

Shortage of Plumbing, Plaster Fixtures Still Stymies Building Of Homes; Barn, Garages Used

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For want of a home a Salem veteran and his family are living in a converted dairy barn on the Stayton road. They pay \$45 a month rent.

Other Salem families are living in garages built three years ago as the start of a new home. The rest of their plans for a house have been held up first by war, then by reconversion, and now by a lack of materials.

And there are many other examples just as typical. The housing situation in the Salem area, in fact, gets few kind words.

An ambitious project in which 50 new homes were scheduled to begin ten months ago. Twelve were actually started. Today these houses are one-third to one-half completed, and the last house will not be finished until next February. The individual veteran or other person building his own home by his own labor has been able to eke out the lumber, shingles, and nails to at least get a good start on his home, but the lack of plumbing, plaster and fixtures has stymied most attempts to finish the work.

Survey Made
A recent survey by Col. George Sandy, director of the state veteran affairs department, indicates that if materials were available more than half the housing under construction in the state could be completed within a month.

But still, the overall picture has changed in some aspects.

The housing situation itself has resolved from the desperate scramble of a year ago, by returning veterans and displaced renters trying to find a place to live, to a condition today in which a resolute search is being made by renters looking for better or cheaper living quarters. A few months ago houses of all kinds sold at any price, but today, according to real estate men, house buyers are wanting more expensive homes of better quality.

Buyers are not just looking for a place in which to live, but they are looking for a home in which they wish to stay. Building lots and plots which were selling readily a few months ago are today waiting for buyers because home builders do not want to invest in real estate until they are certain that they can build.

Colony Quickly Filled
Salem's veterans' colony built from surplus wartime housing units was quickly filled, and there are still over 300 veteran families on the application lists. Joseph

School News

By Donna Carr

Senior High School

Ten dollars in cash has been offered by the Salem high school Civics club for the best suggestion handed in concerning a theme for the organization's annual carnival. Deadline for entering the theme-naming contest is November 18.

Edgar Posschl is the new president of the Sigma Lambda chapter of the National Honor Society at the senior high school. Nancy Morley is vice-president, Barbara Bates secretary, and Dick Mase treasurer. The group is already laying plans for their annual homecoming banquet to be given in mid-December.

Farrish Jr. High

The Parrish A band has elected Hopkins, in charge of the project, said that 40 to 50 of the families now at the project had been situated previously in homes or apartments, but were evicted because of children or pets. That is another housing question.

While various Salem agencies have many home hunters apply for aid each day, there is little that can be done for there are few if any vacant apartments listed with the agencies, a survey showed.

It is generally agreed that the only solution to the problem is the building of new homes and apartment houses—the population still is growing. And until plaster, plumbing and fixtures once again become plentiful, and builders can finish their projects, Salem families looking for a home or an apartment apparently have a long and oft-times discouraging search ahead.

officers, with Bob Meaney named as the president of the group. Vice-president is Ronald Little; secretary-treasurer, Bill Hill; sgt. at arms Ray Westinghouse, and reporter Dana Lindstrand. Karl Thelen directs the group which has 53 members.

Students from the science classes taught by Mrs. Frank Beer at Parrish made observation of the recent meteorological display and sent them to the American Meteorological Society in Pennsylvania. The society requested reports from amateur observers.

The annual Junior Red Cross membership drive at Parrish will get underway Monday morning. President of the organization is Bonnie Bell Stewart. Other officers are Shirley Nieswander, vice-president; Jeanette Sullivan, secretary; Marilyn Meyers, treasurer; Rhea Jones, librarian; Don Hughes, song leader; Dick Evans, sgt. at arms.

Prizes for the recent song and yell contest will be awarded at a special student body assembly for Parrish students next Wednesday morning. Sponsored by the Girls' League, the contest drew

Mrs. Bolinger Dies Saturday

Mrs. Olive Bolinger, 85, of 380 McGilchrist st., died at a local hospital yesterday. Services will be conducted at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Clough-Barrick chapel by the Rev. Chester Hamblin. Interment will be in Belcrest Memorial park.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Marie McGilchrist, Salem; a son, H. S. Bolinger, Prineville; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

an even 50 entries in both the song and yell divisions. The songs are to be judged by five music students from Willamette university, while the yells will be judged by audience applause at the assembly. Purpose of the contest is to get some new songs and yells for the school cheer staff.

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