

Bank Assists in Cash Buyer Plan

Cooperation With Federal Housing Program, Move of First National

The First National bank of Portland, which has pioneered renovating and building promotion in Oregon for a number of years, now announces further cooperation with the federal housing administration by offering mortgage loans for new construction, home financing and modernization under the new cash buyer plan recently developed by the bank to extend bank credit to individual borrowers at attractive rates of interest.

Oregon is undertaking a state-wide building program, states C. M. Gartrell, assistant vice-president of the First National bank, who has just returned to Portland from a series of meetings with contractors, architects and building material representatives over the state.

Shortage Here Noted

Commenting on his recent meetings with chamber of commerce organizations, architects, builders and real estate men over the state, Gartrell illustrated the present need of a state-wide building program:

"Salem contractors and builders, at a similar meeting, stated that population had increased during the last few years in excess of 4000 people, causing a serious shortage of suitable dwellings. New arrivals in the city are having a difficult time in finding any type of house that frequently the quick construction of a dwelling has to be undertaken as completed by these new arrivals themselves in order to provide them any sort of adequate shelter. Plans were discussed at this meeting for the development of several new subdivisions in Salem.

"Over the Willamette valley, Albany is the center of another acute housing shortage; tenable accommodations are far inadequate for even the present needs of that community. There has been an influx of retired farmers, an increase in the demand for homes in town during the school year, and considerable increase in population resulting from the arrival of new families from the middle west and drought districts.

"Two weeks ago 12 of the leading building material dealers and contractors of the community met to develop plans for meeting this emergency by promoting the construction of smaller type homes. Plans for the construction of a new court house were also discussed at the meeting. The local building industry urged the immediate construction of a new court house at approximately \$250,000. At the meeting it was stated that Albany had a tax reserve nearly adequate to meet the cost of such a structure and it was hoped that federal funds could be secured to complete the program."

Acute at Newberg

In almost as bad plight as to housing conditions, reports Gartrell, is Newberg, which has scarcely a vacancy in its tenable condition. The neighboring town of McMinnville is in similar straits and, at a recent meeting of building material dealers and contractors from both towns, held at the Newberg branch of the First National bank of Portland, plans were laid for the development of a building program to be worked out in cooperation with the FHA in both communities.

"In another part of the state," Gartrell added, "Medford has already started a building program that includes more than \$100,000 in new home construction now under way or nearing completion, and an equally extensive remodeling and building development in the business district of that city. One well-located store and office building is undergoing complete alteration and modernization that will cost approximately \$50,000.

Sage of Salem Speculates

By D. H. TALMADGE

school janitor in the leg, but none struck the teacher. The girl said the teacher fussed at her and gave her low marks. . . . Grace Moore's next picture will be titled "The Nightingale Comes Home" . . . There are a few motion pictures which a few folks continue to talk about for weeks afterwards. "Winternet" is one of 'em, and, for some reason, these people's interest seems largely centered in Margo. They want to know about her, and if the one they ask hasn't the required answer they expect him to dig it up. Margo's full name is Margo Maria Margarita Guadalupe Bolado Castillo, and she was born in Mexico city. Lived in Spain for several years. Came to New York. . . . A staffing window adorns the front window of the office of the state banking department. Two boys were overheard discussing the animal's identity one day the past week. The older boy declared definitely the animal to be a "mushri" and the younger boy seemed well enough satisfied with the statement. As a soft answer turneth away wrath, so also doth an incorrect answer still curiosity. . . . Paul Revere was a horse that was mated during the revolutionary war. He was still riding rapidly, I reckon, but in the wrong direction. . . . There are few equal to a mysterious black eye to arouse comment of a man or woman with nature.

Volunteers Search for Bodies of Blast Victims



Volunteers from nearby oil fields are pictured as they searched wreckage of the New London, Texas, Consolidated school for the bodies of children who were in the building when it was destroyed by a terrific explosion. This Soundphoto was transmitted directly to San Francisco over telephone wires.



Scene of the ruins and the milling crowd at New London, Texas, where 455 school children and teachers were killed in Thursday's explosion.—International Illustrated News Soundphoto.

Statesman Book Nook

Reviews of New Books and Literary News Notes
By CAROLINE C. JERGEN

"Hygia," the magazine on health, offers some interesting material this month. One of the titles bears the intriguing title, "Nature's G-Men," and is written by George A. Skianer. This is the first of a series of articles on the control of disease. It is written on the premise that "no problems of modern life are more intricate and difficult than those that involve the causes of human disease."

Another equally interesting article which also involved some detective work in the writing is Arthur J. Grampa's "Some Peculiar Patents." This deals with "traps and contraptions" for the gullible and includes not only information on Myer's "Tapeworm Trap" but also on the "dimple machine" and a "golfer-cure neckless." Many will also be interested in Kovac's "Physical Treatment of Arthritis."

One thinks of sequels as belonging to fiction, or at least to the huge books of history or reference works of general interest. But here we are presented with a delightful garden sequel of the easily understood variety.

Last spring, Alfred Bate's book "The Gardener's First Year" was the first book in the series for the beginner in gardening, young or old. "The Gardener's Second Year" is out this month and is being greeted with equal enthusiasm by the garden-minded.

Where the first book dealt with annuals, this one discusses the cultivation of perennials and bulbs. The author goes into the subject of soil preparation, design, edging, the border, tools to be used, plant propagation, selection of varieties, diseases, pests, fertilizers. There is also an alphabetical catalogue of desirable plants. Longman's puts the book out at \$2.00.

Speaking about garden books calls to mind a new type, a recent one by Julian R. Meade which has been called "Adam's Profession and Its Conquest by Eve." It, too, is a Longman publication (\$2.50).

Where other garden books go in for cataloguing growing things under their formal Latin titles, this book gives the reader a more friendly description and a closer relationship of the garden. It might, to a degree, remind one of Salisbury's "The Living Garden." And while the book is not at all technical, it contains considerable valuable information. The information and rambling narrative are so combined as to make very pleasant reading.

"Think of traveling all night long on a bus to see a flower show—only to return with one small flower on the brain—Daphne cneorum. . . . Some people call it the garden flower. . . . Like sunshine and sandy, well-drained soil. . . . On April Fool's day there is the narcissus show. . . . On the back of a program I write the names of varieties I want next year (that is, if the Department of Agriculture isn't paying us not to plant them). The large Nobility with the orange cup is obligatory. . . . and so on. Even those who are not really dirt-gardeners may enjoy reading it, and it does contain sufficient information to keep the

over-industrious from feeling they have wasted their time.

"Death in the Deep South" by Ward Greene (Stackpole Sons, \$2.00, 1936) and "We Are Not Alone" by James Hilton (Little, Brown & Co., \$3.75, 1936) are alike in theme. In both, men were put to death for crimes they did not do.

Someone said of the former, that such a thing could happen only in America where mob hysteria rules the trial of a century. But "We Are Not Alone" is an English novel, and the "little doctor" could no more have committed a murder than could the quiet professor in "Death in the South." Both were found guilty of murder by jury. That Robert Hale was killed by a mob before the state could mete out its "justice" has no bearing on the real purpose of the story.

"Death in the Deep South" is, however, written with more serflessness, more bitterness, and more subtle implications, particularly in the American novel, readers are led to believe that some of the officials who were responsible for Hale's sentence, had a suspicion that he was innocent, but for political reasons "could not afford" to investigate their suspicions.

In the English story, officials certainly were given an opportunity to believe Doctor Newcome was innocent of the murder, had they wished to believe it. But one feels that it is a lack of cleverness, rather than cruel cleverness, that keeps them from realizing their error.

Both stories are strong pleas—whether intentional or accidental on the part of the author—against capital punishment on circumstantial evidence. Both stories leave the readers so indignant that they are apt to miss the more subtle implications, particularly in the Hilton story. Recalling our own savage thoughts and speech of war-ridden twenty-years-ago, we should be able to understand the callousness of the people of that day. Briefly, the characters in "We Are Not Alone" include the "Little Doctor," David Newcome, who thought it no worse to have his son know the truth—that he died by order of the state—than to have him told the lie that his father had died in the battlefield. "You see," he explained his point. "I don't think I could ever kill anybody. How could I spend so many years fighting for life and then fight against it?" And who said of death, "It isn't the worst we have to face—only the last."

There are Jessica, his wife, a lean, prim, daughter of a rural dean; Gerald, their son, a nervous boy who invented the most ingenious lies.

And Leni, the poor dancer whom David tried to help and whom he didn't realize he loved until he was condemned to die and it was too late.

Jessica's growing jealousy of

Leni, Leni's German nationality in a time when that crime was death in itself, and Jessica's death under circumstances resembling murder, lead to the dismaying end. It was only in the epilogue, when Gerald had grown to manhood, that the truth of the case was learned.

In "Death in the Deep South," Mary Clay, a school girl, was murdered in the school during a half-holiday on the southern "Memorial day." While Redwine, a negro janitor pictured with an "obscene magazine upon which he had crudely drawn immoral lines" was the likeliest suspect, it seemed more politically expedient for the district attorney not to ally himself with "any fool" who "can rise to glory on helpless niggers and crooked cops." So instead he charged to a glass container as it is corrosive and loses its germicidal properties after coming in contact with metal. Also it is a deadly poison.

Painting Tree Wounds

Where wounds have been made by pruning, allow the cuts to dry out two or three weeks, and then paint with an oil made from raw linseed oil stirred into a prepared bordeaux mixture until a smooth preparation of the consistency of house paint is formed. This paint is good for all tree wounds, provided it is not applied to a newly cut place.

Cacti Adaptable Here

There are several cacti which will withstand winter weather no colder than ours. It is not the cold that we have which would destroy most cacti but the over-dose of rain during the winter months. The cactus needs well-drained soil and this cannot be stressed too heavily. Over-watering and too much attention will soon kill the hardest of cacti. Sand or gravelly soil is best suited to them.

Cacti have a native cactus of their own. On the hills of Clarno a certain blooming cactus forms large mats. Among the hardy cacti are those from Montana, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada. Some of these are suitable for rock gardens.

Cultivate Peony Carefully

Great care must be taken in working around peonies not to damage the new shoots. If shoots are broken off after the main stem breaks through the sheath that particular shoot is dead for the year. In case of young plants, with but the one shoot, the entire plant often dies completely. Shallow cultivation should be given about the peony. But do not keep growing year in and year out. Well rotted manure dug in around them and liberal applications of liquid manure will

Over 2600 Signed For Soil Program

"Over 2600 Marion county farmers are participating in the 1937 soil conservation program. New signers now total 1209 in addition to the 1400 that were in last year's program," Harry L. Riches, county agricultural agent, stated yesterday.

Of the 27,295 acres of crop land in the county, 159,169 acres are included in the 1937 program. This represents 70 per cent of the crop land in the county. Last year's program included 97,323 acres.

Checks to farmers in last year's program now amount to over \$70,000 to 704 farmers. As soon as additional checks arrive, notification will be sent to the owners, Riches said.

Hayesville Shows Population Gain

HAYESVILLE, March 20.—In the entertainment performed by Professor Turtle at the school house recently the school netted \$4.99 which is to be used for playground equipment.

Hayesville school has the largest enrollment in its history. Beva Weibeler raised the number attending to 101.

The prospects are that it will continue to grow as three new homes are now being erected on the plot known as "Reimann's Gardens."

Charles Andress is remodeling the tenant house on the Peter Andress property. Mrs. Pete Andress expects to move into the house about the first of April.

Victim of School Blast Is Carried in From Ruins



One of the child victims of explosion which tore apart the London Consolidated school, New London, Texas, killing 600 to 700 pupils and teachers, is shown being carried from the crumbling masonry and twisted steel of what had once been the luxurious "school that oil built."—International Illustrated News Photo.

How Does Your Garden Grow? Spring Treatment for Filbert Tree Blight Given and Many Flower Queries Answered

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

The following information is given in answer to questions received:

Spraying for Filbert Tree Blight is said to be most effective if done in autumn before leaves have fallen and before the first heavy rains. However, a bordeaux treatment applied in spring when the leaf buds are in the early green-tip stage of development has been proved of some value. In caring for the filbert blight all infected areas must be removed. Special effort should be made to cut all diseased tissues away. Unless one follows this procedure some of the bacteria will remain in the tissues bordering the canker, where they will reinfect the tissues and produce new cankers.

Eligible twigs should be removed several inches from the discolored margins. Considerable blight is said to be traceable to contaminated tools. To prevent this all tools should be sterilized.

A solution recommended for this consists of one part by weight of bichloride of mercury, one part by weight of cyanide of mercury, 500 parts by weight of water. To make one gallon dissolve 16 one-half gram tablets of bichloride of mercury and 16 one-half gram tablets of cyanide of mercury in one gallon of water. These tablets may be obtained at most drug stores. The solution should be kept in a glass container as it is corrosive and loses its germicidal properties after coming in contact with metal. Also it is a deadly poison.

Top Dressing for Lawns

Several requests for top dressing for lawns have reached me again this week. Here is a top dressing considered very good for spring application: For average soils use two parts of good soil and one part of pulverized peat moss, or for heavy clay soils use two parts of good soil, one part of peat moss and one part of pulverized peat moss. Take one yard of this compost and to it add 10 to 15 pounds of ammonium sulphate, 25 pounds of bone meal and 50 pounds of cottonseed meal.

Mix all of this thoroughly and pass it through a half-inch mesh screen to make it fine. This square yard of compost with its additions of plant foods will top dress 3000 to 5000 square feet of lawn. It should be scattered as evenly as possible, lightly raked in and well watered. Low places in the lawn can gradually be filled up with the compost, and the grass will grow right up through it. An inch or an inch and a half will not be too much after the grass is growing well in the spring.

Clean Garden Thoroughly

Over and over again last summer, and the summer before that, readers have been writing to me about their hollyhocks, delphiniums and phlox, asking what to do with them, as they were badly infected with rust. At that time of the year it is entirely too late to make much of a showing.

Cleaning in the garden must be done as thoroughly in the spring as house cleaning. Hunt around every clump of the plants mentioned and take up every old dead or partly dead leaf. Don't leave a particle of leaf on the ground. Then start at once spraying the crowns of the plants and the soil about them with bordeaux. It is not at all too early to start. Soak them thoroughly and the ground two feet all around them. The spraying must be kept up throughout the season. Whenever a leaf drops off during the summer rush out, grab it and burn it at once. Treat it as if it were carrying smaxpot germs. For that is about what it amounts to as far as your garden is concerned.

Daisy Bed Brilliant

Barberton daisy is the Transvaal daisy or Gerbera Jamesoni. A massed bed forms a brilliant sight. They will grow here if one can secure the plants and set them out. They can also be grown from seed but the seed must be started very early. The plant, while listed as a perennial, is apt to winter-kill unless given some protection.

Climbing roses are rank growers and must have liberal supplies of food if they are to thrive and keep growing year in and year out. Well rotted manure dug in around them and liberal applications of liquid manure will

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Farmhand Needing Skill Says Cooter

The day of the plain, everyday farmhand who knows how to hitch the team, feed the pigs and aid in keeping them growing and blooming properly. Also they must be sprayed after the fashion of bush roses.

Soot from coal fires does have fertilizing value due to its nitrogen content and also to its traces of potash and phosphoric acid. It has a quality of clearing up the colors of flowers and making dark red roses even a better dark red. It also has some value as an insecticide in the soil, helping to keep it free from wireworms, maggots and cutworms. They also make the foliage of plants grow a darker, richer green.

Under no circumstances put animal fertilizer about your iris beds. I refer to the bearded iris.

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