26 fewer than for the previous week, ing building materials and the

were listed with the center, in addi- perative that the average home-

lowest number of apartments listed builder confine himself to a mini-

since weekly records have been mum house. Terraces, breeze-ways,

Of the total number of applicants, guest cottages and other refine-

To give an idea of new housing ber-be left for future construction,

on the way, 68 priority applications when the building situation eases.

during the week ending May 3 by the who are finding it possible to finish

during the week ending May 3 by the Federal Housing Administration's District Construction Office, of which 25.9 per cent were for units to sell for \$7,500 and less or rent for readily obtainable new material or readily obtainable new material

Since January 15 a total of 767 applications for 11,234 units were approved, of which 30 per cent were approved. of which 30 per cent were to sell for \$7,500 and leave the same of the varieties of plywood. Unfinished attics and has ment reconstituted by the same of the

of jobs.

To fill the need, 78 apartments skilled labor field have made it im-

The Week's

Housing Picture

Applications for rental dwelling units totaling 2,371 were filed with the District War Housing Center,

1400 Pennsylvania avenue N.W., dur-

ing the week ending last Wednesday,

including 2,104 for houses and apart-

ments and 267 for rooms. This was

tion to 520 rooms. This was the

2,066 were veterans and servicemen,

for 390 dwelling units were approved

sell for \$7,500 and less or rent

maintained, starting March 3.

as against 305 nonveterans.

Homeowner Advised

To Confine Self to

Minimum Additions

By WADSWORTH W. WOOD.

outdoor dining areas, tool houses,

ments, must-for the greater num-

However, there are homeowners

basement recreation rooms are areas

that appeal to the man with an

urge to do something himself to-

There is a certain procedure to be

followed by any amateur mechanic

or builder who has decided to em-

bark on a home improvement pro-

When one or two minor operations

ready to go on to larger projects.

The procedure that must be followed

is: First, lay out the job to be done

so that the material will be at hand.

and, second, do not attempt any-

thing that involves skill beyond

humber of brick needed to pave the

If the homeowner wants to erect

a pergola or a trellis, he should

lay out the job in rough drawing

form, drive stakes at the locations

(Released by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

614 gram. He should tackle the simplest

801 have been completed he will be

The present conditions surround-

Show Sharp Decline **During Past Week**

Building permits issued during the last week by the District Building Inspection Department totaled \$485,169, a drop of \$873,786 from the an opinion issued today, refused to

previous week's total. Included were projects for con- home builders that they be per-

more went to: Dan Pollin, 931 Longfellow street The board reaffirmed its earlier architect; 11 3-story brick and the grounds that multiple rates

to cost \$88,000. Thompson's Dairy, 2012 Eleventh To approve multiple rates, the street N.W., owner; William P. Lips- board said, would be "to take an comb Co.. Woodward Building, action without precedent in the hisbuilder; William D. McCormick, 121- tory of the board," and one that 127 South Negley avenue, Pittsburgh, "would tend to create unstabilized architect; one 4-story steel, concrete conditions in the construction incommercial dairy, 2004-08 Eleventh dustry in the Washington, D. C. street N.W.; to cost \$80,000.

address, architect, to erect 12 2-story brick and cinder block dwellings, 724 fight on the new wage scale, was to 756 Upsal street S.E.; to cost

Dan Pollin, 931 Longfellow street Abel, 1636 Connecticut avenue N.W., request, architect; 8 two-story brick and cin-

Louis Richman, 931 Longfellow street N.W., owner and builder; Berla & Abel, 1636 Connecticut ave-(Continued on Page B-2., Col. 3.)

First Aid For Houses

By Roger O. Whitman

Two Rooms in Basement for Rent. Question - We have built two rooms in our basement to rent Ernest F. Henry, executive director out. What can be done to cement of the Home Builders Association of floors, without making a wooden Metropolitan Washington and atfloor? I intend to have linoleum torney representing the builders, in kitchen and bathroom and rug said: in living room. What else could be done to keep floors warm and dry? tunity to study the decision, but it

basement suitable for living quar- and, instead, have been confined to and five States, called by Regional Homes" and "Temporary Housing ters. No matter what you may do a straitjacket which will cost the Director Ralph A. Parker at his and Rentals." to keep the place dry, there is veterans close to a 10 per cent in- office in the Empire State Building always the possibility of dampness crease in the price of housing. developing. Moreover, there will be "We've not, of course, decided little if any sunshine or fresh air. what further steps to take, but it The real estate firm of George A basement may be all right for a would appear to be a matter of H. Williams Co. has opened an rumpus room for grownups, to be choosing between a direct appeal office at 921 Twelfth street N.W., used occasionally, but not for living to the National Wage Stabilization its seventh in the District area. and sleeping rooms. Asphalt tile, Board or filing a completely new pe- it announced today. laid by a flooring contractor, would tition before the Wage Adjustment be more suitable than linoleum. Leather Repairs.

in the seat of my leather arm- Builders Sought Higher Rates. chair. I would like to repair it myself. Can you tell me how to do

repair a piece of soft leather or stout fabric should be cemented in place on the underside of the torn spot, the edges being carefully atspot, the edges being carefully attached. But I do not think you would be able to do this. The next best thing is to get a small piece than the "A" scale for commercial Housing Administrational Housing Administration of the so-called "B" meet with the group. best thing is to get a small piece of matching leather and cement it over the tear. Use a nitro-cellulose

Filling Cellar Floor Cracks. Question-There are a couple of cracks in my cellar floor that I Stabilization Board's Philadelphia want to fill myself. What mixture Regional Office disclosed 50 local should I use?

cracks with a hammer and cold keeping the sides of the groove straight. Brush out all (See FIRST AID, Page B-3.)

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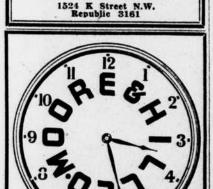
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D. C. Building Permits Wage Board Denies D. C. Home Builders' Plea for Pay Changes

But Says Way Is Open For New Appeal to Fix **Altered Rate Schedule**

By Robert J. Lewis

The Wage Adjustment Board, in grant a renewed request of District struction of 52 dwelling units. Permitted to pay "up to" wage rates mits for projects to cost \$5,000 or established in a recent board decision rather than the rates set.

N.W., owner and builder; Berla and decision that a single rate be paid Abel, 1636 Connecticut avenue N.W., for each classification of work on cinder block dwellings, 4001-3-5-9- "have never been recognized his-11-4013-17-19-21-25-27 E street S.E.; torically in the construction industry as a whole."

area.

Syndicated Construction Corp., 100
Syndicated Construction Corp., 100
Arthur D. Hill, jr., also ruled that a home builder's supplementary re-"not properly before" the board.

Way Open for Similar Request. It added, however, that the way N.W., owner and builder; Berla and was open for the filing of a similar

Submitted by home builders subseder block dwellings; 4016-18-20-24- quent to a hearing April 23 on the 26-28, 4032-34 E street S.E.; to cost industry's petition for reconsidera- R., deputy director of the Civilian ments which would have changed specific rates and added certain classifications of workers not contained in the schedule.

Chief effect of the supplementary request, had it been approved, would have been to permit home builders to classify workers on the job and pay specific rates based on varying degrees of experience and efficiency beyond those allowed in the wage

Henry Hits "Straitjacket." Commenting on today's decision,

"We haven't as yet had an opporbasement doesn't seem damp, albeen denied, in both the original though people say it will be damp.

Answer—I do not consider a everything that we have asked for, Region 2, comprising the District Of Homes," "Purchasing of Existing of Purchasing of Existing that we have been confined to the program of the

Board, or both.

Question-There is a small tear delay, which is to be regretted."

rates was approved by the board cuss material shortages. Answer—For an almost invisible quest January 14 by home builders Administrator Wilson W. Wyatt, for permission to pay higher wages. Civilian Production Administrator February 27 in response to a recision October 3, 1942, were allowed Paul Porter and other officials will and Government building.

pay higher rates. A recent investigation by the Wage Answer—Widen and deepen the paid higher rates than those conbuilders and contractors illegally had tained in the "B" scale. Such violators were faced with dis-

allowance of overscale pay rolls in (See WAGE BOARD, Page B-2.)

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105 APARTMENTS PROPOSED—Architect's sketch of proposed 105-unit, seven-building apartment project to occupy a seven-acre site at 1201-49 Valley avenue S.E., for which a \$560,000

building permit has been applied for by Jack Pollin, 2414 Thirtyninth street N.W. Berla & Abel, 1636 Connecticut avenue N.W., is the architect.

Wyatt, Bradley to Talk Real Estate Shop Talk On Veterans' Housing

Announcing the speakers, the

Combined Veterans Committee on

Other speakers will be Maj. Gen.

Shishkin, American Federation of

Fifteenth street N.W.

Value of District Construction

Doubles Total for 1945 Period

On the same basis, construction projected for the first four months 1941, \$49,905,710; 1942, \$30,832,350; of this year is more than double that for the similar four-month period last year. For the first four months this year, the total stood at months this year, the total stood at 13,500,060 in contrast to \$6,636,686

\$13,509,069, in contrast to \$6,636,686 238,280 was for new buildings of all

building operations, comprising new month last year.

granted records of the District January building inspections department dis-

-Star Staff Photo.

Yearly figures on permits granted

kinds, and \$2,492,927 was for repairs.

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Capt. Ivan Bickelhaupt, U. S. N Housing Administrator Wilson tion of the wage schedule, the sup- Production Administration's Con- W. Wyatt, Veterans Administrator plementary request proposed amend- struction Bureau, will address a Omar N. Bradley and other officials luncheon meeting of the Wash- will address a "Town Meeting on

ington Building Housing for Veterans" at a luncheon Congress at 12:30 at noon next Saturday in the Hotel p.m. Monday at Statler. the Mayflower Hotel. The construc-Housing for Veterans, which is tion bureau hansponsoring the sessions, said Mr. dles all appeals

Wyatt's speech will be carried to from the CPA the Nation on a network broadcast. district construction offices' lecisions on Graves B. Erskine, Maj. Gen. U. S. non-housing ap- Grant, 3d; Brig. Gen. Gordon R. olications, as Young, District engineer commiswell as applica- sioner and chairman of the District Capt. Bickelhaupt. tions for au- Veterans Emergency Housing Comthorization of all non-housing proj- mittee; Oscar Chapman, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Boris

ects to cost over \$1,000,000. It will not be hot-water heated. The appears on its face that we have CPA's District Construction Office. In a second part of the program

New York City.

"In any event, it will cause further the directorate of the National As-

Home builders, under a board de- John D. Small, OPA Administrator

Housing Administrator Wyatt this nd Government building.

During the war, however, in order

Week announced appointment of Capt. E. A. Verpillot, U. S. N. R. to retain workers as the labor sup-ply dwindled, many were forced to pediter in charge of the Office of Production and Supply.

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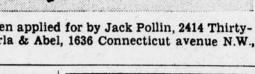
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By Hilson Munsey

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with the installation of a baseboard strip that provides outlets every few inches. Made of metal, these ASSUMES FHA POST—James strips can be placed in various positions. A shallow baseboard can be A. Hewitt, new director of the used and the strip placed on top Boy Scouts Win Honors Federal Housing Administraand then regular quarter-round tion's District Insuring Office, molding as a finish for the base-734 Fifteenth street N.W., who board. It can also be placed in the assumed his duties this week. He succeeded Walter C. Cox, who this week was elected vice be inset in the plaster wall or placed president of the H. G. Smithy on the chair rail. Co., real estate dealers, at 811

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Unless the kitchen is supplied The dollar volume of District total of \$2,695,403 for the same with some method of drawing off the fumes of cooking and the grease A total of 139 builders composing the directorate of the National Association of Home Builders will meet here in a four-day session beginning Monday, it announced, to dis-(See GODGETS, Page B-3.)

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for \$60 a month and less. Conditions facing applicants for rental units during the week were ward finishing his home. service- Civil-Gadgets Plenty of Outlets commute Eviction Present housing inade-quate 31 7 217 85 2,066 305 2,371 **Taft Hotel Building**

Ownership Transferred The four-story Taft Hotel, north-east corner of Eighth and G streets In other words, if a man has depreference to ceiling lights and kitchens almost completely electrikitchens almost completely electriuel Baskin, furrier, from Joseph A. one side of his house, he must be fied. Consequently the floor is fre- Wilner, tailor, at 801 G street N.W., capable of leveling off the ground, it was announced today by Leo M. setting up the plain rectangular Bernstein & Co., 1415 K street N.W., forms in level shape, estimating the

which handled the sale. Formerly known as the Legal surface of the terrace or the amount Building, the structure once housed of concrete he has to order if it is to the Bureau of Mines and later be concrete surfaced. served as offices for patent attor-

More than 40 Boy Scouts will be ad- of the posts or columns, measure for vanced in rank at a "Court of Honor" strips and boards, and comb the center of the baseboard by using two of the Western District, National market for the required material. narrow pieces of board and then Capital Area Council of Scouts, at Local labor should be lured to dig the quarter round on top. It can 7:45 o'clock tonight at Woodrow the postholes. Wilson High School. Col. A. T. Pagter will preside.

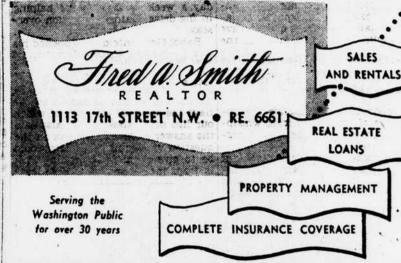
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