

Booklet Now Available On Social Security Fund

"Facts About the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and Disability Insurance Fund" a booklet recently issued by the Social Security Administration giving information on financing the social security program, may be obtained at the Medford social security office, W. V. Nusbaum, district manager, announced today.

One section in the booklet describes the investment of the trust funds' assets. These investments are limited by law to securities insured or guaranteed by the Federal government, and money in the trust funds can be used only for social security insurance purposes, the booklet points out.

Nusbaum said that contributions, together with interest

earnings of the trust funds' investments, are designed to maintain the program on a self-supporting basis without any subsidy from the general funds of the treasury.

Assets of the funds are expected to increase steadily throughout the rest of the century and for many years thereafter.

As of the end of last June, the total assets of the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund were \$22.8 billion; the assets of the Disability Insurance Trust Fund were slightly in excess of \$1 billion.

An average railway freight train in the U.S. in 1918 had 34.4 cars. The number has increased to a present average of 55 cars.

City of Kabul Offers Variety Of Interesting Attractions

(Editor's note: This is the last in the current series of articles by Jerry Liebman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Liebman, who is on a world tour. He has been describing various subjects in Afghanistan.)

By JERRY LIEBMAN

I have had the pleasure of meeting elsewhere two of the eminent French archaeologists responsible for the Kabul museum and to whom Afghanistan owes a great deal of thanks.

The museum lies well out of the city at the end of one of the fine avenues. The area around the museum will ultimately display more public buildings and fine homes as time goes by. This means that this small city will have some of the longest distances be-

tween government functions of any world capital, but since taxis cost something like 10 cents a ride perhaps it doesn't matter. Plans were to move the entire city from its present site along the Kabul river to this new area but were abandoned, thankfully.

The existing city continues to squat by the river and the tortuous but fascinating bazaars will remain. Even so, the present city boasts surprising bold and wide streets. Off these streets lie the ancient bazaars, filled with silks and used rubber tires, silver jewels and plastic toys, the mean and the magnificent. Also, filth in abundance.

All Purpose River

The river itself serves as public bathtub, food sink, and, I'm sorry to say, the toilet. Travel in the Middle East had finally immuned me to the sight of food being washed downstream some five feet from a person washing or even performing body functions in the same water. The strongest survive.

The bazaar still offers a bonanza for the tourist after certain items, such as antique silver jewelry. Otherwise, the objects are common-place and the fine objects are being replaced with things of more use to the modern Afghan such as cheap combs, crockery, and primus stoves, most of which are Japanese. Amusingly, I was offered a 1925 American penny by a bazaar jeweler for 25 afghanis, the equivalent of 50 cents. I searched my pockets for some pennies of my own to see at what price he would purchase them from me.

Bazaar Signs

The bazaar signs are often in English, a result of English occupation of Kabul which was the furthest point west of the Khyber Pass the English could take and hold. I proposed myself to the Afghan Prince as Government English Spelling Adviser to Afghan sign makers. The mistakes of language are hilarious. One example that still has me guessing, "Kabul Wash House, Budding and Dressing Floor". If any reader had a clue to the meaning of this weird pronouncement, I'd like to hear from him.

I'll forever recall certain touches of Afghanistan, the small things that give color to the country and that stay in the traveller's memory. Such things, for example, as the ingenuity shown in making shoes of old tires. The shoes last forever and are even moderately comfortable, though heavy.

I'll remember the insatiable curiosity of the Afghans. My slightest action, buying fruit or posting a letter, was never performed with less than 10 onlookers. My spear-fishing gear that was strapped to my knapsack assured me of a fascinated audience.

Birds Trained

I'll recall, not without a twinge of dislike, the Afghan's delight in caged birds. Dogs and cats are considered scum and treated as such, but every Afghan has his pet bird, often kept in a closed bag without light or air. Still they sing, these prisoners. Somehow, the birds are trained to perch on a finger, even as the owner walks down the street. In

About 400,000 automobile patents have been granted in the United States since 1896, the industry estimates.

Kandahar, I looked out the bus window to see a huge bird chained to the sidewalk very much like a condor, with wing spread of seven feet or more. Even in Afghanistan there are people who must better the Joneses.

And I'll forever remember entering at last into this childhood goal of mine, Afghanistan. My bus came in at sunset from Iran, across a wild, desolate desert. Far ahead I could see a single post along the road. One side read Iran and the other side Afghanistan. As there was to be throughout Afghanistan, a touch of the unbelievable added magic to the scene.

The bus travelled a narrow dirt road, arrow straight, across the desert. Behind the bus, poised exactly at the western end of the road, the huge red sun hovered, waiting to plunge behind the earth. Ahead, the moon rose, full and brilliant, exactly at the opposite end of the road which connected the sun and the moon like a bridge. I travelled East on this bridge into the moon and into Afghanistan.



NEW 49ERS COACH—Howard (Red) Hickey has been promoted to position of head coach of the San Francisco 49ers, to replace outgoing coach Frankie Albert. Hickey, who comes from Clarksville, Ark., is shown with his wife and children at their home in San Mateo, Cal.

Rose City Transit To Reduce Service

Portland (UPI)—Rose City Traction company Wednesday received approval of the Portland city council to reduce service on four shuttle lines.

Night and Sunday service will be eliminated on the Killingsworth, Bridge Transfer, Woodstock and the Arlington-Kings Heights West-over routes effective Jan. 12. The night service will be eliminated starting at 6:30 o'clock.

However, Raymond I. Perkins, vice-president of the RTC said that one bus would make a trip to St. Vincent hospital before midnight to pick up the night crew at the hospital.

ELECTION REPORT

Washington (UPI)—The Census Bureau said Wednesday night there are more than 500,000 elected local officials in the United States—about 30 for each 10,000 persons.

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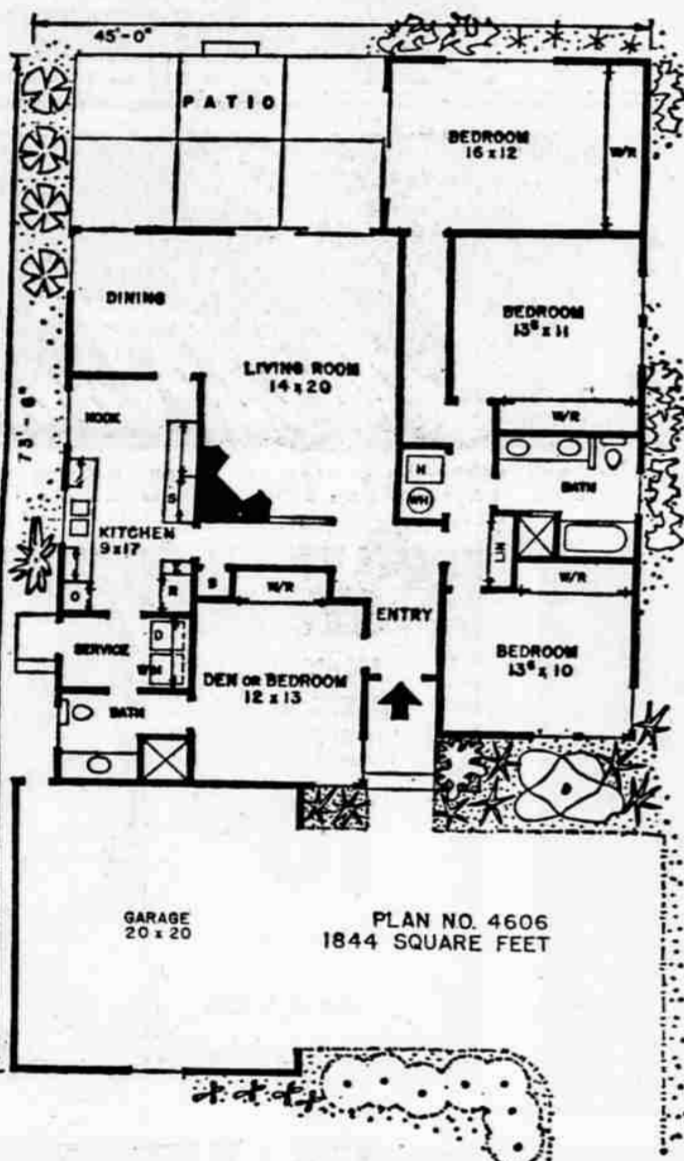
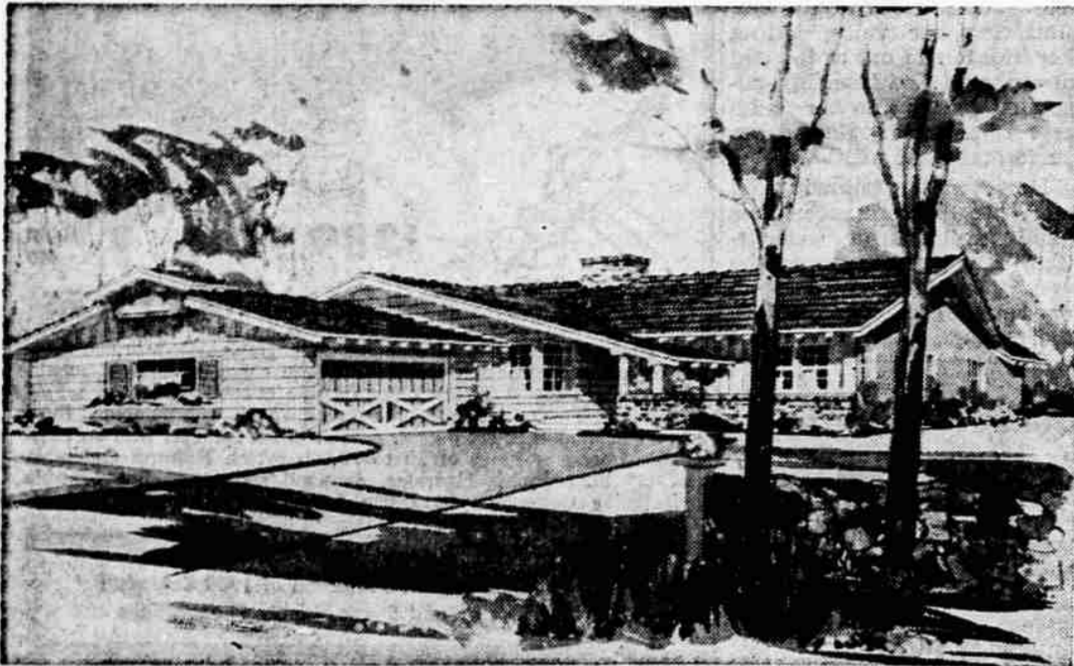
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This Week's Home for Living



By HIAWATHA ESTES

Here is a 1844 square foot home planned for a narrow lot.

A brick chimney tops the stained shake roof while brick veneer and a brick planter lends color to the front of the home. Shutters frame the garage window and a bird house adds a whimsical touch to the gable of the garage roof.

Living room and dining room are open, to add dimension to both areas. Corner windows light the dining alcove and double glass doors slide open to merge the living room and patio for outdoor living. A half-wall beside the huge corner fireplace serves to define the living room while giving light to the hall.

Built-in stove, oven and refrigerator in the roomy kitchen can be color-keyed to your decor. Wide windows brighten the eating nook, sink and work counters.

The big service area has space for your washer, dryer and frozen food locker, and the adjacent three-quarter bath opens to both the work area and den.

The master bedroom is located at the rear of the house for privacy. Glass doors slide open to the patio, and provide an ever changing view of the garden. A wall-wide wardrobe affords ample storage.

Big wardrobes are also welcome features of the other two bedrooms and the den. In a larger family the den could be the master bedroom, or be used as a guest bedroom.

The family bath has a double pullman lavatory and both tub and stall shower. The two-car garage is near the street for easy access. A

rear door to the garage, a few steps from the service entry, offers sheltered passage in bad weather.

Complete working drawing of the above plan can be obtained at a cost of \$7.50 for the first set and \$5 for each additional set, when ordered at the same time.

This plan will be available for a period of four months from this date. Please allow two weeks for delivery. If the above homes does not entirely meet with your satisfaction, a new home plan book, Homes for Living may be purchased for \$1. Send all orders for either plans or books to Hiawatha Estes, P.O. Box 404-T, Northridge, Calif.

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