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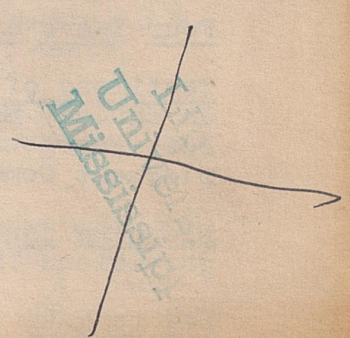
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A LIST OF PUBLICATIONS AND VISUAL AIDS SELECTED CHIEFLY FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

- I. May be obtained from Supt. of Documents.
- II. For these, write USHA.
- III. Pamphlets from various sources.
- IV. Housing study guides.
- V. Are these books in your library?
- VI. Some magazines and news bulletins.
- VII. A new slide film.
- VIII. Movies.

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I. MAY BE OBTAINED FROM SUPT. OF DOCUMENTS, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Introduction to Housing: Facts and Principles. By Edith Elmer Wood. 1940. 161 pp., illus. 30 cents. Basic material simply and attractively presented.

What the Housing Act Can Do For Your City. 88 pp., illus. 20 cents. The housing problem, the USHA program, and answers to many questions.

Second Annual Report, Federal Works Agency, 1941. Feb., 1942. Illus., tables. Contains detailed discussion of life in public housing projects, and factual review of USHA program.

Planning the Site: Design of Low-Rent Housing Projects. 1939. 84 pp., illustrated with plates and diagrams. 60 cents. Suggests ways of meeting modern requirements for health, safety, economy, convenience, and attractiveness. Simply written.

Public Housing. Monthly, illus. 50 cents a year, 5 cents a copy. Each number devoted to one subject. Recent numbers: USHA Homes for Young Americans, Four Years of Achievement, Public Housing By and For Labor, Public Housing Locally Owned and Operated.

II. FOR THESE, WRITE U. S. HOUSING AUTHORITY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Leaflet with photographs: What and Why is the USHA? 1941. 6 pp. 14 questions and answers.

Other leaflets: Better Housing - Better Health, Clearing the Slums, Housing and Your Community, Labor and Housing, Low Rents for Low Incomes, Public Housing Here and in Great Britain, PWA Housing Division Projects, Rehousing Relief Families, Rural Housing, Tax Exemption of Public Housing, the Businessman and Public Housing.

Map of U. S., showing location of USHA projects. Jan., 1942.

Four Years of Public Housing. By Nathan Straus, 1941. 6 pp.

Testimony of Nathan Straus before Subcommittee of House Committee on Labor: Extract from hearings on resolutions establishing a Post-Emergency Economic Advisory Commission and a National Unemployment Commission. 1941. 13 pp., charts.

Planning for Safety. 1941. 22 pp., illus. Discussion of safety provisions in design and construction of low-rent housing.

How to Make Your Own Illustrated Lecture on Housing. 1941. 7 pp. Tells how to combine parts of USHA slide film, "Yes We Can Have Housing" (See Section VII), with local pictures and local data.

III. PAMPHLETS FROM VARIOUS SOURCES.

Basic Principles of Healthful Housing. American Public Health Ass'n, 1790 Broadway, N. Y. City. 1939. 32 pp. 25 cents.

The Homes the Public Builds. By Edith Elmer Wood and Elizabeth Ogg. Public Affairs Committee, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, N. Y. City. 1940. 32 pp. 10 cents. A short story about two families, through which the reader learns much about how projects are planned, built, and managed.

Housing for Citizens. American Association for Adult Education, 60 E. 42nd St., N. Y. City. 1941. 14 pp. 10 cents. A "Defense Digest," intended for use by discussion group leaders.

Housing: the Continuing Problem. National Resources Planning Board, Washington, D. C. 1940. 49 pp. No charge. Chiefly economic and legal aspects. Senior high school and adult level.

A Mayor Has His Troubles -- Many of Which Are Solved by Planning. By Walter H. Blucher. American Society of Planning Officials, 1313 E. 60th St., Chicago. 1940. 8 pp. No charge.

Housing for Defense. By R. J. Thomas. International Education Dept., UAW-CIO, 281 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Mich. 1941. 64 pp., illus. 10 cents. Discusses housing conditions, especially in defense areas; rent control; citizens' housing councils, the USHA program, and other organizations through which labor may get adequate housing. Two-page reading list.

Homes, Health, and Happiness. Third Annual Report, Atlanta Housing Authority, Atlanta, Ga. June 30, 1941. 32 pp., illus. Includes many pictures, with emphasis on people. (Teachers and students should not overlook annual reports of local housing authorities as sources of information about the housing problem and the public housing program.)

New Homes for Old: Public Housing in Europe and America. By William V. Reed and Elizabeth Ogg. Foreign Policy Ass'n, 8 W. 40th St., N. Y. City. 90 illustrations. 1940. 25 cents.

Planning for Living. American Ass'n for Adult Education, 60 E. 42nd St., N. Y. City. 1941. 16 pp. 10 cents. A movie discussion guide for "The City."

Home: A True Picture-Story of the Lester Churchfield Family, 1940-41. Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, Kirkpatrick St., Pittsburgh, Pa. 1941. 16 pp., illus. A steel worker and his wife and 3 children (family income, \$954 a year) before and after they moved from a slum dwelling "cooped up 5 in one room" into a 4-room apartment in a public housing project.

An Annotated Bibliography on Housing for Use in Home Economics Education. U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C. 1940. 41 pp., mimeo. No charge.

IV. HOUSING STUDY GUIDES.

Introducing Housing into School Curricula. Report of a Work-Conference and a Follow-Up Program. By Maurice F. Seay and Leonard E. Meece. Bureau of School Service, College of Education, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky. Sept., 1941. 92 pp., illus. 50 cents. Describes housing studies in four Kentucky school systems in 1940-41. Classes from first to twelfth grade participated. Includes in outline form a suggested approach to study of housing for ninth-grade classes in social studies, composition, mathematics, and science. Bibliographies.

A Housing Manual for Cincinnati Schools. Bleecker Marquette and Ethel F. Ideson. Better Housing League, 312 W. Ninth St., Cincinnati, Ohio. Sept., 1941. 75 pp., mimeo. Full of practical information; includes reading references and suggestions "for projects to challenge student interest and ingenuity." Can be of considerable use in any city; by no means applicable to Cincinnati alone. For teachers in upper elementary grades and high school.

A Citizen's Guide to Public Housing. By Catherine Bauer. Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. 1940. 90 pp., illus. 60 cents. (Available from local bookstores or from Vassar Cooperative Bookshop.) A forthright discussion, in familiar language, of public housing in the United States.

Housing America. National Council for the Social Studies, 1201 16th St., N.W., Washington, D. C. 1940. 80 pp., illus. 50 cents. A source unit for the social studies. Contains a summary of the housing problem and what has been done about it, practical suggestions for teachers and students, bibliography, questions, and suggestions for evaluating the housing study.

Housing in the United States. By A. W. Troelstrup. North Central Ass'n of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Boston, Ginn & Co., 1941. 80 pp., illus. 48 cents. This unit for high-school classes discusses the nation's housing problems and various attempts to solve them. Bibliography.

Housing Study Course. Committee on Housing, Welfare Council of New York City, 44 E. 23rd St. 1940. 31 pp. 50 cents. Contains outlines and suggested readings for 7 sessions, glossary of housing terms, and 4-page general bibliography.

Economics of Housing. By Bertram M. Gross. Graduate School. U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. 1941. 20 pp., mimeo. 25 cents. A detailed outline, with suggested readings.

Eighth Grade Unit on Housing. By Margaret Willis and others. University School, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. 1941. Contains a detailed description of the development of housing studies and activities in 1938-39, text of students' play on housing, evaluation of the unit, and bibliography.

Public Housing Tour Guide. National Public Housing Conference, 122 E. 22nd St., N. Y. City. 1940. 50 pp., mimeo. 10 cents. How to get to the projects, facts about them.

A Study of Housing. Los Angeles City School District, Elementary Curriculum Section. 1938. 92 pp., illus. Many suggestions and references, in outline form. For teachers of grades 5 and 6. Also Homes, 1938, 14 pp., mimeo., for grades 3 and 4.

Scholastic. Housing Number, Jan. 15, 1940. 430 Kinnard Ave., Dayton, Ohio. Illus. 10 cents. For high-school use.

Survey Graphic. Housing Number. 112 East 19th St., N. Y. City. Feb. 1940. Illus. 25 cents.

Shelter. Visualized Curriculum Series, Creative Educational Society, Mankato, Minnesota. 1940. About 80 reproductions of photographs, each on a separate card (8½" x 11"), with short text on back. Some material on public housing is included. For elementary grades. A booklet, Shelter: A Guide for Teachers, 98 pp. (including 30-page bibliography), illustrated with photographs and charts, has been prepared for use in connection with the cards.

V. ARE THESE BOOKS IN YOUR LIBRARY?

The following books, selected from the large and ever growing literature on housing, by no means "cover the field," but they illuminate a variety of important aspects of the housing problem:

The Challenge of Housing. By Langdon W. Post. N. Y., Farrar & Rinehart, 1938. 309 pp., illus. A popularly written, human account of slums and housing.

City Planning: Why and How. By Harold M. Lewis. N. Y., Longmans, 1939. 257 pp., plans, diagrams. "An attempt to set forth in simple language the need and advantages of planning for the future growth or change in a municipality."

The Culture of Cities. By Lewis Mumford. N. Y., Harcourt, 1938. 586 pp., illus. It "seeks to explore what the modern world may hold for mankind once men of good will have learned to subdue the barbarous mechanisms and the mechanized barbarisms that now threaten the very existence of civilization." For mature readers. Contains a scholar's bibliography, international in scope, pp. 497-552.

Design This Day: the Technique of Order in the Machine Age. By Walter D. Teague. N. Y., Harcourt, 1940. 291 pp., illus. Attempts to describe "the technique that must be applied to the solution of any problem of design, whether it be a new motor car or a new environment." A general outline of the shape of things to come, including better-designed houses and whole communities. Bibliography, pp. 278-284. High-school and adult level.

The Diary of a Housing Manager. By Abraham Goldfeld. National Association of Housing Officials, 1313 E. 60th St., Chicago. 1938. 115 pp. A record of ten years of the author's experience as manager of Lavanburg Homes, on New York's East Side.

Housing America. By Editors of Fortune. N. Y., Harcourt, 1932. 159 pp., illus. Still in the advance guard of thought on certain housing problems.

Housing for Health. Papers Presented Under the Auspices of the Committee on the Hygiene of Housing of the American Public Health Ass'n. Science Press Printing Co., Lancaster, Pa. 1941. 221 pp.

Housing Yearbook. National Ass'n of Housing Officials, 1313 E. 60th St., Chicago. 1935-41. 7 vols. The 1939-41 Yearbooks contain summaries of state and local housing activities, summaries by Administrators of USHA, Federal Housing Administration, Federal Home Loan Bank Board, Farm Security Administration; directory of official and unofficial housing organizations.

Housing the Masses. By Carol Aronovici. N.Y., Wiley, 1939. 291 pp., illus. The problem of housing in the U. S., with special emphasis on long-range aspects. Discusses underlying economic and business structures that cause the slums, and notes attempted remedies. Stresses need for housing education and research. Includes chapter on housing literature.

Modern Housing. By Catherine Bauer. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1934. 331 pp., illus. Detailed analysis based on first-hand study of European housing. Gives background of 19th-Century conditions showing gathering forces which led to housing reform. American problems in the light of European experience.

Public Housing in America. Morris B. Schnapper, comp. N.Y., H. W. Wilson, 1939. 369 pp. (Reference Shelf Series, Vol. 13, No. 5.) Articles assembled for debate and discussion.

Slums and Housing: with Special Reference to New York City. By James Ford, with the collaboration of Katherine Morrow and George N. Thompson. Cambridge, Harvard Univ. Press, 1936. 2 vols., 1033 pp., illus., plans. This comprehensive history and discussion of housing in N. Y. City has nationwide application. Bibliographies.

TNEC Hearings on the Construction Industry, 1939. (U.S.) Temporary National Economic Committee. Govt. Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 1940. 660 pp., illus., charts, tables. 75 cents. A key to the housing problem. Reveals why a large proportion of the nation's families have not been able to get adequate inexpensive housing.

VI. SOME MAGAZINES AND NEWS BULLETINS

Magazines (See especially the numbers indicated):

American City. Aug., Oct., Dec., 1941.

Architectural Forum. Jan., April, June, July, Nov.,
1940; Feb. - May, July - Dec., 1941.

Architectural Record. March, 1939; May, Aug., Nov.,
1941.

Building America. Community Planning Number, 1939.

Journal of Home Economics. Sept. 1938; Jan., April,
1939; March, Sept. - Nov., 1940; Sept., 1941.

Monthly Labor Review. Aug., 1939; April, July, Aug.,
Oct., 1940; May, 1941.

New Republic. Dec. 29, 1941.

Octagon. Oct., Nov., 1941.

Pencil Points. Sept., 1940; Nov., 1941.

Survey Graphic. Feb., 1940; Nov., 1941.

Several bulletins issued by housing and planning organizations:

Agenda for Western Housing and Planning. California
Housing and Planning Ass'n, 948 Market St., San
Francisco. Monthly. Illus.

ASPO News Letter. American Society of Planning Officials,
1313 E. 60th St., Chicago. Monthly. "To promote
efficiency of public administration in land and
community planning."

NAHO News. National Ass'n of Housing Officials, 1313
E. 60th St., Chicago. Included with other publica-
tions and services in a \$5.00 annual membership.
20 cents a copy. For public officials and others
interested in improving housing conditions.

Public Housing Progress. National Public Housing Con-
ference, 122 E. 22nd St., N. Y. City. Issued
irregularly. \$2 a year. mimeo.

VII. A NEW SLIDE FILM.

Yes We CAN Have Housing. Produced by U. S. Housing Authority, Sept., 1941. A strip of 89 pictures, on 35 mm. film. Single-frame size. The housing problem and what is being done and should be done about it. Includes material on health, children, economic aspects, housing education, and before-and-after scenes. To obtain a copy of the film and Speech Notes, send 75 cents to Photo Lab, Inc., 3825 Georgia Ave. N.W., Washington, D. C.

How to Make Your Own Illustrated Lecture on Housing. (See under Section II.)

VIII. MOVIES.

The City. 33-minute sound film. Contrasts the social chaos of the planless city with the human advantages of the small planned community. May be rented from Film Library of Museum of Modern Art, 11 W. 53rd St., N. Y. City. 1939. (See also under Section III, pamphlet "Planning for Living.")

Housing in Our Time. 20-minute sound film. 16 and 35 mm. May be borrowed from U. S. Housing Authority, Washington, D. C. 1939.

Design and Construction of Three Small Homes. With sound, 25 mins.; silent version, 40 mins. 16 mm. Shows step-by-step construction from foundation to completion. May be borrowed from Federal Housing Administration, Washington, D. C.

Power and the Land. 16 mm. sound film. Produced by Joris Ivens for Rural Electrification Administration. Tells the story of the Parkinson family and their farm home before and after they got electricity. May be borrowed from REA, Washington, D. C. 1940.

And So They Live. 26-minute sound film. Rural life in America's Southeast. Produced by Educational Film Institute, New York University, 71 Washington Sq., N. Y. City. 1940.

The local housing authorities in the following 10 cities have each produced a movie (Pittsburgh's in 1939, all the others in 1941):

Atlantic City, N.J.; Birmingham, Ala.; Memphis, Tenn.; New Orleans, La.; Phoenix, Ariz.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; San Francisco, Calif.; Seattle, Wash.; Trenton, N.J.; Washington, D.C.

The Philadelphia Housing Ass'n, 1717 Sansom St., has made a 17-minute sound film, "A Place to Live." 1941.

At Blair Junior High School, Norfolk, Va., the students in Mr. J. J. McPherson's civics classes wrote, acted, and filmed a housing movie, "This Is Our Challenge." 1940.