

Quonset Hut Settlement Solves Housing Problem for Veterans

Quonset huts set up by student veterans just inside the borough line near Nittany Village have solved the "Sorry, no apartment" problem for four College men and their families.

Securing a lease on the site for the project, they bought four surplus Quonset huts at Camp Peary, Va., for \$450 each, disassembled them, hauled them to State College by truck, reassembled them, and are now living in them.

All this has been carried out since June 9, when the work was started at the close of the last semester. From dawn till dusk the veterans installed plumbing and heating, built wall partitions, and painted.

Wives Arrive

Two weeks ago the wives arrived. Faced with laundry by the "old washboard method," lighting by oil lamps, oil stoves, and no ironing facilities until electricity can be installed, the wives were delighted with homes of their own in State College.

The Quonset "houses" are occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George Stahl, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Whitworth, and 8-month-old daughter Sally, Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Max Bonebreak.

Dormer Style Windows

Dormer-style windows have been added to the metal buildings to insure that enough sunlight can get inside during the day. Ten windows have been built into each hut.

Spacious inside, the homes will have four rooms when completed, a living room 12 by 16 feet, bedroom 12 by 16 feet, and a kitchen and bath. Small closets will be installed.

Transportation to classes isn't a problem to the veterans. They ride to campus on the share-the-ride plan. For recreation, the enterprising team of veterans and wives play cards, chess, listen to records, or come into town for movies.

One Good Answer

One of the veteran participants admitted that it had been hard work putting up the emergency housing development, but added enthusiastically that "it's one good answer to the housing shortage in State College."

Other apartment-seeking veterans, who watched the progress of the new settlement with interest, are making plans for assembling Quonset huts of their own in the surrounding area.

College Radio Station Communicates Daily With Swedish Scientists' Raft Expedition

Radio station W3YA/ALMA at the College has been receiving daily communications from the "Kon-Tiki" expedition now sailing the South Pacific on a raft.

Six scientists, headed by Thor Heyerdahl, 33-year-old Norwegian ethnologist, set sail from Peru April 29 on a 15 by 30 ft. replica of a pre-Inca balsa raft.

Their aim is to prove there could have been a racial movement from South America to the Polynesian Islands as early as 500 A.D. and that the inhabitants of the islands did not migrate from Asia, as is commonly believed.

Relays Messages

The College station relays messages between the raft and the LAIC station in Oslo, conversation with the raft operator being maintained daily at 4 a.m. This time was found to be best for transmission.

Gilbert L. Crossley, assistant professor of electrical engineering at the College, is director of the station. He is assisted by 21 undergraduate students and 9 staff members. The station is operated

on a 24-hour basis, each man working during designated hours.

According to the messages received Friday, the expedition had sighted first Polynesian fowl. The raft is now within 500 miles of the Marquesas Islands and about 1300 miles from Tahiti, their final destination, where they plan to remain for a rest.

The raft travels approximately 30 or 40 miles per day if weather

conditions are good, Professor Crossley estimated.

W3YA/ALMA first made contact with the raft June 3, five weeks after the expedition was underway. Signals were poorest about June 21 when the sun reached its northern-most point. Since that time, communication has improved, and the best reception since the first contact was had last week.

Uranium Bearing Mineral at College

Only source outside of Colorado of carnotite is Mauch Chunk, according to College mineralogists.

Several ounces of the rare mineral, which contains uranium, have been brought to the campus from Mauch Chunk by Dr. Paul D. Krynine, head of the division of mineralogy, and three of his associates.

Dr. Krynine said this rare ore otherwise is not known in the United States outside of Colorado.

Accompanying Dr. Krynine on the field trip to the Lehigh Valley were Frank M. Swartz, George H. Crowl, and J. C. Griffiths.

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