depend on what you hear. But I heard —now don't you dare pass this on to a soul—something that caught my interest the other day.

Someone in Franklin who rented rooms to Camp Atterbury construction workers during the rush period found some blueprints in the man's room after he pulled out.

And on these said blueprints was printed "Plans for Camp Atterbury, August, 1941." Definite word that the camp was to be and what the name was were not announced until around the first of the year. Was somebody holding out on us—or was that just a misprint. That's the trouble with rumors—you can't depend on it.

1942_11_07_Camp approved earlier than thought ?

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452 CHILDREN TESTED FOR T-B

Work With First-Graders Completed—31 Positive Reactors Found.

Tuberculin testing of first grade pupils in Bartholomew county was completed this week and Miss Grace M. Ewing, executive secretary of Bartholomew County Tuberculosis association, announced 452 children were tested, representing 73 percent of the enrollment in that grade.

Thirty-one positive reactors were found.

Testing was done in the city schools this week, the following number in each: McKinley, 56; Garfield, 29; Jefferson, 23, and Wilson, 32.

Miss Lillian Schmitt's 1B room in McKinley school was the only one in which every child was tested.

In 33 of the county schools having 383 first grade pupils, 293, or 76 percent, were tested.

City Percentage Lower.

Of the 234 pupils in the seven schools in the city where the tests were conducted, 159 pupils were tested, for a percentage of 69.

The percentage would have run higher, Miss Ewing said, but in many instances where parents had given their consent, measles, colds and other illnesses resulted in the children being absent at the time of the tests.

X-ray examinations included as part of the program have been completed on 20 of the children to determine the extent of the infection and whether or not it is to be listed as active.

Mrs. John VanNorman, city school nurse, assisted Miss Ewing in applying and removing the patches. Readings were made by Dr. Dorothy D. Teal and Dr. Milton S. Ross.

Miss Amy Romine left Friday evening for Tuscola, Ill., to spend the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Romine.

MAY POSTPONE MANPOWER ACT

Congressional Leaders Advocate Trying Voluntary Plan Until January.

Washington, Nov. 7 (AP)—Chairman Reynolds (D-NC) of the Senate military affairs committee said today that enactment of manpower control legislation was unlikely until next year.

There was a possibility, however, that the White House might ask Congress for such a law before January, while the Democrats still have a big majority in both houses. Some legislators also saw likelihood of an effort to handle the situation through executive orders.

"We ought to utilize the remaining two months of this year trying out all the voluntary systems we can, before going to any compulsory system," Reynolds said.

Reynolds and other members of the military affairs committee heard War Production Chief Donald M. Nelson testify yesterday that some form of national service legislation will be needed before the end of the war. Brig. Gen. Frank L. McSherry, director of operations for the War Manpower Commission, told the committee he held the same belief.

Suggests More Hours.

Appearing before a Senate labor subcommittee, Henry J. Kaiser, west coast shipbuilder, went even farther. He said immediate action was called for and suggested creation of a board which would have over-all authority to allocate men and women to the armed services, to war industries, to agriculture and other essential civilian pursuits.

Nelson said existing manpower could be conserved in a number of ways. Like Kaiser, he advocated ending voluntary enlistments into the armed services. The WPB director said other ways included lengthening the work week, better management, greater use of minority groups, and discouraging absenteeism.

Reynolds described the longer work week as "right down my alley." He declared that the average American worker now puts in about 42.6 hours a week, compared with 57 in Great Britain, 60 in Germany and 70 in Japan.

"In general, the suggestions I have heard is that the American work week be raised to 48 hours."

Rent that room with a classified

Sham Battle is Fought In County Hills to West

The Camp Atterbury training program is being stepped up and the first sham battle has been held over the rolling terrain of the northwestern part of the county.

Some Atterbury units are still in their early basic training, while others have advanced to the point where they are solving field problems under simulated battle conditions.

Participating in the recent sham battle were the 24th Ordnance Medium Maintenance company on the defense and the 783rd Ordnance Maintenance company as the attacking force.

The battle is described by The Atterbury Crier, camp newspaper, as follows:

"In early evening, the defenders sounded an alert. Outposts were manned, and patrols went out to reconnoiter in accordance with prearranged plans.

"Soon, the attackers began an infiltration and envelopment movement, under the direction of 1st Lt. Kenneth R. Goddard, commanding officer. Heavy darkness made the night ideal for the sham attack.

"First shots were fired when the attackers were sighted along the defens.. guard line, and for the next hour there was considerable activity on both sides. Men from each side were captured and disarmed, vehicles bombed and hand grenades thrown (the ammunition was blank, and the bombs and grenades were flo r-filled paper sacks).

Coffee and Doughnuts.

"Eventually, the action was completed and men on both sides got together at midnight for a story-swapping session while they indulged in coffee and doughnuts.

"There were plenty of stories to tell about the action by men on both sides, but it was agreed that Tech 5th Gr. Abel Alcala, of the 24th group, had the most novel experience.

"In the darkness during the battle, he had stumbled upon an enemy sniper crawling through the underbrush and captured him. 'Now that I'm a prisoner,' said the captured sniper, 'how about carrying my rifle?'

"'The ——— I will,' was Alcala's reply. 'Get a move on and carry it yourself!' Whereupon the captive was prodded back to the 24th Headquarters for 'questioning'. Yes, Alcala was slightly amazed when he pushed his prisoner into the light and found he had captured an officer of the opposing force.

"All officers and enlisted men of the two outfits took part in the affair. Serving as observers and unofficial umpires were Maj. Charles L. Simpson, Division Ordnance officer for the 83rd, and Capt. Bert L. Bratton, of the Division Ordnance Office. Maj. Simpson, when asked for an opinion on the outcome, replied simply, 'I think it was a very good problem, well worked out by both sides.'

"Both outfits returned to their quarters knowing that they had obtained some important knowledge that will help them in their future training."

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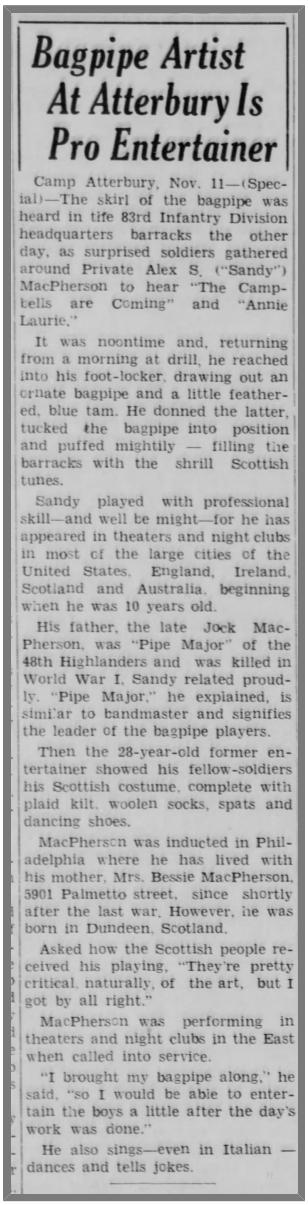

Bagpipe Artist At Atterbury Is Pro Entertainer

Camp Atterbury, Nov. 11—(Special)—The skirl of the bagpipe was heard in tife 83rd Infantry Division headquarters barracks the other day, as surprised soldiers gathered around Private Alex S. ("Sandy") MacPherson to hear "The Campbells are Coming" and "Annie Laurie."

It was noontime and, returning from a morning at drill, he reached into his foot-locker, drawing out an ornate bagpipe and a little feathered, blue tam. He donned the latter, tucked the bagpipe into position and puffed mightily — filling the barracks with the shrill Scottish tunes.

Sandy played with professional skill—and well he might—for he has appeared in theaters and night clubs in most of the large cities of the United States, England, Ireland, Scotland and Australia, beginning when he was 10 years old.

His father, the late Jock MacPherson, was "Pipe Major" of the 48th Highlanders and was killed in World War I. Sandy related proudly, "Pipe Major," he explained, is similar to bandmaster and signifies the leader of the bagpipe players.

Then the 28-year-old former entertainer showed his fellow-soldiers his Scottish costume, complete with plaid kilt, woolen socks, spats and dancing shoes.

MacPherson was inducted in Philadelphia where he has lived with his mother, Mrs. Bessie MacPherson, 5901 Palmetto street, since shortly after the last war. However, he was born in Dundeen, Scotland.

Asked how the Scottish people received his playing, "They're pretty critical, naturally, of the art, but I got by all right."

MacPherson was performing in theaters and night clubs in the East when called into service.

"I brought my bagpipe along," he said, "so I would be able to entertain the boys a little after the day's work was done."

He also sings—even in Italian — dances and tells jokes.

1942_11_11_Bagpipe Artist in 83rd

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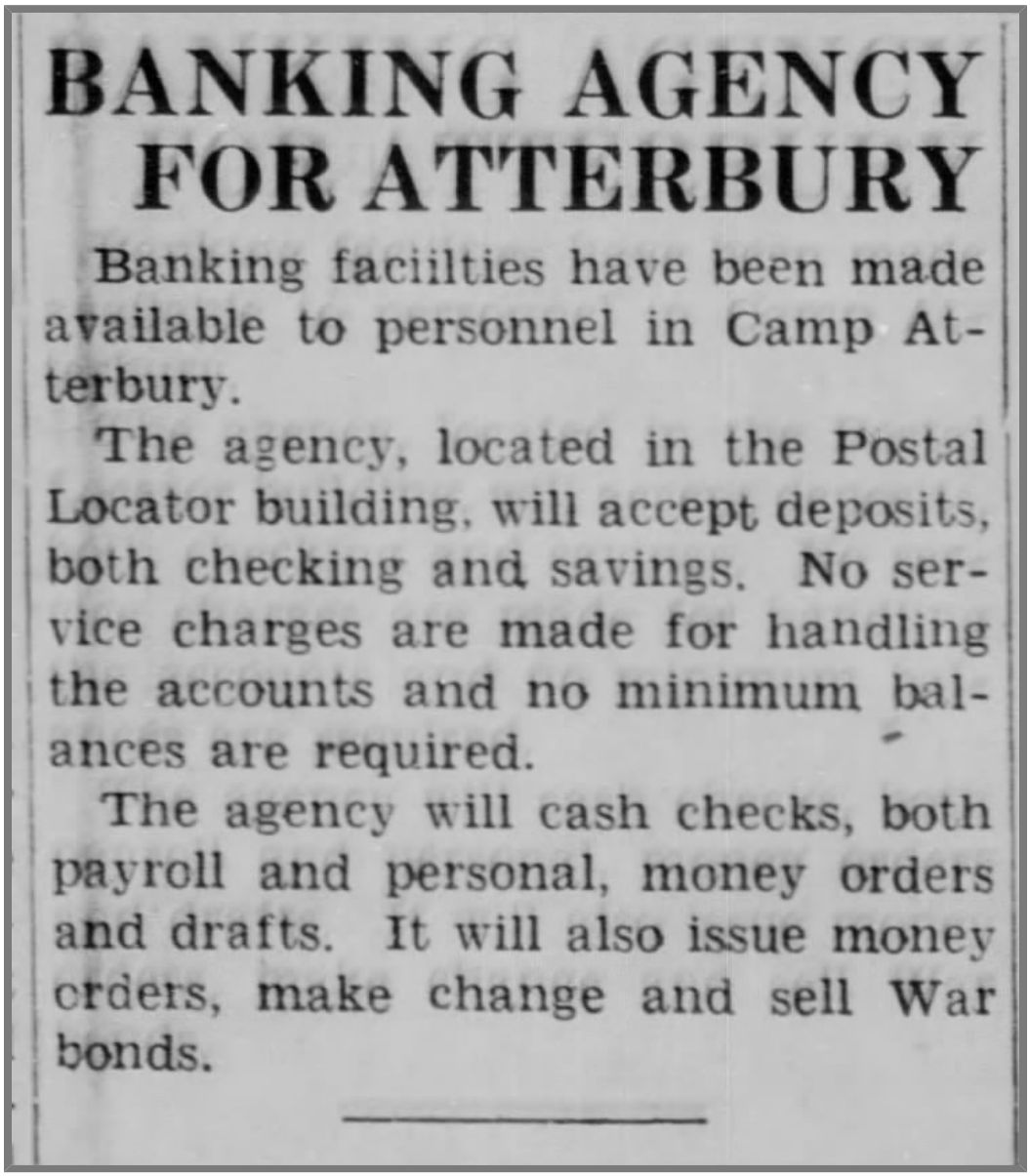

BANKING AGENCY FOR ATTERBURY

Banking faciilties have been made available to personnel in Camp Atterbury.

The agency, located in the Postal Locator building, will accept deposits, both checking and savings. No service charges are made for handling the accounts and no minimum balances are required.

The agency will cash checks, both payroll and personal, money orders and drafts. It will also issue money orders, make change and sell War bonds.

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ENGINEER TO COME SOON ON USO BUSINESS

Preliminary Steps Slated For Next Week On Nekt Building For Negro Troops In Franklin

Consideration of a site for the "K" type U. S. O. building for colored troops visiting in Franklin is reported to be now under way, with an engineer from the Public Buildings Administration expected to come to this city one day next week to take care of preliminaries to actual construction.

R. A. Hoyer, field representative of the Federal Works Agency, from which announcement of Presidential approval of the $41,000 structure came two weeks ago, said Thursday while conferring with officials here that the project engineer, a Mr. Olmstead, will come here next week, accompanied by Mr. Hoyer and a Federal attorney from the Chicago regional office of the FWA.

The purpose of the visit will be to examine the lease and deed for the site and to inspect the site from an engineering standpoint, Mr. Hoyer said, which would indicate that the Federal agencies expect local authorities to have a site selected by next week. The three representatives also will inspect the site from the standpoint of availability of utilities, and are expected to secure a permit to go ahead with surveying for the building.

Survey At Edinburg.

Arrival of the project engineer and the Federal attorney will mark another step toward eventual construction of the badly-needed building for entertainment of colored soldiers from Camp Atterbury. At present there are no facilities here or at other towns in the vicinity of the new cantonment to take care of the colored boys.

Since announcement of the approval by President Roosevelt of the U. S. O. building for white troops, a $79,000 building of the "D" type, was made about ten days following announcement of approval of the structure for colored troops, it was considered probable here today that steps toward examination and surveying that building site will be made shortly also.

The type of preliminary steps scheduled to be taken here next week for the colored center is the same procedure as was followed at Edinburg on October 30. Mr. Hoyer said he understood the Public Buildings Administration either had surveyed or is surveying at present the Edinburg site, preparing legal documents and getting ready to let contracts.

Legal aspects of any U. S. O. building are handled by the PBA and not the FWA. The buildings administration will contract for the work of constructing the buildings through private contractors. Local firms are expected to be advised of specifications in time to submit bids if they so desire.

1942_11_13_Engineer to come soon on USO business

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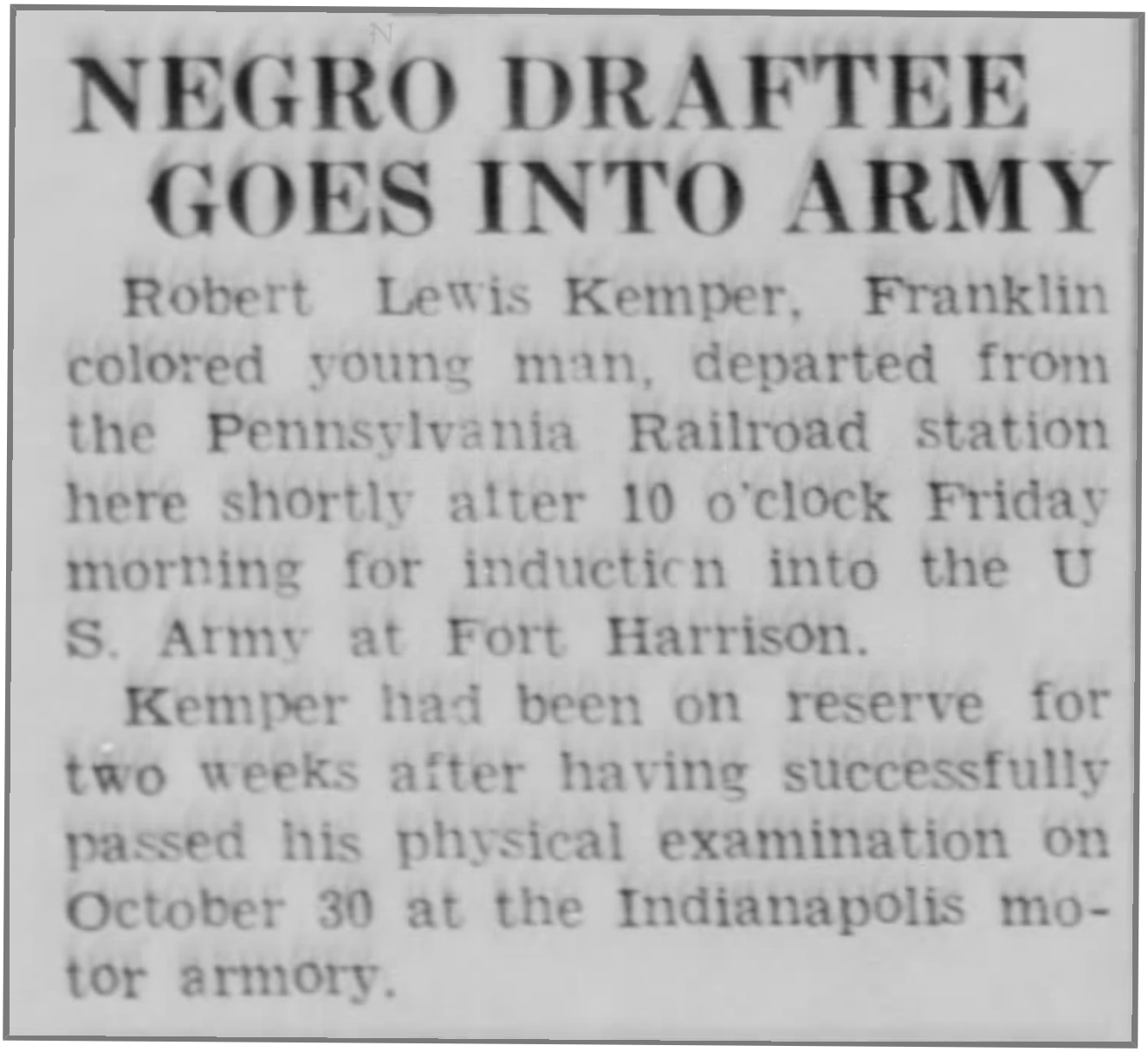

NEGRO DRAFTEE GOES INTO ARMY

Robert Lewis Kemper, Franklin colored young man, departed from the Pennsylvania Railroad station here shortly after 10 o'clock Friday morning for induction into the U S. Army at Fort Harrison.

Kemper had been on reserve for two weeks after having successfully passed his physical examination on October 30 at the Indianapolis motor armory.

1942_11_13_Negro draftee goes into Army

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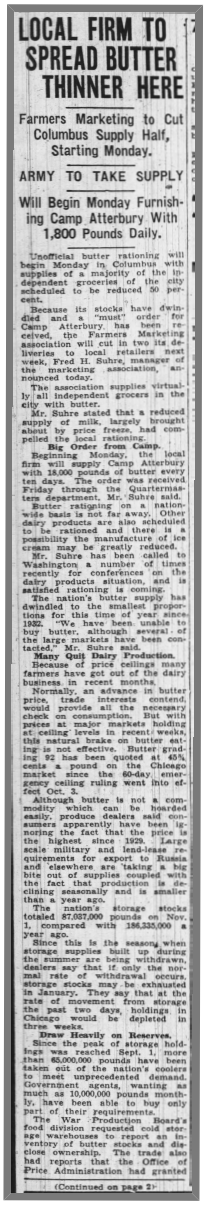

LOCAL FIRM TO SPREAD BUTTER THINNER HERE

Farmers Marketing to Cut Columbus Supply Half, Starting Monday.

ARMY TO TAKE SUPPLY

Will Begin Monday Furnishing Camp Atterbury With 1,800 Pounds Daily.

Unofficial butter rationing will begin Monday in Columbus with supplies of a majority of the independent groceries of the city scheduled to be reduced 50 per cent.

Because its stocks have dwindled and a "must" order for Camp Atterbury has been received, the Farmers Marketing association will cut in two its deliveries to local retailers next week, Fred H. Suhre, manager of the marketing association, announced today.

The association supplies virtually all independent grocers in the city with butter.

Mr. Suhre stated that a reduced supply of milk, largely brought about by price freeze, had compelled the local rationing.

Big Order from Camp.

Beginning Monday, the local firm will supply Camp Atterbury with 18,000 pounds of butter every ten days. The order was received Friday through the Quartermasters department, Mr. Suhre said.

Butter rationing on a nation-wide basis is not far away. Other dairy products are also scheduled to be rationed and there is a possibility the manufacture of ice cream may be greatly reduced.

Mr. Suhre has been called to Washington a number of times recently for conferences on the dairy products situation, and is satisfied rationing is coming.

The nation's butter supply has dwindled to the smallest proportions for this time of year since 1932. "We have been unable to buy butter, although several of the large markets have been contacted," Mr. Suhre said.

Many Quit Dairy Production.

Because of price ceilings many farmers have got out of the dairy business in recent months.

Normally, an advance in butter price, trade interests contend, would provide all the necessary check on consumption. But with prices at major markets holding at ceiling levels in recent weeks, this natural brake on butter eating is not effective. Butter grading 92 has been quoted at 45¾ cents a pound on the Chicago market since the 60-day emergency ceiling ruling went into effect Oct. 3.

Although butter is not a commodity which can be hoarded easily, produce dealers said consumers apparently have been ignoring the fact that the price is the highest since 1929. Large scale military and lend-lease requirements for export to Russia and elsewhere are taking a big bite out of supplies coupled with the fact that production is declining seasonally and is smaller than a year ago.

The nation's storage stocks totaled 87,037,000 pounds on Nov. 1, compared with 186,335,000 a year ago.

Since this is the season when storage supplies built up during the summer are being withdrawn, dealers say that if only the normal rate of withdrawal occurs, storage stocks may be exhausted in January. They say that at the rate of movement from storage the past two days, holdings in Chicago would be depleted in three weeks.

Draw Heavily on Reserves.

Since the peak of storage holdings was reached Sept. 1, more than 65,000,000 pounds have been taken out of the nation's coolers to meet unprecedented demand. Government agents, wanting as much as 10,000,000 pounds monthly, have been able to buy only part of their requirements.

The War Production Board's food division requested cold storage warehouses to report an inventory of butter stocks and disclose ownership. The trade also had reports that the Office of Price Administration had granted

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1942_11_14_Atterbury gets half of butter supply

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OHIO RIDGE BURIAL PLOT BEING MOVED

Starting this week, graves in the Ohio Ridge cemetery in the Bartholomew county portion of the Camp Atterbury reservation will be moved to the new cemetery plot northwest of Edinburg.

Persons who have relatives buried at Ohio Ridge were given a final opportunity to visit the cemetery for four hours during Sunday afternoon at the invitation of Joseph W. Springer, project manager.

The contractor who will move the cemetery was at Ohio Ridge Sunday during the calling hours for the purpose of learning of any unmarked graves which might be located in the area.

1942+11_16_Ohio Ridge Cemetery being moved

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COMPANY GETS 4 STREAMERS

83rd Signal Unit Adds To Guidon Decorations With Four Silver Bands

Camp Atterbury, Nov. 18—Four battle streamers adorned the 83rd Signal Company's guidon today — commemorating the company's participation, as part of the 83rd Infantry Division, in four major offensives of World War I.

They were Oise-Aisne, Champagne, Meuse-Argonne, and Aisne-Marne. Awarded by the War Departmet, the four silver bands, bearing the names of the campaigns, were received Tuesday.

This makes the company one of the most-decorated units in the division. Capt. Melvin A. Zazzi is the present commanding officer.

The unit was known as the 308th Field Signal Battalion in the first World War. It was designated as the 83rd Signal Company, Sept. 10, 1936.

Assigned as Corps Signal Battalion of the Third Army Corps, the old 308th performed active duty in the Aisne-Marne operation, August 4-6, 1918; served in the Vesle sector (Champagne) August 7-17; and in the Oise-Aiane operation August 18-September 2. The battalion participated in the Mouse-Argonne operation as Corps Signal Battalion from September 26 to the armistice, Nov. 11, then continued on duty with the Third Army Corps in the march into Germany and in the Army of Occupation.

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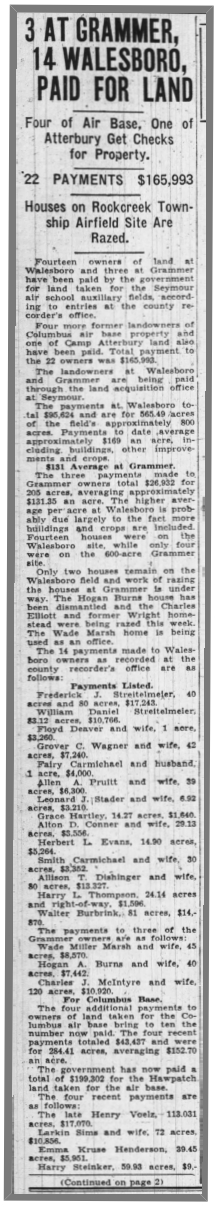

3 AT GRAMMER, 14 WALESBORO, PAID FOR LAND

Four of Air Base, One of Atterbury Get Checks for Property.

22 PAYMENTS $165,993

Houses on Rockcreek Township Airfield Site Are Razed.

Fourteen owners of land at Walesboro and three at Grammer have been paid by the government for land taken for the Seymour air school auxiliary fields, according to entries at the county recorder's office.

Four more former landowners of Columbus air base property and one of Camp Atterbury land also have been paid. Total payment to the 22 owners was $165,993.

The landowners at Walesboro and Grammer are being paid through the land acquisition office at Seymour.

The payments at Walesboro total $95,624 and are for 565.49 acres of the field's approximately 800 acres. Payments to date average approximately $169 an acre, including buildings, other improvements and crops.

$131 Average at Grammer.

The three payments made to Grammer owners total $26,932 for 205 acres, averaging approximately $131.35 an acre. The higher average per acre at Walesboro is probably due largely to the fact more buildings and crops are included. Fourteen houses were on the Walesboro site, while only four were on the 600-acre Grammer site.

Only two houses remain on the Walesboro field and work of razing the houses at Grammer is under way. The Hogan Burns house has been dismantled and the Charles Elliott and former Wright homestead were being razed this week. The Wade Marsh home is being used as an office.

The 14 payments made to Walesboro owners as recorded at the county recorder's office are as follows:

Payments Listed.

Frederick J. Streitelmeier, 40 acres and 80 acres, $17,243.

William Daniel Streitelmeier, 82.12 acres, $10,766.

Floyd Deaver and wife, 1 acre, $3,260.

Grover C. Wagner and wife, 42 acres, $7,240.

Fairy Carmichael and husband, 1 acre, $4,000.

Allen A. Pruitt and wife, 39 acres, $6,300.

Leonard J. Stader and wife, 6.92 acres, $3,210.

Grace Hartley, 14.27 acres, $1,640.

Alton D. Conner and wife, 29.13 acres, $5,556.

Herbert L. Evans, 14.90 acres, $5,264.

Smith Carmichael and wife, 30 acres, $3,352.

Allison T. Dishinger and wife, 80 acres, $13,327.

Harry L. Thompson, 24.14 acres and right-of-way, $1,596.

Walter Burbrink, 81 acres, $14,870.

The payments to three of the Grammer owners are as follows:

Wade Miller Marsh and wife, 45 acres, $8,570.

Hogan A. Burns and wife, 40 acres, $7,442.

Charles J. McIntyre and wife, 120 acres, $10,920.

For Columbus Base.

The four additional payments to owners of land taken for the Columbus air base bring to ten the number now paid. The four recent payments totaled $43,437 and were for 284.41 acres, averaging $152.70 an acre.

The government has now paid a total of $199,302 for the Hawpatch land taken for the air base.

The four recent payments are as follows:

The late Henry Voelz, 113.031 acres, $17,070.

Larkin Sims and wife, 72 acres, $10,856.

Emma Kruse Henderson, 39.45 acres, $5,951.

Harry Steinker, 59.93 acres, $9,-

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1942_11_20_3 at Grammer 14 at Walesboro paid for land

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3 AT GRAMMER, 14 WALESBORO, PAID FOR LAND

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560.

The payment for Camp Atterbury land was to the Indiana synod of the United Lutheran church in America and totaled $1,800 for one-eighth acre, including Ohio Ridge church.

1942_11_20_3 at Grammer 14 Walesboro continued

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BASE RUNWAYS NEARLY DONE

But No Word of When Air Corps Will Take Over Field.

The big apron and concrete runways at the Columbus air base are practically completed and much of the concrete-pouring equipment has been moved off the project.

But as yet there has been no indication of when the Air corps will take over the field, although the base probably will be inspected by Air corps officials within the next few days.

Present work on the runways consists of laying the connecting links and all concrete pouring is expected to end within the next few days. First concrete for the runways was poured Sept. 12 and in the nine weeks since then almost enough concrete for a 40-mile highway has been put down.

Employment Falls Off.

With finish of the heavy work on the runways, employment at the air base is falling off rapidly. Most of the buildings at the base are up and interiors are being finished.

While the local air base is nearing its completion, still running ahead of schedule, the Air corps is continuing to set up the staff for the flying school at Seymour.

The name of the Seymour school has now been changed to Seymour flying field, and a sub-depot for the field has been activated. The function of the sub-depot is to supply and maintain equipment for the Air corps.

Captain Charles Kerswill is the sub-depot commander. He was transferred to the Seymour field from Kellogg field, Battle Creek, Mich.

Captain George H. Grenier, formerly of Bowman field, Louisville, has been assigned as supply officer of the sub-depot. Additional officers will be added to the depot at a later date.

1942_11_20_Cols base runways near completion. Seymour air base named Seymour Flying Field

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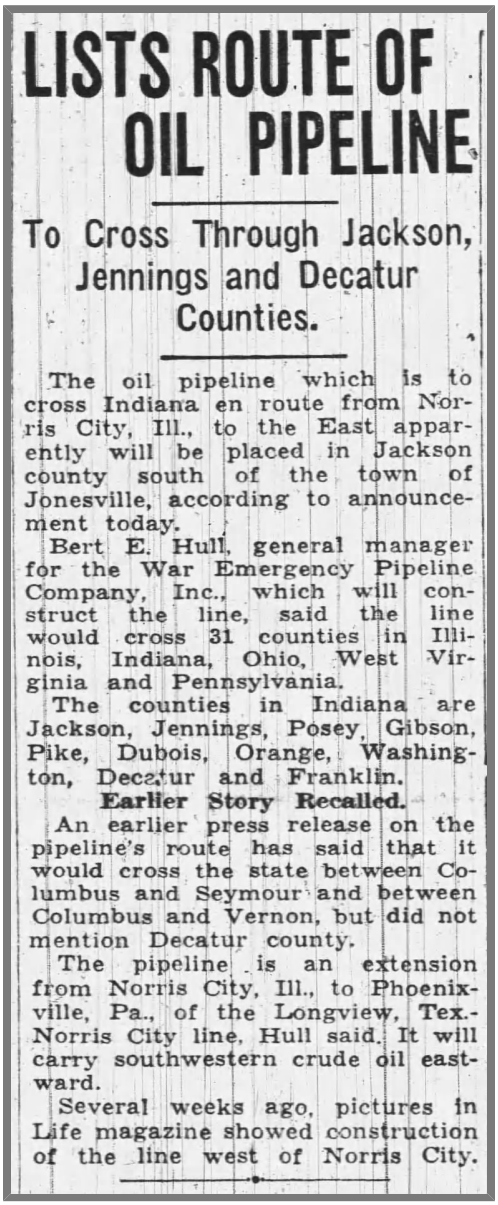

LISTS ROUTE OF OIL PIPELINE

To Cross Through Jackson, Jennings and Decatur Counties.

The oil pipeline which is to cross Indiana en route from Norris City, Ill., to the East apparently will be placed in Jackson county south of the town of Jonesville, according to announcement today.

Bert E. Hull, general manager for the War Emergency Pipeline Company, Inc., which will construct the line, said the line would cross 31 counties in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

The counties in Indiana are Jackson, Jennings, Posey, Gibson, Pike, Dubois, Orange, Washington, Decatur and Franklin.

Earlier Story Recalled.

An earlier press release on the pipeline's route has said that it would cross the state between Columbus and Seymour and between Columbus and Vernon, but did not mention Decatur county.

The pipeline is an extension from Norris City, Ill., to Phoenixville, Pa., of the Longview, Tex.-Norris City line, Hull said. It will carry southwestern crude oil eastward.

Several weeks ago, pictures in Life magazine showed construction of the line west of Norris City.

1942_11_20_Oil Pipeline route listed

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CAMP SALVAGE STILL ON SALE

Buildings And Other Articles In Atterbury Area Are Still Available

More Camp Atterbury buildings, consisting mainly of houses and barns, are for sale through the salvage office at Columbus, it has been announced.

Sale of the buildings, most of them occupied by contracting companies after the owners moved out, will wind up the bulk of the salvage sales.

The buildings now for sale are located in the cantonment area and their removal will take the final traces of the former farm community from the Atterbury building area. Prospective buyers are asked to contact the salvage office at once. The office is located in the land acquisition offices on the third floor of the Bassett building at Columbus.

A number of used articles which may be of interest to Johnson county farmers also are for sale at Camp Atterbury and will be sold by sealed bids. They include egg crates, bushel baskets, half bushel baskets, fruit crates, hampers, hand baskets, newspapers, books, corrugated boxes and used tractor oil.

1942_11_24_Camp salvage still on sale

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TINY HILL TO PLAY IN CAMP

"Big Name Band" Scheduled To Open Last Completed Atterbury Theater

Camp Atterbury, Nov. 24 (Special) —The 83rd Division's three infantry regiments will get their first musical treat Monday night when "Tiny" Hill takes time out from his engagement at the Indiana Roof to entertain the men at their newly opened theater. This theater is the last to be completed at Camp Atterbury and Hill will be the first "live" talent to appear there.

"Tiny" proved himself an Army man at heart last summer when he volunteered for service, but the doctors found him a wee bit overweight —some 175 pounds to be exact. However, he's still trying to do his bit and is doing the work of two men to keep the men in the service happy—both of him.

The Hill band has taken great strides during the past year and has just completed a successful stay at Chicago's famous Trianon ballroom The musical organization gained its first national recognition several seasons back with the recording "Angry."

1942_11_24_Tiny Hill to play in Camp

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ATTERBURY CONTRACTORS USE 200,000 KWH'S OF ELECTRICITY

Since February 28, 1942, the Johnson County REMC has been furnishing power for contractors during the construction of Camp Atterbury in this locality. Two hundred thousand KW hours of electricity have been consumed by these contractors, it was learned today.

War services of Indiana's 43 REA-financed rural electric cooperatives were described in a report to L. Marshall Vogler, chairman of the state USDA War Board.

The Johnson county REMC, serving 1140 farms in Johnson and Morgan counties, joined in the report.

REA systems in Indiana now furnish electricity to 67,709 farms and other rural consumers in 77 counties, according to the report, making it possible for farmers to increase production with less farm labor. The report urged that state and county USDA War Boards and similar groups sponsoring programs devoted to the war effort make use of the services of the REA co-operatives.

He said that they can act effectively as units in performing vital war services, especially by supporting various campaigns such as the scrap drive and the "Food for Freedom" program. The 850 REA systems in the country have been named by the War Production Board as official agencies for co-operation with the War Boards and other groups.

Aid Labor Problem.

The Indiana co-operatives are helping to alleviate the farm labor shortage by encouraging their members to make the fullest use of electricity, according to the report, and "ever since the present war emergency began, farmers who receive electric service from the co-ops have carried on a process of converting their farms to electrified production units where equipment could be obtained."

A member of the Johnson County REMC who owns and operates one of the largest and probably the best equipped dairy farms in Johnson county says.: "Electrical equipment saves me the labor of one man in my dairy barn."

The REA co-operatives are furnishing power to vital war establismments, among which are a Navy ammunition depot, an Army motor repair shop, airports, and aviation beacons.

1942_11_25_Atterbury contractors use electricity

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INTERURBAN TRACK SALVAGING PROGRAM BEGINS IN FRANKLIN

Work began this morning on the removal of the remainder of the city's interurban tracks by a Chicago concern which estimated in contracting the job that it would take about 30 days to complete the task of taking up all the rails left in city streets.

All tracks north of Graham street and south of the Monroe street entrance to Pioneer Park have already been removed and the present removal operations will commence at the south terminal of Graham street and extend southward.

Present plans, according to Street Commissioner Charles "Buck" Childs, call for the Chicago company to remove both bricks and track on all the line north of the old interurban station and then to resurface the center portion at street level.

South of the old interurban station, only the tracks will be removed and no bricks will be taken out. At the present time, only the tracks that were laid outside city streets have been taken up.

New Curbing Planned.

Also scheduled to go is the switch that extends southward toward the court house on Main street in front of the Willard hotel and The Star office. Curbing will be replaced around the old interurban station following removal of the switch track there up to the property line. Since the interurban line was abandoned, the station has been purchased by a private individual and track on that property will not be removed.

Removal of the remaining city tracks will take away the last remaining vestige of the once proud line that was abandoned sometime ago following a fatal accident south of Columbus.

Tracks through the town of Edinburg have been in the process of removal during the past couple of weeks, and the fact that work has been started in Franklin apparently indicates that the Edinburg removal has been completed. Streets were blocked off there for several days while the slow process of removing the tracks took place.

1942_11_25_Interurban track salvaging begins in Franklin

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WILL YOU GIVE YULE TREAT FOR AN AILING SERVICEMAN?

A "Fill-a-Stocking" campaign to provide Christmas treats for soldiers confined to the Station Hospital at Camp Atterbury during the yule holiday was launched today by the Franklin U.S.O.

Hundreds of stockings made of red net material, approximately one foot long, will be made by the service organizations working through the local U.S.O. club, and individuals and organizations are being asked to fill them with treats which a soldier will like.

No appeal for money is being made. No money will be accepted. The individual or organization wishing to fill one or more stockings may call for them at the U. S. O. club, 152½ East Jefferson street, within a few days and at their convenience until a few days before Christmas.

Put In What You Want To

Candy bars, oranges, nuts in the shell, packages of razor blades, bottles of shaving lotion, sewing kits, apples—any gifts which a soldier would appreciate — are acceptable. The donor may make the project as costless or as costly as he wishes. There is no minimum or no maximum cost of filling the stockings.

Efforts will be made to have one stocking to present to each soldier in the camp hospital, though the number is not known. Any left over will be distributed among other soldiers at Camp Atterbury in an effort to see that every boy who must remain in the military reservation during Christmas Day is shown that someone is thinking of him.

Mrs. A. J. Wolf, co-director of the club, announced the project and pointed out that this opportunity to add a bit of cheer to a soldier's Christmas is extended to any and all persons or organizations in and around Franklin.

1942_11_26_Will you give a gift to Station Hospital

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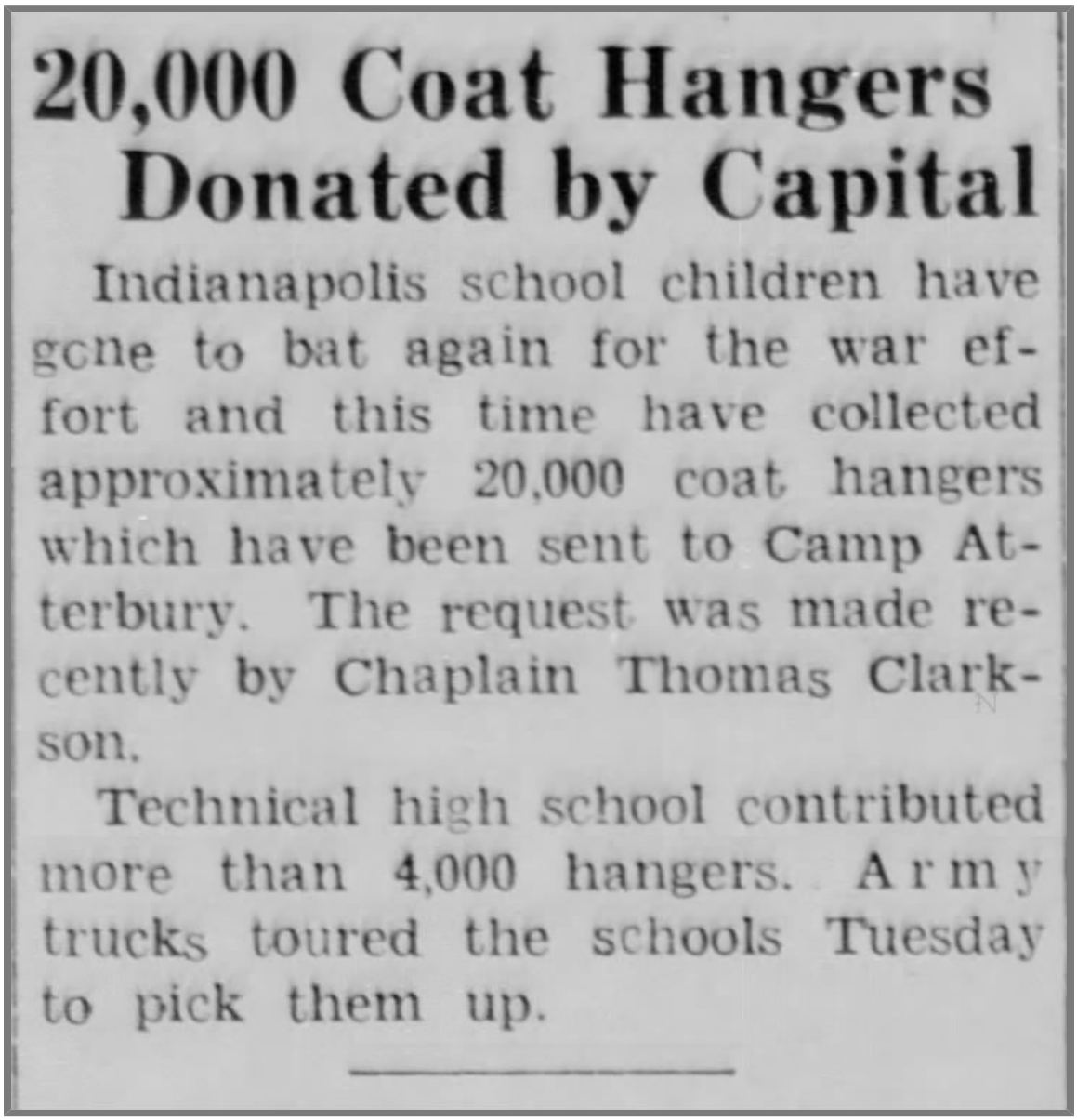

20,000 Coat Hangers Donated by Capital

Indianapolis school children have gone to bat again for the war effort and this time have collected approximately 20,000 coat hangers which have been sent to Camp Atterbury. The request was made recently by Chaplain Thomas Clarkson.

Technical high school contributed more than 4,000 hangers. Army trucks toured the schools Tuesday to pick them up.

1942_11_28_2000 coat hangars given to camp

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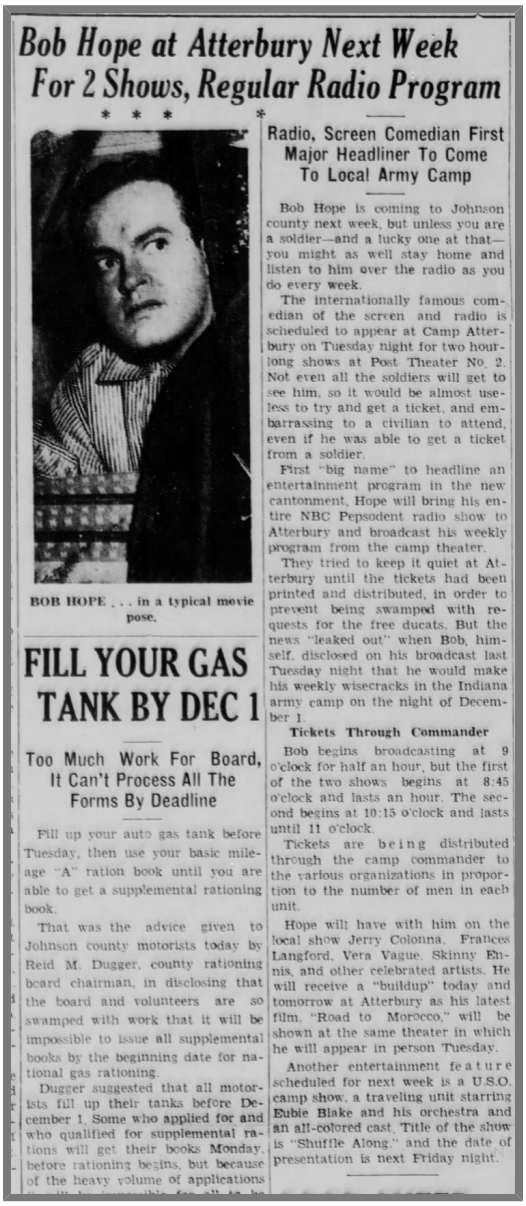

Bob Hope at Atterbury Next Week For 2 Shows, Regular Radio Program

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BOB HOPE . . . in a typical movie pose.

Radio, Screen Comedian First Major Headliner To Come To Local Army Camp

Bob Hope is coming to Johnson county next week, but unless you are a soldier—and a lucky one at that—you might as well stay home and listen to him over the radio as you do every week.

The internationally famous comedian of the screen and radio is scheduled to appear at Camp Atterbury on Tuesday night for two hour-long shows at Post Theater No. 2. Not even all the soldiers will get to see him, so it would be almost useless to try and get a ticket, and embarrassing to a civilian to attend, even if he was able to get a ticket from a soldier.

First "big name" to headline an entertainment program in the new cantonment, Hope will bring his entire NBC Pepsodent radio show to Atterbury and broadcast his weekly program from the camp theater.

They tried to keep it quiet at Atterbury until the tickets had been printed and distributed, in order to prevent being swamped with requests for the free ducats. But the news "leaked out" when Bob, himself, disclosed on his broadcast last Tuesday night that he would make his weekly wisecracks in the Indiana army camp on the night of December 1.

Tickets Through Commander

Bob begins broadcasting at 9 o'clock for half an hour, but the first of the two shows begins at 8:45 o'clock and lasts an hour. The second begins at 10:15 o'clock and lasts until 11 o'clock.

Tickets are being distributed through the camp commander to the various organizations in proportion to the number of men in each unit.

Hope will have with him on the local show Jerry Colonna, Frances Langford, Vera Vague, Skinny Ennis, and other celebrated artists. He will receive a "buildup" today and tomorrow at Atterbury as his latest film, "Road to Morocco," will be shown at the same theater in which he will appear in person Tuesday.

Another entertainment feature scheduled for next week is a U.S.O. camp show, a traveling unit starring Eubie Blake and his orchestra and an all-colored cast. Title of the show is "Shuffle Along," and the date of presentation is next Friday night.

FILL YOUR GAS TANK BY DEC 1

Too Much Work For Board, It Can't Process All The Forms By Deadline

Fill up your auto gas tank before Tuesday, then use your basic mileage "A" ration book until you are able to get a supplemental rationing book.

That was the advice given to Johnson county motorists today by Reid M. Dugger, county rationing board chairman, in disclosing that the board and volunteers are so swamped with work that it will be impossible to issue all supplemental books by the beginning date for national gas rationing.

Dugger suggested that all motorists fill up their tanks before December 1. Some who applied for and who qualified for supplemental rations will get their books Monday, before rationing begins, but because of the heavy volume of applications

1942_11_28_Bob Hope to be at Atterbury next week for two shows

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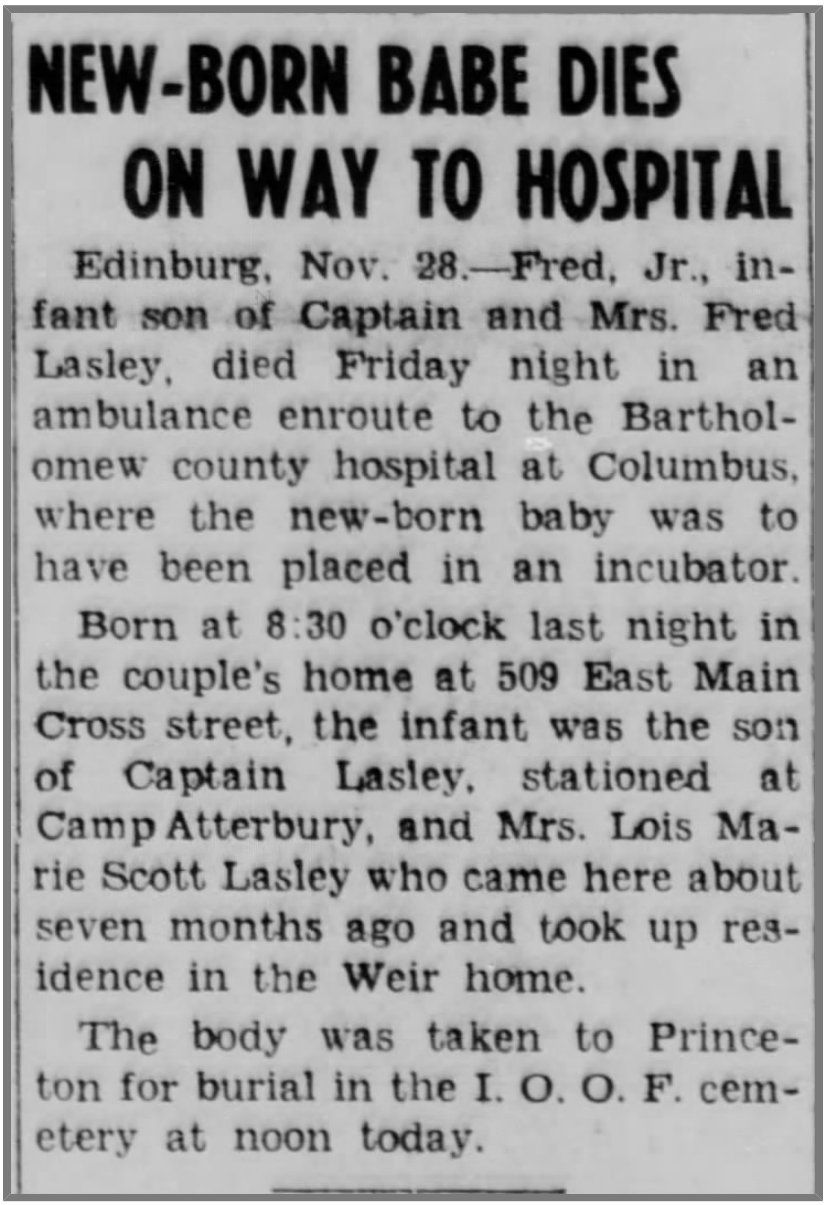

NEW-BORN BABE DIES ON WAY TO HOSPITAL

Edinburg, Nov. 28.—Fred, Jr., infant son of Captain and Mrs. Fred Lasley, died Friday night in an ambulance enroute to the Bartholomew county hospital at Columbus, where the new-born baby was to have been placed in an incubator.

Born at 8:30 o'clock last night in the couple's home at 509 East Main Cross street, the infant was the son of Captain Lasley, stationed at Camp Atterbury, and Mrs. Lois Marie Scott Lasley who came here about seven months ago and took up residence in the Weir home.

The body was taken to Princeton for burial in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at noon today.

1942_11_28_New born baby dies on way to Columbus hospital

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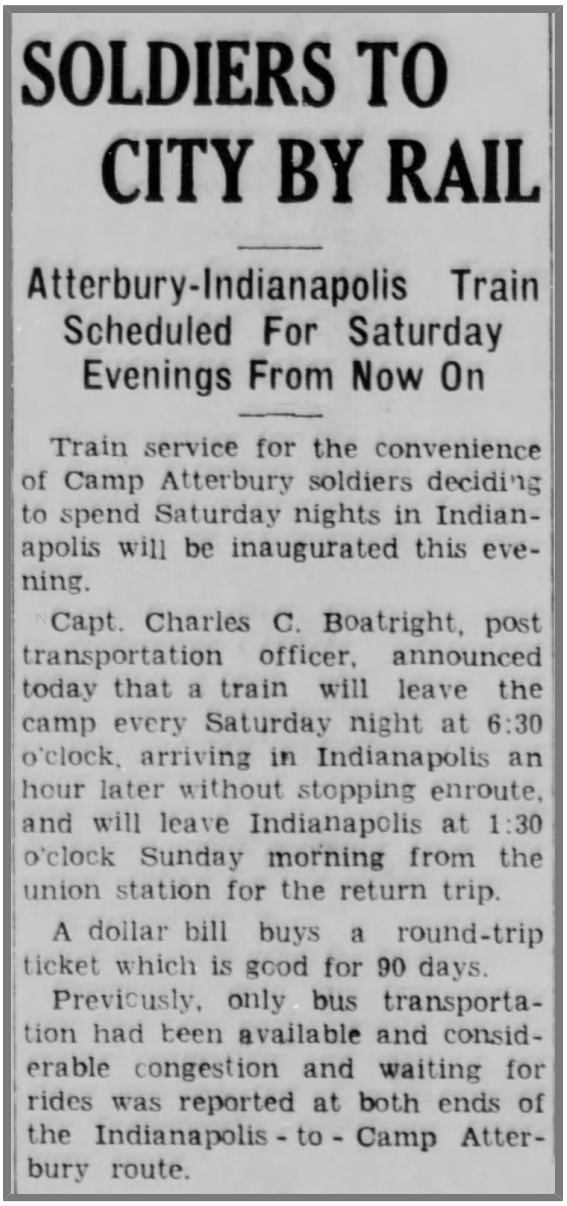

SOLDIERS TO CITY BY RAIL

Atterbury-Indianapolis Train Scheduled For Saturday Evenings From Now On

Train service for the convenience of Camp Atterbury soldiers deciding to spend Saturday nights in Indianapolis will be inaugurated this evening.

Capt. Charles C. Boatright, post transportation officer, announced today that a train will leave the camp every Saturday night at 6:30 o'clock, arriving in Indianapolis an hour later without stopping enroute, and will leave Indianapolis at 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning from the union station for the return trip.

A dollar bill buys a round-trip ticket which is good for 90 days.

Previously, only bus transportation had been available and considerable congestion and waiting for rides was reported at both ends of the Indianapolis - to - Camp Atterbury route.

1942_11_28_Soldiers ride to Indianapolis by rail

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U. S. O. BUILDING FOR WHITE SOLDIERS

Drawing (above) shows the exterior view of a Type D recreational building, one of which will be constructed in Franklin for white soldiers from Camp Atterbury, providing the city is successful in securing a site for the $79,000 structure. Approval for construction has been given by all federal agencies involved and the building will materialize as a U. S. O. club headquarters if a suitable plot of ground in a convenient location can be obtained. The blueprint reproduction (below), shows the floor plan of the one-story building pictured in the upper sketch.

USO DIRECTOR COMING TODAY

Colored Club Head Expecting To Meet With Committee In Session Tonight

Tom Johnson of Michigan was expected to arrive in Franklin today to begin his duties as director of the U. S. O. club for colored soldiers following his appointment recently by the regional supervisor of the

1942_11_28_USO building for white soldiers

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Hope in Indiana to Make 2 Appearances

Bob Hope, movie and radio comedian, arrived in Indianapolis, Sunday morning, for two busy days and nights in Indiana.

Mr. Hope and his company—including Jerry Colonna, Vera Vague, Frances Langford and Skinny Ennis and his orchestra—will play for the Troop Carrier Command at Stout Field, Indianapolis, Monday night, and will present their regular show at Camp Atterbury on Tuesday night.

1942_11_30_Bob Hope makes 2 appearances in Indiana

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PAULETTE

Miss Goddard, Film Star, to Be With Bob Hope At Atterbury Tonight.

Camp Atterbury was more than a little "aflutter" today, with announcement that Paulette Goddard, film star, will appear at the camp tonight along with Bob Hope's radio show.

Columbus residents will be able to hear the Hope program at the regular broadcast time, 9 to 9:30 p. m., over the nation-wide chain.

The broadcast, starring Hope and Miss Goddard, will be the first nation-wide introduction of Camp Atterbury over the air waves.

Hope is slated to give two shows tonight, one including his radio broadcast and the other for the soldiers only. Hope entertained soldiers at Stout Field in Indianapolis Monday night.

At Atterbury Monday night, the camp's newest theater, opened recently to serve the 83rd Division's three infantry regiments, had its first "live" talent show when "Tiny" Hill and orchestra entertained the soldiers.

1942_12_1_Paulette Goddard to be with Bob Hop

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ATTERBURY MEN ARE PROMOTED

Major Lockhart of Columbus Among Those Advanced in Rank.

A number of officers and enlisted men at Camp Atterbury have received promotions, including one officer who is a resident of Columbus.

Lieut. Col. William T. Hardaway, camp executive officer, has been promoted from the rank of major.

Colonel Hardaway served as a first lieutenant in the 17th Infantry during World war I. He is a native of North Carolina and was graduated from Georgetown university at Washington, D. C.

Maj. Howard C. Lockhart, camp adjutant, has been promoted from captain. He arrived at Atterbury in August as chief of military personnel branch. He was made camp adjutant recently upon departure of Maj. Ray G. Sailor.

Major Lockhart resides at 2336 Franklin street with Mrs. Lockhart and daughter, Violet. He was born in Crown City, Ohio. He entered the Army in 1918, serving in World war I. Holding a commission as a reserve officer since 1934, he was called to active service in March, 1941.

Maj. John C. Frame, chief of subsistence branch of the camp Quartermaster office, has received promotion from the rank of captain. He is a former resident of Dexter, Mo., and now resides at Franklin.

He was wounded twice during World war I and received a "citation."

Warrant Officer Raymond C. Murnane has been named assistant adjutant at Atterbury post headquarters. He was appointed warrant officer recently after serving for 10 years as a civilian employe in the Fort Hayes finance office.

Two silver bars grace the collar of the 18th Hospital center's company commander, George H. Rodman, as a result of his promotion to captain last week.

Lieut. Earl T. Klay of the 895th Ordnance Heavy Maintenance company and Lieut. Allan F. Rowley, company commander of the 349th Ordnance Heavy Maihtenance company, have been promoted from second to first lieutenants.

Eighty-one enlisted men at Atterbury have received promotions, including 17 M. P.'s, of the 264th Military Police company, who have been raised to privates first class.

Seven other enlisted men have been sent to Officer Candidate schools to study for commissions.

1942_12_02_Atterbury men are promoted

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HOPE PAYS SURPRISE CALL AT SERVICE CLUB AFTER 2 SHOWS

Camp Atterbury, Dec. 2.—It was Bob "Camp Atterbury" Hope here last night as the nationally famous radio comedian brought his whole troupe, including lovely Frances Langford, Jerry Colonna, Vera Vague and Skinnay Ennis and his band to broadcast from this army training center and give two stage shows at Post Theater No. 2 for over 2,400 soldiers.

To packed houses in shows beginning at 8:45 and 10:30 o'clock, Bob and his gang, with their antics as well as their gags, kept the soldiers howling with laughter.

Miss Langford, deep-voiced Southern beauty, wowed the boys with a number of songs, including "You Made Me Love You" and "Manhattan Serenade." Miss Vague's comedy sketches, both on and off the air, kept the audiences laughing constantly. Mr. Colonna showed the boys how to play the trombone, after giving samples of his ability as a singer, and Ennis and his band played their specialty, "I've Got a Date With an Angel."

Bob and Jerry and the band, starring Guitar Player Tony Romano, also paid a surprise visit to an overflow crowd of several hundred more men at Service club No. 2.

More than the usual number of Bob Hope radio fans in and around Franklin tuned in at 9 o'clock last night to hear the "localized" theme of the NBC Pepsodent show. Hope kept the radio fans howling, too, with wisecracks about Indiana and Indianapolis.

Wendell Willkie and Paul V. McNutt, and Sonja Henie, who is playing a personal appearance engagement in the ice revue at Indianapolis, came in for a bit of humorous mention by Hope in his myriad of "gags."

1942_12_02_Bob Hope pays surpris call to Service Club.

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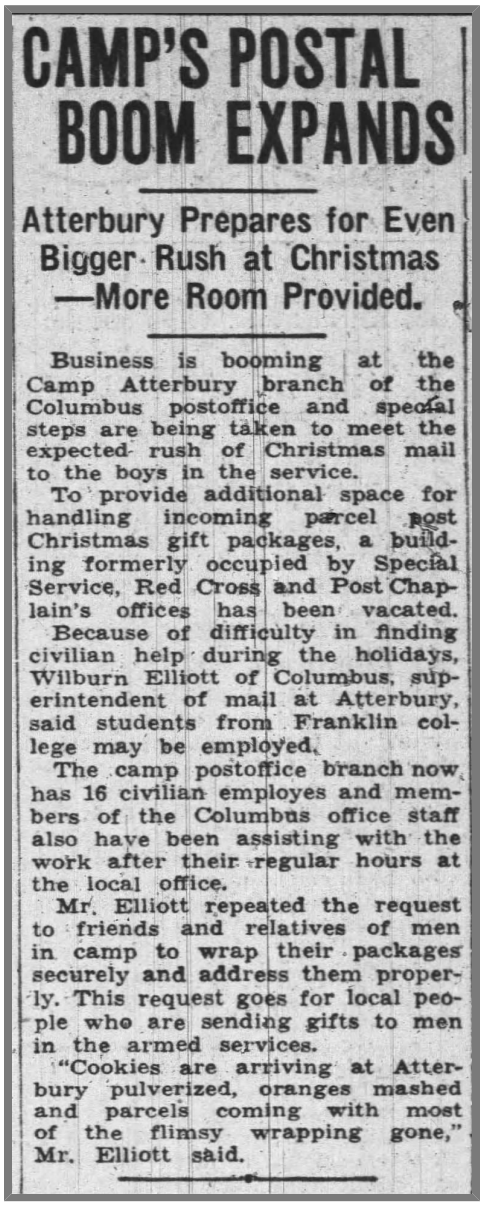

CAMP'S POSTAL BOOM EXPANDS

Atterbury Prepares for Even Bigger Rush at Christmas —More Room Provided.

Business is booming at the Camp Atterbury branch of the Columbus postoffice and special steps are being taken to meet the expected rush of Christmas mail to the boys in the service.

To provide additional space for handling incoming parcel post Christmas gift packages, a building formerly occupied by Special Service, Red Cross and Post Chaplain's offices has been vacated.

Because of difficulty in finding civilian help during the holidays, Wilburn Elliott of Columbus, superintendent of mail at Atterbury, said students from Franklin college may be employed.

The camp postoffice branch now has 16 civilian employes and members of the Columbus office staff also have been assisting with the work after their regular hours at the local office.

Mr. Elliott repeated the request to friends and relatives of men in camp to wrap their packages securely and address them properly. This request goes for local people who are sending gifts to men in the armed services.

"Cookies are arriving at Atterbury pulverized, oranges mashed and parcels coming with most of the flimsy wrapping gone," Mr. Elliott said.

1942_12_02_Camp's postal boom expands

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CAMP ADDITION TAKES 1 CHURCH

2 Cemeteries Also Included in Brown County Area to Be Added.

The 3,500-acre expansion of Camp Atterbury, all but 10 acres in Brown county, includes one church, established in 1877, two cemeteries, a few residences and hill after hill of second and third growth timber.

The hilly and for the most part rough Brown county land included in the addition is comparatively sparsely populated. It has around eight residents who reside on their own property. In addition, there are several renters and tenants through the area, all of whom will have to move following filing of a condemnation suit.

Some parts of the area are almost isolated now by the closing of roads leading to the east. These roads were closed by the taking of Camp Atterbury.

The one church which is in the area is the Christian Bethel church on the Mary Stillabower tract in Brown county. The church is located on the former road to Kansas and Edinburg, which was closed by Camp Atterbury.

The land was deeded to the church in 1877 by the Stillabower family, which then spelled the name Stilgenbauer, according to the transfer records.

A cemetery of approximately 150 graves is located by the church. There are also several graves on the Robert Meulen tract of land nearby.

142_12_02_Camp addition takes 1 church and 2 cemeteries

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ENGINEER FOR AIR BASE NAMED

Captain Cooper Is Transferred from Atterbury— To Handle Local Field.

Capt. Augustus P. Cooper, formerly assistant post engineer at Camp Atterbury, has been transferred to the Columbus air base, where he will serve as post engineer.

Captain Cooper, a resident of Georgetown, Ohio, is slated to start his new assignment at the air base this week.

As post engineer at the air base, he will be in charge of maintenance and utility services for the base.

His appointment is the first of the assignments to the new field to be revealed.

Captain Cooper resided at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Newsom, 1613 Lawton avenue, when he first arrived at Camp Atterbury, but recently has been staying at the camp.

His wife and one son reside in Georgetown. The son attended the Columbus Youth camp last summer.

1942_12_02_Engineer for Columbus air field named

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ROOM HONORS FALLEN HERO

A newly-constructed recreation room at Camp Atterbury will be dedicated to Lieut. Francis H. Pryor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Pryor of Indianapolis, who was cited for bravery shortly before he was killed in action in the southwest Pacific.

A staff car from Atterbury was to take Mr. and Mrs. Pryor to the camp Monday to inspect the room.

Lieut. Pryor, who was killed in air combat over New Guinea, never was stationed at Camp Atterbury, but was stationed for several months at Stout field. The recreation room which will be dedicated to him was provided with furniture by members of the Northeast Women's Service Club of Indianapolis.

1942_12_02_Room honors fallen hero

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SEYMOUR FIELD IS ACTIVATED

Flag Raised at Post Headquarters—Cadets Not to Arrive for Time.

Seymour Army Air Field, Dec. 2 (Special)—The new Seymour Army Air Field was officially activated when the American flag was raised for the first time Tuesday at the post headquarters building. Col. E. T. Rundquist, commanding officer, officiated.

Only Army personnel attended the brief but impressive ceremony which marks the readiness of the field to receive men. Quarters are now being prepared for officers and soldiers.

Work also is under way on the five auxiliary fields, including the Walesboro and Grammer sites in Bartholomew county.

However, cadets will not arrive at the Seymour field for some time and dedication services will be held at a later date.

Assignments Listed.

Colonel Rundquist announced the following assignments: Col. Ora M. Baldinger, post executive officer; Maj. John Heilich, post quartermaster officer; Capt. George Weiland, assistant post executive officer; Capt. John J. Lucas, post engineer officer.

Lieut. Rudolph Brannan, S-1 and post adjutant officer; Lieut. W. H. McLeod, assistant adjutant and employment officer; Lieut. Russell Wenzel, post signal officer; Lieut. Clemens W. Lundgren, post ordnance officer.

Lieut. Joseph Landers, quartermaster property officer; Lieut. Morris Zoogman, post sales and commissary officer; Lieut. Henry Ruettinger, post transportation officer; Lieut. William Hartman, S-2 and public relations officer, and Sergt. Edward Sundberg, post sergeant major.

Officers at the sub-depot which was activated Nov. 2 are Capt. Charles Kerswill, sub-depot commander; Capt. George H. Grenier, supply officer, and Lieut. Louis Farmer, assistant supply officer.

1942_12_02_Seymour Field is Activated

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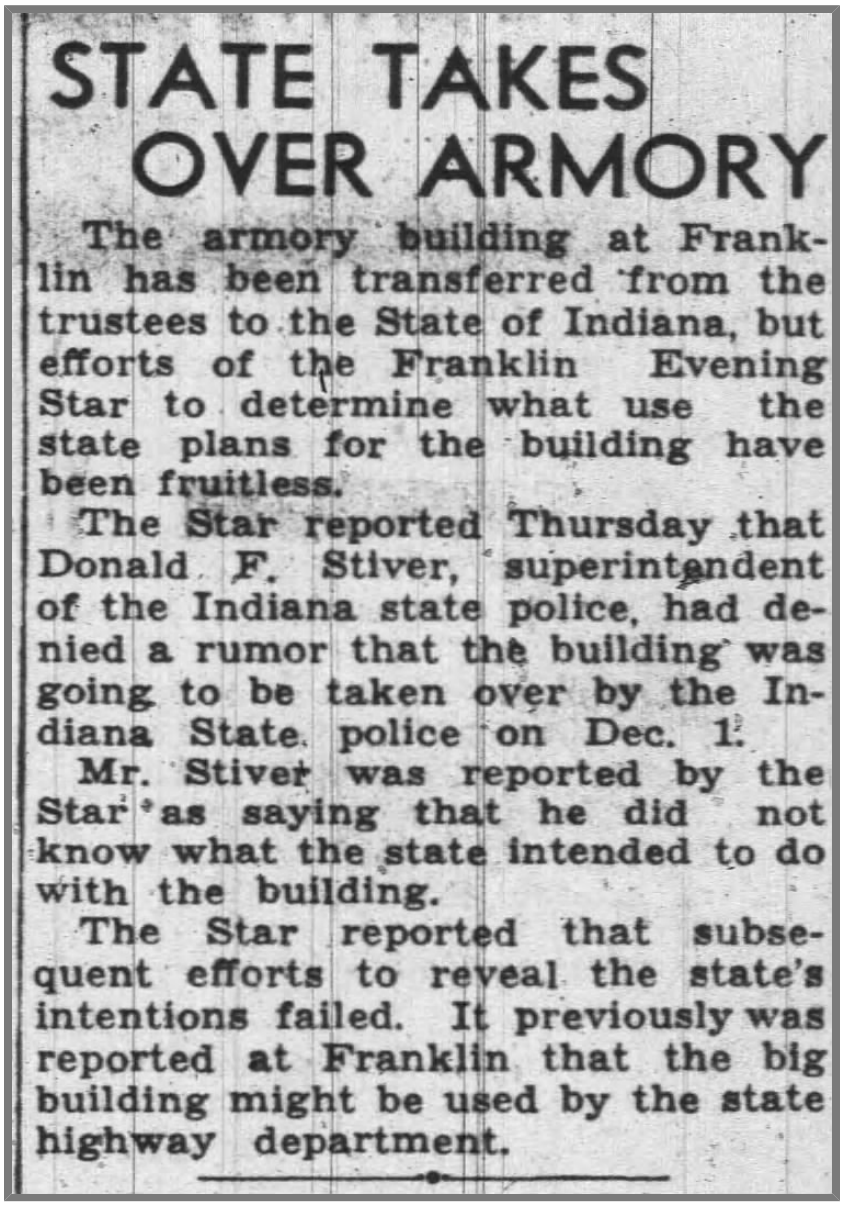

STATE TAKES OVER ARMORY

The armory building at Franklin has been transferred from the trustees to the State of Indiana, but efforts of the Franklin Evening Star to determine what use the state plans for the building have been fruitless.

The Star reported Thursday that Donald F. Stiver, superintendent of the Indiana state police, had denied a rumor that the building was going to be taken over by the Indiana State police on Dec. 1.

Mr. Stiver was reported by the Star as saying that he did not know what the state intended to do with the building.

The Star reported that subsequent efforts to reveal the state's intentions failed. It previously was reported at Franklin that the big building might be used by the state highway department.

1942_12_02_State takes over Franklin Armory

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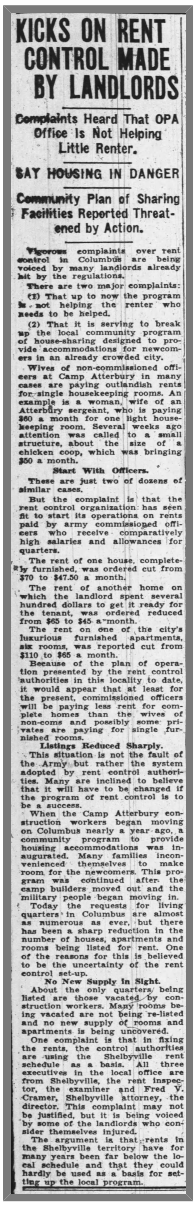

KICKS ON RENT CONTROL MADE BY LANDLORDS

Complaints Heard That OPA Office Is Not Helping Little Renter.

SAY HOUSING IN DANGER

Community Plan of Sharing Facilities Reported Threatened by Action.

Vigorous complaints over rent control in Columbus are being voiced by many landlords already hit by the regulations.

There are two major complaints:

(1) That up to now the program is not helping the renter who needs to be helped.

(2) That it is serving to break up the local community program of house-sharing designed to provide accommodations for newcomers in an already crowded city.

Wives of non-commissioned officers at Camp Atterbury in many cases are paying outlandish rents for single housekeeping rooms. An example is a woman, wife of an Atterbury sergeant, who is paying $60 a month for one light housekeeping room. Several weeks ago attention was called to a small structure, about the size of a chicken coop, which was bringing $50 a month.

Start With Officers.

These are just two of dozens of similar cases.

But the complaint is that the rent control organization has seen fit to start its operations on rents paid by army commissioned officers who receive comparatively high salaries and allowances for quarters.

The rent of one house, completely furnished, was ordered cut from $70 to $47.50 a month.

The rent of another home on which the landlord spent several hundred dollars to get it ready for the tenant, was ordered reduced from $65 to $45 a month.

The rent on one of the city's luxurious furnished apartments, six rooms, was reported cut from $110 to $65 a month.

Because of the plan of operation presented by the rent control authorities in this locality to date, it would appear that at least for the present, commissioned officers will be paying less rent for complete homes than the wives of non-coms and possibly some privates are paying for single furnished rooms.

Listings Reduced Sharply.

This situation is not the fault of the Army but rather the system adopted by rent control authorities. Many are inclined to believe that it will have to be changed if the program of rent control is to be a success.

When the Camp Atterbury construction workers began moving on Columbus nearly a year ago, a community program to provide housing accommodations was inaugurated. Many families inconvenienced themselves to make room for the newcomers. This program was continued after the camp builders moved out and the military people began moving in.

Today the requests for living quarters in Columbus are almost as numerous as ever, but there has been a sharp reduction in the number of houses, apartments and rooms being listed for rent. One of the reasons for this is believed to be the uncertainty of the rent control set-up.

No New Supply in Sight.

About the only quarters being listed are those vacated by construction workers. Many rooms being vacated are not being re-listed and no new supply of rooms and apartments is being uncovered.

One complaint is that in fixing the rents, the control authorities are using the Shelbyville rent schedule as a basis. All three executives in the local office are from Shelbyville, the rent inspector, the examiner and Fred V. Cramer, Shelbyville attorney, the director. This complaint may not be justified, but it is being voiced by some of the landlords who consider themselves injured.

The argument is that rents in the Shelbyville territory have for many years been far below the local schedule and that they could hardly be used as a basis for setting up the local program.

1942_12_03_Landlords kick on rent controls

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RUNWAYS LAID, AIR BASE HERE READY TO GO

Final Touches Being Put on Project Just North of City.

COLD WAVE SLOWS JOB

Employment Down to Half of Peak—To Bid Hammon Goodbye.

Laying of the concrete runways at the Columbus air base has been completed and the time when the field will go into action appears to be rapidly approaching.

Final touches, including the pouring of asphalt into the expansion joints, is now being done on the long concrete ribbons which criss-cross the Hawpatch area.

Approximately 480,000 square yards of concrete have been put down at the field, including 57,000 square yards for the port's big apron which will serve as an outdoor hangar for the planes. Fortunately the work was completed before the recent rains and near-zero weather.

With the mercury around the 10-above mark, the wind swept across the airfield with a roar all-day Wednesday and put a halt to most construction work. Subfreezing temperatures also delayed work today.

Employment Down to 500.

Principal work now to be completed includes the big squadron hangar, which will have wooden trusses 120 feet long, the control tower, consisting of an enclosed structure perched on top of a wood frame; streets, which are being put down on a rock base; the water lines, and interior work on other buildings.

Employment on the project has dropped from its peak of more than 1,000 persons to around 500, although only part of these have been working the last two days.

Most of the work on the officers' quarters has been completed. The officers, to live in a separate section of the building area, will have 3-room apartments, four officers to an apartment.

Each apartment consists of two bedrooms, two officers to a bedroom, and a living room. Each living room is equipped with a heating stove and has a door leading directly to the outside.

Nothing Fancy.

There is nothing fancy about the apartments and the walls between the rooms in the individual apartments are merely partitions with space at top and bottom, allowing heat from the stove to circulate to all three rooms.

As in the case of the enlisted men's barracks, the showers and toilets are in a separate building and during the winter the officers are going to get plenty of fresh air going to and from the showers and their quarters.

A large combination mess hall and recreation building will serve all officers on the post.

Approximately seven miles of fencing has been put up around the outer boundaries of the air base area. This work was in charge of C. A. Mauzy of Columbus. All but a short stretch of the fence was put up with fencing formerly used by the farmers who lived on the air base site. Fencing was transferred from Atterbury to complete the local project.

Other fences are to be put up at several points inside the air base area.

The main purpose of the fence around the exterior of the field is to keep animals from wandering onto the runways.

The first social function at the post will be an informal buffet supper at 6:30 o'clock Friday night in honor of Capt. Stratton O. Hammon, area engineer, who has been transferred from the local project. The dinner will be given by Allied Architects and Engineers, architect-engineering firm on the project. The party will be given in the firm's building at the air base.

1942_12_03_Runways at Columbus air base laid - ready to go

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Added Rail Service For Camp's Soldiers

Weekend railroad service between Camp Atterbury and Indianapolis has been broadened with the addition of an extra south-bound train on Sundays.

The train leaving Atterbury on Saturday night will depart at 6 instead of 6:30 o'clock this weekend. One train will leave Indianapolis for the return trip at 1:30 a.m. Sunday and another will head back for the camp at 9 o'clock Sunday night.

1942_12_05_Added Rail services

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Need 1,700 More Civilian Workers at Atterbury

Between 1,200 and 1,300 civilian employes are now working at Camp Atterbury and it is expected that another 1,700 to 1,800 will be needed, but no one is certain where these new workers are going to be found.

The most critical need at the present time is for women laundry workers and overshadows shortages in other departments, although it is feared that finding workers for other departments will become harder and harder as the manpower problem becomes worse.

It is estimated that approximately 350 pre-Atterbury residents of the Columbus area are now employed at Camp Atterbury, while an estimated 100 new residents of the city are working there. In recent weeks several local residents have left jobs at Atterbury and taken employment in Columbus because of the difficulty in getting back and forth to the camp.

However, a large number of Atterbury workers are moving in from other sections and more than 50 new women employes at Atterbury have rented sleeping rooms recently through the Chamber of Commerce rental office. During the last two weeks the office also has had inquiries from at least 21 male employes at the camp who wish living accommodations for their families.

Practically every nearby town is supplying workers for the camp, including Franklin, Greenwood, Edinburg, Indianapolis, Morgantown, Shelbyville, Martinsville and Seymour.

These workers commute to the camp daily and gasoline and tire rationing has aggravated the worker shortage.

It is understood that for a time camp officials considered attempting to erect buildings to house the workers on the camp reservation, but so many said they would not be satisfied with such an arrangement that the idea was abandoned.

Camp Atterbury jobs are drawing persons from other states than Indiana and a number of persons from Illinois, Ohio and Kentucky are on the payroll. A number of the soldiers' wives also are working at the camp.

While Atterbury worker demands grow and Columbus factories call for more and more workers of most all types to replace men lost to the armed forces, still another labor problem is just around the corner.

It is estimated that between 100 and 200 civilian workers will be needed at the Columbus air base and approximately 500 at the Seymour Army Flying field.

May Have to Move In.

Nearby counties will be called upon to provide these workers and if they are unable to do so workers will have to move in from points more distant, creating more of a demand for housing facilities.

From what figures are available, it appears that, although Columbus, Franklin and Edinburg are in the middle of a housing shortage now, the situation is due to become much worse unless new housing facilities are found.

New persons are arriving in Columbus daily, calling at the Chamber of Commerce office and then walking the streets in search of living quarters. A number of the married couples are taking sleeping rooms in the hope that apartments or houses will turn up later.

1942_12_05_Need 1700 more civilian workers at Camp Atterbury

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POST EXCHANGE IS REMODELLED

New Departments Added—Atterbury Soon to Have First Christmas Tree.

Camp Atterbury's main post exchange has been remodelled and an officers' uniform department, shoe section and special order office added.

Beachwood fixtures and modern fluorescent lighting also have been installed, completely changing the appearance of the building's interior. The main post exchange was the first of Atterbury's exchanges to be opened when the troops arrived at camp last July.

Christmas decorations have been put up and the camp's first Christmas tree will be put in the building within the next few days.

The exchange's new officers' clothing department, equipped with triple mirrors and modern wall racks, sells official QMC uniforms. Shoes may be purchased by enlisted men as well as officers.

The exchange has 14 employes, headed by B. A. Drake, manager, and B. E. Callon, assistant manager.

The Atterbury bus station has been moved to Building 115, across from the main post exchange and the bus loading zone moved to the large parking space opposite the new station. All busses to and from Indianapolis, Columbus, Edinburg and Franklin will operate from the new loading zone. An express office is being installed in the new station.

It has been announced that the fare on the busses operating inside the camp has been increased from five to ten cents.

1942_12_07_Atterbury's Post Exchange remodeled

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CHANGE CAMP MAILING ROUTE

Trains Unload at Edinburg —Soldiers Assist With Christmas Rush.

Starting Monday, the bulk of the inbound mail for Camp Atterbury is being dropped off the trains at the Edinburg postoffice and picked up there by trucks from the camp.

Previously the mail was routed through Columbus and trucked from here to the camp. The change was made Monday in order to reduce the amount of mileage required to get the mail into camp.

As the trains stop but a short time at Edinburg, mail workers are rushed to get the big volume of mail unloaded before the trains pull out. However, it is hoped that a satisfactory system can be worked out, thus eliminating the long haul from Columbus.

Four mail trains bring in Atterbury mail each day.

At present the Camp Atterbury postoffice is handling 50,000 to 60,000 pieces of first class mail daily. Between 200 and 300 sacks of parcel post also are received at the camp each day.

In order to speed up handling of the camp's Christmas mailing rush, a number of soldiers have been assigned to the camp postoffice, where they are assisting civilian employes.

1942_12_08_Change mail route to Atterbury

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Edinburg Swamped; More Military Police Asked

Help! Help!

Edinburg is having soldier troubles and wants something done about it.

Said Monday's issue of the Edinburg Courier, daily newspaper:

"After the experience of Saturday night it is apparent that more military police are needed in Edinburg to keep the soldiers under control. More police are especially needed the first two weeks in the month when the boys still have sufficient money left to buy drinks and become intoxicated.

"The few military police that are on duty here are not able to handle the large number of soldiers. In one melee a gang of soldiers got the best of the military police. Even with the help of the local officers they are so greatly outnumbered there is no chance of keeping the boys under control.

M. P.'s Outnumbered.

"The military police now on duty are doing a good job but there is not a sufficient number of them to cope with the situation.

"Numerous soldiers were arrested Saturday night and numerous others participated in drunken brawls. One gang of soldiers 'beat up' on several M. P.'s who were trying to take them in charge. The fight took place on the street near the Jones beer tavern.

"It is estimated that at least 1,000 soldiers from Camp Atterbury were on the streets of Edinburg Saturday, many of whom were intoxicated."

While soldiers in Columbus have, generally speaking, behaved themselves well, proprietors of many business concerns here have expressed an opinion that more military police should be stationed in towns around the camp.

GOOD FISHIN'

But Rymer Stover Doesn't Mean Fish, He Writes From Africa.

"There sure is good fishin' here and we're bagging 'em every day, but it isn't fish," writes Sgt. Rymer Stover from North Africa.

This message was received today in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Stover, 820 Sixth street. It was their first knowledge that Sergeant Stover had been transferred from England to the scene of the latest Allied offensive.

"This is a strange place but we'll be home soon," he consoled his parents.

He is in charge of an Army Air force ground crew. He was formerly employed by Cummins Engine company, and has been in the service since July 7.

1942_12_09_Edinburg asks for more military police

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OPTION SIGNERS ARE ALL PAID

1,564 Acres of Air Base Land Sold to U. S. for $262,806.

All owners of land taken for the Columbus air base who signed options and whose titles were clear have been paid by the government, the payment totaling $262,806 for 1,564.47 acres, according to entries at the county recorder's office.

The final payment was to George and Perry Doup. It totaled $15,420 for 85.11 acres.

Owners of 13 tracts signed options and were paid, the payment averaging approximately $168 an acre. This included land, buildings and other improvements, crops and severance damages.

A fourteenth tract must remain in friendly condemnation because of title. It is the tract of Charles and Margaret Miller, totaling 67.61 acres. A declaration of taking has been filed at the recorder's office and $10,480 posted by the government.

Two Decline to Sign.

Owners of two other tracts declined to sign options and these tracts remain in the condemnation suit. Transfer of a small cemetery site to the government also has not been completed.

With these exceptions, details connected with purchase of the Hawpatch land by the government have been completed and the final entries made at the recorder's office.

Other owners of land taken for the Walesboro and Grammer auxiliary fields for the Seymour Army airbase also have been paid by the government.

Albert Blake received $31,765 for 275 acres at Grammer, while Walter H. Roegge et al received $7,152 for 44.85 acres and John W. Burns received $1,080 for 19.01 acres at Walesboro.

Two Camp Atterbury tracts have been entered at the county recorder's office in declaration of taking actions.

These are tracts of James W. Holmes, 118.25 acres, $1,300 posted, and U. G. Weidman, 20 acres, $100 posted.

1942_12_09_Option signers are all paid for Columbus air base land

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PAPER TELLS OF BUILDINGS

Greensburg News Reports Firm Gets Contract To Add To Camp Hospital Cluster

The Greensburg Daily News said Wednesday that the firm of Platt & Schneider, composed of George Schneider of Millhousen and F. M. Platt of Aurora, has received a government masonry contract for the construction of two new hospital buildings at Camp Atterbury, each of two stories and approximately 300 by 40 feet in size.

Located on the west side of the camp in the present station hospital area, one will be a part of the general hospital, the paper said. Work is expected to start by the first of the new year, the article said.

The general contractors are the Pearson Construction Company of Benton Harbor, Michigan. Platt & Schneider, when the camp was being constructed, did the brick work on barracks and other structures.

1942_12_10_More Hospital buildings

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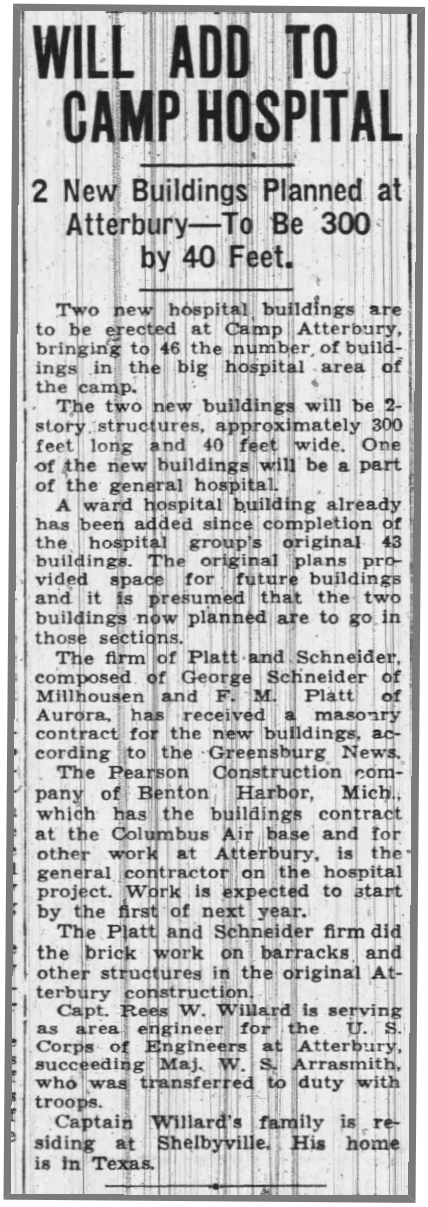

WILL ADD TO CAMP HOSPITAL

2 New Buildings Planned at Atterbury—To Be 300 by 40 Feet.

Two new hospital buildings are to be erected at Camp Atterbury, bringing to 46 the number of buildings in the big hospital area of the camp.

The two new buildings will be 2-story structures, approximately 300 feet long and 40 feet wide. One of the new buildings will be a part of the general hospital.

A ward hospital building already has been added since completion of the hospital group's original 43 buildings. The original plans provided space for future buildings and it is presumed that the two buildings now planned are to go in those sections.

The firm of Platt and Schneider, composed of George Schneider of Millhousen and F. M. Platt of Aurora, has received a masonry contract for the new buildings, according to the Greensburg News.

The Pearson Construction company of Benton Harbor, Mich., which has the buildings contract at the Columbus Air base and for other work at Atterbury, is the general contractor on the hospital project. Work is expected to start by the first of next year.

The Platt and Schneider firm did the brick work on barracks and other structures in the original Atterbury construction.

Capt. Rees W. Willard is serving as area engineer for the U. S. Corps of Engineers at Atterbury, succeeding Maj. W. S. Arrasmith, who was transferred to duty with troops.

Captain Willard's family is residing at Shelbyville. His home is in Texas.

1942_12_11_Will add to camp hospital

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"ATTERBURY DOUGHBOY" GOES ON AIR SUNDAY

Camp Atterbury, Dec. 19.—Tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 over WISH, the 83rd Division's own radio program, "Atterbury Doughboy," will go on the air for the first time.

Combining news and entertainment, the 15-minute broadcast will feature those stars of "We Did It Before" — Pvts. Russ Slagle and Sandy MacPherson and Cpl. Al Gladding, division editor. Doughboy talent will be used exclusively, and a Doughboy-of-the-Week will be interviewed each Sunday. Tomorrow's doughboy will be Pvt. Schmidt, recently of the French Foreign Legion.

The series is under the general supervision of Lt. C. J. Allen, Division Press and Radio officer.

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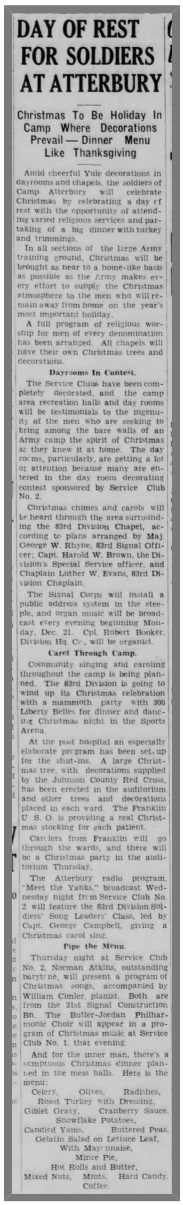

DAY OF REST FOR SOLDIERS AT ATTERBURY

Christmas To Be Holiday In Camp Where Decorations Prevail — Dinner Menu Like Thanksgiving

Amid cheerful Yule decorations in dayrooms and chapels, the soldiers of Camp Atterbury will celebrate Christmas by celebrating a day of rest with the opportunity of attending varied religious services and partaking of a big dinner with turkey and trimmings.

In all sections of the large Army training ground, Christmas will be brought as near to a home-like basis as possible as the Army makes every effort to supply the Christmas atmosphere to the men who will remain away from home on the year's most important holiday.

A full program of religious worship for men of every denomination has been arranged. All chapels will have their own Christmas trees and decorations.

Dayrooms In Contest.

The Service Clubs have been completely decorated, and the camp area recreation halls and day rooms will be testimonials to the ingenuity of the men who are seeking to bring among the bare walls of an Army camp the spirit of Christmas as they knew it at home. The day rooms, particularly, are getting a lot of attention because many are entered in the day room decorating contest sponsored by Service Club No. 2.

Christmas chimes and carols will be heard through the area surrounding the 83rd Division Chapel, according to plans arranged by Maj George W. Rhyne, 83rd Signal Officer; Capt. Harold W. Brown, the Division's Special Service officer, and Chaplain Luther W. Evans, 83rd Division Chaplain.

The Signal Corps will install a public address system in the steeple, and organ music will be broadcast every evening beginning Monday, Dec. 21. Cpl. Robert Booker, Division Hq. Co., will be organist.

Carol Through Camp.

Community singing and caroling throughout the camp is being planned. The 83rd Division is going to wind up its Christmas celebration with a mammoth party with 300 Liberty Belles for dinner and dancing Christmas night in the Sports Arena.

At the post hospital an especially elaborate program has been set up for the shut-ins. A large Christmas tree, with decorations supplied by the Johnson County Red Cross, has been erected in the auditorium and other trees and decorations placed in each ward. The Franklin U. S. O. is providing a real Christmas stocking for each patient.

Carolers from Franklin will go through the wards, and there will be a Christmas party in the auditorium Thursday.

The Atterbury radio program, "Meet the Yanks," broadcast Wednesday night from Service Club No. 2 will feature the 83rd Division Soldiers' Song Leaders' Class, led by Capt. George Campbell, giving a Christmas carol sing.

Pipe the Menu.

Thursday night at Service Club No. 2, Norman Atkins, outstanding barytone, will present a program of Christmas songs, accompanied by William Cimler, pianist. Both are from the 31st Signal Construction Bn. The Butler-Jordan Philharmonic Choir will appear in a program of Christmas music at Service Club No. 1, that evening.

And for the inner man, there's a sumptuous Christmas dinner planned in the mess halls. Here is the menu:

Celery, Olives, Radishes,
Roast Turkey with Dressing,
Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce,
Snowflake Potatoes,
Candied Yams, Buttered Peas,
Gelatin Salad on Lettuce Leaf,
With Mayonnaise,
Mince Pie,
Hot Rolls and Butter,
Mixed Nuts, Mints, Hard Candy,
Coffee.

1942_12_19_Christmas day of rest for soldiers

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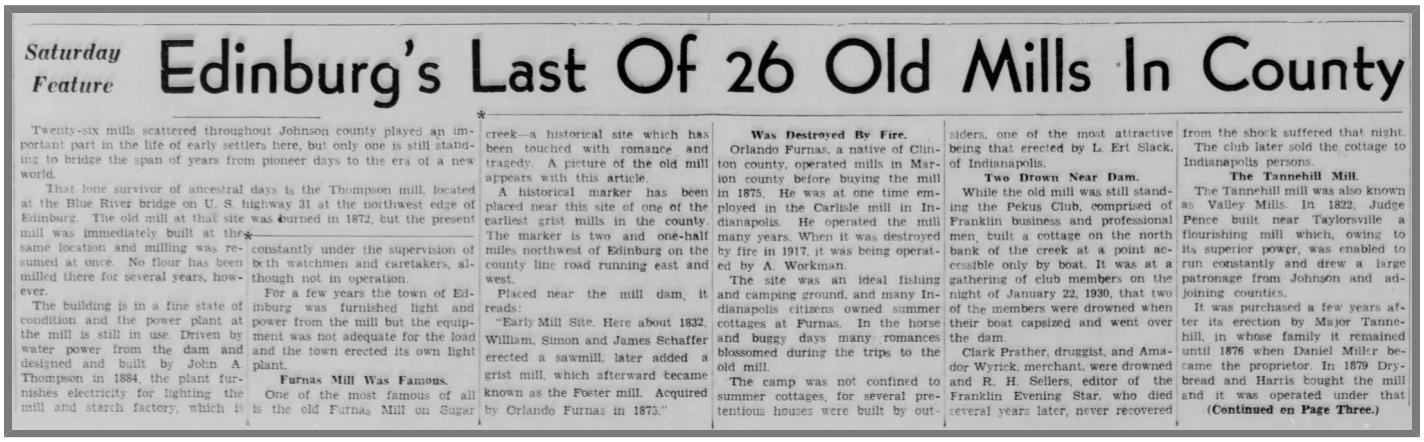

Saturday Feature

Edinburg's Last Of 26 Old Mills In County

Twenty-six mills scattered throughout Johnson county played an important part in the life of early settlers here, but only one is still standing to bridge the span of years from pioneer days to the era of a new world.

That lone survivor of ancestral days is the Thompson mill, located at the Blue River bridge on U. S. highway 31 at the northwest edge of Edinburg. The old mill at that site was burned in 1872, but the present mill was immediately built at the same location and milling was resumed at once. No flour has been milled there for several years, however.

The building is in a fine state of condition and the power plant at the mill is still in use. Driven by water power from the dam and designed and built by John A. Thompson in 1884, the plant furnishes electricity for lighting the mill and starch factory, which is constantly under the supervision of both watchmen and caretakers, although not in operation.

For a few years the town of Edinburg was furnished light and power from the mill but the equipment was not adequate for the load and the town erected its own light plant.

Furnas Mill Was Famous.

One of the most famous of all is the old Furnas Mill on Sugar creek—a historical site which has been touched with romance and tragedy. A picture of the old mill appears with this article.

A historical marker has been placed near this site of one of the earliest grist mills in the county. The marker is two and one-half miles northwest of Edinburg on the county line road running east and west.

Placed near the mill dam, it reads:

"Early Mill Site. Here about 1832, William, Simon and James Schaffer erected a sawmill, later added a grist mill, which afterward became known as the Foster mill. Acquired by Orlando Furnas in 1875."

Was Destroyed By Fire.

Orlando Furnas, a native of Clinton county, operated mills in Marion county before buying the mill in 1875. He was at one time employed in the Carlisle mill in Indianapolis. He operated the mill many years. When it was destroyed by fire in 1917, it was being operated by A. Workman.

The site was an ideal fishing and camping ground, and many Indianapolis citizens owned summer cottages at Furnas. In the horse and buggy days many romances blossomed during the trips to the old mill.

The camp was not confined to summer cottages, for several pretentious houses were built by outsiders, one of the most attractive being that erected by L. Ert Slack, of Indianapolis.

Two Drown Near Dam.

While the old mill was still standing the Pekus Club, comprised of Franklin business and professional men, built a cottage on the north bank of the creek at a point accessible only by boat. It was at a gathering of club members on the night of January 22, 1930, that two of the members were drowned when their boat capsized and went over the dam.

Clark Prather, druggist, and Amador Wyrick, merchant, were drowned and R. H. Sellers, editor of the Franklin Evening Star, who died several years later, never recovered from the shock suffered that night.

The club later sold the cottage to Indianapolis persons.

The Tannehill Mill.

The Tannehill mill was also known as Valley Mills. In 1822, Judge Pence built near Taylorsville a flourishing mill which, owing to its superior power, was enabled to run constantly and drew a large patronage from Johnson and adjoining counties.

It was purchased a few years after its erection by Major Tannehill, in whose family it remained until 1876 when Daniel Miller became the proprietor. In 1879 Drybread and Harris bought the mill and it was operated under that

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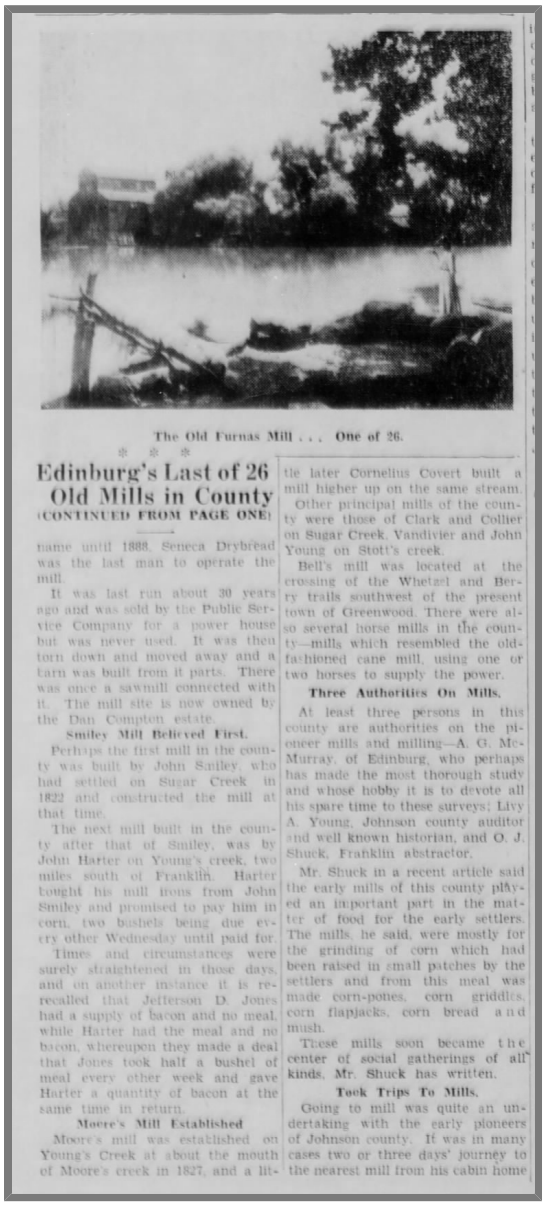

The Old Furnas Mill . . . One of 26.

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Edinburg's Last of 26 Old Mills in County

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name until 1888, Seneca Drybread was the last man to operate the mill.

It was last run about 30 years ago and was sold by the Public Service Company for a power house but was never used. It was then torn down and moved away and a barn was built from it parts. There was once a sawmill connected with it. The mill site is now owned by the Dan Compton estate.

Smiley Mill Believed First.

Perhaps the first mill in the county was built by John Smiley, who had settled on Sugar Creek in 1822 and constructed the mill at that time.

The next mill built in the county after that of Smiley, was by John Harter on Young's creek, two miles south of Franklin. Harter bought his mill irons from John Smiley and promised to pay him in corn, two bushels being due every other Wednesday until paid for.

Times and circumstances were surely straightened in those days, and on another instance it is recalled that Jefferson D. Jones had a supply of bacon and no meal, while Harter had the meal and no bacon, whereupon they made a deal that Jones took half a bushel of meal every other week and gave Harter a quantity of bacon at the same time in return.

Moore's Mill Established

Moore's mill was established on Young's Creek at about the mouth of Moore's creek in 1827, and a little later Cornelius Covert built a mill higher up on the same stream.

Other principal mills of the county were those of Clark and Collier on Sugar Creek, Vandivier and John Young on Stott's creek.

Bell's mill was located at the crossing of the Whetzel and Berry trails southwest of the present town of Greenwood. There were also several horse mills in the county—mills which resembled the old-fashioned cane mill, using one or two horses to supply the power.

Three Authorities On Mills.

At least three persons in this county are authorities on the pioneer mills and milling—A. G. McMurray, of Edinburg, who perhaps has made the most thorough study and whose hobby it is to devote all his spare time to these surveys; Livy A. Young, Johnson county auditor and well known historian, and O. J. Shuck, Franklin abstractor.

Mr. Shuck in a recent article said the early mills of this county played an important part in the matter of food for the early settlers. The mills, he said, were mostly for the grinding of corn which had been raised in small patches by the settlers and from this meal was made corn-pones, corn griddles, corn flapjacks, corn bread and mush.

These mills soon became the center of social gatherings of all kinds, Mr. Shuck has written.

Took Trips To Mills.

Going to mill was quite an undertaking with the early pioneers of Johnson county. It was in many cases two or three days' journey to the nearest mill from his cabin home

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Officer Who "Built" Atterbury Leaves; Work Started in Cornfield

(The Atterbury Crier).

Maj. W. S. Arrasmith, the former Louisville architect who as Area Engineer "built" Camp Atterbury, has been transferred to a new and undisclosed assignment. He is shown above (left) saying "goodbye" to his successor, Capt. Reese Willard.

It was in February, 1942, that Maj. Arrasmith set up headquarters in a typically rural community and the first construction was begun in a cornfield in "a February snow-storm."

Maj. Arrasmith was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in the Reserve Corps in 1923, a 1st lieutenant in 1931 and a captain in 1935.

Capt. Willard is a native of Temple, Texas, and came here in June in charge of all outside installations, and has been here continuously with the exception of several weeks on another temporary assignment elsewhere.

During World War I, Capt. Willard served from May, 1917, to May, 1919, more than a year of that time overseas. He saw service with the 6th, 7th and 26th Engineers, and held the rank of 1st lieutenant.

1942_12_19_Maj Arrasmith leaves Atterbury

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OFFICER TRIO IS PROMOTED

Post Hospital Attaches, Two Of Them Franklin Residents, Advanced

Camp Atterbury, Dec. 19.—Three promotions of officers at the Post hospital here were announced this week. Colonel Guy A. Karr was promoted from the rank of lieutenant colonel, and Lieutenant Colonel Ora B. Bodkey and Gerald W. Townsend were promoted from the rank of major.

Colonel Karr is camp dental surgeon. He came here from Camp Forrest, Tenn., July 1. A former National Guard officer, Colonel Karr was commissioned a first lieutenant in 1917. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois and the Chicago College of Dentistry. He now resides with his family in Franklin, his former home having been in Ottawa, Ill.

Lieutenant Colonel Gerald W. Townsend is chief of the divisional dental clinic, having come here on July 1. He is a former National Guard officer, first being commissioned in 1924. He served as corporal in World War I, participating in the St. Mihiel engagement, the battle of De Argonne (Verdun), and the battle of the Meuse. Twice he was decorated for bravery in action.

Lieutenant Colonel Townsend is a native of Chicago and was graduated from Northwestern University. He now resides with his family at Edinburg.

1942_12_19_three officers promoted at camp hospital

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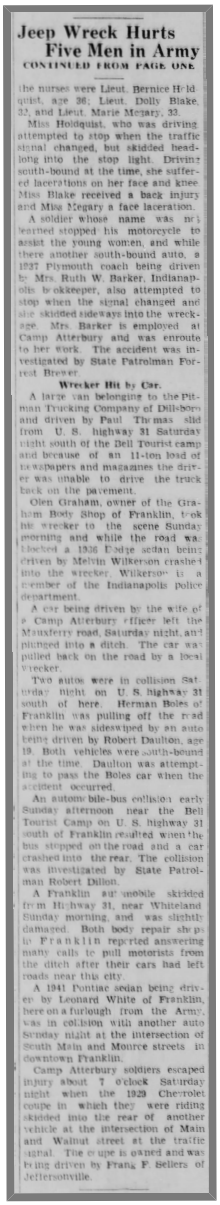

Jeep Wreck Hurts Five Men in Army

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the nurses were Lieut. Bernice Holdquist, age 36; Lieut. Dolly Blake, 32, and Lieut. Marie Megary, 33.

Miss Holdquist, who was driving attempted to stop when the traffic signal changed, but skidded headlong into the stop light. Driving south-bound at the time, she suffered lacerations on her face and knee. Miss Blake received a back injury and Miss Megary a face laceration.

A soldier whose name was not learned stopped his motorcycle to assist the young women, and while there another south-bound auto, a 1937 Plymouth coach being driven by Mrs. Ruth W. Barker, Indianapolis bookkeeper, also attempted to stop when the signal changed and she skidded sideways into the wreckage. Mrs. Barker is employed at Camp Atterbury and was enroute to her work. The accident was investigated by State Patrolman Forrest Brewer.

Wrecker Hit by Car.

A large van belonging to the Pitman Trucking Company of Dillsboro and driven by Paul Thomas slid from U. S. highway 31 Saturday night south of the Bell Tourist camp and because of an 11-ton load of newspapers and magazines the driver was unable to drive the truck back on the pavement.

Olen Graham, owner of the Graham Body Shop of Franklin, took his wrecker to the scene Sunday morning and while the road was blocked a 1936 Dodge sedan being driven by Melvin Wilkerson crashed into the wrecker. Wilkerson is a member of the Indianapolis police department.

A car being driven by the wife of a Camp Atterbury officer left the Mauxferry road, Saturday night, and plunged into a ditch. The car was pulled back on the road by a local wrecker.

Two autos were in collision Saturday night on U. S. highway 31 south of here. Herman Boles of Franklin was pulling off the road when he was sideswiped by an auto being driven by Robert Daulton, age 19. Both vehicles were south-bound at the time. Daulton was attempting to pass the Boles car when the accident occurred.

An automobile-bus collision early Sunday afternoon near the Bell Tourist Camp on U. S. highway 31 south of Franklin resulted when the bus stopped on the road and a car crashed into the rear. The collision was investigated by State Patrolman Robert Dillon.

A Franklin automobile skidded from Highway 31, near Whiteland Sunday morning, and was slightly damaged. Both body repair shops in Franklin reported answering many calls to pull motorists from the ditch after their cars had left roads near this city.

A 1941 Pontiac sedan being driven by Leonard White of Franklin, here on a furlough from the Army, was in collision with another auto Sunday night at the intersection of South Main and Monroe streets in downtown Franklin.

Camp Atterbury soldiers escaped injury about 7 o'clock Saturday night when the 1929 Chevrolet coupe in which they were riding skidded into the rear of another vehicle at the intersection of Main and Walnut street at the traffic signal. The coupe is owned and was being driven by Frank F. Sellers of Jeffersonville.

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Camp Atterbury's Boast Is Champion Eater of All Time

Camp Atterbury, Dec. 21.—It is not what you eat—it is how much! At least that is the theory of Pvt. Cyrus Gingrich who practices some very unusual habits in the realm of "Eat Everything in Sight Or You Cannot Be Champion."

Cyrus has won eating championships by consuming the oddest things. His most cherished accomplishments was making 144 goldfish disappear by way of the gullet in 37 minutes. The goldfish were not G. I.

Other contests were won by eating 120 eggs (fresh) in 33 minutes; 300 oysters (in season) in 40 minutes; and 100 frankfurters (skins and all) in 52 bites.

To prepare himself for these strenuous events, he trains by chewing glass to enhance his appetite, and he sharpens his teeth by using them to bend coins at right angles. For dessert, he loves to sip vanilla extract.

Pvt. Gingrich, now attached to 72nd General Hospital, is a veteran of World War I. He served with a machine gun battalion in the 28th Division, and saw action in the Argonne offensive and the battles of Verdun, Metz and Chateau Thierry. He suffered wounds in action.

And to top off the unusual performances of Pvt. Gingrich, he also is the grandfather of three lovely children.

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COMMANDER AT AIR BASE HERE

Arrives as Captain Saturday, Receives Promotion to Major Sunday.

The Columbus air base had a new commander today as the Army Air force stationed its first representative here to supervise future activities at the base.

He is Maj. R. N. Fawcett, who was transferred here from Godman field, Fort Knox, Ky.

Major Fawcett arrived here Saturday afternoon as a captain and received his promotion Sunday to the rank of major.

While Major Fawcett serves as commander of the base, Lieut. Austin Griffith, area engineer, is in charge of the construction for the U. S. Corps of Engineers. He expects to be transferred following completion of his work here.

One other officer had been assigned to the local base previously. He is Capt. Augustus P. Cooper, who was moved from Camp Atterbury to serve as post engineer for the air base. He will be in charge of utilities at the base.

The bitter cold and snow hindered work on all three flying fields in this area today, although considerable work [illegible] progressing. The biggest [illegible]dicap at Grammer and Walesboro will come when the snow and frozen ground start to thaw.

1942_12_21_Columbus air base commander arrives

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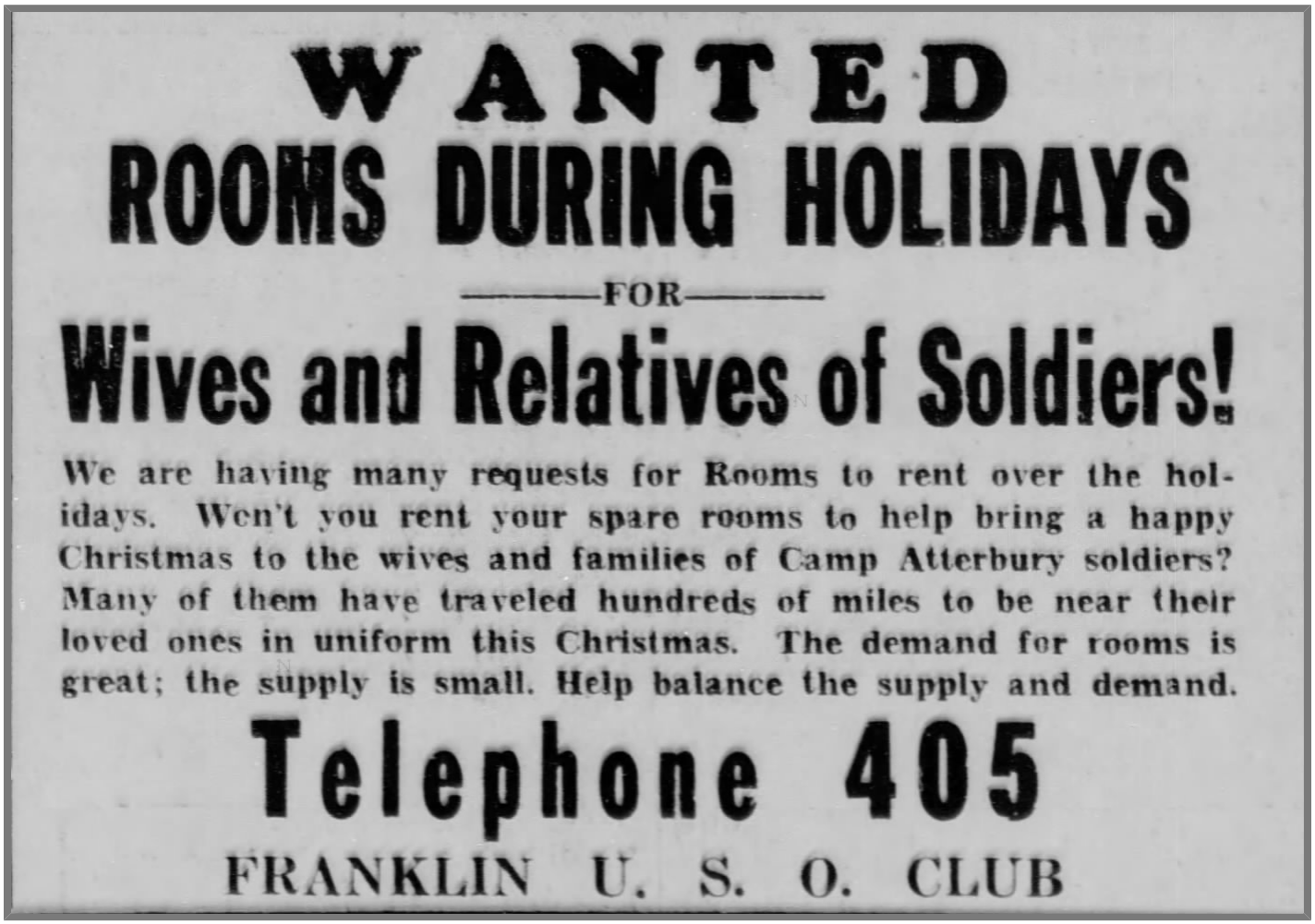

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ROOMS DURING HOLIDAYS
—FOR—
Wives and Relatives of Soldiers!

We are having many requests for Rooms to rent over the holidays. Won't you rent your spare rooms to help bring a happy Christmas to the wives and families of Camp Atterbury soldiers? Many of them have traveled hundreds of miles to be near their loved ones in uniform this Christmas. The demand for rooms is great; the supply is small. Help balance the supply and demand.

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FRANKLIN U. S. O. CLUB

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HOOSIER FIRM IS INDICTED

Russians' Complaint Leads To Charge Of Conspiracy Against Wire Company

Washington, Dec. 21—(INS)—A complaint by the Russian government that wire shipped to it under the lend-lease administration failed when it was used in actual combat today led to the indictment of an American wire company and five officials for conspiracy to defraud the United States government.

Calling it "one of the most reprehensible" cases of war frauds on record, Attorney General Francis Biddle announced a Federal grand jury at Fort Wayne, Ind., had returned an indictment against the Anaconda Wire and Cable Company, of Marion, Ind., as a result of an investigation made after the complain was received.

The company not only was accused of delivering defective wire to the U. S. armed forces but it was alleged to have faked conditions under which it was tested.

1942_12_21_Hoosier firm indicted. Anaconda Wire & Cable, Marion IN. Russians complain

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JEEP WRECK HURTS FIVE MEN IN ARMY

Four Seriously Injured As Tiny Vehicle Hits Bridge Along Mauxferry—Several Are Hurt In Other Mishaps

Damage amounting to several hundred dollars resulted from a series of weekend automobile accidents in and near Franklin, several persons being injured.

Five soldiers from Camp Atterbury were injured, four seriously, in a spectacular crash involving a small army "jeep' in which they were riding early Sunday afternoon.

Heading north on the Mauxferry road, the driver lost control of the vehicle when it started sliding on the icy highway. The "jeep" struck the iron bridge between the Ralph Sanders and Barnett farms with terrific force, careened up the sloping side and came crashing back down into the bridge before coming to a halt in a ditch at the side of the road.

The occupants were scattered along the road and lay exposed to

1942_12_21_Jeep wreck on Mauxferry Road hurts 5 Army men

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MORE JOBS AT CAMP ARE OPEN

Camp Atterbury's exchanges are employing more than 275 civilians at the present time, but more workers are needed.

A number of new positions are now open and persons interested are asked to contact H. F. Tormohlen, personnel manager, at the main post exchange office.

Persons employed at the exchanges include those working as managers, assistant managers, clerks, janitors and firemen.

1942_12_21_More jobs at camp are open

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100 MORE XMAS GIFTS NEEDED

585 Packages Wrapped by Mrs. Hart and Corps of Volunteers.

Mrs. F. M. Hart, chairman of the Red Cross committee in charge of the collection of Christmas gifts to be distributed among soldiers confined to the Camp Atterbury hospital on Christmas day, announced this morning that she was still short approximately 100 gifts.

Either $50 in cash or 100 gift packages are needed to reach the county's quota of 750 gifts for the hospital project.

Assisted by a group of high school girls and other volunteers, Mrs. Hart supervised the wrapping of 585 gift packages at the Red Cross Saturday. Additional contributions received over Sunday added about sixty-five more gifts to the list, leaving only one hundred needed to reach the quota.

Any individual desiring to provide gift packages or to donate funds for the purchase of gifts should contact Mrs. Hart.

1942_12_21_One hundred more gifts needed for soldiers

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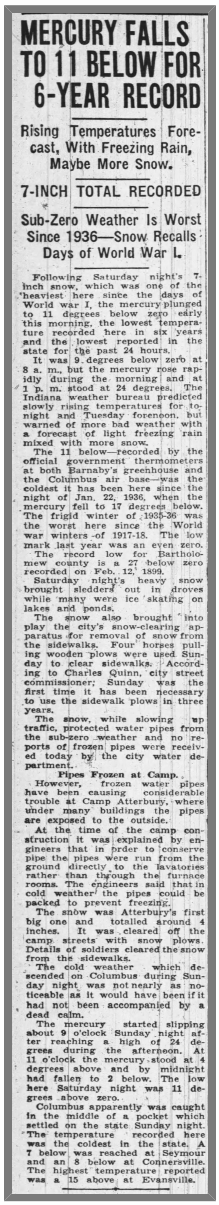

MERCURY FALLS TO 11 BELOW FOR 6-YEAR RECORD

Rising Temperatures Forecast, With Freezing Rain, Maybe More Snow.

7-INCH TOTAL RECORDED

Sub-Zero Weather Is Worst Since 1936—Snow Recalls Days of World War I.

Following Saturday night's 7-inch snow, which was one of the heaviest here since the days of World war I, the mercury plunged to 11 degrees below zero early this morning, the lowest temperature recorded here in six years and the lowest reported in the state for the past 24 hours.

It was 9 degrees below zero at 8 a. m., but the mercury rose rapidly during the morning and at 1 p. m. stood at 24 degrees. The Indiana weather bureau predicted slowly rising temperatures for tonight and Tuesday forenoon, but warned of more bad weather with a forecast of light freezing rain mixed with more snow.

The 11 below—recorded by the official government thermometers at both Barnaby's greenhouse and the Columbus air base—was the coldest it has been here since the night of Jan. 22, 1936, when the mercury fell to 17 degrees below. The frigid winter of 1935-36 was the worst here since the World war winters of 1917-18. The low mark last year was an even zero.

The record low for Bartholomew county is a 27 below zero recorded on Feb. 12, 1899.

Saturday night's heavy snow brought sledders out in droves while many were ice skating on lakes and ponds.

The snow also brought into play the city's snow-clearing apparatus for removal of snow from the sidewalks. Four horses pulling wooden plows were used Sunday to clear sidewalks. According to Charles Quinn, city street commissioner, Sunday was the first time it has been necessary to use the sidewalk plows in three years.

The snow, while slowing up traffic, protected water pipes from the sub-zero weather and no reports of frozen pipes were received today by the city water department.

Pipes Frozen at Camp.

However, frozen water pipes have been causing considerable trouble at Camp Atterbury, where under many buildings the pipes are exposed to the outside.

At the time of the camp construction it was explained by engineers that in order to conserve pipe the pipes were run from the ground directly to the lavatories rather than through the furnace rooms. The engineers said that in cold weather the pipes could be packed to prevent freezing.

The snow was Atterbury's first big one and totalled around 4 inches. It was cleared off the camp streets with snow plows. Details of soldiers cleared the snow from the sidewalks.

The cold weather which descended on Columbus during Sunday night was not nearly as noticeable as it would have been if it had not been accompanied by a dead calm.

The mercury started slipping about 9 o'clock Sunday night after reaching a high of 24 degrees during the afternoon. At 11 o'clock the mercury stood at 4 degrees above and by midnight had fallen to 2 below. The low here Saturday night was 11 degrees above zero.

Columbus apparently was caught in the middle of a pocket which settled on the state Sunday night. The temperature recorded here was the coldest in the state. A 7 below was reached at Seymour and an 8 below at Connersville. The highest temperature reported was a 15 above at Evansville.

1942_12_21_Temps drop to minus eleven - 6 year record. Pipes freeze at Atterbury

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Atterbury Soldier is Vet Of German, Arab Fighting

Camp Atterbury, Ind., Dec. 22 (Special)—Corp. John McAnulty of Battery "A", 323rd Field Artillery, 83rd Division was inducted Oct. 7, but he's no rookie—he served five years in France in the British army during the last war and later in Iraq (then Mesopotamia), fighting rebellious Arabs.

"Yes, it was kind of hard getting used to soldiering again," the graying, 42-year-old veteran admitted, "but I was back in shape again after the first week and I believe I can keep up with the boys now.

"It's quite a bit different from the old days in the British army," he added. "I was in the field artillery then, too, but we didn't have to know anything about angles and all that. We just did what our officers and non-coms ordered, pulled up a gun, fired it, pulled it out of action again, and so forth. Here, every man must learn the fine points of firing.

"It's Democratic Army."

"The boys don't realize, either, what a democratic army this is. Why, in the British army—at that time, at least, the enlisted men couldn't speak casually to officers and non-coms as we do here. A private never could speak to an officer, unless a non-com brought him to the officer—except when the officer addressed the man."

The Irishman liked the life in the British army, nevertheless, for he enlisted for another hitch after he was demobilized in 1919. The next three years he spent in Iraq, which was Turkish territory until after World war I when it became a British mandate.

Not Like Western Front.

"The fighting there was chiefly of the guerrilla warfare type, wiping out block-houses and snipers and guarding trains," he said, "nothing like the fighting I saw during the 11 months in France. The weather was hot, though, and food was a problem. We couldn't have much meat, it spoiled quickly in the heat."

The veteran modestly declined to relate any of his fighting experiences. "I'm afraid the boys will expect too much of me, if I do a lot of talking," he explained with a chuckle.

He wanted to come to the United States, so when his enlistment was up in 1922, McAnulty returned for a while to Ireland, then came to this country. His home is in Bryn Mawr, Pa.

1942_12_23_Atterbury soldier vet of German & Arab fights

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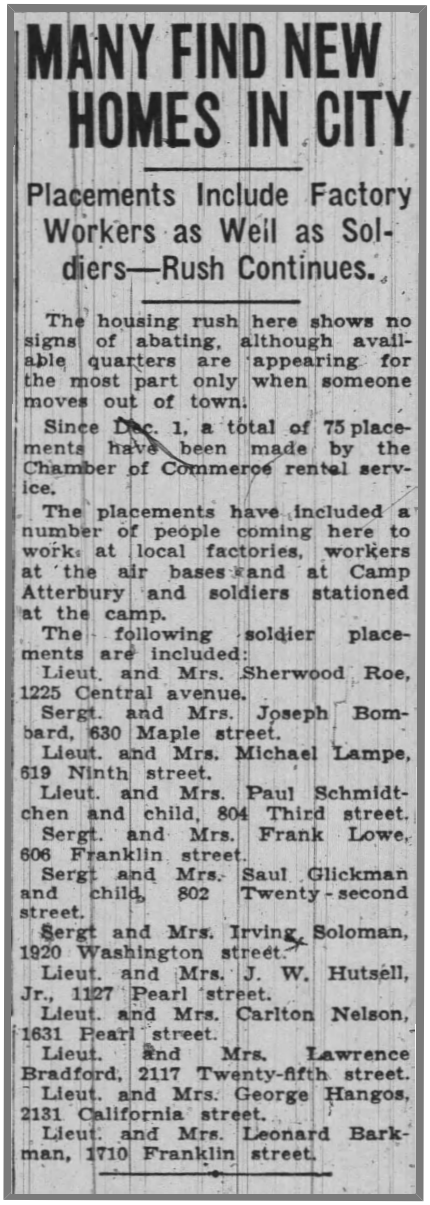

MANY FIND NEW HOMES IN CITY

Placements Include Factory Workers as Well as Soldiers—Rush Continues.

The housing rush here shows no signs of abating, although available quarters are appearing for the most part only when someone moves out of town.

Since Dec. 1, a total of 75 placements have been made by the Chamber of Commerce rental service.

The placements have included a number of people coming here to work at local factories, workers at the air bases and at Camp Atterbury and soldiers stationed at the camp.

The following soldier placements are included:

Lieut. and Mrs. Sherwood Roe, 1225 Central avenue.

Sergt. and Mrs. Joseph Bombard, 630 Maple street.

Lieut. and Mrs. Michael Lampe, 619 Ninth street.

Lieut. and Mrs. Paul Schmidtchen and child, 804 Third street.

Sergt. and Mrs. Frank Lowe, 606 Franklin street.

Sergt and Mrs. Saul Glickman and child, 802 Twenty-second street.

Sergt and Mrs. Irving Soloman, 1920 Washington street.

Lieut. and Mrs. J. W. Hutsell, Jr., 1127 Pearl street.

Lieut. and Mrs. Carlton Nelson, 1631 Pearl street.

Lieut. and Mrs. Lawrence Bradford, 2117 Twenty-fifth street.

Lieut. and Mrs. George Hangos, 2131 California street.

Lieut. and Mrs. Leonard Barkman, 1710 Franklin street.

1942_12_23-Many find new homes in Columbus

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Company C Bakes Bread Out in Wide, Open Spaces

Company C, 100th Quartermaster battalion at Camp Atterbury, composed of Negro soldiers, bakes its bread by the hundreds of loaves right out in the wide, open spaces.

The company is one of the specialized units attached to the Second army and its recruits are being taught only one job, but it's a big one—the baking of white bread in the field for up to 40,000 troops.

The baking is done in large outdoor ovens which are portable and are carried by company trucks. The soldiers dig holes in the ground into which are fitted the fire boxes on the bottom of the ovens. Wood provides the fire.

Bread That Can Take It.

And if it's bread you want, these are the boys that can turn it out. It comes in big, round 4-pound loaves with a thick crust. This bread can take it and can stand for some time before becoming stale. It may be a little hard to get inside a loaf after it has been baked several days, but it still tastes good and doesn't crumble.

However, Company C plans to get the bread to the men right after it is baked, wherever the troops may be. The company sees to that by going right along.

Even if the field ovens are destroyed in battle, the company can still bake bread.

They can do it by building their own ovens and the men have been trained for such an emergency.

First You Dig Hole.

Soldiers dig holes in the ground and two wood barrels with bottoms knocked out are placed end to end on top of a base of bricks or rocks.

The men cover the barrels with mud, leaving the front open. Then they build large fires inside the barrels and on top of them. That burns out the barrels and bakes the mud, giving them an oven of barrel circumference and two barrels in length.

To bake the bread, the men build bonfires on top and inside the ovens. When they are good and hot, the inside fires are raked out and the bread dough slipped in for the baking.

Here's the Recipe.

The dough is mixed in special tanks, somewhat resembling a bathtub.

Here is the recipe:

One hundred pounds of flour, 51 pounds of water, two pounds of salt, three pounds of sugar, two pounds of powdered skim milk and one pound of yeast.

If you follow it closely, you will get about 144 one-pound loaves.

1942_12_31_Company C-100thQM BN of Negro soldiers bakes bread by the hundreds of loaves

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Camp Atterbury Name Reported for New Site

Indianapolis Star Bureau,
1397 National Press Building.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The new army camp under construction in the Columbus (Ind.) area has been named Camp Atterbury, it was learned here tonight.

The camp is to be so christened in compliment to the late Brig. Gen. W. W. Atterbury, native of Indiana, for many years the president of the Pennsylvania railroad system.

The reported action in naming the camp for Atterbury comes as a complete surprise to Indiana members of Congress, who had submitted various names proposed by citizens of the state. So far as known no Indiana citizen had ever proposed Atterbury.

However, Atterbury is a highly honored Indiana name. In life he was much better known to the country as a distinguished railroad president, but his name is to be memorialized in connection with the naming of an army camp because in World War I he served overseas as a brigadier general of the reserve corps. He went to France to build the new railroad lines in that country required in the moving of troops and supplies to the battle front.

Worked In Fort Wayne.

Born at New Albany, Ind., in 1866, Atterbury lived at Fort Wayne in early years of his railroad work.

Following his graduation from Yale University, Atterbury began as an apprentice in the Altoona (Pa.) railroad shops. He later became road foreman on various divisions and then assistant engineer of motive power. From 1893 to 1896 he worked at Fort Wayne as master mechanic. Starting at the bottom, he continued his climb in railroad work until he became the Pennsylvania president.

On Aug. 6, 1917, Atterbury took a leave of absence to direct construction and operation of the United States military railroad in France. He was commissioned as a brigadier general. He served until May 31, 1919, when he returned to the states and again headed the Pennsylvania system.

For his service in France Gen. Atterbury was awarded the distinguished service medal. France, England and Belgium also decorated him.

His home was at Philadelphia during the period he was vice-president and then president of the Pennsylvania.

MARRIED IN FORT WAYNE.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Feb. 15.—**(Special)**—Brig. Gen. W. W. Atterbury, after whom the new army camp at Columbus has been named, spent about eight years in Fort Wayne as an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad. He came

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1942-02-16 Camp Atterbury name reported for new site

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JONES IS NEW POST OFFICER

Second Lieut. Wesley Jones, formerly of Hutchinson, Kan., who is well-known to many Noblitt-Sparks salesmen, has been named post public relations officer at Camp Atterbury.

He succeeds Capt. LeRoy Wahle, who has been made special services officer. Maj. James T. Nelson, former special services officer, has been assigned to new duties with the 1537th Service unit.

Lieutenant Jones is a native of Denver, Cal., and became acquainted with a number of Noblitt-Sparks employes while handling Arvin products in a wholesale business at Hutchinson.

He later was publisher and editor of a newspaper in Tennessee.

A veteran of World war I, he returned to service last April, received basic training at Camp Roberts, Calif., and then attended Infantry school at Fort Benning, Ga.

Lieutenant Jones is married and has two married daughters and a small son.

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