

AIR BASE CHANGE

Release of Atterbury Army Air field by the Troop Carrier command does not necessarily mean anything so far as this city's airport chances are concerned. It is still Army property and hardly expected to be declared surplus as long as Camp Atterbury is a going concern. The Walesboro field, on the other hand, is said to be on the list of surplus fields, although it has not been publicly announced as surplus property. It is understood to be immediately available if the city should decide to take it over as a municipal airport.

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The growing interest in municipal airports is evidenced by the fact that 22 Indiana cities and towns were represented at a meeting held Wednesday in Indianapolis under the auspices of the state aeronautics commission. John Owens and Lt. Francis Kline attended from here. A number of objections to the Airport Act of 1945 were discussed, and two proposed amendments were approved unanimously. One would legalize long-term contracts and leases on municipal airports, and the other would grant authority to municipalities to make appropriations to a revolving fund for purchasing materials and supplies.

1946_01_11_Atterbury Air Base changes assignment

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WRECK BURNS RAIL STATION

**Troop Train from Atterbury
Hits Greenwood Depot
—Three Injured.**

Traffic on the Pennsylvania railroad main line through here was tied up for two hours Thursday afternoon after a derailed troop train plowed into the Greenwood station, setting it afire and injuring three persons.

Flames, starting from the overturned heating stove in the station, destroyed the building.

Only crew members were aboard the train about 2:45 o'clock when seven of its 16 coaches jumped the rails as it sped through Greenwood en route to Indianapolis from Camp Atterbury. Greenwood is ten miles south of Indianapolis.

Blame for the wreck was not determined, railroad officials said. Police stated, however, that the train apparently hit an open switch and veered from the main track to a siding. A short time before, freight cars had been switching in the station area.

Local Folk View Wreckage.

Word of the accident reached here soon after the crash and a number of local residents drove to Greenwood to view the wreckage.

Arvill J. Bicknell, 58, of Indianapolis, Greenwood station agent and telegraph operator, was injured seriously. He was taken to Methodist hospital at Indianapolis.

Brakeman Ralph S. Donica, 25, of Indianapolis suffered a leg fracture and broken ribs.

Fourteen negro Pullman porters

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1946_02_08_Empty troop train hits Greenwood Depot

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WRECK BURNS RAIL DEPOT AT GREENWOOD

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and four other trainmen narrowly escaped injury when five of the coaches overturned. The train, made up of sleeper cars, had unloaded nearly 1,000 soldiers at Camp Atterbury shortly before the accident.

Indiana state police said that one of the cars smashed into the station, tipped over a heating stove and tore through the opposite end of the building. The station burst into flames and was completely demolished.

Station Visitor Hurt.

Harold Smock, 40, of Greenwood, also was injured but not seriously. He was taken to his home after a physician took 16 stitches in a head wound and removed a 4-inch wood splinter from his tongue.

Smock was standing in the station, visiting with Bicknell, when the train wrecked the building.

Smock is a brother of Robert Smock of Edinburg.

The train ran 150 feet along the siding before leaving the rails. It then plowed across ties and a concrete platform in front of the station, and coaches jackknifed. One coach jumped across the main track and stopped upright at the crest of an embankment.

1946_02_08_Troop train derails - Continued

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Army to Keep Atterbury Air Field Indefinitely

Atterbury Army Air field, located at the north edge of Columbus, is to be kept in operation indefinitely by the War department as a military installation, it was announced today.

The announcement by the War department was made through Senator Raymond E. Willis of Indiana.

The War department explained that it had reviewed a previous decision to close the field and, instead will keep it in operation indefinitely to serve the communications requirements of Camp Atterbury, which has been designated as a permanent Army installation.

The announcement immediately ruled out possibility of the city of Columbus taking over the Atterbury field as a municipal airport. Although the field is too large for the city to maintain alone, it had been thought that an arrangement for part maintenance might be worked out. There also had been talk that the state of Indiana might be induced to place a wing of the Indiana national guard air force here, using the Atterbury field.

Walesboro Available.

The Walesboro Flying field, however, is still available to the city of Columbus, as far as is known here, and is more near the size which could be operated on an economical basis. Both fields are located four miles from the county courthouse here.

The Atterbury Army Air field has been on a "stand by" basis since Jan. 31 when it was formerly given up as surplus by the Troop Carrier Command.

Most local observers, however, were of the opinion that the field would be kept open to serve Camp Atterbury, even though no other branch of Army Air Forces should have any need for the field as part of their program. The War department's announcement today substantiated that view.

Since Jan. 31 the military and

civilian staffs at the air field have been reduced and it is not yet known how large a staff will be required to keep the base in operation as a field serving Camp Atterbury.

Lt. Thomas L. Pugh, who is present commanding officer at the local field, said today that as far as is now known here only a skeleton crew will be kept at the field, providing service for planes landing here in connection with Camp Atterbury.

As for future plans, Lieutenant Pugh said that he had received no information. It is believed probable, however, that the field will be operated as a base of the Air Service command.

There are approximately 20 civilian employees at the field and eight Army men. Whether or not any or all of these will be retained is still to be determined.

Probable Use.

One of two arrangements for future use of the local field appears probable. The possibilities are:

1. That the field will be operated only as a landing site for air traffic in and out of Camp Atterbury and Wakeman general hospital with only a small staff assigned here to maintain the base.

2. That the field will be incorporated into another branch of the Army Air Forces, serving both as a base for Camp Atterbury and for an Army Air Forces flying program.

In event that the base is used only for Camp Atterbury air traffic, a small staff could maintain the field and it is probable that the field's operation would be linked closely with Atterbury, with its offices consolidated into the Atterbury offices.

However, if made a part of an Army Air Forces program, a fairly large staff probably would be needed here because of more air traffic and separate offices would be maintained.

1946_02_20_Army to keep Atterbury Air Field indefinitely

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MAYOR NAMES 4 MEMBER BOARD OF AERONAUTICS

Schaerges, Freeman, Swain and Mellencamp Are Appointed.

PLAN MUNICIPAL PORT

Creation of Commission Is First Step Toward Securing Field.

Mayor Carlos S. Folger's appointments to the Columbus board of aviation commissioners were announced and confirmed by the city council, meeting in regular session Monday night at city hall.

Those appointed and the length of their term are as follows:

Robert Schaerges, 2206 Chestnut street, employee of Noblitt-Sparks Industries, Inc., one year.

Robert Freeman, 2304 Newton street, employee Cummins Engine company, two years.

S. Franklin Swain, 2525 Sycamore street, Golden Foundry, three years.

L. W. Mellencamp, 826 Third street, First National Corp., four years.

Bi-Partisan Board.

Schaerges and Swain are Republicans, while Freeman and Mellencamp are Democrats. The law provides that not more than two of the members shall be of the same political faith.

Creation of the commission is viewed as another step toward procuring a municipal airport for the city.

Mayor Folger was not in attendance at the meeting because of illness, but the appointments were read and confirmed by the members of the council. In his absence Councilman Robert E. Barnaby presided.

The council started the ball rolling on the aviation project two weeks ago when it passed an ordinance in favor of the acquisition, improvement, operation and maintenance of an airport and landing field for the city.

The program is being set up under the "Indiana Airport Act of 1945."

Two Fields Near City.

Officials of the city have been eyeing the possibility of procuring one of the nearby army airfields for Columbus. Although Atterbury airfield, north of the city, is to be retained as an active base, the 600-acre Walesboro field, three miles south, is expected to be available. City officials have been informed that about the only cost to the community in procuring the field would be for its maintenance.

With the board of aviation commissioners appointed, the next step will be for the body to meet and organize by electing from its members a president, vice-president and secretary. The board is to be provided with an office and will receive up to \$600 annually for actual expenses. The members are to serve without pay.

1946_02_20_Columbus looks to municipal airport

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400,000 Face the Cruel World at Atterbury

CAMP ATTERBURY, Feb. 22 — (INS)—More than four hundred thousand men have been processed through the Camp Atterbury separation center it was announced today.

During February the center has averaged 2,587 men daily with 51,730 GIs having been processed since the first of the month.

1946_02_22_More than 400,000 released at Camp Atterbury

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FOUR BOWLING ALLEYS OPEN

Four bowling alleys, part of the Camp Atterbury post exchange system, have been opened in Building 335 on Tenth street in the southern part of the camp.

The new alleys are available for use by military and civilian personnel, but until eight more alleys now under construction on Ninth street are completed, or until patronage at the alleys decreases, there will be a restriction on the number of games each player may bowl. The present restriction is three games at one time.

R. L. Gilmore of Columbus, a Navy veteran, is manager for the new alleys.

1946_03_29_Four bowling alleys open to military and civilian at the Camp

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NO CHANGE AT CAMP DUE NOW

War Department Says Same
Status to Continue, at
Least for Present.

International News Service reported Friday afternoon from Washington that the War Department has stated its present plans are to keep Camp Atterbury on an active basis.

The War department added that there has been no decision made to transfer the discharge and induction centers to Fort Knox, Ky., from Atterbury.

The query on a possible change at Atterbury was made following rumors that transfer of the discharge and induction centers to Fort Knox might be made around July 1.

Possibility of a future change at Atterbury was not denied by the War department statement, but it was pointed out that the department, at least for the time being, intends to operate Atterbury as it is at the present time.

This week the Atterbury public relations office said it could not make any comment on the rumors, other than that no official information had been received on any contemplated change in status of the Hoosier camp.

1946_04_24_No change to Camp Atterbury due now

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TO SELL MORE CAMP BUILDINGS

**Bids to Be Opened on May 6
—Time Provided for
Inspections.**

Plans were announced today for sale of approximately 100 buildings at Camp Atterbury, including houses, barns, sheds, showers, latrines and miscellaneous farm buildings.

The buildings will be sold by sealed bid and full information may be secured from Buford Sweeney, sales disposal officer, in the U. S. Engineer Sales office at Atterbury.

Buildings will be available for inspection by prospective purchasers for a period of four days, starting Tuesday and ending May 3.

A separate bid must be made on each building. No group bids will be accepted.

Sealed bids will be opened at 10 o'clock the morning of May 6 at the Engineer Sales office at Atterbury. The government reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

1946_04_24_To sell 100 more buildings in Camp

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CAMPAIGN TO RETAIN CAMP IN FULL SWING

Resolution Endorsed by Six
Cities to Be Sent War
Department.

TYNDALL WRITES LETTER

Program Seeks to Have At-
terbury Kept as Army
Training Center.

A campaign urging the War de-
partment to retain Camp Atter-
bury as a full-time army training
center was in full swing today fol-
lowing adoption of resolutions by
cities near the Hoosier Army in-
stallation.

Chapters of a letter by Robert H.
Tyndall, mayor of Indianapolis, a
resolution adopted by the Colum-
bus city council, and a joint resolu-
tion signed by six cities are
ready to be mailed to the War
department. Fred C. Lockwood,
secretary-manager of the Franklin
Chamber of Commerce, stated to-
day.

Minutograph copies also will be
sent Senators Willis and Cape-
hart and Representatives Wilson,
Landis, Springer and Ludlow.

Center to Close

Last Thursday, Col. Ernest A.
Bundy, commanding officer of
Camp Atterbury, announced that
the War department has ordered
closing of the Atterbury Person-
nel center, including induction and
separation stations, on July 31.

However, this does not mean
closing of Atterbury and repre-
sentatives of various cities around the
camp are of the opinion that there
is still ample time for the War de-
partment to decide on future uses
for the camp, in addition to its
serving as a national guard train-
ing site.

The resolution adopted by the
Columbus city council and signed
by Mayor Carlos S. Folger is sim-
ilar to that adopted by representa-
tives from Atterbury communities.
April 25 at a meeting at Franklin
and signed by executives of other
nearby city governments.

The Columbus resolution com-
mends the action of the War de-
partment in its designation of At-
terbury as a field training center
for the Indiana national guard. At
the same time it points out ad-
vantages of the camp and requests
that officials of the Fifth Service
command and War department
plan now to enlarge the use of
this fine installation on a full-time
operation plan as a billeting and
training center for all training ac-
tivities in the national defense
program.

Tyndall's Letter

"In a letter supporting the move
for continued full-time use of At-
terbury, Mayor Tyndall of Indian-
apolis wrote:

"I want you to know that I en-
dorse your program to secure full
and continued use by the War de-
partment of facilities at Camp
Atterbury for field training of the
Indiana national guard and such
other activities as necessary in the
interest of our national defense."

The general resolution adopted
at the April 25 meeting at Frank-
lin, commended the designation of
Atterbury as a national guard
training center and then listed ad-
vantages of Atterbury in request-
ing that it be put to peak full-
time use.

Advantages were listed as:

Advantages Listed.

Strategic location as to accessi-
bility to all areas of the Middle
West. With the air base at Free-
man field, Atterbury Army Air
base and Stout field, the camp
meets all strategic requirements in
the plan of national defense.

That it is the only camp so
designated not to have a public
highway or railroad running
through the center of such instal-
lation so as to interfere with train-
ing yet so located to be adequate-
ly served by both facilities.

That Atterbury is a complete,
fully equipped operation center for
a well-rounded military training
program.

This resolution was signed by
mayors or town board chairmen
of Franklin, Greenwood, Seymour,
Ellettsburg, Greensburg and Bloom-
ington.

Members of the new inter-city
action committee which is direct-
ing the campaign for continuation
of Atterbury are:

L. E. Reeves of Columbus, E. W.
Harris, A. K. Scheidehorn and

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1946_05_13_Campaign to retain Camp Atterbury in full swing. Separation and reception centers close

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Resolution Urging Atterbury Be Kept Sent Army Officials

Copies Of Petition Framed At Meeting Here Sent To Service Command Head And Indiana Congressmen

Copies of a resolution urging retention of Camp Atterbury as a training center by the Army, signed by leaders of city governments in the camp business office, went out Monday to War Department officials and Indiana congressmen.

Today's action is the latest move in a campaign brought about by recent rumors of the camp closing as far as training activities and regular Army use are concerned. Assurance has already been given that Atterbury will be used for training of Indiana National Guard units and the War Department has to date offered no definite plans for the camp future as a regular military installation.

Announcement was made last week that the Atterbury operation and reception centers would be completely closed by July 31 with all civilian employees of those units being released by that date at the latest. For many months these two activities have been the major function of the camp. Whelan Hospital was not concerned by last week's closing order.

The resolution was adopted by representatives from Franklin, Greenwood, Seymour, Ellettsburg, Greensburg, Columbus and Ellettsburg at a meeting here April 23 and has since been circulated among mayors and town board heads of the community concerned.

To Representatives

Signed petitions went to the Commanding General of the Fifth Service Command, Ft. Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, and to U.S. Congressman (House) of the Army legislative and national division for presentation to the War Department. A copy was also sent to the Chief of Staff, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Other copies were forwarded to Congressman Gerald Landon, Louis Louder, Raymond Springer, and Earl Wilson, representative districts in the Atterbury area and to Indiana Senators Bruce E. Caphart, and Raymond E. Wells. Governor Ralph B. Heiser and state Adjutant General Ben H. Wells also received the resolution, and similar was sent to the industrial division of the Pennsylvania railroad.

Signers of the petition included William V. Memphis, mayor of Providence, Maine; Johnson, chairman of the town board, Greenwood; C. W. Buckhart, mayor of Seymour; B. O. Breeding, president of the Ellettsburg town board; Cress J. Lutz, mayor of Greensburg; Louis Jacki, mayor of Columbus. A letter supporting the resolution and promising support was also received from Mayor Robert H. Blythe of Indianapolis.

An inter-city action committee was organized at the April 23 meeting in Franklin to follow up the resolution. Members are L. A. Whitlow, Franklin; Marley Lester, Greenwood; L. E. Barnes, Columbus; Glen H. Severs, Seymour; E. M. Harris, A. K. Schindlerstein, and Hugh K. Duffield of Indianapolis.

Resolution as sent

The committee is scheduled to meet Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce in Columbus.

The resolution reads in part: "We do request that you recommend the following committee within the state of Indiana and submit the following:

1.—That we commend the action of the War Department in its designation of Camp Atterbury, Ind., as a field training center for the Indiana National Guard, and camp to be maintained and operated by the Federal Government.

2.—That we wish to emphasize the fact that we believe Camp Atterbury is the best camp within the United States as to facilities.

3.—That Camp Atterbury is strategically located as to accessibility to all areas of the middle west and is nearby with the army at Ft. Mendenhall, Camp Atterbury Air Base and Blount Field meets the strategic requirements in the plan of national defense.

4.—That it is the only camp designated not to have a public highway or railroad running through the center of such installation, so as to interfere with training yet be located as to be adequately served by both facilities.

5.—That Camp Atterbury is a complete, fully equipped operation center for a well rounded military training program.

Therefore, be it resolved, that we respectfully request the officials of the Fifth Service Command and the War Department of these United States to plan now to enlarge the use of this fine installation as a full time operation plan as a training and training center for all training activities in the National Defense program. This plan is true in all interests of the people of Indiana and its various communities. And we again emphasize our desire for the continued use of Camp Atterbury, Indiana, continuously.

1946_05_14_Resolution to keep Atterbury sent to Army officials

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CAMP UNIT TO CLOSE JULY 31, BIXBY REVEALS

*Major Cut in Center's
Civilian Workers Set
for July 1.*

Camp Atterbury's Personnel center, including the Separation and Induction stations, will be closed on July 31, it was announced today by Col. Ernest A. Bixby, commanding officer of Camp Atterbury.

A major part of the civilian workers employed in branches of the Personnel center will terminate their work around July 1 and other civilian employees with the center will be released by July 31, Colonel Bixby added.

The commanding officer emphasized that closing of the Personnel center does not mean the entire camp will be closed on July 31.

Presumably Wakeman hospital activities will continue, along with other camp functions, aside from the Personnel center, and the announcement on reduction in civilian employees with the center has no connection with Wakeman hospital employees.

Many Workers from Here.

However, the Separation and Induction stations of the Personnel center have currently been the major functions of Atterbury proper and several hundred people residing in the Columbus area have been employed in the center's branches.

The War department's action to close the Personnel center this summer as the Army neared the end of its big discharge program had been expected, but there remained until today a possibility that the Separation station would be retained as one of the last in the United States under the World War II discharge program.

The War department recently disclosed that it plans to use Camp Atterbury as a national guard training site. However, communities around the camp have signed a petition asking that the camp be used for Regular Army troops as well as a guard training camp.

Hospital to Be Kept?

No official announcement has been made concerning the future of Wakeman General hospital at Atterbury, but it is understood here that present plans call for the hospital to remain in operation as an Army installation through at least 1946.

Camp Atterbury's Separation station was established Oct. 15, 1944, and was reported to be the second largest Army release station in the United States.

The Induction station was established at Atterbury in September 1944, when it was moved there from Fort Benjamin Harrison at Indianapolis.

The Personnel center also has included the Reception station for men returning to the United States from overseas on furlough and a Special Training unit. The Reception station handled thousands of men returning to the States under the redeployment program after V-E day and prior to end of the war with Japan.

1946_05_15_Personnel Cent at Camp to close July 1, 1946

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Field to Make Change

Freeman Field will begin operation under Daylight Saving Time Monday morning, in conformity with the action taken by merchants in Seymour, it was announced today by field authorities.

1946_05_24_Freeman to go to Daylight Saving time

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Atterbury Theater Destroyed By Fire

Camp Atterbury, Ind., June 5—
(AP)—Camp Atterbury authorities were seeking today to determine the cause of a fire that swept a theater on reservation Monday night.

They estimated the damage at \$50,000. The theater was empty at the time. Firemen prevented the flames from spreading to the chapel and the post exchange.

1946_06_05_Atterbury theater destroyed by fire.

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WOUNDED ARMY SECRETARY VELLS SHOOTING OF COL. BIXBY

Col. Ernest A. Bixby, commanding officer of Camp Atterbury, was in Wakeman General hospital with gunshot wounds today and his wife was being treated for "nervous reaction" to a shooting which apparently occurred in their home, a former farmhouse on the Atterbury reservation.

Colonel Bixby, veteran of the Normandy beach invasion two years ago, was in a condition described as "not considered serious." His wife, Mrs. Martha Robertson Bixby, formerly of Louisville, also was in the hospital.

Atterbury authorities declined to elaborate on details of the shooting.

Lid Clamped On Tight At Atterbury

By ROBT. J. MARSHALL.

Camp Atterbury officials today had the lid on details of the wounding of Col. Ernest A. Bixby so tight that it appeared nothing short of an atomic bomb would bring out circumstances surrounding shooting of the Atterbury commander.

Although Colonel Bixby entered Wakeman General hospital about 1:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, the fact was not generally known at Atterbury until copies of Indianapolis newspapers reached the camp at noon today. A banner headline in the Indianapolis Times announced: "Camp Atterbury Commander Shot."

Public relations officials of both the camp and hospital professed ignorance of details of Colonel Bixby's injury. What information was being made available came from the office of Col. John E. Hatch, who has taken over duties as acting commander of the post.

Maintains Silence.

United Press reports from Washington said the War department had advised that further information would be made available at the camp. A short time later it was announced that all information would be sent from Camp Atterbury to Fifth Service command headquarters at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio. Meanwhile the Atterbury post commander's office retained silence.

The result of the secrecy, still being imposed two days after the incident, was that rumors began running rife through the camp's military and civilian personnel.

An Evening Republican reporter spent this morning at Atterbury, and at every turn was met with an official "no comment." However, the rumor mill was working overtime among those who had heard the bare fact that Atterbury's commanding officer had been shot.

One report was that Colonel Bixby had been struck by a bullet which went through one leg and lodged in his shoulder. It also was reported that he had been lying down at the time, thus accounting for one bullet possibly striking him twice.

Happened in Home.

The shooting was reported to have occurred at the Bixby residence, a former farmhouse located in the Atterbury reservation.

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"Colonel Bixby is in the hospital with gunshot wounds from a .22-caliber pistol," an official announcement by Col. John E. Hatch, acting commanding officer, said.

No Others Present.

"No one was present at the time except Colonel and Mrs. Bixby. Mrs. Bixby is in the hospital as a result of nervous reaction. The wounding was accidental."

Hatch said a formal report had left Atterbury for Fifth Service command headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, "but it probably has not reached there yet." He said the condition of both the Bixbys was "not considered serious."

Fifth Service command headquarters at Columbus, Ohio, revealed officially that Bixby was wounded by gunfire. The announcement did not mention Mrs. Bixby.

Hatch said, however, that Mrs. Bixby also was in the hospital.

"I can't comment on the nature of her illness," Hatch said. "I don't feel that I can say anything about that. I haven't seen the reports."

Hatch said he expected to have a report tomorrow morning.

Colonel Bixby was reported to have been admitted to the hospital about 1:30 o'clock Wednesday morning and Mrs. Bixby entered later that day.

He had arm and leg wounds, according to the reports.

Colonel Bixby assumed command at Camp Atterbury last June 13 succeeding Col. Walton M. Modisette. At the time he took over he had a war-time commission of brigadier general. Later, in line with the War department regulations, his pre-war commission of colonel was returned.

The colonel, who is 46 years of age, has been in the Army since 1918 when he was graduated from the United States Military academy. After serving with the Army of Occupation in Germany after World War I, he was stationed for three years at Camp Taylor, Ky., with the Seventh Field artillery of the First division, and for three years with the Eighth Field artillery in Hawaii, where his battery won the Knox trophy, presented yearly to the best artillery battery in the Army as determined by rigid qualifications and tests.

On West Point Staff.

From 1926 until 1928, Colonel Bixby was stationed at Princeton University on ROTC duty. He was on reserve duty at Louisville, Ky., until 1931, and was on the staff and faculty at the Command and General Staff school, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., from 1931 to 1934. The next two years were spent at West Point as an instructor in field artillery. After attending Command and General Staff school

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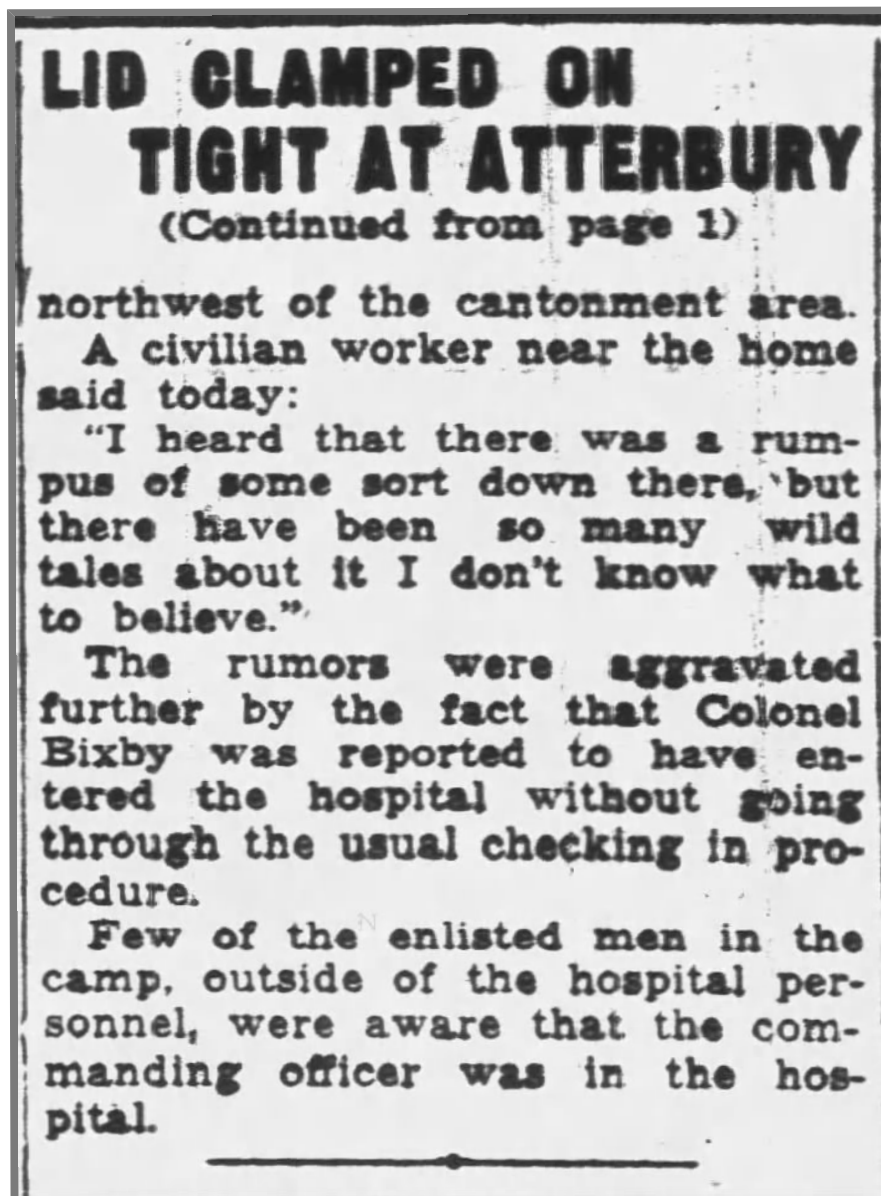
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CAMP ATTERBURY COMMANDER WOUNDED

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at Ft. Leavenworth in 1936 and 1937, he returned to R.O.T.C. duty at Princeton until 1939. He became a student of the Army Industrial college, Washington, D. C., on Sept. 1, 1939, the day war broke out in Europe, and was assigned additional duty with the Bureau of Information in the Secretary of War's office.

From January, 1931, until March, 1942, Colonel Bixby served with the G-3 plans and operations division of the War Department General staff. From March until December, 1942, he was chief of the operations division of the G-3 section of the Army ground forces. He was then assigned to the Fourth Armored division as artillery commander. The division went overseas in December, 1943, and trained in England until July, 1944, when it landed on the Normandy beach and went into the line on July 17.

Also With 90th.

On July 27, the Fourth Armored division spearheaded the advance of the Third army, to cut off the Normandy peninsula and race across France. Colonel Bixby remained with the Fourth until Sept. 11, 1944, when he joined the 90th Division as artillery commander. He was promoted to his present rank on Nov. 11, 1944. He left the division in Czechoslovakia, near Regen, Germany, on May 5, 1945, to return to the States and his present assignment.

Colonel Bixby has been awarded the Legion of Merit, the Croix de Guerre with palm, the Silver Star with two Oak Leaf clusters and the Bronze Star with cluster. He is married to the former Martha Robertson of Louisville, Ky., and they have one son, Robert, 16 years old.

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STILL NO WORD ON FUTURE USE OF ATTA-FIELD

Plane Base, North of City,
Virtually on Stand-by
Basis.

PERSONNEL TOTALS 15

Will Either Be Put to Ac-
tive Use or Declared
Surplus, Belief.

Although a big reduction in activities is slated at Camp Atterbury this month, with the Personnel center to close formally July 1, a decision on future use of Atterbury Army Air field at the north edge of Columbus is still hanging fire.

At the present time the field is virtually on a stand-by basis and no planes are based there, according to Capt. Robert L. Kenyon, commanding officer at the field.

The local field is still an installation of the Troop Carrier command, being under the Third Air Force, Troop Carrier command, at Greensboro, S. C.

No Hospital Planes.

With a decision on Camp Atterbury's future pending, it has been expected that an announcement might be made soon on future use of the air base. It was previously reported that the base would remain open to accommodate hospital planes being flown into Wakarusa hospital at Atterbury, but for the past several weeks no hospital planes have landed here.

Captain Kenyon, who succeeded Lt. Thomas L. Pugh as commander at the local field, is the only armed forces member stationed at the field. Fourteen civilians are employed at the base. They include an engineering superintendent, eight firemen, electrician, carpenter, plumber and two women office workers.

Seven Gliders on Hand.

Only seven gliders remain out of the large number which were stationed here while the field served as center of glider training for George field near Vincennes. A number of the gliders have been scrapped, the metal sold as salvage and the fabric burned at the field.

It is expected that within the near future the field either will be put to active use or will be declared surplus.

There is a considerable amount of machine shop tools and machinery at the base, installed for maintenance of the planes. This machinery, however, cannot be made available for private use until after the field is declared surplus and then only if the Air forces have no need for it.

Captain Kenyon is residing in Columbus with his wife and small child. Their permanent home is at Santa Ana, Calif. Captain Kenyon has been in service since November, 1940. He entered as an enlisted man and in 1942 graduated from pilot school as a staff sergeant pilot. He went overseas with the Troop Carrier command in 1942 and received a commission in 1943. He was in the European and African areas for 29 months.

1946_06_07_Still no plans for Atterbury Air Base

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Patients at Wakeman Hospital Get Diplomas

Camp Atterbury, Ind., June 10 —(AP)—High school and college diplomas from all over the country are arriving at Camp Atterbury for 118 patients at Wakeman Hospital who resumed their studies where they left off after entering service.

The veterans are given tests and the results are sent to the schools which they attended. The schools then decide whether diplomas should be granted.

1946_06-10_Patients at Wakeman get Diplomas

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ENGINEERS TO SELL OFFICE

Building on 25th Street to Be Sold Through Sealed Bids.

Following end of U. S. Corps of Engineer activities here, the office building formerly occupied by the engineers as an area office of the Ohio River division and located at Twenty-fifth street and Central avenue is being offered for sale.

Work formerly done at the office here is now being handled in the division offices at Louisville. The area office served the Camp Atterbury area and was central point for Army engineering activities at Atterbury Army Air field, Camp Atterbury and Freeman field. The office was established here in 1943.

The office building will be sold by sealed bids, to be opened at 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon, June 21.

Buford Sweeney, sales representative of the Ohio River division, will be at St. Denis hotel June 17 through June 21 to meet prospective buyers and full information may be obtained from him.

The office building, located on the Overstreet property, must be moved. The building is 160 by 20 feet, with two wings 110 by 20 feet and 20 by 20 feet. It is constructed mainly of sectional panels.

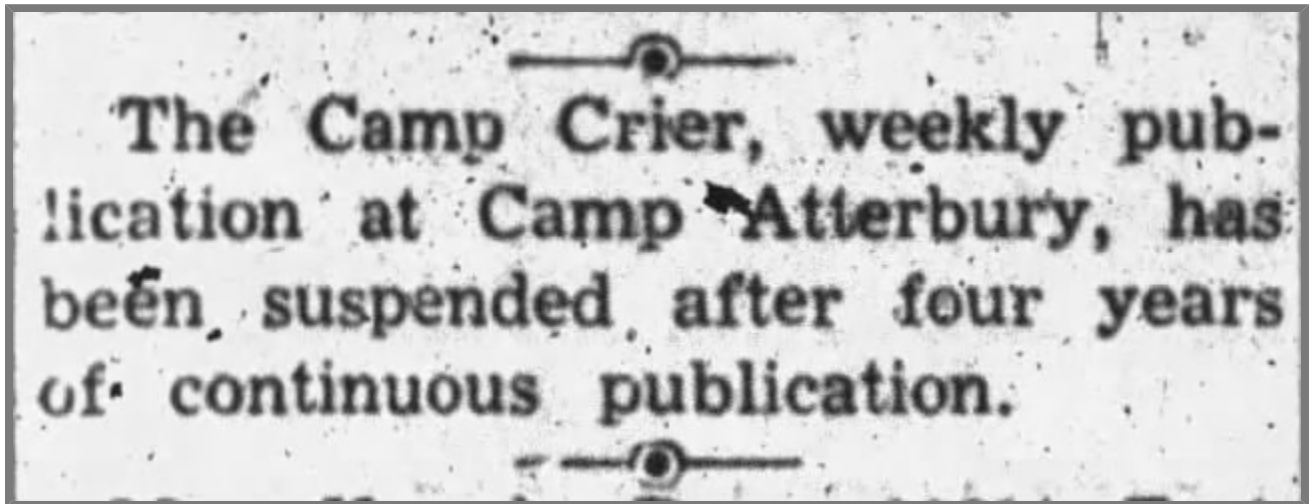
1946_06_12_Buildings on 25th Street to be sold

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1946_06_13_Camp Crier ends publication

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A son, Kenneth John, was born Sunday morning at the Wakeman General Hospital, Camp Atterbury, to Lt. and Mrs. Noel J. Fischer, 413½ Calvin Boulevard, this city. Lt. Fischer, a former cadet and later instructor at Freeman Field, now is attached to the public relations office at the field.

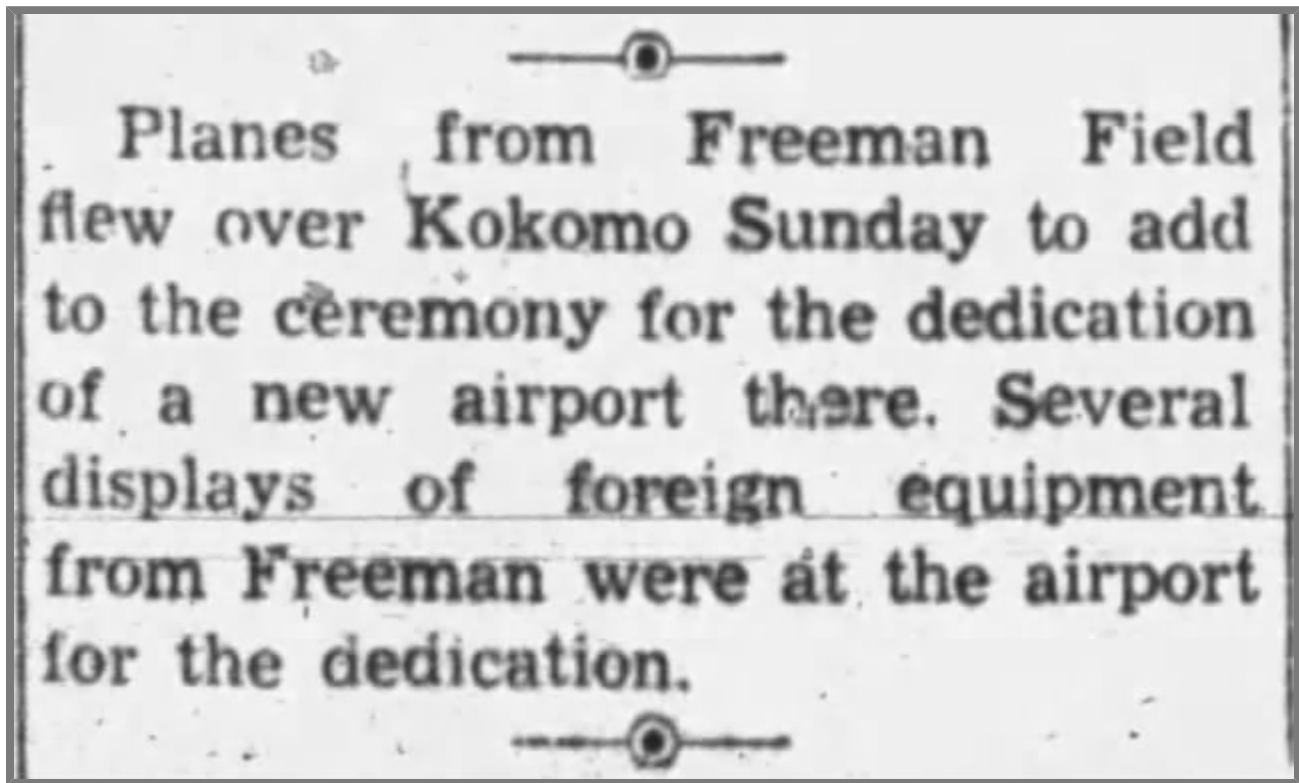
1946_06_17_Kenneth John Fischer born at Wakeman

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1946_06_17_Several enemy planes on show at Kokomo airport

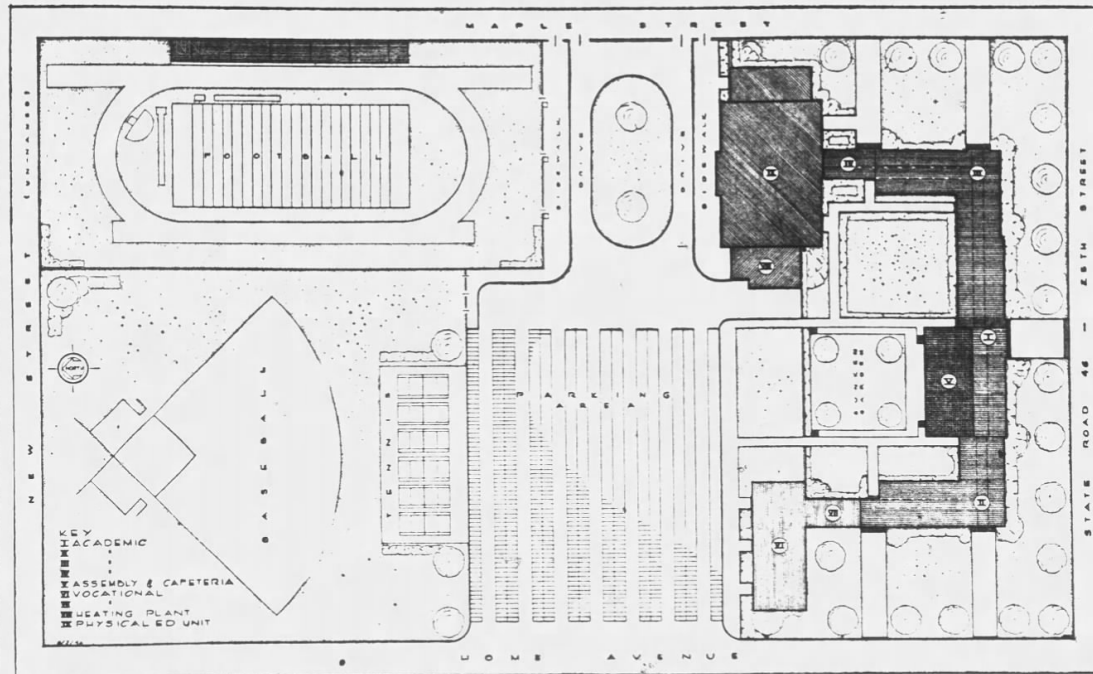
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Plot Plan for Proposed School Building Project On Twenty-fifth Street Announced by Officials



Architects Show How New Plant Will Be Laid Out.

A proposed plot plan for the new Columbus high school building and athletic plant, pictured above, was announced today by the city school board. The projected plan was prepared by the architect firm of McGuire and Shook.

As shown above north is to the left, while the top of the plan is to the east.

The plot includes the 40 acres of land purchased recently by the school city north of Twenty-fifth street and between the extensions of Maple street and Home avenue. Ten-

As proposed in the plan, the high school building, with its double wings, would face Twenty-fifth street. The new gymnasium would be on the northeast wing, while the vocational buildings would be on the northwest wing.

The property extends for 1,060 feet along the north side of Twenty-fifth street in an east and west direction and for 1,451 feet in a north and south direction, running north from Twenty-fifth street.

The academic section of the high school proper would face Twenty-fifth street with an assembly room and cafeteria on the north side of the main building near the center and facing a sunken garden to the north.

A large parking area is shown, accessible to the extensions of Maple street and Home avenue. Ten-

nis courts off the parking area and the baseball diamond and football stadium also are shown, along with proposed landscaped areas.

Study Financial Setup.

The school board is now working on the financial set-up for the project and Luther A. Lockwood, superintendent of schools, said today the board plans to push ahead with details of the gymnasium as soon as the financial arrangements for the improvement are completed. Mr. Lockwood explained that the gymnasium still is the first building slated for construction in the new project.

The school board is meeting with various groups and individuals in a review of the plans and contemplated costs of the project and it eventually is planned to prepare slides showing facts and figures

on the project and the building plans. These will be shown to various organizations throughout the city so that everybody will have a chance to become thoroughly acquainted with the project, Mr. Lockwood said.

Meeting Held.

The school board met Tuesday night with the educational committee of the Chamber of Commerce and discussed the plans and financial requirements.

The board also is making plans to dispose of its 12-acre property on Twenty-fifth street west of the new school site and also the 30 acres of land on West Eighth street which serves as a school farm. The present high school athletic field on West Eighth street will be retained until after the new field and facilities are ready for use.

1946_06_26_New school building on 26th street plan presented

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Ever Hear of Delta? It's New Town Near Edinburg

By ROBERT J. MARSHALL.

A petition has been filed for a new postoffice in Bartholomew county—to serve an area outside the southwest corporate limits of Edinburg.

The name of Delta has been suggested for the proposed postal area, but there is some doubt as to whether the petition will be granted because of proximity to Edinburg and the fact that a rural mail route now runs past the addition.

Arthur Barker, who lives in the new addition, said Friday afternoon that he hoped to establish the postoffice in a new grocery store which he is building. Barker said 25 to 30 persons residing in the area supported the move for a postoffice.

New Building Goes Up.

Barker, formerly employed at Camp Atterbury, is building a concrete block building on the south side of County Line street, which runs along the Bartholomew-Johnson county line.

The new addition outside the southwest corner of Edinburg proper has grown up in the past eight months and has been going under the name of "Green Acres." The area is located west of Cuba addition, which also is in Bartholomew county.

The addition includes 18 acres, bounded on the north by County Line street and extending from Edinburg's Main street westward to the former route of Road 31 at the southwest corner of Edinburg.

Homes being erected in the area are small and in the southeast corner a resident has set up two tents for temporary use along with a small one-room house.

A new Apostolic Tabernacle church also is being erected in the addition. It is of concrete blocks and most of the exterior has been completed.

The town of Edinburg is experiencing a building boom similar to that of Columbus and a number of homes are going up in the community, along with several new business buildings and additions.

Other Construction.

Alden Johnson of Edinburg and Ralph Huff of 1304 Pearl street, Columbus, are enlarging the former Johnson machine shop building south of the corner of County Line street and former Road 31. Huff purchased an interest in the business last March. The new firm will have the agency for Kaiser-Frazer automobiles and Graham farm implements. The machine shop, auto garage and body shop are being enlarged. An addition 108 by 50 feet has been built on the rear of the original building and is nearing completion. A show room is being constructed on the north side of the building.

A 30 by 30 foot concrete block addition also is being built on the rear of the Talbert Service station at the corner of County Line street and former Road 31. It will be used for a grease lift and wash rack.

Across former Road 31 to the west a concrete block building is being erected by Lawrence Whitlock for a monument shop. Whitlock has purchased the monument business of John Talbert, which was located next door north. The former Talbert shop building is being converted into a residence.

1946_06_26_New town being built near Edinburg, named
DELTA

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TOWNSHIP WILL GET OVERFLOW SCHOOL HOUSE

Overstreet Buys Government Building—To Lease It for Two Years.

PURCHASE PRICE \$2,500

East Columbus Problem of Housing Pupils Tentatively Solved.

Schoolroom space for Columbus township overflowing East Columbus school population was acquired following sale of the U. S. Engineers frame structure on Twenty-fifth street and Central avenue by sealed bids Friday afternoon.

Through a technicality of the law, the township was not permitted to present a straight bid for the building. Property and grounds will be leased from Francis M. Overstreet, successful bidder for the structure at the sale, for two years. Overstreet's bid amounted to \$2,500.

Originally the ground was leased to the U. S. Army engineers by Overstreet for use as office space, serving as a central point for activities through Camp Atterbury Army Air field and Freeman field near Seymour.

Terms of Lease.

The lease included a clause whereby the grounds were to be restored to the same condition in which they were before the building was constructed. This was to apply in case the building was moved at the end of occupancy by the Engineers. The restoration clause was waived by Overstreet in the transaction, transferring ownership of the structure.

Only two others filed sealed bids with Buford Sweeney, real estate representative of the Ohio river division of the U. S. Engineer Corps who has been here in the city the past week interviewing prospective buyers. The Tabor Wrecking company of Indianapolis and Ralph F. Kapienger of Franklin placed bids.

The building is a one-story frame structure with a main section 60 by 20 feet and two wings. The Long wing is 110 by 20 feet while the smaller one is a 30 by 20 foot section.

The school is made of sectional paneling bolted together. It is located at the northwest corner of Twenty-fifth street and Central avenue, across the street from the State Highway garage.

Chester N. Dinkins, township trustee, said that the township's lease with Mr. Overstreet will become effective as soon as the latter's lease with the government expires, which is expected soon.

To Transfer 2 Grades.

"Our intentions are to use the new building exclusively for the fourth and fifth grades and to transfer those students at the East Columbus building so that the congestion may be relieved," Mr. Dinkins said. Some 200 pupils at that school were using kitchen, gymnasium and hall space which was not given a stamp of approval by the state fire marshal department.

As for employing new teachers, the trustee indicated that it may be necessary to hire two additional ones after transferring some of those already on the staff at the East Columbus building. Although he could not give a detailed statement on the conversion program involved in turning the building into schoolrooms, Mr. Dinkins said that not less than six schoolrooms would be partitioned at the new site in order to house the pupils now at East Columbus.

1946_06_26_Township gets 25th Street building for a school

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**The Star's Johnson County
History Lesson
FOR TODAY**

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**Compiled By The
Chamber Of Commerce**
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Readers who recall interesting historical facts about Franklin and Johnson County are invited to send their written contributions to The Star.

Q—Where is supposed to be one of the largest Indian mounds in Johnson county?

A—On the east bank of Sugar Creek several yards south of the old Freeman cemetery, south of Amity.

Q—Where is believed to be another Indian burial site?

A—A peculiar conical-shaped mound in Hensley township, west of state road 135 and south of the old Morgantown road.

Q—Where are the greatest number of Indians buried?

A—On the bluffs along White River, east and northeast of Waverly along the Morgan and Johnson county line.

Tribes once occupied what used to be known as the Boaz field in White River township, a mile east of Waverly, in the river bottom and the redskins buried their dead on the high bluffs skirting the river.

Q—Where in Union township was an Indian camp once located?

A—Just south of what is known as the old Rivers cemetery, north of Providence, where there was an Indian camp about 1825 or 1826.

1946_06_27_Indian mounds in Johnson County

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ATTERBURY IS INSPECTED FOR TRAINING GROUND

CAMP ATTERBURY, June 27—(INS)—Gen. Donald F. Pancoast, adjutant general of Ohio, today inspected Camp Atterbury as a possible training ground for the Ohio State Guard.

The Indiana State Guard will train 2,000 troops at Camp Atterbury July 7 through 14.

1946_06_27)Ohio NG inspects Atterbury for possible training site

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War Department Officially Lists County War Dead

Supreme Sacrifice

Killed In Action
Pfc. Marion E. Barnett, Pfc. Stanley M. Barnett, Pfc. Hershell W. Benefiel, Pfc. William O. Bradley, Pfc. Harry Burgett, First Lieut. Cecil M. Clore, Pvt. John N. Cox, Sgt. Wallace Curry, Capt. Victor R. Deer, Pvt. Claude E. Doty, Staff Sgt. Chester L. Doyle, Sgt. Ralph M. Hollandbeck, Second Lieut. Louis G. Lind, Pfc. Glancy V. Lucas, Second Lieut. Bennett J. Mackey, Sgt. Robert I. Miller.
Pvt. Albert M. Perry, Pfc. Russell M. Pike, Pvt. James E. Poynter, Pfc. Robert E. Richardson, Second Lieut. Kenneth N. Rider, Jr., Pvt. Virgil L. Smith, Pfc. Claude H. Stephens, Pvt. Clifford W. Swift, Pfc. Oliver H. Thomas, Capt. Harold E. VanAntwerp, Pvt. Melba L. Watson, Tech. Sgt. Charles L. Whitlock, Pvt. William J. Whitlock, Sgt. Harold E. Williams, First Lieut. William G. Wright.

Casualty List Of World War II Is Given For Army

52 Johnson County Deaths Are Listed; None From Here Is Missing, Report Shows

Official total of army war dead from Johnson county during World War II was 52, the war department announced today. The list was prepared by the Adjutant General for the War Department bureau of public relations in Washington, D. C.

Thirty-one of the number were listed as having been killed in action, whether at the front or by enemy action in the rear areas, or if a prisoner of war, whether by air bombardment of his prison camp or by being shot while escaping.

Four of the total were wounded and later died of wounds. Only one suffered fatal battle injuries as opposed to wounds, in combat or in combat areas, and died in a line-of-duty status.

The remaining 16 were other line-of-duty deaths, such as from sickness, homicide, suicide or accidents outside combat areas, including training and maneuver deaths.

The tabulation failed to include any from this county who were either found dead or who are missing.

The report contains the latest and most complete data available on all military personnel who were killed or died, or became and remain missing, between the president's declaration of unlimited national emergency on May 27, 1941 and January 31, 1946, and includes both battle and non-battle dead or missing.

If an individual gave a Johnson county address as his home when he entered the army, his name is listed from this county.

If he gave no home address but designated a beneficiary or next of kin—either of whom must be a relative in limited degree of kinship—or in the absence of relatives an emergency addressee who may be a friend, his name appears in the county in which the address of the beneficiary, next of kin or emergency kin is located.

This work has been released for publication solely as a public service and in response to demands from interested persons. Patriotic organizations will find the list of value in establishing or checking honor rolls in their communities.

Hunger, Bankruptcy Predicted By Jenner

Blames New Deal For Condition Of Nation

INDIANAPOLIS, June 27 (INS)—William E. Jenner, Republican Senatorial nominee, said today that the nation is on the verge of hunger and bankruptcy because of New Deal policies.

Jenner spoke before a meeting of the Indiana Federation of Women's Republican Clubs in Indianapolis today. It was his first address since his nomination at the G. O. P. state convention on June 13.

Jenner said:
"The United States, the world's proclaimed land of plenty, has been reduced to one of dismal scarcity."

1946_06_27_War Dept lists Johnson County War dead

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COLONEL BIXBY IS TRANSFERRED

Atterbury Commander Relinquishes Post After Year of Service.

Col. Ernest A. Bixby, Camp Atterbury commander since June 13, 1945, has been transferred to the Second Armored division at Camp Hood, Tex., it was learned here today.

The shift in command of the 46-year-old Army officer was officially dated June 14, just one year and one day after he succeeded Col. Welton M. Modisette as Atterbury Commander.

Col. Herbert H. Glidden, who came to Camp Atterbury from Fort Knox, Ky., has assumed command of the post, it was announced.

Colonel Bixby, veteran of the Normandy beachhead battle, had been a patient at Wakeman General hospital at the camp since he received gunshot wounds early the morning of June 5 in what camp officials termed an "accident." During that time the command of the camp had passed to Col. John E. Hatch, who in turn relinquished it to Col. John E. Brannan.

Files For Divorce.

Mrs. Bixby, who was the only witness to the shooting in the commander's Camp Atterbury home, filed suit for divorce in Johnson county circuit court June 19, charging "cruel and inhuman treatment." The Bixbys have a 16-year-old son, Robert.

Bixby has been in the Army since 1918 when he graduated from the United States Military academy. After serving in the army of occupation in Germany during the first war, he was stationed at Camp Taylor, Ky. He served with the Eighth Field artillery in Hawaii and at Princeton university, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and West Point.

From 1931 to 1942 he served with the G-3 in Washington and then was transferred to the Fourth Armored division. He went overseas with that division in December, 1943, and trained with it in England. In July, 1944, he accompanied the Fourth when it spearheaded the invasion of France.

1946_06_29_Col Bixby transferred

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RUM - RUNNER GANG MEMBER

Driver of Wrecked Car
Believed Headed for
Tennessee.

The rum-runner who abandoned a whiskey laden automobile on Road 31 east of the city following an accident Friday, is believed to be a member of a gang hauling liquor into the state of Tennessee.

Patrolman Earl Brown of the state police who aided in the investigation of the accident yesterday, said state police apprehended a runner near Charlestown about two years ago who was believed in the same gang.

Brown who was in on the apprehension at Charlestown, said he had reason to believe that the runner who cracked up near Columbus was in the same gang.

The bonded whiskey is run into Tennessee where it is sold for double the prices in this part of the country.

"It's a good guess the driver didn't care much about losing the car or the whiskey as long as he got away," Brown said.

1946_06_29_RumRunner wrecks auto. Dad?

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BRANCH BANK AT CAMP IS CLOSED

**Irwin Union Unit Handles
60 Million in Three and
One-half Years.**

The branch bank of the Irwin Union Trust company at Camp Atterbury closed Saturday following three and one half years operation.

During that period the branch bank handled more than 60 million dollars cash.

When the 83rd, 30th and 106th Divisions were stationed at the camp the bank would handle upwards of \$1,500,000 each pay day.

William Goeller, who was in charge of the Atterbury branch, has returned to the local bank and is connected with the loan de-

partment. Ralph Romine and Robert Wissman, tellers at the branch, have left the bank.

Will Roth, Irwin Union cashier, said that during the three and one half years that the branch was in operation checks were handled for servicemen without a service charge. Another special service rendered was the telegraphing of money for G.I's. Funds were telegraphed to every state in the Union and many foreign countries.

The condition of Fletcher Tabor, 25, of Freetown, who suffered a fractured leg in a motorcycle accident on Road 46, west of the city, Friday, was reported as good today at the county hospital.

Judith Ann Gayman, 22-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gayman, 1704 Nineteenth street, who has been seriously ill of tonsillitis, is improving and able to be up.

1946_07_03_Irwin Union closes branch at Camp

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STATE GUARD MOVES INTO CAMP ATTERBURY

CAMP ATTERBURY, July 8 — (INS)—More than 1,200 members of the state guard began their first seven-day post-war training period at Camp Atterbury today.

The guardsmen first were instructed for small and large unit operations, weapons firing and training in special skills.

1946_07_08_Indiana NG moves into Camp Atterbury

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1946_07_12_Wakeman family visits hospital

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Wounded Veterans Win Competition

Receive Major Awards In Model Car Contest

CAMP ATTERBURY, July 15 — Two young infantrymen recovering at Camp Atterbury from battle wounds suffered in Germany have won major awards in the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild model car competition for hospitalized servicemen, it was announced today.

Pvt. Gerald W. Gitlitz, 21, of New Haven, Conn., earned a cash award of \$200 for his miniature automobile, which was judged best of those submitted by Army Ground and Service Forces men hospitalized in the fifth service command.

Twenty-two-year-old Pfc. Robert L. Nordli won \$150 for the second-place model entered from the same area. His home is in Milford, Iowa.

Both men are former members of the 84th Division and are veterans of the European campaigns. Both are patients in Wakeman General Hospital at Camp Atterbury.

Nordli received the bronze star for killing an enemy tank commander and repelling an attack in the Aachen sector of Germany. He suffered a leg wound during the Battle of the Bulge and returned to this country in January, 1945, for treatment at Wakeman.

Gitlitz received shrapnel wounds in the face near Aachen in late 1944 and arrived at Wakeman in February 1945, for plastic surgery.

The Craftsman's Guild competition is the first of its kind that Nordli has entered. Gitlitz, whose hobby is working in plastics, wood, and metal, won an award in an army crafts show last year. Both men plan to study engineering after their release from the army.

1946_07_15_Wounded Vets win awards

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Announce Firing On Camp Ranges

According to an announcement issued today by Major M. L. Heen, of Camp Atterbury, there will be small arms firing on the camp ranges the week of July 15 to 20 inclusive.

On Wednesday there will be firing from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; on Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon; on Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

The public is cautioned in the interest of safety to stay clear of the danger and impact area which is bounded by Hendricks-Ford road on the north, Mauxferry road on the east, Morton road on the south and McThaine road on the west.

1946_07_16_Atterbury announces firing on Camp ranges

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