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AS TO THE HOUSING WRANGLE—
It is our belief that the proposed "war housing" projects for Eugene should be given "the green light" provided—as has been suggested by some of the realtors—the builders conform to our city building regulations. In the beginning there was a great deal of heat and very little light, on both sides of the question. The discussions of the last few days, particularly those with Fred Cuthbert, state director of FHA, have done much to establish facts and with facts the problems can be adjusted by reason.

These facts are not disputed and need to be kept in mind:
1. Housing shortage in the Eugene-Springfield area is very acute, in the lower rental brackets.
2. This shortage is likely to become much worse in the next few months, as the major war effort turns to the Pacific area, and Eugene is included in the published warnings.
3. Voluntary rent controls have not been able to prevent some profiteering and if this situation gets badly out of hand, we will have federal rent control which we do not want.
It may still be debated as to whether "war housing" trespasses on private enterprise. From the beginning this newspaper has found it difficult to understand why, when we have scores of people with cash to build homes, they are not permitted to build, because it would seem to be logical that if John Smith builds his own home, the house or apartment which he vacates will make a place for Bill Johnson. However there are these arguments on the other side:

1. The most acute shortage is in the "low rent brackets" for people who come here to do war work in lumbering or railroad-ing.
2. Private building might not meet this need: at any rate in all parts of the United States it has been forbidden—except for the "in-migrant" (newcomer) who could afford to build. Any such person, if he has a war job and cash can get permits for materials and labor.

Is this "government housing"? No. These projects, whether "conversion" of old buildings into apartments or building of new houses enlist private capital or cooperation, and the function of FHA and other government agencies is mainly to get priorities on labor and materials.

Does the program cut into the big post-war program of home construction on which this community will depend for a large measure of employment? Not seriously. It is, as some of the realtors have pointed out "a drop in the bucket."

The main questions then are:
"Will these structures impair values in the neighborhoods intended? Will they be clustered (as in Portland's temporary housing) without regard to existing plans and building restrictions?"
An examination of the plans on which the houses are to be erected indicates they are all on lots of normal size for Eugene. Floor plans of the houses and pictures of similar houses now being erected at Corvallis indicate they all measure up pretty well to ordinary small house standards, although because of wartime restriction "substitute" materials must be used at various points. In general appearance they will "measure up" and there seems to be no reason why most of them cannot be added to or improved later on. The COSTS ARE HIGH compared with what similar construction cost only a few years ago, but even so, they can still be rented at \$35 to \$50, and they are designed to serve a need in a time of emergency which none of us can control.

May we point out that it is still in the power and it is the duty of the city planning commission, the board of review on building permits and the city council to see to it that no "atrocities" are committed against our building codes. The city will gain by the restoration and addition of some \$250,000 to tax rolls. But perhaps the biggest advantage will be in preparedness for the big jam which is coming to the Pacific Coast when the big Pacific offensive gets under way.

This is not the way we would choose to solve the housing problem, but it is "a way." Maybe it will stave off federal rent control.

WASHINGTON LETTER
By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

EMPLOYMENT AFTER THE WAR
Without even trying to make any guesses on when the war will end, peak of U. S. employment, it is now estimated, may come in July, 1944, when there will be a total of 64,300,000 people gainfully employed. This will include 11,100,000 in the armed forces and 10,100,000 in munitions industries. That will leave 43,100,000 employees in civilian industries other than the direct manufacture of materials of war. This is just about what the gainfully employed labor force was in 1939, when the war broke out in Europe. So the question becomes—what happens to the 21,200,000 in the army and navy and the munitions industries, when the war is over?

The soldiers and sailors won't be discharged in a bunch, and there is every indication that when this global brawl is over, the country won't again make the mistake of whittling the Army down to a corporal's guard, the Navy down to two on a raft. Peace-time armed forces of maybe three, maybe five million men will in all likelihood be maintained to keep the peace.

For the five to eight million veterans mustered out after the war is over there will be bonuses, there will be preferential consideration for jobs, there will be rehabilitation for the wounded, chances for schooling and every favor that a grateful nation can bestow.

The 10,000,000 plus in the munitions industries are the ones who will receive the first impact of the production change-over from war to peace. Some industries making standard goods used in both war and peace—like auto tires, for instance—can keep right on going. Molds for military equipment will be replaced by molds for civilian equipment, and the more tires they make the merrier. Factories making bazookas and military aircraft and shells won't be so lucky. Factories which have to shut down to do it and that's where all this trouble you've been reading about is going to begin. Or if you haven't been reading about it you will, till the subject bores you to tears.

In all this period of transition, of course, people will be milling around the country by the millions. Good workmen will get jobs now held by incompetents and the incompetents will again be unemployed and wondering when they will start up the WPA.

How all this is going to turn out, who is going to end up living where, doing what, and why—no one can say. You can't predict how a cake of this kind will whip up, bake or come out of the oven because there isn't any recipe.

At this writing there is only one sure thing for laid-off workers to fall back on, and that is the federal-state unemployment insurance compensation. It isn't exactly cake that its recipients are permitted to eat, but it is at least an emergency ration and it has been a lifesaver in the last four years, during periods of temporary unemployment caused by plant conversion to war production.

In the fiscal year 1939-40, over five million workers drew benefits. In the fiscal year 1941-42, over 5.2 million workers drew benefits. In the fiscal year 1942-43, this was down to 1,200,000. They collected total benefits of \$176,000,000. The average benefit was about \$144, covering an average unemployment period of 11.4 weeks.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

OLD TIME MEDICINES
The medicines of today are pallid brews. There was a time when a teaspoonful of medicine let you know when it had arrived on the battlefield. You could feel it attacking your ailment with all the energy and enthusiasm of a demolition squad. You had confidence in medicine like that. If it could tie your stomach into a knot, what must it be doing to those little bitsy germs! And if you could taste the stuff for three hours after taking it, what a hangover it must give to the bugs it engulfed!

Most of the medicines of my youth were made at home, which in no way lessened the violence of their attack on my tender innards. Senna tea was bitter and astringent and the way it puckered our mouths was only a hint of what it soon did further along our alimentary canal.

Skunk oil was considered a sure relief for rheumatism; applied externally, of course, though that Spartan school would have swallowed it without protest if told such had been the ancestral practice. Quinine had to be purchased. The dose was always the same—just what my dad could dip up on the blade tip of his pocket knife. Dad always gave this to us himself, since our mother lacked strength of character to hold out against our childish pleas and tears of protest. Hoarhound syrup for coughs. Molasses and sulphur to thin your blood in spring. Ginger tea for goodness knew what. We were not greatly opposed to taking ginger tea due to our interest in the way our stomachs reacted to it. At each swallow, the stomach gave a violent bounce. Then we'd get the hiccoughs.

Yes, in those good old days we got our health just as we did everything else, the hard way.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS
By MARIAN LOWRY

EUGENE HIGH'S DANCE ON SATURDAY

Eugene high school parents and teachers are assisting the students as co-chairmen for a dance, "The Leap Year Mixer," to be held at the school building Saturday, Jan. 29, eight-thirty to eleven-thirty o'clock.

All Eugene high school students interested are urged to attend. Dates are not required. Student body tickets and a dime are required for admission. City buses leave the high school at eleven and eleven-thirty o'clock which permits the students to transfer and get home before the twelve o'clock curfew.

A reading room with Mrs. George Graves in charge will be available for parents who wish to make use of it.

Committee Listed
On the dance committee from the parents group are: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Luckey, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lorence, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Hoadley, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Tugman, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Banks, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert T. Wiltshire, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Davis, Mrs. W. S. Love, chairman.

Harry B. Johnson, principal; Miss Minerva Griffith, and Mrs. Nora Robertson represent the faculty.

Miss Doris Mae Tupper is chairman of the student committee. Other members include: Ed Harris, Alvin Hill, Jim Vitus, Miss Sue Simmons, Miss Jeanne Bingham and Miss Beverly Britt.

EUGENE COUPLE WED 62 YEARS ON JAN. 21

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew H. Olson, 1602 Villard street, observed their sixty-second wedding anniversary, January 21. A family gathering marked the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Olson were married Jan. 21, 1882, in Battle Creek, Minnesota. They have lived in Oregon for twenty-three years.

There are five children in their family, a daughter, Mrs. Charles Grandberg of Sanish, North Dakota; and four sons, W. R. Olson of Sanish, North Dakota, Arthur S. Olson and Otto O. Olson, both of Eugene, and Hanley S. Olson, Reedsport.

UNION DAUGHTERS

Daughters of Union Veterans voted ten dollars toward the infantile paralysis fund of Lane county, at the meeting of the order Wednesday evening. Officers who missed installation with the group at the last meeting were installed at this time. Announcement was made of the meeting of the sewing club next Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Cecil Small, and also of two planned rummage sales, on Saturdays, January 29 and February 5. Those having rummage were asked to phone either Mrs. Carl Pfeiffer, 7112, or Mrs. T. C. DeVaney, 1595R. The February meeting will be a special patriotic session.

CIRCLE MEETS

Members of the Ino Ruyle circle of the First Baptist church met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Stanley Jarvis, sewing on an afghan for the Red Cross. The women took lunches, and the hostess served dessert and coffee. The same program will be followed again in February, an all-day

CATTLE CLUB ELECTS

SALEM, Ore., (UP)—M. G. Gunderson of Silverton was re-elected president of the Marion County Jersey Cattle club at its annual meeting. Floyd Bates of Salem was elected vice-president and Mrs. Otto Beatty, Chemawa, was re-elected secretary.

RECENT BRIDE IS GIVEN SHOWER

COBURG—Mrs. Sam Sargent (Mary Jean Hurd) was the guest of honor at a bridal shower held recently at the home of Mrs. Frank Rice and sponsored by the Willing Workers club. Mrs. Charles Vogel, Mrs. Stuart Hurd and Mrs. Harold Hurd assisted Mrs. Rice with the entertaining. A program included: reading, "The Flag Song," by Carolyn Hurd; skit, "Harold Calls on Daisy," by Mrs. Harley Smith and Mrs. Walter Chase; and a song, "Wait for Me, Mary," by Delores Coburn, was presented.

Mrs. John Hurd, mother of the bride, poured.

Those present were: Mrs. Sam Sargent, guest of honor, Mrs. John Hurd, Mrs. Verna Tyler, Mrs. Leo Sidwell, Mrs. Ben Adair, Mrs. Gilbert Simmons, Mrs. Eva Feulner, Mrs. Walter E. Drury, Mrs. Palmer King, Mrs. Bertha Smith, Mrs. Harold Green, Mrs. Clay Whitaker, Mrs. Charles Harrison, Mrs. Walter Chase, Mrs. Gerald Wilson, Mrs. Waldegar Christensen, Mrs. D. J. Calvert, Mrs. John Adair, Mrs. Hal Harrington, Mrs. Harley Smith, Mrs. Lee Thomas, Mrs. Paul Reed, Mrs. Trajan Harrington, Miss Lola Allingham, Miss Alma Allingham, Miss Gladys Simmons, Carolyn Hurd, Micky Simmons, Delores Coburn, Bobby Hurd and the four hostesses, Mrs. Frank Rice, Mrs. Charles Vogel, Mrs. Stuart Hurd and Mrs. Harold Hurd.

Mrs. Sargent, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hurd, is a sophomore in the University of Oregon and is affiliated with Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. Mr. Sargent is in the observation corps of the field artillery and is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. The couple were married two months ago at a ceremony in the First Congregational church in Eugene.

Balanced Diet Stressed by Group

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below is published the first of a new series of articles prepared by the Lane county nutrition council, the series to be run once weekly. Miss Nellie Lyle, county home demonstration agent and head of the nutrition council, is preparing the articles.

The importance of right eating is being stressed more than ever during our national emergency when there is such need for good health.
Good food habits are a protection. Check your present ones now.
1. Do you eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner every day? Yes.... No....
2. Do you get milk every day? Yes.... No....
3. Do you eat some fruit every day? Yes.... No....
4. Do you eat a raw and a cooked vegetable every day? Yes.... No....
5. Do you eat whole wheat bread or enriched bread? Yes.... No....
6. Do you eat one or more servings of meat or an alternate meat food every day? Yes.... No....
7. Do you eat at least two pats of butter or margarine enriched with Vitamin A every day? Yes.... No....
8. Do you have your meals at regular hours every day? Yes.... No....
9. Do you like almost all whole-some foods? Yes.... No....
10. Do you have a good appetite? Yes.... No....
Count your yes's and no's. To increase the numbers of yes's will be to help give our home front the energy it needs to keep war production humming—to keep families fit, strong, healthy.

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Crop Loans Ready

V. N. Freeman, field supervisor for the emergency crop and feed loan division of the farm credit administration for southwestern Oregon, Thursday announced that crop and feed loans are available under the same terms as last year.

Loans are made to farmers for the purpose of buying seed and fertilizer, and to meet other expenses incident to crop production including repairs to machinery and equipment. Funds may be also used for the purchase of raising of feed for livestock, Freeman stated.

Security for these loans is a first lien on the crops to be financed or the livestock to be fed. Maximum amount of individual loans is \$400 and the rate of interest is four per cent.

"Applicants who owe balances on old crop or feed loans will not be disappointed for new loans," Freeman said, "provided the reason for non-payment was beyond his control."

Application forms and further information may be obtained from county agents, the production credit association, or at the farm credit administration office in the Eugene post office building.

She'd Kiss Hitler

DETROIT, (AP)—Miss Johanna Treiber, 53, German-born nurse at a Detroit hospital, has applied for cancellation of her American citizenship, and Assistant U. S. Attorney Louis M. Hopping quoted her as saying, "If I could return to Germany I'd be so glad that I would kiss Hitler's foot."

She told Federal Judge Edward J. Moiney, who granted the application, that she became converted to national socialism in 1933 and "can no longer stand the mental strain of life as I am living it."

An enemy alien hearing board will decide whether she will be interned or paroled until she can be deported.

Lumbermen to Meet

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 27.—(UP)—The West Coast Lumbermen's association will hold its 33rd annual meeting here Friday to discuss the war work of the logging industry and problems confronting it.

Speakers for the meeting include Gov. Snell, Orville R. Miller, president of the group, and Charles L. Wheeler, president of the Rotary International and executive vice-president of Pope and Talbot Inc.

FIRE INVESTIGATED

SILVERTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Investigation of a fire that destroyed the Charles Hoyt machine sheds and 1000 gallons of diesel oil on Abiqua creek two and a half miles from here yesterday was under way today.

The loss, estimated at \$10,000, was covered by insurance. The Silverton fire department arrived too late to check the blaze.

Myer Ouster Urged

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Congressional representatives from California, Washington and Oregon have voted to send a resolution to President Roosevelt requesting the resignation of war relocation director Dillon S. Myer.

The resolution, adopted during a meeting of the tri-state delegations, also requests that the Tule Lake (Calif.) segregation center be placed under control of the department of justice.

Myer's successor, under terms of the resolution, would be directed to make necessary changes in war relocation authority personnel and administrative procedure to provide "adequate measures of internal security" in the organization's Japanese-relocation centers.

Judge Won't Vacate

OSWEGO, (AP)—Justice of the Peace E. A. Donnelly, whose district was ordered combined with Oregon City by the Cackamas county court, declared he was going to keep right on sitting at his bench.

Contending that he was appointed by Gov. Snell to fill out an unexpired term which runs until Jan. 1, 1947, he said the county court did not have power to force him from office.

The district was formed in 1932.

Fire Warning Issued

SALEM, Ore.—(UP)—The February-March period is Oregon's most dangerous fire season because fern undergrowth is dead and highly inflammable, Judge Grant Murphy, Marion county Keep Oregon Green chairman said here.

"Last year 22,000 acres, much of it in valuable young forests, went up in smoke through carelessness in setting fern fires," he said.

State Forester N. S. Rogers estimated 5250 acres of patrolled forest were burned in man-caused fires during the 1943 protected season. Most of this was slash burning, he said.

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