

COAST BUILDING 2 PER CENT LESS

Construction in the First
Three Months of 1929
Equals \$102,442,809

Building activity along the Pacific Coast during the first quarter of this year has involved construction costs but 2 per cent below the figures of 1928, as shown by official building department reports tabulated in the National Monthly Building Survey of E. W. Straus & Co. Building during the first quarter of 1929 ran nearly 5 per cent below that of 1928, which was more than 10 per cent below comparable figures of 1926.

This indicates a restoration of stability and normalcy in the building industry anticipated by its leaders at the close of 1928 when it was predicted that new construction this year would approximate the volume of 1928, and might even exceed it unless lack of ready funds at fair interest rates should hamper financing.

A grand total of 26,425 building permits calling for \$102,442,809 in construction costs issued during the first quarter of 1929 in 197 cities of the Pacific Coast, shows a reduction of but \$264,548 from last year's figure.

During March, these cities issued 12,317 permits for new buildings to cost \$41,744,620, which is but \$291,574 less than the March figure of 1928 although nearly \$4,500,000 below that of 1927 and more than \$7,600,000 less than the March total of 1926.

Long Beach led the list of Pacific Coast cities in the quarterly increase in building, issuing 1,489 permits for buildings to cost \$6,801,265, which is 114 per cent greater than the first quarter total of last year.

Los Angeles reports a 19 per cent gain over last year with a first quarter total of 7,955 permits involving \$27,690,493 in construction costs. The Los Angeles metropolitan area as a whole, 15 municipalities, shows a 5 per cent gain over 1928.

Salt Lake City's quarterly total, 178 permits for \$1,928,051 of new construction, shows a 12 per cent increase over the 1928 figure. Seattle holds second place on the Pacific Coast list in volume for the quarter, issuing 1,735 building permits calling for \$19,409,415 in construction costs, although the figure is 1 per cent below the comparable figure of last year.

San Francisco, issuing 1,716 permits for buildings to cost \$7,792,848 during the first quarter of the year, shows a 24 per cent reduction from last year's figure. The San Francisco Bay area of 14 municipalities reports, as a whole, a 22 per cent reduction from 1928.

Portland's first quarter total, 1,747 permits for \$2,804,450 in new buildings, shows a reduction of 11 per cent from comparable figures of 1928.

Permits issued in other Oregon cities follow:

For March, 1929: Albany \$74,025; Astoria \$97,925; Baker \$18,460; Eugene \$38,610; Klamath Falls \$188,135; La Grande \$29,810; Marshfield \$14,950; Medford \$174,730 and Salem \$114,915.

For first quarter, 1929: Albany \$56,235; Astoria \$12,275; Baker \$19,959; Eugene \$131,909; Klamath Falls \$317,370; La Grande \$44,680; Marshfield \$43,250; Medford \$273,890 and Salem \$193,882.

THE GARDEN

GETTING IN EARLY PEAS

Gardeners are alert watching the soil for an opportunity to get in peas at the earliest possible moment. The peas need the earliest possible start, as the successful crop depends upon their growth before the weather gets hot so that they can be harvested the last of June and early part of July. After that it is useless to try to raise peas except in the more Northern states.

Sometimes it is possible to get peas in during the latter part of March but more often the middle of April in the northern half of the country is about the earliest time possible. The first crop should be of the smooth-seeded type. While not having the finest quality they will be welcomed for the earliest picking before the better flavored wrinkled peas get into bearing.

Of the smooth peas for the earliest of all planting the variety Alaska is usually deemed the earliest cropper and the safest to plant with Maud S, a close competitor. Some gardeners prefer Maud S. They are the hardest of all the peas. To realize their best quality they must be picked while the pods are young, just after the peas have filled out. They deteriorate in quality rapidly as they approach maturity.

By the time the smooth-seeded peas are popping through the ground it will be about time to chance the wrinkled peas for an early crop. If bad weather should spoil the planting little will be lost and they can be replanted a few days later and be in time for the usual pea crop. The main idea is to beat the weather as far as possible for early peas.

Rich, well-drained soil is the best combination for a full crop of peas. The drainage is essential for their start in early spring as the better the drainage the less the likelihood that the seed will rot should a cold, wet spell set in. In heavy soils rotting is much more likely. Balanced commercial fertilizer sprinkled in the rows when the peas are planted will do much to speed their growth. The main idea is to get the peas started early and keep it spinning until the pods are ready to pick.

The dwarf kind are the popular favorites, but it pays to plant the tall sorts for larger cropping.

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WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS

The National Broadcasting company program for Wednesday night follows: 6:20 to 7:25, transcontinental melodies; 7:25 to 8, vocal solos, orchestra; 8 to 8:30, Roads to Romance; 8:30 to 9, Bill Billy boys; 9 to 12, dance music.

The American Broadcasting company program for Wednesday night follows: 6 to 7, artistic accompaniment; 7:25, comedy sketch; 8, singing strings; 8:30, salon orchestra; 9, artists trip; 9:30, novelties; 10, sleepy time; 11 to 12, dance music.

Portland KOA (620kc) 6, book chat, current events; 6:30, NBC; 9, features; 10, concert orchestra; 11, dance band; 12, news summary.

ROIN (940kc) 6, pipe organ, 7, orchestra; 7:30, studio; 10, dance music.

KEX (1360kc) 6, ABC; 6:30, silent; 7, ABC; 7:30, silent; 9, Catholic Truth lectures; 8:45, ABC; 11, news, weather; 11:05, ABC.

Los Angeles KNN (1050kc) 6:20, concert; 7, radio show; 7:30, features; 10 to 11, dance music.

KKPT (640kc) 6:15, police commissioner; 6:30, NBC; 8:20, soprano and chorus; 9, concert; 10 to 11, NBC.

Denver KOA (330kc) 6, tribulation; 6:30, NBC; 8, dance music, features; 10 to 11, NBC.

Oakland KGO (760kc) 6, Paul Harvey; 6:30, NBC; 8:30, Three Boys; 9, quietest program; 10 to 12, NBC.

KLN (880kc) 6, concert trio; 7, news; 7:30, Edna Fischer, pianist; 8, educational program; 9, studio.

Salt Lake City KSL (1130kc) 6:10, variety; 6:30, NBC; 8, dance music; 8:30, little symphony; 9, concert; 10, NBC.

Spokane KIIQ (590kc) 6:15, sports; 6:30, NBC; 9, features; 10, NBC.

Seattle KOMO (920kc) 6, concert; 6:30, NBC; 8:30, male quartet, orchestra; 10, symphonic orchestra; 11, news; 11:15, orchestra, male quartet, tenor.

KJR (970kc) 6 to 12, ABC program.

San Francisco KFRG (610kc) 6, concert; 7:20, features; 9, choir; 10 to 12, dance music.

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KFO (680kc) 6, carolers; 6:30, NBC; 8:30, trio and tenor; 9:30, Tommy and Bob; 10 to 12, dance music.

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By Williams Convocation In Baker Closes; Name Zurbrick

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin
(Observer Correspondent)

BAKER, Ore. (Special) — The nineteenth annual convocation of the missionary district of Eastern Oregon opened at St. Stephens at 10 a. m. today. The previous day work of the women of the church in the Church Women's Service League. The convocation proper opened Friday morning with the holy communion with Bishop W. P. Remington the celebrant, Archdeacon S. W. Creasey the gospeller and the Rev. Herbert Pressy the epistoler.

This was followed by the bishop's address, which was a splendid message to his people regarding the work that had been done and the plan of the work for the future. It began with words of appreciation of the hospitality of the people of Baker, and continued with a tribute to Dr. Nevins and other early pioneers for the establishment of the church in this district. He pointed out the fact that a crisis had arrived in the spiritual life of the church and pointed out a way to carry it on and improve the work. His message included such facts as the lack of men in the church, the work of the women, the alteration of the prayer book, the building program in the church, the Oregon Trail church man and the matter of a western training school for church army men for work in the church.

The executive council appointed for the coming year consists of the Rev. J. Henry Thomas of Klamath

Falls, the Rev. John Richardson of The Dalles, and the Rev. Herbert Pressy, of Baker. Delegates elected to the provincial synod at Monticello, Cal., May 15 to 18, were the Rev. Mr. Thomas, the Rev. Mr. Richardson and the Rev. Mr. Schuyler Pratt of Hood River with alternates the Rev. S. W. Creasey, the Rev. Ralph V. Hinkle, Pendleton and the Rev. Mr. Pressy, Lay delegates selected were Dr. Lamby, Mr. Ryan of The Dalles, William Brock, Pendleton, Mr. Vaux, Pendleton, and H. A. Zurbrick, La Grande.

A mass meeting in the evening at Nevins hall was attended by a large and enthusiastic audience when the members listened to an address by the Rev. Frederick Barrett, field secretary of the province of the Pacific. There was a fine program of music furnished by the Baker people. The program was completed by an address by the

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