

#### The Melody Lingers

Our experience with rent con-trol has underscored this fact: the longer we permit political controls to linger upon the scene, the harder it is to get rid of them. This is a good lesson for us to learn. For two years in succession now, our Congress has decided to keep the controls, while adding some "de-control" features that never seem to get rid of the controls. So, we still have rent control.

These efforts to control the nation's housing by tampering with rental units is actually making it difficult for the country to come back to a more normal housing situation following the dislocations of wartime economy. Rent control creates very few fair and square deals between renter and landlord. Indeed, it brings more injustices than it corrects.

But the worst thing about rent control right now is that it keeps housing scarce. Millions of rental units would become available at once, if it were not for rent control. Veterans and others in need of housing are suffering under the direct burden of rent control.

Let Industry Do It. It has been said that the nation has more housing per person today than it had in 1940. Yet, we're worse off. We need more housing, yes. But as long as we have rent control, we may not expect more rental housing. The hazards of control and its well-known injustices are too easily remembered by those who could offer rent housing. They will not undertake this kind of enterprise, when the count is already against them. Moreover, the private builders of the nation do not want to be compelled to compete with public housing, which is subsidized by tax money.

The truth is this: if government would get out of the scramble, private building would soon meet the demand for rental units. Competition would then go to work in keeping rents at reasonable levels. Depend On Incentives.

Yet, there are those who work hard trying to keep the government in the housing business. These agitators want rent control because rent control keeps the building industry in a dither and creates these artificial shortages. These tinker-ers want rent control because they believe it will heip bring socialized

When private money is deliberately scared away from investing in rental housing, then the next step is to holler for the government to put up housing. Actually, rent control and public housing are two pieces out of the jig-saw picturepuzzle of socialist and collectivist controls that the agitators are trying to foist upon the nation.

Once a government agency has power to tell you how much you must pay, whether you can live in a private house or a government project, then we are getting to the place where we can join up with Russia and all the other Communist experimenters.

The Socialists and Communists know that it sounds good to plead "adequate" housing. They claim to be fighting for the people, against all sorts of bogeymen. But the people are not told that rent control, together with public housing, will go a long way toward destroying the welfare and the future of our free economy in America. We must in the future depend upon incentives and fair competition. Then there will be no housing problem in America.

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#### **Body Of Robert Owens Aboard Ship To States**

Body of Private Robert Earl Owens ir., son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Owens, of Sadie Mill, is scheduled to arrive in San Francisco, Calif., aboard the USAT "Sgt. Jack Pendelton" along with bodies of other servicemen originally interred in temporary mil itary cemeteries in New Guinea and the Phillippine Islands according to information received from Atlanta General Deport, 'Atlanta, Ga.

After arrival of the "Sgt. Jack J. Pendleton," at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation, from two to five weeks will elapse before the Darrell, on January 12. Atlanta distribution center will be able to advise the next of kin they, the Sunday guest of Miss Juanita may expect to receive the remains of Lovelace, their loved ones.

in advance of the arrival of the "Sgt. ner guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Ran Jack J. Pendleton" in San Francisco, dall. and again after arrival of the remains at the Atlanta distribution center of the American graves registration service.

For more than 30 years tractors and motor vehicles have been replacing horses and mules as a source of farm power. One of the results has been the release of more than 55 million acres of cropland formerly required for producing feed for workstock. These acres have been freed for the production of food for human consumption.



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#### RAMBLING SKETCHES OF Oak Grove News

By Mrs. William Wright

(I'm pinch hitting while mother is in Florida, H. S. Wright.) Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ledford annd son, Jerry, were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Lovelace and family.
Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Ware and chil-

dren were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr and Mrs. Menzel Phifer and daughter, Nita Paulette. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dixon an-

nounce the birth of a son, Thomas Miss Arbradella Champion was

Mr. and Mrs. Bun Watterson of Each next of kin will be notified Bessemer City were the Sunday din-

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Bell have mov Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McGill. ed into the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ware and daughter, Donna Lynn, were week-end guests of Mrs. Ware's mother, Mrs. Etta Costner of Penley's Chapel Mrs. Cynthia Lovelace of near Patterson Springs is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Plonk and children, William and Rachel, of St. Luke were the Friday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stokes Wright and son, Charles.

Mrs. Ann McSwain, Mrs. Mae Bell and Mrs. W lliam Wright are visiting Mrs. McSwain's daughter, Mrs. Cecil Lovelace and family in Tam-pa, Fla. Mrs. McSwain plans to spend several months with her dau-ghter.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. McGill were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stokes Wright and Charles. Afternoon eaflers in the home were

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Lovelace of Patterson Springs were the Sunday guests of Mr. Lovelace's mother, Mrs. Mayme Gibbons and family.

The Rev. C. C. Crowe was the Sunday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Green and family. Mrs. Laura Wolfe of St. Luke com

munity is spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. Stokes Wright and family.

Three deacons were elected Sunday. They were Messrs W. C. Blanton, F. C. Ware, and W. A. Wright. Deacons and building committee meeting at the church Friday evening at 7:00 p m.

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