Mrs. Ida M. Tarbell
% Woman's Home Companion.

Dear Mrs. Tarbell.

Please do not think me presumptuous in writing you concerning the "Own Your Home" plan.

Just finished reading your very sensible and splendid article on this subject in a current magazine.

Mrs Tarbell in our West Texas oil fields many of the major oil companies are increasing their production and therefore bringing in large numbers of honest, hardworking men who - because of shortage in company houses - are compelled

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to live in town, pay unreasonable rent, still more unreasonable utility bills, yet the houses are not modern always small, and frequently unclean.

Being a Pastor's wife, and having worked with Miss Jane Adams in "Hull House" some years ago, my sympathies are fully with these honest hard-working men.

Crane is a small town no bank here. lease of land hence the difficulty in contacting building agencies that will finance the homes.

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The oil companies have agreed to give plot - give utilities free (except small fee for power) should & handle financing for them under F. H. A

This Steel Corporation you mention in article, sounds like the agency & need to contact - Will you kindly forward this letter to them for me, in order to save time? Will be greatly appreciate this courtesy.

Thanks -

July 18th 1935. Mrs. T. E. Shelton
Crane,
Texas -
Box 223.

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