

TENANTS ARRANGE TO PURCHASE OWN APARTMENT HOUSE

Negotiations are under way for the sale of the Fordham apartment house at 170 Vista avenue to a co-operative association of tenants at a price aggregating approximately \$175,000. Present residents in the apartment house have been given first chance to purchase their apartments and many of them already have agreed to become members of the association.

Cooperative ownership of apartment houses has become popular in New York, Philadelphia and other Eastern cities as a means of cutting down high rentals. A similar enterprise recently was undertaken at Los Angeles, but this is the first movement of the kind to be made in Portland, and it is being watched with interest by real estate dealers and owners of rental property.

PROPERTY RATED HIGH

The Fordham apartment house occupies a site of 100 by 106 feet in area on the east side of Vista avenue near the corner of Washington street. It is five stories in height with a full concrete basement, and is one of the finest apartment houses in the city. There are 43 apartments in the building, 24 of four rooms each, five of five rooms and five of three rooms each. Each apartment has a balcony.

The proposed cooperative plan of ownership provides that each tenant shall purchase his own apartment and that the tenants of the building shall share in the general expenses. According to W. C. North, manager of the property, the total expense of the Fordham for taxes, insurance, janitor's salary, fuel, water, electricity and garbage for the year ending April 30, 1929, amounted to \$7264.73, an average of about \$14 per month to each apartment.

SAVING ESTIMATED

Prices asked for the apartments range from \$3600 to \$5000 and as present rents on the apartments range from \$40 to \$65 per month, it is estimated that members of the tenants' association would save approximately one third of their rent each month.

The apartment house is owned by the Fordham Investment company. The sale is being handled by the Apartment House Sales company, a new organization of which I. E. Bellinger is president, Robert Shaw secretary and W. C. North treasurer.

Smiths Lead List

At U. of O.; Johnson Family Comes Next

University of Oregon, Eugene, Oct. 20.—Smiths, most numerous of names at the university, lead the roll with 18. Johnsons are a close second with 14. Moores, Millers, Wilsons, Hills and Evans come next with 11, 10, 8, 8 and 7 respectively.

There are two Ruth A. Tucks enrolled, an Arthur W. Johnson and an Arthur H. Johnson, a Harold V. Simpson and a Harold E. Simpson, two Dorothy Dixons and a Dorothy Dickey, two Hazel Whites, an Elaine Cooper and an Elaine Couper, two Ben Reeds and two Jean Mckenzie.

Eddie Evans and Edward Evans cause the bookkeepers and professors to scratch their heads as do Sephus and Syllas Starr. James K. King and Kellar King also puzzle them sometimes. The three Helen Smiths may get their names mixed up when grading time comes and J. Allen Smith and Allen R. Smith may also find themselves in much the same predicament.

Comment Favors

League, Traveler In Mid-West Finds

Ellensburg, Wash., Oct. 20.—C. A. Scott, a prominent business man of Ellensburg, has returned from a business and pleasure trip through Iowa, Nebraska and Minnesota. Scott endeavored to get a line on the political situation but said that the excitement usually in evidence during a presidential election year is absent.

According to his observations the issue is not Cox and Harding, but a League of Nations or no League of Nations. Scott was in Omaha when Harding made his address there and said the presidential candidate did not create the enthusiasm expected. During his travels Scott said that he heard more favorable comment for the league than he did comment against it.

Wheat Received at Astoria Is Doubled During Last Year

Astoria, Oct. 20.—According to figures produced at the meeting of the Astoria port commission Tuesday a total of 729,599 bushels of wheat have been received here this season. This is 536 carloads, or almost exactly twice the amount received in 1919.

A cargo of wheat is now being loaded by the Danish motorship Peru, which is berthed alongside pier 1. Monday 1500 tons, or 22,330 sacks, were loaded, and Tuesday approximately 35,000 sacks were loaded. In spite of stories appearing in Portland papers to the effect that the Peru is so high out of water that the port of Astoria's conveyors cannot be

used in loading this vessel, the four long conveyors of the port are being used in carrying the sacks over the side of the ship. Loading is being carried on in six patches, slings being used for the two not being served by conveyors.

Hobo With \$290 Is Robbed in Freight By His Comrades

Albany, Oct. 20.—Because he chose to ride in a boxcar from California northward, William Passes, a Welshman, formerly of La Grande, is now penniless, he says, while two hoboes are enjoying the benefit of his summer's savings. Passes reported to the local officials upon his arrival in Albany that near Harrisburg two of his fellow travelers on a northbound Southern Pacific freight train beat him unconscious and took his \$290.

Passes was compelled to ask shelter in the city and spent the night in the local jail. He told the police that he was beating his way in order to save his money. He left Monday morning.

Presbyterians Meet In Two Conventions

Albany, Or., Oct. 20.—United Presbyterians from all parts of Oregon are assembled at Sheed and Oakville for the conventions of the Oregon Presbytery and the Synod of the Columbia. The Oregon Presbytery was convened at Sheed Monday afternoon and the Synod of Columbia convened at Oakville Tuesday morning. The proceedings of the two meetings, it was predicted, would be confined largely to the transaction of business, of which the chief topic is the proposed adoption of a plan of cooperative administration with the Presbyterians in the support and government of Albany college.

Stanfield Appeals On High Tariff Issue

Roseburg, Oct. 20.—Robert N. Stanfield, a visitor in Roseburg, made the assertion that "farmers especially desire the return of a protective tariff. In Eastern Oregon they have been injured by the importation of Canadian wheat. In Western Oregon the wool men have been affected by the importation of Australian wool. The producers are calling for protection and the improvement of market conditions."

Boardman Extension School Boardman, Or., Oct. 20.—Word has been received from L. A. Hunt, county agent, that plans are on foot for a January O. A. C. extension school, petitioned for by the local farm bureau. A Halloween program is to be given by the school October 30 to raise funds to buy pictures for the school. Plans for an Armistice day community program are under way. Lieutenant Walter Givens of Kent, Or., has been secured as speaker.

Y. M. Employment Bureau at U. of O. Places Students

University of Oregon, Eugene, Oct. 20.—James H. Price, student director of the Y. M. C. A. employment bureau, has placed 26 men on permanent work for their board, eight men on steady work for their lodging and has directed part time workers to 486 hours of work. The work includes everything from dish-washing to tutoring. One student is teaching a 7-year-old boy how to box. The job of a "male housemaid" is now open.

According to Neil Warwick, bookkeeper at Friendly hall, boys' dormitory, 275 persons eat at the cafeteria every day. The kitchen has all modern appliances such as electric mixing and chopping bowl, electric dish washer, etc.

All women's organizations on the campus will cooperate in raising at least \$500 for the Women's league at a progressive dance, Saturday, October 20.

Democrats Waging Lively Campaign

Corvallis, Oct. 20.—The Democrats have organized a lively campaign for the remaining period until election. Oglesby Young of Portland spoke at Alesia and Philomath. October 23 B. F. Irvine will speak at the courthouse in Corvallis. Robert A. Miller goes to Monroe on the same day for an evening meeting, and on October 30 a big rally for the entire county will be held at the courthouse in Corvallis to be addressed by United States Senator Morris Shepperd of Texas.

Land Products Show At Roseburg, Oct. 21

Roseburg, Oct. 20.—The final arrangements for the Douglas County Land Products show, to be held October 21 to 23, are being made. The show will include exhibits of poultry, livestock and every branch of horticulture and agriculture. Thursday will be horticulture day, Friday will be poultry day and Saturday will be livestock day. Experts will be present to help judge the exhibits. There will be several speakers, and the county farm bureau will be prepared to give all the information desired regarding the production of different crops.

John Scollard of Woodburn Is Dead

Woodburn, Oct. 20.—John Scollard, an Oregon pioneer of 1884, died at his home here Tuesday, aged 75. He was a native of Ireland. He lived at Champeo many years and in Woodburn 14 years. He married Alice Kelly, at St. Paul, Or., in 1870. She survives. Joseph and Edwin Scollard of Portland are sons.

Women Voters of Douglas Organize

Roseburg, Oct. 20.—The women voters of Douglas county formed an organization here Saturday, to be affiliated with the National League of Women Voters. Miss Liba Peshakova, a field representative of the Portland branch, formed the organization, with Mrs. E. V. Hoover as chairman, Mrs. C. H. Clough of Canyonville, Mrs. F. Nichols of Riddle and Mrs. G. W. Young of Roseburg as members of the board. The local branch will send a representative delegation to the conference to be held in Portland, October 19-20. The league is non-partisan.



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