

to \$6,000 above the previous record.

Floyd Adams, Carmel's building inspectors, reported that the five month total for 94 new homes is \$301,435, as compared to \$203,000 for the same period a year ago.

The May figure to date of \$83,375 is more than twice again as much as the \$34,150 total for April, but compares with \$64,000 in March and \$570,000 in April.

RECORD IN GROVE

And in Pacific Grove a new long time record was set, with the issuance of 24 permits, 14 of them for new homes and nine for alterations and repairs, valued at \$59,315 as compared to a total of \$43,000 a month ago. In May, 1940, for comparison, 13 permits valued at \$17,605 were issued.

The previous high month was May, 1937, when total permits were \$68,000, but actual new home construction was only \$15,000. The remainder was a \$53,500 permit for the Grove post office.

KANSAS-INVITES TOURISTS

TOPEKA, Kas. (U.P.)—Gov. Payne Rater has dispatched letters to all other governors in the nation inviting them to "come to Kansas this year." The letters carry an invitation to "all of America" to visit the Sunflower state during 1941, which has been officially designated by proclamation as "Kansas Home-Coming Year."

permits, for a five room house valued at \$3800 at 758 Bayview avenue and for a similar size home valued at \$3500 at 786 Bayview avenue.

George Schuyler is contractor for \$1500 in additions to a house at 405 Nineteenth street, while other permits for alterations included:

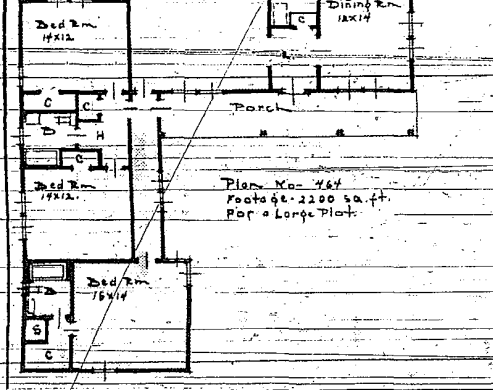
Willis Abby, 201 First street, \$500; Miss Nell O'Brien, 928 Fourteenth street, \$1200; F. Raymond, 830 Grove Acre avenue, \$400; and Mrs. Ida Scheeler, 667 Laurel, \$150.

PROFESSORS LIKE SQUARE DANCES

NORMAN, Okla. (U.P.)—Square dancing—a popular pastime of half a century ago—is staging a comeback among faculty members of the University of Oklahoma. With foot-tapping fiddlers sawing out "Turkey in the Straw" and other old favorites, the weekly square dances have become the most popular attraction at the University Faculty club.

FLINT AXES IN MAPLE TREES

POTSDAM, N. Y. (U.P.)—Signs have been found that Indians used to tap maple trees for the sap. A huge old tree when cut down showed downward slanting cuts in which were embedded flint axe heads.



Building Cost Low Despite Higher Price Trend, FHA Says

Although general price trends are upward, the cost of home ownership has shrunk substantially the past several years, according to statistics compiled by the northern California office of the Federal Housing Administration.

It was shown that practically half the families have bought new homes in this area under the FHA plan since the first of the year are paying less than \$25 a month to meet interest and amortization of principal on their loans.

This group jumped from 35 per cent of the 1938 total, when the median monthly payment was

\$28.02, to almost 50 per cent during the past four months.

FHA reports that last year 21 per cent of the new small homes purchased with insured mortgages called for payments of less than \$20 a month, compared to 16 per cent in 1939 and 15 per cent in 1938.

"The downward trend in the cost of home ownership has been steady since inception of the FHA plan of long term, monthly amortized mortgages," declared D. C. McGinness, district director. "For one thing, by bringing the monthly cost of new home buying within convenient financial reach of families with modest incomes, FHA has encouraged the building of small homes.

"More than that, through the cooperation of the building industry and manufacturers and the standardization of small home construction, investors today are buying more value per dollar than ever before was possible."

SHARPSHOOTERS IN HILLS

WURTSBORO, N.Y. (U.P.)—If the army wants sharpshooters, Charles Terwilliger invites a visit to the Shawagunk mountain area near this Sullivan county village. "With the deer season ended, there is a lot of swell rifle talent lying around in the hills and it might as well be in the army," Terwilliger says.

On January 19, 1942, California Garden Clubs, Inc., will hold a luncheon at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, honoring Miss Eastwood and at that time a check covering the gifts from all the garden clubs in the state will be presented to her as a birthday gift for the Alice Eastwood Herbarium Building Fund. The Peninsula club has voted \$25 to the fund.

In his report, State Treasurer Shaffer lists an increase of 1,429 new members and 15 new clubs in California Garden Clubs, Inc.

A PERENNIAL BORDER

A successful perennial border is one in which color, form, blooming period and the behavior of plants when out of bloom all play an equal part. The importance of good foliage in such planting cannot be overstressed, so, when selecting perennials to add to the garden during the late spring and early summer, be careful to consider the habit of growth and the leaves as well as the flowers and blooming period.

The following perennials all maintain good foliage through the year:

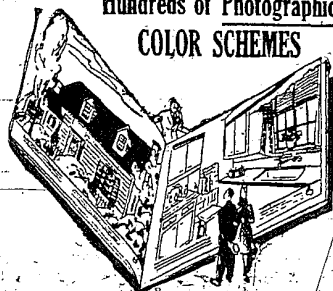
For edging from two to eight inches high one could depend upon creeping thyme (T. serpyllum), ajuga repens, aubretia, arabia, campula muralis, C. gargarica, C. carpatia, coral bells, dwarf dianthus, hellanthemum (sunrose) or veronica-teurium to give continuous ground-cover and bloom in season.

Plants eight to eighteen inches in height should include alyssum saxatile, arctotis, anthemis-geum, Princess Julianna, helioborus, scabiosa columbaria, Shasta Daisies, saxifrage—cordifolia, and statice latifolia, all suitable for

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