

BABSON'S LETTER

By ROGER W. BABSON
 Babson Park, Mass., April 22.—
 Government building of "millions" of new homes by local carpenters and bricklayers is not the solution of the housing problem. In fact, such a forced program would cause both labor and material costs to go even higher, and hence further check private building. The real solution lies with good factory-built houses.

The answer is two-fold: (1) Local labor leaders are responsible for the high costs and poor quality of new houses by limiting the hours of work and the amount of work done. (2) The public is responsible for thinking that every family must have a custom-made house built by local labor.

Labor leaders and building codes have been instrumental in making new houses expensive. These codes make the building of a prefabricated house, with electric wires and also plumbing pipes all installed, impossible. These cannot be inspected by local politicians, as they are hidden in the cement studs. This prevents the erection of factory-built houses which are our only hope.

Cellars And Inspectors
 The original purpose of a cellar was to serve as a place to keep vegetables, fruits, cider, etc., free from freezing during the cold winter. Then, when coal stoves began to be installed, the cellar was used to store wood and coal. Now, with oil and gas heating, these cellars are no longer of use. \$1,500 can be saved by forgetting them. \$2,500 more can be saved by the use of modern building codes, and reasonable building inspectors.

At last, building inspectors and old-fashioned codes have run afowl of the big shots of the labor movement. Hence, for the first time I see a real chance of John Q. Public getting a better house for less money. This is a most important event and has great possibilities.

Revolutionary Suggestion
 Here is what Walter P. Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers, said in Detroit, February 11: "The housing industry is the most antiquated in the country. It is not able to provide the necessary housing to meet the demands of the 500,000 new families created annually. The answer to the whole problem is mass production and use of the men and ideas which carried the country through the war."

"We have the know-how to split atoms and make a plane which can go 600 miles per hour, but that never has been applied to housing. I propose the establishment of a National Authority to handle conversion of certain idle airplane plants to make prefabricated houses, and at the same time keep personnel trained in aircraft production. Construction labor would not suffer from the mass production. Instead, it would be relieved of the fear of

NOTICE OF SALE
 State of South Carolina,
 County of Laurens.
 In the Probate Court
 Frances C. Warner, Individually and as Administratrix of the Estate of S. M. Warner, deceased, Petitioner.

—vs—
 Ed Warinner, Cora Warinner, Ennear W. Reed, George Warinner, Nettie W. Gill, Irene W. Murray, Harold Warinner, and Helen Jordan Adams, Respondents.

Pursuant to a Decree of the Court in the above entitled case, I will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder, either in or in front of the Court House, at Laurens, South Carolina, on sales day in May next, being Monday, the second day of the month, during the legal hours for such sales, the following described property:

All that piece, parcel or lot of land being, lying and situate within the incorporate limits of the town of Clinton, County and State aforesaid, bounded and described as follows: Bounded on the north by Maple Street, one hundred twenty-five (125) feet thereon, on the east by land of G. R. Simpson, one hundred and fifty (150) feet thereon; on the south by land of R. E. Wisor, one hundred twenty-five (125) feet thereon and on the west by Cedar Avenue, one hundred fifty (150) feet thereon. The above bounded and described property is shown and described as lots Nos. 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, in Block 7 as shown on plat of College View made by George C. Odiome, Engineer, on the 23rd day of October, 1923, and on record in the office of the Clerk of Court for Laurens County in Plat Book No. 2, page 108 under date of November 28th, 1923.

Terms of Sale: Cash.
 The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff herein, immediately upon the conclusion of the bidding, shall deposit with the Judge of Probate the sum of five (5%) per cent of the amount of his bid, as guarantee of his good faith in bidding, the same to be applied to the purchase price, upon the purchaser complying with the terms of sale, otherwise to be paid to the Plaintiff as liquidated damages. In the event the successful bidder should fail to comply with the terms of the sale, the said land shall be re-sold on the same or some subsequent sales day on the same terms, at the risk of the defaulting purchaser and without the further order of the Court. The purchaser shall pay for papers, stamps and recording.
 J. HEWLETTE WASSON,
 Probate Judge for Laurens County,
 Dated April 1, 1949.—28-3cw.

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Houses

Mr. Reuther's statement especially interests me because of his connection with the automobile industry. I have always claimed that the automobile engineers and manufacturers hold the key to the solution of the housing problem. The heretofore prevalent idea that each family must build a different house is crazy. This is one reason why the bricklayers, carpenters, electricians, and painters have us by the throat.

Of course, houses should not all be alike any more than are automobiles. Houses should be different sizes, differently arranged, and different colors; but so are automobiles. I am told that over 100 different automobile models are on the market today in 12 different colors. Certainly, we all should be able to select a house which suits us from 100 different designs in 12 colors.

There still will be plenty of repair work and remodeling to keep local carpenters and painters busy. Therefore, to have Mr. Reuther, the president of one of our most powerful labor unions, come out in favor of factory built homes is a tremendous event. If he will fight for this program, as he fought for others, the housing problem will soon be solved.

FINAL SETTLEMENT

Take notice that on the 10th day of May, 1949, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Executor of the estate of David Anthony Timmons in the office of the Judge of Probate of Laurens County, at 10 o'clock a.m., and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as Executor.

Any person indebted to said estate is notified and required to make payment on or before that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date, duly proven, or be forever barred.

SHIRLEY A. TIMMONS,
 Executor, Clinton, S. C.
 April 8, 1949. 5-4cw

CITATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION

The State of South Carolina,
 County of Laurens.
 By J. H. Wasson, Probate Judge:

Whereas, Lucille Martin Cox made suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the estate and effects of George Washington Cox. These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the Kindred and Creditors of the said George Washington Cox, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Laurens Court House, Laurens, S. C., on May 4, 1949, next, after publication hereof, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 20th day of April, A. D. 1949.
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