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If ever our neighbor Alaskans should find it necessary to leave their present habitat, they would find appropriate surroundings at the Ravenna Ordnance Plant, where the Government has erected new-type storage buildings known as Igloos.

U. S. Ordnance Department's Igloos are very similar to the Northland's "Igdlu", or snow house, but instead of snow Uncle Sam uses steel and concrete. American Igloos are covered with dirt and sodded when finished.

Contrary to popular belief, Igloos are not built to protect ammunition stored in them from air raids. They were designed to control fluctuating temperatures. If a constant temperature can be maintained in the structures the year round, Army officials predict that ammunition can be kept indefinitely.

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Grom Our Readers

Field Checkers

- Grab a batch of checker's forms and steal a board,
- Nab a pencil and pile four-deep into a Ford, And slither out to check the Hunkin Conkey force—
- Who's the driver? Why, the wooziest guy, of course.
- Ride with fingers crossed, and spill out at your station

All set to start the daily enumeration.

Turn your collar up against the wintry blast. And start beller'n at the bozos racing past.

- Number? "Eight-thirty-four?" Righto, old scout. Number? Whup—I think you've got it turned about.
- And you? Let's see that badge, I think you must be nuts.
- Number, Jack—and how about you other mutts?
- Just a moment, heavy-front, I'll get you pretty soon;
- Zurp! There goes a truck—curses on the splattering goon—
- Lookout for that bulldozer! See the driver grin
- As he piles the dirt about an inch from your chin.
- Cut through the woods and take a gander down the ditches
- You'd call it slick if you'd slid a rod on your britches—
- Step into the open—Lordy, how the wind blows—



Snag a foot on a root and wind up on your nose.

There goes a fleet of trucks—gotta catch 'em guick;

How about it, masons? Careful with the brick! Shovel operator? Oiler? Better dodge that boom

If you expect to see another summer bloom.

Ducking, jumping, squinting; shuffling here and yon

On the lookout for every bloomin' Dick and John;

Can't hear a word for the clattering yammering

Of falling steel and the carpenters' hammering.



From the mainline of the Erie To the famous "B & O"; We're guards of our Nation's Arsenal While we are on patrol.

Every entrance to the area, Parking lot and railway yard, You will find is always posted With a faithful Atlas Guard.

Our flag's unfurled to Ohio's breeze; And to freedom's glorious sun We're watch-dogs of an era of peace Where Dictators dare not come.

To all persons, passes, badges, We extend our best regards. But cameras and other gadgets We politely collect for the "Sarge."

So here's health to you and to our cause And to A-T-L-A-S Gently but firmly we enforce the laws, And protect our nation best.

If e'er in victory the poets sing, 'Twixt the lines of all the Bards; Three cheers will ring, for the fine spirit Of the faithful Atlas Guards.

> --Submitted by Paul D. Hammond Atlas Guard

Back to the office to jot down the plunder (Hoping like thunder YOU didn't make blunder)

Turn in the dope, and take it on the lam; Number-drunk in the service of Uncle Sam!

> --Submitted by G. V. Stamm Ordnance Department Checker

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In an effort to maintain a low rate of auto accidents, a striking sign, shown above, has been erected near the south entrance of the Paris-Windham rd.

Commissary

George Hostetler, veteran coffee maker, is recovering at the Ravenna Hospital from an appendectomy.

On Thanksgiving Day, **Bill Radak, sec**ond cook, will marry **Miss Fern DePegion** of the War Department. The ceremony will be held at the Wooster Avenue Methodist Church, Akron. The couple will live in Warren.

George Fauerbach, formerly employed by the Hot Shoppes in Washington, visited their new Commissary last week.

If you are planning a Clam Bake of 1500 covers, here is part of the food which you will have to order—21,000 clams, 1500 half-pound broilers, 800 lbs. sweet potatoes, 2250 ears of corn, 255 10-inch pies, 30 l/2-barrels beer, 150 bags of charcoal.

A. M. Lucha was honor guest at a surprise party on his birthday, September 9. Those of his immediate staff attended.

Ed Walsh, formerly Kitchen Steward, has joined the staff of the Chagrin Falls Country Club.

The home of **Bill Brown**, bus boy, was destroyed by fire last week. Friends of Bill in the Commissary supplied food and clothing during the emergency.

A sharp up-trend in business since the addition of a third chair at the plant barber shop is reported by **S. S. Schaffer**, Manager.

The shop, which is open daily from noon until 9 p. m. and on Saturday, from 11 a. m. until 6 p. m., has two full-time barbers in addition to the manager. They are **H. L. Hood** and **Bill Mollis. Clarence Allen** is in charge of the shoe shining stand.

Personality Projectiles...



"Railroad man" for nearly 30 years—Head of Transportation Department—Native of Pennsylvania — Educated at Rochester Mechanics Institute and Bucknell University—Has held executive positions with New York Central, Pennsylvania and Erie Railroads — Holds the amazing record of having moved 30 times in 26 years—Married, four children.

Fuse and Booster Lines

Paul Redline of the Inspection Department on September 16 became the proud father of a 7 pound 15 ounce boy — (Other specifications to follow) born at Peoples Hospital in Akron.

Herb Anderson of the Detonator Section is again in the spotlight. He successfully stopped a game of horseshoe pitching . . . using his head as a baffle. Several stitches were necessary to repair the damage.

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Now that Hunting Season is on, **Ed Lofberg**, of the Fuze Line, would like to communicate with those interested in making up a local expedition.

Persons interested in doing gradu-

ate work in Chemistry at Kent State University should contact **E. J. Luerich** of the Fuze Section.

Engineering

We take this opportunity to welcome **Bob Merrill** and **Leonard Wilson**, new additions to the Plant Engineering Dept.

Since his retirement to the country (Garrettsville) **Chuck Hauck** maintains he retires promptly at 9:30 every evening —but his erstwhile Cleveland friends find this hard to believe.

Since his trip to Delaware, **Fred Clark** is busy describing the fish that got away.

We understand **Sam Reese** is singing "An Apple for the Teacher" these days.

Art Snyder is laying some wonderful plans for a housewarming in his "home on the range" (trailer to you)

Accounting Department

R. C. Merrill has been transferred from the Cost Division to position of Chief Clerk, Plant Engineering Department.

Miss Martha Jean McFadden has been transferred from Stenographic and File Section to S. L. Brewster's office.

O. Perry House has been transferred from Stationery and Mail Division to the Financial Accounting Dept.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Iola Leet—Stenographic and File Section.

John Leone—Stationery and Mail Division.

Fire Department

Chief Fred Kelley's firemen are recovering from the effects of the cigars passed out by Warden "Jack" Bryce Kelley. If rumors are true, the program after the wedding was "All Firemen's Day."

Career of Major General Charles T. Harris, Jr.

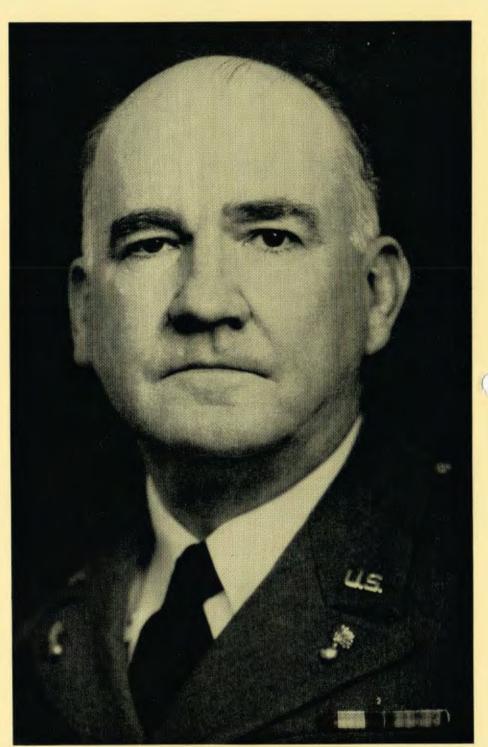
Industrial Service Chief; Acting Chief of Ordnance

Major General Charles T. Harris, Jr., was born at Mexia, Texas, March 31, 1884. He was appointed to the United States Military Academy in 1903 and upon graduation in 1907 was assigned to the Coast Artillery. After three years, he was detailed in the Ordnance Department where he has served continuously.

He has served at the various Ordnance establishments, including arsenals and depots, in the United States and foreign possessions, and in the Office of the Chief of Ordnance in Washington.

In 1933 he became Director of the Planning Branch in the office of the Assistant Secretary of War. In 1937 he was appointed Commanding Officer of Watertown Arsenal and in the same year was returned to his former duties in the office of the Assistant Secretary of War. He was nominated by the President to be Assistant to the Chief of Ordnance, with rank of Brigadier General, for a period of four years beginning with September 1, 1938. On August 4, 1941, General Harris was given the rank of Major General in recognition of his accomplishments in the present emergency. He is the eighth Ordnance officer to be so honored in the history of the Ordnance Department. General Harris is at present Chief of the Industrial Service of the Ordnance Department.

General Harris was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal in 1919 for his success in applying foreign methods of manufacturing powder and explo-



... Major General Charles T. Harris, Jr.

sives to United States industry "so successfully that not only were the needs of the United States fully met, but a considerable surplus of these materials were rendered available for the co-belligerents against Germany."

War Department

The promotion of First Lieut. C. G. Paulsen to the rank of Captain was announced on Oc-

tober 1.

Captain Paulsen. a graduate of the Royal Danish Military Academy in 1918, served as a first and second lieutenant in the Danish Army before coming to this country.



He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1934 and a first lieutenant in 1937. He was on active duty with C. C. C. camps from 1935 to 1939 and was ordered to duty with the regular army in November 1940.

Captain Paulsen is married and has three children.

Two marriage ceremonies involving War Department employees were performed during the month: Harry Hugill was wed to Miss Ruth Lea; and Leonard Aleksa, to Miss Nora Casson.

Walter Jonas has returned from Munsing, Mich., with his wife and baby, who are to take up permanent residence in Warren.

Is it true that Harold Brandt is going to undertake the duties of a husband on or about October 30- Can you all guess who the lucky girl is?

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Mrs. H. A. Shorter wishes to take this means of thanking all those who sent flowers and other good wishes during her recent stay in the hospital. She is recuperating from her illness in Livingstone, N. J.

What well known War Department Auditor hit which famous lawyer on the head at whose golf course and when?

Key: R. L. Churchill; L. M. Mantell; last week in September; hit by a golf ball, not a club.

The first submarine for military purposes was used by Americans as far back as the Revolutionary War!

Massillon Swing Band To Play Here Saturday

Massillon High School's famous swing band will give a concert at the Ravenna Ordnance Plant shortly after noon Saturday, it was announced here today.

The band, which has won national acclaim for its unusual half-time performances at football games, will be featured at the Ravenna Retail Merchants Band Festival Saturday night at the Ravenna High School Stadium.

More than 20 marching units, representing every community in Portage County, will take part in the festival. Joseph Mulvey, interviewer for the Atlas Powder Company, will conduct a mass presentation, featuring more than 2,000 band instruments as the highlight of the band concert.

Following their demonstration at the plant Saturday afternoon, the Massillon Band will be fed at the Commissary and taken on a tour of the reservation.

Industrial Relations

Eight members of the Industrial Relations Department, Leonard Brice, Pearl Brown, Carolyn Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Daniels, Joe Mulvey, Rosella Povirk and Dorothy Holcomb are subscribers to the current Youngstown Symphony Orchestra series of concerts, the first of which will feature Jose Iturbi as soloist on October 16 (advt.) Could Joe Mulvey, local tympanist extraordinary, have anything to do with this mass devotion to the arts . . .

And speaking of Mulvey, it is not considered probable that the daily remonstrances of Kovic, Loyer, Brice, and other Benedicts among his co-workers will dissuade him from joining their ranks on October 25. The bride-to-be is Miss Helen Huefner of Oil City, Pa.

Perry Shannon has doffed his guard's uniform to become an interviewer in the Employment Division. * * *

Birthday greetings are due Kathryn Fell, Record Section, on Oct. 13; and



Betty Rowley, Housing Division, on Oct. 19.

Bart Fleming, Squire of Fish Creek Rd., announces that there will be a bumper rabbit crop this season.

Betty Kirk, who injured her ankle several days after starting work as stenographer in the Industrial Relations Department, is back after a six weeks' absence.

The trailer dwellers around the Atlas Building know exactly how Lou Nova felt after he forgot to duck. Instead of "Good Morning!" all visitors are greeted with a cheery "Duck your Head!"

In Memorium

Mrs. Cora Brown Alsentzer, mother of W. J. Alsentzer, Supervisor, Mail and Telephone Division. Buried September 24 at River View Cemetery, Wilmington, Del.

William Watson Brisbine, husband of Mrs. William Brisbine, Commissary. Buried September 30 in Garrettsville.

Mrs. Robert Cox, wife of Sergt. Robert Cox, Plant Protection Department. Buried September 24 in Cleveland.

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War Department Dinner-Dance

September 25 Twin Lakes Country Club

Bill Lower
John H. Loveland
A. R. Stark
Bill Gibbons
Kenneth Anderson
William Davis
Charles L. Fitt
Walter J. Elenz
Francis E. Chaney
Ivan A. Davenport
Lieut. Col. O'Connor
Lieut. Col. Chavin
Helen Spray
Helen Spray
Hromas Schmader
Mrs. Virgil Rothrock
Mrs. R. S. Chavin
Walter J. Elenz
Bill Hinderschied
Grace Bowen
Mrs. L. E. Bemis
Marguerite Gossett
Mabel M. Lawrence
Sam Ehrenberg
Randa Tozer
F. E. Chaney
Joseph S. Blazek
Harry Taylor
Mrs. A. R. Stark
"A". Entire Assemblage

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ROP GOES TO A CLAM BAKE







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The Atlas building is as active as the proverbial beehive and people are almost too busy with their various duties to furnish any personal items, or else they're becoming cagey about such matters.

Since the operating boys moved out to the bushes, we hear practically nothing from them, although we understand that **George Rice** spent a weekend in Harrisburg celebrating his mother's (?) birthday. And, incidentally, girls, George is Jitterbug No. 1 of the Load Lines.

Missing: Walter Powell, who has gone East for a brief rest, and Betty Beebe who is recuperating from an operation. Hope both of them will be back soon in the pink. Also, Marie Wilson, who resigned her position in Mr. Brewster's office.

We wonder if **Arnold Fiedler** is planning to publish a best seller on the order of Duncan Hines' "Adventures in Good Eating". People say he has made a survey of the surrounding country and is the last word on the merits of chop houses.

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Dr. Seligman confesses to various weaknesses, but does he know that 'tis said in Kent that he sends six suits to the dry cleaners at one time!

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An infinitesimal scratch on the face of **Hilton Gunn**, certainly calls for what seems to us, an unwarranted amount of sympathy from the fair sex. No sympathy from this column, but a good deal of curiosity.

Medical

Dr. Frank Tropea, Jr., former Assistant Medical Director, has reopened his office at 341 South 18th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Dr. Charles E. Bolinger has left the employ of the Atlas Powder Company, and will establish his private practice in Pennsylvania. His wedding took place in Philadelphia during the latter part of September.

We wish to welcome **Dr. Albin W.** Walinchus to our hospital staff. He will take up duties as Assistant Medical Director October 15.

For information concerning Joe Louis and his career during the time he has held the championship, ask **Miss L. J. Fluck.**

We wouldn't think of mentioning names, but there are certain individuals in a certain stationery department who may be subjected to certain treatments if their memories continue to lapse as they have in the past.

Load Line 1

September 6 found Supervisor J. W. "Jimmy" Herndon in Glen Falls, N. Y., where he wedded the former Mary Shirley Nason of that city. The "Herndons" are now living in Kent. Congratulations!

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Load Line I welcomes Supervisors F. E. Wondisford and R. G. Warner, and House Foreman H. Steigerwalt, who began work here September 15. Wondisford and Warner, upon graduating from Reynolds Experimental Laboratory, were for a time at Picatinny Arsenal, while Steigerwalt formerly worked at the Reynolds Dynamite Works.

Hale and hearty again after a three weeks' layoff due to illness, **H. C. Lewis** reported back to work on September 23 to resume his duties as Inspector on the Load Line.



Control Laboratory

In order to comply with requests for chemical tests, **Dr. Frank Wilcoxon**, Director of the Laboratory, has set up temporary bases of operation in several locations.

John Maxwell, Junior Chemist, and Frank Novak, Senior Laboratory Assistant, are out on Load Line I running density tests on split shells. Dr. Wilcoxon borrowed part of the necessary equipment from Hiram College.

Albert Butler, Junior Chemist, has recently been called from his temporary job as material checker to the Water Purification Plant to make water analyses. He manages with equipment set on a plank resting on two chairs.

Assistant Director **Dr. J. A. Brandner** and **Dr. Wilcoxon** have even used borrowed kitchen knives to help carry through tests on ammonium nitrate in the laboratory office, which is piled high with everything from new balances to a scientific library consisting of 200 books—some French, German, and Russian—and eighteen current periodicals.

The aircraft industry in this country increased its floor space 246 per cent and hired nearly 193,000 more employees in only 27 months' time between 1939 and 1941.



SPORTS

He who makes wise use of his life allots a goodly portion of it to recreation.



Led by Charles Meyer and Joe Alexander, who with scores of 245 and 241 respectively, hold high scores in the Commercial League at Warren, the Atlas Bowling Team has now won seven and lost five games. Members of the team are, left to right, Jess



After losing five of their first six games, the Atlas Powder entry in Boosinger's Aurora Duck Pin League are now holding fourth place with a record of five won and seven lost. Members of the team are, left to right, back row, John Bjorkman, Jack Byrnes and William Bayer. Charles Durning and Ralph Parker are seen in front. Green, Bob France, Ellis North, Bob Merrill, Bill Alsentzer, Bill Ruth, Hayden Tuke, Alexander and Meyer.

Recreational Program For Fall, Winter Announced by Farrell

P LANS for fall and winter recreational activities, to include nearly every type of sport, were recently revealed by John H. Farrell, Manager of Housing and Recreation.

A committee of experienced basketball players, appointed to find available courts, reports that arrangements have been made to use the large Kent State University gymnasium, and the Hiram College and Windham High School courts. Persons interested in taking part in basketball are asked to leave their names with Clifford Holt, Room 3, Atlas Building.

Taking advantage of the presence of Joseph Mulvey and James Wisler, former band leaders, plans for organizing a crack Ravenna Ordnance Band are now nearing completion. Persons interested should contact Mulvey or Wisler.

Lt. Col. R. S. Chavin has granted permission to flood sections between dormitory buildings for ice skating rinks this winter. Tentative plans call for skating contests and pageants during the season.

Formation of handball teams, trap shooting and skeet clubs, skiing parties (Continued On Page 11)

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Athletic Stars Now 'Luggin' the Ball' for Atlas

Many sport celebrities of both the past and present are now employed at the Ravenna Ordnance Plant. Here are a few:

Sam Reese - Forester - Member of the Wilmington High School swimming



team which won the National Championships in 1926 and 1927 at Chicago. While at Maine University, Sam was All-State guard in football and State heavyweight wrestling champion. He

coached the University wrestling team for three years.

Wilburn "Webb" Morris-Load Line Supervisor-All-State center in basket-

ball and all conference end in football at Springfield Teachers College in Missouri. Played with the Atlas Plant basketball team at Joplin, Mo, which won the Tri-State Championship for



four consecutive years.

Ernest Lyons-Planner, Load Line I-Won third place honors in the Na-



tional Left Hand Golf Tournament at Chicago. Was a member of the Toledo University Goif team for three years. Has been playing consistently in the low 70's for the past 12 years.

Carl A. Bostick-Plant Guard-Outstanding football player at Centre Col-



pionship in 1936. Member of Mt. Carmel Championship Riding Team in 1938. *

Dare Heydrick-Load Line Supervisor -Received All-American mention while quarterbacking for

the Bucknell University Football team under Coach Snavely. Played professional football with Montreal and professional baseball with Allentown, Pa. Dare is also a top-



notch bowler, averaging 190.

Gregory Eminian-Plant Guard-Allaround athlete. Holds unofficial World's



record for the 50yard dash—5 seconds flat. World's Armenian Heavyweight Wrestling Champion — wrest!ed Jim Londos, Joe Savoldi, George Zaharius and other leading grapplers.



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Gregory is also an expert in soccer, football, boxing, basketball and baseball. He wrestled under the name of "The Praying Armenian." His fellow guards have good-naturedly nicknamed him "Horizontal."

A. L. Frost-Director of Planning and Production Control-A former member of the Cornell University crew, Junior Varsity, and captain of the New Haven Country Club Golf Team for many years.

Plant Protection

Announcement has been made of the appointment of G. W. Conelly to head the Plant Protection Department. He succeeds A. O. Hayes, who resigned and returned to New York City.

Appointed Assistant Chief of Plant Protection was S. L. Lloyd, who formerly was a lieutenant. Promoted to the rank of lieutenant from sergeant were H. T. Miller and William H. Salladay.

Recreational Program . . .

(Continued From Page 10) and hobby clubs are all listed for participation this winter, Farrell said.

Plans to continue the activities of the dramatic club formed during the summer have been made. A series of plays and minstrel shows are scheduled.

A questionnaire, dealing with the sport's likes and dislikes of Atlas' employees has been issued. If your questionnaire has not been returned, please do so immediately because it is upon these findings that the final sports program will be based.

University. Played with state championship basketball team at West High School in Akron. Won Loyal Oak Golf Championship in 1935 and Mt.

lege and Akron

Carmel Golf Cham-

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WITH the selection of a site for the Ravenna Ordnance Plant in Portage County, the question of housing thousands of new workers coming into this county for plant operations presented a serious problem because of the thinly populated cities, towns, and villages surrounding the Reservation.

A housing survey was made in the fall of 1940 and it was found that an acute housing shortage was evident.

Since the survey also indicated that sufficient private capital for the building of new homes did not exist, negotiations were immediately made with the Defense Housing Coordination of OPM, Washington, for the building of a large number of emergency housing units in the Ravenna area.

The first of several housing projects assigned to this area got under way in the spring of 1941 and it was completed and ready for occupancy on August 3. This project is known as the Westlawn Homes, located near the west boundary line of the city of Warren,

HOME SWEET HOME for 100 Arsenal Workers' Families

approximately 15 miles east of the plant, within one block of State Route 5.

Westlawn Homes contain 200 family dwellings, consisting of $31/_2$, $41/_2$, and $51/_2$ room units. Restrictions for rental of the dwellings are:

I. All houses will be rented to employees permanently engaged in plant operations and they must be certified by their employers.

2. One bedroom units shall be assigned to a family of not less than 2 in number and not more than 3; 2 bedroom units for a family not less than 3 and not more than 5; 3 bedroom units for a family not less than 4 and not more than 7.

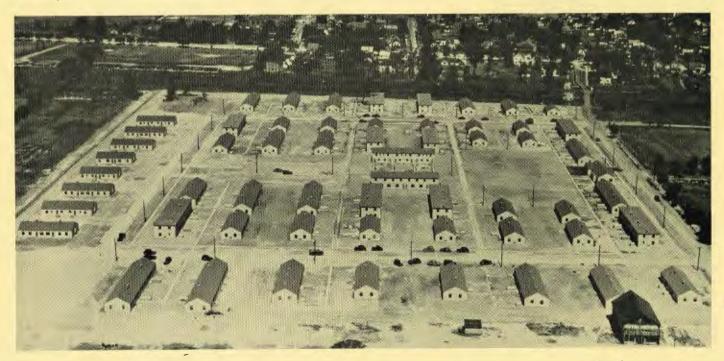
3. Cost of renting the houses is not determined by the size but by the income of the individual. Rental costs will be approximately 20 per cent of the defense worker's monthly income, based on 50 weeks of work on the normal work week of 40 hours.

For example:

Annual Income	Weekly	Monthly
(50 Weeks)	Income	Rent
700- 800	14-16	\$12,00
800-1000	16-20	14.00
1000-1200	20-24	17.00
1200-1500	24-30	20.00
1500-1800	30-36	25.00
1800-2200	36-44	30.00
2200-2600	44-52	36.00
2600-3000	52-60	43.00
3000-over	60 or over	50.00
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4. There are no garages and heating is by coal furnace, fired with a blower. Cost of heating must be paid by the tenant. Utilities will also be paid by the occupant. Kitchens in the homes are equipped with electric refrigerator, gas stove, and hot water heater. Leases will be for month to month.

More than 100 Atlas and War Department civilian employees and their families are residents of Westlawn Homes. Additional applications for living quarters in this project are being accepted daily. Because it was felt that more housing units were needed at this location, 150 additional dwellings are now under construction and are expected to be ready for occupancy December 1.



... Westlawn Homes