

NEW LOW-COST HOUSE MAY BE BOOM TO UNITED STATES

Washington. — The Foreign Buildings Operations unit in the State Department has finally solved the problem of high-cost housing, and this small unit in the department—one of few not under political attack—may be doing something that will soon affect every home builder in the country.

What the FBO group has done is this: After years of studies and experiments, foreign service representatives of this government are about to be quartered in \$30,000.00 houses—the finest available in many foreign locations—and the government is paying only \$15,000.00 for the house and furnishings! FBO has designed, or helped design, the house and furniture, bought both, and shipped the whole thing overseas—for \$15,000.00.

While the houses are rented to foreign service personnel only, instead of paying \$30,000.00 or more, the State Department is paying only \$15,000.00. And this amount is not dollars sent abroad but a use of credit, or foreign currency owed the U. S.!

Well Furnished
The house has three bedrooms, bath, living and dining room combined (24 by 12 ft.) a long porch, kitchen furnished with range, refrigerator, etc., car port, ample closets, furnace, blinds, and all furniture—some 20 chairs and stools and a sofa, plus five beds, lamps, rugs, fixtures, and everything else.

This house, all the furniture, and appliances, shipped overseas and erected, is costing Uncle Sam a little over \$14,000 in some cases! Unbelievable? It sounds so today. But the FBO has just let a contract for 50 of these houses. Cost per unit—\$6,800.00. They are pre-cut houses, but Edward H. Sims, Washington newspaper correspondent, was shown an exact model this week in the State Department, and the house is every bit as attractive as many priced at \$20,000.00.

Leland W. King, Associate Chief of FBO, says the house represents years of research. "We've finally got a house that ticks the old high-cost, slow-motion problems," he said. "We contracted with a firm in New York for the furnishings. They sent representatives to Europe and bought up most of that—with money foreign governments owed us. The hard furniture pieces come from Germany, the lighter pieces from France and some of the fixtures from Italy."

All furniture and fixtures cost \$2,300.00, delivered in Europe. Add that to the cost of the house, delivered in New Orleans, of \$6,800.00, and the total becomes \$9,100.00. Construction and freight overseas run the \$9,100.00 to about \$14,000.00. But the possibilities for use in the U. S. A.—the house without furnishings—bought in quantities of fifty or more, make an \$8,500.00 house, built, possible, and adding land and heavier freight for longer hauls, \$10,000.00 houses of this type probable.

Houses on Way
"More than half of our first 50 are on the seas to foreign posts now," King says. "We usually have the land at these outposts, so that isn't much expense. King explains that the FBO sifted 14 domestic and foreign bids before contracting for this one. He says these houses are not on the open market now, but might be in the future. Right now they are going to such posts as Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; Saigon, French Indo-China, Madras, India, and other spots.

However, it shouldn't be too long, King thinks, before such homes are offered on the U. S. market for well under \$10,000.00. They might usher in the prefabricated era.



VIENNA, AUSTRIA—U. S. Military Policeman Cpl. Paul J. Green, of Rochester, N. Y., was killed by tommy-gun firing Russian soldiers (May 4) while on patrol duty with another MP in International Sector of Vienna. The shooting occurred on a main shopping street when Green sought to question two Russian soldiers carrying automatic guns. An investigation is planned.

Broadcast on Family Week

The dramatic story of a family of boys reared in the atmosphere of a mining town saloon who came to be leaders in church and community activities is one of the series of six broadcasts scheduled for National Family Week (May 6-13) on station WATA at 8:45 a. m. which began Monday, May 7th. Each of the six broadcasts uses the dramatic flashback method to tell the story of an American family that has found the way to real achievement by making use of spiritual resources. Each broadcast concludes with the testimony of a member of the family in his or her own words made available by tape recording.

This series will be heard in approximately one thousand communities in the United States and Canada as a part of the nationwide observance of National Family Week. Sponsored nationally by various church, educational, and welfare organizations, the local observance is promoted by many organizations that are concerned with parent-child relationships, family life and child welfare, including churches, church organizations, schools, civic clubs, and social service agencies. Time for the broadcast is made available by the local radio station WATA as a public service.

Los Angeles—For good reason, Charles E. Stine thinks he will be able to duck his recent draft call. Born during the days of the Civil War, Stine is 88.

News Oddities

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE

Villa Rica, Ga.—Mrs. Bill Berry lost her wrist watch one morning and that night she dreamed it was in a parking area. Sure enough, the next morning she found it where she had dreamed it was.

BOYS SAVE 2 GIRLS

Minneapolis, Minn. — Karen Lotterer and Jean Anderson, both 5, were playing near their homes. Boards covering an old cistern gave way and they plunged out of sight. William E. Donahue, 13-year-old newsboy, heard their screams and shouted to John Logorio, 12, nearby. While John held William's legs, William reached down into the cistern and hauled both girls to safety before police and a fire department rescue squad arrived.

TOO MUCH FOR COUPLE

Lima, Ohio—Some would-be robbers backed a coupe to the curb and loaded into its trunk a 1,000-pound safe stolen from a super-market. But the coupe and the safe—unopened—were found right there the next morning. The car's rear bumper had locked over the curb. The safe contained more than \$2,000.

BULLET IN BODY 21 YEARS

Baltimore, Md.—Sergt. Samuel J. Monkhouse recently had a bullet removed from his body, which had been there for twenty-one years, when Monkhouse, then a young patrolman, was shot in a gun fight with a safe cracker on October 14, 1930. The bullet lodged in a muscular tissue in the heart and doctors decided to leave it there. Recently, it worked out of the heart muscle and into the right shoulder blade, from where it was removed.

IN INSTALLMENTS

London, England.—Mrs. Amy Elizabeth Oakes, 38-year-old wife of a truck driver, recently gave birth to a 4-pound, 12-ounce daughter on March 4th and, two days later, two other babies, both boys, arrived. One weighed 5 pounds 3 ounces and the other 5 pounds 2 ounces.

DOG SAVES FAMILY

Covestry, R. I.—Not so long ago, John Auriemma tried to give his pet dog, Rags, away because the pup barked too much. However, he's glad he didn't get any takers because Rags barked loudly enough to awaken the Auriemmas recently and they escaped with their four children from their blazing Quonset hut home.

ALL AT HOME

Central Falls, R. I. — Mrs. Olympe Mornssette, 90, has 100 descendants, everyone of whom live in this city. They can have a gathering of the "clan" on 30 minutes' notice.

General Motors pays its president \$628,300 in 1950.



KOREA—These young innocents of war are among the only civilians left in beleaguered Seoul, as that South Korean capital is again threatened by the Chinese Communist forces. Their homes broken up, they roam the streets in search of mother or father.

NEW COMBAT RATION HAS MEAT, FRUIT, ETC. FOR FIVE

By EDWARD H. SIMS

Washington—The Army has gone snazy over combat food rations for small units separated from main bodies of troops—of all people!

Maybe the higher brass figured troops separated from their headquarters and main units needed better food to compensate for a feeling of insecurity. Whatever the reason, the 27-pound 5-in-1 is the nuts. The 5-in-1 does just what it sounds capable of doing. It feeds five combat men for a day. Here's what the Army says the packs contain: sliced bacon, beef and gravy, ham, hamburgers, ham and eggs, frankfurters, pork and gravy, beef roast, spaghetti and meat balls, ham with candied sweet potatoes, cheese spread with smoked meat, pork sausage links, and two fish items—tuna and salmon. Believe? It's true. Those are the Army's meat items in the 5-in-1.

Another improvement over old Army rations is the addition of fruit to present day combat rations. Where as in the last war combat soldier got no fruit, today they get: fruit cocktail, halved peaches, halved apricots, figs, kodota or cherries, and sliced pineapple. And also in the pack are: sponges for washing, paper, soap, towels, water-purification tablets and luxury items such as candies and chewing gum plus—20 cigarettes per man (which is wonderful advertising for tobacco companies by the way, who will point to the "necessity" of smoking).

Quite a difference from the old combat rations, eh? In fact, it's a wonder every small unit in combat isn't getting separated from the main body somehow. Let's see now, where is that recruiting station around here . . .

A total of 145,407 projects were completed by North Carolina 4-H Club members last year.

MYSTERY WOMAN DIES

Chicago — When a factory worker, known as Miss Marie Ames, dropped dead recently in the shop where she worked as a candy wrapper, investigators learned she really was Miss Marie O. Andersen, 51-year-old spinster lawyer and one-time brilliant assistant in the State's attorney's office. She lived alone in a huge seventeen-room dilapidated residence since her mother died in 1944. The house lacked heat, water and electricity.

If the tobacco grower gave away the tobacco in a 20-cent pack of cigarettes, the girl behind the counter would still ask for 17 cents to pay for the purchase.

CARD OF THANKS

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