***Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House***

Length: 94 minutes Category: Comedy Release Date: 1948

Director: Dore Schary

Stars: Cary Grant, Myrna Loy, Melvyn Douglas

**Story Line:**

New York adman Jim Blandings is ready to say goodbye to his cramped city apartment and build from the ground up a Connecticut home with room enough for his growing family and dreams. All it will cost him is his time and money...and perhaps his job, marriage, happiness and what's left of his sanity.

**Trivia:**

* Grand total for the house and property was $38,000 according to Mrs. Blandings in their first night in the house. Assuming the factor used to arrive at the 2012 value show above is correct, the total cost of the house and property would be $385,000.
* Although this film was from the novel of the same name, much of the story is autobiographical. Eric Hodgins and his wife built the actual house in the rural Litchfield County, Connecticut town of New Milford. Located in the Merryall section of town, the house recently sold for $1.2 million.
* In the movie, a flooded excavation plagues the Blandings and their builders, requiring pumps to empty it. In reality, Eric Hodgins reported in his interview with *LIFE* magazine that the movie set excavation leaked so badly that large pumps were required just to keep it filled for shooting.

**Goofs:**

* When Mr. Blandings is questioning Mr. Tesander about why he didn't find wter, Mrs. Blandings (Myrna Loy) is holding back laughing.