

CITY ADDS 2,500 FOLK THIS YEAR

Estimate Considered Conservative—Demand for Housing Continues.

Sixty-nine houses, including share-houses, 131 apartments and 167 sleeping rooms have been rented in Columbus since July 1, a check of Chamber of Commerce rental service records revealed today—but the Chamber's job goes on and on.

There is no way to check completely the number of new residents now in Columbus and East Columbus, but the number is estimated conservatively at 2,500.

As fast as some move in, others move out and in the last two months the Columbus postoffice has had approximately 1,100 changes of address, which include new addresses. Between noon Thursday and 9 o'clock Friday morning 14 address changes were received—in former times about that many were received in a week.

200 Officers Here.

Rental service files and records of The Evening Republican show approximately 200 Army officers and their families are residing in Columbus. In addition more than 50 non-commissioned officers have living places here.

While these records and files give a fair idea of the local influx from Camp Atterbury they are not complete and do not include construction workers or Camp Atterbury's many civilian employes living in Columbus.

More than a dozen sleeping rooms have been rented here in the last two weeks to women employed at Camp Atterbury.

Apartments and houses are still at a premium. Many persons call for the fifth, sixth and seventh time at the Chamber of Commerce rental office, asking the same old question, "Is there anything today?"

Among those seeking apartments is Brig. Gen. Robert Montague, commanding officer of the 83rd Division artillery. Mrs. Montague has been staying with Mrs. J. Clifford Noblitt, 1920 Washington street, but plans to leave this weekend to visit at Louisville and Cleveland. They have one son, who is a freshman at Purdue university.

Recent Placements.

Those who have found places here recently include the following:

Sergt. and Mrs. Anthony Zabrowski are residing at 1322 Sycamore street.

Joseph B. Hall, Atterbury soldier, and Mrs. Hall are staying at 1212 Pearl street.

Lieut. and Mrs. J. A. Pontlitt are residing at 643 Cottage avenue.

Lieut. and Mrs. Floyd Browning are residing at 1631 Pearl street.

Lieut. and Mrs. Ralph E. Waldo are residing at 820 Fifteenth street.

Sergt. and Mrs. Wilson are at 436½ Fourth street.

M. C. Kemp is staying at 1515 Lafayette avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Jones are residing at 219 Fourth street.

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