

Wisconsin Family Raising 19 Children on \$85 Per Week

Colgate, Wis. — Economic recession or not, John and Lorraine Burg are raising 19 children of school age or younger on about \$85 a week.

They live in a white frame building of four bedrooms, kitchen and living room. It's far from fashionable, but every inch a home. Burg built it himself that first year of marriage before Bobby was born—Bobby's the oldest at 18.

Since then, Mrs. Burg has given birth to another 10 sons and eight daughters, including five sets of twins. Twelve are in school, the youngest is three weeks old.

There's also a dog—a playful pup called "Pretty," who sleeps under the porch. "She's got to stay outside," Burg ruled.

How do Burg and his wife manage?

Expert Baby Sitting

Income supplements come from the older girls who do some "expert" babysitting in

this rural Washington county neighborhood, and from Bobby who will keep his job as power mower repairman when he graduates from West Bend High School next month, Burg said.

Besides, Burg confirmed he has 20 tax deductions. He has no barber bill because of a "makeshift" barber chair in the basement where "I get them all together and give 19 haircuts once every three or four weeks."

As for clothing needs, "We've got a lot of relatives, and make the most of hand-me-downs," said Burg. Burg said he likes "to have the kids around where I can keep an eye on them, and have the neighbor children over. That's why we fixed up a ball diamond next to the house."

Burg has a two-acre property, which helps explain how a man working 64 night-time hours weekly at a nearby Menominee Falls bakery can feed 19 children "in these times."

A large garden produces enough berries for Mrs. Burg to can about 500 quarts a year, enough vegetables to feed the family.

Another section houses "35 to 40 hens good for two dozen eggs a day," Burg said. "We don't sell any."

Otherwise, there's meat and potatoes and milk and bread.

"Two years ago, by boss told me 'You don't pay for the bread anymore,'" said Burg. So there's the daily bread, four large loaves of it. "I also bring home two gallons of milk a day," Burg said.

He buys a bushel of potatoes a week.

They get enough to keep them healthy, anyway, Burg said, and if childhood illnesses strike "We just let them take their course." And if the parents get sick? "We don't get sick," he said.

"There's always a way... things always seem to turn out... I've never had an ulcer... come what may... God provides."



NO SHADE HERE—Things are going to get a little hot around the courthouse square in Oskaloosa, Kan. this summer. Every tree on the grounds was given a haircut to eliminate any hazard in event of high winds. From the looks of things it will be a long time before one can find a shady spot.

Businessmen Worry Over Competition By Foreign Markets

By ELMER C. WALZER

United Press Financial Editor

New York — American business men are worrying just now over foreign competition.

They point out that the foreign standard of living can undersell American firms and thus add to the unemployment here with a consequent reduction in our standard of living.

Roger M. Blough, chairman of United States Steel Corp., world's largest steel producer, told his stockholders at their annual meeting:

"Adopting the best in our modern management methods and equipment, foreign steel-makers can produce and sell

steel at a much lower amount than we can, primarily because their wage rates are much lower.

"Wage costs in this country are three times as much or more than the average for steel industries in many foreign countries.

Pleds for Productivity

"Foreign competition is becoming a real challenge not only to steel, but to all American industry. This does not mean that we must meet it by eliminating all future wage increases. U. S. Steel does not advocate that."

Blough pleads for more productivity and insists that a real boost in the standard of living for everyone can come only as we produce more.

Incidentally, the fact that foreign nations can undersell the U. S. in many items is keeping their exports to us very high while our exports to them are falling. This makes for a loss of gold by the U. S.

This loss is piling up steadily. Foreign nations put to their dollar trade balances to work buying gold to the detriment of our stockpile which has fallen more than \$700 million so far this year.

It isn't only steel that is running into foreign competition. The auto industry is being hit. The current Baron's notes that the United States, traditionally the world's leading exporter of cars, has turned into its biggest importer.

Nuclear Power Challenge

That financial magazine also notes that European competition is making headway in diesel locomotives, machine tools, turbines and transformers, and adds that Britain is challenging the once impressive U. S. lead in nuclear power.

Barron's says that it is inflated costs of doing business that make this country vulnerable to competition from many a less wealthy nation.

The magazine points out that world bank statistics show that its foreign loans are being spent more and more in other nations than in the U. S. In the seven years through June, 1954, borrowers spent no less than 65 per cent of their funds for goods made in the U. S., it notes. Now the spending is down to 33 per cent.

Alexander Hamilton Institute notes that with the foreign trade of most of the leading western countries showing a tendency to slacken, the question of expanding their commerce with nations within the Soviet orbit had recently received increasing attention.

Imports from the Soviet bloc included such items as wood and pulp, coal and coke, petroleum products, cotton goods, and iron and steel products and ferro alloys.

All this is posing a big problem for American industry. The solution to the problem doesn't seem available in the near future.

SOC Calls for Bids To Move Residences

Ashland — Bids will be received until 2 p.m. June 3 by the business manager of Southern Oregon college, Ashland, for moving several houses on the campus, Donald E. Lewis, business manager, has announced.

Specifications and forms of contract documents may be obtained from Lewis.

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EAGLE POINT Extension Unit to Meet

By LAURA A. McFALL

Eagle Point — The Eagle Point Home Extension will meet Thursday, May 8, at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Stanley, Brophy rd., for the last meeting of this year's home extension. The lesson will be in the morning followed by luncheon and business meeting. Everyone is to bring their own table service. The lesson will be on co-ordinated wardrobe, given by County Agent Mary Pat Lucy.

First Lt. Lawrence (Bud) D. Tyler, so not Mrs. Jessie Tyler, received the second highest grade ever received on the Air Force Navigation annual examination recently. He received a grade of 99 out of 100 questions. Bud is stationed at Charleston Air Force base, S.C., and is now on a C-54.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harnish gave a dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Rick Wolgamot and Riki, Neal Ballard, Reno, Nev., Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Wolgamot, Mr. and

Mrs. Elmer Harnish and children, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harnish and Mrs. Ethyl Coy recently. Rick and Neal came to Eagle Point to get Mrs. Wolgamot and Riki after visiting several days at her parents' home.

The dogs in Eagle Point are to be kept tied and they are being picked up by the county dog catcher and Chief of Police Ottosen. Anyone not keeping their dogs tied are subject to a fine. Any dog being picked up will be kept five days. Persons may contact the chief of police at Hillcrest 6-3241 if their dog is missing.

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