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# THE SALE OF DEFENSE SAVINGS BONDS BY SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS

Participation by savings and loan associations in the sale of defense savings bonds marks a new high in Government-industry collaboration in this business. Early reports indicate the whole-hearted cooperation of member associations in the successful promotion of this campaign.

... No, sacrifice is not the word. This defense savings program is rather a privilege and an opportunity—an opportunity to share in the defense of all the things we cherish against the threat that is made against them.

-Franklin Delano Roosevelt

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THESE few words taken from the radio speech of the President to the people of the United States on the eve of the savings bond campaign typify the attitude of the savings and loan industry and all financial institutions engaged in a whole-hearted cooperative effort to advance the sale of these securities in every city, town, and hamlet throughout the length and breadth of the country. It is an opportunity which these organizations have seized with commendable alacrity to serve their members,

their friends, and their country through helping to finance the defense program and at the same time to build bulwarks against the economic consequences of huge, but vital, armament expenditures.

It is too early to report many details of the success of the campaign or of the contribution of the various cooperating institutions. The purpose of this article is rather to illustrate the active participation of savings and loan associations, to present some of the initial reactions which have been registered in correspondence received from savings and loan executives, and to summarize the results which have been announced thus far.

#### SAVINGS AND LOAN PARTICIPATION

Following the designation by the Treasury of all Federal Home Loan Bank members as eligible issuing agents, the program for savings and loan







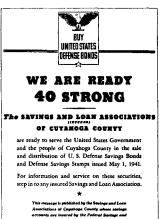
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**DEFENSE SAVINGS BONDS** 

You are invited to call at my Fedgral Savings and Loan Association to buy or order United States Defrace Bonds, or to receive full informa-tion about the new Bonds. The Associations are cooperating with the United States Pressure Description; in this important measure of an-itional preparedness by making the Bonds receilly available to the public



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The certificate of qualification was signed at 1140 A. M. Wednesday, April 23rd, by officials of The Federal Reserve Bank of Sam Francisco.

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Initial delivery of these DEFENSE BONDS was made to H. F. Dunton. Executive Vice-President of Altadean Finist Federal . Altadean First Federal Savings and Loan Association in the Pascelana create to qualify as selling agent for the new UNITED STATES DEFENSE BONDS and is believed to be the first such certified agent in Southern California.



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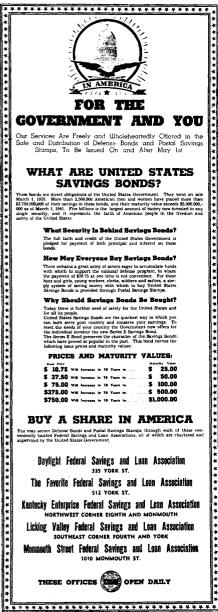
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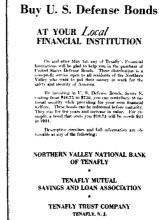














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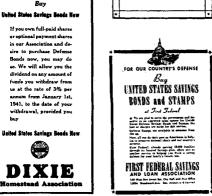
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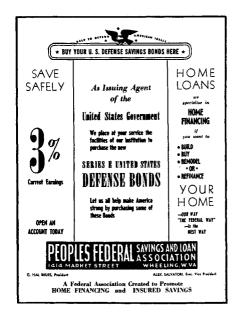
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active participation immediately began to take shape with the active endorsement of the Bank Board and the Presidents of the Federal Home Loan Banks. In some States, where it was necessary, the legislatures have adopted statutory amendments to make it possible for State-chartered members to take part in the sale of the bonds.

In Ohio, 10 regional conferences were held in different sections of the State to discuss plans for full cooperation by savings and loan associations in the sale of defense bonds and also in the financing of defense housing.

Perhaps the best indication, however, of the promotional efforts being made by savings and loan associations can be obtained from the examples of newspaper ads and window displays reproduced on these pages. In addition to the initiative taken by individual institutions, it is evident that there has been a considerable volume of cooperative action by city and county league groups. In some instances, this has been carried to the extent of arranging for simultaneous presentation of both savings and loan and commercial bank group notices of available facilities.

Practically all associations using radio programs have arranged to include some mention of how these bonds may be secured through their institutions and many have utilized substantial portions of their air-time to explain the advantages and purpose of the new issues.

One particularly aggressive association on the West Coast received extensive publicity by virtue of the fact that it was the first financial institution in the State to be certified as an issuing agent for the bonds, and also the first to receive a supply of the bonds themselves. A special edition of its association news bulletin and numerous feature articles in the local press carried the story of this institution's initiative to its members and the general public.

# REACTIONS FROM ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVES AND OTHER LEADERS IN THE INDUSTRY

Now that the campaign has been under way for more than a month, specific reactions to the sales program are beginning to filter to the Bank Board offices in Washington. For the most part these indicate general satisfaction with the progress that has been made.

The leader of a large New England institution writes that their entire personnel (numbering 50 employees) has subscribed to bonds totaling more than \$3,000 in maturity value. These are to be

paid for by salary deductions. Total sales of Series E bonds by this association during the first three weeks amounted to more than \$30,000.

Another association on the East Coast reported the sale of 74 bonds with a maturity value of \$8,000 during the first two days of the sale.

The President of a State league writes that the discussion of savings and loan participation in the sale of defense savings bonds will assume an important part in the proceedings of the State convention to be held this month. His own institution sold more than \$2,000 of the Series E bonds during the first two weeks of May, and approximately 1,000 savings stamps in the same period. This association also purchased the annual legal limit of \$50,000 of Series G bonds, leaving part of them with the Federal Reserve Bank as collateral for their consignment account.

Associations which have been expecting to feel the effect of this campaign upon their own operations will be glad to learn about the experience of a Louisiana institution. Its president writes that the sale of defense savings bonds has not, in any way, interfered with the regular functions of their association; in fact, it has been of assistance in providing contacts with a number of individuals who had never been in their offices before.

This reaction is confirmed by an officer of another State league who reports that "this cooperation on the part of associations in our State with the national defense program is certainly proving to be a builder of goodwill.

The regular posters prepared by the Treasury Department have proven extremely helpful to associations in arranging window and lobby displays stressing the sale of the bonds. One of the city savings and loan leagues adapted these placards to association use by having strips printed for the purpose of blocking out the reference to banks and post offices and indicating that the bonds were "on sale at this association."

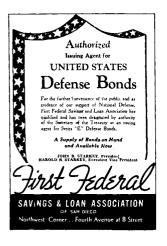
In addition to its window and office displays, an association in Philadelphia relates that it mailed more than 3,000 cards urging the support of this campaign to its savings and share investment members as well as to each of its borrowing members.

It is only natural that some of the institutions should encounter minor delays in obtaining the necessary approvals and authorizations, but it is significant to note the attitude exhibited in letters from these associations. The manager of a California organization indicates that "our association plans to do

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than had been anticipated.



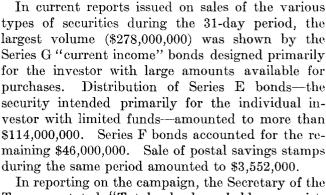
everything possible to aid in the sale and distribution of these bonds. . . . We have already received a number of inquiries and have taken orders for the sale of a number of bonds as and when we receive our authorization."

The president of one of the largest midwestern associations expresses his conviction that "we have a job to do here in the matter of selling these bonds. . . . I am inclined to feel that this is a long-time job and that we are just getting started in a project which will involve a good deal of our time and energy before we are through with it."

The long pull aspects of this campaign are also emphasized by another executive officer who writes, "One reason we did not rush into immediate radio and newspaper advertising is that everyone in town appeared to be doing the same thing at the same time. . . . We decided that better aggregate results would be obtained by consistent advertising over a long period of time. A good start is necessary, but it would not be to the interests of the Treasury to make our efforts a mere flash-in-the-pan. We expect to advertise the bonds consistently throughout a sustained period."







RESULTS THROUGH MAY 31

three types of defense savings bonds exceeded

\$438,000,000 and public announcements by the

Secretary of the Treasury indicated that the total

for the month of May was considerably greater

During the entire month of May, the sale of the

In reporting on the campaign, the Secretary of the Treasury stated, "Total sales have held up consistently around \$100,000,000 a week. This makes me feel that there is a steady interest which will be shown in continuing sales as the year rolls on."





# THE DEFENSE HOUSING PROGRAM—A SURVEY

The defense housing program has now been in operation for about 10 months. It consists of so many component parts and has such wide ramifications that a survey of legislative actions and a progress report are in order to keep savings and loan executives posted on the rapid developments in this important phase of our defense preparations.

ONE year has elapsed since the gigantic job of arming the United States was begun, a job which has been changing the whole complexion of our economy within a brief span of time. From the beginning it was clear that the execution of the armament program would cause large-scale shifts in industrial activity and population, and that this would necessitate speedy provision of new housing facilities lest the whole national effort be thwarted by lack of adequate accommodations for defense workers.

Warned by the experience of World War I, the Administration did not lose much time in setting up appropriate machinery for the development and handling of the defense housing program. On July 21, 1940, a Defense Housing Coordinator was appointed within the National Defense Advisory Commission, and in January 1941 his office was transformed into the Division of Defense Housing Coordination under the Office for Emergency Management. Meanwhile, we have witnessed a rapid succession of legislative actions including the appropriation of vast amounts of money for public housing construction.

# ENCOURAGEMENT OF PRIVATE DEFENSE HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

Likewise, the private construction industry, backed by private capital, has made great strides in meeting the expanding need for permanent housing in those established industrial centers which have received the bulk of defense orders.

Full cooperation of member institutions of the Federal Home Loan Bank System in this part of the program is being facilitated by the Bank Board in various ways. By an amendment to its rules and regulations (see May Review, page 265), the Board has lifted the restriction on the sale of mortgage loans by insured associations in order that institutions in defense areas, if they see fit and need to do so, may dispose of mortgages and use the proceeds for the financing of defense housing. In connection with this measure, the Board has notified Federal savings and loan associations that it is prepared to

waive the 25-percent limit on the sale of mortgages for institutions in defense areas.

The Bank Board is also prepared to consider special requests for the investment of HOLC funds in associations located in defense areas, if there is convincing evidence that the local demand for homemortgage credit exceeds the supply of private funds which are available or may be secured by aggressive solicitation of new private share investments. These HOLC investments are for the purpose of enabling associations in defense areas to create and maintain a reasonable revolving fund to be used in the continuous origination and sale of loans made to finance defense housing projects. The Federal Home Loan Bank Board and the various Federal Home Loan Banks have initiated a series of regional and local conferences to encourage private financing of defense housing, and a field service is being organized to assure maximum results. Moreover, the Home Owners' Loan Corporation is cooperating in placing existing structures, remodeled where necessary, on the rental or sales market by speeding up its reconditioning program in armament centers. Finally, the Bank Board is keeping member institution activities in tune with the defense housing program by disseminating information on local housing needs and on programs to meet them.

The only legislative measure designed to encourage private building in defense areas thus far has been the addition of Title VI to the National Housing Act (Public, No. 24, approved March 28, 1941). The new Title authorizes the insurance of mortgages of up to 90 percent of FHA valuation on builder-owned properties in defense areas where the President finds an existing or impending housing shortage. By May 13, the list of these areas included 159 localities, a great number of which overlap, of course, with the communities for which public housing funds have been allocated. Under the Act, a special Defense Housing Insurance Fund of \$10,000,000 is set up. The aggregate amount of mortgages insured under this provision is limited to \$100,000,000 (for further details, see April Review, page 221).

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# LEGISLATIVE MEASURES FOR PUBLIC DEFENSE HOUSING

The following review of legislative actions underlying the public defense housing program, supplemented by a progress report on this class of construction, will be helpful to savings and loan executives who are participating in the formulation and prosecution of local defense housing plans and whose institutions are affected, in one way or another, by the repercussions of the program. In subsequent issues an attempt will be made to round out the picture by an analysis of private construction and mortgage financing in defense areas.

The defense housing program really consists of a whole series of programs involving a number of Federal and local public agencies. True to its name, the Division of Defense Housing Coordination does not build or finance but rather formulates general policies, collects and releases information, assists in project development, and aligns private and public organizations for the execution of local plans based upon the Division's analysis of defense housing needs.

The measures taken since the inauguration of the program are listed below in the order of their time sequence and under the heading of the Federal agency in charge. For reference purposes, the pertinent data are summarized in the accompanying table.

United States Housing Authority: Even before the Housing Coordinator was appointed, public housing in defense areas received its first impetus in June 1940 when Congress authorized the USHA to convert funds originally allocated for the slum clearance program of this agency into the financing of defense housing through local authorities as well as through the Army and Navy. The Act permits the suspension of the regular USHA requirements as to slum demolition and tenants' income in those projects "for the duration." It is contemplated that the houses will revert to ordinary USHA projects after the cessation of defense activity. Over \$32,000,000 has been made available by this action.

Army and Navy: On September 9, 1940 an amount of \$100,000,000 was authorized for allocation by the President to the Army and Navy to house families of enlisted personnel and civilian workers in military establishments. This is in addition to appropriations for troop housing. The Navy handles construction under this provision directly, the Army works largely through the Public Buildings Administration.

# Defense housing with public funds

[Source: Weekly Summary Report of the Division of Defense Housing Coordination]

				Status as of May 24 (Number of family dwell- ing units)				
Date of approval	Legal authorization	Construction agency	Amount authorized	Allo- cated	Under construc- tion contract	Completed 1		
June 28, 1940  September 9, 1940  October 14, 1940  April 29, 1941  October 23, 1940	Public Act 671, 76th Congress. Public Act 781, 76th Congress. Public Act 849, 76th Congress. Public Act 42, 77th Congress. Incorporation	United States Housing Authority.  Navy Army  Federal Works Administrator.  Defense Homes Corporation		8, 069 {15, 030 13, 880 2 47, 465 2, 816	7, 744 14, 680 12, 755 2 25, 075 2, 716	3, 440 5, 142 1, 615 2, 009		
Total family dw	velling units		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	4 87, 260	62, 970	12, 261		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Included in column "Under construction contract."

<sup>4</sup> Under authority of Public Act 9, 77th Congress, 2,309 trailers have been allocated and 2,109 placed under contract by the Farm Security Administration; in addition, 4,446 dormitory units for single persons have been allocated and 3,401 have been placed under contract under this authorization.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In addition, 2,545 units for single persons have been allocated, 2,150 have been placed under contract, and 750 units have been completed under the authority of Public Act 849.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> From amounts authorized under Public Act 849. An additional \$40,000,000 is being provided in form of FHA-insured mortgage loans made by the RFC Mortgage Company.

<sup>4</sup> Under authority of Public Act 9, 77th Congress, 2,309 trailers have been allocated and 2,109 placed under contract by

Federal Works Agency: The largest single measure for the housing of civilian defense workers is represented by the so-called Lanham Act, approved October 14, 1940. A recent amendment increased the original authorization of \$150,000,000 to \$300,000,000. An amount of \$10,000,000 was used to furnish the capital stock of the Defense Homes Corporation (see below).

Construction under the Lanham Act is designed to supply housing facilities required for families of enlisted men and civilian defense workers at less than commercial rents, and to provide dwellings at commercial rent levels in those cases where the duration of the need for housing is so indefinite that private enterprise cannot afford to take the risk. Construction is handled by the Federal Works Agency, largely through its Division of Defense Housing, the Public Buildings Administration, the USHA and local housing authorities, the Navy, and in rural areas through the Farm Security Administration.

Defense Homes Corporation: Equipped with a capital stock of \$10,000,000, this Corporation was established on October 23, 1940 to provide a 20-percent cash equity investment in rental projects for which private equity capital would not be forthcoming. The remaining 80 percent is being financed by FHA insured mortgage loans made by another Government agency, the RFC Mortgage Company. In this manner, a total of \$50,000,000 has been made available under the plan.

Farm Security Administration: This agency operates mainly the program for temporary shelter, such as trailers and dormitories, to be placed in defense areas where it is not practicable to meet the immediate need for emergency housing by ordinary dwellings. Last March, \$5,000,000 was authorized for this purpose, and an additional \$15,000,000 has been included in a recent deficiency appropriation.

A measure which is still pending before Congress (H. R. 4545) is an outgrowth of the foregoing actions. If passed it will provide \$150,000,000 for adequate community services such as waterworks, sewers, hospitals, and schools in those localities which are facing a shortage of these facilities on account of the rapid expansion of population caused by defense activities.

In terms of dollar outlays, the program for public defense housing construction now approaches the \$700,000,000 mark. Direct public funds authorized or in prospect for defense housing and community facilities total \$642,000,000. Housing funds alone

represent almost 30 percent of the total dollar cost of all nonfarm residential construction last year.

#### PROGRESS OF PUBLIC DEFENSE HOUSING

Not all of this money has gone into construction at the present time. According to the report of the Division of Defense Housing Coordination as of May 24, public funds authorized under the above listed Acts had been allocated for the erection of 87,260 family dwelling units in 144 localities—which is equialent to more than 16 percent of total nonfarm residential construction in 1940. Of these, 62,970 units in 131 localities were under construction contracts, leaving 24,290 units for which no contracts had as yet been awarded. Of the units reported under construction contract, 12,261, located in 44 communities, had been completed and were available for occupancy. All these figures include the Continental United States as well as defense areas off the Continent.

The table on page 289 and the accompanying charts show the progress of the public defense housing program in greater detail.

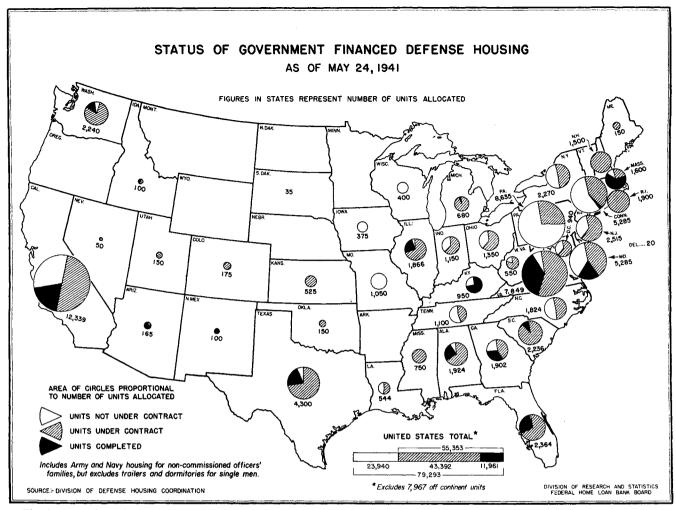
Broadly speaking, the public defense housing program serves three principal purposes: (1) to accommodate married enlisted personnel and civilians employed by the Army and Navy; (2) to provide shelter for workers in private defense industries; and (3) to house the labor force working in Government plants. On the basis of allocations to date, the military forces have absorbed a considerable portion of the funds available under the program. More than 40 percent of the dwelling units for which

# Public defense housing, classified by purpose

[Source: Weekly Summary Report of the Division of Defense Housing Coordination as of May 24, 1941]

	Number	of family units	dwelling
$\operatorname{Purpose}$	Allocated	Under construc- tion contract	Com- pleted <sup>1</sup>
Army and Navy:  Married enlisted personnel. Civilians Workers in private industry Workers in Government plants  Total dwelling units	25, 748 10, 246 35, 265 16, 001 87, 260	23, 115 7, 311 20, 416 12, 128 62, 970	5, 490 2, 075 2, 247 2, 449 12, 261

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Included in column "Under construction contract."



The above map shows the geographical distribution of public defense housing as of May 24. The areas of the circles are proportional to each State's share of the United States total. The total area of each circle represents the number of family dwelling units for which public funds have been allocated. The black segment denotes the number of units completed, the shaded area represents units under contract but not completed, and the white area indicates units not yet under contract. California, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, and Connecticut, thus far have received the largest allocations of public defense housing funds.

allocations had been made through May 24 will be used by the Army and Navy. Another 40 percent is designated for workers in private defense industries, and the remainder consists of housing facilities for workers in Government plants.

#### Homes Registration

While the construction of new housing for defense workers is proceeding, the fullest utilization of existing dwellings remains in many ways an even more important aspect of the program. As in the last war, complete utilization of existing facilities not only serves to prevent building excesses but is the quickest and most effective way of providing housing for the rapidly expanding population in critical defense areas. To this end, a Homes Registration Service was organized in January 1941 to advise local committees and organizations on the

establishment of complete registers of available dwellings and rooms for placement of defense workers, and to encourage the undertaking of local fact-finding surveys as to housing needs. By May 26, Homes Registration offices were operating in 64 key industrial cities and others were in the process of organization.

# New FSLIC General Manager

ON June 7, Oscar R. Kreutz was appointed General Manager of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation to succeed Nugent Fallon whose resignation became effective June 1, and who is now President of the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York. Mr. Kreutz has been Deputy General Manager of the Insurance Corporation for several years.

WAR SAVINGS: "When a nation provides necessary war loans out of current savings, it avoids increasing bank credit and improves its chances of achieving price stability."

The Index, The New York Trust Company, Spring 1941.

THRIFT: ". . . has been throughout history one of the leading factors, with others such as religion and physical environment, in influencing the character and rise to civilization of mankind."

James Truslow Adams, Barron's, Mar. 24, 1941.

LONG VIEW: "Taking the long view, we believe that 100 local investors with \$20,000 invested are much better for an association than 10 local investors with \$30,000 invested, and we believe that 100 local investors with \$20,000 invested are vastly better for an association than any number of 'foreign' investors with \$40,000 invested."

Federal Home Loan Bank of Little Rock Bulletin, May 15,

**DEFENSE**: "To the Nation, large numbers of home owners are the 'first line' defenders of its democratic principles. To the individual, especially the worker, a home, adequate to his needs, well designed and soundly constructed, in a neighborhood free from destructive influences, and financed on terms he can meet, represents the first and most desirable investment for his earnings."

> Abner H. Ferguson, Federal Housing Administrator, be-fore National Defense Housing Symposium, Apr. 17, 1941.

DO THE JOB: "The day of cheap money for only the few is over. 'Big money' is available at very low cost . . . But smaller sums, the very smallest, must be made available at decent cost, too-and someone is going to supply it. It is the function of private industry to offer it and the savings and loan associations are the logical home-financing agencies of the present day. You should be, and I believe you are, prepared to do the job."

Hon. Wright Patman, member, Banking and Currency Committee of the House of Representatives, Serial Federal Digest for April 1941.

## Expensive generosity . . . . .

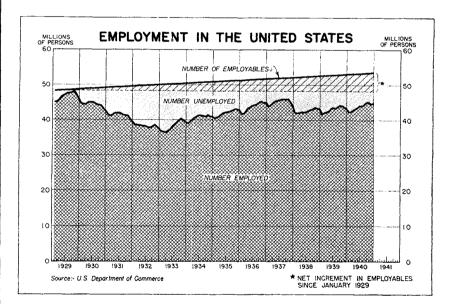
"Savings, building and loan associations have been too generous to their investing shareholders, and still are in many places, at the expense of adequately compensating personnel, at the expense of building up sufficient reserves and the providing of funds to advertise and sell their institutions. Paying too much for money places a handicap upon the association in obtaining the better type of loans and causes it, in many instances, to make loans at a greater risk where extraordinary reserves should be provided and, under the circumstances, it cannot be done. Further, there is a need in many instances for modern ground floor offices, not identified or domiciled with any other type of business, with full-time executives."

1940 Annual Report of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines.

# Fulfilling community obligations . . . . .

"Clearly the daily operations of every well-conducted savings and loan association contribute directly to our national objectives. Associations can make no greater contribution to the national program than by actively promoting home ownership and especially the construction of new homes and by effectively urging the importance of thrift, systematic saving, and sound and productive investment. They will not be fulfilling their community obligations if they falter in this program."

Policies 1941, U. S. Savings and Loan League.



The chart above shows the number of employables, the number of persons employed, and those unemployed in the United States during the past 12 years. Population growth is reflected by the 11.1-percent increase in the number of employables since 1929. During the first few months of 1941 employment continued its rise as a result of the defense program.

Figures for this chart are estimates originally made for the Committee on Economic Security by Robert R. Nathan and kept up to date by him.

Domestic Commerce, Mar. 13, 1941.

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# MORE ABOUT BUSINESS PROMOTION EXPENDI-TURES DURING 1940

Further study of the fourth annual survey of savings and loan business promotion expenditures provides a detailed analysis by size of association for each Bank District. This information, together with other data on promotion programs, is particularly timely as advertising budgets for the last half of this year are now being approved.

DURING the past two or three years much of the discussion concerning savings and loan business promotion activities has been directed toward determining how much associations should spend for advertising and other forms of business development. The surveys of the Public Relations Department, on the other hand, have concentrated on the gathering of factual information for the use of executives and boards of directors on how much was actually spent for these purposes during a given period. The results therefore are not presented as ideal standards but rather as an indication of what savings and loan associations have been doing. In this way managing officers have an opportunity to compare the amount of their expenditure and the types of media used with the experiences of other institutions.

# DETAILED ANALYSIS OF ADVERTISING EXPENDITURES FOR INDIVIDUAL MEDIA

From the initial statistics released last month it was possible to present a picture of how the average savings and loan advertising dollar was being used, on the basis of the total expenditures of all reporting associations. Newspapers received 44 cents of this hypothetical dollar—the largest single portion while radio ranked second with approximately 12 cents. Because these data were computed from over-all totals, they may tend to conceal the true relationship of any medium to the entire program of an individual association by virtue of the fact that not all institutions used each medium. Further refinement of the original information obtained from the questionnaire schedules enables one to study more carefully the part which each advertising medium plays in the total money spent by the association using it.

The significance of this new analysis may be better understood by glancing at Table 1 which

Table 1.—Ratio of medium expenditures to total advertising expense of associations using the medium and to total advertising expenditures of all associations

Medium	Number of asso- cia- tions using medium	Amount spent	Ratio to total spent by this group	Ratio to total spent by all associations
Newspapers Radio House organ Coin banks Printed material Outdoor bulletins Advantising agona	1, 209 278 170 376 744 254	\$1,092,187 290, 481 102, 034 143, 604 220, 814 112, 658	Percent 44. 8 22. 2 12. 0 11. 2 11. 0 10. 1	Percent 44. 3 11. 8 4. 1 5. 8 9. 0 4. 6
Advertising agency service	165 633 77 290 80 607 668	80, 720 133, 501 31, 797 54, 442 11, 984 92, 824 95, 631	8. 7 7. 7 7. 0 6. 7 6. 2 5. 4 5. 4	3. 3 5. 4 1. 3 2. 2 0. 5 3. 8 3. 9

shows the number of associations using each medium, the amount of money spent, the ratio of this sum to the total advertising expenditures for this selected group of institutions, as well as the ratio to the aggregate expenditures for the entire group of associations. From this it may be seen that whereas the original analysis indicated that radio accounted for about 12 percent of the advertising dollar, the 278 associations actually using radio devoted more than 22 percent of their total outlay for expenses in connection with program broadcasting.

Other examples of the increased importance of certain types of advertising outlets when the comparisons are restricted to those associations actually using the media are found in the case of house organs, coin banks, car and other cards, and motion pictures. There was little change noted for newspapers, printed material, publications, and office displays. Although house organs accounted for only one twenty-fifth of the aggregate expenditures, the 170 associations reporting their use spent nearly one-eighth of the total advertising bill for this purpose.

## AVERAGE AMOUNT SPENT FOR EACH MEDIUM

Although association individual advertising appropriations can best be determined on the basis of a thorough study of the local savings and loan market and available media, many executives will find it useful to know how much money associations comparable in size with their institutions have been spending to acquaint the general public with their services and functions.

Suppose the manager of an association with an annual gross operating income of \$125,000 is con-

templating a coin bank campaign. What would it be reasonable to assume that such a program might cost? How much of the total individual association's advertising program might be involved in this undertaking? What yardsticks could be applied to judge the basic soundness of the suggested plans?

General answers to these questions can be found in Table 2 which presents by income size-groups the average expenditure by those associations using each medium and the ratio which this amount bore to the total individual advertising expenditures of this selected group of institutions. In the case mentioned above the 67 associations in the gross operating income size-group from \$100,000 to \$200,000 indicated an average expenditure of \$321 for coin banks during 1940 and this was equal to 6.8 percent of their total individual advertising outlay. Judging from this and the averages of the next larger and next smaller income groups, any amount within the

Table 2.—Significant statistics on association individual advertising expenditures for specific media [Note: Dollar averages and percentage ratios (in italics) are computed only on figures for those associations actually using each medium.]

				Gro	ss operatin	income g	roup			
Medium	Allgroups	\$500,000 or more	\$400,000— \$500,000	\$300,000- \$400,000	\$200,000- \$300,000	\$100,000- \$200,000	\$50,000- \$100,000	\$25,000 \$50,000	\$10,000- \$25,000	Under \$10,000
Newspapers: Average dollar amount spent Percent of total individual advertising	\$904	\$9, 199	\$2, 512	\$3, 490	\$2,754	\$1,510	\$909	\$412	\$196	\$95
	44.8	42. 0	29.7	39. 4	42.4	46.3	49.1	49.4	49. 1	57.1
Publications: Average dollar amount spent Percent of total individual advertising	\$153	\$1,240	\$334	\$354	\$348	\$190	\$102	\$79	\$50	\$18
	5.4	5.5	3. 2	3.6	5.5	5.3	5.2	7.9	9.5	8.5
Printed material: A verage dollar amount spent Percent of total individual advertising	\$297	\$2, 140	\$1,728	\$800	\$951	\$344	\$243	\$123	\$91	\$46
	11.0	9. 4	18.9	8.4	13.1	9.3	11.4	12.9	17.5	20.8
Radio: A verage dollar amount spent Percent of total individual advertising	\$1, 045	\$6,002	\$1, 119	\$2,463	\$1, 985	\$1, 100	\$566	\$296	\$201	\$64
	22. 2	21.8	10. 9	\$2.2	25. 0	24. 0	20.6	20.1	24.6	26.4
Outdoor bulletins: Average dollar amount spent Percent of total individual advertising	\$444	\$3, 238	\$996	\$793	\$815	\$323	\$283	\$100	\$58	\$29
	10.1	13. 0	11.0	8.2	8.2	7.4	10.0	11.0	8.4	12. 5
Illuminated signs: Average dollar amount spent Percent of total individual advertising	\$188	\$718	\$985	\$532	\$115	\$260	\$162	\$110	\$101	\$57
	6.7	4.0	8.0	5.1	2.0	7.3	7.5	11.0	18.1	17.3
House organ: A verage dollar amount spent Percent of total individual advertising	\$600	\$1, 979	\$704	\$1, 511	\$683	\$618	\$462	\$282	\$118	\$36
	12.0	8. 4	9.6	11. 8	11.1	12.9	16.8	27.6	18.2	13. 1
Office displays: Average dollar amount spent Percent of total individual advertising	\$143	\$758	\$430	\$427	\$185	\$191	\$133	\$96	\$62	\$28
	5.4	3.6	5.5	4.4	2.7	5. 2	6.4	9.3	12.9	9.8
Car and other cards: Average dollar amount spent Percent of total individual advertising	\$413 7.0	\$1, 731 6. 4	\$906 8.5	\$499 5. 4	\$550 7.1	\$363 6.0	\$297 8.8	\$84 10.9	\$68 16.4	
Motion picture theatres: Average dollar amount spent Percent of total individual advertising	\$150 6. 2			\$227 1.9	\$242 2.7	\$202 5.0	\$143 4.6	\$171 13.8	\$98 20.5	\$73 28. 5
Coin banks: Average dollar amount spent Percent of total individual advertising	\$382	\$2,956	\$1, 979	\$1, 143	\$440	\$321	\$295	\$195	\$202	\$135
	11.2	13.1	18. 4	10. 3	4.9	6.8	12. 2	14.6	26. 4	37.5
Advertising agency services: Average dollar amount spent Percent of total individual advertising	\$489	\$2, 580	\$1,061	\$733	\$582	\$461	\$293	\$95	\$103	\$117
	8.7	7. 8	8.9	7.6	9.4	9.1	9.6	7.7	14.7	38. 9
Miscellaneous advertising: Average dollar amount spent Percent of total individual advertising		\$1, 196 5. 8	\$764 8.9	\$529 5.9	\$469 7.0	\$336 8.7	\$173 8.3	\$86 8.5	\$54 11.5	\$36 16.8

Table 3.—Business promotion expenditures of 1,272 member associations

[Calendar year 1940]

	Reporting	Average	Average	Average business	Ratio of business promotion expenditure to—			
Gross operating income group	associa- tions assets, Dec. 31, 1940		gross op- erating income	promotion expendi- ture	Gross op- erating income	Assets	New busi- ness <sup>1</sup>	
Over \$500,000_ \$400,000-\$500,000 \$300,000-\$400,000 \$200,000-\$300,000 \$100,000-\$200,000 \$50,000-\$100,000 \$25,000-\$50,000 \$10,000-\$25,000 Under \$10,000	$\begin{array}{c} 10 \\ 27 \\ 41 \\ 169 \\ 251 \\ 281 \end{array}$	\$19, 455, 090 9, 273, 355 6, 939, 367 4, 660, 504 2, 730, 684 1, 420, 757 757, 155 380, 151 147, 282	\$970, 654 435, 396 349, 142 242, 207 141, 266 71, 085 36, 277 17, 085 6, 492	\$28, 483 9, 085 9, 500 7, 392 3, 504 1, 942 871 417 186	Percent 2. 934 2. 087 2. 721 3. 052 2. 480 2. 731 2. 400 2. 443 2. 863	Percent 0. 146 0. 098 0. 137 0. 159 0. 128 0. 137 0. 115 0. 110 0. 126	Percent 0. 378 0. 230 0. 357 0. 332 0. 325 0. 305 0. 252 0. 248 0. 253	
All reporting associations	1, 272	1, 641, 785	81, 891	2, 190	2. 675	0. 133	0. 319	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This ratio was computed from statistics for 1,152 associations which reported new loans and new private share capital during 1940.

range of \$300 to \$400 would certainly be termed reasonable for a coin bank campaign.

Of interest, too, are the patterns, shown in Table 2, of some of the individual media, especially in the smaller size-brackets. In the case of coin banks again the average investment per association remained relatively constant in all institutions below the \$400,000 income level. The result is that the ratio of expenses for coin banks to the total advertising bill rose from 4.9 percent in the \$200,000 to \$300,000 group to 37.5 percent in the group with annual gross operating incomes of less than \$10,000.

Looking at the data on radio advertising there is an almost steady decline in the average amount spent for radio as the size of association decreases but the relationship to total individual advertising fluctuates almost entirely within the range of 20 to 25 percent.

RELATING BUSINESS PROMOTION EXPENDITURES TO GROSS OPERATING INCOME, TO ASSETS,
AND TO NEW BUSINESS

Pulling together the information on all types of promotional expenditures, the next step is to determine the relationship of the total money spent by the reporting associations for business development programs to their gross operating income and to assets. Considerable emphasis has been placed by leaders in the savings and loan industry on the following norms for these ratios: (1) an amount equal to

3 percent of the anticipated or previous year's gross operating income; or (2) an amount equal to one-fourth of 1 percent of assets.

Table 3, which presents the 1940 data for these comparisons, makes it apparent that at least for this group of 1,272 associations the achievement of the first of these goals is well within the realm of possibility. Associations included in this year's survey spent 2.7 percent of their gross operating income for business development purposes. This was fractionally higher than the ratio for 1,087 institutions taking part in the 1939 survey. In relation to assets, however, the 1940 ratio was considerably below the suggested standard and equal to a little more than one-eighth of 1 percent of assets (.133 percent).

To facilitate comparisons of individual associations, the schedules were arranged according to nine different operating income classifications and all averages computed on this basis. There is little evidence of any fixed relationship between the size of association and the proportional amount spent for advertising programs. The highest ratio of expenditures was found in the group of associations with annual gross operating incomes of \$200,000 to \$300,000, with the next highest ratio in the group of largest institutions—those with incomes of more than a half-million dollars per year. The group with the lowest ratio of business promotion expense to gross operating income was composed of associations with incomes of \$400,000 to \$500,000.

The relationship between business promotion expenditures and year-end assets followed closely the pattern shown in comparisons with gross operating incomes.

In attempting to measure the effectiveness of business promotion programs, the amount of new private share capital reported as received during the vear and the volume of new mortgage loans made were added together and this total was divided by the amount of money spent for advertising and development programs. The resulting ratio has been designated as the "cost of obtaining new business." It is useful merely as a guide for comparing the experience of individual institutions with the record of a group of associations of similar size and activities. Technically, of course, it cannot reflect the actual cost of obtaining new loans or private share capital because of the inherent difficulties in trying to segregate new business resulting from advertising and that which comes about through improvement in general business conditions and through other factors which may not involve an outlay of money, such as goodwill, personal recommendation, and location.

On the basis of the "new business" ratios shown in Table 3, there is a definite tendency for the cost of obtaining new business to increase as the size of the association increases. The group of smallest associations and those in the bracket from \$400,000 to \$500,000 are exceptions to this generalization, but apart from them the cost curve is tilted upward for the larger institutions. All in all, however, the range is quite small, varying from one-quarter to three-eighths of a cent for every dollar of new business.

On the facing page, additional tables similar to Table 3 are presented for each Federal Home Loan Bank District, making it possible for a manager to place his own institution's 1940 business promotion program along side the programs carried out by other associations of the same size in his own section of the country. Space does not permit a detailed analysis of the geographic variations, but it is significant to note that expenditures in the Bank Districts west of the Mississippi River were generally higher in relation to gross operating income than were those in the eastern section of the country.

# Operating Characteristics of the Reporting Associations

Two new questions included in this year's schedule provide important clues to the operating characteristics of the associations responding to the business promotion survey. An inquiry directed toward the business hours of these institutions revealed that out of 1,267 associations only 36, or less than 3 percent, were not operating during normal business hours.

Slightly less uniformity was noted in replies to a query about the sharing of office quarters with other types of business enterprises. Of the 1,157 institutions indicating their status in this matter, about one out of five associations were using joint office quarters. The smaller number of responses to this question, however, may indicate some confusion among the respondents as to the nature of the information requested. In one or two instances associations maintaining separate office quarters but located in the same building with other businesses were known to have reported this as a "joint" accommodation.

Table 4.—The effect of operating characteristics on business promotion expenditures

[Ratio of total business promotion expenditures to gross operating income]

	Office q	uarters	Business hours			
$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Gross} & \text{operating} & \text{income} \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ \end{array}$	Inde- pend- ent	Joint	Full- time	Part- time		
\$200,000—\$300,000		Percent 3. 053 2. 319 2. 292 2. 192 2. 913 2. 749	Percent 2. 434 2. 537 3. 037	0. 302 0. 911 1. 056		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All associations with operating incomes above \$300,000 had independent offices, and all associations with operating incomes of more than \$50,000 operated full time.

A more wide-spread understanding of these questions another year might result in more accurate information, but the present data are sufficient to indicate that the associations replying to the business promotion surveys are among the most progressive and wide-awake institutions in the industry. It is concrete evidence that many savings and loan associations have moved a long way from the conditions of part-time management, part-time offices, and private meeting places.

Table 4 shows the ratio of business promotion expenditures to gross operating income for full- and part-time associations and also for those institutions in joint and independent office quarters. With only one exception (associations with joint offices in the \$10,000 to \$25,000 income group), the full-time in-

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# Exhibit A.- Business promotion expenditures of member associations, by Federal Home Loan Bank Districts

		Distric	t No. 1 - Bosto	n						District	No. 7 - Chica	go			
	Report-		Average	Average		business penditure			Report-		Average	Average		business p	
Gross operating income groups	ing associ- ations	Average assets	gross operating income	business promotion expenditure	Gross operating income	Assets	New business	Gross operating income groups	ing associ- ations	Average assets	gross operating income	business promotion expenditure	Gross operating income	Assets	New business
Over \$200,000 \$100,000-200,000 \$50,000-100,000 \$25,000-50,000 Under \$10,000	7 17 10 10 9	\$10,506,716 3,109,523 1,595,942 868,829 500,914 209,330	\$515,196 145,796 73,471 39,246 16,197 9,538	\$14,098 2,043 1,536 554 300 120	2.736 1.401 2.091 1.412 1.852 1.258	.134 .066 .096 .064 .060	.318 .202 .194 .158 .123	Over \$200,000 \$100,000-200,000 \$50,000-100,000 \$25,000-50,000 0.000 - 10,000-25,000 0.000 - 0.000	5 15 31 25 38 19	\$8,248,336 2,768,656 1,378,400 786,586 359,518 157,915	\$432,219 143,804 68,489 34,835 16,642 6,697	\$11,298 *3,862 2,020 980 378 346	2.614 2.686 2.949 2.813 2.271 5.166	.137 .139 .147 .125 .105	.300 .279 .225
All reporting assns	55	2,836,064	134,126	2;859	2.132	.101	.257	All reporting assns	133	1,216,757	60,690	1,673	2.757	.137	.312
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All reporting assns	98	2,090,423	92,303	2,102	2,277	.101	.263	All reporting assns	103	1,432,034	67,728	3,330	4.917	233	-532
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All reporting assns	124	2,068,393	102,222	2,205	2,157	.107	.209	All reporting assns	106	1,053,573	57,837	1,569		.149	.378
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Att reporting assns	88	1,592,904	74,897	2,115	2.824	.133	.401	All reporting assns	103	2,010,215	112,318	3,517	3.131	.175	.385

# RECENT CHANGES IN THE OPERATION OF THE REGISTERED HOME SERVICE

Decentralization of the Registered Home Service program on a regional basis has opened new fields of operation and has created considerable interest in the practical opportunities within the framework of this plan to safeguard the mutual interests of the home owner and mortgage lender in well designed and soundly constructed dwellings.

ADMINISTRATION of the Registered Home Service—evolutionary outgrowth of the Federal Home Building Service Plan—has recently been transferred from the offices of the Bank Board in Washington to the regional Banks in each of the 12 Federal Home Loan Bank Districts. Designed primarily to simplify and coordinate working relationships with associations operating under the plan, the new arrangement has brought about a concomitant revival of interest in this solution to the problem of increasing the volume of sound construction loans in the face of keen competition from many sources. It's the old story of "getting there fustest with the mostest men"—of offering the best home-building services which a prospect can secure.

Basic essentials of the Registered Home Service remain unchanged: to provide architectural counsel in the selection of a design suitable to site and neighborhood; to plan for future as well as present family living requirements; to verify the specification of proper building materials; and to supervise the actual construction—all at a fee commensurate with the limited income of the average small home buyer. When a home is completed in accordance with these protective features, it can be registered with the Federal Home Loan Bank Board in Washington and a certificate identifying the dwelling as a product which has met the service's standards will be issued to the owner by the lending institution.

# Division of Functions: Home and Regional Offices

In the future, responsibilities of the Washington office will be primarily concerned with the over-all coordination of the regional programs and the development of a comprehensive plan for improving public reaction to the service.

The Assistant Governor's office will supervise the general administration of the plan. The Architec-

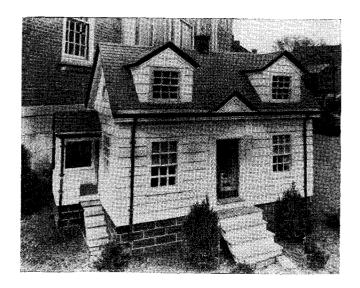
tural Adviser to the Board will continue to approve architects and home designs to be used in the operation of the plan. The Public Relations Department will encourage public acceptance of the program through the preparation of national magazine, radio, and newspaper publicity, and of model local publicity, advertising and promotional materials for distribution through the 12 Banks.

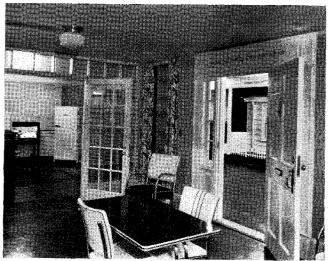
The Regional Banks now become the focal point for association contacts. They will maintain complete information on the operation of the plan, and provide necessary materials and counsel for those institutions desiring to install the plan in their own community. Once an institution and its cooperating architect have made arrangements to begin operations, the regional bank will supply a compilation of more than 500 designs by leading residential architects from which a selection of about 75 most suitable to the locality can be made. Next, it will furnish sample news releases which may be used as models for plan-inauguration and subsequent phases of the plan's development and operation; samples of consumer literature and mailing pieces descriptive of the Registered Home Service; illustrated material on window displays and other promotional media; and finally, a step-by-step presentation of a "demonstration home" project by which the complete homebuilding service facilities of the sponsoring association can be presented most effectively to the public.

A comprehensive booklet, "The Registered Home Service," is now available to member associations through each of the 12 Federal Home Loan Banks. This pamphlet contains a complete description of how the program may be inaugurated and operated successfully in any community.

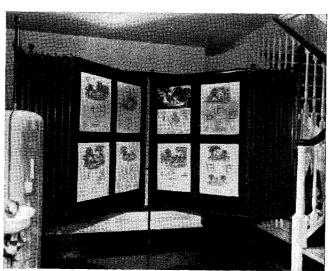
## Individualized Operations Possible

It has long been recognized in the administration of the Registered Home Service that hard and fast









These photographs were taken from a portfolio of pictures of the home-building exhibit of the Manchester Federal Savings and Loan Association, Manchester, New Hampshire. At the top left is the model house on display just outside the association's offices. The picture at the top right is a general view of the home-building exhibit rooms showing part of the lounge and adjoining displays. The fireplace at the lower left is only one of many examples of actual construction which may be seen and studied. The portfolio of designs is shown on the lower right and gives some indication of the wide range of choice which is available.

rules cannot be laid down for the operation of any program by an individual association. The plan is simply a facilitating tool which members can apply in the handling of construction loans. Local institutions may use the materials and advice offered by the Banks to develop their own home-building service, adapted to the individual requirements dictated by the conditions of the market they serve.

On numerous occasions, the Review has reported on the arrangements which individual associations have designed to provide an adequate home-building service for their prospective borrowers. This month,

particular attention is being called to the programs developed by the Manchester Federal Savings and Loan Association, Manchester, New Hampshire, and by the Worcester Cooperative Federal Savings and Loan Association, Worcester, Massachusetts.

In keeping with the trend to set up a separate and distinct home-building service unit within the framework of an operating association, both of these institutions have arranged for complete and independent departments to assemble and supply all types of building information—free of any obligation—to prospective borrowers. The organization of these departments represents months of work and the closest cooperation with local architects, realtors, contractors, and building supply dealers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See: "Model Homes Attract Loan Prospects," p. 8, October 1939; "Construction Supervision in the Twin Cities," p. 182, March 1940; "The Home-Construction Exhibit—A Public Service," p. 221, April 1940.

The general public has been invited to make the comprehensive displays its reference shelf for information on any question about the selection of a site, the choosing of a design, the details of construction, or the methods of financing a contemplated project. The exhibits have become the center of attraction for prospective borrowers who are in the market to build or buy a new house.

# FEATURES OF ASSOCIATION EXHIBITS

Briefly, the man or woman who stops to browse through either of these home-building service departments will find unlimited sources of practical home construction ideas. A plentiful supply of architect-designed and approved house plans is available and arrangements have been made for



There are many different methods of promoting the Registered Home Service, but attractive plan books such as those illustrated above have proven very effective. The books are printed in colors and contain a wealth of information about the plan and its services, as well as photographs of the home-building exhibits and a selection of the most outstanding designs from which a prospective home owner may choose.

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providing blueprints and working drawings of any design selected. Actual "x-ray" examples of scores of different building materials and finishes, assembled in various stages of construction with approved building techniques, are tangible evidence for those more technically minded individuals who want to know the "inside" story. A comprehensive display of modern kitchen and bathroom features have special appeal for the feminine contingent of the housing brigade, while sample units of heating and plumbing equipment have more interest for the man of the future house.

Not a small part of the exhibits are the catalogues and booklets which make up a reference library on virtually every type of material and equipment that goes into the building of a modern house along with information on landscaping, gardening, interior decorating, and many other phases of planning and development which transforms a house into a home.

Finally, a complete description of the financing services available through the sponsoring association is intended to convert the prospect into an actual borrower when the construction stage is ultimately reached. Having convinced a prospective customer that the institution is genuinely interested in seeing that he gets the most for his money, the sales promotion work of the association management has already been largely accomplished. There can be no mistaking the fact that prospective home builders are vitally impressed by knowing that they can be protected from start to finish by an institution that insists on the highest standards in design, materials, and construction.

#### OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

There is a great demand today for low-cost homes, an increasing need for shelter the average wage earner can afford. Somehow, in one form or another, this need will be met. In the highly competitive mortgage market which prevails, savings and loan associations must, of necessity, convey the advantages of their facilities to the home owners of tomorrow.

Through the Registered Home Service, member lending institutions of the Bank System have at their disposal a carefully developed and thoroughly tested promotional medium for contacting and convincing loan prospects. It offers a home-building service—distinct from all others—which can be made available at a reasonable cost. Besides safeguarding the consumer's interests, the construction and design standards embodied in the plan provide added protection for the security behind association loans.

The recent changes in the operation of the Registered Home Service, which emphasize the regional pattern of operations and permit greater flexibility in its use by individual associations, open up a logical avenue for a wider adoption of the plan by member savings and loan associations.

# Advertising Expenditures

(Continued from p. 296)

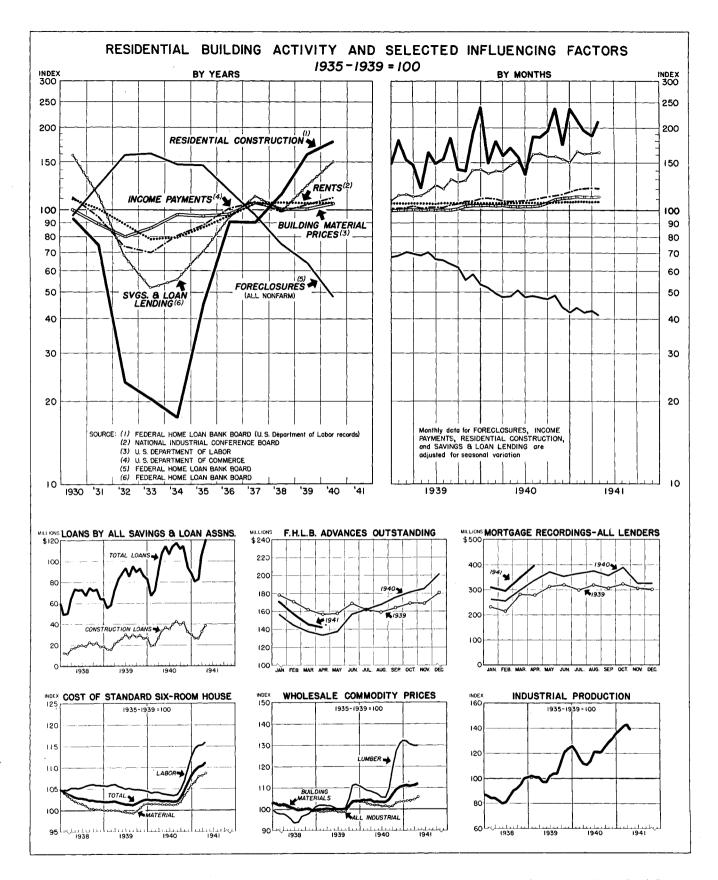
stitutions and those with separate office accommodations showed more aggressive efforts to obtain new contacts for loans and private share capital through advertising and other business development methods.

There was much more variation between the parttime and full-time classifications than there was between the two types of office facilities. Differences in the latter groups were comparatively small, but the business promotion expenditures of the full-time institutions were from three to eight times larger than those of the part-time associations in relation to their gross operating incomes.

# One Hundred Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Mutual Savings Banks

THIS year marks the 125th anniversary of mutual savings banks in the United States. Following within a few years upon the founding of the first bank of this type in Scotland, and preceding the establishment of the first savings and loan association by 15 years, the Philadelphia Fund Savings Society and the Provident Institution for Savings of Boston were organized in 1816. Since then, mutual savings banks have developed into one of the major reservoirs of thrift and into an important source of investment funds. Today the 540 mutual savings banks operate in 17 States and hold approximately \$11,000,000,000,000 in deposits.

Mutual savings banks and savings and loan associations have always been linked by common objectives. They have in common not only the philanthropic and humanitarian motives for their organization but the mutual character of operation, the promotion of thrift among people of small means, the emphasis on long-term investments, and—to a certain extent—the interest in mortgage finance. Eleven mutual savings banks, holding total assets of \$215,000,000 and operating in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Wisconsin, are members of the Federal Home Loan Bank System.



Federal Home Loan Bank Review

#### MONTHLY SURVEY **~~ {**{ **~~ >> >> >>**

# Highlights

- I. Mortgage-financing activity reached unusually high levels during April.
  - A. New mortgage loans originated by all savings and loan associations totaled more than \$120,000,000—the highest monthly level since the late 1920's.
  - B. Recordings of nonfarm mortgages of \$20,000 or less also established a new peak with an aggregate volume of almost \$400,-
- II. Residential construction activity showed an increase far beyond the usual seasonal expectations, stimulated by a high volume of public construction.
  - A. Of the 45,600 dwelling units for which permits were obtained, public construction mainly for defense workers accounted for almost one-fifth of the total, or 8,500 units.
  - B. Private construction gained 18 percent over March and was 9 percent above the level of April 1940.
- III. Although management-labor disputes during April caused a temporary decline in industrial output, the primary trend is still one of rapidly expanding business activity.
  - A. Consumer purchases remained at record levels, and some steps have been taken to reduce the demand for goods competing with defense needs by tightening installment credit.
  - B. Prices were rising at a more rapid rate during April and price-control measures were extended to several additional com-
- IV. The aggregate assets of all insured savings and loan associations passed the \$3,000,000,000-mark during the month of April.

# Summary

AFTER three consecutive months of decline, the seasonally adjusted index of residential building activity turned abruptly upward in April. Further rapid expansion in defense housing projects financed by Government funds was chiefly responsible for the 14-percent increase from March in this index, although privately financed construction also rose during the month in excess of normal spring expectations.

For the first four months of 1941 a total of 135,000 dwelling units were placed under construction in all urban areas of the United States. This total represents a much higher level of activity than has been experienced in any corresponding period for more than a decade.

Construction lending activity of savings and loan associations during the January-April period increased 25 percent over the same interval of 1940; this is roughly in line with the improvement shown in total private home construction during this time. Demands for new housing facilities, which have been stimulated by immediate needs in defense areas as well as by expanded employment and national income, are the principal causes of the current "booms" in new construction and lending activities.

Loans made by savings and loan associations for the purchase of homes have continued to increase at a rapid pace as have those for new construction, thus reflecting the part that these institutions are playing in financing the turnover of properties, both old and new, which typifies the generally active real estate market of early 1941. For the first four months of this year these two loan classifications, as well as the reconditioning group, showed increases over the corresponding 1940 period, while refinancing and miscellaneous loans were lower in volume.

Other symptoms of an improving real estate market are revealed in mortgage-recording statistics which show continued increases in financing activity by all classes of lenders, and in a further decline of foreclosures.

The seasonally adjusted index of nonfarm foreclosure activity dropped in April to a new low level for the 7-year period in which monthly statistics have been collected. This index which has been

[1935-1939=100]

Type of index	Apr.	Mar.	Percent	Apr.	Percent
	1941	1941	change	1940	change
Residential construction <sup>1</sup> Foreclosures (nonfarm) <sup>1</sup> Rental index (NICB) Building material prices Savings and loan lending <sup>1</sup> Industrial production <sup>1</sup> Manufacturing employment <sup>1</sup> Manufacturing pay rolls <sup>1</sup> . Income payments <sup>1</sup>	212. 7 41. 1 107. 6 111. 8 163. 6 139. 0 125. 3 154. 9 120. 0	186. 8 • 42. 5 107. 5 111. 1 161. 4 143. 0 122. 8 • 150. 1 • 120. 1	+13.9 -3.3 +0.1 +0.6 +1.4 -2.8 +2.0 +3.2 -0.1	168. 5 48. 4 106. 3 103. 3 146. 5 111. 0 105. 7 112. 9 108. 1	+26. 2 -15. 1 +1. 2 +8. 2 +5. 5 +25. 2 +18. 5 +37. 2 +11. 0

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p = preliminary, r = revised.

Adjusted for normal seasonal variation.

receding steadily since 1933 now stands well below the average for any of the past 14 years.

Building costs, which registered only nominal increases in March, continued upward at a slightly faster rate in April in consonance with accelerated price rises in many other fields. Labor rates and material prices involved in constructing the standard house each displayed increases during April of almost 1 percent; however, these cost rises were much less than those indicated in the closing months of 1940. Residential rents, while increasing rapidly in several defense areas, continued to move but slowly upward for the country as a whole.

# General Business Conditions

THE year-long upward climb of industrial production received its first set-back in April when management-labor disputes in bituminous coal mines and in automobile plants reduced the output of these products and forced other industries into slackening activity. Further expansion of several other industries engaged in defense production failed to offset these output losses, with the result that the seasonally adjusted production index of the Federal Reserve Board dropped from 143 in March to 139 in April (1935–1939=100). However, reports for the first three weeks of May indicate that industrial activity was rapidly regaining its upward movement, with the volume of orders generally running far ahead of shipments.

Consumer purchases, stimulated by record employment levels, remain high as evidenced by April sales of department stores, which were up 24 percent from April last year, and heavy sales volumes in passenger cars, refrigerators, other electrical appliances, and household furniture. Generally, the largest gains have occurred in consumers' durable goods, usually purchased on installment credit, and since many of these products compete directly with defense needs for materials, machinery, and skilled personnel, Federal agencies have been considering measures to tighten up on consumer credit. Two leading mail-order firms have already acted to reduce the 3-year time payment now permitted on durable goods items, by requiring more substantial downpayments or larger monthly installments.

Expanding consumer purchases on top of the heavy demand for goods resulting from the armament program, and wage increases recently effected in several large industries, make the question of price control one of extreme importance. In the past few

weeks price rises have become more pronounced and more general, covering an ever broadening area of commodities. At the end of the third week of May the wholesale price index of the U.S. Department of Labor stood over 9 percent above the level of a year ago and 14 percent higher than before the outbreak of the war. In the past 12-month period, which coincides approximately with the first year of the American defense program, the gain was 16 percent for farm products, over 14 percent for textile products, and more than 8 percent for building materials. Considerably larger increases were indicated by the same Department's index of 28 basic commodity prices which include domestically produced as well as imported foodstuffs and raw materials. In the third week of May this index showed a rise of 10 percent compared with a year ago and a jump of 44 percent over the level of August 1939.

One of the results of these price movements is the increasing extent of price control measures. That consumers' goods will definitely be within the scope of such measures was demonstrated by an action of the Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply, fixing maximum prices for combed cotton yarn 20 percent below current market quotations which it regarded as "speculative."

There was little change in money rates during the past month. The average yield on long-term Government bonds oscillated between 1.90 and 1.94—somewhat above the record low reached in December of last year.

# Residential Construction

[Tables 1 and 2]

■ DURING the month of April a rise of 12 percent is normally experienced in the number of residential dwelling units placed under construction. This year, however, the increase was nearly 30 percent—far greater than the usual seasonal upswing at this time of the year. The index of residential building activity, which has been adjusted for this factor, displayed an improvement of 14 percent during the month of April.

In all urban areas of the United States, 45,600 units were built during April. Of these, 8,500 units, or more than double the units started in the preceding month, were financed by Government agencies. Private residential construction likewise indicated rising activity but to a much lesser extent.

During the first four months of this year, construction in all types of dwellings showed sizable increases over the corresponding 1940 period, with the exception of privately financed multifamily houses which evidenced a gain of less than 1 percent.

Increased private residential building activity for 1- and 2-family dwellings was most pronounced in the Boston, Des Moines, and Chicago areas each of which had rises of over 50 percent from March to April. Publicly financed housing projects were scattered over a wide area with 18 States sharing in this type of residential building.

#### REVISION OF 1940-1941 ESTIMATES

Beginning with this issue, the estimates on residential construction in urban areas shown in Tables 1 and 2 cover all communities of 2,500 population or over, as indicated by the 1940 Census. Previous estimates had been based on 1930 Census data.

This change adds about 10,000 dwelling units to the annual total for 1940 construction previously reported. The following table shows the revised monthly figures beginning with January 1940. This table may be substituted for Table 8, which appeared on page 10 of the Statistical Supplement.

Figures for January, February, and March of 1940 and 1941, classified by Federal Home Loan Bank District and by State, will be shown in a special table to be included in a forthcoming issue of the Federal Home Loan Bank Review.

# **Building Costs**

[Tables 3, 4, and 5]

DEALERS' costs of materials used in the construction of the 6-room frame house rose almost percent from March to April, continuing the upward trend started in midyear 1940. The materials used in this house now cost 9 percent more than in the average month of 1935–1939. Labor costs for the standard house likewise continued to increase; the April index showed a gain of close to 1 percent over March and was 16 percent above the 1935–1939 average.

An analysis of individual communities reveals that during the period from February to May costs involved in the construction of the 6-room frame house rose by at least \$100 in 13 of the 25 communities reporting in May 1941. Memphis, Tennessee, and Cincinnati, Ohio, were the only cities reporting declines, each of which amounted to less than \$60. Total costs in all of the 25 cities were well above the August 1940 level. In 15 of these cities, it costs at least \$500 more currently to build the standard house than it did in August of last year. Dallas, Texas reported the greatest increase for this period—a rise of \$1,296.

Wholesale building material prices continued to rise and the composite index of the U. S. Depart-

# Summary of new residential construction in all urban areas of the United States during 1940 and 1941 by months<sup>1</sup>

[Amounts are s'nown in thousands of dollars]

		Nur	nber of famil	y dwelling	units		Permit valuation					
Year and month	Private construction				Public	Total		Private construction			Public	Total
	1-family	2-family	3-and-more family	Total	construc- tion	urban construc- tion	1-family	2-family	3-and-more family	Total	construc- tion	urban construc- tion
January February March April May June July August September October November December	11, 018 14, 329 21, 882 26, 891 26, 809 23, 102 25, 774 26, 283 25, 481 26, 171 18, 490 15, 791	997 1, 352 1, 568 2, 035 1, 770 1, 513 1, 841 1, 912 2, 091 2, 219 1, 449 1, 219	3, 970 5, 293 5, 060 5, 268 4, 661 3, 079 3, 965 3, 435 3, 510 4, 765 3, 532 4, 641	15, 985 20, 974 28, 510 34, 194 33, 240 27, 694 31, 580 31, 630 31, 032 33, 155 23, 471 21, 651	2, 935 3, 917 3, 563 4, 130 4, 704 2, 167 5, 051 5, 288 7, 399 9, 942 7, 651 7, 553	18, 920 24, 891 32, 073 38, 324 37, 944 29, 861 36, 631 36, 918 38, 481 43, 097 31, 122 29, 204	\$41, 529 54, 075 81, 716 102, 343 102, 809 89, 499 100, 502 99, 330 98, 338 102, 027 72, 474 63, 292	\$2, 520 3, 223 3, 748 4, 965 4, 480 3, 921 4, 805 5, 015 5, 073 5, 677 3, 616 3, 172	\$14, 944 17, 040 14, 607 14, 636 12, 119 7, 882 10, 310 8, 931 9, 644 14, 400 9, 846 13, 446	\$58, 993 74, 338 100, 071 121, 944 119, 408 101, 302 115, 617 113, 276 113, 055 122, 104 85, 936 79, 910	\$8, 316 11, 553 11, 298 11, 504 15, 332 5, 951 14, 388 15, 633 24, 819 32, 026 23, 422 22, 805	\$67, 309 85, 891 111, 369 133, 448 134, 740 107, 253 130, 005 128, 909 137, 874 154, 130 109, 358 102, 715
Annual total	262, 021	19, 966	51, 179	333, 166	64, 300	397, 466	1, 007, 934	50, 215	147, 805	1, 205, 954	197, 047	1, 403, 001
1941 January February March April	16, 852 16, 220 24, 453 29, 559	1, 339 1, 467 2, 204 2, 355	6, 028 3, 758 4, 776 5, 221	24, 219 21, 445 31, 433 37, 135	2, 508 6, 035 3, 794 8, 505	26, 727 27, 480 35, 227 45, 640	65, 472 62, 893 96, 165 118, 653	3, 177 3, 629 5, 654 6, 023	18, 163 11, 054 13, 957 15, 234	86, 812 77, 576 115, 776 139, 910	7, 796 18, 958 12, 105 26, 291	94, 608 96, 534 127, 881 166, 201

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm I}$  Revised to include all urban areas (communities of 2,500 population or over) as ascertained by the 1940 Census.

# Construction costs for the standard house

[Average month of 1935-1939=100]

Element of cost	Apr. 1941	Mar. 1941	Percent change	Apr. 1940	Percent change
Material Labor	108. 7 116. 1	108. 0 115. 3	$+0.6 \\ +0.7$	101. 2 103. 8	+7. 4 +11. 8
Total	111. 2	110. 4	+0.7,	102. 1	+8.9

ment of Labor (1935-1939=100) reached 111.8 at the end of April, a gain of more than 8 percent over last year. Lumber prices showed no change from March but were 21 percent above April 1940.

# New Mortgage-Lending Activity of Savings and Loan Associations

[Tables 6 and 7]

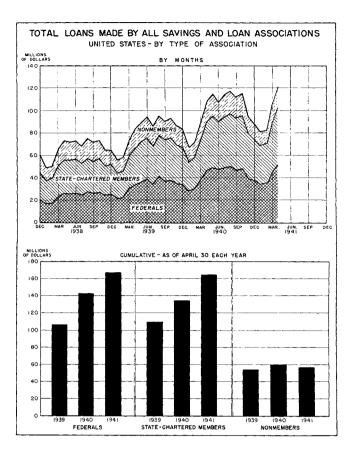
■ THE sharp 15-percent rise in new mortgage loans of savings and loan associations from March to April established a new post-depression peak in lending activity. The \$120,000,000 total for April exceeded the previous high reached in August 1940 by approximately \$3,000,000.

The greatest percentage gains in mortgage lending by savings and loan associations were registered in the Chicago, Boston, and New York Bank Districts. Activity in the Little Rock, Portland, and Los Angeles Regions suffered declines ranging up to 3 percent.

Strong demand for loans to recondition existing dwellings was evident during both March and April and reflects to some extent the higher levels of consumer income and also the use of this means for providing extra dwelling units in defense areas. Reconditioning loans increased 33 percent from February to March and 34 percent from March to April.

New mortgage loans distributed by purpose [Amounts are shown in thousands of dollars]

Purpose	Apr. 1941	Mar. 1941	Percent change	Apr. 1940	Percent change
Construction Home purchase Refinancing Reconditioning Other purposes	\$38, 686 48, 311 16, 905 6, 368 10, 361	16, 903 4, 765	$\begin{vmatrix} +15.6 \\ +0.0 \\ +33.6 \end{vmatrix}$	37, 821 20, 859 6, 097	$ \begin{array}{c c} +27.7 \\ -19.0 \\ +4.4 \end{array} $
Total	120, 631	105, 162	+14. 7	108, 001	+11.7



During the first four months of this year savings and loan associations invested more than \$273,000,000 in construction and home-purchase mortgages—an increase of 26 percent, or \$56,000,000, over the same 1940 period. *Total* new mortgage loans by these home-financing institutions, however, have increased only \$52,000,000, or 15 percent, revealing a net decrease in the combined total of refinancing, reconditioning, and other purpose loans.

# Mortgage Recordings

[Tables 8 and 9]

ALMOST \$400,000,000 in nonfarm mortgages of \$20,000 or less were recorded by institutions and individuals during April. Although recording statistics have been gathered for only two and a half years, all related data available indicate that this volume represents a new high in real estate financing activity for any single month since the early 1930's.

The accelerated activity from March, which likewise represented a sharp upturn from the midwinter low reached in February, prevailed generally throughout the country. The Chicago, Boston, and New

York Federal Home Loan Bank Districts led with gains of 25, 20, and 19 percent, respectively.

Each type of mortgage lender participated in the March to April rise of \$50,000,000 or 14 percent. These increases ranged from 10 percent for individuals to 21 percent for mutual savings banks. Of the institutional type of lenders, savings and loan associations and banks and trust companies, which together supply almost three-fifths of all nonfarm mortgage credit, evidenced the smallest percentage gains during April.

# Mortgage recordings by type of mortgagee

[Amounts are shown in thousands of dollars]

Type of lender	Percent change from Mar. 1941	Percent of Apr. 1941 amount	tive record- ings (4	Per- cent of total record- ings
Savings and loan associations_ Insurance companies Banks, trust companies Mutual savings banks Individuals Others Total	$\begin{array}{c} +13.9 \\ +16.1 \\ +13.8 \\ +20.5 \\ +10.2 \\ +17.5 \\ \hline +14.2 \end{array}$	32. 5 8. 1 24. 6 4. 2 16. 5 14. 1	\$424, 100 111, 562 337, 757 55, 497 231, 687 191, 085 1, 351, 688	31. 4 8. 3 25. 0 4. 1 17. 1 14. 1

# Foreclosures

[Table 10]

FORECLOSURE activity in nonfarm areas of the United States declined in April, thus continuing the downward trend which has now been evident over a period of more than seven years. The index of foreclosures, which has been adjusted for normal seasonal influences, moved to a new low level of 41.1—the equivalent of a drop of nearly 60 percent from the average month of the 1935–1939 base.

In terms of number of cases, foreclosures for the United States totaled 5,445 during April—a reduction of 4 percent from the previous month. This compares favorably with the average March-to-April decline of 2 percent observed over seven years. In a District analysis, this month-to-month comparison indicates adverse movements in five of the Federal Home Loan Bank Districts with the greatest concentration of increased foreclosure activity in the Boston and Little Rock Districts.

Compared with the corresponding month of 1940 each size group and every District with the excep-

tion of the Topeka region reported lower foreclosure activity. However, the decline of 15 percent for the United States was only about half of that recorded from April 1939 to April 1940, indicating a distinct leveling in the decline of foreclosure activity.

Comparing the first four months of this year with the same period a year ago, foreclosure cases were 14 percent fewer. Only 14 of the 48 States reported increases between these periods.

# Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation

[Table 12]

DURING the month of April, the combined assets of insured savings and loan associations for the first time exceeded the \$3,000,000,000-mark. Coverage of share insurance had been extended by the end of the month to 2,297 associations with total assets of \$3,035,000,000. Over 2,920,000 private savers had placed an aggregate amount of \$2,354,-000,000 in these insured institutions. Over the past four months the number of private investors increased by about 150,000, or 5 percent, while the total share capital rose 7 percent in volume.

New mortgage-lending activity, which has been extremely high so far this year, has been instrumental in increasing the volume of mortgages held in the portfolios of insured savings and loan associations by approximately \$115,000,000 since the close of 1940. The flow of private capital into insured institutions has increased the balance in this account by \$152,000,000 during the 4-month period.

# Federal Savings and Loan Associations

[Table 12]

THE combined assets of all Federal savings and loan associations amounted to \$1,947,000,000 at the end of April. Since the close of last year, assets have increased \$73,000,000 despite heavy repurchases of Treasury and HOLC investments and a reduction of \$46,000,000 in advances outstanding from the respective Federal Home Loan Banks.

Of the 1,447 Federal savings and loan associations operating at the end of April, 810 had been converted from State-chartered institutions, while the remaining 637 were newly organized during the past eight years. Although the growth of associations in this

# Progress in number and assets of Federals

[Amounts are shown in thousands of dollars]

Class of	Nur	nber	Approximate assets				
Class of association	Apr. 30,	Mar. 31,	Apr. 30,	Mar. 31,			
	1941	1941	1941	1941			
NewConverted	637	636	\$595, 475	\$584, 516			
	810	808	1, 351, 568	1, 331, 667			
Total	1, 447	1, 444	1, 947, 043	1, 916, 183			

latter group has been relatively fast, new Federal associations still average less than \$1,000,000 each, whereas the average for converted Federals is nearly \$1,700,000 in assets.

# Federal Home Loan Bank System

[Table 13]

THE downward trend in total advances outstanding continued through April though evidence of the usual seasonal upswing manifested itself during the last days of the month. Advances were made in the amount of \$5,799,000 and repayments received totaled \$9,929,000, which resulted in a decline of \$4,100,000 in the balance of advances outstanding and brought the total at the end of the month down to \$141,828,000—still \$8,000,000 greater than the advances outstanding at the same time last year. Although the volume of lending operations of the Banks has been larger this year, there has also been an increase in repayments over advances.

Four Federal Home Loan Banks reported increases in their advances outstanding during April. As in previous years, the Portland and Los Angeles Banks were the first to report increases after a general downward trend, with the Los Angeles Bank reflecting the largest monetary and percentage increase (\$869,549 or 8.4 percent). Increases in advances outstanding were also evidenced by the Indianapolis and Chicago Banks. The largest percentage decline in advances outstanding was in the Des Moines Bank (12.3 percent), and the largest monetary decline was in the Winston-Salem Bank (\$1,735,037).

The admission of six new members and the withdrawal of 12 members resulted in a net decline of six members and brought the membership at the end of the month down to 3,841. Despite this decline in number, estimated total member assets continued to increase and reached \$5,180,571,000 at the end of the month.

# Directory of Member Institutions

I. INSTITUTIONS ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK SYSTEM BETWEEN APRIL 16 AND MAY 15, 1941

DISTRICT NO.2

New Jersey: North Plainfield:

North Plainfield Building & Loan Association, 146 Somerset Street

Paterson:
United Savings & Loan Association of Paterson, Corner Church & Mar-

Dime Banking & Loan Association, 841 Clinton Avenue North.

DISTRICT NO. 7

Bloomington

Bloomington Federal Savings & Loan Association, 113 North Center

DISTRICT NO. 10

Leavenworth: The Citizens Mutual Building & Loan Association, 312 South Fifth Street.

OKLAHOMA

Ponca City: The Ponca City Building & Loan Company, Masonic Building.

WITHDRAWALS FROM THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK System Between April 16 and May 15, 1941

ILLINOIS:

Falcons Building & Loan Association, 1062 North Ashland Avenue (voluntary liquidation).

MISSOURI:

Kansas City:

Street (segregation, sale of assets, and transfer of 200 shares of Bank stock to North American Savings & Loan Association of Missouri.

stock to North American Savings & Loan Association of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri).

New Jersey:
Arlington (Kearny):
The Mutual Benefit Building & Loan Association of Kearny, New Jersey, 416 Kearny Avenue (segregation, consolidation with, and transfer of 27 shares of Bank Stock to, the Equity Savings & Loan Association, Arlington [Kearny], New Jersey).

Elizabeth:

Columbia Building & Loan Association of Elizabeth, 289 Morris Avenue (voluntary liquidation).
Elizabeth (Roselle Park):

Aldene Building & Loan Association, 290 Seaton Avenue (sale of assets and transfer of 25 shares of Bank stock to the North Park Savings & Loan Association, Elizabeth, New Jersey).

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Carroll Building & Loan Association, 126 Market Street (reorganization, consolidation with, and transfer of 25 shares of Bank stock to, the United Savings & Loan Association of Paterson, New Jersey).

NORTH CAROLINA:

Home Building Association of Marion (member's request).

on:
Industrians' Savings & Loan Company, 1207 East Market Street (sale
of assets and transfer of 200 shares of Bank stock to the William R.
Evans Building & Loan Association of Akron, Ohio).

PENNSYLVANIA:

McKees Rock: Chartier's 's Building & Loan Association, 103 Island Avenue (member's request).

TEXAS: Amarillo:

Panhandle Building & Loan Association, 111 West Sixth Street (sale of

II. FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS CHARTERED BETWEEN APRIL 16 AND MAY 15, 1941

DISTRICT NO. 3

Philadelpha:
Westmoreland Federal Savings & Loan Association, Fifteenth and
Tiogo Streets (converted from The Westmoreland Building & Loan

DISTRICT NO. 4

MARYLAND: Baltimore:

Riverside Federal Savings & Loan Association, 132 East Fort Avenue (converted from The Riverside Permanent Building & Savings Association of Baltimore Number Two).

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#### III. INSTITUTIONS INSURED BY THE FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN INSURANCE CORPORATION BETWEEN APRIL 16 AND MAY 15, 1941

DISTRICT NO. 2

NEW JERSEY:

Kearny: Equity Savings & Loan Association, 577 Kearny Avenue.

united Savings & Loan Association of Paterson, Corner Church and Market Streets.

DISTRICT NO 3

Easton:
The West Ward Building Association of Easton, Pennsylvania, 119
South Fourth Street.

Kazimierz Wielki Building & Loan Association, 2403 East Clearfield Street.

DISTRICT NO. 4

MARYLAND: Baltimore:

Riverside Federal Savings & Loan Association, 132 East Fort Avenue.

DISTRICT NO. 12

CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles: Home Building & Loan Association, 726 Rives-Strong Building,

# Resolutions of the Board

AMENDMENT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FED-ERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN SYSTEM PERMITTING FED-ERALS TO MAKE LOANS UNDER TITLE VI OF THE NATIONAL HOUSING ACT: Adopted May 9, 1941; effective May 12, 1941.

On May 9, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board adopted a resolution amending Section 203.10 of the Rules and Regulations for the Federal Savings and Loan System to permit Federal associations to make loans under the new Title VI of the National Housing Act.

Such amendment was made by inserting in subsection (b) the words "Title I or Title II or Title VI of" immediately following the words "value permitted under" in the first sentence; by inserting in subsection (d) the words "Title I or Title II or Title VI of" immediately following the words "plans provided by" in the first sentence; and by inserting in the second sentence of subsection (d) the words "or Title VI" immediately following "or Title II."

## Proposed Amendments

Proposed amendment to rules and regulations FOR INSURANCE OF ACCOUNTS RELATIVE TO THE ADVERTISING OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN INSURANCE CORPORATION.

On April 30, 1941, the Board of Trustees of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation proposed an amendment to Section 301.7 of the Rules and Regulations for insurance of accounts which would permit an insured institution to advertise itself as a member of the Federal Savings and

Loan Insurance Corporation. The amendment was effected by relettering subsection "(f)" of Section 301.7 to read "(g)" and inserting a subsection "(f)" to read as follows:

(f) Advertising of Insurance of Accounts. An insured institution may advertise itself as a "member" of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation.

This amendment will not be formally approved until 30 days after the mailing date to the Advisory Council (May 2).

Proposed amendment to rules and regulations FOR THE FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK SYSTEM, RE-LATING TO THE PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION RE-GARDING ELECTIONS OF FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK DIRECTORS.

At its November 1940 meeting, the Federal Savings and Loan Advisory Council recommended that the Board consider a change in regulations which would permit making available to any member of a Federal Home Loan Bank full information as to votes cast in his respective District in directorship elections. Toward accomplishing this objective, the Federal Home Loan Bank Board on May 7, 1941 adopted a resolution proposing to delete the third sentence of Section 2.4 (a) (13) of the Rules and Regulations of the Federal Home Loan Bank System which reads as follows:

Upon the request of a candidate he will be informed of the number of election ballots cast for him and the total number of election ballots cast for the directorship for which he was a candidate, but with this exception, no information concerning the number of votes received by candidates will be published.

This deletion will not be formally approved until 30 days after the amendment was mailed to the Advisory Council and the Bank Presidents (May 9).

The Board also decided to include the following inquiry on the certificates of nomination for the next election of directors:

Do you believe the Federal Home Loan Bank Board should permit any member of a Federal Home Loan Bank to obtain the number of votes each candidate receives for the directorship in its Class and the number of votes each candidate receives for the Directorshipat-Large?

With the results of the above inquiry in hand, the Board will be able to ascertain whether or not the majority of member associations are in favor of making election information available, and, if so, will then be in a position to carry out the recommendation of the Advisory Council.

# Table 1.—Estimated number and valuation of new family dwelling units provided in all urban areas 1 of the United States, April 1941

[Source: U. S. Department of Labor] [Amounts are shown in thousands of dollars]

	Nur	nber of f	amily d	welling u	nits	Permit valuation				
Type of construction	Мо	nthly to	tals	JanApr. totals		Monthly totals			JanApr. totals	
!	Apr. 1941	Mar. 1941	Apr. 1940	1941	1940	Apr. 1941	Mar. 1941	Apr. 1940	1941	1940
Private construction	37, 135	31, 433	34, 194	114, 232	99, 663	\$139, 910	\$115, 776	\$121, 944	\$420, 074	\$355, 346
1-family dwellings 2-family dwellings 23-and more-family dwellings 3-	29, 559 2, 355 5, 221		2, 035	7, 365	5, 952	6,023		102, 343 4, 965 14, 636	343, 183 18, 483 58, 408	14, 456
Public construction	8, 505	3, 794	4, 130	20, 842	14, 545	26, 291	12, 105	11, 504	65, 150	42, 671
Total urban construction.	45, 640	35, 227	38, 324	135, 074	114, 208	166, 201	127, 881	133, 448	485, 224	398, 017

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Revised according to 1940 classification of urban areas.

Table 2.—Estimated number and valuation of new family dwelling units provided in all urban areas, in April 1941, by Federal Home Loan Bank District and by State

[Source: U. S. Department of Labor]

[Amounts are shown in thousands of dollars]

		All reside	ntial dwellin	ıgs	All private 1- and 2-family dwellings					
Federal Home Loan Bank District and State	Number of family dwelling units		Permit v	aluation		of family g units	Permit valuation			
	Apr. 1941	Apr. 1940	Apr. 1941	Apr. 1940	Apr. 1941	Apr. 1940	Apr. 1941	Apr. 1940		
United States	45, 640	38, 324	\$166, 201	\$133, 448	31, 914	28, 926	\$124, 676	\$107, 308		
No. 1—Boston	2, 825	1, 535	11, 186	6, 569	1, 755	1, 416	7, 942	6, 280		
Connecticut	795 79 1, 107 73 742 29	502 59 672 85 203 14	3, 468 279 4, 658 214 2, 421 146	2, 188 201 2, 864 306 945 65	495 75 883 73 200 29	420 52 645 85 200 14	2, 544 266 3, 897 214 875 146	1, 993 183 2, 796 306 937 65		
No. 2—New York	5, 207	6, 060	22, 446	22, 210	3, 109	2, 452	14, 512	10, 973		
New Jersey New York	1, 552 3, 655	1, 188 4, 872	6, 538 15, 908	4, 460 17, 750	1, 174 1, 935	750 1, 702	5, 246 9, 266	3, 212 7, 761		
No. 3—Pittsburgh	3, 287	1, 696	13, 110	7, 396	1, 934	1, 457	8, 473	6, 613		
Delaware Pennsylvania West Virginia	3, 026 214	159 1, 238 299	12, 099 816	652 5, 574 1, 170	47 1, 683 204	27 1, 191 239	195 7, 474 804	130 5, 448 1, 035		

Includes 1- and 2-family dwellings combined with stores.
 Includes multifamily dwellings combined with stores.

Table 2.—Estimated number and valuation of new family dwelling units provided in all urban areas, in April 1941, by Federal Home Loan Bank District and by State—Continued

[Amounts are shown in thousands of dollars]

		All resider	ntial dwellin	gs	All pri	vate 1- an	d 2-family d	lwellings
Federal Home Loan Bank District and State	Number dwellin		Permit v	aluation	Number of dwellin	of family g units	Permit v	aluation
	Apr. 1941	Apr. 1940	Apr. 1941	Apr. 1940	Apr. 1941	Apr. 1940	Apr. 1941	Apr. 1940
No. 4—Winston-Salem	7, 010	7, 125	\$20, 286	\$21, 063	4, 371	3, 892	\$14, 017	\$12, 591
Alabama District of Columbia Florida Georgia Maryland North Carolina	905 1, 198 731 1, 028 864	294 703 1, 655 1, 182 1, 496 821	1, 416 2, 812 3, 851 1, 710 3, 025 2, 152	648 2, 390 5, 328 2, 686 4, 602 2, 245	439 297 814 519 1, 014 436	294 145 923 554 457 654	736 1, 654 2, 986 1, 073 2, 982 1, 212	648 1, 000 3, 597 1, 090 1, 498 1, 851
South Carolina Virginia	$\frac{304}{1,237}$	274 700	754 4, 566	2, 513	279 573	257 608	$\begin{array}{c c} 722 \\ 2,652 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 625 \\ 2, 282 \end{array}$
No. 5—Cincinnati		2, 761	17, 287	10, 409	2, 460	1, 995	11, 233	8, 200
Kentucky Ohio Tennessee	3,615	568 1, 454 739	$715 \\ 15, 130 \\ 1, 442$	1, 481 6, 979 1, 949	1, 719 499	1, 358 375	706 9, 162 1, 365	596 6, 667 937
No. 6—Indianapolis		3, 010	17, 244	12, 796	3, 522	2, 936	15, 609	12, 592
Indiana Michigan		$\begin{array}{c} 763 \\ 2,247 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 4,573 \\ 12,671 \end{array}$	2, 786 10, 010	$794 \\ 2,728$	737 2, 199	$\begin{array}{c} 2,987 \\ 12,622 \end{array}$	2, 746 9, 846
No. 7—Chicago	2, 212	1, 929	10, 708	8, 808	2, 089	1, 833	10, 372	8, 581
Illinois Wisconsin		1, 250 679	7, 699 3, 009	6, 274 2, 534	1, 316 773	1, 218 615	7, 563 2, 809	6, 187 2, 394
No. 8—Des Moines	2, 633	2, 028	10, 599	7, 402	1, 809	1, 906	7, 111	7, 148
Iowa Minnesota Missouri North Dakota South Dakota	$ \begin{array}{c c} 719 \\ 1, 253 \\ 49 \end{array} $	481 777 615 63 92	2, 120 3, 098 5, 064 122 195	$\begin{array}{c} 1,828 \\ 3,015 \\ 2,118 \\ 181 \\ 260 \end{array}$	539 682 480 49 59	468 762 537 51 88	2, 097 2, 990 1, 707 122 195	1, 786 2, 977 1, 974 161 250
No. 9—Little Rock		3, 260	9, 414	8, 111	2, 819	3, 145	7, 027	7, 872
Arkansas Louisiana Mississippi New Mexico Texas	463 297 114	188 370 396 189 2, 117	397 1, 352 418 326 6, 921	422 890 596 448 5, 755	176 324 289 105 1, 925	188 363 389 160 2, 045	397 920 404 306 5, 000	422 875 581 377 5, 617
No. 10—Topeka	1, 340	1, 245	4, 056	3, 823	1, 238	1, 190	3, 913	3, 755
Colorado Kansas Nebraska Oklahoma	214 175	328 261 186 470	$\begin{array}{c} 1,291\\ 536\\ 649\\ 1,580 \end{array}$	1, 034 690 654 1, 445	399 178 167 494	$     \begin{array}{r}       320 \\       228 \\       179 \\       463     \end{array} $	1, 239 463 631 1, 580	1, 029 655 639 1, 432
No. 11—Portland	1, 962	1, 679	6, 402	5, 380	1, 670	1, 603	5, 628	5, 205
Idaho	144 458 454 718	173 144 342 315 634 71	336 406 1, 423 1, 446 2, 490 301	433 367 1, 055 1, 088 2, 181 256	104 133 382 276 697 78	169 136 298 315 614 71	309 369 1, 276 928 2, 445 301	424 344 954 1, 087 2, 140 256
No. 12—Los Angeles	6, 919	5, 996	23, 463	19, 481	5, 138	5, 101	18, 839	17, 498
Arizona California Nevada	6, 743	128 5, 802 66	393 22, 809 261	371 18, 844 266	4, 988 55	121 4, 926 54	$   \begin{array}{r}     345 \\     18,233 \\     261   \end{array} $	362 16, 895 241

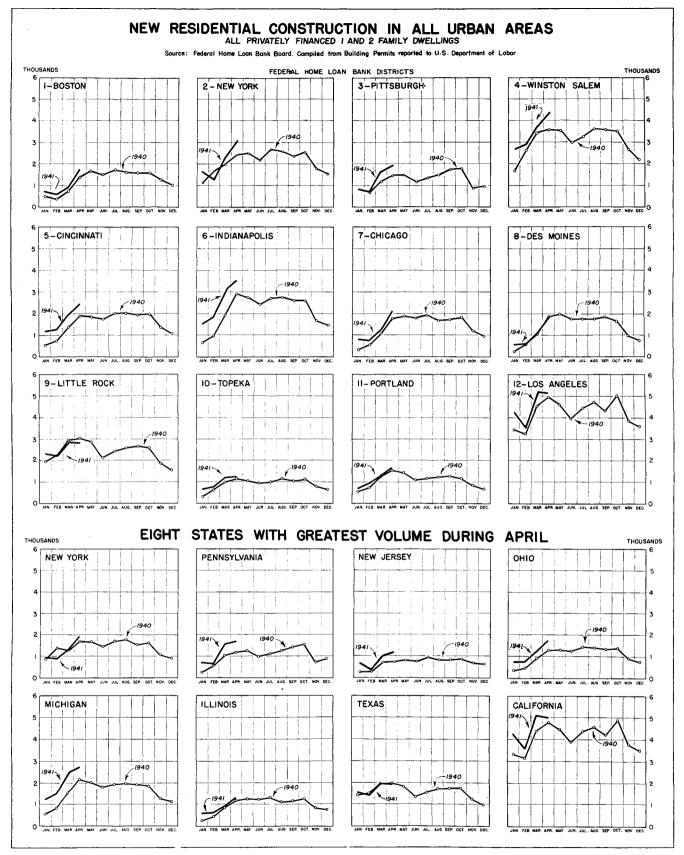


Table 3.—Cost of building the same standard house in representative cities in specific months 1

Note.—These figures are subject to correction

[Source: Federal Home Loan Bank Board]

	Cubic-f	oot cost				Tota	l cost			
Federal Home Loan Bank District and city	1941	1940	1941			1940		1939	1938	1937
	May	May	May	Feb.	Nov.	Aug.	May	May	May	May
No. 3—Pittsburgh: Wilmington, Del Harrisburg, Pa Philadelphia, Pa Pittsburgh, Pa Charleston, W. Va Wheeling, W. Va	. 281 . 263 . 286	\$0. 218 . 245 . 236 . 256 . 244 . 264	\$6, 435 6, 737 6, 304 6, 870 6, 296 6, 612	\$6, 260 6, 737 6, 304 6, 775 6, 133 6, 428	\$6, 032 6, 554 6, 309 6, 434 5, 963 6, 525	\$5, 217 5, 916 5, 816 6, 155 5, 808 6, 071	\$5, 231 5, 873 5, 676 6, 134 5, 855 6, 343	\$5, 593 5, 724 5, 422 6, 415 5, 848 6, 299	\$5, 914 5, 839 5, 560 6, 718 5, 951 6, 287	\$5, 782 5, 995 5, 972 6, 745 5, 875
No. 5—Cincinnati: Lexington, Ky Louisville, Ky Cincinnati, Ohio Cleveland, Ohio Columbus, Ohio Memphis, Tenn Nashville, Tenn	. 276 . 237 . 299 . 256 . 252	. 236 . 227 . 230 . 279 . 242 . 225 . 206	5, 673 6, 616 5, 680 7, 170 6, 147 6, 054 5, 706	5, 555 6, 285 5, 732 6, 877 5, 965 6, 109 5, 537	5, 483 5, 444 5, 743 6, 949 5, 912 5, 585 5, 298	5, 574 5, 423 5, 564 6, 888 5, 754 5, 350 4, 883	5, 659 5, 447 5, 512 6, 693 5, 800 5, 394 4, 946	5, 650 5, 250 5, 520 6, 477 5, 645 5, 339 4, 995	5, 322 5, 133 	5, 597 5, 599 5, 949 6, 756 6, 237 5, 531 5, 421
No. 9—Little Rock: Little Rock, Ark New Orleans, La Jackson, Miss Albuquerque, N. Mex Dallas, Tex Houston, Tex San Antonio, Tex	. 259 . 260 . 292 . 280	. 215 . 240 . 254 . 259 . 226 . 246 . 229	5, 194 6, 207 6, 232 7, 015 6, 713 6, 687 6, 583	5, 193 6, 081 6, 065 6, 977 6, 622 6, 621 6, 573	5, 215 6, 021 5, 925 6, 762 6, 022 6, 501 5, 835	5, 137 5, 702 6, 084 6, 262 5, 417 5, 681 5, 479	5, 169 5, 763 6, 084 6, 212 5, 412 5, 902 5, 497	5, 236 5, 631 5, 911 6, 407 5, 464 5, 910 5, 878	5, 164 5, 962 6, 111 6, 611 5, 801 5, 888 6, 058	5, 285 5, 738 5, 881 6, 659 6, 070 6, 204 6, 231
No. 12—Los Angeles: Phoenix, Ariz Los Angeles, Calif San Diego, Calif San Francisco, Calif Reno, Nev	. 232	. 258 . 219 . 221 . 262 . 282	6, 937 5, 559 6, 202 6, 665 7, 155	6, 898 5, 514 6, 071 6, 363 7, 003	6, 774 5, 504 6, 103 6, 352 6, 739	6, 199 5, 254 5, 320 6, 250 6, 777	6, 199 5, 250 5, 311 6, 289 6, 777	6, 043 5, 287 5, 721 6, 352 6, 563	6, 567 5, 723 5, 855 6, 345 6, 550	6, 737 6, 002 6, 097 6, 407 6, 629

Table 4.—Index of building costs for the standard house

[Average month of 1935-1939=100]

Element of cost	Apr.	Mar.	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.	Nov.	Oct.	Sept.	Aug.	July	June	May	April
	1941	1941	1941	1941	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940	1940
Material Labor Lab	108. 7	108. 0	107. 8	106. 6	105. 9	104. 6	103. 4	101. 9	101. 4	101. 2	101. 3	101. 3	101. 2
	116. 1	115. 3	115. 1	114. 5	112. 5	109. 8	106. 9	104. 8	103. 6	103. 4	103. 5	103. 7	103. 8
Total cost	111. 2	110. 4	110. 2	109. 3	108. 1	106. 4	104. 6	102. 9	102. 1	102. 0	102. 1	102, 2	102. 1

<sup>1</sup> The house on which costs are reported is a detached 6-room home of 24,000 cubic feet volume. Living room, dining room, kitchen, and lavatory on first floor; three bedrooms and bath on second floor. Exterior is wide-board siding with brick and stucco as features of design. Best quality materials and workmanship are used throughout.

The house is not completed ready for occupancy. It includes all fundamental structural elements, an attached 1-car garage, an unfinished cellar, an unfinished attic, a fireplace, essential heating, plumbing, and electric wiring equipment, and complete insulation. It does not include wall-paper nor other wall nor ceiling finish on interior plastered surface, lighting fixtures, refrigerators, water heaters, ranges, screens, weather stripping, nor window shades.

Reported costs include, in addition to material and labor costs, compensation insurance, and allowance for contractor's overhead and transportation of materials, plus 10 percent for builder's profit.

Reported costs do not include the cost of land nor of surveying the land, the cost of planting the lot, nor of providing walks and driveways; they do not include architect's fee, cost of building permit, financing charges, nor sales costs.

In figuring costs, current prices on the same building materials list are obtained every three months from the same dealers, and current wage rates are obtained from the same reputable contractors and operative builders.

Table 5.—Index of wholesale price of building materials in the United States

[1935-1939=100]

[Source: U. S. Department of Labor]

Period	All build- ing mate- rials	Brick and tile	Cement	Lumber	Paint and paint materials	Plumbing and heat- ing	Structural steel	Other
1939: April	100. 1	102. 4	100. 4	101. 7	100. 0	104. 2	103. 5	97. 0
1940: April  May June July August September October November December	103. 3 103. 2 103. 5 104. 4 105. 6 109. 2	99. 3 99. 3 99. 3 99. 2 99. 2 99. 3 99. 3 99. 3	99. 1 99. 3 99. 4 99. 4 99. 4 99. 5 99. 7 99. 8	107. 7 106. 9 105. 6 105. 6 109. 6 119. 3 127. 4 130. 8 132. 3	106. 6 105. 7 104. 7 104. 0 103. 5 103. 4 104. 3 105. 4 105. 0	106. 3 105. 9 105. 8 105. 8 105. 8 105. 8 105. 8 105. 8 105. 8	103. 5 103. 5 103. 5 103. 5 103. 5 103. 5 103. 5 103. 5 103. 5	99. 8 99. 7 100. 6 101. 2 101. 0 101. 1 101. 4 101. 9 102. 2
1941: January February March April	110. 9	100. 5 100. 6 100. 7 100. 9	99. 7 99. 7 99. 7 99. 9	131. 9 130. 5 130. 0 130. 0	106. 6 106. 5 107. 5 109. 1	105. 8 108. 0 108. 8 109. 0	103. 5 103. 5 103. 5 103. 5	102. 6 102. 6 103. 0 103. 7
Change: Apr. 1941-Mar. 1941 Apr. 1941-Apr. 1940	+0.6% +8.2%	+0. 2% +1. 6%	+0. 2% +0. 8%	0.0% + 20.7%	$+1.5\% \\ +2.3\%$	+0. 2% +2. 5%	0. 0 % 0. 0 %	+0.7% +3.9%

Table 6.—Estimated volume of new home-mortgage loans by all savings and loan associations, by purpose and class of association

[Thousands of dollars]

		Pt	irpose of loa	ins			Clas	s of associat	tion
Period	Construc- tion	Home pur- chase	Refinanc- ing	Recondi- tioning	Loans for all other purposes	Total loans	Federals	State members	Nonmem- bers
1939	\$301, 039	\$339, 629	\$182, 025	\$59, 463	\$104, 227	\$986, 383	\$400, 337	\$396, 041	\$190, 005
JanAprApril	77, 107 23, 727	91, 229 29, 903	54, 555 15, 384	16, 167 4, 974	31, 621 9, 437	270, 679 83, 425	106, 403 33, 400	109, 948 32, 562	54, 328 17, 463
1940	398, 632	426, 151	198, 148	63, 583	113, 065	1, 199, 579	509, 713	483, 499	206, 367
JanApr April May June July August September October November December	100, 115 33, 764 36, 956 35, 523 39, 907 42, 488 39, 417 41, 610 32, 584 30, 032	117, 417 37, 821 42, 049 38, 402 40, 658 40, 567 40, 947 40, 771 33, 875 31, 465	66, 217 20, 859 18, 034 17, 147 17, 649 17, 762 15, 483 16, 840 14, 441 14, 575	17, 646 6, 097 6, 896 5, 691 6, 115 6, 079 6, 283 5, 756 4, 869 4, 248	35, 440 9, 460 10, 607 10, 221 9, 972 10, 726 9, 645 9, 423 8, 798 8, 233	336, 835 108, 001 114, 542 106, 984 114, 301 117, 622 111, 775 114, 400 94, 567 88, 553	142, 612 46, 577 49, 287 47, 435 48, 676 50, 305 46, 480 48, 307 38, 896 37, 715	134, 177 43, 015 45, 803 42, 214 45, 414 46, 807 45, 988 46, 224 40, 143 36, 729	60, 046 18, 409 19, 452 17, 335 20, 211 20, 510 19, 307 19, 869 15, 528 14, 109
JanApr January February March	26, 662	148, 187 27, 809 30, 283 41, 784 48, 311	61, 657 13, 645 14, 204 16, 903 16, 905	18, 490 3, 784 3, 573 4, 765 6, 368	35, 148 8, 540 7, 787 8, 460 10, 361	388, 563 80, 440 82, 330 105, 162 120, 631	166, 741 34, 360 35, 645 45, 365 51, 371	164, 151 33, 947 35, 301 43, 947 50, 956	57, 671 12, 133 11, 384 15, 850 18, 304

Table 7.—Estimated volume of new home-mortgage loans by all savings and loan associations, by Federal Home Loan Bank District and class of association

[Amounts are shown in thousands of dollars]

Federal Home	e Loan Bank District	New	loans	Percent change, Mar.	New loans,	Percent change,	Cum	ulative new (4 months)	
	s of association	April 1941	March 1941	1941 to Apr. 1941	Apr. 1940	1940 to Apr. 1941	1941	1940	Percent change
United States:	Total Federal State member Nonmember	\$120, 631 51, 371 50, 956 18, 304	\$105, 162 45, 365 43, 947 15, 850	$\begin{array}{c} +14.7 \\ +13.2 \\ +15.9 \\ +15.5 \end{array}$	\$108, 001 46, 577 43, 015 18, 409	+11.7 $+10.3$ $+18.5$ $-0.6$	\$388, 563 166, 741 164, 151 57, 671	\$336, 835 142, 612 134, 177 60, 046	$+15.4 \\ +16.9 \\ +22.3 \\ -4.0$
District No. 1:	Total	11, 517 4, 133 5, 535 1, 849	9, 126 3, 168 4, 291 1, 667	$ \begin{array}{r} +26.2\\ +30.5\\ +29.0\\ +10.9 \end{array} $	8, 474 2, 812 3, 882 1, 780	$+35.9 \\ +47.0 \\ +42.6 \\ +3.9$	36, 742 12, 820 18, 132 5, 790	26, 554 9, 159 12, 312 5, 083	+38.4 $+40.0$ $+47.3$ $+13.9$
District No. 2:	Total Federal State member Nonmember	11, 378 3, 057 3, 339 4, 982	8, 345 2, 137 2, 623 3, 585	$ \begin{array}{r} +36.3 \\ +43.1 \\ +27.3 \\ +39.0 \end{array} $	8, 668 2, 913 2, 595 3, 160	$+31.3 \\ +4.9 \\ +28.7 \\ +57.7$	34, 223 9, 510 10, 458 14, 255	27, 832 8, 977 7, 936 10, 919	$ \begin{array}{r} +23.0 \\ +5.9 \\ +31.8 \\ +30.6 \end{array} $
District No. 3:	TotalFederalState memberNonmember	9, 142 3, 418 2, 601 3, 123	8, 431 3, 057 2, 210 3, 164	$ \begin{array}{r} +8.4 \\ +11.8 \\ +17.7 \\ -1.3 \end{array} $	8, 047 2, 674 2, 323 3, 050	$+13.6 \\ +27.8 \\ +12.0 \\ +2.4$	29, 320 11, 265 8, 073 9, 982	26, 952 9, 387 6, 780 10, 785	$ \begin{array}{r} +8.8 \\ +20.0 \\ +19.1 \\ -7.4 \end{array} $
District No. 4:	Total Federal State member Nonmember	16, 625 7, 870 7, 216 1, 539	14, 317 7, 367 5, 698 1, 252	$\begin{array}{c c} +16.1 \\ +6.8 \\ +26.6 \\ +22.9 \end{array}$	15, 134 6, 923 5, 985 2, 226	$   \begin{array}{r}     +9.9 \\     +13.7 \\     +20.6 \\     -30.9   \end{array} $	53, 953 26, 371 22, 876 4, 706	49, 122 22, 873 19, 387 6, 862	$   \begin{array}{r}     +9.8 \\     +15.3 \\     +18.0 \\     -31.4   \end{array} $
District No. 5:	Total Federal State member Nonmember	21, 521 8, 116 10, 934 2, 471	19, 256 7, 081 9, 861 2, 314	$ \begin{array}{r} +11.8 \\ +14.6 \\ +10.9 \\ +6.8 \end{array} $	18, 192 6, 976 8, 711 2, 505	$+18.3 \\ +16.3 \\ +25.5 \\ -1.4$	67, 535 25, 026 34, 236 8, 273	54, 983 20, 516 26, 569 7, 898	$\begin{array}{c} +22.8 \\ +22.0 \\ +28.9 \\ +4.7 \end{array}$
District No. 6:	Total Federal State member Nonmember	6, 080 3, 167 2, 733 180	5, 105 2, 623 2, 250 232	$ \begin{array}{r} +19.1 \\ +20.7 \\ +21.5 \\ -22.4 \end{array} $	5, 407 2, 476 2, 525 406	$+12.4 \\ +27.9 \\ +8.2 \\ -55.7$	20, 481 10, 457 9, 186 838	16, 850 7, 725 7, 975 1, 150	$     \begin{array}{r}       +21.5 \\       +35.4 \\       +15.2 \\       -27.1     \end{array} $
District No. 7:	Total Federal State member Nonmember	13, 346 5, 224 6, 450 1, 672	10, 795 4, 307 5, 016 1, 472	$ \begin{array}{r} +23.6 \\ +21.3 \\ +28.6 \\ +13.6 \end{array} $	11, 841 5, 246 4, 784 1, 811	+12.7 $-0.4$ $+34.8$ $-7.7$	40, 500 15, 474 19, 241 5, 785	35, 971 14, 049 15, 169 6, 753	+12.6 $+10.1$ $+26.8$ $-14.3$
District No. 8:	TotalFederalState memberNonmember	6, 856 3, 435 2, 312 1, 109	5, 738 2, 675 2, 092 971	$+19.5 \\ +28.4 \\ +10.5 \\ +14.2$	7, 768 3, 297 2, 854 1, 617	$ \begin{array}{r} -11.7 \\ +4.2 \\ -19.0 \\ -31.4 \end{array} $	20, 333 10, 064 6, 947 3, 322	20, 561 9, 072 6, 753 4, 736	$ \begin{array}{r} -1.1 \\ +10.9 \\ +2.9 \\ -29.9 \end{array} $
District No. 9:	Total Federal State member Nonmember	5, 452 2, 349 3, 000 103	5, 616 2, 234 3, 328 54	$ \begin{array}{r} -2.9 \\ +5.1 \\ -9.9 \\ +90.7 \end{array} $	5, 711 2, 413 3, 070 228	$ \begin{array}{r} -4.5 \\ -2.7 \\ -2.3 \\ -54.8 \end{array} $	19, 936 8, 444 11, 121 371	19, 068 7, 871 10, 383 814	$ \begin{array}{r} +4.6 \\ +7.3 \\ +7.1 \\ -54.4 \end{array} $
District No. 10:	Total Federal State member Nonmember	4, 776 2, 680 1, 061 1, 035	4, 373 2, 332 1, 101 940	$   \begin{array}{r}     +9.2 \\     +14.9 \\     -3.6 \\     +10.1   \end{array} $	5, 035 2, 764 1, 120 1, 151	$ \begin{array}{r} -5.1 \\ -3.0 \\ -5.3 \\ -10.1 \end{array} $	16, 017 8, 701 3, 854 3, 462	15, 792 8, 454 3, 572 3, 766	$ \begin{array}{r} +1.4 \\ +2.9 \\ +7.9 \\ -8.1 \end{array} $
District No. 11:	Total Federal State member Nonmember	4, 506 2, 888 1, 477 141	4, 617 3, 367 1, 164 86	$ \begin{array}{r} -2.4 \\ -14.2 \\ +26.9 \\ +64.0 \end{array} $	4, 154 2, 523 1, 409 222	$+8.5 \\ +14.5 \\ +4.8 \\ -36.5$	15, 206 10, 227 4, 574 405	12, 606 7, 822 4, 236 548	$   \begin{array}{r}     +20.6 \\     +30.7 \\     +8.0 \\     -26.1   \end{array} $
District No. 12:	Total Federal State member Nonmember	9, 432 5, 034 4, 298 100	9, 443 5, 017 4, 313 113	$ \begin{array}{r} -0.1 \\ +0.3 \\ -0.3 \\ -11.5 \end{array} $	9, 570 5, 560 3, 757 253	$ \begin{array}{r} -1.4 \\ -9.5 \\ +14.4 \\ -60.5 \end{array} $	34, 317 18, 382 15, 453 482	30, 544 16, 707 13, 105 732	+12.4  +10.0  +17.9  -34.2

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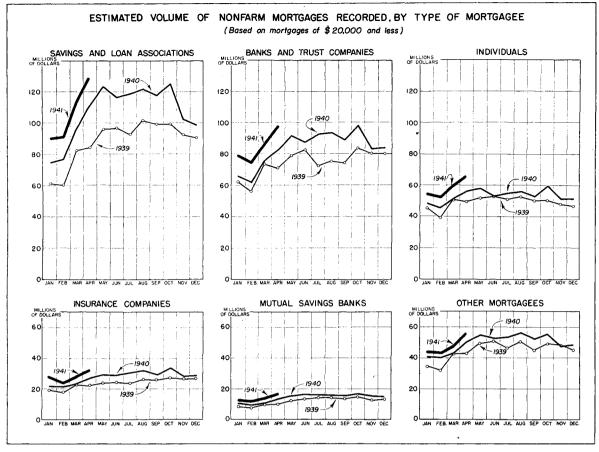
Table 8.—Summary of estimated nonfarm mortgage recordings, \$20,000 and under, during April 1941

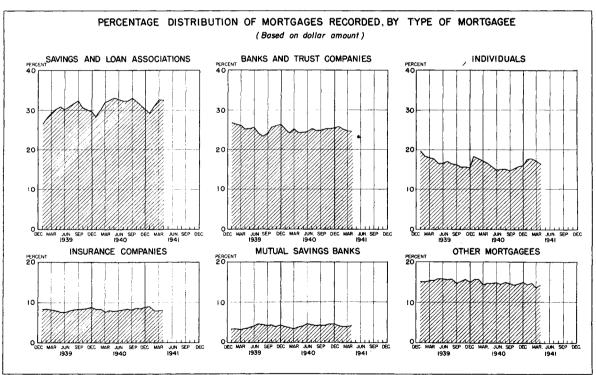
_						(Amo	unts si	nown a	re in	thousz	nds of	dollar	)			Amount
Ė	ederal Home Loan Bank		& Loan		rance	1	ks and	Mut		Indiv	iduals	Otl		1	otal	per capita
	District and State		Amount	Number	Amount	trust co	Amount		s banks Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	(nonfarm)
	UNITED STATES	1			\$32,313		\$98,076	·		1	\$65,708	<del></del>	<del></del>	+	\$398,305	4.31
No.	1Boston	<u> </u>	11,012	160	892	983		2,493	-	+		572	1,909	9,831	30,939	
	Connecticut	321	1.182	88	515	315	1,339	529	2,086	501	1,292	291	1,108	2,045	7,522	4.95
	Maine	203	374	ŽĬ	100	183	367	17	358	238	289	23	53	839	1,541	2.46
	Massachusetts	,		26	169	276	, ,	1,254	1 '	1 '	3,086	165		1 '	17,772	4.31
	New Hampshire	125		12	31 58	59 113		254 129	613	129	182 304	19	194		1,262	3.14
	Vermont	77		5	19	37	94	156	377	79	112	11	18		776	3.15
No.	2New York	2,389		438	2,374	2,000	7,853	1,377			7,830	1,463	5,673	10,932	37,436	
	New Jersey			216	1,084	1,068		74	425		2,826	594	2,237		13,353	3.41
No.	New York	1,572		222	1,290	932		1,303				869	3,436	+	24,083	2.03
no.	<del>_</del>	3,235		406	2,041	2,936		208	-	<del></del>	5,337	884	3,352	<del> </del>	29,279	W 00
	Pennsylvania	30 2,714		47 267	253	2,117	373 7,684	11			90 4,642	26 733	82 3,074		924	4.82 2.79
	West Virginia		920	92	466	742		6		405	605	125	196		3,851	3.01
No.	4Winston-Salem	6,886	17,094	1,075	4,933	2,980	7,618	50	208	5,749	9,914	2,352	6,663	19,092	46,430	
	Alabama	293	512	77	417	318	654			492	586	236	543		2,712	2.08
	District of Columbia	517		103	748	93	581			327	1,015	206	1,087		6,251	12.85
	FloridaGeorgia			366	1,353	464 440				1,064	2,297	454 359	1,265		8,052 5,236	6.77
	Maryland	1,034		145	667 213	286	1,032	50	208	489	873 1.085	215	673		6,317	3.51 4.53
	North Carolina	1,531	3,185	166	756	3 36	1,008			1,030	1,201	287	769	3,350	6,919	4.41
	South Carolina	1		85	358	397	511			703	713	316	414		3,184	3.87
N.	Virginia		2,478	89	421	646		101	510	937	2,144	279	883	+	7,759	5.27
NO.	5Cincinnati	8,967	<del></del>	819	4,030	3,535 565	1,722	151	519	2,382	4,098	1,743	257	2.352	51,101	4.13
	Ohio		3,181	494	2,827	2,416	7,837	151	519	1,765	269 3,255	671		12,804	39,263	6.97
	Tennessee	314		201	692	554	1,787			399	574	973	2,202		5,898	4.21
No.	6Indianapolis	3,629	7,935	650	3,132	3,123	8,273	23	51	1,315	2,661	880	3,172	9,620	25,224	
	Indiana	2,461		307	1,412	1,085	2,932	-23	51	498	867	267	721	4,641	10,744	4.43
	Michigan	1,168	3,174	343	1,720	2,038	5,341			817	1,794	613	2,451	4,979	14,480	3.57
No.	7Chicago	4,635	13,865	400	2,199	2,327	9,150	5	7	2,406	5,573	2,155	9,577	11,928	40,371	
		3,539		312	1,778	1,500	6,489			1,405	3,569	1,939	8,824		31,484	4.75
	Wisconsin	1,096	3,041	88	421	827	2,661	5	7	1,001	2,004	216	753	3,233	8,887.	4.32
No.	8Des Moines	3,805		762	3,039	2,483	6,322	38	101	2,792	4,587	1,661	<del></del>	11,541	27,843	ļ
	iowa	1,002		107 349	1.099	692 566	1,647	38	101	514 924	1,002	187 274	581 903	1	5,861 8,384	3.93 5.02
	Missouri	1,188		240	1,238	1,049				1,150	1,716 1,628	1,151	3,513		12,248	4.87
	North Dakota	129		15	60	77	138			60	71	32	69		622	2.19
	South Dakota	95	136	51	169	99	216			144	<b>170</b>	17	37	406	728	2.41
No.	9 Little Rock	2,738		707	3,283	879	2,471			2,231	4,263	1,545	5,060	+	21,962	
	Arkansas	281 767	579 2,407	20 112	79 491	182	336 169			148	186 843	84 348	963		1,321 4,873	1.80 3.83
	Mississippi	182	346	31	157	159	314			203	245	101	217		1,279	1.98
	New Mexico	57	118	6	10	77	269			77	213	8	18	225	628	2.37
	Texas	1,451	3,435	538	2,546	403				1,372	2,776	1,004	3,721	<del></del>	13,861	3.99
No.	10Topeka	2,662	5,643	.248	1,181	969	2,221			1,709	2,445	900	2,670	+	14,160	
	ColoradoKansas	401 749	942 1,429	15 58	87 267	132	357 684			654	1,068	280	910	1 '	3,364	4.47
	Nebraska	579		115	535	123	331		1	241	368 353	157	407 354		3,155 2,772	2.69 3.50
	Oklahoma	933		60	292	368	849		1	570	656	333	999	1 '	4,869	3.55
No.	1Portland	2,218	5,220	309	1,350	1,433	3,667	167	522	1,353	2,121	918	3,036	6,398	15,916	
	Idaho	130	294	14	77	89	314			169	231	81	209	483	1,125	4.38
	Montana	162	385	22	130	55	137			141	238	39	81	419	971	2.92
	Oregon	482 227	1,189 645	115 24	488 116	166 328	377 971	11	57	521	769	218	731		3,611	4.95
	Washington	1,124		134	539	741	1,735	156	465	95 364	144 586	37 518	1,859		7,697	4.95 6.12
	Wyoming	93	194			54	133			63	153	25	91		571	3.75
No.1	2Los Angeles	3,764	11,072	609	3,859	6,417	26,041			6,020	11,614	1,232	4,998	18,042	57,584	
	Arizona	97	240	16	49	138	455			290	610	47	73		1,427	4.24
	California	3,645	10,778	589 4	3,799		25,484				10,867	1,175		17,322	55,837	11.04
	18aaad waan causty sanasta au	1 22	54			31	102			65	137	10	16	132	320	4.29

<sup>1</sup>Based upon county reports submitted through the cooperation of savings and loan associations, the U. S. Savings and Loan League, the Mortgage Bankers Association and the American Title Association.

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Table 9.—Estimated volume of nonfarm mortgages recorded, by type of mortgagee

[Amounts are shown in thousands of dollars]

	loan ass	Savings and loan associations  Insura compar				Mutual savings banks		Individuals		Other mortgagees		All mortgagees		
Period	Total	Per- cent	Total	Per- cent	Total	Per- cent	Total	Per- cent	Total	Per- cent	Total	Per- cent	Com- bined total	Per- cent
Number:  1940: April  June  July  August  September  October  November  December	44, 188 49, 166 45, 564 46, 667 46, 706 45, 595 48, 145 39, 180 37, 984	36. 3 36. 0 35. 3 34. 7 35. 5 34. 8 33. 5	5, 484 5, 887 5, 922 6, 228 6, 525 6, 091 6, 977 5, 816 5, 736	4. 3 4. 7 4. 7 4. 8 4. 7 5. 0 5. 0	26, 986 28, 511 29, 137 27, 924 31, 202 25, 988	21. 0 21. 3 21. 6 21. 6 21. 7 22. 5 22. 3	4, 111 4, 237 4, 328 4, 298 4, 257 4, 548 4, 024	3. 0 3. 3 3. 3 3. 2 3. 4 3. 3 3. 4	30, 704 27, 896 29, 689 30, 858 28, 164 30, 635 27, 507	22. 7 22. 0 22. 4 22. 9 21. 9 22. 1 23. 6	17, 219 16, 126 16, 837 17, 178 16, 391 16, 975 14, 239	12. 7 12. 7 12. 7 12. 8 12. 8 12. 3 12. 2	135, 582 126, 731 132, 260 134, 702 128, 422 138, 482 116, 754	100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0
1941: January February March April	34, 459 34, 909 42, 496 48, 266	32. 6 34. 2	5, 523 4, 753 5, 651 6, 583	4. 4 4. 5	23, 711	22. 1 21. 6		2. 8 2. 9	27, 483 30, 990	25. 7 25. 0	13, 303 14, 666	12. 4 11. 8	107, 144 124, 194	100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0
Amount:  1940: April  May  June  August  September.  October  November.  December.	118, 914 121, 979 117, 928	33. 1 32. 8 32. 4 32. 4 33. 0 32. 2 31. 2	\$27, 091 29, 075 28, 909 30, 602 31, 839 29, 401 33, 818 27, 900 28, 666	7. 8 8. 1 8. 3 8. 4 8. 2 8. 7 8. 5	87, 552 92, 658 93, 931 89, 051 98, 462 82, 971	24. 5 24. 6 25. 3 24. 9 24. 9 25. 3 25. 4	16, 493 16, 067 15, 903 15, 566 16, 826 15, 122	4. 1 4. 7 4. 4 4. 2 4. 4 4. 3 4. 6	55, 191 56, 770 52, 936 59, 124 51, 504	15. 7 14. 9 15. 0 15. 1 14. 8 15. 2 15. 7	52, 941 53, 622 56, 394 52, 636 55, 734 47, 621	14. 8 14. 9 14. 6 15. 0 14. 7 14. 3 14. 6	355, 463 367, 054 376, 816 357, 518 388, 973	100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0
1941: January February March April	89, 996 91, 182 113, 574 129, 348	30. 7 32. 6	27, 691 23, 716 27, 842 32, 313	8.0	74, 526 86, 178	24. 7	11, 662 14, 016	3, 9 4, 0	52, 442 59, 646	17. 7 17. 1	43, 335 47, 624	14. 6 13. 6		100. 0 100. 0 100. 0 100. 0

Table 10.—Estimated nonfarm real estate foreclosures, by size of county

		County size (dwellings)								
Period	U. S. total	Less than 5,000	5,000- 19,999	20,000- 59,999	60,000 and over					
1940: Jan.—Apri  April  May  June  July  August  September  October  November  December  1941: Jan.—Apr  January  February	25, 084 6, 404 7, 138 6, 597 6, 293 6, 128 6, 294 6, 305 5, 832 21, 519 5, 474 4, 950	712 709 667 595 539 618 603 635 2, 341 607 526	948 1, 088 1, 043 909 835 1, 018 897 832 819 3, 312 800 789	1, 313 1, 539 1, 301 1, 269 1, 338 1, 355 1, 319 1, 343 1, 103 4, 499 1, 180 1, 009	3, 799 3, 544 3, 448 3, 360 3, 382 3, 471 3, 054 3, 082 11, 367 2, 887 2, 626					
March April	$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5, 650 \\ 5, 445 \end{bmatrix}$	621 587	870 853		1 2, 968 2, 886					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Revised.

Table 11.—Property operations of the Home Owners' Loan Corporation

Period	Number of prop- erties acquired <sup>1</sup>	Number of prop- erties sold	Number of prop- erties on hand at end of month		
1940: April	1, 531 1, 611 1, 694 1, 758 1, 701 1, 719 1, 728	4, 654 4, 720 4, 801 3, 355 3, 691 3, 619 3, 886 3, 253 2, 706	68, 535 65, 326 62, 127 60, 470 58, 524 56, 598 54, 433 52, 878 51, 722		
1941: January February March April	1, 340 1, 327	2, 425 2, 223 2, 369 2, 464	50, 865 49, 940 48, 856 47, 588		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes reacquistions of properties previously sold.

Table 12.—Progress of institutions insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation

[Amounts are shown in thousands of dollars]

	Num-			Drivete	Govern-	Federal		(	Operations	š
Period and class of association	ber of associ- ations	Total assets	Net first mortgages held	Private repur- chasable capital	ment invest- ment	Home Loan Bank advances	Number of investors	New private investments	Private repur- chases	New mort- gage loans
ALL INSURED										
1939: June December.		\$2, 339, 411 2, 506, 944	\$1, 769, 112 1, 943, 852	\$1, 657, 859 1, 811, 181	\$260, 451 250, 725	\$127, 062 142, 729	2, 236, 000 2, 386, 000	\$40, 700 48, 400	\$15, 800 17, 445	\$55, 848 49, 516
1940: April  May June July August September October November December	2, 235 2, 237 2, 248 2, 259 2, 264 2, 269	2, 615, 190 2, 653, 685 2, 708, 529 2, 706, 259 2, 742, 287 2, 789, 391 2, 832, 083 2, 867, 817 2, 931, 781	2, 050, 052 2, 089, 761 2, 129, 687 2, 167, 366 2, 208, 016 2, 250, 905 2, 291, 477 2, 317, 292 2, 342, 804	1, 958, 417 1, 981, 445 2, 019, 809 2, 039, 739 2, 059, 097 2, 085, 410 2, 114, 831 2, 143, 360 2, 202, 135	236, 508 236, 553 236, 913 220, 893 220, 081 220, 569 220, 629 220, 689 220, 789	101, 569 104, 546 124, 133 129, 909 136, 244 144, 997 150, 700 154, 802 171, 347	2, 546, 800 2, 560, 900 2, 591, 600 2, 610, 200 2, 634, 300 2, 664, 200 2, 664, 200 2, 706, 300 2, 772, 400	55, 809 46, 655 43, 626 86, 496 51, 025 46, 203 53, 982 49, 990 65, 586	28, 123 27, 150 20, 418 73, 111 36, 060 30, 928 30, 286 25, 278 22, 865	68, 034 70, 990 67, 751 70, 943 72, 214 68, 665 71, 380 57, 686 56, 363
1941: January February_ March April	2, 282 2, 289 2, 292 2, 297	2, 929, 247 2, 959, 330 2, 991, 565 3, 034, 528	2, 359, 057 2, 384, 160 2, 416, 680 2, 457, 438	2, 262, 692 2, 296, 225 2, 323, 041 2, 354, 239	216, 485 206, 015 206, 094 206, 078	141, 450 129, 437 119, 461 115, 372	2, 802, 700 2, 869, 500 2, 896, 100 2, 924, 000	127, 490 65, 384 64, 633 65, 947	75, 228 37, 081 39, 605 39, 194	52, 270 53, 765 69, 313 77, 73.5
FEDERAL								07 000	0.100	00.004
1939: June December_	1, 383 1, 397	1, 441, 058 1, 574, 314	1, 135, 511 1, 268, 872	990, 248	217, 026 208, 777	88, 298 105, 870	1, 299, 100 1, 412, 200	27, 000 32, 000	8, 100 9, 231	39, 094 34, 053
1940: April  May July August September October November December	1, 415 1, 421 1, 422 1, 427	1, 655, 179 1, 685, 324 1, 727, 337 1, 724, 821 1, 750, 870 1, 775, 555 1, 804, 397 1, 829, 939 1, 872, 691	1, 346, 608 1, 375, 683 1, 403, 933 1, 430, 982 1, 461, 440 1, 487, 489 1, 514, 872 1, 532, 745 1, 545, 838	1, 222, 025 1, 239, 973 1, 267, 156 1, 282, 590 1, 297, 572 1, 309, 421 1, 329, 364 1, 349, 761 1, 387, 839	196, 813 196, 933 197, 268 181, 724 181, 256 181, 261 181, 371 181, 381 181, 431	71, 577 74, 428 90, 489 95, 175 99, 985 106, 674 110, 583 114, 070 127, 255	1, 529, 500 1, 538, 000 1, 560, 900 1, 574, 000 1, 591, 100 1, 602, 400 1, 624, 800 1, 627, 600 1, 665, 200	39, 329 31, 915 29, 404 60, 489 34, 871 31, 184 37, 309 34, 092 44, 531	16, 679 16, 124 11, 022 49, 244 22, 643 19, 414 18, 583 14, 867 12, 135	46, 577 49, 287 47, 435 48, 676 50, 305 46, 480 48, 307 38, 896 37, 715
1941: January February March April 2 April 2		1, 872, 744 1, 890, 266 1, 915, 054 1, 945, 949	1, 563, 038 1, 577, 498 1, 599, 592 1, 627, 545	1, 436, 443 1, 458, 840 1, 480, 866 1, 504, 271	177, 265 168, 873 168, 922 169, 047	102, 973 92, 558 84, 810 81, 076	1, 709, 800 1, 736, 900 1, 758, 400 1, 780, 100	87, 950 45, 587 44, 390 45, 058	49, 852 23, 131 23, 618 23, 376	34, 360 35, 645 45, 365 51, 371
STATE		000 000	200 201		40.405					
1939: June December_	787 798	898, 353 932, 630	633, 601 674, 980	667, 611 702, 700	43, 425 41, 948	38, 764 36, 859	936, 900 973, 800	13, 700 16, 400	7, 700 8, 214	16, 754 15, 463
1940: April May June July August September October November December.	814 815 821	960, 011 968, 361 981, 192 981, 438 991, 417 1, 013, 836 1, 027, 686 1, 037, 878 1, 059, 090	703, 444 714, 078 725, 754 736, 384 746, 576 763, 416 776, 605 784, 547 796, 966	736, 392 741, 472 752, 653 757, 149 761, 525 775, 989 785, 467 793, 599 814, 296	39, 695 39, 620 39, 645 39, 169 38, 825 39, 308 39, 258 39, 308 39, 358	29, 992 30, 118 33, 644 34, 734 36, 259 38, 323 40, 117 40, 732 44, 092	1, 017, 300 1, 022, 900 1, 030, 700 1, 036, 200 1, 043, 200 1, 061, 800 1, 071, 000 1, 078, 700 1, 107, 200	16, 480 14, 740 14, 222 26, 007 16, 154 15, 019 16, 673 15, 898 21, 055	11, 444 11, 026 9, 396 23, 867 13, 417 11, 514 11, 703 10, 411 10, 730	21, 457 21, 703 20, 316 22, 267 21, 909 22, 185 23, 073 18, 790 18, 648
1941: January February_ March April	843 848 850 852	1, 056, 503 1, 069, 064 1, 076, 511 1, 088, 579	796, 019 806, 662 817, 088 829, 893	826, 249 837, 385 842, 175 849, 968	39, 220 37, 142 37, 172 37, 031	38, 477 36, 879 34, 651 34, 296	1, 092, 900 1, 132, 600 1, 137, 700 1, 143, 900	39, 540 19, 797 20, 243 20, 889	25, 376 13, 950 15, 987 15, 818	17, 910 18, 120 23, 948 26, 364

<sup>1</sup> In addition, 3 converted Federals with assets of \$1,145,000 were not insured as of Mar. 31, 1941. However, included in the 1,442 Federals is 1 Federal with assets of \$16,000 whose insurance certificate was outstanding but whose membership had been canceled.

2 In addition, 3 converted Federals is 1 Federal with assets of \$1,110,000 were not insured as of Apr. 30, 1941. However, included in the 1,445 Federals is 1 Federal with assets of \$16,000 whose insurance certificate was outstanding but whose membership had been canceled.

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[Thousands of dollars]

	April	1941	Marc	h 1941	Ad- vances
Federal Home Loan Bank	Ad- vances	Repay- ments	Ad- vances	Repay- ments	out- standing, Apr. 30, 1941
Boston	\$362	\$795	\$143	\$1, 470	\$6, 428
New York	508	1, 217	264	1, 456	15, 912
Pittsburgh	556	1, 011	446	968	13, 327
Winston-Salem	527	2,262	588	3, 110	16, 048
Cincinnati	554	603	276	1, 138	14, 253
Indianapolis	328	218	132	431	9, 723
Chicago	1, 026	720	658	2,250	23, 643
Des Moines	93	1, 755	72	1, 570	11, 865
Little Rock	202	529	140	696	6, 781
Topeka	104	212	42	683	6, 973
Portland	318	256	725	208	5, 613
Los Angeles	1,221	351	715	1, 161	11, 262
Total	5, 799	9, 929	4, 201	15, 141	141, 828
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JanApr. 1941	I '	78, 989		1	
April 1940	1 '	8, 805			133, 811
JanApr. 1940	15, 745	63, 248			
April 1939		8, 018			157, 176
JanApr. 1939	( '	54, 402			i
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# Table 13.—Lending operations of the Federal Table 14.—Government investments in savings and loan associations 1

[Amounts are shown in thousands of dollars]

	Tre u	eas-	Home Owners' Loan Corporation							
Type of operation	Fed- erals <sup>2</sup>		Fed- erals		State mem- bers		Total			
Oct. 1935-Apr. 1941: Applications: Number Amount Investments: Number Amount Repurchases Net outstanding investments	\$50, 1, \$49, \$25,	831 300 629	\$204, 4, \$176, \$31,	$216 \\ 635 \\ 259$	\$65, \$45, \$7,	317 732 223 969	5, \$270, 4, \$221, \$39, \$182,	289 948 858 228		
April 1941: Applications: Number Amount Investments: Number		0 0		2 \$350 0		\$50 0		3 400 0		
Amount Repurchases		0		0		\$16		\$16		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refers to number of separate investments, not to number of associations in which investments are made.
<sup>2</sup> Investments in Federals by the Treasury were made between December 1933 and November 1935.

# Table 15.—Changes in selected types of private long-term savings

[Amounts are shown in thousands of dollars]

	Amounts	sold duri	ng month	Amounts outstanding at end of month								
Period	Life in- surance 1	U.S. savings bonds <sup>2</sup>	Insured savings and loans 3	U. S. savings bonds 4	Postal savings 5	Mutual savings banks 6	Insured commercial banks 7	Insured savings and loans				
1940: April	571, 625 533, 086 566, 061 528, 330 503, 427 573, 504	\$121,504 64, 267 49, 600 72, 997 53, 359 47, 122 52, 221 50, 080 82, 207	46, 655 43, 626 86, 496 51, 025	\$2, 817, 950 2, 868, 936 2, 904, 699 2, 965, 940 3, 008, 137 3, 043, 626 3, 084, 021 3, 123, 036 3, 194, 793	\$1, 302, 552 1, 298, 508 1, 293, 293 1, 296, 722 1, 297, 476 1, 295, 432 1, 295, 859 1, 298, 429 1, 304, 382	\$10, 589, 838		\$1, 958, 417 1, 981, 445 2, 019, 809 2, 039, 739 2, 059, 097 2, 085, 410 2, 114, 831 2, 143, 360 2, 202, 135				
1941: January February March April	537, 557 598, 217	189, 276 120, 680 131, 961 61, 968	127, 490 65, 384 64, 633 65, 947	3, 371, 135 3, 480, 040 3, 598, 546 3, 647, 249	1, 313, 954 1, 316, 486 1, 319, 959 1, 316, 820			2, 262, 692 2, 296, 225 2, 323, 041 2, 354, 239				
Change: Last 6 months.				+18. 26%	+1.62%	+0. 26%	+2. 41%	+11.32%				

<sup>1</sup> Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau. Face amount of policies sold, excluding group insurance.

1 U. S. Treasury Daily Statement. Cash sales, including unclassified sales.

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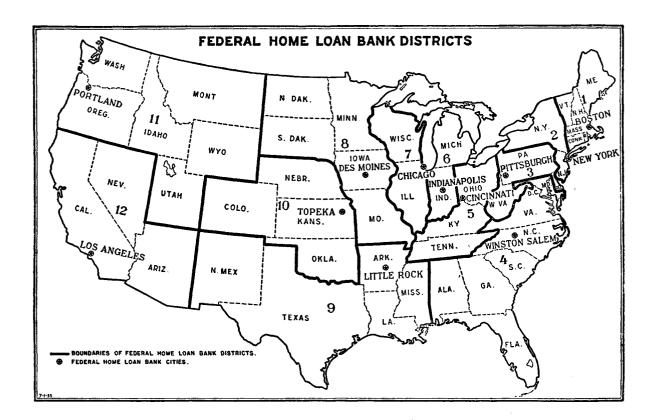
New private investments; amounts paid in as reported to the FHLBB.
 U. S. Treasury Daily Statement. Current redemption value.

<sup>\*</sup>U. S. Post Office Department. Outstanding principal, represented by certificates of deposit, excluding accrued interest, outstanding savings stamps, and unclaimed deposits. Figures for the last three months are preliminary.

\* Month's Work. All deposits.

\* FDIC. Time deposits evidenced by savings passbooks.

\* Private repurchasable capital as reported to the FHLBB.



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