



Take-Off

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Officials Study Hour Change

Choice Has Its Value

We Americans are a funny people. It takes spectacular heroism to lift us out of the "Ho, hum" attitude of our lives. Our lives have been geared to the "impossible." Motion pictures must be stupendous, colossal productions; automobiles must be the fastest, sleekest in the world; our sports teams must be undefeated and untied. In short, we Americans have no use for the commonplace.

Whether we have the Japanese. They slipped right in line with our American policy of the world on Dec. 7, 1941. Sure, we Americans were enraged. That spectacular show at Pearl Harbor and ghostly and dastardly as it was—did something to our Americans. Across our broad nation we knew that the greatest in all history had cast the leading role.

AMERICA CHANGES
We Americans went to war. We men rushed to answer the call to the colors. Our workers raced into war plants from assembly lines to automobiles and radios to war producing fighter and bomber aircraft, tanks, ammunition and the thousands of men and women who to support the world in their fight for preservation of our way of life.

18 months since Pearl Harbor we have seen us Americans

Firemen Set Drive To Acquaint Depot With Fire Hazards

Fire Prevention Week will be observed at Tinker Field beginning October 3, according to Lieut. S. A. Castelluccio, fire marshal. A campaign will be waged to impress all personnel at the Depot with importance of adhering to past fire rules and regulations and to avoid carelessness where fires may be started. The campaign will extend through October 9, Lieutenant Castelluccio stated.

Though OCAD has a comparatively low fire rating, the fact stands that at least 80 per cent of the fires on the post are the result of carelessly thrown or placed trash. Specific rules regarding fire regulations have been made evident in prominent places throughout the Depot. "Hit It Or Pick It Up" cans have been placed at convenient places to catch burning cigarettes. Complaints are being registered regarding the fact that workers are throwing their refuse, including paper and cartons in these cans; thus creating fire hazards from burning cigarette butts.

A committee, representing sections of the Oklahoma City Air Depot affected by the recent time change for shifts, was formed this week to study results of the new staggered working hours.

Headed by Col. T. R. Lynch, deputy commander, the new Depot committee was conferring with department heads and transportation officials in an effort to gain an over-all picture of both bus and ride-sharing facilities since the time change was adopted.

Committee members are observing the operation of the present schedule to learn whether transportation demands are met here and downtown. They will also determine whether the arrangement permits buses ample time to carry one department to town and return before another department is released, it was learned.

ORDER ANSWERS CHECK QUERIES

Civilian employees were cautioned in a special bulletin this week against contacting the Records and Payroll branch for information on pay check deliveries and other payroll matters. Former employees were directed to obtain their checks at the Reception gate on regular pay days, and not to request that their pay be delivered ahead of schedule. All checks will be mailed to owners within three days if they are not picked up at the gate.

If workers feel an incorrect payment is made, they should fill out a Payroll Adjustment form which will be forwarded to the Records and Payroll office. All information and adjustments will be made on this form through supervisors, it was pointed out.

IRON OUT PROBLEMS

Members of the group or Lieut. Col. J. M. Farrar, control officer; Col. G. C. Thompson, chief supply division; Col. L. G. Mulzer, chief maintenance officer; Lieut. Col. A. H. Stanton, employees relation officer; C. S. West, assistant shop superintendent in Maintenance; P. S. Hunt, Depot Supply night chief clerk, and Charles W. Schoemaker, administrative assistant, Quartermaster.

These officials are seeking to iron out any problems the new change may have created in the individual departments. They will also investigate any possibility of the new hours tying up buses here that sorely needed to relieve congestion downtown at peak rush periods.

BUSES HELPED

New schedules of working hours for employees of both the Depot and the Douglas plant were placed into effect Monday upon recommendation of the Eighth Service Command headquarters at Dallas, Texas, after a transportation survey was conducted here. In conjunction with the Douglas plant, Depot officials stated staggered working hours for shifts in the

Workers Honor Mother As "PLUGGER"

The first "PLUGGER" of the Oklahoma City Air Depot was selected this week by popular vote of her fellow employees.

She works in the Cable and Splicing unit of Aero Repair.

Doing one of the thousands of jobs whose cumulative effects is to make the Air Service Command a mighty voice in victory, this important war worker—picked in the democratic way—is able *Willie G. Hilderbrand*.

The honored worker was doubly pleased to be the first "PLUGGER" chosen. This plan of recognition of little known people on the Depot was submitted last week by "TAKE-OFF" to Brig. Gen. Arthur W. Vanaman, commanding general of the Oklahoma City Air Service Command, who approved the matter in full.

A mother of two children and the wife of a Depot worker, Mrs. Hilderbrand is a quiet, almost retiring sort of person. . . not given to show in any manner. There is most always an attractive smile on her face that reveals the fact that her job means more to her than just an assignment. Her bench in the Cable and Splicing unit of

Aero Repair gives a definite clue to her personality. It is immaculate except for the tools being used on the job at hand. One knows at a glance that there is no work "hanging over from yesterday."

There is a precision about the way she handles her tools. On her face is an expression of satisfaction and pride as she finishes one job and starts looking immediately for something else to do. It can also be seen that dietily for something else to do. It can also be seen that workers at other benches are proud of the work she is doing. Even on the face of the foreman lights up as he takes a quick glance over her shoulder.

Mrs. Hilderbrand was chosen by workers on both shifts in the Cable and Splicing unit. A secret ballot was cast and the results showed a nine-tenths majority in her favor. A fact proving that there can be no quibbling from anyone about a worker who really "gives out."

Six months ago Mrs. Hilderbrand came to work at O.C.A.D. after completing training at the Army Training school. She had never worked before but from her husband, Samuel T. Hilderbrand, employed at the Air

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Workers Honor Mother As "Plugger"

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CHARTER MEMBER—Chosen by an almost unanimous vote by her co-workers on two shifts, Willie G. Hilderbrand, wife of a Depot worker and mother of two children, bears the distinction of being the first member of the "PLUGGERS". An employee of the Cable and Splicing unit of Aero Repair, Mrs. Hilderbrand has been at Tinker Field since March. She started work on the graveyard shift and now is on the swing shift.

Transport Command, she learned of the fine work women were doing at the Depot toward "Keeping 'Em Flying."

Beginning as a worker on the graveyard shift and doing any job at hand, Mrs. Hilderbrand has consistently won the praise of her supervisors and co-workers. Though she is assigned to no heavy work she insists that she be shown no consideration.

E. W. Young, her present foreman, said about the winner, "If there is a job to be done she tackles it and be-fore you know she tackles it in fine style. She turns out as much work as any man in the department."

Despite a physical handicap to one of her feet, Mrs. Hilderbrand has undertaken a man's job and is doing work that has brought forth nothing but praise and admiration from her fellow workers. Her attendance record during the six months she has been employed at the Depot is almost perfect. As a "PLUGGER" she has let nothing stand in the way of turning out a good job.

FLATTERED BY HONOR

Says Mrs. Hilderbrand, "I feel very flattered, indeed, that my fellow workers have seen fit to choose me as their representative in the "Pluggers." It is certainly a pleasure to know that folks you work with appreciate what you try to do. I don't feel that I am doing more than I should do and really I don't deserve any praise. I am mighty glad that I am physically able to do my part in the great effort the Air Service Command is making to get supplies and planes to the boys who are bearing the brunt of this terrible war." Mrs. Hilderbrand had not stopped her work as she spoke. She was splicing a cable that would soon be used in a giant B-17.

GETS CERTIFICATE

A certificate of membership in the PLUGGERS, signed by Brig. Gen. Arthur W. Vanaman, command general of the O.C.A.S.C., and C. L. Cooper, general foreman of Cable and Splicing, will be presented to Mrs. Hilderbrand. This certificate will be displayed at all times on or near her working bench that all observers may know that she is a member of the or-

OFFICERS STUDY HOUR SCHEDULE

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major departments to prevent traffic congestion and to enable bus companies to utilize their equipment to the fullest advantage.

Representatives of both plants designed coordinating schedules that would lessen the burden on bus companies, and which would also relieve traffic congestion during changes of shifts at both installations. Starting and quitting times were advanced for the Douglas plant and set back for the Depot.

Hours for workers in shops at OCAD were separated from those of office workers, and shifts in major departments were staggered to alleviate the critical transportation problem in Oklahoma City.

The Eighth Service Command's sur-

gonization composed of the "little shots" who conscientiously stick to their guns on the home front that our boys on the battle fronts may not want on the materials with which to bring an end to the designs of the Axis.

Watch for next week's "PLUGGER."

SEPTEMBER 15, 1945
 they revealed that bus companies in Oklahoma City were carrying workers to and from the depot during peak travel periods. Transport workers and passengers in Oklahoma City, a shortage also accounted for the recommendation.

Principal changes in the morning time which went into effect Monday dealt with personnel in Maintenance. Douglas plant workers were to start from 30 minutes to 45 minutes before.

SILOAM LODGE No. 2744, West Fifth Street, M. W. O. T. Tuesday, Sept. 21st

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Earliest Shipment Of Christmas Gifts Urged By Postal Officers

Lieut. Arthur A. Dietz, Jr., postal officer for Tinker Field, calls attention to the fact that Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 has been designated Christmas mailing-day-period for overseas shipments to soldiers at foreign outposts.

Lieutenant Dietz points out that no written request is necessary from enlisted men overseas to send a package.

The earlier overseas shipments are mailed the better chance our soldiers abroad will have to receive valentine gifts on time. Two months' time allows only a small margin of safety for delivery. Important space on ships is allotted to vital foods and munitions first, which explains why our men on far-flung fronts often receive Christmas gifts in the spring.

Overseas packages are limited to five pounds in weight and 15 inches in length. Total dimension of package not to exceed 36 inches. The shipment of fragile articles is discouraged. All overseas mail is inspected by censors and should be packed in small tins or heavy cartons to insure protection and facilitate handling. The lieutenant suggests mailers allow at least a pound for wrappings.

Packages may carry the usual holiday endorsements, such as "Not To Be Opened Until Christmas." Addresses should be clearly written (or printed) in ink or indelible crayon. Pencil markings are easily smeared and affected by weather.

Tinker Field mail has grown from over 44 tons in March to over 100 tons in August. This gradual non-seasonal increase points to a record Christmas deluge. Soldiers and civilians should MAIL EARLY and WRAP SECURELY.

SMILE AWHILE

A major and a colonel were walking down the street. As each enlisted man passed and saluted smartly the colonel would return the salute and mutter to himself: "He's come to you." The major's curiosity soon got the best of him and turning to the colonel he asked, "I don't mean to be inquisitive but why do you always say that?" "I was once a private myself," said the colonel, "and I know what they are thinking."

Two GI's were conversing sleepily on the last bus back to camp. "Do you know Jane?" one of the guys asked. "She's priceless!" "Yeah, I know her," spoke the other. "So you've tried too, eh?"

AIR SERVICE COMMAND
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