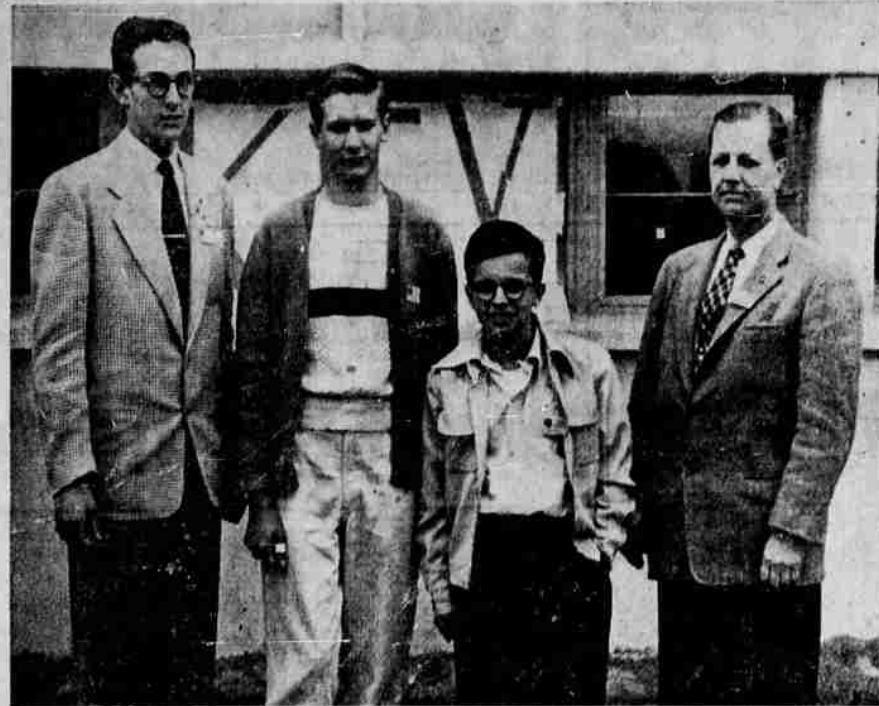




**ATTEND CONVENTION** — Dean McFall, left, Jim Parker and Karl Davis, members of the Roseburg High School Key Club, accompanied by Maurice Newland, member of the sponsoring Kiwanis Club, attended the Key Club convention at Auburn, Wash., last week. McFall was elected lieutenant governor for the 15 district.

## Look-Alike Homes Of Present-Day Projects Copy Antiquated Pattern

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

There are still too many places in America where new city growth embodies some of the worst features of the old. Enough is known today about economical home design and scientific community planning to produce new residential areas which make for a maximum of good living. But, by and large, we are not getting that kind of building.

Take a look at the latest residential projects in most cities. Houses too often are still being built upon narrow, uniformly straight lots that deny privacy and cut down light and air.

Houses built in advance for a market—the so-called speculative construction—show little if any architectural quality. Following the monotonous grid street pattern of old, they may string up and down a city's streets in endless repetition of similar roof lines and other exterior features.

From a distance they sometimes loom up like packing boxes stacked in a field awaiting shipment somewhere. Nothing seems so absurd as to see them jammed together on small lots in a new development set in a sea of hundreds of empty acres.

From the viewpoint of the individual home buyer and the community itself this kind of thing is painfully inadequate. And it is inexcusable.

The natural impulse of many is to blame the builder for everything. But though he frequently is deserving of censure, the cities themselves are heavily responsible. They have it within their power to compel the development of new areas in accord with the most modern planning ideas. Yet few insist upon it.

One may easily argue that in view of our economic "laws" it is perfectly natural that home building should have followed the course it has taken—that the builder and lot-seller should try to get the maximum dollar out of any given piece of ground.

The argument overlooks one factor, however, that is just as compelling as any economic law. That is this: You are not selling strips of bacon when you sell lots. You are not manufacturing cheese boxes when you build houses. They are not a product that will be used and thrown away.

You are building a city, a neighborhood, a way of life. You are putting a powerful, perhaps permanent imprint upon the land. You are creating an environment, a scene, a background that will have to be looked at for countless years.

No one may logically contend, therefore, that what any man or group of men does with a particular piece of land is not the business of the wider community. It is, no matter what the rights of private property, there should be no right to deface a city.

It is not too harsh to say that here and there we are building planned slums. A house ought to be a man's crowning pride, not this particular slot in an expanding cell block.

## RHS Delegates Of Key Club Give Talk To Kiwanis

Key Club delegates from Roseburg High School reported Tuesday to the Kiwanis Club on their experiences at the third annual district convention of Key Club International at Auburn, Wash.

Dean McFall of Roseburg was elected lieutenant governor to serve in the 15th division comprising eight counties of southwestern Oregon and one of northern California. Paul Luvera of Anacortes, Wash., was elected governor. Award for outstanding activities went to Sweet Home, Ore.

Jim Parker and Karl Davis, the other two delegates from Roseburg, took active part in the caucuses, reporting on club activities and in nominating candidates. They told Kiwanians of the activities arranged for the three days they were guests of the Key clubbers and Kiwanians of Auburn.

The affair was conducted in traditional convention manner, including religious, patriotic, business and entertainment programs. It ended with the governor's ball Saturday night, with church attendance encouraged for those remaining Sunday. Convention sessions were conducted in the new million-dollar high school building. Meals were served by the high school girls service organization.

Key Clubs are organizations of young men in high schools for service in the school field after the pattern of civic clubs in the municipal field. While being sponsored by Kiwanis clubs, they operate independently as an international student organization, and are said to be the only large high school organization which provides a constant contact between the school, student body and community leaders. Most recent reports show more than 900 clubs and 20,000 members, both figures being increases over the previous year.

The ninth annual International convention will be June 28-29 in Chicago. Theme of the meeting will be "Honesty—The Key to Peace." An award will be made at that time to the club which has achieved the most unselfish service for school or community in one outstanding project.

The group was accompanied to the convention by Maurice Newland, Kiwanis club member serving in an advisory capacity.

## U.N. Warplanes Down 6, Damage 4 Red Craft

SEOUL, Korea (U)—United Nations warplanes Wednesday shot down six Communist MIG-15 jet fighters and damaged four in May Day eve battles over North Korea, the U.S. Fifth Air Force announced. U.S. Sabre jet pilots knocked down the half dozen MIGs and damaged three in a fight just south of the Yalu River border between Manchuria and Korea.

## FIRE DAMAGES STORE

Fire that started shortly before noon Tuesday caused minor damage to the Lookingglass store, the sheriff's office reported. A rural fire department pumper was summoned but the blaze was out before it was needed.

## Russia Plans Expert Staff For Industry

By LEON DENNEN

NEA Staff Correspondent

BERLIN (NEA) Russia is recruiting Communist technicians to run Europe's key industries in the event of a Red Army invasion of the West.

Secret orders for the immediate formation of "reserve industrial staffs" have been issued by Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky to managers of Poland's aircraft, auto and steel industries, an emissary of the Polish military anti-Communist underground who just reached West Berlin told NEA Service in an exclusive interview.

The "staffs" are trained to run special branches of industry which Russia hopes to gain in an invasion of Western Europe, he said. They are made up of "engineers, skilled workers and others directly engaged in production with a knowledge of European languages, especially German, French and Italian."

Only trusted Communists are to be recruited for the "reserve industrial staffs." Rokossovsky's secret orders stated. But even in the case of long-time Reds, personal manager (usually agent of the secret police and the Soviet MVD) must submit detailed information on the candidate's "social origin, fidelity to the Soviet Union and professional experience in Poland and abroad."

## Early Smash Forecast

"The Polish military underground believes that Moscow plans to gain substantial victories in the early stages of the invasion of the West and then wage a long war," the Polish emissary told me.

"The Kremlin then hopes to exploit to a maximum the industries and equipment of the occupied countries," he said.

But some of the "reserve industrial staffs" may also be sent to the Far and Middle East and then to the satellite countries.

War preparations are now going on in Poland at an accelerated pace. The entire heavy industry of the satellite country has been geared for the production of Soviet military equipment.

## Doctors Recruited

All doctors under 60 have been recruited for military service. Already there is a drastic shortage of medical men, especially in the agricultural villages. A number of doctors, especially experts on tropical diseases have been forced into service with the typhus-ridden Red armies of North Korea, the emissary reported.

The Russian-born Rokossovsky, Poland's Moscow-appointed War Minister, has ordered every able-bodied Pole from the ages of 15 to 50 to become a part-time fighting man.

By compulsion and cajolery, Poles are being recruited into the "Soldiers' League" and the "Air men's League." These two leagues, modeled on the Soviet "Dosarm" and "Dosav," train their recruits in every branch of modern warfare—from guerrilla fighting to combat flying.

The "Soldiers' League" alone is estimated to have over one million men. Together with the standing army of over a half million they make Poland Russia's strongest satellite in East Europe and a serious threat to the West.

But Moscow's carefully laid plans may be spoiled by the human element involved, the underground emissary said.

Poland is facing a drastic food shortage. The Communist regime just introduced a severe rationing scheme which victimizes the weakest and most defenseless members of the community. Wives who are not working but who are looking after children at home get no ration cards at all.

Discontent and acts of industrial sabotage are increasing. More than 100 workers were recently arrested on charges of sabotage at the motor plant of Warsaw-Zeran. The plant is now producing spare parts for Russian tanks.

Similar cases of sabotage are reported in the Transport equipment plant of Wroclaw and the Battery foundry in Sillesia.

Despite savage MVD reprisals, resistance is becoming open and widespread, often turning into armed struggle. Guerrilla bands recruited from opponents of the regime who fled to avoid the mounting police terror are active in East Prussia and in the forests of Stettin.

No one dares to revolt now, but "leaguers" might well turn their weapons against the Russians unless Rokossovsky can dilute them sufficiently with the Soviet Red Army men.

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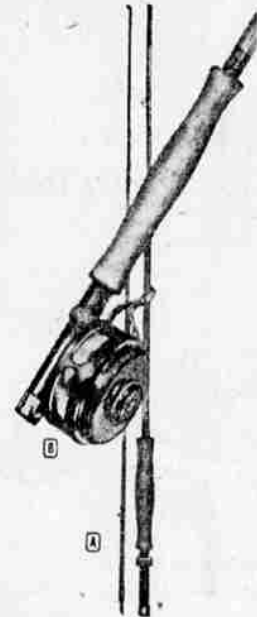
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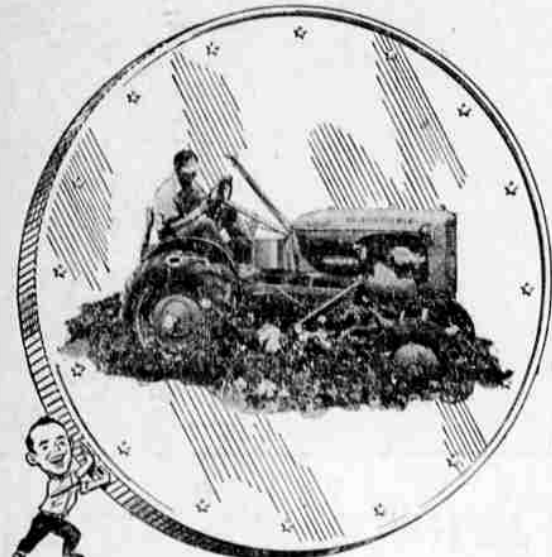


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