

## SPEEDUP SEEN IN HOMES HERE

State FHA Chief Pledges to  
Cut 'Red Tape.'

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By ART WRIGHT

Some contract builders today saw possibilities of a speed-up in homes construction here after R. Earl Peters, state director of the federal housing administration, promised curtailment of government "red tape."

Others, however, looked to the future with "tongue in cheek" despite the FHA director's note of optimism in an address last night before the Marion County Residential Builders at a banquet in the Athenaeum.

Voicing the opinion of the less optimistic, the builders group issued this statement:

"Controls as promulgated by the OFA in the fixing of prices on building materials and supplies as well as rent regulations are a deterrent in the solution of the housing problem in this locality."

Pledges Less Controls

Whether or not he knew of the builders' earlier statement, Mr. Peters promised less controls on the industry so far as the FHA is concerned.

"And Washington," he said, "will pretty much accept our recommendations" as regards price restrictions under the revised housing regulations designed to channel 50 per cent of the critical materials to houses built for war veterans.

Mr. Peters is convinced the builders can solve the housing shortage without government controls, he told them.

"If the government will find a way to make the materials available to the builders, they can do the job," he said.

Favor Applicant

Bidding for wholesale co-operation in the newest attempt to provide much-needed homes, Mr. Peters promised: "We are going to be optimistic in favor of the applicant for priorities on these critical materials."

Describing the "new" FHA as being "streamlined," he declared: "This time we mean business!"

Mr. Peters described the critical housing shortage as "the most acute problem regarding shelter in the nation's history."

Co-operation of the builders group in the federal plan to train veterans in the building industry was pledged to C. O. Fields, of the veterans administration here. He outlined the veterans aid procedure last night.

The new housing regulations with priorities for veterans, which went into effect yesterday, allows construction of a home up to a \$10,000 sale price. The figure includes land and improvements. The maximum rental figure is \$80. If the home is not purchased by a veteran within 30 days after construction it may be sold to a non-veteran at a price no higher than that asked of a veteran.

Other regulations as set up by the civilian production administration, of which FHA is the agent, are:

1. Applicants must furnish description of the structures they plan to build and the price or rental at which they will make it available to veterans. FHA field officers must be satisfied that the proposed sale price or rent is reasonably related to the proposed accommodation.

2. Applicants must show they will be ready to start construction within 90 days and demonstrate that they have effective control of the land, that financing is assured, and that arrangements have been made for local building permits, utility services, and the like.

3. Applicants must agree to make the housing available only to veterans during the period of construction and for 30 days thereafter.

In his sales agreement, a veteran or other purchaser is pledged to the same 90-day waiting period in case of a re-sale and the sale must be made at or below the maximum sales price originally paid.

4. The regulation makes possible also the conversion of existing structures where it is shown increased dwelling units will result and it also covers construction of dormitories or group housing for educational institutions for the benefit of veterans.

The materials to which priorities will apply include common and face brick, clay sewer pipe, structural tile, gypsum board, gypsum lath, cast iron soil pipe and fittings, cast iron radiators, bathtubs, lumber and millwork. CPA has announced that schedule may be made from time to time.

## WAS STILL ON IN CHINA?

CHUNGKING, Jan. 15 (U. P.).—Gen. Chang Chun, government representative on Gen. George C. Marshall's "peace committee," told the political consultative assembly today that both sides continued to receive reports of armed conflict despite the official truce in China's civil war.

## OFFICIAL WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau  
Data in Standard Time  
—Jan. 16—

Source: 7:04 | Sunset: 4:46

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7:30 a. m.

Total precipitation since Jan. 1: .02

Deficiency since Jan. 1: .02

The following table shows the temperature in other cities:

	High	Low
Atlanta	42	31
Boston	32	21
Chicago	32	21
Cincinnati	32	21
Cleveland	32	21
Denver	32	21
Des Moines	32	21
Indianapolis	32	21
Los Angeles	54	41
Memphis	32	21
Minneapolis	32	21
New Orleans	54	41
New York	32	21
Philadelphia	32	21
Pittsburgh	32	21
Portland	32	21
San Francisco	54	41
Seattle	32	21
St. Louis	32	21
St. Paul	32	21
Washington, D. C.	32	21

## Truck Wreckage Scattered Half Mile in Crossing Crash



Wreckage was scattered for a half mile when a fast New York Central passenger train crashed into a truck at a Lawrence crossing this morning. One of the accident victims was crushed in the crumpled truck cab.



Richard Land, his wife and their 2-year-old son, Clayton (left to right) were killed instantly when the train struck their truck. Richard Dale Land (extreme right), 15, was at school when his parents were killed.

## KILL 6000 DOGS HERE LAST YEAR

Extermination Necessary  
For Homeless Canines.

Of 8000 stray dogs picked up on Indianapolis streets by the city pound last year, 6000 were destroyed for want of a home. Pound Superintendent Leona Frankfort disclosed last night.

She spoke at a banquet meeting of the newly formed Indianapolis Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at the Athenaeum. President Otto Ray demanded better enforcement of the city dog licensing law, asserting that only a small fraction of Indianapolis' 25,000 pooches are tagged.

'Animal Clinic'

He also recommended that all funds collected from dog licenses be diverted to canine welfare activities. The deputy sheriff deplored the fact Indianapolis has no method of administering to dogs injured on city streets.

"Most of these unfortunate dogs are shot summarily, sometimes in the view of groups of children," Mr. Ray charged.

"At an open forum, the society discussed means of raising revenue with which to establish a free 'animal clinic.'"

Funds for Welfare

Mr. Ray recommended that surplus remaining from the state dog tax be used for canine protection activities. The tax is collected ostensibly to pay off claims of farmers whose livestock or crops are damaged by marauding dogs. But only a minor percentage goes for that purpose, Mr. Ray contended.

The remainder, he said, is poured into the county general fund. Still in its infancy, the society, according to Mrs. Howard Harrington, second vice president, has a long-range plan for "a reclamation period in humane education."

Already, 3000 school children are enrolled in its junior auxiliary, the "Bands of Mercy."

Other officers are Mrs. Dale Snyder, secretary; Mrs. P. W. Brown, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Arthur Maedje, treasurer.

## CAYLOR 'FIRED' FROM \$1900 CITY LAW JOB

Another city hall employee has felt the mailed fist.

Attorney John Caylor, informed sources said today, probably will cease his labors about Feb. 1. He has been notified "his work is finished" as a \$1900 assistant engineering investigator under City Engineer Thomas Jacob.

Caylor's work has been to brief certain laws in connection with engineering activities.

Some observers raise their eyebrows and recall an argument concerning taxicab licenses Mr. Caylor had with City Controller Roy Hickman and Miss Stella Jacobs, major domo of the controller's office.

The disagreement occurred at a Christmas party in Mr. Hickman's office. Mr. Caylor, who represents a taxicab applicant, was trying to obtain a license for his client. He expressed the belief at the time that "someone" was obstructing the progress of his client's license. The client still doesn't have the license. And Mr. Caylor now doesn't have his job.

## Meat Supplies Dwindle as Housewives Rush Markets

Meat supplies melted from local shops today as frantic housewives mobbed the neighborhood butchers while the strike of packing house employees spread over the nation.

Here United Packing House Workers of America (C. I. O.) picketed Kingan & Co. and Armour & Co. Some 3000 had left their jobs by midnight. The walkout started yesterday afternoon as they finished up minor duties. Meanwhile, the Indianapolis union stockyards was open for business as usual, but receipts were far short of normal and a walkout threatened there.

Meet Tomorrow

Arthur Kampfert, international representative of the C. I. O. union, said that union representatives would meet with stockyard officials tomorrow to discuss the possibility of averting a strike.

Mr. Kampfert said that the union would see that hospitals, public institutions and military installations will receive meat during the shutdown.

But the local housewife was in a different predicament. Butchers said that the raid was on today. In many cases the women were lining up four and five deep before the counters and lines 20 to 30 long was not uncommon.

Some Ration Cuts

The women are buying a full line of meats, especially roasts which can be used day after day for leftovers. The supply will last in several shops until the week-end but some butchers are going on a rationing basis. One store reported they will have to close the meat counter at noon every day.

Stark, Wetzel & Co. remained open, however. The plant employees are members of the Amalgamated Meat Outters and Butchers union (A. F. of L.). Company officials said that the worker's contract had some time to run and anticipate no work stoppage.

Burrell Wright, spokesman for Kingan's and five other meat packing concerns, said that relations here are friendly between management and labor. He blames government red tape for the strike now in progress over the nation.

The unions have made arrangements with the companies to provide fire protection and maintain refrigeration facilities.

Strike Picture Same

Otherwise the Indianapolis strike picture remained virtually unchanged.

The United Steelworkers of America (C. I. O.) continued the strike at the two Link-Belt plants here. A conciliator from the department of labor, Arthur Pearson, arrived today from Cleveland, however, to work for a settlement.

The United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America (C. I. O.) still are picketing the Westinghouse Electric Corp., 551 W. Merrill st. Local 904 is the striking unit.

Phone Parley Set

Normal conditions prevailed on the telephone front although the Indiana Telephone Workers union was scheduled to file a strike notice today.

At 2 p. m. tomorrow management

## OPEN JOB CAMPAIGN FOR VETERANS HERE

The Indiana department of veterans affairs today announced the opening of a drive to provide more jobs for returned war veterans.

With the academic program for veterans in full swing, Director William C. Stalnaker said, the new campaign will stress apprentice and on-the-job training under the G. I. bill of rights.

More than 950 business and industrial organizations already have been authorized to train veterans but most of the jobs they offered already have been filled and many more openings are needed to accommodate veterans pouring into the state under the stepped-up discharge schedule, he said.

Situations Critical

The situation was described as most critical in skilled trades and crafts because of the desire of many former servicemen to continue in fields in which they were engaged in service.

R. F. Robinson, department education director, will be in charge of the drive and will speak throughout the state at meetings of representative industrial leaders to explain the program.

Under the revised G. I. bill, veterans may receive as much as \$85 monthly from the government while on job training plus an additional allowance for dependents.

## SOUTHPORT O. E. S. PLANS FRIENDS NIGHT

Friends night will be observed by Southport chapter 442, O. E. S., at 8 p. m. today in the Southport Masonic temple.

Guest officers who will occupy the various lodge stations are: Helen Wood, worthy patron; Warner M. Hockett, worthy patron; Ethel Johnston, associate patron; Fred Pyrite, associate patron; Esther Hallberg, secretary; Mary Durbin, treasurer; Lucille Barker, conductress; Georgia Herget, associate conductress; Olive Wright, chaplain; Maggie Cook, marshal; Naomi Royer, Maxine Delashmit, Ruth Townsend, Bernice Butler, Lucille McBee, Irene Tabler, Harvey Fagin and Beatrice Bower.

## IN INDIANAPOLIS—EVENTS—VITALS

EVENTS TODAY

National Bee Keepers association, meeting, 9 a. m., Severin.  
Phillips Petroleum Co., meeting, 9 a. m., Severin.  
Indiana Hotel association, luncheon, noon, Washington.  
Indianapolis Lawyers association, luncheon, 12:15 p. m., Washington.  
Indiana Federation of Labor, banquet, 6:30 p. m., Claypool.  
Civil Air patrol, luncheon, noon, Columbia club.  
Sons of the American Revolution, luncheon, noon, Columbia club.  
Ewards club, luncheon, noon, Columbia club.  
New York Stock Exchange, Indianapolis branch, meeting, 12:15 p. m., Columbia club.

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Indianapolis Real Estate Board, luncheon, 12:15 p. m., Washington.  
National Association of Life Underwriters, luncheon, noon, Lincoln.  
Omaha, No. 7, meeting, 7:30 p. m., Washington.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

William Frederick Swenden, 1903 E. Washington; Jeannette Jane Garrett, 838 N. New Jersey.  
Stanley A. Baldwin, St. Cloud, Wis.; Lilian May Manning, 219 N. Veridian, Apt. 306.  
Bernard L. Wehring, Columbia Club; Pearl Herrell, 5671 N. Illinois.  
Charles Edward Doan, Bedford; Gladys Ballard, Bedford.  
Outhrie Wilson, U. S. Army; Joe Ann Oberlin William Parker, Highland, Kas.; Nadine Nicksel, Pittsburg.  
Wayne David Lewis, Kokomo; Barbara Jean Vance, 815 N. Bosart.

BIRTHS

At Methodist—Cecily West (girl).

At Coleman—Oscar Ray Sharp.

At St. Vincent's—James Wilma Ogden.

At St. Vincent's—Clifford Marie Evans; Roger Francis Smith; Vernon Corrine Stanley; Wayne Helen Stephens; Jack Marion Hayes.

At St. Francis—William, Blanche Klier.

At City—Fred Mildred Murray.

At Coleman—William Gladys Cogan; Joseph Wanda Revere; Clyde, Cheryl Tucker.

At Methodist—Elmer Eva Caldwell; Wayne Shirley Clausen.

At St. Vincent's—George, Violet Clark; Clifford Vivian Gailin; Marvin Gertrude Grimsley; Ben, Sumie Ireda; Henry, Audrey Shannon; James, Kathleen Threewiss.

DEATHS

Joseph Clark, 84, at Veterans, gastric hemorrhage.

Carol Suppach, 8, at Riley, polio-myelitis.

Faye A. Stephenson, 41, at Methodist, diabetes mellitus.

Olga Meguechar, 73, at Long, arteriosclerosis.

Mahala S. Oakins, 83, at 1063 S. Talbot, chronic myocarditis.

Harry Trovbridge, 72, at 3120 Jackson, chronic nephritis.

John Albert Knight, 65, at St. Vincent's, carcinoma.

Joseph F. Rieger, 67, at City, hypostatic pneumonia.

Charles E. 67, at City, arteriosclerosis.

John A. Tomlin, 79, at 1019 W. 35th, cerebral stenosis.

Antoinette E. Campbell, 95, at 823 Harrison, chronic myocarditis.

Frank L. Comer, 65, at St. Vincent's, aortic aneurism.

James F. 67, at Riley, diptheria.

Amey Peak, 64, at 450 W. 26th, cerebral hemorrhage.

Isaac Barley, 77, at 1213 1/2 Union, arteriosclerosis.

Edward W. Claffey, 53, at 6213 N. Penn., silvian's multiple myeloma.

Daniel Crowley, 51, at 520 E. Vermont, mitral stenosis.

Mary Ellington, 94, at 2046 Columbia, bronchopneumonia.

Abe McElroy, 77, at 2425 E. 4th, bronchopneumonia.

Ethel Dean Conner, 61, at 43 S. Ritter, cerebral hemorrhage.

Thelma Louise McFall, 21, at 1224 W. 21st, mitral stenosis.

Bartholomew O'Keefe, 85, at 520 E. Vermont, infarction.

Frances Edmiston, 78, at 2104 N. Harding, cerebral hemorrhage.

Blanch Marsh, 61, at St. Vincent's, carcinoma.

Pearl L. Robertson, 78, at 17 W. Hampton dr., chronic nephritis.

Henry Benner, 79, at City, pulmonary edem.

Edith Bokeloh, 62, at 1116 N. Hamilton, arteriosclerosis.

Mary Bailey, 97, at 8018 Julian, chronic myocarditis.

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REDUCED!

All-aluminum, light to lift, with leatherette

seats in red, blue or yellow.

Originally 9.95, NOW 7.95 ea.

BREAKFAST SETS—GREATLY REDUCED



Handsome table and 4-chair sets for kitchen, dinette or breakfast nook.

Originally 49.50, NOW 29.50

Originally 59.50, NOW 39.50

Originally 69.50, NOW 49.50

SHOWER CURTAINS.  
REDUCED!

Some complete sets with matching window curtains, some single shower curtains.

Shower curtain and window curtain sets. Originally 11.90, NOW 7.95 set

Single shower curtains.

Originally 5.95, NOW 3.95

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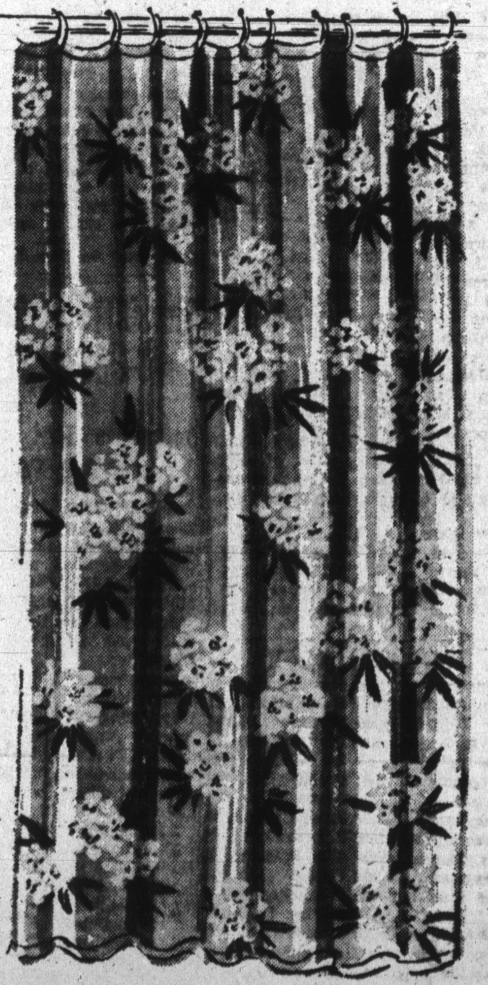
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