

PLUMBING LACK MAIN STONE IN BUILDING PATH

Representatives of Labor,
Management and Builders
Seek Solution of Problem.

Shortages of building materials, principally plumbing fixtures, soil pipe and electrical supplies, were held accountable for the existing housing crisis here by representatives of organized labor, management and builders at a meeting Tuesday noon at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. The group was assembled by the chamber to seek a solution to the problem of immediate housing for veterans. Diamond Flynn, director of the chamber and local electrical dealer, conducted the round table discussion.

A program of construction of modest-size homes on vacant lots in this city was suggested by Flynn and, after deliberation by those attending the meeting, a committee will be appointed at once to consider all phases and put the plan into effect if advisable. The program calls for a model home to be erected as a pattern for future construction. Pressure will also be exerted in Washington at once to relieve material shortages.

City Offers Help

The city of Medford, with City Superintendent Frank Rogers as spokesman, offered grading and installation of sewer and water if the model home plan materializes. Paul Timm, speaking for the Retail Merchants group of the chamber, expressed fullest cooperation of local businessmen, while Trowbridge and Flynn will assist in the electrical wiring. George Beltz, speaking for the plumbers' union, pledges the cooperation of his group, and Henry Feller, business representative of the Painters' local union 1124 promised the painting of the model home.

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Lamar Tooze Tells Banquet Meeting Republican Party Today Stands For Same Principles as in Lincoln's Day

The republican party of today stands for the same principles of truth and honesty that it did in Lincoln's day, declared Lamar Tooze, Portland attorney and party leader who spoke last night at the 32nd annual banquet of the Lincoln club of Jackson county, and he urged his listeners to "pick up the torch which Lincoln held high and fight for these principles." The banquet, held at the Elks temple in Ashland, was attended by about 160 persons.

Tooze added that the republican party was organized to uphold the rights of the common man, and the enslaved man, and that under the party's leadership the country grew and prospered. The coming of the new deal and "its strange philosophy" changed our government to a species of state socialism and giant bureaucracy which is ending individual liberty and freedom, Tooze declared.

Return Needed

The duty of the republican party is to convince the people of this country of the necessity of returning to the principles of Lincoln, Tooze said, and to show them that this is possible under an "honest and liberal" interpretation of the constitution, and without "promises which the federal government cannot rightfully fulfill."

"The new deal purchased the people of this country and paid them with their own money," Tooze said. "The new deal proceeds on the premise that Amer-

icans cannot work out a problem without the help of a group of master minds. Republicans have more confidence in the American people. We don't believe it is the duty of government to serve on every board of directors in the country."

Enmity Fostered

The republican party recognizes the right of the laboring man to organize and to bargain collectively, Tooze said, but charged that under the new deal labor had been led to believe that the employer is the natural enemy of the employee. Lincoln recognized that the happiness of the average person depends largely upon the production of the nation, Tooze declared, and said there is no "inherent conflict" between labor and management and that there should be a genuine partnership. "Labor racketeers depend upon industrial strife for their livelihood," he added.

Changes Realized

Republicans further realize the changes in the international, social and economic picture, Tooze said, saying that the party must sincerely support UNO, but should work for maintenance of an adequate army and navy. This country, while convincing other nations of our sincerity in international relations, must at the same time suffer no appeasement, Tooze said.

Tooze, veteran of both wars, was introduced by George Carter, retiring president of the society. (Also see story on Page 1)

Grim Assignment



(Acme Telephoto)
M/Sgt. Able Abraham, Butler, Pa., who was requested by MacArthur to stay overseas to retake the Bataan Death March for purpose of locating graves of American boys who died along the way. Abraham, 39, on duty with 601st Quartermaster Graves Registration Company, was interned at Cabanatuan during Jap occupation.

POET POUND "OFF" COURT INFORMED

Washington, Feb. 13.—(U.P.)—Two psychiatrists testified in district court today that Ezra Pound, 60-year-old expatriate poet charged with treason, is mentally unfit to stand trial.

Pound was flown here in November from Italy, where he had lived for many years. The government charged, he made treasonable broadcasts over the Rome radio during the war.

Dr. William Muncie, psychiatrist at Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, told the court that Pound is incapable of planning his defense and consulting with his attorney. In his examinations of Pound he said, he discovered that the poet's mental processes are vague, and he "leaps from topic to topic," and that he has periods of stupor when he can say nothing.

VOTE FOR TRUMAN

Nuernberg, Feb. 13.—(U.P.)—Election officials disclosed today that President Truman received one vote for mayor of the Bavarian town of Kreuth in the recent elections.

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CHINESE RESENT CONCESSIONS TO REDS AT YALTA

Chungking, Feb. 13.—(U.P.)—A high government source tonight described the Russian policy in Manchuria as "completely opportunist" and said China could not accept the viewpoint that Manchurian industries should be regarded as Soviet war booty.

This government official said conversations were under way between China and Russia regarding economic concessions in Manchuria.

Talks In Progress

Last week Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek revealed that informal talks were in progress regarding concessions to Russia beyond the published terms of the Sino-Soviet treaty.

He said he believed Japanese property inside China should be part of the reparations to China, but that the problem eventually must be decided at a peace conference with Japan.

More Concessions

Yesterday another high Chinese official, returning to Chungking from the northeast, expressed doubt that China would be able to take over Manchuria from the Russians without making more concessions to the Soviets.

The official said today Soviet Commissar Vichaslav Molotov had agreed at the Big Three foreign ministers' conference that the Russian withdrawal would be completed by Feb. 1. He indicated China never had asked the Soviets to remain in Manchuria beyond the original

December date, three months after the cessation of hostilities.

JAPANESE LAND WILL AID NEEDED FARMERS

Tokyo (U.P.)—More than 524,300 acres of land formerly held by Japanese military agencies or tied up by government projects soon will be available to approximately 100,000 Japanese families for cultivation, according to the Agriculture and Forestry Ministry.

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expected to boost food production and to aid in relieving crowded conditions.

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P. O. CIRCULARS SPEED CAPTURE OF HOLDUP MEN

Capture of two bandits, who escaped December 26, 1945, from the county jail at Sandusky, Mich., after the robbery of the Tyre, Mich., post office, was due to warning circulars with photographs and descriptions of the wanted men and an investigation which began immediately throughout the nation, according to a press release received here by J. E. Eldswick, post office inspector in the Medford district.

Oakgrove P.T.A.

Mrs. James K. Hoy will be a guest speaker for the meeting of the Oakgrove Parent-Teacher association set for Friday at 2:30 p. m. at the schoolhouse. Founders' day will be celebrated, and all past presidents and members of the group are urged to be present.

A silver tea will follow the meeting.

FIRST OVER THRESHOLD

Williamstown, Mass. (U.P.)—The distinction of being the first bride ever carried over the threshold of a dormitory at staunchly masculine Williams College is claimed by 21-year-old Patty Connolly of Troy, N. Y. She and her husband Gene are among 12 married couples who have set up housekeeping in Greylock Hall. The wives are the first women to live on the campus in Williams' 153-year history.

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CONFESSION READ IN EX-CON'S TRIAL

Santa Cruz, Feb. 13.—(U.P.)—A confession in which ex-convict Thomas H. McMonigle admitted both choking and shooting 14-year-old Thora Chamberlain to death while she was under the influence of ether was read in evidence to the jury at McMonigle's murder trial in Santa Cruz county superior court today.

Basing the evidence almost entirely on a series of "confessions" by McMonigle, the prosecution would not comment on out-of-court reports that authorities were checking in Santa Cruz, Santa Ana and San Mateo counties for possible new details in the case.

ASHLAND C OF C DINNER MONDAY

Speaker for the annual forum dinner meeting of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce will be Ralph L. Carr, former governor of Colorado, according to the committee on arrangements.

The dinner will be Monday, Feb. 18, in the Ashland Elks' temple at 7 p. m.

Frank Van Dyke is in charge of the program and banquet arrangements are being made by Dr. W. E. Weller.

Those planning to attend the banquet must secure tickets in advance, and these may be purchased at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce office.

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