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Housing Group's Rosy Figures Don't Jibe With Bitter Facts

By S. BURTON HEATH

Economists for the Construction Industry Information Committee report that 86 out of every 100 single-family houses built since the war could be afforded by families with annual incomes between \$1000 and \$5000.

That does not jibe with what hundreds of thousands of desperate home-seekers have been reporting. It does not square with logic, on the basis of prices quoted in advertisements and by brokers.

The old rule of thumb is that a family can afford to spend one week's income each month for rent—or, if it owns, for the interest, taxes, maintenance, repairs, insurance that the landlord of a rented house charges against rent.

On that basis a \$3000-a-year family could spend \$58 a month for rent or its equivalent. A \$5000-a-year family could spend \$96 a month. How much of a house this would carry depends on the local tax burden, but even more on the amount of savings the buyer can toss into his down payment. The less he pays down, the more he has to pay monthly.

It would push the average \$5000-or-under family hard to put more than 20 per cent on a house, at present prices. And by the time Dad shelled out to the bank, to the tax collector, to the insurance man, to the repair man and the decorator, the water department and the fuel dealer, it would be a mighty thrifty family that supported the "rent" on a house with \$96 a month.

The exact picture varies, of course. In some parts of the country, climatic conditions reduce construction and operation cost. In some localities a crude shell is described as a house.

Before the war the average worker family around a city considered a \$5000 to \$6000 house about as low-cost as it could wisely go. The prewar \$6000 house, including land, cost \$11,625 last January and would cost more now. The Dow Service, authority for the January figure, figured on a story-and-a-half brick veneer structure on a 40 by 100 foot lot costing \$1000.

Thinking on a country-wide basis that could be attacked as a high-cost big city house. So let's take this one from the records:

In a Vermont non-industrial village of 600 inhabitants, on a \$400 lot, a salesman built a six-room bungalow of native run-of-the-mill lumber. He used non-union semi-skilled labor and did a lot himself. He bought nothing on the black market. When he moved in last year, with a porch still to be built and the lot graded and seeded, he had \$8000 invested.

These are typical of the experiences of those who are getting homes that they can't afford but, in desperation, are paying for by going without other desirable things. They do not suggest that the average \$5000-or-less family can afford to buy the average house being built.

Quite possibly the builder cannot sell for less and make his own living. That is not the point, for the moment. The point is that houses today cost more than the average worker can afford to pay, either to purchase or to rent. And unless the construction industry's economists can prove what nobody believes, they are doing their clients a disservice by claiming otherwise.

Son of Former Local Pastor Editor of Weekly in Illinois

Twenty-year-old Paul Simon, a Eugene High School graduate and former University of Oregon Journalism student, recently became editor and publisher of The Troy Tribune in Troy, Ill.

The Tribune is the successor of the Troy Call, which was run for 45 years by one man, Ben Jarvis. Simon, with the aid of the Troy Lions Club, purchased the old Call plant.

First copy of the 12-page weekly paper came off the press June 24. The Tribune serves three Illinois communities, with a total population of about 5000.

Minister's Son

Simon is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Martin P. Simon. The elder Simon was pastor of the Grace Lutheran Church in Eugene for ten years, resigning in 1938 to devote all of his time to publication of Christian material for children and the home.

The Simons left Eugene in 1946. Rev. Simon is now head of the Christian Education Company, a Lutheran publishing organization in Highland, Ill.

Schooling

Paul was born in Eugene, and attended the Eugene grade and junior high schools. He spent two years at Concordia Academy in Portland before putting in his senior year at Eugene High.

Following one year at the University of Oregon, Paul spent the

Copying May Be Preferable

Boeing engineers have studied photographs of the Soviet's Ilyushin four-jet bomber. They deny that it has any basic resemblance to our XB-47 Stratojet. The man in charge of designing Boeing's six-jet high-speed bomber gives evidence convincing to the layman that the Russians have not pirated it.

To those who fear Moscow's designs, this brings little consolation. While the Boeing experts think their plane can outspeed the Ilyushin, they see evidence that the Russians have "some wide-awake aerodynamicists." If we are in an armament race with the Bolsheviks, it is more dangerous for them to prove capable of devising their own good weapons than it would be for them to rely on copying ours, which would leave them always lagging a bit behind.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By Peter Edson
NEA Washington Correspondent

ADA Left Without Candidate As Justice Douglas Says No

WASHINGTON (NEA)—Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, who has been backed by liberal New Dealers in Americans for Democratic Action as a candidate for vice president or even president on the Democratic ticket, has virtually taken himself out of the race. In a letter to this writer he has said flatly "that he has no plans to leave the bench and is not a candidate for any public office."

While this great self-denial may still leave Justice Douglas an out to be drafted at the Philadelphia convention, for the time being it leaves Americans for Democratic Action dangling in mid-air without a candidate. General Eisenhower, whom the ADA had wanted as presidential candidate, has already removed himself as a possibility. And ADA has repudiated Truman.

This ADA political fringe outfit was organized by a bunch of ex-New Deal administrators a year ago last January. Wilson Wyatt, Leon Henderson, Paul Porter and people like that. It started out to be extremely liberal but anti-Communist.

Not all of the New Deal crowd could go along on this program. Henry Wallace didn't go along.

ADA has just issued an exhaustive analysis of the first three months of Henry Wallace's campaign. It blasts the third party candidate unmercifully. It checks up on his more controversial statements and shows wherein they are wrong. It is a devastating attack.

Group Has Been Consistently Anti-Wallace

In this anti-Wallace attitude, ADA has been entirely consistent. Ever since last July, when Mrs. Roosevelt and Wilson Wyatt both spoke out against the catastrophe of a third party, ADA has been all-out against Wallace. It is doubtful if it can swing as many votes as Wallace can, but whatever its influence, it has been against splitting the Democratic Party on this issue.

On other issues, however, ADA seems to have been lost in its own ideological fog. At its meeting in March, 1947, it endorsed the program of President Truman. The expectation was that it would go down the line with the Democratic Party.

At its Philadelphia convention last February, ADA passed a resolution to support liberal candidates, regardless of party. But it failed to endorse President Truman for re-election.

The President's tide was a low ebb at that time. Democrats were just beginning to hope that General Eisenhower might be drafted as their candidate. Not wanting to back a man that might be a loser, the great liberal minds in ADA apparently decided this was a time when they should "rise above their principles" and try to pick a winner.

They are still looking around for a pair of broad shoulders on which to cast their mantle of approval.

At a recent Pittsburgh meeting, an enlarged board of 70 ADA directors met to write a policy statement. They included a challenge to the Democratic Party to hold an open convention in Philadelphia. Then they named Eisenhower and Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas as men this nation had a right to call upon.

Criticize Truman's "Poor Appointments"

They expressed honor to Truman for his courageous stand on civil rights. But they added that "poor appointments and faltering support of his aides" had resulted in failure to rally the people behind policies which the ADA supported.

By this action, ADA may have given Harry Truman the worst stab in the back he has had from his own party. It was the third stab of the campaign. The first was from Wallace. The second from the Southern Democrats.

The Eisenhower-Douglas ticket, which ADA proposes, is admittedly interesting. But it reveals how little the ADA hierarchy really worries about its ideals, and how much it is interested in getting a ticket with some popular appeal.

Nobody knows where Eisenhower stands on civil liberties, on price controls, on taxation, on labor legislation or on any of the more controversial issues dear to the heart of New Dealers.

Knowing that Eisenhower doesn't want the nomination, this blind support may be merely a move to finesse Justice Douglas into the nomination. Douglas has always been a leader among New Deal intellectuals. But since Justice Douglas now says that he has no plans to leave the bench, and that he is not a candidate for any public office, he must be counted out.

And it leaves ADA liberals without a candidate and almost without a principle.

DDT Said Safer Than Lead for Honey Bees

DDT, when carefully applied with respect to activity of bees, may be much less harmful to honey bees than arsenate of lead which it has replaced to a considerable extent, according to Dr. H. A. Scullen, Oregon State College apiculturist.

In a new mimeographed circular, "Protecting Pollinating Insects from Insecticides," No. 431 Scullen states the loss from DDT is 10 times as great when the application is made during the time when bees are on the blossoms as when they are not there.

To minimize losses from DDT and other insecticides Scullen also suggests avoiding allowing insecticide dust to drift onto fence rows or nearby fields where bees are working, notifying nearby keepers if it is essential to apply insecticides to open blossoms, and applying DDT and similar insecticides in early morning or at other times when few bees are working.

In Utah it was found that control of lygus bugs in alfalfa with properly applied DDT increased honey production as well as seed production. In most cases the danger to bees from poison chemicals may be greatly reduced or even eliminated by proper application, Dr. Scullen concludes.

Copies of the circular which discusses the effect on bees of all common and recently introduced insecticides may be had free from any extension office.

Potato Growers Meet At State College Station

Potato plots on the Oregon State College experiment station will be shown to certified seed potato growers and others at a special field day Thursday, July 8, starting at 9:30 a. m.

Assembly point will be room 105 of the Memorial Union building on the campus.

Dr. J. A. Milbrath, experiment station plant pathologist, will discuss latest experimental developments in potato disease control. Representatives of commercial chemical companies will also be present to present information concerning their products recommended for use in potato disease control.

Bend Plans Annual Pageant For Fourth of July Holidays

Bend's colorful Mirror Lake Pageant will be presented this weekend.

For the first time in the history of Bend pageants, started 15 years ago, the river fete will be presented on two nights, Saturday, July 3, and Sunday, July 4.

The Arch Put Up

The broad expanse of the Deschutes River which Bend residents call the Mirror "pond" is the scene. An arch spans the upper reaches of the river, near the Drake park footbridge, and floats are being assembled in a backyard.

As deep dusk comes on the evening of July 3, a massive make-believe swan will emerge from the arch of a thousand flashing colors. Aboard this float will be the pageant queen. Into the river behind her will drift cygnets, each bearing a princess. Far down the river, the royal court will step to a reviewing barge.

Eighteen Floats

Eighteen floats, greatest number ever entered in a Deschutes pageant, will pass in review. Each float will be directly lighted, through a trolley contact.

Floats will depict scenes ranging from Oregon centennial themes to Jonas and the Whale, with a huge mammal of the deep to disgorge at least nine Jonas into the cold Deschutes.

New Lighting

New lighting effects are being used this year. The great arch has been constructed with recessed surfaces, to provide for a maximum of illumination.

The fete will be the central feature of a three-day celebration. Water follies, featuring Northwest aquatic stars, will be presented on the river at 2 p. m. Saturday. A northwest air circus will be held Monday at 11 a. m.

Architect Suggests Alteration of Capitol

SALEM —(P)—Francis Keally, New York architect who designed the state capitol building, recommended Thursday that the south wing of the capitol be extended back almost to State Street.

This would make a T-shaped building of it, and add 30,000 feet of floor space.

He also recommended placing marble seats in the rotunda, better lighting for the legislative chambers, and descriptive lettering below the murals in the rotunda.

Flood Leader Named At OSC

The emergency position of flood coordinator for the Oregon State College extension service has been created with J. R. Beck, appointed to fill the position.

Beck is assigned to work with county extension agents throughout the flooded area and to coordinate the work of the state college with plans developed by other state and federal agencies.

Owners Helped

In connection with the work in flooded area, the extension service has just issued a circular intended to assist home owners returning to flooded residences and farmsteads.

The circular contains suggestions on how to protect health, and how to salvage and repair materials after the water has receded. Where other more specific information is needed, flood sufferers are invited to contact county agricultural and home demonstration agents or other local officials.

Under flood damaged homes, the circular gives pointers on entering the house, drying it out and repairing it. Where doors are swelled tight, entrance through a window is suggested after which hinge bolts may be removed and the door pushed inward without serious damage.

Thorough cleaning and drying of the flooded houses is recommended before any attempt is made to live in it. To open all windows in getting air circulation it is usually necessary to remove the strip that holds the lower sash.

Precautions concerning water use are included with directions for pumping out and purifying dug wells as well as drilled wells. Handling of food caught by the flood is discussed, with suggestions that all not in air-tight containers be destroyed if there is any suspicion of contamination. Hints on handling clothing, insect control, farm animals and reclaiming flooded land are also included.

Forester Asks Safe 'Fourth'

SALEM —(P)—State Forester Nels Rogers Thursday cautioned persons celebrating the Fourth of July holidays in forested areas to be careful of fires.

"Not one fire reported last July 4 could be traced to a vacationist," Rogers said. "I urge that Oregonians and visitors make a special effort to keep that record."

In the past anywhere from 10 to 75 forest fires of various sizes were caused by persons celebrating the Fourth of July. Firecrackers and bonfires usually cause the greatest number of fires during the holiday period, he said.

"The general public owns most of the forest lands," the forester said. "And they should make sure they don't destroy their own property."

Sheepman Says Land Not Blame for Decline

CORVALLIS —(P)—Western animal husbandry educators were told Wednesday the decline of sheep raising cannot be blamed on public rangeland regulations.

Joseph F. Pechanec, president of the American Society of Range Management, said the forest service had 15 per cent of its sheep grazing area idle this year because the tracts were not called for by flock owners.

He added that the total animal census on the western ranges has not declined materially.

Dr. Robert F. Miller, of the University of California, was elected president of the western section of the American Society of Animal Production at the close of the three-day conference.

The group met jointly with the western division of the American Dairy Science Association here on the Oregon State College campus.

Other officers of the production society are A. W. Oliver, OSC, vice president; and W. P. Lehrer, University of Idaho, secretary.

Washington State College and the University of Idaho will be joint hosts at the 1949 session to be held at Pullman, Wash.

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Temperatures Around the US

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Wednesday	High-Low
Atlanta	90-70
Boston	82-69
Chicago	73-60
Cincinnati	82-65
Denver	90-66
Detroit	79-64
Fort Worth	90-68
Kansas City	85-63
Los Angeles	80-60
Memphis	90-68
Minneapolis	73-53
New Orleans	89-72
New York	91-76
Pittsburgh	82-66
San Francisco	62-55
Seattle	75-52
St. Louis	81-67
Miami	91-77
Washington	90-72
Eugene	83-62

Campbell Named OSC Housing Specialist

Appointment of John C. Campbell as extension rural housing specialist has been announced by F. L. Ballard, associate director of the Oregon State College extension service. Campbell's appointment is subject to final approval by the State Board of Higher Education.

Ballard points out that many farmers in the state are either building or planning to build new farm structures. Campbell's work will be concerned with assisting in rural housing activities.

Prior to accepting his new appointment, Campbell was employed by an architect in Everett, Wash. He is a native of Kansas.

Lane County Residents Urged To Continue Bond Purchases

Although the Security Loan bond drive officially ended Wednesday, the various committees will work until the final accounting day, July 17. There is still much to be done in winding up the campaign—calls to be made, records to be completed, reports to be filed.

"We hope that Lane County residents will continue to purchase bonds until the final day," said Chairman Blair Alderman Thursday. "All bonds bought up

to July 17 will be credited to the county in the drive."

Alderman praised his helpers in the "uphill fight" to sell bonds. He pointed out that the campaign was conducted in the face of many adverse circumstances that worked to defeat it from the very beginning.

"However, the important thing is that people continue to buy bonds every month throughout the year," urged Alderman. "The fight against inflation must extend beyond the limits of a drive. It is up to every citizen to lay aside money for the future of both himself and his country."

A full report of the county final showing will be made at a later date when all the figures are in. As of Wednesday, the county had purchased a little over 37 per cent of its assigned quota.

Helium occurs in the air, but to commercially practical process for extracting it has been developed. In order to obtain enough to float an average size dirigible, more than two trillion cubic feet of air would have to be treated.

No angling license is necessary to fish in Oregon's Crater Lake, the nation's deepest lake, 2000 feet. Fish are stocked in the blue waters by the National Park Service, which has also introduced trout sources.

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