

Economic Consultant Sees Rise in Building in 1961

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Washington (Special) - The decline in residential construction which has hurt the lumber industry this year has reached bottom and will start rising in 1961, an economic consultant told the annual meeting of the National Lumber Manufacturers here this past week.

Miles F. Colean told the lumber trade association: "I can see nothing but an increase, but it will be moderate."

The consultant consoled the lumbermen with the observation that the nation's basic industries, such as steel, were worse off this year than the lumber industry with its seven per cent decline.

Weakest Spot
"The weakest spot in the economy this year has been housing," Colean said, noting that the total public and private dwellings constructed in 1960 will probably be about a quarter million fewer than in 1959.

For 1961 Colean forecast an increase over 1960 of about 75,000 units.

Looking at the economy as a whole, he said the country has been undergoing a period of relatively severe readjustment. He explained it like this: the economy has been shifting from an inflationary period to a non-inflationary period.

This has meant, Colean explained, that buyers have not feared continuing price rises so they have felt no anxiety to buy large stocks for their inventories now before the prices go up another round.

Shifts Problem
This, in turn, has shifted the problem of large inventories over on to the producer of lumber and other commodities. He said he did not foresee an inflationary spiral resuming next year, although the gross national product can be expected to rise modestly from about \$503 billion to \$510 billion.

During the first quarter of 1961, Colean forecast a mild dip, followed by a second quarter in which the economy begins to rise again and a third quarter of moderate expansion.

There will be no problem of mortgage credit, according to Colean, because savings and loan associations "are loaded with cash and they will

soon have to get that money out."

Expresses Doubt
Colean expressed doubt about the wisdom of the federal government stimulating housing construction by pegging interest rates on mortgage loans below the general market rate. He recalled that during the recession of early 1957, Congress passed legislation which gave a billion dollars of additional funds to the Federal National Mortgage Agency to give the economy a hefty shot in the arm. That money was flowing through the economy from May, 1957, until the end of 1958, long after it was needed, he said.

The result, he contended, was an excess of housing beyond the momentary need which caused the slowdown in housing sales and new starts of today. He noted that the home builders association recently rejected easy credit as the solution to the problem of increasing home buying and building.

"The public has money," said Colean. "The problem is to get the people to put their money out."

He noted that the builder of Levittown had, on one Sunday, sold 400 homes of a new development near Washington. He attributed the sales to a "response from value-starved" members of the

public who have been looking for more house for their money. Colean said he thinks there is merit in the conclusion that the public will buy new homes if offered their money's worth.

Peter Gunnar Denies Resignation Rumors

Salem - Reports that he is expected to resign by the end of this month were denied Saturday by Republican State Chairman Peter Gunnar.

A report in Portland Tuesday said "informed GOP sources" said Gunnar's resignation was expected soon. Gunnar said, "I have no plans to resign." He said he expected to head party operations when the state legislature meets here in January.

Gunnar, a Salem lawyer, was named to the post for a two-year term last July.

FACING CHARGES

Yreka - Charles Kermit Webb, 48, Hornbrook, was booked at the Siskiyou county jail Tuesday night after his arrest by sheriff's deputies on charges of failure to provide. The charges came from Sacramento county. He is being held in the Siskiyou county jail pending his return to Sacramento.

Boy Scout News

Troop 15
Phoenix - The Phoenix Lions club, sponsors of the Phoenix Boy Scout Troop 15, held a court of honor ceremony at the Community club in Phoenix Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The meeting was called to order with the Scouts entering and giving the flag ceremony, then leading the entire group in singing America, Lawson Scott, neighborhood commissioner, introduced John Higdon, the institutional representative, who explained how the troop is sponsored by the Lions, how they insure the boys of their scouting activities by their light bulb sales and other money raising activities.

Higdon introduced Rudy Tetreault, president of the Phoenix Lions club, who presented Ed Howard, scoutmaster, with the troop charter, granted to the Phoenix Lions club, troop 15, Boy Scouts of America. The charter was extended to March 31, 1962.

Ed Howard introduced his assistant, Vince Claffin, and presented the Scout tie to Scout Keenan Smith as his first step in entering scouting. The scoutmaster then presented the awards. One to two year pin was awarded to Stephen Lubbers. However, Steve was unable to be there to receive it; two first class awards, Wally Kleiver and Eldon Howard; one second class to Kerry Miller; tenderfoot pins were given in the Candle Light ceremony to Kenny Carr, Timmy Igo and John Barklow, and Don Marsh.

One year pins were awarded to Kerry Miller, Billy Root and Mike Graham. Vince Claffin and Ed Howard received three year pins; patrol leader insignia was awarded to Eldon Howard and Ronald Higdon; assistant patrol leader insignia went to Bob Graham and Tim Igo. Lawson Scott introduced patrol leader, Explorer Scout Roger Roy.

Cooking Merit Badges were awarded Eldon Howard, Mike Clieflin and Ronald Higdon. Committeemen receiving their cards were Vernon Moore, Lester Igo, Earl Floyd and John Klassen. Guests from the Lions club were "Foxie" Foxworthy and Opie Frazier.

Vince Claffin gave a report on the two week camping trip at Lake o' the Woods last July 10, with 15 boys participating. They were Frank Moore, Ronald Higdon, George Dumais, Billy Root, Roger Roy, Bob and Mike Graham, Wally and Carl Kleiver, Stephen and Greg Lubbers, Bob Fenton, Eldon Howard, Mike Burrell, Mike Claffin. For the Camporee on July 22 to 24 they were joined by Ed Howard, Lawson Scott, Timmy Igo and John Barklow.

The scouts also assisted the Lions club with their breakfast of sausage and hotcakes served at the Phoenix Community club Sunday, Sept. 11. The boys washed dishes and served tables.

Volunteers were asked for to take the Boy Scouts on overnight and Saturday hikes through the winter months.

The boys and parents are also reminded to save their nickles and dimes to get their \$15 for next summer's camping trip. More parents are needed to take an interest in assisting with these camping trips as 15 boys of this age are more than a handful for one man.

Mrs. Vince Claffin and Mrs. Ed Howard served refreshments of cider, coffee and cookies. Parents attending were Mrs. Roy Miller, Mrs. Higdon, Mrs. Alden Barklow, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Carr, Mrs. Root, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kleiver, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Igo.

Troop 45
Butte Falls-The Butte Falls Boy Scout Troop 45 held its first meeting of the school year Tuesday, November 8, at 7 p.m. at the Butte Falls Grade school. Hereafter, troop meetings will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and patrol meetings on the first and third Tuesdays.

The troop committee, which consists of Red Capello, Ray Chambers, Ben Sheppard, Andy Hamstra, Gordon Walker, Leonard Stratton and Randall Perkins, has been working on a program for the coming year's scouting activities. The program should be interesting and worthwhile. It will consist of troop and patrol meetings, hikes, overnight camps, visitations to other troop meetings and it is hoped the highlight of the year will be a week end excursion to the Lava Beds National Monument in northern California, the stomping grounds of Captain Jack and

Mysterious Death Due to Hemorrhage

Portland-UP - An autopsy has revealed that the mysterious death of a 24-year-old Portland woman was due to internal hemorrhaging.

Mrs. Rose Marie Bennett, mother of two young boys, and expecting another baby, was found unconscious on the floor of her home Wednesday. She died later at a Portland hospital.

Authorities said no foul play was involved in the death.

Los Angeles - Physicians believe that the sun will continue to give off heat and light for at least 50 billion years.

scene of the Modoc Wars. New boys are asked to bring their completed application form and a 50 cent registration fee.

Troop 13
Boy Scout Troop 13, First Presbyterian church, will hold a court of honor following a dinner for families and friends Tuesday, Nov. 15.

An Eagle Scout award will be presented to Gerry Bigham, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Bigham, 1208 Murray ave., Medford. Steve Roemer and Mike Merton will be awarded Life Scout ranks.

NO HEAD LIGHT?
Paris-UP - In an effort to halt widespread hoof-and-mouth disease in France, French cows will now need number plates, licenses, travel

papers and identification marks before they can leave their home villages. There are about 27 million pet cats in the U.S.

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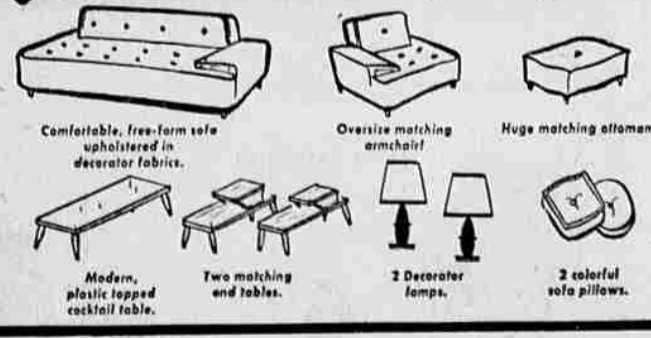
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