

Trailers Mean Home To Veterans And Their Wives

By JANE WOLBARST

They're making their home on wheels and on the whole, Mr. and Mrs. Ex-GI don't seem to mind the idea.

Living in trailer number 70, a small brown abode, are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rummel from Alliance, O. He was formerly a corporal in the 32nd division of the field artillery, and is now a freshman majoring in forestry.

Mrs. Rummel, a vivacious brunette, is enthusiastic about her new home: "I'm amazed at how nice it is. When we lived in town it was \$47 for two rooms without cooking facilities, and here it's only \$22 a month. I think the trailers are wonderful."

Small But Comfortable

The Rummel's trailer is very small but at the same time it's comfortable, well-heated by a kerosene stove (as are all the trailers), and provides adequate living conditions for two people.

"Everyone helps everyone else," she said, "and we're just like one big happy family."

On the complaint side, Mrs. Rummel listed the necessity of carrying all the water from a central water-supply to the trailer. She also finds shopping in State College expensive, "a little out of a college boy's reach." These two complaints seem to be the common ones on the part of trailer-town residents.

Summing up, Mrs. Rummel says, "It's fun; much better than anything we expected."

Family Size Trailer

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Adams, and their 18-months-old baby, Robert, of Allentown live in trailer number 11, a large family-size trailer. This trailer is divided into sections for the baby, the parents, the kitchen, and the living room.

Although the trailer residents are provided with curtains, Mrs. Adams has made some bright, cheery ones that make the place quite homey.

Her husband, majoring in vocational education and formerly a staff sergeant in the Air Corps, does his studying at home after the baby is asleep.

Mrs. Adams finds that the worst obstacle to trailer-camp living has been removed by the installation of a central washing machine. Formerly, all the wash had to be done by hand. Now, each woman gets two hours in which to do her laundry.

The youthful-looking housewife and mother appreciates her temporary home and said, "It means a lot to be here with my husband at college even if it is a trailer."

Adding a sad note and one that can readily be understood by other students, Mrs. Adams sighed and said, "The boys feel that this is still the army because they have to get up for those eight o'clocks."

Innovation On Wheels

A large green private trailer houses Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reuter and their baby daughter, Trudy, of Cambridge, O.

Mr. Reuter served as a first lieutenant in the Army Air Corps and is now studying forestry.

Mrs. Reuter and two other women in the trailer camp have formed what they call "the maid's-night-out club."

"One night a week our husbands stay home with the babies and we go to the movies and down to the 'Skellar for a glass of beer," she said.

The men have their day too, for on Thursday nights the wives stay home and they go stepping.

Both she and her husband are fond of State College: "My husband loves it and I think it's lovely, particularly the clean snow and air, and the beautiful mountains."

The Home Beautiful



ENJOYING HOME LIFE in their attractively decorated trailer are LEFT: Mr. and Mrs. Dave Nemeth, son Jimmy, and the family cocker spaniel, Taffy. Dave played guard for State in 1942. ABOVE: After studies are finished, Mr. and Mrs. John Gallup join the Nemeths in a neighborly bridge game.

Trailers Solve Acute Housing Shortage Officers Outline Trailer Boro Government

By MERVIN WILF

An acute housing shortage faced the College last November. One of the pressing problems was where to put married ex-servicemen and their wives. No one was more aware of this problem than Veterans' Counsellor Robert E. Galbraith.

One day in August, a friend of Mr. Galbraith jokingly suggested housing married couples in trailers. This idea took form in Gal's mind, and he brought it to the attention of Mr. Samuel K. Hostetter, assistant to the president in charge of business, and Mr. George W. Ebert, head of grounds and buildings. They too thought that this would be the panacea for their troubles, and the plan was presented to the October 5 meeting of the executive committee of the Board of Trustees. They in turn flashed the "go" signal, and work began to acquire the housing units.

The search ended at New Castle where the College, through the Federal Public Housing Authority, obtained 93 trailers vacated by war workers. The contract specifies that these units are only for the use of veterans, and the College lease on them is for one year.

At present, 99 trailers are set up, 93 living units, three laundry units, and three lavatory units. Of the living units, 21 are of the expansible type, 15 by 21 feet, which have two sections for beds, a kitchenette, and a living room. These are primarily designed for couples with children. The remaining 72 are one room, standard-sized trailers. These 7 by 22 feet units have day beds at either end and the kitchenette in the center.

One factor that pleases most veterans is the low price of their homes. Cost, including electricity, heat, and water, is \$28 per month for the family size, and \$22 for the smaller ones. All leases are made on a month-to-month basis.

Each trailer comes equipped with an oil stove for heating, a gas stove for cooking, ice box, sink, folding table, four chairs, and curtains. Ample closet space brings favorable comment from the housewives, and many of them have added their own furniture and accessories to make their homes cheerier. Insuring adequate protection from the cold Penn State winter and its hot summers, each unit is insulated with rock wool.

To aid the residents in any way whatsoever, Daniel De Marino, assistant dean of men, was appointed the liaison agent between the College and the trailer camp. His work will now be to cooperate with the elected officers of the new "borough" to secure desired ends. As an example, through his efforts, two washing machines replaced washboards and scrub brushes in the communal laundries until coin-operated Bendix automatic units become available.

By LARRY FOSTER

William Oskay, 27-year-old Navy veteran, is the newly-elected Burgess of the trailer camp, and he assumes his obligation with a definite goal in mind. Never in the two years that Bill spent in the South Pacific as a Navy ensign did he imagine that today he would hold the top public office in his community.

According to Oskay, "The primary objective in organizing our community is to enable us to get together so that we may be able to help each other.

Living in a trailer camp presents problems that we will have to face collectively. Soon we expect to take our place as a boro of the community of State College."

In the recent election, trailer camp residents voted a Burgess and six councilmen into office. At their next meeting, they expect to vote on a seventh member of the council, and then they will have a set-up similar to other Pennsylvania communities. Each councilman has a specific department of

which he or she is in charge.

Two women were elected to the council, giving the ladies a voice in the affairs of the community. Mrs. Edward Drew is the trailer camp's new social recreation leader. This young lady takes her job seriously and has big plans for the future recreational facilities at the camp.

"We need a recreation building badly," says Mrs. Drew. "At present we have no place to gather to meet our neighbors and pass our spare time. Aside from being a meeting and recreation hall, the building could also serve as a place for children to stay while their mothers go shopping."

"It's the first time I've ever had anything to do with politics," said Mrs. Stanley Gross, who was elected to the position of secretary of the council.

With that, Mrs. Gross introduced to us what she claims is the trailer camp's biggest baby. His name is Stu and all five feet seven inches and 170 pounds of him is doing graduate work in poultry husbandry. Stu is Mr. Gross's brother and not their "baby." However, he is the only eligible male in the trailer camp.

Although Dwight King is the councilman in charge of public safety, he claims he hasn't pinched one resident of the community for parking, or, for that matter, he hasn't given out a ticket at all.

Charles J. Stauffer, veteran of 38 months of overseas duty, is in charge of public works, and Howard J. Nurnberger from Avalon is treasurer and head of public relations. Lester Hackenberry is the sixth councilman and his job is taking care of the health and sanitation needs of the community. During the war he piloted a P-51.

We'll be hearing more about Penn State's trailer camp and the people that go to make it up.

Old Stuff for Him



IT'S PERMANENT KP now for Reid McCloskey, and his wife Marie seems to like the idea very much.

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