

A YEAR IN ADVANCE IN THE COUNTY

Congressmen Ready To Start Home Immediately

TODAY and TOMORROW

(By Frank Parker Stockbridge)

HOUSING purpose.

The Federal government is going into home-building in a big way. Under the new Wagner Housing Act it proposes to provide \$700,000,000 in the next three years to finance the building of better homes for the poor, and \$20,000,000 a year more for twenty years. The work will be done under Federal supervision and the rent charged will be regulated by the Government. The cost of these houses is limited by law to \$1,000 a room or \$4,000 for each home of four rooms, whether in an apartment or in a separate house, exclusive of the value of the land.

The humanitarian purpose behind this project is based upon the assumption that one-third of the people of the United States are inadequately housed. That may be true enough, but I wonder how many of that lower third can or ever will be able to pay rent which will yield even 1 percent net on such costs.

I haven't any statistics—there aren't any—but I'll venture that most of Americans, the comfortable ones, live in houses which cost far less than \$1,000 a room.

COSTS variance

I have had quite a bit of experience, in the past forty years, in house-building, both in city and country. I am not talking through my hat when I say that in New York City, where building costs are as high as they are anywhere, a good modern apartment house can be built for \$750 a room. I have done it, at a time when building materials and labor cost much more than they do today.

In small towns the cost of building is far lower. I have recently been getting estimates of the cost of building two five-room houses on lots my daughter owns, one in a Florida city, one in a Pennsylvania village. For \$2,500 in Florida, \$3,500 in Pennsylvania, where cellar and heating equipment have to be figured in, she can build a five-room house which nobody would be ashamed to live in.

It is easy to say that the houses for the poor which the Government proposes to build under the Wagner Act need not cost as much as the maximum allowance. I never heard of any Government bureau spending less than the law allows.

RENTS tenants

If the new Housing Act actually does, as its friends say it will, stimulate the building industry all over the country, then perhaps it will be worth what it costs. But I have my doubts that it will benefit the people whom it is designed to benefit—at least not directly. The low-income people, the ones who are now inadequately housed, live that way, because they don't earn enough to pay the rent which it would take to provide better accommodations, even with no profit at all to the landlord.

They are talking about renting these new Government financed houses at around \$20 a month. That would be a bargain rate in the cities for families with incomes of \$25 a week or so. It would be high rent in most small towns. I think the people who earn good pay would gobble up these new homes and leave only the old and less desirable places for the very poor to live in.

That is the way every better housing plan I know anything about has worked.

NEGROES accommodations

About twelve percent of the people of the United States are Negroes. The great majority of them belong in the "underprivileged third" of the population. Few Negroes have steady jobs at good enough wages to enable them to pay rents based on what new, modern housing would require.

I inspected, a few weeks ago, the largest Federal Housing project for Negroes so far completed, at Miami, Florida. It is a beautiful group of brick apartment buildings, forming a quadrangle around a park and playground which covers two acres or more. The buildings are fire-proof, the rooms large, light and airy and equipped with every modern convenience. The tenants have the use of a big community house, with a recreation hall, commodious kitchens and rooms for classes in sewing, domestic science, and other subjects.

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SYLVA BOY COVERS ROOSEVELT'S TRIP

John A. Parris, Jr., young Sylva newspaper man, who was for a few years with the United Press in Raleigh and New York, but who is now a special writer for the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel, was sent by that paper to Washington, to board President Roosevelt's special train and cover the President's trip to Manteo.

The President was the guest of the State on Wednesday, when he spoke at the celebration of the 350th anniversary of Virginia Dare, first child of English parents born in America.

The assignment of John Parris by the Journal and Sentinel to ride with the President south and cover the entire trip for that paper is no mean honor to a newspaper man, and places John high up in the roster of reporters.

BALSAM

(By Mrs. D. T. Knight)

Mrs. W. S. Christy and Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Norris went to Lake Junaluska Sunday morning. Monday they left for Athens, Macon and other places in Georgia, to visit relatives.

Mrs. John P. Knight and Mrs. D. T. Knight went to Clayton, Ga., Friday the 13th, to meet Mr. John P. Knight, who came up from Orlando, Fla., with some friends, who are interested in the Rabun Gap Agricultural School, near Clayton. Mr. Knight and family will leave, Balsam, Saturday, for their home in Orlando, via Montgomery and Dothan, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. John Upson and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Upson and family, of Daytona Beach, Fla., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Potts and other relatives here.

Mrs. Louis Upson underwent an operation for appendicitis in the Waynesville hospital, last week, and is recovering as well as could be expected.

Safety Parade Here Friday 27th

On Friday of next week, August 27, at four o'clock, a driverless car will lead the Safety Parade down the main street of Sylva, up to the courthouse, where a safety address will be made, and back to the starting point.

The safety parade, headed by the magic car, is being brought to Sylva through the cooperation of town officials, local automobile dealers, and supply firms. The parade has been given in scores of North Carolina towns, and the response has been gratifying in every instance.

The order of the parade will be: State police; city police; fire department; official car; city officials; magic car; control car; cars with civic and fraternal groups; Boy Scouts; floats and merchants' display; wreaths; towing wreaths; ambulances.

The parade will form promptly at 3:30, on East Main street, proceed down Main street and up to the courthouse, make an U turn back to the point of starting. Capt. Lynch, driver of the cruiser will make a safety talk from the safety car, at the courthouse.

In order to select the magic car, the names of three Sylva dealers supporting the Safety Day Parade were placed in three separate capsules and then drawn out by Mayor H. G. Gibson. The first drawn was a Ford, and this will be the Magic Car, which will operate in the Safety Parade without a driver, showing that an automobile can be safely operated without a driver, and that nearly all automobile accidents are the fault of the operator. The next car drawn was a Dodge. In this Dodge control car Capt. J. J. Lynch will ride, not only operating the Dodge, but also the controls that will operate the Magic Car. Chevrolet was the third car drawn, and will be the official car of the parade.

MRS. TAYLOR FOWLER PASSES

Funeral services were conducted at Glenville Baptist church, for Mrs. Taylor Fowler, who died at her home on Big Ridge, on August 10, at the age of 80 years.

Mrs. Fowler is survived by one daughter, Mrs. James Bryson, and six sons, Freeman, Will, Jones, Percy, Deitz, and Hubert Fowler, all of Glenville, by three brothers, Newton and John Bryson, of Salem, S. C., by twenty-one grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren, and numerous other relatives and friends.

FRED SEAY PASSES

Fred Seay, aged 40, died at his home here, last Thursday, after an illness of several months' duration. Mr. Seay was a member of the Wilkesboro Baptist church and had been a deacon for three years. He had been an employee of the Sylva Paperboard Company for about ten years.

Funeral services were conducted at Birdtown, Friday at 3:30, by Rev. Ernest Jamison and Rev. Floyd Womack, of Sylva, and Rev. John Hyatt, of Whittier. Burial was in the Birdtown cemetery.

Pall bearers were Messrs. Bob Higdon, Harley Stewman, Oscar Watson, Richard Hoyle Joe Deitz and E. J. Duckett, all of Sylva. In charge of the flowers were Misses Lily Brown, Ora Franklin, Bertha Frady, Louis Hooper, Virginia and Dollie Mae Woods, and Mrs. Oscar Watson, of Sylva, Misses Raye Nelson, Norma Seay and Mrs. Emma Woodard, of Sylva, and Mrs. Tom Tollie, of Cherokee.

Mr. Seay is survived by his widow, three daughters, Frankie, Bencie and Edna Mae; one son, Burl; five brothers James and Taylor, of Sylva; George and John, of Qualla; and Bob, of Sylva; and by one sister, Mrs. Virginia Knott, of Ravensford.

Methodists At Cullowhee Will Dedicate Church

Sunday will be a red letter day in the history of Cullowhee Methodist church, for the handsome church building, recently completed, will be dedicated, and the presiding bishop, Bishop Paul B. Kern, will be present and conduct the service of dedication, and will preach at 11 o'clock.

As many former pastors of the church as can possibly come to Cullowhee are expected to be present. Among them are Mark Q. Tuttle, L. B. Abernethy, Robert M. Hardee, E. C. Widenhouse, A. W. Lynch, Elzie Myers, S. H. Hilliard, and possibly others.

The new church and parsonage, designed to care for the needs of the Methodist people of the community, and also among the students at W. C. T. C., were recently completed at a cost of \$20,000 under direction of a building committee composed of the pastor, Rev. C. G. Heffner and W. L. Bird, chairman; R. C. Sutton, treasurer; H. T. Hunter, S. W. Enloe, D. H. Brown, Mrs. Frank H. Brown, and Mrs. L. A. Ammon.

The public is cordially invited to the services.

ENKA WOMAN INJURED IN CAR SMASH MONDAY

Two persons were injured Monday night about 10 o'clock, when the sedan in which they were riding, left Highway 106, two miles above Tuckasee, and plunged over a 100-foot embankment, stopping at the edge of the Tuckasee river.

Mrs. Mary Johnson, of Enka, the more seriously injured, suffered a leg fracture and cuts and bruises on the face and head. She is in C. J. Harris Community hospital here. Floyd Heaton, of Candler, who suffered minor head injuries, received treatment at the hospital and was then discharged to go to his home. Otis J. Robinson, of Candler, another occupant of the car, escaped injury.

The injured people were brought to the hospital in Sylva by P. E. Moody, of the Moody Funeral Home, who chanced to be passing with an ambulance a few minutes after the accident occurred.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING AT BIG RIDGE NEXT WEEK

The Tuckasee Baptist Union Meeting will be held at Big Ridge next Friday and Saturday, August 27 and 28.

The tentative program follows:

- Friday, August 27**
10:00 Devotion—Charley Conner
10:15 Organization.
10:45 Man's Lost Condition—Joe Bishop.
11:15 Sermon—H. M. Hocutt
1:15 Devotion—D. C. Hooper
1:30 The Call of The Cross—R. C. Shearin.
2:00 Man's Response to the Gospel—W. W. Parker.
2:30 A Faith That Saves—J. L. Hyatt.
3:00 True Repentance—R. F. Mayberry.

Saturday, August 28

- 10:00 Devotion—McKinley Hooper
10:15 Business.
10:30 Salvation By Grace—T. F. Deitz.
10:55 New Testament Baptism—Ernest Jamison.
11:20 Sermon—P. L. Elliott
1:15 Devotion—Troy Rogers.
1:30 Assurance In Salvation—Meritt Hooper.
2:00 Growth In Service—J. E. Brown
2:30 Missions For The Master—Fred Forester.

BAPTIST SERVICE WILL HONOR HOME DEPARTMENT, SUNDAY

The service at the Baptist church here, Sunday morning, will be in recognition of the Home Department of the Sunday School. A special effort will be made to have all members of this department present. The members are drawn from those people of the community who are unable to attend Sunday School regularly.

The pastor states that a fine work is being done in this department, under direction of Mrs. Crawford Smith as superintendent.

The pastor urges the members and friends of the church to help get as many elderly people to the church for the service, as possible, and he expects to have a message appropriate for them.

Saturday Afternoon by A. B. CHAPIN

