

Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

A CHAP NAMED Charlie took an active part in just about everything that was going on in his pleasant little home town except church services. Try as she would, his wife just couldn't seem to talk him into attending services on Sunday morning.



One Sunday, however, she broke down his resistance, and even persuaded him to greet people at the door. He hailed almost everybody by their first name, until the church was filled and the services about to begin.

At the last moment, a straggler appeared. Charlie shook his hand, told him how glad he was to see him in church, and expressed the hope he'd be back the following Sunday.

"I'll be back, all right," the straggler assured him cheerfully, then walked down the aisle and up into the pulpit to start the services.

Freda Karitz reports a tense moment in a fourth-grade quiz contest. The teacher asked, "Who said 'God's in his Heaven, All's right with the world?'" One kid answered, "Mrs. God."

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Bird's-eye view of the news of the world on the day this is written:

In the U.S.A., a list of strikes not yet settled. Until they are settled, the U.S. economy will tend to stand still, or even decline.

In Britain, a national election that will indicate whether the British people want the Labor or Conservative party in power.

In Iraq, a would-be assassin takes a pot shot at Premier Kassem, but misses a vital spot. Nobody yet knows what's back of it all.

And, of course, there's the world series, which in popular interest probably outweighs them all. As this is written, it isn't settled.

So—While the news pot boils—

Let's take a look at the economy of Oregon, as it is affected by future contracts for building construction.

A BREAKDOWN of contracts by the major construction categories in August of this year, compared with August of last year, shows non-residential construction

down 15 per cent; heavy engineering down 27 per cent; residential UP 34 per cent.

The same trend is shown by the figures for the eight months of 1959. For this period, non-residential construction is down 41 per cent; heavy engineering construction is down 8 per cent and residential construction is UP 25 per cent.

WHAT does it mean? The answer is rather simple.

It means that in Oregon the trend of construction of the types that end to PROVIDE MORE JOBS is downward, while the trend of the type of construction that tends to provide more housing for PEOPLE WHO WILL NEED JOBS is sharply upward.

That's about the long and the short of it.

ALL of this brings us around to Oregon's No. 1 problem—which is to provide more jobs for Oregon's increasing population.

If that isn't done, Oregon's long range economy will suffer. What is said here of Oregon applies in principle to Far Northern California.

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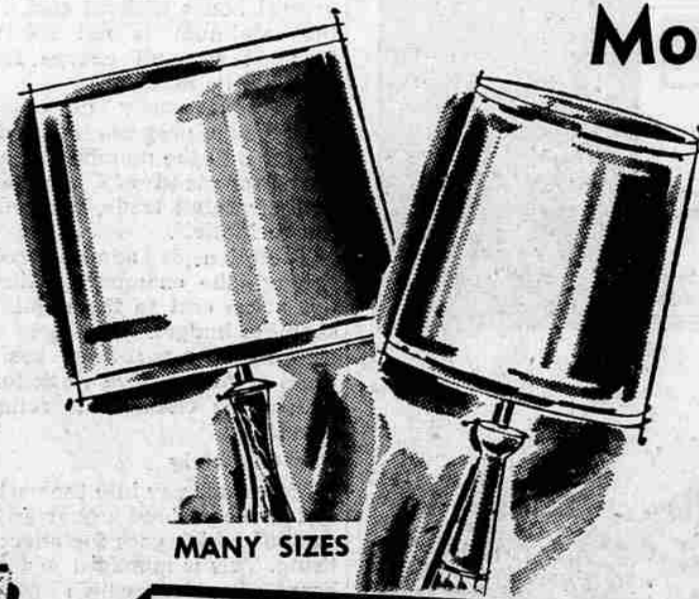
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