

Kennedy Calls for Steps To Combat Pollution of Air

Washington—President Kennedy has called for a broad federal program to combat air pollution in light of recent scientific reports linking it to heart problems and to increased susceptibility to respiratory diseases.

The President did this in the special message he sent Congress Feb. 7 on "improving American health." Features of the program, submerged in the many other aspects of the health message, included:

—Proposed legislation to authorize the Public Health Service "to engage in a more intensive research program permitting full investigation of the causes, effects and control of air pollution."

Stimulation To States

—Federal "financial stimulation to states and local air pollution control agencies through project grants which will help them to initiate or improve their control program."

—A proposed bill for the Public Health Service "to conduct studies of air pollution problems of interstate or nationwide significance."

—Authorization for the service "to take action to abate interstate air pollution, along the general lines of the existing water pollution control enforcement measures."

The President told Congress that leading scientists in the past year have stressed in reports "that there is overwhelming evidence linking air pollution to the aggravation of heart conditions and to increases in susceptibility to chronic respiratory diseases, particularly among older people."

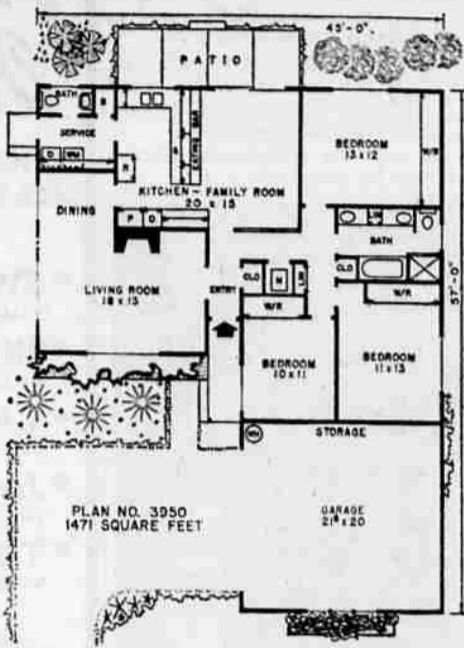
Annual Damage

"Economic damage from air pollution amounts to as much as \$11 billion every year in the United States," Kennedy said.

He said the farm losses alone totaled \$500 million a year, with crops becoming stunted or destroyed, livestock becoming ill, and meat and milk production being reduced.

"In some 6,000 communities various amounts of smoke, smog, grime or fumes reduce property values and—as dramatically shown in England last year—endanger life itself," the President asserted.

"We are currently spending 10 cents per capita a year in fighting a problem which costs an estimated \$65 per capita annually in economic losses alone," the President said.



This Week's Plan for Home Builders

By HIAWATHA ESTES

Contemporary home extraordinary. And, as impressive as the exterior may appeal to you, it doesn't even hint at the intriguing scheme conceived for the interior. Not until you step into the entry does this new design reveal itself with full impact.

As an example of good circulation planning, the house is a standout. Foot traffic is directed to all parts of the house from the front entry. The quiet and formal living room is just off the entry.

A wide picture window offers a view to the street while cross ventilation is provided by a shoulder high window at the end wall. This high window will not interfere with furniture arrangement. No divider has been used between the living room and dining ell so that one room flows into the other and both areas appear more spacious.

Next to the rear entrance is a half-bath—an especially thoughtful provision for children playing in the yard. More important, it eliminates the necessity for them having to constantly track through the house to the family bath.

The kitchen is a complete step-saving work center in which you will feel like a queen. Note the wide pantry next to the built-in oven. An eating bar—over ten feet long—plus other cabinets are the only separation between the kitchen and family room. The open planning of these two rooms makes this a multi-purpose area of great flexibility.

Sliding glass doors along the wall next to the patio make friends with the outdoors. A partial wall separates the family room and the hall. This open planning plus the glass wall greatly expands this room visually.

This plan should appeal to those people who always need more storage space. There are 26 feet of wardrobe, all with storage drawers below. Four closets open onto the hall while a broom closet is in the service. The door of the oversized garage has been offset to provide a storage wall, and there is a 70 square foot storage shelf at the rear of the garage.

Here is bathroom splendor within your reach. It has both a tub and shower, a recessed water closet and two pullman lavatories, separated by a linen closet.

Complete working drawings for this plan can be purchased 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 at these prices until April 2. Please allow two to three weeks for delivery. The following home plan books are also available: *Halfmark Homes*, \$1; *Award Homes*, \$1; *Town and Country Homes*, \$1; *Homes for Living*, \$1; *Homes of Distinction*, \$1; *Ranch and Modern Homes*, \$2. All books, a \$7 value, only \$5. Send all orders for either plans or books to: Hiawatha Estes, post office box 404-T, Northridge, Calif.

Valley Bankers Hear Discussion Of Automation

"Bank automation, what is being done today, and what the future holds for bank automation," were subjects presented at a seminar by the Rogue Valley chapter, American Institute of Banking, Wednesday evening at Hedrick Junior High school.

Lowell Brisbin, manager of the methods department of the U.S. National Bank in Portland, and Ben Imper, assistant manager of the Electronic Data Processing department of the First National Bank of Oregon in Portland, were moderators.

They spoke to a group of about 70 Rogue valley bank officers and employees and explained the history of bank automation. Models of the electronic computers and equipment and slides were shown.

Some of the equipment, besides being used at the computer centers in Portland is being installed in branches near Portland.

Computer Process

By this electronic computer process, a check with the new coded symbol can be sorted by a machine which reads the bank and town to which the check should go, the account number of the customer and the amount in dollars and cents and makes a record of the entire transaction, at the rate of 600 items a minute.

The use of automation in banking will mean better service to the customer with faster, neater and more highly accurate records, and will enable banks to offer more service at a lower cost, they pointed out.

Gilbert Stuart, president of the chapter in Medford, announced a seminar will be held on "The New Federal Reserve System" in March, and "Fraud, Embezzlement and Robbery" in April.

Highway Users Oppose Rapid Transit Plans

Salem—(UPI)—The Oregon Highway Users conference today was on record opposing highway funds for purchase of rapid transit rights of way.

The group also doubted the need for rapid transit facilities in Oregon.

The group said it opposed any diversion of highway funds from present road, park and policing purposes.

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Travel Talk About Hawaii Presented

White City—For the sixth in the winter series of Travel Talks sponsored by the American Red Cross at the Veterans Administration Domiciliary, Rene Espourteille showed films of Hawaii and Tahiti.

The films by professional photographers showed the beauty of Hawaii, native music and dancing, and the molten rivers of lava when the active volcanoes erupt. Unusual scenes of the island and native dancing were set against a background of Tahitian music, to round out the Pacific tour.

Mrs. Leatha Jones, Gold Hill, chairman of the Red Cross Travel Talks program, was assisted in serving refreshments by Mrs. J. L. Malone and Mrs. Leona Wattenberg, hospital representative, American Red Cross.

Parking Meters Now Exceed Two Million

Chicago—(UPI)—Traffic Safety magazine reports that the first parking meters were installed on the streets of Oklahoma City in 1935.

Today there are more than two million meters in more than 4,000 communities in the U.S.

ADVICE FOR HOOVERS

Butler, Pa.—(UPI)—Jack Daugherty, 20, who with a pal completed a 63-mile hike in 22 hours, had some advice for would-be hiking faddists. "Join an automobile club and ride," he suggested.