Two-thirds of Oregon's Cities Plan Better Sewage Systems; Report Predicts Building Boom

Of Oregon's 100 incorporated communities, small and large, two-thirds have definite proposals for improvements of sewage systems and treatment plants, the Oregon Postwar Readjustment and Development commission reported to Gov. Earl Snell last week. The over-all program is estimated to cost \$23,726,287.

The report showed that 66 communities plan sewage systems costing \$17,506,797, with treatment plants estimated at \$6,199,—ers because of the housing short-

798. The one-third of the incorporated municipalities not included in the program are mostly small hamlets in rural areas. Nineteen have voted bonds aggregating \$14,955,800, while sinking funds have accumulated \$2,324,144. The commission said said some cities already have awarded contracts and work is in progress. Others have engaged engineers and still others are waiting for their funds.

Will Combat Pollution It was stressed in the report that, as the sewage treatment plants are developed there will be a gradual improvement in the pollution condition of the Willamette river, the Columbia river and

Referring to the housing shortage, the report emphasized there are two types of veterans desiring homes. One is willing to start with a two-car garage, the report declared, and live in it until the ials and prices eases up. The other wants a complete modern house tory. with all the latest conveniences. Statistics included in the report Indicated that the average vet-eran is unable to pay more than Campaign Costly \$43 a month rent or \$5500 to purchase. Less than 40 per cent said they could afford a house costing \$6000 or more and 24 per cent said they wanted a house costing less than \$4000.

Cement Demand Heavy materials, the report said there is now a heavy demand for cement here Rep. Angell reported \$4518 blocks as a substitute for masonry in contributions and \$6588 in exand lumber, and that more than penditures, while his democratic a dozen plants in Oregon are opponent Lew Wallace reported manufacturing cement blocks. The \$5744 contributions and \$5744 exonly limitation appears to be that penditures. Rep. Norblad, running caused by the scarcity of cement. for election on the republican Mention also was made of the ticket in the first district, reportlumber industry, which has been ed contributions of \$500 and exunable to obtain sufficient work- penditures of \$499.

ers because of the housing short-age. "Without suitable housing," the report said, "many men have refused the jobs and especially if they have families."

The commission concluded by discounting reports that a depression was sure to follow the end of the war. The report pointed out that covered payrolls in Oregon for the first six months of 1946 were 115.4 per cent higher than for the comparable period in 1941 and only 19 per cent under the same period for 1945 when shipyard operations accounted for \$120,997,268.

Increases Recorded "With the exception of the shipyards, every industry in the state showed a substantial in-crease over the January-June months of last year," the report

The commission said more pro-posed building projects are being filed in the offices here almost declared, and live in it until the present tight situation of materise destined for the most prosperous construction area in its his-

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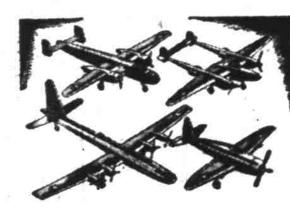
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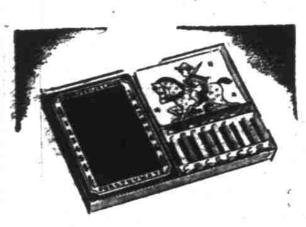
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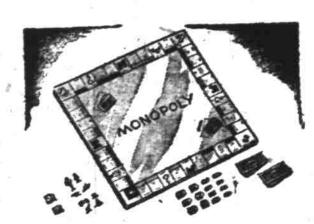
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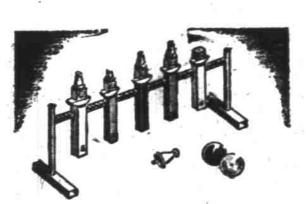
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