

Government Pledges All-Out Support To Housing

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—An appeal for 40-year, low-interest housing loans to veterans popped up today as the government pledged an all-out drive to encourage the construction of homes for rent.

The appeal for long-term loans was addressed to the federal housing administration by Commander Louis E. Starr of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

But an FHA official told a reporter Starr should have directed his request to congress. He said the law now limits loans to 25 years in the case of one to four-family homes.

Starr said in a statement he had told FHA Chief Raymond M. Foley and Housing Expediter Frank R. Creedon that elimination of most construction controls had ended the veterans' emergency program.

"Veterans — the majority of whom are on the lower rung of the economic ladder—must now depend on the 'trickle-down' process for housing," Starr said.

Creedon and Foley joined with Maj. Gen. Philip B. Fleming, chief of the office of temporary controls, in telling a senate small business subcommittee yesterday of their plans for carrying out a housing program minus most controls.

"Our big push for 1947 will be rental housing," Creedon declared. Foley testified that the additional \$1,000,000,000 which President Truman made available for mortgage insurance authorization "will be used primarily" to finance rental housing.

So, he added, will the "largest possible share" of a like amount voted by congress last May.

Foley told the committee that many of the chief factors which had been deterring builders from starting rental housing have been removed.

"The material situation today is much improved," he said. "The rising cost line promises to level off, and in some areas appears already to have done so."

Fleming said that on the basis of present information there will be enough materials to construct 1,000,000 homes in 1947, as against an estimated 700,000 this year.

Leo Huls Gets Phone Job

Leo N. Huls, Klamath Falls building contractor, was awarded the contract for construction of the \$150,000 addition to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company building, 8th and Pine, it was announced Thursday morning by Charles E. Seavey, manager.

Under existing circumstances the company decided to select a local contractor, Seavey said, and named Huls this week. Work will start as soon as possible after the first of the year and occupancy of the addition should be available in 1947. Structural steel has been ordered and is expected here within 60 days. All equipment necessary for installation of additional telephone facilities has been on order since plans for the addition were drawn by Pedro Belluski, Portland architect, who also is the original designer of the building.

Western Electric company will install the telephone facilities and a special crew will be on hand to do this technical job.

Plans call for an 18 by 70-foot addition at the rear of the building on Pine street, and an additional story on the Pine street side which will make the entire building a two-story structure.

Vet School Money Cut

Federal subsistence for 84 per cent of Oregon's 6500 veterans in job training under the GI bill has been trimmed to comply with \$175 and \$200 income ceilings fixed by congress, including 20 per cent cut off entirely, Zeno Dent, veterans administration training officer for this area, revealed today.

Adjustments have been based on earnings reports from the trainees and 800 veterans are continuing this month on the suspended list for subsistence because of failure to report earnings to the VA, now five weeks overdue, Dent stated.

Three weeks ago suspensions for lack of earnings reports amounted to 2750 but nearly 2000 of these have since turned in the required data, and those eligible will receive their checks, in most cases reduced because of the legal ceilings.

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Ship Speeds To Port For Aid

MANILA, Dec. 19 (AP)—The American line cargo ship Panaman, fearing an outbreak of poliomyletic aboard, sped toward Manila today for medical aid.

The captain radioed that one death, attributed to polio, occurred at Saigon two months ago and two crewmen have symptoms.

The vessel, due tomorrow night, was loading copra at Romblon island, 156 miles south of Manila. The captain reported the ship's doctor could not handle the situation.

Among some primitive peoples, it was the custom to bury sick people to cure them.

Pearl Buck is the daughter of American missionaries, and was taken to China at an early age.

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Cardroom Operator Faces Income Tax Evasion Charge

SEATTLE, Dec. 19 (AP)—A Seattle cardroom operator, Myer Rothstein, was free today under \$5000 bail after his arrest on a secret federal grand jury indictment which charged him with "wilfully attempting to defeat and evade" payment of \$108,420 in income taxes for the years 1940, 1941 and 1942.

The indictment, made public in Tacoma yesterday by Federal Judge Charles H. Leavy, contains three counts, each charging Rothstein with "concealing and attempting to conceal his true and correct gross and net income."

Rothstein, interviewed by the Post-Intelligencer, blamed his troubles with the government on failure to keep track of personal gambling losses.

"When I gamble for business, I keep track of everything and pay my taxes," the paper quoted him, "but when I gamble for my own recreation, I don't keep track of it at all. Who does? If you win a couple of thousand in a crap game, do you put it in your income tax return?"

Rothstein blamed many of his losses on the "horses."

"I couldn't just bet on a few," he said. "I had to bet on all of them. Well, you never win that way."

In the indictment, Rothstein's income is attributed to gross "business income" in amounts of \$67,033.43, \$173,793.41 and \$293,173.80 for the three years; to rents and royalties in sums not exceeding \$600 for any one year and to dividends of \$2100 and \$5000.

The indictment against Rothstein was the first of five secret indictments to be opened.

GP Company Holds Opening

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 19 (AP)—Chester Morse, selected last week as Portland's first citizen, was the principal speaker at a banquet here last night introducing the newly-formed Rogue River Title company, an affiliate of Commonwealth, Inc., of Portland, of which he is vice president. More than a hundred local realtors, attorneys and county officials were guests.

The Portland business man voiced the belief that the Pacific northwest is on the verge of rapid development with prosperous years ahead. He quoted statistics to show Oregon's payroll is but 10 per cent below war peak, that most war workers have been absorbed by peacetime industries and that both business and bank deposits are far above the 1941 level.

Blue River Timber Site Opened

EUGENE, Dec. 19 (AP)—A survey crew has started initial work which will open 12,000 acres with 500,000,000 board feet of merchantable timber.

A public roads administration crew is surveying a nine-mile road starting three miles above Blue river and going above the proposed site of the Simmons creek dam in the Willamette valley flood control project.

The forest service will build the main road and private operators who will log the timber on a sustained-yield basis will extend branches.

CLOSED AT SUNDOWN
The Colonial wing of the Metropolitan Museum of New York is closed at sundown daily, regardless of the regular closing time of the museum proper. This wing, with reconstructions of colonial and revolutionary rooms, has no electric lights.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

SA Christmas Party Held

About 100 children gathered at Salvation Army headquarters, 4th and Klamath, Wednesday night, when the Salvation Army held its annual Christmas party sponsored by the Rotary club for the youngsters. There were treats, a Christmas tree, carols and even Santa Claus, who distributed goodies.

No time of year finds the Salvation Army busier than the holiday season, Maj. W. Roswall, in charge of the Salvation Army here, said today that contributions in the little kettles which workers set up on downtown streets each year, have fallen off sharply. Contributions were heavy the first two weeks of December, but this week they have slowed down, contrary to other years when funds came in faster with the approach of Christmas.

Money collected will go toward Christmas boxes for families in need during the holidays.

A few toys have been received at headquarters but more are needed, Maj. Roswall said. New toys, used toys, or those which can be repaired are needed. Those who wish to give toys may drop them off at headquarters or telephone 6961, and Salvation Army workers will pick them up.

On Sunday at 7:30 p. m. youngsters of the Sunday school will present their annual Christmas program at headquarters. There will be a party after the program. The public is invited.

Molly Finds A Home At Last

After five long days of waiting in bitter weather, Molly, a shepherd dog, has a home. In response to a Herald and News story many people went out on the Old Fort road to get the little dog who had been abandoned by her owner.

Wednesday night Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hoskins of 705 Victory drive, caught Molly and today she's in her new home.

Mrs. Lloyd Dunlap of the Old Fort road who took care of Molly, although she couldn't get the dog to leave the place where her master told her to wait, wishes to thank the many people who wanted Molly and who have called about her welfare.

Under Burmese law, a wife may become head of the household if the husband drinks too freely.

Medford Winners In Homestead Draw



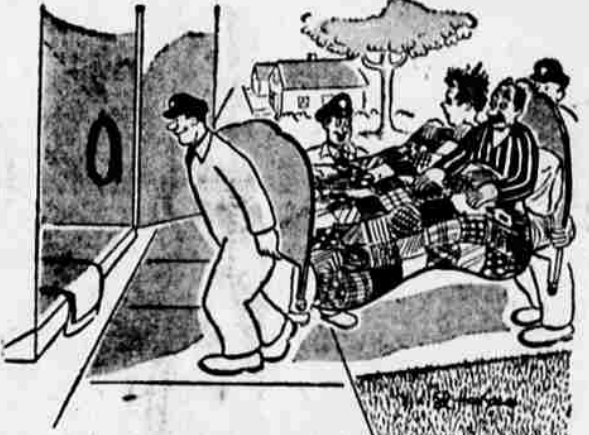
Paul L. Rogers, 26, Medford veteran whose name was 64th drawn in the government allocation of Tule lake farm lands yesterday, saw 44 months of service with the army during World War II. As personnel sergeant-major, he was in France, Belgium and Germany and in two major campaigns. Rogers comes from Baker county and attended Oregon State college at the time of induction. He was one of the first 14 soldiers to be sent to Camp White when that cantonment opened and is now a Medford insurance man. Jack C. Mace, (right), 26, discharged from the navy as lieutenant, junior grade, was Medford's other lucky winner in the homestead drawing. His number was 88. Mace is now employed by the Oregon state forest patrol at Medford and was recently married. He is a graduate of Oregon State college and was present at the drawing here.

Salem Reporter's Death Reported

SALEM, Dec. 19 (AP)—David H. Talmadge, about 80, retired Salem newspaper writer, died in a Salem hospital yesterday.

He wrote newspaper columns for the Oregon Statesman and the Portland Oregonian. His wife died several years ago. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Mary Talmadge Headrick, Los Angeles.

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Local GOP Head Named

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Padgett has long been a member of the central committee and an active republican party worker here.

Mrs. Thirza DeCew was elected vice chairman, Mrs. Paul Farrons, secretary, and T. B. Waters, treasurer.

Chosen to represent Klamath county on the state republican committee were A. W. Schuapp and Mrs. B. C. Johnston, and on the congressional committee, C. A. Dunn and Mrs. William Hacker.

MILLIONS OF TOMBS

The catacombs of Rome contain a total of 6,000,000 tombs. In places, they are seven levels deep and cover a distance of 500 miles in area.

VASA
Christmas Party
Klamath Lank Lodge V.O.A. will hold its annual Christmas Party Saturday, December 21, at I.O.O.F. West Hall. Program starts at 7:00 p. m., followed by refreshments and dance. Members and friends are welcome.

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