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INTRODUCTION

This is a command performance—a command issued by the most inveterate home builders on earth, the U. S. public. Something over a year ago those astute publishers, Simon and Schuster, conspired with the editors of THE ARCHITECTURAL FORUM to produce the first Book of Small Houses. This was to be no catalogue of floor plans. Neither was it to be a slick paper brochure of chi-chi exteriors and interiors. If it was to be at all, it must be a competent exploration of all the problems which every home builder must solve; it must be rich in suggestion; it must underline the pitfalls along with the joys; and, finally, it must demolish the subject to the complete understanding of serious people undertaking the most serious investment of a lifetime.

To those exacting specifications a book was finally produced which sufficiently satisfied its publishers and editors to justify printing it. How well it satisfied home builders is best told by the records of the booksellers, who disposed of more than 35,000 copies.

Booksellers being what they are, and Simon and Schuster being what they are, the editors were presently approached to try again. So, reluctantly but with undiminished resolve, they foresaw movies, opera, bridge, the Old Gold Contest, and other fun to devote many evenings between issues of THE ARCHITECTURAL FORUM to preparing this text. In one particular, the editors showed greater acumen than when the first edition was turned out—they sought and cheerfully got the collaboration of high authorities in each of the several fields which compose the basic elements of home building, each to discuss the subject which he, better than any other, could treat with finality. To these distinguished contributors go thanks and a well deserved salute.

It is hoped that The 1938 Book of Small Houses will definitely and specifically help those who study its pages. Whatever degree of success it achieves is a direct measure of the superlatively good domestic work which architects are today producing in all parts of the country. With a diminishing number of adequate houses available in most communities, with building costs inevitably going higher, with mortgage money abundant on favorable terms, and with the innumerable architectural and technological advances which have been gained in the past few years, this is a good time to undertake the best of all adventures—building a home of your own.

—The Editors
The Architect
By Walter R. McCornack
Chairman of Housing Committee, American Institute of Architects

Since the earliest time the professions of architecture, law, and medicine have been serving the human race in their respective fields. At first glance the functions of these professions seem so wide apart in their relationship to mankind that no parallel exists, yet basically all three have similar functions—to safeguard the health and safety of the people. The function of a member of any of these professions is first, the duty to humanity and second, the duty to self. Because of this relationship to society these groups are recognized by law as agents for building up and administering means for maintaining the health and safety of the people of our country.

To accomplish this the various States require that all who practice architecture, law, or medicine shall be properly qualified to do so by training and that they shall be permitted to practice their professions only after proving their qualifications by an examination by a legally constituted Board of Examiners, and even after being admitted to practice the public is still protected by the power of the Board of Examiners to withdraw the license to practice for cause.

The professions of law and medicine, coming closer to the every day emergencies of life, are more strongly entrenched in the minds of the public than the profession of architecture. In the professions of law and medicine no one not properly qualified is permitted to serve the public professionally. That is even true in the barber, hair dressing, manicuring and undertaking trades, but in architecture unfortunately that is not true to the extent it should be. This deficiency is rapidly being eliminated with the passing of State registration laws for architects (only eight States are without such laws) and the strengthening of laws now in existence. The time will come when all construction will require qualified architectural service.

Third—Safeguarding health.
Fourth—Providing safety.
Fifth—Providing economy in construction.
Sixth—Safeguarding investments.

Before discussing the architects' functions as set forth in the preceding outline the attention of the home builder is called to the fact that two Government agencies, the Federal Housing Administration and the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, which are both interested in a home building program for this country, are both emphasizing the importance of proper architectural service, consisting of plans, specifications, and supervision. Supervision is essential if the owner is to receive full value for his investment, and proper supervision has been lacking in the construction of a vast majority of medium and low priced homes.

It is the duty of the architectural profession to provide proper architectural service to the American people and that is the program now before the profession for solution. It will be solved, to the satisfaction of both the building public and the architectural profession and greatly to the advantage of the home builders of America.

How has the prospective home owner usually secured his plans? In many cases through stock plan service bureaus. While these plans and specifications may be satisfactory and are turned over to a builder to execute, the owner has no assurance whatever that his house will be in accordance with the drawings and specifications. Tens of thousands of home owners have secured homes by this means which have been costly in maintenance and upkeep, and in too many cases has eventually resulted in the loss of the home, through inability of the owner to carry the load. Poor construction of homes has caused high maintenance cost and has been one of the dark spots in American home building.

Then there are types of speculative builders who build without architects' plans. If they do employ an architect it is usually to prepare an attractive perspective for "selling" purposes after which he constructs the building according to his own interpretation of the sketch, without supervision by a disinterested party acting as an impartial judge between owner and builder.

The architect is the only impartial referee standing between the owner and the other elements in the building industry, and his professional duty is to carry out the vari-
ous tasks which are his obligation to perform to the full extent of his ability.

This is a challenge to the architects, and to acquire and maintain the confidence of the public, they must give unstintingly of their time and training in this most important field of architecture—the medium- and low-cost home field.

We will resume the discussion of the functions of the architect by discussing his duties more in detail and in accordance with the above outline.

**First—Good Neighborhood Planning.**

The prospective home owner should be sure that the site he selects is in a location fully protected against becoming a “run-down” section and while the architect cannot insure all sections of the city against deterioration he can be of great assistance to the family seeking a proper home site, by making a thorough investigation of various localities and advising as to the best. The architect's function is to encourage the development of land to its proper use, by zoning and other regulations, thus insuring the home buyer against loss of value in his home, because of the neighborhood becoming blighted, because of the invasion of undesirable types of structures which should not be permitted in a residential section.

**Second—Good Home Planning.**

This portion of the architect’s work includes the selection of the proper site, once the desirable general locality has been determined, the study of the requirements of the family, the preparation of the working drawings and specifications, and the supervision of the construction.

The selection of the site is important. This duty follows the selection of a proper neighborhood, since the owner may find several sites in the desired section, but they may not be all of equal value or desirability for the type of home to be built.

For instance one site may have rock under the surface, which means a high cost of excavating, or a site may be too low, making the drainage problem difficult, or the shape may not be right for the type of house desired, or the points of the compass may not be so good as some other, or it may be too costly for the cost of the house, thus creating a financial burden which is not justified. The architect should advise on all points of advantage or disadvantage prior to the selection of the site.

Before the site is purchased and drawings begun, the architect should secure from the owner, as nearly as possible, the limit of cost for the entire operation, including lot, building, furnishing, and landscaping, and then proceed with his plans on the basis of the estimated cost. Many families have been placed in serious financial difficulties by over building, and it is the very unpleasant job of the architect to inform the client that just adding this little feature here, and that little feature there will seriously interfere with his ability to build a home within his means.

The architect should be sufficiently acquainted with cubic foot costs for house construction in his territory to be able to steer the owner away from building beyond his means. However, there are always some architects and builders who claim to be able to build for certain stipulated sums attractive to the prospective home owner. If the cube is approximately the same in both cases, this is not possible unless the quality of the house is sacrificed.

Once the sketches are accepted it becomes the architect’s responsibility to prepare a complete set of working drawings and specifications based on the type of construction, material and equipment suitable to the cost of the house. This he is better qualified to do than any one else because of his continuous contact with all elements in the building industry.

The owner who is not qualified by training is in no position to decide wisely between various kinds of material or equipment to be used for a given purpose and is often led into difficulties by attempting to dispense with competent unbiased technical advice. When the drawings and specifications have been completed the architect must then take bids and, as is sometimes the case, the cost is higher than the owner wishes to pay. At this point the architect’s knowledge is required to advise as to which of the desirable elements may safely be eliminated.

With satisfactory bids received the owner often thinks further architectural advice is unnecessary and relies on the builder for supervision. However honest the builder may be, errors and omissions are bound to occur without proper supervision. In the case of builders who leave out material or supply inferior material for purposes of personal gain the owner is helpless, and the results of such methods are too well evident in homes all over America to require further comment here.

A set of drawings is of little value to an owner unless the building is built according to the drawings. The owner cannot be sure of that without supervision, and that is an architect’s responsibility. This also means that the architect must know construction thoroughly, and if he does not, he is not entitled to any consideration by the public.

**Third—Safeguarding Health.**

This is one of the functions recognized as a valid reason for controlling the practice of architecture by law. First it means intelligent planning to provide sunlight around homes. It means dry basements, it means proper sanitation and the proper installation of mechanical equipment to prevent escape of harmful gases. It also means...
enough play area around each home to make it unnecessary for small children to play in the streets.

FOURTH—Providing Safety.
This function of the architect has to do largely with planning and construction. It means precautions against structural failure—proper wiring to prevent fires due to defective wiring, properly constructed flues to prevent fires from such source. That these are real hazards is evidenced by the large number of fires occurring from defective wiring and defective flues—fires often resulting in the loss of life. The drawings and specifications may be adequate but careless construction without proper supervision is the chief source of danger, and when the house is completed these defects are hidden.

SIXTH—Safeguarding Investments.
For many years the sentiment “let the buyer beware” has been too often the basis of purchase, but the recent depression has brought about the feeling that any one purchasing stocks, bonds, insurance, clothing, automobiles, and homes is entitled to a fair amount of cooperation from the seller.

There are many shoddy homes built and sold in America yearly. This brings us back to the point of the responsibility of the architect as a professional man.
If a house is poorly constructed and settles, resulting in a yearly maintenance cost for fitting doors and windows; or if the drainage around the outside walls of the house is omitted and water enters the cellar; or if the sewer line from the house to the street sewer is too small, and the sewer line stops up requiring digging up the cellar floor and the lawn; or if the roof leaks and ruins plaster and wall paper; or if the space under the porch floor is not properly ventilated and the porch floor rots out; or if the heating apparatus is not properly designed and the cost of heating the house is excessive; or if other deficiencies develop, then the home owner’s investment has not been properly protected by the seller.

The chief function of the architect who designs homes is to safeguard the owner by first designing a house within the means of his client and then making sure that the drawings which he has carefully prepared are carried out in every detail during construction.
The Builder

By J. C. Nichols

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Quality rather than quantity home building has always guided the efforts of the outstanding U. S. home builders. At no time has this objective been more determined than today. The home builder of today who intends to remain in business through the years well realizes that substantial construction with consequent lower maintenance cost is the best advertisement of his product. Quality home building does not end with substantial construction. Proper adaptation of design to site, use of the site, and the effect of the neighborhood in general are all considerations which cannot be ignored.

A quality home builder gives first consideration to the building restrictions he imposes upon his land. Examples of gigantic losses through investment in areas improperly controlled and restricted are legion. First the home builder should realize that the residential neighborhood, to combat proper land use, must extend over a considerable area. It is impossible to create enduring home values in isolated small areas. Buffers such as golf courses, playgrounds, parks, churches, or school lands are frequently used to protect the boundary lines. Gradual step-ups in the requirements as to minimum house costs and lot sizes, free space, setbacks, etc., are standard methods in making the transition from smaller to larger homes, or smaller to larger lots, so as to avoid abrupt changes in adjacent areas.

Recent years have produced much thought on the duration of restrictions. Farseeing operators are providing self-perpetuating restrictions assuring their renewal from period to period so long as the majority of home owners does not vote to change or abandon them at the end of a given time. There is a current realization among home builders that protection must go far beyond mere municipal zoning, is indeed a fundamental in insuring quality. With the increased demand for and supply of labor-saving devices the problem has been put today’s builder: How include such equipment and still keep the cost of shelter low enough that the buyer will buy, without robbing the structure of its quality?

Faced with this dilemma, builders have stripped their products of frills and ornamentation, and have thus bequeathed them with a dignified simplicity. Gone are the elaborate cornices of the eighties and nineties, gone the roof lines which extended far beyond the body of the house. Ornamental features which invite decay and a dilapidated appearance are rapidly becoming symptoms of the past.

The wise home builder is getting down to a study of good functional architecture and design. Everything which is not essential to comfort and durability is being trimmed away. The days of attracting buyers by an extravagantly decorative front door or flamboyant electric light fixtures are, fortunately, disappearing into the discard. And the shrewd builder has examined the old house with a very revealing microscope. Interior features have been simplified. Over-carved mantels are seldom seen today; the ornamental stairways of a few years ago are as rare as the emu; elaborate trim, wide baseboards, carved woodwork—all are giving way to more essential needs.

The microscope has been turned on the house’s shell as well. More thought is being given to footings and foundations, to waterproofing basement walls, to better and more rigid framing, to careful insulation, to more efficient placing of openings, to proper use of mastic materials around window frames, to proper orientation of rooms. The smart operator thinks twice before rolling unnecessary flights of steps over high terraces to reach the home; he is placing living porches on the garden side of the house for greater privacy; he is incorporating the garage in the first floor or basement of the structure, thereby at once saving building costs and giving more lawn space. Rear stairways are frequently omitted.

The old-fashioned large kitchen has been contracted into a compact economical space; the one-time dark and dank basement has evolved into cheerful playrooms, card rooms, or recreation rooms. Access to the attic is now by way of inexpensive stairs which can be withdrawn. Economies have been effected by giving over a smaller but more sensible space to the bathroom. Closet space has been studied to give greater efficiency in smaller area. Electric lighting has been arranged to provide proper light intensity at the desired points of each room. The old idea of having the foundation of a home stick several
feet out of the ground, with a burdensome flight of steps in front and rear, has been abandoned. A more intimate relation between the living portion of the home and the living part of the lawn is being obtained. Garden side porches with only one low step to the grass meet more readily the taste of 1937's market. Open terraces on the side of the house which is shady in the late afternoon frequently obviate a porch roof.

Unnecessarily dark hallways on the second floor are largely things of the past. Stairs and halls are now compact and efficiently arranged.

We have found that proper exterior proportions of the house, a well-designed exterior treatment of the front door, and proper grouping of windows can give better architectural effect with less cost than did the elaborate designs of a few years ago. Intelligent use of color is doing much to lend today's home character.

Pleasing views from windows, the treatment of the lawn with elimination of the confusion of flower beds in the open lawn space, accentuation of certain landscape features viewed through the windows—all help to give the feeling of a sensibly integrated house-and-garden.

The study of children's needs is demanding much attention. The plan of the house takes into account recreation and entertainment for both children and adults. Membership in golf clubs and other social organizations where large groups may be entertained more economically has made it possible to decrease the size of dining rooms. The old-fashioned parlor and music room which were so seldom used are disappearing even from some of the very large homes. An unnecessary number of outside doorways are being eliminated. Of course, these additional doorways cost money to install, and certainly make it more difficult to heat or cool the home. To offset the ever-increasing taxes on real estate, the quality home builder is giving more heed to keeping the maintenance cost of his homes low.

The vital points of the structure where expensive trouble is likely to develop are being carefully examined. The life of the roof, the life of the interior and exterior paints and varnishes, the use of more durable materials, bracing to avoid settlement, the use of more carefully cured lumber and trim, the use of steel in the angle joints of the plaster, the more careful fitting of wooden joints, the protection of all points of the house which are subject to rot and decay: all these enter into the creed of the better home builder of today.

Then, too, the wise builder never forgets that good design and a kempt appearance over the years help to maintain the value of surrounding homes. The unsightly backyards—common eyesores in every residential neighbor-
13. Putting counter flashing on all plumbing vents, in contrast to the old method of using none.
14. Supplying two compartment sinks instead of one compartment.
16. Running plaster to a straight edge rather than using a floated plaster method.
17. Putting on a much thicker coat of plaster, giving much more durability and less likelihood of cracking.
18. Supplying electric exhaust fans and electric clocks in kitchens.
19. Running vents to all gas mantles.
20. Furring out all walls for plastering in masonry houses in order to give air space between the plaster and the stone or brick wall.
22. Screening porches for more livability.
23. Dowling and mortising all woodwork of the screens.
24. Screens with metal frames are being used.
26. Building garage doors in such a manner that they will not spread and settle.
27. Pointing up both interior and exterior joints of basement walls and using better mixture of cement mortar.
28. Providing higher ceilings in basements so as to make room for recreation rooms.
29. Using factory-built window frames with all joints properly housed instead of simply having them nailed together on the job by carpenters.
30. Using all cast-iron pipe for underground work, giving greatest assurance of long life.
31. Tying flue construction into the wall of the house with steel rods imbedded in the flue in order to eliminate settling away of the chimney from the house.
32. Using a heavy, tarred, dust-proof, and vermin-proof paper between the sub-floor and the finished floor, and also on the outside of the sheeting of the house.
33. Laying fire-brick in chimney in a flat formation to give more solid construction and less danger of fire.
34. Curving the back of the firebox instead of building on diagonal lines, in order to make the draw better.
35. Placing the dimension lumber on 14- and 16-in. centers in order to give greater strength to the structure.
36. Using collar beams to give sounder construction.
37. Using headers over doorways to avoid settlement.
38. Using thicker shingles, vertically grained, of No. 1 red cedar laid 5 inches to the weather, carefully stained in order to give greater life to the roof.
39. Using ultra-violet ray type of glass in windows.
40. Tying concrete porch floors into the masonry of the house by steel rods in order to avoid settlement.
41. Using proper conduits for electrical wiring.
42. Using brass or copper piping or plumbing in order to give greater length of life.
43. Liberal use of stained I-beams throughout the house in order to give greater rigidity.
44. Using metal lathing for plaster because it is more fire resistant and gives better plastered walls.
45. Applying a mastic calking around all window and door openings by pressure guns in order to assure a tight joint between masonry and wood materials.
46. Careful housing of joints in risers of stairways, carefully rabbetted into each other, with wooden wedges dipped in glue on treads to build a strong, solid stairway.
47. The laying of the sub-floor diagonally and re-nailing it before the finished floor is laid.
48. The use of heavy felt tar paper on subfloorings and the frequent raising of the center of the floor a fraction of an inch in order to take care of any settlement.
49. The building of larger air ducts in so-called air conditioned houses in order to give ample size for later installation of cooling equipment.
50. Automatic controlled heat and hot water tanks.
51. The use of air filters, blowers and humidifiers.
52. Where veneer brick or stone is used, the tying of such material into the frame walls with cut iron nails.
53. Provision of a great many more electrical outlets to meet modern electrical housekeeping needs; more frequent use of floor lamps, etc. Also, the frequent use of three-way switches.
54. The filling, shellacking and waxing of floors instead of the old method of varnishing.
55. Carrying tin decks up underneath sills turned up and fastened to the sill on the inside to prevent leakage.
56. Tying the bathroom fixtures into the frame of the house to avoid unsightly cracks as a result of settlement.
57. Exterior stucco walls are at least three-fourths of an inch thick in order to give proper durability.
58. Employing of heating engineers to study the layout of the heating plants in order to be assured of the proper distribution of heat at minimum cost.
59. Placement of louvres in attic walls to give ventilation.
60. Much greater number of window openings to provide better light and ventilation.
61. Use of cabinet-built cases in pantry and kitchens instead of the old-fashioned method of cabinets nailed together on the job.
62. Use of much more efficient weather-stripping with longer life.
The Realtor

By Paul E. Stark

President of National Association of Real Estate Boards

The old conception of a real estate man was a salesman, invariably of the high pressure type, who invariably disappears after having sold some property that is invariably worthless. He is best described by the story, which I suppose I have told to me at least once a week, about the Florida boom operator who wired a customer collect: “Congratulations! Have just discovered land on your property.” Actually, of course, just as only a few doctors are quacks, only a few real estate men are or were of the sell-and-run variety. The great majority, because of their business interest in the stability of any community, are civic-minded men, who continue to serve you as a property owner long after they have converted you from a prospect into a customer. In nearly every city and town, real estate men are at the forefront of movements for reasonable taxation and civic improvements. It is their business to do so. Naturally, it is that type of real estate man who can be of most help to you in the purchase of a homesite or the building or buying of a home.

Thirty years ago, in an effort to improve the standards of the business, a national association of real estate men was formed—made up of local real estate boards throughout the country. Bound by a code of ethics, they have introduced into real estate practice notable reforms that have earned the confidence of the public at large. Members of the association and only members are permitted to use the term designation “realtor”—and, as a first step in negotiating for the purchase of property, it would be advisable to deal with a realtor. There are, of course, many estimable real estate men who are not “realtors”—but the chances are better that your best possibility is with a man or firm that has allied itself with the best interests of the profession.

There are, of course, many types of real estate men, but there are only two types with whom you would be likely to have any dealings in the building or buying of a home. There are real estate brokers who sell the property of other owners on a commission basis; and there are land developers and builders, who improve and sell their own property, with or without houses on the lots.

Should you be reasonably unfamiliar with the community in which you intend to live, you will undoubtedly save much time and needless chasing by going directly to a real estate broker. In most cases, he will have listed for sale almost every available piece of property in the locality where you are looking. It is important, of course, to tell him as accurately and as concisely as possible just what type of property you want, because his opportunity to be helpful to you is measured by his ability to show you only those pieces of property that come closest to your needs. It is important, also, to remember that he will show you any or all pieces of property in the community.

His percentage commission on all sales is usually the same, so that he has no axe to grind except your own. Although he is paid by the owner of the property, he is actually working for you.

But apart from being simply an aid in showing you available property or houses, the real value of a capable real estate man is in the information and advice he can give you on all phases of property ownership in the community. It is his business to know about taxes, schools, utilities, property restrictions, and the one hundred and one other items that may affect the wisdom of your home purchase. Do not be afraid to give your confidence to a real estate broker in whom you believe such confidence could be placed. His ability to help you find what you want depends upon the degree of cooperation which he receives from you.

Another useful function the broker may serve is to consult with you before you approve the plans. Since his business involves the selling of homes week in, week out, he can recognize the plan that has resale value. While this may not seem important to you in building what you may regard as your “dream house,” you must remember that more than likely it is going to have to be somebody else’s “dream house” in the future. For in the great majority of cases the first house you build won’t be the last one you live in. A change in business location, a growing family, increase or decrease in income, shifting character of the neighborhood—any one of these is likely to arise to change your address. And if and when that time comes, you will want a house that will sell easily and that will bring as high a price as possible. Advice of that nature is the good real estate man’s stock in trade.
His opinions on the specifications for your house will also be helpful. His firm will have handled in the past dozens of houses that have been in various states of disrepair—and out of that experience will have grown a knowledge of what makes for permanency in home construction.

If you are going to buy a house and lot, and not simply the lot alone, the good real estate broker can be even more useful. Despite all the books on the construction of homes, no layman can intelligently judge the construction of a house. There are too many hidden elements which even an expert is at some pains to examine, and the broker if he knows his business will be expert enough to tell you whether the house is well or poorly built.

Incidentally, one of the best publications on this subject is a ten cent booklet issued by the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., called "How to Judge a House."

Besides being equipped to give you a sound opinion on the house itself, the broker will have all the available information on the specific facts about the neighborhood that may affect the future value of your property. Most important of these are the deed restrictions not only upon the size and character of the houses that might be built in the future; upon the distances from the lot lines at which the house may be placed; about the location of stores and other commercial buildings in the neighborhood; about the upkeep of the neighborhood. These are facts which the broker knows, and which he, as your agent, will tell you voluntarily, but which the owner himself might possibly hold back.

The second type of real estate man with whom you might deal is the land developer and builder who sells his own property, and who builds either all or many of the houses on his property. Here the character of the real estate man is even more important to you than if he were only a broker. This is true because you are placing the complete responsibility of acquiring a home in his hands. In some cases, you may buy a piece of property from such a developer and have your own architect and contractor build the house. In most cases, however, it is generally best to use the contracting facilities of the developer himself, even though you may have your own architect prepare the plans. This is obviously true, because the developer usually has a number of houses under construction at one time, which enables him to do mass purchasing, and to save considerable time in labor. Moreover, the developer has a permanent stake in the property surrounding your site, and he has, therefore, much more reason to build a quality home. His business success lies in keeping up property values throughout his development, and a poor house is something like a bad apple in a barrel—it sooner or later affects the others.*

There are two other functions which the general real estate office supplies—appraisal service and mortgage brokerage. If you are contemplating the purchase of a piece of property or a house directly from an owner it will be worth the fee to have the property or house appraised independently by a real estate man. Unless you do have such an appraisal you are completely at the mercy of your own judgment plus the word of an understandably prejudiced owner.

In making the independent appraisal, the real estate man takes into consideration a dozen or more factors that will not only determine a reasonable price for the property at the time of purchase, but which will also forecast the probable rise or decline of value in the future. The appraiser is a student of trends in value; he knows the forces which send values up in one section and down in another. He knows the selling prices of property around you, and the fee for his estimate of the value of the property you are considering buying is well worth the paying.

The mortgage brokerage facilities of a real estate office are often of great value. The realtor knowing the property, the requirements of lending agencies operating in the area, and the peculiar needs of the borrower, can quickly move towards the solution of the financing problem. He is not interested in making any particular type of loan, understands that interest rates vary with the security and financial responsibility of the borrower, and that amortization charges and maturity dates are frequently as important to his client as the price and terms of the original sale.

Not least among the services extended by the modern realtors organization is that of property management. This service may not always be required by the purchaser or homebuilder but the experience gained in management, in the repair and remodeling of homes and apartments, in leasing and collecting of rents, in the making of budgets for owners and tenants alike, makes him the ideal adviser for those who would undertake the responsibilities of home ownership.

* See the article by J. C. Nichols, page vii, for a thorough discussion of good practice in home building.
In its broad application, the profession of landscape architecture aims to plan and develop for human use and convenience the outdoor areas, whether these be parks, estates, or small-home properties. Limitation of space surrounding the small-home makes the planning and building of that area fully as essential as the efficient and distinctive design of the building units. The landscape architect thinks in terms of community planning, of neighborhood groups, and also of isolated homes. He is trained in outdoor design, outdoor construction, and outdoor horticulture. The employment of the landscape architect by the small-home owner should not be considered as a luxury. His advice, and the plot plan which he will evolve in cooperation with the architect, are a necessary part of the modern version of home building which presumes that we want the most for our money as expressed in terms of good taste, good construction, and best use.

The satisfactory development of the small-home property results from the use of foresight rather than the regrets of backsight. If the home owner believes that he cannot afford a complete landscape plan, at least he can afford a "doctor's call" from a professional landscape architect, who can give a measure of fundamental advice and direction on the ground. The idea is to achieve that which is suitable—a scheme that is simple yet interesting, construction that is necessary but not expensive, plantings that will be placed and chosen for permanent effect and minimum maintenance.

In the field of architecture, the preparation of plans and specifications is not enough. Supervision must follow for best results. In the field of landscape design for the small place, it is somewhat different. The plot plan that is prepared before the house is constructed can adjust the house site and the location of terrace or porch accurately to the needs of the driveway, garage turn, existing foliage and the landscape units that will be. Should the owner care to have a part in the outdoor creation, he may execute the details of shrub planting, flower beds, and lawn under his own direction, or by his own hand, if he has a plan from which to work. When grading has been considered beforehand, the excavation can be carted to its permanent resting-place rather than hinder the building operation by being piled in miniature mountains about the new basement. The plot plan of the landscape architect presents the future design of the entire lot. Further, it functions in preventing mistakes and in guiding the orderly development of the land.

The person who can afford to own a single family home can afford attractive home surroundings. Five per cent of the building cost will go far in creating a front yard and a backyard that become a distinct part of the finished home. Success in creating attractive and appropriate home surroundings is not measured by the quantity and cost but rather by the quality of the development. Not eccentricity, not great elaboration, not a collection of striking evergreens, not overplanting of flowering shrubs, but a conservative feeling of being well dressed is the ideal of the landscape architect.

The outside of the residence becomes a community responsibility that the home owner should recognize. The front yard belongs to the owner, but the public has certain rights and privileges to enjoy its appearance. The picture is an individual unit, but it is a part of a larger panorama. A property naturally divides itself into three important areas:

- a. Public area or front yard,
- b. Private lawns and gardens,
- c. Service unit.

The size, the location, and the desired form of these areas, together with their relationship to the house must be definitely thought out in the general scheme. The detailed plan for these areas will show a practical solution for the location and construction of walks, drives, irrigation, drainage, grading, and planting, adapted to the characteristics of the land and best suited to the desires of the client. One owner may want to indulge in a plant hobby; one may like a very informal arrangement; another may prefer the formal scheme. All factors are correlated in the landscape plan.

The area on a street front usually has little or no privacy. The "open front" policy has been an American tradition. Whatever may be lost in privacy is doubly gained in street effect. Unusual conditions may suggest high hedge or wall, but in general the typical American home can better
follow the tradition of simplicity and openness in this semi-public area. Few people spend much time on the “front porch”; few even have this nineteenth century living unit. The American building lot should be large enough to provide ample living space in rear.

The living lawn and flower garden form the private part and the larger part of the lot area. Unless the garage and drive have been misplaced, this space will be free from obstruction. The backyard has “come of age.” It has been transformed from a service area to a living area. It is the center of the home outdoor life. In its simplest form, this area may include only an open and preferably partly shaded lawn enclosed by hedges or shrub borders to protect it partially or entirely from the public gaze. An open porch or terrace at the rear of the house really becomes an outdoor living room overlooking the lawn and flowers. Otherwise the living lawn should be directly related to the living rooms of the house and should be designed to be seen from their openings.

Some of the more common mistakes in connection with the development of the living lawn and flower garden area are as follows:

a. Developing areas which do not have a definite relationship to the living portions of the house.

b. Making the paths between the flower beds too narrow for practical use and upkeep.

c. Making the flower beds too wide, especially when such beds are accessible only from one side.

d. Planting trees in locations where they will cast injurious shade upon flower and vegetable areas.

e. Failure to screen out undesirable views by the use of appropriate plantings.

f. Making plantings of too great variety, without regard to principles of good planting composition.

g. The introduction of too many garden accessories and garden ornaments in a limited area.

h. The use of too many horticultural novelties with golden, purple, or variegated leaves.

i. The failure to provide suitable play space for children.

j. There is no greater mistake than to have the living lawn or garden area directly connected with the service portion of the house rather than with the living portion.

Surely, the most important building material for the development of the small home grounds is the plant material. Contrary to popular opinion, this material is not easy to use. That the materials of landscape are so lovely in themselves is no excuse for not using them well and the best effect is achieved only by studied arrangement. The groupings of the trees, shrubs, and flowers carry the horizontal plot plan into the vertical plane where we can see the design. Plants have normal size limits and habits of growth; they have definite texture and color of foliage; and they have somewhat definite soil and exposure requirements. To combine and coordinate all these factors in order to create really attractive settings for the house, the lawn, and the gardens is the problem of plant selection and of plant location. To choose so that borders will not be overgrown in a few years, so that each plant will be a healthy and happy part of the whole, is that thing which we call planting design. For these reasons, the plants cannot be chosen by guess for permanent results. Their selection and arrangement is a major factor in creating pleasing and appropriate landscape surroundings.

In order to have an attractive and useful living room, it is necessary to use ample furnishings. It is by the same token necessary to use furnishings on areas devoted to living lawns and flower gardens. These furnishings are in the form of turf, walks, trees, shrubs, flowers, arbors, gateways, pools, fences, and garden accessories. All these details should be used with the utmost simplicity and directness and only to the extent appropriate for any specific property. Accessory features add much to the general landscape effect when properly used. They become disturbing elements when used too freely, or placed inappropriately. The picture of the backyard should be restful but interesting. The architectural accessories help to make and focalize interest, but enough is better than too much.

Is the home to be a real part of the neighborhood; an asset to family life and home pride? Will it possess an atmosphere of distinction, of artistic individuality? Is it to have a character of its own in both architecture and landscape? Will the garden have personality? These questions will be answered only when the home owner realizes that there is more to a home than four walls and a fence around it. Yes! Call in an architect. Call in a landscape architect. It will pay in terms of permanent satisfaction for the small home as well as the large. Efficient and intelligent planning must precede the building of a home.
The average owner or occupant of the small house is apt to look askance at the decorator—interior designer, if you prefer the latter term. The decorator seems to be an unnecessary and costly luxury. Oftentimes, indeed, the mere mention of a decorator incurs actual hostility; if he or she is not an obvious necessity to the completion of a house, how can any decorating service be other than an intrusion on domestic privacy or an hindrance to expression of the owner's individual tastes? Even when the small-house owner takes a more intelligent view, there still hovers the spectre of imaginary added expense.

The wise thing for the small-house owner to do is to lay aside prejudice, ascertain and weigh the facts, recognise what the decorator can do, and then appraise the exact value of the decorator's services.

For instance, Mr. and Mrs. A have just built a small house and they are about ready to move into it. Most of the furnishings from their former home they will continue to use. Inevitably, however, because the house is different, some things they will have to discard, they will have to make adjustments, and some new items they will have to purchase. Probably the new windows will be of different sizes from those in the former house, and that will mean getting a number of new curtains. As like as not, some of the chairs and sofas will have to be re-upholstered. The old furniture will all certainly have to be satisfactorily arranged in its new setting. Now, what can the interior decorator do to be helpful at this juncture? Several courses are open. Mr. and Mrs. A can turn the whole affair over to a decorator to have the house ready for occupancy by a certain date, and then dismiss it from their minds. In that case, all the personal element on the owners' part disappears and the decorator charges a lump sum fee in compensation for all the time and trouble saved the owners—only a fair return, as it would be for any other delegated job. No matter how well done the decorator's job may be, Mr. and Mrs. A will never enjoy it as much as they would if they had taken some share in its creation.

But not many Mrs. A's would be so detached about the equipment of their houses. Almost every woman is herself instinctively something of a decorator and wishes to have a determining voice in the furnishing details and arrangement of her home. It is quite likely that Mrs. A may have every inclination to make her home attractive, but the chances are ten to one that she has had little or no experience in that sort of thing. Situations more or less perplexing will confront her, and in solving these problems she will probably be grateful for advice from someone whose judgment she can trust. It is in exactly such cases that the decorator can render invaluable service. At this point Mrs. A decides to engage a decorator, Mr. X.

Mr. X in a very little while will come to an understanding of Mrs. A's personality and tastes. That is part of his business just as it is an architect's. He will make a survey of all the available furnishings, learn what new purchases or replacements can be made, inform himself of the family's manner of life, study their preferences, and note every detail that will have a bearing on the composition, right down to Mrs. A's favourite colours. He soon recognises that Mrs. A is not at all a colourless person, but has well-defined likes and dislikes, and merely lacks the practice and experience to translate her likes into visible form to the greatest advantage. In other words, it becomes Mr. X's function tactfully to apply his own experience and trained judgment in helping Mrs. A to "put her best foot forward" with the resources available. Furthermore, in this process of assisting Mrs. A, Mr. X does not try to suppress Mrs. A's individuality and substitute his own. On the contrary, by his timely suggestions and advice, he aids Mrs. A to a fuller and quicker expression of her own individuality than she could achieve by herself without a long and discouraging "trial and error" course of experiments.

In short, the function of the decorator with respect to the interior of the house, is exactly comparable to the offices of the architect for the house's design and structure. If a house is to have any individuality of appearance and, at the same time, is fully to meet all utilitarian requirements efficiently, the necessity for an architect's services is too generally understood to need any defence. Good architecture has abundantly proved that it pays for itself in the long run. It saves money in construction, ensures maximum of fitness to purpose, and has a very real cash value in dollars and cents when it comes to a question of rental or sale. In precisely the same way, the decorator can contribute materially to the comfort, convenience and effectiveness of the interior of the house. The decorator complements the architect's work in making the more intimate and personal functioning of the house correspond
with its structural purpose. Many an architecturally excellent small house fails to give complete inward satisfaction because the occupants feared or ignored the decorator.

Here are some of the concrete particulars in which the decorator can very obviously justify his or her employment by the small-house owner. Mrs. A needs some chairs re-upholstered, but doesn’t know a reliable upholsterer. Mr. X does. Mrs. A needs material to cover the chairs or make window hangings; has a general idea of what she wishes and can afford to pay, but doesn’t know just where to go for it or what it will cost. Mr. X knows where to get it, what it will cost a yard, how much is needed, and brings a number of kindred samples for Mrs. A to make a choice.

When Mrs. A has bought the material, she has paid not a cent more than she would have paid in a shop, and she has been saved all the time and worry she would have spent in going from place to place in quest of it; Mr. X is paid by his specified discount from the wholesale dealer in fabrics who will not sell to retail customers. Again, Mrs. A needs a chair or two, knows what she wants, but doesn’t know quite where to look; Mr. X does know and, again, is recompensed by the shop discount without any additional cost above the regular retail price to Mrs. A. Or, perhaps, Mrs. A is in some doubt about colours, fears this or that won’t go together, and is open to suggestions. Mr. X is ready to guide with certainty born of long experience. Mrs. A may need curtains. Mr. X will probably suggest something better-looking and less expensive than anything Mrs. A had known about. If a room looks crowded or needs to have its apparent size increased, Mr. X will know at once how to solve the difficulty by rearrangement of furniture, accenting certain lines, manipulation of colour, or the adroit management of pattern—things that Mrs. A would probably have taken a long time to find out for herself and might have learned only by long experiment and at considerable cost.

Whether the commission is only a small one involving two or three downstairs rooms, the rearrangement of furniture already owned, and the making of a few additional purchases, or whether the task means completely furnishing an entire house, with full responsibility for choice and arrangement, it is the decorator’s job to co-ordinate and harmonise all the elements to produce a well-considered and satisfying composition. Even when the owners have considerable taste and decorating ability, it rarely happens that they have sufficient technical knowledge to solve quickly and easily the hundred and one questions that necessarily arise in equipping a house. When they lack taste, the decorator’s services are a priceless boon. When they have taste, the decorator’s co-operation is both a source of pleasure and a safeguard against vexing slips and errors while achieving the desired coherence and harmony.

So far as actual purchases are concerned, the small-house client pays not one cent more than she would have paid in the shops. The decorator is recompensed by the regular discounts allowed by the shop-keepers and wholesale dealers. For other services—advice and the like—the commission charged by the decorator varies, but under ordinary conditions the cost is slight compared with the time, worry and energy that would otherwise have been spent by the house-owners in reaching results that might not have been as satisfactory. And surely time, worry and energy have appreciable value as well as expert advice. Oftentimes, too, the decorator’s suggestions will save a substantial outlay of cost. These considerations are worth bearing in mind because of the too general misconception of the expense of retaining a decorator, and ignorance of the usual procedure.

Time was when many architects and decorators spurned the small house and were interested only in large commissions. That time has passed. They all realise that for many years to come, the small or moderate-sized house is likely to be the dominating factor in domestic building, and their attitude has changed. Without fearing that the intervention of the decorator will hamper the scope of individual expression or obliterate the personal domestic touch, the small-house owner may retain a decorator to assist in equipping the house, confident that in the end the results achieved will justify the trust reposed. The decorator, in fine, regarded in an impersonal light, is one of the time and labour-saving devices of modern life by which we set so much store. The decorator, like the architect, ministers directly to the art of decent and comfortable living. By their experience and fertile invention, both are in a position to render the clients services in the creation of harmonious and comfortable home environment that most amateurs could perform for themselves only in a halting and uncertain way. Decorators, like architects, frequently have certain favourite styles in which they prefer to work. But a decorator’s favourite style is not what really matters to the small-house client. What really matters is the trained decorator’s ability to apply the fundamental principles of decoration to any problem, regardless of style. Fundamental principles adroitly brought to bear—principles of which the majority of amateurs are unaware—will result in a coherent composition in the outcome. Wherever the furnishing budget is limited, it is often true that the less there is to spend, the greater ultimate economy it will be to engage a decorator.
Striking progress has been made in small-home architecture and construction in the past ten years, toward the goal of giving the American family both a longer-lasting and a more attractive dwelling, at a reasonable price. But there is a third dimension in the problem of economical home ownership that is just as vital for people of modest means as a properly planned living room or an adequate heating plant.

That third factor is home finance. Unless you are among the fortunate few who can buy a house entirely for cash, you face the necessity of borrowing part of the money with which to pay for it. That is almost invariably done, of course, by placing the property under mortgage to the lender. The task of choosing your lender and the type of mortgage that fits your own circumstances as to maturity, amount, and method of payment calls for good judgment, if the comforts of home are to live up to your expectations in the years to come.

Fortunately for the families of reputable credit standing who are building homes today, it is easier to secure a sound form of home loan than ever in the past. Short- and long-term mortgage money is readily available to anyone with good security. Likewise, interest rates on mortgages are practically at their all-time low levels. The exorbitant commission charges and other financial abuses which so often went hand-in-hand with home ownership up to a few years ago have been pretty well abolished. Evolution in the home loan has been almost as great as that of small-home architecture itself. But it is prudent to pause a moment before committing yourself to the purchase of a house, and make certain that the financing is placed in responsible hands and in suitable form.

Before we consider the points that determine what form of mortgage is best adapted to your own case, let us look at your question of buying a home from the other side of the table—from the viewpoint of the lender. That may help you to obtain your own mortgage at somewhat lower ultimate cost and—what is a good deal more important—with less risk of loss of the home by foreclosure in some unforeseen emergency a few years further along. Those are two major objectives. They can best be assured by arranging the mortgage properly at the very start.

Here, then, is your lender. He is Joe Donahue, aged 45, married, by trade a garage mechanic, earning from $1,200 to $1,500 a year, from which he somehow manages to save $50. It goes into life insurance and a thrift account in a savings bank or building and loan society. He doesn’t intend to lose that money. He may need part of it on short notice, to tide him over an idle time or meet some unexpected expenses. And Joe isn’t asking you for a 10 per cent return on his money, or even 6 per cent.

Fifty million people like Joe make up the only real mortgage money pool in this country. If it were not for their insurance policies and their bank accounts, the rest of us would have to pay all-cash for our homes or else rent them from someone else. By far the greatest part of the $17,000,000,000 of small-home loans now outstanding in the United States is in the small savings of small wage-earners in enormous numbers. All they ask is a fair rate of return, and the certainty of getting their money back when they need it.

When you decide to buy a home that costs, say, $7,000, with a $4,000 mortgage on it, you would do well to go to Joe. An institution to which a good many men like him are willing to entrust their savings for a small return is likely to give home-owner borrowers a dependable loan service. Joe will be represented by an inquisitive gentleman in a white collar, the loan officer of the local bank or building and loan society, or the representative of one of the life insurance or mortgage companies. It is his business to make certain that you are reasonably well able to meet the interest and principal payments on the mortgage now, and for the full future life of the loan. He must also determine whether the house and lot that you have in mind are likely to provide safe security—through good architectural and construction standards and a desirable location—for the unpaid balance of the loan. That is why Joe’s money is safe in his care. It also explains why desirable borrowers can get loans on better terms than people of inferior credit position, or applicants who seek too large a mortgage.

There is another kind of lender. He is not so common as
he has been, but there are still too many of his stripe. He is the man you will certainly encounter if your idea of a home is a $7,000 house with a $1,000 down-payment and $6,000 worth of first and second or even third mortgages. Both the idea and the high-pressure lender are to be avoided. A home on a shoe-string is a quick way to the noose of intolerable debt and the disaster of foreclosure. Besides, you won't care for your neighbors if you buy that kind of a house.

Instead, it is much less expensive and much more satisfactory all around to go to some established home loan institution, one where you would be glad to put your own savings for the protection of yourself and your family. In order to get the help you need, you will first have to save up at least 20 per cent, or better still 35 per cent or more, of the whole price of that home you want to own. Once you have done that, the real pleasure of home-ownership is safely within your grasp, and the important thing is to get the type of loan that suits your whole program of living. If you fail in this step, the wrong kind of loan may give you many a headache. You may as well look at the different models now, and see just what fits your own style of driving.

There are only two main forms of home loan. The most familiar, in most parts of the country, is the short-term straight mortgage. On such a loan, a borrower of $5,000 at 6 per cent interest makes a quarterly interest payment of $75, or a semi-annual payment of $150, every three or six months for three to five years, with no other loan charges to meet in the meantime. At the end of that term, he must either pay the original $5,000 in full, or else get a renewal of all or part of the loan for another period of a few years. Nearly always, there is a commission of 1 per cent or more to pay when the loan is first made, and again at each renewal date, and possibly various service charges as well.

The short-term straight mortgage has been heartily condemned in recent years by many people, especially those who have been concerned with clearing up the depression wreckage of hundreds of thousands of foreclosed homes. It may be heresy to defend the animal, but this type of mortgage does offer certain advantages which commend it to some borrowers. Since it involves no repayment of principal until the loan falls due, it is more economical for a borrower who either is temporarily unable to meet a high current cost on his mortgage or is in a position to earn a higher return on his own investments than he is obliged to pay on his home loan. Not many borrowers are in the latter category.

The second principal type of home loan is the amortized mortgage, of which there are many varieties. It may be of short or long maturity. In either case, the borrower makes a monthly, quarterly or semi-annual payment which includes a repayment of part of the principal, together with interest on the principal which has not been paid off in previous installments. Thus, a borrower of $5,000 at 6 per cent interest on a ten-year amortized loan must meet a monthly amortization-and-interest payment of about $55.50, or a little more than $165 every three months, as compared with the $75 quarterly payment of interest on a $5,000 straight mortgage at 6 per cent.

On the other hand, at the end of three or five years, when the borrower on a straight mortgage is facing the melancholy fact that he must repay or renew the entire $5,000, the home-owner with an amortized loan is smiling contentedly. He has no large lump sum to pay, and he is safe from default as long as he can keep on meeting his $55.50 monthly tick. He knows, too, that in another five or seven years, his original $5,000 loan will have been entirely repaid through such amortization, whereas his neighbor on a straight mortgage still owes part or all of the initial $5,000 debt, and must continue to wrestle with the worry of renewing it at intervals.

The amortized loan is not new in the United States. Its history here goes back more than a century, to the inception of the building and loan type of thrift association in Pennsylvania. Until the depression, however, it was in common use only among such societies and usually had the undesirable requirement that the borrower in repaying the loans had to buy stock in the society, with which to retire his debt. That practice has been largely abandoned.

More than half of the homes in this country, and about two-thirds of the American home loan debt structure as lately as 1932 rested upon the straight mortgage, as made by the life insurance companies, savings banks, mortgage companies, commercial banks and large and small individual investors and trustees. In Great Britain and most of the nations of continental Europe, however, the amortized form of loan, repayable in cash, has been established for nearly 150 years, and is now employed almost to the exclusion of the straight mortgage.

The amortized loan received its first tremendous impetus in this country in the depression, as a result of the refinancing of more than a million home loans by the HOLC on a 15-year amortization basis, most of them formerly encumbered by straight mortgages which had gone into serious default. Further stimulus to the installment-plan of home ownership was supplied by the activities of the Federal Housing Administration in placing a Government guarantee upon the security of FHA-approved mortgages, ranging in maturity up to 20 years.
An increasing number of lending institutions which once confined themselves to straight mortgages are now offering amortized loans as well, or even exclusively, with insurance depending upon the quality of the loan application.

The first thing for the home-owner to decide, then, is whether he should have a straight or an amortized loan. Unless he has a dependable job, as well as a reserve of liquid securities that will assure his ability to repay the lump sum loan at maturity in case he cannot renew it at that time, he would do well to cast his vote for the installment form of payment. It will give him much greater peace of mind, even though it entails a heavier month-to-month burden of expense. Most important of all, however, the money he pays out each month for reduction of principal is not really a drain on his earnings, but an investment that pays him exactly the same rate of return that he pays in interest on the remainder.

The beauties of the very long-term amortized loan, running 15 or even 20 years, have been somewhat exaggerated by Government apostles and other well-meaning gentry. The fact is that the more quickly a mortgage can be paid off in full, the more money the borrower saves by avoiding unnecessary interest payments. This is readily illustrated. A twenty-year amortized loan of $10,000 requires a monthly payment of $71.72, whereas a ten-year amortized loan calls for $110 monthly, assuming a 6 per cent interest rate in both cases. On the twenty-year loan, the total payments will amount to $16,208, while the ten-year loan will be completely repaid, with interest, by payments aggregating $13,320. Thus, in contracting for a 20-year mortgage, the first borrower incurs an ultimate cost $2,888 above that of the borrower who chooses a ten-year loan period, a difference equal to nearly 30 per cent of the original loan!

Interest rates are another aspect of home finance which has been given an undue share of the limelight during the recent hubbub, again to the injury of many home owners by tending to frighten private capital out of the home financing field at the very time when a heavier volume of mortgage money might have brought an automatic, natural lowering of interest charges.

Emphasis on the virtues of extremely low interest rates may be effective politics, but it is poor economics. In the long run, it may seriously hinder the recovery of residential building, and help to bring about a housing shortage and high-rental crisis which would be much more costly to the potential home-owners of today than a differential of 1 per cent or even 2 per cent in annual interest. To put this into practical form, bear in mind that a ten-year amortized mortgage for $5,000 calls for a monthly payment of $53 when the interest rate is 5 per cent, while precisely the same mortgage at 6\(\frac{1}{2}\) per cent interest requires a monthly installment of $56.80. The difference is less than $4 a month on a $5,000 loan.

A family which has been living in a rented house or apartment, and now seeks a home of its own would do well not to worry over whether the mortgage interest rate is 5 per cent or 6\(\frac{1}{2}\) per cent, but rather give attention to the much more important questions of the character, construction and location of the house under consideration, the relation of its cost to the ability to pay for it, and, closely connected with the latter point, the type of mortgage loan to be chosen.

Assuming that an amortized loan is preferred on grounds of safety for the future, three major factors may help to indicate the solution. One is the home-owner's earning power. If his yearly income is equal, say, to at least half the price of the home, and he can set aside 20 per cent of his income for home-ownership, then he should take a loan on which the amortization period is the shortest time in which that 20 per cent would repay the mortgage in full, rather than get a longer loan at lower current cost but greater ultimate expense. If, on the other hand, his home costs more than twice his yearly salary, and he can afford no more than 15 per cent of his earnings for home-ownership, his only practical course is to make a relatively long-term loan, with correspondingly lower monthly charges. But this is not the whole answer in his case. There are two other considerations.

The second question is the home-owner's age. Obviously, the goal should be to get entirely free of home loan debt well before the expected age of retirement. A man of 50 should by all means avoid an extremely long-term loan, whereas a young fellow of 30 may look forward with fair assurance to his ability to meet modest monthly mortgage installments over a term of 15 or 20 years. Here, too, enters the third consideration, that of stability of employment.

Some jobs and many industries are subject to seasonal or cyclical ups and downs and occasional unemployment. Some professions, like law and medicine, are highly irregular from month to month in the compensation they provide.

Unless these known elements are taken into account, the mortgage may involve commitments that will be impossible to fulfill at a given time, even though they impose no severe burden over the whole term. A budget plan, for example, may be invaluable in spreading uneven income over an even amortization period, and a reserve built up in years of prosperity to meet the mortgage payments in periods of reduced income or actual unemployment may prove a vital precaution.
Such personal questions as these should be fully discussed with the loan officer of the institution from which you contemplate asking for a loan, even before you make application for a mortgage, just as you would consult your architect on the matter of room arrangement or exterior facing even before the ground is broken. The best way to safeguard your home against the unexpected contingencies is to take them into account now, when you arrange your home financing.

There are many classes of reliable home financing institutions, all in competition for good loans as investments. The choice between savings or commercial banks and trust companies, insurance companies, mortgage companies, building and loan associations, and others must be made by the applicant himself in the light of local conditions and his own personal circumstances.

There is one further good reason for having a thorough discussion with experienced home loan officers, even before you have settled upon the house that you are going to build or buy. They know local real estate values and building costs, and can help you select a suitable location or avoid a neighborhood that is on the down-grade.

That, alone, may save you hundreds of dollars on even a small home in years to come—perhaps even in the original purchase price of the house.

The better managed home-financing institutions are now able to put you in touch with various competent local architects and reliable contractors, in case you wish to have their suggestions in those directions. They recognize that sound plans and good construction protect their own investment in your home, and they realize that architectural service is a personal matter for every home owner—that good homes of distinctive character cannot be built out of blue-prints sold by the gross.

Today, as never in the past, you can carry out your plans for home-ownership in the knowledge that a strong, effective combination is ready to work in your interest—the architects, the home-financing institutions, and the various housing agencies of the Government. They can help you have the type of home that you prefer, if it can be built within your means—and they may be especially useful in bringing that home down to the lowest possible cost, now and for the future.
The Federal Housing Administration

By Stewart McDonald

Federal Housing Administrator

When the Federal Housing Administration was founded in June, 1934, the mortgage and building fields were still in a chaotic condition, although public confidence in the soundness of other forms of enterprise had been restored, with business already started on its slow climb back to normal conditions.

Foreclosure rates were heavy, and the public was, naturally, unwilling to undertake home ownership when friends and neighbors were losing their homes. Residential construction dropped to its lowest point in 1934 with only 30,000 one- and two-family dwelling units constructed, as against an estimated average for the decade of the 1920's of 700,000 units per year. Mortgage money was available in only a few places, and then at a premium.

The changes which the last three years have brought can be illustrated by a report of the operations of the Federal Housing Administration. In closing its books for the fiscal year ending June 30, the Administration announced that since the beginning of its program it had transacted business amounting to nearly $1,750,000,000. This included modernization and repair notes insured (this activity ended March 31, 1937), mortgages selected for appraisal and commitments to insure large-scale housing mortgages. The total of mortgages selected for appraisal has now passed the $1,140,000,000 mark. More than 210,000 individual home mortgages amounting to $852,775,000 have been accepted for insurance.

Since the Federal Housing Administration lends no money and insures loans made by private lending institutions, it will be seen from this report that ample quantities of mortgage money are now available. Public confidence has been restored, as evidenced by the fact that approximately 2,500 families are being added each week to the list of more than 200,000 families whose mortgages for buying or building homes have already been accepted for insurance. Residential building is well on the road to recovery. It is estimated that last year 270,000 one- and two-family dwelling units were constructed, and it appears possible that as many as 450,000 units will be built this year, if favorable factors continue to influence the situation.

The rapid improvement in the home building and mortgage situations is due in no small part to the Insured Mortgage System, and to the new concept of home mortgage financing which the Federal Housing Administration has introduced. The insured mortgage is not only a more modern form of mortgage financing, specifically suited to the needs of the vast majority of wage and salary earners, but new safeguards have been introduced into the mortgage transaction. This has restored confidence.

It is significant that what might be termed, broadly, to be the "average" American citizen is coming more and more to buy homes, using insured mortgages. More than 50 per cent of persons obtaining insured mortgages from approved private lending institutions receive incomes of $2,500 or less per year.

During the past five months of this year, when costs were rising and prices were responding to increased demand, the average new construction mortgage of the Federal Housing Administration decreased in amount by $280, with the average mortgage accepted at the present time being $4,613. At the same time the number of individual cases accepted for insurance increased 94 per cent. This is good indication that families of moderate means are again buying homes, using a form of mortgage financing which is eminently fitted to their particular means and needs.

While the average person is prone to forget unpleasant events, it is hardly possible that the American people can have forgotten the evils of the first and second mortgage system, which, with speculative building of shoddy houses, was a major cause of the severity of the last real estate debacle. It is necessary to remember the details of that system if the innovations of the Insured Mortgage System are to be properly understood.

During the last building boom, the short-term, renewable, first and second mortgage was in general use. Because it was possible to obtain second mortgages, down-payments were small, and families tended to borrow mort-
The deficiencies of this system did not become apparent, fully, until the last depression. Lending institutions were faced on the one hand with decreased earnings and on the other with demands from depositors for cash. When mortgages fell due, banks were unable to renew them, demanding payment of the mortgage in full. Borrowers who were finding it difficult enough to meet the sizable lump sum interest payments and renewal fees, were unable to meet these demands and were forced to surrender their homes.

Another flaw in the old form of mortgage financing was the lack of a check on the purchase of badly constructed, "jerry-built" houses. The appraisal system used by most lending institutions was not comprehensive enough to act as a check upon the acceptance of loans on poorly constructed houses.

Many families, therefore, purchased undesirable houses which began to deteriorate almost immediately. Because of the faulty construction and the use of poor materials, these houses were a constant source of expense to the owners. Home ownership became a burden to many families. Homes which were neither well built nor attractive did not appear to be worth the sacrifices which many families found it necessary to make. Therefore, many families ceased to make the sacrifices and allowed their homes to be taken by the mortgage lender.

The Insured Mortgage System was devised to eliminate many of these serious defects which contributed to the instability of the mortgage market. The first and second mortgage was eliminated and techniques were devised to curb over-buying, over-borrowing, speculative building and land development.

First, the Insured Mortgage System provides for one single mortgage, carrying a rate of interest of not more than 5 per cent, plus a permissible service charge of one-half of 1 per cent and the mortgage insurance premium of one-half of 1 per cent per annum. The initial service charge is limited to 1 per cent on mortgages on existing structures and 2½ per cent on those involving new houses. There are no renewal fees.

Secondly, the Insured Mortgage System provides for a long-term, 80 per cent mortgage, which is repayable over periods as long as 20 years. The Federal Housing Administration insures the institutions against loss, but does not lend the money directly. The insurance makes it possible for the lending institution to make long term loans at the favorable terms provided.

Mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration have a third advantage over the old-style mortgage. Provision is made for the repayment of the principal amount of the mortgage in small monthly installments. Interest payments, service charges, and mortgage premiums are also included in the monthly installment. Fire and hazard insurance and taxes are estimated and paid month by month, so that the property is in good standing at all times.

Since the mortgage can run for as long as 20 years, the monthly payments can be small, as small, in many instances, as rent previously paid. At the end of last year, it was found that approximately 60 per cent of families holding insured mortgages were making monthly payments of $30.00 or less, including taxes, insurance, and mortgage premium. Due to the decrease in the size of the average mortgage during the last six months, the proportion of families paying $30.00 or less is probably larger at the present time.

From the borrower's point of view, there are other advantages in the insured mortgage. At its simplest, the buying of a home is one of the most involved transactions which any family undertakes. Few people understand the many technical problems inherent in the buying of a home, and unless they are able to employ experts to check the transactions, errors are bound to be made.

The Federal Housing Administration requires that every mortgage insured shall be sound in every detail. In order to assure the acceptance of only sound loans, the Administration has established risk rating and valuation techniques which are applied by technically trained men, thoroughly familiar with the various phases of the mortgage transactions. Borrowers submitting their mortgages for insurance benefit from this additional check on the transaction.

During the last building boom, home buyers were led to spend more for homes than they could well afford. This over-buying almost inevitably resulted, in the end, in foreclosure of the mortgage, the loss of the home, and the loss of the confidence of the family in their ability to purchase a home.

The borrower rating system of the Federal Housing Administration does much to prevent families obtaining insured mortgages from paying more for houses than is justified by their incomes. The borrower rating unit, in each insuring office, is authorized to reject loans in cases where it appears that the house which is being bought is more expensive than the income of the family, and its
other assets, seem to justify. This insistence that the transaction should be sound in every respect has the further value of giving proper importance to the home buying transaction. Home buying is something more, under present conditions, than a real estate deal.

The same stress is laid upon the soundness of the house and the stability of the neighborhood in which the house is located. The Administration has full power to reject any loan which is not economically sound. When it appears that the house, offered as security, is not well planned, well built, and well suited to the neighborhood in which it is located, the property rating unit of the underwriting staff can recommend the rejection of the loan.

In setting up the Insured Mortgage System, the Federal Housing Administration prepared nation-wide property standards and construction requirements to which every house offered as security must conform. These standards are made effective by the inspection procedure devised by the Administration.

Plans and specifications for new houses are examined by the Administration before the house is started. During the course of construction, inspectors visit the site and thoroughly check the work for conformity to specifications. Thus the house must be as good as originally specified, or it will be rejected.

Existing houses are thoroughly examined, and any deviations from the standards set up by the Administration must be rectified before the mortgage is insured. The eventual owner of the property is given additional protection by the Administration’s insistence that the property is sound.

The Administration also insists that the neighborhood in which the property is located conform to at least minimum standards set up. Neighborhoods must be attractive, stable, and contain all the elements for comfortable living, for the future as well as the present. In the case of new subdivisions, the Administration demands that before loans are insured in a subdivision, the neighborhood must be supplied with public utilities, with streets and sidewalks, with cheap transportation, with stores, schools and the other features necessary for convenient living.

It must be evident that the system of home ownership mentioned above, has eliminated the inequalities and abuses in the old haphazard form of home buying. This greater protection has been recognized by the lending institutions and the buying public, alike. The increase in the mortgage business of the Administration during the last year is sufficient proof of this fact.

The proportionately larger increase in the number and value of mortgages on small houses being received by the Administration is further proof that the base of home ownership is being broadened. More than 50 per cent of persons obtaining mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration receive annual incomes of $2,500 or less. This increase in home ownership among the “average” American citizens is the final proof of the value of the Insured Mortgage System.
WHAT THE PUBLIC SAYS IT WANTS

When 11,207 people set down in great detail exactly what they want in a house, the importance of these facts to prospective home builders and buyers needs no embellishment. Such a body of facts has now been collected, is presented herewith.

In publishing the results of this unprecedented survey, THE ARCHITECTURAL FORUM pays tribute to the Niagara Hudson System (operating public utility companies which embrace the territory between the Hudson River and Niagara Falls) which initiated and is carrying out this realistic program to define the new standards for today’s house. The data published in this issue were compiled from replies to a questionnaire prepared by THE FORUM’s editors and distributed to a quarter of a million customers of the Niagara Hudson System.

Accompanying the tabulation of the data, which has been organized by price groups, THE FORUM presents a plan for a composite house in the $8,500 class. This composite should be viewed as a literal rather than an architectural interpretation of the survey’s findings. This is followed by critical comment and, finally, by a portfolio of 131 recently built houses which show a variety of contemporary solutions to many of the problems exposed in the survey.

The survey offers much room for speculation and study. While some of the data undoubtedly reflect purely local preferences, for the most part the findings are of national significance. Two facts stand out most clearly: first, the woman who has been emancipated from the back-breaking drudgery of housework now serves notice that she will insist on even greater conveniences and comforts than in the past; second, advocates of new ideas in planning still have a long way to go to convince the public of the superiority of basic changes from long-accustomed room arrangements. It will probably take a decade of evolution to break down some of these fixed ideas, so deeply rooted in the past are they. This is a challenge which should be met, not by words, but by building houses whose planning is as advanced as the standard of home equipment today.
11,207 replies to the questionnaire were received and carefully tabulated. These were first divided according to price class into groups. In the largest group were those who expected to pay between $7,000 and $8,500 for the house and lot. These groups were next subdivided into sub-groups showing the amount of cash payment which those answering the questionnaire were prepared to make and the number of years they would want to pay off the balance.

THE replies were also divided into groups of those now renting homes and those who are now home owners and those who do and those who do not expect to build or buy a home within the next two years.

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YEARS TO PAY

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<th>UNDER 10 YEARS</th>
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<td>10 To 15 Years</td>
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RENTERS—HOME OWNERS

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<th>Now Rent</th>
<th>371</th>
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<td>Now Own</td>
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<td>% Renters</td>
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MAY BUILD—WON'T BUILD

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<td>% Builders</td>
<td>10%</td>
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PREFERRED LOCATION. Overwhelming preference for the outlying residence section was indicated. 96% expressed a desire to live either in an outlying residence section or beyond city limits. Less than 5% chose to live near the main business section.

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<td>Residence Section</td>
<td>366</td>
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<td>Further Out</td>
<td>165</td>
<td>34%</td>
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BOLD FACE TYPE IS USED THROUGHOUT TO EMPHASIZE DOMINANT VOTES XXV
FAMILY SIZE. The typical family was found to consist of an adult couple having one or two children, if these groups are considered together; but the largest single classification was two adults with no children. Significant was the fact that less than 4% of those in the price class below $8,500—and only 6% of those below $10,000—needed a servant’s room.

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<th>FAMILY GROUPS</th>
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<th>1,226</th>
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<td>4 ADULTS, 4 CHILDREN</td>
<td>86</td>
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<td>TOTAL IN THESE GROUPS</td>
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PET PEEVES. “Not enough closet space,” “not enough electrical outlets” and “can’t heat rooms evenly” proved to be the pet peeves of most of those answering the questionnaire. Peeves are listed below in their order of importance as determined by the tabulation, each of the voters having named the five worst.

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<th>$35,000-$40,000</th>
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<tr>
<td>1 ADULT</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>41</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>203</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<tr>
<td>2 ADULTS</td>
<td>284</td>
<td>1,144</td>
<td>1,232</td>
<td>682</td>
<td>1,137</td>
<td>924</td>
<td>240</td>
<td>133</td>
<td>5,876</td>
<td>52%</td>
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<td>3 OR MORE</td>
<td>506</td>
<td>647</td>
<td>819</td>
<td>493</td>
<td>1,046</td>
<td>912</td>
<td>355</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>4,634</td>
<td>41%</td>
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<td>BOY</td>
<td>111</td>
<td>478</td>
<td>506</td>
<td>301</td>
<td>507</td>
<td>469</td>
<td>179</td>
<td>69</td>
<td>2,622</td>
<td>23%</td>
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<td>2 OR MORE</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>325</td>
<td>279</td>
<td>153</td>
<td>303</td>
<td>253</td>
<td>113</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>1,563</td>
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<td>GIRL</td>
<td>113</td>
<td>478</td>
<td>496</td>
<td>314</td>
<td>524</td>
<td>471</td>
<td>164</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>2,611</td>
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<td>2 OR MORE</td>
<td>82</td>
<td>280</td>
<td>285</td>
<td>133</td>
<td>273</td>
<td>243</td>
<td>97</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>1,437</td>
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<td>1 SERVANT</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>71</td>
<td>64</td>
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<td>90</td>
<td>90</td>
<td>88</td>
<td>903</td>
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<td>2 OR MORE</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>16</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>43</td>
<td>43</td>
<td>180</td>
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ARCHITECTURAL SERVICE. “If you were planning to build a house, whom would you go to first?” 4,752, or 45% answered: “To an architect.” The next larger group chose the builder, next the realtor, and so on in the order given below. It is notable that even in the price class below $5,000 the architect was placed first of all.

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<td>ARCHITECT</td>
<td>245</td>
<td>594</td>
<td>789</td>
<td>510</td>
<td>1,019</td>
<td>1,030</td>
<td>422</td>
<td>143</td>
<td>4,752</td>
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<td>%</td>
<td>54%</td>
<td>33%</td>
<td>38%</td>
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<td>46%</td>
<td>55%</td>
<td>60%</td>
<td>63%</td>
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<td>BUILDER</td>
<td>52</td>
<td>349</td>
<td>416</td>
<td>221</td>
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<td>245</td>
<td>77</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>1,729</td>
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<td>12%</td>
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COMMENTS. Besides the answers to the various questions contained in the questionnaire, more than 9,000 comments were received. These are especially significant in view of the fact that they evidently represent features particularly dear to the heart of the home-buying public. Strangest request was for an Aviary, and foremost in point of numbers was the demand for a fireplace in the living room. Next in this order came open porch, laundry chute, cedar closet and sun porch. Figures for the five commonest comments are given below. Percentage figures are per cent of total comments.

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THE HOUSE. The balance of the questionnaire dealt specifically with the house itself. In order to show graphically what the home-buying public thinks it wants—the editors of The Forum present a house having all of the features which those answering the questionnaire felt that their home must have, and as many of the things which they said they would like to have as seemed even remotely possible within the price range specified by the largest group. To the hypothetical architect or builder who is able to build the public's Five Star house for $8,500 should come, on the basis of the questionnaire, a hypothetically unlimited amount of business. And to the flesh-and-blood architect or builder who is able to give the buying public a good many of the things which it wants at something like the price it is prepared to pay should come the lion's share of the flesh-and-blood business.

POSITION ON LOT. The home-buyer wants, first of all, a house set in the middle of the lot. Less than 20% are prepared to accept a house located at the front of the lot with the living rooms facing the rear. Tabulated returns indicate that this preference is independent of price class division.
BASEMENT. The majority called for a basement under the entire house, and a basement laundry. Almost 80% wanted a basement recreation room, and 20% of these felt that they must have such a room. The majority also felt that they must have a storage room for fruits and vegetables in the basement.

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RECREATION ROOM

| MUST HAVE | 92 | 208 | 306 | 228 | 453 | 507 | 241 | 91 | 2,126 | 20% |
| WOULD LIKE | 355 | 1,017 | 1,260 | 722 | 1,377 | 1,114 | 355 | 100 | 6,300 | 59% |
| NOT NEEDED | 151 | 598 | 499 | 247 | 383 | 257 | 110 | 35 | 2,280 | 21% |

LAUNDRY

| IN BASEMENT | 483 | 1,531 | 1,726 | 1,004 | 1,833 | 1,556 | 558 | 182 | 8,873 | 82% |
| FIRST FLOOR | 139 | 273 | 330 | 175 | 327 | 283 | 117 | 38 | 1,682 | 16% |
| NONE | 10 | 46 | 38 | 29 | 46 | 40 | 27 | 12 | 248 | 2% |

FRUIT & VEGETABLE ROOM

| MUST HAVE | 294 | 964 | 1,136 | 686 | 1,224 | 1,059 | 393 | 122 | 5,878 | 55% |
| WOULD LIKE | 275 | 743 | 767 | 420 | 803 | 643 | 245 | 72 | 3,986 | 37% |
| NOT NEEDED | 44 | 124 | 148 | 92 | 162 | 167 | 62 | 34 | 833 | 8% |

HEATING. Besides listing “Can’t heat rooms evenly” third among their “pet peeves,” most of those answering the question had a good idea of what sort of heating plant they must have in their next home—one which provides thermostatic control and means for circulating the air. In addition, they would like to have other features of air conditioning.

THERMOSTATIC CONTROL

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AIR CONDITIONING

| MUST HAVE | 148 | 360 | 509 | 331 | 652 | 684 | 314 | 119 | 3,117 | 30% |
| WOULD LIKE | 460 | 1,291 | 1,429 | 788 | 1,430 | 1,091 | 366 | 92 | 6,849 | 65% |
| NOT NEEDED | 34 | 124 | 98 | 56 | 79 | 62 | 14 | 11 | 478 | 5% |

1. CIRCULATION

| 389 | 1,113 | 1,225 | 809 | 1,307 | 1,098 | 408 | 115 | 6,464 | 48% |

2. COOLING

| 198 | 541 | 685 | 319 | 630 | 506 | 172 | 61 | 3,112 | 23% |

3. FILTERING

| 149 | 445 | 518 | 351 | 638 | 542 | 220 | 65 | 2,928 | 22% |

4. HUMIDIFYING

| 49 | 142 | 179 | 94 | 216 | 169 | 61 | 16 | 926 | 7% |
1. RECREATION ROOM
2. FRUIT AND VEGETABLES
3. FUEL
4. HEATER
5. LAUNDRY
   A. DUMBWAITER
   B. AREAWAY
   C. STAIR HALL

MANDATORY
BASEMENT UNDER ENTIRE HOUSE
RECREATION ROOM
BASEMENT LAUNDRY
FRUIT AND VEGETABLE STORAGE
AUTOMATIC HEATING PLANT WITH PROVISION FOR CIRCULATION OF AIR
**FIRST FLOOR.** Except that it would like to have a ground floor bedroom or den, the home-buying public still wants a perfectly conventional first floor layout: separate living and dining rooms on the street side of the house; breakfast nook in the kitchen; lavatory and vestibule. On the question of the attached garage they are about evenly divided.

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FIVE STAR HOUSE

FIRST FLOOR

1. LIVING ROOM
2. DINING ROOM
3. KITCHEN
4. BEDROOM OR DEN
5. (OPTIONAL) PORCH
6. GARAGE
   A. VESTIBULE
   B. HALL
   C. LAUNDRY CHUTE
   D. DUMBWAITER

MANDATORY
PLENTY OF OUTLETS
LIVING ROOM ON STREET SIDE
SEPARATE DINING ROOM
DINING NOOK IN KITCHEN
GROUND FLOOR BEDROOM OR DEN
ENTRANCE VESTIBULE
LAVATORY
OPTIONAL ATTACHED GARAGE
KITCHEN CABINETS
KITCHEN VENTILATING FAN
SECOND FLOOR. The majority want three bedrooms on the second floor. Two of these must be double bedrooms. There must be two second floor bathrooms in addition to the first floor lavatory, which in the Five Star House [which has a shower in the lavatory on the first floor] makes three bathrooms in all.

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CLOSET AND STORAGE SPACE. Since 58% of those answering the questionnaire placed "not enough closet space" first among their "pet peeves" another plan requirement is plenty of closet space. This has been interpreted to mean at least one closet per bedroom, two closets or double closet for double bedrooms, linen closet, utility closet and storage space for trunks in houses without attics.

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WALLS

1. BRICK | 292 | 877 | 1,053 | 610 | 1,098 | 864 | 306 | 107 | 5,207 | 46% |
2. STONE | 74 | 209 | 287 | 180 | 323 | 237 | 109 | 48 | 1,057 | 14% |
3. CLAPBOARD | 52 | 271 | 307 | 173 | 281 | 233 | 92 | 30 | 1,439 | 13% |
4. SHINGLES | 61 | 199 | 281 | 157 | 249 | 202 | 78 | 22 | 1,249 | 11% |
5. COMBINATION | 32 | 153 | 156 | 118 | 189 | 194 | 62 | 23 | 927 | 8% |
6. STUCCO | 32 | 151 | 183 | 93 | 175 | 144 | 53 | 17 | 854 | 8% |
7. CONG. BLOCKS | 22 | 82 | 79 | 49 | 99 | 24 | 9 | 456 | 4% |

ROOF

1. ASBESTOS SHINGLE | 227 | 820 | 903 | 468 | 841 | 592 | 190 | 44 | 4,085 | 36% |
2. SLATE | 106 | 331 | 372 | 255 | 470 | 384 | 136 | 32 | 2,086 | 19% |
3. COMPOSITION SHINGLES | 74 | 279 | 339 | 243 | 368 | 303 | 126 | 30 | 1,762 | 16% |
4. TILE | 66 | 246 | 291 | 146 | 294 | 214 | 89 | 26 | 1,372 | 12% |
5. WOOD SHINGLES | 37 | 190 | 252 | 142 | 236 | 209 | 84 | 21 | 1,171 | 10% |
6. METAL | 37 | 129 | 111 | 62 | 136 | 126 | 29 | 13 | 643 | 6% |
1. MASTER BEDROOM
2. BEDROOM
3. BEDROOM
4. SLEEPING PORCH MAY BE ADDED HERE
A. STAIR HALL
B. STORAGE
C. LAUNDRY CHUTE

MANDATORY
PLENTY OF CLOSET SPACE
TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS
TWO SINGLE BEDROOMS
(ONE ON GROUND FLOOR)
TWO BATHROOMS
OPTIONAL SLEEPING PORCH
STYLE. That the American taste, at least so far as architecture is concerned, still leans heavily toward the conservative, traditional styles was once again demonstrated by the answers to the Five Star Questionnaire. The overwhelming preference was for the various Colonial styles, with Dutch Colonial the most popular of these. Next came English, with 22% of the total vote; followed by Modern, which polled 11%. Practically everyone favored the two story type. Choice was on the basis of the illustrations shown at the left of the figures.

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ELEVATIONS OF FIVE STAR HOUSE SHOWN OPPOSITE
MANDATORY
DUTCH COLONIAL STYLE
BRICK WALLS
ASBESTOS SHINGLE ROOF
SEE ALSO PLAN REQUIREMENTS

*CLAPBOARDS, WHICH WERE THIRD CHOICE, HAVE BEEN SHOWN INSTEAD BECAUSE THIS MATERIAL SEEMED MORE APPROPRIATE TO THE STYLE AND PLAN USED.
INTERIOR FINISHES

WALL FINISHES

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KITCHEN CABINETS

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KITCHEN COUNTER SURFACE

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INSULATION (WALL AND CEILING) The decided demand for insulation is noteworthy.

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Fifty "Don'ts" for the Prospective Small Home Builder

By Howard Leland Smith
Chief Architect of Federal Housing Administration

1. Don't plan to spend more than twice the average yearly income of your family for a house and lot.

2. Don't buy a lot without obtaining a clear title and a written guarantee from seller that you will not be burdened with future assessments for paving of roads, sewer installations, or other land improvements.

3. Don't buy a lot which is not served by electricity and a public water system.

4. Don't buy a lot, the location of which makes it subject to damage by floods or other elements of a destructive nature.

5. Don't buy a lot where sub-soil conditions make wet basements a possibility.

6. Don't buy a lot which is not protected by suitable recorded restrictions and which is not in close proximity to transportation lines, schools, churches, streets, etc.

7. Don't buy a lot which, on account of its size, may become burdensome in its proper upkeep.

8. Don't buy a lot, the contours of which will make the location of the house a difficult and costly problem.

9. Don't plan your house without the complete service of a competent architect or when not available a dependable plan service which provides for personal supervision.

10. Don't obtain plans which do not conform to building codes, fire restrictions, and sanitary laws covering the proposed site.

11. Don't locate your house on the lot or determine its floor elevations in relation to finished grade levels without the presence of your architect or his agent.

12. Don't plan your house without giving consideration to the orientation of the living room and cross ventilation for the kitchen and bedrooms.

13. Don't place your house high out of the ground for the sake of natural light for your basement or the possible saving in the cost of excavation.

14. Don't plan half or part basement when a full basement costs no more.

15. Don't build areaways and exterior bulk heads unless adequate drainage for each can be provided.

16. Don't allow finished grading to slope towards foundation walls.

17. Don't locate house close to side lot lines or far back from street when the rear of lot can be attractively developed for gardening.

18. Don't place garage at back of lot when a location nearer the street will save cost of extra driveway and its maintenance.

19. Don't provide for a detached garage when an attached one can be made more serviceable and lend greater breadth to the house.

20. Don't open garage doors to the back or side unless required to by deed restrictions or other regulations.

21. Don't locate garage away from service side of house.

22. Don't make garage so small that it will not provide adequate space for garden tools, lawn mowers, bicycles, etc.

23. Don't design a house, the exterior of which will not be in character with the neighboring houses.

24. Don't plan other than a square or rectangular shaped house unless circumstances make it necessary.

25. Don't design or build false gables.

26. Don't plan for more than one chimney.

27. Don't plan false fire places.

28. Don't locate chimneys in roof valleys.

29. Don't design and build complicated roofs.

30. Don't design long sweeps of roofs with only an exterior false wall to carry the lower portion.
31. Don't build exterior false walls with arches or openings unless they have a real purpose.
32. Don't use a variety of materials on the exterior which increases the cost and tends to make the elevations restless.
33. Don't use different size window sash unless room use demands it.
34. Don't use materials on exterior which do not provide adequate resistance to the elements common to the locality.
35. Don’t use a variety of color when painting your house.
36. Don’t use unseasoned lumber.
37. Don’t use second grade materials.
38. Don’t try to save money by buying materials other than through your contractor.
39. Don’t allow a complicated floor plan.
40. Don’t allow for hall space other than that necessary to obtain privacy in passing from one room to another.
41. Don’t cut up wall surfaces with openings so that furniture cannot be suitably located.
42. Don’t arrange rooms so that one has to pass from a bedroom through another room to reach the bath.
43. Don’t plan your rooms so that unnecessary corners are required.
44. Don’t dimension rooms so that you cannot take advantage of standard lengths and stock sizes of structural materials.
45. Don’t design your house so that you cannot use stock mill work wherever required.
46. Don’t design complicated stairways, but provide direct runs as will tend to simplify floor framing even though it be necessary to use stair winders.
47. Don’t start construction work until heating, plumbing and electrical plans have been carefully worked out in conjunction with framing plans.
48. Don’t locate plumbing fixtures in a manner as will demand unnecessary runs of pipe.
49. Don’t use new materials, new methods of construction or mechanical equipment which have not been approved by a recognized laboratory or which have not proved themselves by continued usage.
50. Don’t fail to put into writing all contracts, agreements, or requests for possible changes with your architect, builder, or others connected with the construction of your home.
A BRIEF CHECK LIST OF QUESTIONS
TO ASK YOURSELF BEFORE BUILDING A HOME

About the Neighborhood

Has my architect approved my choice of site?
Is the neighborhood appropriate for my means?
Are stores convenient?
Is the school convenient?
Is the church convenient?
Are parks and playgrounds convenient?
Are there facilities for the sports and recreation I am interested in?
How far removed is the railroad station?
Are buses or trolleys near at hand? How often do they run? What is the fare?
Is police protection adequate?
Is the firehouse reasonably near?
How expensive is fire insurance in this neighborhood?
Are the streets well lighted after dark?
Is this neighborhood restricted so as to keep out ugly buildings?
Am I protected in this respect for a number of years?
Is this section improving, deteriorating, or standing still?
How will my house compare in appearance to others in the neighborhood?

About the Lot

Will the lot size, building restrictions, and location of adjoining houses make possible the development of a good indoor and outdoor living arrangement?
Will the surroundings make possible a correct orientation of rooms without lack of privacy?
Are there trees or shrubs on the lot?
Can these be saved?
Is the lot graded so that surface water will not drain into the cellar?
Are adjacent lots graded so that they will not drain into mine?
If there are stone walls, are there "weep" holes in them to facilitate proper drainage?
Is the back yard suitable for children playing? For hanging out wash? For sitting out back if I want to? For a garden if I want one?
Is the back yard properly separated from neighbors?
Can I take care of snow removal in winter, or is there so much walk and steps to handle that I may frequently need help, adding to cost?
Does the general situation protect me against undue exposure to the north in winter which may raise my heating bills ten, twenty, or even fifty dollars a winter over some other location?
Is the location cool in summer?
Will the lawn be reasonably easy to mow or must I hire help?
Am I next to a vacant lot full of weeds which will make a good lawn impossible?
Is the lot in keeping with the house? (The lot should be worth about \( \frac{1}{2} \) as much as the house itself. A more expensive lot adds nothing to total value if you are buying.)
Are the lot dimensions as stated by the renter or seller?

About the House

If there is a view, does the plan take full advantage of it?
Are the main rooms properly oriented in relation to sun and prevailing winds in summer?
If there should be need of future additions does the plan provide for them?
Is the plan sufficiently adaptable to the requirements of an average family so that the house might be readily sold if necessary?
Will the exterior materials require frequent repair or replacement, or are they well suited to local conditions?
Is circulation within the house easy? Is it necessary to pass through the living room to get to the private quarters? Has the guest room sufficient privacy?
Does the house "furnish" well? Is there ample space for beds, couches, tables, etc?
Is it so unusual in appearance that it will get tiresome though it attracts us today?
Is it compact and without ells and other projections which may make it costly to heat?
40 IMPORTANT POINTS IN HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

1. Roof
2. Chimney masonry, cap, etc.
3. Flashing
4. Attic ventilation, attic room
5. Exterior trim
6. Wall-board, plaster, etc.
7. Closet space, shelves, etc.
8. Outlets and wiring
9. Flooring—finished lumber, tile, linoleum, etc.
10. Plumbing and fixtures
11. Gutters, downspouts
12. Kitchen equipment
13. Paint, wallpaper, interior decoration
15. Fireplace, mantel, flue, etc.
16. Joists and subflooring
17. Interior trim
18. Grading and landscaping
19. Recreation room, laundry, workshop, etc.
20. Heating plant
21. Rafters, studding
22. Roof sheathing
23. Dormers
24. Doors and hardware
25. Weather-stripping
26. Electric fixtures
27. Lath
28. Sheathing and insulation
29. Window frames and sash
30. Blinds, shutters
31. Exterior walls
32. Garage—tool space, workshop, etc.
33. Porch—bench, transom, door columns, etc.
34. Stairway—treads, rails, balusters, etc.
35. Steps—brick, wood, concrete, tile, etc.
36. Walks and drives
37. Foundation walls
38. Basement floor
39. Drain tile
40. Footing
CONTEMPORARY HOUSES

A NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION OF SOUND ARCHITECTURAL PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS

The collection which follows shows the best houses being built in the U.S. today. That is so because this is a twice distilled collection. Distilled once and formidably from the hundreds of pictures which pass over the editorial desks of The Architectural Forum every month. Distilled once again from those we finally judged good enough for the pages of the magazine. Study these houses. Try living in them. Take a long look at the exterior. Then concentrate on the floor plans, moving slowly and thoughtfully in mind’s eye from room to room. Presently you will become aware of the problems of planning in a more professional degree and learn what a talented architect can accomplish within the restriction of four walls. Which is distinctly worth your while. Because talented as the architect may be, his indispensable and chief collaborator is always the client. Turn the page for Lesson One.
The chief defect in much small house design is its failure to achieve the proper scale, a result, possibly, of the persistent tendency to regard the small house as a large house compressed, rather than a special problem with its own peculiar characteristics. This example has successfully solved the problem of scale by treating the details with an appropriate simplicity; there is no deceptively molded cornice, no ornamentation around the entrance save a pair of plain pilasters, and the broad clapboards give a proper effect of small size. Advantage was taken of the hillside to obtain a garage within the house and an unexcavated basement. The plan is uncomplicated, with all the plumbing located at the unexcavated end. Cubage: 15,239. Cost: $3,900 at about 26 cents per cubic foot.
STUDIO

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION

STRUCTURE

ROOF
Sheathing, 1/2 in., paper, 18 in. cedar shingles.

CHIMNEY
Lining—terra cotta. Heatilator Co. unit built-in fireplace.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing, gutters, leaders—galvanized iron.

WINDOWS
Sash—wood, double hung. Glass—single strength, quality A. Screens—bronze, wood frames.

FLOORS

WOODWORK
Trim and cabinets—stock, Morgan Co. Living room—batten doors.

HARDWARE
Interior and exterior—P. & F. Corbin.

PAINTING
Interior: Ceilings, trim and sash—3 coats oil paint. Exterior walls—2 coats shingle paint. All paint by Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
Wiring system and switches—General Electric Co. KITCHEN EQUIPMENT
Stove and refrigerator—electric, General Electric Co.

PLUMBING

HEATING
Not included at present.

CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
The problem here, to build a dwelling for one person as inexpensively as possible, could hardly be solved for less money than was spent. The living room occupies most of the space, with an interesting arrangement of the other rooms, showing how compact bedroom, kitchen, and bath can be when it is necessary to save space. The bedroom has been planned to hold one bed and a minimum of furniture, but could not be considered cramped. Plain boards take the place of more expensive interior finish. The house was planned for future expansion. Cubage: 8,320. Cost: $1,000 at 12 cents per cubic foot.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION: Concrete blocks. Fir posts.
ROOF: Wood rafters, cedar shingles, galvanized iron flashing.
MILL WORK: Casement windows, French doors, cupboards, shelves and door frames—Douglas fir.
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: Wiring and switches—Trumbull Electric Manufacturing Co.
HEATING: Circulating heater and fireplace.

CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
An interesting experiment in the combining of garage and living facilities. The cantilevered second floor subordinates the garage and relieves the severity of the mass.

*The architect comments:* "This garage apartment was built at the rear of a duplex apartment. The owner now uses this for her living quarters and rents both of the apartments in the duplex."

Cost: $2,376.

**CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE**

**FOUNDATION:** Brick piers, concrete footings.

**STRUCTURE:** Exterior walls—siding on 2x4 in. studs, 24 in. o.c.; T. & G. shiplap, wallpaper on canvas. Floor construction—oak, 2 x 10 in. joists, 24 in. o.c.

**ROOF:** Construction—sheathing on roof joists, covered with built-up roofing.

**WINDOWS:** Sash—pine, double hung. Glass—double strength, quality A. Screens—copper in wood frames.

**STAIRS:** Treads—oak. Risers—pine.


**WOODWORK:** Trim, shelving and cabinets—pine. Interior doors—1½ in. stock. Exterior doors—1¼ in. panel.

**HARDWARE:** Interior and exterior—dull nickel.

**PAINTING:** All painting—3 coats lead and oil. Floors—3 coats varnish.


**BATHROOM EQUIPMENT:** Shower and metal cabinet, Henry Weiss Manufacturing Co., Inc. All other fixtures by Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co.

**PLUMBING:** Pipes—copper tubing.

**HEATING:** Gas outlets in all rooms.

CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
Making good use of a steeply sloping site, this house is entered at an intermediate landing of the stairs. The high living space, sheathed with mahogany plywood, affords flexible areas for dining and entertaining. Cabinets and coat closet, also treated as cabinet-work, are arranged for maximum convenience. Disciplined by the size of the plywood panels, the exterior is a simple and frank expression of the well ventilated and illuminated interior. The grouping of windows at corners permits of the most advantageous use of wall surface for furniture. Cubage: 9,000. Cost: approximately $2,900 at 31 cents per cubic foot.
CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

STRUCTURE

ROOF
Wood joist covered with diagonal 1 in. Oregon pine sheathing, 4-ply tar and gravel, Paraffine Companies, Inc.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing and leaders—24 gauge galvanized iron, American Rolling Mill Co. Gutters—California redwood.

WINDOWS

FLOORS
Living room—salvaged teakwood. Bedrooms and halls—common white oak.

FLOOR COVERINGS
Kitchen and bathroom—linoleum, Jaspe, grade B, Armstrong Cork Products Co.

WOODWORK

PAINTING

PLUMBING

HEATING
Gas burning warm air blower type. Hot water heater—30 gallon galvanized iron tank, automatic storage, National Radiator Corp.
The Gunnison MagicHome is different from other prefabricated houses not only in construction, but also in the exterior treatment. Large and standardized wall units of built-up and insulated veneered wood panels allow for rapid construction. While the simplicity of the typical plan reduces complicated building to a minimum it nevertheless provides ample closet space and a logical sequence of rooms. The absence of entrance hall and separate dining room may be questioned, but these units are not indispensable in the small house located in a comparatively warm climate where the transition from the interior to the out of door may be sudden without discomfort. The exterior treatment is left to local architects, thereby allowing for the introduction, in these prefabricated units, of personal and in this particular case tasteful handling, thus relieving the sameness otherwise unavoidable in large groups of such residences. Cost: $2,650. Cubage: 10,900 at 24¼ cents.
CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
The architect has used reenforced concrete honestly not only as a structural material, but as a surface texture pleasing to the eye. The plan shows the difficulty involved by incorporating a large element, such as a two-car garage in a residence of this size. The studio loses much of its importance, although the adjacent porch is instrumental in relieving its narrowness. Furthermore, the use of large steel casements is eminent proof that the scale of window openings need not be brought down in the small house for the sake of appearances. Cost: $3,000.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE
STRUCTURE
FLOORS
Concrete floor on bar joists, finished in smoothed off concrete.
ROOF
Wood frame covered with asbestos shingles.
PLUMBING
All fixtures by Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co.

CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
While its disposition of all the rooms on one floor is in keeping with the present-day trend in California small houses, the emphasis on Colonial precedent, as indicated by the doorway, is something of a departure. Chief element in the plan is the living room, which serves as dining room and circulation to bedroom as well. Its irregular shape provides a dining alcove, and its placing allows cross ventilation. Cross ventilation, it will be noted, is obtained in all rooms, and the bedroom has windows on three exposures. In the latter room the placing of two beds might prove something of a problem. Two entrances are provided on the rear, one to the garden and one for service. Cost: $3,000.

CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
A rambling plan, ideally suited for a combination of outdoor and indoor activities in a year-round temperate climate. The large sliding glass doors allow for extreme elasticity and inter-relationship between the various elements, thus porches and terraces become ideally integrated with the more enclosed rooms. Through an efficient combination of built-in furniture and cabinets the plan has been rid of numerous partitions, and the relative importance of the living room defines this element as the central core of the residence. Sleeping, dining, and food preparation are considered subservient functions and the minimum necessary cubage is allowed them. The profusion of window area and the large overhang of the roof afford ample protection from inclement weather, while allowing for adequate ventilation. Externally this house follows no stylistic precedent, it is the expression of a thoughtfully designed plan. Cost: $3,000. Cubage: 7,700 at 40 cents.
CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

STRUCTURE
Wood frame, sheathing, outside finish, slate covered roofing felt fastened with horizontal wood strips.

ROOF
Same roofing felt as on outside walls.

WINDOWS
Sash—wood, special design. Wood sliding doors in living room.

WALL COVERINGS
All inside walls covered with plywood which is stained yellow.

CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
A minimum house in its shape, exterior treatment, and size of accommodations, this dwelling demonstrates the essential soundness of simplicity in small house design. Its only "architectural" feature is the shelter over the main entrance, an addition amply justified by its usefulness and by its accentuation of the doorway. The only element which detracts from its appearance is the scrubby, unimaginative planting so frequently used with houses of this type. Builders who spend money on landscaping would do well to study the manner in which early American wood houses were related to their surroundings. The plan is exceedingly compact and well laid out. Privacy is obtained for the bedrooms, and the one bath can be conveniently used as a lavatory for guests. Cost $3,094.

NATIONAL LUMBER
MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION
ELDRED MOWERY, DESIGNER

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION: 8 in. cinder blocks.
STRUCTURE: Standard wood frame, 8 in. siding, inside wood lath and plaster.
ROOF: Covered with wood shingles.
SHEET METAL WORK: Galvanized iron.
FLOORS: All rooms—maple, except bath which has linoleum over pine.
WALL COVERINGS: All rooms—wallpaper, except painted walls in kitchen and bath.
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: Wiring system—BX. Switches—toggle.
HEATING: Gravity, hot air, coal fired boiler. Hot water heater—Pittsburgh automatic storage.

CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
The example shown here, known as House No. 53 in a Resettlement Administration low-cost suburban development which will contain 62 small houses, represents an attempt to provide the maximum of accommodations possible at a low price. All rooms have been placed within a simple rectangle for economy of construction, and many of the refinements frequently demanded in small houses today could not be included at the price. The small living room can be used for dining, but the kitchen is of sufficient size so that meals can be served in it. The house sells for $3,261.50 on a 40-year payment plan, with the lot included in the purchase price. The lots in the development vary from one and a half to three and a half acres.

**CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE**

**STRUCTURE:** Beveled siding on 2 x 4 in. studs, 16 in. o.c., shiplap sheathing on inside, canvas covered with wallpaper.

**ROOF:** Wood shingles on shingle lath.

**SHEET METAL WORK:** 26 gauge galvanized iron.

**WINDOWS:** Sash—wood, double hung. Glass—single strength, quality B.

**FLOORS:** All rooms—yellow pine.

**WOODWORK:** Yellow pine.

**PAINTING:** Interior: Floors—stain and oil. Trim and sash—lead and oil. Exterior: Walls, roof and sash—lead and oil.

**ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION:** Wiring system—BX.

**PLUMBING:** Standard fixtures. Septic tank.

CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
II. HOUSE IN EAST HEMPSTEAD, LONG ISLAND, N. Y.

JOHN E. CAHILL, ARCHITECT

This is one of several residences, all having similar plans, but each treated differently externally in order to relieve repetition. In this particular example the Cape Cod cottage has been adapted to include the contemporary garage requirement. The cubage has been reduced to a minimum through the absence of entrance hall and dining room. The nook adjoining the kitchen should prove adequate when used for dining space, and the separate service entrance minimizes the functional importance of the front door. The corner circulation arrangement between the main rooms is a perfect illustration of space saving in the almost complete elimination of hall space. Cost: $3,450. Cubage: 21,000 at 16 1/2 cents.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

ROOF: U. S. Gypsum asphalt shingles.
SHEET METAL WORK: 16 oz. copper.
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: Wiring system—General Electric Co.
KITCHEN EQUIPMENT: Refrigerator—General Electric.
PLUMBING: All fixtures by Kohler Co. Soil pipes—cast iron. Water supply pipes—copper.
HEATING: One pipe, steam. Boiler—Burnham Boiler Corp.

CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
An extremely efficient solution of the space saving square plan, which practically eliminates all waste hall space. Rarely does a house so limited in cubage include: entrance hall, two bedrooms, and such ample closet space. The exterior is pleasantly proportioned, and well climaxed by a carefully designed entrance motif. Cost: $3,775. Cubage: 17,760 at 22 cents.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

STRUCTURE: Exterior walls—siding, sheathing, waterproof paper, 4 x 4 in. studs, 16 in. o. c., balsam wool, gypsum plaster on wood lath.
ROOF: 2 x 6 in. rafter, 16 in. o. c., wood shingles.
SHEET METAL WORK: Flashing, gutters and leaders—galvanized iron.
PLUMBING: Kitchen sink, laundry trays and bathroom fixtures—Kohler Co. Soil and vent pipes—cast iron. Water supply pipe—galvanized iron.
HEATING: Warm air.

CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
A one-story residence planned for a second floor addition to contain three bedrooms, a bath and a roof terrace. At present the dining room is partitioned off for use as a bedroom and a portion of the kitchen has been closed off to accommodate a temporary bathroom. The cost of the house is given as $3,618, at 18.8 cents per cubic foot. This phenomenally low price is partially explained by the fact that the architect acted as general contractor, and neither architect's fee nor contractor's profit is included. Union and unskilled labor was used at prevailing local prices.
This residence is noteworthy for the compactness of its plan. The living room seems small, inadequately ventilated, and lacking in exterior exposure; however, since it is located in the near tropical zone, the protection offered from direct heat penetration is desirable. The entrance hall has been cleverly incorporated with the porch and coat closet. The exterior is commendable for the integration of the garage in the general design, and the whitewashed expanse of brick wall is pleasantly broken up by brilliantly colored awnings, necessary protection against the sun rays. Exclusive of garage, cost: $3,980. Cubage: 16,570 at 24 cents.
A small modern house, of particular interest because the architect, well-known in the small house field, has previously been identified with work based on New England stylistic precedent. The plan is excellent, and the appearance of the exterior will be greatly improved when the landscaping has been completed.

*The architect comments:* "The plan was influenced by the type of heating system, and, of course, by the orientation of the lot, centralization of plumbing, and convenience of access. The two bedrooms can be closed off by curtain from the rest of the house; the dining room and kitchen can be similarly separated from the living room.

"The roof was built with a slight slope and no drains as an experiment. It was found that this was not too satisfactory, however, and one drain was added at the rear which has proven adequate."

Cubage: 10,240. Cost: $3,481 at approximately 34 cents a cubic foot.
CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION
Walls—concrete, continuous; inside—piers.

STRUCTURE
Exterior walls—matched boards, paper, studs, rock wool, Homasote, Agasote Millboard Co. Interior—paint and Homasote on wood studs. Floor construction—Celotex on wood joists, wood floor.

ROOF
Wood, built-up tar and gravel, Celotex insulation.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing—copper.

WINDOWS

FLOORS
All wide boards, kitchen and bath covered with linoleum.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
Wiring system—BX. Switches—stock tumbler. Fixtures—indirect, special.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

PLUMBING
All fixtures by Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co. Water pipe—copper.

HEATING
Warm air, two gas heaters hung on floor joists, Payne Furnace & Supply Co.
PROBLEM: A small house for a family of two; accommodations for frequent guests. A two-car garage.

Complete lack of pretentiousness is the most interesting characteristic of this house, the usual shutters and other decorations having been entirely omitted. Dark, wide siding gives an appearance of rugged simplicity, an effect which might have been further emphasized by the use of less prominent window frames.

The architect comments: "The owner's desire for informal living, coupled with a lake vista, dictated the open character of the living room, and allowed a dining alcove in connection with the kitchen. All rooms open to the south and east, and protection from the western sun is given by the porch."

Cost: $3,800 (including all equipment).
CLIFFORD J. LANE, ARCHITECT

FOUNDATION
Walls—brick, Acme Brick Co.

STRUCTURE

ROOF
Cedar shingles over shingle lath.

WINDOWS
Sash—yellow pine. Glass—Pennvernon, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.

FLOORS
Main rooms—oak. Kitchen and bathrooms—linoleum, Armstrong Cork Products Co.

WOODWORK
Doors—yellow pine. Trim—white pine.

PAINTING

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
Wiring system—BX conduit. Fixtures—direct, National Co.

PLUMBING
All fixtures by Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co. Septic Tank disposal.

HEATING

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PROBLEM: "To design a bachelor's informal winter quarters in South Florida. The project and its location demanded a hurricane-proof house. The owner desired a house of native materials to blend in with a sub-tropical setting of sea grape, yucca, palmettos, palms, and dune grass.

An excellent solution, both in plan and exteriors; harmonious with its surrounding and unpretentious.

The architect comments: "The house is approximately 200 ft. from the ocean. Its elongated plan was chosen for view and ventilation. An ample living room, a double bedroom, and a large closet were the only specific room requirements. The owner occupies the house about eight months of the year.

"A fireplace was a necessity and would have been more useful with an auxiliary hot air circulating unit. The kitchen is small but complete, and has 70 cubic feet of storage space. Formal dining space was not considered necessary. Built-in bunks on the porch and in the living room provide overflow accommodations."

Cubage: 12,000. Cost: $3,450 at 29 cents a cubic foot.
NOTE: "Wind bracing, needed because winds frequently attain hurricane intensity, was simplified by wide stud spacing. The construction was developed for a cypress manufacturer by L. W. Butchart and Robert Hansen to create a market for the manufacturer's 2 in. cypress planks. Pecky cypress, while worm-eaten in appearance, is highly resistant to decay. "Rafters were anchored to the frame by loops of galvanized plumber's strap iron. The frame is anchored through the concrete block foundation walls to the reenforced concrete footing by 5/8 in. round rods spaced about 5 in. on center."

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

STRUCTURE
Exterior walls—2 in. pecky cypress board siding over 4 x 4 in. cypress studs, 4 ft. o. c. braced in each panel. Interior partitions—cypress vertical sheathing. Floor construction—2 x 10 in. cypress joists, 1 in. cypress sub-floor, 8 in. pine planks.

ROOF
Cypress rafters and sheathing covered with random red cedar shingles over 30 lb. felt, Weatherbest Corp.

CHIMNEY
Red clay brick with terra cotta flue lining.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing—16 oz. copper, American Brass Co.

WINDOWS
Sash and frame—cypress wood, casement, Gate City Sash & Door Co. Glass—double strength, quality B. Screens—No. 18 bronze mesh in removable cypress frames.

FLOORS
All rooms—yellow pine. Kitchen and bathrooms—covered with linoleum, Armstrong Cork Products Co.

WALL COVERINGS
Bathrooms—Marlite wainscot, 4 ft. over tub, Marsh Wall Products Co.

HARDWARE

PAINTING

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

BATHROOM EQUIPMENT
Cabinet—Miami Cabinet Div., Philip Carey Co. All other fixtures—Kohler Co.

PLUMBING
Pipes: Soil and waste—cast iron. Water supply—wrought iron, A. M. Byers Co. Water pump—shallow well type and reenforced concrete septic tank, Deming Co.

HEATING
Hot water heater—10 gallon insulated automatic.
Problem: To put a one-room house on a steep hillside, leaving as much space for garden as possible.

To conserve garden area, a portion of the living room was put on stilts. The room is curved to take advantage of the panorama from west to southwest. A roof deck doubles the living space, and takes even greater advantage of the superb view; for economy a ladder is used for access. Interior walls are covered with a prefinished fabric; the bathroom walls are of blue bakelite with aluminum trim. 

Cost: $3,500.
LIVING ROOM

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CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION
Walls—continuous on east side; piers on west side. Waterproofing—plastic cement.

STRUCTURE

ROOF

CHIMNEY
Lining—terra cotta. Fireplace—circulating air, Heat-lator Co.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing and gutters—galvanized crimped sheet steel, Armco, American Rolling Mills Co.

INSULATION

WINDOWS

FLOORS
Oregon pine throughout, covered with linoleum, Armstrong Cork Products Co.

WOODWORK

PAINTING

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT
Stove and refrigerator—General Electric Co.

PLUMBING
All fixtures by Crane Co. Pipes: Soil and waste—cast iron. Water supply—wrought iron.

HEATING
Warm air, electric fan heater. Electric hot water heater, Thermador, Thermador Electrical Manufacturing Co.

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This house is logically built of the material prevalent in the surrounding timber area. The exterior combines ruggedness with charm, and the emphasis placed upon the porch is readily understood upon consideration of the climate. The first floor plan is noteworthy in the inclusion of a guest room, a feature which is becoming more and more popular. Cost: $4,000. Cubage: 20,500 cubic feet at 20 cents.
The advantages of a well landscaped site are apparent here. The trees are large enough to provide an attractive setting, but are not so thick that they cut off light and air from the main rooms. In contrast with its background the house has been kept simple in form and light in color. All living rooms are on the ground floor; there might be some inconvenience in a plan which provides only one entrance to the bedroom portion, particularly when that entrance is off the living room, but this would depend on the requirements of the occupants. The living room has been made as large as possible, since it serves as dining room also, and the large bay, suitable for use as a dining alcove, can be almost completely opened in good weather. Construction cost: 24 cents per cubic foot.
One of the most frequent criticisms of the modern house is that, unless it is located in an urban setting, it is out of keeping with its environment. That form and materials have considerably more bearing on the matter than the less tangible factor called "style" is well borne out by this hillside house whose surroundings are echoed in its use of native redwood. The dark, severe wood box, with its sharp overhangs and white trim, is of a type unfamiliar in the U.S., but common in

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Scandinavia, particularly Norway.

The architect comments: "The redwood boards on the exterior were partly surfaced and partly left rough-sawn. The combined effect is interesting.

"I find that a discriminating client should plan her own kitchen, which I detail later; this one is a particular joy as a consequence.

"The only disadvantage I had was that the client had been made too function-minded and 'deck-conscious' through reading your magazine. For a small house and the inexpensive materials used, the plan is too involved structurally. However all requirements were fulfilled within the budget limits."

Cubage: 10,500. Cost: $4,100 at 39 cents per cubic foot.
MICHAEL GOODMAN, ARCHITECT

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A small residence which follows the trend in present-day California domestic work. All rooms are located on the first floor level, with adequate separation between the living and dining rooms and other portions of the house. The service porch is a useful feature, suitable in a mild climate, such as that of southern California. Only two bedrooms were required for this house, and the one bath has been placed for convenient use as a guest lavatory as well. The exterior is typical in its use of brick, stucco, and wood, and relies for its effectiveness on the long horizontal lines generally adopted in this locality. Cost $4,125. at $8 per square foot.
This rambling small house is admirable in its compactness and pleasantly simple exterior treatment. A future wing may be added to the structure without spoiling the existing continuity of plan and elevation. Interior accessibility to garage, basement, and services is extremely well handled. The ample closet space allowance and the ideal location of the bathroom make this residence mechanically efficient, and the landscaping frames and enhances the architectural design. Cost: $4,375. Cubage: 17,800 at 24½ cents.
The house is situated approximately in the center of the plot with the garage about 75 ft. to the rear. The setting of English walnut trees is an excellent illustration of the effect of surroundings on the appearance of a house. Further evidence of the importance of landscaping is the abruptness of the transition from house to grounds; terraces and planting are not only useful, they also serve to extend the house and to tie it in more closely with the plot on which it is set. The plan is well arranged, and the interiors are appropriately modest, showing the same use of wood as the exterior, and revealing the rafters and ties in the living room.

Cubage: 14,892. Cost: $4,300 at 29 cents a cubic foot.

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CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION
Walls—concrete, continuous.

STRUCTURE
Exterior walls—1 x 12 in. redwood siding over 10 lb. felt, studs, wood lath, integrally colored stucco. Floor construction—2 x 6 in. Douglas fir joists and 1 x 6 in. sub-floor. Ceilings—plank Celotex on exposed rafters, The Celotex Co.

ROOF
Construction—2 x 4 in. Douglas fir rafters, 1 x 4 in. sheathing, 5/8 cedar shingles.

CHIMNEY
Brick.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing and gutters—galvanized iron.

WINDOWS

FLOORS

WOODWORK
Trim, shelving, cabinets and doors—pine.

HARDWARE
Interior and exterior—brass.

PAINTING

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT
Range—gas. Refrigerator—Electrolux, Servel Sales Inc.

PLUMBING
All fixtures by Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co. Soil and waste pipes—cast iron. Water supply pipe—galvanized iron.

HEATING
Gas, floor furnaces.
The house reflects the owners' simple requirements. The plan is laid out with a minimum of partitions, and the size of the house is no greater than that of a typical servantless apartment. The advantages of the open plan, and the effect of spaciousness it provides in a small house, are well illustrated by the photographs.

The architect comments: "The house was built for two young people who expect to occupy it for about 15 years. The plan has been so arranged that another bedroom may be added on the north side if the future size of the family requires it. No arrangement for the accommodation of servants has been made."

Cubage: 18,270. Cost: $4,310 at 23½ cents a cubic foot.
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A novel and original conception of the one-story type of residence. The general lines and details are classical in style, but the treatment of general forms is handled in a refreshing and interesting manner. The plan is well balanced, and the kitchen is so well equipped and designed that the adjacent, amply lighted, dining space does not suffer from the proximity. Closet space is plentiful and the general circulation is economically worked out. Cost: $4,400. Cubage: 21,714 at 20½ cents.

**CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE**

**STRUCTURE:** Cedar shingles, building paper, 54 in. fir shiplap sheathing, 2 x 4 in. studs, lath and plaster.

**ROOF:** Royal red cedar shingles.

**SHEET METAL WORK:** Flashing and gutters—No. 40 Armco roofing tin, American Rolling Mills.

**WINDOWS:** Sash—Douglas fir casement. Glass—single strength, quality A.

**FLOORS:** Living room, bedrooms and halls—red oak. Kitchen—linoleum on fir sub-floor. Bathrooms—U. S. quarry tile.

**WOODWORK:** Trim and doors—Douglas fir.

**ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION:** Knob and tube.

**KITCHEN EQUIPMENT:** Electric, Kelvinator.

**PLUMBING:** All fixtures by Washington Eljer. Soil pipes—cast iron. Water supply pipes—galvanized iron.

**HEATING:** Warm air, Western Furnace Co., Kelvinator oil burner.

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LIVING ROOM

PROBLEM: Accommodations for a family of two, with provisions for expansion of the house. Plan to take advantage of prevailing summer winds.

A strongly horizontal design, well adapted to the location. The house permits the addition of a future bedroom, bath, and game room. The two bays off the dining and living rooms were provided to take advantage of the view over the city. Cost: $4,750. Cubage: 19,845 at 24 cents.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

STRUCTURE: Common brick veneer on frame.
ROOF: Construction—wood frame, sheathing and felt, covered with blue black strip shingles, Certain-Teed Products Corp.
SHEET METAL WORK: Flashing, gutters and leaders—26 gauge Armco, American Rolling Mill Co.
KITCHEN EQUIPMENT: Refrigerator—General Electric Co. Sink—acid resisting, flat rim, Crane Co.
PLUMBING: All fixtures by Crane Co. Soil and vent pipes—cast iron. Water supply pipes—galvanized steel.
HEATING: Gas outlets in each room.

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The architect’s approach to the problem avoids a common pitfall of small house design. “The level site is richly embellished by magnificently tall trees with which the small residential building is naturally unable to compete in height.” The requirements of a professional couple and one child are met by a carefully oriented plan, capable of future expansion. The timber “chassis” rests on an earthquake-proof floor slab. The built-in furniture and easy circulation should reduce housekeeping to a minimum and contribute to the restful atmosphere created by simplified construction and close harmony with the natural environment. Cubage: 14,600. Cost: $4,700 at 31 cents per cubic foot.
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CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION
Continuous concrete footings with reenforced concrete slab and integral finish. Waterproofing—Anti-hydro admixture in floor slab, Anti-Hydro Waterproofing Co.

STRUCTURE

ROOF
Covered with 4 layer gravel roof.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing and gutters—24 gauge galvanized iron, Armco, American Rolling Mills Co.

INSULATION
Root—insulated with Celotex.

WINDOWS

FLOORS
Accotile, throughout, Armstrong Cork Products Co.

WALL COVERINGS
Kitchen and bathrooms—Sanitas, Standard Textile Products Co.

PAINTING

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

PLUMBING
All fixtures—Washington-Eijer Co. Soil and waste pipes—cast iron. Vent and water pipes—wrought iron.

HEATING
Circulating air, gas wall heaters, with fresh air intake, Andrews Heating Co. Hot water heater—gas fired.
This soundly designed and attractive week-end house was built on a large country estate for the use of the owner’s son.

*The architect comments:* “For the country estate a week-end house serves a three-fold purpose: it takes care of the week-end guest, it can be used in the winter by the owner without the trouble of opening the large house, and if placed near a tennis court or swimming pool it serves as a recreation center and provides dressing facilities.

“The living room can be used for living, sleeping, and dining. The built-in sofas are comfortable beds. The sliding doors to the kitchen can be opened for buffet style meals or for drinks, and can be closed when more elaborate meals are prepared. To reduce housekeeping to a minimum almost all furniture is built-in, and floors are linoleum-covered. Complete insulation has greatly added to comfort the year around, and has made it possible to heat the house with one small floor furnace.”

Cubage: 10,728. Cost: $4,800 (exclusive of architect’s fee) at about 45 cents a cubic foot.
NOTE: "A new method was employed in the installation of insulation board for walls and ceiling to eliminate the usual cracks and unevenness when battens are omitted. Studs were set 2'-0" on centers. To the studs and joists were nailed 4 in. width of 1/4 in. tempered hardboard to come exactly where the sheets of insulation board joined. These strips were then buttered with linoleum cement and the wall board was butt-jointed and held in place by temporary nailed wood strips. Twelve hours later, when the cement had set the temporary presses were removed, leaving the walls perfectly flush with no sign of a joint, and leaving the wall boarding monolithic with no possibility of separating. For protection the walls were then covered with sheeting to receive the paint finish. This work actually cost less than a first-class job of plastering, and the walls were mechanically straighter and truer than the average plaster wall, and it was done in three weeks' less time than would have been taken by ordinary plastering."

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION
Walls—reinforced concrete, continuous.

STRUCTURE

ROOF
Same as floor construction above covered with Pabco Floatine asphalt composition roofing, 30 lb. felt, mineral surfaced composition sheets, The Paraffine Companies, Inc.

CHIMNEY
Common brick, lined with terra cotta.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing and gutters—galvanized iron.

INSULATION

WINDOWS

FLOORS
All floors—1/4 in. semi-hard hardboard, The Insulite Co., covered with linoleum.

WALL COVERINGS
In all rooms—sheeting over insulation board and painted.

WOODWORK
Trim, shelving and cabinets—Douglas spruce. Interior doors—1/4 in. tempered Hardboard, The Insulite Co., glued to two sides of a Douglas spruce frame made of 1 x 4 in. material.

HARDWARE
Interior and exterior—Sargent and Co. Sliding door—Pitcher Door Co.

PAINTING
All paints and finishes by Paraffine Companies, Inc.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
Wiring system—knob and tube.

BATHROOM EQUIPMENT
All fixtures by Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co.

PLUMBING
Pipes: Cold water—galvanized wrought iron. Hot water—copper tubing.

HEATING
Gas floor furnace. Hot water heater—gas, storage type, Pittsburgh Water Heater Co.
A substantial residence in the moderately priced field, thoroughly insulated, and designed to offer an intimate atmosphere. Due to the fact that the view and the greater part of the lot are available from the rear elevation, special emphasis has been placed upon the bay window of the master bedroom. Circulation is direct throughout, and the partition usually separating the dining from the living room has been almost completely eliminated in order to insure a dual purpose in the function of these elements. Cost: $4,800. Cubage: 15,225 cubic feet at 30 cents.

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This and the house on the opposite page were built in a realistic project to explore small house costs. Leading architects furnished the designs, and various industries made available their latest in materials and methods. Designed to accommodate the average family, the specifications fit the physical requirements of the mass of prospective home owners. However, they do not claim to represent the average American standard of living. The Number 2 house, pictured above, is externally covered with asbestos cement board, it is compact and extremely well planned to allow ample closet space; although only the minimum general requirements have been included for the sake of economy. Cost: approximately $4,800.

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One-story houses are apt to lack privacy within. The arrangement of this house, however, permits of proper segregation of activities with but little sacrifice to light, air and convenience. The walls of painted used brick are treated with directness and freedom from the sentimental designs which this material too often inspires. Cost: $4,800.

A. H. EHLLER, DESIGNER

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This house is one of a number on an old farm no longer used for agriculture, built to provide the revenue needed to meet increased taxes.

The architect comments: "To carry out the note struck by existing old structures rooms are generally small, yet an attempt was made to provide a feeling of space in the first floor arrangement.

"It was also the purpose to utilize the contours, to make no fantastic designs, but to build a quiet colony which would appear to be a natural group, fitting well into the landscape."

Cubage: 18,000. Cost: $4,888 at 27 cents a cubic foot.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

ROOF: Covered with cedar shingles.
CHIMNEY: Lining—terra cotta. Damper—H. W. Covert Co.
SHEET METAL WORK: Flashing—16 oz. copper. Gutters and leaders—Armco, American Rolling Mills Co.
WINDOWS: Sash—double hung and casements, wood. Glass single strength, quality A.
STAIRS: Treads—yellow pine. Risers and stringers—knotty white pine.
HARDWARE: Interior and exterior—McKinney Manufacturing Co.
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: Wiring system—BX. Switches—Hart & Hegeman. Fixtures—Chase Brass & Copper Co.
PLUMBING: Pipes: Soil and waste—extra heavy cast iron. Water supply—copper tubing, Chase Brass & Copper Co.
HEATING: Hot water system, cold fired boiler—Peerless Manufacturing Corp.
While this house was designed for a single occupant, its plan requirements were in no way uncommon. It was built inexpensively of local materials with low maintenance and low first cost as the controlling factors. The owner requested that cross ventilation be provided wherever possible, and the main rooms were laid out with this in mind. A steep slope made possible the use of unexcavated space under the first floor as a garage. The plan is well arranged, with the one bath so placed that it may be used for a guest lavatory as well. Cost: $4,385. Cubage: 33,218 at about 13 cents.

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This is an imaginative example of the small house plan. The direct entrance into the living room is not objectionable since the covered porch offers ample transition. The stair case giving privacy and control to the second floor, and the inclusion of a small dining alcove overlooking the garden are worthy of note. The exterior is effectively handled in a simple manner. Cost: $4,955. Cubage: 23,450 at 21¼ cents.

**CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE**

**STRUCTURE:** Exterior walls—4 in. brick veneer, 1 in. air space, Sisaikraft paper, 8 x 4 in. studs. Inside—rock lath and plaster.

**ROOF:** Wooden rafters, composition shingles on sheathing, Philip Carey Co.

**SHEET METAL WORK:** Galvanized iron.


**WINDOWS:** Sash—wood, double hung, metal casement in basement. Glass—double strength, quality A, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.

**FLOORS:** Living room, bedrooms and halls—oak.

**KITCHEN—DINETTE**

**WALL COVERINGS:** Bedrooms and halls—wallpaper. Bathroom—tile wainscot.


**ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION:** Wiring system—BX. Switches—Bryant Electric Co. Fixtures—direct, Chase Brass & Copper Co.

**PLUMBING:** All fixtures by Crane Co. Pipes—galvanized iron throughout.

**HEATING:** Hot air, Monarch furnace.
The well-known lines of the typical one-story California house are repeated here. Light color, a rambling plan, simple lines, a gently sloping roof create the pleasant effect common to this type of domestic architecture. The plan is well organized for use, with a compact arrangement of rooms, spacious living room, and a good relation between the house and outdoor living space. The interiors are simple and interestingly detailed.

WINDOWS: Wood double hung, Glass—double strength, Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co.


ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: Wiring system—conduit.


PLUMBING FIXTURES: All by Washington-Eljer.

HEATING: Warm air, gas fired furnace, Payne Furnace & Supply Co.
The English type residence has never been overwhelmingly popular in California, but requirements of exhibition demanded that style be included, and among the visitors there will doubtless be some who will find the interior shown above to their taste. It is interesting to note the variation in space between this house and the others, although all had the same price limitations.

**CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE**

**STRUCTURE:** Exterior walls—reinforced Groutlock brick masonry, Simons Brick Co., Los Angeles. Floor construction—junior steel beams.

**ROOF:** Construction—wood frame covered with split cedar shakes.

**SHEET METAL WORK:** Flashing, gutters and leaders—Leadclad, H. E. McGowan Co.

**WINDOWS:** Steel casements, Lustra glass, American Window Glass Co.

**FLOORS:** Living room—oak plank. Kitchen and bathrooms—linoleum.


**WOODWORK:** Trim—western red cedar. Shelving and cabinets—sugar pine.

**RANGE:** American Stove Co.

**REFRIGERATOR:** Gas, Electrolux.

**PLUMBING:** Fixtures by Washington-Eljer. Soil, waste and vent pipes—cast iron. Water supply—galvanized steel.

**HEATING:** Warm air, gas fired furnace, Pacific Gas Heating Co.

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As in the French cottage, the New Orleans touches are fairly inconspicuous, although those that remain are by no means without charm. The intimate scale of the exterior is pleasing and the interior is distinguished by a graceful stair, located in an unusual position. The plan is well organized, with good separation of its various parts.

**CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE**

**STRUCTURE:** Exterior walls—brick veneer, Simons Brick Co. sheathing, studs, grip lath and plaster.
Floors—pine, oak finish.

**ROOF:** Covered with 6 in 2 in. Perfection wood shingles.

**SHEET METAL WORK:** Galvanized sheet iron.

**WINDOWS:** Sash—double hung wood. Glass—double strength, quality A.

**FLOOR COVERINGS:** Living room—carpet. Kitchen and bath—linoleum.


**PAINTING:** Floors—1 coat filler, 2 coats shellac and 1 coat wax. Trim and sash—4 coats paint and enamel.

**ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION:** Steel tube, toggle switches.

**KITCHEN EQUIPMENT:** Stove—gas, Tappan Stove Co. Refrigerator—gas, Electrolux.

**PLUMBING FIXTURES:** All by Washington-Eljer.

**PLUMBING:** Soil, waste and vent pipes—cast iron.

**WATER SUPPLY:** Steel pipe.

**HEATING:** Gas blower heater, Pacific Gas Heating Co.
39. THE “BETTER-HOME” COTTAGE

Where exteriors are treated in a very simple manner, success depends on proportion and the location of structural elements. This house gains the effect of unity through the use of metal siding and metal roofing. Special considerations of exhibition circulation probably influenced the plan. A more convenient arrangement would shift the entry to the left of the kitchen giving direct access to the garage. More storage space would have resulted through better planning of the dressing room.

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ROOF: Construction—Lea system steel frame covered with Thermax and metal roofing.

SHEET METAL WORK: Armco and Toncan galvanized iron.


FLOOR COVERINGS: All rooms covered with rubber.


HARDWARE: Interior and exterior—polished brass, Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.

PAINTING: All paint by W. P. Fuller & Co.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: Wiring system—conduit. Switches—toggle type.


BATHROOM EQUIPMENT: All fixtures by Washington-Eljer.

PLUMBING: Soil pipes—cast iron. Waste, vent and water supply pipes—galvanized wrought iron.

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING—Wat-Air Corporation.
The effect of the California climate on imported styles is well demonstrated by the French cottage, "French" only in its vaguely reminiscent roof and the potted trees by the door. The plan, with its circular stair, elliptical dining room, and splayed kitchen is perhaps more characteristic of chateau than of cottage architecture.
PROBLEM: To provide a fireproof, air conditioned house in the $5,000 class for a widow living alone. Adequate guest accommodations were a requirement.

A solution here was found in a prefabricated house made by American Houses, Inc. The desired guest facilities are obtained by using the study and living room for sleeping. A ground floor utility room replaces the basement.

Cost: about $5,000.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

STRUCTURE
Exterior walls—steel Joists, studs, Pyrestos insulated wall panels, American Houses, Inc. Interior partitions—solid reinforced gypsum planks, American Cyanamid & Chemical Corp. (Structural Gypsum Div.).

ROOF
Built-up felt and asphalt covered with flint gravel top over gypsum planks.

SHEET METAL WORK
Aluminum cornice.

INSULATION
Floors and roof—mineral wool, U. S. Gypsum Co.

WINDOWS
Steel casement, weatherstripping by American Houses, Inc.

FLOORS
Main rooms—reinforced gypsum planks covered with Broadfelt carpeting, Clinton Carpet Co. Kitchen and bath—inlaid linoleum, Armstrong Cork Products Co.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT
Sink and cabinets—Crane Co. Stove—Hot Point, Edison General Electric Appliance Corp.

PLUMBING
All fixtures by Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co. Arcade built-in sections by Accessories Co. Pipes=copper.

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING
Direct gas fired heater, Bryant Heater Co., forced air circulation, Modine cooling plant with private wells beneath house, Modine Manufacturing Co. Thermostat and humidistat—Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co.
In the past three years the office of Richard Neutra has built almost twenty houses costing under $5,000. All are characterized by a generous use of windows, an open plan, and a skeleton chassis of standard members. The exhibition house shown here is a reduced version of the house which won second prize in the General Electric Small House Competition last year and is finished inside and out with plywood. The plan is notable for the relatively large area allotted to the living room, and the luxurious quality of the interiors due to this spaciousness. The unusual soffit lighting in the overhangs is an innovation introduced by the architect a number of years ago.

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That the modern house need not be a stereotyped affair can well be demonstrated by many of Mr. Schindler's West Coast residences. The Oliver house, one of the most recent of his works, is interesting not only as a highly individual solution, but because of a number of factors which influenced the design. The deed to the property, for example, called for a sloping roof. This requirement was fulfilled, but in a way hardly anticipated by whoever originally made this stipulation. The lot is a rather small one, and the house was placed at an angle to the lot lines to preserve the four important views. To save the crest of the hill for a patio, the house was built on the slope below it, with the garage on the lowest level. The use of heavy overhangs is interesting: not only do they protect the large windows from the sun, but they completely eliminate any boxlike appearance, at the same time accentuating the domestic scale of the composition. This same character is echoed in the interior, particularly in the built-in furniture consisting of projecting slabs of wood. Windows reaching to the ceiling add to the apparent height of the rooms. Cost: $5,000.
LIVING ROOM

VIEW FROM TOP OF RIDGE

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An open plan, with glass above door height in all partitions to increase the feeling of spaciousness. Remarkably compact in spite of apparent size. Playroom uses garage roof as a terrace.

**Construction Outline**

**Foundation**
Concrete.

**Structure**
Wood frame with Wolmanized underpinning. Exterior surface—stucco on wire mesh. Inside—plaster on grip lath.

**Roof**
Composition roofing, slate surfaced.

**Windows**

**Interior Woodwork**
Floors—pine covered with carpet or linoleum. Trim, five ply pine veneer, stained and waxed.

**Electrical Installation**
Wiring system—conduit, indirect fixtures.

**Plumbing**

**Heating**
Gas furnace.

**Chimney**
Brick.

Consult your architect for local cost figures.
Cinder block gives a pleasant texture to both the exterior and interior of this house of French type. The compact plan and simple construction showed their merits in the budget. Precast concrete joists were left exposed, providing logical ornament for otherwise bare reinforced concrete ceiling slabs. The small “dinette” is adequate for family meals. The house is all of fireproof construction except for a wood-frame roof. Cubage: 18,000. Cost: $5,000 at about 36 cents per cubic foot.
Steel has been used almost exclusively in the construction of this residence. The arrangement including the increased height of the living room area interrupts the exterior wall surfaces sufficiently to avoid the appearance of a "shoe box." The plan is unusually compact and economical in space arrangement, the three outstanding features being the elimination of waste space in the hall; the small space required for the heating equipment; and the additional use of the garage for laundry purposes. Cost: approximately $5,000.

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DESIGNERS AND BUILDERS

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE


ROOF: Cellular steel construction, 1 in. rigid insulation board, standard type built up roofing, No. 26 gauge iron flashing.

WINDOWS: Wood, double hung.

FLOORS: Concrete, 1:2:4, troweled finish 1:2, on fill; 13/16 in. hardwood laid on 2 x 4 in. creosoted sleepers. Kitchen and bathroom—linoleum.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: BX cable.

PLUMBING: Pipes—cast, galvanized and black iron. Water heater—30 gal. range boiler with thermostat. Fixtures—enameled iron.

HEATING: Forced warm air, gas fired furnace, automatically regulated.
J. LINERD CONARROE, ARCHITECT

The plan is ingeniously oriented to obtain east and south exposure for the living rooms, as well as a view of Gulph Creek, running about 50 ft. in front of the house. Painted masonry and clapboard walls are combined in an interesting manner. A masonry retaining wall surrounding the terrace provides an effective, if not economical, base for the house, and is given good scale by the contrasting lightness of a picket fence. Beams from a demolished barn and half-timbered walls are appropriate to the rugged informality of the interiors. In view of the excavation and filling required, the incorporation of the garage with the house might have been economically accomplished. Cubage: 21,735. Cost: approximately 24 cents per cubic foot.
These houses, the first of a contemplated group, are built of frameless steel panels, a method of construction developed in collaboration with Mills G. Clark, who has studied the possibilities of prefabrication in steel for a number of years.

The architects comment: “The houses permitted study in field operation and erection practices. The method of assembly presents continuous smooth steel surfaces on both the exterior and interior walls without visible screws or butted edges.

“The solution of the basic stock plan permits the use of prefabricated houses, individually or in groups, with complete flexibility for orientation. Group arrangements are possible without apparent repetition.

“The accompanying plot plan shows the block on which the final test houses have been erected. The other houses on the plot are the new stock units which will be placed as shown.”

Cost per unit: approximately $5,000.
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These two houses, having basically similar plans, are selected from various architect-designed homes, erected by a large realty company, follow similar general schemes, and are so arranged that expansion is available without detracting from the original charm. The Cape Cod and Dutch Colonial styles are prevalent, since they are quite economical and require for their only ornamentation a refined handling of entrance and cornice motives. The plan shows no entrance hall; however this is compensated by the proximity of the stair case, and ample closet space. The kitchen is ideally located and can be cross ventilated. There may be justifiable criticism in the tight circulation between dining and living rooms, which is further complicated by the surrounding chamber and baths area. Cost: $5,200. Cubage: 24,200 at 22 cents.

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CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

STRUCTURE: 1/2 in. beveled siding, waterproof paper, 1/4 in. sheathing, 2 x 4 in. wood studs, wood lath and plaster.

ROOF: Wood shingles and slate.

SHEET METAL WORK: Flashing, gutters and leaders—copper.

WINDOWS: Sash—1 1/2 in. stock, double hung, wood, weatherstripped. Glass—double strength.


WOODWORK: Trim, cabinets and doors—white pine.

PAINTING: Interior—2 coats lead and oil, 1 coat enamel. Floors—shellacked. Exterior—3 coats lead and oil.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: Wiring system—BX flexible cable. Switches—tumbler, Harvey Hubbell, Inc.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT: Stove—gas. Refrigerator—electric.


In comparatively few instances is the combined use of ashlar and frame construction successfully handled: this example is outstanding in this respect, and in the preservation of the intimate scale mandatory in the architecture of the small house. The front entrance has been handled with a refinement which bespeaks the knowledge of its designer in molding silhouettes. This house is amply equipped with baths and adequate closet space while the treatment of the central portions of the plan allows for additional storage and entrance hall facilities. Cost: $5,500. Cubage: 18,289 at 29½ cents.
THEODORE WHITEHEAD DAVIS, ARCHITECT

This house boasts a great deal of charm and personality. The stiffness of continuous straight lines has been eliminated by using a wavy shingle pattern and spill joints between brick courses. The rather whimsical dormer directly above the front entrance is a matter of personal taste, and the plan with its one bedroom and absence of dining room amplifies the fact that this is a residence especially designed for the owner. Cost: $5,500. Cubage: 18,750 at 29 cents.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

STRUCTURE: Brick veneer, air space, studding and sheathing. Interior finish—3/8 in. plywood and sheet rock.

SHEET METAL WORK: Flashing—14 oz. sheet copper.

INSULATION: Roof—1/2 in. balsam wool.

WINDOWS: Fenestra steel casement with screens.

FLOORS: All rooms red oak strips; kitchen and bath—linoleum covered.

WALL COVERINGS: All rooms are wallpapered, except kitchen and bath which are painted.

PAINTING: Exterior: Walls—whitewash on brick. Roof—shingles, 1 coat unrefined creosote, 1 coat red barn paint.


There is little doubt that the Colonial house appears to best advantage in the less densely populated regions of New England. Ample building sites and a life free from the complexities of city living have combined to produce houses which differ in few respects from their prototypes. The lack of contrast between the house and its white surroundings brings up the question of color, for which there is excellent precedent; the early houses, painted green, brown, red, or weathered gray, offer a solution which might be more widely used today. The example here, a simple rectangular form with two projecting wings, is pleasant in general appearance and convenient in arrangement. Cost: $5,550. Cubage: 27,000 at about 25 cents.
Simply designed and well built, this example is entirely lacking in the pretentiousness which mars so many small houses. Shutters and the simple porch railing are not only economical, but add materially to the interest of the exterior. The plan is extremely compact and so designed that the basement becomes available as recreational area. Cost: $5,600.
55. HOUSE FOR DR. HERBERT C. LYNCH, YAKIMA, WASH., FRANCIS H. FASSETT, ARCHITECT

LIVING ROOM

PROBLEM: To build about $5,000 worth of house for a young couple with one child. House to be planned so that it can be increased.

The present house is compactly arranged to provide a required minimum of accommodation within the stated budget. A heater room is combined with the laundry, and is used for a service entrance as well. The placing of the dining room is an excellent solution for the small house: opening off the living room it increases the spaciousness of the interior, while the location of the door from the kitchen is completely concealed. The future extension has been planned so as to create a minimum of disturbance to the existing house. Cost: $5,800.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

STRUCTURE: Exterior walls—frame construction, wood lath and plaster.
ROOF: Cedar shingles over shiplap-sheathed rafters.
INSULATION: Roof—Quilt, 3-ply, Samuel Cabot, Inc.
WINDOWS: Double hung on first floor, casement on second floor. Glass—single strength, No. 1 Pennvernon, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: Wiring system—knob and tube. Switches—Hart & Hegeman.
KITCHEN EQUIPMENT: Stove—electric Monarch, Malleable Iron Range Co. Refrigerator—electric, Fairbanks-Morse.
HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING: Hot air, oil fired, thermostat controlled, filters, tank humidifier.

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The severity of the stone work is agreeably relieved by small areas of wooden siding; the treatment of the dormer windows is especially successful. There is, however, a noticeable vertical break in the roof line not altogether pleasant, since it occurs practically in the middle of the composition. The plan is ideally suited for the corner lot, and the garage is so located that it does not detract from the interest of the main entrance. Cost: $6,000. Cubage: 25,000 at 24 cents.
An unusual site adds to the effectiveness of the small house shown above. There is a sufficient drop in level from front to back of the house for a basement completely above ground. Save in this one feature, however, the plan does not recognize the irregular site, being a simple four-room layout similar to one designed for a more regular piece of ground. With the exception of the kitchen, where room for a dining alcove has been provided, the rooms approach minimum size. Cost: $6,000.

**CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE**

**FOUNDATION:** Walls—concrete. Cellar floor—6 in. concrete. Waterproofing—Anti-Hydro Waterproofing Co.

**STRUCTURE:** Exterior walls—94 in. Royal shingles, Douglas fir frame, Truscon metal lath, Best Brothers' Keene's Cement Co. plaster.

**ROOF:** Wood shingles on shingle lath, 18 in. Perfection.

**SHEET METAL WORK:** Flashing, gutters and leaders—copper.

**INSULATION:** Roof—rock wool, U. S. Gypsum Co.

**WINDOWS:** Sash—double hung, wood. Glass—American Window Glass Co.

**WOODWORK:** Trim and cabinets and doors—Curtis Companies and Morgan Co. Garage doors—Curtis stock.

**PAINTING:** Exterior: Walls—brush stained. Trim and sash—priming and finish coat. All paint materials by Sherwin-Williams Paint Co.

**ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION:** Wiring system—BX. Switches—Bryant Electric Co.

**PLUMBING:** All fixtures by Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co.

**HEATING:** Oil burner, Petroleum Heat and Power Co. Boiler and radiators—American Radiator Co.

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A wood Colonial house, typical in its essentials of the two-story, three-bedroom residence in the moderate price class. The plan, with the stairway separating the living room from the dining room and kitchen, is one of the few possible arrangements of these elements which satisfactorily meets the requirements. The use of arched openings instead of doors between the main first-floor rooms increases the spaciousness of the interior. A porch is well placed for use as an outdoor dining space, and cuts off a minimum of light from either dining room or kitchen. The second floor is compact, with only one bathroom, and with ample wall space for furniture in all three bedrooms. The stair hall, being placed at the rear, has ample light, and provides for a small service vestibule off the kitchen. Cost, including a detached one-car garage: $6,000, at about 30 cents.

58. HOUSE FOR J. C. KUHLMAN, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

STRUCTURE: Exterior walls—10 in. siding, 15 lb. felt, shiplap on 2 x 4 in. studs, 16 in. o.c. 1½ in. balsam wool between studs, plaster on wood lath.

ROOF: 16 in. stained cedar shingles over 15 lb. tar felt.

SHEET METAL WORK: Flashing, gutters, leaders—galvanized iron.

INSULATION: Outside walls and attic floor—½ in. balsam wool.

WINDOWS: Sash—double hung, wood. Glass—double strength, quality A.

FLOORS: Living room, bedrooms, and halls—oak.

KITCHEN—linoleum. Bathrooms—tile.

PAINTING: Interior: Kitchen and bath—oil paint, balance is unfinished plaster. Floor—varnish and wax.

Trim and sash—4 coats enamel.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: Wiring system—BX. Switches—foglie.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT: Stove and refrigerator—electric. Sink—flat rim, enameled iron.

HEATING: Warm air.
The small house shown here was built for sale. It represents a complete departure from the conventional type of speculative residence and shows a number of innovations in small house planning and construction. Living room and dining room are combined, with a small alcove with windows on both walls receiving the table. The garage opens into an entry at the end of the living room, and bedrooms and kitchen are placed in the extension of this wing. The house is constructed of two four-inch thicknesses of cinder concrete blocks which are separated by two inches of mineral wool. Interior walls are gypsum tile; floors are concrete on bar joists. Except for the roof construction the house is fireproof. Cubage: 18,165. Cost: $6,150 at about 32 cents per cubic foot.
CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION
Walls—concrete block, continuous. Cellar floor—$3\frac{1}{4}$ in. concrete. Waterproofing, outside of walls—Barrett Co.

STRUCTURE
Exterior walls—double wall of $3\frac{1}{2}$ in. cinder concrete blocks, connected by wall ties, 2 in. space between filled with mineral wool. Interior partitions—$3$ in. gypsum tile, plastered both sides, U. S. Gypsum Co. Floors—steel joists, $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. concrete slab, Gabriel Steel Co. Ceilings—metal lath, U. S. Gypsum Co.

ROOF
No. 1 yellow pine rafters and sheathing, covered with slate coated asphalt shingles, Globe Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill.

CHIMNEY
Damper—Donley Bros. Co.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing, gutters and leaders—galvanized iron, Milcor Steel Co.

INSULATION
Outside walls—2 in.; and attic floor 4 in. mineral wool, Johns-Manville, Inc. Weatherstripping—Accurate Metal Weatherstrip Co.

WINDOWS
Sash—steel casement, frames, storm sash and screens Detroit Steel Products Co. Glass—double strength, quality B., Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co.

FLOOR
Living room, bedrooms, and halls—concrete covered with cow hair carpet. Kitchen and bathrooms—linoleum, Congoleum-Nairn, Inc.

WALL COVERINGS
Bathrooms—linoleum, Congoleum-Nairn, Inc.

WOODWORK
Trim, cabinets and doors—white pine, made to detail. Garage doors—Overhead Door Co.

HARDWARE
Russwin, Russell & Erwin Mfg. Co.

PAINTING
All paint material by E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., Inc. Exterior walls—Kantex, Tamms Silica Co.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT
Stove—gas, A. B. Stove Co. Refrigerator—Electrolux, Servel Sales, Inc.

PLUMBING
All fixtures by Kohler Co. Soil and vent pipes—Alabama Pipe Co. Water supply pipes—National Tube Co.

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING
An intelligent use of materials showing special ingenuity in the handling of brick details. The large window areas are pleasantly subordinated to the wall surfaces. The central portion of the plan shows corners and waste hall space, which are almost unavoidable in a rambling plan of this type. The small study adjoining the dining room, the separate service entrance, and the economical correlation of bathrooms are notable adjuncts of this residence.

Cost: $6,193.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

STRUCTURE: Exterior walls—4 x 4 x 16 in. insulation tile, hollow core, ⅜ in. air space; saturated asphalt building paper, ⅛ in. Celotex; 2 x 4 in. studding; Celotex plaster base and 2 coat plaster. All framing lumber is Weyerhaeuser's 4-square.

ROOF: Wood shingles.

SHEET METAL WORK: Armco galvanized iron, American Rolling Mills Co.

WINDOWS: Casement sash, cedar sill frames. Glass—double strength, Pennvernon.

FLOORS: Living room, bedrooms and halls—oak. Kitchen and bathrooms—linoleum covered.


PLUMBING: All fixtures by Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co.


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A shift in levels made possible some interesting variations in this house plan. Living room, breakfast room and kitchen are located on one level, and the two bedrooms and bath are placed four steps above. One result of the arrangement is to effect a distinct separation between the two parts of the house, with a consequent increase of privacy for each part. Another is to permit the placing of stairs and closets on staggered levels, allowing a maximum utilization of storage space. Indirect circulation has resulted from the change in levels: for example, the only access to the kitchen from the sleeping quarters is through the hall, down the steps, and through living room and breakfast room; whether this is a serious inconvenience in a house of this size and type is, however, questionable. The exterior is a simple design using stock materials. Cost: $6,500, at about 33 cents.

THEODORE WHITEHEAD DAVIS, ARCHITECT

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The "dry built" contemporary house, constructed entirely of wood, is an outstanding exhibit in the Texas Centennial Exposition. Primarily a model home, it has charm and an air of permanence. The plan permits the outdoors to be seen from any point within the house through large windows and openings. Cross ventilation, abundance of sunlight, and arrangement of interior furnishings have been carefully provided. The decorative scheme is original and simple, giving a pleasant external appearance. The architects designed this home as a demonstration for the moderately priced residential field; as such it includes garage, two bedrooms, and ample porch area. Cost: $6,500. Cubage: 21,000 at 30½ cents.

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The emergence of a distinct type of house in California becomes increasingly apparent. Its lines are long and low, one story is the rule, symmetry is more or less disregarded, and materials are employed in a simple manner. The Spanish, New England, "ranch," and modern influences are tending to blend more and more into a suitable style which is not an obvious derivation. This house is to some extent typical of the trend. While its use of materials and forms would seem to be dictated by fancy more than by exigencies of construction, it does exhibit the characteristics enumerated above, and it has, in addition, a plan in which rooms are widely spread out with a tropical disregard for the economics of heating. Cost: $6,500 at about 30 cents per cubic foot.

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CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION
Continuous concrete.

STRUCTURE

ROOF
Wood frame, clear cedar shingles.

CHIMNEY
Brick with terra cotta flue, Superior fireplace friction damper.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing—Armco iron, American Rolling Mills Co.

INSULATION
Roof—Silvercoat reflective paper insulation.

WINDOWS

FLOORS
Living room, bedrooms and halls—clear ½ x 1½ oak.
Kitchen—Douglas fir, covered with Armstrong linoleum.

WALL COVERINGS

WOODWORK

HARDWARE
Locks—Schlage Lock Co.

PAINTING
All paint material by W. P. Fuller & Co.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
Wiring system—conduit.

SINK—acid resisting, enamel, Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co.

BATHROOM EQUIPMENT

PLUMBING
Pipes—galvanized iron and Mueller pressure valve, Dayton coupling.

HEATING
Individual Thermador electric wall heaters, fan type throughout. Hot water heater—40 gal. Thermador electric heater.
The essence of the successful small house is informality, close relation to its surroundings, and small scale. The example here exhibits all three characteristics. Note that the house is essentially a square, symmetrical box with central chimney and stair, and that it is the picket fence and the extension to the garage which produce the rambling, informal appearance which is so typical of earlier houses in this manner. The romantic quality of the exterior does not extend to the plan, which is a completely realistic solution of the problem. Living room and dining room are one, giving a maximum of space, kitchen and bathroom are back to back, and the bedrooms are well related in size to the total space. The cost, $6,500 at about 40 cents per cubic foot, was somewhat higher than it would have been in another location. One item which increased the cost was waterproofing for the entire basement.
CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION
Walls—poured concrete, continuous. Cellar floor—cinder concrete. All walls waterproofed, Western Waterproofing Co.

STRUCTURE

ROOF
Rafters, 2 x 6 in., boarding and cedar shingles.

SHEET METAL WORK

INSULATION
Outside walls and attic floor—Celotex lath.

WINDOWS
Sash—No. 1 pine, double hung. Glass—single strength, quality A.

FLOORS

WALL COVERINGS
All rooms except kitchen and bath covered with wallpaper, Strahan.

WOODWORK
Trim and cabinets—pine. All doors—white pine.

HARDWARE
Interior—some wrought iron hinges, latches, etc. Exterior—stock, P. & F. Corbin.

PAINTING

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT
Stove—electric, General Electric Co. Refrigerator—Kelvinator Corp.

BATHROOM EQUIPMENT
Douglas fixtures.

PLUMBING
Soil pipes—cast iron. Water supply—copper.

HEATING
A contemporary development in the Early American style. The plan follows its prototypes in that it evolves about the heavy central chimney and the boxed-in staircase. The living room offers great possibilities as a general purpose room, and the side entrance correlated with the garage and adjacent work space is an original as well as useful feature. Cost: $6,650. Cubage: 25,360 at 26 cents.

**CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE**

**STRUCTURE:** Exterior walls—6 in. clapboards, Ponderosa pine, Sisal Kraft paper, diagonal sheathing, 4 in. hemlock studs, ½ in. Celotex, 2 coats plaster, Atlantic Gypsum Co.

**ROOF:** Asphalt shingles, Ruberoid Co.

**SHEET METAL WORK:** Flashing—galvanized iron.

**INSULATION:** Outside walls—½ in. Celotex. Attic floor—4 in. Thermafill between joists.

**WINDOWS:** Sash—pine stock, double hung. Glass—quality 51, Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co.

**FLOORS:** All rooms—25 ⅛ in. oak, 8¼ in. wide.

**WOODWORK:** Trim—white pine, stock. Shelving and cabinets—Morgan Woodworking Co., Oshkosh, Wis.

**ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION:** Cable—BX. Switches—toggle. Fixtures—Chase Brass & Copper Co.

**KITCHEN EQUIPMENT:** Stove—Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co. Refrigerator—Coldspot, Sears Roebuck Co.

**PLUMBING:** All fixtures by Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co. Soil and vent pipes—wrought iron, A. M. Byers Co. Water supply pipes—brass.

**HEATING:** One pipe steam. Boiler and radiators—Arco, American Radiator Co.

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The plan of this stucco house combines living and dining rooms, and, in addition, a breakfast alcove. The placing of the large windows leaves uninterrupted wall spaces for furniture; the advantages of this type of planning are especially noticeable in the bedrooms. The roof of the house has been finished for use as a garden terrace, with access by means of an outside stair. Lighting fixtures are indirect or recessed. Mechanical equipment includes a cooling plant. Cost: $6,741.

**CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE**

**STRUCTURE:** 2 x 4 in. studs with diagonal bracing. 15 lb. asphalt felt, lath and stucco outside; fiber board inside, Certain-teed Products Corp.

**ROOF:** Barrett specification built up tar and gravel on Certain-teed fiber board.

**SHEET METAL WORK:** Galvanized iron.

**WINDOWS:** Sash—Fenestra steel casement and screens, Detroit Steel Products Co. Glass—double strength, quality A.

**FLOORS:** Living room, bedrooms and halls—oak. Kitchen—linoleum. Bathrooms—tile.

**KITCHEN EQUIPMENT:** Stove—gas. Refrigerator—electric. Sink—2-compartment.

**PLUMBING:** All fixtures by Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co. Soil and vent pipes—cast iron and galvanized steel. Water supply pipe—galvanized iron.

**HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING:** Provision is made for future installation.

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A square plan, with a garage addition, here resulted in good accommodations at a moderate cost. The house is essentially of the one-story type, with an additional bedroom and storage space in the attic. The plan permits cross ventilation in all major rooms, and it has been well studied to provide easy circulation, privacy for the bedrooms, and wall space for the convenient placing of furniture. A combination of service and garage entrances allows for easy access with a minimum of space. Both exterior and interiors show restraint and an intelligent striving for simplicity in design. Cost: $6,800.
This speculatively built house is one of a number recently built and sold in a small residential community. The houses are far superior to the usual efforts of this kind, are simple and solid in appearance, and are attractively designed. Here the living room is entered directly from the outdoors, a rather questionable way of saving space where winters are not mild. Bedrooms are small but adequate. The house was sold for $7,250 including land, electric refrigerator, and electric stove.
Much of the attractiveness of California domestic work may be attributed to the placing of all rooms on one floor and the consequent long, low lines. The exterior, rambling plan, and the attached garage of the house shown here are all typical of the locality.

The architect comments: "The house is planned with the living room to the rear to take advantage of more favorable exposures, and because the rear of the property includes an interesting arroyo which offers unusual landscaping possibilities. The kitchen is planned with a window above the sink, overlooking the entrance porch. The owner considers this a very desirable feature. The attached garage with direct under-cover access is also considered desirable.

"The breakfast room is a common feature in California houses where a southern or eastern exposure is available. Where there are no servants quartered in the house, breakfasts are often prepared by the family, the maid arriving in time to do the dishes. It is also useful as a pantry when meals are being served in the dining room. In California there are probably as many small houses with breakfast rooms as there are without them. It seems to be a matter of owners' desires."

Cubage: 31,000. Cost: $7,000 at 22½ cents a cubic foot.
CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION
Walls—concrete.

STRUCTURE
Exterior walls—cement plaster, wood studs. Interior partitions—plaster on studs. Floor construction—wood joists, 6 in. sub-floor.

ROOF
Wood frame covered with shingles.

CHIMNEY
Lining—terra cotta; metal fireplace damper, Richardson & Boynton Co.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing—galvanized iron.

WINDOWS
Sash—steel, Drusht Co. Glass—single strength, quality B. Blinds—1%-in. fir.

FLOORS

WALL COVERINGS

WOODWORK
Trim, shelving and cabinets—fir. All doors—white pine. Garage doors—fir, overhead type.

HARDWARE
Interior and exterior—brass.

PAINTING
All painting—3 coats lead and oil.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

BATHROOM EQUIPMENT
Seat—C. F. Church Manufacturing Co. All other fixtures by Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co.

PLUMBING
Pipes—wrought iron, A. M. Byers Co.

HEATING
Hot air unit, gas fired furnace.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT
Venetian blinds—Columbia Mills.
A conventional small house, both in exterior and plan, this residence is fortunate in its site, which contains an old orchard and is surrounded by woods. Outside of a pine paneled living room, designed as a setting for some early American furniture, and provisions for a number of electrical appliances, there were no special requirements.

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CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION

STRUCTURE
Exterior walls—24 in. Royal cedar shingles.

ROOF
Perfection cedar shingles, 18 in.

CHIMNEY
Brick, with H. W. Covert Co. damper.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashings, gutters and leaders—copper.

INSULATION

WINDOWS
Sash—double hung. Glass—single strength, quality B. Screens—bronze wire in wood frame.

STAIRS
Treads—oak. Risers and stringers—pine.

FLOORS

WALL COVERINGS
Living room, bedrooms and halls—wallpaper.

WOODWORK
Ponderosa pine throughout. Garage doors—overhead type, Stanley Co.

HARDWARE
Interior and exterior—Stanley Co.

PAINTING

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT
All by General Electric Co., except cabinet by Kitchen Maid Manufacturing Co.

LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT

BATHROOM EQUIPMENT
All fixtures by Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co.

PLUMBING

HEATING
Both the exterior and the interior of this house depict admirably the versatility of wood as a building material. The horizontal shingle lines are pleasantly balanced by the vertical lap-siding, and the interior paneling gives a substantially decorative, though somber, background to the furnishings. The large second floor porch and the library bay window are not only instrumental in breaking up the facade, but are both highly commendable additions to the function of the house. Details have been carefully studied, and the whole design shows great skill in adapting stylistic precedent. Cost: $7,000.
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CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION
Walls—concrete, continuous.

STRUCTURE
Exterior walls—cedar shingle, building paper, diagonal sheathing, 4 in. studs, 1 in. insulating lath, gypsum plaster. First floor—6 in. cinders, 4 in. concrete, 2 x 8 sleepers, sub-floor, paper and finished floor oak and pine. Second and attic floor—wood.

ROOF
Construction—wood frame covered with cedar shingle.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing, gutters and leaders—copper.

INSULATION
Outside walls and attic floor—1 in. insulating lath. Weatherstripping—Silentite, Curtis Co.

WINDOWS
Sash—double hung, spring balance, Curtis Co. Glass—double strength, quality A.

STAIRS
Main stair—closed stringer type. Treads—maple. Risers and stringers—pine.

FLOORS

WALL COVERINGS
Living room—natural redwood sheathing; balance of rooms—wallpaper.

WOODWORK

HARDWARE
Interior and exterior—wrought iron, handmade by local craftsman.

PAINTING
Interior trim and sash—lead and oil. Exterior walls and roof—stained.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
Wiring system—BX. Fixtures—handmade by local craftsman.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT
Stove—electric.

PLUMBING
Soil and vent pipes—cast and galvanized iron. Water supply—galvanized iron.

HEATING
Provided for, not yet installed.
PROBLEM: On a steep lot, with a good view to the east, to build a two-bedroom house. An existing house, lower on the property, to be modernized for rental purposes.

The new house was built at the rear (and top) of the property, with glass used extensively to take advantage of the view. The pronounced overhangs are characteristic of Mr. Schindler's work, and serve not only for protection from the intense sunlight, but give plasticity to the composition. An interesting feature of the plan is the pantry-like extension of the kitchen where a dining table on wheels may be set and then moved to any part of the house or patio.

The existing house was given its own private garden, and a new living room was added.

Cubage: 24,000. Cost: $7,200 at 30 cents a cubic foot.
CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION
Walls—concrete.

STRUCTURE
Exterior—stucco, wire lath, roofing paper, wood frame, wood lath and plaster. Floor construction—concrete joists, 2 in. plank flooring.

ROOF
Composition roofing. Deck construction—concrete floor.

CHIMNEY
Terra cotta lining.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing and gutters—galvanized iron.

WINDOWS

FLOORS

HARDWARE
Interior and exterior—Schlage Lock Co.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
Wiring system—conduit. Fixtures—built-in, direct and indirect.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT
Refrigerator—Frigidaire Sales Corp.

HEATING
Warm air, gas fired furnace.

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The simple forms of both plan and elevation offer an economical and attractive design. The overall horizontal pattern alternating with continuous window surfaces makes an ideal background for the landscaping. Furthermore, the long and low garden wall not only insures privacy, but is invaluable in accentuating the general mass of the structure. The location of the service elements toward the front of the house orients the main living elements toward the garden in the rear, while providing direct access to the upstairs bedrooms and terraces. Cabinets, bookcases, and other furnishings are built-in and integrated with the lighting and interior coloring to produce an harmonious whole. Cost: $7,200. Cubage: 23,200 at 31 cents.
WILLIAM LESCAZE, ARCHITECT

LIVING ROOM

BEDROOM

KITCHEN

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CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION

STRUCTURE
Exterior walls—2 x 4 in. stud balloon frame; 1 in. Thermapan insulating board; siding 8 in. to weather; ½ in. Homasote inside. Floor construction—wood joists and rafters. Ceilings—½ in. Homasote, except living room which is 24 x 24 in. acoustic tile.

ROOF
Construction—wood joists and rafter and T & G roofers, covered with 1 in. Thermapan and built up roofing.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing—16 oz. soft copper. Gutters and leaders—copper.

INSULATION
See structure and roof.

WINDOWS

FLOORS
First and second floors—½ in. selected pine roofers, covered with carpet. Kitchen, lavatory and bath—linoleum.

WOODWORK
Doors—flush panel veneered and painted. Garage doors—Overhead sectional door.

PAINTING
Interior: Walls and ceilings—U. S. Gypsum metal strips over joints and Textone plastic paint. Trim and sash—flat oil paint. Exterior: Walls—3 coats lead and oil; all exterior metal work—gray metal paint. All paint by Pratt & Lambert.

PLUMBING

HEATING
Warm-air, provision made for future air conditioning.
An extremely well correlated plan. The dining alcove is ideally situated, since it can be either a part of or entirely segregated from the living room. Among the unusual features of the residence is the use of the garage roof as a terrace accessible from the rear by a stairway. The air conditioning unit system includes filtering, humidifying, and cooling. The elevations, outside of the rather spotty blinds, are simple and tastefully designed with classical refinement. Cost: $7,500. Cubage: 16,500 at 45 1/2 cents.
A formality uncommon in small residences today has been achieved in this Westchester house by the use of French domestic precedent of the eighteenth century. In keeping with the style, complete symmetry has been maintained in all but the rear elevation. Dormers typical of the period, also symmetrically disposed, serve to light and ventilate the two upstairs bedrooms. The house approaches a minimum in its provision of accommodations: the living room is used for dining as well, there is no basement, and entrance to the kitchen is directly from the outside. To save space the heater room is placed under the main stair and is easily accessible from the kitchen. An attractively shaded terrace opens off the living room. Cost: $7,500.

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Built as part of a real estate development, this house is based on a design by the architect which received an award in the small house competition held by the New York Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. It is simple and restrained in its design, both inside and out, its severity of treatment contrasting pleasantly with the planting surrounding it. An economical square plan contains a large living room, three bedrooms, and a basement playroom. The garage is located for access through the service entrance. Cubage: 23,000. Cost: $7,290 at about 31 cents per cubic foot.
CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION

STRUCTURE
Exterior walls—4 in. brick veneer anchored to cement plaster on Reynolds Corp. Ecod lath, no sheathing; 2 x 4 in. stud framing with Ecod lath and plaster for interior finish. Interior partitions and ceilings—metal lath and plaster.

ROOF
Ten ounce copper sheets with standing seams. Deck—three-ply built-up asphalt felt roof.

CHIMNEY
Brick with terra cotta flue lining. Fireplace and damper—Heatilator Co.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing—16 oz. copper, lead coated on copings and over doorways. Gutters—16 oz. copper lining. Leaders—copper, rectangular.

INSULATION

WINDOWS

STAIRS
Main stair—white pine risers and stringers, oak treads. Attic stair—disappearing type, Bessler Disappearing Stairway Co.

FLOORS
Living room, bedrooms and halls—oak. Kitchen and bathrooms—linoleum covered.

WOODWORK

HARDWARE
Interior and exterior—brass.

PAINTING

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
Wiring system—BX cable. Switches—tumbler type.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT
Refrigerator—electric. Sink—double drainboard, Eljer Co.

PLUMBING
All fixtures by Eljer Co. Soil pipes—cast iron. Water supply pipes—brass.

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING
Warm air and humidifying, Superfex oil-fired, Perfection Stove Co.
PROBLEM: To design a small house in a thickly wooded site, following the contours to avoid destruction of the natural rock formation, and saving as many trees as possible.

The unusual charm of this unpretentious dwelling is due in large part to its recognition of the possibilities and limitations of the site. The requirements of the owner were simple, including two bedrooms and very small dining and kitchen space. The large living room is combined in an interesting manner with the dining alcove, producing in effect one room of generous size, as well as solving successfully the awkward problem of joining the wing to the main body of the house. Detail on the exterior is crisp and in excellent scale with the house. The heating arrangement is of particular interest; since no excavation was done the heater room had to be located on the ground floor, and considerable economy was effected by placing it so that both bedrooms and the living room can be heated with a minimum of ductwork. Cost: $7,480. Cubage: 14,100 at 53 cents.

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CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION
Poured concrete waterproofing—Hot pitch on felt under first floor slab.

STRUCTURE
Exterior walls—Frame construction, shingle, sheathing.
Inside partitions—Ecoed lath and 3 coat plaster on wooden studs. First floor—4 in. concrete slab on gravel fill, wood tile floor laid in mastic, B. L. Bruce Co.

ROOF
Construction—shingle lath covered with cedar shingles.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing, gutters and leaders—copper.

INSULATION
Outside walls and roof—Reynolds Metallation.

WINDOWS

FLOORS
Living room and bedrooms—Bruce tile wood. Kitchen and bathrooms—linoleum.

WOODWORK

PAINTING
Interior: Walls, trim and sash—lead and oil. Exterior: Walls and sash—lead and oil.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

BATHROOM EQUIPMENT
All fixtures by Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co.

PLUMBING
Soil and vent pipes—cast iron. Water supply—brass pipe and copper tubing from street.

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING
J. LISTER HOLMES, ARCHITECT

PROBLEM: To build a five-bedroom house on a very limited budget.

The simplicity of the solution had much to do with the architect's success in meeting the severe financial limitations imposed. The house is a simple rectangle, with all superfluous breaks and detail eliminated. The frequent inconsistency between the modern plan and a traditional shell is illustrated here by the small windows on the second floor, made as inconspicuous as possible to avoid interrupting the predetermined rhythm of the facade. The lattice on the side porch, recalling the division of the windows, gives interest and consistency to the design.

Cubage: 37,000. Cost: $7,800 at 21 cents a cubic foot.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE


STRUCTURE: Exterior walls—hand split shakes, building paper, sheathing, studs, wood lath and plaster.

ROOF: Covered with shingles.

CHIMNEY: Brick, Seattle Brick & Tile Co. Damper—Majestic Co.

SHEET METAL WORK: Flashing, gutters and leaders—Armco iron, American Rolling Mills Co.


STAIRS: Treads—oak. Risers and handrail—fir.


WALL COVERINGS: Main rooms—wallpaper.

WOODWORK: Fir throughout.

HARDWARE: All by Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.


ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: Wiring system—knob and tube. Switches—Harvey Hubbell, Inc. Fixtures—direct and indirect, Chase Brass & Copper Co.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT: Stove—Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co.


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Few traditional domestic styles are more in harmony with present-day building trends than Regency. Simple and dignified, it lends itself with grace to the modifications demanded by contemporary living requirements. Larger window areas, a freer relationship with outdoor living spaces, and similar changes can be incorporated in the existing framework with a minimum of disturbance. This example shows a compact plan, well arranged for ventilation and convenient circulation. The garage is attached, but set back, a scheme which has many obvious advantages. The house cost $10,600, at 32 cents per cubic foot, in 1936. The architect, whose fee is not included in the above figure, notes that the cost at the present time would be higher.

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80. HOUSE FOR ALDEN W. HANSON, MIDLAND, MICH.

PROBLEM: To design an immediately required minimum number of rooms, with provision for future expansion.

While the multiplicity of materials and rather exaggerated use of Frank Lloyd Wright mannerisms makes for restlessness, the outstanding merit of this house is its design as a three-dimensional object, in contrast to the average small house which is designed as a series of elevations.

The architect comments: “The plan provides low cubage for kitchen, dining room, and lower bedroom which are located below grade and rest on the earth. This arrangement is economical, makes for cooler rooms in summer, and provides an interesting view of the planting outside.

“The combination of the toilet room with the maid’s room has proven satisfactory, and is, of course, economical. The present service entrance is a temporary arrangement which considers the future plan.”

Cubage: 17,811. Cost: $7,658.73 at 43 cents a cubic foot.

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ALDEN B. DOW, ARCHITECT

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CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION
Walls—concrete block. Floor construction—concrete.

STRUCTURE
Exterior walls—block made of special design of cinder concretes developed by the architect and used as structural and finish wall. Waterproofing—exterior of blocks treated with waterproofing compound, Western Waterproofing Co.

ROOF
Construction—4-ply tar and gravel laid over % in. matched lumber.

CHIMNEY
Unit cinder block construction with terra cotta flue lining.

SHEET METAL WORK
Copper flashing, 16 oz., throughout.

WINDOWS
Wood sash of edge grain fir.

WOODWORK
Trim, cabinets and all finish wood—edge grain fir.

HARDWARE
Polished brass throughout, Schlage Lock Co.

PAINTING
Interior: Walls—sand-float finish plaster left natural. Woodwork—1 coat of linseed oil and 1 coat of flat white rubbed down to show grain. Exterior: Woodwork—stained blue-green.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
All interior lighting recessed in ceiling or indirect from decks.

KITCHEN AND BATHROOM EQUIPMENT
All fixtures by Kohler Co.

PLUMBING
Pipes: Soil—cast iron. Water supply—copper tubing.

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING
Conditioned air, direct fired furnace, Dail Sheet Products Co.
Colonial cottage forms were carefully followed in this residence, recently erected as a Model House in Norwalk. The dormers, small sixteen-light windows, elliptical entrance shelter, and the low, square chimney are characteristic features. In plan as well as exterior design the house is entirely conventional: three bedrooms and a bath occupy the second floor and the first floor has a central chimney and stairway dividing the living room from the dining room and kitchen. Cost: $7,800 at 42.5 cents per cubic foot.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE


ROOF: Perfection red cedar shingles on shingle lath.

INSULATION: Rock wool over second floor ceiling, Johns-Manville.

WINDOWS: Sash—double hung throughout except in kitchen, all weatherstripped. Glass—single strength, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.

FLOORS: All rooms—No. 2 select white oak, except medium gauge linoleum laid over fir flooring in kitchen and bath.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: Wiring system—BX. Switches—toggle.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT: Combination laundry tub and sink—Standard Sanitary Mfg. Co.


HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING: Forced air with humidifier and filters, no cooling, Dail Steel Products Co. Delco oil burner with thermostatic control.

VENTILATION: ILG ventilating fan in attic, ventilating kitchen and upper hall.
A comparison of the two illustrations above brings out a most interesting point in connection with small house design. The large photograph shows an effective combination of rough stone with white wood trim: its simplicity is admirable. When seen as a whole in the smaller picture, the house loses somewhat due to the introduction of wood on the side and wing. The plan is compact, again displays the living-dining room combination, has a study well located for privacy, and a lavatory easily accessible from the living rooms. Cost: $8,400.

CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
The nucleus of this interesting composition is a modified Cape Cod plan, to which has been added the garage and studio. The utilitarian character of the latter is emphasized by the random vertical siding, reminiscent of barn construction. The many roof slopes have been organized to give a picturesque but predominantly low appearance to the various masses. The large chimney also contributes to the homogeneity of the silhouette. What was considered the best orientation for the studio was apparently unnecessary for the living quarters. Cubage: 30,856. Cost: approximately $8,100 at about 38 cents per cubic foot.
CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
PROBLEM: To build a demonstration house incorporating the latest improvements in plan and equipment.

The house was built on a 60-foot lot in a restricted residential area. A cellar was omitted because of water conditions, and replaced by a large storage space at one side of the attached garage. The house was presented as a “zoned house” because of the possibility of separating the various family activities. One useful feature is the play room, which can also be used as a guest room, where children’s play can be supervised from either the kitchen or the living room.

Cubage: 20,300. Cost: $8,400 at 41 cents a cubic foot.

CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
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CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION
Walls—cinder block on concrete footings, continuous.

STRUCTURE

ROOF

CHIMNEY
Lining—terra cotta. Damper—H. W. Covert Co.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing, gutters and leaders—Armco galvanized iron, American Rolling Mills Co.

INSULATION

WINDOWS

STAIRS
Risers and stringers—white pine. Treads and wall rail—birch.

FLOORS

WALL COVERINGS

WOODWORK

PAINTING

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
Wiring system—Romex cable, General Cable Co. Switches—Bakelite Corp. and General Electric Co. Fixtures—Lightolier Co.; bath and kitchen counter—Lumiline, General Electric Co.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT
Sink—Crane Co.

BATHROOM EQUIPMENT
Shower—Speakman Co. All other fixtures by Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co.

PLUMBING
Pipes: Soil and waste—cast iron. Water supply—copper, streamline fitting, Streamline Pipe & Fittings Co.

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING
The combination of bay window, wide roof projection, and trellis is an original and charming conception, enhanced by the pleasant variation of stucco and horizontal wood board siding. The plan displays ingenuity in its use of a traditional precedent, altered to include a spacious and amply closeted entrance hall, a library, and a lavatory. Particular regard has been paid to the location and space requirements of the many mechanical and electrical devices mandatory in the contemporary home. Cost: $8,500. Cubage: 20,000 at 42 cents.
This low rambling house, ideally suited to the amenities of a southern climate, is an intelligent adaptation of mission and early ranch architecture. The wall contiguous to the public sidewalk affords ample privacy and screens the garden from the street. The central hall affords a separating element between bedrooms and living area, thus eliminating all friction between these varied functions. Practically every major room is cross ventilated, a desirable feature in any design. Cost: $8,500. Cubage: 24,000 at 35½ cents.

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This conventional-looking house has some interesting features not commonly seen in the small house. Chief of these is the louvered porch, which meets the requirements of the summer climate by providing maximum ventilation with control of sunlight. It also gives the living room a southern exposure and adds decorative interest to the interior. The dark ceiling in the kitchen is unusual, and while its illumination value is dubious, it is undeniably effective in producing a trim, neat appearance.

The architect comments: "The service part of the house was treated in accordance with the owners' requests; the rear entrance may be entered from the garage or outside. A breakfast room originally planned was omitted and changed to a pantry and entry. Special consideration was given to providing ample closet space, and the owners are delighted with the number of ample closets, all of which are cedar lined."

Cubage: 18,900. Cost: $8,400 at 44 cents a cubic foot.
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STRUCTURE
Walls—common brick, diagonal shiplap sheathing, Reynolds Metal Co.'s Metallation, studs, Milcor Sheet Co.'s metal lath and U.S. Gypsum Co.'s plaster. Floor construction: First—4 in. concrete slab on wooden beams. Finish—oak floor bedded in hot asphalt. Second—2 x 10 in. joists, 1 x 6 in. sub-floor, deadening felt and oak flooring. Ceiling—metal lath and plaster.

ROOF
Construction—rafters, sheathing, covered with Perfection cedar shingles.

INSULATION
Outside walls—Metallation, Reynolds Metal Co., Inc. Attic floor—rock wool, Johns-Manville, Inc.

WINDOWS
Double hung, white pine. Glass—double strength, quality A.

FLOORS

WALL COVERINGS
All rooms—wallpaper. Bathrooms—tile wainscot.

WOODWORK
Trim—yellow pine. Shelving, cabinets and doors—white pine.

HARDWARE
Interior and exterior—Sargent & Co.

PAINTING

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

BATHROOM EQUIPMENT
All fixtures by Crane Co.

PLUMBING
Soil, waste and vent pipes—galvanized iron. Water supply pipe—copper.

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING
Gas, individual units.
The large window area is successfully handled in conjunction with a style inspired from the classic. The plan seems rather grand and axial in composition, but since an increase in the scale of the living room and the dining room is obtained through this procedure, the end may justify the means. The garage separated from the main structure enhances the rambling and spacious feeling of the whole design. Cost: $8,604. Cubage: 24,620 at 34$rac{3}{4}$ cents.

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CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION

STRUCTURE
Exterior walls—8 x 4 in. studs, 1 x 6 in. T. & G., 6 in. hemlock sheathing and 15 lb. paper, 1 x 6 in. special California red wood siding soaked in oil. Inside—U. S. Gypsum Co. sheet rock and plaster. First floor construction—8 x 12 in. red fir. Attic floor—6 x 8 in. red fir.

ROOF
Covered with 100 per cent edge grain, cedar shingle. Deck covered with built up roofing.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing and gutters—galvanized iron.

INSULATION
Outside walls and attic floor—rock wool, 4 in., U. S. Gypsum Co. Weatherstripping on doors—Chamberlin Weatherstripping Co.

WINDOWS
Sash—double hung, wood, Anderson Co. Storm sash throughout except in large bay which is Thermopane double thick, American Window Glass Co. Screens—copper in wood frame.

FLOORS
All rooms 1 x 5 in. flr. T. & G.; kitchen and bathroom—linoleum covered.

WALL COVERINGS
Living room, bedrooms and halls—wallpaper.

WOODWORK
All interior trim and woodwork—white pine. Garage doors—Majestic Overhead Door Co.

HARDWARE
Interior and exterior—dull nickel finish, Yale & Towne.

PAINTING
Interior: Walls, ceilings, trim and sash—except for wallpaper all walls enameled 3 coats, Frank Dow Paint Co. Roof—stained creosote.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT
Stove and refrigerator—electric. Sink—enameled iron, two compartment, Kohler Co.

PLUMBING
All fixtures by Kohler Co. Soil and vent pipes—cast and galvanized iron. Water supply—galvanized iron. Pump for well, softener, etc., all by Heil Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING
Air conditioned with well water. Indirect system with steel boiler, oil fired. Filters and air conditioner, Synchronromatic Air Conditioning Corp. of Milwaukee. Hot water heater—coll in boiler.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT
Kernerator incinerator, brick built, fired in basement.
Not all small houses can show as good a rear elevation as the one above. The straightforward handling of the few elements is admirable. The change to flush siding on the lower floor and the omission of shutters minimizes the varying sizes of windows, the general regularity of the design being emphasized by the three windows with black shutters on the second floor.

*The architect comments:* "The client preferred a central hall scheme. The lot had 100 feet frontage, but only 60 feet of depth. Consequently the house was placed well to the rear of the lot with the garage projecting forward. This provided a good lawn in the front with a play yard behind the garage, opening off the kitchen. An added feature is the direct connection between the master bedroom and the nursery."

Cubage: 34,480. Cost: $8,929 at 26 cents a cubic foot.
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CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION

STRUCTURE
Exterior walls—10 in. red cedar siding and random width matched flush boarding, 40 lb. resin paper, 8 in. sheathing, studs, No. 2 native spruce, rock lath and plaster, U. S. Gypsum Co. Floor construction—8 x 10 in. joists, 16 in. o.c., rough and finished floor. Ceiling—plaster hard finish.

ROOF

CHIMNEY
Common brick, terra cotta flues. Damper—cast iron, rotary control, Donley Brothers Co.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing and gutters—16 oz. copper.

INSULATION

WINDOWS

FLOORS

WALL COVERINGS

WOODWORK
Trim, shelving and cabinets—white pine and Douglas fir. Doors—white pine.

HARDWARE
Interior and exterior—P. & F. Corbin.

PAINTING

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT
Stove and refrigerator—Edison General Electric Appliance Corp.

PLUMBING
All fixtures by Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co. Pipes: Soil and waste—hard copper, Chase Brass & Copper Co. Water supply—copper, Mueller Brass Co. (Streamline Pipes and Fittings Co.)

HEATING
The house is a successful treatment of brick and wood, and uses its large dormers to emphasize the intimacy of the scale. Like most Colonial houses of the present day it puts its best face forward, using a much-needed but less attractive shed dormer in the rear to light the upstairs rooms. Interiors are commodious, and follow the accepted pattern in their use of pine paneling, exposed beams, and figured wallpaper. The plan is convenient and economical, and follows a growing trend in its incorporation of living room with dining room. Cost: $8,950, at 34 cents per cubic foot.
CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
Patterned in traditional style, this residence obeys good precedent both in plan and in elevation and draws much of its evident appeal from its fine proportions. The white picket fence, seldom used today, enhances the design and affords additional privacy. The plan follows the usual scheme in its main elements but the addition of a service wing adjacent to the kitchen is a distinct and original departure from the usual. Cost: $8,500.

MALCOLM C. MACKENZIE, DESIGNER

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

STRUCTURE: Exterior walls—pine, clapboards, 2 x 4 in. studs, wirelath and 3 coats plaster.

ROOF: Covered with asphalt shingles.

SHEET METAL WORK: 16 oz. copper throughout.

INSULATION: Outside walls and roof—Johns-Manville rock wool.


FLOORS: All rooms oak, except linoleum in kitchen and bathrooms.

WALL COVERINGS: Living room and bedrooms—wallpaper. Asbestos tile dado in kitchen and bath.


KITCHEN EQUIPMENT: Stove and refrigerator—General Electric.


HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING: Air conditioning system with oil burner, General Electric Co.

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A comparison between this and the Alexandria house on page 435 is of interest for the degree in which they have departed from stylistic precedent. Similar in fenestration and the use of terrace space, they differ noticeably in form. The example shown here has maintained the roof formation and general mass characteristic of the one-story Colonial house, but has ignored the symmetrical window placing and other exterior features of this type. The plan meets the modest requirements with ample room sizes and an efficient layout. The arrangement of the service portion is excellent, and the introduction of a separate entrance to the bedrooms from this part aids convenient circulation. The house is a part of Wychwood, a restricted suburban development for residences ranging from $5,000 to $50,000. Cost, including landscaping, terrace, and driveway: $9,000. Cubage: 4,000.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

STRUCTURE: Stucco on wire lath, sheathing, wood studs. Inside—Masonite in patterns.

ROOF: Wood rafters and shingles.

SHEET METAL WORK: Copper throughout.


WINDOWS: Living rooms, dining room and master's bedroom—special wood casement. Steel in remainder of the house, all weatherstripped.

FLOORS: All rooms—tempered Presdwood, linoleum covered in master's bedroom and kitchen. Bathrooms—tile.


HEATING: Superfex, oil fired, Perfection Stove Co.
The adaptation of the Colonial idiom to contemporary planning is successful in this example. The ample hall areas may be justified by the ease of circulation from the kitchen to other rooms. The location of the living and bedrooms, at the rear, besides contributing to privacy, has preserved the simple roof planes in front. The size of the shingles and detail is consistent with the true scale of the house. Cubage: 25,116. Cost: $9,500 at about 27 cents per cubic foot.
CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION

STRUCTURE
Exterior walls—hand rift wood shingles on wood frame.

ROOF
Covered with wood shingles.

CHIMNEY
Flashing and leaders—copper. Gutters—wood, copper lined.

INSULATION
Outside walls, attic floor and roof—4 in. rock wool, Johns-Manville, Inc.

WALLS
Sash—wood, double hung. Glass—double thick, quality A. Screens—wood frame, bronze mesh.

FLOORS
Living room—oak plank. Bedrooms—N. C. pine. Halls:
First floor—slate; second floor—oak.

WALLS

PAINTING

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
Wiring system—BX. Fixtures—wrought iron, special, Lightolier Co.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

PLUMBING
All fixtures by Kohler Co. Soil pipes—extra heavy cast iron. Hot and cold water pipes—copper tubing.

HEATING

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This house was designed as the first unit in a new development. The site adjoins a park. The house was placed on the summit of a small hill, and it was the contour of the land which dictated the placing of garage and living room on a lower level than the rest of the house. The house follows the conventional lines of small development houses, although it is better than many. A less varied window treatment, and a simpler handling of the masses might have produced a more composed result.

Cubage: 26,500. Cost: $9,700 at about 37 cents a cubic foot.
CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION

STRUCTURE
Exterior walls—red cedar shingles, frame, insulating rock lath and gypsum plaster by U.S. Gypsum Co.

Floor construction—wood joists, sub-floor, paper and finished oak.

ROOF
Wood rafters and shingle lath, covered with red cedar shingles.

CHIMNEY
Lining—terra cotta. Damper—Donley Co.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing, gutters and leaders—copper.

INSULATION
Bright surface rock lath, U.S. Gypsum Co.

WINDOWS

STAIRS

FLOORS

WALL COVERINGS

WOODWORK
Trim and doors—white pine. Garage doors—swinging type. All woodwork by Morgan Sash & Door Co.

HARDWARE
Interior and exterior—Schlage Lock Co.

PAINTING
All paint Dutch Boy, National Lead Co.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
Wiring system—BX. Fixtures—direct.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

BATHROOM EQUIPMENT
All fixtures by Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co.

PLUMBING
Pipes: Soil and waste—cast iron. Water supply—copper and brass.

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING
Air conditioning, filtering and humidifying by Superfex, Fox Furnace Co.

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A precedent may be found in this house, based upon New England prototypes, which has been adapted to fill such contemporary requirements as the two-car garage and the separate laundry unit. The interiors show evidence of good taste and refinement in their calm and well proportioned handling of cabinet work and trim. Cost: $9,700. Cubage: 27,556 at 35 cents.
The profusion of porches and terraces apparent in this residence make it an ideal summer home. The living room and kitchen are so arranged that dining space is available either on the partially enclosed porch, or in one end of the living room. Stairs are ideally located to insure privacy for all bedrooms with a minimum of hall space. The exterior is simply designed and well proportioned, and the large porch has been made a feature of the elevation instead of being the usual minor appendage. Cost: $9,500. Cubage: 30,000 at 32 cents.

ALTON L. CRAFT, ARCHITECT

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

STRUCTURE: Sheathing and heavy roofing felt, 4 in. studs, 6 in. red cedar siding. Inside—3 coats plaster on Celotex lath.

ROOF: Cedar shingles on lath.

SHEET METAL WORK: Flashing and gutters—copper.

WOODWORK: Trim and doors—stock, white pine.


HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING: Warm air, filtering, humidifying; Holland Furnace, oil fired. Hot water heater, General Electric Co.
The architect’s comments are of interest: “I consider that any small house should be planned with service and garage on the front ... I felt that for my own home it would be relaxing to have something different from what one could sell to a client, and in the square house there is more space and economy.” Cost: $9,800. Cubage: 27,807 feet at 35 cents.
Long experience has indicated that the square plan, with a living room balanced by dining room and kitchen and the hall in the center, is one of the most economical and satisfactory arrangements for the small house. Here a variation appears in the introduction of a unit between house and garage, a strip containing a laundry, service entry, and toilet. The exterior is in wood and painted brick, following in general the appearance of the Colonial work in this part of the country. Cost $9,750.
This, and the following residence, are two of a group of four erected upon a steeply rising slope. Each house presented a definite problem of accessibility which has been eminently well solved. The entrance is obtained in each case at an intermediate level in order to break up any long flight of steps. The living rooms are oriented to the back of the house, thus insuring privacy and correlation with the garden and terrace. The pilasters flanking the front entrance and the horizontal mullions in the windows are original notes. The color scheme consists of a soft and rather somber wall background set off by brilliant accents of color on front door and shutters. Cost: approximately $10,000.
CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
This house follows the same general scheme as the one on the preceding page. The construction outline is identical. The composition of the exterior is effectively simple and loses none of its intimate feeling by symmetry.
The vast expanse of roof is admirably balanced by the varied textures of wall materials and the unusual handling of the porch terminating the living room. The dormer windows are connected in order to emphasize the vertical plane of the main elevation. The plan, especially in the areas surrounding the main entrance, has several original features with ample provisions for lavatory, coat closet, and stair accessibility in a minimum of wasted space. Approximate cost: 35 cents per cubic foot.
An old barn provided the starting point for this house, and set the unpretentious character of the design. Set on a slope, the rambling plan fits the incline with ease, and the house grows from a series of low sheds to a full two stories and attic on the garden side. Here again the virtue of simplicity in small house design is apparent, for in spite of the changing roof lines and broken mass, the essential plainness of the historic work has been maintained. The wings of the house give many exposures for sun and ventilation and are as convenient in plan as they are attractive on the exterior. The plan is worth careful study for its relation of services to living quarters; the manner in which the long, narrow living room has been broken up is also of interest. Cost $10,000.
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A substantially constructed house whose main interest lies in the original treatment of the exterior. Ashlar and wood have been combined in an extremely effective manner to give this residence an appearance which is not monotonous. By setting the garage in back of the main plane of the elevation adequate protection has been secured by means of a wide marquise, and in the rear, additional space secured has been planned as service porch, breakfast pantry, and lavatory. The two baths designed in conjunction with the upstairs bedrooms are commendable features of the second floor plan. Cost: approximately $10,000. Cubage: 26,600 at 39 cents.
A compact plan with ample rooms. The living room gains wall space by the placing of the dining room off the hall, a convenient arrangement in a house of this size. There is a good relation between the garage and service entrance. The covered porch not only provides protection for deliveries, but serves as a passage into the house from the garage. It is of interest to note that while plans with garages at the front have been proposed for this development, they have invariably been turned down by the directors of the development and by the committee of residents. Cubage: 29,865. Cost: $10,450 at 35 cents a cubic foot.
ALBERT M. KREIDER, ARCHITECT

This house was designed for a family of three; it displays a familiar plan, and a conservative exterior not unlike the early houses of the locality. Early American was chosen not only because of the strong Colonial tradition in Massachusetts, but because it forms an appropriate setting for the owner’s collection of antique furniture. An unusually large kitchen permits the omission of a pantry, an arrangement found to be most satisfactory. A good feature of the plan is the compact and convenient combination of garage and service entrances.

Cubage: 32,625. Cost: $10,500 at about 32 cents per cubic foot.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE


STRUCTURE: Exterior walls—shingle exterior, except first floor which has brick veneer. Construction—wood frame, plastered inside.

ROOF: Covered with asphalt shingles, Fuller Lumber Co.

CHIMNEY: Terra cotta flue lining. Damper—H. W. Covert Co.

SHEET METAL WORK: Flashing and leaders—copper. Gutters—wood.

INSULATION: Outside walls and attic floor—rock wool. Weatherstripping—Chamberlain Metal Weatherstrip Co., Inc.


FLOORS: All rooms—oak, Fuller Lumber Co. Kitchen and bathrooms—covered with linoleum.


HARDWARE: Interior and exterior—Lockwood Hardware Manufacturing Co.


ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: Wiring system—BX. Switches—toggle.

KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT: Stove and washing machine—electric, General Electric Co. Refrigerator—Frigidaire Sales Corp.

PLUMBING: All fixtures by Kohler Co. Water pipes—% in. Anaconda copper, American Brass Co.


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A well built and soundly designed house, featuring the off-axis entrance. The cornice treatment over the garage doors and the recessed entry afford ample protection from inclement weather. The plan is outstanding in its simplicity, the built-in cabinets in den, living room, kitchen, and dining room have been integrated in the design of the rooms themselves, thus reducing the problem of fitting in furniture designed ex tempore. Approximate cost: $31.5 cents per cubic foot.
A house of Georgian type was designed to meet the requirements of the owner, who wanted a house that was formal in character. Complete symmetry was maintained on the front elevation, with a porch to balance the one-car garage, and a false chimney containing a bedroom closet to match the real one. It is planned to use the present attic space for additional rooms, and the necessary piping was installed when the house was built; also a row of windows was placed in the rear of the attic so that a minimum of structural changes would be required. The one-car garage is to be converted into an additional room, and a new two-car garage is planned for the rear of the plot. The garden has been placed in the front of the house, and its simplicity and formality are in character with the design of the house. Cost: $10,500. Cubage: 30,500 at 34 cents.
THEODORE WHITEHEAD DAVIS, ARCHITECT

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CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION
Concrete blocks, 12 in. hollow.

STRUCTURE
Exterior walls—4 in. brick veneer, 1 in. air space, building felt, 1 x 8 in. shiplap sheathing, 2 x 4 in. studs, lath and 3 coat plaster, hard wall finish.

ROOF
Construction—2 x 6 in. rafters, 16 in. o.c. Covered with 1 x 2 in. No. 1 spruce lath, 18 in. Perfection wood shingles spaced 5 in. to weather.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashings, gutters, leaders—14 oz. copper.

INSULATION
Roof—1½ in. balsam wool.

WINDOWS

FLOORS

WALL COVERINGS
Living room, bedrooms and halls—wall paper. Bathrooms—tile.

WOODWORK

HARDWARE
Polished brass, Schlage Lock Co.

PAINTING

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
Wiring system—3 wire B.X. Switches—tumbler.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

BATHROOM EQUIPMENT

PLUMBING
Soil and vent pipes—extra heavy cast iron. Water supply pipes—brass with brass fittings.

HEATING
Steam with vacuum valves, using Quiet May unit.

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SECOND FLOOR

FIRST FLOOR

SCALE IN FEET

0 2 4 6 8 10 15
A change in ground level permitted the placing of two bedrooms and a bath over the garage without substantially altering the low roof line of the house. The main rooms are all on the ground floor level. The plan is of interest chiefly for the unusual amount of space that has been given to the service elements; the laundry alone is as large as the usual kitchen plus laundry, and the kitchen also is generous in size. By comparison the living room appears cramped, although its dimensions are by no means uncommonly small. A great convenience in the plan is the location of the service entrance next to the garage doors, providing easy access for guests in bad weather. Cost $10,930 at about 40 cents per cubic foot.
The irregularity of the plan is rather unexpected after a glance at the severely symmetrical exterior, and a view of the rear elevation would probably be somewhat at variance with the impression of small scale given by the front. For all its apparent small size, the house contains an astonishing amount of room: living room, dining room, and kitchen are more than ample, and other accommodations include five bedrooms and three baths. The house is typical, in its exterior appearance, of the great bulk of residential work being done on Long Island at the present time. Both one- and two-story types show a decided preference for the Colonial exterior of the kind shown here. Cubage: 35,000. Cost: $10,500 at 35 cents per cubic foot.

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Problem: To build the first of a proposed series of houses, designed for young married couples with moderate incomes; to set up in this first house architectural standards which would control those to follow.

More than usual care in all of its details has added much to the appearance of the house. A terrace off the living room provides for an extension of its uses in the summer, and living room and dining room have been merged to increase the spaciousness of an otherwise small interior. A deck on the second floor faces the rear for privacy, and is further protected by the trees at the edge of the property. This house, originally designed for an operative builder, George N. Schmiedel, was sold shortly after its completion and has already been followed by two others. Cubage: $4,000. Cost $10,728 at 45 cents a cubic foot.
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CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION
Walls—concrete block, continuous. Waterproofing—
1/2 in. coat waterproof, Medusa Portland Cement Co.

STRUCTURE
Exterior walls—random width shingles, 10 in. exposure,
building paper, sheathing, studs, insulation, wire lath
and plaster. Floor construction—wood joists, wire lath
and plaster.

ROOF
Construction—wood rafters, sheathing, felt, covered
with black slate, Bangor Slate Association, Inc. Deck
construction—canvas.

CHIMNEY
Lining—terra cotta. Damper—H. W. Covert Co.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flash in g and leaders—copper. Gutters—long fir wood.

INSULATION
Outside walls—rock wool, Eagle-Picher Lead Co. Attic
floor—rock wool and down knee walls.

WINDOWS
Sash and frame—Silentite, The Curtis Companies.
Glass—glazing by The Curtis Companies. Screens—
bronze in white pine frame.

FLOORS
Living rooms, bedrooms and halls—white oak, Ritter
Floor Co. Kitchen—inloum, Armstrong Cork Products
Co. Bathrooms—tile, American Encaustic Tile Co.

WALL COVERINGS
Living room and halls—wallpaper, Imperial Wall Paper

WOODWORK
Trim and doors—white pine, stock types, The Curtis
Companies. Shelving and cabinets—white pine. Garage
doors—Overhead Door Co.

HARDWARE
Interior and exterior—Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co.

PAINTING
All paint by Keystone Varnish Co.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
Wiring system—BX, National Electric Products Co.
Fuze panel—Columbia Metal Box Co. Switches—Hart
& Hegeman. Fixtures—Cassidy & Co.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT
Stove—General Electric Co. Cabinet—Oxford, Bradley
Co.

BATHROOM AND LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT
Seat—C. F. Church Manufacturing Co. Cabinet—
Hoegger, Inc. All other fixtures—Standard Sanitary
Manufacturing Co.

PLUMBING
Pipes: Soil and waste—extra heavy cast iron, Crane
Co. Water supply—Anaconda brass—American Brass
Co.

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING
Two pipe vapor system, oil burner and thermostat,
General Electric Co.
Problem: To provide accommodations for a young couple and a maid. The plot is 200 x 200 and is located on the edge of a large estate. The house to harmonize with the old Colonial house on the estate, and to be as long and low as possible.

A certain crispness of mass and detail gives this house more character than is usually found in small house adaptations of Colonial.

The architect comments: “The first floor arrangement of spaces gives reasonably long interior vistas, and provides for access from the front hall to the garage, cellar, play room, living room, dining room, and stair to the second floor—all with a minimum of circulation. “The chimney was located as shown to leave the space under the living room clear of heating apparatus for use as a play room, and to leave the south wall of the living room free of the fireplace for the picture window and its view over the grounds of the estate.” Cubage: 26,755. Cost: $10,777.73 at 40 cents a cubic foot.
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CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

STRUCTURE
Exterior walls—red cedar Perfection shingles, 1/2 in. sheathing, insulation, fir studs, metal lath and 3 coat plaster. Floor construction—fir joists; plaster ceilings on first and second floors, cellar and attic unfinished.

ROOF
Fir rafters and shingle lath, covered with wood shingles. Deck construction—wood, covered with canvas.

CHIMNEY
Terra cotta lining. Damper—H. W. Covert Co.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing and gutters—copper.

INSULATION
Outside walls and attic floor—4 in. rock wool.

WINDOWS
Double hung, white pine, Andersen Frame Co. Glass—quality A.

FLOORS

WOODWORK
Trim, shelving and cabinets—white pine. Doors—Curtis Companies.

HARDWARE
Interior and exterior—P. & F. Corbin.

PAINTING

BATHROOMS AND KITCHEN EQUIPMENT
Seat—C. F. Church Manufacturing Co. Shower—Speakman Co. All other fixtures—Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co.

PLUMBING
Pipes: Soil and waste—cast iron. Water supply—brass, Bridgeport Brass Co.

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING
Winter air conditioning, filter, humidifier and gas furnace, Fox Furnace Co. Thermostat—Chronotherm—Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co.
Problem: To relate as many rooms as possible to the patio. (The patio is used about eight months of the year as an outdoor dining room.)

Typical in its general appearance, this house shows an unusually good relation of rooms to each other and to the patio. A pleasant feature of the exterior is the large dining room bay, set on a broad brick base wide enough to accommodate plants and flowers.

The architect's comments, and replies to questions:

"The maid's room is in an unusual position, but the owner wanted her room as near as possible to the children's without having it actually adjoining the family bedrooms."

Q. Is not the inclusion of a breakfast room in a small house that has a dining room a wasteful use of space?
A. "The alcove is used by the family at breakfast and as a servant's dining room the rest of the day. It may be wasteful, but most families prefer an alcove for occasions when they do not wish to prepare the dining room."

Q. Why are 2 x 6 studs used for partitions instead of 2 x 4's?
A. "The 2 x 6 stud walls were used so that the French door hardware would not interfere with that of the screen doors. Roll screens also work better in thicker walls."

Q. The shallow closets with sliding doors seem excellent. How do the sliding doors compare with hinged doors for cost and practicality?
A. "Shallow closets are economical of floor space, and open-face trays are useful for folded wearing apparel. The cost of hardware is not great, in fact most doors slide in hardwood grooves using small Domes of Silence (the common glides used on chair legs) on the bottom of the doors. The doors, in many cases, are of plywood."

Cubage: 29,000. Cost: $10,800 at 37 cents a cubic foot.
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STRUCTURE
Exterior walls—1 in. cement plaster, 16 gauge 1 1/2 in. mesh wire lath, brown skin paper, Brown Co., applied against horizontal tie wires, wood studs, rock lath, hard wall plaster, U.S. Gypsum Co. Floor construction—2 x 10 in. joists, 1 x 6 in. diagonal sub-floor, 1 1/2 x 2 in. clear plain white oak.

ROOF
Covered with Royal cedar shingles.

CHIMNEY
Terra cotta flue lining, Gladding, McBean & Co. Damper—Superior, Superior Fireplace Co.

SHEET METAL WORK
Framing—galvanized iron and Lead Clad, Wheeling Metal Manufacturing Co. Gutters and leaders—galvanized iron.

WINDOWS

FLOORS

WALL COVERINGS
Living rooms, bedrooms and halls—wallpaper. Kitchen—Sealex wall covering—Congoleum-Nairn, Inc.

HARDWARE
Interior and exterior—P. and F. Corbin.

PAINTING

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

BATHROOM EQUIPMENT

HEATING
Unit heater and hot water heater.
This project, recently awarded first prize in a competition held in conjunction with the San Francisco Exhibition of Landscape Architecture, is so brilliant a solution of a by no means uncommon problem that it is here offered as an example of the potentialities of the architect who is willing to think clearly and creatively. The problem was to design a house and garden for a 25-foot city plot.

The architect and landscape architect comment: "Essentially the house consists of two units: (1) a living and eating space (with kitchen, bar, etc.), (2) a space for retirement, privacy, sleeping. The general living area on the ground floor is in intimate relation with the garden, which is conceived as an extension of the interior living and entertaining area. Effort has been made to treat these areas of interior and exterior living in such a way as to eliminate a hard and fast separation between them. The dining balcony, wide at the kitchen end, tapers down to the width of the circular stair in the garden. Besides creating a pleasant effect inside and out, this device acts strongly to splice the outside and inside together. The great area of glass acts neither as wall nor window, but merely as physical agent for the control of inside temperatures, yet rendering the garden a source of stimulation and delight to the inside occupants.

"A garden of this type has nothing to do with gardening, as such, but nevertheless serves to inspire a sense of garden without the trappings associated with the garden idea. First aim in the architecture is the development of space concepts—in the garden, that of form. Second aim, to completely unify and integrate these two fundamental objectives in terms of construction materials and planting so as to produce a dwelling unit lending itself to a fine tradition of living."
THIRD FLOOR

SECOND FLOOR

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114. HOUSE FOR PAUL E. HARRISON, DOVER, N. H.

LUCIEN O. GEOFFRION, ARCHITECT

PROBLEM: The owner called for a comparatively inexpensive, yet generously appointed house with provisions for entertaining guests. A combined laboratory and playroom was required in the basement.

The architect comments: "The owners wished their house to appear as long and low as possible, yet to provide for full use of second floor space for maximum sized bedrooms. They also demanded auxiliary stairs to reduce wear on the main stairs, and to facilitate circulation from second floor to service portion. The owners also wished an effort to be made to integrate the living room, dining room, and sun porch with the large terrace.

"The pantry, in my opinion, is not needed and if it had been made into a second floor breakfast room instead it would have allowed a better designed and more comfortable kitchen."

Cubage: 42,000. Cost: $11,000 at 26 cents a cubic foot.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE


ROOF: Covered with composition shingles, Johns-Manville Co.

SHEET METAL WORK: Flashing—copper, Gutters—Tocan metal, Republic Steel Corp.


ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: Wiring system—BX. Switches—Cutler Hammer Co. Fixtures—indirect, Chase Brass & Copper Co.


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PROBLEM: To design a small house for a lot 125 feet wide by 140 feet deep which slopes downward from the street.

Since there were large trees on the lot which the owner did not wish to destroy, it was necessary to set the house back, and consequently below the street level. As the slope continues downward it was possible to put the garage and maid’s room in the basement, which is above ground. The plan requirements, according to the architects, were not unusual, except that the requirements for circulation from the front hall were rather difficult to meet. The placing of the living room fireplace between deeply recessed windows is not common, and may at times hamper suitable location of furniture. The white brick exterior is typical of much local domestic work. Cubage: 29,000. Cost $11,500 at 40 cents a cubic foot.
CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION
Walls—brick, continuous. Waterproofing—waterproof cement.

STRUCTURE
Floor construction—wood joist, sub-floor, and oak finish floor. Ceiling—lath and plaster, U. S. Gypsum Co.

ROOF
Rafters and sheathing, covered with slate.

CHIMNEY
Brick with Majestic Manufacturing Co.'s damper.

SHEET METAL WORK
Flashing and gutters—copper.

INSULATION
Outside walls and attic floor—4 in. mineral wool. Weatherstripping on exterior doors—Monarch Metal Weatherstrip Corp.

WINDOWS
Double hung, pine. Glass—double strength, quality A. Screens—copper mesh on wood frames.

STAIRS
Treads—oak. Risers and stringers—pine.

FLOORS

WALL COVERINGS
Bedrooms—wallpaper.

WOODWORK
Pine throughout.

HARDWARE

PAINTING
All paint material by Berry Brothers. Exterior walls—Bondex, The Reardon Co.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
Wiring system—BX cable.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT
Stove and refrigerator—electric.

PLUMBING
All fixtures by Crane Co. Pipes: Soil and waste—cast iron. Water supply—wrought iron.

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING
Sunbeam unit, filtering and humidifying, Fox Furnace Co.
Here is an ingenious plan with varying levels defining the sequence of the rooms. Library, living and dining areas are composed around a large and centrally located fireplace. This fireplace, one of three within the house, is topped by a skylight and offers a fine conservatory. The arrangement of the various units in the floor plan produces interesting interior vistas and correlation between the many functions of the living area. Since the lot provided both rear and front access, the garage was designed toward the back of the structure. A great deal of originality is revealed in the use of varied textures upon the elevations. The horizontal, stressed by the continuous and overhanging roof lines, is further emphasized by the fenestration, the chimney structure, and the landscaped pattern. Cubage: 27,000 at 43 cents.
CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
PROBLEM: To design a house for use chiefly on week-ends, by a couple with no children. The owner wanted an open, informal plan with ample facilities for entertaining.

The large windows open the entire lake side to the view. In a correspondingly generous manner the rooms open into one another, solving the requirements of informality and of facilities for entertaining. The garage, incorporated with the house, adds interest to the mass, and the balcony above serves as a shelter over the door.

*The architects comment:* “The house was originally designed for reenforced concrete beam and slab construction, but due to the inexperience of the average small house contractor in this section, and to the higher cost, it was changed to wood. Site conditions indicated that a basement should be omitted and this spring has proven that it was wise to do so. The maid, whose bathroom lacks bathing facilities, uses the shower in the laundry.”

Cost: $12,000.
CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

STRUCTURE

ROOF
Construction — wood joists and blocking for pitch, covered with 20-year bonded roofing with Mica cap sheet, The Barrett Co. Decks covered with 1 x 3 in. wood grill.

CHIMNEY
Lining — glazed tile. Fireplace — tri-stop damper, Peerless Manufacturing Corp.

INSULATION
Outside walls, ground floor and roof — 6 in. rock wool, Johns-Manville, Inc.; ½ in. Insulite plaster base; 1 in. Insulite under-roofing, Insulite Co.

WINDOWS
Sash — wood casements, weatherstripped and screened, crank and lever operated, Andersen Frame Corp.

WALL COVERINGS

WOODWORK

HARDWARE
Interior and exterior — Schlage Lock Co.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION
Wiring system — BX cable. Switches — Bryant Electric Co. Fixtures — concealed built-in, direct and indirect.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT
All equipment by General Electric Co. Cabinets — wood.

BATHROOM EQUIPMENT

HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING
SAUL H. BROWN, ARCHITECT

The long balcony, built to take advantage of an ocean view, serves much the same purpose esthetically as the overhang of the building on the facing page. Plan, exteriors, and landscaping are consistently simple and attractive.

The architect comments: "The feature of the house is that the main rooms and balcony have an unobstructed view of the ocean. Materials are plaster and wood, commonly used in the locality. No unusual problems as to family requirements or layout were encountered. The owner has found satisfaction in the orientation, which permits the sun to enter all rooms."

Cubage: 64,000. Cost: $12,000 at 19 cents per cubic foot.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

ROOF: Pre-dipped shingles, Samuel Cabot, Inc.

SHEET METAL WORK: Flashing and gutters—Armco, American Rolling Mills Co.
INSULATION: Outside walls, ground floor and roof—Celotex, The Celotex Co.

WOODWORK: Trim, cabinets and doors—pine.
HARDWARE: Interior and exterior—Schlage Lock Co.
PAINTING: All paint material by National Lead Co.


KITCHEN EQUIPMENT: Stove—Wedgewood, James Graham Manufacturing Co.
Refrigerator—Electrolux, Servel Sales, Inc.

PLUMBING: All fixtures by Standard Sanitary Manufacturing Co. Pipes by A. M. Byers Co.

HEATING: Furnace—Payne Furnace & Supply Co.

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BERESFORD BECK, ARCHITECT

A narrow lot (50 feet) led to the placing of the house with its end facing the street. The arrangement is a reasonable one, although it ensures less privacy for the interior than would be possible with a more conventional plot plan. The plot faces south, thereby giving the house three exposures to the sun; there is a good view to the north. The simplicity of the house is a definite factor in its pleasing appearance.

Cubage: 33.165. Cost: $12,100 at 36 cents a cubic foot.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE


ROOF: Wood frame covered with asbestos shingles, Philip Carey Co. Deck—frame construction, covered with 90 oz. copper.

SHEET METAL WORK: Flashing—90 oz. copper. Gutters and leaders—Toscan galvanized iron, Republic Steel Corp.


FLOORS: Living rooms, bedrooms and halls—clear red oak. Kitchen and bathrooms—inleum covered fir, Congoleum-Nairn, Inc.


HARDWARE: Polished brass, Sargent & Co.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION: Switches—Harvey Hubbell, Inc. Fixtures—direct, Victor Pearlman Co.


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HOUSING NEEDS vary in different parts of the country as heat, cold, altitude, rainfall, and other climatic conditions vary. This map indicates in a general way the areas in which farm families need similar housing facilities with respect to such factors as arrangement of rooms, need for privacy, facilities for outdoor living and working, and heating facilities. The areas are rough approximations, for of course there are great differences within any one of them, and many needs are common to most of them. They represent, however, discernible differences in needs.

ROOMS AND ROOM USES: While residents of homes in all regions express a preference for laundry space outside of kitchens, a majority of farm people in two regions only, K and L, express a preference for separate dining rooms, whereas dining space in kitchen is desired by householders in regions A, B, C, D, E, G, H, I and J. Families in regions B, C, E, G, H, I, J, K and L feel it desirable to have dining porches or terraces in connection with their homes. All regions express a preference for screened work porches and a linoleum covering on the dining area.

CLIMATIC FACTORS: Differences in temperature and humidity in different regions give rise to different needs, although these differences are not sharply defined.

ORIENTATION is another important factor. People in regions E, J, K and L prefer their bedrooms to face on side from which the breeze comes. In regions A, D, F, G, H and I, householders express a preference to have their living rooms face the south (Winter sun); and in regions E, H, J, K and L homekeepers prefer to have their kitchens avoid a western exposure.

DIVISION INTO SECTIONS: As a basis for classifying returns from the studies described in foregoing paragraphs, the United States was divided into twelve sections. The objective in the division was to determine areas in which farmhouses of a given cost level would be similar as to plan. Decisions as to the number and boundaries of sections were based upon weather bureau data, upon United States 1930 Agricultural Census data on sizes of farms and types of farm enterprises, upon the information secured from the forty-four State home demonstration leaders mentioned above, and upon suggestions made by Dr. O. E. Baker and other members of the staff of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture. Boundaries were placed along county lines. The division is shown on the map above.

FOREWORD

This has been prepared to serve a double purpose: to show some samples of what the Resettlement Administration has done in the planning and construction of houses in rural and semi-rural areas; and to make available to those interested in small house design and construction some information gained from the experience of a Government Agency.

The Resettlement Administration is not and has not been primarily a housing agency. Building houses has always been but one factor in a major objective. For example, the houses it has built in semi-rural areas adjacent to middle-sized and small communities were usually part of a plan which enabled persons who made their living in town to supplement their income by raising certain types of agricultural products. Houses were necessary as places in which these people would live. Moreover, in assisting people who live on farms, the building of the house was not the chief objective. The house is simply an item in the general farm and home plan which has been worked out with these people.

The Government has been guided by the realization that
the conditions which stimulate house building on the edge of small towns are basically different from those on a farm. The person who constructs his own house near a town can usually regard it as an investment. The farmer’s house, on the other hand, is a minor part of his investment. His chief investment is his productive land, his live stock, barns, and machinery. These must be cared for first; if his income from them is large enough, he may finally build himself a good house.

Taking such facts into consideration, the problem of building homes has been approached in terms of their surroundings. In the case of farmers, the Administration has not only striven to build better farm houses but also to build them in proper relationship to the farmsteads of which they are units. And where rural homes are an integral part of a community, it has built with the intention of relating each house to the rest of the community.

It should be remembered also that the primary purpose for which the Resettlement Administration received funds was for rural relief. It was possible to supply relief, to assist in the development of sound community life, and to establish housing standards all at the same time. However, rarely is it possible to expend funds in this way and secure the most efficient operations. There are too many conflicting, even though complementary, ends. The circumstances surrounding the use of relief labor, for example, are likely to make such labor costly. Hence low costs are seldom found on such projects.

The difficulties which stand in the way of low cost housing have been the subject of discussion for many years. Private builders have been remarkably successful in achieving economies on large scale mass production in many suburban developments. The very success, however, which has been achieved has been at the expense of variety, space and oftentimes quality. The number of factors which must be assembled, the variety of ends sought, have made for increasing awareness of the fact that building a house is one of the most difficult tasks which can be undertaken. No architect or builder, no Government Agency, is today all-wise.

In building a house privately, a person usually follows the customs of his community. These customs have grown up over many years and rest on sound foundations. However, they are also likely to carry over into the house design many features which may have been necessary in the past, but which have outlived their usefulness. Also they fail to take into account the changing circumstances in the newer developments in materials and in the methods of construction. Sound design, then, requires that local prejudice and custom be taken into account, but be fused with the more modern methods.

It is exactly this process which the architects and builders of the Resettlement Administration have tried to follow as they have developed the various houses which the administration has built. No claim is made that perfection has been achieved; nevertheless, the designs which are shown in this booklet have some contribution to make in house planning.

Just like an individual building a house, the Government has had to work out means of obtaining the most house for the least amount of money. Although the Resettlement Administration may have been able to achieve savings through centralized design and planning, and through quantity production and wholesale purchase of materials, the private builders may be able to effect other savings, such as the use of qualified skilled labor, which costs less than the relief labor.

In building its houses, the Resettlement Administration attempted to keep the square foot areas of the houses to a minimum, conforming to the utility needs of each family. Stress was laid on room arrangements which would be most practical for the people living in the houses.

In determining the height of the houses, in stories, certain factors had to be considered. Location, climate, land cost and local custom. Houses that were constructed in the North are frequently one- or two-stories in height with a basement, to facilitate heating, while houses built in the South are often one-story in height without a basement.

The choice of materials for construction is also an important factor in building a house. Certain materials are manufactured in standard sizes and are so carried in stock. The use of standard sized stock materials generally makes for economy. In addition, materials manufactured locally, if practicable, are generally cheaper because of lower transportation costs. Local labor is also generally more familiar with local methods of construction and local materials, and the gain in time resulting from this familiarity is therefore reflected in a definite financial saving.

It is apparent that if the Resettlement Administration were to state the actual immediate costs of some of these houses, it would be completely misleading. An individual who tried to build at the figure stated could not do so. He would have some costs which the Government did not have—on the other hand, the Government had certain costs which the private individual would not have. Such contribution as these designs have is primarily in their suggestive quality. A soundly conceived design is usually more economical than a poor design. The suggestion of a new material or a new way of using an old material will be more helpful than a whole series of cost figures.

Economy does not imply the absence of beauty or taste. No small house is ever completely satisfactory if it is not also attractive; and no housing problem is ever solved that does not install the family amidst homelike surroundings. But little additional is required to obtain esthetic satisfaction. Care in the proportioning of the plan units, the mass of the house, the size and arrangement of the openings or the selection of harmonious colors, costs nothing extra. The resulting attractiveness is a decided incentive toward encouraging the occupants to maintain and enhance this attractiveness with furnishings and planting.
Seven houses made of mud—rammed earth—constitute one of the unique features of the Gardendale Homesteads. This project, 13 miles from Birmingham, was designed for part-time workers from the industries and white collar trades of the city. The project offers them good homes and a chance to supplement their small incomes by part-time farming on a small scale.

Rammed earth construction consists of tamping the earth in forms. The forms are designed in conformance to the plan. In them earth consisting of three parts sand, two parts clay and one part aggregate, is placed in three inch layers and tamped into a hard compact mass. After each layer has been tamped, another is placed on the form and the work continued until the form has been filled. The form is then raised and the operation is repeated until the wall has been completed.

Aside from the seven houses and barns built of rammed earth, Gardendale Homesteads will contain 68 additional one-story houses. Fifty-six of these are of frame construction, 12 are of brick veneer. With each unit there will be a combination garage, barn and poultry house. The whole tract is 512 acres and the individual tracts range from 3 to 10 acres.

Fencing, landscaping, walks and driveways are provided. Water is supplied by individual wells with pumps and pressure tanks.

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ANALYSIS OF BUILDING

This house is of rammed earth construction. Abundant, unskilled labor and local workable clay and sand deposits make the construction possible. The earth walls make exceptionally good insulating material which, combined with the ventilated roof, produce a house that is cool in hot weather and inexpensive to heat in the winter. The plan emphasizes cross-ventilation in all rooms. The full openings with French doors are used in place of windows because the local climate is such that for nine months of the year the greatest ventilation is desired. For the other three months a device is provided which, in effect, makes casement windows out of the doors. No laundry is necessary because all laundry is done out of doors. The rear porch is used for laundry in inclement weather. Volume: 17,528 cu. ft.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATIONS: Concrete.
EXTERIOR WALLS: Rammed earth; exterior finish, linseed oil.
ROOFS: Wood framing, hollow ventilating spaces; finished roof S-ply tar and felt.
INTERIOR FINISH: Plaster directly on wall.
CEILINGS: Plaster over plasterboard.
FloORS: Asphalt tiles on reenforced concrete slab.
WIN DOWNS: Wood casements.
HEATING: Fireplace and stove in hallway.
PLUMBING: Copper tubing.
SANITARY FACILITIES: Sewerage, individual septic tanks.

CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
Palmerdale Homesteads is one of the four garden communities the Resettlement Administration is developing for low-income families in and around Birmingham, Alabama. It was designed to make possible a satisfactory standard of living for a group of part-time employees of the steel and chemical plants located in the Birmingham area. It enables these families to supplement their incomes by growing the major portion of their food supply on individual kitchen gardens.

When Palmerdale is completed it will provide 102 modern homes on 3-acre tracts. The first unit of 60 houses is now completed and occupied, and the second unit of 42 houses has also just been completed.

They contain four to five rooms, and are one story high. Thirty-four are of frame construction, eight of brick veneer. In addition to the houses each unit is equipped with a well house and either a combination cow-stall, feed room and poultry house, or a garage and poultry house. Water supply from individual wells, each equipped with automatic pump and storage tank.

A community house will be constructed with facilities for motion pictures, basket ball, community gatherings, kindergarten, clinic, library, and administrative offices. This building will also include a community store and will serve as a school for project children in the lower grades.

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ANALYSIS OF BUILDING

The warm climate of its location affected the design of this home. The plan is open; rooms well ventilated. A screened service porch provides space for outdoor dining. There is also a large front porch. Large living room heated by fireplace. Spacious bedrooms are connected by center hall.

While initial costs for frame construction with wood siding are lower than the cost of the brick veneer shown above, higher maintenance costs of frame houses, made necessary through the need of constant attention and repainting, partially defeat the low cost objective. Volume: 23,745 cu. ft.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION: Brick.
EXTERIOR WALLS: Brick veneer.
ROOFS: Wood framed, red wood shingles.
INTERIOR FINISH: Wall board.
CEILINGS: Plaster.
FLOORS: Pine, double.
WINDOWS: Kitchen range and fireplace.
PLUMBING: Copper tubing.
SANITARY FACILITIES: Sewage disposal by individual septic tanks and tile disposal field.

CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
This project is being developed for the resettlement of the families of 100 farm laborers. A large majority of the working population in certain sections of Arizona are employed as farm laborers. The work is seasonal and the family incomes, as a consequence, are small. The project gives these people a chance to supplement their means of livelihood by homegrown foods and a small amount of cash crops.

Arizona Part-Time Farms are being developed in three units—24 located at Glendale; 36 at Phoenix; and 40 at Chandler. The Glendale unit has been laid out so that the houses are located on small plots averaging 1/3 of an acre, and the main portion of the land is devoted to a community farm, cooperatively operated by residents in their free time.

In the Phoenix and Chandler units the houses are located on three-acre tracts. A cooperative dairy-poultry-truck farm will provide the families with part of their food. The houses contain from 3 to 5 rooms, and are one story high. Domestic water supply is from electric motor driven pumps and deep wells. Additional buildings on each farmstead include a barn, poultry house, and milk shed. Fencing, landscaping and orchards are included in the plans as are a cooperative canning room and store.

An irrigation system with individual unit connections will be constructed. The water will be supplied from one general pumping plant.

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ANALYSIS OF BUILDING
Extremely warm summers and mild winter temperatures characterize this region. The houses of adobe construction are typical of the area. They have paved floors. Their flat roofs are of wood construction, with an insulation of stabilized earth. This stabilized earth is adobe treated with oil emulsion, making it firmer and increasing its resistance to the elements.
The airy sleeping accommodations are completely screened. All of the rooms have cross ventilation and the closets are large in size. Three piece bathroom and kitchen sink. Volume: 10,083 cu. ft.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE
FOUNDATIONS: Concrete.
EXTERIOR WALLS: Adobe 12 in. thick with stucco exterior.
ROOFS: Stabilized earth.
INTERIOR FINISH: Plaster on metal lath.
CEILING: Plaster on metal lath.
FLOORS: Cement painted.
WINDOWS: Casement type, opening out.
HEATING: Kitchen range.
PLUMBING: Copper tubing.
SANITARY FACILITIES: Sewerage disposal by individual septic tank and tile disposal field.

KITCHEN

BATH

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The community is located on a 5,800-acre tract in Jefferson County, 35 miles from Little Rock, Arkansas. It included one hundred 36-acre farmsteads grouped about a community center and surrounded by woodland and pasture. This project has been designed for the resettlement of young families, whose heads are 35 years or under, selected from the farm families of the State. Many of them have been making a futile attempt to farm poor ground. The rich soil of the project will give them a better chance to earn a livelihood.

On each farmstead a modern one-story home containing from four to six rooms is being constructed. Each tract will be landscaped with native shrubs and trees, fenced, and equipped with a barn, cotton house, poultry house, hog house and well house. Running water under pressure is furnished by an electric pump from deep wells. Old roads are being improved and new roads being built. Cooperative enterprises, including a cooperative store and warehouse, a cotton gin, a meat curing cold storage and ice plant, and a farm repair shop, are proposed.
ANALYSIS OF BUILDING

This house is planned for a Southern climate. The arrangement of the rooms and the windows is designed to give the house maximum ventilation. To serve the same purpose louvers are placed in the side walls directly beneath the eaves and an 18 x 24 in. vent in the ceiling of the hall. There is also a 12 x 24 in. vent in the kitchen ceiling over the coal stove. This serves both for ventilation and to carry off the fumes from cooking. The vents may be closed if desired. The foundation of the house has metal termite guards and cast iron air vents. Heating is necessary during part of the year and to facilitate this there is an 8 x 12 in. hot air register over each hall doorway. These openings from the hall to the adjoining rooms are controlled by shutters. The ceilings are insulated with two inches of mineral wool insulation. All chimneys are lined with flue lining. All screen doors and windows are 16 in. mesh bronze screening. The kitchen has a built-in sink, drainboards, and cabinets. There is a large adjoining pantry with ample shelves. The hot water tank is located in the kitchen next to the range. The work porch is screened in and contains large laundry tubs. The bathroom has a bath tub and a lavatory. Volume: 18,250 cu. ft.

CONSTRUCTION ANALYSIS

FOUNDATION: Concrete wall.
EXTERIOR WALLS: Pine siding over insulating paper.
ROOF: Wood shingles.
INTERIOR FINISH: V-joint No. 2 pine 1" x 8".
CEILINGS: Kitchen and bath—v-joint No. 2 pine 1" x 6".
Remainder of house—v-joint No. 2 pine 1" x 4".
FLOORS: No. 1 edgegreen T&G fir 1" x 4".
WINDOWS: Double hung with wood sash.
HEATING: Fireplace, kitchen range and heater in hall.
PLUMBING: Galvanized wrought iron pipe.
SANITARY FACILITIES: Sewerage; sanitary privies.

CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
A garden community for 200 low-income families, this project is now under construction on 1,600 acres of fertile land in Gogebic County, Michigan. It is a mile and a half north of the town of Ironwood.

Ironwood, an iron-mining town with a population of 14,000 is in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Bad housing conditions there were aggravated by the unusual severity of the economic depression in the region. Also, a residential section of the town has been slowly sinking because of underground mining operations. The building of Ironwood Homesteads will not only meet general housing needs but will primarily provide a chance for low-income workers to supplement their incomes with food grown for home consumption. Each family will have a garden plot of at least \( \frac{5}{4} \) of an acre adjacent to its home.

There will be 200 houses. Houses are two stories high and have from 4 to 6 rooms, basements, and in most cases, garages. The basement has a large cold room. A central water system will supply all buildings.

Cooperative facilities including a trade center, a cannery, dairy barns, hog shelters, and poultry houses are planned. Fencing, landscaping, walks, and driveways are provided.
ANALYSIS OF BUILDING
Because of the severe winter cold and the consequently low frost line, foundations are sunk six feet. Further protection against cold is provided by use of \( \frac{3}{4} \) in. insulating material. To overcome the handicap of heavy snow the garage was located in advance of the house in order that access to the highway might be facilitated. A bedroom is located adjacent to the kitchen and may be used for a dining room if not required for sleeping. All plumbing is located on one line of piping. Volume: 18,770 cu. ft.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE
FOUNDATIONS: Concrete.
EXTERIOR WALLS: Concrete block veneer.
ROOFS: Cedar shingles; insulation, rigid insulation board.
INTERIOR FINISH: Plywood.
CEILINGS: Plywood.
FLOORS: Basement, concrete; first and second, double floors; finish, flr.
WINDOWS: Double hung, wood sash.
HEATING: Coal fired, duct system, warm air furnace.
PLUMBING: Copper tubing.
SANITARY FACILITIES: Central sewerage system.

CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
This is a suburban garden community, designed to provide homes for low-income families employed in the iron-works and the other trades and industries of Duluth. The community is located on a 1,200-acre tract in St. Louis County, in the northeastern part of Minnesota, seven miles from the business center of the city of Duluth.

Each home has an adjoining kitchen garden. These gardens enable the residents to supplement their income by raising a portion of their food supply.

The 95 houses now under construction, of which 40 have been completed, contain from 4 to 6 rooms and are two stories high. The individual plots run from 5 to 10 acres. The necessary barns and other outbuildings are planned. It is planned to build a community building for educational and recreational purposes. Approximately 10 acres of land will be cleared and developed into athletic fields and community park. Fencing, landscaping, and driveways will be provided.

The domestic water supply comes from individual wells with pumps.

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ANALYSIS OF BUILDING
Severe winters characterize the area. All entrances are, therefore, protected by storm entries. All plumbing is located on one line on an interior wall to reduce the possibility of freezing. The kitchen is located between a large living room and a bedroom, either may be used as a dining room. The stairway is located in the center of the house, reducing hall space to a minimum and providing ample closet space. Volume: 15,948 cu. ft.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE
FOUNDATIONS: Concrete.
EXTERIOR WALLS: Brick veneer, wood frame, insulation.
ROOFS: Insulated, cedar shingles.
INTERIOR FINISH: Plaster.
CEILINGS: Plaster.
FLOORS: Basement, concrete; first and second, double; finished floor, straight grain fir.
WINDOWS: Double hung, wood sash.
HEATING: Coal fired, duct system warm air furnace.
PLUMBING: Copper tubing for cold water; galvanized iron for cold.
SANITARY FACILITIES: Sewage disposal through individual septic tanks.
NEW JERSEY  JERSEY HOMESTEADS, HIGHTSTOWN, N. J.

This is an agricultural-industrial community located near Hightstown in the central part of New Jersey. The 200 families selected for occupancy are needle trades workers from the New York and Philadelphia areas, who have suffered as the result of seasonal unemployment.

The families, cooperatively, manufacture women's garments and operate a 414-acre farm. In addition, they will have their own cooperative stores and shops, a community center and other necessary service trades. Of the 200 families, 160 will work in the factory; 25 will run the cooperative farm, the remaining 15 families will service the community, when in full operation, as clerks in the community store, carpenters, plumbers, shoemakers, barbers, and the like.

The homes are grouped in horseshoe formation, with the community buildings in the center. There are 39 four-room, 106 five-room, 48 six-room, and 7 seven-room houses, all of which are one story in height.

The water supply system includes five miles of main, two artesian wells and a 75,000 gallon reserve tank. The colony’s sewage disposal system is one of the most modern in the country, with five miles of sewer ducts and a disposal plant. As soon as possible the community will become an incorporated township and pay State and county taxes.
ANALYSIS OF BUILDING

This house was planned to give adequate shelter in a region that has severe winters and warm summers. Its thorough insulation and the design of its heating system help protect its occupants against both heat and cold. Besides the airspace in the cinder blocks its walls have a 7/8 inch furring space. Its ground floor has 1/2 in. sheet insulation over cinder concrete fill. The roof has 1 1/2 in. sheet insulation. To increase the efficiency of the insulation in the summer time the air ducts of the heating system are brought into use. During the day the insulation absorbs a good deal of the summer heat. To quicken the rate at which the walls cool off at night, a fan forces the comparatively cool night air through the duct system. Another feature is the large overhang on the roof. This shields the interior from the direct rays of the summer sun and still allows the slanting rays of the winter sun to reach inside the house. Volume: 14,800 cu. ft.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION: Poured concrete.
EXTERIOR WALLS: Cinder blocks, furring (wood) strips, insulated wire lath, two coats of plaster (scratch and finish).
INTERIOR FINISH: Plaster finish same as outside wall.
CEILINGS: Casein paint on cement slab.
FLOORS: Hardwood block units, laid in mastic over 3/4" sheet insulation, excepting bathroom and kitchens, which are of asphalt tile laid in mastic.
ROOF: 4" structural concrete slab, 1 1/2" sheet insulation, 4 ply built up roofing.
WINDOWS: Double hung wood sash, weather stripped with provisions for ventilated storm sash.
HEATING: Gravity oil burning warm air furnace, duct system, forced circulation.
PLUMBING: Copper tubing.
SANITARY FACILITIES: Central sewerage system.

CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
Penderlea Homesteads, located on the Coastal Plain, forty miles from the city of Wilmington, N. C., has been designed to give farmers in the poor land area around Wilmington an opportunity to relocate on land capable of providing them with a living. This region is classed by farm economists as being in the farm tenant belt of the nation. Occupant families were selected with this in mind and came from four groups—families living on wornout land, tenant farmers, rehabilitation clients who have been under the care of the Resettlement Administration, and young married couples fitted for and desiring an agricultural life. Approximately 4,500 acres have been purchased for the development of this project. There are 142 families housed in attractive four-, five-, and six-room dwellings, one story in height. A farmstead of 90 acres for each family has been cleared and made ready for the planting of crops. In addition to the home there is a chicken house, barn, movable hog house, and a pump house on each tract. Running water under pressure is furnished by electric power-driven pumps from wells.

The small acreages place the residents relatively near one another. The community is organized in cooperation with the State and County.
ANALYSIS OF BUILDING
The mild climate influenced the design of these houses. Screened work porch open on two sides may be used for dining in the summer. Living room heated with fireplace. Bedrooms have ample closet space. Three-piece bathroom. Kitchen sink. Hot water tank. Copper termite shields set in foundation. Volume: 13,979 cu. ft.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE
FOUNDATION: Brick piers with copper termite shields.
EXTERIOR WALLS: Wood siding insulated with building paper.
ROOF: Cedar shingles.
INTERIOR FINISH: Knotty pine, waxed; insulated sills.
CEILINGS: Knotty pine.
FLOORS: Double floors, clear yellow pine, stained and waxed.
WINDOWS: Check rail, 12-light, wood sash.
HEATING: Fireplace, kitchen range.
PLUMBING: Galvanized wrought steel tubing.
SANITARY FACILITIES: Sewage disposal by individual septic tank and tile disposal field.
This is an agricultural community, located on a 6,900-acre tract in Lee County in the north central part of South Carolina. It is designed for 134 farm families, most of whom are moving there from poor lands purchased by the Resettlement Administration in its land use program.

The residents will derive their living and cash income from the operation of their individual tracts varying in size from 37 to 60 acres. Several cooperative enterprises, such as cotton gin and tobacco storage barn, may also be developed by the residents.

The one-story homes contain from 4 to 6 rooms. Besides the dwelling each homestead will have a poultry house, a barn, and a storage house. Domestic water supply is afforded by windmills installed on each unit. Necessary roads, bridges, and culverts are being built. Fences, orchards, and landscaping are planned.

It is planned to remodel various existing structures and equip them as a community center. The community center and the playground will provide recreational facilities.
Mild winter temperature prevails. Ample porches provide shade and screened areas for living quarters. The kitchen has space for eating and the adjacent porch may be used for dining area in the summer. Large living room heated with central fireplace. Bedrooms have clothes closets and are connected by bath and small central hall. Large work-room adjoining kitchen has facilities for laundry. Volume: 11,128 cu. ft.

**Construction Analysis**

- **Foundation:** Brick piers with termite shields.
- **Exterior Walls:** Vertical boards and battens.
- **Roof:** Galvanized iron.
- **Interior Finish:** Knotty pine, V-pointed boards, stained and waxed.
- **Ceilings:** ½ inch insulation boards in interior, ¾ inch dressed board on porch.
- **Floors:** Wood, stained and waxed.
- **Windows:** Double hung wood sash—not weighted.
- **Heating:** Open fireplace and kitchen range.
- **Plumbing:** Copper tubing.
- **Sanitary Facilities:** Sewage disposal by individual septic tank and tile disposal field; also complete bathroom and kitchen plumbing.
- **Services:** Electricity—Electric ceiling outlets and wall plugs.

**Alternate Scheme**
Cumberland Homesteads is located on a 13,000-acre tract on the Cumberland Plateau, four and one-half miles from the town of Crossville, Tennessee. It is being built to aid three groups of people: the timber workers, the miners, and the farmers in the poor land areas. Many of these families have been dependent upon private and public relief funds for the last five years. It is an agricultural community planned for 274 families who will derive their income from the cultivation of individual tracts of some 25 acres each, and from the development of cooperative enterprises. Fifteen different architectural plans, eight of which are recurring, have been used in constructing houses in the community. They are one and one and one-half stories high and contain from 4 to 7 rooms. By using local materials—the easily quarried native Crab Orchard stone and the abundant oak and white pine available on the project site—the cost of these houses is extremely low for dwellings of their type. Additional buildings on each unit will consist of a poultry house, a garage and tool storage house, a stable and barn. Health facilities are to be provided in part by an infirmary.
ANALYSIS OF BUILDING

Walls, fireplace, and porch floors are of sandstone, quarried locally. Hand-hewn solid oak beams have been used in the interiors and for porch posts. Efficient arrangements for canning and other work are provided in the kitchen. The large living room with dining alcove provides adequate space for the social life of the family during the winter months. The arrangement of closet space, through reduction of hall area, has increased the usable area of the bedrooms. Volume: 13,600 cu. ft.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION: Crab Orchard stone (native quality).
EXTERIOR WALLS: Stone masonry, furred and lined with native molded wood paneling.
ROOFS: White pine wood shingles.
INTERIOR FINISH: Wood paneling, pine.
CEILINGS: V-joint wood paneling.
FLOORS: Wood framing, double; finish, native oak.
WINDOWS: Double hung and casements, wood sash.
HEATING: Coal and wood burning stoves and fireplaces.
PLUMBING: Galvanized wrought iron piping.
SANITARY FACILITIES: Individual septic tanks.
Located on the Aberdeen Road, this community is some four miles from the business center of Newport News, Virginia. It is of the suburban type, designed to provide homes with gardens for 158 low-income colored families. These families are employed, full or part-time, in the shipyards, railroad industries and other trade and service occupations in the Newport News and Hampton Roads area. They will be able to supplement their earnings with food grown for home use in the kitchen gardens.

The plot arrangement of this project provides for a concentrated group of living units surrounded by a greenbelt of forest land and truck gardens. The individual units consist of ⅛ to ½ an acre and are grouped about a community building and shopping center.

The homes are constructed in two-family units, being connected by attached garages which also serve as workshops and laundries. The houses are of seven types and vary in size from 3 to 5 rooms. They are two stories in height. The living room can be converted into an auxiliary bedroom. A cooperative association is being formed for the operation of the truck farms on the 110 acres comprising the outside circumference of the community.
ANALYSIS OF BUILDING

Economy in construction and space arrangement, without sacrifice of low maintenance cost, is characteristic of this house plan. On a strictly cost basis one sizable combination living-workroom was substituted for the usual living room-dinette-kitchen elements. Provision is made in the plan for additions to the house. In view of the hot summers, adequate porches are provided adjacent to the kitchen gardens and cross ventilation maintained in all rooms. The utility room, or garage, was substituted for a basement. Volume: 15,200 cu. ft.

CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE

FOUNDATION: Concrete.
EXTERIOR WALLS: Brick veneer, wood frame.
ROOFS: Cedar shingles.
INTERIOR FINISH: Plaster board.
CEILINGS: Plaster board.
FLOORS: Wood.
WINDOWS: Double hung.
HEATING: Coal fired hot water radiation.
PLUMBING: Copper tubing.
SANITARY FACILITIES: Central sewerage system.
The Arthurdale Community was initiated by the Subsistence Homesteads Division of the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of rehabilitating, both socially and economically, destitute mining families by establishing them in small farm homes and providing them with a new form of livelihood. Labor saving machinery, improved mining methods, and the competition of other fuels created a growing surplus of partially employed labor in this section long before production was curtailed or the mines closed. As a consequence of this situation, families found themselves either without any means of livelihood, or reduced to an extremely low standard of living.

The employment opportunities offered by two small private industries, and the development of cooperative agriculture and community enterprises by the Arthurdale Association with homestead membership chartered under the laws of West Virginia, assures future economic security to the 165 Arthurdale homesteaders. Additional income is provided the occupants through individual subsistence garden and livestock activities on home tracts.

The community of 165 houses is laid out on a 1,377 acre tract, with 26 four-room, 23 five-room, and 116 six-room houses located on 2.25 to 5.11 acre individual tracts; 444.79 additional acres have been purchased by the Arthurdale Association for a cooperative farm.

First unit of fifty houses are rebuilt portable Hodgson houses, one story cedar and pine frame dwellings with cinder block basements. Second unit of 75 houses are two-story frame dwellings with cinder block first floor designed and constructed at the project. Third unit of forty houses same except for first floor of stone veneer instead of cinder block. Some houses in last two units have cellars; others have storage and furnace rooms on the first floor. One hundred and fifty-eight outbuildings are combination barn, poultry house, and pig pen. The remaining seven houses have garages.
A well-planned house with four bedrooms. Special attention paid to house service as shown by the arrangement of kitchen, work room, and storage space. Due to the generous size of the living room, a separate dining room was omitted—in line with custom in this locality. Ample closet space in the bedrooms gives the housewife an opportunity to keep things in order.


CONSTRUCTION OUTLINE
FOUNDATION: Concrete base with concrete footings.
ROOF: Cedar shingles.
WINDOWS: Double hung sash.
DOORS: Standard panel.
FLOORS: 1st floor: asphalt tile, cement in Work Room. 2nd floor: Hardwood.
WALLS INSIDE: Plaster.
CEILINGS: Plaster.
PLUMBING: Standard throughout. Kitchen with sink and drainboard. Work room two laundry trays. 2nd floor, complete bathroom.
SEWAGE DISPOSAL: Septic tank with grid field for disposal.
WATER: Individual well, operated by electric pump and pressure tank, for house service.
HEATING: Hot water boiler, with radiation throughout.
ELECTRIC: Individual meter service from project lines.

CONSULT YOUR ARCHITECT FOR LOCAL COST FIGURES
A LIST OF BOOKS ABOUT HOMEBUILDING

For the convenience of readers desirous of obtaining further information about the planning and building of a home, this list of representative books is appended.


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