

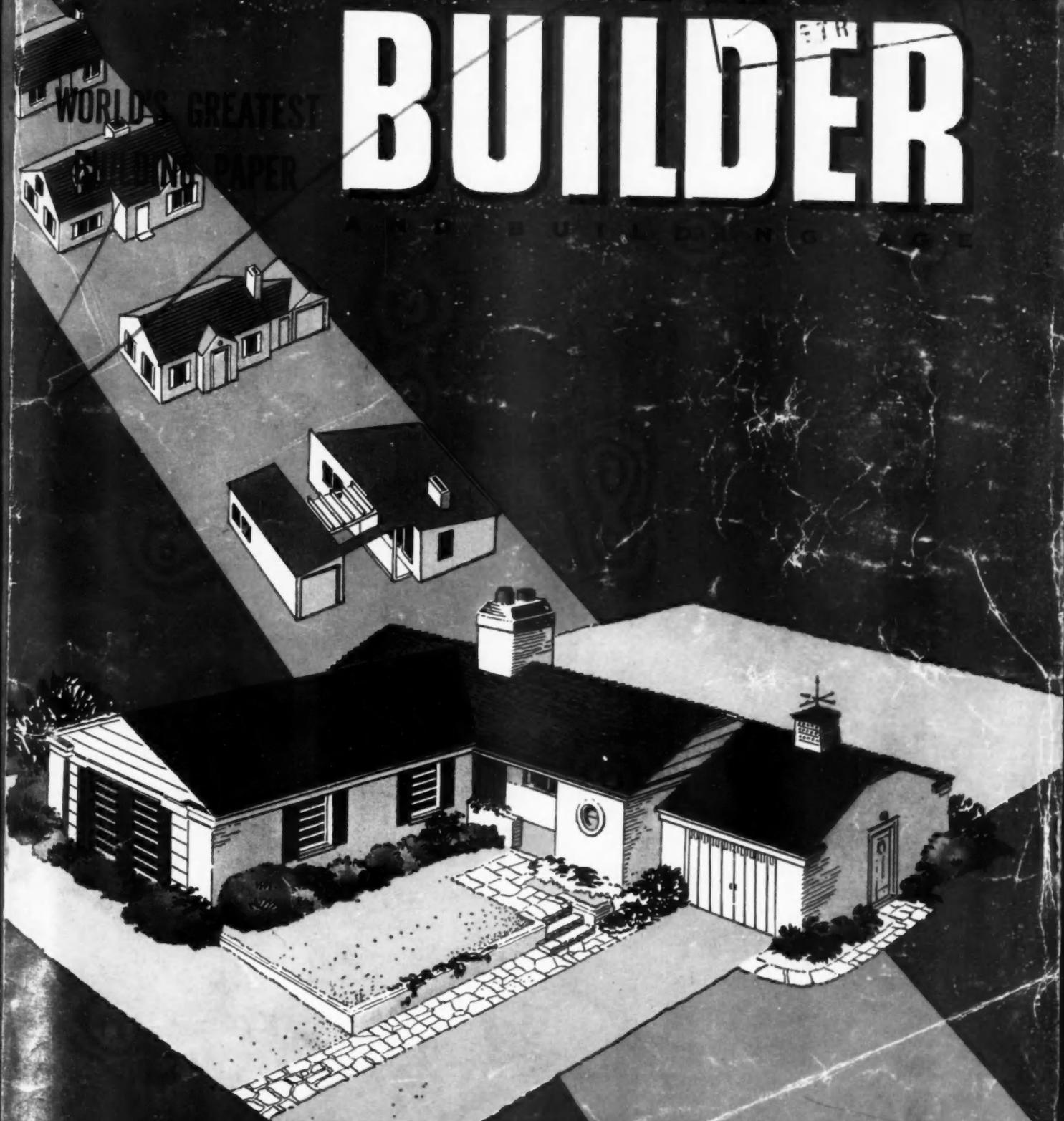
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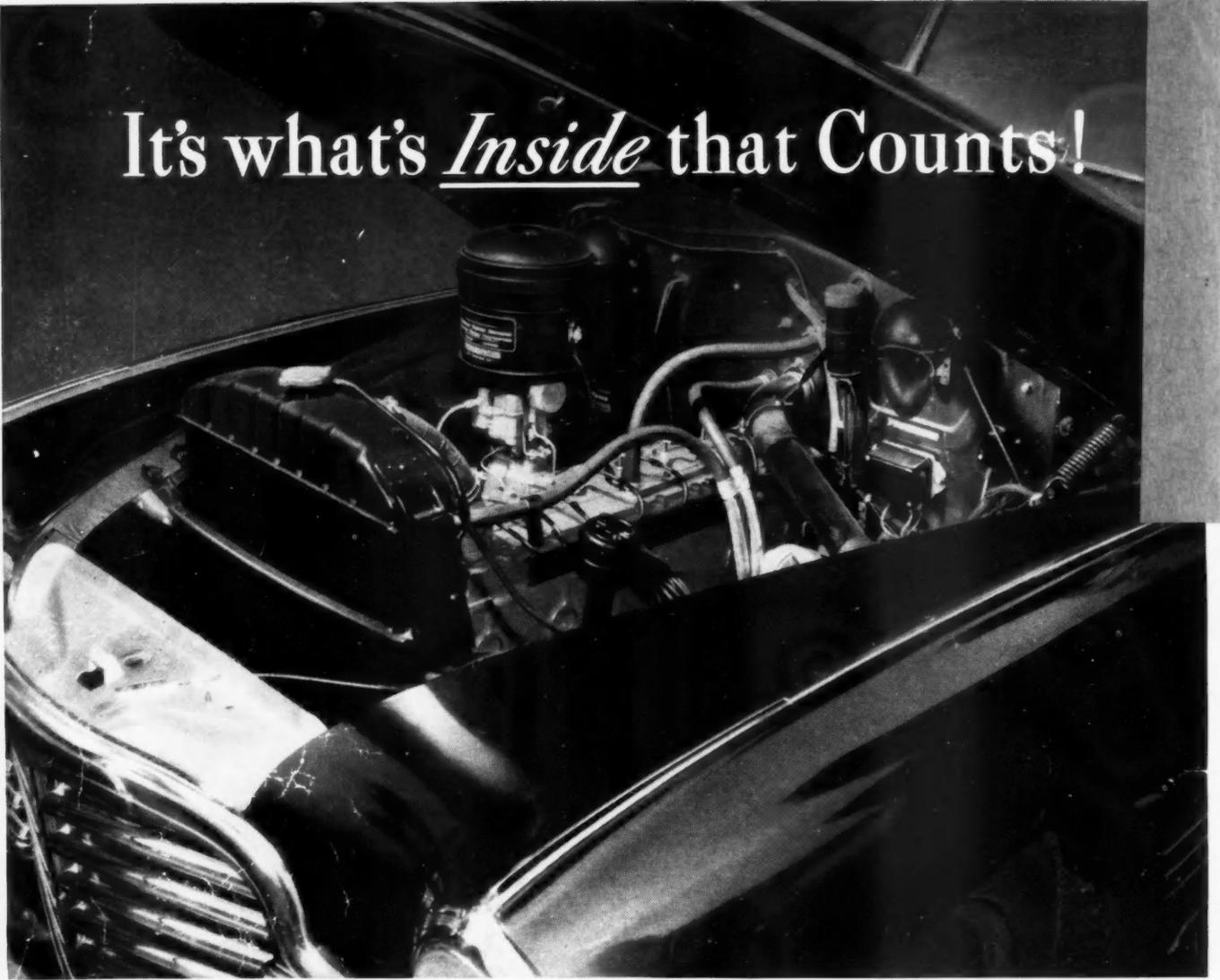
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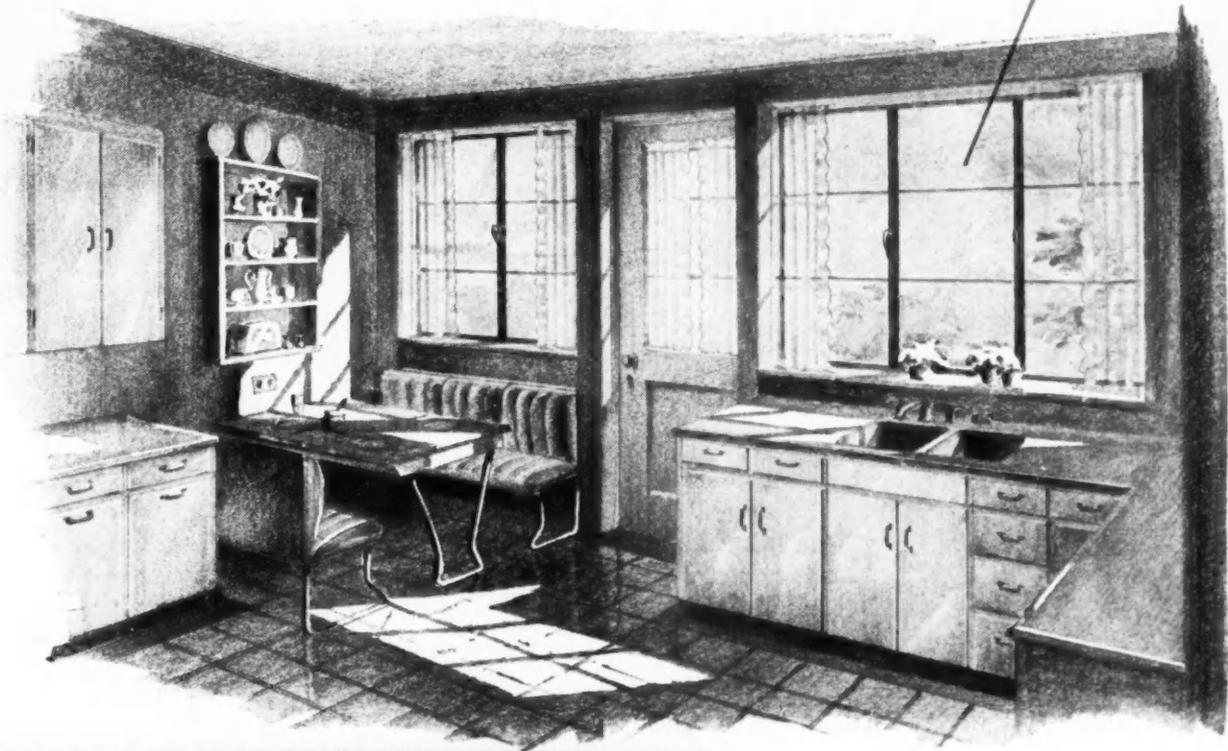
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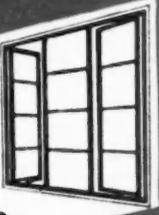
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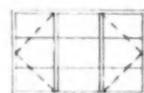
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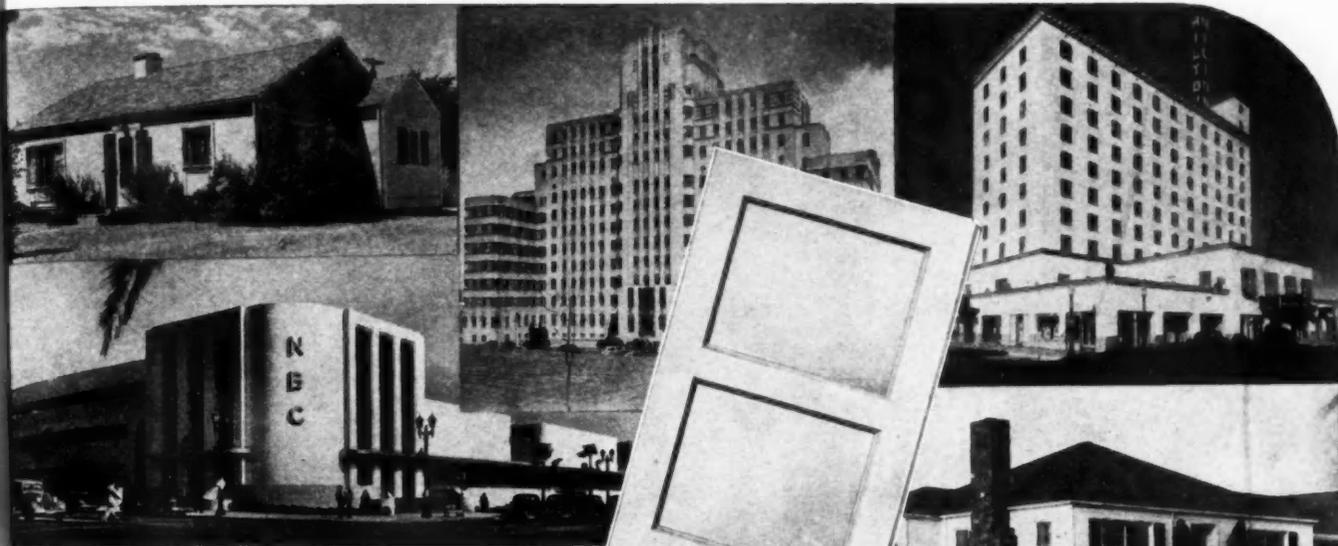
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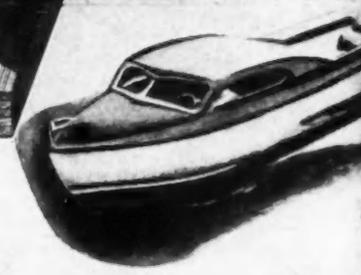
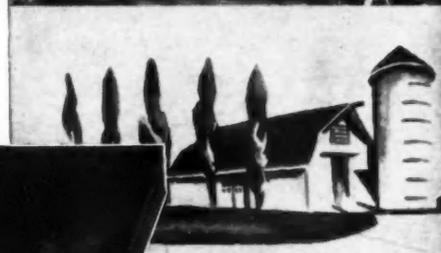
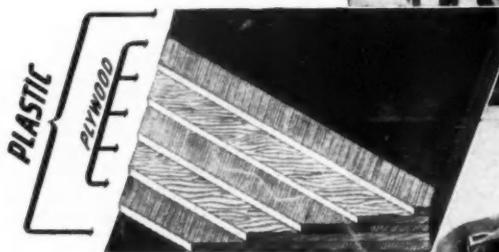
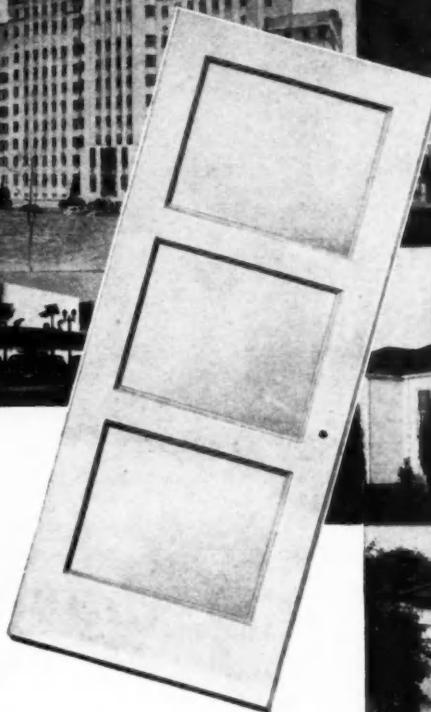
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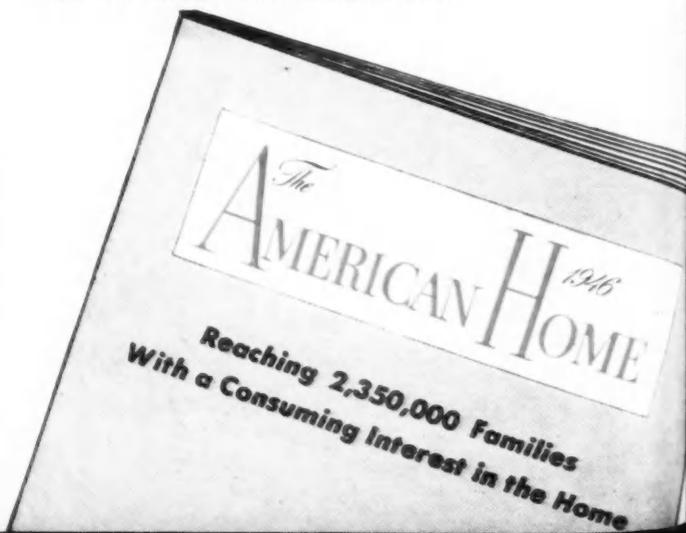
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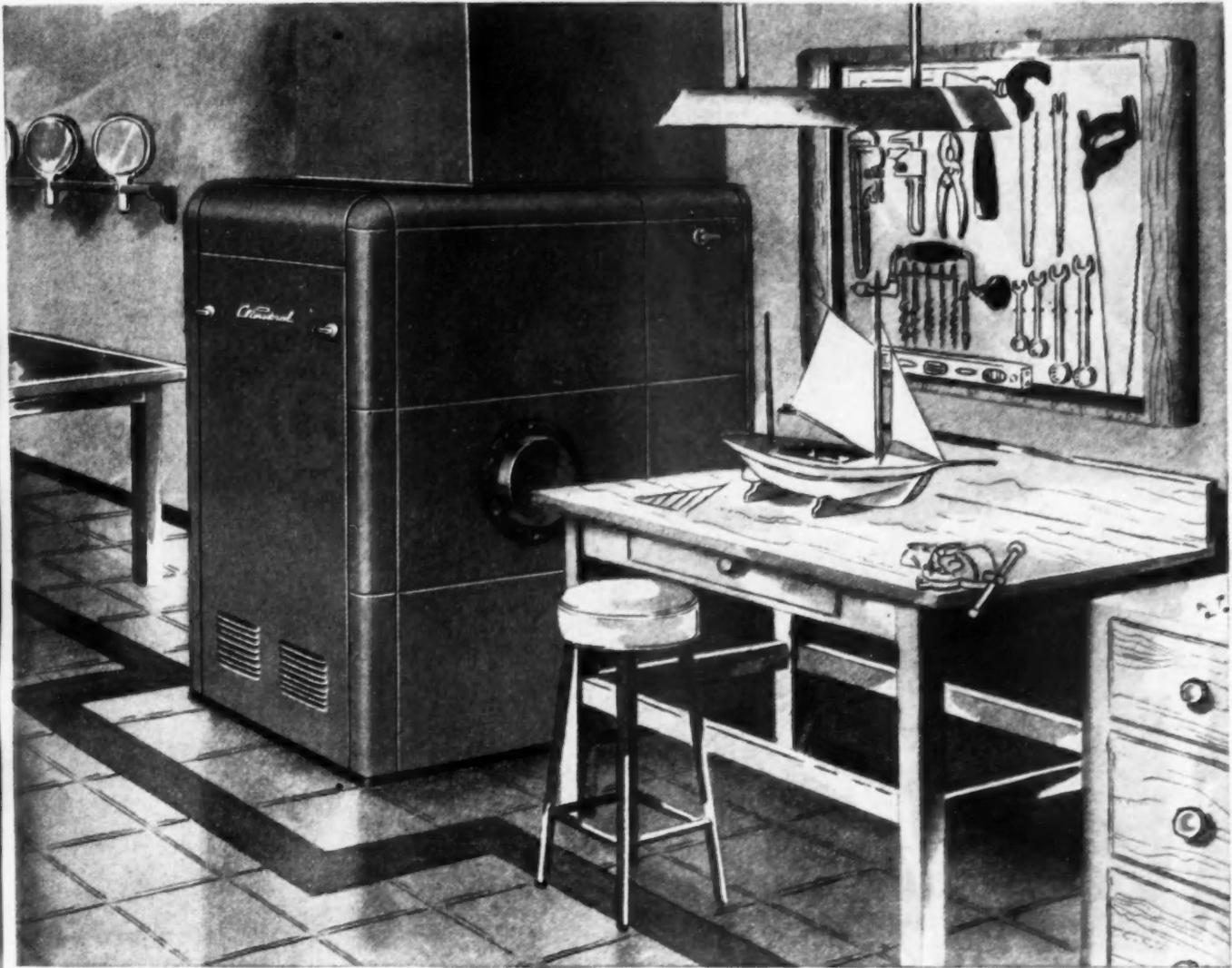
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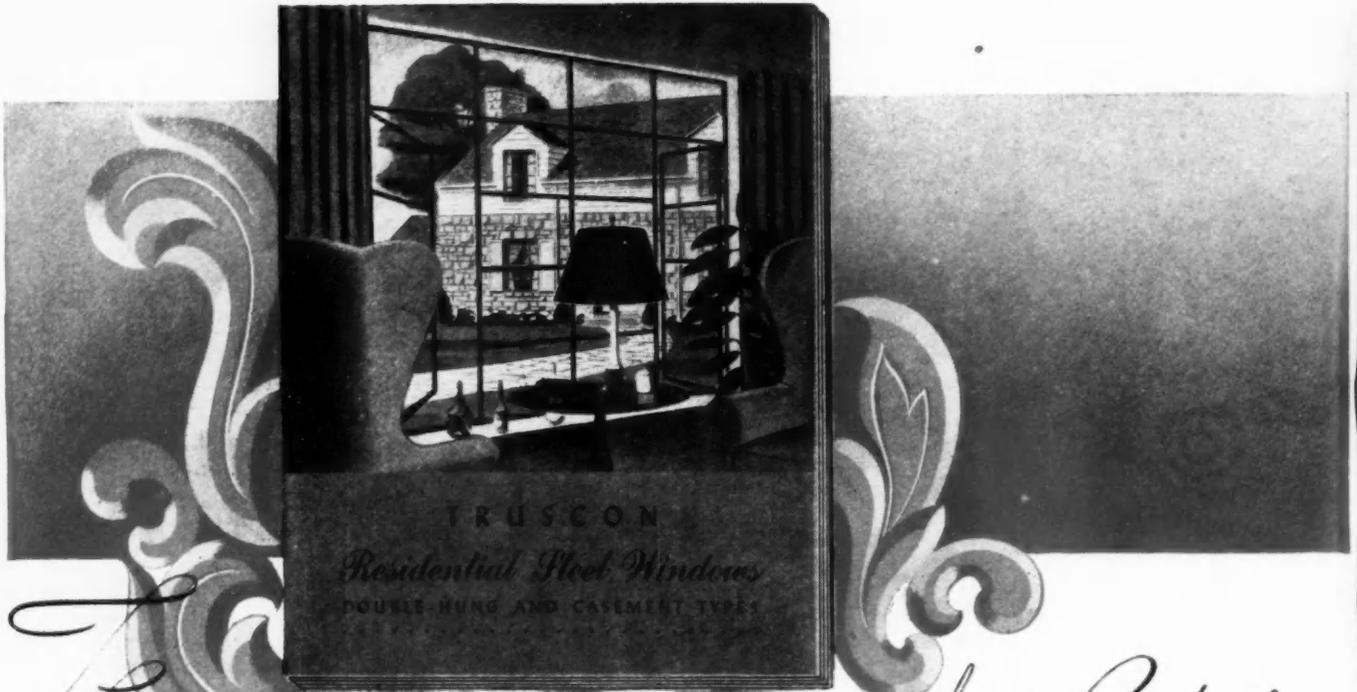
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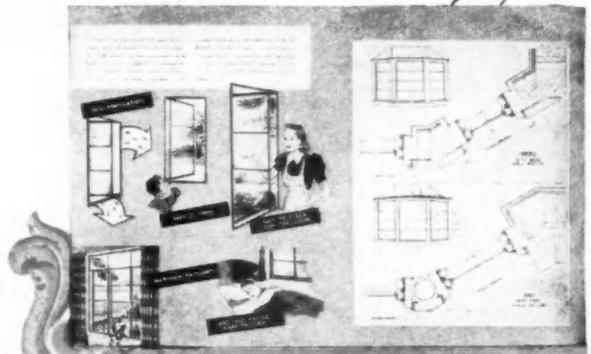
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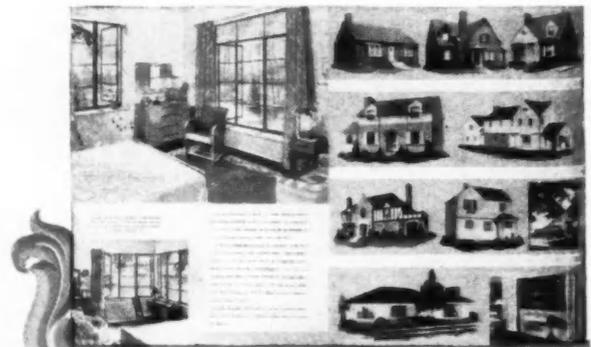
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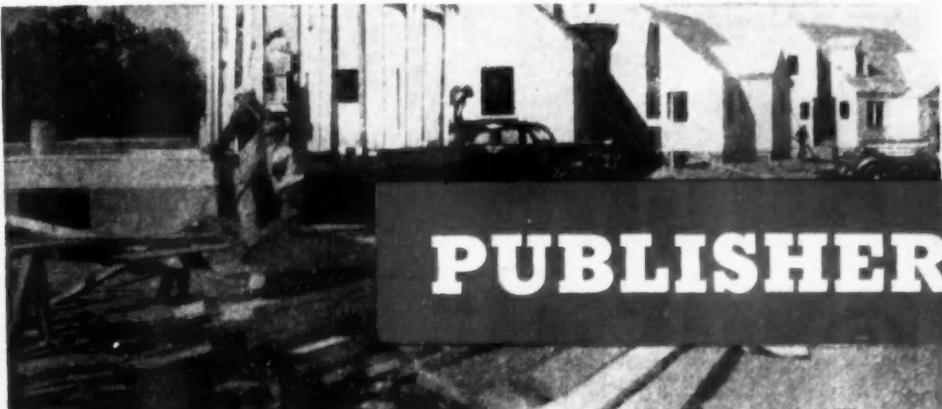


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Those who promoted big peace-time government expenditures and other government policies to cause full employment assured us that full employment would be a panacea for all our economic ills. Actual experience is disproving that, too. Although we have more employment and higher hourly wages than ever before, shortages of many things people want are not being reduced, general labor unrest continues, business complains about poor profits, and there is increasing inflation, and danger that inflation will get beyond control.

What is the trouble? The trouble is that increase of employment has been accompanied by a *decline of total produc-*

tion in many industries. In July, 1946, a year after the end of the war, total industrial production was 17 per cent less than in July, 1945. What this all adds up to, of course, is that there has been a *serious decrease in average output per person employed.*

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This is not the way to maintain the full peace-time employment that we have temporarily attained. It is the way to increase inflation and to cause depression and widespread unemployment. And if inflation, depression and unemployment result it will not be the fault of private enterprise. It will be the fault of politicians and labor leaders who encourage their followers constantly to demand more pay for doing less work regardless of the inevitable ruinous effects on production, business profits and employment.

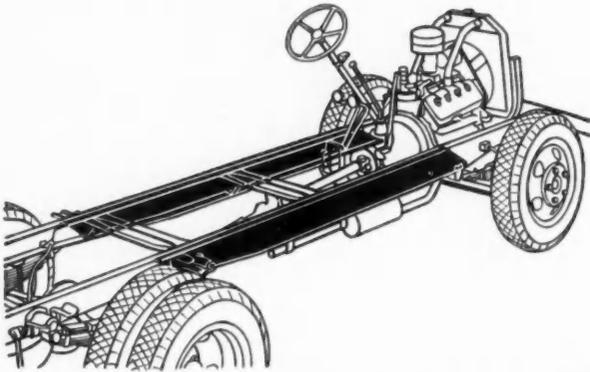
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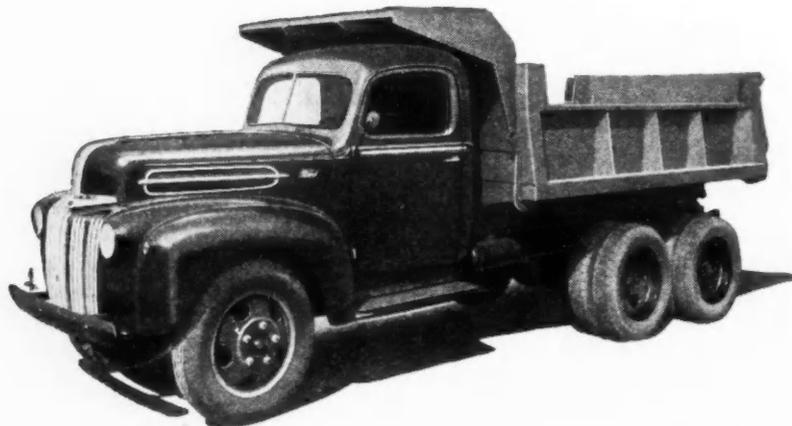


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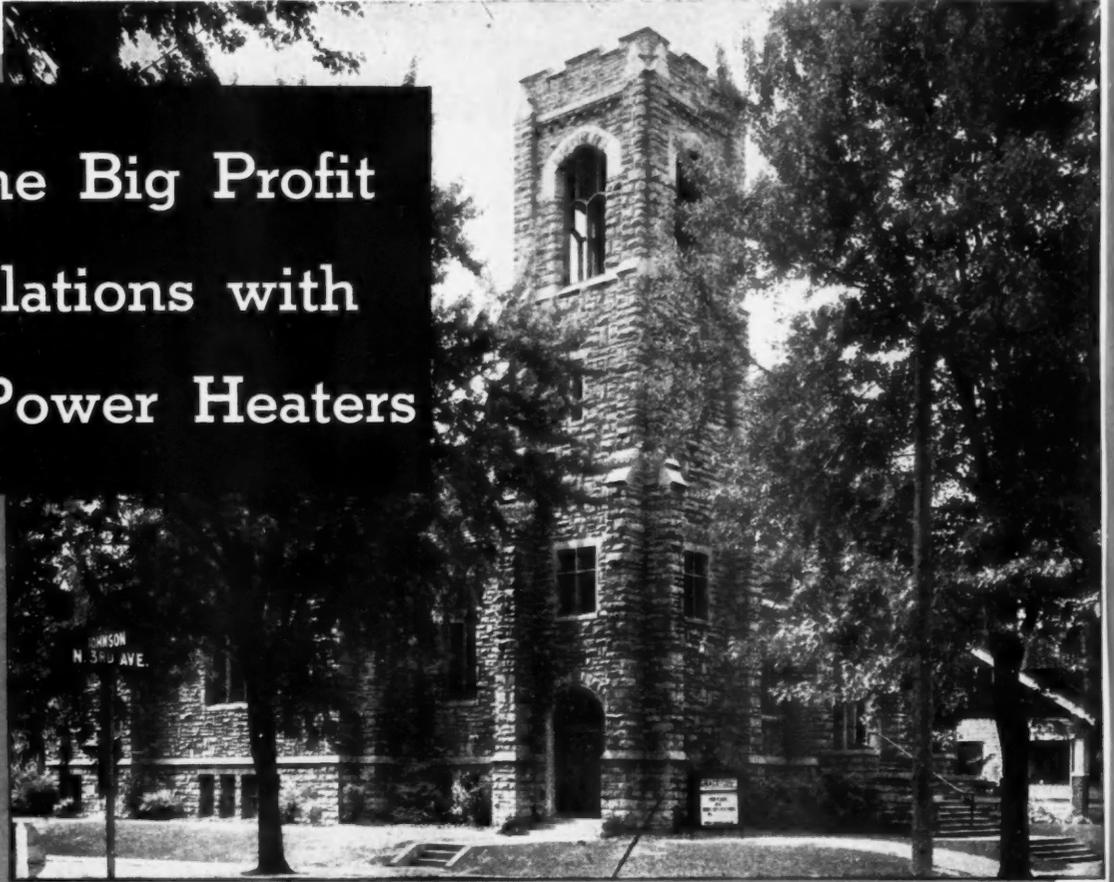
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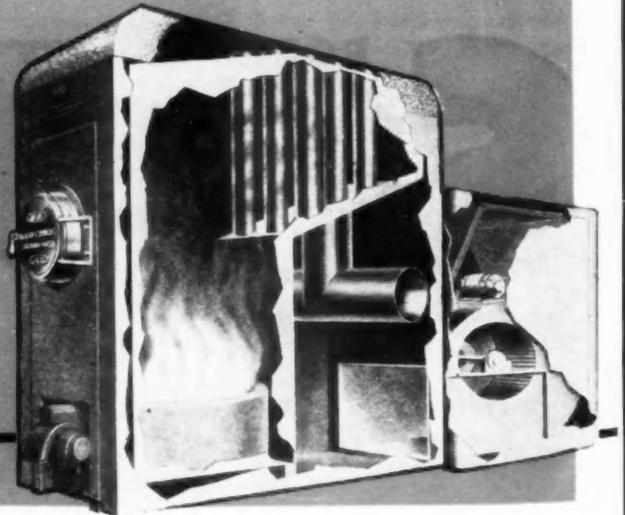
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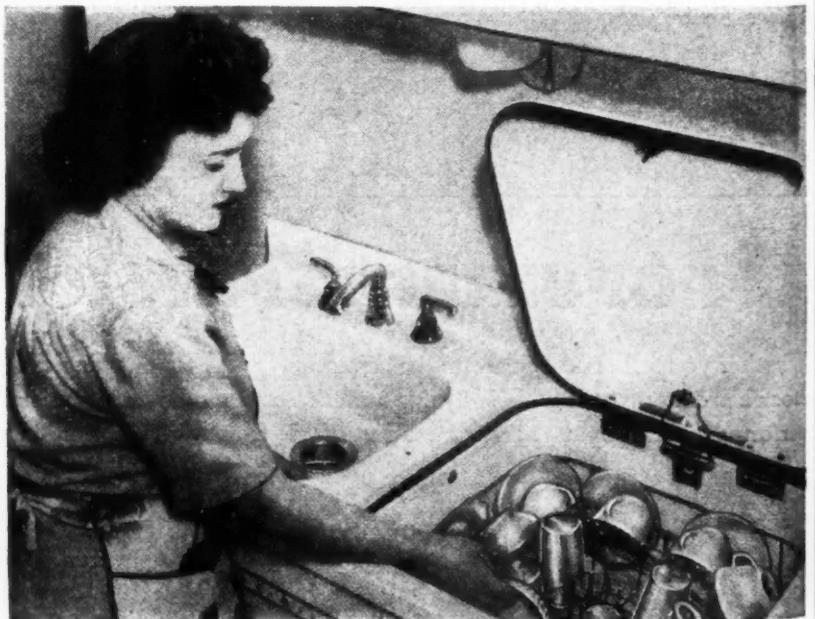
"Don't tell us it can't be done"



• Masontown, Pa., site of 110 homes being built under the direction of the George C. Brown Co. of Pittsburgh. Architect, William C. Young. Contractor, Mellon-Stuart. This is the first in a series of the George C. Brown Company developments.



G-E EQUIPPED HOMES



• New owners are enthusiastic about better living, electrically. Mrs. E. C. Detisch, of 18 Cumberland Ave., Masontown, Pa., is especially proud of her G-E Dishwasher and Disposall. But, like other Masontown homemakers, she has found that *all* her G-E appliances—Range, Refrigerator, Steel Cabinets, Washer, and Water Heater—help make housework easier, living pleasanter, in her new all-electric home.

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"We're Selling G-E Equipped Homes For As Little As \$51 to \$53 a month," Says the George C. Brown Company of Pittsburgh.

Here's what George C. Brown, president, has to say about his company's postwar homes at Masontown, Pa.

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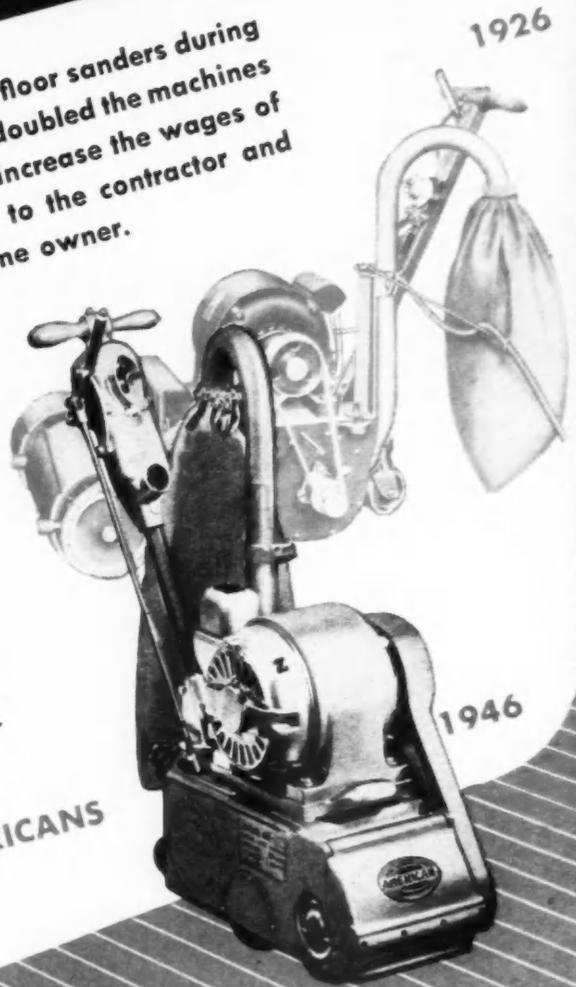
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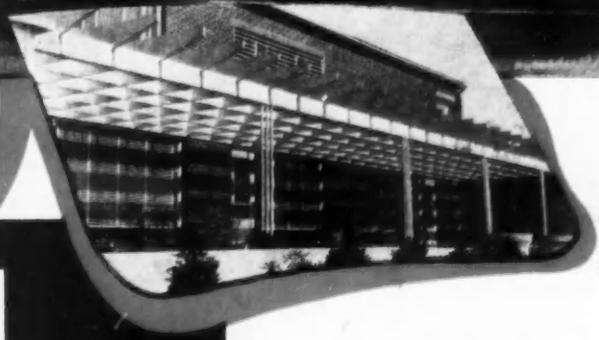
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Front and rear views of one of the 400 distinctive homes planned for "Knollwood" and "Salisbury Heights" development in Worcester, Massachusetts.

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One of the country's ultra-modern postwar community projects has been designed by Ames Aksila, Worcester, Mass., Developer and Builder. Unusual features include ceiling panel heating of all first floor rooms. And each of the 400 homes will be equipped with a Moduflow control system, which is Minneapolis-Honeywell's latest contribution to heating comfort and efficiency.

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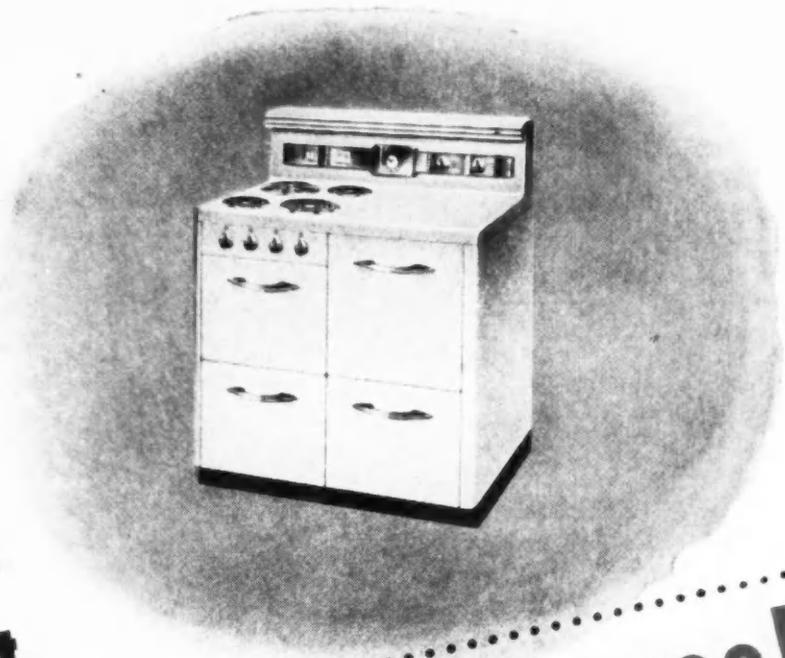
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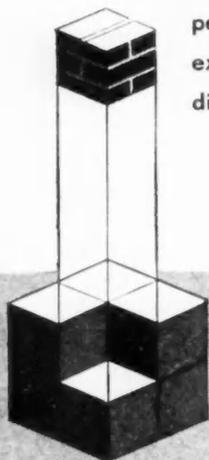


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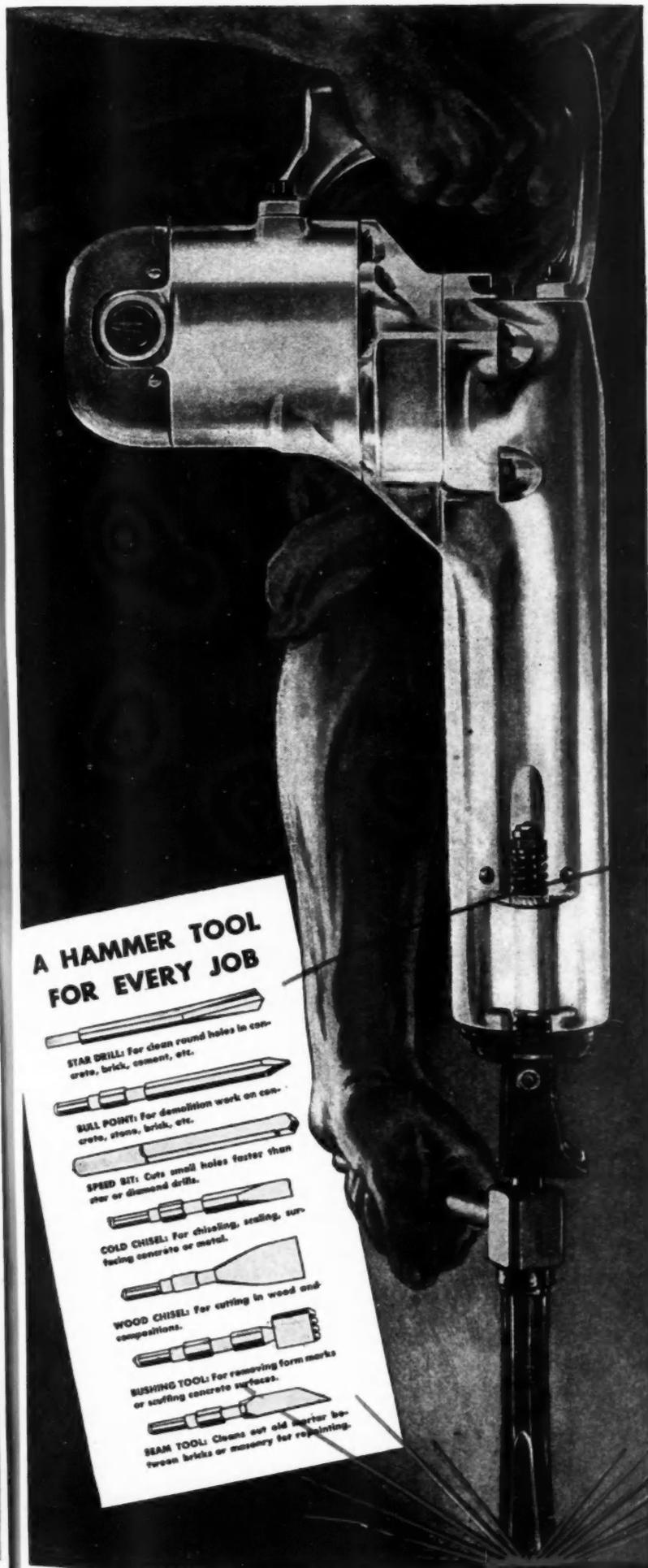
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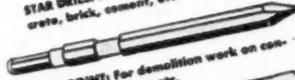
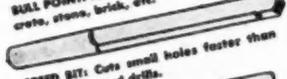
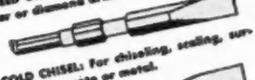
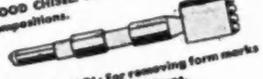
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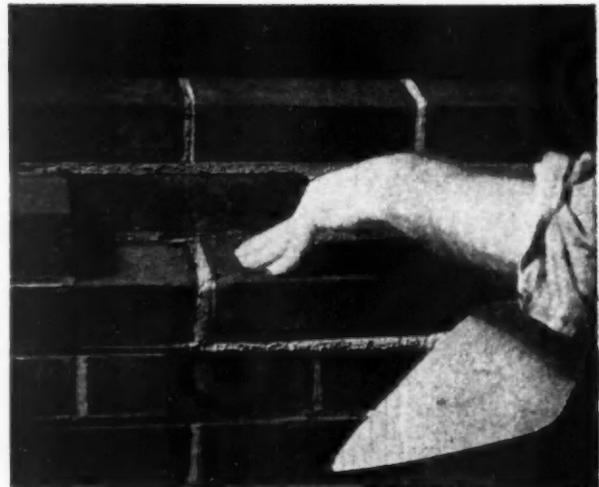


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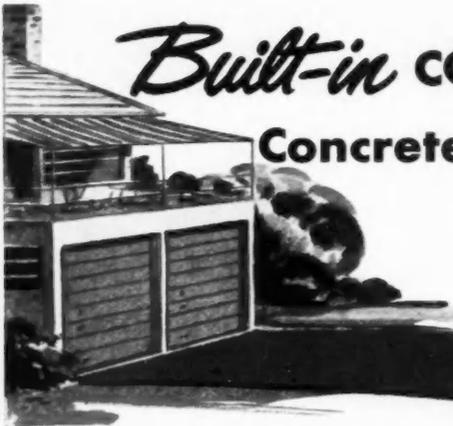
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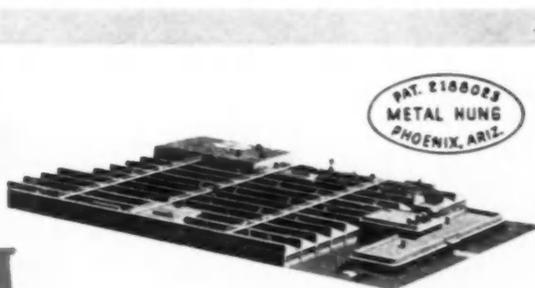
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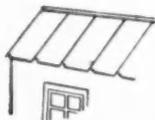
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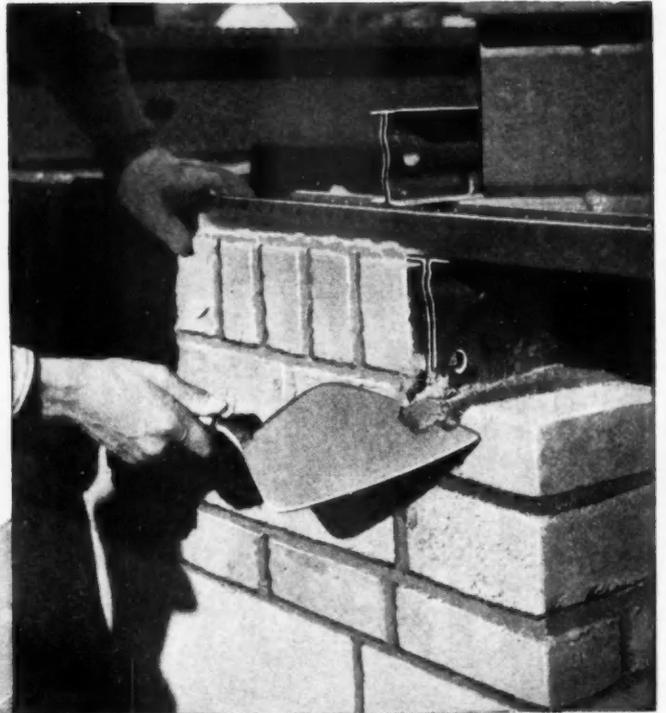
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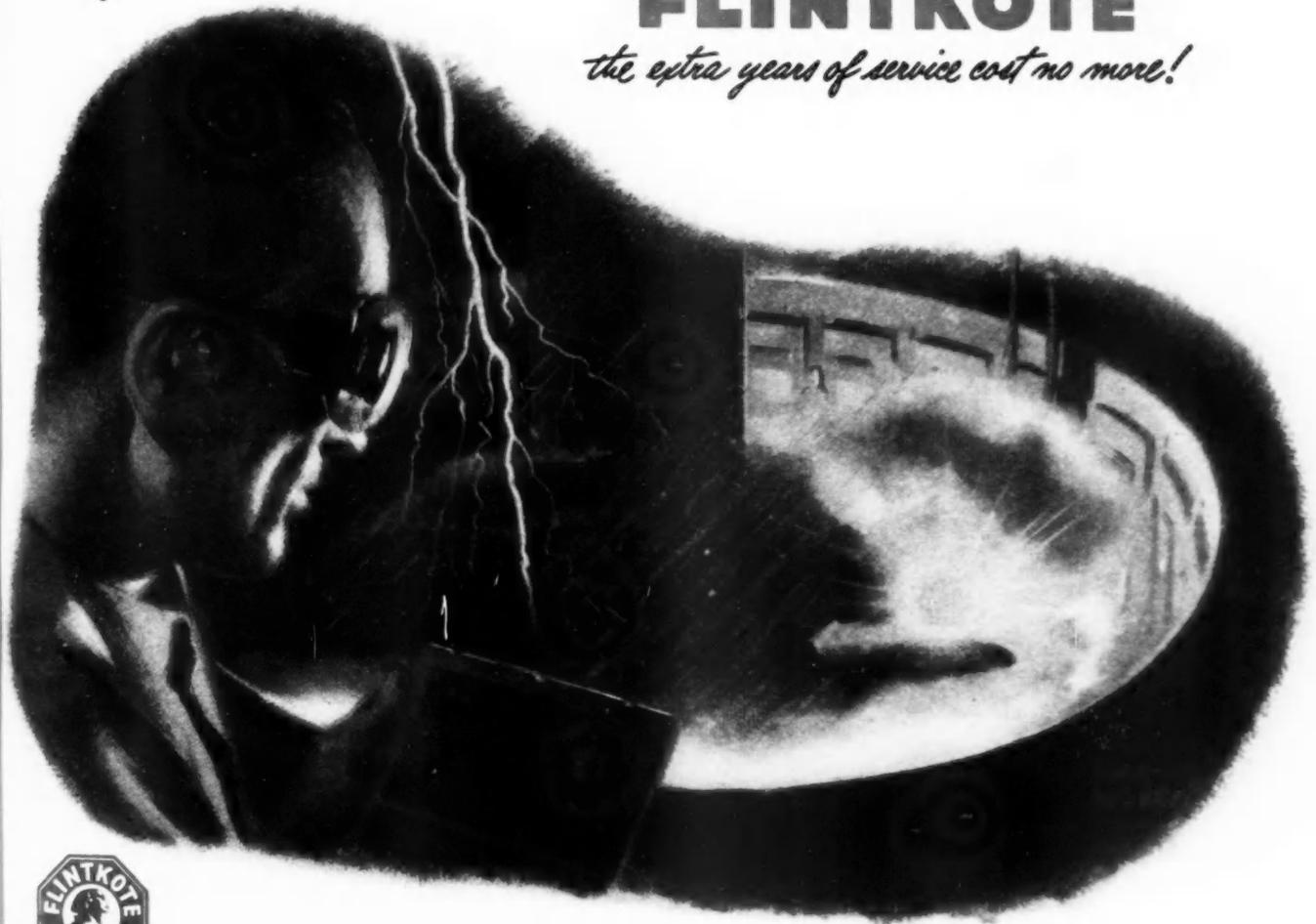
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The Martha Washington

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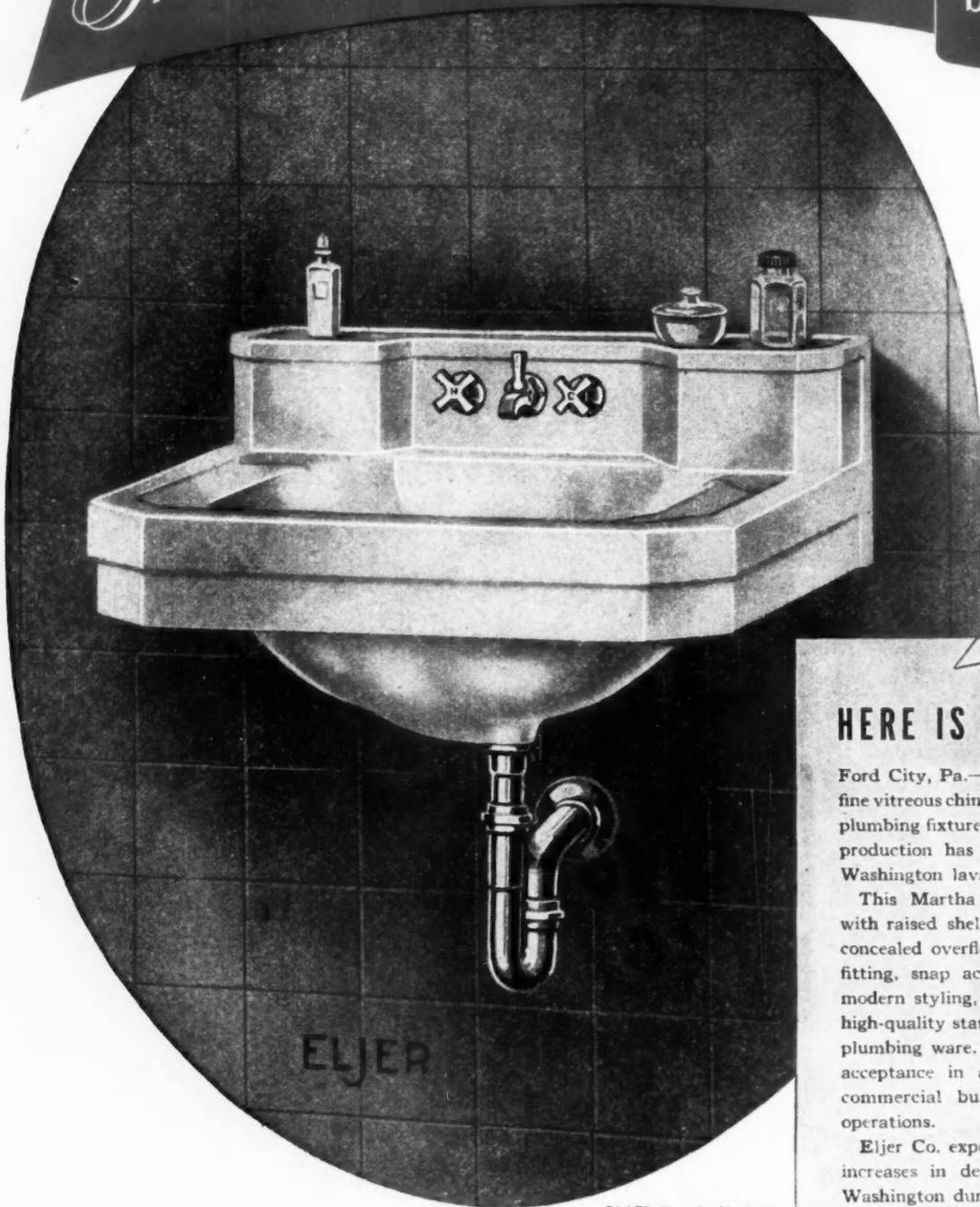


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Remember: Adequate housing will eventually mean at least two bathrooms in every home.

HERE IS GOOD NEWS!

Ford City, Pa.—Eljer Co., producers of fine vitreous china and enameled cast-iron plumbing fixtures, today announced that production has begun on the Martha Washington lavatory.

This Martha Washington 20" x 18" with raised shelf back, anti-splash rim, concealed overflow, combination supply fitting, snap action pop-up waste and modern styling, is engineered to Eljer's high-quality standards in vitreous china plumbing ware. It will find immediate acceptance in all types of home and commercial building and remodeling operations.

Eljer Co. expects to achieve constant increases in deliveries of the Martha Washington during the coming months. Eljer General Offices are at Ford City, Pa.

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NEWS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS AND AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

NAHB Urges Building Demonstration Homes for Veterans

A highly effective way for home builders to tell the public in an understandable way about the problems of building today has been suggested by the NAHB. It is through the building of a demonstration veteran's house.

The purpose of the demonstration is to show effectively what the efficient private builder can accomplish with modern techniques and modern materials. It would also illustrate concretely the causes for today's costs and delays, and demonstrate exactly what can be produced within price ceilings and current regulations and conditions.

The proposal contemplates a contest for the best plan, erection of the home in a prominent location, use of modern materials and methods, and the generation of continuing public interest through aggressive promotion. One suggestion, made to drive home present day costs, is that a large billboard be erected at the site bearing on one side each estimated cost item with the final cost of the item to be posted opposite.

Public observation of the construction could be provided for with visual demonstration of cost-cutting techniques by use of power tools, jig tables and similar cost and time saving equipment. A "big splash" open house is suggested by NAHB, with final disposition of the home to a war veteran and his family.

Chicago Builders Blame Vets' Housing Lag on Three Unions

Three Chicago unions—the plasterers, lathers, and glaziers—were charged recently with retarding the veterans' housing program in that city in a report by Martin C. Huggett, executive director of the Chicago Metropolitan Home Builders Association. The report was made on a study of labor conditions in the building trades in Chicago and suburbs. It said, "The lathers, plasterers, and glaziers, operating on their present volume of production, will retard the housing industry to approximately 17,000 homes and apartments for a year's production." (The goal was 161,000 units for metropolitan Chicago by 1948.)

Huggett emphasized that if the three unions continue their present practices which cause delays, the activity of other building trades will be held down to one-third or one-fourth of capacity. As an example of how union rules cause delays, he said, plasterers insist on putting on three coats despite the fact that all building codes require no more than two coats. He added that lathers will put on only 100 square yards of lath on a house a day, and usually quit the job two hours early while still drawing eight hours of pay.

1947 Home Builders Exposition Promises to Surpass All Previous Product Shows

The 1947 annual convention and exposition of the National Association of Home Builders of the United States, to be held Feb. 23-27 at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, will be the most colorful, best attended meeting of builders ever staged, judging by the early interest being shown in it. Already more than two score prominent manufacturers and producers of home building materials, appliances and services have reserved display space in the mammoth Exposition Hall of The Stevens—the world's largest exhibition hall in the world's largest hotel.

Commenting on the unprecedented early demand for space, Paul S. Van Auken, convention and exposition director, told *American Builder*, "We are confident that every inch of floor space in the 1947 exposition will be taken by exhibitors. The tremendous interest in this show is best demonstrated by the early and widespread demand for space. We believe it most significant that requests for approximately 65 per cent of the exhibit space were received within two weeks after the mailing of the exhibit prospectus and floor plan last month. The new floor plan," he continued, "laid out with a view to giving larger display spaces, has been well received."

The convention and exposition committee have announced their intention of making technicolor movies of the exhibits in the 1947 exposition for showing during the year to all the chapters of the national association. Mr. Van Auken pointed out that in this way manufacturers or producers who display their products will get the added benefit of reaching those who find it impossible to attend the convention and exposition.

The Exhibit Prospectus and Floor Plan, mailed to more than 2,000 building product manufacturers, reported that the membership of the NAHB, "as we go to press," is more than 10,000, with 86 affiliated local associations located in all sections of the country. By convention time, "at the rate we are growing," the membership will be 12,000 with affiliated local organizations in more than 100 cities, it predicted.

Attributing the substantial growth of the national association to the fact that the

builders are now "ticking," Mr. Van Auken said, "The NAHB is now a great national organization fighting improper encroachment upon our free enterprise system, through the power of an awakened and informed public opinion; it is seeking a standard code of ethics for the home building industry, and equal building codes in all parts of the United States; and, it is constantly working to foster home ownership in the people's minds and hearts, and to



speeding housing for all Americans."

The 1947 Convention program promises to be as important, constructive and interesting as the exposition will be large and colorful. Beginning with the formal opening on Monday afternoon, Feb. 24, the exposition will be formally opened a day earlier to enable early arrivals and guests of the exhibitors to view the displays; experts on land planning, design, construction technique, mortgage finance, labor relationships and modern merchandising methods will head up a succession of up-to-the-minute, informative and timely sessions.

Although the meeting is designed to be a "working conference," nationally known speakers will be featured at every session of the convention. In addition, it is planned that various agencies of government concerned with housing will be represented on the program by qualified spokesmen.

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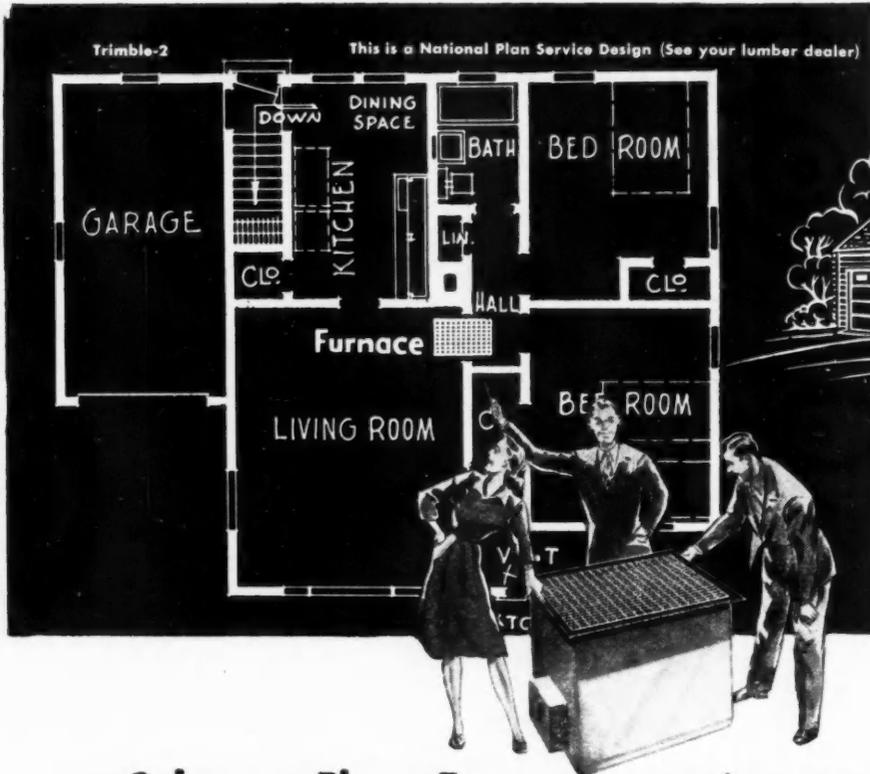


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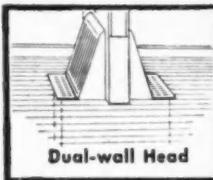
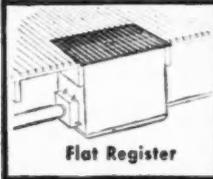
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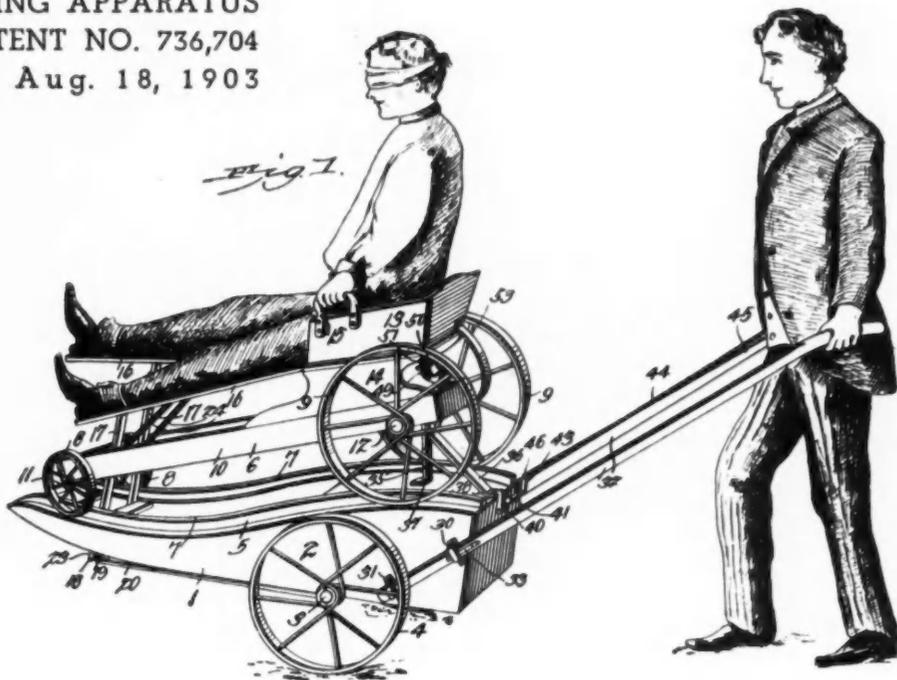
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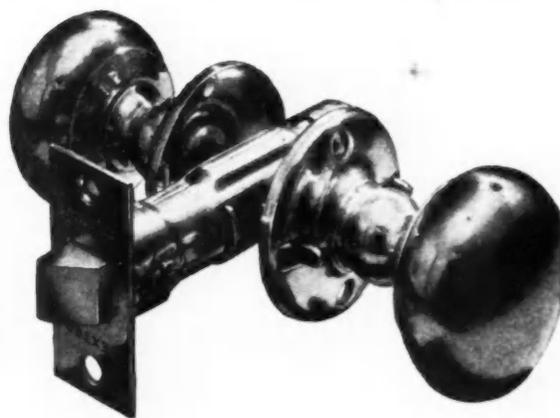


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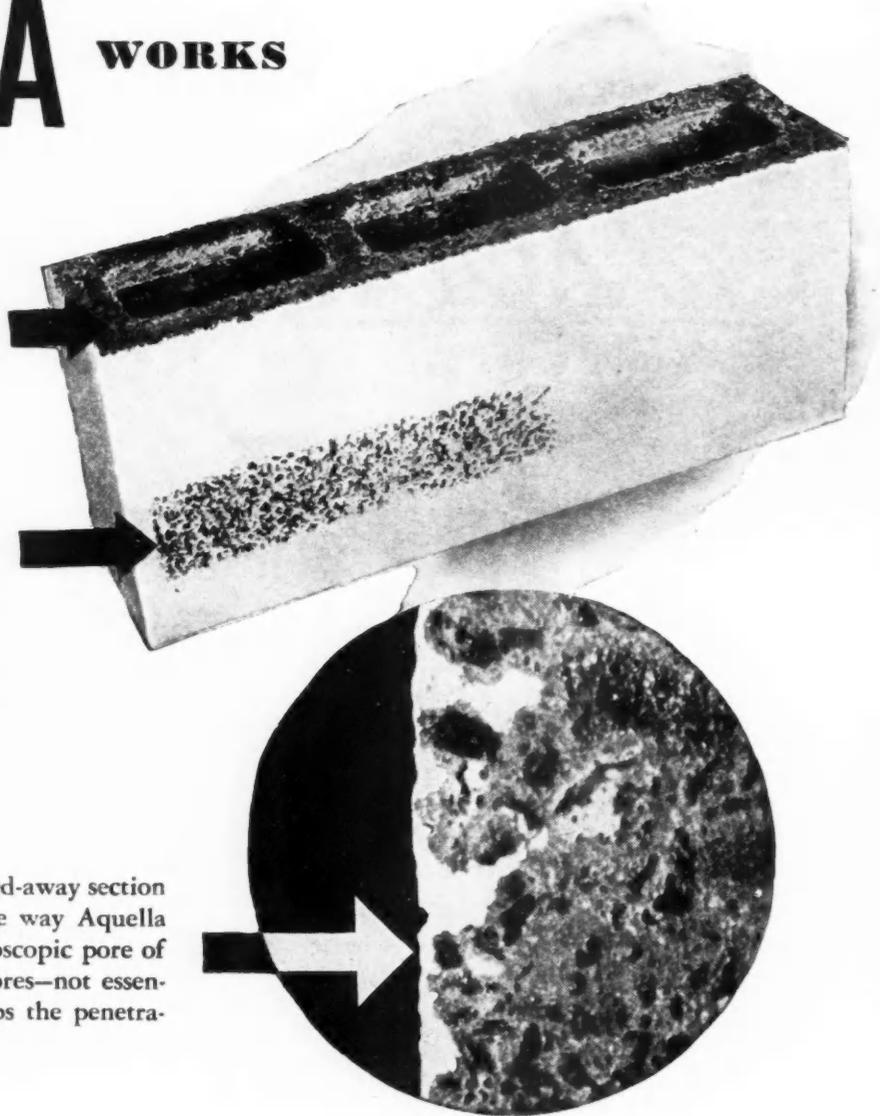
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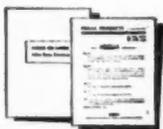
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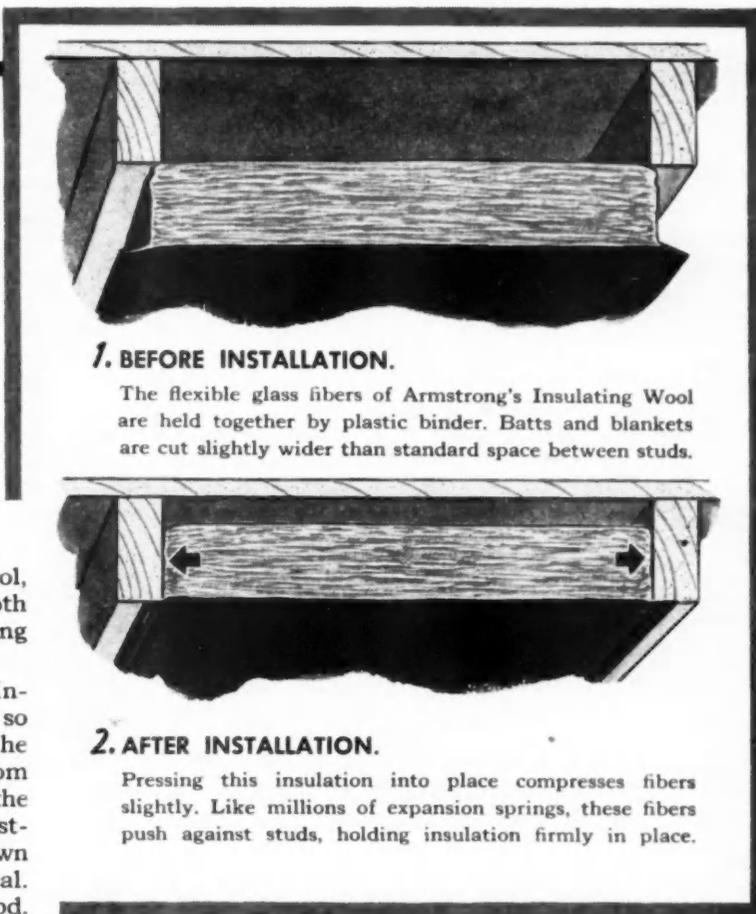
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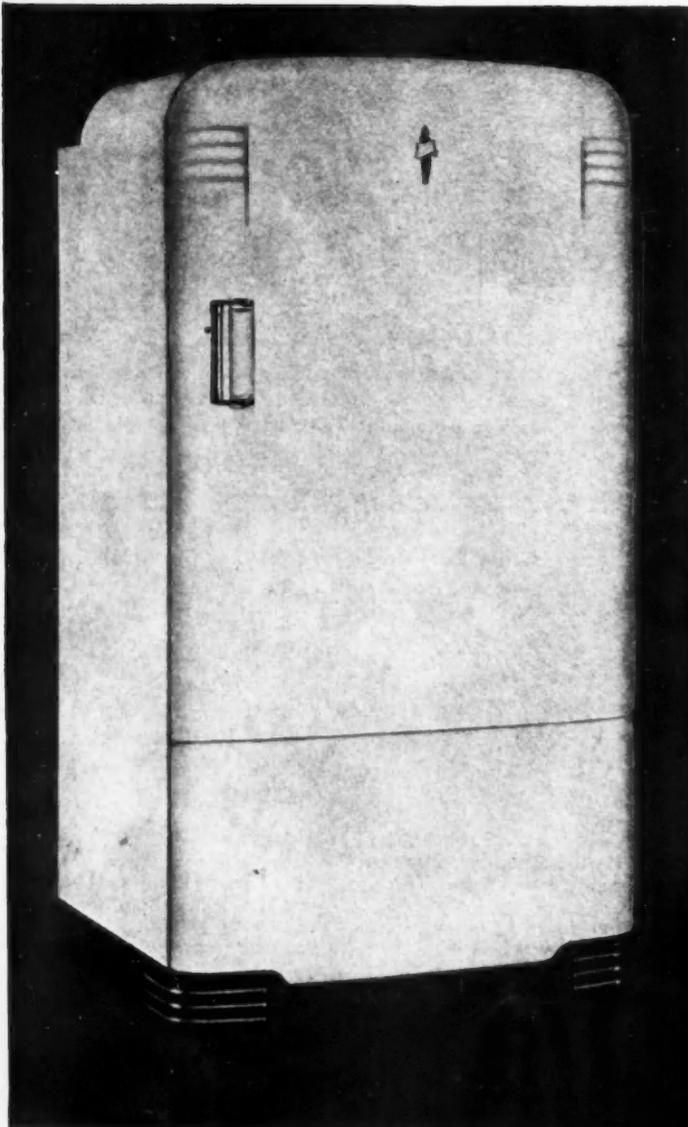
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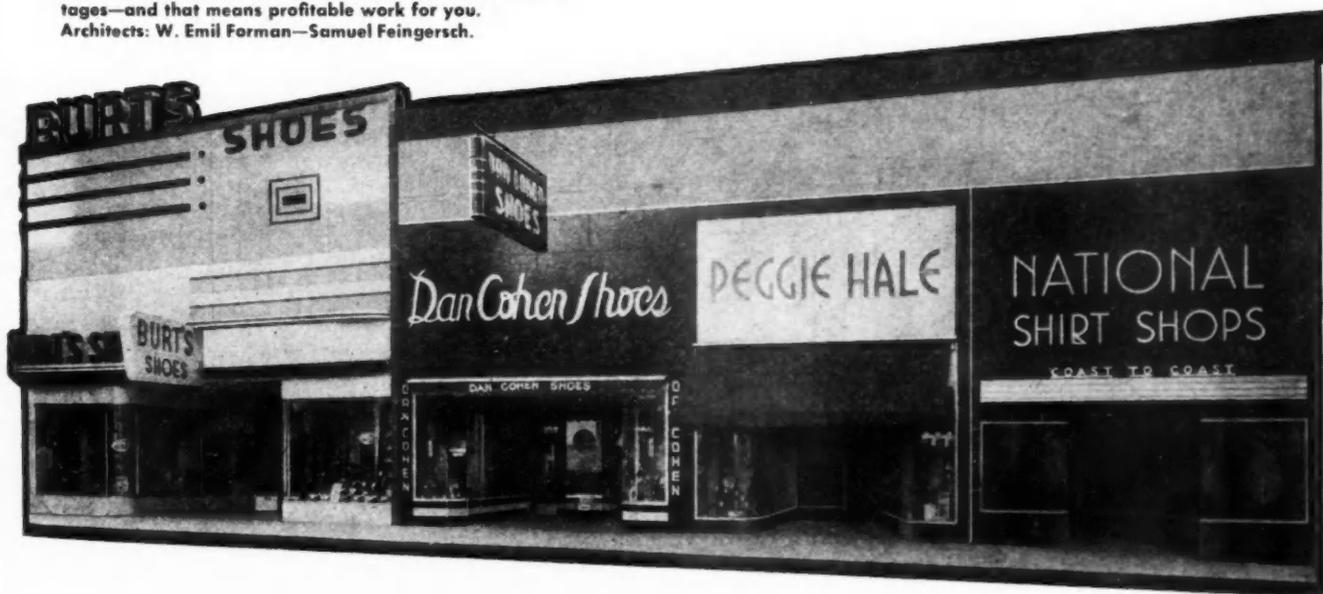
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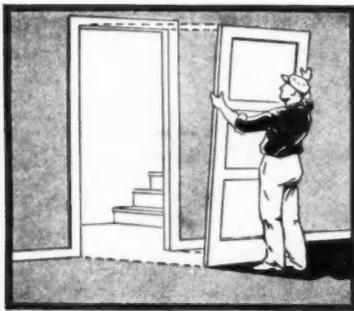
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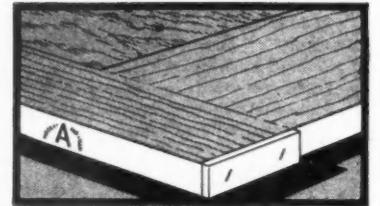


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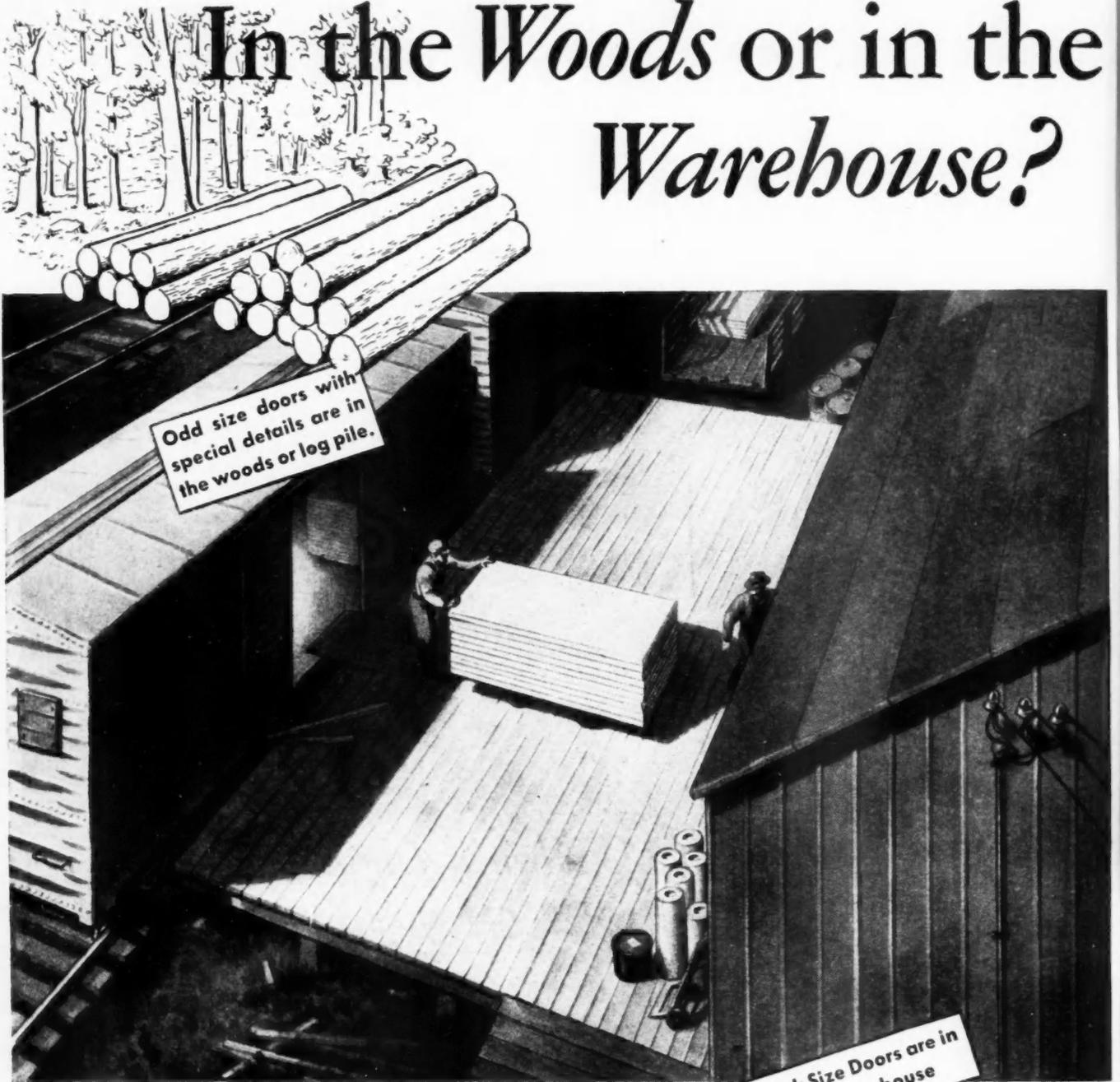
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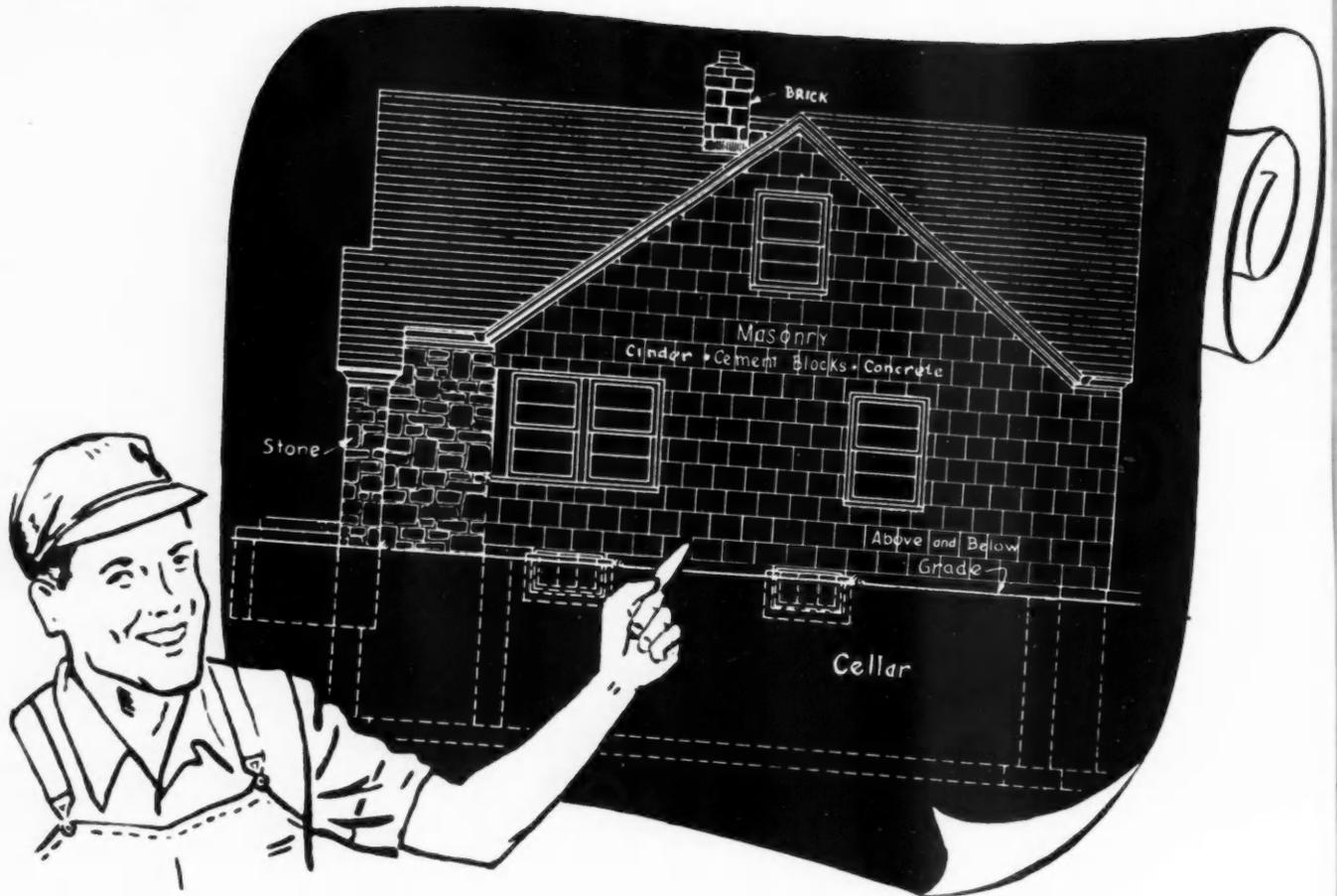


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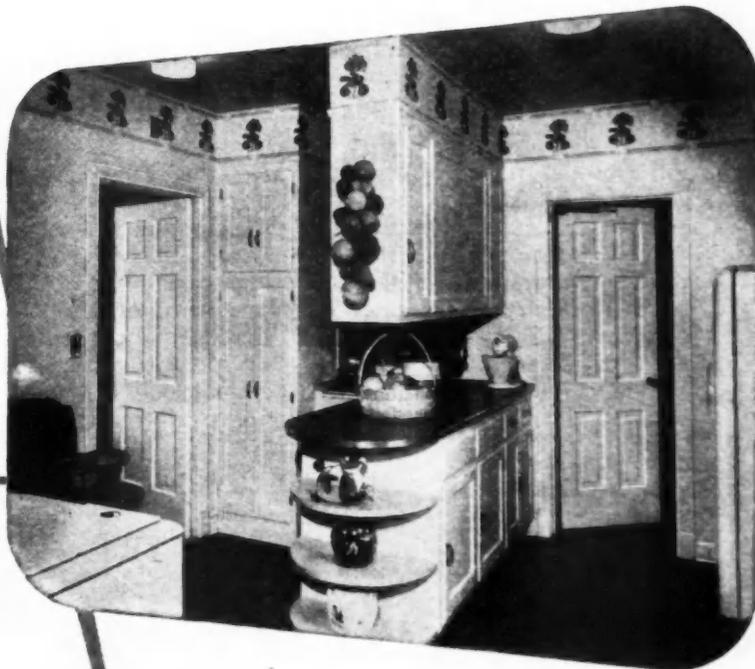
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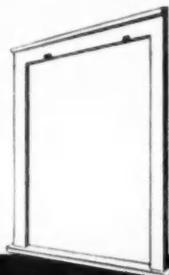
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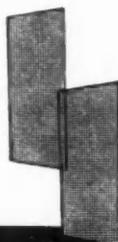
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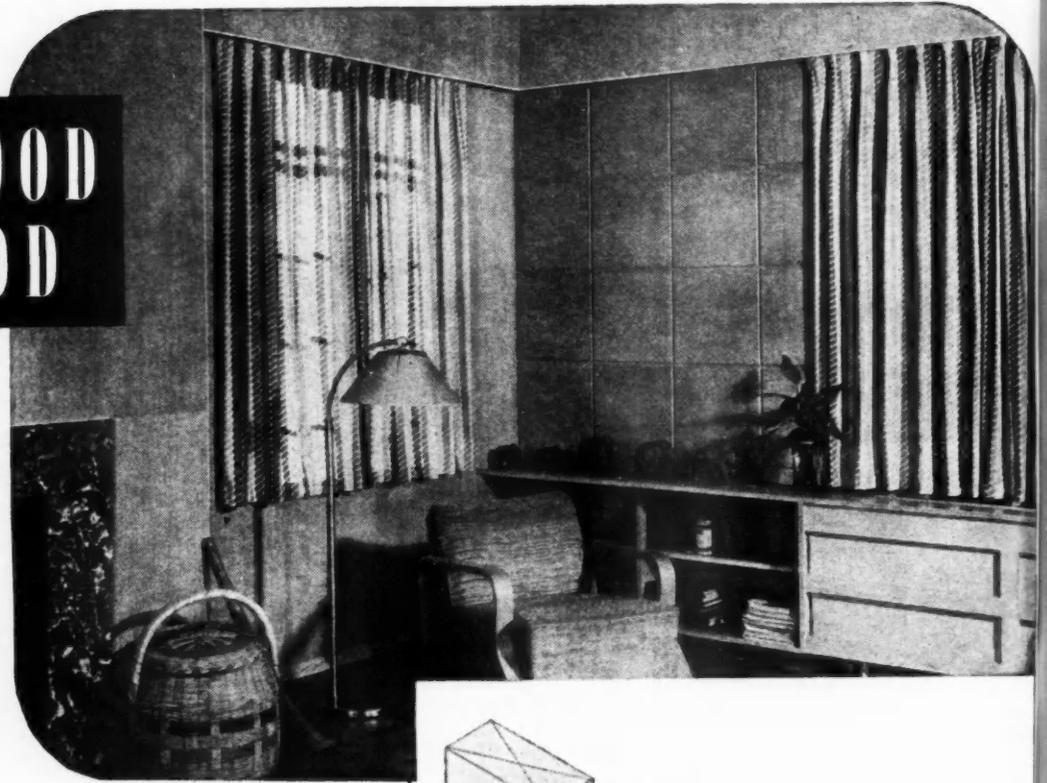
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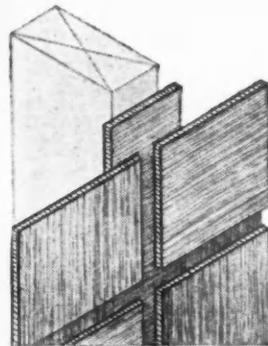
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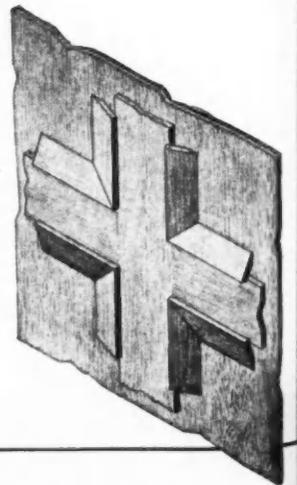
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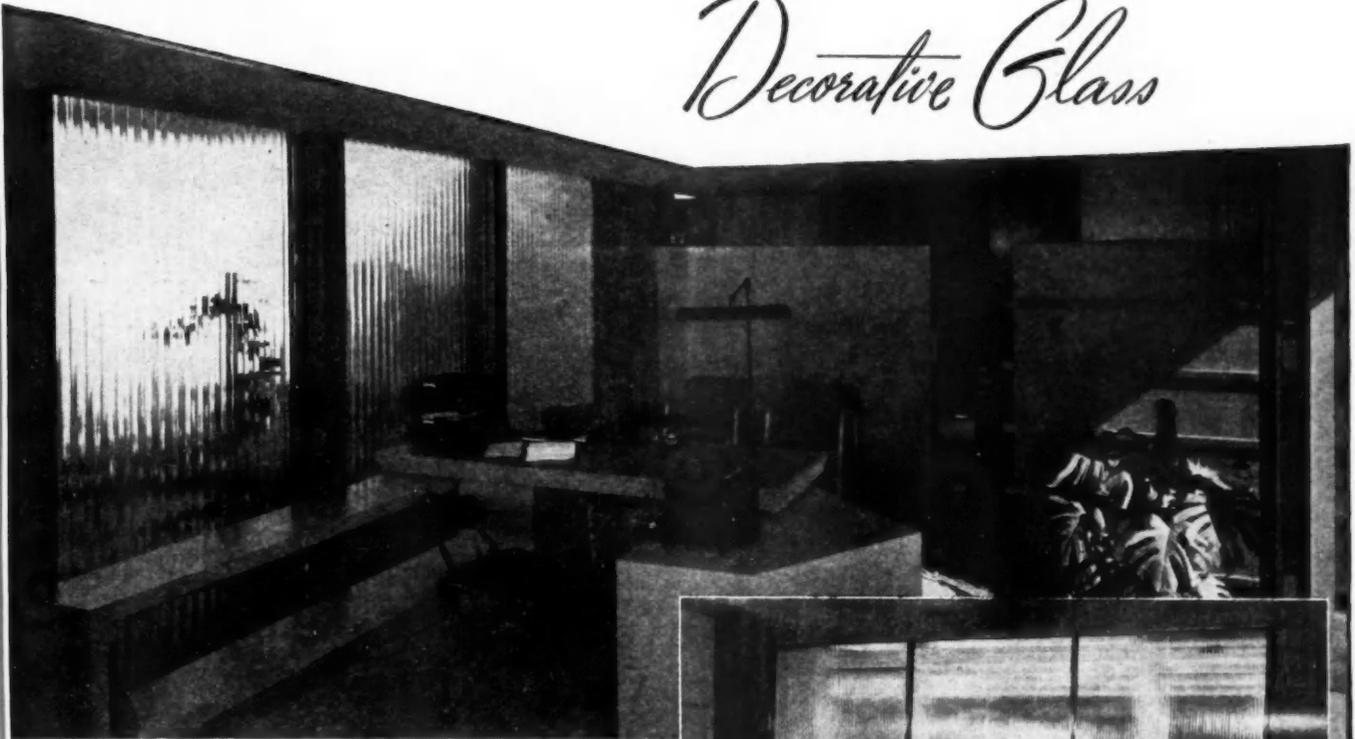
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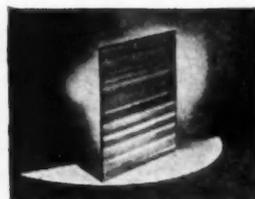
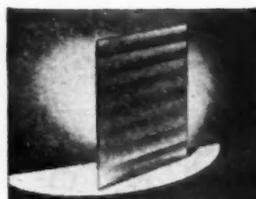
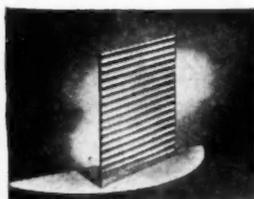
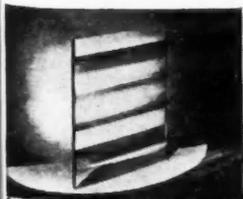
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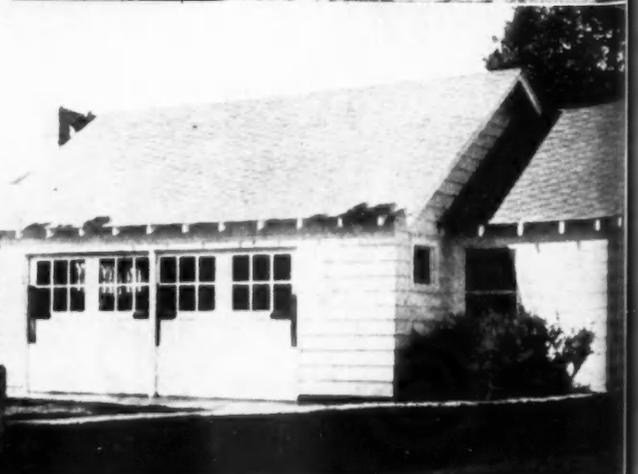
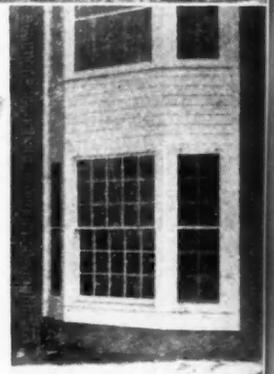
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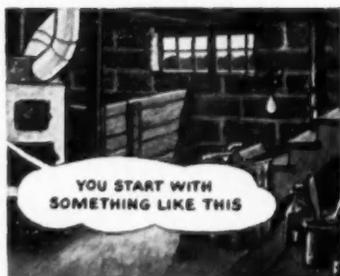
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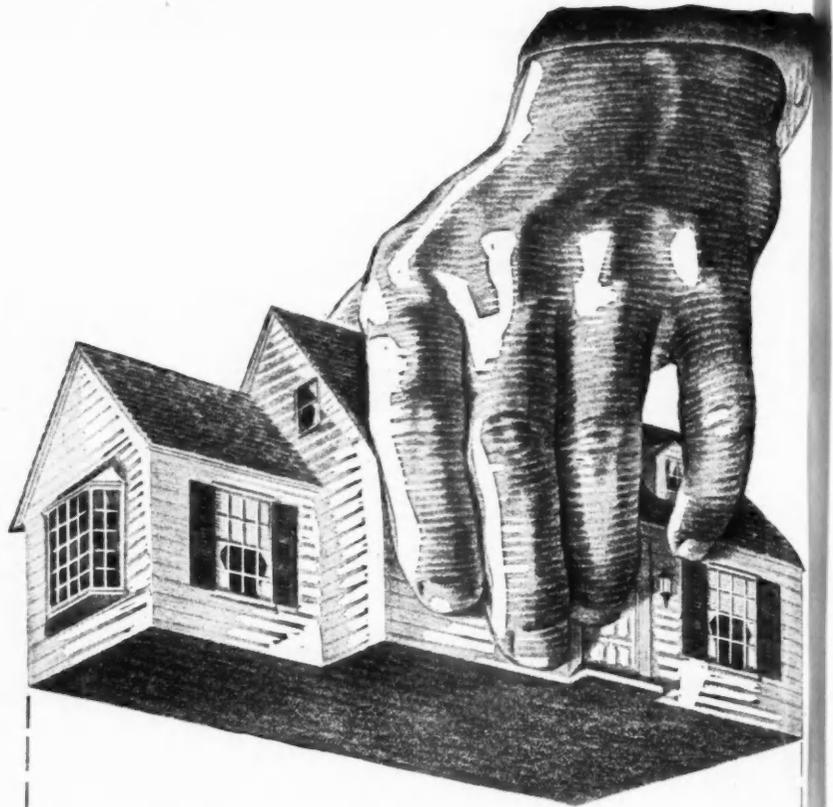


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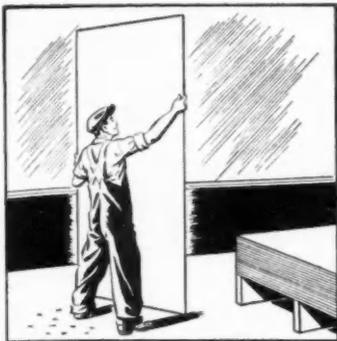


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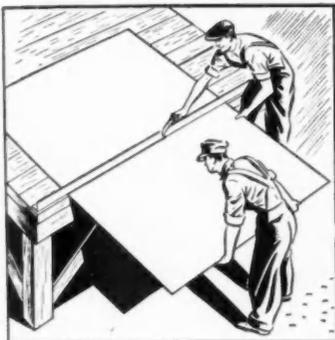


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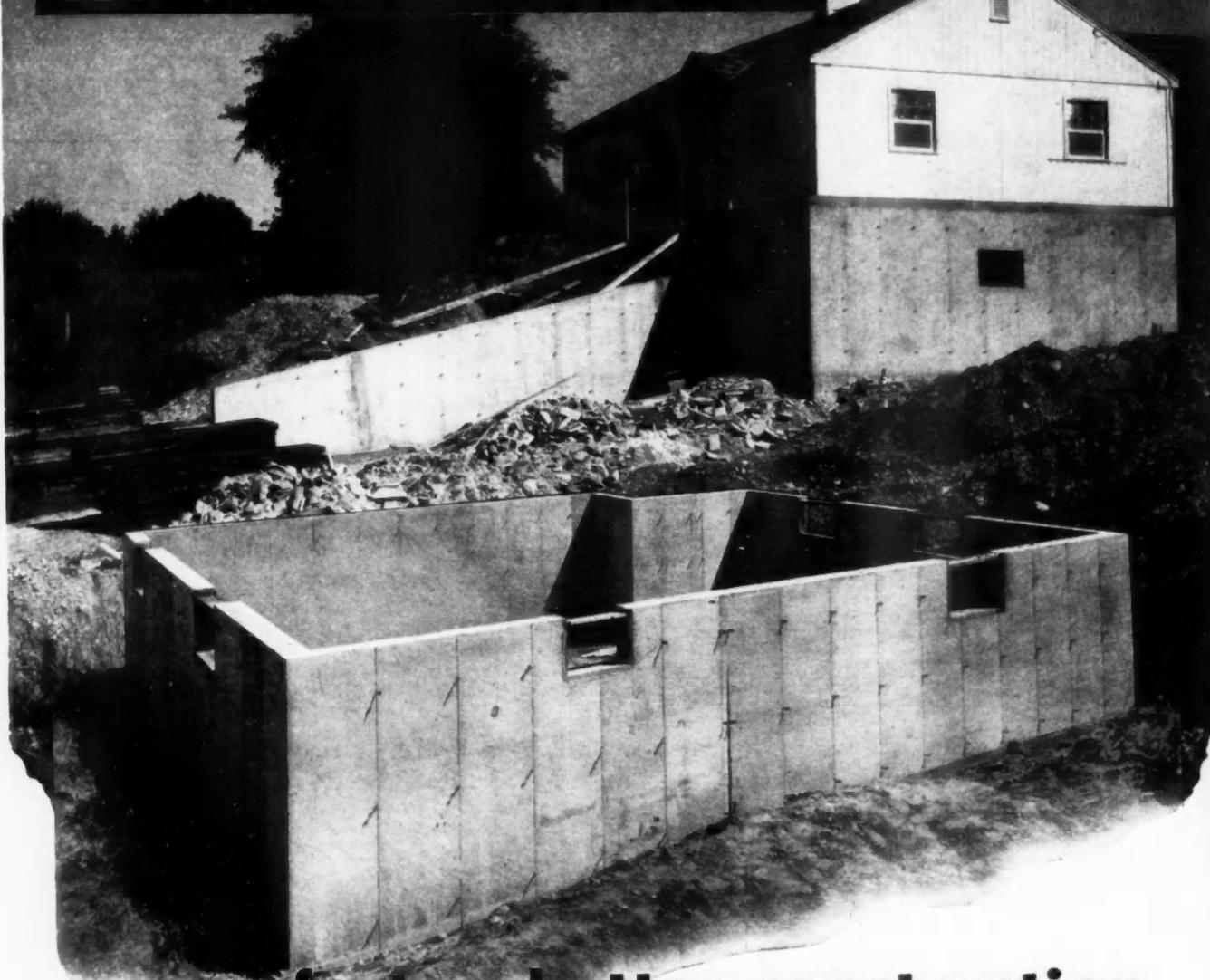
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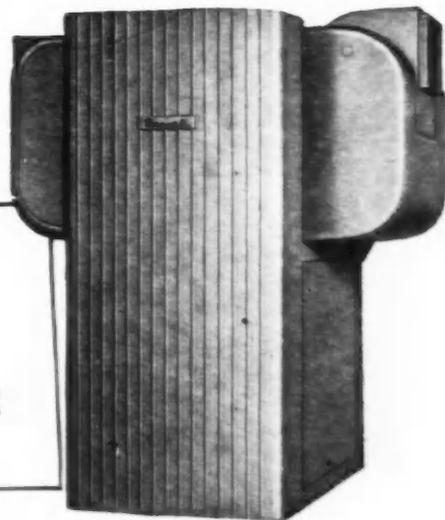
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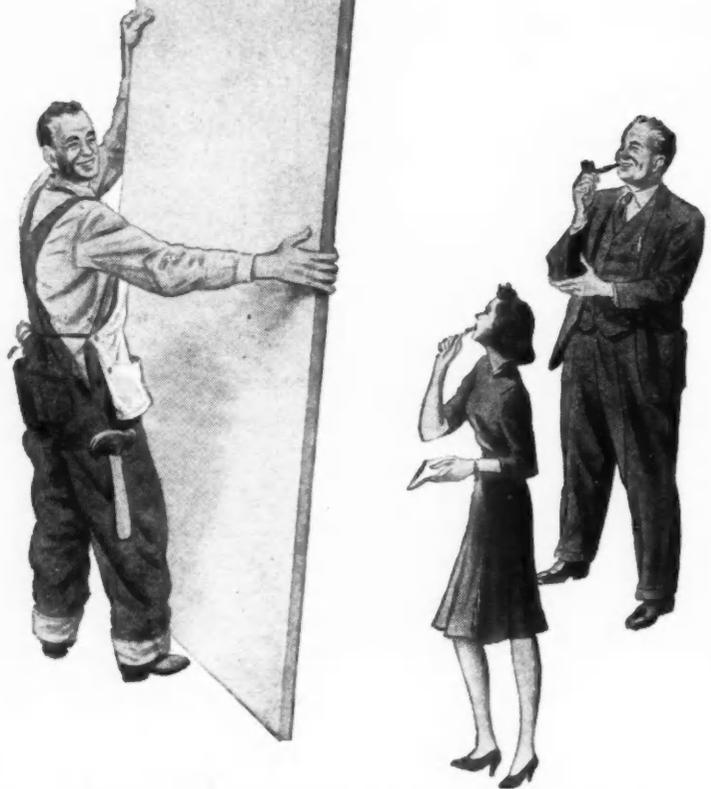
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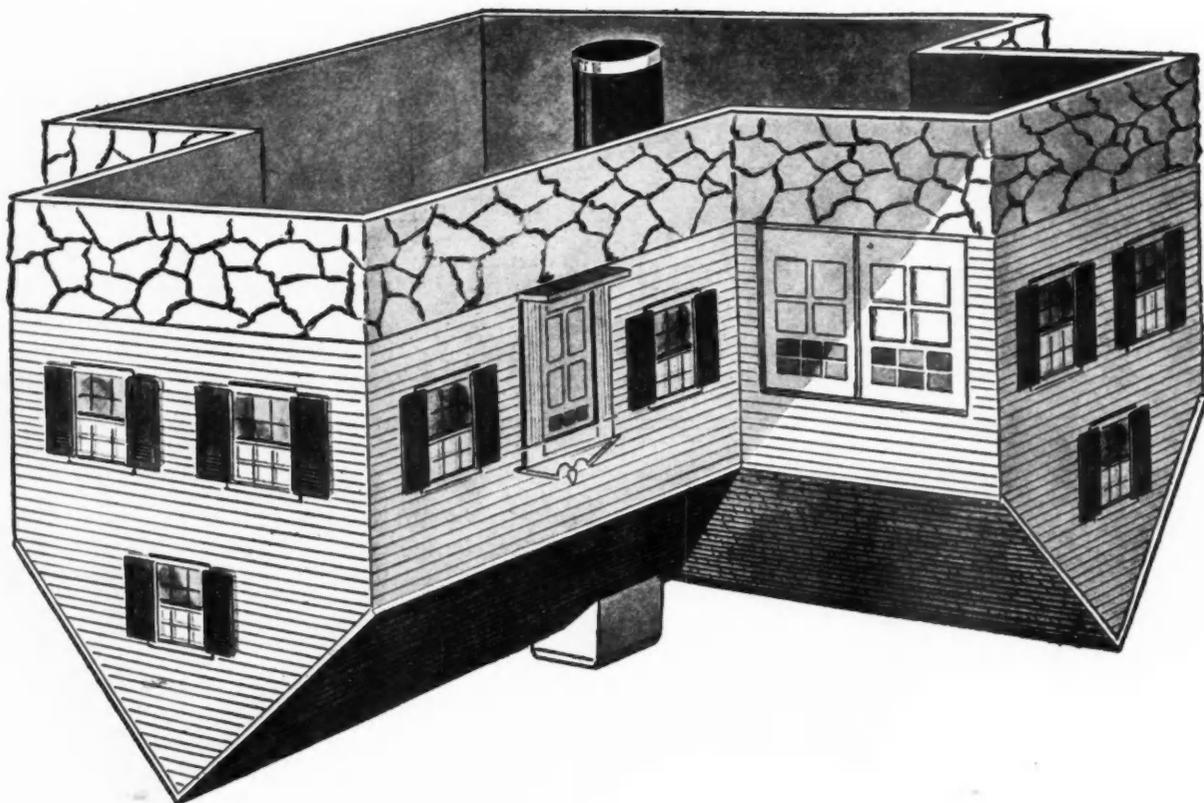
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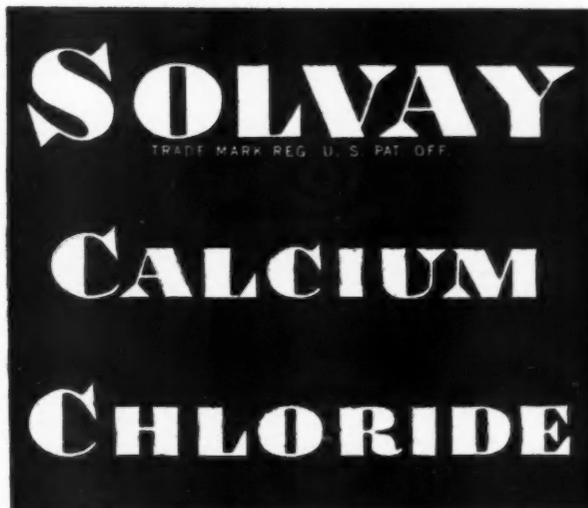
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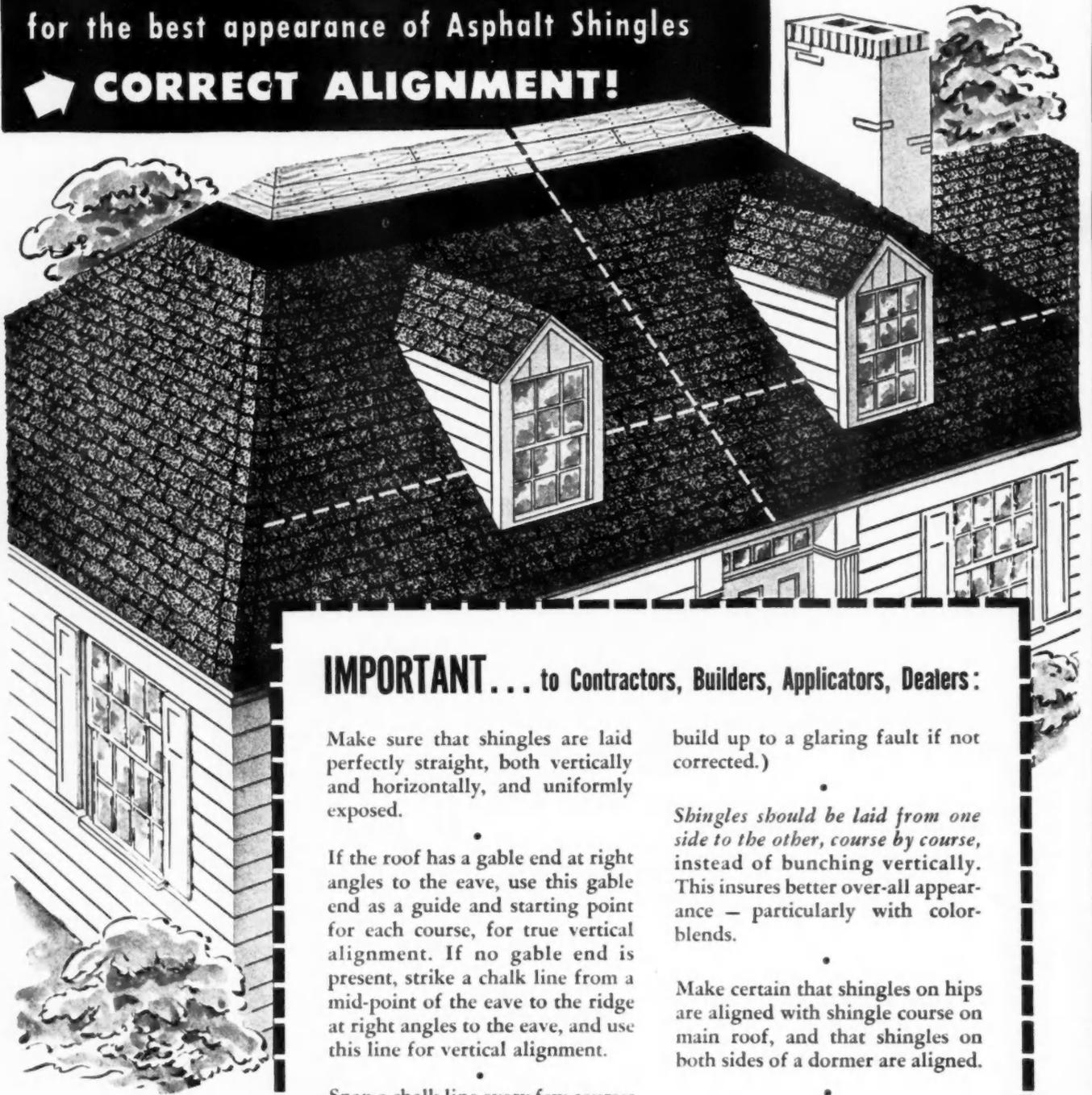
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Snap a chalk line every few courses to insure horizontal alignment. (A slight error at any one point can

build up to a glaring fault if not corrected.)

Shingles should be laid from one side to the other, course by course, instead of bunching vertically. This insures better over-all appearance — particularly with color-blends.

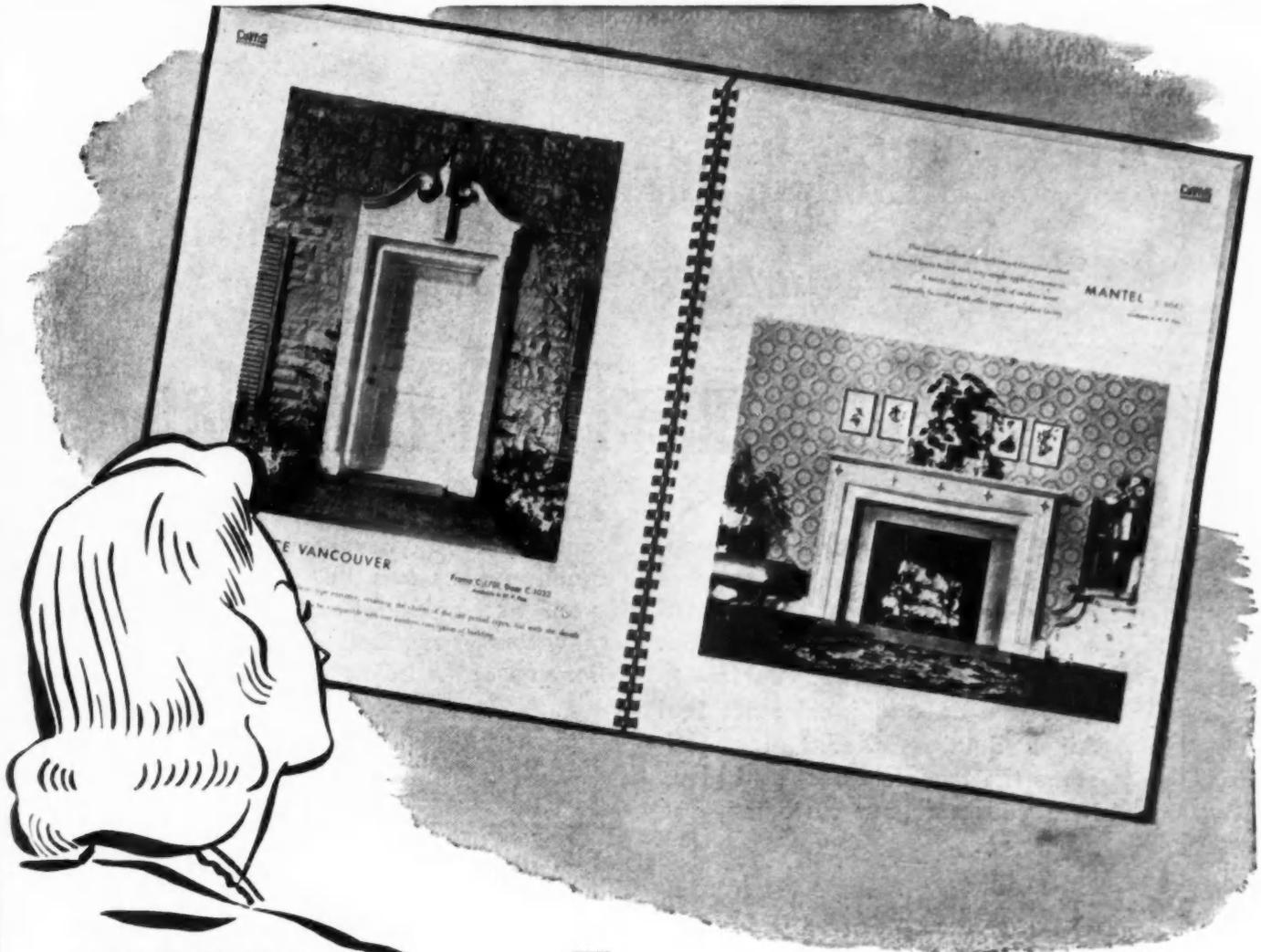
Make certain that shingles on hips are aligned with shingle course on main roof, and that shingles on both sides of a dormer are aligned.

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Progress in Home Building

NINE years ago the home building industry was being attacked for alleged failure to progress throughout a half century in the development and improvement of materials and equipment, home design and building techniques. *American Builder* met the charge by coining the phrase, "More House for the Money," and devoting the entire issue of October, 1937, to proving conclusively that the attack was predicated on false claims.

It was easy to show that while home building costs and prices had advanced, the value of the product had advanced even more. The uninsulated, un-equipped shell of the 1880's had become an electrically lighted, centrally heated, more healthful, more livable, better designed, better built assembly of new and vastly improved materials, and mechanical and electrical equipment unheard of in the nineteenth century. The difference in the value of the homes of 1937 and those of 1887 was just as striking as the difference in the automobiles of the middle 1930's and the horse-drawn broughams of a half century before. Since the "More House for the Money" issue, the editors of *American Builder* repeatedly have presented the readers of this magazine with continuing new evidence of progress in all phases of home building.

Now, the industry is once more under attack. The proponents of government control of housing charge the industry with inadequacy and inefficiency in an attempt to enlist public and legislative support for public housing measures in Congress. Specifically, the charges include failure to produce new housing units in sufficient quantity, disproportionately high prices, and an attitude of static indifference to improvements.

It is necessary to prove again, therefore, that progress in home building is at least on a par with progress in other industries. The editors of *American Builder*, knowing that tremendous strides have been made in land use, financing, materials, equipment, design and construction techniques in the past twenty years, elected to offer the proof in this issue. The editorial pages and many of the advertising pages contain the evidence. The year 1926 was selected as the basis of comparison with housing of today, because the most spectacular advances in a century of improvement have taken place since then.

These advances have been made possible because manufacturers in a free competitive economy, spurred by a legitimate profit motive, have created and produced an unending host of new and improved products, upon which all advances in building depend primarily. It is in the laboratories and the factories of free enterprises, continuously striving to produce better product values, that better building values start.

There can be no comparable or even measurable progress under the proved cumbersome inefficiency of bureaucratic government control of home building. On the other hand, freed of the handicaps of government interference, the home building industry will continue the enviable progress that distinguishes it in American industry, and by which it has provided the world's highest housing standards.

Functional Planning Assures More

Challenged by a wealth of new materials, builders seek a progressive and straightforward approach to the home problem

THE question has often been asked, "Is the modern adaptation of the ranch house a passing fancy or fad, or are we entering into a new phase of house design that is basically sound, and which will be accepted by the building public?"

In discussing this question, it must be borne in mind that for generations the background and living habits of the American people have been developed through their association with homes where the living and service portions of the houses were contained on first floors and basements, and the sleeping quarters on the second floors. The pattern for this type of house has, in many instances, been dictated by old world tradition, an abundance of basic materials, and a concentration of rooms within a small area, one above the other due to the limitations of many types of heating installations.

With the improvements that have taken place in the building industry during the past twenty years through the introduction of new materials, with greater flexibility in the use of basic materials, with new methods of application, and innumerable other improvements, some of which are highlighted in this issue, the build-

ing public has been given greater freedom of expression than ever before. In this new-found freedom there has not been a casting away of all traditional thoughts; rather, by retaining some of the simpler elements in a modified form, as exemplified in the details employed in the house shown on these pages, much of the charm of the period houses has been captured.

The modern ranch type house with its large, comfortable rooms, arranged in a manner to give the greatest amount of livability to the occupants, has captured the imagination of the public. These rooms, lighted from an abundance of large windows, take full advantage of the sunlight and the possibilities of solar heating. They also contribute an amazing sense of distance and, therefore, a spacious extension into the out-of-doors is obtained.

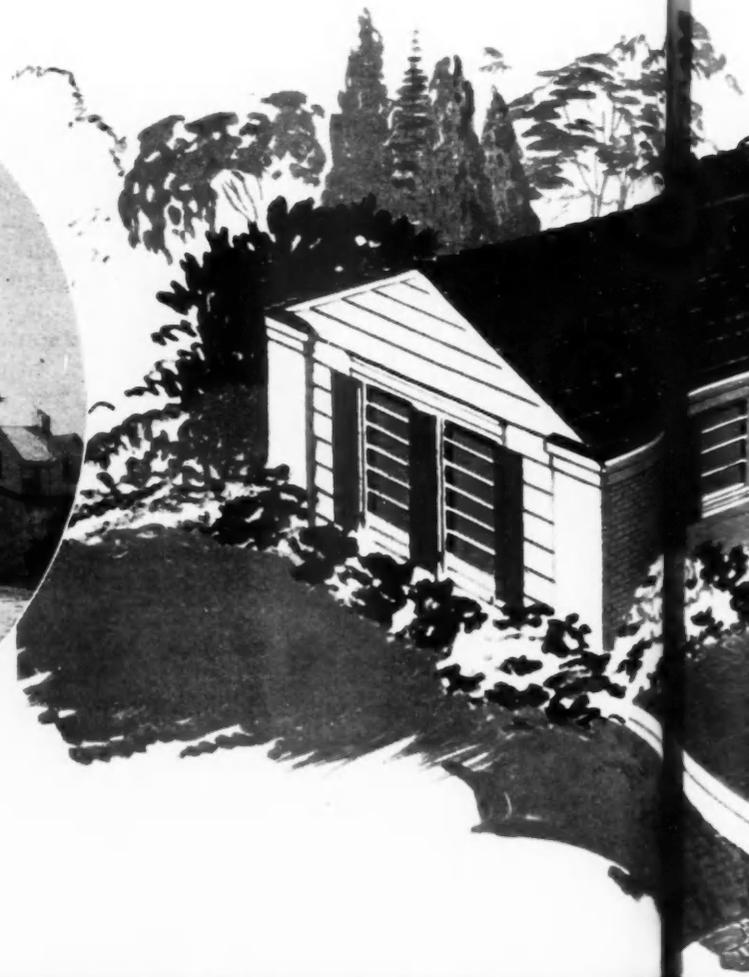
The eternal cry for adequate storage space convenient to the source of activity, and the feminine protest against excessive stair climbing, have been successfully answered in this type of dwelling. There also is a remarkable sense of spaciousness in the modern house. The effect is deliberately arrived at by combining living areas, and providing smooth, unbroken wall areas. Furniture units are often built in, becoming integral parts of the walls.

Due to improved heating methods, the laundry and all service elements have been taken out of the basements where they have resided for many generations. Large, bright and cheerful utility rooms have been placed on the ground floor, where their functions can



1926

THE better type house of yesterday, as shown above, sought first for exterior architectural embellishment and adherence to old world traditions, and then adapted a plan to suit these conditions.



Desirable Homes—Today and Tomorrow

be exercised with the greatest of ease and comfort.

The necessity of obtaining larger building lots to accommodate the modern house is a blessing in disguise. The old thirty-foot lot with its over-sized dwelling and the resultant over-crowding, requiring the establishment of public play and recreational areas, is a thing of the past. The garage, which had its former abode at the rear of the property, has now been moved forward and has become an integral part of the house.

Through constant development and research by the manufacturer of building material and products, a host of new items has become available. They have had a tremendous influence upon the design of buildings, particularly the home. The modern ranch house with all its innovations, such as sealed double-glazed solar windows, improved radiant heating, mechanical ventilation and air conditioning and innumerable other outstanding improvements, has created widespread interest. The use of bar steel joists that span the entire distance between the exterior walls permits the use of semi-permanent partitions that fold or slide out of sight when not in use. Storage walls which can be moved at will, to increase or decrease room area as the need arises, permit great flexibility in the plan arrangement.

The modern one-story, or ranch house, as it is so aptly called, is a natural, and is here to stay. With the advent of new products, refinements in the basic design will be constantly taking place. As materials become more plentiful and restrictions are lifted this type of house will be in greater demand than ever.



FLOOR PLAN

THE plan shown above revolves around the entrance hall, permitting access to all rooms without conflict.



1946

The house of tomorrow is contemporary in design, reflecting livability and embracing the love of the out-of-doors.



AS alike as Model T Fords, this row is typical of houses built in 1926.

Home Building on Long Island . . . 1926-1946



THE firm of Gross-Morton: George Gross (seated), president; Alfred Gross (left), vice president in charge of sales and promotion; brother-in-law Lawrence Morton (right), handles the construction.

DILIGENT application of a sound principle—"Giving the Small Home Buyer the Most for His Money"—has, during a quarter century of operation, made the name Gross-Morton, nationally known Long Island, N.Y., home builders, synonymous with Progress in Home Building. And it has established the firm as a pioneer leader among the biggest in the nation's home building industry. However, Gross-Morton did not start big, unless \$200 in cash, \$3,000 advanced by a local bank and the optimism of youth is "big."

Early in 1921, following in the footsteps of their builder father, Max Gross, who had retired three years earlier, the "Gross boys," George, then 21, and Alfred,



THIS STREET view of one of Gross-Morton's last

Twenty years of progress in home building is a part of the quarter-century, 7,000-house record established by the nationally known Gross-Morton firm

20, launched into house building in their home community of Queens County, New York. Brother-in-law Lawrence Morton joined the young organization shortly thereafter. "Queens" then boasted a population of 500,000. By 1940, when the population had increased to nearly 1,300,000, Gross-Morton had achieved widespread fame for their huge housing developments, several of which continue to attract interest as model communities. Among these are Rosedale, Forest Hills, Queens Village, Laurelton, Bayside Hills and Jamaica Estates—all in Queens County. Summed up, these developments represented more than 7,000 houses, built and sold, and a gross sales volume aggregating well in excess of \$50 million.

The average price of the Gross-Morton houses built during the past quarter-century ranges between \$8,500 and \$4,600, reaching its high in 1922 and 1929 and its low in 1934. Sales have varied from an all-time high of \$6,700,000 in 1928, the year the gigantic 3,000 house Laurelton undertaking was started and 929 houses were built, to the near zero of 1932, when no building was started and only a few houses sold.

An exemplification of Progress in Home Building is found by contrasting the houses built by Gross-Morton

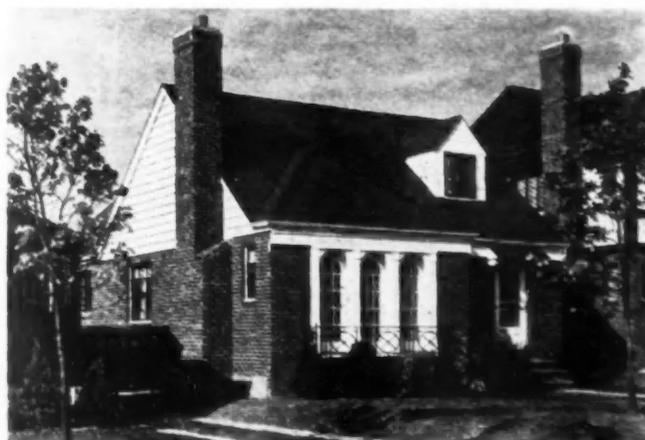


prewar developments shows in striking manner the progress in exterior design that has been made in twenty years.

in their Rosedale project, developed in 1926 (right and opposite page, left above), with the homes shown above and right below, built in their last prewar development. The 1926 houses lacked the design, the ornamentation and the construction details of their latter day counterparts. Exterior designs ranged from good to indifferent to an occasional one that was plain bad. As time moved along emphasis swung back from a grotesque neo-English toward neo-Colonial, reflecting the style trends of the times. In one year when pseudo-Spanish was popular, as it was in 1928, Gross-Morton knew it was commercial suicide to offer anything else.

In structural detail a typical 1926 house was uninsulated, had a wood or asphalt shingle roof, tin gutters, iron water pipes, a plain "stripped" kitchen, a white bathroom, and a coal-burning boiler that could not compare with the efficient operation of a present day unit. It was situated on a 32 by 100 foot plot of ground without landscaping and it usually was one of a row of houses as alike as Henry Ford's then still popular Model T. From these early models, which George Gross today is likely to refer to as "crates," Gross-Morton consistently worked to give home buyers more quality for their money. Latter day models have a slate roof, copper gutters, brass pipes, a completely equipped kitchen with built-in cabinets and a gas range, a bathroom in full color with glass enclosed shower, an oil burner. The house is situated on a considerably larger, attractively landscaped lot, and the buyer has a wide variety of floor plans and as many as seventy-five exterior designs from which to choose.

TWENTY YEARS of residential building summed up in two houses. The 1926 house (right) contrasts sharply with its present day counterpart (below), and it decisively marks Progress in Home Building.





TYPICAL octagon front bungalow, 1926 model.



GATEWAY to Robin Hood Estates, development of Wm. Joern & Sons.



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"DOES the home of today represent a greater value per dollar invested by the purchaser than the one that was built twenty years ago?"

Sitting back in his large and comfortable office, located on the second floor of an old rambling farm house recently remodeled to meet the needs of his expanding business, Charles E. Joern without hesitation answered in the affirmative. This young man is now the nominal head of Wm. Joern & Sons, builders, LaGrange Park, Ill., who have been operating in and around Chicago for the past fifty years. Large scale developments have been their specialty, of which Edgewood Park, a community of fine large homes in La Grange Park, is an outstanding example.

"The house today," says Joern, "is a completely engineered unit. All happenstance methods have been done away with insofar as it is humanly possible to do so. Through the use of power and time saving equipment a more thorough and accurate job can be done in much less time than it could in the past. This offsets to a marked degree the increase in the cost of labor and ma-

terials which are the component parts.

"We are also building into our houses greater permanency through the use of precast concrete joists, slabs and masonry walls, both interior and exterior. Modern steel cabinets for the kitchen, more electric outlets, finer plumbing fixtures and better and more efficient heating equipment are the rule today rather than the exception. These, in addition to the modern plans and designs that have been coming off the boards of progressive architects, have produced a house that is far superior in quality to the house of 1926."

In a comparison of values based on the typical house of the 1926 and 1946 periods, a number of factors must be considered. Built by Joern and Sons in 1926, the typical octagon front bungalow, shown on the top of this page, sold for \$11,250. The thirty-foot lot on which it was placed contained 3750 square feet and cost \$1,250. The ranch house shown on these pages has approximately the same number of square feet as the 1926 bungalow, and is listed to sell for \$19,500. The lot upon which this house is placed has an area of 10,500 square feet, or very nearly

three times the area of the 1926 lot.

A cold comparison brings to light the fact that the difference of \$8,250 is not too far out of line. This is arrived at in the following manner: 10,500 square feet of property in 1926 would have cost approximately \$3,600. Increased building costs today in the neighborhood of 40 per cent over 1939 figures would indicate an additional \$3,800. In other words, the home costing \$11,250 in 1926 would approximate \$17,500 today, using the same equipment and material that was used at the time it was built.

Added improvements such as complete equipment, landscaping, and the many other items already referred to would warrant an additional cost over 1926. Together with refinements in plan and design, greater livability has been obtained in the 1946 home.

The house shown on these pages is one of a group just recently completed by Joern in the Robin Hood Estates, a development of ranch type houses, each having a lot with a minimum of 100-foot frontage. Further activity in connection with this project has been held in abeyance due to the restrictions of the Wyatt program.



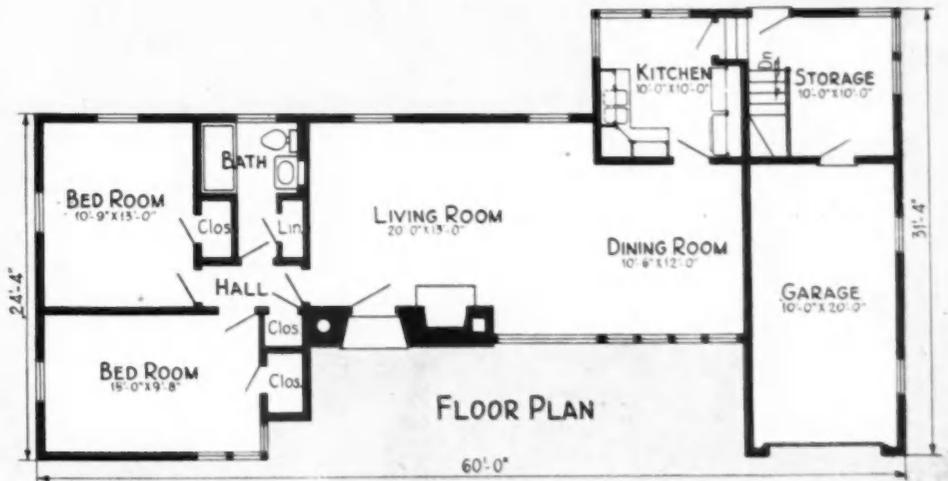
CONSERVATIVE adaptation of a modern 1946 ranch house.

Items Considered as Standard in 1946,
Not Available or Used in 1926

| Materials & Equipment | 1926 | 1946 |
|---------------------------------|---------|------|
| Steel basement sash..... | No | Yes |
| Concrete floor joist..... | No | Yes |
| Concrete floor slab..... | No | Yes |
| Wall drain tile..... | No | Yes |
| Gas-fired furnace..... | No | Yes |
| Automatic hot water heater..... | No | Yes |
| Weatherstripping..... | No | Yes |
| Plate glass windows..... | No | Yes |
| Copper screens..... | No | Yes |
| Insulation..... | Partial | Yes |
| Flush doors..... | No | Yes |
| Prefinished block flooring..... | No | Yes |
| Painted walls & ceilings..... | No | Yes |
| Plaster walls & ceilings..... | Yes | Yes |
| Vitrolite wainscot..... | No | Yes |
| Rubber tile floors..... | No | Yes |
| Linoleum floors..... | Yes | Yes |
| Steel kitchen cabinets..... | No | Yes |
| Double compartment sink..... | No | Yes |
| Gas stove..... | No | Yes |
| Refrigerator..... | No | Yes |
| Switches for all outlets..... | No | Yes |
| Wood-burning fireplace..... | No | Yes |
| Complete landscaping..... | No | Yes |
| Garbage container..... | No | Yes |
| Attached garage..... | No | Yes |
| Surfaced garage drive..... | No | Yes |
| Dampproofing..... | Yes | Yes |
| Bronze hardware..... | No | Yes |
| Upward-acting garage doors..... | No | Yes |



REAR view above. Plan below indicates compact room arrangement.

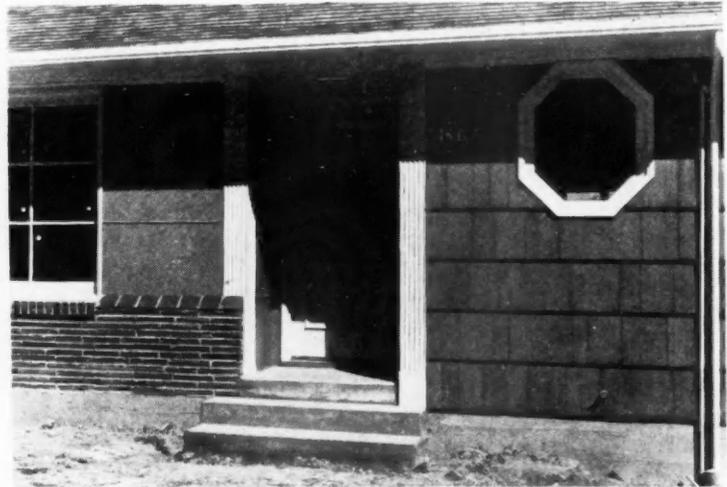


"I Am Building More

Veteran home builder reveals local cost records . . . finds today's new houses cheaper than old homes



STANLEY LONG, Seattle builder.



ENTRANCE detail of one of Stanley Long's 1946 models.

THE PANORAMA of West Coast home building unrolls in a fascinating way as one travels the residential streets of any of its prominent cities, especially if personally conducted by such an experienced, old-time builder as Stanley Long of Seattle.

To the practiced eye the style characteristics of the houses of each decade are so clearly marked that every street is definitely dated. No need of asking when a certain house or development was built. Its architectural style gives the answer. And, whether built in the then popular Carpenter-Gothic of the Eighties, or to imitate a Newport Villa of the Nineties, a wide-eaved California Bungalow of the early years of this century, or a pseudo-Spanish or brick Norman of the booming Twenties, there they stand still serving fairly well as habitations and shelter.

In contrast to these big old-timers there is the recent crop of small and monotonous war industry homes, relieved here and there by an individually planned modern, a Cape Cod cottage, a rambling ranch house or a true Colonial.

All these older houses, no matter how much or how little was their original building cost, are now changing ownership at unbelievable prices due to the present housing shortage. In fact, the skyrocketing market in old houses has put them clear out of competition with today's product of new houses, in spite of the difficulties and the apparent higher costs of current construction.

Since 1907 Stanley Long has been active as a home building contractor and developer in Seattle. He is typical of the best of those constructive pioneer builders who, since the turn of the century, have tamed the urban West and set the style for home improvements up and down the Coast.

"Regardless of the current difficulties of any particular period—and they were always many and most aggravating," he told *American Builder*, "we nevertheless have managed, down the years, to keep on building and selling, and these homelike residential streets are the result.

"However, we are building better now than ever before.

The war experiences have taught us many lessons. Today's buying public wants a different style house than back in '26; it's a simpler, smaller, better equipped and more livable house; easier to care for and less expensive to live in—and that's what we are giving them today.

"There is more thought, better planning and more expert styling going into our present output. It is better tied into its building site and surroundings. It takes better advantage of scenic views and of garden areas. It is less for show and more for comfort and wholesome family living.

"Costs are up, of course. There has been a steady upward climb—with here and there a temporary sag-off—since I started to keep my detailed cost record back in 1909. Average unit costs for dwellings in detached houses and in apartments in Seattle (shown in the attached table) increased from \$1330 in 1909 to \$3340 in 1926 and to \$6835 in 1946—which is some rise! However a substantial part of this is for improved automatic comfort equipment built into today's house to make it more self-operating, in line with the present servantless regime.

"Also the average figure has been increased from 20 years ago because today practically all the new houses, even the smallest, have their full quota of built-in automatic equipment; this increases their published price over similar houses of 1926, which were usually offered on a 'stripped-chassis' basis.

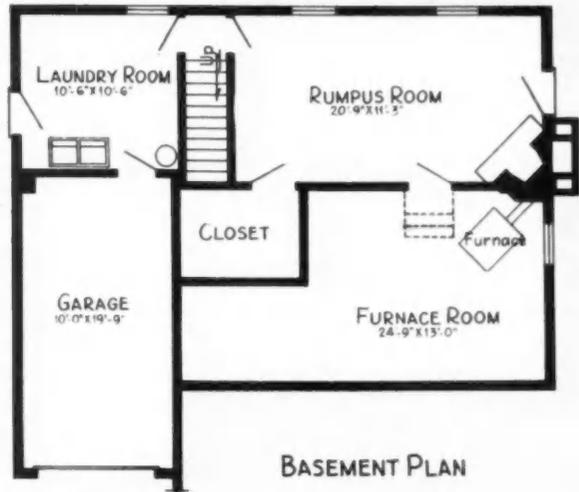
"We are turning out good houses today to sell at \$10,000 to \$16,000, and I challenge anyone to find in this city any old home, that can be bought at these prices, that gives so good a value for that money! Shelter is one of the four prime necessities of life—food, clothing, shelter, transportation—and folks are just beginning to realize how important the home is. In spite of the present higher prices for building labor, materials and home equipment, I feel that a good house is worth all that it costs today—and more; and I believe it will be a long, long time before this country sees any substantial reduction either in building labor wages or in the cost of building materials."

One of Mr. Long's current home building projects is

Livable Houses Today . . . " Stanley Long, Seattle

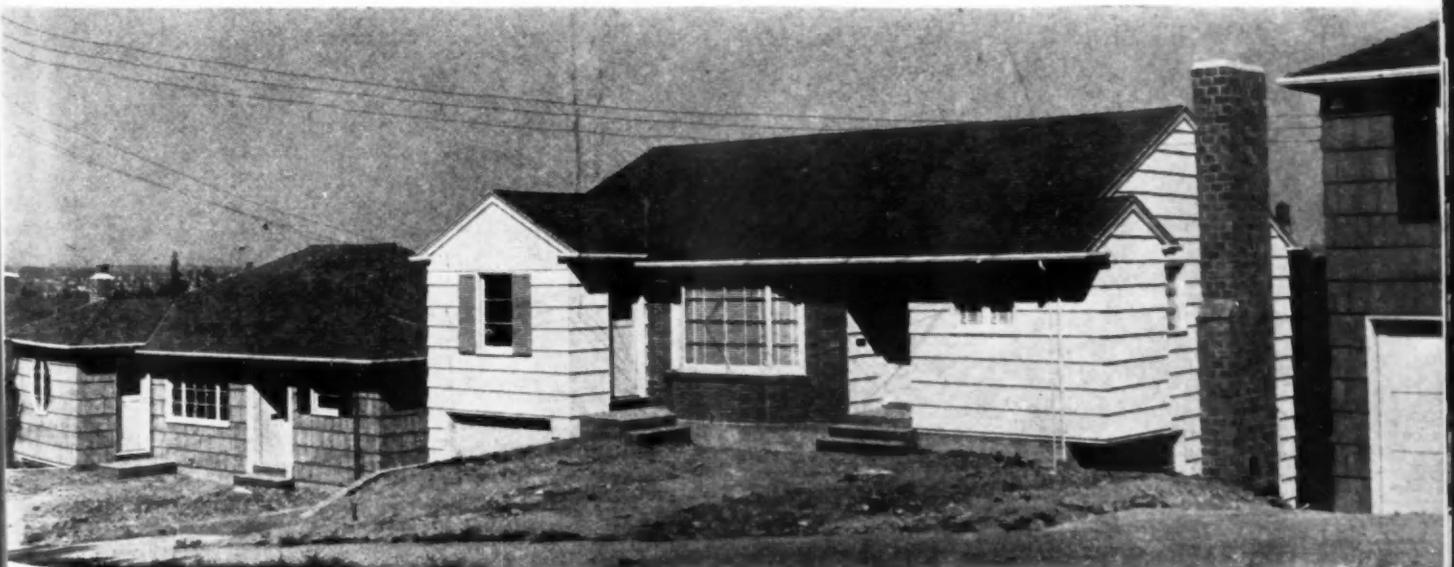
| Year | HOME BUILDING IN SEATTLE | | | Average Unit Cost* |
|------|--------------------------|--------|-------|--------------------|
| | Number of Units Built | | | |
| | Apts. | Houses | Total | |
| 1909 | 3050 | 3769 | 6820 | \$1330 |
| 1910 | 1601 | 2836 | 4437 | 1390 |
| 1911 | 787 | 2133 | 2920 | 1360 |
| 1912 | 270 | 1816 | 2086 | 1565 |
| 1913 | 432 | 1766 | 2198 | 1827 |
| 1914 | 990 | 1737 | 2728 | 1612 |
| 1915 | 509 | 1311 | 1820 | 1538 |
| 1916 | 790 | 1082 | 1872 | 1360 |
| 1917 | 566 | 1025 | 1591 | 1464 |
| 1918 | 631 | 3917 | 4548 | 1241 |
| 1919 | 348 | 3343 | 3691 | 1774 |
| 1920 | 718 | 1431 | 2149 | 2412 |
| 21 | 1150 | 1775 | 2925 | 2430 |
| 22 | 1540 | 1903 | 3443 | 2940 |
| 23 | 314 | 2086 | 2400 | 3032 |
| 24 | 1350 | 2865 | 4245 | 3190 |
| 25 | 2610 | 3618 | 5228 | 3256 |
| 26 | 1754 | 3341 | 5095 | 3340 |
| 27 | 2116 | 2750 | 4866 | 3440 |
| 28 | 2812 | 2332 | 5144 | 3450 |
| 29 | 1632 | 1703 | 3335 | 3515 |
| 1930 | 2340 | 1176 | 3516 | 3320 |
| 31 | 192 | 994 | 1186 | 3010 |
| 32 | 72 | 307 | 379 | 1713 |
| 33 | 00 | 168 | 168 | 2400 |
| 34 | 00 | 150 | 150 | 1740 |
| 35 | 3 | 247 | 250 | 3600 |
| 36 | 20 | 531 | 551 | 4026 |
| 37 | 2 | 634 | 636 | 3750 |
| 38 | 275 | 696 | 971 | 3830 |
| 39 | 15 | 1261 | 1276 | 4175 |
| 1940 | 100 | 1824 | 1924 | 4270 |
| 41 | 782 | 2968 | 3750 | 4150 |
| 42 | 3090 | 1512 | 4702 | 3380 |
| 43 | 990 | 1484 | 2474 | 4225 |
| 44 | 680 | 1090 | 1770 | 4427 |
| 45 | 242 | 1271 | 1513 | 5512 |
| 46 | 94 | 1463 | 1557 | 6835 |

*Exclusive of land. STANLEY LONG



a group of six houses on 25th Avenue North in Seattle's Montlake district commanding a scenic view of Lake Washington and the University Arboretum. Designed by Albert A. Geiser, architect, these are two-bedroom homes with finished rumpus room in the basement. They present a broad one-story front to the street with a two-story elevation at the rear.

HOUSES on 25th Avenue North, Seattle, built by Stanley Long and designed by Albert A. Geiser, architect.



LAND USE

Subdivision Development



A COMMUNITY plan typical of the gridiron pattern common in 1926.

| 1926 | 1946 |
|---|---|
| Total Net Area: 1031 Acres 1.6 Square Miles | Total Net Area: 1031 Acres 1.6 Square Miles |
| Streets 161,521 Lineal Feet 244.6 Acres (24%) | Streets 133,882 Lineal Feet 195.4 Acres (19%) |
| Alleys 129,146 Lineal Feet 47.4 Acres (4%) | Alleys 67,765 Lineal Feet 25 Acres (2.4%) |
| Neighborhood Parks and Elementary Schools 34.8 Acres (3.3%) | Neighborhood Parks and Elementary Schools 33.3 Acres (3.2%) |
| Community Park and High School 28.6 Acres (2.7%) | Community Park and High School 29.8 Acres (2.9%) |
| Public Buildings 2.9 Acres | Public Buildings 8.6 Acres |
| Small Parks and Walkways 10.7 Acres | Small Parks and Walkways 12.5 Acres |
| Buffer Parks 63.2 Acres | Buffer Parks 62.5 Acres |
| Parochial School 8.7 Acres | Parochial School 9.1 Acres |
| Churches 4.0 Acres | Churches 4.8 Acres |
| Single-Family Areas 260.6 Acres | Single-Family Areas 266.9 Acres |
| Group Dwelling Areas 228.0 Acres | Group Dwelling Areas 265.1 Acres |
| Apartment Dwelling Areas 65.0 Acres | Apartment Dwelling Areas 77.6 Acres |
| Retail-Commercial Areas 32.9 Acres | Retail-Commercial Areas 55.8 Acres |
| Total Dwelling Units 4,837 | Total Dwelling Units 7,753 |
| Estimated Population 23,000 | Estimated Population 26,000 |

20 Years Show

Today the successful builder is a creator of communities and not merely a subdivider of land or a builder of houses. His success is measured by the character and quality of his projects

DURING the past twenty years well planned, protected, and properly improved residential neighborhoods have come to be recognized as factors essential to the successful marketing of properties in all price ranges. One reason for this is the recognition on the part of purchasers of these properties of the greater stability of real estate values in such areas. The development of slums, blighted residential areas, and the depreciation of property values have been generally due to the failure to apply the fundamental principles used in planning high-priced neighborhoods to areas composed of houses of more moderate cost. The increased emphasis for houses of lower cost points up the need for adequate planning of such neighborhoods to avoid rapid deterioration of property values, building of future slums, and preventable financial losses to developers and home owners.

Successful builders and developers well know that profitable subdivision planning involves far more than the mere drawing of street and lot lines on paper. They know that it includes the planning of neighborhoods in a broader sense which begins with the selection of raw land, the economical planning of streets, lots, utilities, the control of house design, and the use of a sound marketing program. Two decades ago little attention was given to the importance of these elements. Today they are given studied consideration.

Twenty Years of Progress

For purposes of illustration, the community plan shown to the left depicts how an area might have been subdivided in 1926. The familiar gridiron design includes areas for parks, schools, public buildings, churches, and retail stores of approximately the same acreage as those included in the plan shown opposite, hence it is appropriate to show it for purposes of contrast. It is to be noted that extensions of a proposed express highway system border the subject tract on three sides, and wide park strips on the north and east are provided as insulation against abutting inharmonious uses.

The "1946" plan (at the right), utilizing the "curvilinear pattern," reflects modern day planning principles and techniques, applied to achieve an integrated community made up of five distinct neighborhoods individual in character. The elementary school and playground sites constitute the center of each neighborhood. The streets are designed and laid out to serve a particular function for the circulation of pedestrians and vehicular traffic within and between neighborhoods. The children going to and coming from schools would need to cross only a minimum number of streets, all of which would be for local traffic only. The various neighborhoods are united to form a community with the high school and recreation facilities as the center of community educational and social life. Adjacent to the high school and closely related in function is a proposed central grouping of public buildings and retail shops to serve the whole community and other residential and industrial areas beyond.

Marked Improvement In Planning

To serve the various religious denominations of the people, church sites and a large parochial school location are grouped at a strategic center in the community. Each site includes ample area for off-street parking of vehicles and for appropriate landscaping of the grounds.

Important is the fact that the street system of the "1946" plan occupies no more land than is necessary to meet adequately all traffic requirements and to connect each neighborhood unit with another. Hence, the initial costs of land dedication and the improvement of streets with adequate roadways are held to a desirable minimum. Emphasis has been placed upon the designing of the residential streets in such a manner as to discourage through traffic from entering. The use of the cul-de-sac or "court street" is recommended wherever practical for utilizing odd-shaped pieces of land and when an adequate turning area at the end is provided.

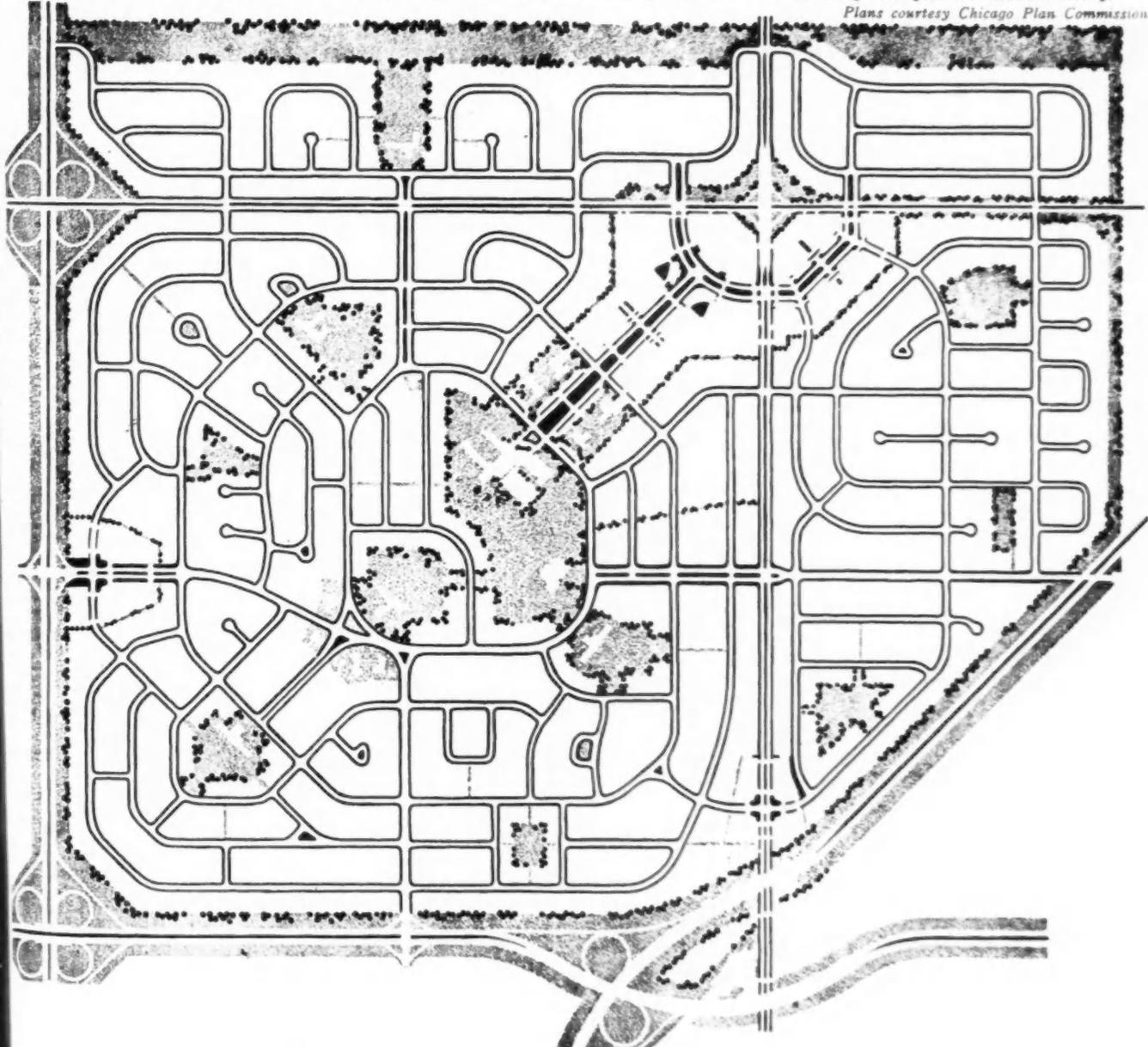
With the area for street dedications held to a minimum,

it becomes possible to provide more land for dwelling use. Single-family home sites should range from 50 to 65 feet in width in order to provide adequate distance between houses for light and air and in order to create desirable residential character. Garages could be attached to the house, or detached but located in proper architectural harmony with the dwelling. Front entrance drives obviate the need for alleys. Each family would consequently have more area for an individual garden and could enjoy considerably more freedom than would be possible under the "1926" gridiron type of plan.

Three shopping centers, equipped with well-improved parking areas, would provide for most of the retail commercial needs of the community. Two of the centers would be local in character, while the larger development would include such facilities as a theatre, department store, food markets, and so on, which would both draw and serve customers from a wide area beyond the community.

MODERN planning principles and techniques, utilizing the "curvilinear pattern", create an integrated plan for modern living.

Plans courtesy Chicago Plan Commission



FINANCING

Mortgages • Interest Rates • Terms

HOME builders delight in dramatizing the progress that has been made in design, comfort, convenience and luxury of American homes, by contrasting the crowded, white bathrooms of twenty years ago with that colorful, glamorous room of today. Or, they describe the kitchen of our parents, with its massive wood or coal range, its deeply-ornamented castings needing almost daily "blackening" and its great areas of nickel plating calling for constant polishing. Truly today's streamlined electric or gas range, whose gleaming porcelain can be washed as easily as a china dish, does denote great progress that is typical of almost every feature of the improved, modern home.

During the parallel period of years, comparable progress has been made in home financing. Such progress is just as important, even though its phases and details are more difficult to dramatize. The borrower used to pay his broker a commission to find him the money; now usually the lender pays the broker for locating a good mortgage loan. Ordinarily the only costs in addition to this are the title costs and recording the deed. During the past two decades, interest rates have also been substantially reduced.

HOME FINANCING IN 1926

Price

\$7990

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| On Contract | \$ 390 |
| On Title | 400 |
| First Mortgage | 5,000 |
| Held by Title Company | |
| Second Mortgage | 2,200 |
| Runs Till Paid | |
| | \$7,990 |

Monthly Carrying Charges

| | |
|--|---------|
| Interest on First Mortgage | \$25.00 |
| Water | 1.10 |
| Insurance | .50 |
| Taxes (Approximate) | 10.00 |
| Average Interest on Second Mortgage .. | 5.50 |
| Average Installment on Second Mortgage | 30.50 |
| | \$72.60 |

Revolutionary

High interest rates and short-term loans of the '20's have been replaced by low interest rates and long-term monthly payment plan mortgages

Twenty years ago high interest rates and short-term loans were customary, if not the rule (see left below). Many mortgages at that time were arranged on a "straight loan" basis; that is, interest was paid at stipulated intervals during the period of the loan, and the principal was paid in one lump sum when due. The savings and loan associations pioneered in the idea of reduction of principal by regular monthly payments. The first breach in the mortgage rate structure was made in 1933 when the Home Owners' Loan Corporation began to refinance mortgages at 5 per cent. In 1934 the Federal Housing Administration established a nominal rate of 5 per cent for insured mortgages and also the "easy payment plan" of mortgage reduction. FHA's insurance of loans was found necessary when money was "tight," because without it investors were reluctant to risk their money in mortgages. It is still widely in use, but at the present time many builders state they prefer not to handle FHA loans because of the "red tape and delay." Another factor is the pressure of investment money which makes it possible to negotiate mortgage loans without FHA approval and insurance.

The straight interest mortgage is now the unusual. Another type of mortgage that has dwindled in popularity is the "varying payment amortization" mortgage. Under this plan the borrower paid a regular fixed sum toward reduction of the outstanding principal, and the interest payment became smaller with each reduction.

The "fixed payment amortization" mortgage is now the most common in use. As an example: A \$5,000 mortgage loan at 4½ per cent interest for a period of fifteen years will be completely amortized by a regular monthly payment of \$38.25. At the beginning, the larger part of the payment is for interest, with only a fraction for reduction of principal. But as the principal grows less, interest payments also decrease, leaving the greater share of the regular monthly payment to be applied against the principal sum. Thus the final payment is almost 100 per cent against the mortgage obligation. With this type of mortgage, therefore, the reduction of the debt takes place at a constantly accelerated rate, and it is liquidated in a minimum period of time.

The fixed payment amortization mortgage can be arranged to have installments include local taxes, water rates, fire and other insurance. It thereby takes care of a multitude of costs with one series of payments and a negligible amount of trouble.

One of the largest home financing groups is comprised of the savings and loan associations, which finance an important part of the country's mortgage loans. Many are members of the Federal Home Loan Bank System.

Insurance companies, particularly life insurance companies, are coming into the home loan field to a constantly greater extent. Ordinarily they act through a real estate broker who is known as their "mortgage

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Economies Made in Home Financing

correspondent." Most savings banks and many commercial banks are extremely interested in home loan investments and operate a special department to take care of this business. Some of them deal almost exclusively in FHA insurance loans. National banks are now admitted to the home loan field by the provisions of the revised G. I. Loan Bill, which permits them to loan a maximum of 75 per cent for 25 years on loans to veterans. Previously they were severely restricted on home loans—a maximum of 66-2/3 per cent for 10 years.

Other classes of lenders include mortgage companies, trusts, estates, various types of foundations, and private individuals.

For the sixteen-year period 1925-1940, the average annual amount of mortgages outstanding was \$18.2 billions, with the average for individuals and others being \$6.4 billions, for savings and loan associations \$4.6 billions, mutual savings banks \$2.9 billions, commercial banks \$1.7 billion and insurance companies \$1.4 billion. The end of the thirties found each of these groups holding much the same proportion of the total dollar volume of mortgages outstanding as at the end of the twenties, with the exception of the savings and loan associations. These latter, which had held an average of 31 per cent in the four-year period 1926-1929, averaged only 21 per cent during 1937-1940.

For the sixteen-year period 1925-1940, the average annual amount of mortgages made was \$3.1 billions, with savings and loan associations making an average of \$1.1 billion, individuals and others \$0.7 billion, commercial banks \$0.6 billion, mutual savings banks \$0.4 billion and insurance companies \$0.3 billion. The only significant shift in the proportionate amount of the mortgage shifting between the late twenties and the late thirties was the decline by the mutual savings banks from 14 per cent in 1926-1929 to 4 per cent of the total in 1937-1940.

Among the more important neighborhood factors which affect mortgage loans adversely are:

1. Poor transportation.
2. Inadequate schools.
3. Excessive distance to shopping facilities.
4. Absence of utilities.
5. Inadequate street improvements.
6. Insufficient restrictions.
7. Dumps.
8. Cemeteries or mortuaries.
9. Industrial plants.
10. Railroads.
11. Heavy traffic.
12. Filling stations and garages.
13. Hospitals and similar institutions.
14. Too close proximity to churches, schools, stores, theatres, etc.
15. Undesirable neighbors.
16. Unattractive or poorly kept buildings in the vicinity.
17. Unattractive view or outlook.
18. Filled ground.
19. Sparse development.
20. High terraces (in some instances) and other defects of terrain.
21. Excessively narrow streets.
22. High taxes and/or assessments.
23. Lack of uniformity, i.e., spotty development.
24. Too close proximity to sign boards.



LIBERAL financing terms for low-cost homes make home ownership possible for millions.



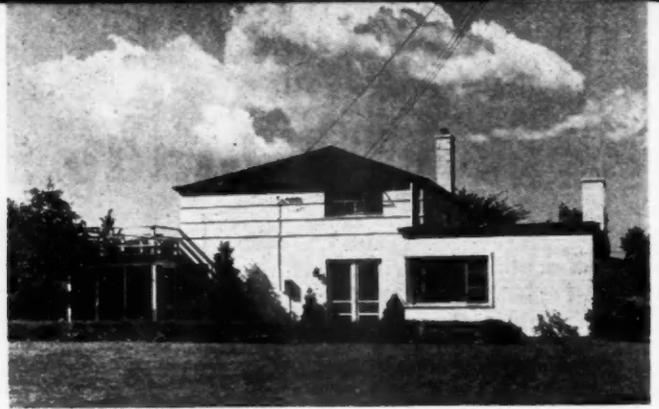
HOME ownership in the middle price bracket becomes desirable when monthly payments are less than rent.



LONG-TERM loans bring monthly payments down to the point where buyers can afford better dwellings.

CONCRETE WORK

Foundations • Footings • Slab
Waterproofing • Cement Block • Brick



Well designed concrete masonry house in which the horizontal joints are well raked, further emphasizing its broad, low lines.

Two Decades Reveal Progress in Concrete Products



SINCE the turn of the century cement has become one of the most widely used construction materials. It has been extensively used for all types of construction and has contributed greatly to the physical building of America.

Refinements in the manufacture of cement have resulted in improved quality and increased strength due to finer grinding, more complete burning, and better control of composition and manufacturing processes. Improvement in design and control of concrete mixtures has enabled the builder to take maximum advantage of the improvement in cement, with the result that stronger and more durable structures can be built with greater economy.



Scaling indicated on normal slab in foreground. Air entraining on balance was scale resistant.

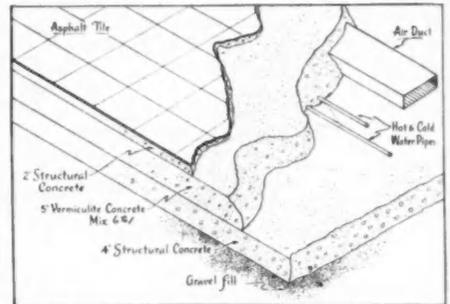
Air entraining marks another advance in the manufacture of cement and another contribution to the making of better concrete. Extensive research has shown that the scaling of concrete pavements caused by the use of de-icing salts could be greatly reduced and in some cases eliminated by the use of cement in which a small and precise amount of air entraining agent was interground. As a result, the use of this product has been extended to all types of concrete construction.

Concrete to be *usable* must first of all be *placeable*. To get the mix

workable to "place," it is necessary to add more water than required. The excess water may cause segregation of the mix and result in excessive bleeding. These are the twin ills of concrete, and where one exists the other is also present. How does concrete made with air entraining cement avoid this? When water is added to the air entraining agent (animal fats, vegetable oils or resins) and through the action in the mixer where a small amount of air is whipped into the concrete, these agents are dissolved, forming small amounts of soap.

The billions of tiny air bubbles, which air entraining cement creates in the concrete, act like ball bearings that hold apart the particles of fine and coarse aggregate. While the solid particles can roll freely on the bubbles, they cannot roll freely through or around the bubbles. This prevents the particles from settling or moving out of their relative positions. Thus the concrete is very plastic, less water is needed for a given workability, and segregation and bleeding are greatly reduced or eliminated. The combination of few channels and disconnected air cells in the hardened concrete minimizes the opportunity for water to move in and out of the concrete. Thus air entrainment fortifies the concrete against the effects of freezing and thawing weather.

Experience has shown that air entraining cement adds desirable prop-



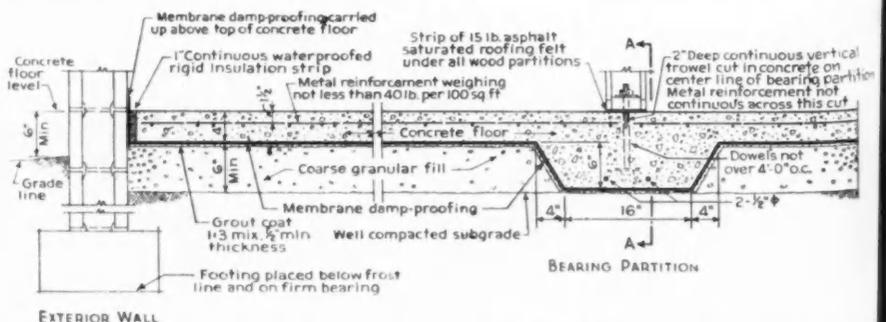
Detail of a vermiculite concrete floor.

erties to concrete and concrete products and facilitates the various steps in their manufacture. By following the above principles better concrete is definitely in prospect.

For residences without basements or for unexcavated portions under houses, concrete floors on ground provide an excellent type of construction. Recent studies have shown that when properly designed and constructed, concrete floor slabs on ground give better results than other types of floors.

The accompanying drawings show several types of construction that have proved successful. The basic difference in the two methods is that one employs the use of membrane dampproofing between the granular fill composed of either coarse cinders, slag, gravel or crushed stone, and the reinforced concrete slab above, while the other provides a base of granular fill placed upon the subgrade, with slabs

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Construction details of concrete floor on ground showing the use of membrane dampproofing.



PROGRESS 1926-1946

LUMBER

From Forest to Dealer

Lumber Manufacture Is Now a Highly Mechanized Operation

CONTRARY to much public opinion, the lumber manufacturing industry is one of the most highly mechanized industrial operations in the nation. Development of machines to eliminate hand labor in woods and mills has made such rapid progress in recent years that today finished lumber is produced in the most modern mills without being touched by human hands until it is loaded in freight cars for shipment.

Electric or gasoline powered chain saws have replaced the old crosscut for tree falling and bucking. Two men with a chain saw can fall about 80,000 feet of saw logs per day and get more feet per tree because stumps can be cut lower than with the ax and crosscut saw method.

A new era in lumber production was opened when crawler-type tractors were brought into the woods to build primary and secondary roads, clear landings, take over skidding operations and, when equipped, furnish electric power for chain saws. Mechanical log loaders of various types speed up removal of saw logs from woods by rail and truck. The wide use of trailer-type log-hauling trucks which will transport up to 75 tons has reduced materially the time and cost of getting logs from woods

to sawmills over all types of roads.

Once logs get to the modern mill a host of intricate but rugged machines cut and finish lumber to precise sizes and shapes for use by the nation's consumers. Huge "double-cut" band-saws that make a cut in a log at both the forward and return motion, together with "gang saws" that will cut huge timbers into a dozen or more one-inch boards at one operation, are a complete transformation from the old single-cut circular saws.

Automatic lumber sorters and stackers have eliminated much manpower while also speeding up the process.

The installation of huge batteries of dry kilns in modern sawmills permits the shipment of scientifically dried lumber within a matter of days after it leaves the woods as against the weeks required under the old air-drying system. High speed planers and end trimmers are now in use that not only hold costs per unit to a minimum but turn out a precision product in lumber that permits the builder to do a better job with less manpower.

The trend in modern lumber manufacturing is for the sawmill to do more toward producing a finished or semi-finished packaged product. Much progress was made along this line during World War II.



Electric, or gasoline powered chain saws speed tree-falling operations.



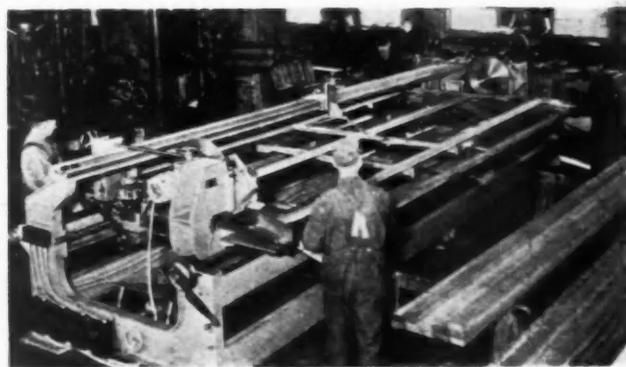
Crawler-type tractor with logging arch will handle 60,000 feet of logs per day.



Specially designed truck-trailer units transport logs to mill in minimum time.

Crawler-type tractor with fork lift simplifies lumber handling job.

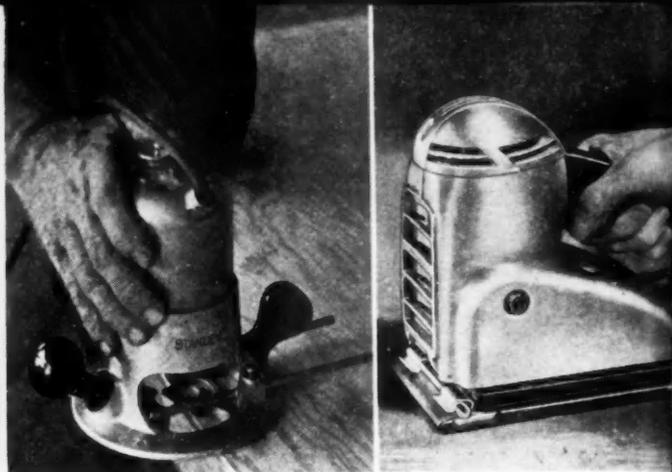
Right below: Trimming lumber to exact length with square ends and imprinting mill trademark.



PROGRESS 1926-1946

POWER EQUIPMENT

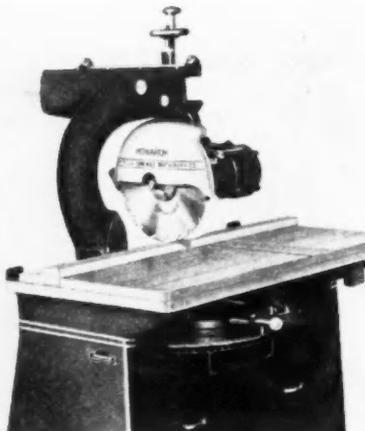
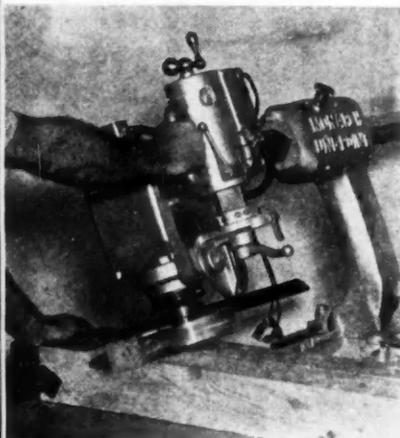
Tools • Saws • Sanders • Cement
Mixers • Hoists • Portable Power • Trucks



Edging a panel with Stanley V-groover. Sterling sander for cramped quarters.



Visual evidence of transformation of Rex concrete mixers to 1946 simplified and streamlined, rubber-tired precision machine.



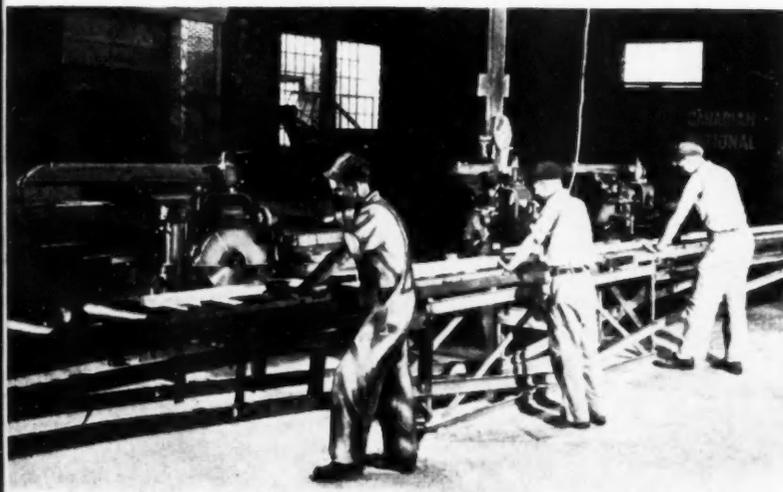
Two Monarch radial saws. At right, heavy duty stationary bench type. Left, lightweight unit that can be carried by two men.

DURING the past score of years rises in building labor costs have been arrested through the introduction of new types of power tools and machines, and the improvement of others. Manufacturers of power equipment have striven successfully to make possible measurable increases in man-hour production, and to provide the means for mechanizing an ever increasing number of building operations.

Portable power saws have speeded up site fabrication operations beyond any pace possible in 1926, and have added flexibility to the uses of their products that make practically every cutting operation on wood, insulation, drain tile and some metals a mechanical operation instead of a hand tool process. Jack rafter cuts, cross cuts, bevels, miters and other cuts are accomplished easily with modern portable power saws. Some of them can be converted into radial saws. Improved automatic safety guards render their operation nearly foolproof. Weights have been reduced, power increased, operation made easier, and durability extended.

Stationary bench and radial power saws have made possible the economical transfer of numerous operations from the job site to the shop. The new radial saws ordinarily can cut 2,000 studs in an hour or nearly 300 heel rafter cuts in one and three-quarter hours. Today with framing and trim cutting, rafter notching, stair stringer routing, grooving, door sticking, shaping for windows, mouldings, paneling, cabinet work and many other operations easily performed with new and improved portable and stationary power saws, builders have speeded up their work on both site and shop fabrication. The end of development in this field is far from being in sight.

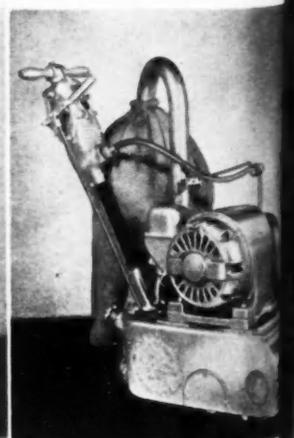
Much the same can be said for power-driven concrete and mortar mixers. Illustrations on these pages show the sharp improvements in mixer design, and a volume could be written about the advances in controls



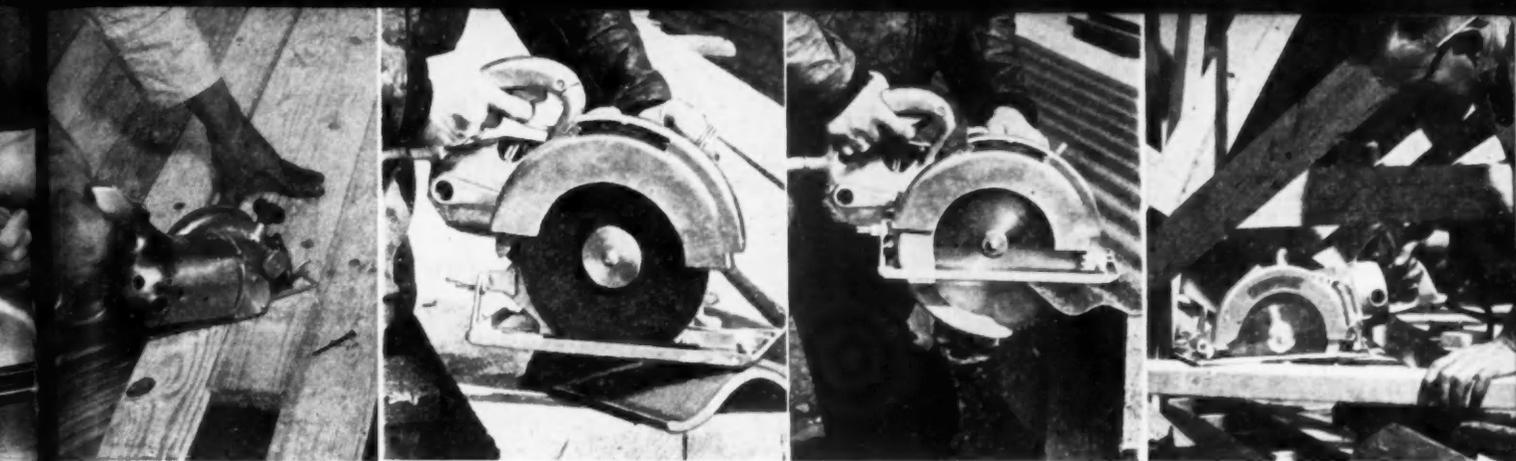
Precutting on production line with series of Walker-Turner radial power saws.



Porter-Cable corner sander.



American Floor Surfacing drum sander.



Black & Decker power saw. Bias cut.

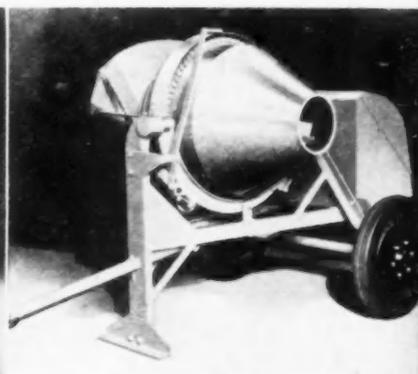
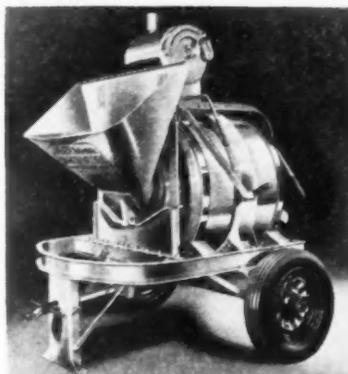
Cutting tile with Wappat portable saw.

Note Wappat safety guard.

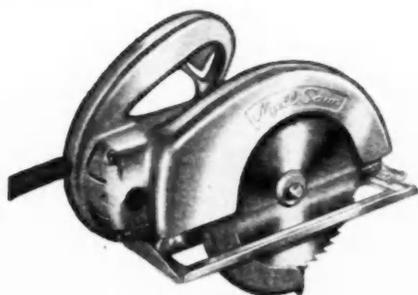
Skilsaw speeds site fabrication.

and operation that cannot be illustrated easily. Precision in batching, uniformity of mix, ease of operation, longer life, lower maintenance costs, simplification through streamlining and greatly improved carriages for faster and easier transportation are among the improvements of the past twenty years that have meant new economies in building, and better cement, concrete and mortar. An entirely new class of mixers and overhead bins has developed transit mixed concrete with its attendant economies since 1926.

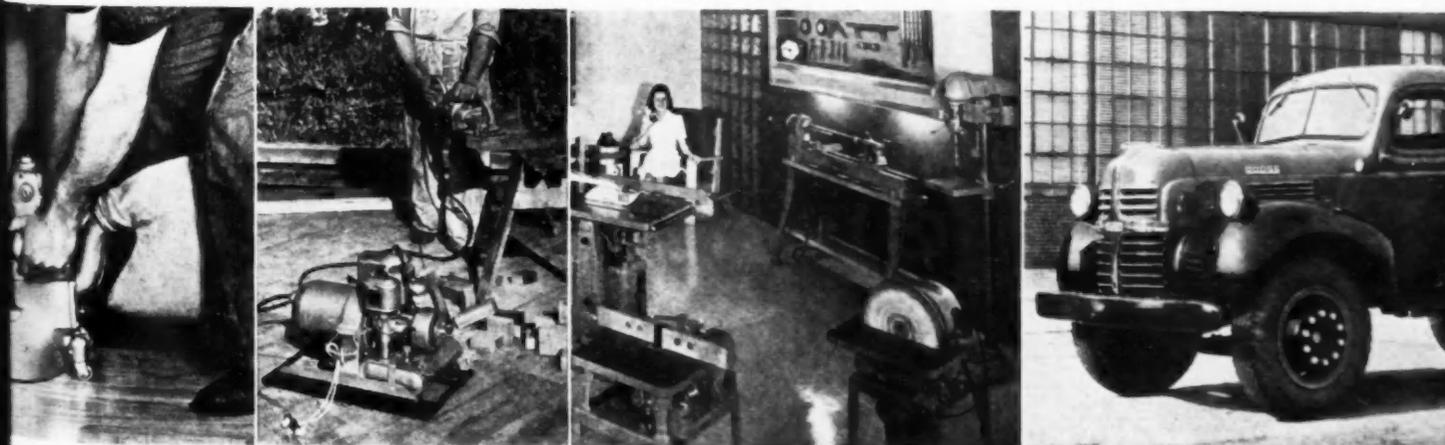
An adequate discussion of motor truck improvements since 1926 is impossible in the limited space available. Mention should be made of the fact, however, that from a very limited number of types of trucks available twenty years ago, truck manufacturers have developed a wide variety to meet every possible transportation, trenching and excavating need of builders. Improvements in increased power, economy of operation, ease of handling, declining maintenance costs, flexibility of use, and all the countless advances aimed at better performance have practically revolutionized building operations that depend on motor trucks.



Right: Group of modern power tools and machines showing designs that reduce weight, increase efficiency, lower operating costs, includes Jaeger mixer, Comet, DeWalt and Boice-Crane saws.



Lighter materials and improved design have made 1946 Mall portable saws easier to operate, have given them better balance and have provided new building economies.

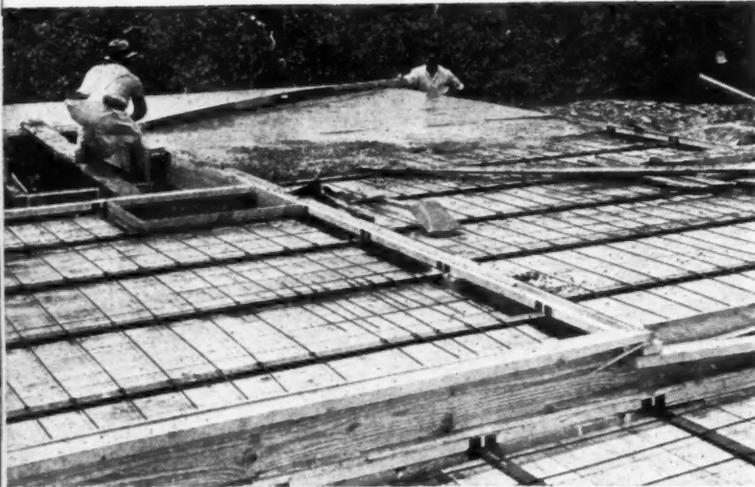


Left to right—American Floor Surfacing floor edger; Portable Homelite unit; fully equipped Delta home workshop. Indicative of new truck styling is this Dodge.

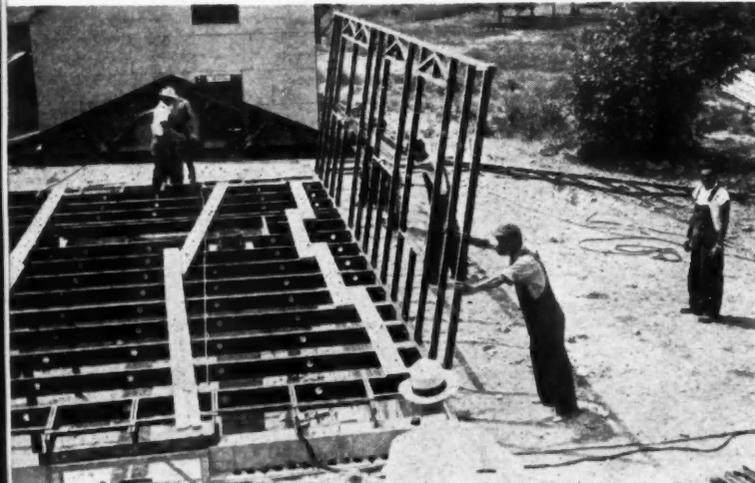
FRAMING·SHEATHING INSULATION

Evolution in Building

Manufacturing genius combined with ingenuity of builders produces scientifically engineered homes



Steel beams combined with reinforced concrete to form a floor. Finished floor will be wood block or linoleum. Photo: Jones & Laughlin.



Building with nailable steel framing. Photo: Great Lakes Steel Corp. Below: Conventional wood frame house with diagonal wood sheathing.



HOUSE framing materials are generally taken for granted. Manufacturers of materials and the builders, however, have made notable improvements in products and techniques during the past twenty years.

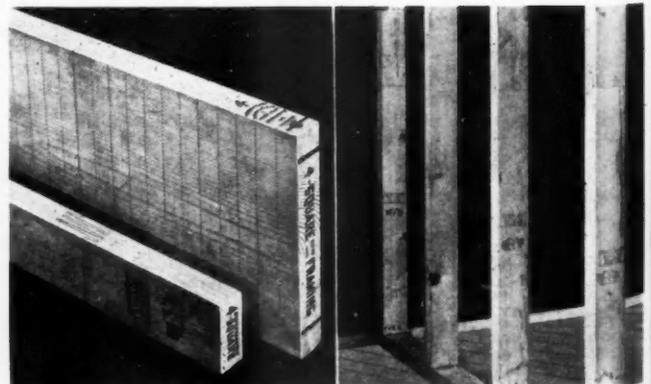
Research in the manufacture of framing lumber permits delivery of a product today that is far superior in many respects to that available to builders even twenty years ago. Dimension cut to exact lengths, with square ends and rounded corners, permits calculable economies in quantity of material and labor consumed to produce a frame that is far superior in shape, stability and strength to that possible in average construction twenty to twenty-five years ago.

Added to more precise manufacturing methods are the improved techniques and standards in seasoning and grading of lumber which carries the stresses and strains in homes. The load-bearing qualities of joists and rafters in various species have been carefully and accurately tabulated by engineers. Grading rules rigidly enforced by well-trained personnel assure delivery of framing lumber to the site and leave no question of strength to hit-or-miss calculation.

Introduction of metal joist hangers, metal bridging and improved stair building practices along with precutting of framing lumber at the mill and at the site by modern, precision machines have added to reduction of labor time on the job and materials consumed to produce a more rigid frame.

A new type trussed rafter, employing Teco connectors, has been designed and is being used in small home construction. Inexperienced labor can be used to preassemble these rafters on the ground to erect as a unit. There is no complicated notching, no spiking, and the ridge board is eliminated. The use of this new truss not only saves large quantities of lumber for rafters, but permits the elimination of load-bearing partitions and on-the-job closet framing in small homes, effecting a still further saving.

The extensive use of scientifically designed and proved termite shields with wood framing has come into common use to remove that danger. Wood preservative and treating firms have developed and proved wood impregnation



Nu-Loc studding and a piece of framing with inch and foot marks.

Weyerhaeuser's Nu-Loc stud—short pieces glued into full length.

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Methods Results from Improved Building Materials

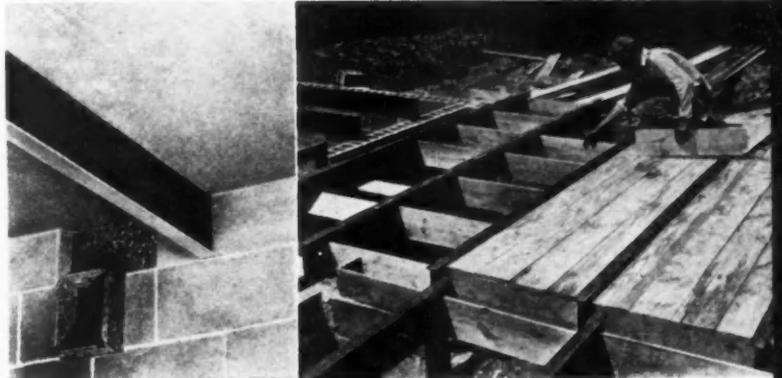
and treatment materials and methods to remove danger of infection or failure in wood framing from insects, fungus and rot. Fire-retardant treated lumber is also available to today's home builders.

Finely engineered nailable steel framing has been introduced to the home building market within the last twenty years. Uniform in quality and high in strength, this framing can be used with ordinary plans by carpenters and other workmen familiar with conventional wood framing. A nailing groove in joists and studs makes it possible to apply any type of finish on both the exterior and interior. Members may be joined with self-threading screws or welded. Cost of this material is slightly higher than wood but lower erection costs make the completed steel frame for a given building competitive price-wise with wood.

An important recent development in the brick and tile industry that will reduce on-the-job labor costs in addition to forming a smoother, tighter wall for home building is adoption of the principle of modular coordination. Based on a four-inch module, brick and tile are being manufactured so they will fit together in a structure without excessive cutting or waste. The manufacturers of metal and wood windows have adopted standard modular openings to conform with those adopted by the brick and tile manufacturers. The four-inch module for masonry will apply to solid brick, cavity-type and veneer-type wall construction.

The cement industry now has several approved types of residential wall construction available to builders. They may be coursed or random ashlar, as single walls or as hollow walls, and of solid reinforced concrete, reinforced concrete hollow double walls or ribbed wall construction. Probably the most popular type of concrete wall today is the regular coursed masonry wall, suitable to both period and modern style of architecture. There are also several types of approved concrete beam and floor construction for residences which have been developed in recent years. The steel industry has contributed improved steel beams and lally columns to aid builders in doing a better, more permanent job of house building in combination with all types of materials.

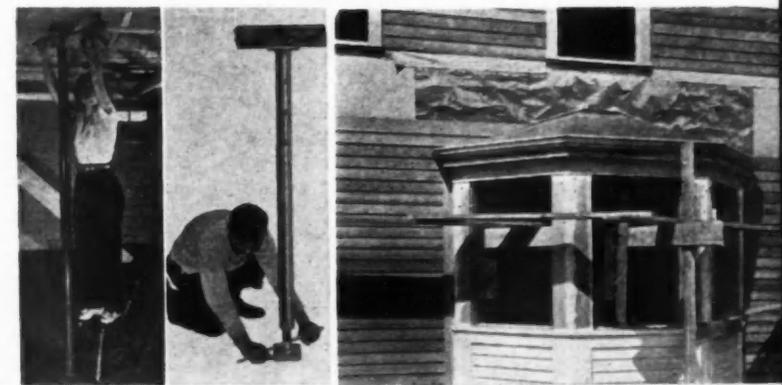
Innovations in the design of wood sheathing plus development of an entirely new line of insulating board sheathing in the last twenty years are outstanding contributions to improved and more economical home construction. End-matched wood sheathing not only permits much greater utilization of short pieces, but eliminates cuts over studs or joists, holding waste to a minimum. In



Left above shows the underside of concrete floor slab with steel beams encased in concrete fire stop. At right workman is placing spreaders between steel beams preparatory to pouring concrete. Photo: Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.



Welder anchors steel frame assembly to joists. Photo: Great Lakes Steel Corp. Precast concrete joists ready for delivery. Photo: W. E. Dunn.



Adjustable steel columns correct sagging floors. Photo: Perma-Jack. Copper armored Sisalkraft flashing applied at roof and sidewall juncture.



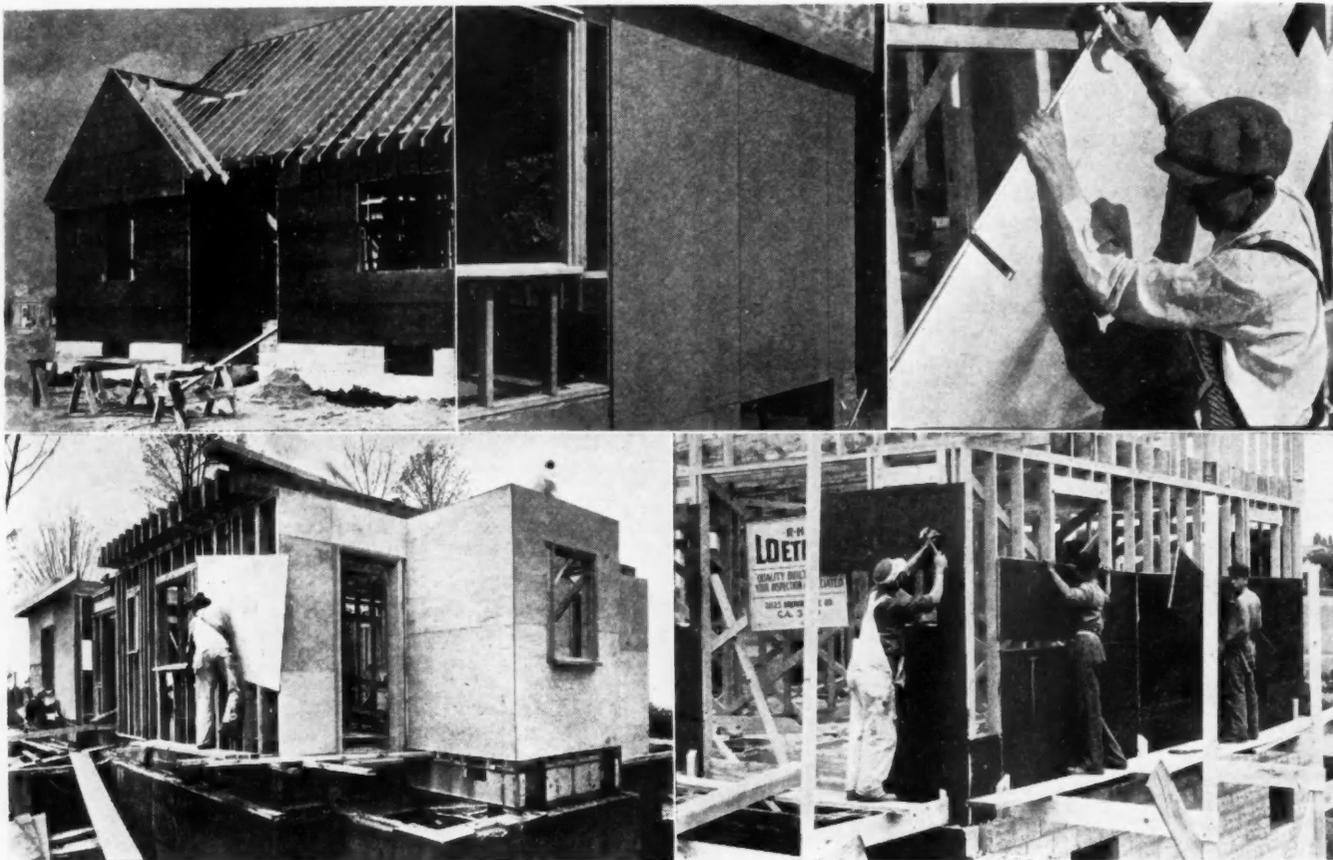
Sound engineering principles govern assembly of wood framing today.



Graphic comparison of treated and untreated wood exposed to rot.



Plywood roof sheathing being applied over new Teco truss rafters which eliminate need for bearing partitions.



Upper right: New USG asphalted-gypsum, weather-proof core sheathing. Center: Insulite's insulating board sheathing. Upper right: Weyerhaeuser's end-matched wood sheathing. Lower left: Douglas fir plywood sheathing. Lower right: Another of the insulating board sheathings—Johns-Manville.

fact, the shorter pieces of lumber in end-matched sheathing permit easier handling by one man on the job, speeding up application. The use of wood sheathing diagonally has become common practice, adding rigidity and tightness to exterior walls.

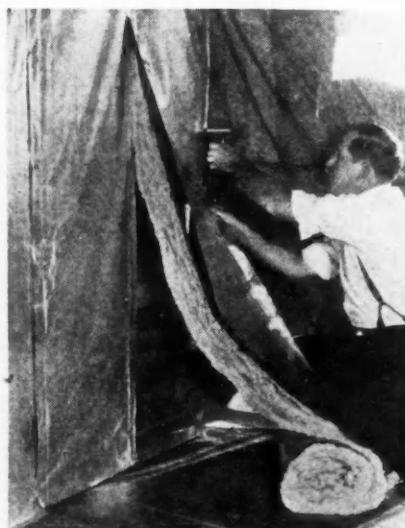
The rapid growth of softwood plywood production facilities plus consistent refinements in glues and gluing processes have enabled that product to take a prominent place in the home building market as sheathing and subflooring. The tremendous demand for plywood in recent years has made it unavailable for sheathing or subflooring, but in a normal buyers' market, it is definitely a factor.

About ten years ago the first insulating board made specifically for sheathing was placed on the market. Through improved treatment of the fibers, the use of asphalt as a coating or impregnation, and other methods, the board was given greater structural strength and made more resistant to weather. The large sheets permit faster application on the job, reducing the cost of this type of sheathing to a minimum.

Manufacturers have recently developed an asbestos-cement product which combines sheathing and wall covering in a single-thickness board, eliminating the separate layers of siding, sheathing, building paper, insulation,



Wood fiber blanket insulation showing typical installation. Photo: Wood Conversion Co.



Cotton blanket insulation first introduced in quantity in 1940. Photo: National Cotton Council.



Single thickness wall material providing strength, insulation and finish. Photo: Calotex Corp.

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lath and plaster. This year one of the large gypsum manufacturers announced another asphalted-gypsum, weatherproof core sheathing.

Insulation has been another of the silent partners which have contributed materially to increased home comfort, safety, livability and economical maintenance during the last twenty years. In that period blanket and batt forms of insulation have attained predominance in new construction. The cost of a first class job of insulating a new house in 1946 as compared to 1926 is less than half. Permanence and safety factors are represented by improved resistance to fire, water, fungus, termites, etc. There are complete ranges of thicknesses to suit design temperatures and a complete range of widths to fit standard construction requirements. Batt and blanket insulations made of mineral wool, wood fiber or cotton are available with moisture and wind barriers, spaces flanges, liners and other improvements.

Not only have insulating board products been greatly improved in quality and variety but their cost even under today's conditions is actually less than it was in 1926. Improvements in the last two decades have given the board greater structural strength and added resistance to moisture, termites and dry rot. Instead of a single type of board, a complete and varied line of products is available.

Fill insulations of various types have been improved in quality and application techniques along with the dominant trend for insulation in existing homes as well as new construction.

Metal foil insulations of various types have proved their adaptability in home building.

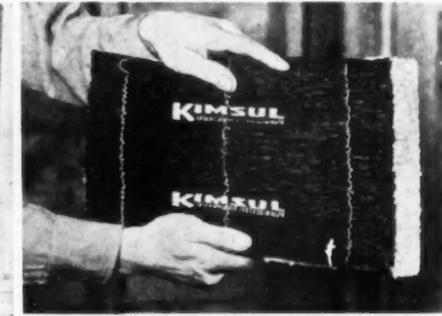
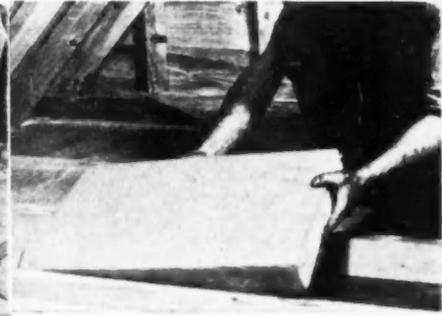
Along with the extensive refinements in insulation and sheathing have come outstanding developments of vapor seals and building papers by those manufacturers. Remarkable combinations of paper with asphalt, metals of various types and reinforcing cords provide builders with ample choice in these components.



Applying new aluminum foil insulation. Photo: Aluminum Co. of America



Flaked aluminum bonded to Sisakraft to form reflective insulation and vapor barrier.



Improved types of blanket insulation during the last two decades have greatly assisted the building industry in producing more comfortable, healthful, permanent, economical homes, all at lower costs and with greater factors of safety.



Blow-in wool insulations have dominated existing home jobs.



Use of vermiculite fill insulation in homes is on the increase.



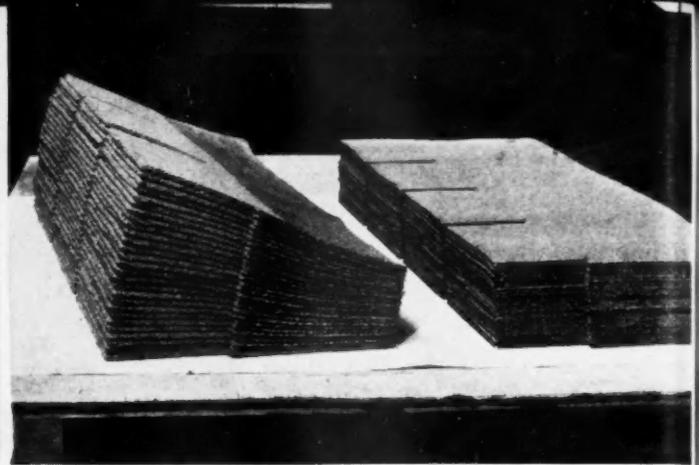
Left to right: Ceiling job with batts; roll blanket going in sidewall; recommended method of cutting roll blanket; ceiling application of blowing

wool and ceiling application of thick Fiberglass batts. Fiberglass is distributed through retail lumber dealers by USG, Flintkote and Armstrong.

PROGRESS 1926-1946

ROOFING • SIDING

Materials • Application



Improved, tapered buff asphalt shingles which sell for 20 per cent less today than in 1926.



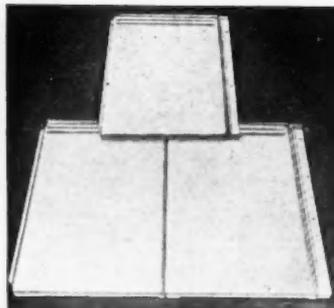
Typical asphalt shingle roof which can be applied in a wide variety of color combinations and designs.



Quality of wood shingles is now standardized. Note wood gutters. Photo: Weyerhaeuser Sales Co.



Typical example of standing seam metal roofing installed on garage entrance canopy. Photo: American Rolling Mill.



The interlocking side lap aluminum shingle shown above is being applied in photo at left. Head lap of this shingle has two waterbreaks and a vertical safety flange. Completed job with all accessories produces 100 per cent blind nailing for entire roof. Photo: Southern States Iron Roofing Co.



Recently developed and improved products shown here include asbestos shingles, asbestos siding shingles and waterproofed concrete block sidewall. Photo: Johns-Manville.

Strong Trend to New Materials For Exterior Walls and Roofs

AS a result of extensive research and accomplishment by manufacturers, the 1946 builder has a much wider choice of exterior wall and roof coverings than his counterpart of 1926. In addition to his old, dependable wood, brick, stone and cement coverings, the builder of today can also choose from asbestos cement, asphalt, plywood, aluminum and other metals.

Wood shingles of today, including the various products such as shakes and stained shingles which come from the industry, differ greatly from the chaotic production of the hundreds of shingle mills running hit and miss twenty years ago. Today a Certigrade shingle, shake or stained shingle is received by the consumer with no doubt as to its high quality. More extensive use of shingles for siding, the introduction of rust-resisting nails, the "square-pack" along with other refinements, have featured wood shingles in the past two decades.

In the early '20's the asphalt shingle industry was in its infancy with but a few styles and colors available. In 1946 the asphalt roofing industry is able to offer a variety of styles and a wide choice of colors and color blends to harmonize with various architectural styles and color schemes. During the past twenty years, the quality and appearance of asphalt roofing products have been constantly improved. Today over eighty per cent of all roofing sold in the United States is asphalt roofing.

Twenty years ago, asbestos-cement shingles were available only in a few drab colors and the hexagonal

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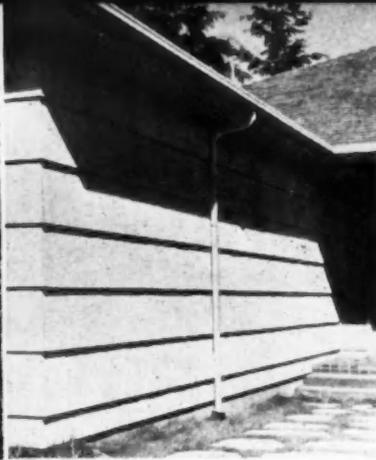
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Drop siding with metal corner joint covers provides permanence.



Combination brick veneer, wood bevel siding, slate roof and copper gutters.



Widely used double course red cedar shingle sidewall covering.



Brick veneer over wood sheathing with a metal casement.

asbestos-cement shingle was the prevailing style. Today, asbestos-cement shingles are available in a wide variety of attractive colors with textures simulating natural stone and hand-split shingles. Asbestos roof shingles are available with heavy butts and in several other attractive designs. They are used extensively for both roofing and exterior sidewall covering.

Ribbed metal roofing of various types has undergone refinements to give the home builder of 1946 a better product. With the tremendous expansion of the nation's aluminum production facilities during World War II has come a flood of various types of aluminum roofing and siding products including shingles, sheets, and beveled strips for roofs. These just now are beginning to take over a prominent place in the roofing and siding market. Along with the strong trend toward flat low-pitch roofs on ultra-modern homes is the development of built-up roofs for that type house.

In addition to the proved conventional sidewall coverings of brick, stone, wood bevel and drop siding as well as wood shingles, home builders now may choose from a good variety of proved new products which have come into general use within the last twenty years. These include asbestos-cement, plywood, various metals and asphalt products. Asbestos-cement siding, developed about fifteen years ago, is available today in a number of attractive colors and several designs, including clapboard siding.

Manufacturers of metal flashings, wood and metal gutters and other weather-retardant components of roof and sidewall construction have not neglected their products during the last two decades and today provide builders with refined products that have kept pace with those which they supplement and protect.



Exterior walls refinished with asbestos-cement shingles. Photo: Keasbey & Mattison.



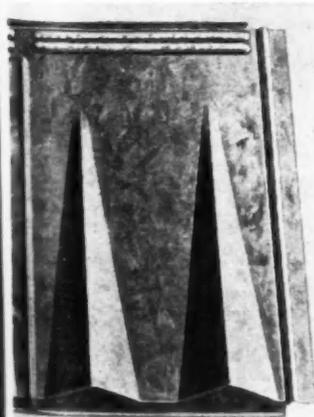
Flat asbestos-cement board covers sidewalls. Photo: The Ruberoid Co.



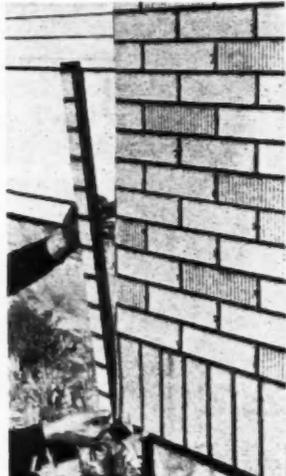
Improved concrete block sidewalls and concrete tile roof do the job here.



Installing new interlocking aluminum siding on a sidewall. Photo: Metal Building Products, Inc.



Metal shingle with interlocking and waterbreaking features. Photo: Edwards Mfg. Co.



Insulating brick siding has proved its place in home modernization. Photo: U. S. Gypsum Co.



Improved glues and bonding techniques permit this type job with plywood. Photo: Douglas Fir Plywood Association.



WALLS·PARTITIONS

Plaster • Plaster Bases • Dry Wall
Construction • Plywood • Wall Coverings

Industry offers many refinements in products and wall finishing techniques that give 1946 home builders more satisfactory jobs with less on-site labor time

A LONG with improvements in materials which have lowered installation costs of conventional plastered walls in the last two decades, an entirely new term has come into general use in referring to interior wall construction—"dry wall."

Almost universal adoption of board and metal plaster bases of various types which are produced in large sheets for fast application as compared with wood lath has been a major factor in cutting on-the-job-labor time of plaster wall construction. While the new plaster bases were being devised by manufacturers, major improvements were being made in lime, partly by the Bureau of Standards and partly by industry-wide development of new types. Popping of lime after a few years of use was found to be caused by expansion and contraction of incompletely hydrated components which caused blistering on masonry construction. This difficulty was eliminated by treatment of the lime so that all components would be completely hydrated when used on the job.

A recent improvement in lime has been production of a product requiring less than one hour of soaking instead of 16 to 24 hours, thus reducing work and handling costs.

New formulas for gypsum plasters have been developed, practically eliminating quality problems on the job. Advantages of the new plasters are stabilization of setting time and working qualities in spite of widely varying sands, waters, and adverse job conditions. Development of "microplastic," "plasticized" and similar gypsum plasters have given superior coverage, better working qualities and increased finished strength. Sound resistant plastering systems have been developed by use of metal clips and special nails, which permit movement of the studs without cracking the plaster, plus lower sound transmission. Sound deadening aggregates for plaster also are available now where acoustical treatment is desirable.

Board lath is produced plain, perforated, or with a metal foil attached to one face. The foil backing provides insulation and acts as a vapor barrier when installed on the inside face of an exterior wall, or as a top floor ceiling. Metal lath is manufactured in a number of varied designs, all of which act as a steel core for the plaster. Insulating board laths with a high plaster bond have also been developed to combine insulating characteristics with a plaster base.

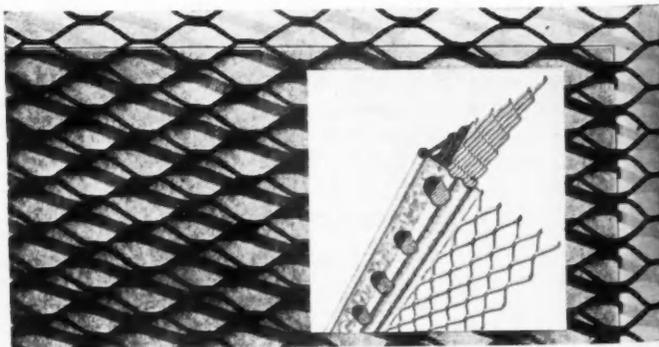
Many New and Improved Materials



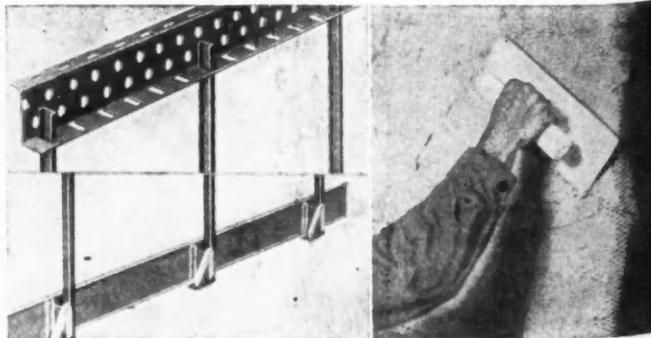
Example of fiberboard installation of the early '20's. Note how moldings contrast sharply with panels. Photo: Upson Co.

Remarkable improvements have been made in dry-built, full-wall panels during the last twenty years. Where formerly it was necessary to cover joints with narrow mouldings contrasting in color with the walls themselves, walls may be finished now in artistic panels or a smooth, unbroken expanse from corner to corner without cracks, breaks or joints of any kind. The thick, rigid panels may be applied directly to studding in new construction.

Gypsum wallboard has come into general use for dry-wall construction. Surface of the board is finished in an ivory shade that may be left undecorated or it may be painted, calcimined or wallpapered. Gypsum wallboard is also available with a wood grain surface and is popular where a wood panel effect is desired. Joints of



Example of modern expanded metal lath. Inset is corner bead. Photo: Milcor Steel Co.



Metal ceiling runner, studs, and base clips for 2-inch solid plaster partition. Photo: National Gypsum.

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Materials and Methods for Finishing Interiors



Dry-built full-wall panel job of today. This material also may be finished smooth. Photo: Upson Co.



Insulating board tile ceiling job in modern solar heated home. Photo: Wood Conversion Co.



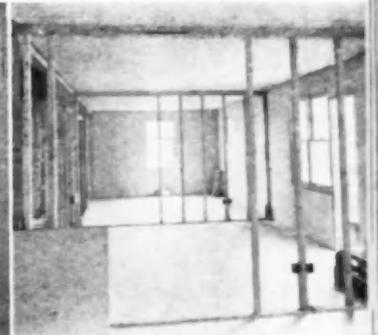
Walls of modern home finished in plywood. Photo: Douglas Fir Plywood Association.

gypsum wallboard are either square, beveled or recessed. These may be utilized to create various decorative effects or, by using a tape and joint cement, a smooth surface may be achieved. Gypsum wallboard is also available with a metal foil attached to the reverse side to act as an insulator and vapor barrier.

Within the last ten to fifteen years, insulating board manufacturers have developed a full line of factory-decorated interior finishes. One surface of the board is given either a smooth or textured finish and coated with paint in the manufacturing process. In addition to making this in several lengths of standard four-foot width, the decorative board is available in a variety of plank and tile shapes. The planking and tile boards are given joint treatments so they can be used for paneling

walls and finishing ceilings, and come in shapes that are adaptable to an almost limitless variety of wall and ceiling patterns. In new construction, decorative insulating boards can be attached directly to studding, with no further need for finishing or decorating. In remodeling and repair work, insulating boards have been widely adopted to apply over old wall surfaces or over furring strips to replace worn and disfigured interiors with new. In addition to their insulation value, decorative boards also have valuable sound quieting characteristics.

Because of improved mill finishes and refinements in stock design, wood wall paneling has staged a revival as an interior wall finish for average-priced homes during the last two decades. This has been particularly true of the vertical or horizontal board designs in knotty



Left to right: Application of Nu-Wood insulating board lath; plastering over Insulite's plaster base with metal clips between studs;

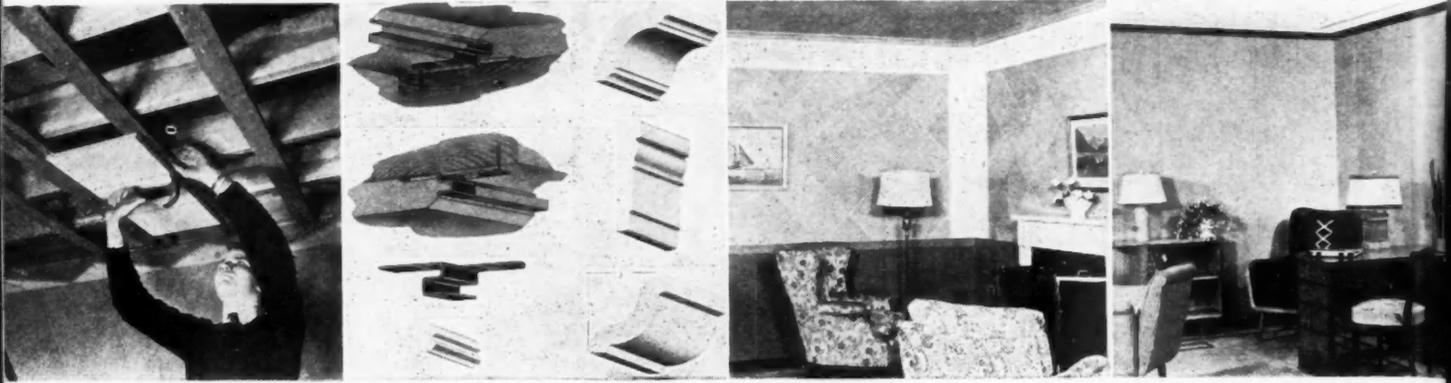
Celotex plaster base job ready for plasterers; Upson dry-built, full-panels fastened to outside walls with floating fasteners.



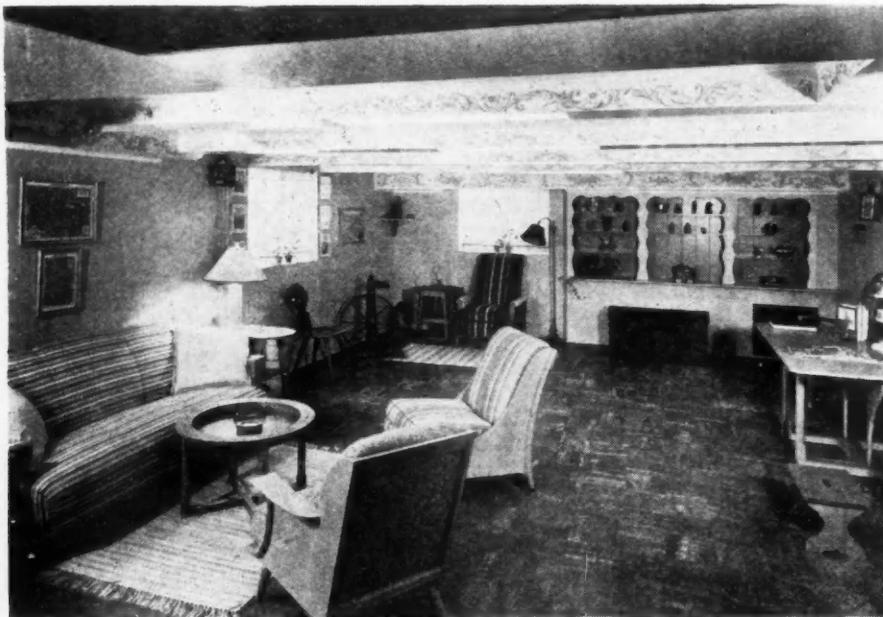
Application of Certainteed's perforated gypsum lath.

Bathroom job with Upson's Dubl-Thik fiber tile.

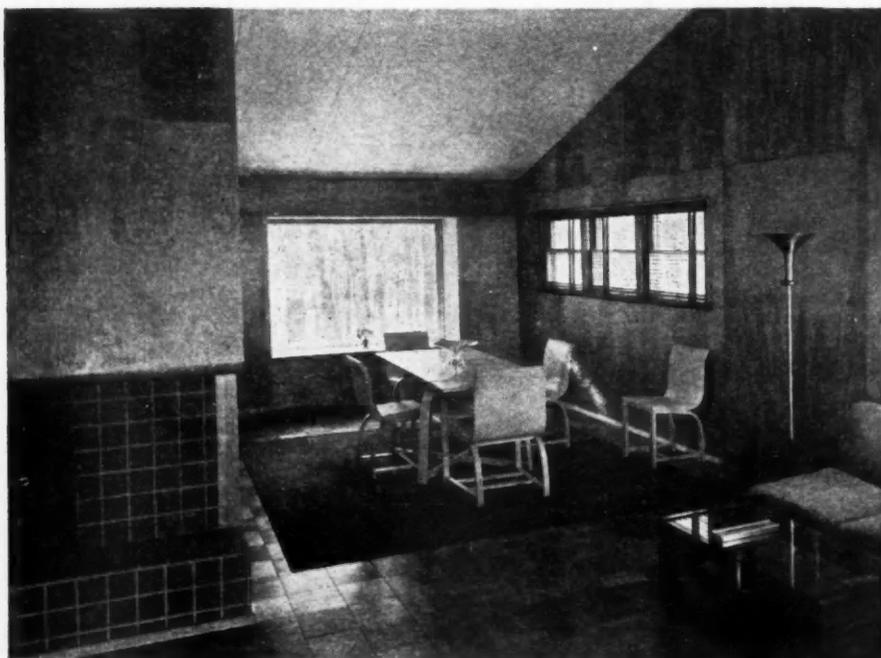
Two typical examples of bedroom walls covered with United States Gypsum Company's Sheetrock.



Left to right: Applying insulating board tile with concealed metal clips; detail of metal clips and decorative wood molding; finished job with insulating board tile on ceiling and sidewall; sidewall finished with insulating board plank. Photos: Wood Conversion Co.



Douglas fir plywood panels applied vertically and grooved for plank effect were used to finish the walls in this basement recreation room. Photo: Douglas Fir Plywood Assn.



Hardwood plywood in combination with insulating board tile ceiling, ceramic tile fireplace exterior and wood block flooring was used here.

pine. Boards in random width from three to twelve inches are put on the wall in the same form as they leave the mill—surfaced, matched and run to pattern with an inexpensive molding along one edge to form a decorative joint between boards.

Softwood plywood is also a popular choice for interior wall covering. Ease of application and finish makes installation economical. A good variety of ingenious joint combinations has been devised by the manufacturers. Plywood-backed hardwood veneers have been designed for interior wall decoration in homes, and although more expensive than the softwood plywood panels, installation costs vary but little. Flexibility of plywood sheets as a result of refined manufacturing processes and improved bonds, adapts them well to the finishing of curved surfaces. Raised and flat wood paneling, more expensive than the board or plywood types, is the choice where such special effects are desired with wood. Specially designed lumber cut from cedar for use in clothes closets to retard damage from moths is also offered to home builders.

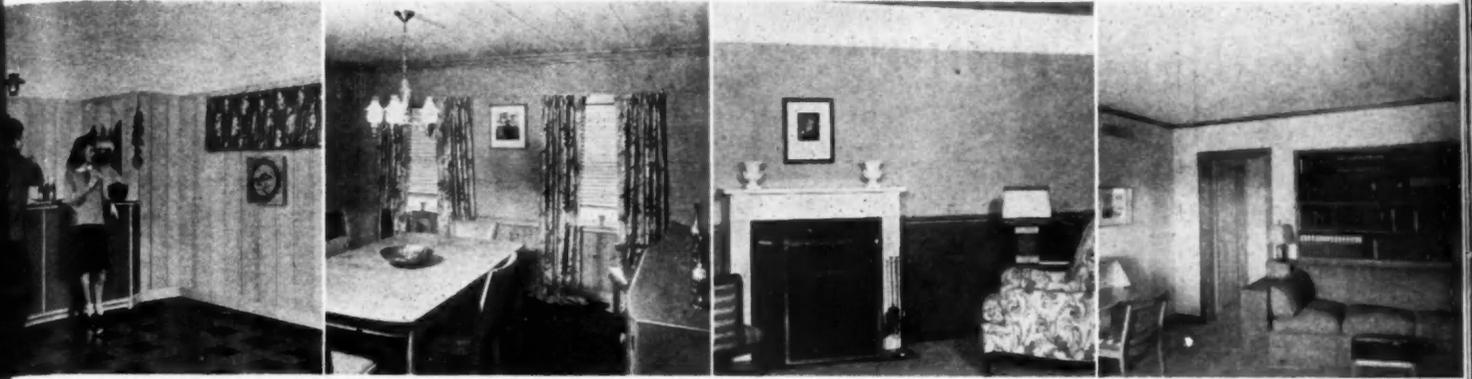
Refinements in bathroom and kitchen design have been aided materially by the ingenuity of wall finish manu-



Spectacular improvements have been made in wallpapers. Photo: United Wallpaper.

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Refinements in insulating board, hardboards and other dry-wall materials permit interesting and attractive interior wall finish combinations such as the rumpus room at left, dining room, living room and study pictured here.

facturers who have developed a good variety for these rooms where the maximum hazards from moisture and stains exist. Ceramic tile manufacturers have beautified their lines and improved them to facilitate installation. A number of manufacturers offer colorful plastics and paint over fiber boards, in sheets or tile. Others are manufacturing metal tile coated with plastics, enamels and paints in a wide choice of color combinations. Linoleum manufacturers have developed special wall coverings for bathrooms and kitchens which are economical to apply and add beauty to the rooms. Structural glass makers within the last two decades have brought out products which have achieved popularity as wall finishes for bathrooms and kitchens.



Knotty pine interior effects such as this have become popular with home builders, not only because of beauty, but because of economical application factors.

Outstanding improvements in wallpapers in the last two decades provide home builders with the broadest choice of designs and types of that product ever offered. Recent developments include plastic-coated wallpapers, thermo-plastic wallpapers which are stainproof, greaseproof and mildewproof. DDT insecticide has also been incorporated in a new type of ready-pasted cedar closet lining.



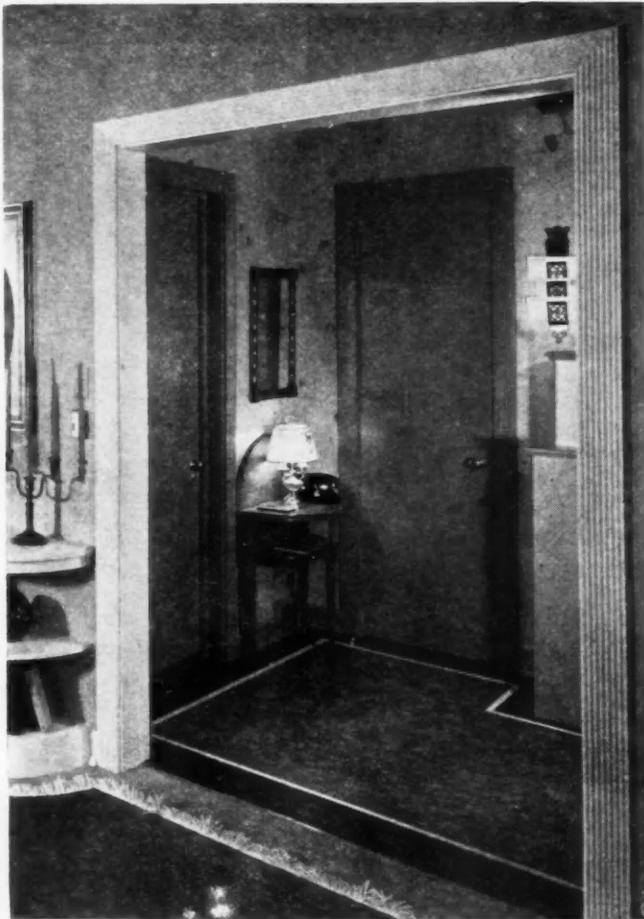
Knotty Ponderosa Pine kitchen cabinets and panelling, clear sugar pine drainboard and counter top and clear Ponderosa pine ceiling.



"Varlar," new stainproof wallpaper, was recently developed for industry.

DOORS • WINDOWS

Wood • Metal • Prefit
Screens • Weatherstripping



Attractive, easy-to-clean flush veneer doors are popular. Photo: U.S. Gypsum Co.



Aluminum window units are available for all-priced homes. Photo: Aluminum Co. of America

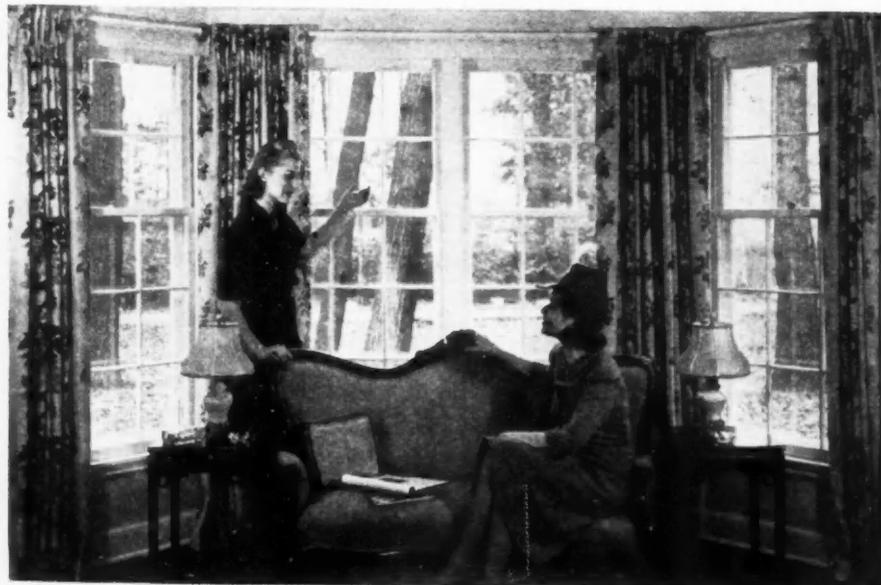
Refined Products Give Home Owners Efficient, Trouble-Free Operation

Refinements in design, manufacture and preservative treatment make these wood windows far superior to those of twenty years ago. Factory-fitting and shipment as units cut installation costs. Photo: Curtis Cos.

SUPERFICIALLY windows and doors in homes have appeared substantially the same for many years. During the last two decades, however, outstanding improvements in structural detail, standardization, glazing and labor-saving installation features have been achieved. Because most of these refinements are not visible to casual observers and home owners, the increased values of more precision manufacture, resulting in smoother and easier operation, better ventilation and longer life at less cost are not generally appreciated.

Improved machinery, more skilled personnel and better selection of raw materials have enabled wood window frame and sash manufacturers to cut parts to infinite accuracy. This, combined with better leak-proof joint designs of major manufacturers, provides today's home builder with wood frames and sash that make the structural details of twenty years ago appear archaic.

During the past few years, frame and window manufacturers have quite generally adopted the policy of furnishing complete window units.



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Double-glazed horizontal gliding wood windows increase livability and home value. Photo: Andersen Corp.

factory-fit, ready for installation on the job, rather than separate frames and sash which had to be fitted at the time of installation. Complete wood window units with weatherstripping and sash balances installed at the factory eliminate additional costs and risks of haphazard work on these refinements at the site.

One of the outstanding developments in improving wood windows and frames, as well as doors and other woodwork during the last 15 to 20 years, was the inauguration of preservative treatment as a protection against fungus decay, stain and moisture changes. This was started on an appreciable commercial scale in the early '30's and today preservative treated woodwork is available throughout the nation.

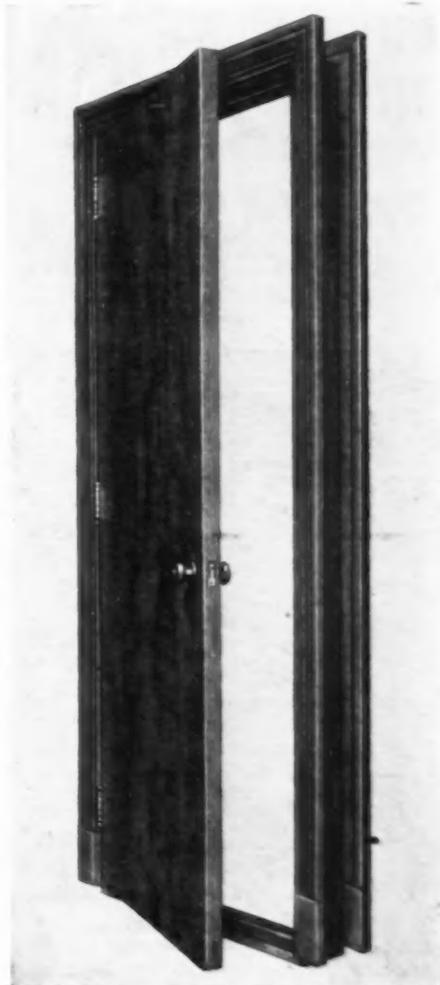
Larger windows, with the wide expanses of glass in picture windows and whole walls of glass providing unhampered vision, are supplementing the smaller window openings of former years, which is possible because of availability of storm sash to fit these openings. Furthermore, development of factory-fabricated window units of two or more panes of glass separated by a layer of dehydrated, scientifically cleaned air hermetically sealed between the panes is one of the biggest stimulants to modern picture windows, in addition to making pos-

sible the design of solar-heated houses. Plate glass is used extensively in picture windows.

The metal window industry has made tremendous strides in perfecting units for home construction during the last two decades. Today it is producing a wide variety of casements, double-hung sash, storm and screen windows in units that are glazed, screened and complete with wood casing and trim, ready for installation. Twenty years ago the steel casement consisted of bare essentials only. It was neither screened nor glazed and contained no casing or outside trim. Installation of such units in wood frames by workmen accustomed to working with wood frequently was unsatisfactory. Metal casement windows marketed today permit easy installation of storm sash and screens, whereas the earlier product was so designed that fitting storm or screen sash was a difficult and an expensive undertaking.

Ingenuity and enterprise on the part of window and door manufacturers have provided home owners of the present decade with a good variety of high quality combination storm and screen doors and windows. Conventional types require the removal of

A complete factory-fabricated door unit complete with all parts ready for installation. Photo: Roddis.



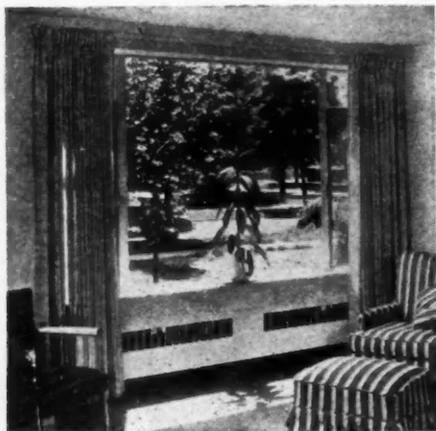
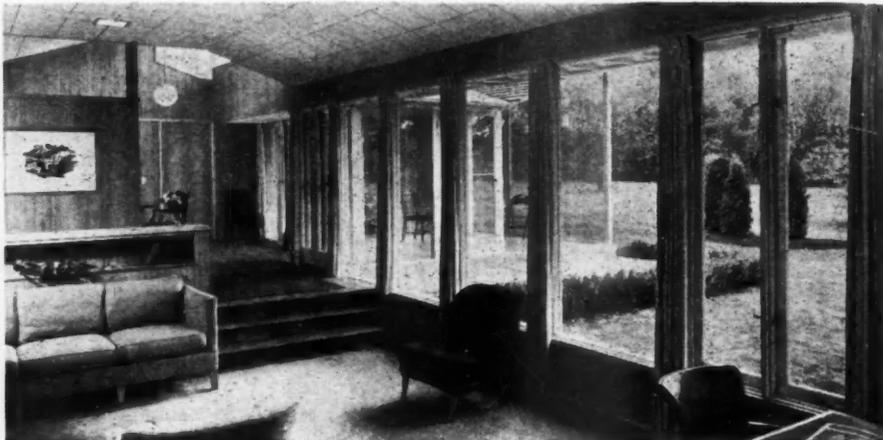
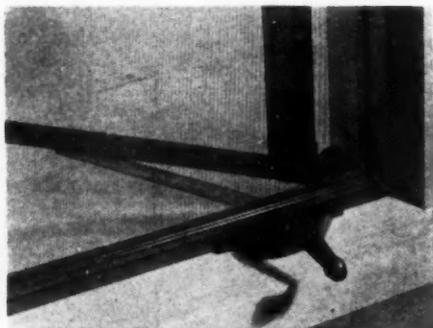


Plate glass picture window in modern home. Photo: Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.



Example of larger window areas in modern homes as contrasted to those of twenty or more years ago. Photo: Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co.



Modern metal casement with roto operator. Photo: Hope's Windows, Inc.

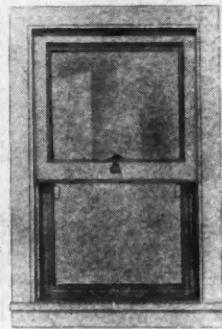
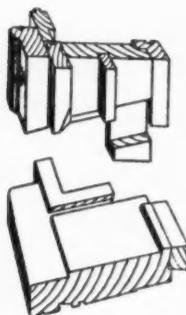


Metal basement sash with side-arm lock. Photo: Gabriel Steel Co.

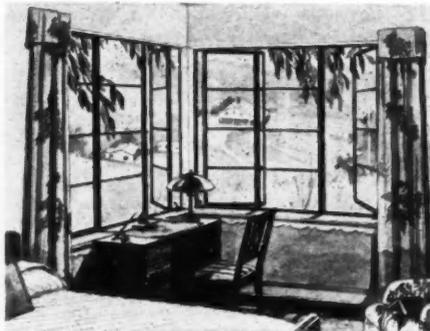


Modern casements lighten cleaning job. Photo: Hope's Windows, Inc.

This engineered leakproof locked sill-joint in a wood window frame is one example of many such structural refinements available today. Photo: Andersen Corp.



All-metal combination window which incorporates all components in one unit. Lowering or raising of sash simplifies satisfaction of seasonal needs. For storm or screen sash. Photo: F. C. Russell Co.



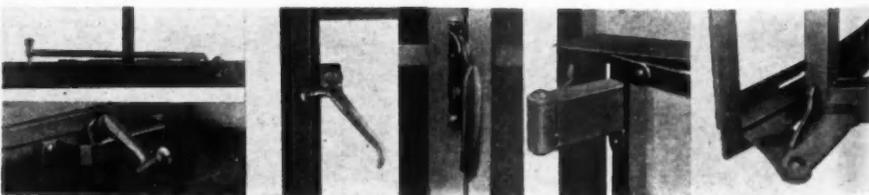
These modern steel casement windows cost no more today than the inferior 1925 product. Photo: Truscon.

only the glass or screen section of the door or window. Newest combination storm and screen windows, however, are permanent installations of both and require only the raising or lowering of the sash for a change in season.

Refinements in materials and production of screen cloth have added their bit to progress in the last two decades. A wide variety of painted, galvanized, copper and plastic screen materials adds variety in color, and makes for more efficiency and longer life for these products.

Although door design and appearance, like that of windows, have not changed appreciably for many years, methods of manufacture, assembly of door parts and treatment of the product in the factory before it goes to the building site have improved tremendously during the last two decades.

In addition to precision manufacture of parts, improved structural joints and refined finish, one of the outstanding developments has been the factory-fit door. These doors are precision-made, prefit to exact size, resin-sealed and, if so ordered, machined for hinges and locks. Savings of from 30 to 55 minutes per opening have been reported by the use of prefit doors. In keeping with the trend toward prefabricated factory-finished parts, at least one manufacturer has developed a door unit which is a complete opening, accurately manufactured to size, including the



Typical illustrations contrasting old and new in metal casement hardware during past twenty years. From left to right are the old and new adjusters, handles and hinges. Photos: Detroit Steel Products Co.

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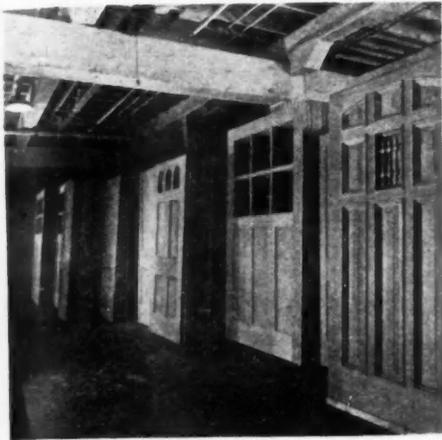
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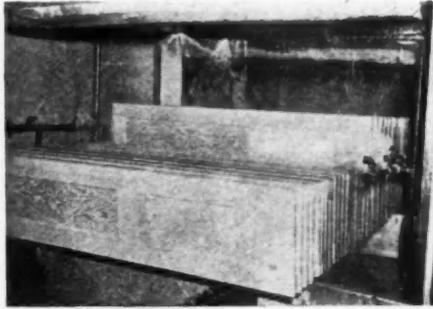
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Pre-cut, pre-fit, pre-treated fir doors.



Spraying the protective priming coat on fir doors at factory assuring the ultimate user a better, more durable product. This treatment keeps dirt from penetrating grain of wood and simplifies final painting or finishing job. Photos: Fir Door Institute.



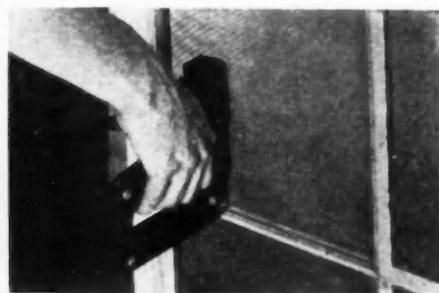
Pre-fit doors eliminate cutting, fitting.



Modern sliding and folding doors save space. Photos: Fir Door Institute; New Castle Products.



Plastic insect screen has six times the tensile strength of metal. Photo: Chicopee Mfg. Corp.



Installing plastic screen with small stapling machine. Photo: Monsanto Chemical Co.

door, jambs, stops, and casings, put together with the hardware applied, and finished according to specifications.

Formed metal door frames have attained a definite place in the home building field. Available in a good variety of styles they can be made to fit any width opening.

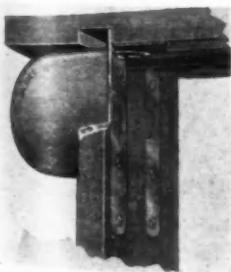
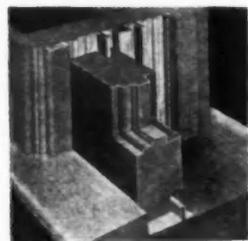
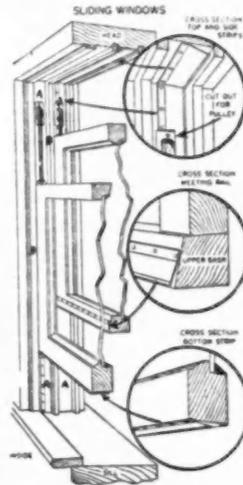
Where space is at a premium and elimination of swing area for doors is desirable, manufacturers of sliding and folding doors offer a ready, economical solution with products that have been given the ultimate in perfection and refinement of appearance and operation.

Quicker, cheaper window installation, easier working windows and improved protection from drafts, dust and dirt are available to modern home owners as a result of developments in the weatherstripping industry. Standard weatherstripping of twenty years ago was either a strip of spring bronze or a ribbed strip of metal fastened

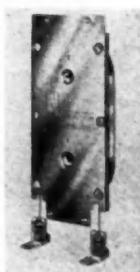
flush against the window jamb. Strip-ping extended only half the vertical length of the jamb and had to be cut away to provide room for rope and pulley carrying the sash weight. Modern weatherstripping provides a separate and continuous metal channel the full height of the jamb for each sash of a conventional double-hung window. Zinc and bronze continue to be the metals used in the majority of weatherstripping, and probably eighty per cent of the weatherstripping installed today is known as the rib strip type—a metal rib operating in a groove in the sash.

The finely engineered sash balances of various types now offered by a number of manufacturers have not only made the job of weatherstripping easier but provide smoother, quieter window operation. In spite of an inflated market today, many of these modern sash balances are available for as much as twenty per cent less than they cost twenty years ago.

Illustrations showing typical contrast between old-type metal weatherstripping and that of today. At top is spring bronze striping in common use during early 20's. Note from lower picture that with modern type weatherstripping the window sash is completely surrounded by metal. Because this new striping is supplied in complete units, installation costs are less than with the old type. Photo: The Security Co.



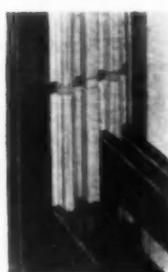
This improved modern sash balance sells for twenty per cent less than it did in 1925. Photo: Caldwell Mfg. Co.



The spring tension in this adjustable flat sash balance can be regulated exactly to compensate for weight of sash. Photo: C. Church More & Company.



At left is a modern spiral sash balance. Photo: Milwaukee Stamping Co. At right is new combination metal weatherstripping and sash balance unit. Photo: Zegers.



STOCK WOODWORK

Cabinets • Stairways • Entrances
Interior and Exterior Trim • Built-ins

Highly Refined Design and Quality in Today's Woodwork

WOODWORK manufacturers of 1946 offer home builders the greatest variety of finely styled, precision-made stock woodwork ever available. Because of modern mass production methods employed by leading stock woodwork manufacturers, all the important advantages and refinements of these major house components are available at lower cost than when each item was fabricated on the job according to detail.

Services of some of the nation's leading architects are employed by producers to give today's moderate priced houses woodwork to conform accurately with any style architecture—Colonial, Modern, English, Spanish, or any other. In addition to offering a wide variety in entrances, mantels, moldings, cabinets, closets, stairwork, built-in bookcases, etc., the structural qualities of these items have been engineered to produce items that cost less to install but last longer. Many of the standard designs of these items are changed but little in their over-all appearance from that of one hundred years ago, but many improvements such as in workmanship, prefitting, rot-proofing and structural refinements which are not apparent on the surface have been developed to speed installation and reduce costs.

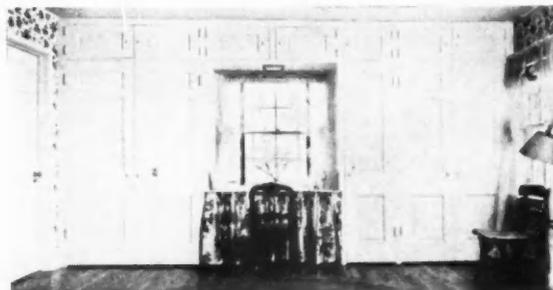
During the last two decades, elaborate decorative woodwork has been largely eliminated in favor of that which not only decorates but is more functional in the home. Stairways have been streamlined with small volutes and plain balusters as compared with the intricate lathe work



Example of front entrance design of early '20's. Photo: Curtis Companies.



Two typical 1946 corner china closets. Photos: Curtis Companies.



Built-in closet area with vanity. Photo: Ponderosa Pine Woodwork Assn.



Corner of living room illustrating a few of the items furnished by stock woodwork manufacturers. Photo: Ponderosa Pine Woodwork Assn.



Two examples of factory-built closets with sliding trays. Photos: Ponderosa Pine Woodwork Assn.



Example of expertly designed entrances of today. Photo: Curtis Companies.

and hand carving of years ago. Casings and bases are narrower, but many of the profiles of older days are still in use. Ceiling beams, panel wainscoting, colonnades, etc., have been largely eliminated.

Only as recently as 1935 did the practice of preservative treatment of stock woodwork become general among woodwork manufacturers, and it was not until several years later that this treatment of parts other than doors and windows became general. Today preservatives to prevent fungus decay, stain, and distortion due to rapid changes in moisture content are also used on cabinet work, stair work and other fine woodwork.

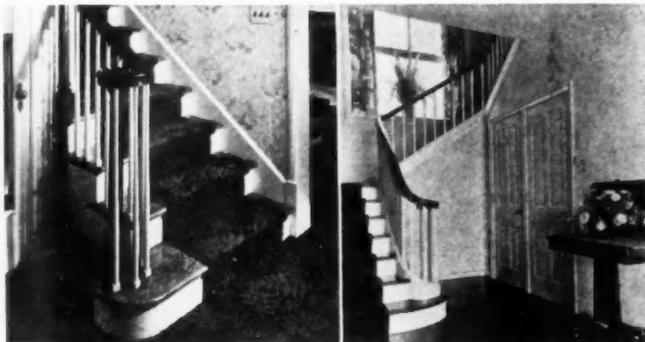
Woodwork manufacturers have contributed to the modern home many important refinements that add value and livability. Careful studies and design have enabled the industry to produce a number of built-in closets which contrast sharply with the old, shell-like, dark, inconvenient affairs of former years. Sliding trays, instead of shelves, small compartments for individual articles, shoe racks, shelves designed especially for linen closets and for the inside of closet doors, are only a few.

China closets, prefit, ready for assembly, blend with the decorative and architectural theme of a wide variety of dining rooms and hold the cost of such features to a minimum, while giving the home owner the best in design and workmanship. Some of the finest characteristics of furniture design and decorative wall treatments ever conceived are embodied in the wood mantels offered today. The mass production of these attractive units has been a factor in reducing the cost of fireplace finish to help bring this added feature within the means of more home builders.

Decorative cabinets for telephones and knick-knacks along with a varied selection of factory-made bookshelves have been important contributions to increased home attractiveness and livability. Parallel with the trend for more bathroom facilities in every home, woodwork manufacturers have come forth with powder-room accessories in the form of built-in vanities and alcoves that bring these luxuries within the means of average builders.

Wide use of insulation in home construction brought about the need for attic louvers, which woodwork manufacturers were quick to produce in a good choice of finely constructed shapes and designs.

The mass production of pre-fit, ready-to-assemble woodwork has been a major factor in reducing on-the-job labor costs in home construction, while at the same time offering home builders better designed, longer-lasting woodwork products.



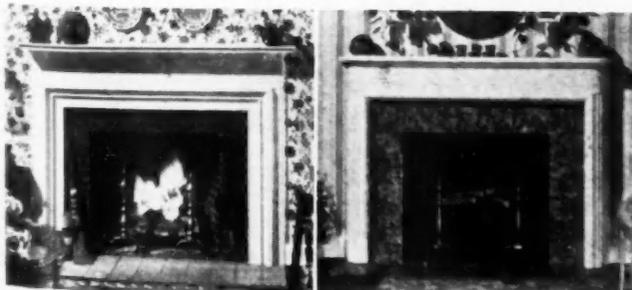
Factory-made stairways cut costs. Photos: Curtis and Ponderosa Pine.



Telephone cabinet. Photo: Curtis.



Linen closet. Photo: Ponderosa Pine.



Two of the many beautiful factory-made mantels priced to go into average homes. Photos: Curtis Companies.



One example of built-in cabinets and bookshelves which woodwork manufacturers have made available for home builders. Photo: Ponderosa Pine.

FLOORS · COVERINGS

Wood • Prefinished Hardwood • Prefabricated Wood
Linoleum • Asphalt, Rubber, Ceramic Tile

Advancement in

THE kind and type of flooring used in the construction of houses today depend in a great measure upon the individual's choice. Wood still remains the universal standard for residential floors in spite of the great advances made in the use of linoleum, asphalt tile, ceramic tile and other materials.

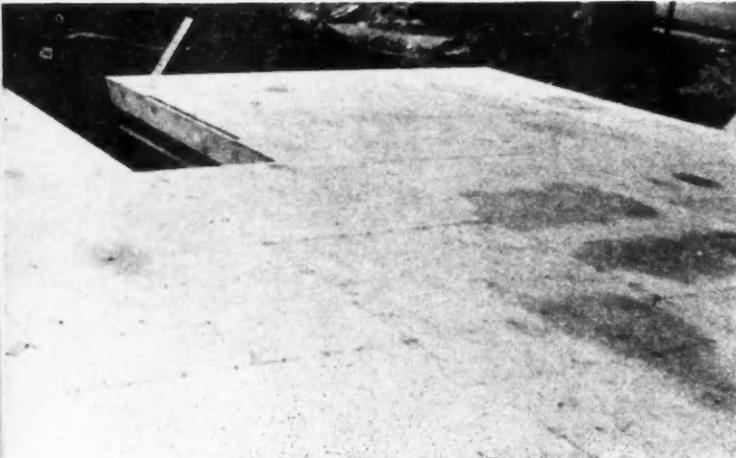
Wood is available in sufficient varieties of color, style, and form to match any architectural mood. A wood floor may be hard or soft wood, solid or laminated, edge grain or flat grain, narrow or wide boards, mixed widths, in patterns of boards or in blocks. It may be nailed, laid in mastic, or pegged to an underfloor.

Notable changes and improvements in hardwood flooring have been developed—particularly in prefinished strip, plank and block type patterns. This material is completely prefinished in the factory and securely boxed in cartons to insure its arriving safely on the job. Briefly, the advantages of prefinished flooring as against the old type floor are: the finish is more beautiful, uniform, and durable than could be obtained through ordinary methods. The owner can see in advance exactly how the finish will appear and can select the shade desired. The litter and inconvenience of finishing on the job are eliminated, and last, a considerable amount of time is saved.

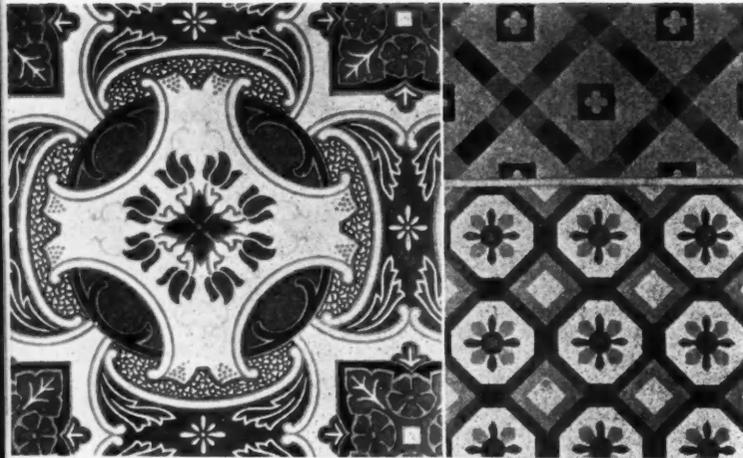
One of the most forward steps in the perfection of hardwood floors taken in recent years has been the development of new and more efficient finishes. It is known as penetrating seal. As the name implies, the finish penetrates into the pores of the wood and seals the minute wood fibres. In effect the finish becomes a part of the wood itself. It is easily maintained with a film of wax and, in cases of extreme wear, worn areas can be renewed without leaving a patched effect.

The basementless house usually starts with a concrete slab laid directly on the ground. This immediately poses the problem of what kind of flooring available today will perform satisfactorily on such a subfloor. Probably the most satisfactory answer to that question is asphalt or rubber tile.

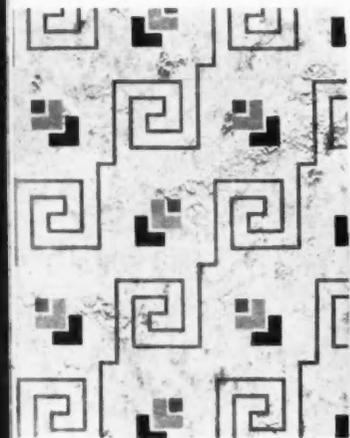
These tiles have been used for a great many years in basement areas; particularly in game and recreational rooms. They have demonstrated ability to stay down on such subfloors without loosening or disintegrating from dampness. From a functional standpoint, there seems no question that asphalt or rubber tiles adequately meet the requirements of flooring for a basementless house. Fortu-



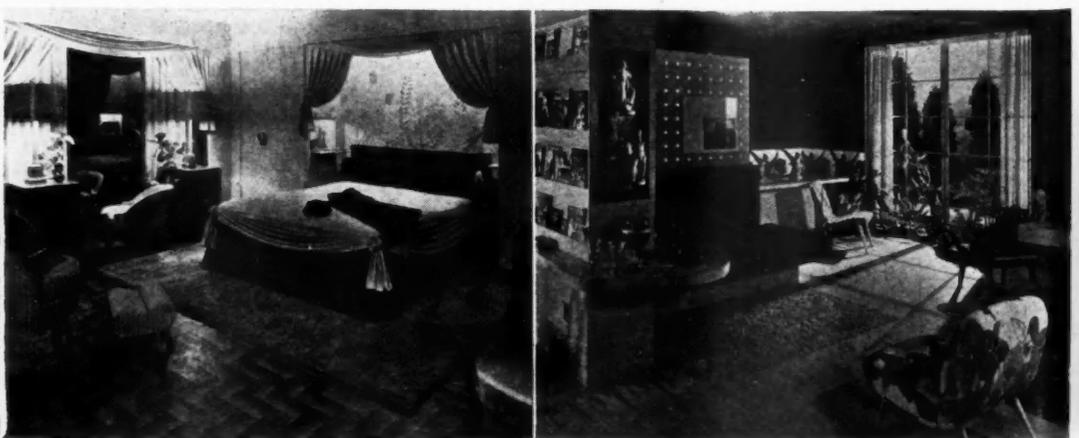
Subfloor of plywood provides a smooth, uniform base for the prefinished flooring of linoleum, asphalt tile or wood.



One pattern of print and two of molded inlaid linoleum that were extremely popular more than two decades ago. Photo: Armstrong



The latest straight line design. Photo: Armstrong



The modern effect in the model bedroom and living room shown above has been enhanced by the striking and novel patterns introduced in the embossed and jaspe linoleum. Photo: Armstrong



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Materials Provides Floors of Lasting Beauty



Method of applying prefinished block flooring to wood sub-floor is indicated in this illustration. Photo: E. L. Bruce



Wood block flooring adds distinction and individuality. It is popular for remodeling as well as new construction. Photo: E. L. Bruce

nately for today's builder and home buyer, these tiles are available in a wide range of attractive colors and a variety of sizes, which make possible an almost endless number of pleasing designs and floor patterns for residential use. Feature strips and borders, which enhance the appearance of any floor, are also available.

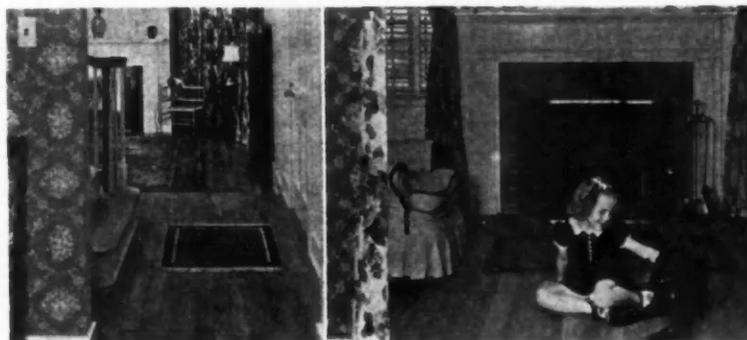
The growing appreciation of design is the most recent development in decoration. Pattern, whether on floor, walls or fabrics, gives sparkle and life to an interior. On entering a room one is at once conscious of the fixed background. When these elements are well handled, the first step toward successful decoration is assured. No one feature so establishes atmosphere as a well designed floor. Of the various floor treatments, linoleum offers the widest opportunity for decorative effects.

In the modern house of today, linoleum plays a more important part than ever before. To meet this challenge a better product has been developed; a finer blending of colors, and a greater variety of designs are now being offered to the building public.

Floors of all types will play an important part in the future as well as in the past in the overall development of the house. They are not an intrusive, obvious part of the room, but they play a subtle, quiet role in forming an opinion of a room or house. One may not be aware of the factors which influence the appraisal of a decorating scheme, but one can be sure that underfoot appearance has a great deal to do with the result.



The carpenter shown in the picture above indicates the ease with which prefinished hardwood flooring can be installed.



A marked improvement in floor surfaces shown in the installation of prefinished hardwood flooring. Photo: E. L. Bruce



From the plain and marbelized patterns of asphalt tile used on the floors of the recreation rooms shown above, it is possible



to produce an unlimited number of interesting and attractive designs using standard units throughout. Photo: Johns-Manville

ELECTRICAL LIVING

Wiring • Outlets • Lighting
Telephone • Television • Radio

Adequate Wiring Essential In Modern Mechanical Home

Efficient living requires that builders install modern electrical equipment and devices in homes



This fixture was commonplace twenty years ago.

ELECTRICITY today is accepted as a vital part of every home and yet it is not too many years since the use of the pine torch, the candle, rock oil and, finally, the gay nineties' gas jet.

In the time of the pioneers the progress of an empire depended solely on human energy, expended during daylight hours. Within a few years, time labor has been mechanized and the electrical servants cater to the needs of a nation. This has created a safer, healthier and happier design for living.

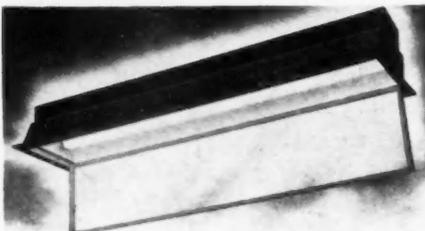
Electrical improvements contained in the modern house, together with the machinery powered by electricity that makes such homes possible, can safely be termed miracles. Advances in the art of electrical design have been dictated by the rapid progress in electrical living by American home dwellers, as well as the change and improvements in home design.

Electrical facilities provided in the 1926 home can no more serve the standard of electrical living which is commonplace for the 1946 family. The figures tell their own story. In 1926 the average American family used slightly more than 400 kilowatt-hours per year. During 1946 the average rose to about 1225 kilowatt-hours, with the rise becoming most rapid during the war years, when no new appliances were available. This is an indication of the radical increase in the use of electricity in the average American home of today.

Living equipment can now be arranged exactly as desired. Additional wiring and additional circuits protect today's homes from electrical overloads. The improved ideas and facilities that form the basis of electrical living are available for each room in the house.

The back-breaking work in old home laundries is abolished by modern laundry facilities. The wooden wash tub has vanished and the automatic electric washer has taken its place. Electric dryers make it unnecessary to consult the weather bureau before washday. The sad iron is obsolete and electric irons and ironers lighten the housewife's task.

Years muffle the memory of faces, scenes and sounds, yet the kitchen of yesterday is recalled vividly in contrast to the present-day kitchen which is convenient and efficient. The fireplace with swinging caldrons, and the wood and coal burning stoves are relics of the past. In their place is the easy-to-clean electrical range, so automatic a meal can be put in to cook and forgotten. To preserve foods the deep freeze units are a boon to more convenient living. The modern electrical refrigerator insures protection of food from loss by spoilage. It also assures a more economical expenditure for good foods. This is a far cry from the spring house and root cellar. Food mixers, toasters, coffee makers, roasters have all lightened the tasks that allowed grandmother little time for other interests and pleasures. A



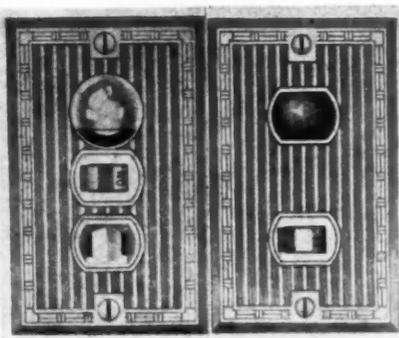
An innovation unknown to builders 20 years ago is the fluorescent light. Photo: R. W. Willy.



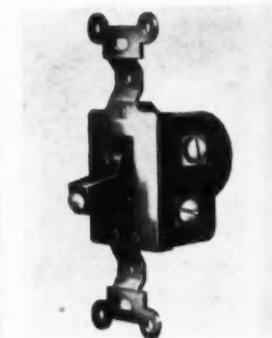
A 1946 convenience to the home owner — LamiNite



This device is a new development. Photo: Westinghouse



Modern plug-ins and switches have signal lights. Photo: Pass & Seymour



An example of a modern switch. Photo: T. J. Mudon

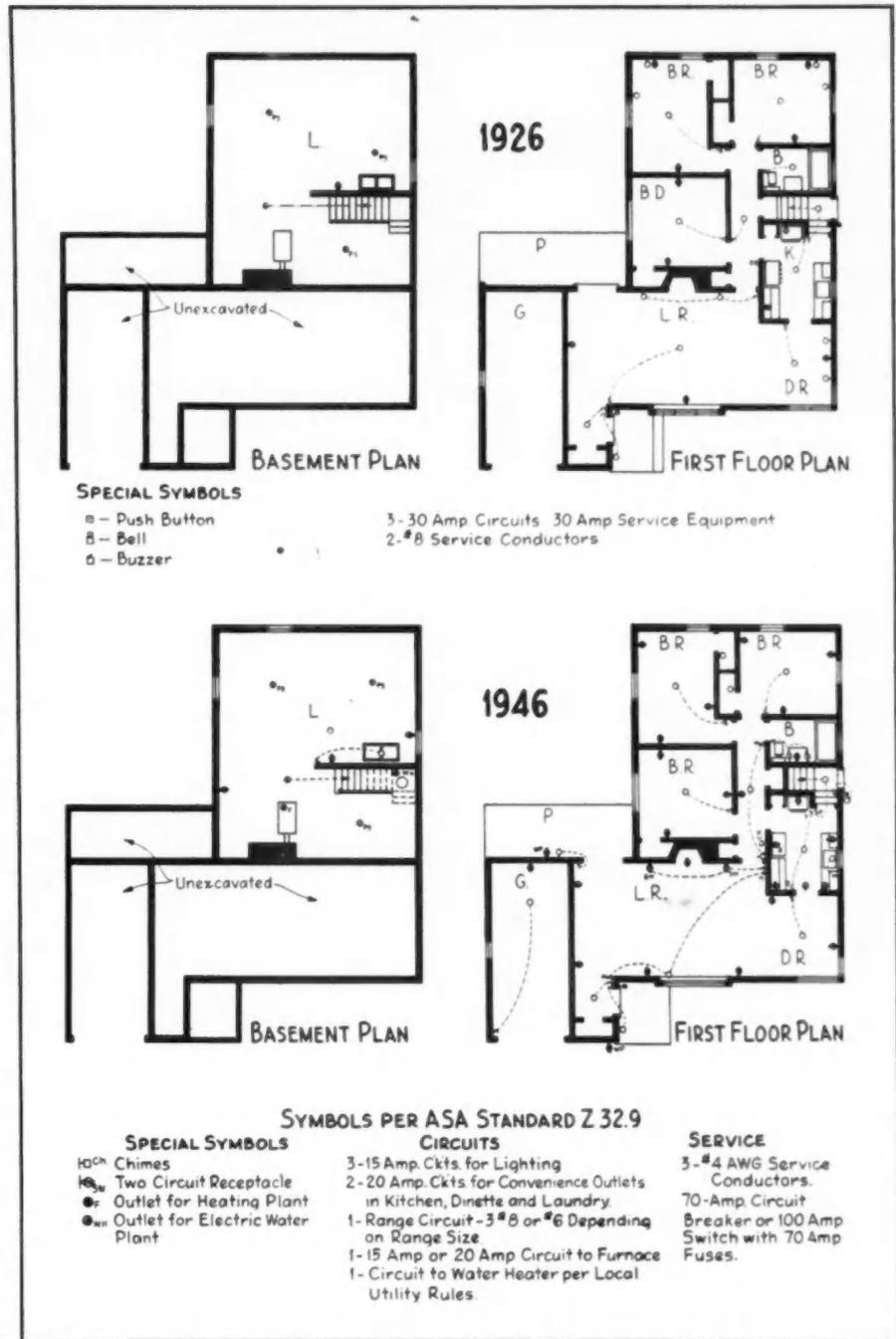
hundred other burdens have been replaced by conveniences now taken for granted. Ventilating fans dispense with odors, garbage disposers save time, dishwashing machines eliminate an ever-present chore.

There is a place in each room of the modern home for the wonders of electrical science and industry. Utility rooms now have heating and cooling units that provide healthful, comfortable year 'round air conditioning. New electrical controls permit the home owner to keep each room or section of the home at the most desirable temperature. An electronic device has been designed to minimize endless chasing of dust and dirt and improve family health. These are but a few of the electrical advantages offered for convenience and comfort today.

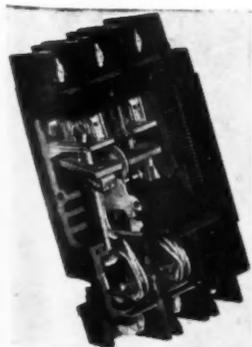
In the kitchen and laundry electricity acts mainly as a servant, taking over the unpleasant tasks of house-keeping. But, in the bedrooms and bathrooms electricity shows its versatility, bringing luxurious comfort and convenience.

No electrical device can achieve prime importance over another according to everyone's standards. One of the most essential, however, is lighting. The right kind and correct amount of light for see-ability is a creature comfort available to all. Wall bracket lights, two pair in the living room and one pair in each of the two most desirable bedrooms, were "high style" features of the 1926 home. Fluorescent light is a modern idea in home decoration. Fluorescent tubes arranged in strip lighting provide a high level of general illumination, practically shadowless and glareless. Dark closets are now illuminated, very often controlled by an automatic door switch. Exterior and interior garage lighting is desirable and should be planned to meet the particular needs dictated by the location of the house. Invigorating "sunlight" at the flick of a switch, new and improved lamp bulbs, light

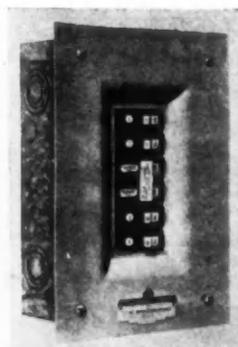
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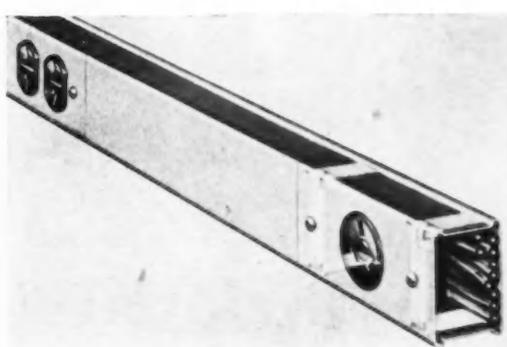
Back in 1926 the National Electrical Code recommended that circuits be figured on the basis of one for every 12 current-consuming outlets. Progress is reflected in a comparison between the number and location of fixed lighting outlets in the two wiring plans shown above. The 1926 plan makes a special feature of the light at the front door, but neglects the very practical aspects of entrance and porch lighting. In the 1946 plan wall bracket lights are missing, as is the living room ceiling light. Drawing: National Adequate Wiring Bureau.



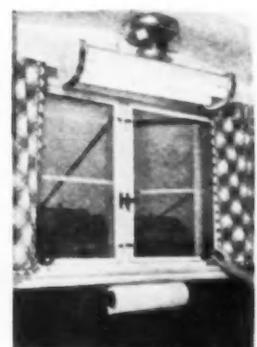
Shown above is 1946 circuit breaker. Photo: Square D



One of the modern load centers. Photo: Frank Adams



Many builders find this surface duct demanded by the far-sighted home seeker of today. Photo: National Electric



Housewives appreciate this luxurious fluorescent lighting.

PAINTS · VARNISHES

The Product and Application

New Methods, Materials Meet Today's Needs

During the past two decades the Paint and Varnish Industry has progressed with the times and has developed machinery and techniques to keep pace with modern needs

OF the various branches comprising the broad construction materials field, the paint and varnish industry in point of scientific advance during the past twenty-five years has kept pace with the best of the contenders for such honors.

There were fine paint jobs turned out years ago, but such jobs were the result of many coats and laborious operations that would be out of sight with today's high labor costs. Moreover, some of these old finishes would suffer in direct comparison with modern materials.

The making of paint was among the very early American industries, having been started as far back as 1754. However, for many years the infant industry remained in its cradle as the bulk of the paint materials used was imported from Europe. Although the corroding of white lead in this country dates back to about 1807, most of the white lead came from England even as late as the Civil War period. The growth of the industry from the latter part of the nineteenth century kept abreast of our growing national population but, in contrast with the past fifteen or twenty years, there was no spectacular advancement in methods or materials.

The World War I era found paint and varnish manufacturers producing their finishes in pretty much the same way they had been making them for the previous forty or fifty years.

The ability of a varnish factory to turn out good products depended almost entirely on the individual skill of its "varnish maker," just as the culinary success of a restaurant depends on the art of its chef. Varnish making was a knack rather than an exact science. The old-time varnish maker developed skill in melting down rosin and fossil gums and blending them in a kettle with a few available oils and solvents to produce something that could be used as varnish. His knowledge, thus developed, was his stock in trade. He guarded it jealously and seldom imparted it to his employer. As a consequence, if he had occasion to change jobs his secrets went with him and the factory could no longer produce

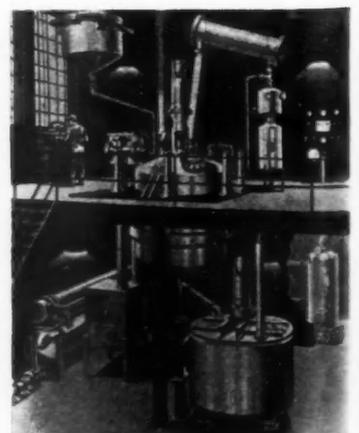
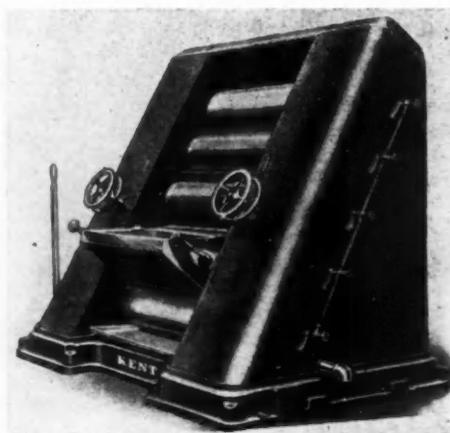
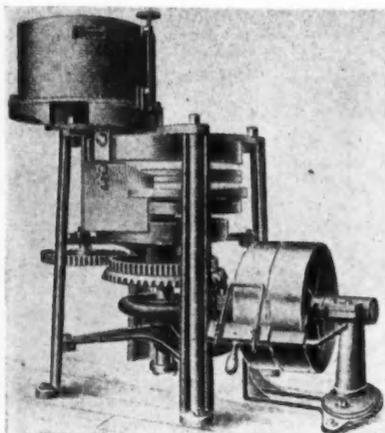
the same products. Even where the manufacturer had his own set of formulas, results still rested on the varnish maker because raw materials were extremely variable in essential properties and would not always react the same when processed. The expert varnish maker could, to a degree, compensate for these irregularities by adroit kettle manipulation but such treatment could not be described in formulas.

The industry's rapid emergence from adolescence to full fledged maturity in recent years represents largely an exchange of the empirical practices of the past for the science of modern chemistry, aided by the advanced design of production equipment. The trained chemist specializing in oils, resins, etc., has replaced the old-timer who somehow got along by rule of thumb.

Refinement of old raw materials to give them predetermined performance, and the development of many new ones have made it possible to control production with mechanical precision rather than by human knack. New pigments like titanium have given paints covering power undreamed of in the previous generation. The introduction of nitro-cellulose lacquers completely revolutionized vehicle and industrial finishing overnight. The adaptation of synthetic resins to paint and varnish production resulted forthwith in drying speeds and durability improvements that would have been just wishful thinking a few years previous.

The perfecting of the products of an industry is just part of the battle for achievement. The nation's industrial life has become so highly developed and complex that entire industries must compete with other totally different industries for the public's attention. It is of vital importance to all dealers and contractors that the paint and varnish industry is now paralleling its scientific conquests with feats of real merchandising. Parallel with these developments, constant advertising by the paint and varnish industry has awakened the public to the idea of painting to beautify as well as to preserve. New colors

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Evolution of paint making machinery beginning with old stone pigment grinder at left to modern, scientifically controlled machines at center and right.

Glass Sets the Pace in Modern Home Design

Refinements in the product at no increase in price permit wider uses and add livability

IMPROVED manufacturing techniques and dramatic new glass products have combined to lower glass prices, and at the same time provide builders and architects with the most important items in the creation of the brighter and more open homes of 1946. Since 1926 glass prices have declined steadily, and new glass products and new uses for glass in building are almost endless.

Large wall areas, punctuated twenty years ago with a few small windows, today are batteries of windows. Development of hermetically sealed double pane, large area sheets has made possible entire walls of clear glass. Because of a dead air space between the sealed panes, these large glass sections, developed recently, have insulating values that make their use practical in any climate. The invention of glass block with both structural and insulating qualities has contributed countless new interior and exterior uses for glass, with resulting brightness. This new product provides either translucence or transparency in walls or partitions.

Another outstanding glass invention about fourteen years old is a structural glass, a polished plate product which is processed by heating and chilling in a manner similar to that used for steel. The glass, having great strength, comes in both flat and bent plate in either single or laminated units, and has opened an entirely new field for interior styling of homes and other buildings.

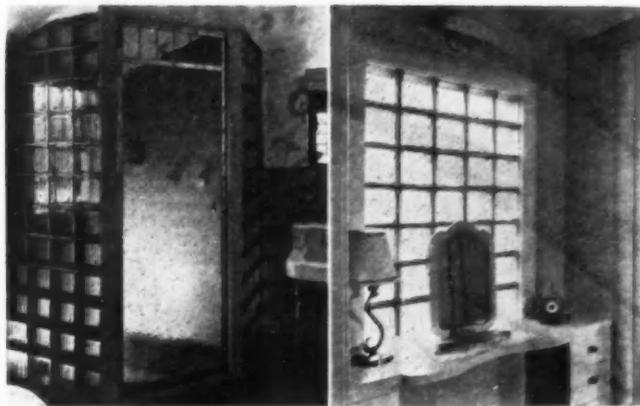
The average home built in 1946 uses 25 to 50 per cent more glass on the exterior than in 1926, while the use of glass for interiors, both new and old, is approaching a 50 per cent increase over the amount used twenty years ago.

Today, picture windows covering large wall areas, entire walls of clear glass or glass block, stronger, thinner structural mirrors over fireplaces or full length mirrors in doors, structural glass in bathrooms and kitchens, prefabricated plate glass shower units, built-in wall niches with glass shelving and tinted mirror glass backgrounds, glass block partitions in bathrooms, and plate glass for furniture tops are but a few of the many new and growing uses for glass.

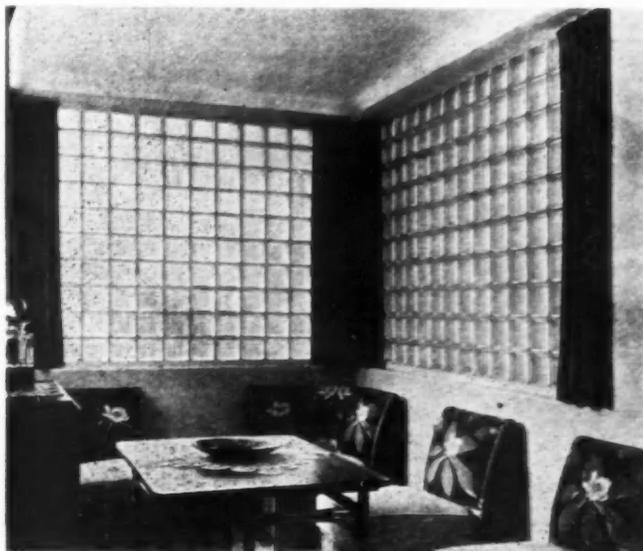
PROGRESS 1926-1946

GLASS

Glass Block • Mirrors • Structural Glass



Above left: Modern shower stall of block and plate glass. Above right: Glass block used in bedrooms. Photo: Owens-Illinois Glass Co.



Recreation alcove facing undesirable view in city made attractive by use of two glass block panels. Photo: Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company



Framed and unframed full length structural glass door mirrors, unframed structural mirrors over fireplaces, sandblasted designs in mirrors, struc-

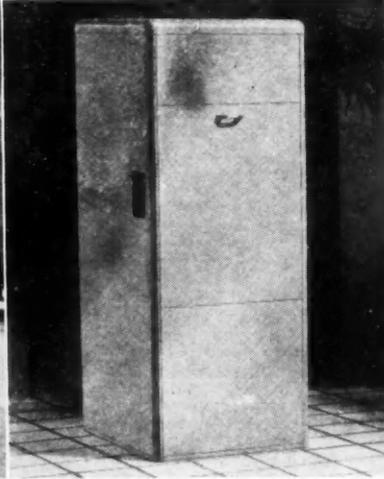
tural glass furniture, and tinted or untinted glass shelving are popular in the new homes of 1946. Photo: Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company.

HEATING

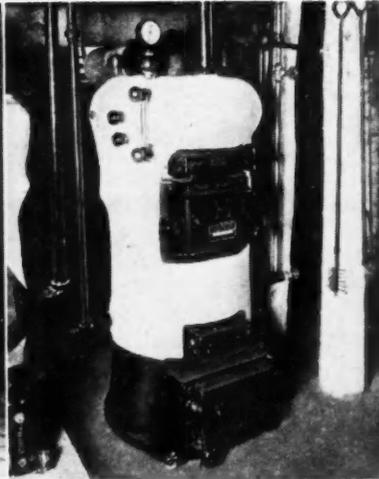
Air Conditioning • Automatic Controls and Equipment

From Simple Heating to

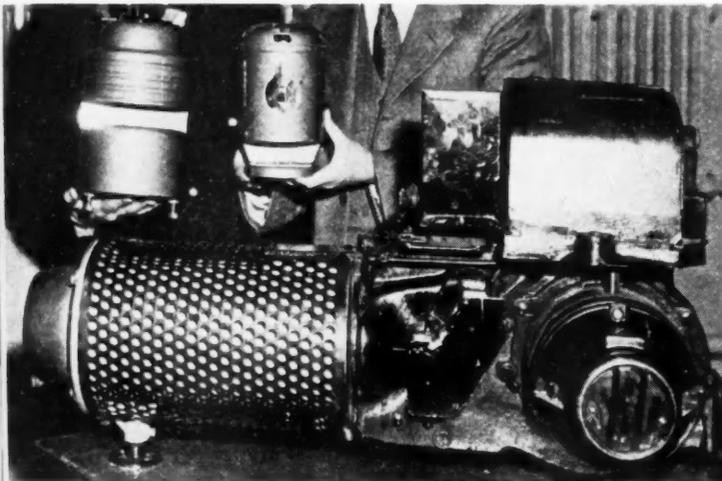
Host of developments in heating and air conditioning provide new living comforts, permit new basement uses



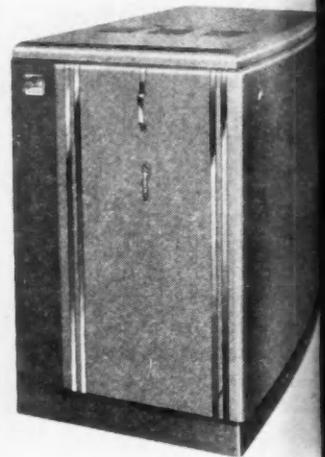
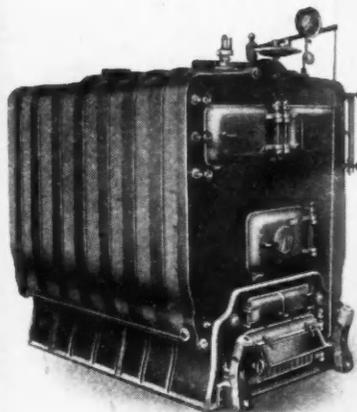
1926 gas-fired unit at left weighs about three times its modern air conditioning successor at right, requires much more floor space, and costs more. Photos: Surface Combustion Corp.



In the comparison of 1926 and 1946 coal fired boilers above, decreased weight, vastly superior styling, and addition of an automatic stoker are illustrated. Photos: American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp.



New light-weight simplified conversion oil burner compared with 1925 model having 480 parts, weighing 320 pounds. Photo: Timken Silent Automatic Division, Timken-Detroit Axle Co.



Another striking comparison showing difference in sizes, weights, heating refinements and firing methods of furniture-finished enclosed new boiler and that of two decades ago. Photos: United States Radiator Co.

OF all the fields to which engineering skill and science have been applied during the past twenty years, none have shown more phenomenal development in increased efficiency and greatly improved styling than the interior climate equipment and appliances industries. No more graphic illustration of this truth could be presented than the comparisons offered on these pages between examples of the latest and most improved models of 1926, and the

streamlined, lighter and decorative models of today. Decorativeness, however, is only the deft touch of the merchandising-minded designer to new creations that are lighter in weight, lower in price, more economical to operate, and which reach degrees of efficiency in producing uniform, controlled heat that were unthought of twenty years ago. Improvement and invention are evident all along the line from fuels

and fuel feeding devices to room temperature controls. Twenty years ago what is now known as indoor climate control was simply home heating, and it was largely an inefficient manual operation. The evolution has been to automatic heating and cooling, filtered air, and moisture control. Consider the radiator heating systems first—hot water, steam, vapor and vacuum. From the gravity circulating hot water systems of old

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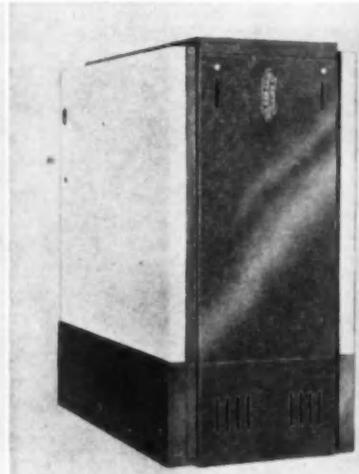
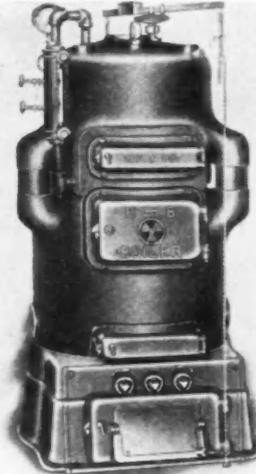
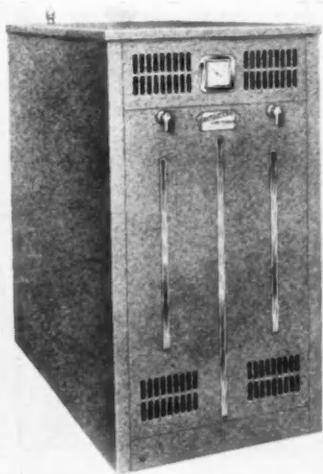
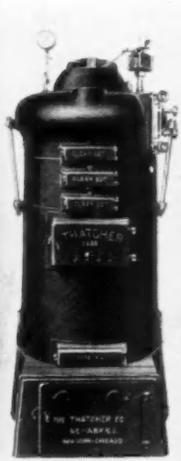
have come the forced circulation systems in which a small fractional horsepower motor insures quick and complete circulation throughout all the rooms of the house. When a modern thermostat calls for heat, the pump starts, and with almost no delay the hot water starts to flow. Boiler temperature is regulated by a

requirements of the room it serves. This improvement adds uniformity and efficiency to one-pipe steam systems.

Two-pipe steam systems, while they cost more than one-pipe systems, afford greater convenience than many owners consider to be worth the difference in price. Thermostatic

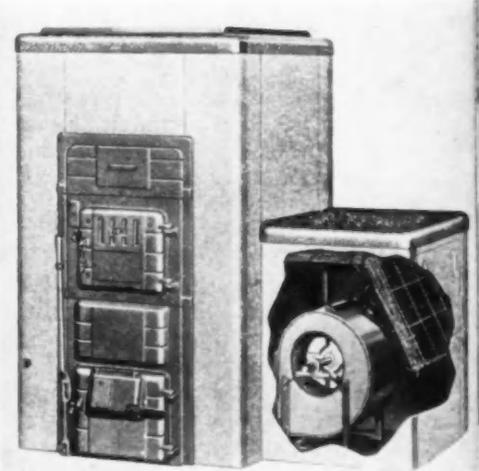
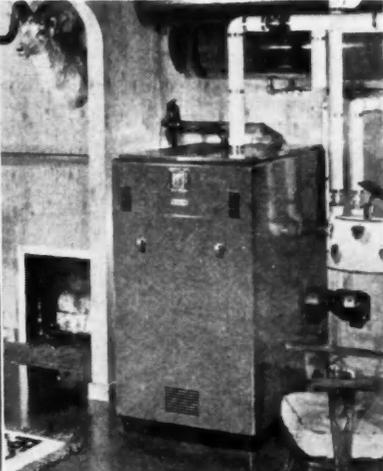
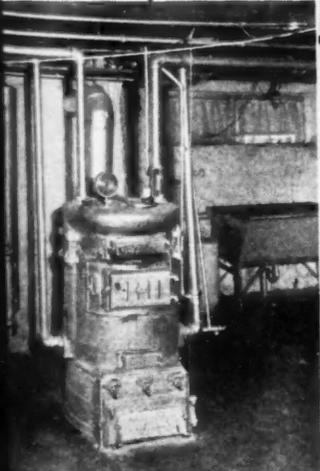
or coal firing (hand or stoker), or for conversion from any one of the fuels to another.

In the oil burning boilers, scientifically determined fire travel distance, longer flues, and baffles and fins to trap and thoroughly circulate combustion gases for maximum use before they are discharged through



1926 hot water boiler at left is hand-fired, had no jacket and required constant attention. Modern unit at right is neat in appearance and automatically delivers heat to every room. Photos: Thatcher.

The hand fired steam radiation boiler at left weighs 1225 pounds. The new 880 pound streamlined unit at right is automatically fired with oil, gas or coal. Photos: The H. B. Smith Company, Inc.



The old hand-fired coal burning boiler at left gave little incentive to decorate and furnish basements for recreational purposes. Compare it with the 1946 automatic steam boiler at right. Photos: The Crane Co.

One of first jacketed boilers, at left. Hand-fired heating and air conditioning unit at right. Cutaway section shows filter, circulating fan. Photos: American Radiator; C. A. Olson Mfg. Co.

control, lower for mild days than for cold ones. Use of the pump permits smaller pipes to be installed with consequent savings to the owner.

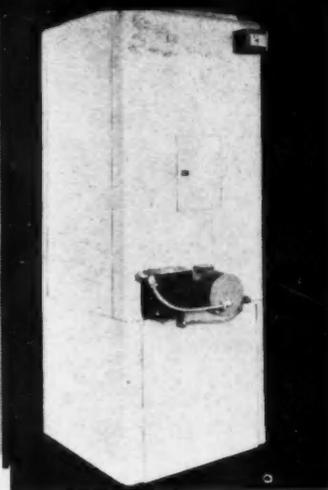
The simplest type of steam system is a one-pipe system. Special vacuum valves are available by which a one-pipe system can be converted into a partial vacuum system. Equipped with adjustable caps which regulate the sizes of the air vents, each radiator can be regulated according to the

controls on two-pipe systems provide greater control. With no air vent valves there is no hissing in the modern two-pipe system, in which each radiator can be equipped with its own individual thermostat.

The new boilers, cabinet enclosed, are designed to look like another piece of furniture in a well appointed basement recreation room. They are a far cry from the old fashioned utilitarian boilers of 1926. The modern creations are built for oil, gas

the flues are among the improvements. Simplified from units of several hundred parts to a comparatively few, and with corresponding reductions in weight, the oil burner unit of today shows tremendous development over its counterpart of two decades ago.

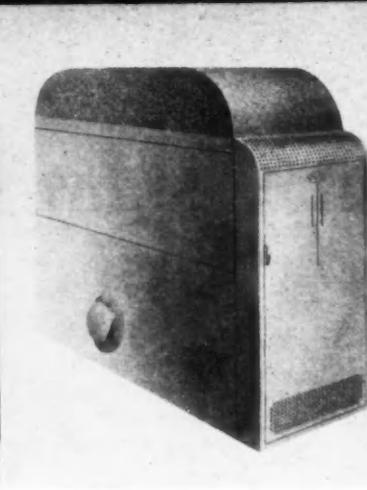
Similar innovations are found in gas burning boilers. Staggered fins throw the gases all around the combustion chamber, covering every square inch of the surface. Costs of



Console type oil burner. Photo: Norge Div., Borg - Warner Corp.



Modernistically styled 1946 enclosed oil burner. Photo: General Electric Corp.



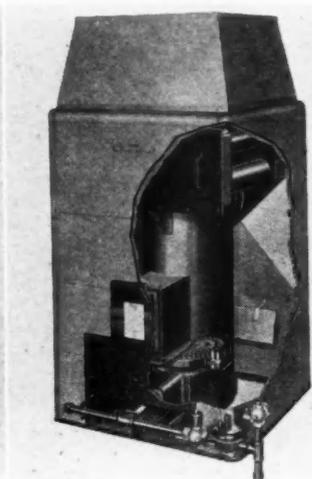
Low cost smartly packaged conversion type furnace for oil, gas or coal. Photo: Jackson & Church Co.



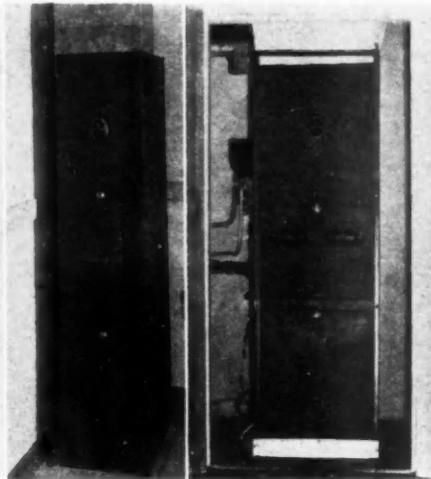
New oil boiler for four or five room low cost home. Photo: Timken Silent Automatic Div.



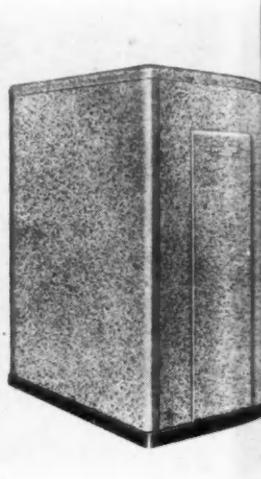
Modern heating, air conditioning unit. Photo: Gar Wood Industries, Inc.



Gas burning winter air conditioning unit for 1946 homes. Photo: L. J. Mueller Furnace Co.



Types of modern automatic small gas furnaces designed for today's G.I. homes. Photo: Bryant Heater Co.



Another cabinet type furnace styled to fit modernized basements. Photo: Perfection Stove Co.

these as well as other types of boilers have declined as much as one-third, and they occupy about one-fourth of the floor space the earlier models did.

The new boilers designed for coal burning likewise are characterized by modern styling, and are built to reduce greatly the amount of fly ash in the flues. Stokers, both the bin feed and hopper types, are lighter than their predecessors of twenty years ago, and are more long-lived. They eliminate most of the work and dust from the use of coal heat. Here,

also, scientific design makes maximum use of the gases of combustion.

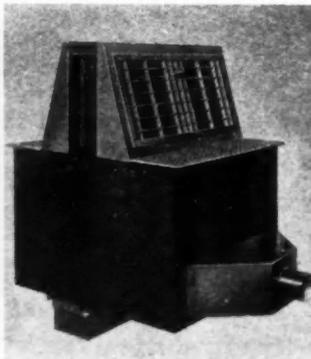
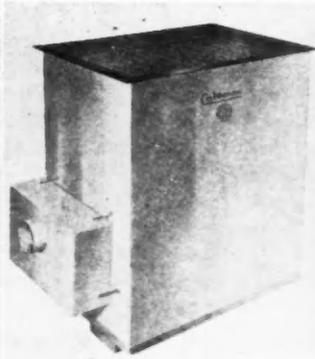
In warm air systems, present day use of an electrically driven fan produces controlled and faster circulation. Use of the fan also gets away from the octopus of large ducts which used much of the headroom in many of the basements of 1926. Today, smaller, flat ducts are possible. This results in installation economies, and greater use of the basement for recreational or workshop purposes.

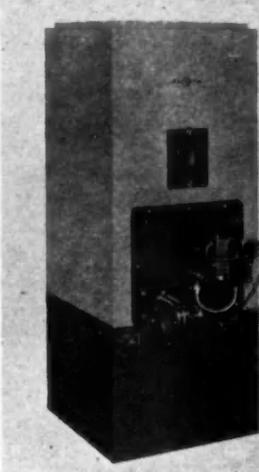
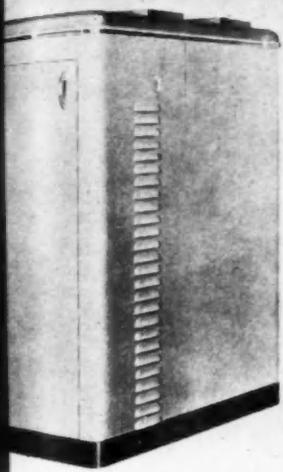
Air filters in the warm air system,

as well as humidifiers to provide the circulating warm air with proper moisture content in the winter, are now standard equipment. Winter air conditioning is practically standard in all warm air heating systems, and the degree of both winter and summer air conditioning that is obtainable is contingent on what the owner wishes to pay. Individual summer air conditioning units, feasible only in large commercial and industrial installations two decades ago, are now available at moderate cost.

Typical automatically controlled floor furnaces designed for one-story houses. Photos: The Coleman Co., Inc., and L. J. Mueller Furnace Co.

Characteristics of the best modern floor furnaces are attractively enameled grilles, high efficiency, quick automatic heat and easy installation. They are designed for oil or gas firing. Photos: Royal Heaters, Inc., The Viking Mfg. Corp., and H. C. Little Floor Furnace Co.





The new oil-fired furnaces reach new highs in combustion efficiency, and silent, smooth dependable operation. Costs and weights are lower. Photos: The Viking Mfg. Corp., and Airtemp Div., Chrysler Corp.

Typical radiant heating installation, a recent development in which piping is embedded in a concrete floor slab. In this way heat is distributed evenly over the floor surface. Photo: A. M. Byers Co.

In the field of fuels, improved coal processing, fuel briquettes, and important strides in the distillation of fuel oil and the manufacture of gas are important contributions to modern home heating. A recent product, liquefied petroleum gas, provides the farmer and rancher located beyond the mains with the opportunity to use gas for heating and other purposes. It comes in tanks used in tandem, so the empty tank can be replaced without interruption of service.

The advancement over twenty years in thermostatic heat control has been from the extreme in simplicity and the approximate in temperature control to the other extreme in exact, automatic time clock control.

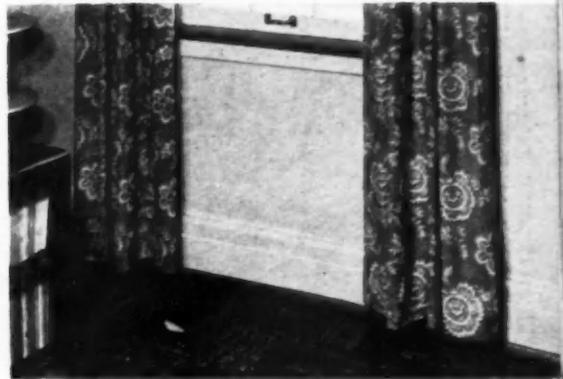
The newest control systems hold variation in room temperature to an absolute minimum because adjustment can be made so minutely that heat output is continuous. Scientific controls permit modulation of temperatures so that heat deliveries exactly balance heat loss. Stratification is eliminated and cold drafts are avoided.

One of the most startling developments has been in the field of floor furnaces. From little more than a box suspended below a grille, these have evolved into carefully engineered, scientifically controlled modern heat-

ing units in designs and capacities to meet every need.

The whole field of heat radiation has been practically revolutionized. From the comparatively massive iron radiator of the middle twenties have come newly styled radiators, convectors, and combination radiators and convectors. Many of them with cabinet exteriors, smartly styled grilles and decorative motif, are available for recessed or semi-recessed installation or free standing. A very recent development is baseboard panel radiation, replacing the conventional baseboard in a room. With this system, radiant heat is distributed over a large surface, with only a negligible amount being carried to the ceiling by air currents.

While radiant heating is as old as the Roman Empire, it is only in very recent years that its development was begun on a large scale in this country. It is being tried by forcing warm air through tile floors, but its most common use is by means of wrought iron pipes embedded in concrete floor slabs. While costs of early installations were high, the method has now been developed to a point where it is acceptable as far as price is concerned for small and medium priced houses. Beyond the experimental stage, radiant heating is now numbered as one of the definite advances of the industry.



Radiant baseboard panel radiation is a very recent development. Continuous radiant panels replace baseboards. Photo: The Crane Co.

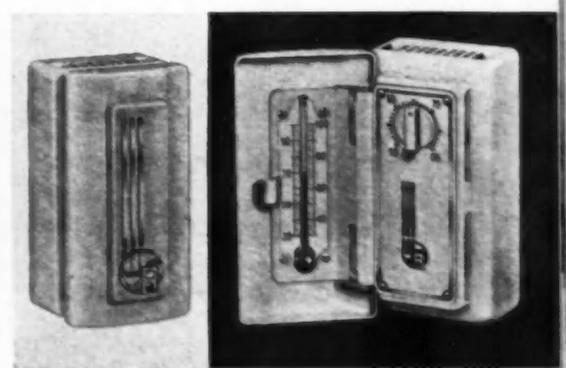
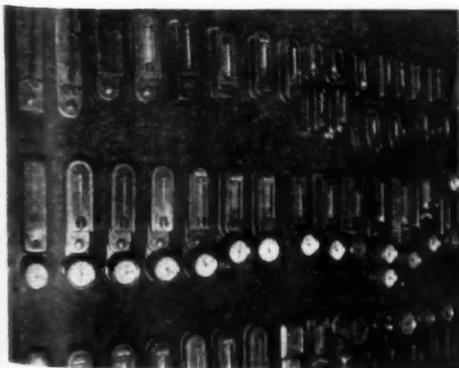


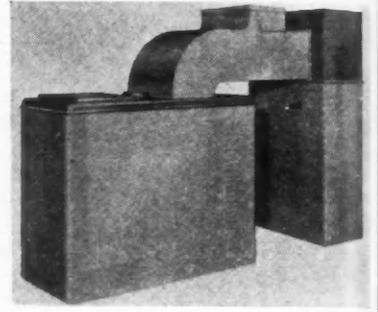
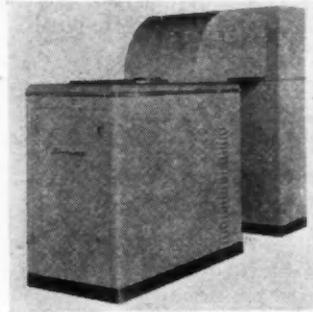
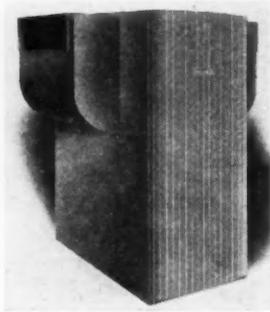
Recessed convector radiation has been improved in both efficiency and appearance. The one shown is quite typical. Photo: Modine Mfg. Co.

Showing development over 20 years of automatic thermostat heat controls to 1946 precision instruments. Photo: Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co.

This type of thermostat in each room assures room temperature control. Photo: Minneapolis - Honeywell Regulator Co.

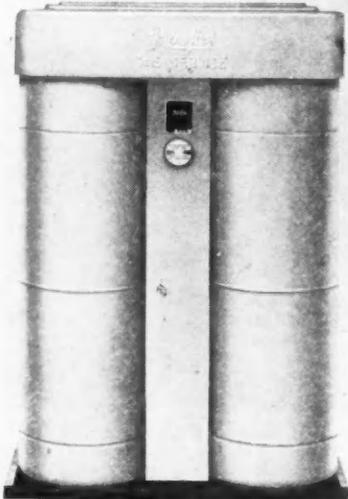
This modern room thermostat features a hinged cover which conceals and protects the thermometer and temperature adjustment knob. Photo: White-Rodgers.





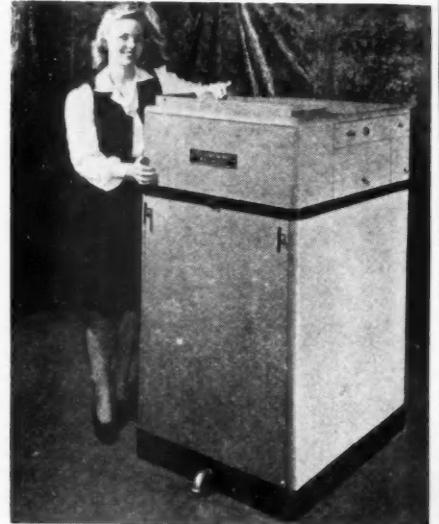
The Servel all-year gas air conditioning control unit, which operates the plant at right to heat, humidify, de-humidify, cool and circulate heat throughout the modern home in conformity with needs outside seasonal conditions require.

Two more modern heating, cooling, air conditioning and circulating units which manufacturers now produce for installation in modern homes. At left, Chrysler Airtemp; right, Viking.

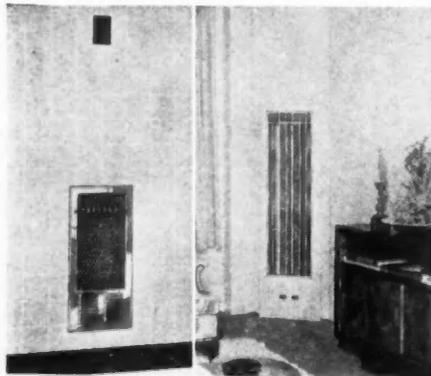


Marked progress has been made in manufacture and distribution of liquefied gas. Photo: Pyrofax.

Nor has modern heating science neglected the fireplace. It was less than twenty years ago that the first functional change was made in open hearth fires. It came in the form of an engineered hollow steel form around which masonry was built to produce a heat-circulating, smokeless fireplace. Improvements have been made steadily until today the unit combines utility unheard of in fireplaces twenty years ago, and permits practically any kind of traditional surface treatment as well as many new and modern treatments. Introduction of these units since 1926 has made fireplace construction fool-proof.



Latest implement for healthful, clean living is the Westinghouse Precipitron which cleans and sterilizes the air in homes.



Many new exhaust fans have been developed for providing a cooling breeze throughout houses, particularly in warm climates. They are large, slow-speed, finger-tip control units for attics and windows. Both types exhaust stale air from a house by drawing cool, fresh air into the building through open doors or windows. This natural method of cooling offers many advantages and economies to the builder and small home owner.

Individual electrical room heaters have been developed to provide such 1946 units as these. Left: Frank Adam; right: Panelray.



Because of technical refinements individual room air conditioners and coolers are no longer a novelty. This G-E unit is typical.

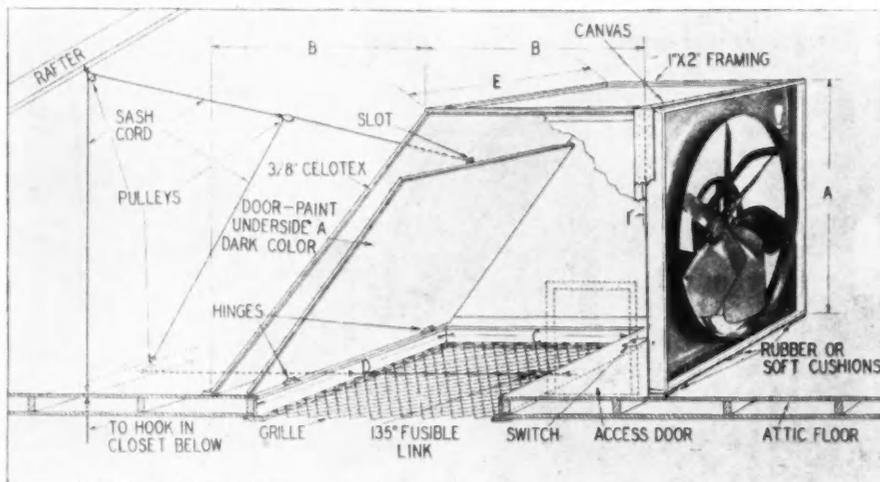


Illustration showing typical attic ventilating fan installation. Drawing: Shreveport Engineering Co.

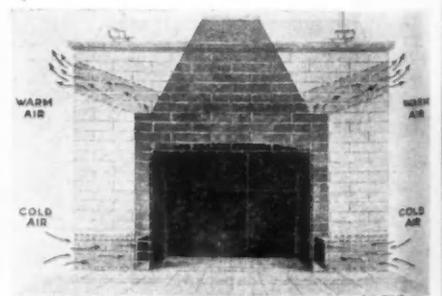


Diagram of a Heatilator fireplace unit, which illustrates the basic principles of the newest devices of this type now available.

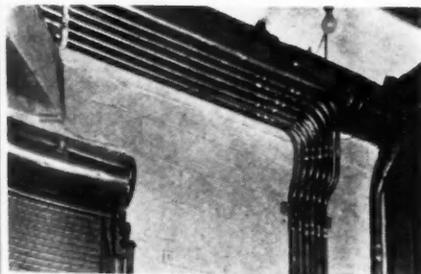
Fittings Keep Step With Modern Fixtures

In line with advanced improvements, manufacturers of fittings and pipes have made outstanding contributions to the industry

NOW that many of the so-called critical materials have been mustered out of the armed services, we may expect to find an ever increasing number of alloys being used in the production of plumbing pipes and fittings.

Copper and wrought iron, two of the oldest metals known to man, have been employed in innumerable ways to serve the building industry in the past, particularly in plumbing and heating installations.

One of the outstanding advances in copper pipe development is solder fittings. This is a radical departure from any method heretofore used in

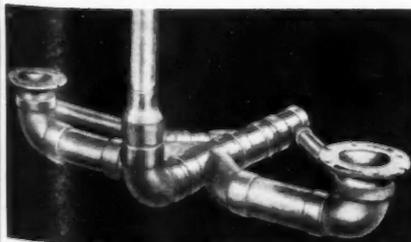


Typical installation of copper pipe and fittings with soldered connections. Photo: Mueller.

that connections are made by soldering rather than by threading.

Through the use of this type of fitting, the wall thickness of pipe has been reduced so that it need be no more than actually required to meet the conditions imposed upon it. Economies are thus introduced which place this material in a price range available to all.

The use of wrought iron in the building field has expanded greatly over the past years, particularly in connection with installation of radiant heating panels and air condition-



Improved drainage fittings. Photo: Mueller.



During a lull stocks of precut pipe are prepared for use in this progressive shop.

ing systems where durability and resistance to corrosion are assured.

The fact that wrought iron has excellent welding characteristics makes it especially adaptable to these fields of activity where economy commensurate with long life is essential.

The new type drainage fitting shown above is a distinct improvement over the old method where so often it became necessary to cut away a large portion of the wood framing members for installation.



Plumbing trap. Photo: Bethlehem Industrial Corp.

The absence of hubs on fittings and pipe lines permits them to be concealed between studs and joists and yet leaves ample room for flooring, lath and plaster. Since no room is required for wrench hold or swing, the fitting may easily be connected in any space large enough to accommodate the fitting itself.

Just recently released to the trade is the latest in plumbing traps shown

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on this page. This trap offers many advantages over the old conventional type. For the present it will be manufactured only in the "P" type shown in the photograph. Later its features will be incorporated in a combination sink and tray model which should prove advantageous where dish-washing machines and garbage disposal units are installed. It is made of brass castings, precision machined with heavy chrome-plate finish.



Deep or shallow well pump. Photo: Weil.

Available to the suburban home builder today who has to drill a well for water supply is the double acting jet pump which supplies all the water requirements for the household.

This pump requires no more attention than any standard household appliance. The double action operates as follows: To the suction lift of the centrifugal impeller is added the push of the jet. This double action boosts the pump discharge pressure and produces exceptional capacity with a small motor.

Safety, a vital factor, has been achieved by complete enclosure of all moving parts and elimination of shaft coupling. Economy of operation is assured as the jet pump consumes less electricity than a 300 watt bulb.

A desirable feature is its adaptability to all types of wells, whether they are large or small bore wells.

BATHROOMS

Fixtures • Cabinets
Walls • Floors • Lighting

Modern Bathrooms Combine

Trend toward ratio of more bathroom facilities per room plus more ingenious design for quality and convenience are marked accomplishments of manufacturers

A CASUAL GLANCE at a few of the photographs on these pages illustrates graphically the practical and artistic improvements that have been made in the last two decades in planning bathrooms and designing fixtures.

Along with the trend toward a ratio of more baths per room in new homes have come many innovations in the combinations of baths, showers and powder rooms, as well as ingenious arrangements of plumbing fixtures to permit multiple use of the bathroom. While fixtures were being redesigned for more color, utility and beauty, manufacturers were also introducing new materials and better treatment of traditional materials. Bathroom fixtures today are being made of porcelain enamel on cast iron, vitreous china, vitreous glazed earthenware and sheet steel in a good choice of color combinations.

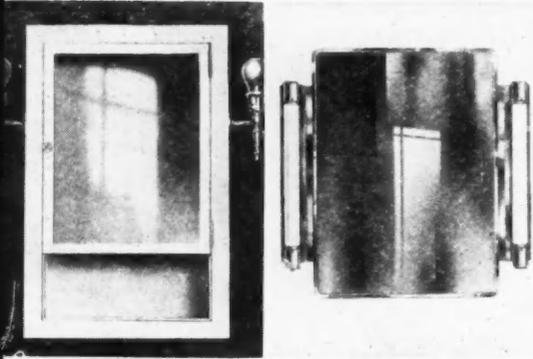
During the last twenty years, bathtubs have come to be designed generally not only as a fixture for bathing, but also as a receptor for a shower. Many of the tubs now have built-in seats and are equipped with a raised edge on the wall sides to prevent water seepage. Engineered bathtub hangers also help to avoid seepage and settling of the tub with building shrinkage. The home owner today gets a safer tub than was available for average homes twenty years ago because it is lower and has steeper sides and ends.

Manufacturers have developed low-cost, efficient shower fittings that can be installed in average houses so economically that today no bathroom is considered complete without a shower. It may be over the tub, in a separate compartment, or both. Shower compartments may be built in or may be chosen from a highly refined group of prefabricated, leak-proof stalls produced by several manufacturers in a good variety of materials and finishes. There are three types of water controls for showers—the thermostatically controlled mixing valve, a mixing valve which tempers the water, and the two-valve system where the bather tempers the water by turning hot and cold faucets.

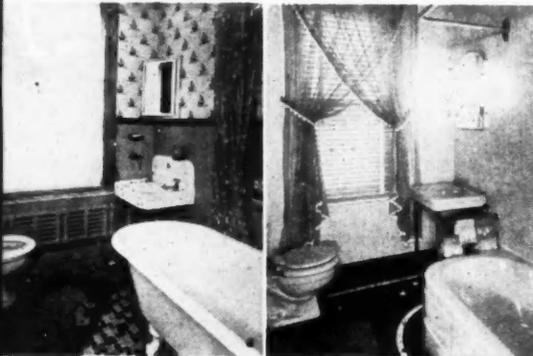
The development of mixing valve faucets with handles for hot and cold water but a single spout for tempering of water before use has been another great stride to give more utility and convenience.

The almost universal adoption of chromium finish on the metal portions of bathroom fixtures has been another of the marked improvements.

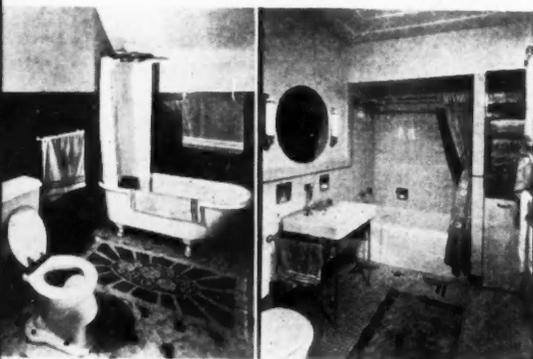
In recent years the shape of lavatories has tended toward the oblong, and gradual elimination of the old round type. This not only conserves space but has been proved more convenient. Basins themselves in the oblong lavatories are usually either oblong or D-shaped.



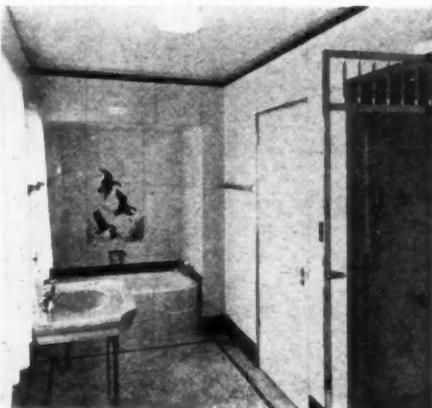
The modern cabinet at right is lower priced than 1946 model at left. Photo: Philip Carey.



Above and below are old-style bathrooms and the same rooms after modernization. Photos: Crane Co.



Below: Ceramic tile manufacturers provide materials for floor and wall jobs like this. Photo: Cambridge Tile Co.



A good variety of moisture-proof products for bathrooms is now being made. At left:



Structural Carrara glass with Herculite shower room door; at right: J-M Flexboard walls.

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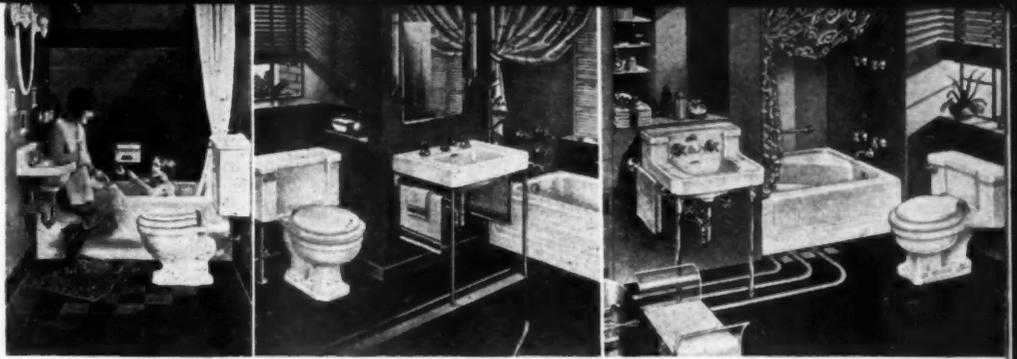
Beauty, Utility

The home builder today has a wide choice in lavatory styles and sizes—wall hung, chromium or glass legs with towel bars integral with the legs or hung separately, with or without shelves at the back, or wide slab surfaces. Position of the faucets and spouts varies infinitely to satisfy the whims of home owners.

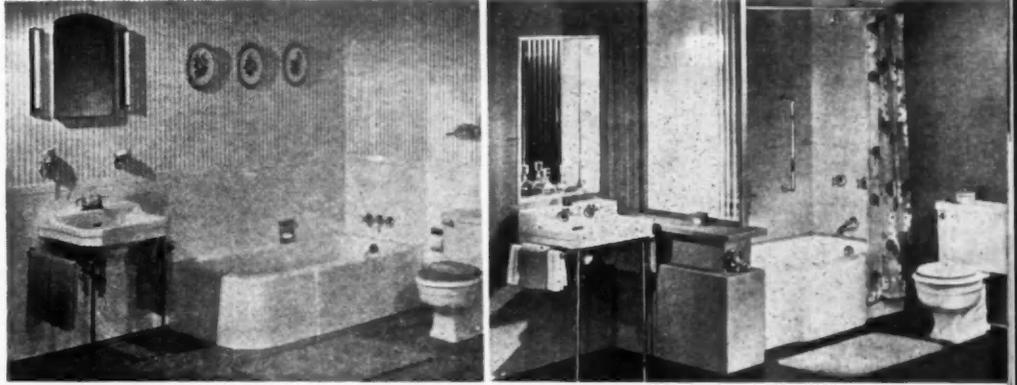
Water closets have also run the gauntlet of modernization in design and improved service. Quieter and more efficient action, easier cleaning and more pleasing design are outstanding changes during the last two decades. Functionally there are now three types of closets—the siphon jet, reverse trap, and the washdown, with prices varying according to their efficiency. All these require flush tanks, but a fourth system of flushing, the Sloan low-pressure valve, requires no tank. At least one manufacturer has announced a lavatory and water closet combination unit with the flush tank for the water closet incorporated in the rear of the lavatory. An important recent innovation in exterior water closet design is the one-piece unit with low tank. This style and the close-coupled model may be placed away from the wall to facilitate cleaning and prevent wall condensation.

All the operating parts of plumbing fixtures such as faucets, valves, showerheads and drain controls are finely engineered parts today. Faucets have renewable seats which prolong their service indefinitely.

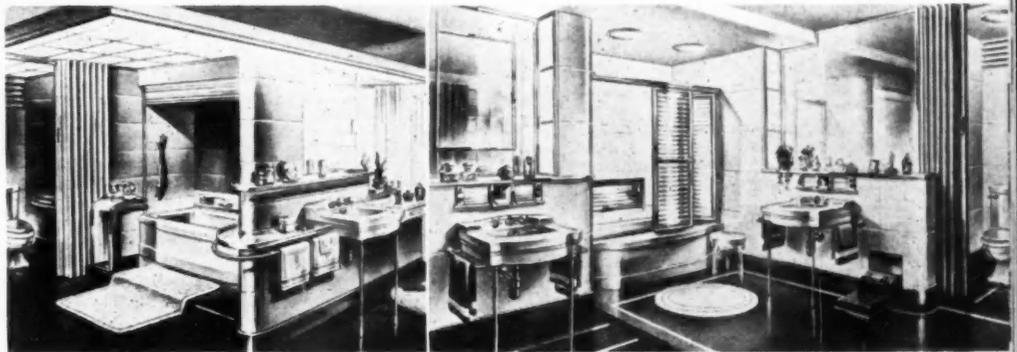
Concomitant with development of refined bathroom fixtures, building material manufacturers have come forth with a wide variety of bathroom wall and floor finishes in the last two decades that are not only impervious to moisture but are beautifully pleasing to the eye, in addition to being infinitely easier to clean.



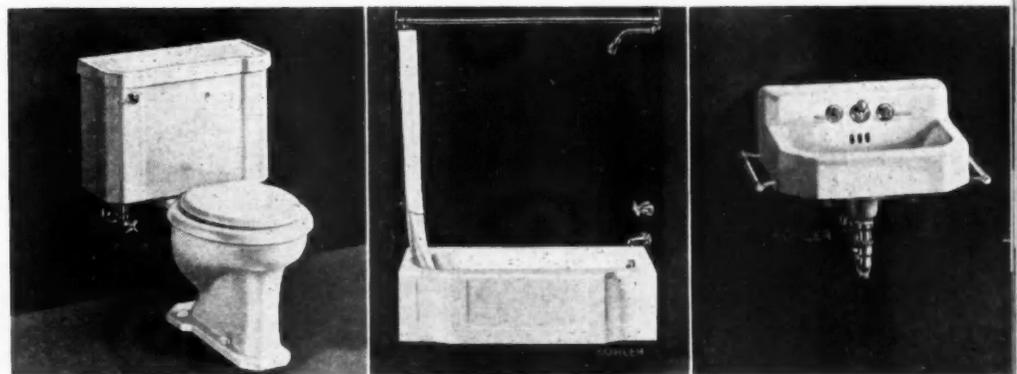
Another 1926 comparison with the possibilities of 1946. Photos: American Radiator.



Glass partition separates tub, lavatory. Photo: Crane Co. Walls decorated, protected with L-O-F Vitrolite.



These two photographs illustrate arrangement of fixtures to permit multiple use of bathrooms. Photos: Briggs Mfg. Co.



Modern water closet is quiet, sanitary, efficient; tub is built for safety; lavatory has practical lines. Photos: Kohler. Below: Eljer fixtures. Water closet at left has flush tank at back of lavatory.



At left: A Weis built-in shower stall; at right, a Fiat prefabbed shower cabinet.



PROGRESS 1926-1946

KITCHENS • LAUNDRIES

Equipment • Planning

Equipment Transforms

Manufacturers of cabinets and appliances put housewife in pleasant, efficient surroundings which reduce work to minimum



Typical kitchen of early '20's contrasted with modern, scientifically planned kitchen of today. Photos: Crane Company.

DURING the last two decades kitchens have been rapidly transformed from drab, inefficiently arranged quarters to beautifully pleasant rooms in which housewives can enjoy working and also take pride in exhibiting to their friends. Twenty years ago the average kitchen was a makeshift affair—a workroom where cook stove, sink, ice box, and a "catch-all" pantry, closet or portable cabinet were placed at random without thought of appearance, convenience or efficiency.

The initiative, ingenuity and enterprise of kitchen equipment manufacturers—cabinet makers and appliance

producers—have elevated kitchen planning to a science. At the present time there are five definite generally recognized types of kitchens, scientifically planned to avoid unnecessary steps and handling of food in preparation. They are:

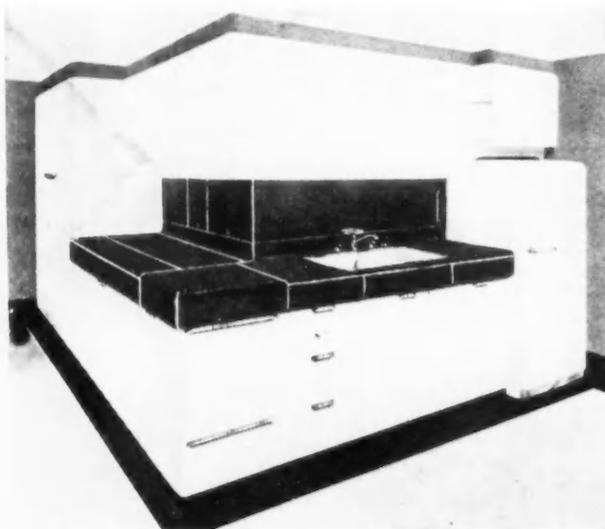
The U-type kitchen has work surfaces and equipment along three sides, all within easy reach. Doors at the open end of the "U" eliminate traffic through the work area.

The L-type kitchen provides continuous work surfaces and equipment along two walls, leaving other walls free for door and window openings.

The two-wall kitchen, used where entrance to the kitchen is from each end, has cabinets and appliances placed along two parallel walls, with the sink generally on one side and refrigerator and range on the other.

The one-wall kitchen is best suited to small homes and apartments. It has been found inadvisable to make the over-all length of this type more than 15 feet.

The individual center kitchen is planned where doors and windows do not permit cabinets to occupy a complete wall. Each appliance with its complementary cabinets is properly



The Ingersoll utility unit which combines fixtures, appliances, and fittings of kitchen, bathroom, laundry, heating, plumbing and electrical lines in a compact central steel core.



Typical example of modern kitchen cabinet design and arrangement. Note opaque glass panels closing faces of cabinets above work counter. Kelvinator refrigerator and range blend with cabinets. Photo: Morton Mfg. Company.

Kitchens

planned and located to provide easy and efficient flow of work. This type is often adapted to remodeling jobs to avoid costly structural changes.

The kitchen cabinet of the early '20's was a single piece of portable furniture, moved from house to house like any other piece. Since that time legs and casters have been removed and standard units complete with built-in sinks, work tops and soffits are available in an infinite variety of beautiful, efficient combinations. Great progress has been made in the size standardization of ranges, refrigerators, sinks, counters, dishwashers, garbage disposal units, etc., to fit standard unit cabinetry.

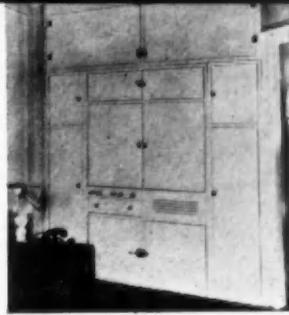
While cabinet makers, both wood and metal, were rapidly improving and streamlining their units, appliance manufacturers were doing the same thing along two different tracks. They not only beautified the exterior appearance of their products but developed automatically functioning ranges, refrigerators, dishwashers, garbage disposal units and other kitchen helps that are marvels of twentieth century engineering and science.

Gas and electric range manufacturers have made tremendous contributions to the improved appearance and reduction of kitchen drudgery during the last two decades. Continuous addition of automatic cooking features, plus work-reducing design of the units and increased efficiency at lower prices were major factors.

The automatic refrigerator is taken for granted in modern homes today. But it was only as recently as the early '20's that it was a curiosity and an expensive luxury. The electric refrigerator is an excellent example of what manufacturers have accomplished in the way of cost reduction through increased production efficiency and widespread distribution. In 1921 the average price of electric refrigerators sold was \$550. The refrigerator of today, which has twice the efficiency of the 1921 models, sells for about half the price.

Automatic electric or gas water heaters are also considered essentials in the modern home. Compact, efficient, economically operating units are being produced in numerous capacities, designs and price ranges.

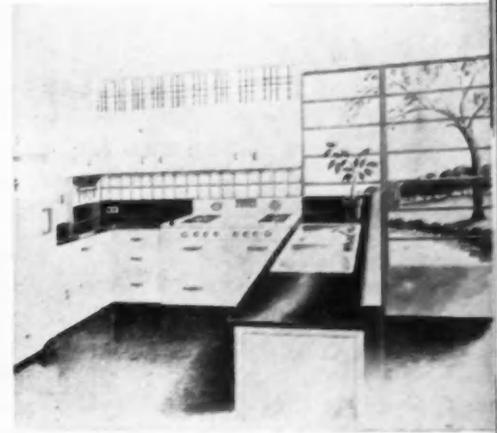
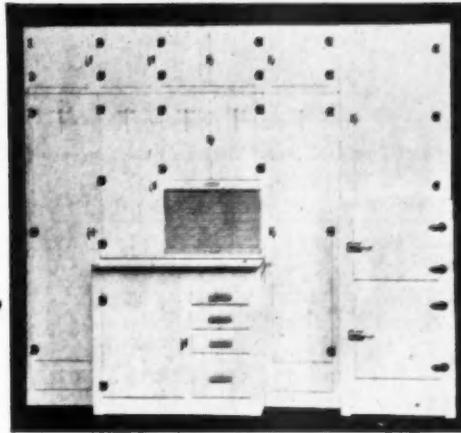
Doing the family wash, hanging out the clothes and ironing them were major chores of a housewife in 1926. Continuous improvement in washing machines during the last two decades has culminated in development of



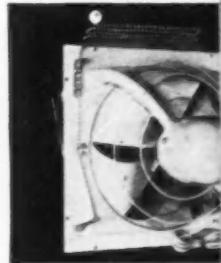
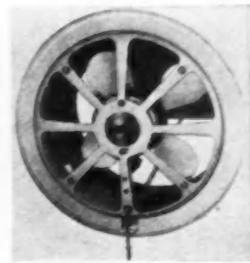
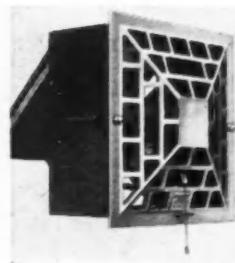
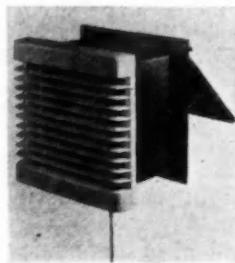
Parson's Pureaire one-wall kitchen combining range, oven, sink and refrigerator with generous working space.



Examples of modern cabinet sinks. Unit at left is a product of the Mullins Manufacturing Corp., and at right is a model produced by American Central Mfg. Corp.



Left above is the 1926 model kitchen cabinet produced by the pioneer Kitchen Maid Corp. compared with typical 1946 cabinets at right.



Four models of modern kitchen ventilating fans, a novelty 20 years ago. From left to right: American Blower, Majestic, Victor and Ilg.

automatic home laundering units designed to fit in the modern kitchen if desired. These miraculous machines have revolutionized home laundering because they automatically soak, wash, rinse and dry clothes. They are available in electric or gas models to suit the individual requirements of all-electric or all-gas homes.

Industry's research and inventive genius have also developed two types of ironers for modern housewives. These labor-saving machines are available in either the roll-type or flat plate type and are designed dimensionally to fit and blend in appearance with other equipment units of kitchens and laundries.



Another example of modern, streamlined cabinet sink construction. Photo: Kohler of Kohler.



Modern stainless steel kitchen sink and cabinet work top. Photo: American Rolling Mill.



Modern, all-electric kitchen designed by the National Electrical Manufacturers Association.

All-Electric Kitchens

incorporating one or more of these units with the cabinet sink. They may be obtained with dishwasher, dishwasher and waste disposal unit, with clothes and dishwasher or any combination of these.

While kitchen ventilating fans made their debut as far back as 1913, their development had not progressed beyond the "fan on board panel" stage by 1926. A comparison of 1926 with 1946 kitchen ventilators shows marvelous improvements in efficiency and a complete change from the bulky panel boards to compact and attractive built-in ventilators that are easily installed in walls or ceilings of any thickness. Particles of soot, odors, and grease which ordinarily spread throughout the home in a matter of seconds may now be exhausted at their source.

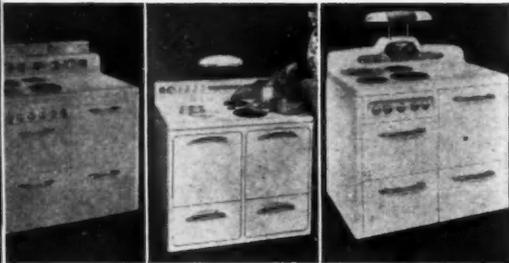
Still another development to help the modern housewife operate the home efficiently, economically and distinctively was the design and production of practical deep-freeze units for storage of foods at low temperatures. A good variety of these have been placed on the market to supplement the standard home refrigerator.

As a result of the tremendous developments in appliances for kitchens and laundries, a newly constructed house is no longer a shell. In addition to the automatic heating plant, the house is not considered complete without built-in cabinets and at least such major appliances as refrigerator, cooking range, automatic water heater

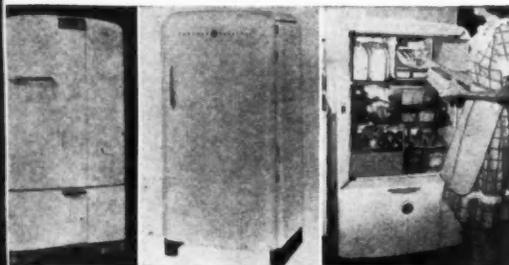
It was not until the middle '20's that mechanical dishwashers were developed to operate with chemical detergents instead of soap, an innovation which simplified problems of design and cost. At the beginning of World War II, the electrical dishwasher business was firmly established and is prepared now to make these units integral parts of a modern kitchen.

Mechanical disposal of kitchen waste directly into the sewage system is successfully accomplished now by units which may be installed in any average home. Not until the late '30's were these units produced on an appreciable scale. Today, refinements have made them one more practical time-saver to put in the modern mechanized kitchen.

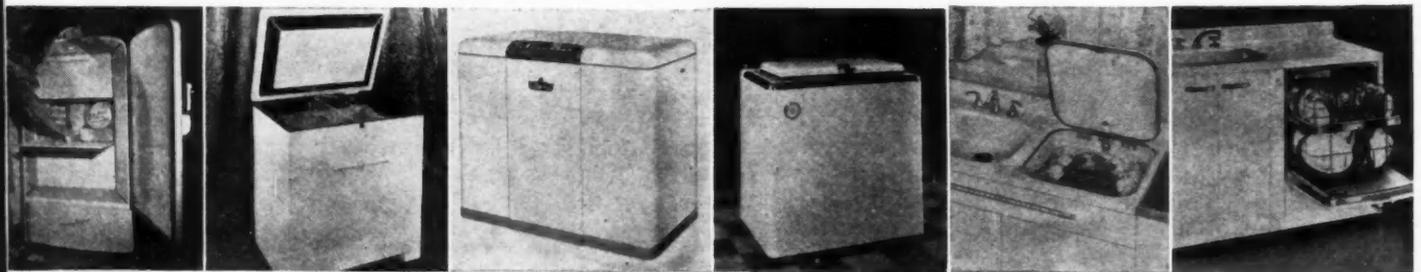
With the development of automatic home laundries, dishwashers, and waste disposal units have come a number of kitchen sink combinations



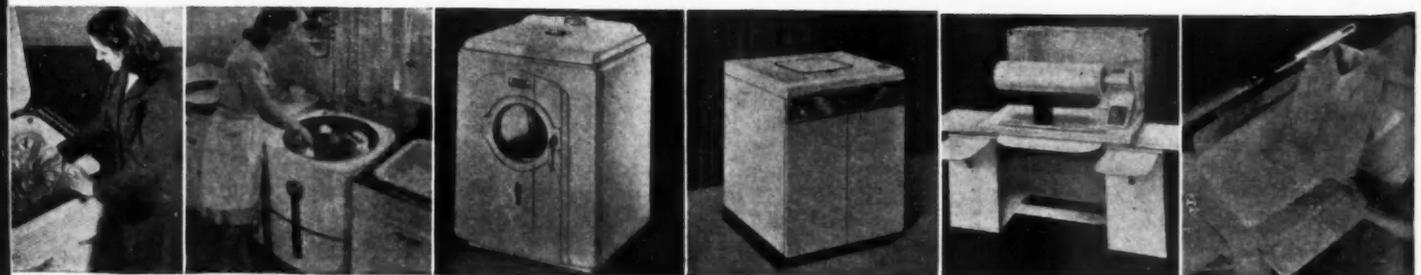
Typical modern electric ranges. Left to right: Hotpoint, Westinghouse, Kelvinator.



This illustrates what electrical refrigerator makers produce today. Kelvinator, G-E, Westinghouse.



These four deep-freeze units typify the 1946 product of numerous manufacturers for the modern home. Westinghouse, G-E, Kelvinator, Frigidaire. Two photographs at right above and left below are examples of modern, efficient dishwashing units. G-E, Hotpoint, Westinghouse, and Thor.



The latest in home laundry units such as the Bendix and Blackstone shown here automatically soak, wash, rinse and damp dry clothes. The housewife now has choice of two types of electric ironers typified by the Bendix roll-type or G-E flat-plate at right.

and washer. Home financing practices in most states now permit the cost of such major appliances to be included in the mortgage to be amortized in regular monthly payments.

Along with the major kitchen and laundry appliances to make the modern housewife's duties easier and pleasanter, electrical appliance manufacturers have come forth in the last two decades with remarkable improvements in 1926 minor appliances plus a number of new items. Electric irons, dry or steam, with automatic temperature controls, are available. Portable kitchen mixers with numerous accessories which sharpen cutlery, polish silverware, grate, slice or shred food; automatic toasters, automatic roasters and broilers, automatic coffee makers, waffle irons, sandwich grills are a few more of the modern electrical appliances that help to make today's kitchen and laundry the most scientifically designed, highly mechanized rooms of the home.

Manufacturers of gas kitchen and laundry appliances have consistently improved and refined not only the appearance of their items, but the mechanism as well. Fully automatic, efficient and economical gas home refrigerators for the all-gas kitchen have shown marked changes in appearance during the last two decades. Today they are dimensionally and artistically designed to blend accurately with any of the new cabinet kitchen layouts.

Gas ranges of today are marvels of



Modern gas kitchen designed by the American Gas Assn. Gas refrigerator is at extreme right.

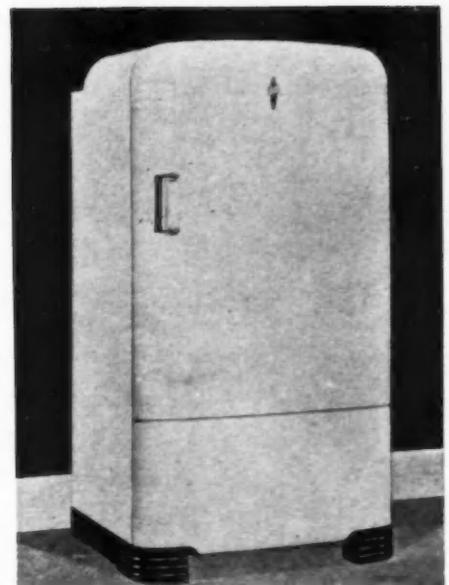
All-Gas Kitchens

automatic cooking efficiency and make the gas "cook stoves" of two decades ago appear archaic. Built-in automatic broilers, deep cookers, oven timing and temperature control, in addition to streamlined appearance, are major improvements.

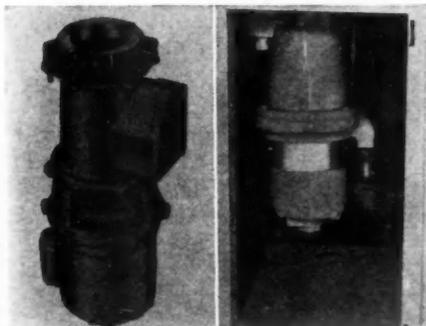
The automatic gas water heater models of 1946 are not only beautiful in appearance, but are remarkably efficient and economical in operation.

Most manufacturers of automatic heating equipment now have a line of domestic water heaters of various capacities. Some have glass-lined tanks, which assure a clean rust-free water supply.

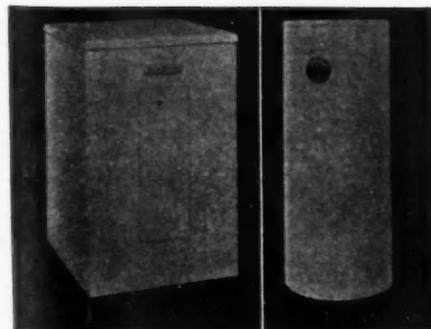
Where oil is burned as a heating fuel an oil burning domestic water heater is desirable. Many types are available; two are illustrated on this page.



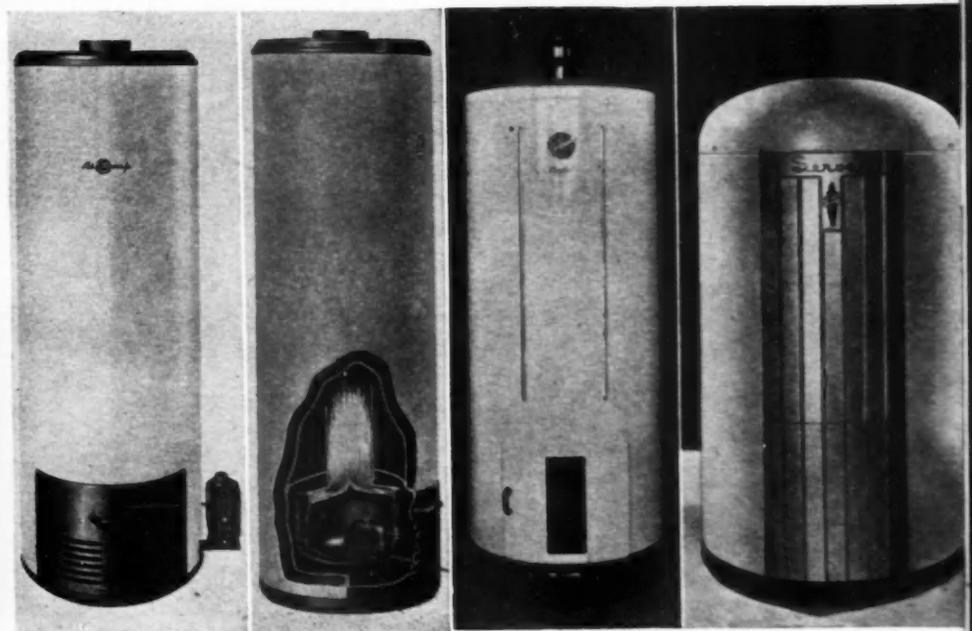
Attractive, economical, silent gas refrigerator manufactured by Servel, Incorporated.



Modern, efficient garbage disposal units. Left, General Electric; right, American Central Mfg. Co.



Two typical kinds of modern electric water heaters: both of these are General Electric.

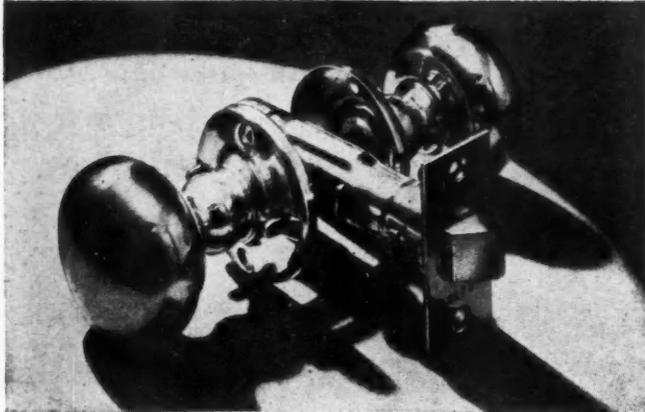


Two examples of modern, oil-fired water heaters, the one at left, Chrysler Airtemp, right, Viking.

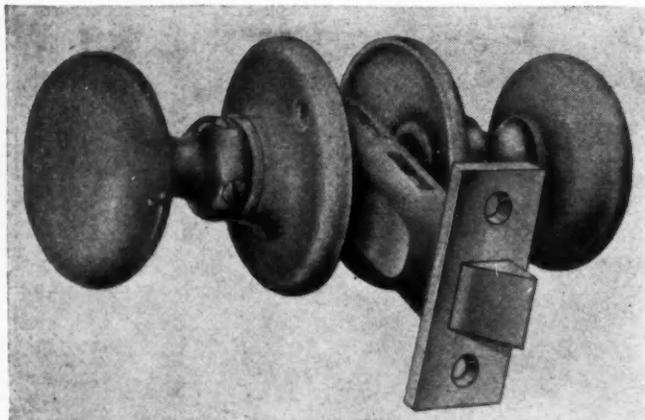
Gas-fired water heaters for the modern home, which are typical. Left: A. O. Smith; right: Servel.

HARDWARE

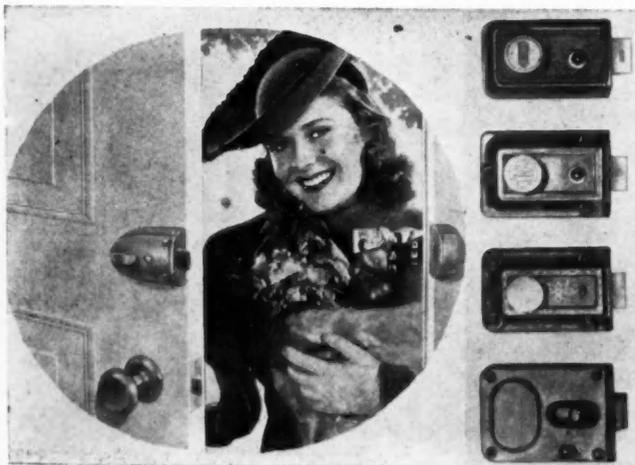
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This 1946 tubular-type latch sells for about 30 per cent less than its pioneer prototype of 1926. Photo: National Brass.



Another of the new installation-time-saving tubular-type latches for modern home builders. Photo: P. & F. Corbin Company.



Note sharp contrast between older night latches and modern model on door at left. Photo: Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.

Engineered Products

BUILDERS' hardware, which carries or controls the movable parts of a house, has been improved in many respects during the last two decades. Manufacturers have adopted new materials and designs resulting in longer-lasting, better appearing and easier installed products. In addition to this the problem of hardware selection has been simplified by adoption of the "package" sales plan whereby complete door sets, window sets and other components in builders' hardware are wrapped in units at the factory. When materials arrive on the job, packages are labeled for front door, rear door, bathroom door, etc., thus saving labor time on the job in addition to eliminating errors in installation.

In contrast with a variety of finishes in vogue in 1926, some of them obsolete today, builders' hardware finishes now include polished brass, dull brass, dull bronze and chromium. The brass and bronze hardware is usually finished with a colorless lacquer to protect the finish against tarnish. Almost universal adoption of chromium finish hardware for bathrooms, kitchens and lavatories has brought a new note of beauty and quality to these rooms.

Besides wide use of brass and bronze for finish on builders' hardware, a general trend toward improved quality has resulted in adoption of brass and bronze working parts in many builders' hardware lines. The unseen working parts of locks have also passed through engineer and research laboratories to emerge in refined forms which give smoother, more trouble-free operation for the 1946 home owner at prices that in some instances are lower than those of 1926.

Probably the outstanding improvement in builders' hardware has been development of the tubular-type latch since 1926. In the middle '20's this type latch was just beginning its contributions to efficiency and labor-saving installation time. Until then there was only one type of lock, known as the mortise, which is still in wide use today, although in improved form. Introduction of the tubular-type latch inaugurated a new approach to the manufacture of locks and latches. Cast iron parts were eliminated, and to the extent possible, the parts were made from pressed steel and wrought brass or bronze. This not only results in a more compact



Modern cabinet hardware line in a wide variety of designs and finishes to blend with modern cabinets.

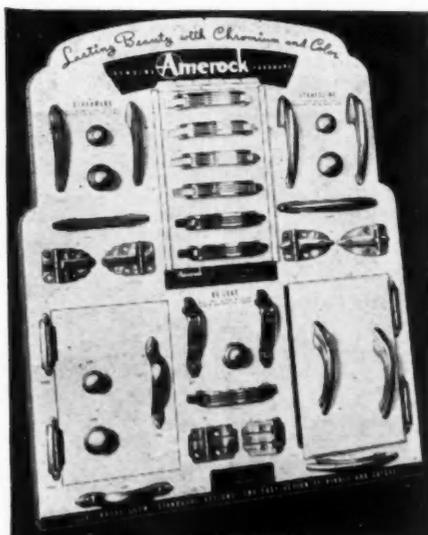
Give Greater Values

unit, but permits more accurate machining. Working parts are confined to a round tube to simplify installation. Only a round hole bored with brace and bit, plus a shallow mortise for the face plate, is required to prepare a door for installation of a tubular latch. Accurate checks reveal carpenters can install tubular latches in about one-third the time required to install a mortise-type.

Redesign of front door hardware by manufacturers has kept pace with architectural refinements in home and front entrance detail. Twenty years ago only the most expensive homes were equipped with front door thumb latch handles and tubular locks, but today mass production methods of numerous finely styled front door sets permit any average home builder to enjoy that added note of luxury. Almost universal adoption of cylinder locks for front and rear doors, plus garage, operating with one key, has been made possible by manufacturers who design and mass produce locks for the home building market. Since many bit key locks formerly installed in homes could be operated with skeleton keys, the availability of good quality cylinder locks for exterior house entrances has made the 1946 home more secure against burglary and unauthorized entry, at a nominal cost.

Butt hinges have evolved from the plain, functional types of yesterday to the modern, streamlined fixture of today, with three to each door becoming common practice. Improvements in floor hinges have not been neglected and a better selection of push plates and door stops permits much improvement in appearance and operation where such units are used. Non-tarnishable, non-corroding sash locks and lifts along with improved casement hinges and fasteners have come from factories to make their contributions to better quality homes. Kitchen cabinet hardware has undergone revolutionary changes during the last two decades to offer the 1946 builder compact, scientifically and artistically designed pieces to fit any color or architectural theme.

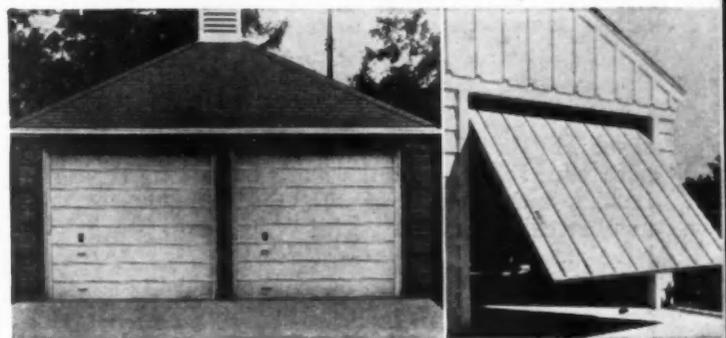
Self-adjusting interior-locking storm sash fittings and improved hangers have replaced the old exterior turn-buttons which could be removed easily for possible unauthorized entry, or outright theft of the sash. Numerous new combination door locks have been de-



Another sample board of modern cabinet hardware developed for economical installation in modern homes.



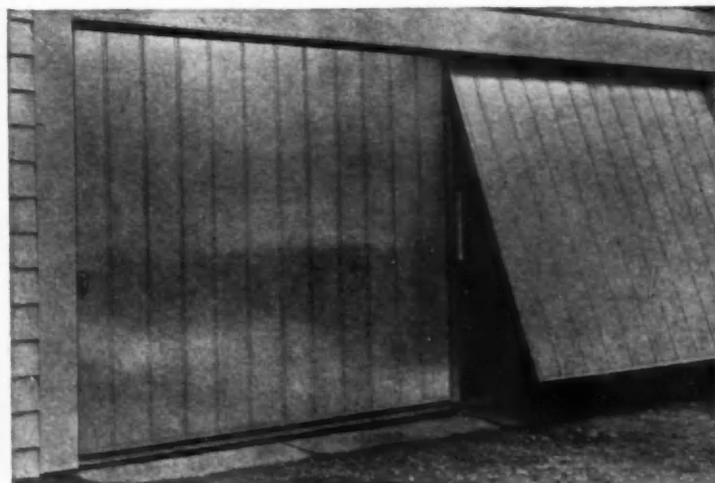
Today's modern upward-acting doors create a sharp contrast with these garage doors of 1926 vintage. Photo: Strand Bldg. Products Co.



Above and on next page are typical examples of modern upward-acting garage doors. Left, the Crawford Company's door; right, Strand-Steel door.



Above: Doors by the Rowe Manufacturing Company. Below: Units produced by the Berry Door Corp.





National Manufacturing Company's garage door.

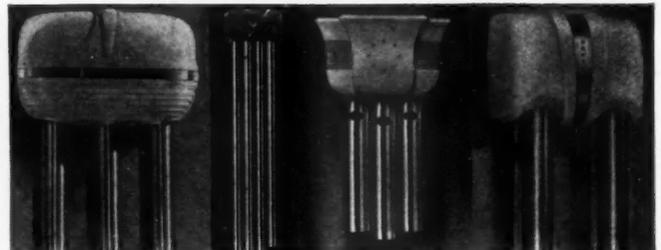


Modern unit produced by the pioneer Overhead Door Co.

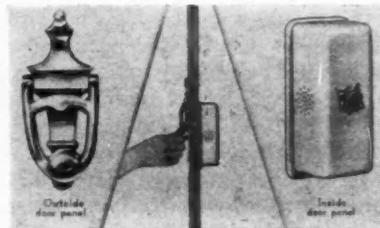
signed by builders' hardware manufacturers to keep pace with these new units and to facilitate their satisfactory operation. Checks for combination doors in a number of styles with varied functional characteristics have also been developed within the last 20 years to sell within the budget of the average home builder.

To add more refinement and distinctiveness in homes today, manufacturers have developed a wide variety of electrical and mechanical door chimes within the last two decades. These beautiful fixtures, enclosing dependable working parts, available at economical prices, add another note of value and increased livability to the 1946 home.

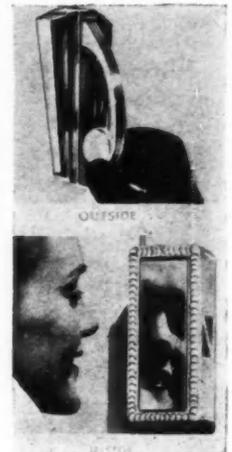
Tremendous increase in the popularity of automobiles and consequent growth in volume of garage construction has brought with it a host of new garage door hardware and complete, factory-built garage doors. During the last decade the upward-acting type door has attained outstanding popularity and today it is available at remarkably low prices in a wide variety of materials, styles and mechanics of operation. Many of these doors are fully assembled at the factory and delivered to the site ready for installation in minimum time. To supplement the new developments in garage doors, there is an automatic garage door opening and closing device which activates the door and also turns on or extinguishes lights by simple operation of a switch in the automobile or in the home.



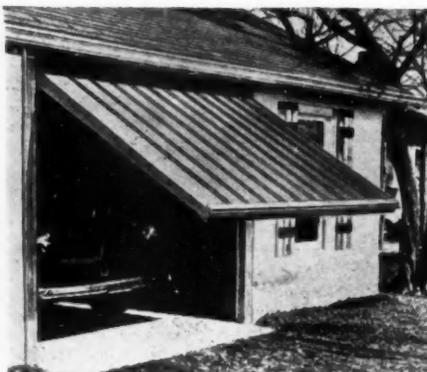
Four examples of modern door chimes. Extreme left and right: Nu-Tone; center two are Rittenhouse.



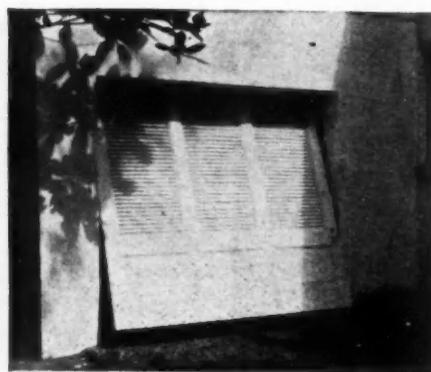
Above: An AuthOtone mechanical door chime operated by conventional knocker.



Right: Mechanical operating door chime manufactured by Edwards.



The Wilson Foundry & Machine Company's new door.



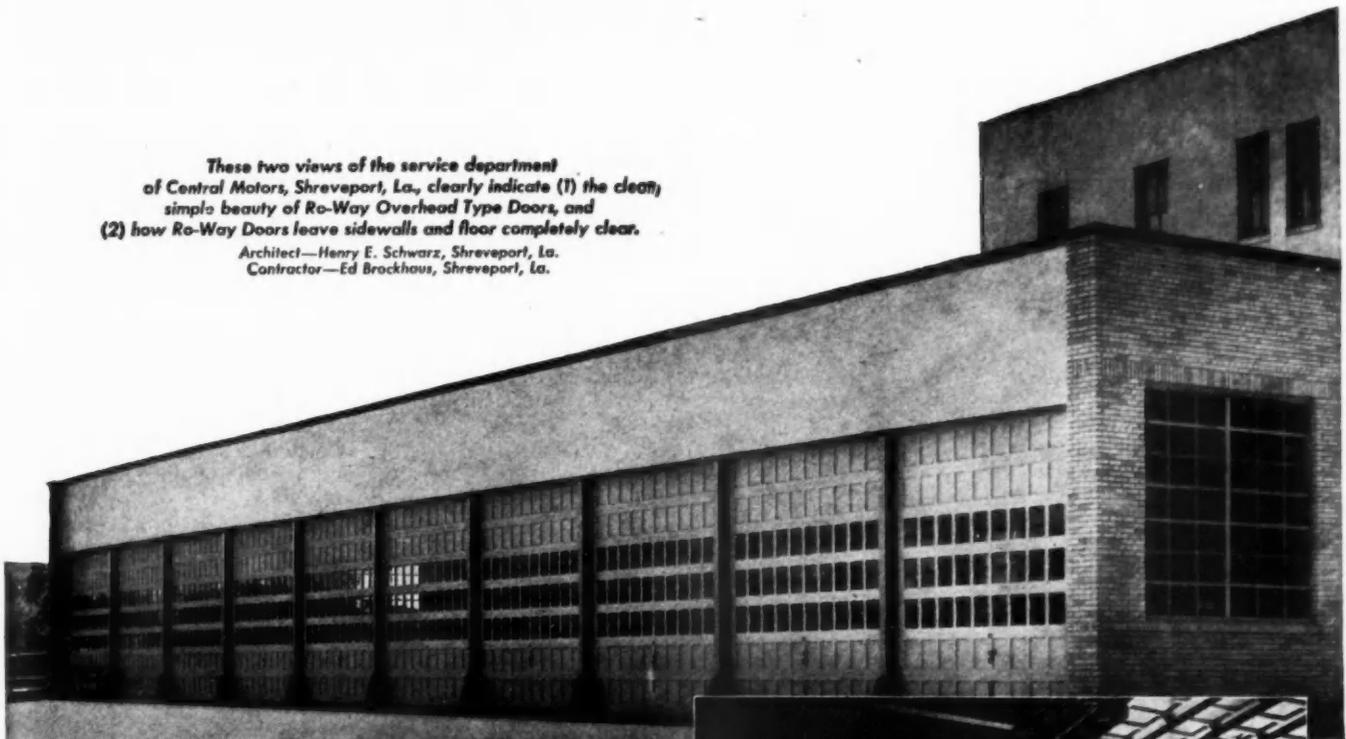
Such firms as Frantz supply working parts for upward-acting doors.



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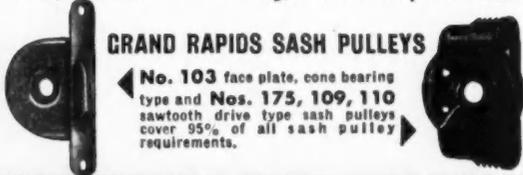


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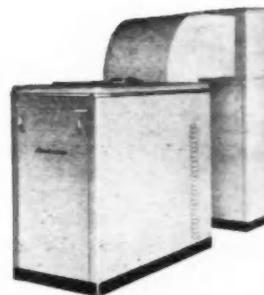
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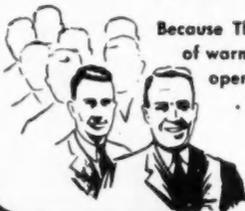
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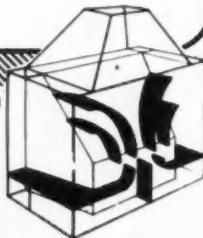
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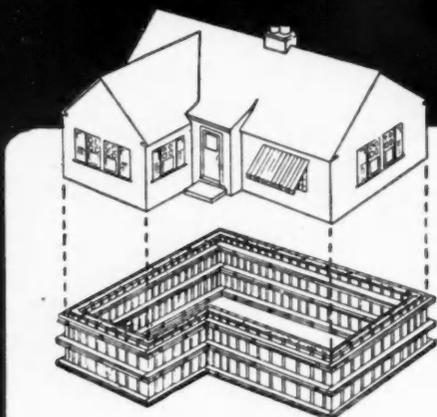
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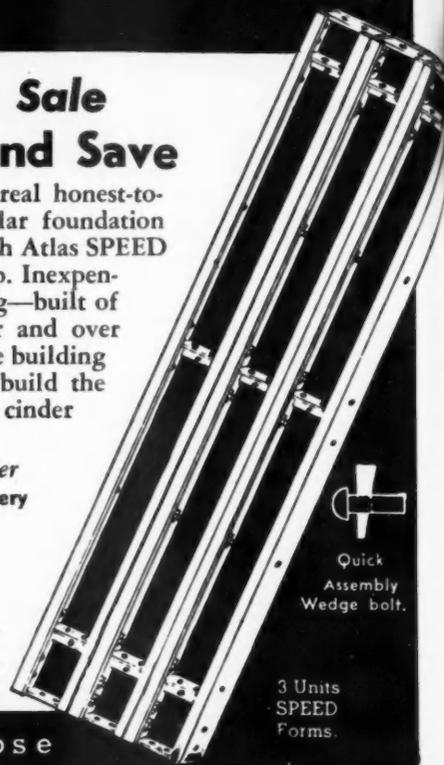
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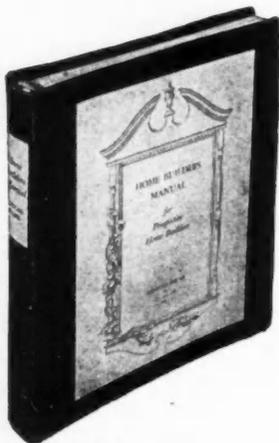
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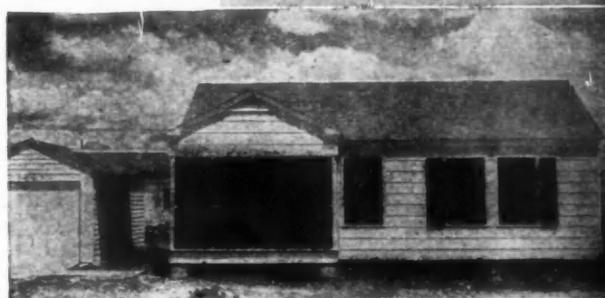
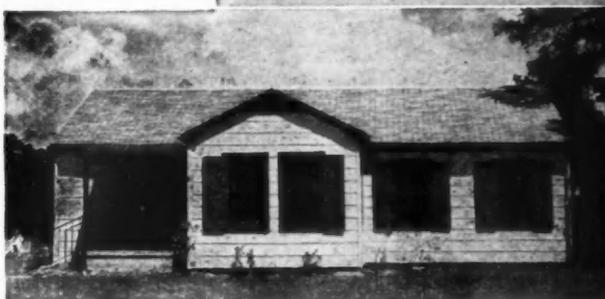
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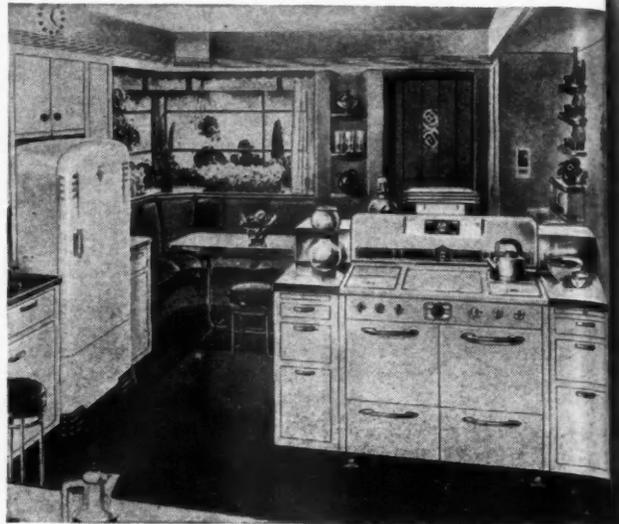
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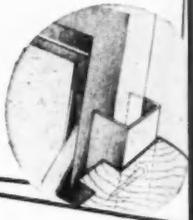
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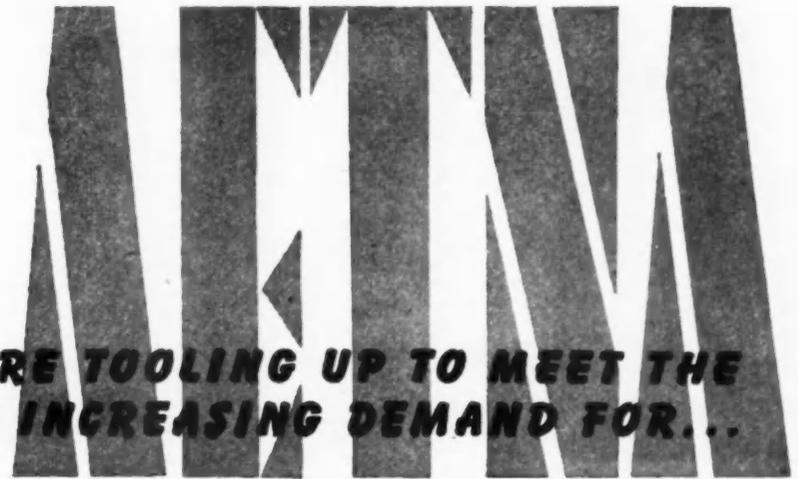
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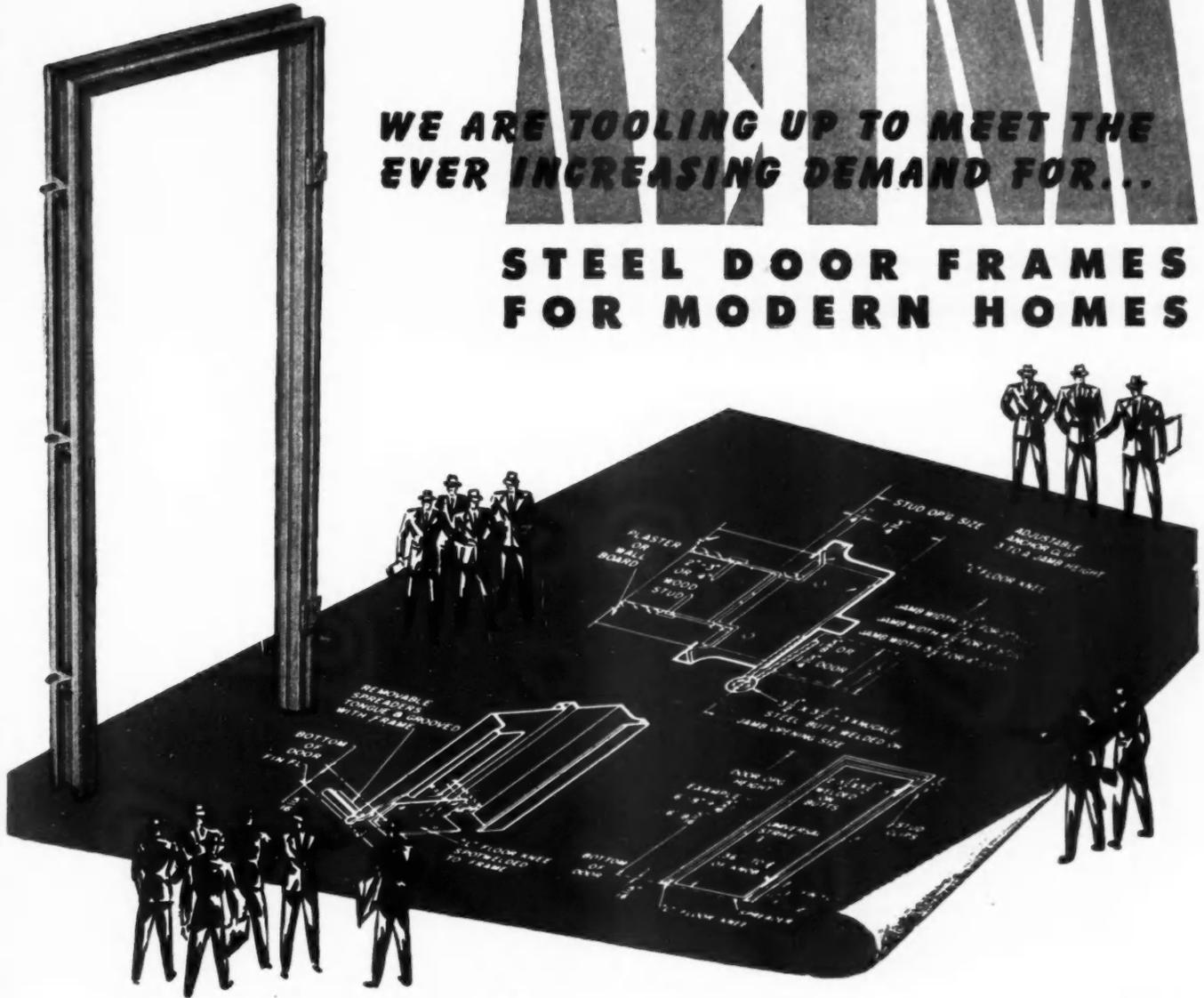
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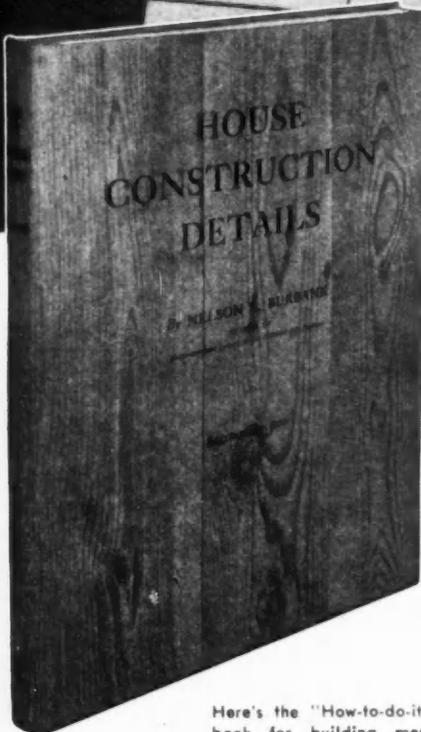
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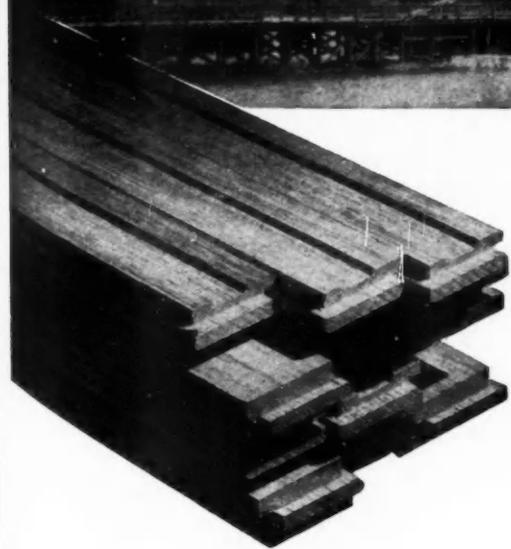
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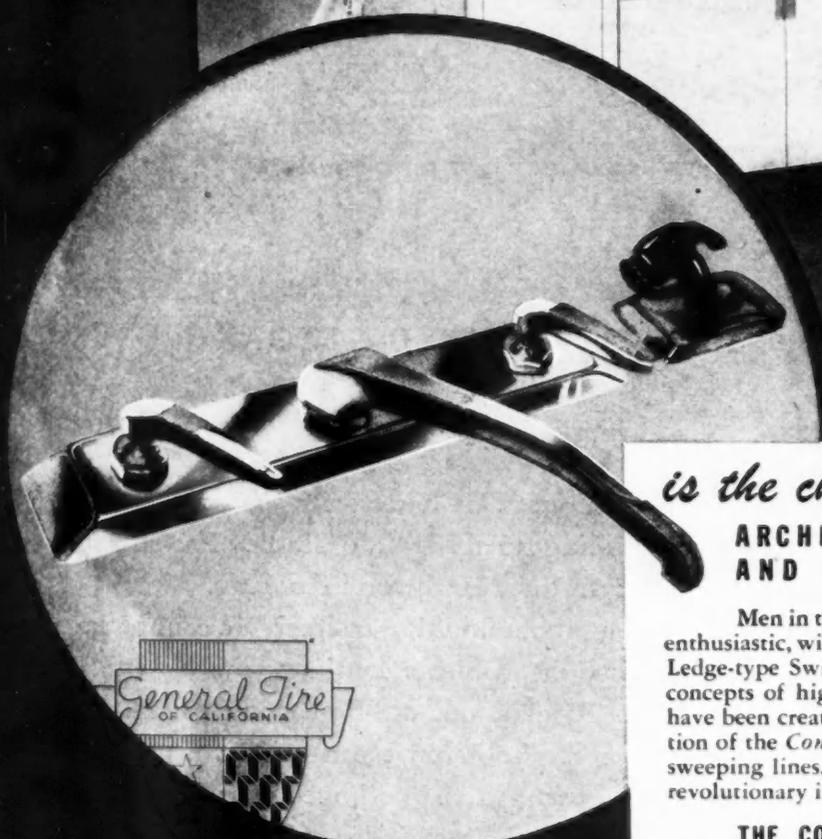
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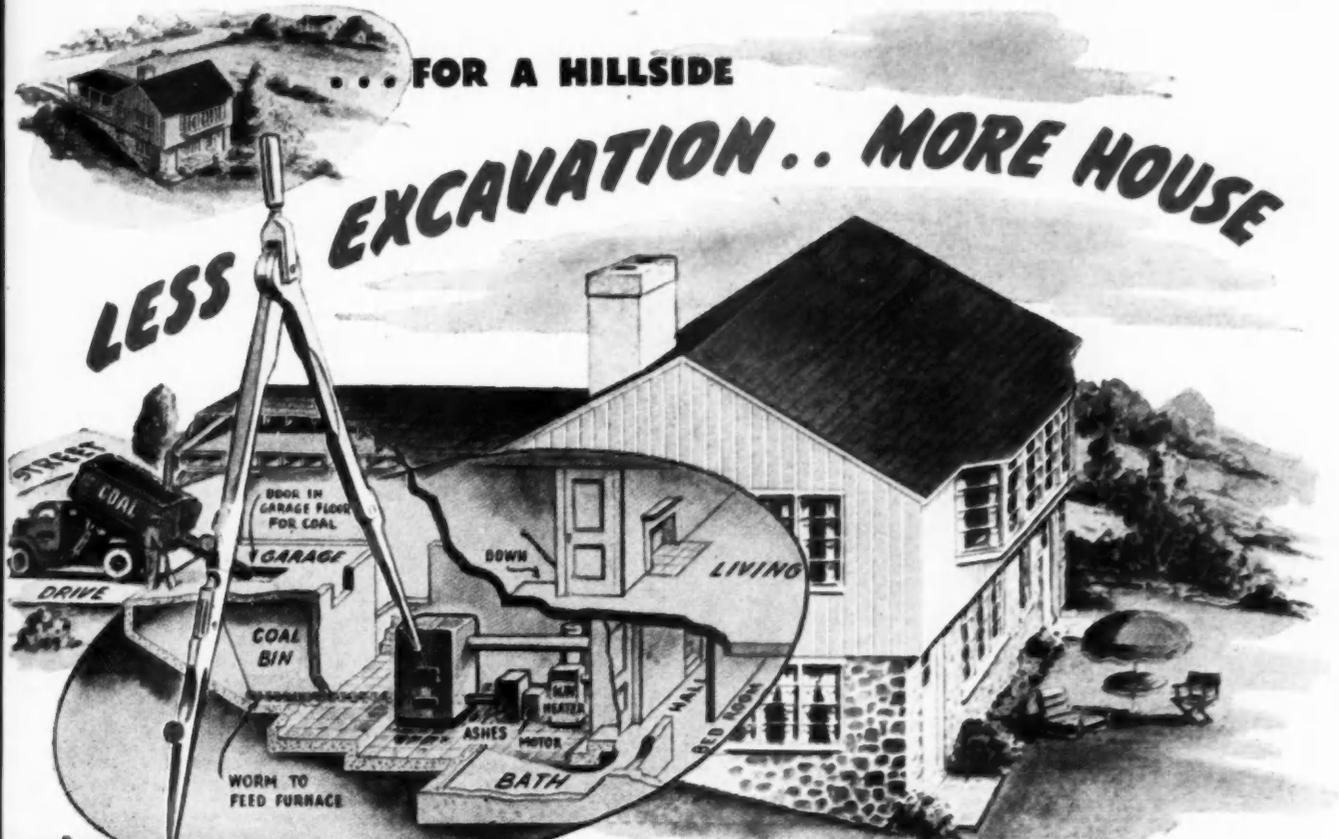
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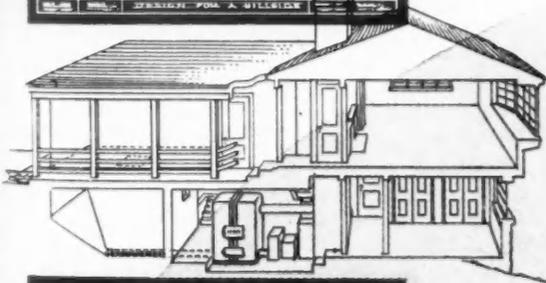
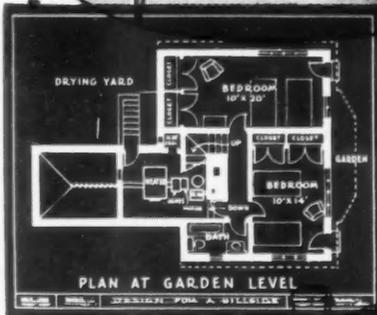
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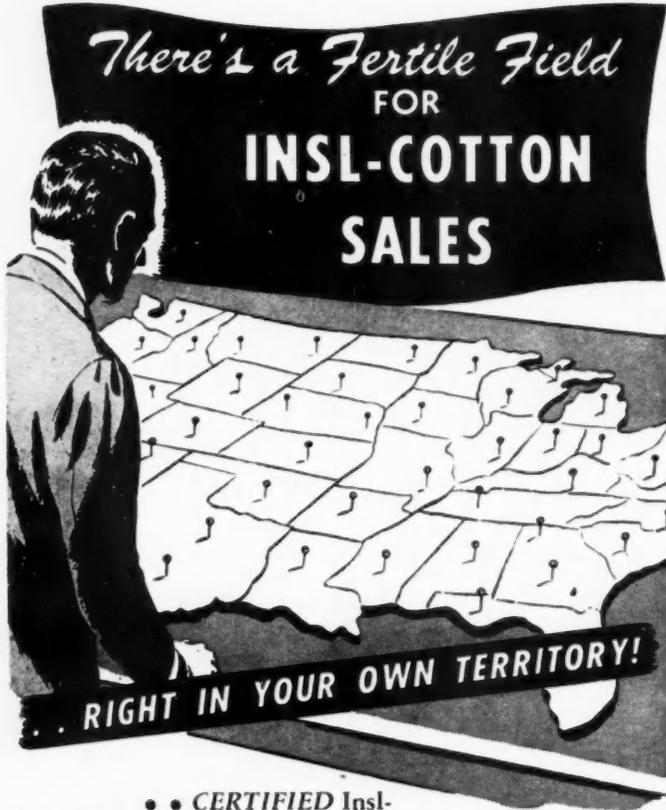
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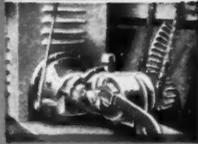
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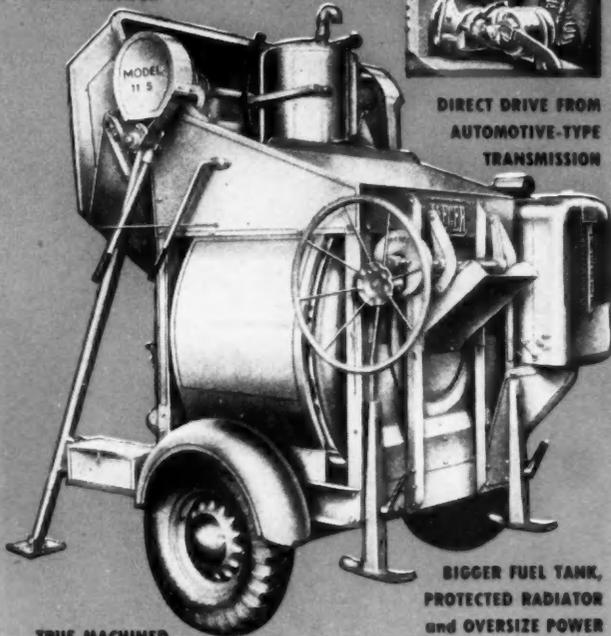
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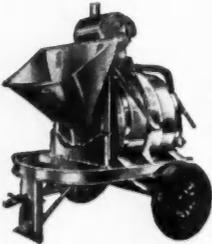


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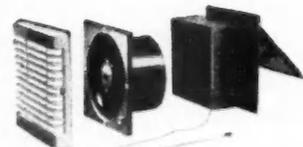
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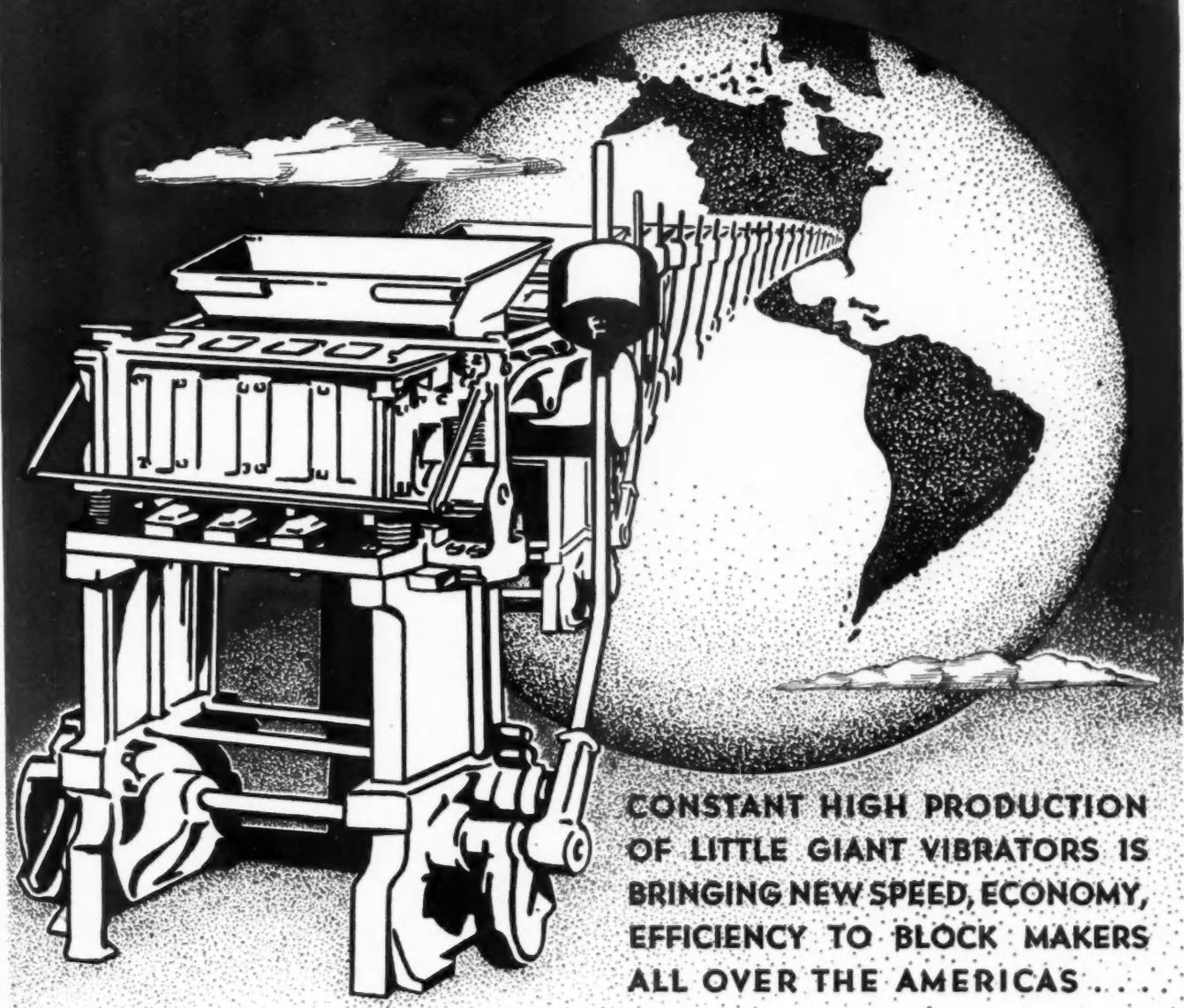
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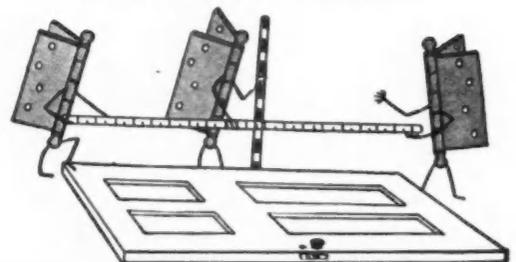


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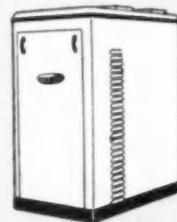


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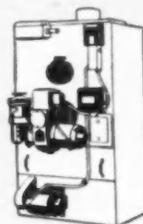
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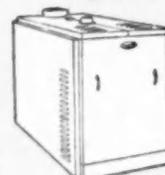
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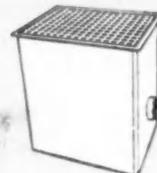
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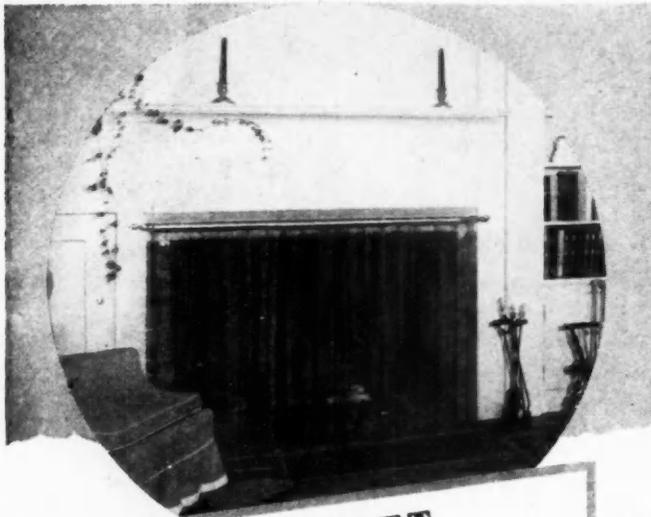
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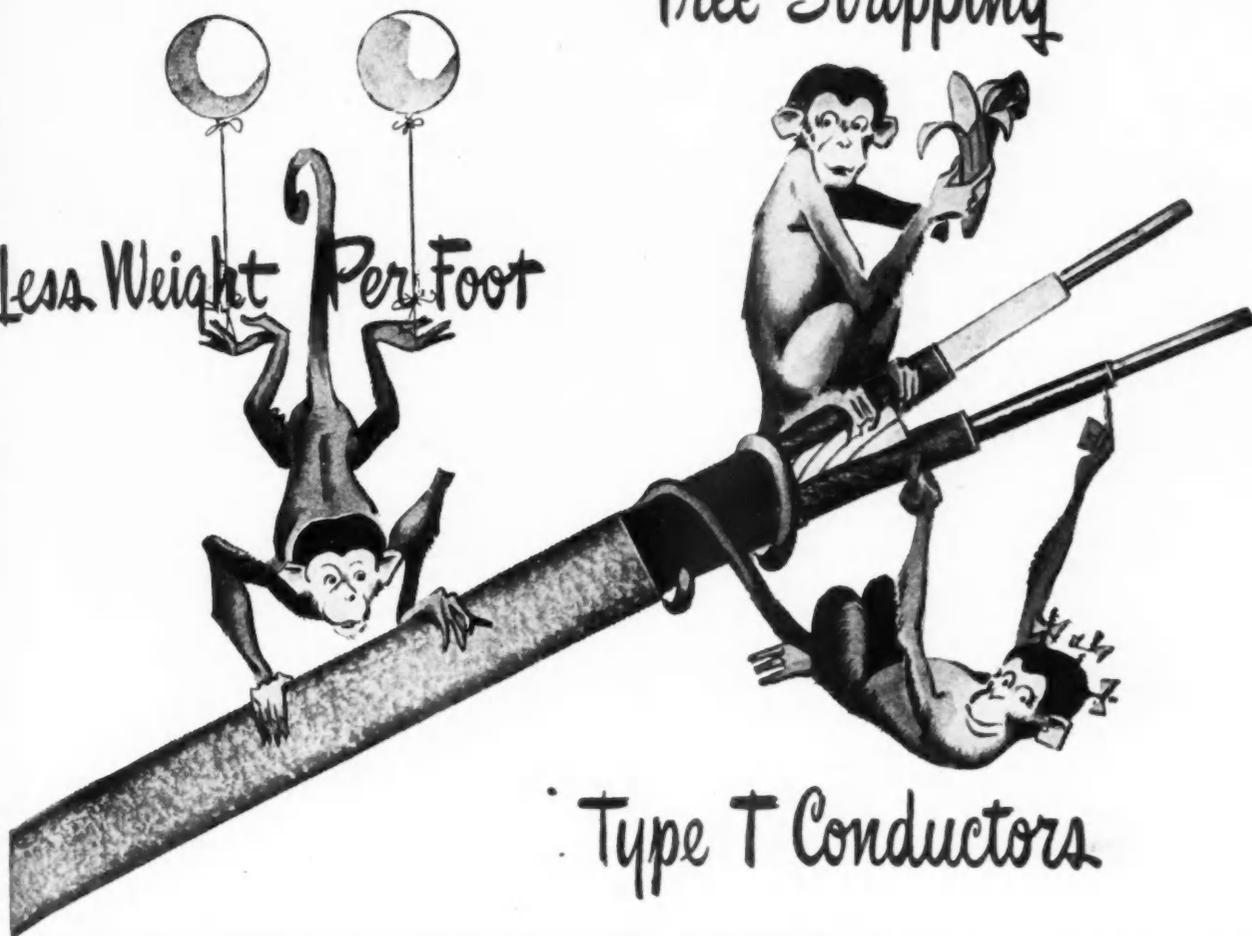
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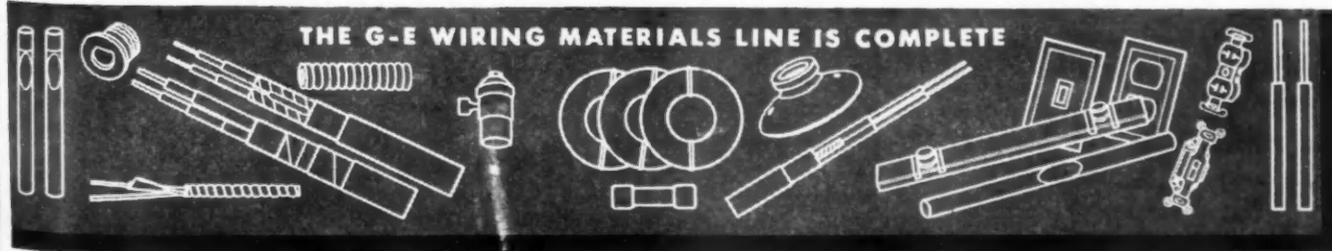
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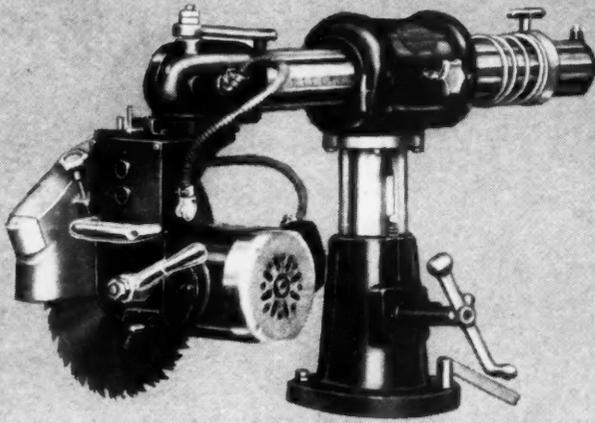
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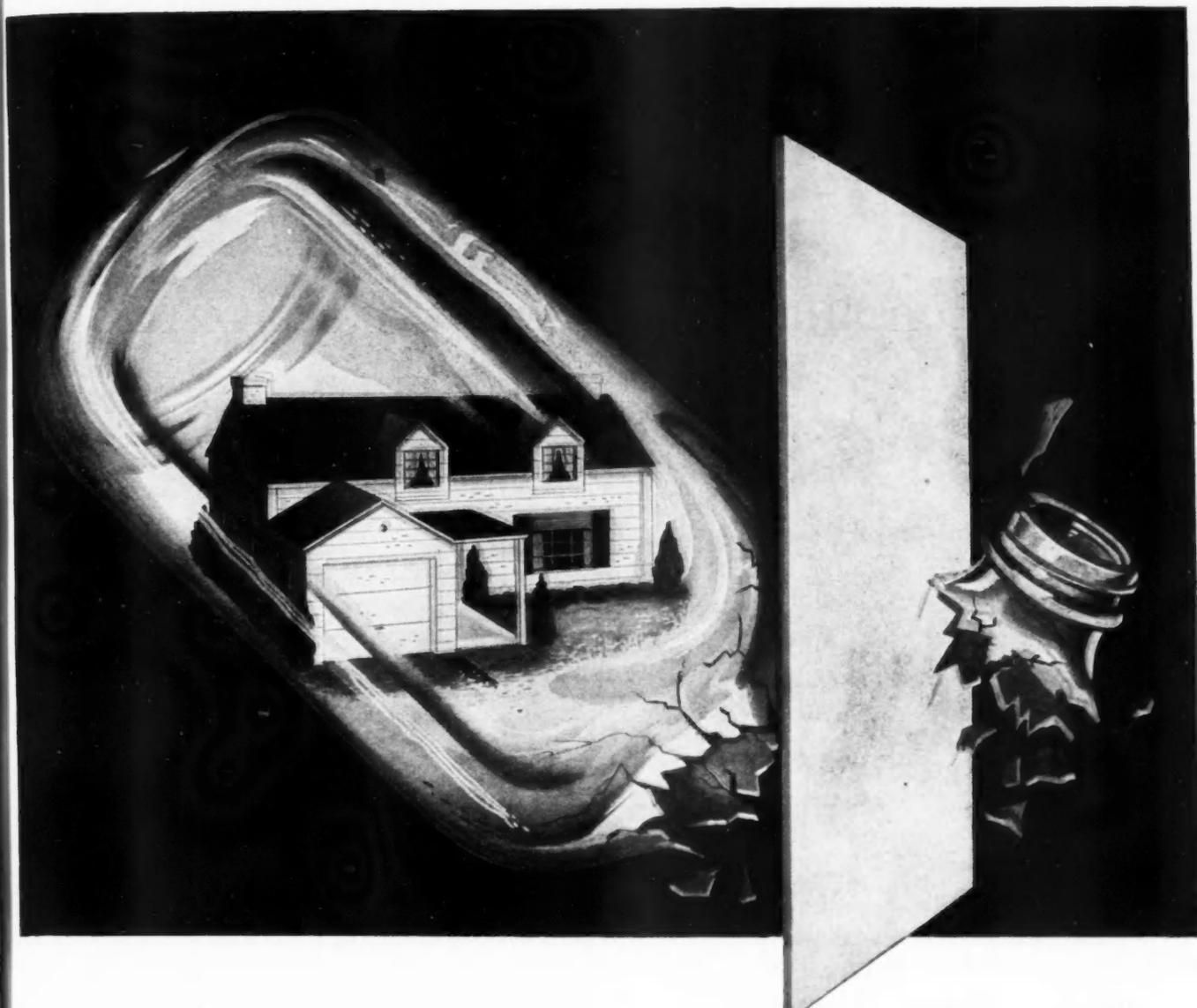


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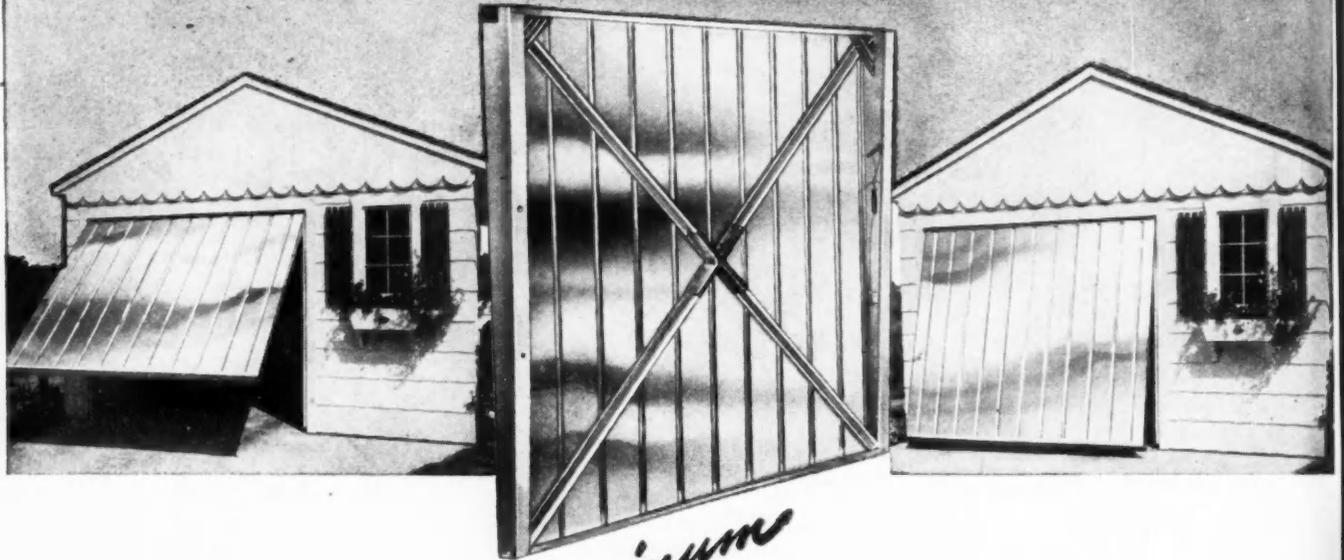
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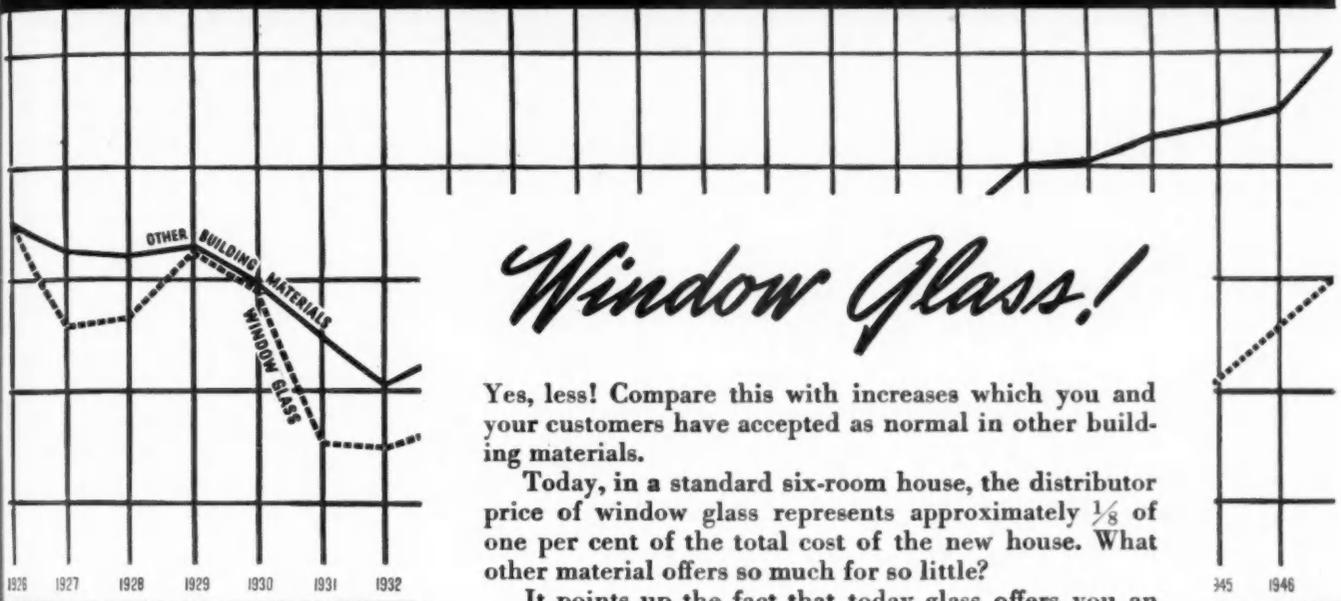
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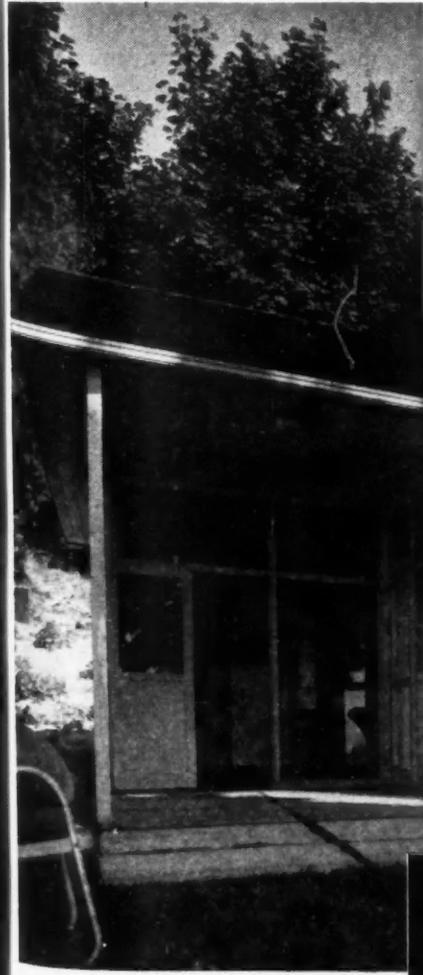
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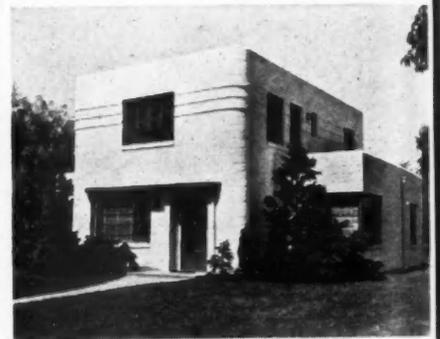
Concrete Work—

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of vermiculite and structural concrete above.

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With the ever increasing use of concrete masonry in the construction of houses, the need for adequate waterproofing material has become apparent. A number of these are now available. Prepared in powder form it merely requires the application of liquids to produce a smooth acting, decorative coating thoroughly sealing the surface of the masonry from the elements. Two coats of this type of material applied over the most porous surface can make it waterproof.

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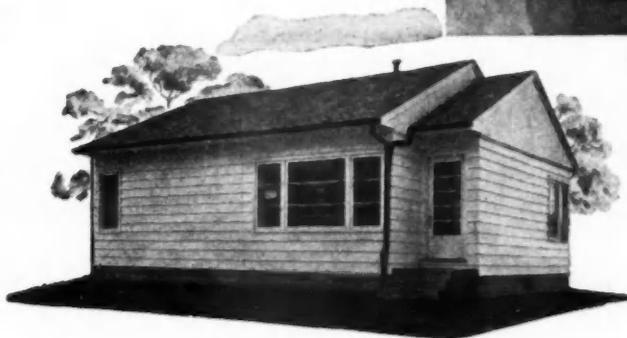
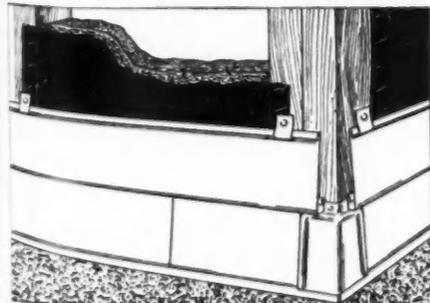
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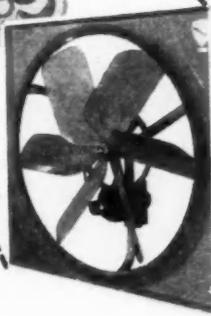
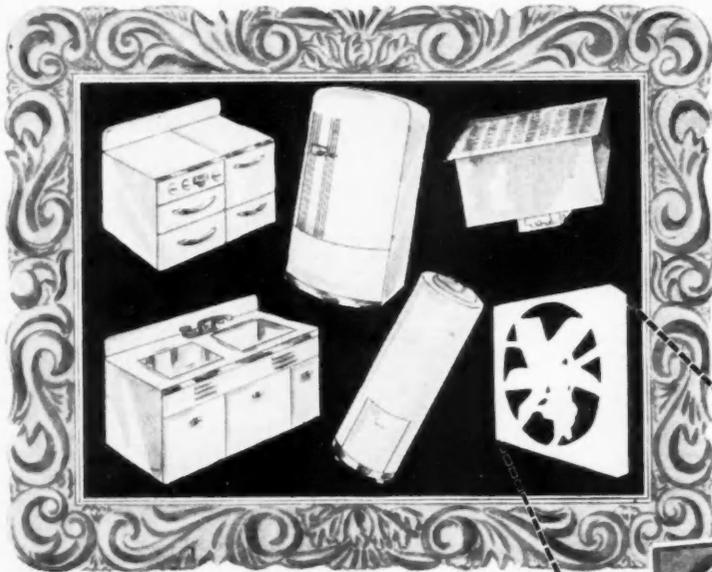
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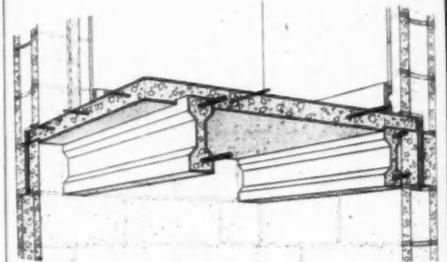
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contractors and builders have found that plywood can be relied upon to serve them best. Panels are braced with framing members and built up in various size sections so that they can be interchangeable. This permits the sections to be continually reused.



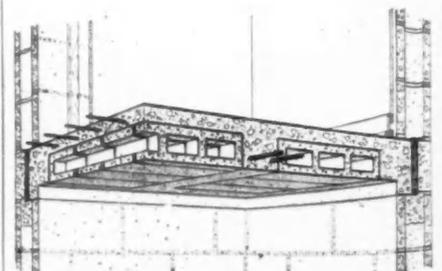
Precast joists being placed in position.

Concrete floors for medium priced homes became an actuality with introduction of the precast concrete joist. Designers and builders have been quick to recognize the superiority of the concrete floor—its great strength and rigidity; freedom from warping, shrinkage and squeaking; its security against fire and its trouble-free economy.



Precast joist floor.

There are several types of concrete floors which may be economically used in home construction. Three kinds are illustrated above and below. A rapidly developing type of concrete floor, shown above, is made by placing a reinforced concrete slab over precast reinforced concrete joists. The joists may be exposed, if desired, as a beamed ceiling and then can be painted to conform to the room decorations.



Concrete block joist floor.

The drawing above shows a recently developed type, known as concrete block joist construction, which uses filler units placed in-

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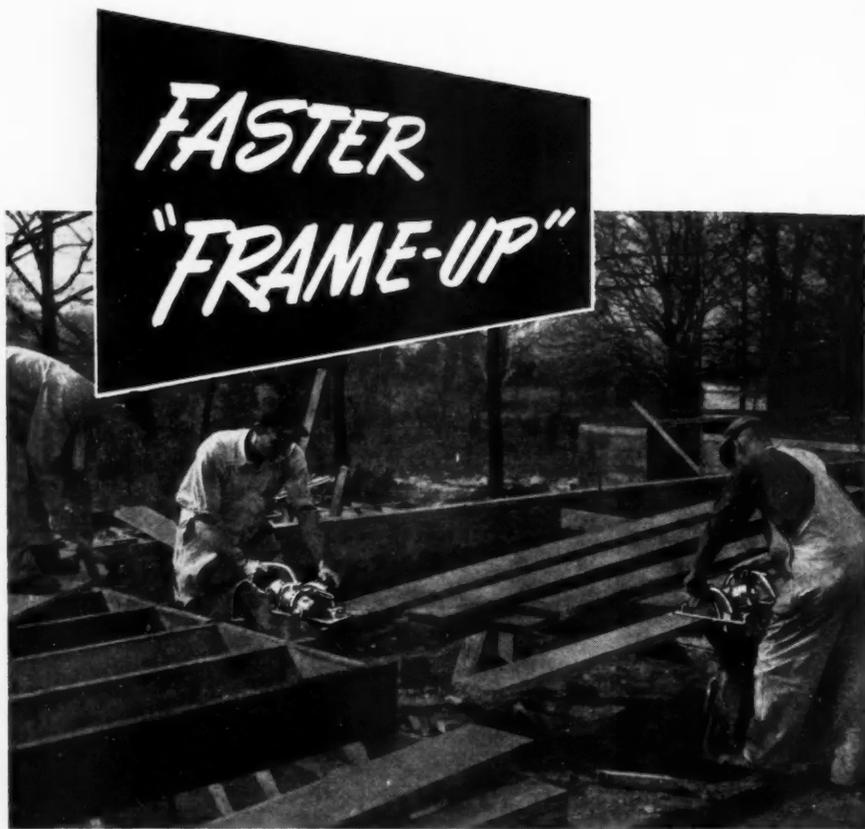
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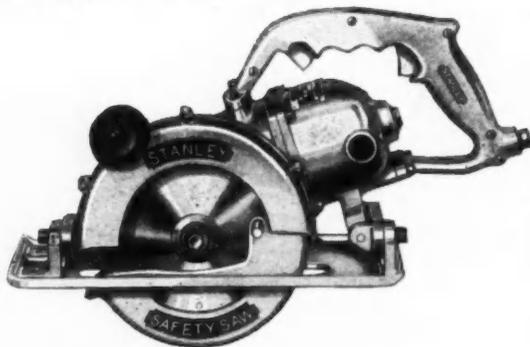
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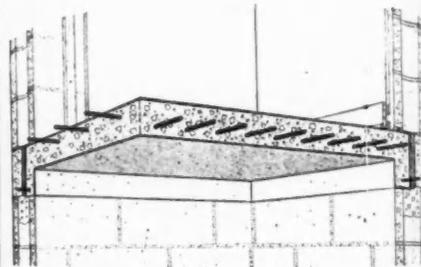
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tegrally with the concrete slab. The underside of this floor can be painted or plastered.

This type of floor construction necessitates a minimum of wood forms to support the concrete block fillers until such time as the concrete has sufficiently hardened to permit their removal. Units should be butted together to form a tight joint preventing leakage.



Solid slab floor.

The solid slab floor shown in the sketch above is generally about four to six inches thick and is built of reinforced concrete. It provides a flat ceiling which may be plastered directly or decorated by painting. Any kind of floor finish may be applied on top of the various types of concrete slabs shown.

Modular Planning

Rapid strides are now being made by the building industry in the acceptance of the principles of modular planning and dimensional coordination as related to building construction.

The American Standards Association, a committee sponsored by the American Institute of Architects and The Producers' Council, was organized as a cooperative industry approach to this problem. They have defined modular planning as the dimensioning of building units so that they will fit together and the use of building dimensions consistent with such coordinated sizes.

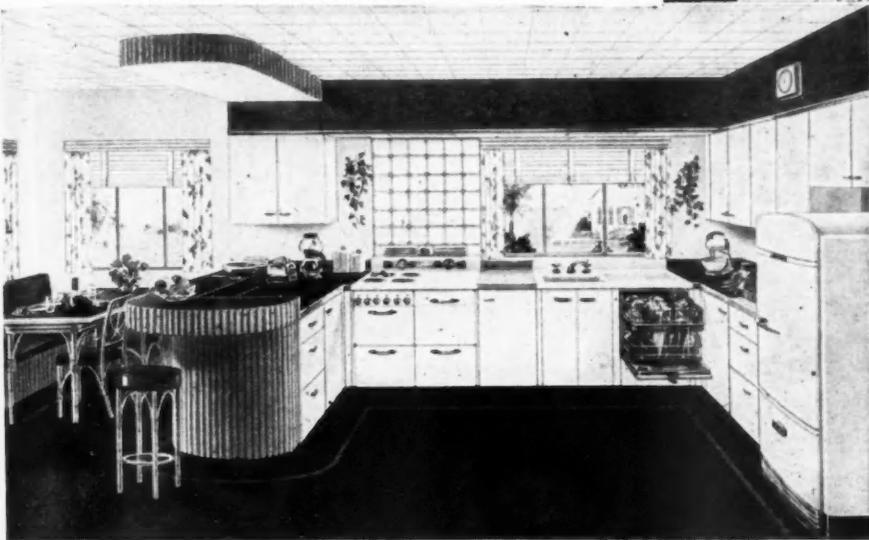
The clay products manufacturers were the first industry to agree to produce modular unit sizes. They have taken the leadership in this movement by announcing that modular masonry products will be available as soon as materials can be obtained for new dies and equipment.

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The subjects studied were analysis of neighborhoods, commercial leasing, residential renting, methods of obtaining new business, maintenance of mechanical equipment, record keeping and accounting, owner and tenant relations, and taxes and their relationship to profits.

Kendall Cady and James C. Downs of the Real Estate Research Corp., of Chicago, F. Durand Taylor, head of Durand Taylor Co., New York, and Delbert S. Wenzlick, president of Wenzlick Sales and Management Organization, Inc., St. Louis, lectured.

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Monsanto Plans Expansion Of Production Facilities

MONSANTO Chemical Co. has announced that the purchase from the War Assets Administration of the styrene plant located at Texas City, Texas, is part of a program to expand the company's polystyrene plastic production to a rate of more than 80 million pounds by early 1947. The plant was designed and constructed by Monsanto for the government in 1941. The purchase price was \$9,550,000.

Felix N. Williams, vice president of Monsanto and general manager of its Plastics Division, said the purchase is "among the largest programs ever undertaken by a single supplier of plastics materials." He further stated that the company's expanded production will go far toward helping alleviate a nationwide shortage of plastics materials, especially styrene plastic. Most authoritative estimates have held it will require five years for supply to meet demand.

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Refrigeration Exposition in Cleveland, Oct. 29-Nov. 1

MORE than 20,000 refrigeration manufacturers, wholesalers, distributors, dealers, service engineers, and frozen food locker operators are expected to be on hand when the Fourth All-Industry Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Exposition in Cleveland opens on Oct. 29. In addition, hundreds will represent industries allied with refrigeration, air conditioning and frozen foods.

There will be nearly 300 exhibits occupying 75,000 square feet of floor space to demonstrate the full extent of the industry's progress since January, 1941, when the last all-industry display was held.

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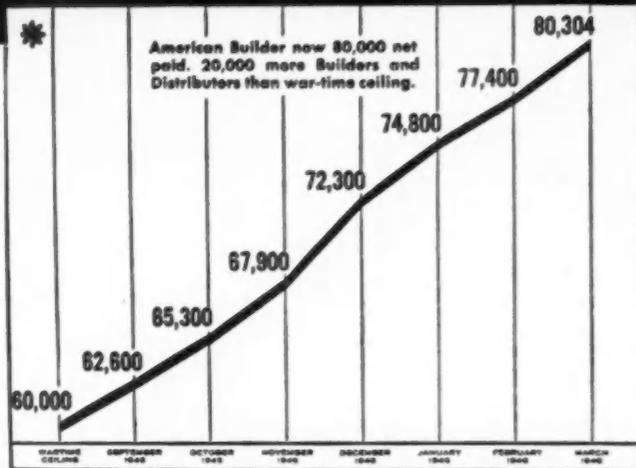
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Branch Manager for Mengel

JAMES C. PRESCOTT has been appointed branch manager of the Elizabeth City, N. C., plant of The Mengel Co. All departments and operations of this branch, including logging and towing, will be under Mr. Prescott's direction. This plant was recently acquired from the Foreman-Derrickson Veneer Co., with which Mr. Prescott has been associated since 1932.

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Building Trades Apprentice Training Increases

THE number of apprentices in the building trades continued to increase, with 67,387 listed at the end of August, according to William F. Patterson, director, Apprentice Training Service, U.S. Department of Labor.

This number represents a gain of 8.9 per cent over the 61,900 on file at the end of July. The August figure is based on 2,583 reports received by Apprentice Training Service from its field staff, but does not represent complete coverage of the United States. The greatest



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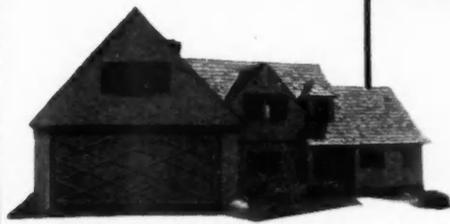
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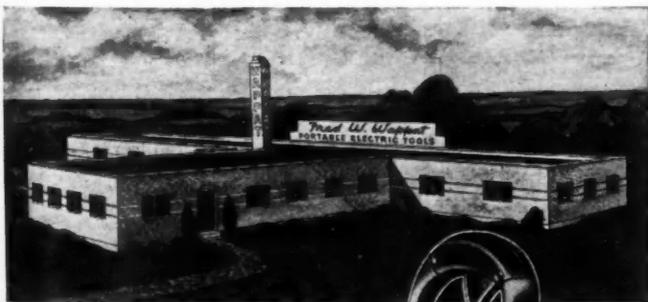
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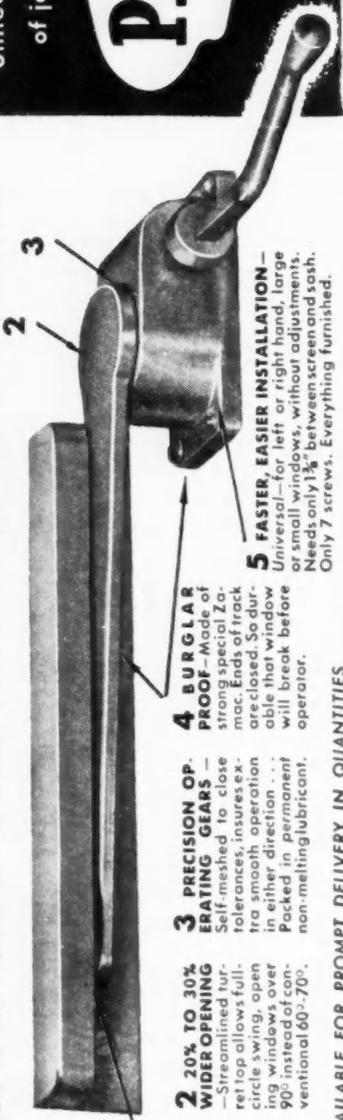
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increase was in the trowel trades, which showed a jump from 7059 to 8077, for a gain of 14.4 per cent during August. Percentage increases of apprentices during August for other trades are as follows: electrical, 5.9; pipe, 6.2; painting, 0.8; sheet metal, 2.8; woodworking, 12.9; others, 5.9.

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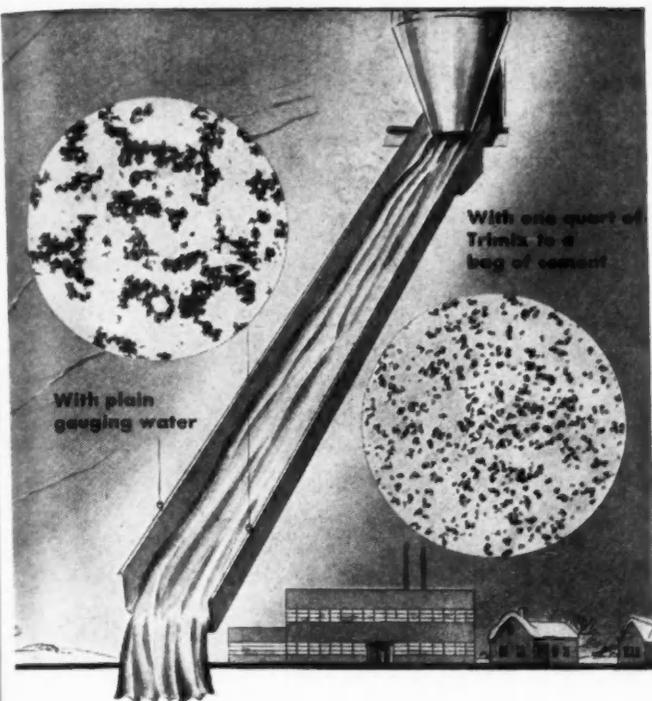
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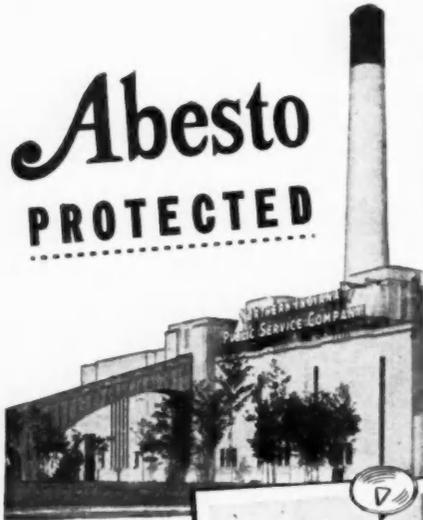
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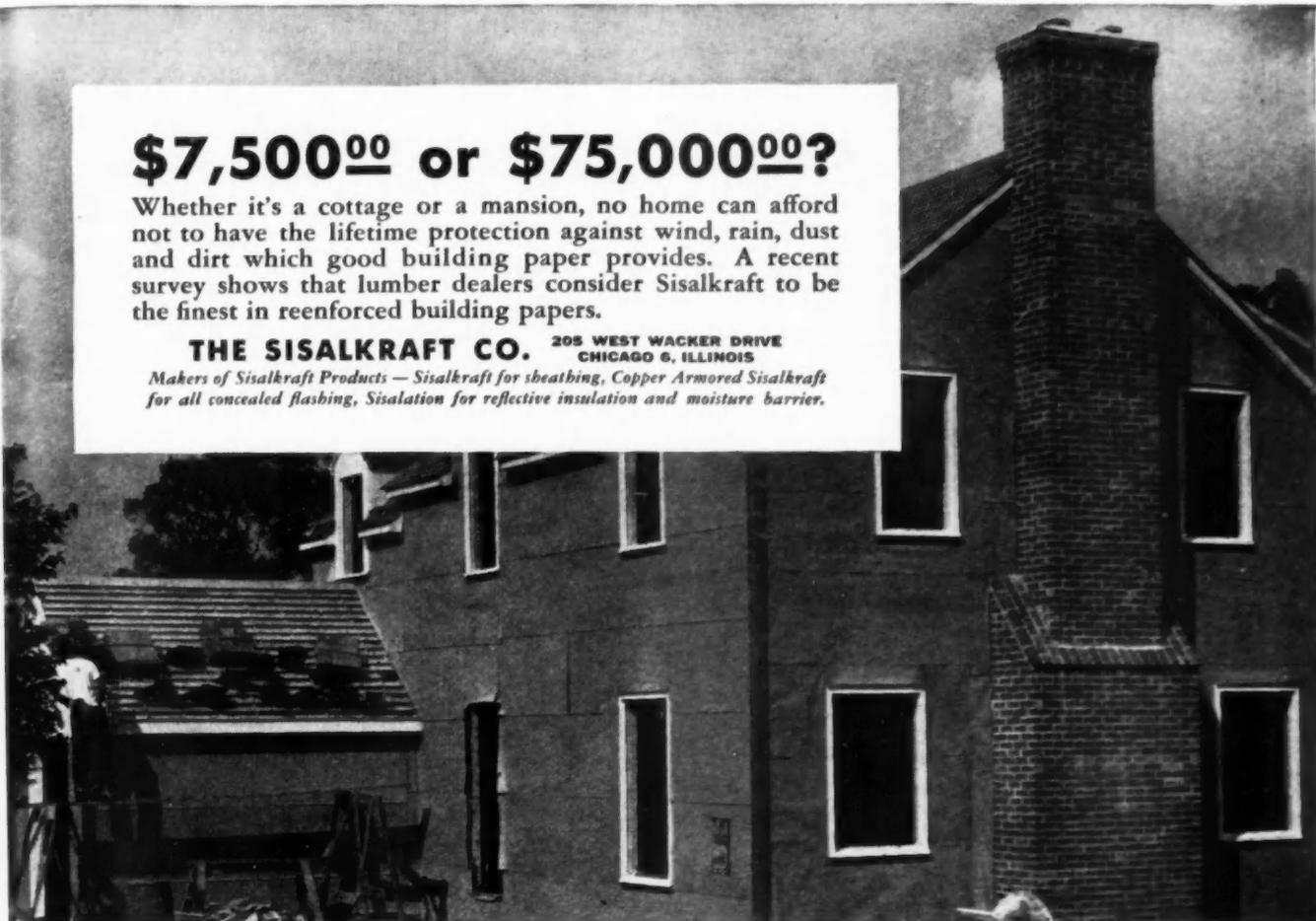
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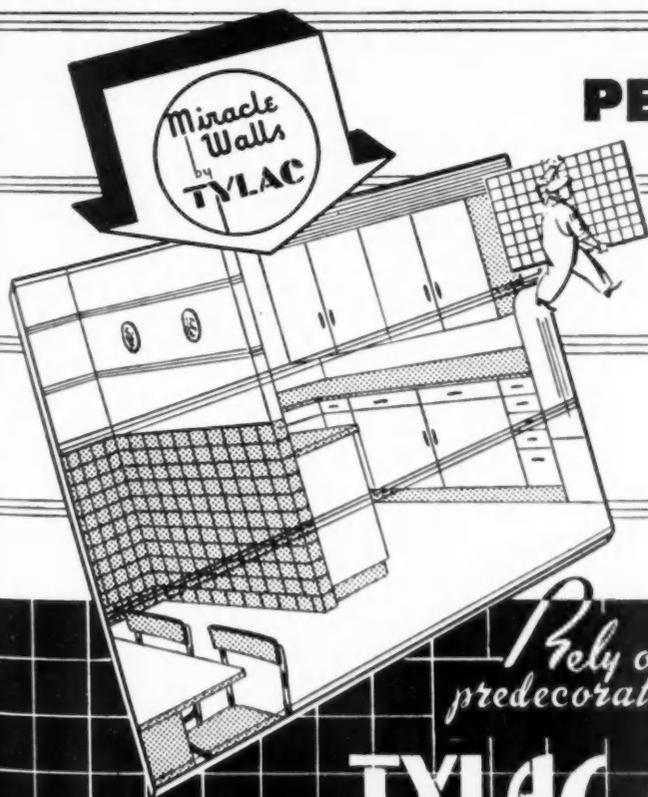
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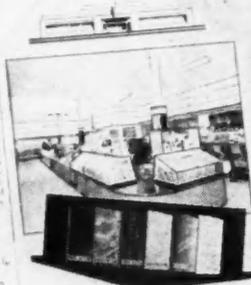
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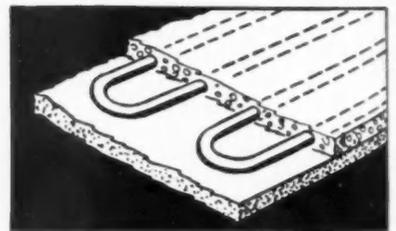
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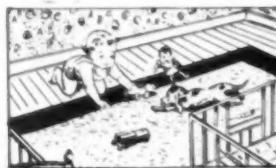


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Remove Wyatt, End Rent Controls, Foundation Demands

RESOLUTIONS demanding the removal of Housing Expediter Wyatt, and the taking of immediate steps to eliminate rent control and other wartime restrictions over peacetime economy were among many actions taken by the Board of Trustees, policy-making body of the National Home and Property Owners Foundation, at a meeting held in Washington, D.C., Sept. 9 and 10. The meeting was attended by 300 members from every state of the Union.

The demand for the ouster of Wyatt was based on a research report which showed that, despite optimistic claims from the Housing Expediter, only about 10 per cent of the Veterans' Housing Program has been completed although more than 30 per cent of the allotted time has passed. A survey of the Foundation also showed that the average construction time of a home has risen from three months before the war to nine months at the present time.

The Trustees' resolution states: "Mr. Wyatt has misled and confused the people by his repeated attempts to inject his public housing philosophy into the Veterans' Housing Program. He was given vast powers to solve the shortages of dwellings in accordance with the principles of free enterprise; yet Mr. Wyatt is using these same powers to advance public housing and state socialization.

"Only by removing immediately all controls that have completely choked off the flow of building materials and have discouraged the enterprise of business men can we again provide our people with the finest housing accommodations in the world. We have proven in war and in peace that there is no substitute for a free private economy. Persons who subscribe to policies which discourage this private enterprise should not be permitted to hold responsible policy-making posts in government."

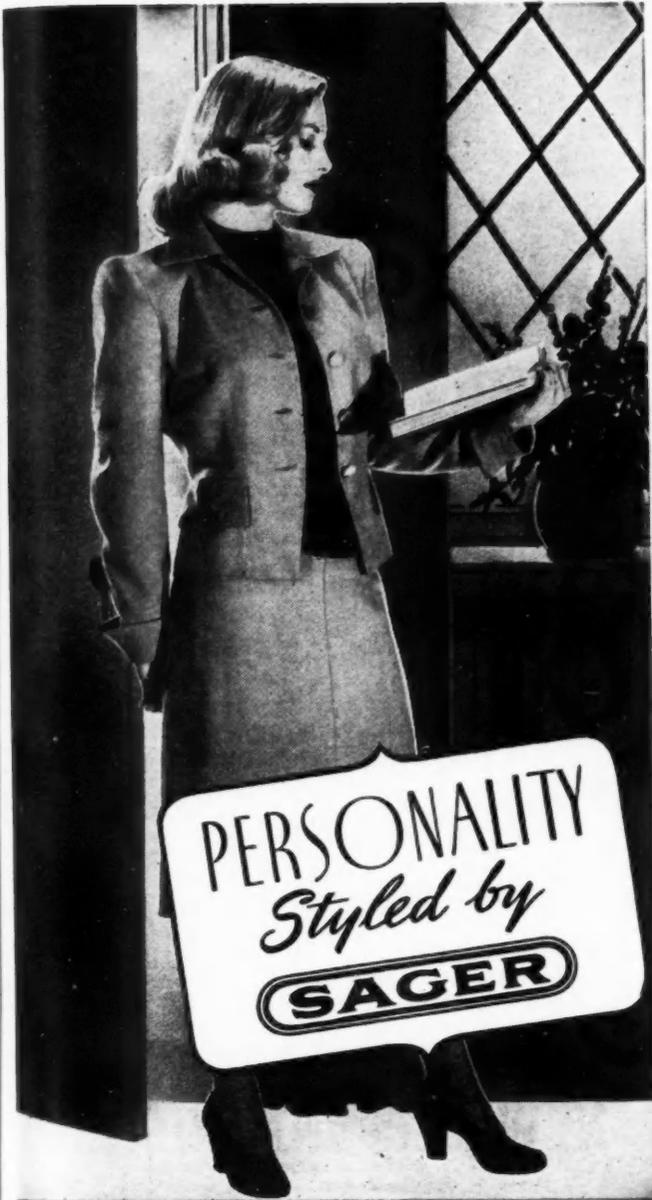
In his letter of transmittal, Arthur W. Binns, president of the Foundation, urged Mr. Truman to give sympathetic consideration to the Foundation's resolutions, since they are of "vital importance to home, farm, and other property owners throughout the nation." The Foundation's position, he explained, is "designed to combat the unfortunate trend toward centralization of government power in Washington and the socialization of property."

Another resolution sent to President Truman included a request that "immediate steps should be taken to eliminate rent control and other wartime restrictions over our peacetime economy" on the ground that rent control "has been one of the primary objectives of groups that desire to socialize our nation." It was also pointed out that the level of home construction has depended to a large extent on the income from rental that a property owner could expect. Under present conditions of rising prices, it continued, the freezing of rents was a considerable burden to owners of rental property. The research division of the Foundation submitted a report to the Trustees in which it asserted that, on the basis of official U.S. Government figures, the living costs of property owners increased as much as 100 per cent since 1940, the average being in excess of 40 per cent, whereas income from rental property rose only 5 per cent.

Enactment of a constitutional amendment to limit the national debt and limitation of government expenditures to the income provided by taxes was also asked by the Foundation's Trustees. These demands were based on the finding that continued deficit spending by the Federal Government "must inevitably result in inflation and the destruction of business confidence."

In a general policy resolution, the trustees voted for the removal of "all control from business, professions and the private lives of American citizens" and the elimination of "government competition in the field of private ownership and private enterprise."

Another resolution demanded the removal from public office of all members of the United Public Workers, a union of government employes. This was based on a determination that "this union was at the present time dominated by leftist leaders who constitute a grave danger to our system of free enterprise." The Trustees' resolution pointed out that, at its recent national convention, the UPWA went on record "as



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denouncing the government of the United States for what it called imperialism and for aggression, while at the same time praising the Soviet Union."

The Foundation has for the past six months been in process of organization, and has been setting up research and fact-finding facilities. The basic organization is now complete and a concerted drive for members among home and property owners and others interested in the preservation of the traditional free private enterprise economy is under way. A public education program is complete with radio broadcasts, newspaper releases and sample speeches for local service clubs, veterans' societies and other community organizations. The main office of the Foundation, under the direction of Henry E. Price, executive director and counsel, is located at 1731 K Street, Washington 6, D.C.

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Celotex Buys Plant at Madison, Ill.

THE Celotex Corp. of Chicago has purchased and plans to put into full operation the asphalt roofing plant located at Madison, Ill., formerly operated by the Barber Asphalt Co.

In addition to the Madison plant, Celotex recently acquired the Weaver-Wall asphalt roofing and siding plant at Cleveland and the felt mill at Avery, Ohio.

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New West Coast Manager for Insulux

RAYMOND G. BECKLEY, veteran sales representative for the Insulux Products Division of Owens-Illinois Glass Co., has been appointed Pacific Coast manager of the division which manufactures glass construction block. His headquarters will be in Los Angeles.

A member of the sales staff which introduced Insulux glass block in the United States, Mr. Beckley has been associated with the company eleven years. Before going to the Pacific Coast, he was western field manager in charge of glass block sales in 22 midwestern states.

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Paints—Varnishes—

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and color treatments have further whetted the public's appetite for more of these liquids that transform otherwise drab surroundings into a warm, eye-appealing environment.

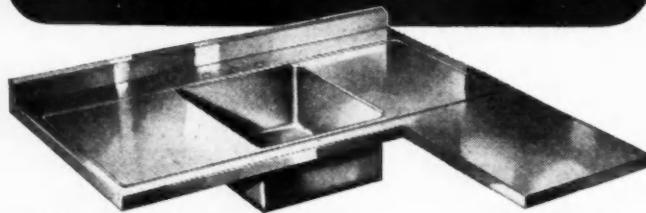
All the classifications of the paint and varnish industry have undergone revolutionary changes in the past two decades. New and varied uses are made of the many varieties of paint on the market today. Porcelain enamels with permanent weather and acid resistance, vermin-proof and fire resistant; penetrating finishes for roof shingles that seal out moisture and resist mildew; paints that seal, prime and finish in one coat that do not crack or scale and expand and contract with the painted surfaces as temperatures change; sunproof and waterproof paint.

Of comparable interest with the technological advancement is the strong trend towards an enlightened use of color, particularly in industrial plants, offices and commercial establishments. Industry is firmly convinced that through properly selected colors, seeing conditions can be improved and productive output increased accordingly. This greatly increases the responsibility of the paint contractor for this modern trend toward "color with a purpose" and requires new knowledge and new techniques.

The magic of color and the transformation of attractive finish can be utilized in these days of material restrictions to save the day for home exteriors and interior room treatments. Tens of thousands of homes have grown shabby during the war years. The industry's early slogan, "Save the surface and you save all," was never more true than it is today.

As outmoded as the old mill stone grinder are the "varnishes" of yesterday. The transition of the paint industry from one of mixing or blending to a highly specialized branch of the chemical industry finds it on the threshold of new opportunities for improved products. The modern method of manufacturing and the additional uses to which it has been applied are a real mark in scientific achievement.

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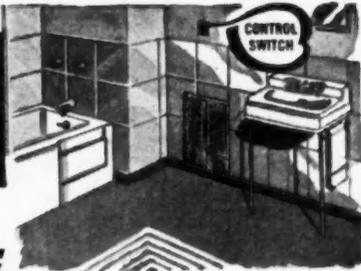
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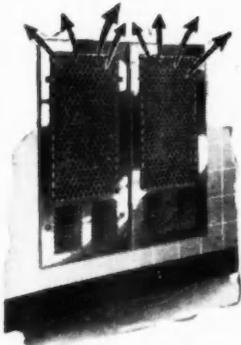
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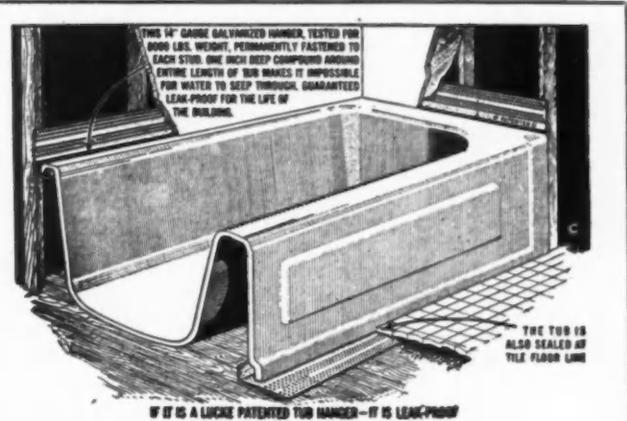
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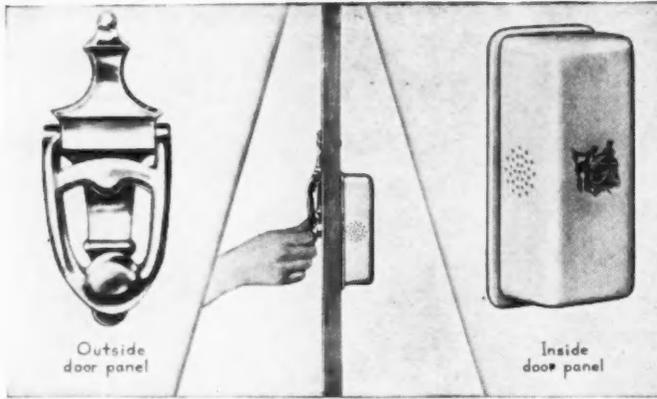
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Successful Market Development Cited In Ponderosa Pine Coast Meeting

THE continuing success of Ponderosa Pine Woodwork's long range program of market development was cited by E. J. Curtis, president of the association, at a meeting held in San Francisco August 16. The meeting was attended by thirty-four members and an almost equal number of guests.

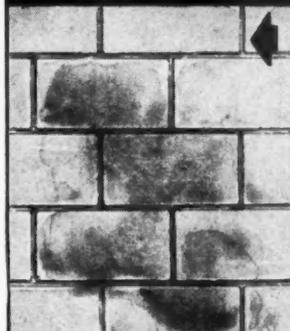
Mr. Curtis stated that, while the woodwork industry recognized the extreme difficulties in the way of manpower shortages, etc., existing in the lumber manufacturing region, he felt sure that general conditions would improve and, barring the continuation of the acute car shortage, would continue to improve throughout the year. He stressed the point that without lumber the woodwork industry could not make woodwork, and if woodwork were not available in reasonable quantities, it would suffer a temporary, if not permanent, loss to substitutes. He cited the fact that fewer doors and windows had been made the first six months of this year than last year, when the industry was not supposed to have been making any, except for war purposes, and also that the production this year to date was 50 per cent less than for the corresponding period in 1941 or even in the years 1925, 1926 and 1927.

The marked growth in Ponderosa Pine Woodwork membership was also pointed out as evidence that the industries are giving full support to the Association's program. Ponderosa Pine Woodwork is unique among trade associations in that its membership includes most of the leading stock woodwork manufacturers and lumber producers, who cooperate in a promotional effort to protect and expand the market for doors, windows and frames.

R. M. Bodkin, general manager of Ponderosa Pine Woodwork, reviewed the history and background of the Association with particular reference to its continuous and forceful promotional efforts during the war years. Mr. Bodkin expressed confidence that the association plans would be of great assistance in dealing with increased postwar competition from substitute materials.

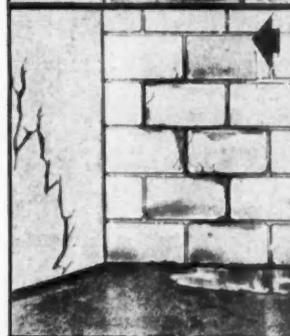
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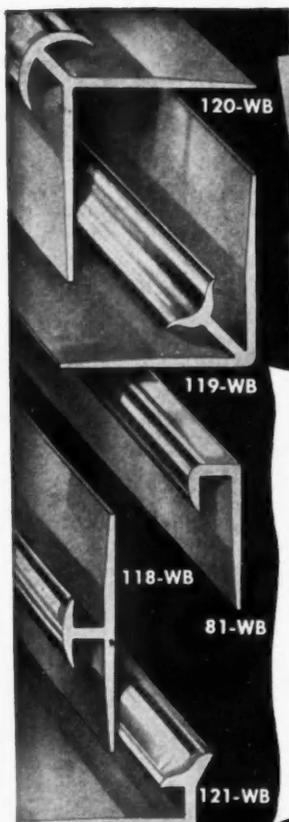
PROBLEM B: Water trickling through mortar joints, wall and floorline cracks, during and after rains.

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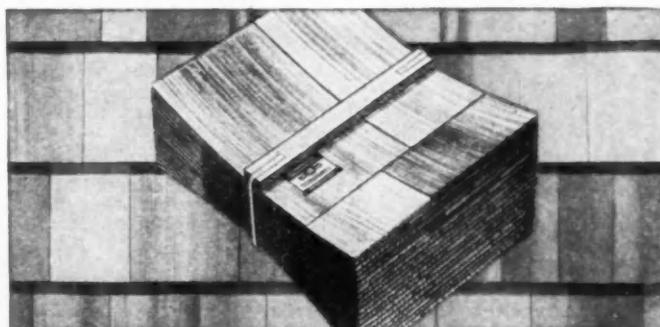


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T. L. O'Gara, chairman of the advertising committee, explained the policy behind the current advertising and promotional plans of Ponderosa Pine Woodwork.

Speaking as a large jobber and retailer, as well as a manufacturer, Frank Stevens, director and officer of Ponderosa Pine Woodwork, emphasized the necessity of protecting and maintaining traditional markets for woodwork. As evidence of this, he pointed out that despite reluctance of jobbers and dealers to stock competitive materials, many of them would do so. Increased selling effort by producers will be the determining factor in winning this long-range battle of competition for the woodworking industry.

Appley Produces 1,000th Block Making Machine

LAST month the one-thousandth Little Giant block making machine was produced by the J. W. Appley Machine Shop, St. Petersburg, Fla. Since 1935, when the first machine was built for smaller block plants, the device has enjoyed universal popularity. Three years ago J. W. Appley retired from active participation in the business and has been succeeded by his son, J. E. Appley, who has continued to maintain the high standards that have made the Little Giant outstanding.

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THE Galanot Products Co., Alliance, Ohio, has taken over the manufacture and distribution of Thermo-Lite fireplace fixtures formerly manufactured by the Merryweather Products Co., Akron, Ohio.

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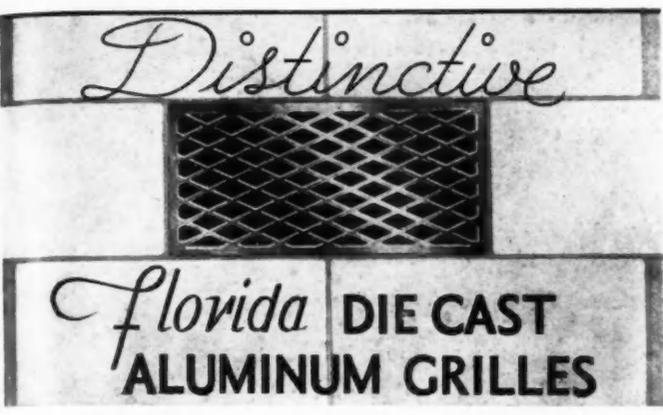
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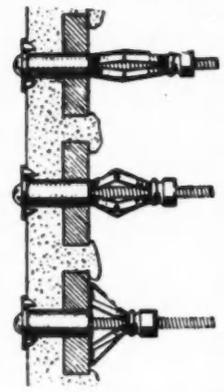
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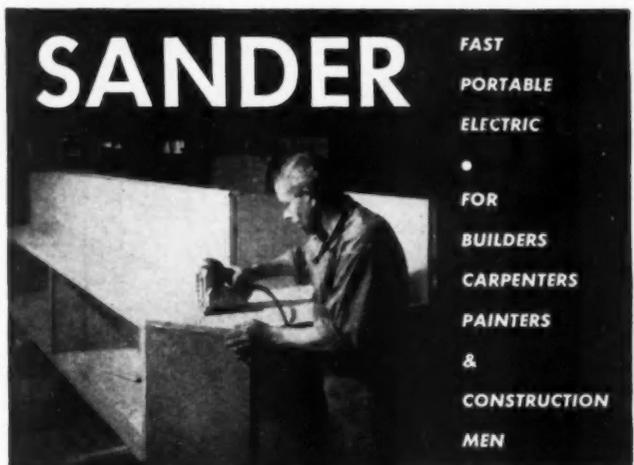
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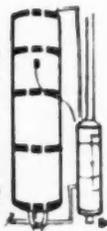
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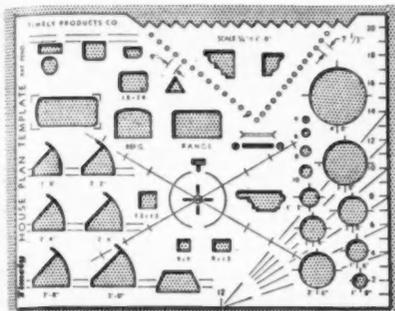
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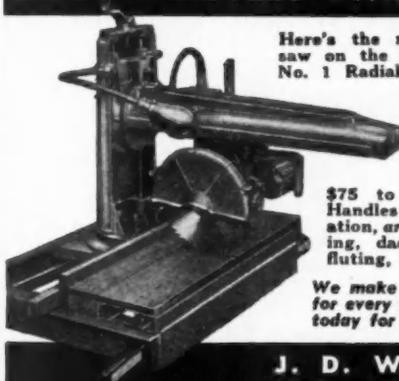
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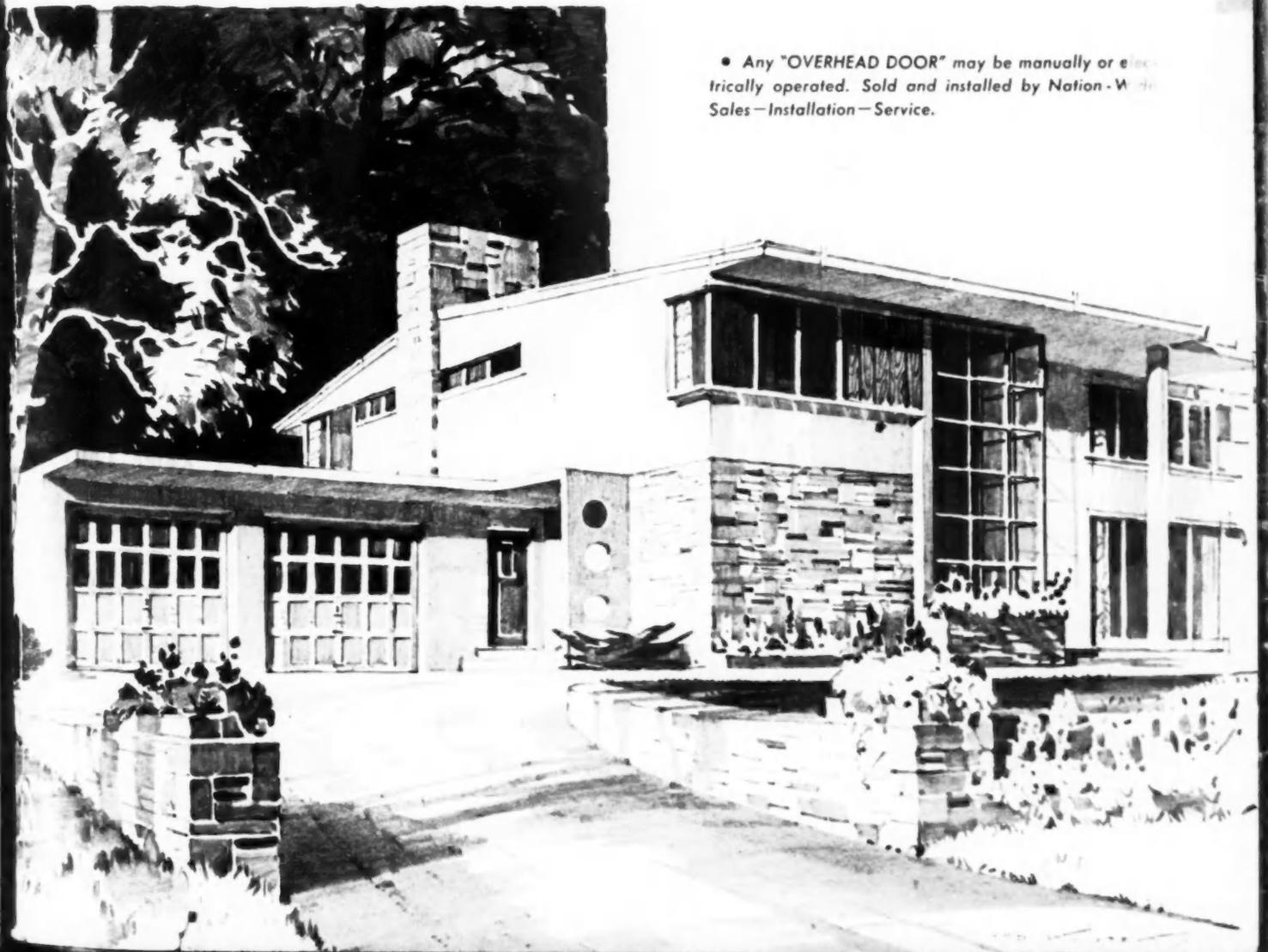
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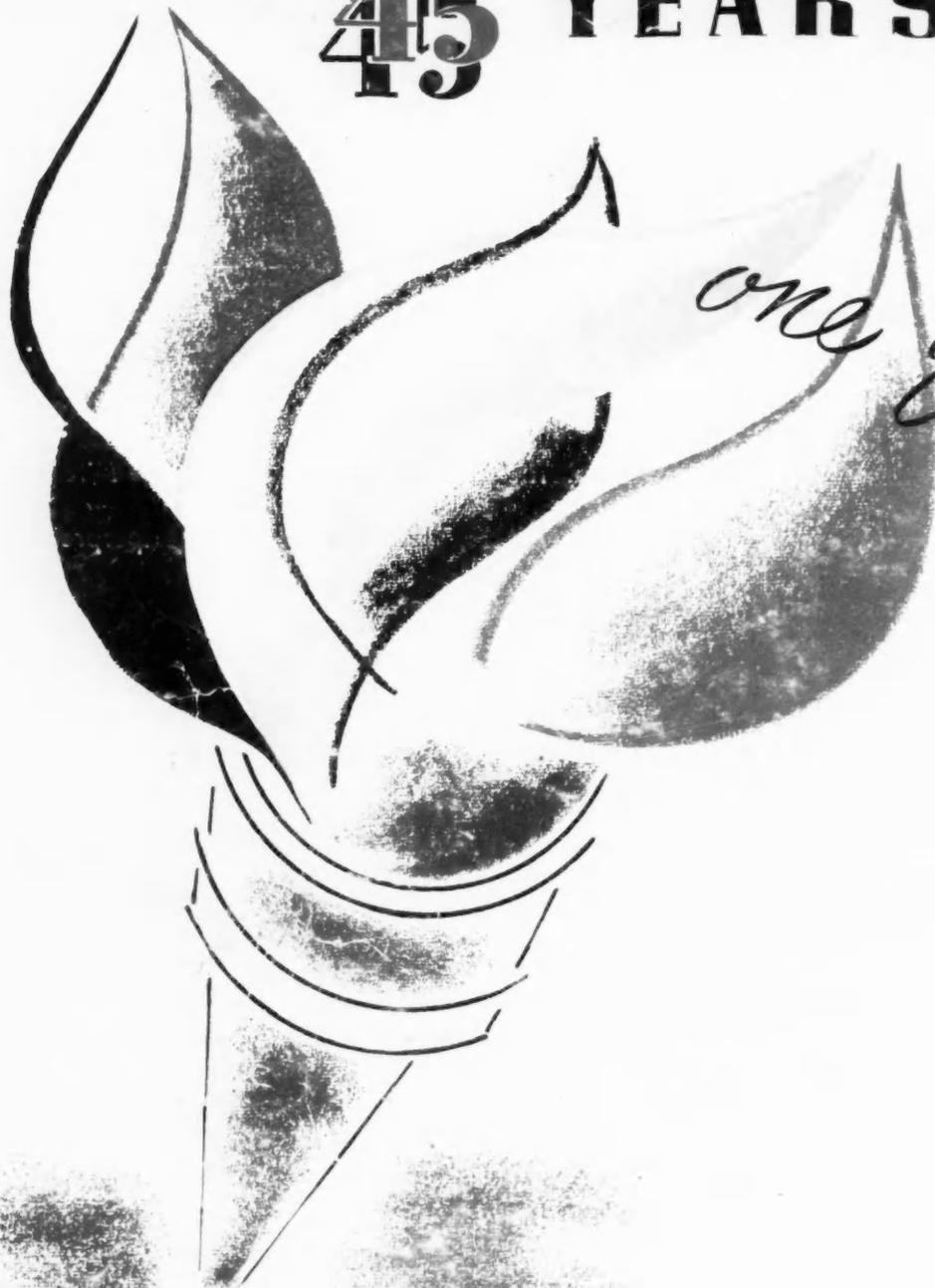
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