

Oregon Home Building Booms

PORTLAND — (P) — Thousands of new homes were started in Oregon last year despite critical material shortages, a survey of scattered cities revealed.

Each city checked revealed a sharp increase in the number of permits issued over those of the previous year and, for the most part, they indicated that costs are higher.

In some cities—Baker for example—the average cost per house dropped, but the explanation given was that people built what they could whether one, two or three room structures, to get immediate shelter. Where the general run of permits was for complete houses, the prices were up.

The survey shows these comparisons of the number of residential permits issued and the average cost per house in 1945 and 1946:

Portland—842 at \$6000 in 1945; 1904 at \$6500 in 1946.
Eugene—212 at \$3000 in 1945; 239 at \$3800 in 1946.
Corvallis—28 at \$5000 in 1945; 120 at \$4800 in 1946.
Grants Pass—92 at \$2500 in 1945; 217 at \$4300 in 1946.
Baker—14 at \$4400 in 1945; 55

Art Students Assist In Renovating School

Students of the University of Oregon School of Architecture and Allied Arts applied their learning in their own building over the Christmas holidays.

The labor shortage and need for remodeling and painting in the art building brought a request for volunteers to assist with the work. Under the direction of C. K. Weider, superintendent of the physical plant, offices were constructed, the drafting rooms painted, the school library re-lighted, and the light fixtures in the drafting rooms were rehung to afford better illumination.

Two new kilns for firing and glazing pottery have been ordered by the school, Dean Sydney W. Little announced this week.

DEFENSE PRECAUTION
WASHINGTON — (AP) — The White House said Saturday that President Truman will ask Congress for permanent legislation to protect and maintain the war-born synthetic rubber industry as insurance against any future emergency.

Other cities, which did not report the number of permits issued, showed sharp increases in the total amount of building expenditures called for by them. Salem's figures were \$3,451,878 in 1946 and \$1,793,842 the previous year.

Music Association to Hear Joseph Schuster, Noted 'Cellist

Joseph Schuster, young 'cellist who will play here for Civic Music Assn. Wednesday evening, Jan. 22, at McArthur Court, sometimes is called the "glamour boy of the cello," but he does not depend upon personal charm for his success. He was a child prodigy, who appeared in public frequently as a musician before he had reached his teens. However, he had a thorough musical education, and as a serious artist ranks among the foremost masters of his instrument.

It is interesting that in Europe he succeeded Gregor Piatigorsky as solo 'cellist with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, holding the post five years. Piatigorsky is the one other 'cellist who has appeared on the local concert series. Debut in 1934.

Schuster made his American debut in 1934, and was an immediate sensation. He was invited to become the solo 'cellist with New York Philharmonic Symphony, and held that post until his decision two years ago to resign from it in favor of a concert career. Last year he made six appearances in New York alone.

Besides the Schuster concert, Civic Music Assn. members also will have the outstanding treat of the year's series this month, when Marian Anderson, world-famous Negro contralto, will appear here. She will sing at McArthur Court Thursday evening, Jan. 30.

All concerts are for members only, and begin at 8:15 p.m.

Church Council Picks City for Convention

SALEM — (AP) — The Oregon Council of Churches will hold its annual meeting in Eugene Feb. 25 and 26, Charles A. Sprague, president, announced Saturday.

Sessions will be held at the First Methodist and First Christian Churches. Theme of the meeting will be "The Church's Witness in Our World."

Sprague said the program was prepared by a committee headed by Dr. Francis T. Cooke, Portland, secretary of the council. The opening address of the meeting will be "The Witness of Christian Democracy to Our World," delivered by Dr. Henry Atkinson, New York, general secretary for World Peace Union and World Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches.

The conference, which will close with a banquet, will include sectional meetings for pastors, laymen, and the Oregon Council of Church Women.

INJURED BOY
The condition of Billy Pitchford, described as critical at Sacred Heart Hospital Saturday after being struck by a car while riding his bicycle Friday, remained unchanged Saturday night.



JOSEPH SCHUSTER, 'cellist, will appear in Eugene on the Civic Music Assn. series, Jan. 22, playing a concert at McArthur Court.

Speech Billed By Egyptologist

The University of Oregon lecture series will be opened here Jan. 20 by Dr. Henri Frankfort, professor of Egyptology at the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago. It was announced this week by Dr. Rudolf H. Ernst, professor of English and chairman of the lecture committee.

Sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies, Dr. Frankfort will make four addresses to students, faculty members, and townspeople on Egyptian Religions. He will deal specifically with the effects of Egyptian religions on institutions and conduct.

Dr. Eldon L. Johnson, head of the university's department of political science, will be second speaker of the series with a lecture on "Government by Habit." Third speaker will be Dr. Henry Goddard Leach, chairman of the American Scandinavian Foundation. He will discuss "Scandinavian Classes" Feb. 12, and "Scandinavian vs. American Democracy" the following day.

Dr. Jacques Jonvez, who was a prisoner of war in Austria and Germany during the war and received his doctoral degree from the University of Sorbonne, will appear on the campus March 6. His talk, "Traditions of French Spirit in the Twentieth Century," will be accompanied with lantern slides and musical selections.

Dr. Manuel Lopez-Rey of Bolivia will be presented at a later date, not yet announced. Visiting this country under the auspices of the Institute of International Education, Dr. Lopez-Rey will speak on "The New Man," discussing traits that characterize him and the new concept of peace and of life.

Seventh lecturer will be Dr. Gordon Wright, assistant professor of history here, who has been on leave of absence the past year, attached to the American Embassy in Paris. Dr. Peter Odegard, Reed College (Portland) president, will also participate.

On April 30, Roger Sessions, nationally-known composer and music educator, will speak on the campus in an address dealing with contemporary trends in American music.

Plans Single Railroad Linking Both Coasts

NEW YORK — (AP) — Robert R. Young, newest colossus of American railroading, plans a \$6,000,000 coast-to-coast line, the first in the United States history, it was revealed Saturday.

Young, who is 49 years old and has parlayed a \$3,000,000 investment into a billion-dollar railroad empire in the past 10 years, revealed his blueprint for a transcontinental line in an interview in the current issue of Advertising Age.

He said he planned to combine 10 roads in a one-management line between the East and West coasts. It was Young who battered down old railroad prejudices with a direct advertising appeal to the public and succeeded in scheduling through Pullman service from East to West.

Record Business For Postoffice

Post office receipts for 1946 passed \$400,000 to record an 11 per cent increase over 1945 and add to the already oversized load carried by the post office and its employees.

Postmaster F. L. Armitage said Saturday that 1946 receipts totaled \$410,192.55, as against \$368,969.22 in 1945. Eugene's "new" post office, meanwhile, is equipped to handle "no more than \$300,000 worth of business in a single year."

The present post office, said Armitage, "is more badly in need of expansion or replacement, on the basis of postal receipts, than the old post office was when the present one was built."

The old post office, equipped to handle approximately \$150,000 worth of business a year, was handling \$188,000 in 1939 when the new post office was constructed.

Receipts for the last quarter in 1946 were \$133,832.64, compared to \$109,187.47 in 1945's last quarter.

The Christmas mailing rush reached an all-time high in 1946, with 1,154,419 cancellations between Dec. 9 and 24, compared to 861,242 cancellations in the same period of 1945.

A Deer Collides With an Auto and Loses Its Tussle

A buck deer was lost last week in a collision on the highway between Reedsport and Drain.

Lane 4-H officials E. A. Danfelson and Josephine Day were returning to Eugene with a Douglas County club agent after a leaders' organization meeting in Reedsport.

"Nearly got that one," said Miss Day as the car narrowly missed striking a deer on the fogbound road.

A few moments later they didn't miss. A fine buck ran smack into the car. The deer was killed; the radiator grill of the auto was smashed and the hood was sprung. The Douglas agent took the deer into Roseburg.

Organ, Voice Concert Set

Herman Gelhausen, new assistant professor of voice in the University of Oregon school of music, will be presented in a joint recital with Donald W. Allton, assistant professor of organ, Thursday evening, Jan. 16, in the music auditorium.

Gelhausen, bass-baritone, came to the university at the beginning of fall term this year, and is a well-known artist of the opera and concert stage. He is a graduate of Teachers College, Columbia University, New York with a baccalaureate degree in music and later studied at the Juilliard School of Music, the Institute of Musical Art in New York, and the Odeon Akademie, Munich, Germany. His vocal work has been under William S. Brady of New York, Jacques Stueckgold, Munich, Paul Reimers of Juilliard, Allan Hinkleley, formerly of the Metropolitan Opera company, and with Mme. Anna Schoen-Rene of the Juilliard Foundation. Twice he received the Juilliard Fellowship.

Allton, organist, has been on the staff of the music school since 1944. He received his education at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N. Y., being granted his baccalaureate degree in 1936 and his masters in 1938. From 1936-38 he was a teaching fellow at Eastman, and in 1938 went to the University of Kentucky at Lexington. From 1942 to 1944 he was acting head of the music department at Mary Baldwin college, Staunton, Va.

Active in music affairs since he came to the Oregon campus, Mr. Allton has been particularly known in Eugene circles for his association with the Eugene Glee-men. He has been accompanist for the group.

The recital will be held at 8 p.m. in the auditorium and will be open to the public. Sylvia Killman, Portland student, will be accompanist for Mr. Gelhausen.

Only \$3000 Left of One-Time Million-Dollar Municipal Debt

The city of Eugene could completely erase the last of an indebtedness of \$1,149,762 dating from 1925 if the holders of three \$1000 Bancroft Improvement Bonds would present them for payment.

City Recorder John Fields said Saturday that the three bonds are the last of those reissued in 1935 when the depression left the city with no money to pay bonds issued ten years before.

David McCosh Oil Paintings On Exhibition

An exhibit of twenty oil paintings by David McCosh, assistant professor of drawing and painting in the university, is now on display in the Little Art Gallery on the University of Oregon campus.

Several of the paintings have been exhibited previously in the Portland Art Museum and five of the canvases were painted this last summer at the Ogunquit Art Colony on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Mr. McCosh has been awarded the Englewood Club prize, given through the Art Institute of Chicago for an outstanding painting; the Katherine B. Baker memorial prize also given by the Art Institute of Chicago; and a purchase prize from the Seattle Art Museum.

He has exhibited paintings in the Carnegie Institute, the Corcoran Biennial in Washington, D. C., and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts annuals in Philadelphia.

The exhibit will remain on display until Jan. 20.

University String Quartet To Play Beethoven

The four movements of Beethoven's Quartet, Opus 18, No. 1, will open the two-part program of the University String Quartet Sunday at 4 p.m., Jan. 12, in the music auditorium on the campus.

George Boughton and Mary Kapp Allton, will play violin; Milton Dieterich, cello, and Mary Coleman, viola, for this first recital.

For their second number the group will play Haydn's quartet, Opus 64, No. 5, the allegro, adagio cantabile, menuetto, and finale, vivace.

The program will be open to the public.

Police Nab Trio in Car, Find \$7600 and Arsenal

COOS BAY — (P) — A routine traffic check in the small town of Hauser Saturday disclosed an automobile carrying \$7620 in cash and a small arsenal, and state police arrested the three occupants when one reached for a gun.

A canvas bag inscribed "Douglas State Bank of Roseburg" held part of the money. Police also took jewelry, wrecking bars, a sledge hammer, chisels, a shotgun, a rifle, two revolvers and a pistol from the car.

Services will be announced later by Poole-Larsen Mortuary.

Ruth Wall

Ruth Wall, 44, Crow, died at her home Friday after living in the community six months. She lived formerly at Vancouver, Wash., and was born Feb. 28, 1902, at Prescott, Wash.

Surviving are a daughter, Berthe Dewey, Crow; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bennett, Crow; a brother Ray Bennett, Sacramento, Calif.; and two grandchildren.

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