

Survey Shows 169 Dwellings Under Construction

112 HOUSES, 4 ROOMS OR UP, ON LIST

Another set of startling statistics on Klamath building came Saturday from the First Federal Savings and Loan association, which reported a survey showing 112 houses, four rooms or larger, under construction in the Klamath Falls metropolitan area.

Add to that figure 57 small cottages, either under construction or just finished, and there is a total of 169 dwellings under construction in the area.

The First Federal surveyors found also that 52 houses are being remodeled, seven double garages are under construction, two duplexes are being built, along with 14 business buildings.

Despite this heavy construction, which has been reflected in a series of surveys for two years by the First Federal, the survey on this occasion showed only 21 houses for rent in the district.

It took one day and 100 miles of driving to make the survey. All of the surrounding suburban area was included as well as the incorporated city of Klamath Falls.

The survey was made on April 29. Since that time, one of the First Federal men said, at least 20 houses have been started.

USHA LOW-RENT PLAN EXTENSIVE

More than 16,500 individual buildings have been completed or are under construction in the low-rent slum clearance program of the United States housing authority.

The buildings range in size from single-family rural houses to tall, multi-family apartments in big cities.

The area of the sites for these housing projects is approximately 12 square miles—7676 acres, according to USHA Administrator Nathan Straus. The buildings cover only a portion of the site area since much of it is set aside for parks, playgrounds and community facilities.

More than 125,000 homes—enough for some 442,000 people—are included in the projects finished or building, Administrator Straus said.

Building Permits For April 1941

Residences (new)	14	\$44,200
Residence (remodel)	17	9,115
Business (new)	1	3,000
Business (remodel)	11	7,575
Industrial (remodel)	5	6,000
Garages (private)	5	915
Duplex	1	4,000
Awnings	2	412
Poster panels	3	150
Salvation Army	1	2,000
Moose hall	1	5,000
Total	62	\$86,367
March 1941	62	\$100,505
April 1940	77	\$82,653

Closet Can Be Powder Room

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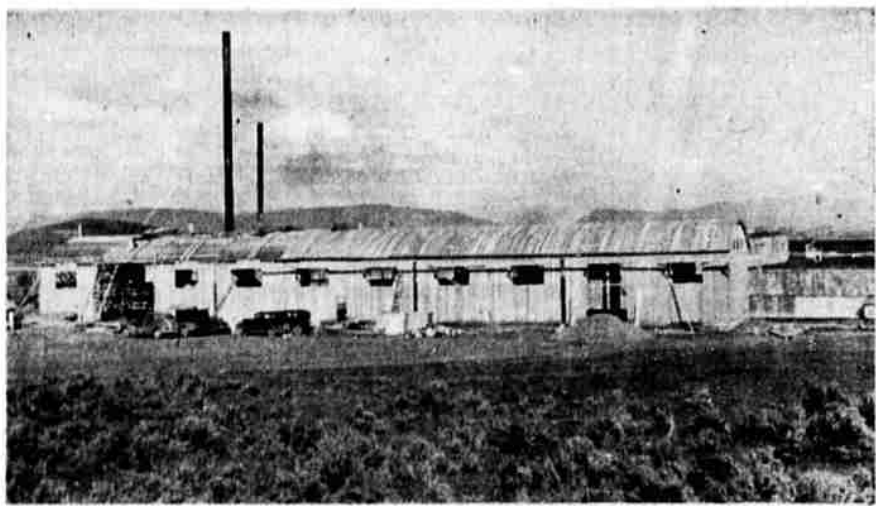
Follow the latest trend for housing summer or weekend guests, by building a guest house in your garden. To further the casual atmosphere and simplify the decorating, use color-kote insulating panels and bamboo shades.

Small Homes Under Construction



Largest number of permits last week went to Gerard Klinkhammer, contractor, who has a number of small homes under construction in the city limits. Above, two of the houses now being built on Wantland avenue. Mills addition.

Moulding Plant Nears Completion



One of the largest construction jobs in the county is the building going up on the Weed highway for the Conifer Lumber company, moulding and cut stock plant. Officials hope to open the plant the last week in May and 25 men will be employed during operations. The building is 50x200 feet. Equipment is on hand and will be installed next week.

Tips From Garden Notebook

By A Klamath Gardener

What with all the nice rain, gardeners will really be getting busy. It's about time to think of getting in some gladiolus bulbs for those who fancy these lovely flowers. Some gardeners have probably gotten some bulbs in for early flowers. And if these are in a place that does not stay wet too long after the rain, they should do well. Glads can be planted so that they will bloom over a longer period, probably the last of them not later than the first of June or shortly after. By planting a few every two weeks one can have flowers up until the frosts spoil the blooms. The early frost that we have here during the beginning of the growing season usually does not do much damage to the plants already up.

If you are going to buy bulbs, and want something really worth while, it pays to get as good quality as possible. Unless one makes a hobby of growing the named varieties, just as good luck will be obtained by getting mixed kinds, providing they are of good quality stock. However one should not expect the results that would come by planting named varieties, for usually the mixed ones are after all the odds and ends left after the certain types are picked over. In buying bulbs and also if you are culling those of your own raising, always pick out the best type bulb. They will be well shaped and rounded. That is, the center part of the bulb will taper up evenly from nicely rounded edges. In looking at the bulbs you will quickly see the difference. The poorer quality will have a more flat squared look and a lot of them will have a depression in the middle. The large well shaped bulbs will of course produce nice large flowers, but the smaller bulbs of good shape will also produce good flowers, much better, in fact than the larger poorly shaped ones.

Unless you want to stake them up, you had better plan to plant them in the trenches like you planted sweet peas earlier. I have had very good success with this method. Make a trench the width and the depth or a little more than the shovel. Fill a generous layer of manure in the bottom. It should be old and pulverized. On top of this put a layer of soil until the trench is half full. It should be about eight inches from the top. Then set the bulbs. It is much better if they are set double or three abreast in the row in uneven positions. This is especially good if you are not planning a large patch, but just a row or two. If there are to be a dozen rows or so, of course they can be planted in the row like onions, and the mass effect be depended on for effectiveness. There should be space enough, especially if you are planting quite a few to cultivate between the rows. I am planning my own patch this year so that I can run the wheel hoe through them and leave generous ditches for watering them by irrigating later in the season. I have found that one can get wonderful results by giving good care to even poor bulbs. Last year I had a great number of tiny bulblets or corms from a quarter-inch to a half-inch in diameter. I always hate to throw anything that will grow away—always thinking that someone may get some enjoyment out of them. As an experiment, I made a shallow trench and sowed them like peas about two inches deep. This is a common practice with gardeners, but where I differed

in this was that I planted them along a little ditch that was used to drain water from a sink—mostly dishwater and wash water. The ground was always quite damp and it had been well fertilized.

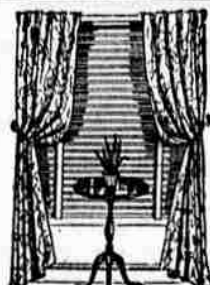
Those little bulbs fairly popped through the ground and grew much faster—and more than half of them produced flowers of a quality as large and fine as the more carefully selected bulbs I had planted where they did not get as much water.

When planting the bulbs in a trench—they should be covered about two inches and then as the plants grow the trench should be gradually filled, so that the bulb will be six or eight inches below the surface, where there is more moisture. This also supports the heavy top of the plant.

Lighting Plan Out for Offices

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ENGINEERING JOBS REVEAL BIG INCREASE

SEATTLE, Wash., May 10—Marking an increase of 662 per cent over the total for the same month last year, contracts for 49 engineering construction projects were awarded in April in the Pacific northwest for a total of \$13,382,146, it is revealed in the May issue of Pacific Builder and Engineer, construction news journal published in Seattle.

In April, 1940, 44 contracts were awarded for a total of \$1,757,948. The rate of construction increase in 1941 is accelerating. The March increase over the same month in 1940 was just 60 per cent.

A 25 per cent increase in the grading and paving contract total for April of this year compared with that of April of last year was due almost entirely to the Oregon state highway commission which awarded seven of the nine contracts which were awarded last month for a total of \$564,445.

Largest contract of the month was awarded by the Oregon highway commission to Leonard and Slate, Multnomah, Ore., for 21 miles of macadam surfacing and five miles of grading on the Dixie-Summit section of the John Day highway in Grant county. Other Oregon contracts exceeding \$100,000 were awarded to Babler Brothers and A. Milne Construction company, both of Portland, Ore.

Savings and Loan Confab Coming

Kipling's well known lines "East is East, West is West, and never the twain shall meet," does not apply to the Pacific Northwest Savings and Loan conference to be held at Gearhart, Oregon, June 15, 16 and 17, for at this three-day confab delegates will hear informative talks by outstanding authorities from every section of the country on the subjects of home finance, savings and national defense.

With convention dates a little over a month away, advance



A new house is always of interest and this spring has seen several hundred structures under way. Richard Robustelli is building these two homes on Division street near White avenue in Mills addition.

Halifax Declares Raw Materials 'Trump Cards' Against Germany

MINNEAPOLIS, May 10 (AP)—Oil, copper and crude rubber were named as "the trump cards in the hands of freedom," Friday by Lord Halifax, British ambassador to the United States.

Fortunately, he said in an address prepared for delivery to the Minneapolis Rotary club, "There are signs that the time is approaching when every unit of totalitarian production will be met by two units of free production, and here I mean not only industrial output but raw materials and foodstuffs as well."

Loot Dwindling

"And the day must soon come when the nazis will no longer be able to find fresh loot as they have found it in France, Holland, Denmark and other ravaged countries, and will be forced to draw still deeper on their reserves."

"Gradually the deluded people of Germany will discover that the essential reserves of supply for which they have enslaved and starved and foregone their liberty are exhausted and that they are left to face the crushing strength of the forces of freedom, armed, fed, supplied

registrations indicate the largest conference attendance in years. The facilities of the Hotel Gearhart have been engaged for the sessions and many delegates, with their families, are planning on arriving early in order to attend Portland's famed rose festival which immediately precedes the conference.

Spring Building Activity

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Industrial War
"When the history of that day is written," the ambassador continued, "it will be clear that the genius of industrial coordination will have played an equal part with the genius of military strategy."

The ambassador emphasized that in a war so specialized, in which machinery is playing a decisive role, the raw materials which make and drive that machinery are playing an even more important part.

"I take three of the most essential," Lord Halifax said. "Oil is the vital source of power for the modern army, and together the United States and the British commonwealth of nations dispose of some 70 per cent of the world supply. Eighty-five per cent of the world's copper is still beyond Hitler's reach and no less than 91 per cent of the crude rubber."

"There are the trump cards in the hands of freedom."

A Nautical Boy's Room
Now, more than ever, boys want to have their bedrooms decorated like a ship. Build portholes for windows and double-deck bunks for beds, use glossy blue-tinted insulating panels on the walls, put a rope mat on the floor and use sail cloth for draperies. These color-kote insulating panels are practicable, because they are easy to clean.

AFL SCHEDULES SERIES OF MEETS

A series of AFL organizational meetings have been scheduled for the next week among employees of Klamath lumber mills, Joe Boyd of the union announced Friday, as union activity continued its stepped-up program in basin mills.

Friday night employees of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company will gather at the labor temple. Monday a meeting will be staged at Weed for Long-Bell employees, and Tuesday Kesteron workers will convene in the temple. On Thursday Long-Bell and Associated workers will meet in Dorris and Weyerhaeuser employees will again converge on the labor temple Friday, May 16.

Boyd also disclosed that the AFL had filed a petition with the National Labor Relations board for an investigation of an AFL majority claim at the Long-Bell operation. It is probable, according to the organizer, an election will be ordered.

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