

.. Not Fittin' Folks..

Some of the "home front" landlords seem to have developed a tendency to eliminate "home" from the lives of enlisted men and civilian war workers.

Last weekend one civilian war worker at Tinker Field, seeking a place to live, found some amazing things about the local housing situation.

Taking a list showing rooms, apartments, duplexes and houses for rent he telephoned the owners, for appointments. The conversations went like this:

Tinker Field Worker: "I understand you have an apartment for rent. When could I see it?"

Landlord: "Are you an enlisted man or an officer?"

T. F. Worker: "Why?"

Landlord: "We don't rent to men in service. They are always moving. Are you a war worker?"

T. F. Worker: "Yes, I am. I work at Tinker Field in the — department."

Landlord: "Are you in the draft age?"

T. F. Worker: "Yes."

Landlord: "Sorry, war workers are not fittin' folks to rent to."

The next call.

T. F. Worker: "I understand you have a duplex for rent."

Landlord: "Tell me about yourself . . . are you a soldier, sailor, war worker or what?"

T. F. Worker: "I work at Tinker Field, am married, not in the Army and am able to pay my rent on time."

Owner: "Sorry, buddy, we don't rent to people in war work. They are always moving around so much. Sure sorry . . . but no dice."

This time the war worker hung up.

Calling still another number . . .

T. F. Worker: "I see you have an apartment listed. How much is it and how many rooms?"

Owner: "It rents for \$65 and has three rooms. What business are you in, neighbor?"

T. F. Worker (being real honest): "I am employed at Tinker Field and I . . ."

Owner: "In that case we must have six months' rent in advance . . ."

T. F. Worker (heated up): "Sorry, little chum, I did not want to buy the joint. Just wanted a place to rent."

Four more calls brought the same general response. Later in the day personal calls resulted in more of the same.

So ultra patriotic are some of the local citizens that they have fixed up an old attic, basement or garage by moving in a bed, dresser and table. Nice thought. Gives someone a place to live. However, the rent charged for many such places by landlords is out-of-this-world. It is understood that such piracy is legal under government regulations due to the fact that "no one has lived in the space before." In many such locations, this war worker declared, "one would not keep his good blooded bird dog."

It is a serious condition when "home front" landlords give a cold shoulder to enlisted men. When officers cannot get a place to stay with their families, even though they may be shipped out on short notice. It is cheap patriotism when war workers just simply "are not fittin' people."

Certainly landlords don't like to have people moving in and out at fairly frequent intervals. But did it ever occur to these landlords that the people doing the moving in and out don't like to have to do it either. This is a war, and such moving is mothered by necessity. Landlords MUST come to realize that personal selfishness must go by the board.

A place to live and sleep at a fair price is part of the price these landlords MUST pay as their share in the ultimate victory.

Java

"Coming Right Up, Sir"



K.P. WAS NEVER LIKE THIS— With all these cups at her elbow, comely LeRona Barnett, El Reno, can still smile as she draws the umpteenth cup of coffee at Tinker Field's busy restaurant in Depot Supply No. 1. Even on hot days, hot coffee is a favorite among war workers. Although that second cup of coffee is rationed, the smiles of Miss Barnett are not. With a cup of coffee goes her best gay smile.

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Negro Workers Enjoy Variety Free Picnic

The July Fourth picnic held in Tolson Park for Negro personnel of the Maintenance division was a huge success, according to W. G. Bennett, chairman of the entertainment committee.

Entertainment was provided by games, refreshments and music. Capt. Merle F. Cornell, assistant Maintenance officer, delivered an address of welcome to the group and George Ragland, civic leader and member of the Negro Chamber of Commerce, presented an interesting discussion on the Declaration of Independence.

The OQASC Employee's Welfare Association promoted the event.

—SEE YOU IN TOKYO—

Burglar: "Please let me go, lady. I never did nothing wrong."
Old Maid: "Well, it's not too late to learn."

"Whatduknow, Mine's Cold"



COKES ARE OKE BY HER—There's a twinkle in her eye as Julia Slotta, Hawthorne, an employe of Fuselage Repair, downs a cool drink during a rest period. She knows that the girls in stripes and plaids at Tinker Field are doing their part to keep planes in the air for the lads in khaki, and that the Air Service Command is really "Keeping 'Em Flying."

Lieut. J. Norbury And Melvin R. Gundy Tie For Cash Bond Honors

Tied for the lead in cash War Bond sales this week were Melvin R. Gundy, Engine Repair, and First Lieut. John W. Norbury, both of whom purchased a \$500 bond. Major E. S. Thomas, finance officer, announced.

Included in the list of buyers this week was Arthur W. Vanaman, Jr., son of the commanding general, who purchased two \$100 bonds. Total maturity value of the 48 bonds sold was \$3,525.

Names of purchasers and the amount bought:

- JUNE 28: Mrs. Cassie L. Logston, Engine Repair, \$25; Howard W. Holmes, Field Test, \$50; Miss Alice E. Bruner, Headquarters, \$50; Charles Hochberg, Military, \$100; and Melvin R. Gundy, Engine Repair, \$500.
- JUNE 29: Tencil E. Bates, Local Issue, \$25; Mrs. Josephine E. Replinger, Military, \$25; Ona H. Merritt, Guard, \$50; Lieut. Frank J. Begley, Military, \$50; Ralph Wilder, Depot Supply, \$100; and Mrs. Lena M. Allbaugh, Armament, \$200.
- JUNE 30: Andrew J. Moore, Labor Pool, \$25; Arthur J. Crowley, Electrical, \$25; Mrs. Hope Leisher, Quartermaster, \$50; Mrs. Roberta B. Whybark, Payroll, \$50.
- JULY 1: Clemens Sparagowski, Military, \$50; Kenneth A. Snarr, Instrument, \$50; Nathaniel F. Anglin, Aero Repair, \$25; Mrs. Carrie S. Mueller, Military, \$25; Wayne Peery, Military, \$50; Maurice Gruber, Military, \$50; Frank J. Triolo, Military, \$200; First Lieut. Ralph W. Moffat, Military, \$100.
- JULY 2: Randal S. Price, Flight Test, \$25; Miss LeTrell Miller, Depot Supply, \$25; Lieut. George B. Ingle, Military, \$25; Clarence A. Thornhill, Wings and Surfaces, \$50; Leonard B. White, Military, \$250; Herbert G. Dairs, Payroll, \$100; Staff Sgt. Leonard A. Amstert, Military, \$50; First Lieut. John W. Norbury, Military, \$500; Charles H. Damsford, Instrument, \$250; Corp. Max Wasserman, Military, \$75; Mrs. Antonette Spaul, Military, \$50; Mrs. Laura C. Thomas, Quartermaster, \$25.

LOWDOWN ON ACCIDENTS

A traditional Polish custom is the fellow who sits on a tree while cutting the tree. A group in the almost as foolish when they tied a wing while work on the same. One of the crew suffered a broken leg, and another below the wing, received a serious injury.

A serious head injury was by Mrs. Mary S. Hillman, who was struck by a towing crane on the ramp between Flight Maintenance. She failed to get the ship until it had reached the (Please Turn to Page 10)

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