

SCHWABE COLL

Housing

February 20, 1946

Mr. W. M. Erdahl  
27 South Nogales  
Tulsa 6, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Erdahl:

Your recent undated letter has arrived in the absence of Congressman Schwabe, who is in Tulsa for a few days to attend the wedding of his only daughter.

I shall bring your letter to the Congressman's attention immediately upon his return to Washington, and you may be sure he will be greatly pleased to have your views on the housing situation.

Sincerely yours,

A. L. Warren, Secretary

27 South Nogales  
Tulsa 6, Okla.

Mr. George B. Schwabe  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you with regard to sales ceiling on houses. It has recently been necessary for me to seek a place to live and the results of my search were very discouraging. The prices on desirable houses are far beyond the ability to pay of most Skelly and other oil company employees. Down payments for the class of property I would prefer to buy range upward from \$3,000. To my knowledge, there is not much of that kind of money in the hands of my acquaintances.

In many instances, I found that property had been under present ownership for only a short time, and in some cases, was owned by realtors, indicating that there is speculation in real estate.

In attempting to find rental property, I found that those realtors who have listings had nothing to offer, because they were holding future vacancies for prospective clients who would list their property for sale, if they could find a place to rent.

In view of these circumstances and the housing situation in general, I would like to urge you to do what you can about legislation, placing a sales ceiling on houses.

Very truly yours,

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