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Trends and to making recommendations.

"The slum is a social liability and the problem of clearance is basically a problem of social responsibility," he told to The Tech yesterday. "The income of the slum group is so low that the people can't pay even the minimum rent of $2.00 per room per month. If a family is to live at all comfortably, it must pay a minimum rent of about $7.00 per room per month.

"The only way out is by subsidizing housing. This is an all fours with schools and hospitals. The gap of $4.00 per room per month should be paid out of taxes," he declared.

"A slum area is over-populated. In the North End in Boston, for example, 20,000 people dwell on approximately 15 acres of land; or, in general 133 families are contained within an acre. In all of the English developments a maximum density of only 12 families to the acre is allowed. This means that each acre in the North End is over-populated by 135 families!"

But in the opinion of Prof. Tucker, the government must not build apartment houses where rentals are so far beyond the scope of the slum dweller, it has proposed to do in South Boston, or in Cambridge where land costs $2000 per acre. Within a radius of six miles of Cambridge, good land may be bought for $500 per acre.

"The building construction professor outlined further.

The slum is the focal point of crime and disease.

"Its people are faced with poverty, must be helped. To suggest the removal of these people to dwellings which are vacated by the upper class because of theKevinian produced by modern trends in living is merely to suggest the creation of another slum. Liveable dwellings must be built, and the rentals to the poor must be helped with funds provided by society.

"The rehabilitation of blitzed areas is the next important step in the housing problem. The houses in these areas were built for a condition that no longer exists. They do not contain any of the modern equipment, the plumbing, the ventilation, and the convenience which the people of today desire. As a result, people who should live in these sections near their work don't and instead they trudge a weary way to and from the daily task. These buildings stand as a blight upon this land—which could be developed into more wholesome projects."

Can Build Home For $3600

Professor Tucker's contention is that home owners with incomes between $1800 and $2200 per year—comprising about 24,000,000 people in the United States—should own their own homes. And Professor Tucker enthusiastically states that he can build a six room house for $3600—a house that is within the income of this group. Included in his ideas are plans for building whole communities of 1900 houses on desirable land divided into sections by winding roads. Each house would be built on a plot of 10,000 square feet. Trees, shrubbery, lawns, and flowers would add to the beauty. Private enterprise could plan such a community which would be controlled by a "Managing Board", composed of capable and honest business men. All petitions must be eliminated.

Promises Security

In the plan of the Tech professor, security is assured both to capital and to tenants. For the first groups, he proposes:

1. Direct title to the entire property.
2. The building up of a cash guarantee fund behind the amortization and the interest funds, so that, if at any time there is any default in the payment of his monthly installments, the amount accruing on the amortizations and the interest fund is immediately paid from the guarantee fund.
3. Six months' residence in the house.

The plan promises security to home owners by the following six points:

1. By spreading the financial load over 30 years, through the payment of a monthly installment covering all charges, interest amortization, guarantee fund, insurance, taxes, and over amortization.
2. By the accumulation of an insurance fund that will provide him with an extension of time for the payment of his monthly installment, in case of sickness, invalidity, or unemployment, by extending them entirely under certain circumstances and for definite limits of time, in order to give the home owner security against the possibility for making readjustment, without danger of losing his home.
3. A cash fund in hand at the end of the term with which to renovate or rebuild the house.
4. The ability to sell his home for its earned value, or cash, at any time by application to the Management Corporation. His investment is thus rendered all liquid.
5. Protection against greed or selfishness on the part of neighbors.

Organized Fraternity

Professor Tucker, a founder of some of America's skyrocketing, has spent years studying the housing problem. He has outlined and written several articles. When he came to Tech, the fraternity house on the campus, because he lacked living quarters was in what was known as "Hack Alley". Tucker recently, the Chi Phi is still in existence.

After graduating from the Institute, he had considerable experience in the industrial world, especially with the founding of nitro explosives plant at Nitro, West Virginia, in nine months. He has served for seven years on the Executive Committee of the General Arbitration Board between unions and manufacturers in New York City.

During the war, he built the U. S. Explosives Plant at Nitro, West Virginia, in nine months. He has always been a pioneer and an organizer. He must always be building something; it does not matter whether it is building a business, exploiting a new form of c construction, or organizing a new course in engineering.

Obie Dennison Will
Entertain At Dinner

O. B. "Obie" Dennison, best known to the four men as the man who runs Freshman Cram (to all outward appearances, at any rate) will entertain members of the Class of 1936 at a victory banquet in their honor tonight in Ashburton. Mass. Wallach "Wallay" Ross, General secretary of the T.U.C., will be one of the speakers.

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Talons on all alibis, yet, but if the United States were to put an embargo on oil to Italy, the rest of the nations would do likewise. It is in which oil is a vital commodity, would feel the loss to the extent of ending the war, as she has only three months' oil. Mr. Smith inferred that it was not the saving of Ethiopia for the Ethiopians that was important, but that a dangerous precedent would be set. The president of the Tau Beta Pi, local chap, declared that it was the last speech he had heard in quite a while.

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