

# North Pacific Cities Mark Up Spectacular Gains

## BOOM SHOWN BY PERMIT STATISTICS

The 1941 building boom continued its spectacular course through February, as the total expenditure for new construction in the 30 north Pacific cities surveyed by the Equitable rose to \$7,643,411—a 149 per cent rise above the total for the same month last year. Residential construction, amounting to \$2,689,511, showed a gain of 44 per cent over the \$1,865,732 invested in new homes during February of 1940. Washington led the three reporting states with a 212 per cent advance in total building and a 39 per cent rise in dwelling construction. Oregon placed second with a 105 per cent rise in total and a 24 per cent increase in home construction. Idaho showed declines in both classifications, and in Vancouver, B. C., home construction rose 82 per cent as the total figure increased 37 per cent.

CITY	Feb. 1941	Feb. 1940
Aberdeen	21,900	18,072
Bellingham	17,115	47,298
Bremerton	130,044	92,259
Everett	29,415	30,568
Hayden	95,690	5,413
Longview	98,143	10,000
Olympia	49,393	24,428
Seattle	3,348,258	662,598
Spokane	277,794	274,279
Tacoma	202,280	261,568
Vancouver	61,752	32,964
Walla Walla	32,518	47,549
Wenatchee	31,804	1,580
Yakima	242,554	25,245
<b>Total Washington</b>	<b>\$4,429,475</b>	<b>\$1,047,196</b>
Astoria	21,105	14,071
Baker	5,500	2,500
Corvallis	30,900	57,800
Eugene	204,200	24,907
Klamath Falls	61,171	72,774
La Grande	2,500	719
Medford	22,225	14,900
Pendleton	29,555	7,419
Portland	1,470,094	961,275
St. Helens	8,150	14,574
Bellevue	47,400	—
<b>Total Oregon</b>	<b>\$1,866,548</b>	<b>\$92,717</b>
Boise	64,135	60,547
Evansville	15,948	10,709
Idaho Falls	12,573	20,025
Meridian	28,400	34,419
<b>Total Idaho</b>	<b>118,156</b>	<b>126,710</b>
Vancouver, B. C.	945,475	448,182
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$7,643,411</b>	<b>\$2,143,234</b>

### All Types of Building Moving Here



Typical of the diversity of the current Klamath building program are the projects pictured above. Upper picture shows three houses on Austin street, in the subdivision off Shasta way known as Sunnyland, in the development of which E. M. Chilcote, D. M. Smith and R. C. Dale have an interest. L. W. Rusk, contractor, built the complete white house on the end, now occupied by C. C. Jones. Below, the just-finished home of Marshall Cornett company, Seventh street and Klamath avenue, showing the unusual tower atop this structure.

## GOOD OR BAD DESIGN-COST IS THE SAME

On an average, materials and labor for a well designed, attractive small home and those for an ugly, poorly designed home in bad taste, cost the same. In other words, good design, which adds tremendously to the resale value and owner-satisfaction of any home, is not a cost item.

The way in which materials are put together for a home has a tremendous effect upon its value, and the successful utilization of labor and materials requires more knowledge than money. True, money can buy knowledge, but it is best to understand—before you embark upon a home building project—some of the fundamentals of good design.

1. A house should blend with its neighborhood. This does not mean it should be like all the other homes in the section, but neither should it stick out like a "sore thumb."
2. A small home should be simple in design and of good proportions. Simplicity means a reduction in the number of design elements and a minimum use of different materials. If you start with wood use wood throughout. Don't break your house lines into several small masses through the use of different materials. It ruins the scale and unity and makes the house appear much smaller than it actually is.
3. Plain simple roof areas and unbroken eaves lines simplify exterior appearance and construction. They also keep down roofing costs and roof maintenance costs.
4. Fake dormers, gables, chimneys and similar devices should be avoided. They are only a needless expense and are usually glaringly apparent.
5. Remember that a house is visible from all sides. Do not give all your attention to that part facing the street.
6. Avoid extremes which may affect the resale value of the house. Good taste in design is always preferable to novelty.

If you give consideration to the site, use common sense in your choice of materials and mechanical equipment, and analyze your individual living requirements your house will return full value in home enjoyment.

### Ellsworth Named Douglas Senator

SALEM, March 15 (AP)—Secretary of State Earl Snell said the Douglas county court voted today to appoint Harris Ellsworth, Roseburg editor, as state senator to succeed the late Sen. C. W. Clark of Roseburg. Snell said Ellsworth would probably come here today to take his seat for the closing hours of the session.

hobby of fancy iris, that feedings of commercial fertilizer and plenty of water during the flowering season and previous to flowering will produce some very satisfactory results. When the clumps of iris become quite large and seem to rot in the middle of the clump it is high time they were moved. If no bloom is desired the first year the clumps can be torn apart and only single sections of rhizomes planted, but by leaving several in a bunch a better effect is obtained more quickly. And by the way, I just discovered that a pick is ideal to tear them apart. More about iris next week.

Quebec's 1939 yield of provincial hay and clover was valued at \$46,988,000.

## FIVE ROOM EFFICIENCY IN THIS FOUR ROOM HOME

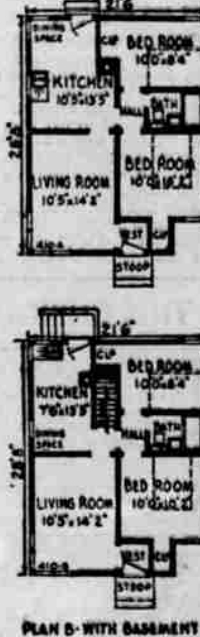


THIS charming four room home provides all the efficiency and practical living accommodations usually found in five room houses only.

The house is not very wide, but it is long, with a depth of 28'8" which permits good room sizes. The plan is a sample of maximum efficiency with the hall communicating with all rooms and the house being basically inexpensive to build. An attractive arrangement of corner windows adds to the exterior appearance of the home and insures excellent ventilation throughout. The house may be built with or without basement.

An unusual feature of this design is the combination of vertical and horizontal wood siding on the exterior and the construction of the wood shingle hood over the entrance door.

For further information write the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, 1337 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C., and refer to design 410.



## CLOSET OF CEDAR EASY TO BUILD

A cedar-lined closet is not only a practical place for protecting "out of season" apparel, but it is simple to build.

First, locate the studs in an ordinary closet by tapping the walls with a hammer, or by driving a small nail through the plaster. When they have been found, sheath the walls and ceiling with tongued and grooved sheathing boards nailed through the plaster into the studs with 10d finish nails.

To the sheathing board, apply either horizontally or vertically, tongued and grooved aromatic cedar boards measuring 1/2 inches by 21 inches, 1/2 inches by 31 inches or other stock size. These boards keep moths and other insects away by giving off an odor offensive to them.

It is desirable to line the inside of the door, ceiling and floor with these boards, although a thicker cedar is available for flooring the closet. A quarter-round cedar moulding placed around the base of the wall at the joint and at the wall and ceiling joint makes a neat and attractive finish. Cedar sheathing boards likewise add to the appearance of the closet.

All material necessary for making a cedar closet may be obtained at your local lumber dealer's yard.

### Cary Makes Tour Of Southwest

MERRILL—Frank Cary returned Wednesday, March 12 from a 10 day business trip through the farming and grazing section of Texas, his trip taking him as far south as Amarillo. He went through Albuquerque, N. M., through Yuma and Phoenix in central Arizona and returned via the California coast route.

## Tips From Garden Notebook

By A Klamath Gardener

The weatherman has certainly been giving Klamath county a break, and what a time for gardeners! We are told by the so-called weather wise predictors, not to take this spell of wonderful weather too seriously, as we are most surely due for at least a brief comeback of old man winter for these beautiful days are only storm breeders. But far be it from me to worry too much about it, and just like a lot of other folks, I just could not resist putting in a few early seeds, and keep my fingers crossed just in case we do have nasty weather.

There are just ever so many things that can be done now, and the sooner the better. Any one with a garden should be busy at least a few hours every day. And it is a swell time for

way it doesn't seem to be such hard work in the spring, because we go at it with renewed strength and interest.

About my only New Year's resolutions had to do with my gardening activities. I resolved that, as the winter had been rather mild for this country, I would avail myself of every nice day and get that fall neglected work done up. It did seem there for a long time that everything I did get out and get something started, it would rain again and soak up the ground so that I would have to wait awhile longer, but it is surprising how much was accomplished at that. Now I find myself with such a good start on the spring work that it is a pleasure to know that more is being done than I had expected.

For the past week I have been moving iris. Now authorities on the subject tell us that this little job should be done in the summer just after the iris have bloomed, and I agree with them, but somehow I always get lazy about that time and want to enjoy my garden, so consequently that little job hardly ever gets done until spring. I can't see that there is much difference in this arrangement in this country for if the transplanting is done early they bloom for me just the same, with the exception of course that there are not so many blooms due to the fact that the clumps are divided more or less. As iris do not need water during the summer, and are better off without it, it is best to plant them in a situation where there are no other plants that require much water. For years I planted them too deep, but have found that they do much better if shallow trench is made with a hoe wide enough to let those thick roots spread out. The rhizome or thick meaty root should be so near the surface that it is partially exposed. They do not need very rich soil, and are better off without manure as fertilizer, unless it is in ground that has been used for quite a while. I have been told however, by those who make a

## Summer Lake District Asks Debt Reduction

LAKEVIEW—A further hearing will be held on April 14 in the federal court in Portland upon the application of the Summer Lake Irrigation District and of a majority of its creditors for permission to scale down the indebtedness of the district from \$700,000 to \$350,000. Forrest E. Cooper, attorney for the district, will appear before the State Reclamation commission this week to request that the state cancel its indebtedness against the district so that the proposed composition can be consummated.

A popular name for dragonflies is "the devil's darning needle."

## A Home Like This Is Economical

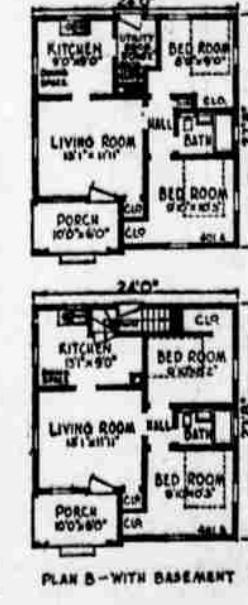


WHY pay rent when the same monthly payments will enable you to secure such a pleasing home as this one?

Offering good size rooms, a carefully planned design, an attractive porch, and adequate closet room, this home gives more space at less cost than an apartment of the same dimensions. Note that a utility room is included in the plan if the house is built without a basement.

The living room can be given added beauty by placing a wood dado or wainscoting below the window level. Such material is available at low cost in stock paneling patterns.

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## LAKEVIEW CLUB TALKS AID BILL

LAKEVIEW—The Washington club, discussion group, held its monthly dinner meeting last night at the Episcopal church. Carl Fetsch acted as toastmaster. The lease-lend bill was the topic for discussion.

Affirmative and negative speakers developed the subject after which each person present was called upon to express his opinion. Loran L. Stewart was appointed chairman of the April meeting at which time the club voted to discuss the forthcoming

## Graham Named At Lakeview

LAKEVIEW—Claude R. Graham, local automobile dealer, has been appointed by Mayor Carl Fetsch to the vacancy on the Lakeview water commission which was caused by the resignation of County Judge J. R. Heckman. The commission now consists of B. K. Snyder, Walter Dykeman and Graham.

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