

Real Estate Curve Declines

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ing at a record pace but that the volume of new house starts is below seasonal expectations. He declared that the market for medium and low priced homes in the area and in Eugene still is strong.

The decrease in the number of new residence permits issued locally has been credited partly to the high cost of construction—not only the price of materials but the cost of labor.

However, a great deal of the decline in building may be attributed to the uncertainty of future prices and values. Commercial builders are reluctant to invest \$6000 in a house when they may be able to sell it for only \$5000 by the time the building is completed.

One building materials retailer said he thought most contractors are sitting tight right now in the hope that they can get a clearer picture of what overall costs will be. He forecast a pickup in home building by mid-summer, and said that the industry probably would be more stable at that time.

Many contractors have begun construction of homes according to the desires of clients rather

Cahill Leaves U O To Join Yale Staff

Fred V. Cahill, assistant professor of political science, University of Oregon, resigned this week to accept a similar position on the faculty of Yale University.

Cahill came to Oregon in 1941. During the war he served with the Army's military intelligence branch in New Caledonia and later as a liaison officer in Korea. He returned to the University of Oregon last September after relief from active duty as a captain.

Cahill received his doctor's degree at Yale in 1941 and his master's degree at Nebraska in 1938. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

than on the mass production basis of a year ago.

They also are aware that new houses are caught in the rub between high construction costs and a consumer resistance that is growing out of the belief that prices are on a downward trend.

Private builders look at the cost of materials and the cost of food, and—if they have a place to live now—decide to keep on eating in the hope that the infinitesimal decline in the cost of building materials, which started last winter, will continue.

BOTH IN THE SOUP

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — (U.P.) — Alonzo Whitlock was eating soup in a restaurant when he said Eddie Lowe entered and put his fingers into the bowl. A scuffle followed and Whitlock wound up in a hospital with a slashed ear. Police found Lowe in the restaurant finishing the bowl of soup.

TRAITORS EXECUTED

BRUSSELS, Belgium — (U.P.) — Eleven Belgians who worked for the German Gestapo were executed at Namur Saturday by a firing squad which was applauded by a crowd of spectators after each volley.

'Wink's' Job

Pioneer Parade Chief For July 24 Boasts Western Ancestry

Wallace N. Wintler, known to Eugene as "Wink," will handle one of the biggest single jobs of the Oregon Trail Pageant this year. He will head the traditional Pioneer Parade.

Lane County pioneers who are accustomed to having Cal Young head their parade, will be interested to know that it was partly on Young's recommendation that L. L. Ray, Pageant board chairman, appointed Wintler.

The Pioneer parade, one of the most colorful displays of old transportation pieces to be seen anywhere, bans any kind of motorized vehicle. It presents an array of authentic old equipment, ranging from shiniest preserved buggies drawn by horses, to rickety, wooden-wheeled wagons hauled by oxen.

The county's real old-timers turn out in force to ride in this—*their own parade.*

Wintler is by no means an "upstart" insofar as the Pageant, its parades, or this pioneer business is concerned.

In 1926 Wintler was chairman of "dances and entertainment" and in all four pageants since then he has been co-chairman or chairman of the Industrial Parade.

Grandparents Crossed Plains A resident of Eugene since 1914, Wintler is descended from grandparents who crossed the plains to Vancouver, Wash., in 1849 and farmed near there.

The first harness shop in Vancouver was owned and operated by "Wink's" grandparents. A great-aunt still teaches school in Vancouver.

Wintler was a telegrapher for Associated Press in Eugene and for Western Union until 1928, when he entered the insurance business. He is associated with the Sigman-Fell Insurance Co. The pioneer ties on Wintler's wife's side go a year farther back than his own. Arlie Matlock Wintler is a descendant of the pioneer family that settled at Pleasant Hill after crossing the prairies in 1848.

"Tough Job to Shoot At" "It's going to be a tough job to promise a 'biggest and best' Pioneer Parade this year," Wink admitted. "Anyone who succeeds Cal Young at a job has a terrific mark to shoot at. But we're going to do our best."



THREE WHISKALANTES pose here in the lobby of the Eugene Hotel with three comely candidates for the Albany Junior Chamber of Commerce Timbervolves brought 11 of their queen aspirants to Eugene last Thursday when they held a joint meeting with the Eugene Jaycee Whiskalantes. The girls are De Ette Gott, Albany; Shirley Gilkey, Jefferson; Jean Williamson, Brownsville; Mark Corwin, Jack Younger and Bill Van Nuy, are the Whiskalantes. Corwin and Younger have their beards obscured by the girls' bonnets. (Register-Guard photo, Wiltshire engraving.)

this year, and with the good wishes which Cal has expressed and with the co-operation of every pioneer in the county, we can promise the usual swell time in this Centennial year."

Thursday, July 24, has been set as the tentative date for the Centennial Pioneer Parade.

Government Seizes French Fuel Industry

PARIS — (U.P.) — The French government Sunday requisitioned all workers of the French fuel gas and electric power industry to fight a slowdown and meet the threat of a token strike by 85,000 employees protesting the government's refusal to increase wages 15 per cent.

A decree extending government control over the industry was signed Saturday by Premier Paul Ramadier and went into effect Sunday with its publication in the French official journal.

Ramadier also deliberated whether to call out troops to guarantee an adequate output of fuel, power and gas in the face of the slowdown and the 24-hour strike called for Wednesday.

The decree was a challenge to union leaders who ordered gas and electric power reduced immediately throughout the nation after the government denied the workers' contention they were entitled to the wage increase because they had raised the power output 50 per cent over 1938.

Fire on Roof Damages Eighth Ave. Residence

A roof fire caused minor damage to the home of Laura Pullen, 377 Eighth Ave. W., about 8:35 a.m. Saturday, according to city firemen.

Blazes extinguished by firemen Friday were on Railroad Blvd., where a short in the wiring started a fire in a car owned by Allyn Maycumber, and in a garage owned by G. B. Keith, 2258 Harris St. A blaze of undetermined origin was burning in a wooden box in Keith's garage.

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'Greek' Council Honors Dean

Virgil D. Earl, retiring dean of men in the University of Oregon, was honored this week at a banquet held by the Interfraternity Council. Edgar W. Smith of the state board of higher education gave the main address.

Byron Mayo, Seattle, past president of the council, presented Dean Earl with a watch inscribed with: "To Dean Virgil D. Earl for loyalty, friendship and guidance, from the Interfraternity Council of the University of Oregon."

Replying to the tributes, the retiring dean said, "I have no spirit of levity in retiring from the university. My years here have been a decided pleasure." Theta Chi fraternity was presented the council's award for the highest fraternity scholarship during the school year.

President Truman Says Mother 'Weaker'

GRANDVIEW, Mo. — (U.P.) — President Truman, for the second successive evening, reported Saturday night that his aged mother was growing weaker and sleeping much of the time.

As he has been for a week, the President was serious and grave when he left her cottage for his quarters in the Muehlebach Hotel in Kansas City.

At the hotel, he told newsmen that while there had not been much change in his mother's condition, she still was slowly declining. Judging from the President's words his mother was waging a slowly losing battle with the illness which became hypercritical before dawn on May 17.

Argentina May Regain Favor

WASHINGTON — (U.P.) — A final accord to end the long dispute between the United States and Argentina and clear the way for an inter-American defense conference is now generally expected in Washington to be reached within the next few weeks.

It may be marked by the retirement from his post at Buenos Aires of Ambassador George S. Messersmith and the resignation of Spruille Braden as assistant secretary of state for Latin American affairs. The split between them over the conduct of Argentine relations has been wide and bitter and both are believed ready to quit when improvement in the situation permits such action gracefully.

The latest splash of interest in the Argentine situation was caused here Saturday by the announcement at Buenos Aires that eight more Nazi agents had been deported and that Argentina "now considers she has satisfied all her hemisphere obligations."

Reports Wanted American officials said they expect a full report from Messersmith over the weekend and that it would receive careful study at the State Department next week. A decision evidently will have to be made as to whether the American government agrees with that of Argentina that all obligations have now been satisfied.

Argentina has already met American proposals on two major points. She has eliminated Nazi influences from Argentine schools in a manner deemed acceptable here. And she has liquidated Nazi control over powerful business organizations in Argentina.

Once the United States agrees that this record fully meets Argentina's obligations under the Act of Chapultepec, the 21 American nations can go ahead with the vital project of working out a plan for their common defense.

Waring College Students Released to Attend Game

BALTIMORE — (U.P.) — Embattled students at Johns Hopkins University fought off 250 invaders from the University of Maryland with sticks, stones, fists and fire hoses early Saturday in a fracas umpired by 200 policemen.

Eleven of the battlers wound up in jail on disorderly conduct charges. Magistrate Reuben Caplan reprimanded them after a hearing but dismissed them all in ample time to be on hand when the starting whistle blew for a "crooshul" Lacrosse game at College Park Saturday.

Objective in the battle was a 400-pound bronze terrapin which Hopkins students swiped off the Maryland campus early Friday in reprisal for a paint-daubing raid a few hours earlier on Hopkins buildings and sidewalks in midtown Baltimore.

WATERFRONT DISPUTE SAN FRANCISCO — (U.P.) — Possibility of a Pacific Coast waterfront shutdown next June 15 loomed Saturday when the negotiating committee of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union flatly rejected a shipowners' 90-day contract offer.

Legionnaires Elect Arthur G. Erickson

Arthur G. Erickson was elected commander of the local American Legion Post at a meeting Friday night, succeeding N. K. Hichens, retiring commander.

Others elected were Ray Siegenthaler, first vice-commander; Henry Howard, second vice-commander; Glen Crase, adjutant; Elmer Geiger, finance officer; Carl Pfeiffer, sergeant-at-arms; Don Johnson, historian; Glen Winey, chaplain.

Members of the executive committee chosen were Erickson, Hichens, Siegenthaler, Howard, Crase, Geiger, Jack Dandy, Murnard England, Lawrence Jensen, George Pratt and Mike Screen.

Delegates to the state convention June 28-29 in Portland will

be Erickson, Herschel T. Siegenthaler, Hichens, Murnard, Karl Wagner and George Jensen. Delegates will be Pratt, B. R. Jensen, L. L. Pittenger, Don Johnson, Paul Campbell, Howard James Krohn.

TURN ABOUT'S FAIR

Turn about is fair play. Robert Carvino of Pittsfield won an automobile raffied off by Ann's Church at Danbury, Conn., but no one there complained. He remembered that last year a Danbury man won an automobile raffied away by the Pittsfield Order Moose.

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