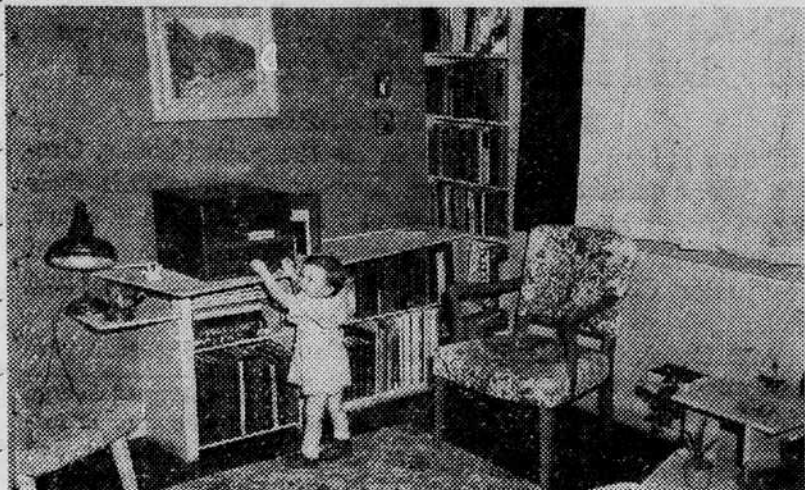


Vet Families Battle High Costs

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Design For Modern Living



Pamela Young, 15 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Young, admires the work of her student parents in their modernistic living room at Amazon Flats.

Thrift, Efficient Housekeeping Found Vital to Amazon Existence

Ingenuity and careful economizing have helped Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Young decorated a small four-room unit at Amazon Flats into a striking, modernistic home. The Youngs, with the help of 15-month-old Pamela, designed, constructed and finished most of the furniture in their comfortable front room.

Young, a graduating senior in architecture, spent four years in the navy and has been carrying about 24 hours a term since returning to get his degree from Oregon. He met Pat at Indiana State college, where she was a senior; Pat is now gathering credit hours to graduate by attending night classes.

The Youngs supplement their meager \$90 a month by outside work. Joe does drafting jobs and Pat, who also grades psychology papers and types theses, works out two nights a week. This family bases its buying on the theory that you should never buy unless you have the money.

Pat loves to cook and says "food is our one luxury." Like most veterans' wives she can make \$15 pay for one week's meals; the low rent at the project, based on income, aids in keeping within the limits of the budget.

Busy Families

An evening with friends is the couple's idea of a good time, and they often have dinner guests and listen to their favorite classical records. Campus concerts are never missed. Pat and Joe have capitalized on the "old-fashioned" atmosphere of home and transferred it into new and modern surroundings.

Another family making the most of every opportunity is Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams and their son Danny. Harry is student manager of the housing project.

A BA major graduating in June, Harry spent four years in the navy, returning two years ago to finish his education. While Harry is in school all day, Mary is busy answering phones and attending to the business of managing the Flats.

During her spare time, Mary has papered all four rooms of their apartment, artistically dividing the continuous kitchen and living rooms with a change of pattern. The furniture problem was helped considerably by the pieces furnished with each apartment: a wood cook stove, ice box, twin beds in each bedroom, dresser, table and four chairs and two additional living room chairs.

For variation in their busy schedule, the Williams spend their free evenings playing bridge, pot-lucking at different houses and seeing an occasional show. On such occasions, two-and-one-half-year-old Danny is left with friends; the Williams also do their share in a turn-about system of baby-sitting.

Evening Entertainment

A new baby boy keeps the Ralph L. Wood family occupied these days. What with little Ralph Edward, two-year-old Sally Anne, the puppy Rowdy, the goldfish Wu and the parakeet Jade, Anne has her hands full during the day.

Wood is a senior majoring in social science and hoping to graduate at the end of the first summer session. He is now practice teaching at University high school. Before the war, Wood was a freshman in college and then served as a pilot with the army air corps. Mrs. Wood is from New Jersey and met her husband while serving with the Wacs in Texas.

A rigid schedule, with each hour in the day planned, keeps the Wood household functioning smoothly. Menus are planned by the week and strictly enforced in preparation and all marketing is done at the first of the week.

In addition to the government check, Mrs. Wood has a

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Amazon Flats Area Serves Vet Families

By HERB LAZENBY

Moving day for 148 University of Oregon student veterans and their families came in January 1947 when the Amazon Flats housing project opened its doors. This member of the University's housing program has since expanded

Interested in finding out how rising costs have affected campus living, the Emerald is beginning a survey to see how students are maintaining their budgets.

This article on Amazon Flats is the first in a series of articles on the subject "The Higher Cost of Living." Today's stories were written by Herb Lazenby, Donna Kletzing, and Susan McCarrel.

its facilities to care for 176 families, and present plans call for the completion of 72 more apartments by spring term.

The Amazon project located at Twenty-second and Patterson drive, a 15-minute walk from the campus, is made up of four and eight-unit dwellings that were moved to the site from the McCloughlin Heights housing project in Vancouver, Washington. Responsibility for obtaining and preparing a site was given the University, with the financing of the project left to the Federal Public Housing authority agency of the federal government.

Each apartment has a living room, kitchen, bathroom and two

bedrooms. Every apartment is furnished with a Coolerator, kitchen table and four chairs, two occasional chairs, four single beds equipped with mattresses and springs, a wood or coal cook stove, and a wood or coal heating stove.

The rent for the apartment depends upon the ability of the veteran to pay. A schedule has been set up by the FPHA whereby veterans with net family incomes of \$109.00 or less pay \$18.50 a month, those earning \$110.00 to \$129.99 pay \$21.50; the \$130.00 to \$149.99 bracket pays \$24.50 and a veteran with a net family income of over \$150.00 pays \$31.50 per month. The rent of the unit takes care of garbage and water services. The vet must pay for electricity and fuel.

Plans call for the installation by spring term of a laundry equipped with Bendix washing machines on a "pay as you use" plan. Four conventional type washing machines will also be placed in the laundry for the convenience of the tenants. A grocery store is already located in the project.

Play Areas

Ed Martin, director of Veterans family housing, a part of the University business office, said plans are being made to erect a play ground area for the children of student vets. The majority of veterans living in the project have children.

In order to obtain an Amazon apartment a student must be a vet

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Just Temporary Homes- Maybe?



Amazon Flats is pictured in its drier state. Recently bothered by the flood, the Flats residents are now back to normal living. These one story homes are maintained for student veterans and their families.



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Canines Abound at Amazon

Here's How Some Ex-GI's Live While In Quest of Knowledge

After putting in hours on their respective studies at the University, veteran students travel the long way to their homes on the edge of Eugene. They are greeted there by puppies of all sizes, descriptions and temperaments, a few blades of grass trying to survive in the wake of construction and floods and the ever-present look of Camp Adair: this is Amazon Flats, the University's housing project to provide homes for young married students and their families getting by on \$90 a month.

Up Wooded Hills

On the flatlands at Twenty-second and Hilyard, Amazon flats looks up to the wooded hills southwest of Eugene across the flooded lowlands. The scene, with lights from College Crest reflected on the water, is visualized by the more romantic couples in the project as "San Francisco Bay."

The flats are serviced by the city bus lines, a public telephone and a privately-owned grocery store. Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Ferris are the proprietors of the store, which serves as information center, message delivery post and central supply center.

Something From Nothing

In the row on row of one- and two-story frame units, the families of veteran students spend their "college days" while the man of the house prepares himself for his place in the world; here many have made their first homes, making something out of nothing until the time they can settle more permanently.

The government allotment of \$90 a month, which has to stretch to cover food, rent, clothing and what little recreation there is time for, doesn't go far in these times of ever-rising prices. Amazingly enough, the monotony of identical apartments is more than often converted into pleasant, individualized homes, even on the restricted budget allowed by Public Law 16.