

Housing Shortage Claimed Due To Multifarious Federal Directives

Denver, Feb. 22—(U.P.)—Gov. John C. Vivian today lashed out at the federal government's program to alleviate the nation's housing problems, asserting in a letter to National Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt that the problem was being attacked from the "wrong premise."

"You seem to anticipate great-

ly increased federal control in carrying out your concept of more houses at the earliest possible date," the governor stated. "I note you advocate subsidy payments for increased production."

"The only way to bring about greatly increased production, unless all the books on economics are wrong, is to allow the ancient and basic law of supply and demand to operate now. If this were done, there would be a short period of increased prices but only until healthy competition got into full play. Whatever inflation might be the result of discarding the multifarious government directives, rules and regulations, would soon be dissipated. Business would soon find a common level upon which to operate and prices would readily conform to the demand and the supply of materials and finished houses."

The governor termed Wyatt's announced program calling for an expenditure of approximately \$800,000,000 in subsidy payments to insure increases in production of building materials a "waste of public funds."

"There is absolutely no necessity for this enormous appropriation, provided you will allow business and industry to operate as usual," Vivian said. "They will furnish sufficient funds to accomplish the immediate purpose of more and more houses."

He asked that all controls be lifted to make necessary materials available immediately.

DAV HEAD DIES

San Jose, Cal., Feb. 22—(U.P.)—Joseph Spedding, 56, California state commander of the Disabled American Veterans, died at his home today following a short illness. A native of Santa Clara county, Spedding had been engaged in DAV activities since the close of the first world war.

WIFE RECEIVES PURPLE HEART GIVEN GLEASON

Mrs. Suzanne E. Gleason last week received the Purple Heart medal and certificate that was awarded posthumously to her late husband, Lieut. (jg) Theron H. "Ted" Gleason of this city. Lieut. Gleason was reported missing in action last July 18, while serving as a fighter pilot on the carrier USS Yorktown. In November, confirmation of his loss while on a raid on the Kashiwa airfield, northeast of Tokyo, was received by his family here.

Ted, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gleason, New Crater Lake highway, was born in Norton county, Kan., Jan. 21, 1922, and attended schools there until his junior year in high school, when he enrolled at Medford senior high.

He was a member of the 1940 mythical state football championship team, an honor graduate with the 1940 class and winner of the first Bill Gates scholarship award.

After graduation, he began work with the U. S. Forest Service during the summer months, and attended Oregon State college for two years, majoring in forestry.

In Navy in 1942

Lieut. Gleason entered the USNR in July, 1942 and began active service with the air force. Oct. 8, 1942, having previously acquired his private pilot's license in the civilian pilot training course offered at OSC. He received subsequent training at St. Mary's college and Livermore airfield in California, and was commissioned in June 1943 at Corpus Christi, Tex.

He and Suzanne Lewis of Portland were married on June 12 at Corpus Christi, and from there they proceeded to Melbourne, Fla., where young Gleason took advanced training.

First assignment for the naval fighter pilot was convoy carrier duty from Norfolk, Va., to Casablanca, Africa. After two such trips he took additional training at Atlantic City, N. J., Quonset Point, R. I., and took final carrier training at Hilo, Hawaii, following which he was assigned to duty on the Yorktown in May, 1945.

Lt. Gleason is survived by his wife, Suzanne and his 14-month old son, David Michael of Portland; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gleason, two sisters and four brothers of Medford.

Rogue River

Rogue River, Feb. 22 — The hobby club met Feb. 13 at the civic club room with eight members of the 12 present. Mrs. Lillian Hargitt was hostess. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served by the hostess. Next meeting will be March 6, at the home of Myrtle Whipple on Cedar street.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Scott moved into their new home Tuesday on Cedar street.

Mrs. Mae Shults left Thursday

for a visit of a few days with her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Cummings and family at Jacksonville.

The new house being built on Broadway is by Mr. Sapp instead of Truelove as was stated in the last items.

The sawmill started up again Monday after being shut down for some time due to shortage of logs.

Rollin Stahl of Portland visited over the week-end with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Fred O'Kelly is at the Josephine General hospital where she underwent a major operation.

The funeral for Earl Strahan who passed away Sunday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Clarence Mathies at Talent was held in Medford Wednesday with burial in the Rogue River cemetery. Mr. Strahan had been a resident of Rogue River for many years and leaves a host of friends who will miss him. He is survived by five sons, Frank, Phil, William, Sidney and Ernest, one daughter, Marjorie, of Talent and several grandchildren. Mrs. Strahan passed away in 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rhueling of Highway south are spending some time visiting in Los Angeles.

Randolph Randleman is planning to construct several houses on his property here. Randleman recently returned from the service.

Vern Hogan was taken to the Grants Pass hospital last week suffering from heart trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Green and children have returned to Rogue River from Murphy where they have lived this winter. They moved in with Grandma Rupp and Mrs. Green will care for her. They are adding two more rooms to the home.

Cool Reception

Turns Veterans Toward Saloons

Minneapolis, Feb. 22—(U.P.)—Judge Lewis Drucker of Cleveland, O., said today that the shock of returning to an America that seems not to want them is the basic cause of the increase in drunkenness among discharged soldiers.

Judge Drucker, speaking at the three day institute on chronic alcoholism at the University of Minnesota, said soldiers returning home had suffered a "jolt" they weren't prepared for. "The appearance in our courts of so many returned veterans indicates the armed forces and the civilian agencies concerned have not given sufficient study to adjustments that must be made by the veterans," he said.

Daily Weather Report

Medford and vicinity: Mostly cloudy with light showers tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature.

Oregon: Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Rain west portion late Saturday with few light showers or snow flurries in east portion tonight. Little change in temperature. Fresh to strong southerly wind off coast.

Temperature a year ago today: Highest 57; Lowest 31.

Total monthly precipitation .72 inches. Deficiency for the month .81 inches. Total precipitation since September 1, 1945, 14.73 inches.

Excess for the season 3.61 inches. Relative humidity at 4:30 p.m. yesterday 61%; 4:30 a.m. today 93%.

Tomorrow Sunrise 6:57 a.m. Sunset 5:52 p.m. Observations taken at 4:30 a.m., 120 Meridian Time

Place	High	Low	Prec.
Boise	42	29	25
Boston	24	10	
Chicago	39	22	19
Denver	59	29	
Eureka	55	44	11
Haver	46	31	
Klamath Falls	41	29	02
Los Angeles	67	44	
Medford	53	31	03
New York	48	17	
Omaha	59	30	
Phoenix	77	39	
Portland	55	41	
Reno	51	24	
Roseburg	55	40	04
Salt Lake	42	23	
San Francisco	60	43	
Seattle	52	41	27
Spokane	58	32	01
Washington, D. C.	40	22	
Yakima	53	30	

Closing time for Classified Ads 8:30 a.m. — Too Late to Classify 12:15 p.m.

PENNEY OPENING OFFICES ABROAD TO OBTAIN GOODS

New York, Feb. 22—In order to secure the products of Europe's skills and artistry, the J. C. Penney company will establish offices abroad according to an announcement by the company. The decision followed the report of two Penney men who visited six European countries to investigate trade centers, and the offices will be established as soon as conditions permit, it was stated.

Cities famous for certain goods or products were visited by the two men, who went to England last October. They visited Manchester, England, famous for cotton goods; Sheffield, famous for cutlery; Bradford for woollen; Nottingham for curtains and lace; Dewsbury and Whitney for blankets; Stoke-on-Trent for dinner and chinaware.

On the continent they visited Grenoble, France, where gloves are produced; St. Gall, Switzerland, famous for handkerchiefs; Courtrai, Belgium, for linens, damasks and rugs; and Belfast, Ireland, one of the great linen centers of the world. The men found that England and Belgium appeared to have made the greatest strides toward cleaning up the wreckage of war. People in England, particularly, are anxious to get business on a peace-time basis, they found.

One of the industries the two men watched in operation was the making of the famous Harris tweeds on the Outer Hebrides islands, and the company expects to handle these woollens again in the near future.

S.A.R. MEETING AT C.P. TONIGHT

Southern Oregon chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will hold the annual meeting tonight at Central Point following a dinner at Rupp's dining room. The meeting is traditionally held on Washington's birthday anniversary.

Speaker of the evening will be Lancaster Pollard, Portland, president of the Oregon Historical society, discussing the matter of a southern Oregon branch of the society. Reports also will be made on the progress of the society's project of converting the old courthouse in Jacksonville into a museum.

Wives of members of the S.A.R. will be guests for the dinner.

New Grand Jury Drawing Monday

At the opening of the February term of the circuit court next Monday, a new grand jury will be drawn from a recently drawn jury list. District Attorney George W. Neilson reports only a few matters will come before the body and a short session is anticipated. Fatal auto accidents in the county the past few months will be investigated.

Jurors for the coming term will report at 10 a. m. on the opening day and at 9:30 a. m. on other court days. The auto damage suit of Billie Skeeters against Fred Svith, both residents of the Prospect district, will be the first case tried. A mistrial was declared in the case last November.

The soil of Cuba is so fertile that earth brought to the surface from a depth of 70 feet is as rich as the topsoil.

ROBERT C. HART TAKEN BY DEATH

Robert C. Hart, well known resident of Medford, where he had lived most of his life, passed away at the home of his brother, Floyd Hart at Route No. 1, Central Point, this morning.

Robert was born at Quincy Ill., on Dec. 12, 1905, and came to Medford with his parents Dr. and Mrs. Henry Hart in 1910.

He is survived by his wife, Eugenia Vilm Hart and children, Ann and Sara Hart, and brother, Floyd Hart, all of Medford.

Private funeral services will be conducted from the Perl Funeral Home Monday at 2 p. m. with the Rev. Father George R. Turney, rector of Saint Mark's Episcopal church, officiating. Interment will be in Siskiyou Memorial Park.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

Friday, Feb. 22, 1946

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

HAWAII HOP FOR \$195
New York, Feb. 22—(U.P.)—Pan American World Airways announced today a reduction from \$278 to \$195 in the one-way fare from the west coast to Hawaii. The new prices will go

into effect March 15 when the Pan American flying boats will be supplanted with new 47-passenger Lockheed Constellations.

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