

CONSTRUCTION NEAR '30 PEAK

Defense Building Is Spur
To Activity; 54% of
Total Private

NEW YORK, June 20 (U. P.).—Construction contracts awarded in the 37 Eastern states during May rose to a new high since June, 1930, at \$548,700,000, topping the previous month by 35 per cent and the corresponding 1940 month by 85 per cent, the F. W. Dodge Corp. reports.

The Dodge report indicated that public and private ownership construction shared almost equally in the May boom.

Public ownership projects in May accounted for \$254,886,000, or 46 per cent of the total. Private construction, however, continued in the dominant position with a dollar volume of \$293,814,000, largely because of many industrial plant projects to be erected for defense production.

The building authorities also noted that one and two family house building held an important place in the May construction figures, accounting for 28 per cent of the total. This volume, it was stated, made provision for more than 30,000 new dwelling units.

"Since the Federal Housing Administration's weekly reported volumes of mortgages selected for appraisal and mortgages accepted for insurance ran well above last year throughout the month of May, continued small-house activity at high levels is indicated," the Dodge Corp. said.

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Geo. Washington Would Be at Home in This Model House; Mt. Vernon-Electro to Be Opened Sunday for 30 Days

George and Martha Washington would feel right at home at the Mt. Vernon-Electro Home.

The all-electric home, just completed by the Indianapolis Home Builders' Association in Meridian-Kessler Terrace, combines the appearance of stately Mt. Vernon with the conveniences of 1941.

The first spadeful of dirt on the home site at Kessler Blvd. and Gladwin Ave. was turned on George Washington's birthday this year. The tall columns of the porch are reminiscent of the Mt. Vernon entrance and the wallpaper in the front hall and stair-way are exact reproductions of the Mt. Vernon wall covering.

There's an interesting story behind that wallpaper. It seems that in 1775, Washington was adding to his home. But the work was not completed when Paul Revere aroused the folks of Lexington, and Washington was called to lead the Continental Army.

So Martha Washington was left the task of completing the addition and its decoration. She selected the wallpaper which is white with grey scenic figures.

Then in 1802 Bushrod Washington covered the walls with a coat of plaster and it was nearly a century before the wallpaper underneath was revealed by the peeling of the outer coating.

Ross Neaves, the contractor, characterizes the architecture as "modernized Mt. Vernon." The house was designed by Orval Williamson. It has a long living room running the width of the house decorated in grey and white. On one side is a white Colonial fireplace. On the other is a set of windows with a 10-foot expanse and a southern exposure. A closed-in porch runs the width of the living room at the rear.

The dining room wall paper design is called "Gobelin." It is light blue with white and grey figures. The design is believed to have been made by LeBrun, chief court painter for Louis XV of France and was imported to the colonies in the 17th Century. It was copied from an old Colonial house in Charleston, W. Va. The library is downstairs in the back and its woodwork light walnut in color, the only woodwork in the

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The Mt. Vernon-Electro home... Colonial style with ultramodern conveniences.

house which is not white. The floor is parquet and the wall paper is warm grey with white and duobonnet designs. This design is called French Damask and was found in an old Colonial house near Philadelphia.

The all-electric kitchen is done in light lime and white with patterned linoleum bordered with yellow and midnight blue stripes. The breakfast nook paper is white, grey and silver striped with a brilliant rose vine.

Upstairs are three bedrooms and two baths. The master bedroom is decorated in apricot with rose figures, another design with a history. It was found in a collection of old documents and is considered a true example of the early Victorian period.

The other front bedroom is in

ivory and gold and the back bedroom in dusty blue with lace and flower patterns.

There is a stairway to the recreation room in the basement and service stairs off the kitchen. The recreation room is 14 by 22 feet and also has a fireplace.

The house will be open for inspection from 2 to 9 p. m. Sunday and from 2 to 5 p. m. every following day for a month.

Because of the growing interest in all-electric kitchens, the Electric League of Indianapolis will sponsor a series of special demonstration clinics at the home each afternoon Monday through Friday next week. The demonstrations will be held at 2:30 p. m. and at 3:30 p. m. in the home's garage where seats will be provided. The home's architect

or a representative of the Indianapolis Home Builders' Association building committee will talk on home design and construction. This will be followed by a demonstration on "cleaning up the kitchen" using the new automatic sink and garbage disposal unit which is featured. There also will be a discussion of kitchen planning and adequate electric wiring.

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BUILDING COSTS RISE 8.9 PER CENT IN YEAR

WASHINGTON, June 20.—Construction costs for a standard house in April again showed a slight increase, being only .7 of 1 per cent above March, it is reported by economists of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

April costs, however, were 8.9 per cent above April, 1940. Labor and building material prices shared equally the slight rise in April over March but labor was considerably ahead of building material in the increase of the 12-month period.

Labor costs went up 11.8 per cent in a year as compared with a rise of 7.4 per cent in building material prices.

Despite the rise in building costs, the residential construction index went up 13.9 per cent in April as compared with March and 26.2 per cent ahead of April, 1940. The increase is accounted for largely by the heavy residential building in defense areas and the usual spring construction program in practically every community.

HOKANSON IS NAMED BY BUILDING OWNERS
Maynard R. Hokanson, assistant secretary of the Hume-Mansur Co., yesterday was named a vice president representing associate members of the National Association of Building Owners and Managers. He was chosen at the Association's annual convention meeting in Chicago.

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League Head.

CHICAGO, June 20.—April was the third month of 1941 to witness the receipt of more than \$100,000,000 by the saving, building and loan associations and co-operative banks throughout the country. The inflow amounted to \$102,402,000, the United States Savings and Loan League reported this week, making April the most active month since January.

Paul Endicott of Pomona, Cal., League president, said that it was an increase of approximately half a million dollars or 4.3 per cent over the March volume of new funds and that the gain over April, 1940, was 15.3 per cent.

The total of funds entrusted to the savings, building and loan associations the first four months passed the half billion dollar mark, the largest volume of new funds for any January-April period since before the depression, Mr. Endicott pointed out.

HOOSIER OPENS NEW WALLPAPER STORE
Leon Cohn, manager of the Hoosier Paint and Linoleum Store, 211 E. Washington St., today announced the opening of a new basement wallpaper department.

The department features a self-service method whereby customers can browse through the designs. Hoosier also handles a complete line of inlaid linoleum, yard goods, linoleum rugs, varnishes and paints.

Leads Inspection



L. M. Condry

A group of home planners and builders will inspect 35 concrete masonry homes completed or under construction here Sunday on a tour conducted by L. M. Condry, housing consultant of the Portland Cement Association's Indianapolis office. The group will leave Monument Circle at 1:30 p. m. by chartered bus to visit houses of varied architectural design.

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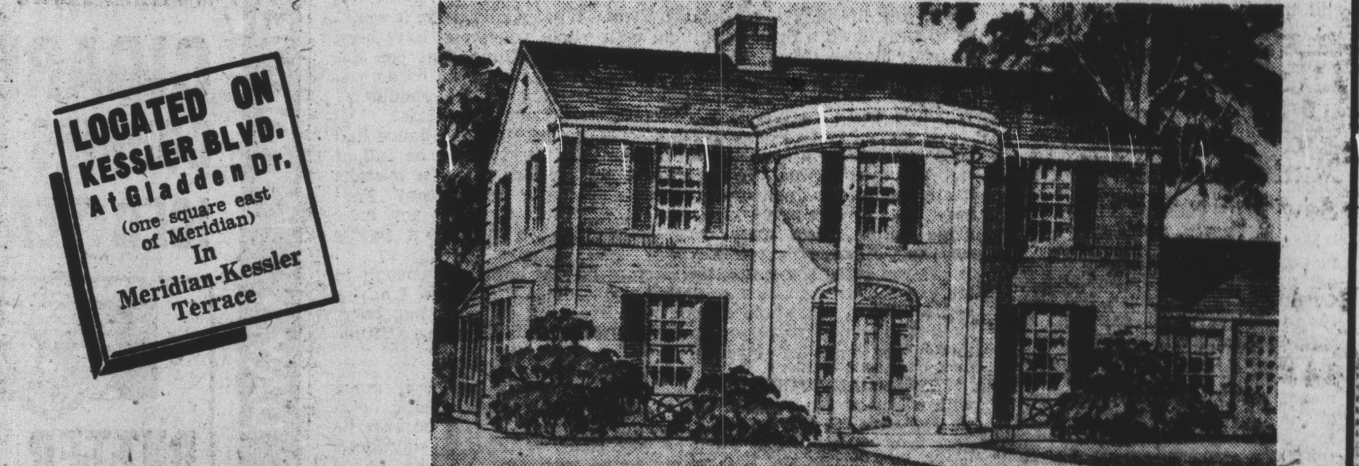
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