

Housing

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June 1, 1946

Mr. Keith L. Rising
807 West Newton
Tulsa 15, Oklahoma

Dear Friend:

I have your interesting letter of May 29th, enclosing clipping from the "Tulsa World" of the same date with headlines "Big Building Boom Looms in City Area." What you say and what appeared in the clipping are typical of the way the New Deal program operates. It is typical of the inconsistency of this controlled economy that they attempted to exercise over all the activities of our citizens. In my humble opinion there would not be any housing shortage today, or at least not an appreciable one if we had not had all the regulations that have been promulgated by these Federal Bureaus. I am against this whole outfit and want the American people turned loose to do and think for themselves.

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M. C.

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Dictated but not read.

Sulsa, Oklahoma
May 29, 1946

Honorable Geo B. Schuabe,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman:

You will notice in the enclosed article from today's paper that CPA has granted building permits for such "crap" as a \$150,000⁰⁰ machinery building and a \$45,000⁰⁰ bowling alley yet the FHA has twice refused to answer my request for a permit to build a \$2,000⁰⁰ dwelling for myself and family because there is a "shortage" of building material.

I have three small children and the house I am renting has been sold to a veteran who

insists on possession soon.

As you know it is impossible to find a place to rent in Tulsa and prices are so high it is impossible for the average man to buy.

Would I really be violating the law if I were to build a \$2,000⁰⁰ house for myself and family?

Now really Congressman you don't suppose this outrageous discrimination in building permits has anything to do with the money involved do you?

A reply would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
Keith L. Rising
807 W. Newton

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BIG BUILDING BOOM LOOMS IN CITY AREA

Permits for Construction
Totaling \$1,100,000
Okehed by CPA

Construction permits totaling \$1,111,325 have been approved during the past two weeks by the Tulsa office of the Civilian Production Administration, Carl A. Stevens, district manager, announced Tuesday. Expected to set off a building boom of sizable proportions if material shortages can be cured by the builders, the permits to build varied from small amounts to as high as \$200,000.

A new dry cleaning and laundry building will be erected at once by Barnes Manley Laundry and Dry Cleaning company with service to customers believed possible within 90 days. The new plant will be built on the site of the building which burned in December and will be of brick and fireproof throughout. The most modern equipment will be used throughout and capacity will be the same as the former building, Louis H. Barnes announced.

OTHER PERMITS ISSUED

In addition to the Barnes-Manley Laundry, the following permits were issued by CPA:

Tulsa Convalescent Home—Permits for \$85,000 to build a new brick and tile building on the 50-foot lot south of 1315 South Boulder, issued to Lee and Virginia Applegate. Construction is expected to start July 1. The new building will be separate from the present residence of the home and will occupy the full depth of the 150-foot lot.

Clifton Silver—Nursing home to be built at 30th and Harvard to accommodate 135 patients at a cost of \$75,000. Building to be of tile and concrete. Construction to start within 30 days and to be one story in height.

Cherokee Indian Mission—\$50,000 orphanage to be built at Oaks, for housing of Cherokee Indian orphans.

Board of Education, Broken Arrow—\$37,000 auditorium to be built for Broken Arrow high school. Construction expected to start within 30 days.

MUSKOGEE GETS SCHOOL

Oklahoma State Board of Affairs—Building to serve as home for Blind to be built at Muskogee at cost of \$200,000.

Southwest Machinery Co.—Heavy equipment repair shop to be built at