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So We Need 5000 Homes!

Three years ago, when the housing shortage in the Eugene-Springfield area first began to show as acute, this paper urged that the federal government should adopt the same emergency measures to create housing in this area that it used to create the emergency housing for military establishments, shipyards and other war production needs. Today's situation is not essentially different. There are two main factors in this area's present crisis—lumber production and its accompanying transport demands and housing for the bulging enrollment in the University of Oregon, mostly veterans.

It might be argued that the Eugene-Springfield area is no more critical than areas which produce any other commodity. The shortage of housing is nation-wide. But the fact still remains that this area is one of the key points for producing housing materials for all other areas. Solve the problem here and it will speed up answers elsewhere. So far, we have had from the federal government a long, long series of visitations from experts, scores of meetings and conferences, endless futile appeals—and a few totally inadequate and pitiful projects.

We have heard (although we cannot prove it without seeing it) that Canada has no such difficulties in its construction program and the reason is:

DEFINITE PRIORITY for home building, with veterans first among home builders. ACTUAL ROUTING of construction materials to those areas and to those jobs which are essential.

Congress is not in session and it may be argued that nothing can be done till the first of the year. In the President of the United States, there is still ample authority and the emergency can be met by executive order—if a little common sense can be cracked into the numbskulls who have been shaping policy at Washington.

The policies of CPA have been a complete mystery by any rule of reason unless politics makes reason instead of explanation. In this area are hundreds of homes, partially finished, but unusable for lack of plumbing or a bit of tile for sewer connections. There are hundreds more that can't even get started. Nevertheless permits for labor and materials continue to be granted to night clubs and many other types of enterprise which have not the remotest connection with present public need. The federal government's action curtailing federal public works may help, but does not get to the heart of the need.

In this area we need:

1. More temporary housing for the immediate convenience of building labor; this could be purely temporary.
2. Definite priorities on plumbing and electrical supplies and all other materials which are now virtually unobtainable in this area.
3. An area priority system for supplies rather than an individual priority system, at least until this emergency is corrected. Put the materials into this area and hundreds of home builders will respond at once.

Supplies are being produced but they are being dissipated in the scattering policy to provide a dribble for every type of applicant. Some areas are much more critical than others. This obviously is one of them. In this county we have probably 25,000 housing units. If we are short 5,000 units that is a 20 per cent shortage. This should be a priority

area because it produces the lumber and plywood so badly needed elsewhere.

It is unthinkable to go into another winter with 5,000 people homeless or crowded into unfit quarters. It is unthinkable to have veterans, many of them with wives and children, turned away from the education promised them—because we can't house them, or house professors to teach them.

This emergency should be taken straight to the White House. A federal agent proposes that we try to make a little drain tile and plumbing fixtures in local plants. By the time we could get real production at decent prices we would all have long white beards. Give this area a priority on the things we need and the people will mop up the housing problem.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON

Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

Crazy Over Law

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12—(NEA)—The characterization which Congressman Sam Hobbs of Selma, Ala., applies to himself is that he's "a fool for law."

A group of congressmen called on Attorney General Francis Biddle a few years ago to recommend Hobbs' appointment to the Circuit Court of Appeals. A member of the group was his colleague, Congressman Frank Boykin of Mobile.

After the formal tributes had been made, it was Boykin's turn. "All the time we're fussin' around with blunders," said Frank. "Sam Hobbs has got his nose in some old law-book. He thinks that's fun."

Boykin's testimonial made no impression on Biddle, but that's beside the point. Hobbs today is registering as much impact on the federal judicial system as is anyone in the business.

He is best known for the so-called Hobbs anti-racketeering amendment recently signed by the President. This law makes it a felony to interfere with interstate commerce by robbery or extortion. It has been damned up and down both sides by labor leaders. They claim that Hobbs is anti-labor and anxious only to bust the unions.

It's too early to tell what the Hobbs law is going to do. No test cases have come up under it, though several may be in the making in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, California, and other big food marketing centers where trucking unions have long charged tribute against truckers from other areas.

"We haven't got any of these cases down in Alabama," Hobbs explains. "We're a different kind of hairpin down there."

He Wanted To Repeal A Supreme Court Decision

In his own words, his real purpose in introducing the bill was "to repeal a fool decision by the Supreme Court." As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, Hobbs says that's part of his job.

When judges are crooks, one of the functions of the Judiciary Committee is to conduct impeachment proceedings against them before the Senate. Hobbs participated in one such case in impeaching Judge Halsted Ritter of Florida.

Similarly, when federal courts hand down decisions which reveal a weakness in the law of the land, it is the job of the Judiciary Committee to correct the law. In the Hobbs bill, Hobbs was merely trying to correct a decision written by the then Justice James F. Byrnes, who declared that the Anti-Racketeering Act of 1934 did not apply to labor unions.

The Hobbs amendment correcting that will not prove to be anti-labor, Hobbs insists. It presents no interference with the rights to organize, bargain collectively, strike, or picket.

But if anyone, whether or not he is in a union or on a picket line, commits robbery or extortion interfering with interstate commerce, under the Hobbs amendment he may now be found guilty of a felony.

Hobbs Campaigns For A Rule of Law, Not Men

In his personal campaign to re-establish a rule of law, ex-Judge Hobbs is piling up a little-noticed but none the less impressive record in the session of Congress now drawing to a close. In addition to the Hobbs amendment, he has sponsored the Railroad Reorganization bill and the Referee's Salary bill, which wipes out the fee-system racket in receiverships.

Passed by the House over a year ago and now up for action in the Senate is another Hobbs bill, which would reverse the 1943 decision by Justice Felix Frankfurter in the McNabb case. The McNabb brothers were Tennessee moonshiners who confessed to the murder of a law-enforcement officer. They were tried by jury.

Their confession did not show in the record of the trial, however, so on appeal the Supreme Court set the accused free by invalidating the confession made before arraignment. Hobbs, in a simple six-line bill, is attempting to safeguard the admission of evidence without regard to any time-limit, thus correcting the Supreme Court.

This technique of picking off and correcting little defects in the law, one at a time, is slow business. "Judge" Hobbs admits that, but he's crazy over law.

"It's the hope of the world," he says. "We don't want a rule of men. We want a rule of laws. And what we have to do is salvage the Supreme Court so it will retain the respect of the people."

Salina, Kans., said many of the officers defending prisoners were "men without legal experience," but said "this is not the United States."

Crowd Thought Thugs Were Trying to Sell Bartender a Pistol

ASTORIA—(P)—Two men pulled a diplomatic hold-up of a Warrenton tavern last Friday night—but they are now under arrest, after all.

The pair took \$700 from a bartender at gunpoint before a crowd of customers, none of whom realized there was a hold-up underway. "We thought they were trying to sell the pistol," said clients who saw the bandits waving the gun.

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SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By ANN CONNELL

Naval Man Wedded To Grants Pass Girl

Miss Mardi Ann Hilton and William Frederick Randolph were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hilton of Grants Pass, June 23 in a double-ring ceremony. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Randolph of Eugene. D. E. Millard, LL.D., of Medford, performed the ceremony.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an eyelet-embroidered marquisette dress with short train and a fingertip veil edged with lace. She carried a bouquet of daisies.

Miss Pat Barnum of Medford, cousin of the bride, was her attendant. Hilding Norberg, of Eugene, uncle of the bridegroom, was best man.

Ushers were Bud and Bill Barnum.

George Hull played the wedding music and Mrs. F. I. Bristol sang "Ava Maria," and "At Dawning."

A reception followed the ceremony in the home. The wedding cake was served by Mrs. William Berthold Barnum of Medford. Miss Pat Barnum had charge of the guest book.

Following the reception the couple left for a wedding trip to Lake O' the Woods and other resorts. They returned to Grants Pass and will be at home at the Ben Hilton's until fall, when they will return to Corvallis. Mr. Randolph will receive his engineering degree in March of next year. He spent three years at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, prior to serving two years' active duty.



MR. MRS. RANDOLPH
A Grants Pass marriage of interest was that of Mr. and Mrs. William Frederick Randolph (Mardi Ann Hilton), which occurred in late June.

Adoption of Name For Teen-Age Girls Announced by YW

Mrs. Helene L. Hoffman, executive director of the YWCA in Eugene, has announced the adoption of the name "Y-Teens" for the teen-age girls' group, formerly called the Girl Reserves.

The changing of the name was made official by the National Board of the YWCA at its summer meeting in New York City. The action was taken at the request of many teen-age and adult members of the 325 registered YWCA clubs and 434 community associations where the Girl Reserve program has been sponsored since 1918. Mrs. Hoffman revealed that there was overwhelming support for the change in name.

The local Y-Teen program is carried on at Eugene High School, University High School, Springfield and Pleasant Hill high schools and Roosevelt Junior High School. Miss Hoffman explained that many new publications, symbols and group insignia will be introduced in the fall with the opening of school.

The Northwest Regional Y-Teen conference is to be held Aug. 25-Sept. 2 at Seabeck, Wash. Delegates attending from Eugene will be Lois Shaw, Joan Lowell, Edith Reynolds, Donna Babb, Donna Anderson, Dolores Jeppeson, Dixie Lewis, Joan Carter, Peggy Gillmore, Pat Hamilton and Alice Marshall. They will be accompanied by Mrs. Dale Wyatt of Springfield, adviser of the Springfield Prepper Y-Teen Club.

Mrs. Pearson's Pupils To Appear in Recital

Ten voice pupils of Edna Leslie Pearson will be presented in recital at First Baptist Church Monday evening, August 26, at eight-fifteen o'clock. Mrs. Pearson announces. The public is invited to attend.

Those to be presented are Miss Joyce Jordan, Miss Mona Daniel, Miss Evelyn Paeschke, Mrs. Patsy McCoy Hays, Miss Virginia Baker, Miss Faye Schick, Miss Gwendolyn Cheney, Miss Joanne Sanders, William Pengra and Edward Harms.

Marjorie Scobert Wilson will be the accompanist for the singers.

BREAKFAST EVENING PLANNED TUESDAY

The annual breakfast of the General Missionary Society of the First Christian Church will be held Tuesday August 13, at nine o'clock in the morning in the dining room of the church. Special speaker will be Mrs. Paul Means, whose subject is "After Chaos."

A missionary retreat will be held at one o'clock in the main auditorium of the church. Speakers for this program include: Mrs. Etta Howard, of Corvallis, former state president; Mrs. Muriel Jordan, state secretary from Silverton; Mrs. Roland Mosher, state children's worker; Mrs. Catherine Saunders, district secretary, and other state secretaries.

EAGLES AUXILIARY TO HELP WITH PICNIC

Members of the Eagles Auxiliary who have offered their assistance for the Eagles picnic to be held August 25 at Swimmers' Delight include Mrs. Roy Smith, Mrs. Raymond Gillespie, Mrs. Gilbert Ackerman, Mrs. Sylvia Anderson, Mrs. Wesley Pruitt, Mrs. Harlan Mee, Mrs. Glade Sanford, and Mrs. E. C. Lane. Chairman for the auxiliary is Mrs. H. E. Lee.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday evening at eight o'clock at the Eagles Hall. All members are urged to attend.

MEETING POSTPONED

The Thursday meeting of the Westway Club has been postponed until August 23 at which time it will meet at the home of Mrs. John McEdwards for an afternoon potluck luncheon at one o'clock.

BOARD TO MEET

Executive Board, Degree of Honor, will meet Friday afternoon for a one o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. Paul Simpson, Santa Clara.

UNIT TO MEET

Mrs. F. E. Crafts, 83 Jefferson Street, will be hostess to the Westside W. C. T. U. Tuesday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock.

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Sales Tax Facts Presented to Group

An explanation of the sales tax, which has been adopted by about three quarters of the states of the union, was given by Blair Alderman at the meeting Friday noon at the Osburn Hotel of the Council of Women's Organizations. Mrs. Merle Nash presided.

The speaker presented arguments for and against the tax, but expressed his own conviction that it should be adopted in Oregon and gave reasons. Chief of these is the aid it would give public schools of the state, which are faced with a difficult problem. Growth in recent years has far exceeded the natural ex-

pansion which the six percent limitation on school taxes provides. The sales tax would provide funds, at a minimum, for relief to real estate, and would provide benefits which would be available once, whereas it takes at least a year for taxation on real estate to be reflected in state use.

Mrs. Max Burris explained the need for prompt action in purchase of property for tax relief, park and playground, and asked each member of the group to carry the message back to her own club. A nominating committee was appointed.

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Army Detains Sans Charges

FRANKFURT—(AP)—Thirteen Americans—including six civilians—imprisoned in a U. S. Army stockade here for as long as two months—are being held without charges and without the privilege of legal counsel, it was disclosed Monday.

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