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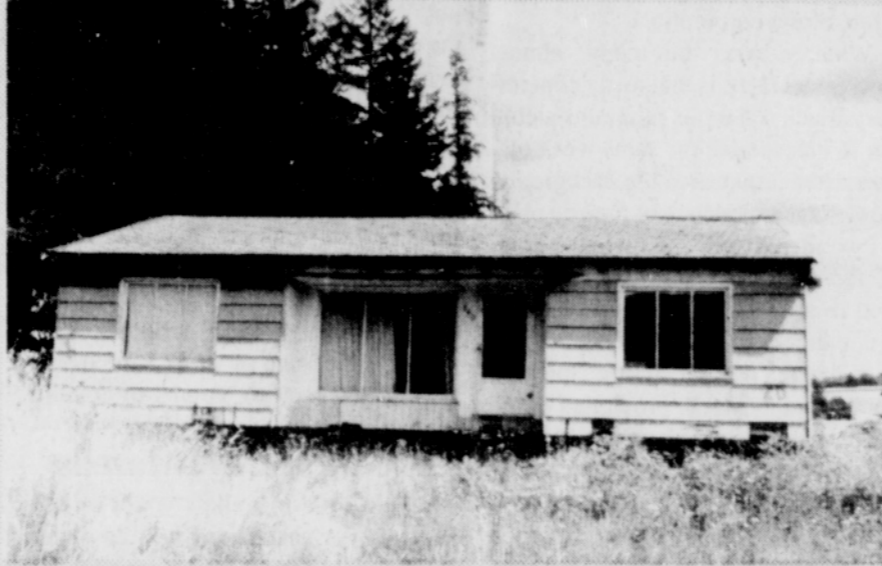
Oregon Remodelers Association and Emmert International Donate Home

Portland, Or. -- the Oregon Remodelers Association (ORA) announced today it has arranged for a house to be donated to a local housing advocacy group, Homes One Street at a Time (HOST). ORA moved the house to the Oregon Convention Center where it will be remodeled during the 1990 Home Improvement & Remodeling Show with donated materials and services. Emmert International, a specialized heavy hauling firm in Clackamas, donated the house to HOST.

"We're proud to be part of this project to revitalize a Portland neighborhood," said Rodger Spring, 1990 Home Improvement and Remodeling show chairman. "We hope it will be the first of many successes for HOST."

HOST plans to create home ownership opportunities for low to moderate-income families by rehabilitating abandoned houses and by sponsoring new house construction in deteriorating residential neighborhoods in Portland.

The house will anchor HOST's first project and will be moved to the



House to be Remodelled at Home Improvement and Remodeling Show

block and then arrange low-cost loans for their buyers, keeping the monthly ownership costs equal to market rent.

HOST has targeted transitional neighborhoods where vacant or deteriorating houses have begun to create problems but where it is still possible to create value through cost-effective acquisition and improvement.

By rehabilitating houses on both sides

of a street, HOST hopes to create a supportive mini-community for its new homeowners. HOST anticipates its projects will:

- ◆ provide home ownership opportunities for families who otherwise might never be able to afford a house;
- ◆ create strengthened neighborhoods with owners motivated to maintain them; and

◆ increase private real estate values and activity as community perceptions of the neighborhoods change.

Emmert International President Terry Emmert said: "HOST is giving hope to families that might otherwise never have a chance to buy a home. We're extremely pleased to be a part of this win/win program."

ORA, founded in 1952, is dedicated to promoting and assuring ethical standards in sales and service for Oregon remodeling consumers. ORA pursues positive, instructive support for consumer protection programs.

The 1990 Home Improvement & remodeling Show will run from October 17 to 21 in the Oregon Convention Center. The show hours are: Wednesday, October 17, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Thursday, October 18, 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Friday October 19, 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday October 20, 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Sunday October 21, 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

The Home Improvement and remodeling show is one of the West Coast's largest home improvement shows.

NO ON 4 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP SURGES TO OVER 40,000 MEMBERS

The NO on 4 Committee announced that over 40,000 Oregonians have joined the campaign committee to oppose Measure 4, which would shut down the Trojan nuclear electricity plant.

"The 40,000 Oregonians who have joined the NO on 4 Committee come from all walks of life and from all parts of the state," said Roy Hemmingway, Campaign Manager for the NO on 4 Committee.

"These numbers show how broad the opposition is to Measure 4 around the state," said Hemmingway. "These Oregonians are concerned about the damage the shutdown of Trojan would do to our power supply, our electric rates, and our environment."

The NO on 4 Committee was formed in late August to oppose Measure 4. At that time the founding committee was announced, made up of 66 scientists, physicians, farmers, business people, labor leaders, environmentalists, and other civic leaders.

EMPLOYMENT IN OREGON

Oregon unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) 5.9% up 0.4 from August. National unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) 5.7% up 0.1 from August.

Oregon's economy has reached a plateau, with employment growth stopping and unemployment on the rise, according to figures released today by the Oregon Employment Division.

Oregon's September seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 5.9% rose 0.4 from the August rate. While 5.9% is a relatively low rate for Oregon, based on levels since the 1970s, it is the state's highest rate since January 1989 and is nearly a full percentage point higher than rates recorded earlier this year.

Seasonally adjusted employment in September is nearly the same as the level six months ago. And after taking out the

effects of the temporary employment of U.S. Census workers, seasonally adjusted employment has remained nearly constant in each of the last seven months.

In September, total nonagricultural employment rose 3,600. But this growth was 7,000 less than that normally expected at this time of year.

Manufacturing employment declined in every major sector. In lumber and wood products, closures and cutbacks continued to be the most prevalent news.

Six mills cut back employment significantly and made up the bulk of the 800 employment decline in this sector. September marked the sixth straight month of seasonally adjusted employment declines in lumber and wood products. The sector now employs 4,000 fewer than it did one year ago.

Adding to the manufacturing weak-

ness were two nondurable goods industries which have been strong contributors to Oregon's economy in recent years. Several pulp and paper products mills decreased their payrolls, combining for a loss of 200 jobs. And rubber and plastic producers showed no job gains from a year ago-this in an industry that has averaged 400 additional jobs per year since 1984.

Even food and kindred products, which had been booming this summer, recorded a September employment decline. Activity in this sector is still brisk. Canning and preserving employed 19,700 in September, and even though it lost 1,600 jobs over the month, it still is 1,300 above the year-ago level.

The trade sector, which declined by 4,100 in September, deserves mention. Because of the timing of the Portland

area food stores strike in August, both temporary replacement workers and regulars returning after the strike were counted as employed. September's 4,400 employment drop in food stores was entirely attributable to August's double count.

Construction, adding 200 jobs, provided one of the few bright spots in the September employment statistics. Most sectors within construction held steady or increased slightly.

Pamela A. Mattson, Employment Division Administrator, said, "Unfortunately, it may be time for my division to begin preparing for an increase in the demand for its services, as the slowdown in the nation's economy begins to show itself in Oregon."

Rescue Mission Seeks Donations

With the cold weather and holidays fast approaching, Portland Rescue Mission urgently needs warm winter clothing, blankets and food for homeless men, women, and children. Turkeys, hams, and toys will also be needed for holidays.

Donated items can be delivered to the Mission at 111 W. Burnside or you can call 227-0421 for pick-up. Cash donations can be mailed to Portland Rescue Mission, Box 3713, Portland, OR 97208.

YOUTH GANG DIVERSION PROGRAM SIGNALS SIGNS OF SUCCESS

MYCAP (Minority Youth Concern Action Program), a project funded by CSD and is fastly impacting the Northeast Community with its innovative youth gang diversion program. Less than three months old, MYCAP is currently listing forty youth who are former gang members, or "Wanna B's", who are now actively involved in diversion activities.

MYCAP is the brain child of six community activists heavily involved in youth gang diversion. The six (Lonnice Jackson, Kathy Martin, Sam Pierce, Roger Wilder, Jimi Johnson and Luther Irving) met informally at MaClaren school for boys some three years ago and decided to attack the surging gang problem in N/NE Portland through more positive efforts, such as direct contact.

After months of negotiating with public agencies, funding for MYCAP was finally secured thru Childrens Services Division in the amount of \$100,000.

Executive Director Sam Pierce states the program was extremely lucky to secure quarters in inner Northeast Portland and after some improvements, officially opened for business this past

summer.

Referrals to MYCAP are approximately 65% from MaClaren and the remainder from parents and encouragingly some walk-ins.

Once referred, youth are involved in counseling, job referrals, GED education and sports activities.

MYCAP currently has a staff of three, assisted by 10 volunteers.

Tuesday and Sundays are devoted to intervention meetings with Sundays also designated as family day.

MYCAP's uniqueness has triggered inquiries from Detroit, Washington D.C., New York, Virginia, Chicago, and other states.

In addition to Sam Pierce, other staffers are Warren Ogden, live-in supervisor, and Steve Hoffman, activities coordinator.

MYCAP is seeking donations for office supplies and equipment and to bring the program up to its full contingent of youth which is 100.

Donations may be mailed to the Main Branch YWCA, which is the umbrella agency.



L-R Carlos Minor, Left, Volunteer mentor is shown with original board members and MYCAP founders, Kathy Martin, Sam Pierce, Roger Wilder, and Lonnie Jackson.



Mentors, Family and youth gather at recent "Family Day" activities at MYCAP