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Homes For Veterans

Throughout the land the housing situation daily gets more acute. Here in Ashland the building boom can't take care of the many returned veterans and their families or the influx of veterans who have found that Ashland offers them the most in good living and increased earning power.

This community is faced with the problem of assisting these men and their families find a place of residence. Permission to buy old, jerry built dwellings is withheld under the appraisal provisions of the GI bill of rights. This is as it should be. Banks also refuse to loan on buildings which will not have an economic life longer than the term of the loan. This, too, is merely protection for the veteran's investment.

Materials for building are scarce and unavailable even with priorities and the price of real estate is rapidly rising. Daily, the veteran finds his housing problems in this community becoming more acute.

The group of people who are particularly affected by the present situation are the salaried group, and the wage earners. These are the people who form the backbone of any community, but without housing they will soon migrate to other areas.

We think it would be well if, as has already been considered, some community civic organization would look into a veteran's housing project and see what possibilities there are for the organization of a low cost, non profit housing unit somewhere within the area of the community. This project would serve to house the veterans and their families. It would be a valuable bit of property, with a return on the investment coming back to the community as a whole.

Golf For Youth

Today in America a great bit of emphasis is being placed on recreational projects for youth guidance and training. Here in Ashland we have one of the finest bits of recreational property in the Northwest. The Ashland golf course is a fine nine hole, sporty course, comparable to any other course in this region.

Golf is a game that can be played by both boys and girls, it is particularly adaptable to recreational programs for the teen age groups.

It would be well to consider the golf course in any plans the YMCA, the Chamber of Commerce, or any other organization has for youth recreation.

The Chamber of Commerce has already brought the matter up to the various city officials, proposing that the city either operate the club as a Municipal course or turn it back to a local organization.

At present the course is being used as a cow pasture.

Mrs. Housewife Will Pay and Pay

Last week we had a chance to listen to a representative group of citizens of this community discuss the pending 3 per cent gross tax bill which supporters of the Townsend plan intend to present at the November election.

This bill asks for a 3% tax on ALL "gross income of every person, firm, association, co-partnership or corporation residing or doing business in Oregon." It will thus tax all wages, salaries, receipts of businesses without any deductions, exemptions, or allowance for cost of production or cost of merchandise sold.

A 3% gross tax which will strike at the consumer and the small businessman will do more to create inflation within the state of Oregon than any relaxation of price controls.

Opinions among the group to which we listened varied as to reasons why the 3% gross tax would be undesirable but all agreed that the hardest hit would be the people whose incomes are small. Each time that a housewife buys a loaf of bread she would pay a three per cent tax, on the selling price of the bread. The grocer would have already paid a three per cent tax when he bought the bread from the baker, that three per cent which he paid would naturally have been added to the retail selling price, so that the housewife would also have to pay that additional three per cent. Then of course the baker would have had to pay various three per cent taxes on flour and other ingredients which go into the making of a loaf of bread. These taxes he would have to pass on to the grocer, who in turn would pass them on to the housewife.

In the final analysis this pyramiding of taxes on gross sales means that Mrs. Housewife, would have to pay the total gross sales on all previous sales of component parts of a loaf of bread or any item which she bought.

It's the consumer who pays, and here in Oregon where there are thousands of small families, living on middle class incomes, the pyramided gross sales tax would cause either indebtedness or inflation.

The group which was concerned with this problem the other night were middle class people, just good ordinary Ashland citizens who felt that it was enough of a threat to the well being of their homes and families and income to spend some time discussing ways and means to combat it.

It would be well if every family would discuss this threat before the November elections, and would make plans to keep Oregon safe from inflation and pyramided gross sales taxation.

News of the Churches

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Sunday Morning Service at 11 June 16, 1946

Sunday morning Service at 11 o'clock. Subject: GOD THE PRESERVER OF MAN.

Sunday School at 9:30 A. M. Wednesday evening meeting, which includes testimonies of Christian Science healing, is held at 8 o'clock.

Reading Room open daily from 2 to 5 P. M. except Sundays and holidays.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services, and to use the Reading Room.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

North Main and Laurel St.

The Sunday School meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 with a class for every age. The morning sermon is at 11 o'clock on the subject, "Three Realms of Human Personality." This is the last Sunday of the present Conference year, and marks the end of the sixth year for the present pastor. The choir will offer an anthem. The Methodist Youth Fellowship groups will meet for worship at 6:45 P. M. Dr. G. W. Bruce, Minister.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Earl Downing, Pastor

Bible School, 9:45 a.m. The school will open with a Children's Day program.

Junior church, 11:00 a.m. Morning Service, 11:00 a.m. E. H. McGee will bring the message. Christian Endeavor, 7:00 p.m. Evening Service, 8:00 p.m. E. F. Atchley will bring the message. Midweek service, Wed. 8:00 pm Gospel Meditations, KMED, on Tuesday and Thursday, 4:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Church

130 North Main street

"A Friendly church for thoughtful People." Rev. George M. Shuman, Pastor

9:45 A. M. Church School for all ages. Mrs. W. M. Poley, superintendent.

11 A. M. Morning Worship. Special music by the choir. Sermon by the pastor.

6:30 P. M. Young People's Societies. 7:30 p.m. Evening service.

Neighborhood Church

Congregational

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Ewart P. Borden, Minister

9:45 Sunday School. Classes of all ages.

Morning service 11:00 A. M. Dr. E. P. Borden will speak "Three Greatest Maxims".

6:30 Pilgrim Fellowship. Beatrice Wines will report on the State Conference at Forest Grove. The men of the church will work on the church Monday night.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

First & Hargadine Sts

9:45 A. M. Sunday School with Henry S. McNair, superintendent

11:00 A. M. Morning Worship Service with special music and a 6:30 P. M. Junior and Senior Youth Fellowship Services in their respective rooms.

Evening Service 7:45 Midweek Service, Wednesday 7:45 P.M.

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