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The Means of Recovery

WHETHER in war or peace, no greater problem ever confronted the people of the United States than that of adopting the right means for recovering their prosperity. For it is entirely a question of means.

Everybody knows—with millions still unemployed and on relief—that prosperity has not been recovered. Everybody agrees the objective of all efforts and policies should be recovery. Differences of opinion are entirely regarding the *means* that should be adopted.

Although in politics, it is solely an economic problem. It has repeatedly been discussed in the American Builder; but this paper never was and never will be in politics. It is in favor of certain economic policies and opposed to others; but it doesn't care a "tinker's dam"—that is not profanity—what political party wins, if its victory will cause adoption of the economic policies necessary to recovery.

A READER writes concerning a recent article on this page: "I for one think the Good Old U. S. A. with its 'recession' is still *TOPS*. * * * It seems to me unbecoming in people with an ounce of good sense to compare an area as large as ours with countries like Sweden and Norway. * * * To compare our nation with Germany, Italy and Japan is really so ridiculous only a fool would trouble to answer."

The three great democracies of the world are the United States, France and Great Britain. Why did our correspondent ignore the figures for France and Great Britain in the article to which he referred? For the contrasted experiences of France and Great Britain have been very significant.

Under the "New Deal" here and the "Popular Front" socialist government over there the United States and France adopted very similar economic policies. Great Britain did not adopt any such policies. The results are indicated by some statistics compiled by the League of Nations for the entire year 1938 which have just become available. In 1938 industrial production in the United States was only 72 per cent as large as in 1929; in France, only 77 per cent as large; while in Great Britain it was 116 per cent as large. 47

IF the United States had recovered as much as Great Britain production in this country in 1938 would have been 60 per cent larger than it was. If France had recovered as much as Great Britain its production would have been 50 per cent larger. Great Britain's recovery has included the largest amount of homebuilding for many years; while in the United States and France there has not been anywhere near full revival of homebuilding.

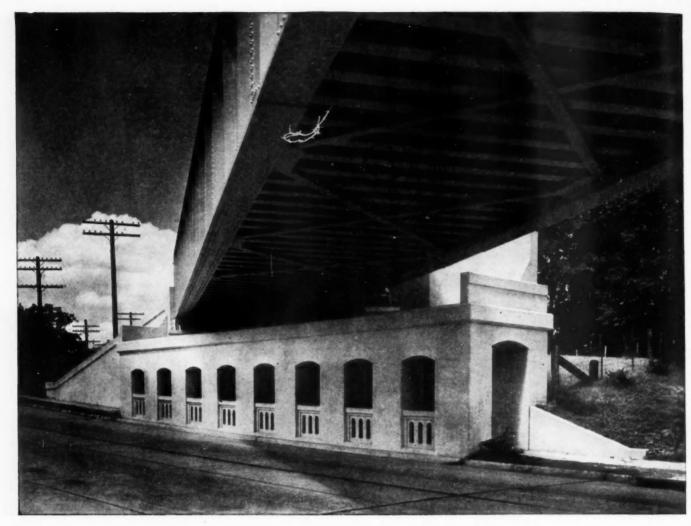
Consider some other remarkable facts. In 1929 average income per capita in the United States was 57 per cent larger than in Great Britain. At the bottom of the depression in 1932 it was still 46 per cent larger. But by 1937 Great Britain had recovered so much more than the United States that income per capita in that country had become as large as in this country; and in 1938 it was larger.

Different economic policies—different economic results.

There are those who desire continuance of the policies under which since 1932 we have had *less recovery than any other country in the world* for which information is available. They are entitled to their opinions—but the American Builder believes the experience of the entire world must throw light on the best means for recovering prosperity.

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Fair Tax Key to Building Recovery

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The mounting burden of taxation has become one of today's major business and political questions. The American people are becoming acutely "tax-conscious"; they want fewer taxes and smaller ones—a lightened load on business and on the home owner; they are beginning to demand lower governmental costs and a more intelligent distribution of the tax burden to meet those costs.

The men of the building industry have a most direct interest in these tax matters since heavy real estate taxes are a bar to home building and to all building improvements. The business of the building contractors and operative builders, the sales of the building supply manufacturers and dealers, and the employment of building craftsmen are all adversely affected by real estate taxes that discourage home building and buying and home ownership, or that force the owners of rental properties to operate at a loss.

Home building is regarded by business men generally as the "bright spot" in the present outlook for sound business recovery. The *need* for new homes and for modernized old homes and apartments and commercial buildings is very great. *Building costs* and *financing costs* have been reduced and building *efficiency* increased. The result is that the people have really turned buildingminded and are ready to go ahead with homes and other improvements in a big way. BUT, they are still taxconscious. They demand a fairer distribution of local, state and national taxes so that home ownership will be encouraged and not penalized.

In a growing number of states homestead tax exemption laws are now in force which remove the tax expense entirely on low cost homes, thereby encouraging home buying and building, and providing genuine "social security" for the average family. In other states legislation is under consideration or has been enacted to limit the real estate tax to a definite percentage of value.

Economy in local, state and federal government to cut taxes was urged at the regional conference of the National Association of Real Estate Boards at Atlantic City early in May. Over-all limitation of taxes on real estate also found advocates at this meeting. The need for economy in government to ease the burden of taxation on realty was emphasized by most of the speakers, and a wider tax base to relieve real estate was recommended.

Herbert U. Nelson, executive vice president of the national organization, explained that the association made no claim to a program that would solve the general tax problem, but had fought for twenty-six years for a more equitable system of taxing realty. He said he favored the British scheme of taxing real property on its income and suggested a national conference on the problem.

Real estate taxation is definitely a local matter and as such can be directly influenced by the readers of this publication. A fair tax rate based on fair appraisals of income-value will encourage buying and building and will set the stage for a general business revival led by the building industry.

ARE AMERICANS "HOME-MINDED"?

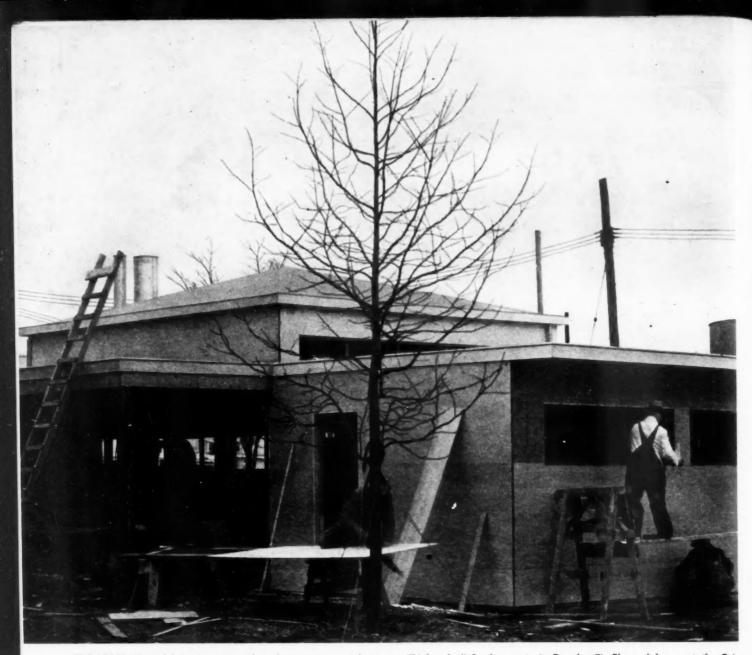
WE HEAR disturbing comments to the effect that Americans are no longer interested in how or where they live. Just give them a fancy automobile, some people say, and that's all they ask. *American Builder* heartily disagrees with this viewpoint and has the following as proof:

"If you should get a moderate increase in pay, how would you spend the money?" was the question asked by a research organization recently of 1,665 factory workers in 16 cities. Over 26 percent said they would spend an increase in making their present home more attractive. Over 11 percent said they would buy or build a house, and 9.6 percent said they would move to a better home. An even 10 percent reported that they would invest in labor saving home equipment; while 34.4 percent would increase their saving account. Only 10.9 percent said they would spend the money in buying a car and 3.8 percent on "taking a trip." The interviews were equally divided between men and women, young and old.

Looks as though there is still a good market for better homes in this country.



"DO THE MONTHLY PAYMENTS INCLUDE THE CAR?"



PROGRESSIVE prefabrication-scientific advance-new products-new"high value" for low cost-in Douglas Fir Plywood house at the Fair.

15 New York World's Fair Houses

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Plans. Details and Construction Data for All Town of Tomorrow Homes. "Progressive **Prefabrication**" of Parts Is Illustrated

OMPARED to the rest of the buildings at the New York World's Fair, the 15 houses in the Town of Tomorrow, shown on the following pages are almost reactionary. But compared to what American builders are erecting in the present market, they are forward-looking, modern, and in a few cases radical.

In a striking way the 15 World's Fair houses illustrate the trend towards "progressive prefabrication"that is, the use of more factory-built parts that save time and labor on the job. This is shown in the extensive use of large panel products, such as plywood, insulating board, the use of factory-built windows. More than half of the houses are of dry-built construction.

Extensive use of factory-fabricated kitchen cabinets, millwork, and a host of other products is made. Heating units are more complete and compact, delivered to the job as one assembled unit. The houses strikingly illustrate the contribution of modern science and industry to the modern home to give the buyer "More House for the Money." The 15 houses are attractively grouped around a

winding street in a community called the Town of Tomorrow. There are several interesting little low-priced cottages as well as more expensive fully-equipped homes. Modern and traditional designs are attractively blended.

Construction was performed by the World's Fair building staff under the direction of Otto Teegan of the firm of Scott and Teegan. Builders interested in erecting one of the World's Fair houses in their own community can obtain blue prints and specifications by writing direct to the architects or by getting in touch with the World's Fair, Shelter Exhibits Section, Ad-ministration Building, World's Fair, New York.

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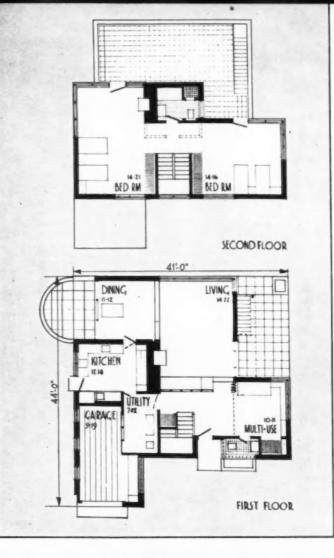
HOUSE OF VISTAS

MODERN AND TRADITIONAL HOUSES have been successfully intermingled in the Town of Tomorrow. The house below designed by architect Vernon Walter Johnson is one of the most extremely modern in the group. While the exterior is severe, the interior has been made very livable with a dropped-floor living room, a semi-circular terrace off the dining alcove and a large canvas canopied deck on the second floor.

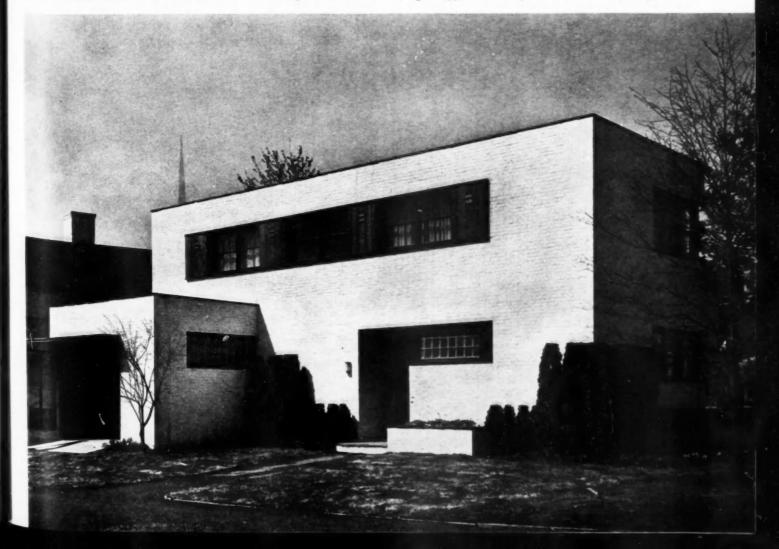
INTERIOR ARRANGEMENT of floor plan provides spacious, well-lighted rooms. The entrance hall is screened from the living room by a panel of glass brick. Since there is no basement, a utility room between kitchen and garage houses heating plant, laundry and workbench. A medium sized room off the entrance may serve as guest room or study.

SPECIAL FEATURES INCLUDE: Craw-Fir-Dor one piece upward acting door, Barrett specification roof and deck tile, Truscon Steel windows, International Nickel "cooking center" consisting of cabinet base and gas range, Whitehead automatic gas storage water heater, Luminall interior wall paint.

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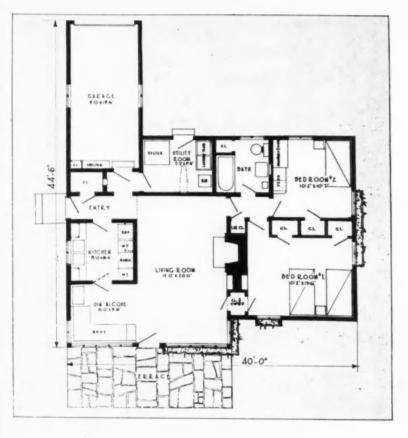


STRAIGHTFORWARD MODERN DESIGN with well arranged livable interior. Large dropped-floor living room at rear overlooks garden.





THICK-BUTT HAND-HEWN SHINGLES contribute deep shadow lines and beauty to N. Y. World's Fair House No. 1.



Scientific Lumber Progress

PROGRESS IN BETTER BUILDING is well illustrated in the Double Duty House by the use of guide-line square-cut lumber of exact standard lengths and bundled endless lumber used for wall and roof sheathing and subflooring. Interior door, window trim is packaged, preshrunk, ready-cut.

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Compactly Planned So That Every Room Serves Several Purposes

OMFORT and convenience in a small home have been secured in this little Double Duty House. The living room, for example, has a dining alcove which also serves as a study. Two corners of the living room are given over to large expanses of windows so they serve double duty as a sun room. The front bedroom has a carefully worked out service wall with a work desk and home sewing room equipped with swinging mirrors. The utility room at rear houses the heating plant and laundry. Even the garage has been given an attractive lining of insulating board and a linoleum floor so that it can be used for ping pong when the car is withdrawn. Henry S. Churchill was the architect.

The Double Duty House presents the following outstanding features, materials and equipment:

COPPER AND BRASS-Anaconda copper tubing, gutters, rain pipes and flashing. WINDOWS-Andersen Narroline windows and frames

combining wood and aluminum; aluminum storm windows. LAUNDRY-Complete home laundry as part of utility

room, including Bendix automatic home laundry unit. ROOF-Certain-teed Wood-Tex shingles in blend of soft

green colors. Extra thick butts give heavy shadow line. MEDICINE CABINETS-Two medicine cabinets, a linen closet and laundry chute leading to utility room are featured. All-steel Venetian style medicine cabinet with full mirror door supplied by Columbia Metal Box Co.

FLOORS-Corinco cork flooring provided by Cork Insulation Co. provides warm, non-slippery sanitary surface which is easy to keep clean. FIREPLACE-Scientifically designed Heatilator metal

fireplace saves fuel bills, contributes to air circulation.

VENTILATING FANS—Kitchen is ventilated by an Ilg electric fan. House is cooled with an Ilg attic fan.

GLASS-Libbey-Owens-Ford "Window Conditioning"-modern version of the thrifty storm window. Libbey-Owens-Ford plate glass mirrors used throughout.

HEATING—Mueller Climatrol Jr.—gas-fired winter air conditioning furnace. DOOR CHIMES—Rittenhouse "President"

DOOR CHIMES—Rittenhouse "President" model electric door chime sounds two rich harmonious notes.

LINOLEUM-Sloane-Blabon Co.

CIRCUIT BREAKER-Square D Multi-breaker service and load center.

TRIM—Preshrunk, packaged interior trim by Trimpak Corp., delivered to job ready for use. EXTERIOR SHINGLES—Hand-hewn, thick

butt Kolorite processed red cedar shingles by Weyerhaeuser Sales Co.

LUMBER—Weyerhaeuser 4-Square endless lumber for wall sheathing, roof sheathing and subflooring. Also 4-Square guide-line framing and short-cut framing used throughout house.

INTERIOR FINISH-Nu-wood fibre interior finish.

INSULATION-Balsam-Wool sealed insulation in walls and roof.

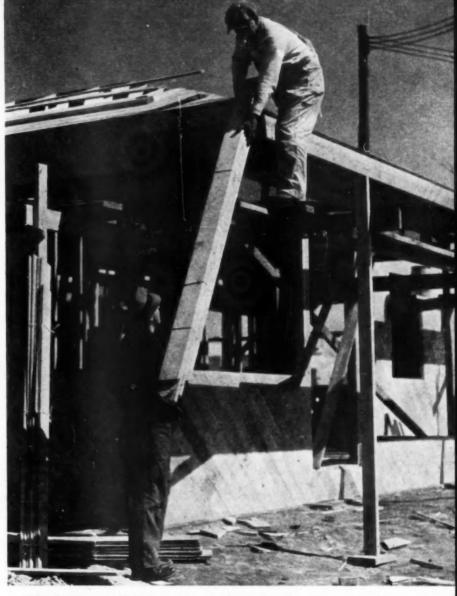
GARAGE DOOR-Craw-Fir-Dor one-piece upward-acting garage door by Crawford Door Co.



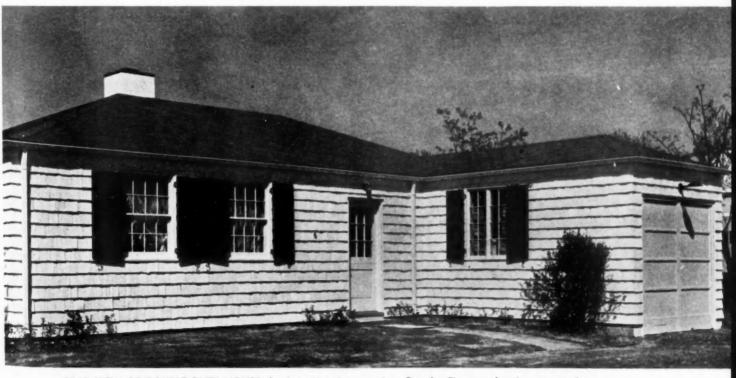
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PASSING UP A BUNDLE of square-cut endless lumber of assorted sizes used for wall sheathing, roof sheathing and subflooring in the Double Duty House.



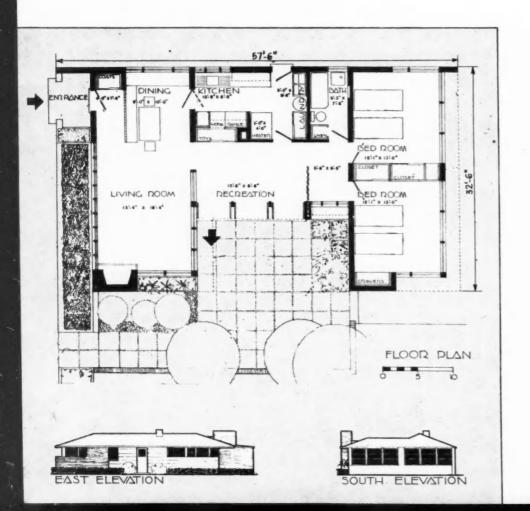
REAR VIEW OF DOUBLE DUTY HOUSE showing attractive one-piece Douglas Fir upward-acting garage door.



RAMBLING LOW-HUNG BUNGALOW designed by Landefeld and Hatch for a "young married couple."

MODERN BUNGALOW IN BLACK BRICK AND GLASS

THE NEW YORK World's Fair name givers have entitled this "The Bride's House," and the architects, Landefeld and Hatch of New York City, say that it is designed for low maintenance cost and a minimum of housework, such as they feel young married couples desire. Exterior is of reddish-black brick combined with wide expanses of glass brick and plate-glass windows. Black asphalt shingles are used on the roof. There is a well-laid out electric kitchen. The interior is largely finished in redwood. Many of the floors are covered with cork tile. The floor plan, as detailed below, is unusual but is livable and attractive. One end of the spacious living room serves as a dining alcove with built-in seats. The alcove is separated from the entrance hall by a glass brick wall. A recreation or general purpose room is placed in the middle of the house, separating the bedrooms and bath from the living quarters. The wide eaves provide shade and shelter. A brick enclosed patio is provided.



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HEATING—General Electric gas-fired economy-type winter air conditioner located in utility room adjacent to kitchen.

LAUNDRY—A cheerful, attractive, completely equipped home laundry is installed at one end of kitchen.

GLASS—Owens-Illinois glass block are extensively used, large corner windows are featured. A row of glass block windows are on living room wall set high enough to allow space for furniture.

FLOORS-Cork tile floors by Cork Insulation Co.

WALLPAPER-Modern wallpaper finishes by Wallpaper Institute. BRICK AND TILE-Structural Clay

BRICK AND TILE-Structural Clay Products Bureau.

ROOF-Barrett mineral-surfaced asphalt roof, using Giant Rectangular size in blue-black color.

INSULATION—Barrett rockwool bats with vapor-proof building paper overlapping flanges for permanent attachment to studding.



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nck gh ner ay sze ol rnt "BRIDES HOME" LIVING ROOM features redwood ceiling, cork tile floors, extensive windows. Row of glass block windows at right set high enough to clear furniture. Black brick fireplace has raised hearth—bringing fire closer to eye level. Landefeld and Hatch, architects.

> BEDROOM CLOSETS have sliding doors of natural waxed finish redwood. Modern decorative wallpaper is featured as well as a colorful deep-tone linoleum floor. Note simple redwood trim around openings.



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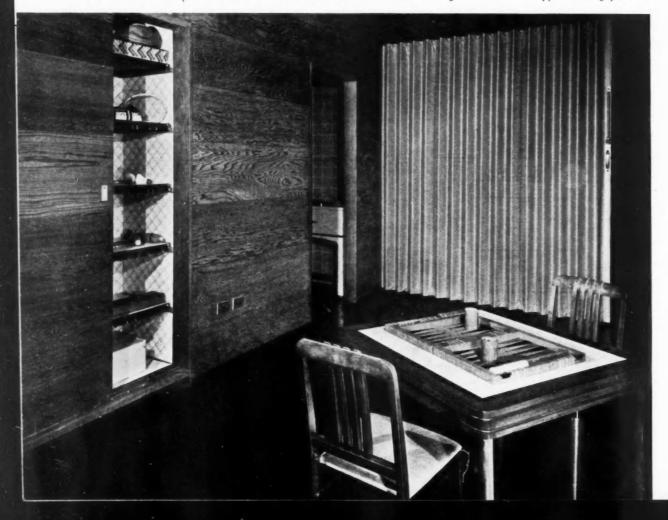


Superservice Bride's Kitchen

THE ALL-ELECTRIC "BRIDE'S HOUSE" KITCHEN is cheerful, efficient, reduces labor to a minimum. View at left shows laundry adjoining (see page 54). View at right is toward dining alcove with built-in seat against glass wall.

Sliding and Folding Doors

RECREATION ROOM OF "BRIDE'S HOUSE" has storage closet at left, with two sliding redwood doors that save space, harmonize with redwood wall finish. At right is seen new-type folding partition.





LOW-COST MINIMUM HOUSE for family of 4, sponsored by Structural Clay Products Institute.

BRICK CAVITY WALL

House for Family of 4 Features Low Construction Cost and Low Maintenance. Plaster Applied Directly to Interior Brick

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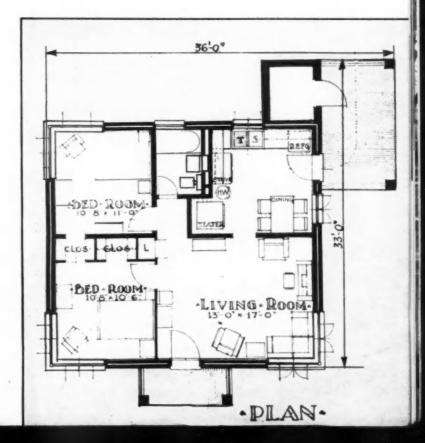
DESIGNED BY GEORGE D. CONNER and sponsored by the Structural Clay Products Institute, this little house is intended to provide minimum accommodations for a family of 4. An important feature is the cavity brick wall construction which has proved so popular in England. Two tiers of brick are laid with a 2-in. air space between, and tied together with frequent metal connectors. The air space acts as a moisture barrier and increases the insulating qualities of the wall. Plaster may be applied directly to the interior brick surface.

FEATURES OF THE HOUSE include a large kitchen with space for dining, a back porch with storage room, heater and hot water unit located in kitchen niche. The flat roof is thoroughly insulated to save fuel and resist summer heat.





PHOTO ABOVE SHOWS BRICK CAVITY WALL under construction, leaving 2-in. air space that prevents passage of moisture and acts as insulating barrier. Note metal connectors to tie the walls.



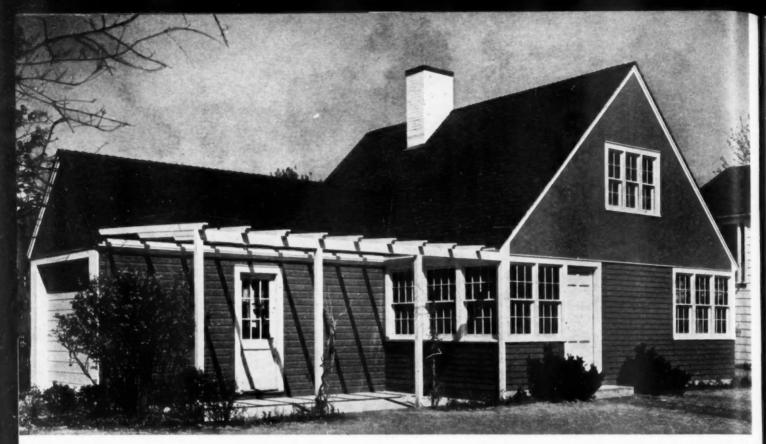


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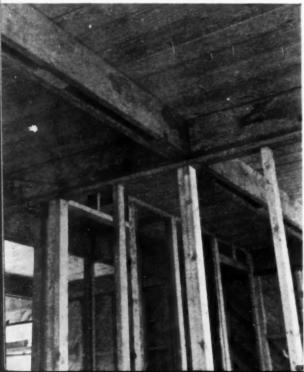
LOW COST "HOUSE OF MANY WOODS"

"Scandinavian" Effect Achieved with Vertical Boarding, Bright Colors. New Economy Framing System Features Plank Floors, Truss Roof.

THE "HOME OF WOOD" in the Town of Tomorrow is sponsored by the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association and the National Retail Lumber Dealers' Association, as part of their Small Homes Demonstration Program. Architects Evans, Moore and Woodbridge took the minimum low-cost Demonstration Home No. I, added a garage, increased the pitch of the roof and gave it an exterior appearance that can best be described as "Scandinavian." Outstanding structural features are the 2-inch plank floors with girders and roof trusses on 7-foot centers, as detailed on the opposite page. This economy framing method is claimed to greatly reduce the number of pieces of lumber that have to be handled, permits use of lower grades, and at the same time gives a more substantial, warm construction.

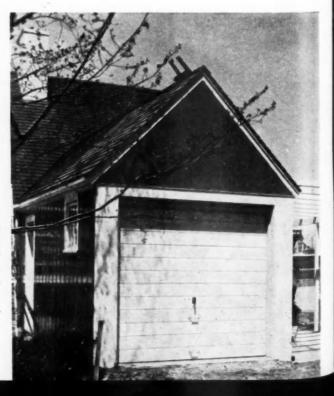
Exterior is of beveled siding, with vertical flush boarding in the gable. The walls are deep red with white trim. The red cedar shingle roof is stained black.

Rooms inside are each paneled in a different wood including Southern Pine, Idaho White Pine, birch, red gum and cypress.



UNDER-SIDE of second floor (left) showing use of 2-in. planks laid over girders spaced 7 ft. apart.

ATTRACTIVE Overhead garage door of vertical beveled lumber (at right) featuring "Miracle Wedge" overhead equipment.



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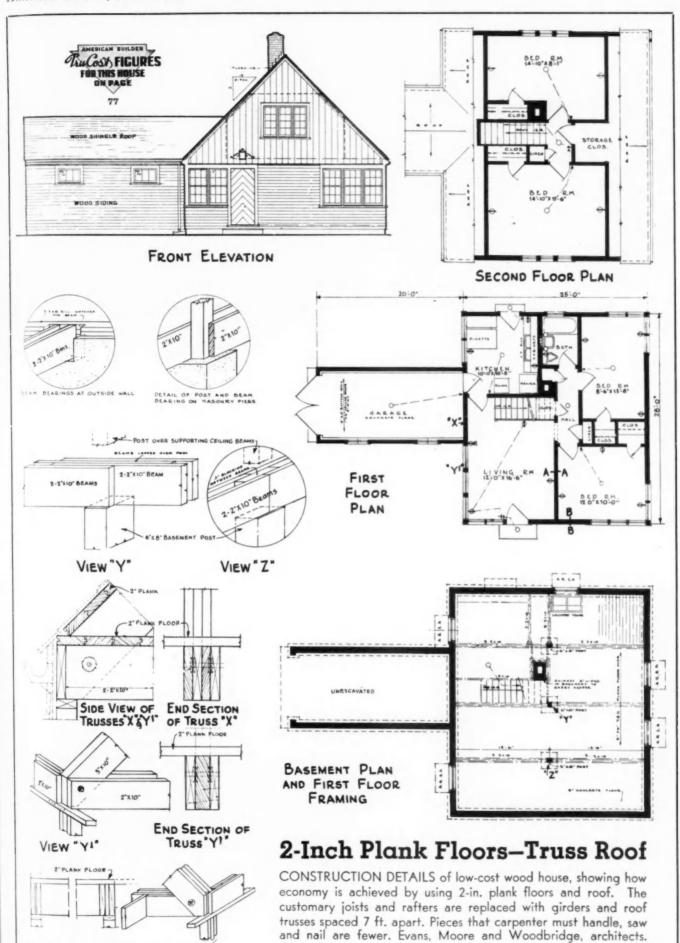
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FLUSH-BOARD SUGAR-PINE SIDING, dark-stained red cedar shingled roof and gray shutters contribute to charm of "The Electric Home."

GEORGIAN ALL-ELECTRIC HOME

DESIGNED ALONG SIMPLE GEORGIAN LINES, with sugar-pine flush-board siding, this house is imposing both inside and out. The architect is James W. O'Connor of New York. Floor plan is spacious with a large center hall, spiral staircase, and living room and dining room opening on a porch and terrace. The house was sponsored by General Electric Company. Special features include the following: EXTERIOR PAINT—Benjamin Moore outside white; black shingle stain.

INSULATION—Kimberly-Clark Kimsul expanding blanket-type insulation in walls and roof.

SCREENS-Extruded aluminum, Orange Screen Co.

GLASS BLOCK—Owens-Illinois Insulux glass block in dining room and one bathroom, and side of front entrance. HARDWARE—Sargent & Co. Georgian design, cast

HARDWARE-Sargent & Co. Georgian design, cast bronze.

HEATING—General Electric oil furnace: Warren Webster lightweight concealed radiators.

KITCHEN—Complete G-E planned kitchen with electric range, refrigerator, clock and fan. The one-piece cabinet sink unit has dishwasher and garbage disposal unit. G-E kitchen cabinets are used.

LIGHTING-Lightolier Colonial and Georgian fixtures, selected for adequacy of lighting quality and then checked





ABOVE, Oil furnace with conditioning unit.

LEFT, FULL-TILED walls, well planned cabinets, electric range, and dish-washing sink.

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AMPLE OUTLETS and scientific lighting contribute to the beauty and convenience of "Electric Home" living room with simple Georgian fireplace.

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by engineers of National Better Light-Better Sight Bureau. SHOWER CABINET—Fiat Metal Manufacturing Co., 36" x 36" metal cabinet with precast terrazzo floor and glass door. Modern design Crane plumbing fixtures.

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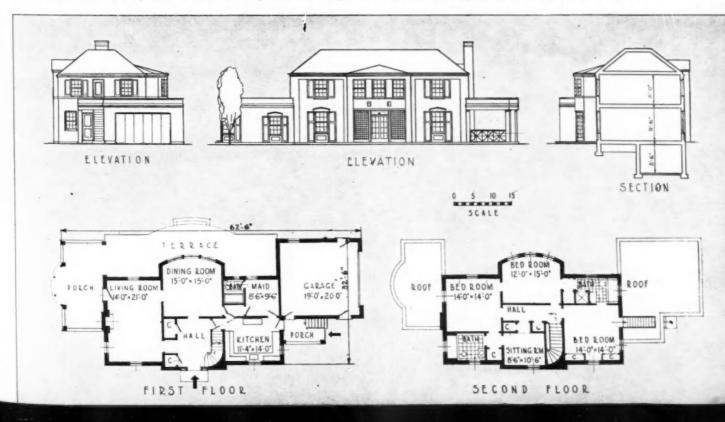
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FLOOR AND WALL TILE—Robertson Art Tile Co. WIRING—G-E wiring and devices installed according to recommendations of National Adequate Wiring Bureau. Complete installation for "electrical living."

FLOOR PLAN features a spacious center-hall arrangement with living and dining rooms opening out upon a porch and paved terrace.







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DRY WALL INTERIOR CONSTRUCTION features use of decorative insulating board.

FEATURING shake-textured asbestos wall shingles and Curtis entrance.

LONG ISLAND COLONIAL WITH HOME WORKSHOP

COLONIAL WOODWORK rivals the fine hand-carved work of early American builders.



OutstandingFeatures

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ARCHITECTURE—Long Island Colonial design resembling homes built on Long Island by Dutch farmers a century ago. Interior design inspired by Colonial homes of Old Williamsburg. Godwin, Thompson and Patterson of New York, architects.

PLAN—Suitable for narrow lot, garage at rear. Has home workshop, well located kitchen with maid's room and bath at rear. There are 3 bedrooms and 2 baths upstairs.

EXTERIOR WALLS—Johns-Manville shake-textured a sbest os shingles on front and rear-wing walls. End walls of common brick laid over Steeltex wire mesh backing.

ROOF-J-M cedar-grain asbestos shingles.

INSULATION—This is a J-M "Triple Insulated" house with 4-in. Super-Felt Rock Wool insulation in walls and attic roof.

WOODWORK-Described also as the "Curtis Woodwork House," the complete line of Curtis Companies products is represented. Windows are factory-built Silentite windows, both double-hung and casement. Also included is the new Curtis Circle Sash -"Rotovent." The beautiful modern Colonial woodwork rivals the handicraft of the old Colonial craftsmen. Several of the new stock Curtis woodwork items specially designed by Architect Dwight James Baum are featured. Ponderosa Pine used in windows, shutters, doors and casework

KITCHEN—Scientifically laid out, colorful kitchen with decorative Flexboard walls of deep rose and gray Flexboard ceiling. Curtis sectional cabinets arranged in step-saving plan. Other products and equipment in-

clude Stanley upward-acting door, Crane bathroom fixtures, Colonial hardware by American Hardware Corp., American Gas Ass'n all-gas home.

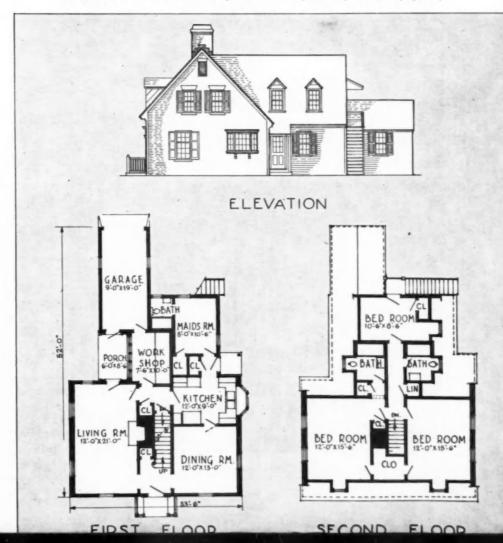
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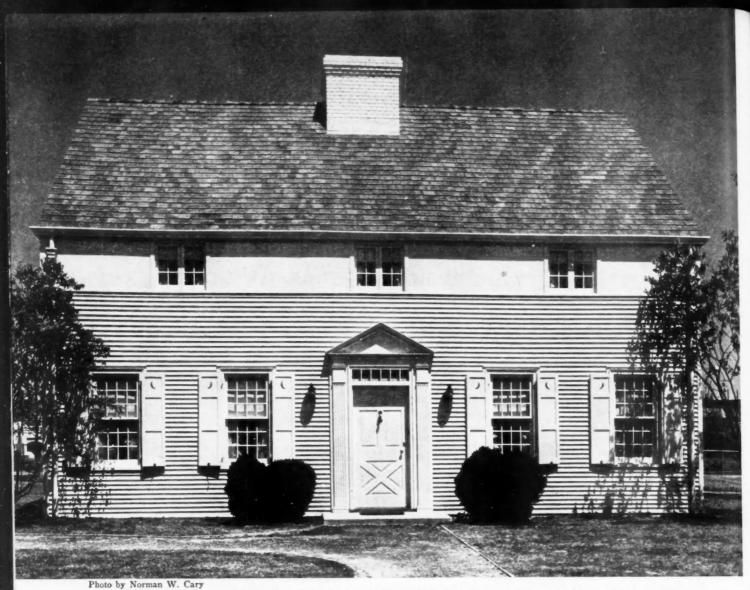


SIDE ENTRANCE to Triple Insulated "Tomorrow Town" house. Roof is of cedargrained asbestos shingles. Side entrance provides convenient garage connection.



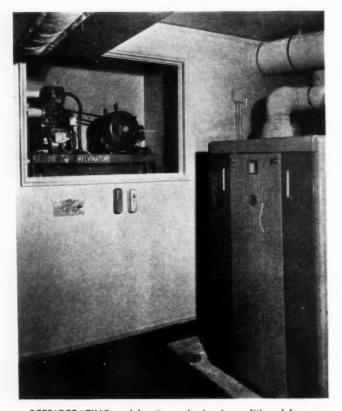
FLOOR PLAN is suitable for a narrow lot, with 2-car garage at rear. Living room has windows on 3 sides. Kitchen is conveniently located, with adjoining maid's room and bath. The Home Workshop features Stanley tools. (See details page 83.)





AUTHENTIC COLONIAL woodwork and details make this substantial New England home a winner for homes of today and tomorrow.

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REFRIGERATING and heating units in air-conditioned house.

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THIS TRADITIONALLY COLONIAL clapboard house designed by Electus D. Litchfield nicely illustrates that the house of tomorrow will combine the good things of both yesterday and today. The authentic beauty of lovely Colonial design has been retained, but as regards the planning, layout and equipment, the house is as thoroughly modern as tomorrow. It is well insulated and fully air conditioned. It was sponsored by Nash-Kelvinator Corp.

TWO SIDE PORCHES and a hallway at the rear are features of the floor plan frequently seen in New England farmhouses. The large living room occupies the entire wing of the house and is balanced on the opposite side by the dining room and kitchen. Servants' quarters and garage are located at the rear of the house. Air conditioning vents are inset in ceilings, in some rooms the light fixture and air vent being combined. American Builder, June 1939.

Specification Details

HEATING AND AIR CONDITION-ING-Indirect type Kelvinator system. Conditioner contains heating coil, cooling coil, filter, humidifier and fan. Steam for heating coil is provided by automatic oilburning boiler; refrigerant for cooling coil supplied by Freon water-cooled mechanical cooling unit.

ROOF-Johns-Manville Salem Colonial shingles textured to resemble old weathered wood.

INSULATION—Kimberly-Clark Kimsul expanding, wood-fibre blanket insulation, walls and roof.

PAINT-Keystone Varnish Co. readymixed house paint and house primer.

SCREENS—Borg-Warner Ingersoll Koolshade screen of copper wires adjusted so that screening keeps out flies and acts as a Venetian blind.

HARDWARE-Sargent & Co. New England Colonial hardware.

KITCHEN—Kelvinator electric range and refrigerator, International Nickel Monel sink and range hood, Whitehead steel cabinets.

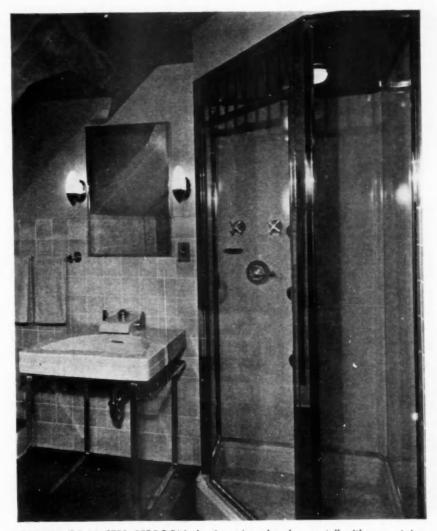
and range hood, Whitehead steel cabinets. LAUNDRY—Kelvinator electric washer, ironer and water heater.

PLUMBING—Crane plumbing fixtures, Neuvogue lavatory and tub, Siwelco closet. SASH CORD—Samson Cordage Works.

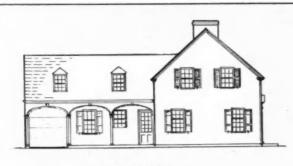
SASH CORD—Samson Cordage Works. SHOWER ENCLOSURE—Fiat Metal Manufacturing Co. Corner glass shower with precast terrazzo receptor.

WIRING AND WIRING DEVICES— National Electric Products Corp. products installed according to economy and efficiency recommendations of National Adequate Wiring Bureau.

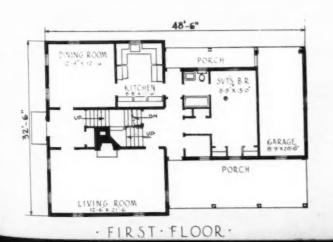


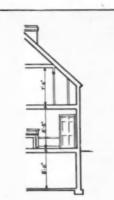


CORNER OF MASTER BEDROOM showing triangular shower stall with precast terrazzo base, modern style lavatory with towel bars. BELOW: Floor plans and details of "Kelvin Home" by Electus D. Litchfield.



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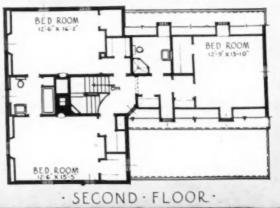






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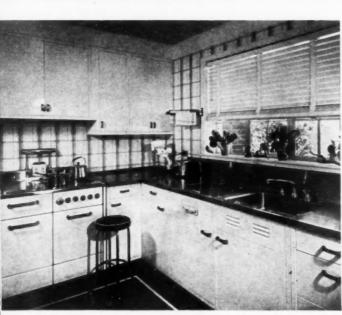
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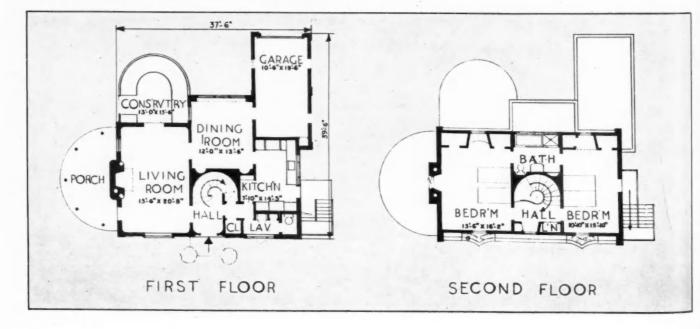


MODEL modern kitchen with monel-metal sink, work top.

TOMORROW'S GARDEN HOME

A WELL-KNOWN WOMAN ARCHITECT, Verna Cook Salomonsky, designed this house and has planned it for a small family who like both indoor and outdoor gardens. An elaborate glass-enclosed conservatory is at rear of house.

FLOOR PLAN provides a charming entrance hall with spiral staircase, and lavatory adjacent. The living room is well proportioned and the dining room has a huge aluminum casement window overlooking a garden. There are two large bedrooms upstairs with a connecting bath, which has an unusual tub and shower arrangement with plate-glass panel in front of tub.



LIVING ROOM of "The Garden Home" looking towards heated glass-enclosed conservatory at rear. The nicely detailed fireplace is the focal point of room, with attractive corner bookshelves on either side. Wallpaper is of interesting design, pale gray-blue on a slate background.

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THE CHEERFULLY wallpapered dining room is lighted by large aluminum casement windows which look out into the garden. The wallpaper features a newly developed drapery and leaf motif. Even the doors are wallpapered. The furniture and decorations are in French Provincial style.





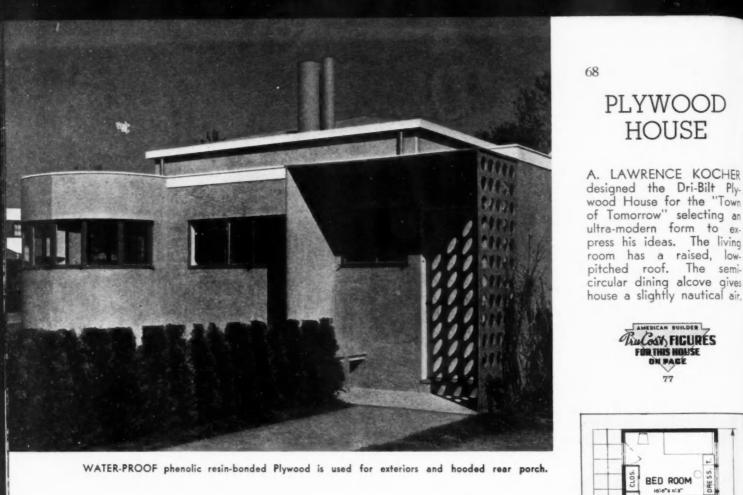
WINDOWS—Permatite aluminum casement windows by General Bronze Corp.

HARDWARE-Russell & Irwin. Architectural finish hardware of Russwin metal, a composition of nickel and brass.

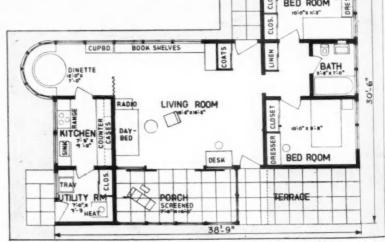
HEATING—Rome-Turney concealed copper radiation. KITCHEN—Whitehead Monel dashwasher sink. Cabinets and work counters by International Nickel Co. The Estate stove also has a flush-top Monel surface which fits tight against the adjoining counter top. LIGHTING FIXTURES—Radiant Lighting Fixture Co. fixtures approved for adequacy by National Better Light-Better Sight Bureau.

WALLPAPERS—Richard E. Thibaut, Inc., Mura-theme wallpapers carry the same decorative theme throughout the house. The kitchen is papered with a gay plaid pattern in lime, cherry red and marine blue, which harmonizes well with the marine-blue linoleum floor. Bathrooms are papered with washable, white satin-striped paper.

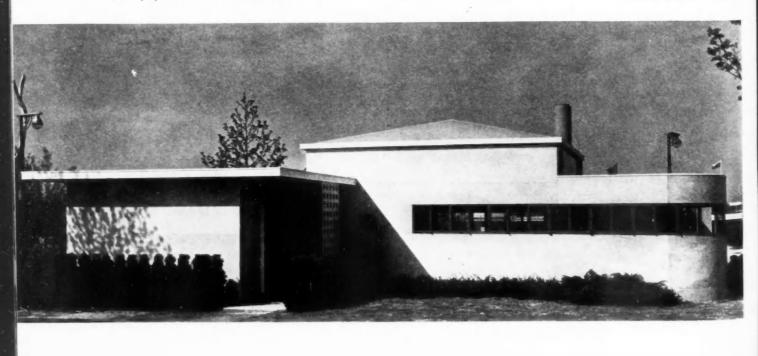
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THE VERSATILITY of Douglas Fir Plywood is interestingly illustrated in the construction of this house which was sponsored by the Douglas Fir Plywood Association. The outside wall covering is of water-proof phenolic resin-bonded plywood with varnish finish. Wall and roof sheathing is of 5/16" Plyscord sheathing. Subfloors are of 5/8" plywood sheathing. The entire interior is executed in Plywall and Plypanel grades of Douglas Fir Plywood. The smartly styled interiors are finished with various treatments of plywood such as V-joint panels in front bedroom, overlay patterns in living room, wallpaper finish in second bedroom.



Photos by Norman W. Cary





THE SMARTLY STYLED "Motor Room" with ornamental iron detailing forms the center feature of the front. Living quarters are at rear.

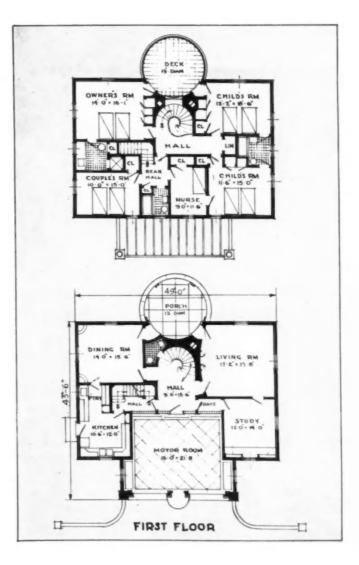
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AUTOMOBILE OWNERS of the future will live with them as well as ride in them, according to the interpretation of Adams & Prentice who designed this house. The "Motor Room" has been made most attractive with a grilled iron entrance, glass swing-up doors, flag stone floor. The spacious and comfortable living quarters of the house are at the rear with both living and dining rooms opening upon a most attractive circular porch.

Outstanding features of the house include ornamental metal work by J. W. Fiske Co., Stanley swing-up garage doors with glass panels, Barrett tarvia-lithic driveway, Truscon double hung steel windows, Johns-Manville Full Thick rockwool batt insulation, Yale & Towne hardware, Weil-McLain Raydiant radiators, Whitehead steel kitchen cabinets, wallpaper by Stamford Wallpaper Company, Luminall one coat exterior paint, National Chemical & Mfg. Co.

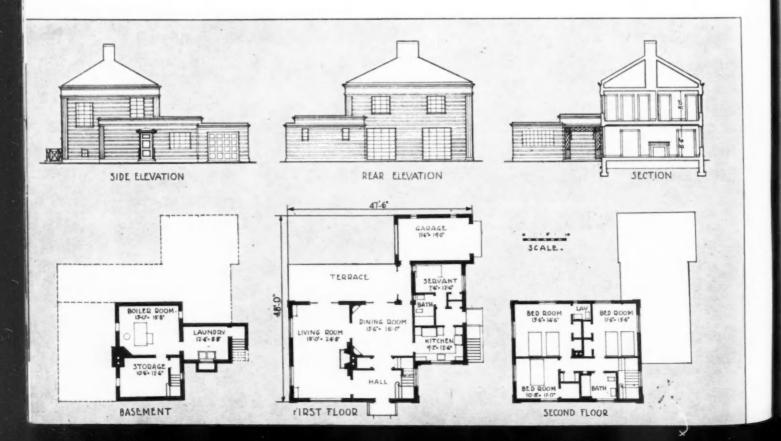


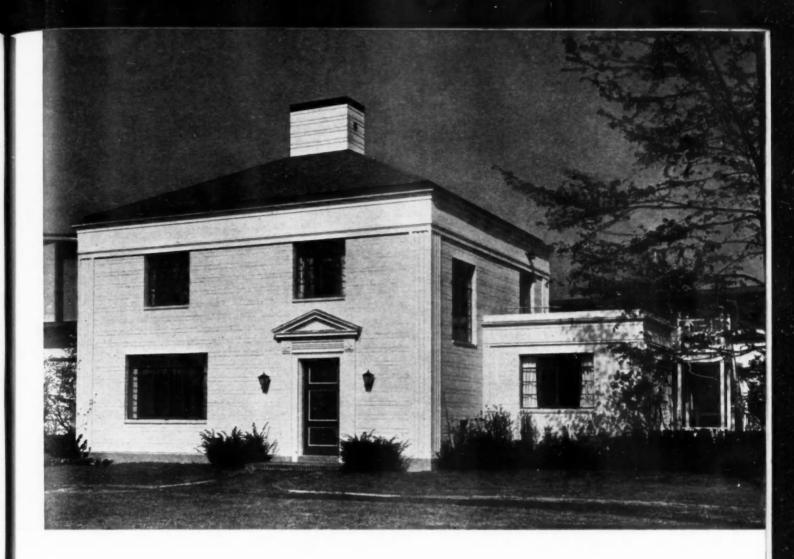
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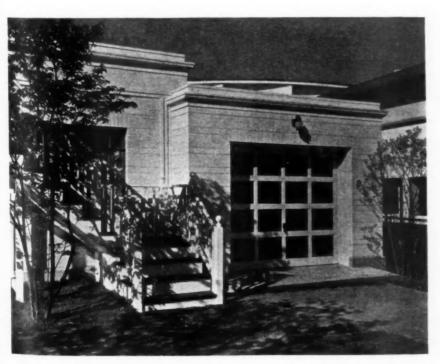
"MODIFIED CLASSIC"

THIS substantial semi-classical house in the Town of Tomorrow, designed by architects Henry Otis Chapman, Jr., and Harold W. Beder, provides a spacious, livable home of eight rooms and three baths. Sponsored by the Celotex Corporation, the house demonstrates the use of cane fibre materials. Exterior is of 4" lightweight concrete block veneer painted a light gray color with cream colored trim. The kitchen, servant's quarters and garage are separated from the rest of the house by being placed in a separate wing, the roof providing an attractive outdoor deck.





LIVING ROOM of the Celotex House is attractively decorated in semi-formal manner. Walls and ceilings are of cane fibre insulation board. The fireplace is nicely detailed. The large windows at end of room look out over the terrace and garden, entrance to which is provided by way of a covered porch connecting garage and dining room. An outstanding feature of the garage is the large Overhead door with full glass exposure. The house has three bedrooms, two baths and ample closets upstairs.



Special Features

CONCRETE BLOCKS-4" Pottsco concrete block.

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STEEL WINDOWS-Truscon Steel Company.

OVERHEAD DOOR-Overhead Door Company. WALLPAPER-Wallpaper Institute.

WIRING-National Adequate Wiring Bureau.

FLOORS-S. C. Johnson & Son.

KITCHEN-International Nickel Company.

PAINT-National Chemical & Mfg. Company. ROOF — Celotex

Shad-O-Grain Shingles.

GLASS BLOCK - Owens-Illinois Glass Co.

ROOF TERRACE-Celotex Traffic Top.

SHEATHING-Vapor Seal insulating sheathing and insulating lath. INTERIOR WALLS-Celotex insu-

lating board, planks, hard board tile.

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GLASS, CONCRETE HOUSE of TOMORROW-BUILT TODAY

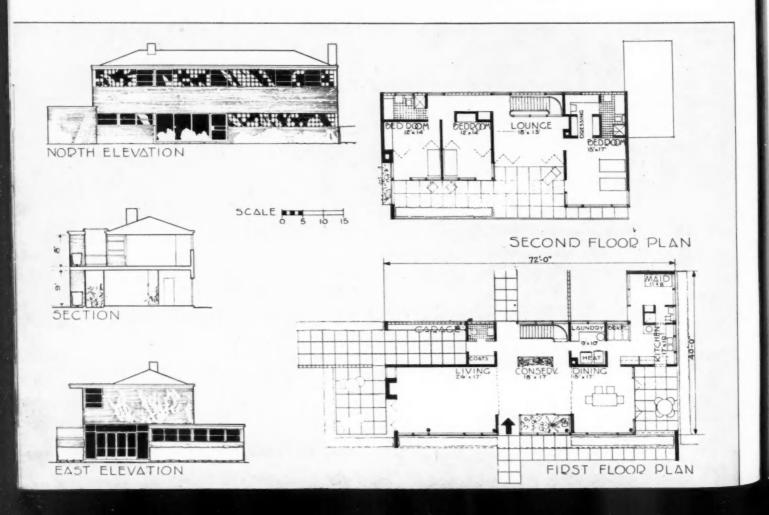


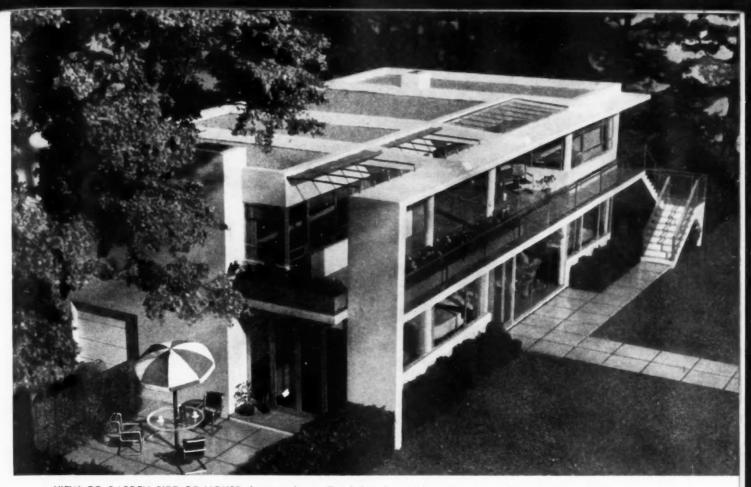
A PLATE-GLASS WALL runs along this second-floor terrace. Concrete overhangs above both first and second floors cut off hottest summer sun but let in winter sun.

"Contribution of Glass to Better Living" Shown in Flat-Roof Structure to "Bring the Outdoors in"

ARCHITECTS LANDEFELD AND HATCH have taken a look into the future and applied the many recent developments in glass to this Town of Tomorrow house sponsored by Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company. It is a 10-room and 3-bath structure of large rooms, many of which can be merged by opening sliding glass doors. The frame work is of steel and concrete, using concrete cavity walls and striking cantilevered concrete overhangs.

TO "BRING THE OUTDOORS IN-SIDE" the designers have employed large glass windows—about twothirds of the wall area of the living space is glass. There are extensive terraces and open porches, one of which on the second floor has a low, plate-glass wall which breaks the wind but permits a view of garden below.





VIEW OF GARDEN SIDE OF HOUSE showing glass walls of first floor, interesting terrace treatment second floor.

Featuring Sliding Glass Doors-Flesh-Tinted Windows-Glass Brick Garden Walls-Glass Stair Risers

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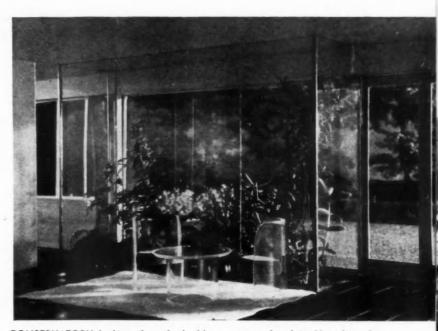
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OUTSTANDING features of the "Glass House" at the Fair, illustrating some of the new developments in this field, include: 1. Sliding glass panels dividing a bedroom into a fresh air portion, often cold, for sleep-

- ing, and a warm area for dressing. 2. Flesh-tint windows in the living room, to
- give a feeling of warmth in cold weather. 3. A low plate-glass wall along the upstairs terrace breaking the wind but preserving
- terrace, breaking the wind, but preserving the view of the garden below.4. Garden walls of glass block (translucent
- but not transparent), decorative in quality and functional in that they give privacy to the living terrace by screening the view from the street.
- 5. Window sills, baseboards, and kitchen and bathroom walls of Carrara structural glass, a smooth, opaque material selected for its cleanliness, beauty and serviceability.
- 6. Glass-enclosed planting spaces at the front and rear of the conservatory, acting as decorative screens to shield inside activity and providing a vista through greenery in all seasons.
- 7. Glass risers on the stairs, providing complete illumination and thus contributing to safety.

Other interesting structural features include the use of the concrete wall as a finished interior surface in several places. The second floor is supported on half a dozen thin concrete columns, affording flexibility in arrangement of the first-floor partition. In addition to



CONSERVATORY looking through shrubbery area enclosed in Herculite glass.

glass products supplied by Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company and Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, other participants include the General Electric Company, heating and kitchen equipment; wiring arrangements by National Adequate Wiring Bureau; tile installation, New York Tile Company; floor finishes, S. C. Johnson & Son; bathroom fixtures, Crane Company; furniture and decoration, Modernage Furniture Company.

The exterior walls, on garden and street, are almost entirely of glass on both floors. The side walls of the first floor are largely of glass.



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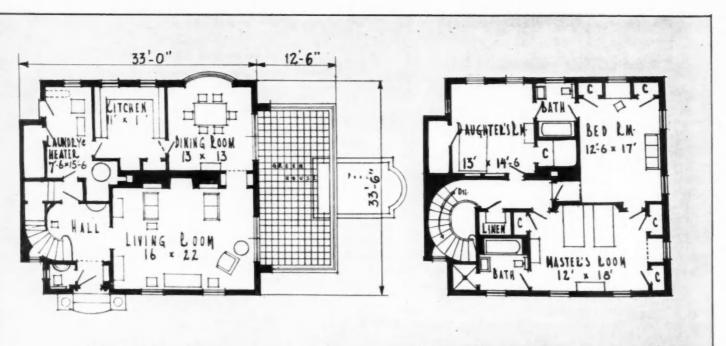
FIRE-SAFE HOUSE-STEEL AND CONCRETE FLOORS

THIS SUBSTANTIAL APPEARING Fire-Safe House at the Fair, sponsored by the Home Insurance Co., is constructed of face brick with terra-cotta backing. It has an asbestoscement roof and steel and concrete floors. The architect is Perry M. Duncan. ROOMS ARE LARGE and spacious, with good cross ven-

tilation. Both living room and dining room open out upon a glass enclosed porch or green house, with tiled floor. There is no basement, and laundry and heating equipment are placed in utility room off kitchen. Plans call for a twocar garage in wing at left (not shown in floor plan); as built at the Fair this space is used as office for the sponsors. Ftbib

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SECOND FLOOR PLAN



FIREPLACE is attractively framed by slightly projecting wall. Glass brick at end of room allow light into the stair hall.



COLORFUL modern wall-paper gives life to the fire-safe bedroom. Double hung aluminum windows bring in plenty of light and air.

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Special Features and Details

GARDEN ROOM—Lord & Burnham Co. glassed-over terrace, drip-proof construction.

INSULATION—Ferro-Therm metal insulation stapled between studs and rafters. Lead and tin alloy makes sheets corrosion proof.

ROOF—Johns-Manville asbestos-cement Salem Colonial shingles reproducing textured surface of old weathered shingles.

WINDOWS-Kawneer Sealair aluminum windows, double-hung and casement. DOORS—Johns-Manville flush doors throughout the home.

FIRE-SAFE FLOORS—Subfloors built of steel and concrete using Jones & Laughlin Junior beams and reinforcing.

GLASS BLOCK—Owens-Illinois Glass Co., Insulux Glass Block.

LIGHTNING PROTECTION—Certified Dodd system of lightning protection installed by West Dodd Lightning Conductor Corp., Goshen, Ind. INTERIOR WALLS—Sanitas washable fabric wall cov-

INTERIOR WALLS—Sanitas washable fabric wall covering as manufactured by Standard Coated Fabrics Corp., New York.



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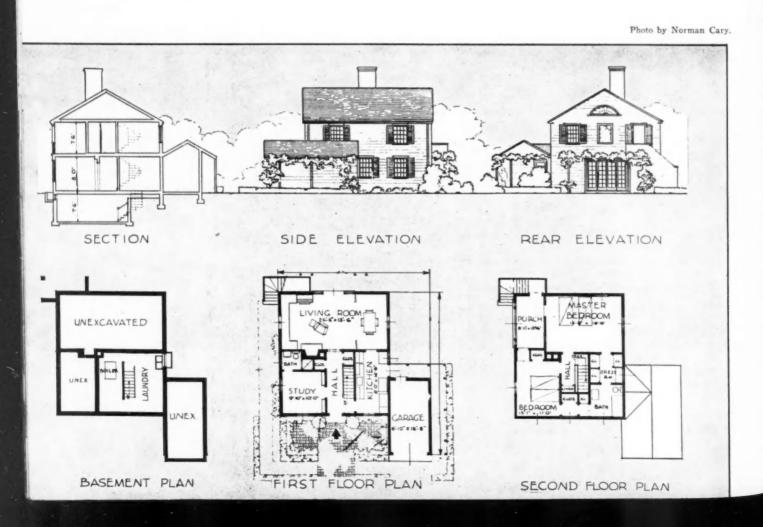
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THE NEW ENGLAND HOME

TRADITIONAL NEW ENGLAND architecture will continue to be the favorite of the American public, the architect of this home, Cameron Clark, believes. He believes that there will be just as much sentiment concerning Colonial Home Design in the future as there has been in the past. The floor plan features a large living room and dining room running across the rear of the house with French doors opening upon a garden. There is a downstairs study and bath. The large master bedroom upstairs opens upon an attractive porch at rear. The exterior of the house is carried out in asbestos cement shingles. Other products include Overhead garage door, Ferro-Therm Metal Insulation, Jones & Laughlin steel and concrete first floor, Yale & Towne hardware, Modine concealed copper radiators, Acme deluxe kitchen cabinets, Ilg ventilating fans.



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Units of Construction	June 51	June 52	June 54	June 57	June 59	June 61	June 63
Basement Walls, lin. ft	0	0	0	0	106	150	146
French Walls, lin. ft.	190	183	172	147	41	178	78
Basement Floor, sq. ft	84	68	0	25	648	1014	893
Garage Floor, sq. ft	201	180	0	0	200	380	180
Excavation per ft. deep, cu. yds	0	0	0	0	30	50	43
Outside Walls, squares	28	15.21	12.60	11.8	18.23	37.00	22.50
First Floor, squares	12.46	10.04	12.57	7.8	7.00	11.58	10,61
Second Floor, with Fin. Flg., sqs	8.70	0	0	0	4.20	11.58	7.92
Second Floor, without Fin. Flg., sqs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Teiling, sqs	14.12	11.84	12.57	8.05	9.00	15.58	11.70
Roof Pitch, inches rise per ft. run	Flat	7"	5''	5"	12"	11"	13"
Roof, squares	13.90	14.78	14.52	9.	13.64	18.80	19.20
Hips and Valleys, lin. ft.	0	120	104	104	20	152	86
Cornice, type and lin. ft	ile Coping, 216	C & F-173	6''-8	8"-101	C & F-174	0	C & F-234
Cornice, type and lin. ft.	0	0	30"-212	0	0	6"-174	10"-54
Partition, lin. ft	135	165	104	88	210	260	350
Inside Finish OS Walls, lin. ft.	280	136	192	126	192	300	290
Front and OS French Doors, opgs	8	1	7	1	1	4	3
Rear and Grade Doors, opgs	1	2	1	2	1	4	2
Garage Doors, 8 ft. wide	1	1	0	0	1	2	1
Inside Doors and Cased Opgs., opgs	10	17	12	8	16	30	26
Windows and Casements, opgs	40	30	34	15	25	24	28
Gable Sash and Louvers, opgs	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Chimney, lin. ft.	22	20	15	13	33	37	36
Main Stairs	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
Porch Floor, sqs	3.85	1.92	3.00	1.28	14	9.00	1.00
Porch Ceilings, sqs.	.35	.16	0	1.28	0	3.00	.40
Porch Beam, lin. ft	12	12	0	44	31	70	29
Porch and Balcony Post and Newels, no.	0	4	0	4	4	10	10
Porch Roof, sqs	0	.20	0	1.40	0	3.20	.45
Porch Cornice, lin. ft	0	12	0	48	0	0	22
Porch and Deck Rail, lin. ft.	0	8	50	0	0	168	36

HOME DESIGNS ON PAGES AS NUMBERED

Units of Construction	June 65	June 66	June 68	June 70	June 74	June 76
Basement Walls, lin. ft	191	128	0	127	House Part Only 133	64
Trench Walls, lin. ft	103	109	200	138	90	140
Basement Floor, sq. ft.	978	838	51	486	1026	256
Garage Floor, sq. ft	180	210	0	240	0	153
Excavation per ft. deep, cu. yds	45	40	0	28	45	10
Outside Walls, squares	25.92	36.11	18.3	30.30	29.35	25.2
First Floor, squares	10.66	10.04	8.8	10.68	14.00	8.4
Second Floor, with Fin. Flg., sqs	12.66	7.56	0	7.80	10.80	7.4
Second Floor, without Fin. Flg., sqs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Celling, sqs	12.96	12.14	8.8	13.08	14.00	9,93
Roof Pitch, inches rise per ft. run	12"	7"	5"	6"	10"	7"
Roof, squares	17.74	15.	12.	14.64	17.08	11.77
Hips and Valleys, lin. ft.	42	0	56	80	176	18
Cornice, type and lin. ft.	C & F-146	C & F-174	6''-79	Cut-in & F-198	C & F-216	C & F-52
Cornice, type and lin. ft	8''-60	Parapet 56	3'6"-80	0	0	8"-132
Partition, lin. ft.	403	236	80	262	300	190
Inside Finish OS Walls, lin. ft	312	242	148	277	291	232
Front and OS French Doors, opgs	2	4	3	4	3	4
Rear and Grade Doors, opgs	1 .	1	1	2	1	2
Garage Doors, 8 ft. wide	1	1	0	1	0	1
Inside Doors and Cased Opgs., opgs	35	22	12	23	28	21
Windows and Casements, opgs	29	30	26	24	36	17
Gable Sash and Louvers, opgs	0	0	0	0	0	2
Chimney, lin. ft	33	34	Metal 20	36	40	38
Main Stairs	1	1	0	1	1	1
Porch Floor, sqs	3.82	1.62	3.04	3.05	28	1.52
Porch Ceilings, sqs	3.15	1.62	1.44	.28	0	1.30
Porch Beam, lin. ft	56	30	39	8	0	33
Porch and Balcony Post and Newels, no.	9	5	3 Panels	0	0	4
Porch Roof, sqs	2.52	1.62	140	0	0	0
Porch Cornice, lin. ft.	55	36	27	8	0	0
Porch & Deck Rail, lin.ft	0	0	70	16	0	35

Necessary Home Equipment, Fixtures, Accessories, Extras

Since the above surveyed items cover only the actual superstructure of the house, you should figure and add the following items as specified or wanted (and dont forget Overhead and Profit):

Built-in Cabinets, Rail & Newels for Stairs and Stair Well, Beamed Ceiling, Weatherstrips, Tile Work, Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning, Lighting, Terraces, Patio Walls or Fences, Sidewalks including Porch Steps, Driveways, Unattached Garages. Also add for painting and decorating if not included in Unit Costs.

Areaways, Cellar Sash, Coal Chute, Basement Partitions & Doors, Attic Flooring, Attic Stairs, Blinds, Gutters & Downspouts, Fireplaces,

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Farmhouse and Farm Buildings at Fair Designed for Electric Service

N the banks of Flushing Creek at the New York World's Fair, builders interested in farm construction will see a practical working farm, with a farm house, dairy barn and other buildings completely equipped. Electricity does the work on this farm, efficiently and economically. More than one hundred practical applications of electricity are shown—all under working conditions.

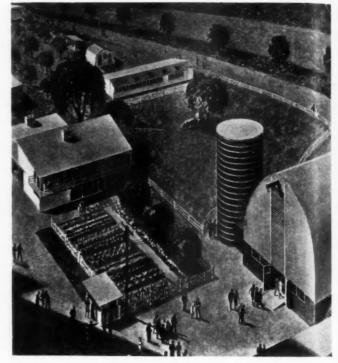
Many of the uses of electricity are well known to the nearly 1,500,000 farms receiving electric service. At the Electrified Farm all of the common uses, and many of the new, tested and proved practices which are within the means of the average farmer, are assembled in a complete working unit.

The house is an attractive two-story frame structure, with a tile terrace. On one side is a flower and vegetable garden; apple trees and elms make a picturesque setting for the house, and maples in the pasture lot provide convenient shade for the cattle. At one end of the plot, grouped for convenience and efficiency, are the silo and barn, with a bull exerciser at one corner of the barn, the milking parlor, dairy room, workshop and horse shed; at the other end of the plot, the poultry house, brooder house, greenhouse, hotbeds, community packing house and the orchard.

New Electrical Equipment and Other New Features Shown in Farm House

The farm house is the hub around which practically all activity on the farm centers—particularly the farm kitchen. And what a kitchen this is! Complete in every detail with the most modern kitchen conveniences and still within the purse range of the average family.

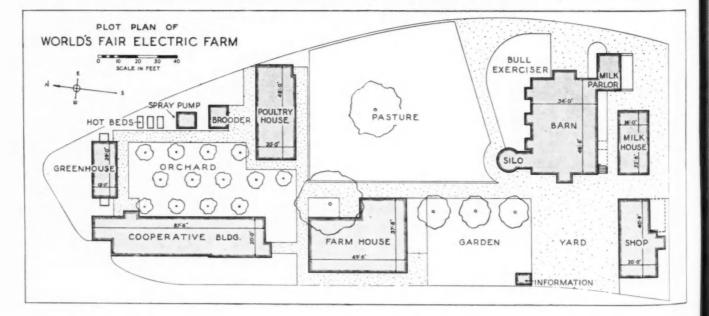
In this kitchen scientific planning is evident in the location of each piece of equipment—designed to conserve time, labor and footsteps. The electric range, the sink and electric dishwasher, are on the same working level, making a complete working surface around the kitchen, which every housewife knows is important for efficient work. Underneath are cabinets and an electrically operated disposal unit for garbage. The kitchen is also equipped, of



BIRD'S-EYE view of the one-acre Electrified Farm of the Electric Utility Industry at The New York World's Fair.

course, with all of the smaller appliances, such as mixing bowls, grinders, coffee maker, toaster, and many others; an exhaust fan helps keep the kitchen cool and free of odors—all adding to kitchen comfort and efficiency.

The outstanding feature of the kitchen is the two-compartment refrigerator—one compartment for quick freezing—something new. This refrigerator is divided into two compartments of approximately 12 cu. ft. each. On one side the temperature is held at zero for freezing and holding meats, poultry, fruits and vegetables; on the other side the regular refrigerator temperature is below 50°.



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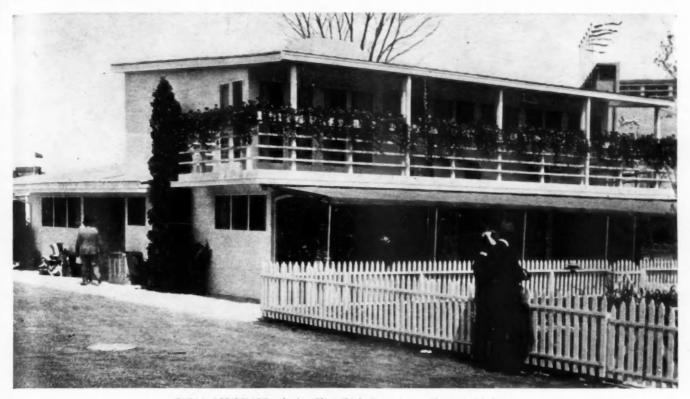
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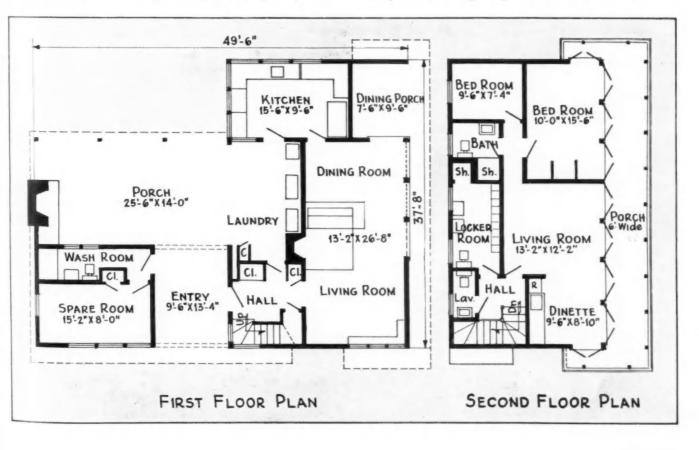
FARM RESIDENCE of the Electrified Farm is a Flat-top Modern.

With this refrigerator fruits and vegetables, meats and poultry, can be frozen when they are available and kept for months, making it possible for the farmer and his family to have fresh fruits and vegetables from their own garden at any time of the year, with the flavor just as good as when they were stored.

The outside kitchen door opens on to a tile terrace which makes an ideal outdoor dining porch for summer. The laundry is on the ground level, doing away with the many trips up and down stairs usual on washday in so many homes. The distinctive feature of the laundry is a new washing machine which automatically soaks, washes, rinses and rough dries the clothes, with little or no attention from the operator. That certainly has come a million miles from the old wash-tub! In a handy location next to the washer are the electric ironer and the electric sewing machine.

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A separate room opening on to the terrace serves as a





combination office and spare room. This is a room the farmer can call his own, in which he may keep records and books. The built-in daybed can be used for the overnight guest. It also has a wash room and shower for the farmer or hired help to wash and change clothes.

Opposite the office, one enters through a hallway to the living room and dining room. This is actually one room, separated partly by a built-in daybed and bookcase. The room is designed for maximum comfort, with the radio conveniently located. The lighting arrangement is the outstanding feature of this room.

On this side of the house is a vegetable and flower garden, well advanced, since all the plants will be started in electric hotbeds and in the green house. The barn is complete and up-to-date in every respect —proper lighting and ventilation, drinking cups, the largest type stalls, grinding and mixing of feed and pumping of water. A feature of the stalls are the rubber covered cow beds. These are rubber mats about $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick laid directly on the concrete floor. The mats insulate the floors, so that they are more healthy for the cows, economize on the use of bedding, and minimize the danger of injury to the animals.

On one side of the barn are eight tie-stalls for milking cows; on the other, four box stalls, with a pen of calves. a cow and calf, and two bulls. These cattle are to be supplied from famous herds by the Breeder Associations. Guernseys the first six weeks; Jerseys the second,

MODEL STABLE in Show Barn. At the back of the picture you see "Foremost Taurus," prize bull at the World's Fair Electrified Farm, looking over the herd of nine milking cows and two heifers—all pure-bred Guernseys from the J. C. Penney Farm. These animals live in air-conditioned luxury at The World's Fair.



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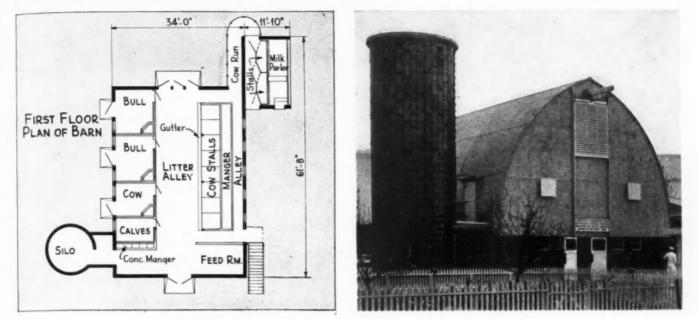
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BIG GOTHIC ROOF Barn for the Electrified Farm at The New York World's Fair.

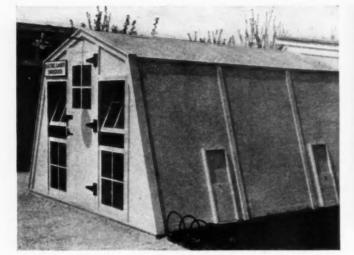
Holsteins the third; Ayrshires in the last period of the Fair.

The top of the barn—which would ordinarily be a hay loft—is a room accommodating about one hundred people, and will be used as a meeting room for farm organizations and others at the Fair.

In the billion dollar dairy business, which places 30,-000,000 bottles of milk each morning on the nation's doorsteps, electricity is indispensable as can be seen by following the various steps in the production and processing of milk. On the Electrified Farm the complete operation is shown. After being washed and cleaned in the stable the cows go down a passageway to the milking parlor of white tile and concrete, spotlessly clean. This is a small room on the side of the barn, just large enough for two cows standing tandem in their stalls, with the operator working from a pit on a lower level. The front of the parlor is of glass, so that the complete milking operation is visible. In this milking parlor a modern magnetic combine milker takes the "arm-ache" out of the hardest job on a dairy farm. The milk is drawn into a glass container where it is weighed without being exposed to the atmosphere. After it is weighed, it is drawn off through sanitary pipes into the

WORLD'S FAIR Electrified Farm Kitchen Planned to Save 10,000 Steps a Year. Planned for assembly-line efficiency, this kitchen is a home-maker's dream. From the dual-temperature refrigerator, which has a zero-temperature section for storing frozen foods, right around to the range, work-spaces and labor-saving appliances are arranged in logical order.





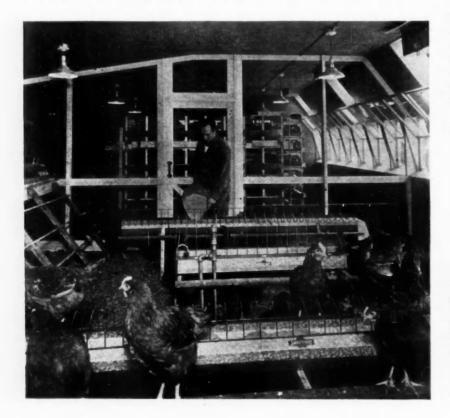
THIS ELECTRIC Canopy Brooder is part of the Model Poultry Yard.

dairy room. From this container it goes to a clarifier, which takes out any possible foreign matter; through the electirc pasteurizer, through the irradiator to add Vitamin D, and then it is automatically bottled and put in the cooler.

Utensils are washed in hot water and sterilized in the electric sterilizing cabinet, so there is no chance of contamination. The first time the air comes in contact with the milk is when the consumer takes the cap off the bottle in his own home.

The workshop on the Electrified Farm is completely equipped, with electric forge, anvil, electric drill, electric saw and a portable electric arc welding outfit. With this equipment in his workshop, a broken casting or piece of machinery doesn't mean a trip to town—sometimes when the farmer can least spare the time.

The income from eggs and chickens is well over a billion dollars a year and it is still a growing industry. In the poultry house on the Electrified Farm a complete poultry unit is shown. In this poultry house, some of the hens



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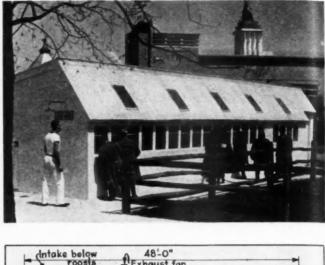
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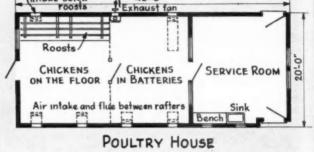
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MODERN POULTRY House of the Electrified Farm.

will be kept in laying batteries and some in the conventional type laying house.

The incubator in the service room of the poultry house will have chicks hatching twice a week so there will always be new chicks to put in the battery brooder, which is also in the service room. Some of these chicks will be kept in an electric hover brooder in a separate brooder house just outside of the main poultry house.

The Electrified Farm at the New York World's Fair shows some of the things electricity can do to make farm life more comfortable for the farmer and his family, and how it can put money in the pocket of the farmer who avails himself of up-todate, economical, time and labor-saving machinery, equipment and appliances.

Don't miss seeing the Electrified Farm of the Electric Utility Industry at the New York World's Fair!

INSIDE THE MODEL Poultry House. Larry Eller, the attendant, says he is going to kill chickens this summer at the World's Fair Electrified Farm; but not for general display. Only farmers seriously interested in the science of killing chickens, and then scalding and waxing them electrically for market, can watch. Larry expects to get peak egg production from his flock of Rhode Island Reds this summer, because the electric henhouse lighting insures a long working day for the hens.

Model Home Workshop By DONALD E. BUCKWELL **Excites Tool Lovers**

DOTH the skilled artisan and the amateur carpenter will get a thrill when they see the Model Home Workshop at the New York World's Fair. Located on the first floor of Model House No. 15 in The Town of Tomorrow, it is fully equipped with work benches, hand tools and power tools. At a glance the skilled tooluser will recognize it as an ideal setup for the man who enjoys woodworking as a hobby.

Of particular interest in this exhibit of tools are the many different kinds of edge tools. There are various sizes of the conventional iron smoothing planes and the small block planes that are so handy for planing the ends of boards, moulding, trim and siding. But besides these there are several special kinds of planes designed for specific uses.

Take the Fibre Board Cutter. It is a specialty tool used to cut and ornament the new fibre insulating materials so often used as ceiling and side wall board in new and remodeled rooms. The tool is handled just like a plane, but it has a razor blade type of cutter that cuts through or grooves the insulating board. Attachments are furnished to make circular grooves and for shiplap cuts. It is a tool that many carpenters find useful and also has been found extremely helpful to the display man who builds displays and exhibits of fibre board. The "Fifty-Five" Plane is probably the most versatile

plane made. Carpenters use it to produce mouldings of many different shapes and home craftsmen find it just

right for making the decorative effects that give their homemade furniture projects a professional appearance. It is a beading, center beading plane, a plow, dado, rabbet, match, sash, slitting and moulding plane all in one. The secret of its versatility is that it is designed to take any one of fifty-five standard cutters furnished with the plane and also any one of the forty-one special cutters for different types of moulding cuts. Besides these cutters that are stock items, cutters of practically any form can be used in the "Fifty-Five" plane which the owner can make from blanks or order from the manufacturer.

There is a plane designed for cutting tongues and grooves for matched boards. The plane has two cutters, one to cut the tongue and one to cut the groove. Both cutters are held in the plane at the same time. When one cut has been made, the operator merely reverses the plane and makes the other cut. A handle at each end facilitates handling for both cuts.

The Model Maker's Plane in the exhibit is one of the smallest planes made. It has a bottom curved in both directions and is only $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches long so that it can be held easily in the palm of the hand when in use. It's a particularly useful tool for the hobbyist who delights in making models and for the skilled violin or pattern maker whose work often entails planing of curved surfaces.

Besides the planes there is a set of twelve wood chisels with blades from 1/8 inch wide up to 2 inches. The woodworker who has occasion to cut chamfers and bevels, round corners and to clean out corners of tenon, dado and rabbet cuts will appreciate the wide range of chisel sizes. A mallet with rubber composition head hangs on the wall (Continued on page 114)

DISPLAY of woodworking tools in Model Home Shop at New York World's Fair illustrates progress in skilled craftsmanship.

Typical House Costs \$1,600 Less than in 1925

Contractors' Overhead Up; Profits Down, **Cost Analysis by Wenzlick Shows**

THE accompanying charts and tables reveal the results of a thorough analysis of residential construction costs, going back to 1913, by Roy Wenzlick, president of Real Estate Analysts, Inc., Saint Louis, Mo. Mr. Wenzlick has taken a typical 6-room house and has obtained the actual on-the-job costs from contractors and material dealers. In his usual thorough fashion he has not accepted surface indications but has taken actual costs: thus the labor items are not "official" union scales but are wages actually paid.

Despite the fact that contractors' overhead costs, exclusive of profit, have risen sharply since 1925, the total cost of this typical house has decreased from \$8,026 in 1925 to \$6,420 this year. The contractor's \$1,000 profit in 1925 has been whittled down to \$541 in 1939. The sharp rise in contractors' overhead costs, represented by workmen's compensation insurance, public liability, payroll taxes, and similar costs, as indicated in Column 13 of the accompanying table, is not generally appreciated by the public clamoring for lower priced homes. The

COST ANALYSIS of typical 6-room St. Louis house, 1913 to 1939, is shown below. Each column is numbered and the items included in that division are described in the paragraphs below, which are numbered to correspond with the columns. Land cost is not included.

MATERIAL

- Cost of face brick, salmon brick, backing tile, flue lining and building stone.
 Cost of all materials going into mortar, concrete, cement and plaster.
 Cost of all lumber, flooring, millwork, roofing and paint.
 Cost of all materials for plumbing, heating, electrical work, sheet metal work, iron work, hardware, tiling and accessories.
- 5. TOTAL MATERIAL COST.

LABOR

- Cost of setting all stone, laying brick and pouring concrete.
 Cost of labor on lathing and plaster-ion ing. 8. Cost of carpentry, roofing, flooring, painting and builder's general super-
- painting and business of the painting plumbing material and fixtures, wiring, heating plant and sheet metal work.
 10. Cost of excavation, grading and land-proving
- 11. TOTAL LABOR COST.

OVERHEAD

- Cost of all city permits, city inspections, utility connection costs, and architect's fee for drawing plans.
 Cost of interest; fire, tornado, riot and civil commotion, (1927-) public liability and workmen's compensation insurance.
 Estimated profit made by the builder.
 TOTAL OVERHEAD COST.
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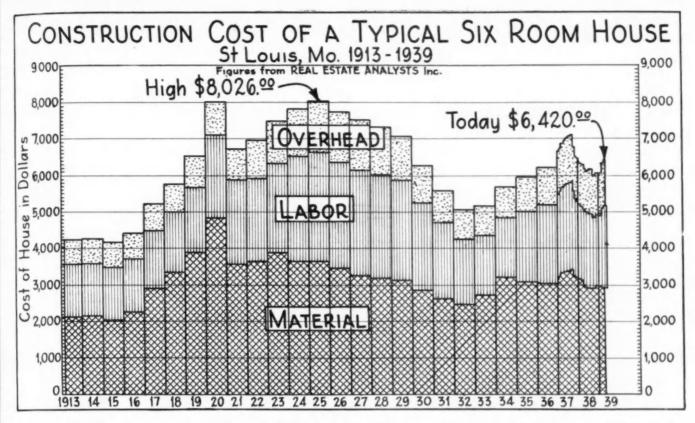
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1915	411	228	819	578	2036	310	250	578	195	111	1444	177	52	450	680	4160
1916	455	217	867	716	2255	322	250	580	202	111	1465	185	55	450	690	4410
1917	618	268	1081	927	2894	352	250	671	211	111	1595	212	65	450	727	5216
1918	689	332	1348	967	3336	358	260	719	212	123	1672	232	72	450	754	5762
1919	787	388	1739	959	3873	403	270	775	231	123	1802	256	83	500	839	6514
1920		451	2084	1239	4827	443	270	1152	248	160	2273	307	99	500	906	8006
1921	791	407	1322	1044	3564	453	290	1152	262	160	2317	264	83	500	847	6728
1922	846	357	1477	954	3634	471	300	1060	277	160	2268	267	84	700	1051	6953
1923	867	370	1552	1086	3875	490	300	1168	316	179	2453	275	89	800	1164	7492
1924	783	375	1412	1065	3635	625	350	1385	346	197	2903	287	92	900	1279	7817
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1928	692	331	1231	929	3183	621	275	1395	337	197	2825	267	179	850	1296	7304
1929	665	331	1269	851	3116		240	1395	335	204	2756	267	174	750	1191	7063
1930	660	294	1081	809	2844	572	183	1132	334	185	2406	250	158	600	1008	6258
1931	638	256	956	764	2614		158	970	332	140	2101	214	144	500	858	5573
1932	572	281	918	711	2482		135	832	273	123	1774	218	129	450	797	5053
1933	641	299	1160	621	2721	388	142	721	287	118	1656	218	143	410	771	5148
1934	675	313	1485	735	3208		142	721	287	118	1656	218	162	450	830	5694
1935	667	310	1330	768	3075	501	199	825	287	131	1943	218	215	510	943	5961
1936	667	310	1255	810	3042	521	210	980	287	159	2157	218	265	540	1023	6222
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LABOR, material and overhead costs, analyzed according to various subcontracts, are shown for a typical house for every year since 1913. Contractors' overhead costs haveincreased very sharply.

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increase in this one item alone (Column 13) has been from \$93 in 1925 to \$461 in April this year.

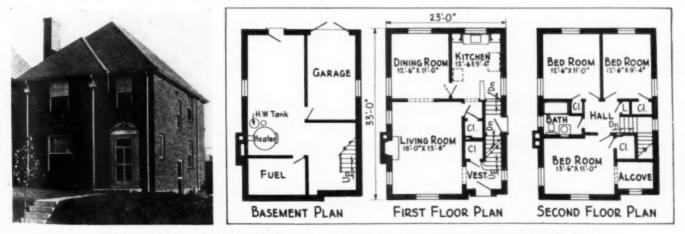
The house used by Mr. Wenzlick in this study is a 6-room brick and tile house with warm air heating plant, full basement, composition roof, tile bath. The cost figures, of course, do not include land nor do they include the financing costs, both of which have shown sharp reductions. Thus, the overall monthly cost to the consumer of a completed house, including interest charges, is less than the figures of actual construction cost show.

In commenting on these figures Mr. Wenzlick says, "It is believed that construction costs in Saint Louis are fairly typical of construction costs in medium-sized metropolitan areas throughout the United States, not necessarily in their level but in their reaction. Like most of these other areas, a large part of the residential building in the single-family residence class has generally been done on a non-union basis. This has necessitated the examination of the actual records of contractors to find out actual wages rather than some theoretical scale.

"The rapid rises which we are now getting in construction costs are due almost entirely to increases in wage

rates due to union activity. This has come in Saint Louis largely in the last few months. Building material costs are being held down to a large extent by government intimidation. The building material industry has been threatened by monopoly investigations in Washington, and is treading cautiously at the present time. In addition, the executive heads of many of the larger material manufacturers are well convinced of a relationship between construction volume, construction costs, and values of comparable standing properties. They realize that while price increases are doubtless justified by their costs they cannot be increased at the present time.

"If labor costs continue to increase, however, a situation will arise similar to the one in 1937, at which time construction costs, together with commodity prices, advanced so rapidly that business came to a standstill. There is considerable strength in the residential field today, however, due largely to the FHA financing, and if costs do not advance too rapidly, construction volume will be only slightly retarded. Even war scares have not been able to keep residential volume from exceeding by a wide margin the levels of a year ago."



TYPICAL 6-ROOM ST. LOUIS HOUSE used by Wenzlick in analyzing construction costs since 1913.

How to Estimate Accurately

Estimating the Floor Unit of House Framing Is Discussed in This Article of a Series

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THE second unit in the framing division of a house, from the estimator's point of view, is the floor. Underpinning was discussed in the March issue. The other units are walls, ceilings, roofs and stairs.

The several parts of the floor unit are joists, header joists, solid and herringbone bridging and sub-floor. These terms can be applied to both first or second floors, in fact can be used to describe any floor of a framed residence.

FLOOR JOISTS: Floor joists are supporting framing members placed in a horizontal direction on which the sub-floor is laid. They are carried by the girders and outside walls for the first floor, and the bearing partitions and outside walls for the second floor.

The thickness of joist stock is never less than 2" and rarely more, unless some special construction is designed. The width of the lumber varies according to the span, the wider span requiring wider joists. The number of pieces of lumber required to make the floor joists will vary with the spacing. Also in good construction each cross partition should have a floor joist under it.

Rule: The length of the first floor joists is scaled on the foundation plan. For the second floor joists the first floor plan is scaled. All joists must be long enough to bear on either a girder or bearing partition. Read the specifications for the amount of lap required if joists are not continuous. An average residence requires several different lengths of lumber for the joists. The direction of the first floor joists is at right angles to the girders. The blueprint should be carefully studied for the direction of the second floor joists. Joists should span the short way of a room if possible.

Rule: To find the number of joists, multiply the length of the wall that carries the floor joists by the spacing of the joists. (See the table given in a previous article for spacing constants.) This will give the number of spaces, a fractional space being counted as a full one. Then add one. Then add one extra joist for every partition that runs parallel to the joists. This will give the number of joists required. This process should be repeated for each outside bearing wall of the building. To illustrate: A wall is 37' long; the joists are spaced 16" on centers (o.c.). How many pieces will be required? Solution: 37 x $\frac{3}{4}$ equals 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ spaces (counted as 28 spaces). 28 plus 1 equals 29 pieces. Extra joists under cross partitions must then be added.

HEADER JOISTS: A header joist is a continuous piece of lumber nailed on the outside end of the joists or sometimes it is cut in between each joist. Headers must also be cut in between joists at each girder, over which a partition is built, and over each bearing partition. Its purpose is to close the space between the ends of the joists and also keep them from twisting.

The size of the lumber is always the same as the joists. *Rule, 1st floor:* The linear feet of all outside bearing walls plus the linear feet of all girders over which a partition is built equals the linear feet of header stock.

2nd floor: The linear feet of all outside bearing walls plus the linear feet of all bearing partitions equals the linear feet of header stock.

BRIDGING: In order to strengthen a set of floor joists, framing lumber called bridging is cut and nailed between the joists, placing each row at equal distances across the span. Sometimes only one row of bridging is required, in which case the span is divided in two parts. When two rows of bridging are specified, the span must be divided into three equal parts. Bridging is usually required for second floor joists and for first floor joists that span a basement.

There are two kinds of bridging: solid and herringbone. Solid bridging is really another set of headers the same size as the joist stock. Herringbone bridging is made from $2'' \ge 3''$ or $2'' \ge 4''$ and is cut in such a way that each pair of bridging forms a small truss, which prevents the joists from sagging.

Rule: For solid bridging, the length of the room over which the joists span, is the linear feet required. Repeat for all rooms listed in the specifications. The specifications should be consulted to find the number of rows required. The building ordinance will give the maximum span allowed without using bridging.

To find the number of linear feet of herringbone bridging it is necessary to find the length of one piece. The diagonal of an angle formed by the width of the joist (rise) and the spacing of the joist (run) equals the length of one piece. Next divide the room or building length by the spacing of the joists. This will give the number of spaces for which bridging stock is necessary. Multiply the number of spaces by the combined length of one pair of bridging stock; result is the linear feet of lumber to order for one *continuous row* of bridging. Multiply this answer by the number of rows of bridging required.

A short cut method can be followed if the table below is used. Determine the width of the joists. Read specifications for joist spacing. Then multiply the linear feet of distance to be bridged by the constant. Result equals linear feet of lumber to order to make one row.

Size of joists	Sp.	acing
	12"	16″
2x 6	2.00	2.00
2x 8	2.00	2.00
2x10	2.25	2.25
2x12	2.50	2.50
2x14	2.75	2.50
2x16	3.00	2.50

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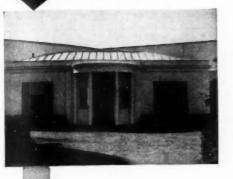
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a-b-c are 'take away" areas.

The bridging out problem is simply one of rise and run. As shown in drawing, Fig. 1, below, rise of the bridging is not the actual width of the joist stock but is at least 2" less than that width.

The run is equal to the width of the spacing between the joists.

For a floor using a $2'' \times 10''$ joist, the run would be 14 in, while the rise would be $7\frac{1}{2}$ in.

As the exact difference between distances B and C of the drawing is not known until one piece of the bridging is cut so that the length of the plumb cut can be measured, the simplest way is to assume that the width of the joist is the rise of the bridging. Then, using this rise and the spacing as the run, lay off the pattern, keeping the rise and run figures on the opposite side of the bridging stock. This will automatically take care of the difference between B and C.

Shift the square to its second position and mark another plumb line and the layout of the pattern will be complete.

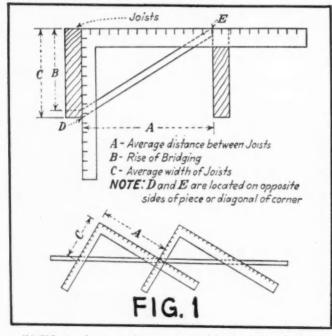
SUB-FLOOR: Sub-floor material is rough lumber SIS nailed on top of the floor joists to form a solid base for the hardwood flooring. $1'' \ge 6''$ material is often used; occasionally tongue and groove (T & G) stock is specified.

Sub-floor is laid either at right angles to the floor joists or at a 45 degree angle. While the diagonal floor is stronger, the main purpose of laying the floor at a 45 degree angle is to permit the hardwood floor to be laid in either direction. This makes it possible to lay a hardwood floor the long way of any room.

The board footage of sub-floor lumber will vary according to its width and the way it is laid. Specifications must be studied carefully to see which rooms require sub-floor. Often the kitchen and service porch have a finished pine floor which is later covered with linoleum.

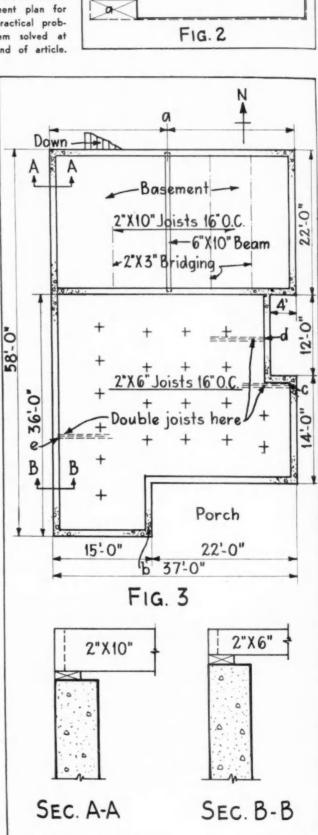
Several definite steps must be followed when estimating sub-floor. Figure the net area of the surface to be covered. For a rectangular building covered with subfloor, the width of the building times its length equals area.

When a building is not entirely covered or if there are angles in the floor layout, the area to be covered can be quickly estimated if a "take-away" method is used. (Continued to page 110)



IN FIG. I, above, steel square is used in laying out bridging.

FIG. 2, Right: "a, Areas h and subfrom tracted rectangular overall house area give floor area of cut-up plan. FIG. 3. Below: Basement plan for practical problem solved at end of article.



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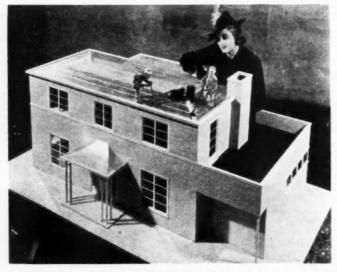
Pabco Exhibit at the Golden Gate Exposition

BY E. F. SEAGRAVE

Manager Building Materials Department, The Paratfine Companies, Inc.

LONG before we decided how to do it, we determined to use our Pabco exhibit at the Golden Gate Exposition to bring home three points to our visitors. One was that the modern home is the logical development of generations of trial and error building starting with the first cave-dwelling. The second point was that building today is simple and inexpensive that any young couple can own a home—regardless of the size of their bank account. The third was that the modern home is built with as well as for protection.

So we divided our exhibit into three parts-a mural done entirely in Pabco linoleum showing eight historical steps in



INSPECTS MINIATURE HOME CONSTRUCTION—Miss Sandra Grey watches Lilliputian workmen build the Miniature Model Home in the exhibit of The Paraffine Companies, Inc., at the San Francisco Exposition. It dramatically demonstrates how PABCO building materials can be used to build an inexpensive *modermized* home. Miss Grey inspects the application of the built-up Pabcoweld roof and gives an idea of the size of the model home which was built to scale in every particular, from fixtures and furniture to the tip-top of the roof.

the development of housing; a motion picture in color which tells the story of a young couple building their own home how they managed their financial arrangements to suit their income and how they profited from the advice of their building materials dealer and contractor; and our miniature model home, furnished and decorated to scale down to the last tiny detail.

Pabco House—3½ by 5 feet "large"—is a seven-room dwelling with garage and sun-deck, designed to fit the budget of any moderate-income city family. Basically, it is a simple rectangular structure, modern without being modernistic. There is no freakishness, no startling innovation in the planning of Pabco House. The emphasis of its design has been placed on comfort, convenience, and durability.

From its tiny floors to its roof, Pabco House is thoroughly protected against every sort of deterioration and discomfort. Step by step, we have demonstrated how Pabco protective materials can be used to make the home safe and durable. The timber foundations of the home, for instance, are protected against vermin, termites, and dry rot with Pabco Termite Preventive, the liquid protective coating. The masonry is protected against moisture absorption with Liquid Hydroseal. We have used Pabco Plaster Lath to guard against plaster cracks and to insulate the walls. The outer walls are covered with Bildrite sheathing to save on labor costs and to give extra strength to its construction.

Pabco House is protected against the transfer of heat and cold, wind and rain with Red Liner building paper, Pabco Rock Wool, and the new Coolite back prime. Insulite Acoustilite gives protection against exterior sounds and noises.

The roof is protected against buckling and peeling with the cold process Pabcoweld roof with a Coolite finish. Coolite, which is as beautiful as it is practical, also insulates against heat and cold. In extreme hot weather it reduces the temperature in the house ten to twenty degrees. We have used Multi-Service paints and Cin-Dek enamels

We have used Multi-Service paints and Cin-Dek enamels both inside and outside the home to protect surfaces against weathering and stains. This is an important consideration for the woman who intends to do her own housework since these paints can be washed easily and quickly with a damp cloth.

Inside the house beauty, sanitation and ease of maintenance are promoted by the use of linoleum on all floors. Linoleum protects the investment by its long wearing qualities. Year after year, it keeps its brightness with the minimum of time and effort spent on keeping that attractiveness.

For the same reasons, attractive blocked Mastipave is used as floor covering for the spacious sun deck that extends the full width of the house on the second floor.

Whenever possible, the same sort of lumber and building materials which would be used on a normal-size building have been used on the Pabco model. When the small size of the miniature made this impossible, these materials have been represented as nearly like the original as possible.

Thus far, the Pabco booth has been one of the busiest spots on Treasure Island. The miniature is attractive enough to draw large crowds of visitors and the step by step demonstration of its construction is dramatic proof of the development of American building in the direction of sound construction and the skillful use of building materials.



PABCO'S MODERN MODEL HOME—The miniature model home in the exhibit of The Paraffine Companies, Inc., at the San Francisco Fair dramatizes the use of the company's building materials in a home that is modern without being modernistic. The house was planned for convenience, for comfort, and livability. The simple rectangular shape banishes the possibility of complications in the roofing or floor plan, which easily can be added to as the family requires more space.



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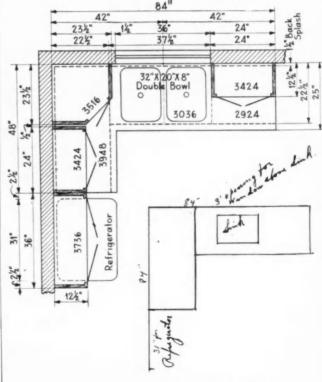


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A UNUSUAL kitchen planning service for builders has been worked out by The I-XL Furniture Co., Inc., Goshen, Ind., which not only plans the kitchen, either new or remodeled, using a variety of standard kitchen units, but also shows the customer in advance a photograph of exactly what this kitchen will look like when completed. The illustrations below show how this service operates: The rough sketch at the bottom was sent in, showing a corner space 84 by 84 inches with one window, in which were to be accommodated refrigerator, sink and all possible cabinets, both base cabinets and wall cabinets, to giv: adequate kitchen storage space. From this rough sketch the expert prepared the carefully scaled drawing as illustrated, and then actually set up the kitchen units as called for on this drawing, and photographed them. The result is that this builder's customer can see exactly what this kitchen will look like, and the uncertainty is taken out of the job.





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ROUGH sketch above, with notations, sent in by builder; I-XL kitchen planner prepared finished drawing, as shown, then set up and photographed the actual units called for. The builder, with such help, made a guick and profitable sale.

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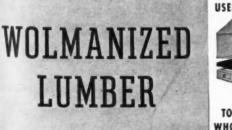
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Residential Building Volume for May Expected to Set New Record High Since 1929

RESIDENTIAL contracts for the first half of May totaled \$65,-312,000, according to F. W. Dodge figures; this represents a gain of 23 per cent over the first half of April, and is the largest half monthly residential volume since 1929. This confirms the current upward trend which has marked the recent revival of home building.

Comparing the figures for the first half of each month this year: January amounted to \$33,000,000; February, \$40,000,000; March, \$45,000,000; April, \$53,000,000, and May, \$65,000,000; these are approximate figures. On this basis the entire month of May should set a new record for the 37 eastern states, with the highest volume of residential building for any month since 1929.

The statistics for the four classes of construction, as recorded

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Residential\$	65,312,000	\$ 39,694,000	\$114,405,000
Non-Residential	38,582,000	28,066,000	94,656,000
Public Works	29,533,000	29,423,000	85,633,000
Utilities	13,152,000	3,193,000	35,336,000
Total\$	146,579,000	\$100,376,000	\$330,030,000

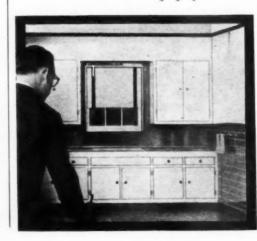
Follin Now with Producers' Council

JAMES W. FOLLIN, who has been associated with the technical work of Federal Home Loan Bank Board in Washington, D.C., as chief of the Home Building Service division, has been appointed managing director of The Producers' Council administrative office at 122 East 42nd Street, New York City. The Producers' Council, Inc., is an

association of nearly seventy representative manufacturers and associations of manufacturers of building materials and equipment. For 18 years it has been affiliated with The American Institute of Architects to foster a closer and more professional relationship.

A graduate professional engineer, Mr. Follin is a past president of the Philadelphia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers and for several years he was assistant to the chief engineer of the Pennsylvania Department of Highways.





TO BE SEEN at New York World's Fair: A most unusual exhibit of interest to builders is a group of miniature models by Marsh Wall Products, Inc., to portray three key rooms using Marlitebath, recreation room, kitchen.

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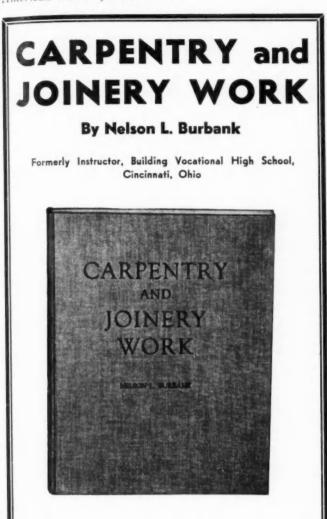
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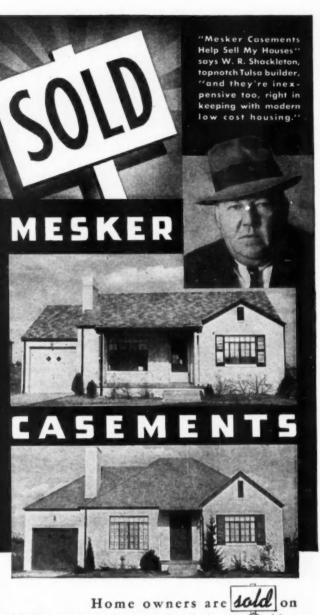
The manuscript was carefully checked by a former contractor and ex-editor so that this book combines the practical outlook with the author's trade teaching experience. The cardinal principles of modern residential construction are set forth simply and logically with the aid of many photographs and line drawings. The Second Edition contains 90 revised pages with new illustrations and descriptions of new methods and materials.

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PERSONNEL CHANGES-

E. W. MORRILL has been elected vice president of The Insulite Co., to assume the administration of general sales operations and sales policies of the company. He has been with Insulite since 1926 in sales and development work. . . E. H. Batchelder, Jr., recently resigned as senior vice president of The Insulite Co., has become vice president of the American Rock Wool Corp. . . . F. R. Kohnstamm has been appointed sales manager of the merchandising division, Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., at Mansfield, Ohio.



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First: To standardize all West Coast Association stamps in accordance with this pattern. The new stamps will be uniform in design (not in size) for all member mills and rigidly controlled by the Association.

Second: To identify this lumber as of American manufacture. Since the Government no longer requires that imported lumber be marked with country of origin, in the future West Coast lumber manufactured by American mills and labor will be identified as "Made in USA."

These stamps carry out the purpose of the Domestic Origins Act, which requires that domestic materials be used in public construction. To any distributor or consumer who prefers the products of American industry and labor, the new stamps guarantee West Coast lumber manufactured in the United States.



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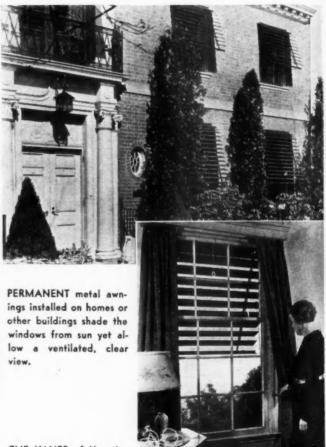
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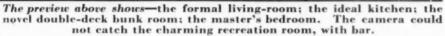
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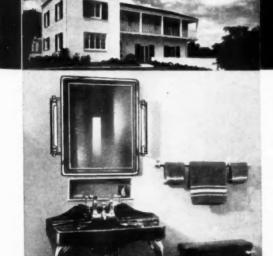
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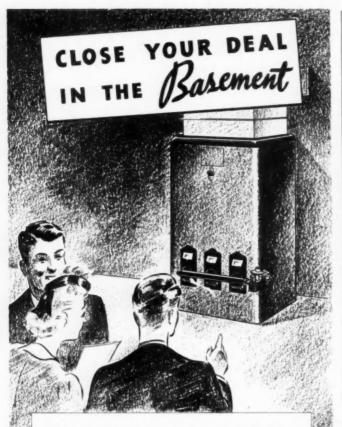
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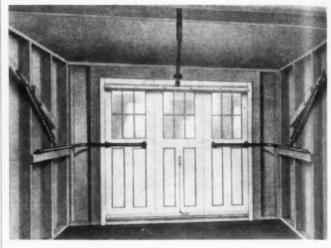
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WORKMAN operating new drain tile machine which has a production speed of four units per minute.

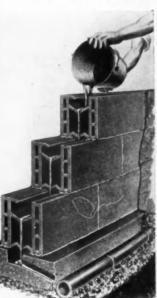
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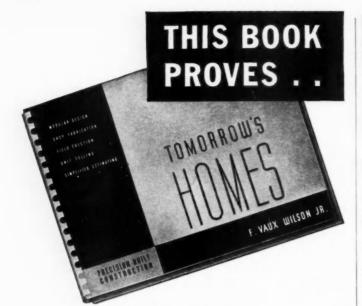
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LETTERS from Readers on All Subjects Facts, opinions and advice welcomed here

Scouts Home Ownership for the Masses

To the Editor: Cambridge, Mass. I am glad to make a comment on your April Editorial, "Public Subsidies and Private Housing"; but I am afraid it is not very helpful because I entirely disagree with your premise!

This may be stated more as a conviction than anything else. I cannot prove it. But I am quite certain home ownership is about the worst thing which can be indulged in by the majority of the population and that rental is the inevitable future of a well ordered civilization.

Now, whether the rental units shall be large apartments or detached dwellings is another matter and I think the detached dwelling is indicated for all those people who can afford to own or rent a property large enough so that the detached unit is really detached and has the advantages of detachment.

If a unit does not enjoy the real advantages of detachment, the disadvantages it incurs are too many to be overlooked. Rows of small houses on small lots simply should cease to be, and for that reason I cannot take much pleasure in your proposal.

Now that doesn't mean I think that the USHA program is not too expensive. It is obviously too expensive. The cost of the individual unit of the USHA project seems to me to be altogether too high.

If you were arguing for a smaller form of subsidy for limiteddividend limited-profit rental corporations, I might have been able to agree with you, but it does seem to me that your proposal would augment the very conditions we are all trying to clean up. JOHN E. BURCHARD,

Director, Albert Farwell Bemis Foundation.

Planning Boards for Better Subdividing

To the Editor:

New York City.

I think your April editorial is most interesting. Your plan seems to me thoroughly sound. I think you are right in saying that more housing could be gotten for less money. It is exceedingly important that you drive home your tax feature. To build large scale tax-exempt communities will simply centralize more and more authority in Washington. As you say, it is a much sounder procedure to get a subsidy and require local taxes to be paid.

There is one very important feature, however, which is not covered in your editorial. The one big gain in your large scale plan of communities is the fact that communities have some organic unit. You are thoroughly right in saying that there are likely to be just overgrown apartments apart from the great urban centers. It would be much sounder to have individual houses in small communities. It is possible to get all the advantages of both procedures. Take your suggestion, but require that the basic design and layout of all local communities, particularly the street layout, be approved by competent planning bodies.

What this really means is that all local real estate developments should be designed better than they are. The local community or county planning body obviously is the organization to pass on this. Just as you now have to have inspection for safety, fire hazards and other matters, there should be detailed inspection of the general layout of the subdivision. This is to the net gain of everyone.

If your divisions are properly planned, it will actually reduce street expense, and, of course, would make them much safer; and they could easily be as well or better planned than the best large scale units.

DR. HAROLD F. CLARK, Teachers College, Columbia University. (Continued to page 108) He

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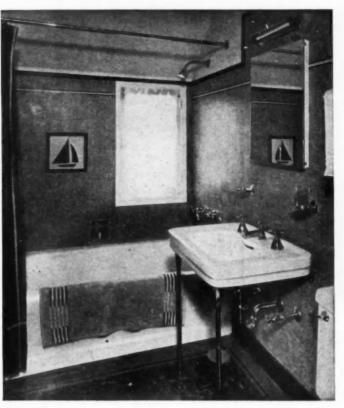
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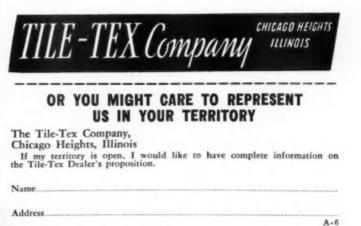
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they look to their building professionals for suggestions.

The Home

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It is the function of this new Plan Book, "American Builder Buyer-Approved Homes," to provide a multitude of ideas which enable the client to make up his mind as to what he wants, to see what his home is going to look like, to know exactly what it will cost him. The 96 selected popular homes which it presents—illustrates—and diagrams—are of such wide divergence in style, size and cost, that builders, contractors, architects and dealers everywhere are finding the book a great help in quickly focusing their clients' minds on the details of the coming home and minimizing expensive changes in plan.

a spade can be turned, a piece of lumber can be ordered or a nail driven,

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The Colonial Charm of Old Williamsburg

is splendidly achieved in a model home at Port Washington, so compactly designed as to give the appearance of being much larger than the only 24x29 feet of its main part. An unusually attractive feature is a walled court at rear between garage and kitchen. As every other home in the book, it can be built anywhere.

Dutch Colonial at Montford Hills

A case study in good design. Its main charm is its simplicity, both in its exterior lines and its refined interior details. The large living room has an exquisite bay window. A well planned dinette, with extensive windows, replaces the conventional dining room. As every other home in the book, it is the last word in genuine home satisfaction, comfort and convenience.

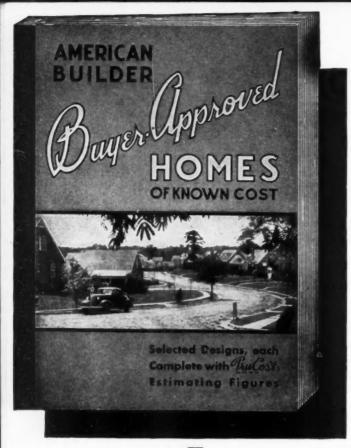
Small 6-Room Colonial Beauty

in Connecticut which certainly would be entitled to a Gold Medal in any contest. The exterior is faultless in design. The floor plan is outstanding, in that it provides a downstairs bedroom with a lavatory tucked away behind the built-in garage. Cubage is only 18,500, but it possesses home value out of all proportion to its size. As every other home in the book, it reaches the ultimate in economy of space and downright, honesto-goodness livability.

Lack of space forbids the detailing of the many other Colonials presented, but they are all of equal invitingness.

OTHER Colonials in the book that make a strong bid for reproduction, in whole or in part, include: A picturesque New England Home in Ohio; A Dutch Colonial, near Chicago, with fine detailing; a New Jersey Colonial Home providing an attractive spot for the family to sit on summer evenings; an appealing bunch of Plymouth Haven Homes grouped about a court; graceful 7-room New England Colonial in Iowa; small Colonial for city lot; 6-room Colonial Mass Production Home; "Greenfield" 5-room Colonial; Nantucket Colonial that's a peach; Corner Lot Colonial from the Midwest; charming small Brick Front Colonial Home at Hartford; a 4-level Colonial; impressive Colonial of stone and wood at Evanston; a Long Island Modernized Colonial; commodious Teaneck Colonial; etc.; etc.

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Some of the Plus Features In Addition to the Home Designs

Full-page view of a stately Regency Period Stair Hall

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Letters

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To the Editor: Houston, Texas. Along with many others engaged in this business, I have been advocating the direct subsidy to the individual whose income does not permit him to own decent shelter, rather than the present indirect mass housing subsidy that the USHA is indulging in. I also oppose exemption from local taxes for any type of housing unless it be given to all owner-occupied homes. I believe this comes pretty close to the plan which you announce and which the *American Builder* will sponsor in the coming months.

HUGH POTTER, President, River Oaks Corporation.

To the Editor:

Cleveland, Ohio.

There is much of cogency in your argument for public subsidies for building, but I suspect that we ought to direct more challenge against the validity and long-term helpfulness of having any subsidies for private construction.

LEONARD P. AYRES, Vice President, The Cleveland Trust Company.

TruCost Estimating Explained

To the Editor:

Marietta, O.

Using your TruCost method, what would it cost an owner to build the house that you show on page 76 of your April magazine? We would use de luxe interior finish Armstrong Temlok insulation on all walls and ceilings except the living room, which we

would finish in knotty pine; there would be an open fireplace in this room. We would also use redwood siding, three-quarter inch oak floor, composition shingle roof and plumbing, but no heating. We have a perfectly level lot with soft, sandy soil.

I see in your special book that you say it takes only ten minutes to get the cost, so I feel I am not taking too much of your time in asking this favor.

PERL O. SPRAGUE, Electrical Contractor.

Answer:

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Wants Lower Interest Rate

Marshfield, Mass.

To the Editor:

Here is a bit of home truth, which I hope you will see fit to print, for the building industry has been playing ostrich in regard to it altogether too long. It is this: The rate of interest asked on money lent for private home construction is just twice as high as it ought to be. The maintaining of the 6 per cent interest rate prevents the majority of our people from making any effort whatever to own their new homes. Those who tried it during boom times and got bit will be twice shy and, though building is the business of my family, I for one do not blame them. (Continued to page 110)

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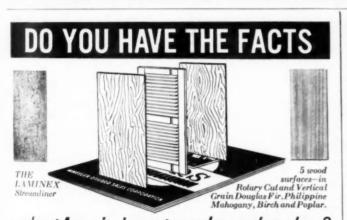
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The 6 per cent interest rate narrows the field in which a builder may reasonably seek customers, to about one-fifth of the population. I base my statement on the figures of the report of the National Resources Committee on Consumer Incomes in the United States. I have the report before me. It shows that the remaining four-fifths of the population earns much less than \$2,000 a year. If they borrow money at present rates they take it out of their hides.

I don't think that private building is going to stage any comeback until 6 per cent has ceased being a magic number. If it were cut in half there would be another fifth of our people which could safely attempt home ownership: those earning between \$1,500 and \$2,000 a year. That would make the field of prospects twice as big as it is now.

I know it is argued that 6 per cent is necessary "because of the risk." But I think in nine cases out of ten it is the 6 per cent rate itself which makes the loan risky. Even in boom times it was too high, causing economies which impaired health and upset the family budget. At present it is preposterous.

When will the American Builder begin to use its head and help both builders and the public by demanding a flat 3 per cent rate? I know it will take some courage, but it won't do to dodge much longer.

MARION E. LEWIS.

How to Estimate Accurately

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Multiply the largest width dimension of a building by the largest length dimension, as though the building were rectangular. See Fig. 2. Then find the area of each part that does not require sub-floor material such as a kitchen or porch. Also figure the area of those parts formed by the angles and offsets. Add all "take-away" areas and deduct the total amount from the rectangular area. The result is the net area to be covered with sub-floor stock.

To the net area must be added a certain amount of lumber for waste, due to sizing the stock or making it T & G and for the end waste caused when laying it. The following table gives the fractional amounts to add, and allows for end waste which accumulates when laying the sub-floor.

FRACTIONAL INCREASE TABLE FOR SUB-FLOOR STOCK

Size of Stock	1x6 not	sized		SISIE	1x6 T&G Stock 51/8		
Method of laying	straight d	liagonal	straight	diagonal	straight	diagona	
Fractional Addition	1/10	1/6	3/10	3/10	1/4	1/3	
Decimal Addition	.10	.16	.30	.30	.25	.33	
Constant	1.1	1.66	1.3	1.3	1.25	1.33	

Rule: Multiply floor area to be covered by constant given for material to be used and according to the method of laying it. Result equals board feet of lumber required.

A Practical Problem

List the floor joist materials, header stock, bridging and sub-floor necessary for the building illustrated in Fig. 3. The specifications called for the following lumber sizes and spacing.

Joists $2 \ge 10$ —16" o. c. Over basement. $2 \ge 6$ —16" o. c. Allow one extra joist at c, d, and e, for doubling under partitions. Header joists required on all outside walls cut in

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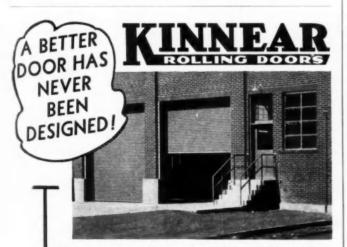
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between joists and at girders a and b.

2" x 3" herringbone bridging is required over basement one row at left side and two rows on right side.

Sub-floor 1 x 6 SISIE laid diagonally.

SOLUTION

1. JOISTS (2" x 10") $22 \times \frac{3}{4}$ equals $16\frac{1}{2}$ and called 17. 17 plus 1 equals 18 pieces required.

- Lengths are 17'-6"; called 18'-0" and 19'-6"; called 20
- Therefore 18 pcs 2" x 10"—18'—0" floor joists. 18 pcs 2" x 10"—20'—0" floor joists.
- 2. HEADER JOISTS (2" x 10")
- Three required : one each for outside walls and one over girder "a". Length is 22'—0" or its equivalent such as 10' and 12'.

Therefore: 3 pieces 2" x 10"-22'-0" header joists.

3. JOISTS (2" x 6") 36 x 3/4 equals 24. 24 plus 1 equals 25. 25 plus 1 (for

doubling) equals 24. 24 plus 1 equals 25. 25 plus 1 (for doubling) equals 26 pieces. The 15'-O" span requires 26 pieces 2" x 6"-16'-0". The 22'-O" span requires 24' joists (to get good bearing on girder at "b". Number of pieces is $14x^{3/4}$ equals $10^{1/2}$; called 11. 11 plus 1 equals 12. 12 plus 1 (for doubling) equals 13 pieces.

The center section requires joists 18' long.

Number of pieces is 12 x 3/4 or 9 pieces (none need to be added as the section each side of the center section has had one additional joist added. (See above) 9 plus 1 (for doubling) equals 10 pieces required. Therefore: 26 pieces $2'' \ge 6''-16'-0''$ 13 pieces $2'' \ge 6''-24'-0''$

- - 10 pieces 2" x 6"-18'-0"
- 4. HEADER JOISTS:

East wall requires 26 linear feet

West wall requires 36 linear feet

Header at "b" requires 36 linear feet

98 linear feet are required

5. HERRINGBONE BRIDGING:

- Three rows are required over the basement as shown on the plan.
- 3 x 22 equals 66 linear feet of distance to be bridged.

66 x 2.25 (constant selected from the bridging table) equals 1481/2; called 150 linear feet of 2" x 3" 6. SUB-FLOOR:

Area of building is 37' x 58' less the "take-away" areas. 37' x 58' equals 2,146'

Take-away areas:

4 x 12 equals 48

8 x 22 equals 176

Net floor area is 1,922 sq. ft. 1,922 x 1.3 (constant selected from the sub-floor table) equals 2,498.6; called 2,500 board feet of lumber. 7. THE LUMBER BILL for the floor unit is therefore: 18 pcs 2" x 10"—18' SIE floor joists 18 pcs 2" x 10"—20' SIE floor joists 3 pcs 2" x 10"—22' SIE header joists 26 pcs 2" x 6"—16' SIE floor joists 13 pcs 2" x 6"—24' SIE floor joists 10 pcs 2" x 6"—18' SIE floor joists 98 linear feet 2" x 6" SIE header joists

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Model Home Workshop

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ready for use with a chisel when cutting across the grain of the wood.

At first glance the novice may wonder why there are so many screw drivers in the workshop. But the man who uses tools to any extent will realize that the different drivers are used for a wide range of jobs. The four drivers with the special tips will drive the entire size range of the new type Phillips Recessed Head Screws. There are short, stubby screw drivers for close quarter work, drivers with long, narrow blades for use when screws are driven below the top surface, offset screw drivers with tips at both ends, handy for tightening or loosening screws in tight places. There are screw driver bits, too, in various sizes to use with a brace on heavy work.

The exhibit includes a variety of hammers—nail, ball pein, tack, riveting and soft face hammers. The soft face hammer is used for hammering on metal without denting or marking the surface. It differs in construction and appearance from the conventional type of hammer. The head has a cylindrical steel center, anchored securely to the handle, and is capped at both ends with tips made of a tough cellulose material. When the tips become worn they can be twisted off and new ones forced on.

On the bench at the left are power tools that carpenters and expert woodworkers choose to do certain jobs faster and more easily than is possible with hand tools.

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Perhaps the most ingenious of the electric tools in this exhibit is the portable Router. The motor operates at a speed of 18,000 revolutions per minute and fits in a hand base. With this tool and different bits that fit into the chuck, beading, fluting, veining, grooving, rabbeting and many other woodworking jobs can be done as easily as you shave with an electric razor. The operator merely guides the tool with the handles on the base and the fast revolving bit does the work. The same motor unit can be used with a table and with special cutters to make all kinds of moulding cuts, tonguing and grooving, inlay work and other shaping cuts. One of the outstanding features of this versatile tool is that it operates direct from a light socket and requires no belts or pulleys.

There are two electric drills among the power tools. Any carpenter knows just how much time can be saved with an electric drill when there's a job that requires considerable boring of holes. These two particular drills, $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and $\frac{3}{16}$ inch capacities, were selected to cover drilling needs in the home workshop.

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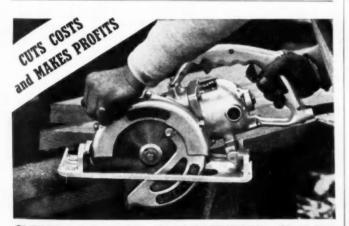


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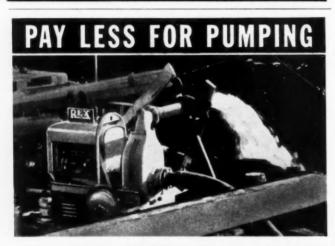


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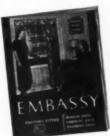
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