

Searcy Praises VA Appraisals Of Home Loans

J. L. Searcy, vice-president of the Commercial National bank of Hillsboro, took issue last week with statements made by Edward R. Carr of Washington, D. C., president of the National Home Builders association, that the veterans bureau appraisals of G. I. loans were "unrealistic" and that GIs were unable to purchase homes because these appraisals were too low.

"Our experience with the G. I. appraisals," said Searcy, "has convinced us that they have been very fair and the fact that they did not raise their appraisals to the extremely high prices for homes

has saved us in many thousands of dollars and in many cases has prevented their being placed in a position of losing their savings and their homes.

The bank in Hillsboro has made about 225 G. I. loans amounting to about \$2,250,000. Searcy pointed out that it has been a fair example of what has been done throughout the State of Oregon, that many of these appraisals must have been as low, or lower, as those.

The average national income is said to be approximately \$380 per month, he said, adding that an income of that kind will not afford the services of a \$4,000 home loan. Searcy stated that if the veterans appraisals were to include their appraisals to the buying price the price of inflation would be much more than it is now and it would continue upward until the veterans would not only purchase the houses but they would also be saddled with

a debt which he would be unable to service.

"As we see it," said Searcy, "the trouble does not lie with low appraisals but with inflated values, and in many cases the buyers are of very inferior construction. Good builders who are willing to make a reasonable profit are still being appraised against the average national standard."

"We are all interested in seeing the G. I. who spent the best years of his life fighting for the American way of life, obtain a home in which he can live in peace and security, which he can pay for over a long period of years and still maintain a decent standard of living. To raise these appraisals would be doing him a grave injustice."

Brown Clan Meets Sunday for Reunion

LAUREL — William and Mary Brown clan met for the annual reunion Sunday at the F. L. Brown home with 42 attendances. The reunion began at 10 a. m. and closing at 1 p. m. included tennis, luncheon, dancing, singing and a pot-luck dinner and supper. Delegates from Eugene and S. G. McKay of Forest Grove were honored guests. C. W. Brown, brother of F. L. Brown, was the special member present. He crossed the ocean with his parents William and Mary Brown in 1881 when five years of age. Members were present from Siskiyou, Clatsop, Douglas, Seaside, Grand Rapids, Portland and Forest Grove.

Farmington

FARMINGTON — Mr. and Mrs. Lester Rabae and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Rabae were in Eugene on Saturday. They were on their way to Grand Rapids, Douglas, Seaside, Clatsop and reported fishing very good.

Miss Sue Larson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Larson, leaving for San Francisco Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Captain Dealy returned Sunday from a vacation at central Oregon.

Pot-Luck Set Sunday by PTA

PROGRESS-WHITEFORD — Mrs. Kay P. A. will hold a pot-luck dinner Sunday, August 10, in the school room at Lakeview. Dinner will be at 3 p. m.

Viola and George Finner are spending ten days at the National Vacation Bible school in Newport community.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Blalock and family visiting at the home of Mr. Blalock's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Watkins of Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foster and family attended a family reunion held in Newport last week. Photo credits: Kinnear, Kinnear.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kennard of Kansas City, Kan., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fawcett in Forest Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hilliard entertained with a farewell picnic dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Strickland of Hillsboro August 10. Mr. and Mrs. Strickland received a letter from their son, Kenneth, who is in the U. S. Navy at San Diego, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard are returning to Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Crane attended the annual picnic of the Portland Triathlon Club held August 10 at Peaslee Park in Forest Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Rabae and Mr. and Mrs. McKay and family spent Sunday at Rockaway.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Dombrowski of Eugene will entertain 12 guests with a picnic dinner held at their home Sunday, August 10. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fawcett, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bradford of Salem, son-in-law and daughter.

Mrs. J. C. Bradford is visiting at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sandberg of Springfield, Wash.

Birthdays Observed

Mrs. M. Huelsh's 88th birthday was the occasion for a gathering of friends and neighbors at the Huelsh home last week. Mrs. Huelsh has resided here for more than 40 years. Mrs. E. R. Swindeman returned from a visit to San Francisco, where she visited friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Winkowski and family of Olympia, Wash., were in Hillsboro last week. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kosmalak and family this week.

Relatives Visit At Sam Walters

CEDAR MILL — Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Walters several days last week were Mr. and Mrs. William Kerens of Reno, Nev., Mr. and Mrs. Frances Oudertson. The men are Mrs. Walters' nephews. Mrs. Walters and Kay, Mr. Kerens' son, spent Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walters' friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. L. Uppington are visiting relatives at Wenatchee, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hook are the parents of a boy born August 8. The baby is Leonard Walter Moore, Virginia Cole and Delina Satchell spent Sunday at Albany attending the wedding of their friends, Miss Virginia McCormack and John Moore.

Mrs. Frank Lanier and Mr. and Mrs. James Walters spent the week-end at the home of Mr. Walters and Mrs. J. P. Fraser. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fraser and Kathleen are spending the week-end at the home of Mr. Walters.

Employees Awarded Service Emblems

Five local employees of Birds Eye-Snyder division, General Foods corporation were presented service emblems and other awards at a dinner held Saturday in the Multnomah hotel, Portland. Arthur L. Helling, general manager of the western production division, presided over the dinner and made the presentations.

Receiving awards were: Division office—Lis Grabel, 25-year; Hillside plant—Earl Haworth, 25-year; and Bert Gilbertson, Frank Johnson and Roy Sorenson.

Don Nixon and wife from Cottage Grove visited at Mr. C. A. Hanson home Tuesday. Mr. Nixon is Mrs. Hanson's nephew.

Delegates Named To League Rally

SCHEFFERS — The Ladies society will Thursday afternoon in the women's convention and home visit by Phoebe Kinnear. The Women's National League rally will be held August 10 at the home of Mrs. P. J. Sorenson. Delegates named are: Kinnear, Sorenson, Kinnear, Sorenson, Kinnear, Sorenson, Kinnear, Sorenson.

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