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There's Money for Rent Again

People who go around looking for mortgage money usually have a reasonably fair idea just how good times are. If the money's easy to get, they know things aren't so bad; if capital can't be readily pried loose, conditions aren't so good.

So the recent report of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, to the effect that capital is again looking for takers, offers a hopeful footnote on the signs of the times. In 81 per cent of 261 representative cities, the report said, capital was readily available for mortgage loans. In 11 per cent of the cities, the supply was keeping up with the demand, and in only 8 per cent was there a shortage of money.

In fact, the situation has never appeared more favorable during the 17 years in which surveys have been made, the association said. Of further cheer to the prospective home owner should be the fact that mortgage interest rates have dropped off generally from 6 per cent to 5 per cent. In some places, money can be had for 4 1/2 per cent. The decline of 1 per cent in the standard rate may seem like a dribble, but calculated over a long term it is nothing to sneer at. On a \$12,000 home, financed on a 20-year plan, the difference between 6 and 5 per cent would amount to \$2400 after 20 years.

In only 3 per cent of the cities surveyed is there a current tendency for the interest rate to rise. In 41 per cent of the communities, on the other hand, the tendency is toward even further reductions, and in 33 per cent, it is steady. The fact that mortgage money is plentiful, despite the fact that interest rates have dropped, would be encouraging during any era. That it should come at a time when war has struck the world is regarded by real estate men as an extremely favorable sign. It is an indication that war influence has not yet gripped the nation and that mortgage money is showing no tendency to become scarce, as might be expected in a period of unstable, economic and political conditions.

Connected with the government programs for expanding and improving housing and with the current campaign to trim building costs, the reduced mortgage rates and the abundant supply of capital offer genuine incentive to the man who is thinking of building. Most home builders are dependent on the use of someone else's money to get their project under way. If such money can be easily obtained, the confidence of capital in the building program is pretty well established.

Nothing more wholesome could happen to the American people in the spring and summer to come than a substantial increase in building activity. Maybe everything would be simpler if both parties held their convictions AFTER the elections.

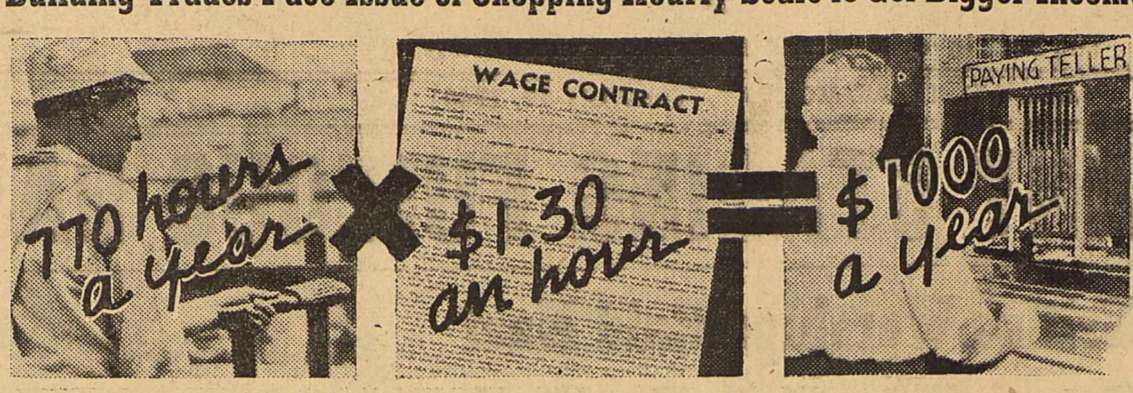
Congress, as usual, is discovering that the trouble with economy movements is that it costs a dollar to save 50 cents. Before they're elected, all presidential candidates try hard to prove they're good fishermen; afterwards, they try to cover up the fact that they're wasting time fishing.

15TH CENTURY SAILOR

15th Century Sailor crossword puzzle with grid and clues. Clues include: 1. Pictured 15th century sailor; 13. Gold quart; 14. Sanskrit dialect; 15. Blue grass; 16. Throats; 18. Drone; 19. Place of business; 21. To tip; 23. Headgear; 24. North America; 26. Neither; 27. All right; 28. Spain; 29. Diplomatic agreement; 31. Flower leaf; 33. Distinctive theory; 34. Self; 35. Sweetmeat; 39. To guide; 41. Printer's measure; 42. To vaccinate; 46. Southeast; 47. Crafty.

Increasing Wages by Cutting Pay

Building Trades Face Issue of Chopping Hourly Scale to Get Bigger Income

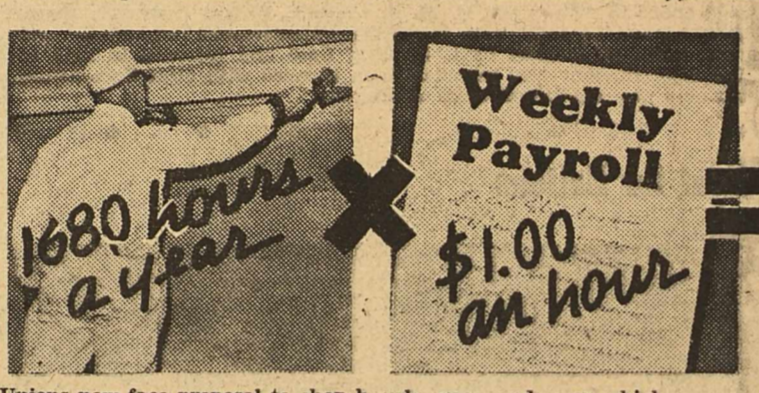


The average painter gets a good hourly wage, but has a low annual income.

BY WILLIS THORNTON NEA Service Staff Correspondent CLEVELAND—Would you rather earn \$1000 a year, or \$1680?

You said it! But would you rather take a chance on irregular work which would probably average 770 hours and net you somewhere around \$1000, or have instead a sure contract for 1680 hours of work which would bring you a guaranteed \$1680 a year?

That question, in one form or another, is going to be put to nearly a million building trade workers during the next year, the biggest single move thus far toward a guaranteed annual wage. You don't hear much about it because the decision is being made in small units in various cities, and if the change is made it undoubtedly will be gradual.



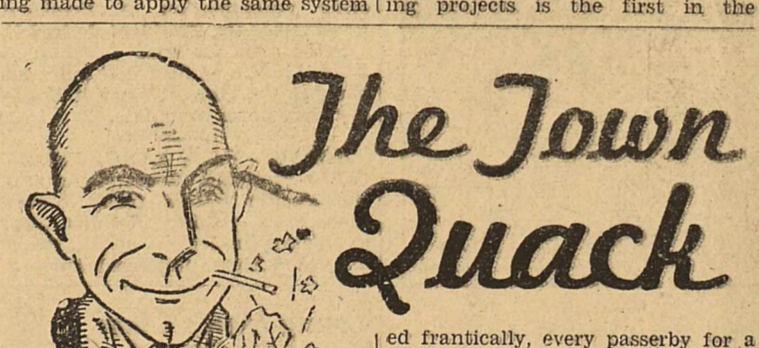
Unions now face proposal to chop hourly wage and secure higher guaranteed yearly income.

among those painters who happen to have fairly steady work. The Cleveland painters will vote on the plan. Courtney D. Ward, secretary of the Cleveland District Painters Council, is backing the proposed plan. He believes the increase in annual income, the guarantee of regular pay envelopes, and the general security of the plan more than balance the loss of hourly rates.

ELIMINATES HIGHER WAGE FOR NIGHT WORK WITH the plan goes a provision that the eight hours of daily work may be any eight hours, and not as now specific daylight hours with high overtime rates if another time for painting is chosen.

"We believe more painting will be done under these conditions," Ward says. "Many factories and offices hesitate to interrupt operations, or to pay overtime rates for painting in off hours. We are confident that more work will be created, and that painters who come under the plan will be far better off at the end of the year than now."

The annual wage maintenance agreement on the Cleveland housing projects is the first in the country to be gradual.



The Town Quack

BY GLADWYN HILL. NEW YORK, Feb. 18. (AP)—They say vaudeville is dead, but the human race put on a pretty good substitute last week. A Chicago politician campaigned in a suit of armor. A Harvard boy sent his girl a quart of milk for a Valentine. And in Buck Hills Falls, Pa., a dog sled race was postponed on account of snow. A Londoner suggested baffling the German troops by greeting them with cups of tea. And some Joliet, Ill., newlyweds returned to the library a badly dog-chewed copy of "How to Train Your Dog." A 73-year-old Burlington, Vt., woman started learning to ski. And a Bethlehem, Pa., lady insisted on paying \$4 more taxes than she owed. To finance a new patrol wagon, the police in Chihuahua, Mex., simply locked up 100 of the leading citizens and fined them as "suspicious characters." And when a Scranton, Pa., florist, trapped in his glass refrigerator, waded

frantically, every passerby for a solid hour just waved politely back. A Clark, Mo., farmer found his cow, missing for 10 days, under a haystack. And Minneapolis police, after looking two months for a suspected burglar, discovered he had been working 100 feet from police headquarters all the time. Confusion of the week. When there came to Bowling Green, Ky., a travelling salesman named Bowling Green. Fire Dept. Two Abington, Pa., volunteer firemen were charged with setting a fire they had helped put out. And when the congregation of a Columbus, Ind., church assembled to burn up the paid-off mortgage, the church burned down. Scientists reported that parrots were left-handed. And an Oklahoma City man seeking signatures to repeal the dry law inadvertently walked into the office of the Anti-Saloon League. Shortest story of the week (from the N. Y. Post): "Berend Bass was using a one-pound cannon shell to chip the ice off his sidewalk. He will recover." After a Bethany, Mo., man tossed a cat into a barrel to kill a rat, he found them cuddled up together. And New York school officials reported discovering a teacher who tried unsuccessfully for an hour, with pencil and paper, to multiply 3 by 5. Its hide and bristles fairly valuable, the peccary was the object of unrestricted slaughter by commercial huntsmen for many years. But recent research by the game department indicates that even the commercial hunter's pickings became slim of late since hides offered for sale in Texas in 1936 totaled only one per cent of the number marketed seven years prior.

In 1886, H. P. Attwater, Texas' first great naturalist, found the skins were used as currency in the Zavalla county region and were in demand for exporting, manufacturers using them to make gloves and the bristles for brushes.

Even Attwater, writing about the javelina just before the turn of the century, observed "the nature of the peccary seems to have toned down considerably from its former ferocity, but where they have not been hunted too heavily they retain their former spirit of bravery."

Col. Theodore Roosevelt, hunting near the Rio river canyon in 1892, bagged a number of javelina. A Kentucky cavalryman once reported the wild hog rushed its adversary with the ferocity of a tiger and August Santelban, a settler, recorded in 1890 that the beasts were dangerous and would attack upon the slightest provocation.

As far as can be determined, great drives of the animals roamed the plains of south Texas in the days of the founding of the republic and constituted one of the inhabitants' chief source of supply for food and apparel.

The meat is regarded as a good table fare, but in order to prevent the flesh becoming permeated with a strong taste, it is necessary to cut away a muskbag found on the rump immediately after the animal is killed. The bag limit is two a season.

Yellowish gray of limbs and brownish yellow mixed with black about the peccary young are a decided reddish tint when born. As it grows older, the animal becomes more or less black, plentifully peppered over the head and back with white caused by a white band on each side of the neck passes up and back nearly to the spine, hence the name collared peccary.

The species' mode of living is at times colorful, naturalists say. The biggest boar is boss of the drove and throughout the day leads it. He is ever on the alert when the remainder of his tribe lies sprawled in the shade.

The javelina's sensitive nostrils catch every scent and warn it of approaching danger. On the march, the sows and pigs are in the middle, the boss in front and the husky boars bring up the rear and flank the sides.

Bedding down for the night, the drove boss takes up his station at the entrance of the hole or log, facing out.

Hunters relate stories of finding the animals in that position, crack-

ling down on the big boar and then seeing another immediately take his place. Shooting the second one, another appears and so on until almost entire herds have been wiped out.

Use of its muskbag by the peccary, found on both sexes, has been the object of considerable speculation and research. Some authorities assert the scent-gland is part of a signal system. At times very strong, the musk is carried in a deep fold in the skin with the bag about two inches in diameter and half an inch thick.

It is believed the odor, similar to that carried by muskdeer and skunk, enable the young to find the mother, mates to find each other or a lost member to locate the main body. Another belief is that boars rub their backs on bark to mark their range.

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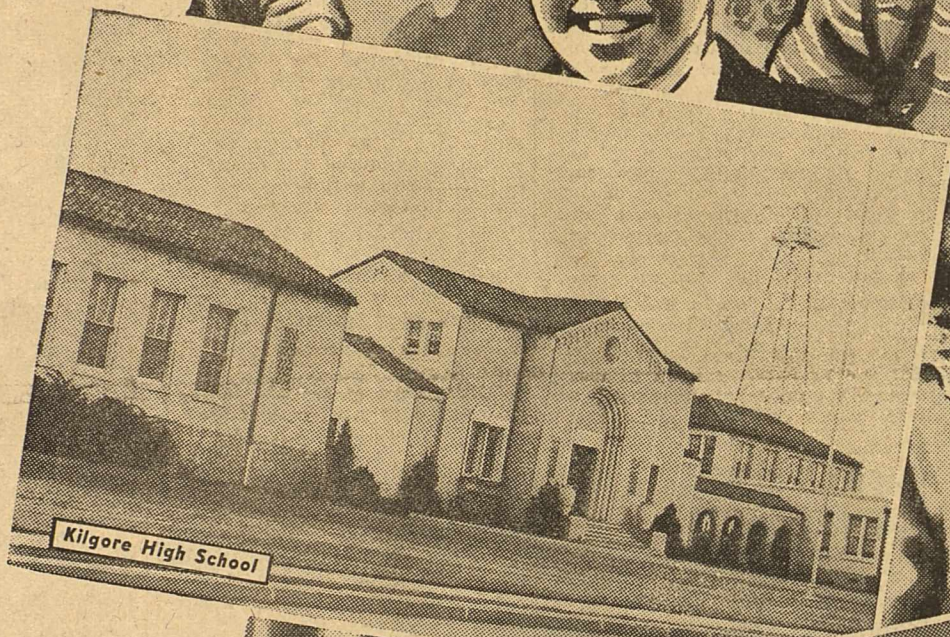
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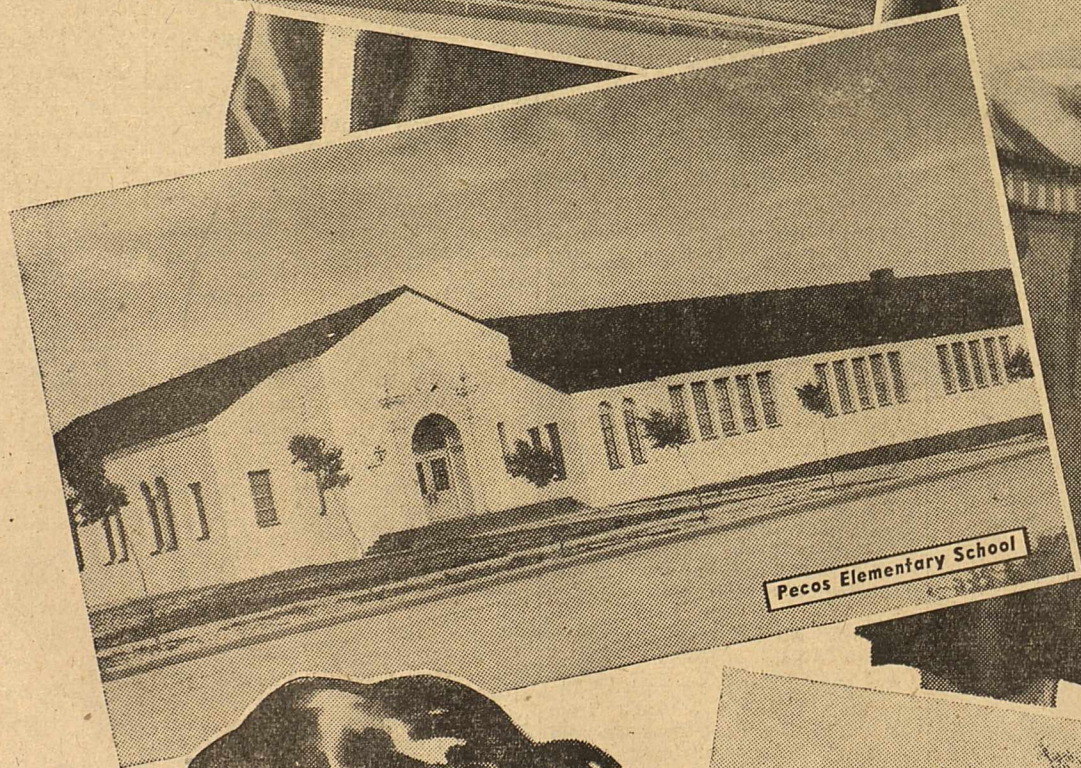
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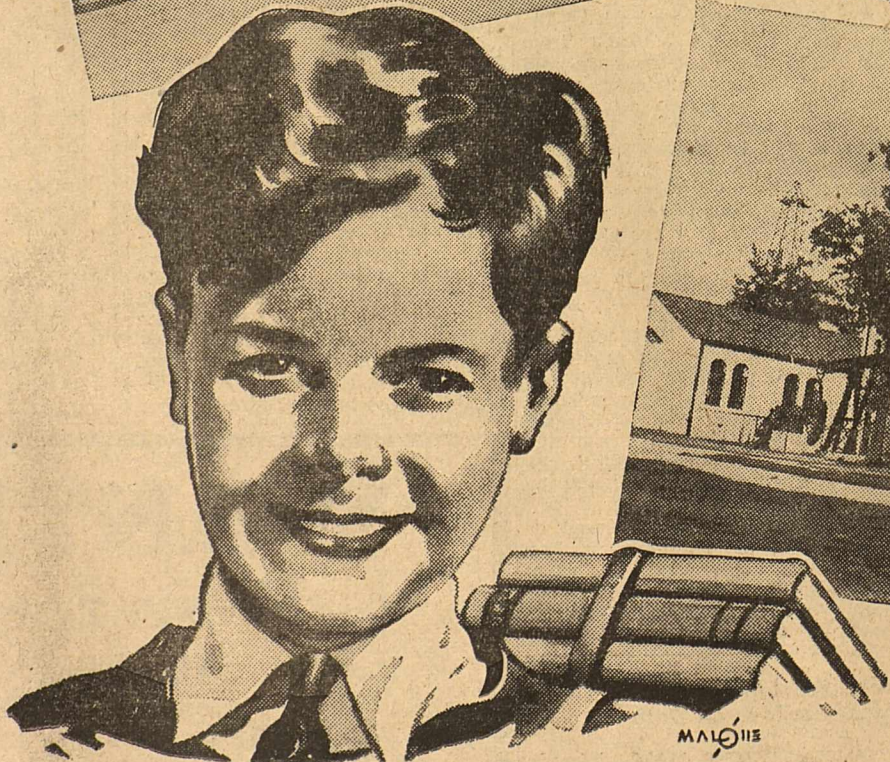
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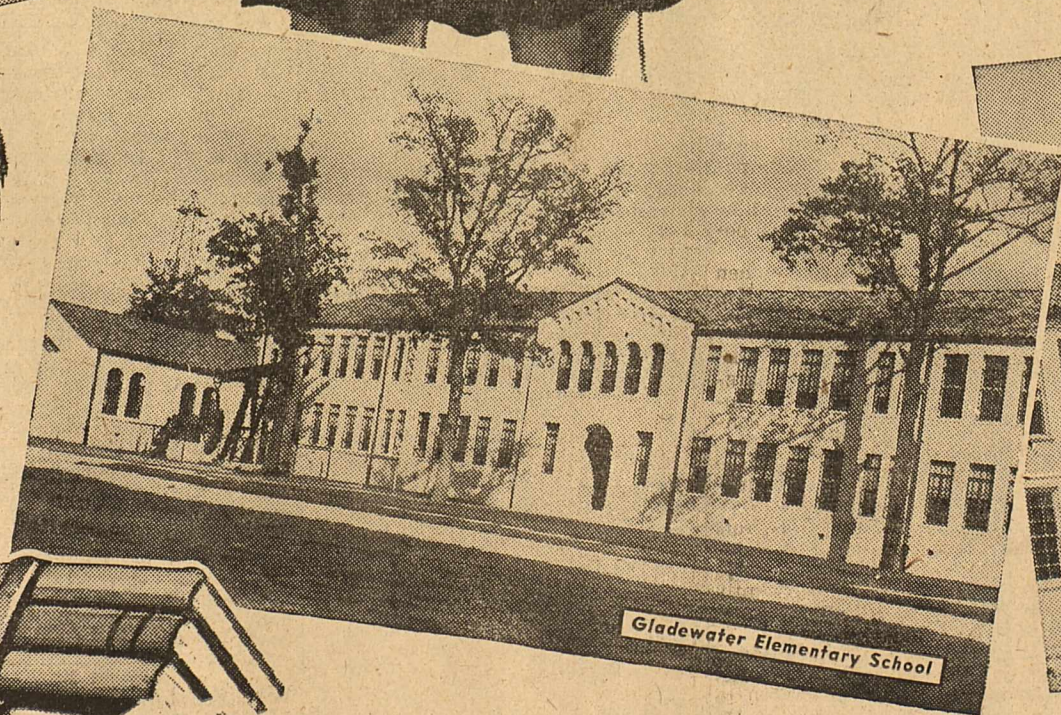
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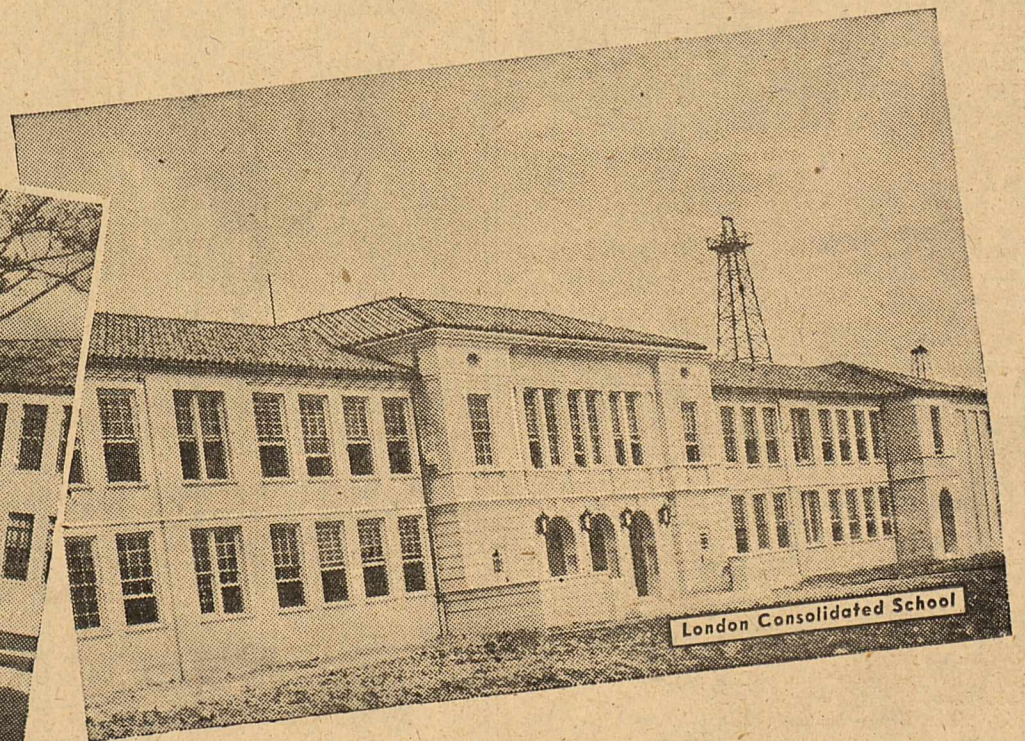
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