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## A Temporary Substitute

There is a determined effort being made, by opposing factions in Washington, D. C., in regard to legislation which promises to provide a nation-wide program of slum clearance and low cost housing. Names are being called and perhaps the full story hasn't quite yet been developed as the measure comes up for action in the House of Representatives.

Certainly, this low cost housing bill is not perfect, any more than most bills are perfect. And certainly it would take a lot of amendments to so shape it that everyone affected by it might be served. But at least the avowed purpose of the legislation is to fill a definite need. How it will finally end up, even if passed, is something that will only be known after the fight is over.

The national associations of landlords and real estate interests, through powerful lobbying representations in the national capitol are being roundly accused of trying to block and sabotage passage of a low-rent housing proposal. What makes an interesting sidelight is to just consider what causes this government housing idea to enjoy such wide-spread support throughout the nation.

If landlords and real estate interests fail to turn back the housing development they might well have no one but themselves to blame.

It is a fallacy to picture some powerful organization with numerous branches like the arms of an octopus laying down a policy for landlords to strictly follow. While it is true they have their legitimate objective of trying to improve the lot of its membership, these national associations suggest and direct. It's the individual landlord and his allied colleagues who have built up the resentment of tenants against the treatment they receive.

This problem is national. But it's local, too.

If you were a renter, in the Tualatin Valley, and found it unexpectedly necessary to find living accommodations, just what might you expect? Would you, after searching diligently, have any interest in the possibilities of low-cost, government housing?

A fair allotment for rent has been set at 20% of monthly income. Would you, as a renter, be antagonistic to a proposal of low-rent housing, when rentals offered you ranged from \$65 to \$100 per month, unfurnished? Such payment would require take-home pay (after the heavy arm of taxation) of between \$325 and \$500 per month and not include water, fuel, lights and other services.

Would you feel anything but alarmed and distressed to learn that prospective landlords expect as high a monthly rent for a set of bare walls as would ordinarily be required as monthly payments for an even better accommodation?

Not, of course, that landlords are not impelled by reasons of their own for their rent charges. Some of them have probably heard that "renters won't take care of your property" and that "people will pay, no matter how high the charge is."

There are poor rental risks in the world, that's for certain. People who have no regard for other's property will frequently not lift a single finger to even keep up the place where they live. But, with the unreasonable rent charged, they have alibi enough to justify getting as much as they possibly can from the deal.

It seems unfortunate, in a nation such as ours, that the government is required to step in and force a program of slum clearance and low-cost housing. It is truly lamentable that such an improvement in the general living standard rests its entire hope upon political action which will be charged, of course, to taxation.

Hardly a renter but who nurtures the fond hope of eventually owning his own home. But because of many defensible reasons, many renters can do nothing but hold themselves to the mercy of landlords.

Until the world simmers down to more of a normal pace, and renters have the reasonable chance to be home owners, low-rent housing will serve as a temporary substitute.

## Modern Water Fight

The history of water and its role in the development of an area, has long been rich in the conflicts of man. By this fact, there is lended emphasis to the utmost importance of this element of nature.

Men have fought bitterly amongst themselves over water rights and invasions thereof. Where it started, is difficult to trace. But by the time the West zoomed into prominence, it was well established that water rights were often as important and as valuable as mineral rights or any other privilege of ownership or tenancy.

Miners, particularly in placer gold, guarded the streams where they had staked their claims with their very lives. Sometimes aligned against them were cattlemen, who might usurp the stream flow by damming it as a supply for their herds. The days of the old West saw minor wars carried on over the disputed rights, with guns flashing, dams dynamited and other attacks and counter attacks punctuating the arguments.

As civilization came into the West, roughhoid methods were toned down. Law and order brought with it the means of resolving these rights.

But civilization brought population pressures, which in turn increased needs of reclamation and irrigation. And it seems, by the volume of mail received at the desk over the matter, an all-out, bitter political battle is in the making over appropriations.

According to figures prepared by the Library of Congress, a total direct appropriation and emergency fund allocation for reclamation construction from 1939 to 1949 totaled \$993,307,017. This for the reclamation states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

Now comes news of a proposed Central Arizona project which, it is claimed, will cost at least 600 million dollars more than has been appropriated for all of the 17 states as listed above. The project seeks authorization through H. R. Bill 934.

With a minimum cost admitted of \$738,408,000, additional appropriations of around \$800 million will boost the minimum to around \$1,500,000,000. Opponents fear it would, in effect, cut other states off from irrigation money at the expense of the Arizona project.

There will be big guns (verbal and written) before solution of this modern water fight.

## Readers Say

### Reader Recalls Winning Float '36 Jr. Festival

Dear Editor:

I found your article on prize-winning floats very interesting so I hasten to answer your inquiry. My Mother-in-law, Mrs. Frank Lamberger, is an avid collector of many things and especially anything that pertains to flowers so I asked her if she knew. She not only remembered but has a picture of the float that won the prize. The picture was thru the courtesy of the Oregonian.

I quote, "Little Dutch girls pulling a big Dutch shoe represented the St. Cecilia's School in Beaverton's annual Junior festival, Saturday, June 20, 1936 and carried off 2nd Grand prize."

This is the only one she had so maybe that is the winner you are looking for, eh?

Mrs. L. M. Lamberger  
Route 6, Box 1212  
Portland 1, Oregon

### EDITOR'S NOTE

Information pointed to a winning float in the Portland Rose Festival parade. The prize referred to above perhaps concerned a purely Beaverton event, which included a community wide endeavor of great dimensions.

Does anyone have further information?

### Another CPA of Wash. Co. Comes To Front, Center

Dear Sirs:

Relative to your recent article about Mr. Robert Briggs having received his Certified Public Accountant Certificate, and the letter of Mr. William Holm to you in regard to the same matter, I wish to give you some additional information.

Mr. Holm advised me that he had written you that letter and stated that he was not aware of the fact that I also was a C. P. A. residing in Washington County.

For your further information, there are three C. P. A.'s now residing in Washington County who have been members of the State Board of Accountancy and are past presidents of the Oregon State Society of Certified Public Accountants: Mr. A. L. Amacher at Hillsboro, Mr. H. W. McIntosh now residing in West Slope and myself.

Mr. Amacher and Mr. McIntosh are not on the board at the present time. I am now serving my second term.

I believe that this is a pretty credible showing for Washington County, and I hope that this information will be of interest to you.

Yours very truly,  
John F. Lee

### EDITOR'S NOTE

We would dislike mightily to slight any Certified Public Accountant and will welcome more letters relative to their numbers in the county.

An estimated 40,000 gold-seekers crossed the continent to reach California in 1849.

## Float Chairman Sees Reward In Combined Effort

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Beaverton Junior Chamber of Commerce, I wish to thank you for the publicity which you provided for the Beaverton Rose Festival float.

I am sure our combined efforts were well rewarded by the winning of first prize for out-of-town entries.

Thanks again.  
Sincerely yours,  
Jack Weiby, Chairman  
Jaycee Float Committee

## Two Councils On Traffic Safety Eyed For County

Plans for two councils on traffic safety, under direction of Grant Johnson, Hillsboro, are being considered as Governor Douglas McKay carries on a fight against highway accidents. Johnson is Washington county chairman of the organization and is charged with the responsibility of setting up an adequate group to carry on the project.

McKay's interest in traffic safety, the county man points out, stems from his long connection in the automotive industry. He is said to be taking a personal interest in the council and called a meeting at Salem recently of all county chairmen. At this time, basic organization was completed of a statewide network of citizen's safety groups.

Each group will be concerned with all phases of traffic accident prevention in their respective localities. Johnson has already named James R. Shick, Forest Grove city attorney, as head of the council's legislative committee.

Since he has taken over this position, Johnson comes to the realization that a single council possibly would prove unwieldy and that an eastern end and western end council might prove more workable.

He declares that he is in the middle of lining up members for the two safety councils and will make proper announcement when this task is completed.

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## Medal Awards In Poultry Program Await 5 Co. 4H's

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In order to participate, members must care for a poultry flock. Keeping complete records, judging demonstrations, exhibits and efficient management are all considered in determining the winners.

County extension agents will furnish full information on this program.

## All-Arabian Show Opens June 25th In P-I Building

The third annual open all-Arabian horse show will be held in Portland June 25 and 26 under the auspices of the Arabian Horse Breeders Society of Oregon of which Joe W. Dodd, Tygh Valley, is secretary-treasurer.

Increased interest in raising light horses in Oregon is noted throughout the state by livestock officials at Oregon State college. Demand for saddle horses has boosted the industry.

The horse show will be held in the P-I building in North Portland with Carol E. Howell, member of the University of California at Davis, as judge. Entries from five western states and British Columbia are expected.

## Can Reds Get Us?

CHINA—The rich man was hitched to a cart and dragged through the streets. All the male citizens must lash at him with long poles until he is dead. And the man who would not act was either lashed or shot—EYE-WITNESS, WORLD DOMINION, June issue.

With God-hating Reds outside and scoffers within, shall America escape? And who are the scoffers within? They are all who profane God's holy name—the murderers, thieves, adulterers, drunken, deserters of family and all else that follows when a people forget God.—Them that honor me I will honor and them that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.—BIBLE, 1st Samuel 2:30.

God bless America? How can he? Yet he has good things for all who turn. Now for 2000 years God has been calling out a people on whom to spend his love in the ages to come. It is the man who knows he has sinned and that he is lost, who turns. These rest all on Christ as having died for them and as the Friend who stays closer than a brother.

And you? Either you accept Christ as your Saviour and Lord or you go out lost to meet your sins at the Judgement—See John 3:36.

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