

Let's Face the Facts About Home Building!

In the confusion created about the shortage of homes in America one point stands out clearly:

YOU CAN'T BUILD HOMES WITHOUT MATERIALS!

Lumber and building material dealers and contractors obviously have a vital interest in obtaining materials for home building.

They report, nevertheless, that such materials are not flowing through the streets; that they have not been able to get them. Therefore, the Government's HH priorities offered to enable veterans and others to obtain homes, are simply home hunting licenses—for materials in quantity are not available.

As long as OPA continues its wartime control policy rather than a policy of adjustment to aid reconversion, it will neither be able to prevent an inflation or a deflation; it will only be able to prevent reconversion by discouraging production of needed home building items.

Here, for example, is an instance of OPA action that has resulted in increased production. After 6 months' delay, OPA granted a 4% to 10% price adjustment that allowed 125 of 400 closed brick and tile plants to reopen. This price adjustment allowed these plants and 400 others that had been operating, to hire needed labor. As a result, in the next quarter production rose 35%.

But in hardwood flooring, siding, plywood, millwork, and construction lumber, OPA clings to its wartime formulas. Instead OPA follows the unrealistic policy of allowing premium prices to mills for producing lumber for such things as export to foreign countries, and for items that were needed in wartime industry.

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Today's question is not essentially one of price control—if there were plenty of homes, no price controls would be necessary. The important question is one of production and man power.

So far, OPA and Government officialdom in general have contented themselves with controls, allocations and priority systems which at best can do nothing but juggle an insufficient supply of building materials—and at worst, delay and retard production and the employment of man-power.

Homes will not be built in the United States unless the Building Industry builds them. Whether they are labeled "Public Housing of 'Private Homes,'" the same materials, the same labor, the same building industry will build them.

Production can be unblocked by the removal or adjustment of OPA's wartime policies. But such a realistic approach cannot be attained as long as Government action is based on a philosophy of lack rather than a philosophy of abundant supply for peacetime prosperity.

The lumber dealers, builders and contractors stand ready to build or rebuild America. But it is up to the people to demand that the way be cleared for the production of materials for homes.

Any government program that does not FIRST remove the obstacles blocking production of materials will simply add additional difficulties to the problem facing the building industry.

CHAMBERS ITEMS

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Plans in Cupboards and Principles of Cupboard Arrangements" was presented by the leaders, Mrs. C. V. Robertson and Mrs. Elmer Wondersee who brought out the advantage of extra shelves, racks for lids and pans, easy sliding drawers and many other things which made a kitchen more convenient. Refreshments of sandwiches, vegetable salad and coffee was served.

The home of Mrs. Wayne Smith south of town was the scene of a lovely miscellaneous shower held last Saturday afternoon, March 2, in honor of Mrs. Arnold Mace, Jr. About forty friends gathered to enjoy the program presented by Mrs. Richard Smith, Miss Cynelle Held, Mrs. Dean Stevens, Miss Phyllis Carpenter, Mrs. Wayne Smith and Marilyn Walter. This consisted of songs, readings, musical selections and Batan traveling. The bride received many beautiful and useful gifts. Refreshments of sandwiches, angel cake food and coffee was served.

ORLANDO, FLA. — Outside a colonel's office window at the air forces tactical center, within sight of a hangar and celestial navigation towers, garden peas are growing. As is the case with most things at AFTAC, these peas are extraordinary.

The tall, healthy vines are loaded with purple pods, and their stems are thick and branching. Atop the vines, pretty purple flowers wave in the Florida sunlight. The original seeds from which these vines sprang were placed by Egyptian priests in the tomb of King Tutankhamen 3,300 years ago.

At least, this is the only theory that fits what facts are known about the peas' origin.

Col. Harlan W. Holden, commandant of the school of applied tactics at AFTAC and present custodian of the King Tut peas, is the man who has done most to stimulate scientific interest in the little vegetables. He has mailed hundreds of seeds from his two crops to experimental and research agencies desiring to experiment with the "new variety." As to the peas' return from the tomb, Colonel Holden makes no claims. He merely points out the window to where the peas are growing and reminds skeptics that so far no one has been able to offer one fact to disprove the story as given to him.

Found by Carter.

This is the history of the King Tut peas as compiled by Colonel Holden:

The original peas came from Howard Carter, who was a member of the Lord Carnarvon expedition to King Tut's tomb in 1922 and 1923. Carter found them in an urn in the tomb. They went to Lady Gilbert of "Grimm's Dyke" Harrow Weald. Her head gardener gave some of the peas to Mr. A. A. Aldrige, who after obtaining a parcel of the peas gave two pods to his friend, Mr. Arthur Easton of Newport, R. I.

After raising one crop, Mr. Easton presented two of the pods to Maj. Walter D. Dyer, who planted them in his garden in Portsmouth, R. I. They proceeded to grow as if they had just come from the grocer's. The seeds from this crop, when planted the next year, bore profusely, and Major Dyer harvested about a pound and a half of fresh peas. Some of these he brought with him to the tactical center in Florida, where among a wide variety of military courses there is one on jungle survival.

Immediately intrigued by the peas' background, the commandant of AFTAC's school of applied tactics, Col. Harlan W. Holden, took up agriculture. The season was far from being the prescribed one for pea planting, but Colonel Holden acted on the premise that sand is sand, whether in Egypt or Florida. He also had a hunch that peas which had pulled through three millennia in a tomb could stand off-season cultivation. On April 10, 1944, after the regular Florida pea crop was finished, he planted about 60 seeds from the Rhode Island germination in the sand-based soil just outside his office.

Any gardener in this part of the country will tell you that you can't raise peas in this area in the spring. As a matter of fact, they told Colonel Holden that; and while he patiently listened to them over the phone, he looked out the window at the healthy vines.

Bug and Disease Proof.

Hardly were the first sprouts out of the ground when they started trying to set an altitude record. In the first eight weeks they grew 5 1/2 feet while the natives scratched puzzled heads. By the 4th of July Colonel Holden, who stand 6 feet, 2 inches himself, was looking up to count the budding pods at the tops of the vines.

Corp. Merle Tibbets, jungle survival non com, was fertilizing and watering the vines one day when he noticed another remarkable thing about these plants. Whereas the usual worms, green lice, and beetles continued to chew up surrounding vegetation, they spurned completely the Egyptian intruders. As one sergeant observed, perhaps the garden pests feared some kind of "King Tut curse," but leaving that theory aside the matter still was not entirely explained.

O'NEILL HOG MARKET

Both butcher hogs and sows continue to bring ceiling prices of 14.10 and 13.35. With the taxing period only 3 weeks off it might be a good time to get fat hogs sold. Why not bring them in next Saturday, Mar. 9, any time between the hours of 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. will be alright. Mr. Pruden will be there to pay ceiling prices for them, at the O'Neill Livestock Yards.

Atkinson Livestock Market

Last Tuesday, Mar. 5, cattle receipts 600 head with the market another quarter lower on all classes except canners, cutters and fat cows. These looked fully steady. Your next opportunity to market cattle will be next Tuesday, Mar. 12, and although prices are somewhat lower than recently it still looks like a good time to sell a few cattle. Just phone Atkinson 89 and tell us what you are bringing, we'll do the rest.

Atkinson Livestock Market, Atkinson, Neb.

Phone Atkinson 89 ERNIE WELLER, Manager

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