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*Housing*

March 22, 1946.

Mr. L. D. Dalquest  
Dalquest & Son Hardware Co.  
Vinita, Oklahoma.

Dear Friend Dalquest:

I am just in receipt of your letter of March 19th relative to the housing situation in Vinita and telling me what your investigations have revealed. This is most interesting to me.

I also note what you have to say about the non-availability of building material. Your situation maintains universally in this country. Who is to blame for it? In my opinion the New Deal system of regimentation, regulation and control are about 100% to blame for our situation. The O.P.A. is more to blame than all the rest of them combined in my humble opinion. They have procured and built up the false promises of scarcity in keeping with the New Deal's philosophy of scarcity. Scarcity makes high prices. What we need is abundant production. This would level down to where prices would ultimately be the amount necessary to produce and handle a commodity, plus a reasonable profit, and nobody is entitled to a commodity at any cheaper price than would result. Inflation makes high prices. Abundant production gives us low prices.

Thanking you for your contribution and assuring you that I shall be glad to hear from you further on this question at any time and with all good wishes, I am

Your friend,

George B. Schwabe, M. C.

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I am finding out something about what you folks are talking about up there in Washington. The housing proposition here in Vinita like every where else has reached serious proportions, many of our returning veterans are not able to secure any kind of housing for their families. This matter was gone into in a rather thorough manner at our last War Dads meeting and here is one thing we find there are a great many old age pensioners who are living in houses which would accomodate two or more families but on account of them being afraid of loosing their old age pension they will not let any one in their homes to live in. The estimate is that there are 25 or 30 of these here in Vinita. Personally I am finding out something about this situation as I am trying to build two apartments which have already been spoken for, today there is not a sack of plaster, no celetx, no lath or flooring, none of our regular jobbers have pipe, fittings or bath fixtures. There is no question in my mind that if the regulations which seem to me are very unjust were taken off that most of this material as mentioned above would be available. If the manufacturers are not able to put their product on the market at the now prevailing prices it stands to reason that we will not be able to get any of this much needed material until the urgent time of need is past, then of course the markets will be flooded with no takers. There were about fifteen War Dads present at the meeting mentioned above and they all gave their consent to having their names signed to this kind of a letter.

Yours truly,

*L. B. Fulgus*