

## Importance Of Blood Donations

A smashing all-out enemy attack on a number of American cities could produce 7,500,000 casualties from the effects of atomic bombs. Of this number, 5,000,000 might survive the first 24 hours. The survivors would need blood immediately.

That statement was made by Robert Sandstrom of the State Civil Defense agency, who this week called on citizens throughout Oregon to help create a stockpile of plasma for civil defense needs.

He said the National Blood program has been established under the supervision of the Office of Defense Mobilization to acquire blood for both military and civilian needs. Three participating groups—American Red Cross, Department of Defense and Federal Civil Defense Administration—have combined forces to bring to the public the importance of their blood donations.

"Blood is as vital to national strength as aluminum or steel, but it cannot be manufactured," Sandstrom stated. "In addition to present requirements for the armed forces, if our country is ever faced with millions of civilian casualties in one day—following an all-out attack—we will quickly realize the value of having on hand a stockpile of plasma and plasma expander."

Sandstrom said that persons donating blood might some day be receiving gratefully back into their own veins the blood which they give today.

Here in this town we know a fellow who has reached the metallic age: Gold in his teeth, silver in his hair, and lead in his pants.

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## Selecting the Site First Step Toward Home Ownership

from SMALL HOMES GUIDE

Selecting a homesite is the first big step to home ownership, according to Small Homes Guide. If you choose your lot carefully, you will have a good start toward achieving your dream home. Some of the problems to be considered are discussed below.

If you choose a homesite in a city or older suburb, you'll have the advantages of good telephone service, electric power, sewers, streets and sidewalks. Such a location also offers the benefits of fire and police protection, trash collection and good transportation facilities.

There are, of course, disadvantages to city or older suburb locations. Strict building codes set up to insure safety in crowded living areas may not permit certain construction features you want. Construction and lot costs are high. Municipal services mean higher taxes, choice lots may be hard to find, living conditions are crowded.

### Suburban Advantages

Should you decide to build your new home in a new suburb or in the country, you'll find lots are larger, cheaper and more plentiful than in the city. You can probably have greater flexibility of house design. Property taxes will be lower. Living conditions will be cleaner.

However, don't fail to consider the disadvantages. In many cases both water and sewer systems must be provided by the property owner. Although lots cost less, assessments are made for local improvements. Distance to schools and offices is often great and there is generally a lack of good public transportation. Fire protection services may be lacking, too.

After you decide on the location, you will be ready to look for a piece of property. First, size and shape must be considered. A narrow lot will accommodate a two-story house; a wide, fairly shallow lot is suitable for a ranch home; a hilly lot generally calls for a split-level dwelling. Terrain is another important land feature to consider.

Soil condition, which can be determined by having test holes dug, is a land feature that has direct bearing on house construction. Heavy dirt or clay soil is excellent because it is easily excavated with power equipment and holds its shape well while

foundation forms are being built and concrete poured.

Often it's difficult to decide just what you can afford to pay for a lot. Generally, the cost should range from 10 to 25 per cent of the total building budget.

If you are planning to get a mortgage loan, be sure to get approval of the lot from the lending institution before signing an offer to purchase.

Your property investment is protected by zoning, land sale restrictions and building codes. Zoning laws establish the relationship of houses to building and property lines.

Land sale restrictions attend the sale of lots in most new subdivisions and, in general, are as follows: (1) The lot owner must construct a house of certain cost within a definite time; (2) The building can only be used for dwelling purposes and must be set back a certain distance from the street.

Building codes are set up to eliminate fire hazards and insure sound construction and good value. City and town codes set certain minimum sizes for yards, rooms and windows, and certain construction standards. FHA-financed homes must conform to state and national regulations governing construction.

### What to Watch

Have boundaries described in the deed checked by a surveyor before you buy, to make sure they are correct. Make sure also that the location is the one you understand it to be so you won't build on the wrong lot.

Don't buy a lot until you are legally certain that the title to the land will be clear in your name. It is the legal duty of the seller to furnish you with proof of a clear title.

The validity of a clear title should be insured by a guaranty policy which is the only safeguard that the land is yours. After the policy has been issued, the guaranty company defends any suits brought against the property owner and if there is any loss to him, the company pays for it.

Should you buy a country lot at a tax sale, get a quit claim deed from the owner. Some states permit the owner to redeem the property if you do not obtain this document from him.

## Just About Folks

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sabin have returned from a trip to Coos Bay on both business and pleasure.

Ed Grootendorst took a truck load of blooming azaleas and hydrangeas to the central California markets last week. They are now beginning to make a fine showing. Plants in outdoor plantings in this area that are in protected places are showing color.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stefani will try to get a suntan in southern sections while away from Lloyd's barbership during a few weeks hence.

News reaches The Pilot that a local boy, Jim Grush, will leave Camp Pendleton for Korea soon. He has many friends here.

Miss Mary Montgomery, nurse assisting Dr. Ronniger, enjoyed a two-week vacation through the holidays in the Los Angeles area, returning to Brookings on Sunday.

Cpl. Curtis Chapman, whose parents live in Brookings, and Cpl. Lee U. Smith, son of Mrs. Annabel Smith, are with the Seventh Infantry division in Korea.

Good authority brings us the news that Dr. McKenna, dentist of Portland, who is building a new home near the state line, will open offices on the second floor of the Clive Manley building within the next few weeks.

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## 4-H 'Busy Bees' Elect Officers

Four-H beginners elected officers of their group on Wednesday morning at the home of Mrs. Lou Thompson, who is their leader. They were, Nancy Thompson, president; Jody Dimmick, vice-president; "Sandy" Sanders, secretary; Sandra Glass, treasurer; Marjorie Fitzhugh, reporter, and Virginia, song leader.

Needle holders were begun for members sewing boxes.

There were eight present.

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