LANDSCAPING on these new homes under construction in the several being built by Mrs. Norma Miller will be completed in the Spring by Mrs. W. P. Myers of Lakeshore Gardens. Mrs. Myers has placed most of the trees and shrubs and planted the lawns in this circle of 14 homes.

Chamber Lists Available KF Housing For New Residents

A Klamath County Chamber of Commerce rental service continued since World War II has increased in importance with the critical housing shortage the area faces today, according to chamber manager D. Frank Tucker.

The service includes a card file of apartments and houses available for rent in the Klamath Falls area. Property owners are invited to register their units by mail, phone or a visit to the chamber office. The card includes the address, rent, number of bedrooms, whether furnished or unfurnished, whether children and pets are allowed. The owner or manager's name, address and telephone number are also taken.

When requests for rentals are received by the chamber the card file is checked for suitable listings. Property owners are urged to notify the chamber when their rental unit is occupied.

Tucker said at the present time there are some dozen rental houses and about twice as many rental apartments listed. The number is considerably less than usual because of the increased demand for housing during recent months. He estimated that an average of five families visit the chamber and eight phone calls are received daily for information on available rental units.

"The file is only as complete as property owners make it, but it is a good indication of what is available for rental housing in the Klamath Falls area," Tucker said.

He added that the majority of units available do not represent adequate housing. Choice units were absorbed early in the constantly increasing influx of population which began last February.

Tucker reminded property owners and renters that the rental file is a courtesy of the chamber; no one receives a commission for renting a unit, nor is a charge made for listing a house or apartment.

In order to provide a complete record of available housing, Tucker said the chamber will request Post Office authorities next spring to conduct [illegible] of their periodic surveys.

Tentative USAF Personnel Plans For Klamath Told

Colonel J. H. Bearly, deputy for personnel of the Western Air Defense Force (parent organization of the Klamath Falls jet interceptor base) at Hamilton Air Force Base, California, has announced the tentative personnel authorizations for the Klamath Falls base.

The U.S. Air Force plans to have about 1,009 officers and airmen (enlisted men) at the Klamath base by the end of 1956 when it is expected to be fully manned. This total will consist of 104 officers and 905 airmen. In addition to the military personnel, about 125 civilian workers probably will be employed at the base. Some of these undoubtedly will be workers already living in the Klamath Falls area.

Based upon a previous survey conducted by the WADF chaplain and a chamber of commerce survey of the marital and dependent status of personnel assigned to Hamilton AFB, the following figures have been compiled:

Of the officer personnel 80 per cent will be married and 20 per cent unmarried. The unmarried officers will be housed on the base. Of the 80 per cent married officers 29 per cent will not have any children; [illegible] per cent will have one or two children and 13 per cent will have over two children.

Among the airmen personnel 59 per cent will be unmarried and 41 per cent married. The unmarried airmen will all be housed on the base. Of the married airmen 21 per cent will not have any children; 18 per cent will have one or two children and a per cent will have over two children.

The USAF officials said that the married personnel without any children will need one or two bedroom houses or apartments. The married with one or two children will require a two bedroom dwelling and the couples with over two children will need three bedroom units.

It was felt by the USAF officials that by the end of 1956 the air personnel would need 220 one or two bedroom units, 185 two bedroom homes and 49 three bedroom units.

The great need as stressed by the USAF has been for adequate rental housing, although some of the air personnel will buy houses.

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