

# BUILDING NEWS

## Oregon Farmhouse Plan Book Adds 25 Drawings

Twenty-five new plans including working drawings for 14 farmhouses have recently been added to the Oregon farmhouse plan service books maintained in county extension offices throughout the state, John C. Campbell, Oregon State college extension rural housing specialist, announces.

## Asbestos Wall Siding Finds Wide Use

Asbestos wall siding is being used quite extensively now on both old homes and new for a durable, fire-proof exterior finish by Suburban Lumber company and others.

Suburban just received a building permit for \$1750 worth of work including asbestos siding on the St. Francis apartments on Oak. Repairs on porches and concrete work are included in the permit.

Walls are covered with tar paper, window frames caulked and the asbestos shakes applied. The asbestos needs no painting, is a pleasing ester white in hue and has a rather rough finish. It provides additional insulation so that homes require less heat in cold weather and remain cooler in warm weather than with some other wall finishes.

## Building In Klamath Down

Building activity showed a slowdown in the last week when only seven applications were up for council approval Monday night. All were okayed.

They were enlarging private garage, 615 Upham, \$150; G. E. Smith; install partitions in store rooms 125 Pine, \$50; Allen R. Jones; repair porch, 202 N. 4th, \$300; Dr. E. Dietrich; poster panel, So. Riverside, \$50; Exchange club; new roof, 1526 Oregon avenue, \$170; Frank Sobczak; install asbestos siding, \$1750; M. G. Kuhlman; and repair fire loss, 615 Walnut, \$325; Leo Huis.

## Fishing Trollers Missing Off Coast

ASTORIA, June 24 (AP)—Two fishing trollers, each carrying one man, were missing off the Oregon-Washington coast today, and an intensive air search had failed to spot either one.

Coast guardsmen, who carried out the air hunt yesterday, expressed fear that the Rainadene was lost in a storm early this week. The Rainadene was reported missing Tuesday, enroute from Willapa bay to Ilwaco, Wash., with Walter Kannonen, Ilwaco, aboard.

The other missing troller was the Midnight, which left here June 17 with the intention of returning Sunday or Monday.

While there was a possibility the Midnight might have refueled at some small port and gone out again, no record could be found of such a stop. The name of the man aboard the Midnight was not available.

## Air Guardsmen Wind Up Training

MOSES LAKE, June 24 (AP)—Pilots and ground crews of the air national guard's 49th wing will head back to their homes in the four northwestern states today and tomorrow, winding up two weeks of intensive training in interception, escort, simulated dive-bombing and air-to-ground gunnery.

Four days of operation readiness tests ended yesterday for three squadrons—the 118th of Spokane, commanded by Lt. Col. Frank Frost; the 186th of Great Falls, Mont., commanded by Lt. Col. Floyd M. Roberson, and the 190th of Boise, Idaho, commanded by Maj. James M. Trill.

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cabins. Plans for kitchen facilities include serving cabinets, wall cabinets, storage and utility cabinets and storage closets for those clothing.

The 14 farmhouse plans are of modern houses designed to incorporate sound, up-to-date planning principles, adequate storage areas, and construction economy, Campbell states. Many of the houses are designed to accommodate the addition of more bedrooms at a later date. Design work on all the farmhouses was done within the past two years.

Campbell states that of the 14 new houses added to the plan service, eight are designed for frame construction, five for concrete masonry, and one house is suited to stone, brick or concrete masonry. Seven plans call for one-story homes and seven for two-story construction.

Any of the plans may be ordered through the local extension office. A 25-cent order charge is made at any time one or more plans are requested. In addition, plan sheets cost 25 cents apiece. Plans for the farmhouses normally consist of four to six individual sheets or working drawings, Campbell explains.

## Post Office Building Gets New Roof Job

The federal building, Walnut and Seventh streets, is getting re-roofed—that is, its four flat roof levels are being re-done.

Work has been progressing the past week, removing the old roofing and replacing it with new tar and gravel. This is the first time the building has been re-roofed in nearly 20 years and the present job is expected to last another 20.

The federal building houses the post office on the main floor with offices on the two upper floors. The county agent, extension service, internal revenue and U. S. forest service are on the second floor and soil conservation service, social security, army, navy, farm home administration, veterans administration and the FBI have offices on the third floor.

## Judge Tosses Out Farmers' Suit

PORTLAND, June 24 (AP)—A federal judge turned down yesterday the government's petition to intervene in Oregon farmers' suit against Reynolds Metals company.

Judge James A. Fee left the way open, however, for the government to ask to intervene under a different technical procedure.

The government had wanted to argue in the case, on the ground that aluminum is essential to national welfare. The farmers seek \$1,500,000 damages, contending that fumes from the Troutdale, Ore., plant have hurt their crops and livestock.

Hugh F. O'Donnell, special assistant to the U. S. attorney general, told the court yesterday that the fume trouble should be over soon. He said the government has authorized spending \$2,151,000 for equipment to control the fumes.

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CONSTRUCTION SCENE—Work is getting under way at the new Henley high school building, one of the summer's major construction projects here. This picture was made Wednesday at the scene of activity on the Merrill road, Oregon 39.

## USBR Improves Buildings At Municipal Airport Site

Rather extensive additions and improvements are being made on the buildings occupied by the U. S. bureau of reclamation at the old navy air base.

Purpose of the construction work is to save money. A large pumice tile vault is being erected in front of the main building and connected with it. This is being built of pumice tile with a concrete roof and will be entirely fireproof for keeping old records, maps and data of the bureau.

Offices are being fixed up in this building for men now occupying another building so that it can be vacated, thus saving light and fuel and time now lost between the two buildings.

A series of 10 garages is being constructed from lumber in the rear of the building. These will be available for rent to employes for keeping their cars out of the weather.

Besides these improvements and additions, the grounds surrounding the building are being landscaped and a sprinkler system has already been installed. Lawns are being put in around the two barracks buildings that are being used as residences for employes, as well as around the office building.

Cost of the vault is \$5000, cost of lawn and sprinklers is another \$5000 and other improvements, interior and garages are valued at \$3000.

**PAPER SOLD**  
BROWNSVILLE, June 24 (AP)—The Brownsville Times, a weekly newspaper published here for the last 61 years, has been sold by Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Giles to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Roberts of Yakima, Wash.

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## Methane Gas Use Sought By Tule Residents

TULELAKE, June 24—Local residents are toying with the idea of corraling the flow of methane gas that builds up in the city's deep water well and putting it to work for mankind.

Regardless of the practicability of the suggestion, city dads and others are enjoying fireworks at the well.

A contraption made of a length of pipe topped by a joint of stovepipe has been attached to a valve operating off the water pipes at the well. Gas allowed to escape through this vent may be lighted and a blue flame topped with yellow will rise five or six feet above the stove pipe, burning steadily until the supply is cut off.

Methane gas is produced by deeplying, decayed vegetation, according to authorities, and is produced here apparently from layers of aquatic growth in the old lake bed.

If allowed to build up in the water mains before aeration in the storage tank it frequently knocks drinking glasses flying when water taps are turned on.

Some years ago, a spark apparently set off by contact of a metal pail against a faucet, caused accumulating gas to explode, blowing a service station attendant here through the wall of a building, burning him severely.

Workmen, during the cold weather, use the burning gas to keep warm.

Minor injuries in separate incidents in scattered sections of the city.

Chief of Police Jeremiah O'Connell said extra police and squad cars will patrol the city for an indefinite period in view of the tense situation. He attributed all of the trouble to teen-agers.

## Racial Troubles Flare Up Again

ST. LOUIS, June 24 (AP)—Isolated disturbances between Negroes and whites broke out again last night as an aftermath of trouble that flared in a St. Louis park Tuesday. The violence began when city-owned swimming pools were temporarily opened to members of both races.

One white youth was seriously hurt and several other persons suffered minor injuries in separate incidents in scattered sections of the city.

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