

Restriction Of Necessities Gives Builders Headaches

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NEW YORK—(AP)—It is now virtually impossible to start the construction of any house except the smallest bungalow.

This is apparent in an analysis of the new restrictions on the use of steel, copper and aluminum.

Even a four or five-room minimum cottage does not fit into the allowances of essential metals now available.

The restricting order, entitled M-4A, issued by the national production authority (NPA), has created widespread consternation in building circles. When it was announced on Aug. 3, its full significance was not immediately realized by builders.

The order temporarily froze the start of new industrial and commercial buildings, apartment houses and hospitals, as well as all structures requiring more than minor quantities of the three critical metals.

The action was taken with the avowed purpose of conserving these metals for the national defense emergency.

One observer promptly commented that "this means the end of all skyscraper building," and he added "it looks like a victory for the home builders' lobby."

After several days of analyzing the order, however, home builders were disillusioned.

The order specifies that no individual one-family dwelling can be started if it uses more than 1,800 pounds of carbon steel, including its plumbing supply lines, or more than 35 pounds of copper.

Copper Almost Out
If the house is to have copper water pipes, a total of 160 pounds of copper can be used, but only 1,450 pounds of carbon steel.

No structural steel, such as I-beam girders and columns, no aluminum and no alloy or stainless steel can be used in any house.

Those figures may sound big to the uninformed, but they fall far short of the amounts used in the average four or five-room cottage.

Just before the NPA order was announced, the national association of home builders had completed an extensive study in an effort to convince the government that very small percentages of the total production of metals go into the building of a million homes.

This study came off the press after the NPA order was out. It quoted the findings of the government's housing and home finance agency in a survey of 30,000 new homes built under FHA-insured loans. These houses averaged 1,000 square feet in size. This amounts to a house measuring about 31 by 32 feet and including four or five rooms.

This average small house used 3,733 pounds of steel—more than twice the amount now permitted. It used 299 pounds of copper. Even the elimination of structural steel girders, columns and lintels left a total of more than a ton and half of steel.

The importance of steel in a house can be realized when you consider such items as nails, 400 pounds; reinforcing bars and mesh, 300 pounds—even the areas around basement windows involve 14 pounds in this sample house.

The U. S. Steel Corp., explains that many items in a house, commonly referred to as galvanized iron, are made of carbon steel. This is ordinary, non-alloy steel. The fenders of an automobile are carbon steel. The bumpers are alloy steel.

The restrictions on the use of copper and copper-base alloys is even more serious. The electric wiring in the average 1,000 square foot house calls for 35 pounds of copper—the entire allotment under the new order M-4A. In addition, a three-wire lead-in from the power line involves the use of 11 more pounds of copper.

Under these restrictions all such items as copper termite shields, roof flashing, gutters, and downspouts are out. Aluminum cannot be used as a substitute.

Builders Pessimistic
Although order M-4A is temporary, applying only to construction started between Aug. 3 and Oct. 1, builders are pessimistic as to any considerable liberalization in the fall. On Oct. 1, the building industry will be under the controlled materials plan, a division of the NPA, which will allocate critical metals to fill defense needs.

The NPA order does not apply where foundations were completed on Aug. 3. In such cases the structure can be completed as planned. Also appeals for adjustment or exceptions are allowed. Builders who have materials on hand, or can get them before Oct. 1, can go ahead with their projects.

The NPA announced in Washington today that the test of whether a project can be started now without special authorization is the amount of the controlled materials to be needed after Sept. 30 to finish a project. If more than the minimum amounts of the three metals will be needed, special authorization must be obtained.

THIRSTY TOWN
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP)—The Tuscaloosa News figures that since the sale of beer was legalized four days ago in this University of Alabama town, enough beer has been sold to give a bottle to every man, woman and child daily.

The town's population is 47,000. Sales have hit 139,632 bottles.

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Agricultural Agent Quits To Represent Cattle Club

GRANTS PASS — (AP) — Jens F. Svith, Josephine county agricultural agent for the past seven years, has announced his resignation from the extension service, effective Oct. 1, when he will become field representative in eight western states for the American Jersey cattle club.

In addition to his work with the extension service, Svith has been secretary of the Oregon Jersey Cattle club for the last eight years and editor of the Oregon Jersey Review for three.

He has been with the state extension service for nine years and

prior to that taught vocational agriculture in various Oregon high schools for 13 years. He was graduated from Oregon State college in 1929.

Svith will make Salem his headquarters in his new job.

James Joseph Allison, 23, Springfield logger, was arrested Tuesday on a non-support charge, the sheriff's office reported. Allison was returned to Roseburg by a deputy sheriff.

NON-SUPPORT CHARGED

Businessmen Will Attempt To Lure Buyers In Stores

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK — (AP) — Businessmen will drive hard in the next few weeks to lure the on-the-cuff buyer back into the stores and car lots.

Many are optimistic that the relaxation of credit curbs by Congress this week is just what the doctor ordered for their ailing sales charts. But some aren't too sure the average fellow has enough money just now to take on any more installment debt, even on the easier terms.

Much of the outcome may depend on which direction prices take under the new and relaxed controls.

Auto dealers hope that many customers who couldn't meet the larger payments when the 15-

month curb was in effect will throng to their car lots now that they have 18 months to pay, and consequently don't have to find as much money each month.

But the customer still has to get up that one-third-down cash payment—and a lot of them don't have it. They're still paying for the cars, houses and gadgets they bought last year during the war-scare spending spree.

Will Ask Increase
In the auto manufacturing cen-

ters it is widely expected that car price hikes will be sought quickly. Chrysler already has indicated it will ask the right under the new controls law to boost prices 9 1/2 percent.

Passenger car prices were frozen at last December 1 levels, but in March were allowed to rise three and one half percent. Chrysler, Ford and General Motors were caught in that price freeze, but most of the independents already had raised prices and didn't have to roll back.

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ROUND STEAK Steer Beef lb. 89c
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TEA GARDEN PLUM PRESERVES 20 oz. jar 29c
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PALACE SAUSAGE 1 lb. 8 oz. can 39c
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GOLD CREST BUTTER 1 lb. pkg. 76c
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COLORED NUCOA lb. 29c
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COLORED DEL RICH MARGARINE lb. 29c
NESTLE'S INSTANT COCOA 1 lb. can 49c
TREE ORANGE PEKOE TEA 16 bag crt. 19c
FRANCO AMERICAN SPAGHETTI 1 lb. can 14c
BARKS 4 DOG FOOD 1 lb. can 9c
WHITE OX GLOVES pair 59c
A E R O W A X quart can 59c
BULK PACK ICE CREAM 1/2 gallon 89c
DEL MONTE PEAS No. 303 tin 19c
SUNSHINE HYDROX COOKIES 12 oz. bag 39c

Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

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SEEDLESS GRAPES lb. 10c

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