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Dream or Nightmare?

Mr. Blandings' Dream House will go on exhibition on November 6, at S. W. Walker Road between Canyon Road and the Sunset Highway, in Cedar Hills and the proceeds from admission tickets will go to the Oregon Heart association.

Special ceremonies have been arranged and, with great fanfare, doors will be open to the milling multitude to admire a \$75,000 home with the very latest in conveniences and modern fixtures.

This exhibition will doubtless thrill to the very core those who patiently wait in line for the awe-inspiring sight. But to numberless citizens, both non-veterans and veterans, who have patiently waited for at least three years for some solution to their serious problem of adequate housing, the emotions might well be mixed.

Here will be displayed all the revolutionary building improvements and scientific aids for handsome living that \$75,000 can buy. Eyes will linger fondly and lovingly on advantages that are in reach of those in such an income bracket.

But what about the down-to-earth yearning of an average-income family for a decent home to call their own? Their plans do not encompass a \$75,000 dream house. Their needs will be met by basic housing, with a minimum of installations to make it modern.

It would seem that organizations within the building industry might recognize the widespread demand for moderately priced housing. It would even seem advantageous to them, and an immeasurable boost to the many seeking homes, to pool their craftsmanship knowledge and construct as good a house at possible at as low a cost as feasible on today's market level.

Has the day of the \$3,000, \$4,000 or \$5,000 home gone forever from the national scene? Must a prospective home-owner be denied the pleasure of owning a modern, convenient home unless he barter his soul and pledges his future for 20 or 30 years? Is there no answer in all of native American ingenuity to this serious problem affecting untold thousands of families across the nation?

To gather together all the improvements of the construction and home-furnishing industries under one roof is a notable venture. And the idea of benefiting the Oregon Heart association is without reproach.

But to many who long to own a new house of their own, on a scale in line with their income, we wonder if Mr. Blandings house will seem to be a dream. . . or a nightmare?

The Problems Remain

This bright morning, we awake to the comforting realization that another national election has gone its way. The winning candidate, after the first of the year, takes over the diverse tasks of national leadership. And there is a feeling of relief and let-down, now that all of us who adhere to the responsibilities of American citizenship have had our chance to vote for the candidate in whom we placed the highest confidence.

But the election, beyond its fanfare and emotional outbursts, doesn't really prove anything. It is true that one man in the field has dominated by popularity and so becomes President of the United States for the next four years. But there are many things this fact does not change.

There are still thousands and thousands of American citizens who are now living in houses, flats or trailers that are inadequate and below the desired standard. All campaign oratory and political promises have not changed that.

Prices have receded somewhat but are still uncommonly high for the average American family. Mere designation of one presidential candidate gives no immediate answer to this problem which vitally concerns every wage earner in the nation.

The election, of course, will have an important influence on the course of national events during the next four years. Perhaps the people, in naming their choice for President, cast a determining vote on the matter of war vs. peace. Perhaps, also, they have answered for themselves what action will be taken in the matter of housing and high prices.

But the election by itself, is only a step. The problems still remain.

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AFTER ELECTION SPEECH

Senator Wayne Morse is sure of still being U. S. Senator, after the November 2 election. He is not up for election. And so, to the good people of Gresham, he will appear on November 5 for a post election prophecy of what comes next.

The address will be in the nature of "Report to the People" declares the OUTLOOK. He will review actions of the 80th Congress, which has been under vitriolic attack by President Truman in his electioneering appeals, and touch on national and foreign affairs problems.

At the conclusion of the report, Senator Morse will stand up to be questioned. He has announced his concern and interest in any questions regarding his stand on any and all matters in Congress with particular emphasis on such controversial subjects as taxation and labor legislation.

The public, of course, will be welcomed.

EMIGRANT TREE RETURN

An important source of commercial lumber for northwest mills will possibly develop through several years of migration to New Zealand, industry circles in St. Helens learned last week.

The Monterey pine reports the SENTINEL-MIST, is a native of the west coast. But because it

fails to develop clear, straight trunk for cutting in sawmills, it has long been considered a scrub variety and of no use commercially.

Some years ago, a New Zealand forester collected seeds of the pine for planting in his large experimental plot at home in the "down under" continent.

Because of the climate, or perhaps the care used in planting, these seeds grew into majestic pines with long straight bole rather than the usual twisted, gnarled trunk. So successful has been the transplanting, the New Zealander has returned with the story of the newly displayed characteristic and a request for more seeds.

At the same time, plans were made for an experimental planting of Monterey pine in Columbia county, from seeds of the emigrants in New Zealand. If the anticipated results develop, with rapid, straight-grain growth, the northwest will find commercial possibilities in a source of lumber long discounted.

FARM PROSPERITY?

Against a rising impression, fostered by alleged misunderstanding that today's high prices represent greater income to rural families, the statewide publication of the Oregon Farmer's Union declares that living standards among farmers are pitifully substandard despite the questionable prosperity they are supposed to be enjoying.

The item around which the FARMER'S UNION builds its editorial contention concerns the number of indoor bathrooms enjoyed by farm families. Nationally 20% of them now enjoy this "luxury," as compared to only 10% with indoor plumbing before the advent of "prosperity."

In Willamette Valley (1940) 32% had private bath facilities and 10% with central heating, in Marion county.

In Polk county, 36% had indoor bathrooms and 8% central heating.

Against the contention that parity price supports give undue assistance to farmers, the publication points out that the farmer has "strained his soil" in meeting high demands of food for an unusual number of industrial employees.

So, in a turnabout challenge, they prophecy that industry must now subsidize the farmers to the extent that they have time and are able to restore their depleted soils and have their living standards raised to a parity with other groups in the nation.

HISTORICAL AFFILIATE

Statewide history will get an assist from the Union county historical society, in La Grande, by a decision recently made.

Following invitation by the Oregon State historical society, thru its president, Bert Brown Barker, relates the Eastern Oregon Review, the Union county group voted to become an affiliate.

Purpose of the move is to stimulate and widen interest in Oregon history and better the preservation of a museum, a library and other historical material through the state.

ONE WASTED TRIP

The old adage about the man who looked all over the world for diamonds, without success, only to discover a notable deposit right in his own backyard, has a parallel in Hillsboro, these days.

A local resident, as told by the ARGUS, set out with usually complicated paraphernalia for a week's hunting expedition into eastern Oregon. With two others, he scanned the empty hills with not a shred of success.

Disgruntled, he returned to his work, as a high climber in the Tillamook burn area, and without a bit of trouble saw and bagged his biggest deer—weight at about 300 pounds.

WON'T SAY 'QUITS'

The Oregon City chairman of the 1948 community chest drive, Clarkamas county, took a look at his totals received and found the startling fact that the quota is some \$6600 short, a fact which he points up will seriously jeopardize the pending year's program of youth groups.

But, relates the BANNER COURIER, the chest workers will not quit until they meet the quota and overcome the deficit.

In one inspired effort, the agency appealed to 6,000 citizens to send in \$1 each. The first 24 hours netted exactly one \$1 contribution.

"Maybe we have not hit on the means, yet, to raise the money," the chest president declared, "but we will, you can rest assured of that."

REAL REVERSE PLAY

Proper place for accounts of reverse plays would be the CUE BALL column, perhaps. But, in Forest Grove, on Halloween, a reverse play was sprung which should interest others than sports fans. Taking note of the annual penchant of youngsters to soap windows, reports the NEWS TIMES, one of the leading merchants of the town declared an open contest for the best window soaper in town.

Entry blanks and soap chunks were provided, between the hours of 6:30 and 10 p.m. After these artists have had full opportunity to express themselves, judging was made of the drawings. First place won \$5.

At 100 Son Born

CANNAN—Abraham was 100 and Sarah his wife 90 and they were childless. Both were far past the age of parenthood. But God had promised Abraham that a son would be born to them, aged as they were. Abraham believed God and God honored his faith and

gave them Isaac, the son of their old age.

As to giving birth to a son. Abraham and Sarah were both dead. And so are we dead as to giving ourselves birth into eternal life. Yet we must be born again, for said Jesus—EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN AGAIN, HE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD.—John 3:3. So what? Like Abraham, we are to believe God. Believe that he put your sins on Christ who died for you. Believe and God acts. He gives you new birth into eternal life.

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Constant research in raw materials is opening new doors to Oregon's industrial future. Many raw materials essential to industry are here in Oregon. There's water, not ordinarily thought of as a raw material, but a positive requisite for many types of industry. There's laterite, out of which aluminum is made and substantial quantities of such ores and minerals as silica, chromite, limestone, soft coal—and many others. Their extent and availability for use by new industries which can be attracted to Oregon is receiving thorough study. Prime factor in getting and disseminating raw material information is the Raw Materials Survey, Inc., believed to be the only agency of its sort in the country. Founded last year by chambers of commerce,

banks, clearing houses, port authorities, utilities and other interested groups, the Survey is operated on a non-profit basis to determine the raw materials and mineral resources of Oregon and the Northwest. Through this agency, industry is able to learn the definite engineering facts it needs to know before deciding on a location in this state.

As this region grows, so grows PGE

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