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AID TO HOME BUILDERS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

A state agency which is required to construct residence quarters for employes often in remote, out-of-the-way places, has found current high building costs a great drain on its limited budget. A member of this agency was visiting recently with an official at Oregon State college and the conversation turned to building costs with the agency's problem being mentioned. The college officer said he believed the college could help and, digging into house plans developed by the extension department, brought up plans for a building suitable for agency needs, yet capable of construction at much lower cost than the residences recently erected.

A good point could be made here for closer cooperation between state agencies and departments and a more extensive exchange of information and services; but a more important angle perhaps is that many prospective home builders possibly are overlooking a source of helpful ideas and plans.

The state college makes available to the public scores of house plans. "Single-sheet" plans may be obtained from the office of the county agent, or directly from the college. Working drawings, covering all construction details, are available for any "single-sheet" design at low cost.

As a sample of the service given by the college, Bulletin HE 7-1110 details the "Agency Plans Special."

The building was designed for use in central Oregon in connection with settlement of newly-irrigated areas. Many settlers had limited housing. They needed a building suitable for temporary housing at lowest possible cost.

The "Agency Plans Special" was designed to provide one building with 24 by 24 living quarters, four rooms and bath, including garage, together with storage space for machinery, tools, grain, and miscellaneous items. The structure, 24 by 80 feet, can be built at costs ranging from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Blueprints of detailed plans are available from the college at reasonable cost.

Of great value to any person planning to build, buy or remodel a home is Bulletin HE 7-302 entitled "Is This a Good Farmhouse?"

This is a unique "score sheet" enabling a person to grade a home as "excellent," "acceptable," or "poor."

Under such sub headings as size and shape, entrances, circulation, doors, windows, rooms, storage, parking, etc., are suggestions with space for scoring. Fourteen points, for instance, are raised concerning the living room alone.

How does your living room square with the following?:

1. Living room close to guest entrance.
2. Large enough for family use and expandable to another room for entertaining.
3. Good proportions (ratio of width to length): 2 to 3, 3 to 5, 3 to 4.
4. Wall areas large enough for placing large pieces of furniture parallel with the walls.
5. South exposure possible for living room.
6. Windows well located for reading and writing and conversation with no cross-light or glare.
7. Either good distant view or pleasing close-up view possible from at least one living room window.
8. View window (or windows) on wall at right angle to fireplace wall.
9. View window so located that privacy of family is not violated.
10. No windows on fireplace wall nearer than 3 feet to the fireplace.
11. Fireplace not jutting out into room.
12. At least 3 feet on each side of fireplace opening free for chairs or sofa.
13. No view of bathroom from living room.
14. Possible for living room to be free from kitchen and bathroom noises.

Bulletin HE 7-302 contains 12 pages of such suggestions of extreme value to the home builder.

The state college is prepared to make a valuable contribution to the livability of Oregon homes if people avail themselves of the proffered help.

In the Day's News

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PER CENT OF OUR SAMPLE HAD BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO GOLD and the other 95 per cent into other kinds of mercury.

The sample, the story goes on, was checked by other chemists to be certain that the yellow metal was really gold. It was.

ON the basis of PRESENT costs, he continued, "the artificial gold would cost many times more than the genuine article mined from the earth. . . . there is no estimate of how much an ounce of the mercury gold would cost because of the difficulty of getting the necessary atomic pile and getting enough of the particular kind of mercury that the artificial gold can be made of."

REASSURING, isn't it?

We are patted on the head and told there is no danger of all the gold mines being shut down. That if we are prowling around in the mountains and find a lump

of yellow metal we can still get all hot up over it.

That nobody is going to make gold in a factory out of mercury as we make nylon in a factory out of coal and limestone and air or rubber out of petroleum.

In a word, that gold will CONTINUE to be money that nations can pay their bills to other nations with and COULD USE, if they chose, to back up their mountains of paper money with, thus giving people more confidence in it.

DON'T be too sure of that.

I'll venture that the first foot or so of nylon fiber that DuPont got out of coal and limestone and air cost a whale of a lot more than an equivalent footage of silk spun by a silk worm would have cost. And I think the first ounce of synthetic rubber made out of hydro-carbon molecules fantastically exceeded in cost an equivalent weight of natural rubber.

But look at the darned stuff now.

BESIDES, making gold in a factory out of mercury would be just the kind of shenanigan that would appeal to politicians.

That's All for the Present



Soups from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

While making bread I think of a letter from the mother-of-three who wishes she were "free to come and go" as she thinks I am. . . . Why, she doesn't wish any such thing—not if wishing it would mean a house without doors that fly open as eager youngsters come charging in, with a "What's to eat, Mom?" Not if it meant a home too quiet: no whedding "Pleeeaaase, Mom?" followed perhaps with a "Whoooppeee! I can go, fellows!"

People who are "free to go" don't have a look at sleeping forms, maybe pulling the covers over a bare foot on which the open window blows. Nor do they join in the "Our Father," with a goodnight kiss as a benediction. Especially at this time of year in such a home there is no anxious planning to make the dollars stretch to buy that bike . . . or whatever. No matter how valiantly one starts out to trim

a Christmas Tree, just a little one, because to have none seems a kind of defeat. . . . salty tears are likely to sprinkle the trimmings.

But, as I make bread, I must change my thinking or there will be extra salt in my dough. Let's see, how much each of these three loaves cost? I figure up the ingredients. . . . dear me, the same as a baker's loaf. But—there's more to making bread than its relative cost: Mrs. J. B. R. knows what I mean: here is a poem she sent. Thank you so much, Mrs. R. Does any one know its author?

Be gentle when you touch bread,
 Let it not lie uncared for, unwanted—
 Too often bread is taken for granted.
 There is beauty in bread;
 Beauty of sun and toil;
 Wind and rain have caressed it,
 Christ often blessed it. . . .
 Be gentle when you touch bread."

Nut Problems To Be Aired At Big Annual Meeting

Walnut shrivel, fairly common in western Oregon again this year, will be discussed during the forthcoming thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Nut Growers Society of Oregon and Washington to be held in Portland, December 8 and 9, Robert Warrens, Forest Grove, president, has announced.

With the exception of the annual banquet Thursday evening, December 8, at the Portland Chamber of Commerce, all sessions will be held in the Neighborhoods of Woodcraft hall, starting at 9:30 a.m. both days.

Although fairly widespread this year, walnut shrivel was not nearly as serious as it was during 1948, when excessive hot weather during last August and early September hit orchards just as nuts began to fill, according to J. H. Painter, USDA horticulturist stationed with the O.S.C. experiment station. Painter will discuss work underway in connection with the common walnut problems during the two-day meeting.

A program feature the afternoon of December 9, will be a panel discussion on fibert harvesting machines and methods. It will be headed by M. G. Huber, O.S.C. extension agricultural engineer. In addition to viewing color slides showing harvesting machines, the group will hear discussed hand raking harvesting methods, suction pickers, picker cleaners, portable hullers, and rotary broom pickers.

Society Secretary C. O. Rawlings, O.S.C. extension horticulture specialist, will discuss outlook for rootstocks to avoid walnut-girdle. The program, frequently called black-line, is showing up in many old bearing walnut orchards. The crown rot problem will also be discussed.

Dr. Paul W. Miller, USDA plant pathologist stationed with the O.S.C. experiment station, will specify a control program for walnut blight. Poor timing, inadequate coverage, and not enough applications are causing poor control, he believes.

"Pacifists should do all they can to prevent war, but if it nevertheless breaks out, it is too late to do anything but fight."

Suit Filed To Recover Radio And Phonograph

Suit in circuit court has been filed by Ruth McPherson against Keith B. Smith, doing business as K. B. Smith's Oregon Ltd., asking judgment for the recovery of a combination radio and phonograph, of a value claimed to be \$475.

The plaintiff alleges that the defendant came into possession of the property on June 20, 1946, without her consent.

The State Industrial Accident Commission asks judgment of \$88.04 against William Charles Dorsey, doing business as B & B Plaster Co., as alleged unpaid contributions, and asks that the plaintiff be given a just and valid lien on a described car owned by the defendant.

A. J. Bartley and Arnold H. Bartley, in a suit brought against Joseph Francis and Harriett Ross, ask judgment for \$7,383.76 alleged owing and due on a promissory note given in connection with the sale of a truck and trailer by the plaintiff to the defendant.

Shoot Or Be Shot, Choice Of Pacifist, GBS Says

GLASGOW, Scotland, Dec. 3.—(P)—George Bernard Shaw says that if war comes, pacifists must "shoot or be shot."

Answering a staff member of the Forward, Glasgow labor weekly, who asked how to get established as a registered conscientious objector to military service, the Tart-tongued socialist playwright wrote:

"A country that engages in war, rightly or wrongly, is like a ship that has struck a breaker and is leaking. The order must be 'all hands to the pumps,' no matter how faulty or wicked the navigators may have been. . . ."

Idaho Senator Branded Rowdy In Alabama Fracas

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 3.—(P)—Senator Glen Taylor of Idaho "acted like a rowdy" at the time of his arrest in Birmingham on a disorderly conduct charge, Birmingham city attorneys contend.

Thomas E. Huey, assistant city attorney, told the state court of appeals that Senator Taylor's arrest was a "routine disorderly conduct case" and that the civil rights question did not enter into it.

Taylor was arrested in Birmingham on May 1, 1948, when he tried to enter a door reserved for Negroes at a meeting of the Southern Negro Youth congress. During earlier trials he admitted "scuffling" with officers who prevented him from using the door.

The Idaho senator was a candidate for vice president on Henry Wallace's Progressive party ticket when arrested and was scheduled to speak at the meeting.

He was convicted in police court and the verdict was later upheld by a circuit court which sentenced him to a 180-day jail term and a \$50 fine.

Huey told the court Taylor had no grounds for trying to bring the constitutionality of the city's segregation laws into the case since he deliberately assaulted an officer who was doing his duty.

Tuesday, Taylor's attorneys contended in briefs that the arrest was illegal and the segregation law violates the federal constitution.

Taylor said he will carry the case to the U.S. Supreme court.

Navy Craft Cuts Sonic Barrier

MUROC AIR BASE, Calif., Dec. 3.—(P)—Skimming like a hummingbird only 30 feet off the ground, a Navy Douglas Skyrocket has pierced the sonic barrier in a dazzling speed test.

While Navy officials were silent, competent observers put the speed of the D-538-2 at between 760 to 800 miles per hour. The speed of sound at Murroc's 2300 foot altitude and 55-degree temperature was figured at 757 mph.

The 45-year-old test pilot Eugene F. May, a grandfather, was at the controls of the rocket and jet-powered plane as it swooped before newsmen here and flashed out of sight before the roar of its motors could be heard.

The official world record is 670 mph by an F-86 jet fighter.

The veteran pilot thrust all out on the four rocket boosters and

ELUSIVE GAME

Closeup Pictures Of Wild Sheep Included In Movie About Yukon Wonderland

Many hunters spend years trying to obtain America's most coveted trophy, a mountain sheep, but Jim Bond's "Yukon Wilderness Wonderland" picture, to be shown in Roseburg Monday and Tuesday nights, will show closeups of sheep photographed within 30 to 50 feet of the camera.

Bond's newest Yukon picture, made during the past summer, is to be presented at the Roseburg Junior high school auditorium under Roseburg Rod and Gun club sponsorship. Showings will be made each night at 8 o'clock.

The film, which takes an hour to show, includes scenes from three separate trips.

One section deals with a boat trip on Lake Kusawa, 60 miles in length, and contains fishing, feature shots of Rocky Mountain goats, and exceptionally beautiful scenic views.

After two weeks on the lake and in the adjoining mountains, Bond returned to Whitehorse and outfitted for a trip into the spectacular scenic mountain area, where peaks tower as high as 19,600 feet. There he spent 35 days photographing and studying White (Dall) sheep.

Bond again returned to Whitehorse and made arrangements for a trip into the upper MacMillan river wilderness in the central eastern Yukon along the MacKenzie mountains.

"This was to be a long trip," Bond said, "and I was accompanied only by a 63-year-old Indian by the name of Billy Smith. Billy was born in a little trading post near Whitehorse. His three brothers, Dawson Charlie, Skookum Jim, and Patsy Henderson, were three of the four men who discovered gold on the Klondike in 1895, starting the greatest gold stampede the North has ever known. At the age of 10, Billy 'mashed' with his family over 200 miles to Dawson. All his life he has traveled the Yukon, trapping in winter and prospecting in summer. At 63, he is incredibly strong and tough and never seemed to tire."

Bond and his guide, together with their equipment and supplies, were flown in by airplane to a lake near the MacMillan river. After building their camp, with its food cache in the trees, to prevent loss to animals, side trips were made, one as long as 25 days.

"I found that country to be one of the best Stone Sheep sections in the North," Bond reports.

"Some of the closeup pictures I secured of sheep that had never seen a man are really something. Knowing that sheep are the hardest animals to stalk and that many hunters go on long trips and never get within shooting distance of these elusive animals, I am sure that people will enjoy my pictures taken at distances of 30 to 50 feet. My pictures of these northern animals that live above timberline winter or summer, will bring out many of their habits. The pictures particularly show how animals act in a wilderness when seeing a man for the first time. They also bring out the fact that wolves are not killing all the sheep in the North—not by any means. I saw more than 900 sheep in my four months in the Yukon and only one wolf."

The greatest fear Bond and his guide had was that of accident or sickness. Then, along toward the last, while waiting for their planes to return, they began to fear the lake would freeze and prevent a landing. But neither accident nor sickness was encountered and the planes came in ahead of the ice.

"We were prepared for anything except sickness or injury," Bond said. When men are in the mountains, getting lots of regular exercise, they seldom get sick. Sickness is something that sticks pretty close to the cities."

Bond's pictures have already been shown a few times. The film drew an audience of 2,100 in Eugene, 750 in Cottage Grove and 615 in Oakridge. Because of interest remaining from Bond's show, "From Out of the Mountains," in Roseburg previously, the Roseburg Rod and Gun club is anticipating capacity audiences.

The sleek, needle-like craft negotiated the measured eight-mile course before most onlookers could gasp, "Here she comes."

The Navy had admitted last week that the Skyrocket has repeatedly exceeded the speed of sound in level flights. Its maximum speed is still a secret.

Stepping from the gleaming white thunderbird, May told newsmen:

"It was as smooth as a kitten's ear."

Attempt Started To Recover Bodies

McCHORD AIR BASE, Dec. 3.—(P)—Attempts to recover the bodies of six airmen from the snow high on rugged Mount St. Helens will get underway today, air corps officials said today.

Members of a mountain rescue team are en route here from Camp Carson, Colo. They were expected to arrive Friday afternoon for briefing before proceeding to the crash scene.

Members of the rescue party that reached the wreckage of the C-54 Wednesday at the 7,000 foot level of the southwestern Washington mountain suggested that an attempt to recover the bodies be delayed until summer.

Lt. Wallace L. Boyd, para-rescue team commander, led the ground party to within sight of the wreckage, but recommended against further attempt to bring out the bodies until hazardous weather conditions cleared.

McChord officials said that air police calls for every possible effort to recover the bodies of lost airmen.

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Democrats To Consider Congressional Candidate

PENDLETON — (P)—Democratic leaders of the second congressional district will consider a candidate for next year's congressional election at an off-the-record meeting here Sunday.

C. J. Shorb, La Grande, who ran against Rep. Lowell Stockman in the last election, was reported not to want the Democratic nomination again.

Hugh Bowman, former Pendleton mayor, has been mentioned as a possible candidate. Two persons from Klamath county were also reported as possibilities.

FOREST FIRE RECORD GOOD

LA GRANDE. — (P)—The forest fire record of northeast Oregon was the best in the state this year, the state fire warden reported here. Only 34 of the 107 fires in this district were caused by man.

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