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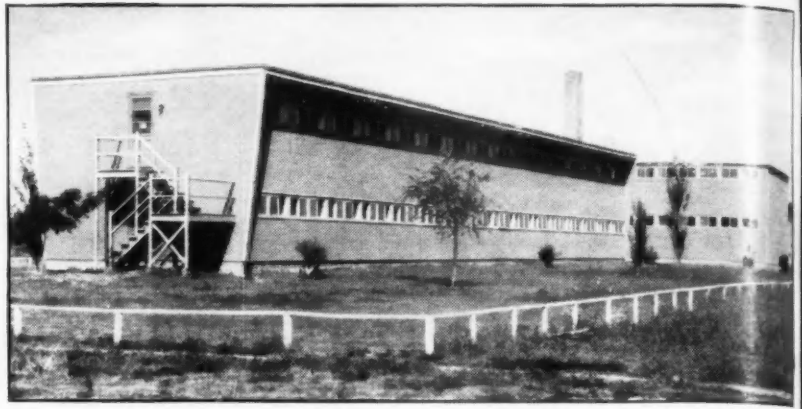


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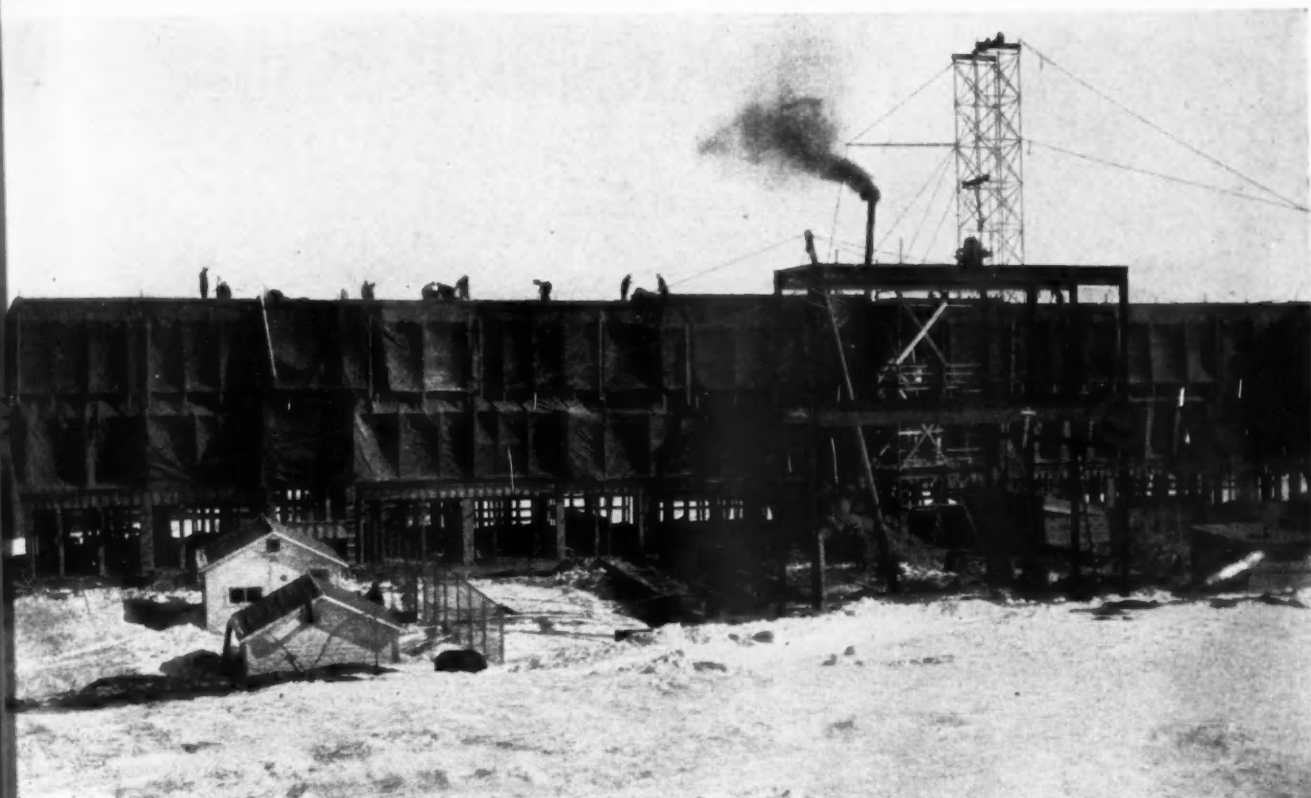
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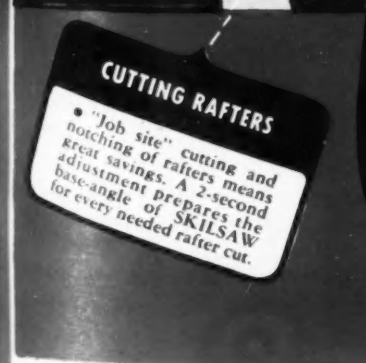
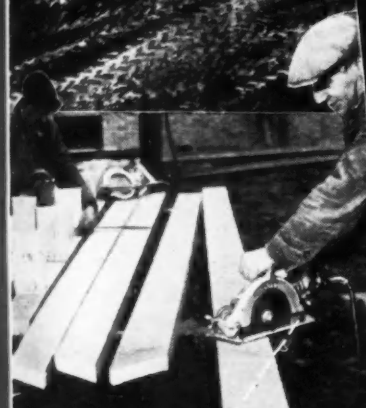
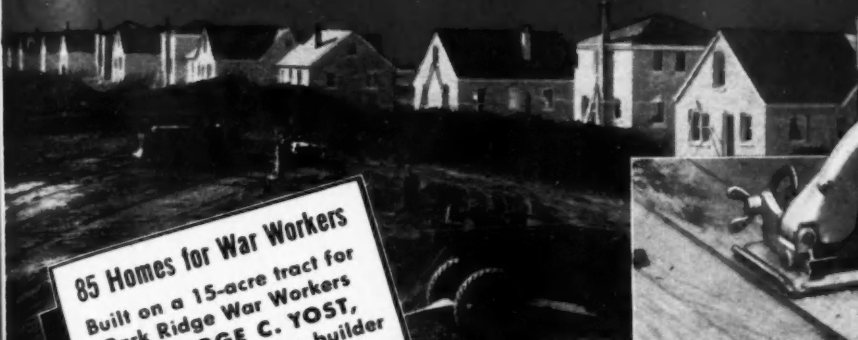
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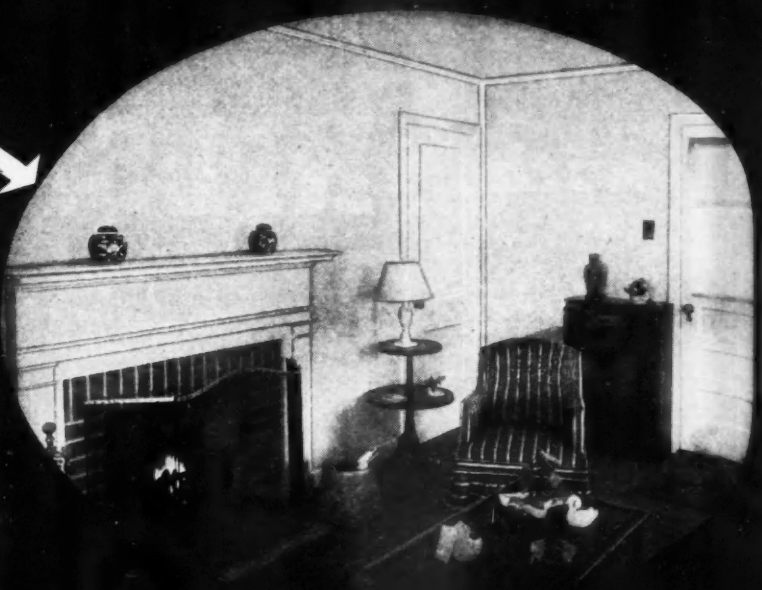
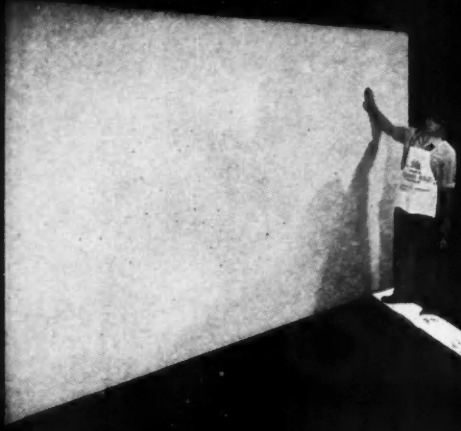
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# LETTERS

To the Editor

## The time is now

To the Editor: Isn't it about time someone answered some of this foolish stuff (newspaper clipping on public housing).

Where did the government ever build any houses or apartments cheaper than private builders?

The Whittoch homes in Toledo are a sample:—\$4000 per unit, which in a few years, a negro will not live in. Nothing but bare walls, four small rooms.—CHAS. E. KNOTT, Toledo, Ohio.

## Something to brood about

To the Editor: We try to save every issue of *American Builder* but it seems that if we leave them on the counter they always disappear with our customers.

We are particularly interested in a brooder house plan in November. I might add that each *American Builder* is practically required reading in our office and we find it not difficult to enforce.—S. W. MITCHELL, JR., Acorn Lumber Company, Flint, Michigan.

## Just an insuring agency"

To the Editor: Your January editorial stated, "FHA is a going concern; is ready to begin financing post-war homes under Title II at any time." This would seem to indicate that FHA has money available to lend on homes. This, of course, is not so, as it is just an insuring agency.

The more correct message should have read "FHA is a going concern. It has the authorization to insure under Title II many millions of dollars worth of loans made by private lenders to finance home construction. There are some lending institutions on the other hand that are modernizing their own lending terms which will enable them to offer terms to borrowers as favorable if not more favorable than those which are permissible under the FHA plan."

There is no way in which private lending institutions can compete with FHA. Private lending institutions either use FHA or not as they choose. If they choose FHA they have to make loans under a specific loan plan and procedure. If they make their loans without FHA insurance, their lending plans can be more flexible and the procedure less cumbersome.—F. HARDINGE, JR., U.S. Savings and Loan League, Chicago 1, Illinois.

## Soldier buys bonds now, home later

To the Editor: All of my life, I have wanted to build a home of my own. Not until I read your January issue did I have much hope since I am only nineteen and have served in the army for a year. I am buying a war bond every month, hoping some day to be financially able to begin on my home. It pleases me to know that loan companies will be able to help finance building after the war.

I hope that *American Builder* is found in all Service Clubs in all camps. Continue your work, and you will enable other soldiers to plan, as I am, on a post-war home.

What most interested me was the picture and plan of the home on page fifty-one (51) in the January issue. Would you be so kind as to send me an estimate of

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#### Thousands Write for Home Planning Files

The "Home Planning File," offered for 25¢ in Hotpoint National magazine advertisements brought thousands of letters. Nearly all the writers plan to build new homes after the war—and they want Hotpoint Electric Kitchens. Many thousands more of these Home Planning Files were distributed to home planners through retailers, utilities, and building trades.

#### It's Your Bond Wagon too — Climb On

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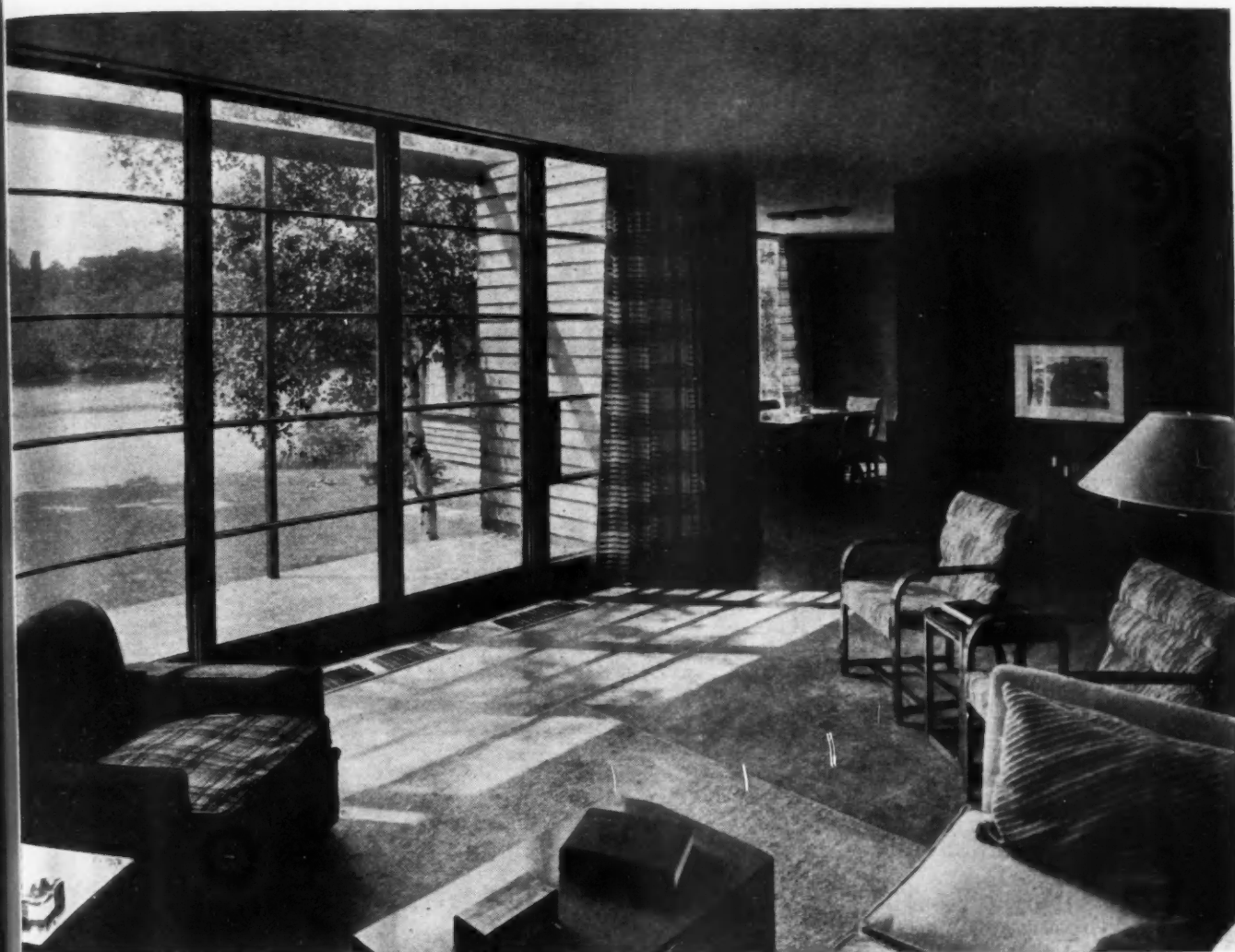
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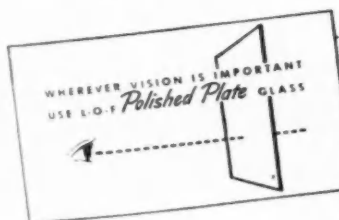


## DAYLIGHT ENGINEERING makes a home so much more livable

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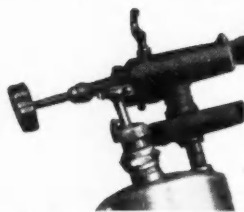
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## PUBLISHER'S PAGE

### **A Bureaucrat on government construction**

**B**USINESS leaders, bureaucrats and economists agree that we must largely depend on construction for post-war employment. But most business leaders and economists agree that private construction, supplemented by *really needed* public construction, will provide sufficient employment on construction. For never were our people and private enterprise prepared to go forward with as large a program of private construction as now. Bureaucrats contend, on the other hand, that the federal, state and local governments must rush in immediately after the war with a huge program of public works, regardless of any need for them excepting to provide employment.

Gen. Philip B. Fleming, administrator of the Federal Public Works Agency, was an army officer until enlisted a decade ago by the New Deal in its spending campaign. He said in a recent address: "Families now accumulating war bonds may be in need of new homes, but there is no assurance that they will cash them in immediately after the war in home building \* \* \* I would rather put my money on a sure thing. That sure thing is that good, sound plans for desirable and useful public works will be needed, *regardless of whether full-scale employment materializes immediately after the war or not.*" In a newspaper report he was quoted as also saying: "We are a nation in the face of an impending crisis. Let us act like one \* \* \* We prepared for this war as a nation, *not as a hundred thousand separate communities each going its own way doing what it chose according to its own lights; we prepared with no monkey business.*"

#### **Policies Destroy Freedom**

The appropriation of four billion by the National Recovery Act in 1933 was the first ever made by government in this country especially to remedy unemployment. What, then, has caused many to accept Gen. Fleming's view that we can

never again in time of peace have adequate employment without government regimentation of everybody as if for war, and huge government spending? What sense does it make to contend that, to prosper in future, we must abandon the means by which we so long prospered in the past?

That a people free to follow any business leadership they choose, to manage their affairs and earn and spend their money as they please, cannot progress, prosper and provide themselves enough employment, has become familiar doctrine abroad. For it is the doctrine preached and practiced by Stalin, Hitler and Mussolini. And they actually provided employment—but in the same ways that full employment is being provided in this country during the war. And their policies destroyed free enterprise and every form of freedom before the war, as they would destroy them in this country after the war.

The decline of production and employment in this country during the depression is cited. But why cite only this brief recent experience, and disregard the century and a half of previous experience, when adequate and increasing employment almost always was provided by our private enterprise?

The depression was caused and protracted more by unsound government policies than by unsound business policies. Private enterprise can and will do the job after the war if not prevented by excessive government spending and taxation, government regimentation and government competition. And this is just what the bureaucrats fear. For if private enterprise is given a chance and does the job, our bureaucrats' chance of keeping their jobs and using them to substitute Stalin's or Hitler's state socialism for our freedom and private enterprise will be destroyed.

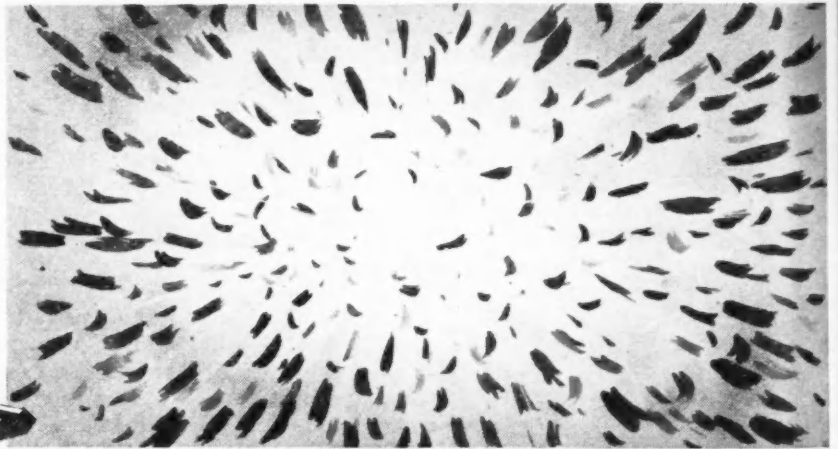
*Samuel O. Dumm,*



**A TREE IS  
STRONGER  
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A tree's strength is limited by its grain and rate of growth and porous structure . . . yet hardboards many times stronger, and easily workable, are made from its basic materials alone! The extraordinary Masonite\* hardboard process "remakes" wood by first reducing it to its cellulose fiber and cement-like lignin.



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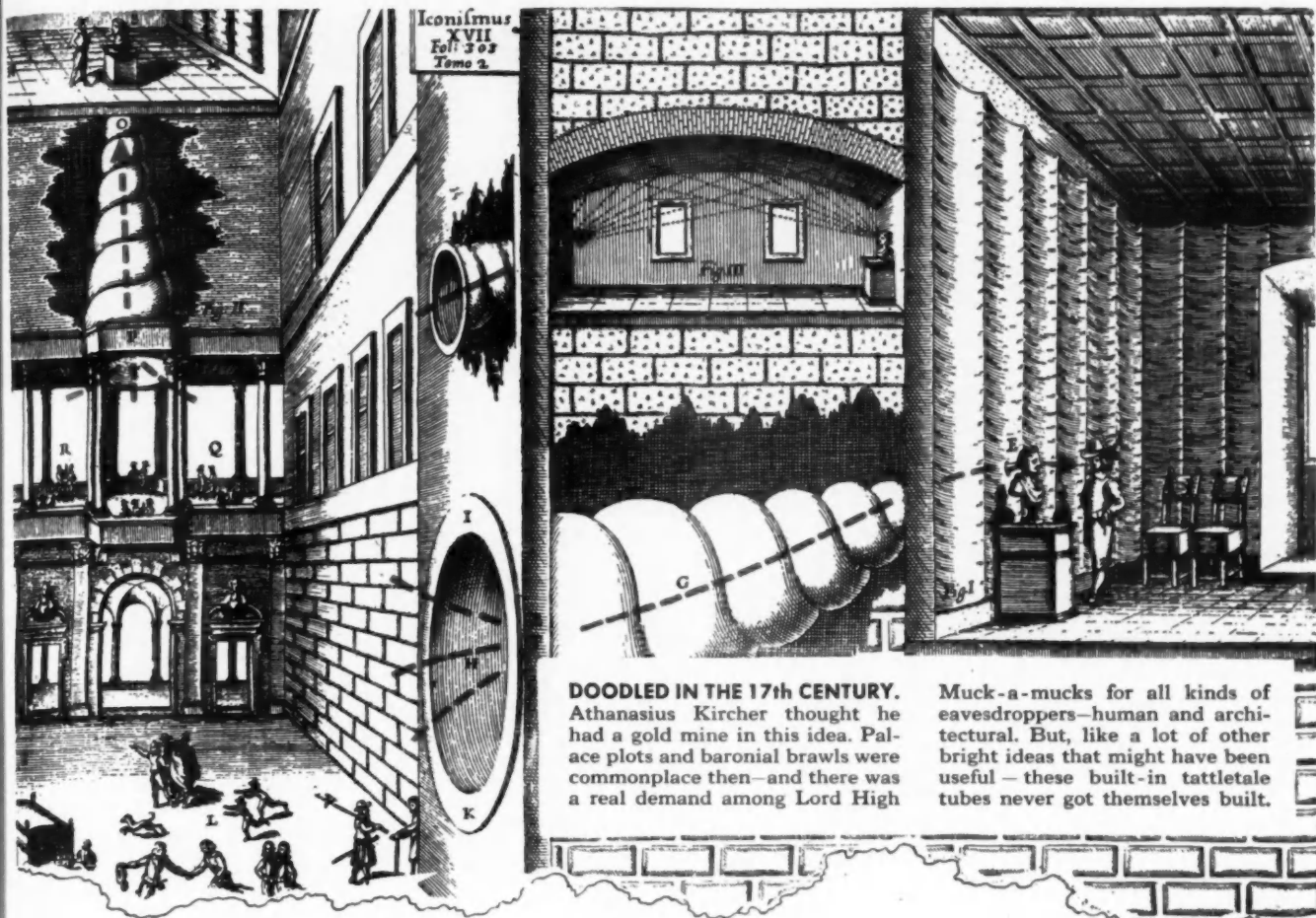
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**DODDLED IN THE 17th CENTURY.** Athanasius Kircher thought he had a gold mine in this idea. Palace plots and baronial brawls were commonplace then—and there was a real demand among Lord High

Muck-a-mucks for all kinds of eavesdroppers—human and architectural. But, like a lot of other bright ideas that might have been useful—these built-in tattletale tubes never got themselves built.

BETTMANN ARCHIVE

*are you doodling*

## or planning for that building boom?

**I**F YOU ARE FIGURING on a building boom after the war because there is a big need for new housing—maybe you're just doodling.

There was a crying need for new dwellings before the war—but no boom.

The fact is, need alone does not necessarily mean demand.

And dreaming about big markets-to-be doesn't get anybody anywhere either. Building leaders must plan—and plan specifically.

For example, Mr. James Twohy, Governor of the Federal Home Loan Bank System, said recently:

**"The postwar period will bring a market for 1,000,000 homes a**

**year, built and marketed on modern 'packaged plans' . . ."**

But after your plans are made, they must be sold to the kind of people who can buy them and get others to follow their lead—that is why so many producers of building materials are planning to tell their stories in the pages of **TIME**.

Because in **TIME**—

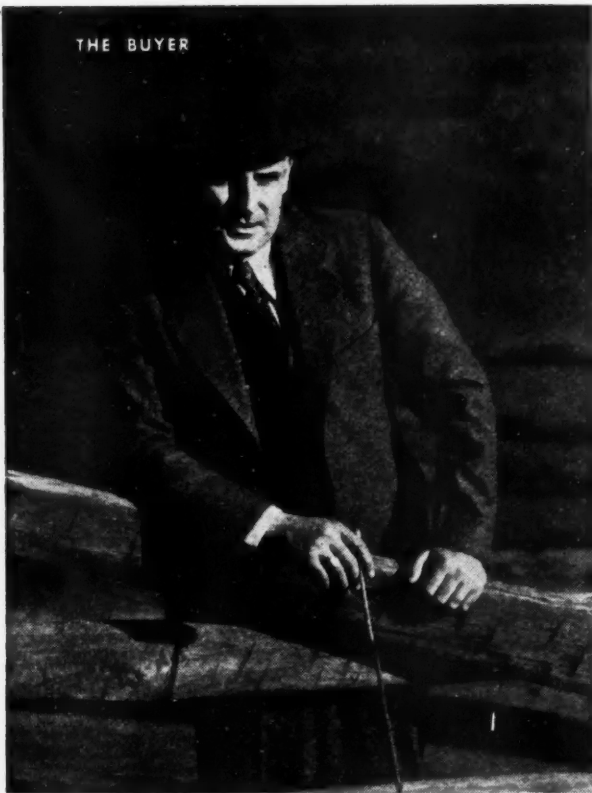
You reach the kind of Americans who set the pace for the rest of the country—the million most influential U. S. families\*—people like Federal, State, and City Planning Commission members, who vote **TIME** their first-choice magazine (evidence on request).

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# TIME

GATEWAY TO  
THE BUILDING MARKET



## The Questions before the

**T**HE WAR—as we at General Electric very well know—is not over by a long sight.

But it's perfectly right and natural that the people concerned with postwar home building should already be starting to think about the houses of the future.

For before the house of the future is designed, built, and financed there'll be some questions to be answered and some problems to be solved.

Now, we're one of the interested parties, since we shall be making so much of the equipment that turns a house into a liveable home.

We don't mean just wiring, heating, and air-conditioning equipment, but also ranges, refrigerators, electric dishwashers, electric garbage disposal units, kitchen cabinets, water heaters, et cetera, et cetera.

### Here's what we'd like to ask

Shouldn't this kind of equipment—some, or all of these appliances—be designed right into the house by architects . . . built right into the house by builders . . . financed with the house by mortgagees?

Shouldn't this be done, not just with the fancy \$10,000-and-up jobs, but with homes that sell for as

low as, say, \$4000 or \$5000?

We think this is a proposition worth some serious thought.

Of course, it's no brand-new idea. Up to Pearl Harbor, a substantial number of homes had been built and financed that way—with some or all of the major electrical appliances included.

FHA regulations permitted the inclusion of such items in mortgages in many cases and thereby helped establish the precedent for banks, mortgage companies, building and loan associations.

There was, definitely, the beginning of a trend.

### Now the war comes in

War being what it is, the trend had no chance to develop further.

For the duration, Mr. & Mrs. John Q. Public can't buy a new home, can't let loose their natural urge to own the "latest thing."

This creates a great, pent-up buying impulse.

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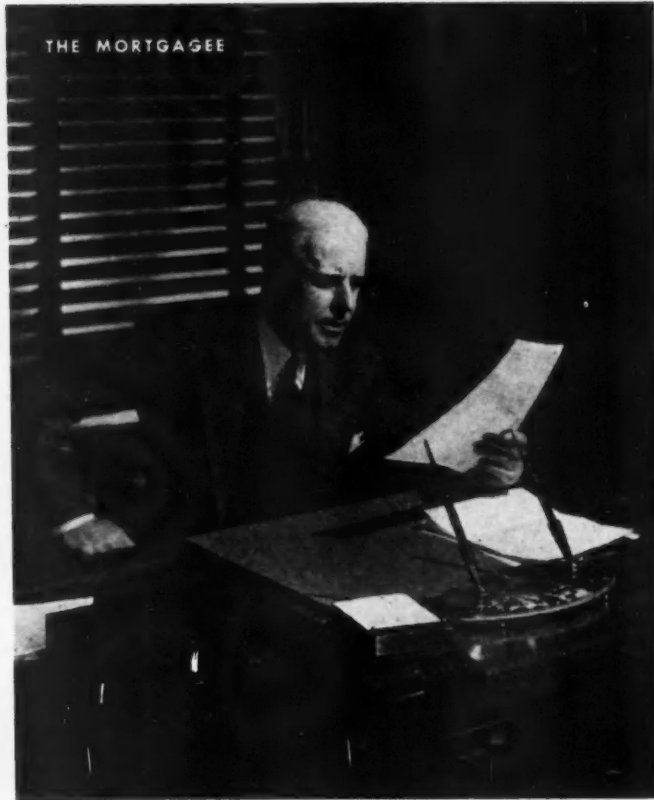
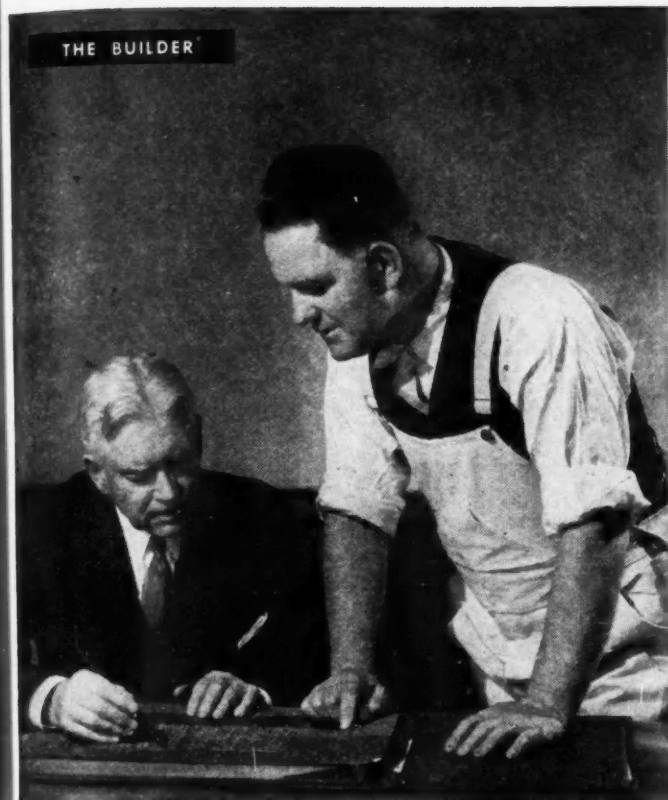
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## e the House

Commerce that, if the war lasts through 1944, consumers will have received approximately 100 billions of dollars more than they have been able to spend since the start of the war.

And also at the same time, our friends Mr. & Mrs. J. Q. are being told of the wonders they can expect in new things after the war. Their appetites are being whetted for something different, something finer, than they knew before the war.

Witness, for example, the advertising General Electric is running right now in a number of leading national magazines.

### New days . . . new expectations . . . new habits

We think these factors can give an impetus to the building, financing, and selling of houses complete with electrical operating equipment.

We think they'll increase the public's desire toward buying that kind of house. People won't expect houses to be offered as they were before the war. They'll be ripe for changes and improvements. And they won't be clinging to old buying habits, old buying resistances.

All of which, we believe, is food for thought for architects . . . builders . . . financial people.

### Have you any questions?

We at General Electric have gone very deeply into the ways and means of building and financing the kind of home we're talking about.

We've had considerable experience. We've collected a lot of data, both engineering and financial.

Have you any questions? We'd like to have them, as well as your opinions. Won't you drop us a line?



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## DECENTRALIZATION

Prominent among forward-looking plans for the post-war era is the decentralization of manufacturing areas. Residences and industrial plants will be segregated, with resulting efficiency in manufacturing and pleasanter living conditions for working people.

Stran-Steel framing systems adapt themselves especially well to the construction of residential and industrial buildings. A durable, economical building material, strip steel by Stran-Steel affords exceptional flexibility in design and construction, and permits speedy erection.

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*Manufacturer of the U. S.  
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The Timken-Detroit Axle Company has won for the second time the Army-Navy Production Award for meritorious services on the production front. The award was accompanied by congratulations from Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson who said, "You may well be proud of your achievement." All three Timken plants received the citation and star. Timken is the nation's largest supplier of Axles, Brakes and Transfer Cases for the Armed Forces. Although Timken military shipments were at high levels early in 1940, they have been constantly increased until today they are more than 800% in excess of 1940 shipments.

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TSA has more dealers today than at any other time in its history. Another sure sign of the profit value of the Timken franchise.

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More than 3/4-million helpful pieces of literature have been mailed to Timken users during 1943 (we'll mail you sample copies on request). Timken's recent 16-page booklet on how to keep equipment in good condition and reduce the need for service, mailed free to all Timken users, has brought a flood of letters of appreciation.

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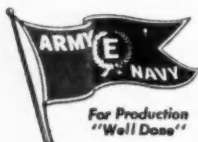
Samples of a new correspondence sticker are in the mails to all Timken Dealers. The sticker contains the welcome message, "After Victory—plenty of all fuels for heating homes automatically at reasonable costs." Encouraging news on postwar fuel oil supplies, backed up by expert opinion, will be released shortly.

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TSA factory executives are burning the midnight oil on 1944 advertising plans. The new program will be bigger and better than ever. All the details will be announced in a forthcoming issue of Timken Heat\* (Timken's magazine for dealers and their employees).

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satisfaction, more user good will, which in turn guarantees more sales and greater profits to Timken dealers.

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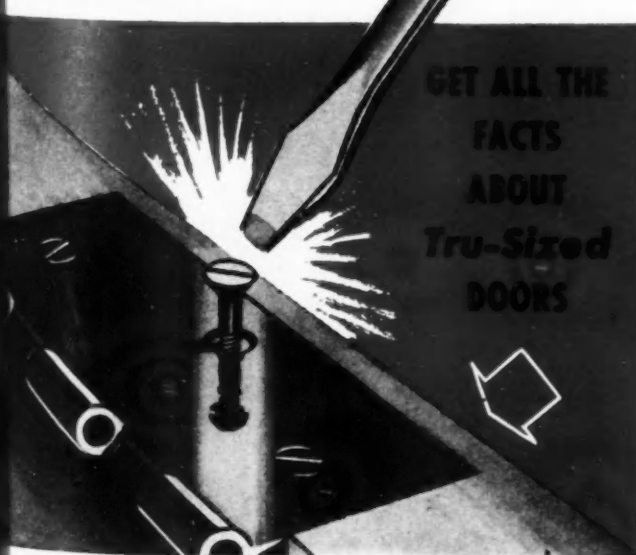
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# Shining symbols of Tomorrow's Home



**T**HOUSANDS of families today are planning for the home they are going to build after the war. They are starting idea files—clipping magazines—seeking information for their dream house of tomorrow.

These plans are shining symbols of a market for new homes when the war is won, and it is important that steps be taken today to aid these home builders of tomorrow.

Colored advertising in national magazines—specially prepared step-planning portfolios—a free bathroom and kitchen advisory service are Crane's contributions to aid Mr. and Mrs. America in crystallizing their dreams into action.

This service to tomorrow's home owners will help build markets for your Crane equipped homes when you are able to build them.

*You will find new ideas—the most modern improvements in Crane plumbing and heating equipment for postwar homes. And, the Crane line will continue to emphasize the beauty of design, the soundness in construction, that have always characterized plumbing and heating carrying the name Crane.*

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# Incident... or Disaster?



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### Fireproof WALL AND CEILING PANELS

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# QUALITY IN PEACE OR WAR!



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And while most of our manpower and material is now being used to make vital parts for Uncle Sam's planes, the quality remains unchanged. Only the products are different.

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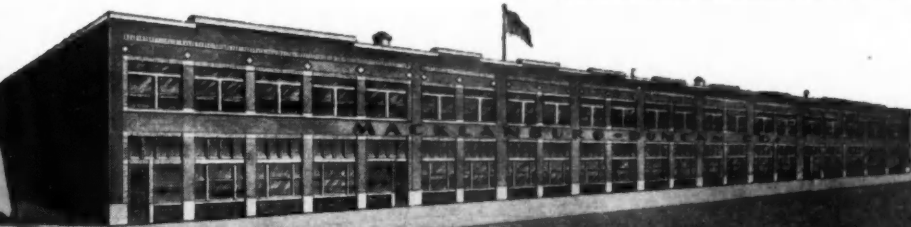


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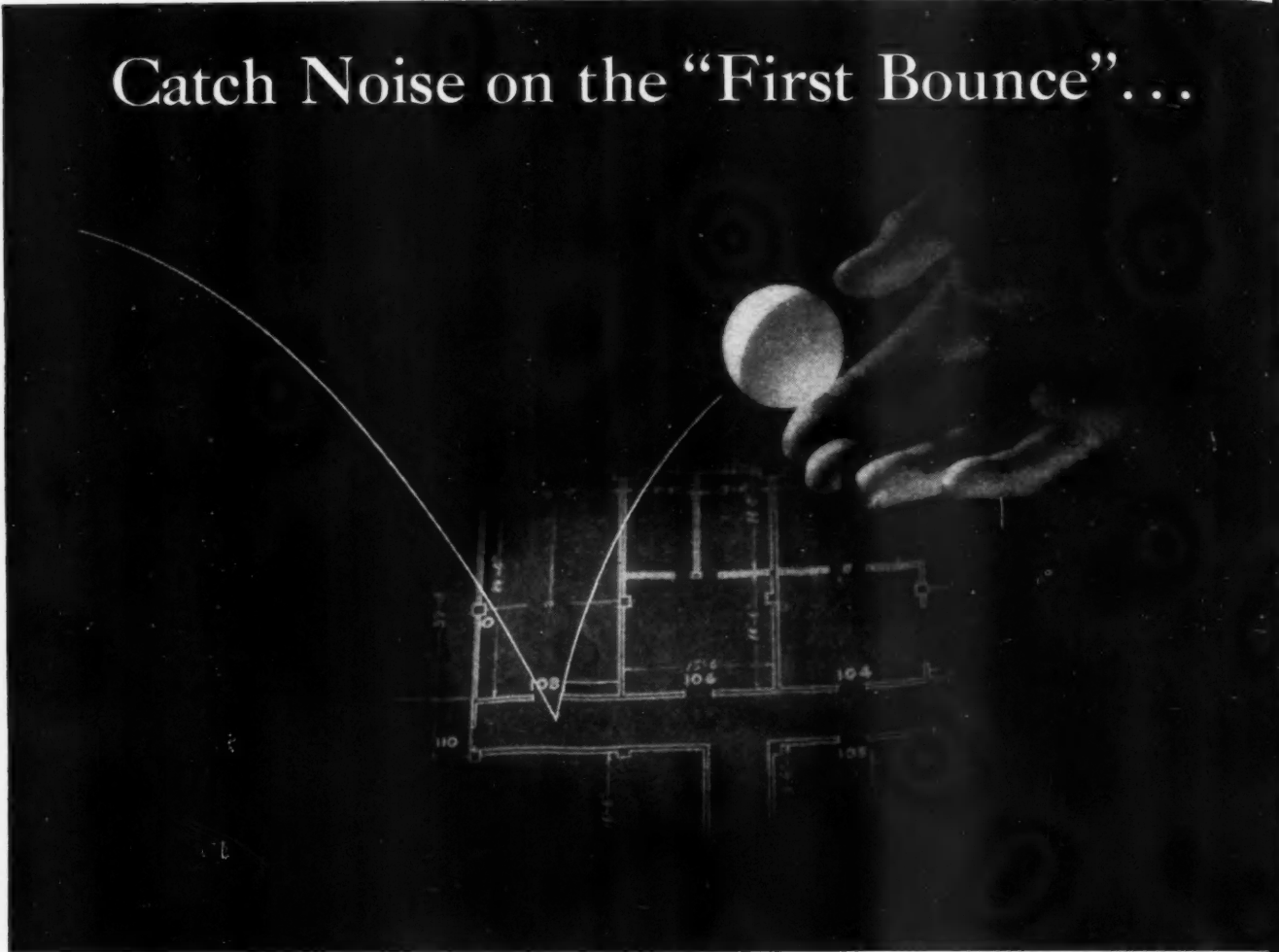
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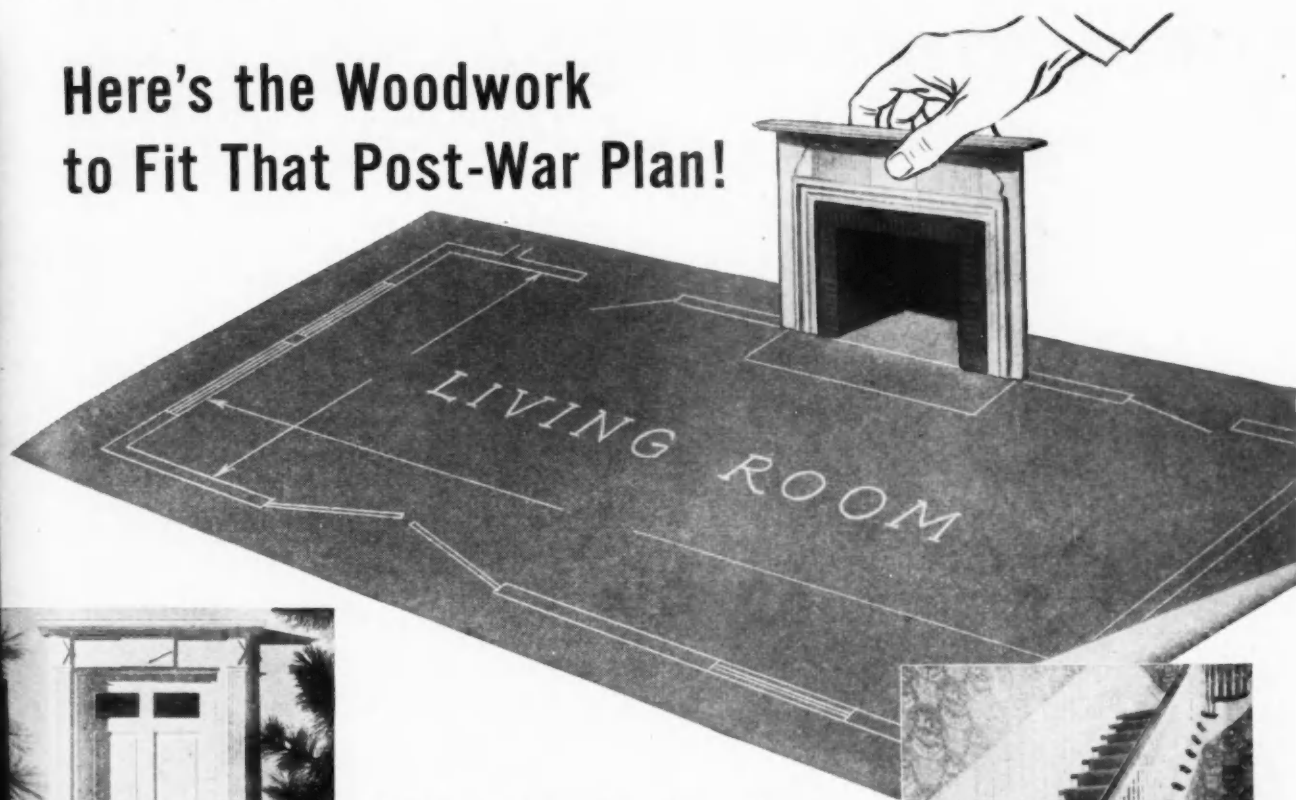
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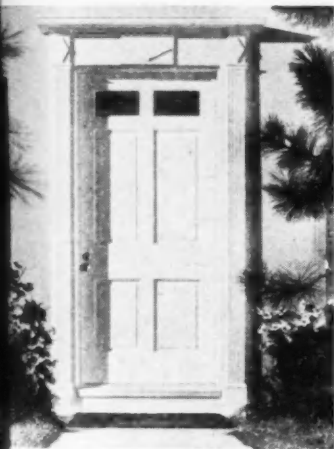
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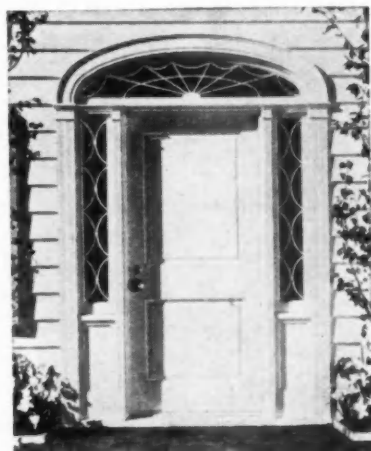
For a home large or small—for masonry, brick or wood construction—this new Curtis entrance provides dignity and charm—at low cost.



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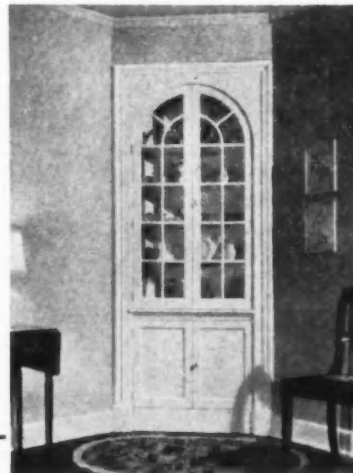


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## 1866 CURTIS WOODWORK

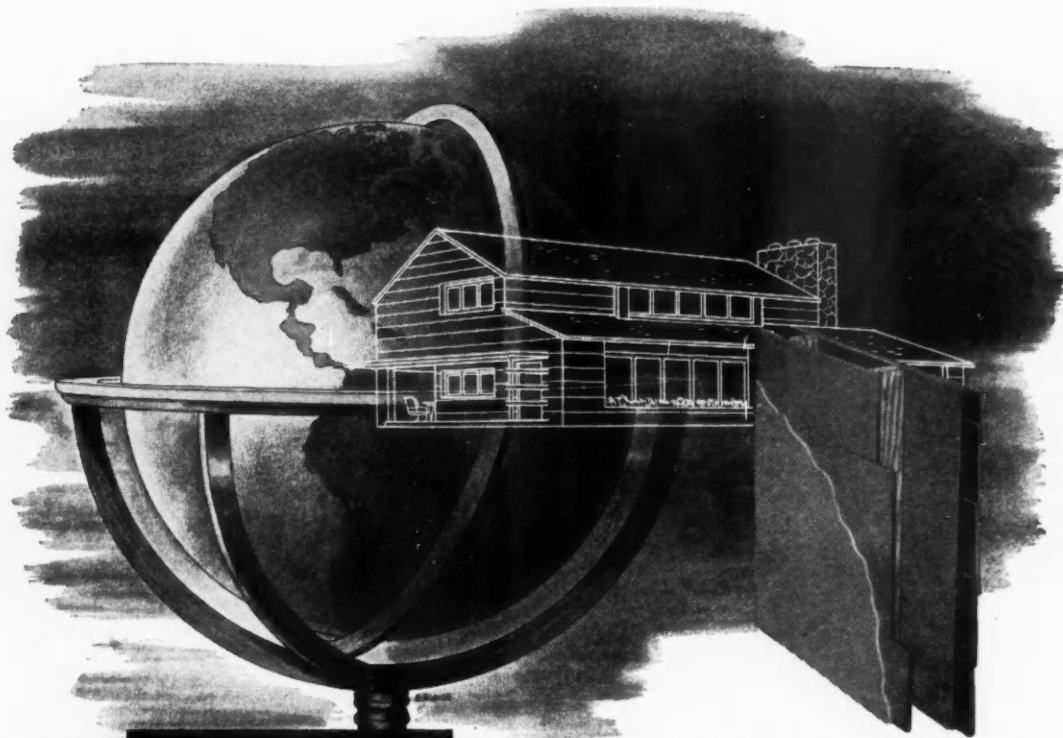
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# Tomorrow's World ... Tomorrow's Homes



## AT THE PLATE

● Provide headers over plates as nailing base for top edge of sheathing. Bildrite Sheathing extended into cornice to cover plates and headers. Bildrite Sheathing notched for rafters to assure full insulation coverage.

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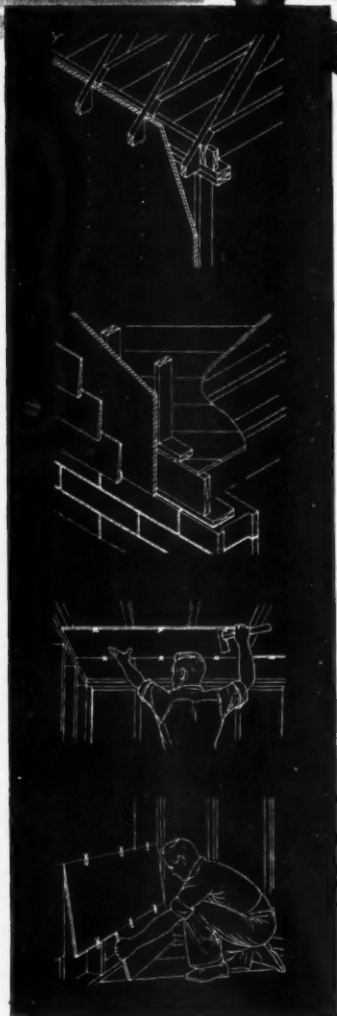
● Sill and stringer set in 25/32" from foundation face. Bildrite Sheathing carried down to butt flush with foundation. Bevel siding, with starting strip, extended below top of foundation to prevent infiltration.

## LOK-JOINT LATH FOR CEILINGS

● 18" by 48" Lok-Joint Lath units are applied snugly over ceiling rafters. Shiplap joint is further reinforced by three heavy galvanized "Loks" on each unit. Units are staggered—centered on framing members. Units spaced 3/16" apart.

## INSERTING BOTTOM UNIT

● Fasten next to last Lok-Joint unit along top edge only. Insert bottom unit under "Loks" and slide into place. Nail securely after bottom unit is in place.



1. Insulite Bildrite Sheathing forms the outer wall of the Insulite Approved Wall of Protection. The large boards provide a windproofed, waterproof, weathertight wall.
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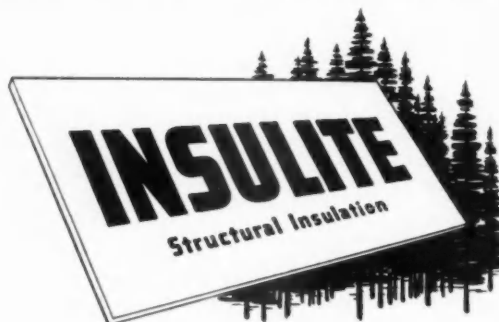
Homes for men returning from the war. Homes for workers who have accumulated bonds against the day they could build home of their own.

In tomorrow's homes, modern improvements such as air-conditioning will put new demands upon the walls.

Moisture condensation within the walls presents a grave danger unless avoided *when the house is built*.

When you build with the Insulite Approved Wall of Protection you meet tomorrow's demands. With this wall you build: . . . *A wall of double insulation . . . A wall of superior bracing strength . . . A wall protected against internal moisture condensation.*

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## To help you plan ahead for 194X

WHEREVER groups interested in housing get together these days, they discuss the many problems confronting them regarding postwar construction. Because of the inevitability of increased use of electrical appliances and equipment, they recognize that a radically new approach must be taken in planning *electrically* for new homes as well as for the modernization of present homes.

Questions which are raised in planning this important phase of construction are:

*What electrical appliances and equipment will be available for homes? Will there be radical changes in prewar models? What will innovations be like?*

*How should this equipment be arranged in the kitchen, laundry, utility room, living room, bedrooms, and bath—for greatest efficiency?*

*How about access for servicing? Utility connections? Lighting outlets and controls?*

This Department welcomes the opportunity of giving authentic technical advice on the *proper* selection and planning of home electrical appliances and equipment.

Write: Better Homes Department, Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company, Pittsburgh 30, Pennsylvania.

### NEW FREE BOOK!

We are preparing a *new and unusual* book which will help you explain to prospective home owners the vital importance of "better wiring for better living" in 194X homes.

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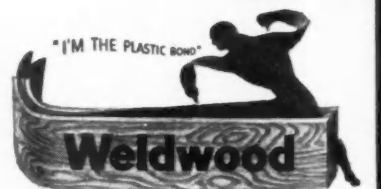
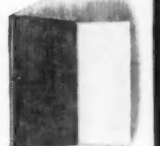
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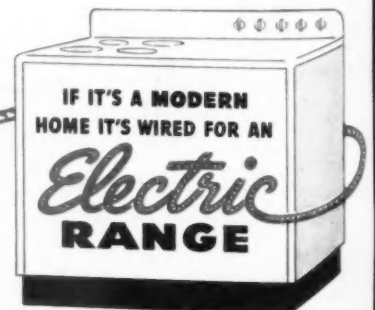
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News, Views  
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## On and Off the Record

by **STRUCTOR**

**METALS AGAIN**—Steel, copper, aluminum and other metals are once more available if WPB will release them for civilian uses and for construction. Production has greatly exceeded use in war products, and stock piles are growing. Although WPB officials are being very conservative, they are expected to shortly authorize small, experimental beginnings in manufacture of home equipment and materials. One of the first of these is steel windows, to alleviate the shortage in wood.

**DRAW PLANS NOW**—When restrictions on building are lifted there will be a sudden and concentrated demand for the services of architects, engineers and for up-to-date house plans. The demand will be greater than the supply; those who have put off planning will suffer delay. The moral is: prepare your plans now. Not only have plans but subdivision layouts; and get them approved and processed as far as possible by FHA and lenders.

**BLUEPRINT SERIES**—That builders are interested in post-war planning now is shown in the tremendous interest in *American Builder's* Blueprint series, started in January.

**FALLACIES**—I cannot agree with certain long haired theorists that Americans are no longer home minded because they have become "mobile": that is, they can't settle down in one place. Rot. The American people are more anxious to build and own homes than ever in history. And they want a substantial, permanent place in country surroundings. In a recent big city survey 80 per cent of those questioned said they wanted to leave the city and live in a home of their own in the country.

**BUILT-INS**—More and more home equipment will be permanently built into future homes. Steps are under way to remove obstacles to including the range, refrigerator, dishwasher and much other equipment in the mortgage. Even built-in television sets, which experts say will soon be widely used, may be financed under the over-all mortgage.

**4 PER CENT INTEREST**—What is money worth? It's a \$64 question, but there is a growing belief that 4 per cent interest on sound, long term home mortgages is the pattern of the future.

Naturally builders and owners would like it to be 3½ percent or 2, for that matter. But there are basic, long term factors to consider. One is that for more than 10 years the Federal Reserve Board has controlled interest rates. With a huge government debt, it will oppose any increase.

The average going rate paid on long term government loans is 2½ per cent. That is the base, to it must be added certain definite costs of operations, servicing and overhead. Bankers add these up in different ways, but the present hunch of informed persons in both government and private finance is that 4 per cent, 25-year mortgages are in the offing with billions clamoring for investment.

**CO-OPERATING BUILDERS**—Near Oklahoma City eight home building firms co-operated in constructing a complete new city for several thousand people. Each built a few hundred homes in his own section, but the whole project was laid out in a planned community by FHA's land planning department. Stores and shops are included. The Oklahoma builders get along fine together.

**FUTURE TREND**—FHA land planning experts say group building will increase after the war. They think a large area will be laid out as one well planned community, then divided up among a number of builders, each taking 10, 25 or 100 houses depending on his capacity. Each builder will be independent, but the result will be a better planned community.

**LADY BUILDER**—Recent meetings of the National Association of Home Builders have been enlivened by the presence of an honest-to-goodness, bona fide lady home builder. Her name: Henny Mollgaard, of Milwaukee. She is also secretary of the Milwaukee Chapter of NAHB. Her ideas on what a woman wants in her home are definitely worth hearing.

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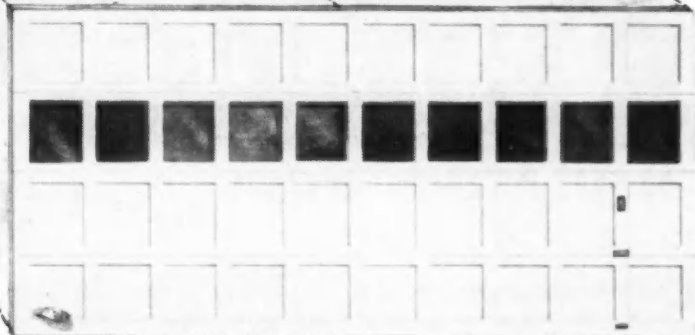






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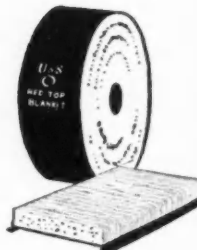
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LINE UP  
OUR POSTWAR  
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NOW!



# Turn Today's Dreams *into* Tomorrow's Profits

*Plans made now mean an earlier start*



People aren't waiting for the end of the war to *think* about new homes. They're dreaming about them now—and they'll want them quickly when the war is over. And so the cream of the business will go to the man who helps them get plans worked out—with blueprints on the shelf—ready for the day restrictions are lifted.

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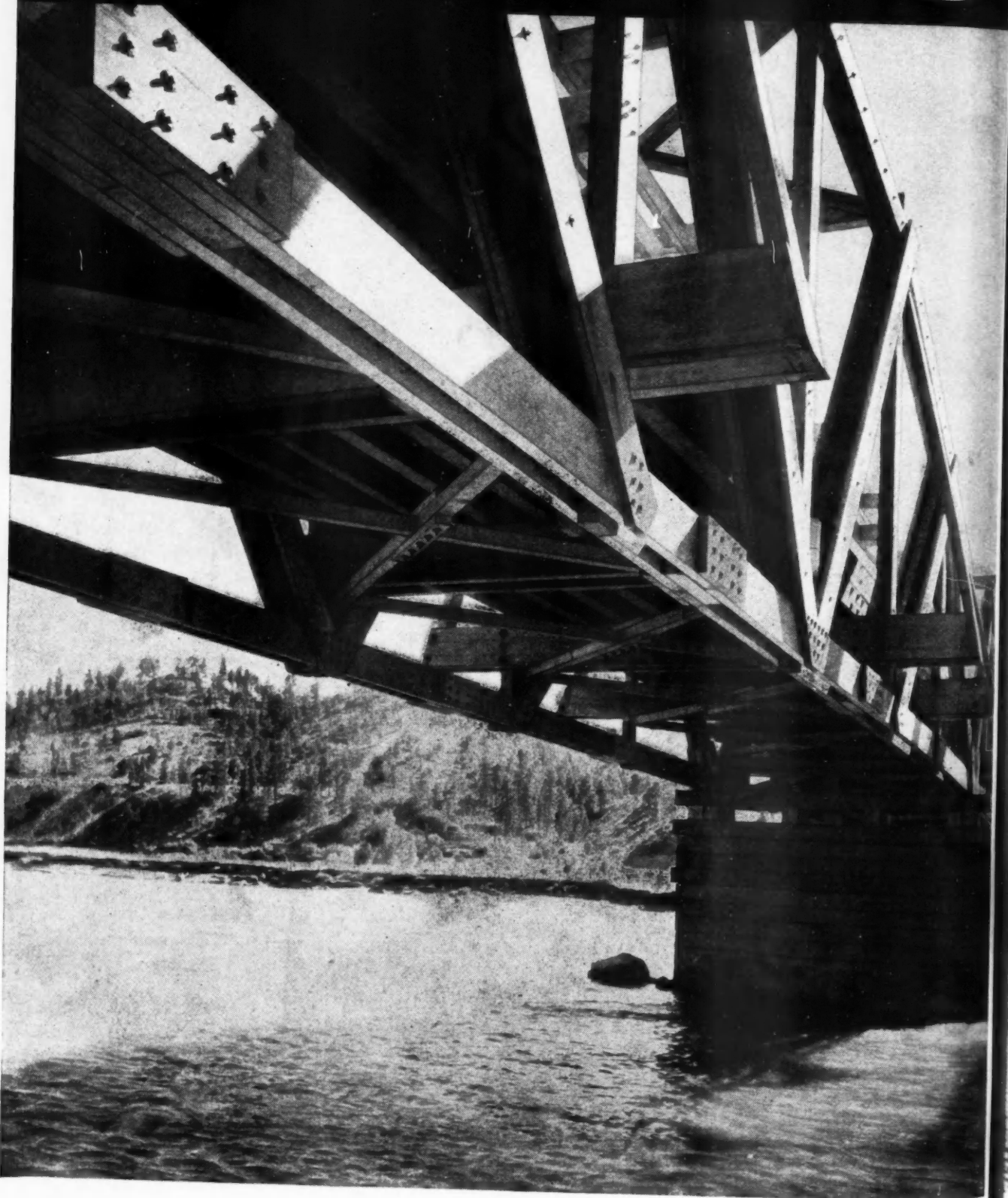
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START POSTWAR  
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WOOD has been assigned an important role in American construction. The infinite variety of jobs it is being called upon to do has revealed its increasing value as a building material—for wood is versatile, easily workable, widely adaptable.

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## Douglas Fir Doors\* save time and labor on every installation

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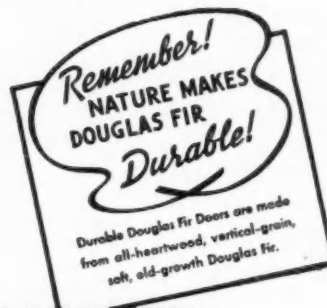
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# Planning for tomorrow

Norge, too, is working desperately hard in all its factories, turning out scores of war products that will hasten the end of strife. Norge refrigerators and other home appliances are also doing their part by conserving and preserving food, lightening household duties and otherwise adding to efficiency in war-busy homes. And Norge is planning for tomorrow . . . planning new Rollator refrigerators, new ranges, both gas and electric, new washers and new home heaters.

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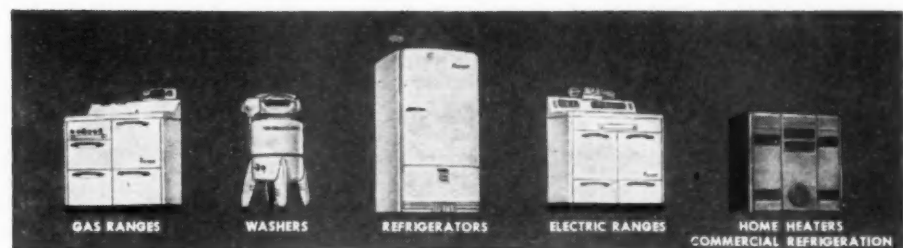
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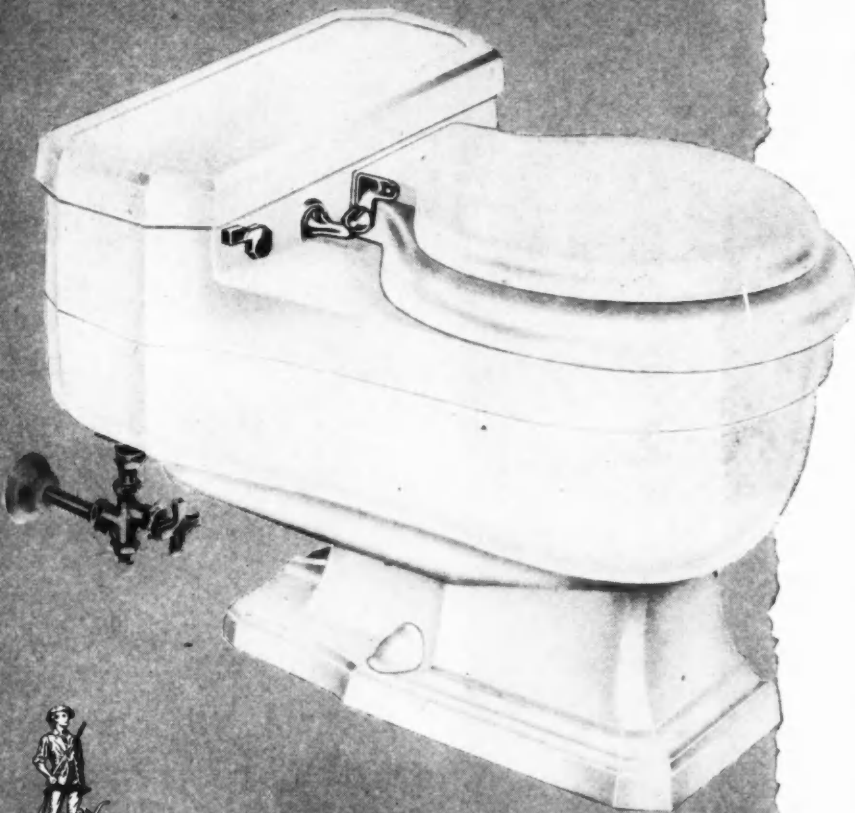
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# What the past *tells you* about the future...



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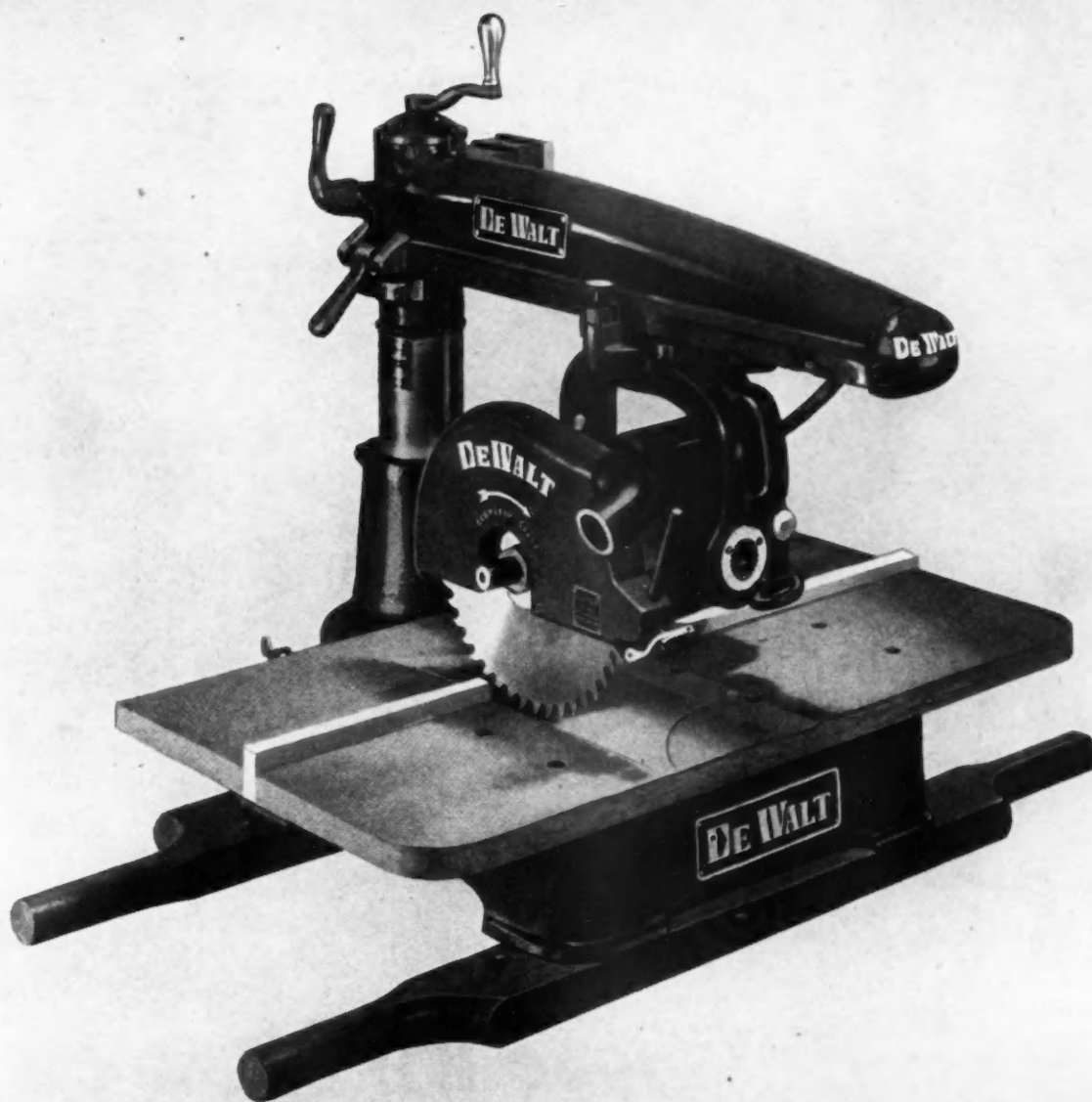
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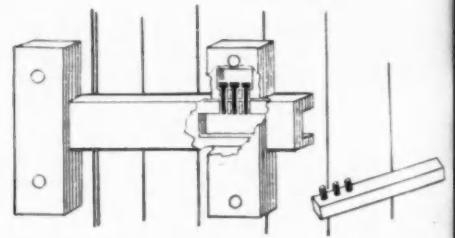
## PORTABLE BUILDERS' SAW



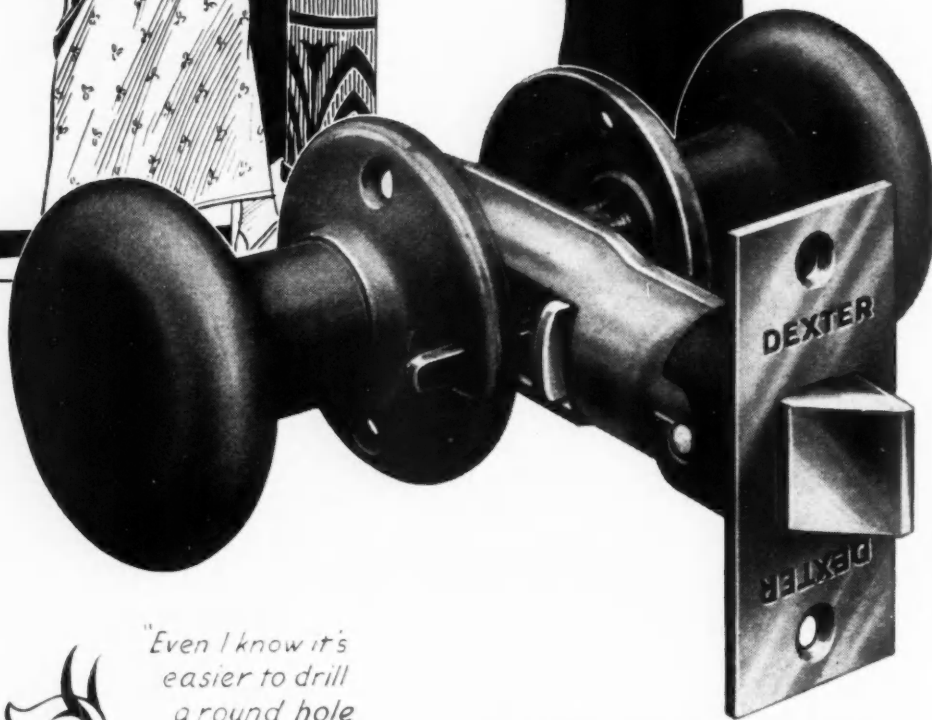
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# Washington News Summary

## Whitlock Outlines Ten-Point Post-War Program to Congressional Committee

### Opposition to Public Housing A Mystery to John Ihlder, D.C.

"Why the private builders are so eager to destroy public housing is somewhat of a mystery," John Ihlder, Executive officer of the National Capital Housing Authority, said in his appearance before Senator Burton's special committee, holding hearings last month on the NCHA's request for \$100,000,000 for slum clearance for the District of Columbia.

Spearheading the defensive for public housing, Ihlder claims the following points for his side: I. Slums can be reclaimed without ultimate cost to the taxpayer. II. Low-income families can be properly housed by public housing at less cost to taxpayers than by subsidized private housing. III. Public housing encourages and promotes the economic and social progress of its tenants as private housing for the same income group does not.

### Lumber News Bad Now, Getting Worse—WPB

"The more successful we are on the fighting front, the greater will be the demand for lumber," Roy W. Johnson, Director of the Facilities Bureau, War Production Board, declared in a late release which, he says precludes any possibility of relaxing present restrictions on construction for civilian purposes.

### Pres. Gerholz Sees Home Builders Grasping Post-War Responsibility

"Private industry, through the thousands of home builders in America, can provide proper housing for the lowest income group," Robert P. Gerholz, president of the National Association of Home Builders, told the Senate District of Columbia Committee at a housing hearing last month.

Gerholz charged that public housers with all their lofty talk of social uplift have failed to provide decent housing for the lowest income group, nor indeed that a sincere attempt has been made to do so.

### Shows How Private Enterprise Building Can Fill All Expected Construction Needs

Urging that government get out of the housing business and use its power to clear the way for private enterprise to create maximum employment after the war, Douglas Whitlock, President of the Producers' Council, told the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds recently that private home building alone could keep 2,500,000 men steadily employed for the next five years.

"Our Market Analysis Committee estimates that almost 5,000,000 new housing units might be built during the five year period which we are discussing, but this unprecedented volume of residential construction will be realized only if highly favorable conditions prevail, including adequate financing facilities," Mr. Whitlock stated.

Though citing the possibility that privately owned mutually insuring facilities may be established by mortgage lending institutions, he recommended the retention of FHA in the interest of "the immediate resumption of residential construction—and on a large scale, both to supply the extensive need and to provide extensive employment. The facilities of FHA have become established in the operations of thousands of home building firms throughout the country. Any immediate upsetting of this relationship might have a serious retarding effect upon rapid acceleration

of residential construction when the war is over."

"What is of even greater moment is that decisions as to Federal policy with respect to home financing should



Douglas Whitlock

be made immediately so that the builder of homes may know on what basis he will proceed in the postwar period and can plan now for his development and for his organization and save precious time when the go signal is given. Hence the recasting of the National Housing Act and the laws which govern the Federal Home Loan Bank System to strengthen these agencies and to provide adequate authorization for postwar operations, is an immediate legislative problem. Our recommendation is that the provisions of Section 203 of the National Housing Act be substantially retained, and that Title VI and other emergency legislation be not reenacted for postwar operations."

On the subject of public housing the following three points were presented to the committee: "I. Public housing should be concerned exclusively with the problems of the neediest families. Assistance should be provided for this purpose and

"The record discloses that here in Washington only 60 (sixty) of the 4,000 families on relief are enjoying the benefits of low-rent public housing," he said.

After citing the fear that socialization of housing would spread to all other business and professions and convert us into a socialistic state. On the request of John Ihlder, executive officer of the National Capital Housing Authority, he defined this as "a theory of civil policy that aims at the public collective ownership of land

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# AMERICAN BUILDER Editorial

## Creep, toddle and walk

**B**EFORE the building industry will again be able to run, it will have to learn to creep, toddle and walk.

That means that soon some preliminary steps must be taken to release materials for certain highly important items that will otherwise become the bottle-necks of this multi-billion dollar industry.

We are told that orders governing the relaxation of building restrictions have already been drafted. At the present time they lie tucked away in the desks of Washington waiting only for a go ahead signal from top Army, Navy and WPB officials.

We are told that very little relaxation of building restrictions will come until a definite turn has been taken in the winning of the war.

### Non-critical materials available

When the time comes for relaxation of building restrictions, much will depend on the intelligence and knowledge that lies behind the way in which they are effected. *American Builder's* recent survey of dealer inventories shows a deplorable condition regarding many of the basic products of construction. At the same time this survey shows that for a considerable number of other important building materials, matters are much better right now.

Three recommendations come out of *American Builder's* study of present conditions in the building industry. These are:

1. Small and experimental beginnings should soon be made in the production of electrical, mechanical and metal equipment upon which any home-building program must depend. Such metals as steel, copper and aluminum are once more available in sufficient quantities for such a purpose.
2. WPB should carefully analyze the dealer stock situation and lay plans to rebuild essential inventories as soon as possible.
3. In regards to the considerable number of non-critical materials which are easily available, steps should shortly be taken to make their use possible without some of the hampering restrictions of L-41. A frequently suggested proposal to this end is to exempt such non-critical materials from the order entirely.

Latest reports from the lumber division of WPB show conclusively that the situation in regard to this most important material is more critical than ever, and will probably get worse during the year. Requirements for war and essential civilian use for 1944 are estimated at 34 billion feet. This is four billion feet more than the estimated 1944 production. The shortage will be so acute that even such essential activities as farm building and defense housing will suffer.

### Builders will do their part

But because the lumber shortage is serious does not necessarily mean that all *building* should be similarly restricted. The ingenuity and resourcefulness of builders will find a way despite the lack of lumber. Builders must face the fact that this basic product will be scarce for a long time to come.

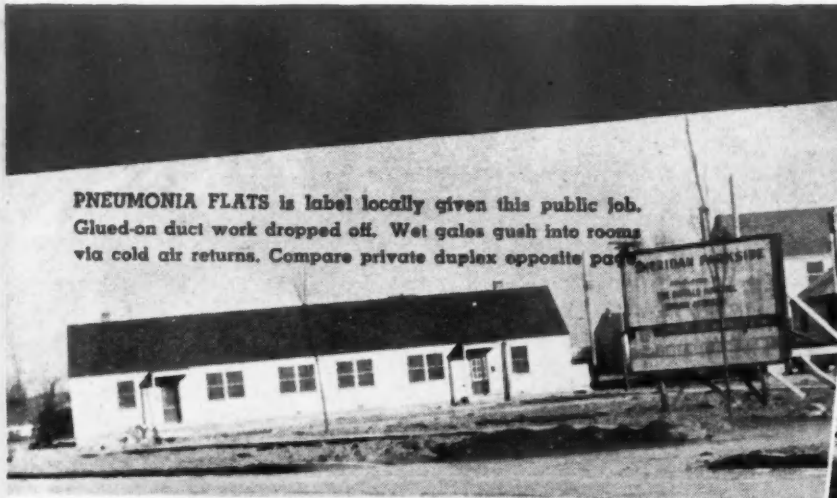
If home building is to get off to a quick start and perform a valuable service in creating post-war jobs, builders too must do their part. This means preparing plans for future jobs *now*. There is much talk about public agencies preparing a "shelf" of public construction for post-war. Such a "shelf" will not be needed if private builders have *their* plans drawn, the financial details arranged and other preliminaries cleared away for quick action.

### Ready for the starting gun

There may be a severe shortage of architects, engineers and draftsman later on. Today there is both the time and the manpower in many places to permit private builders to review their best pre-war work, bring it up-to-date in the light of recent development, and blueprint their ideas for the future.

Better planned communities and more skillful design and placing of houses are part of the answer to the public housing threat. By doing as much advance planning now as possible private builders will continue their reputation for speed and efficiency as compared with public agencies. This reputation can best be expressed by saying that *the private builder will usually have broken ground and gotten the concrete mixers running while a government agency is still struggling through the red tape necessary to the letting of a contract.*

# The Government's Landscape Blight



**PNEUMONIA FLATS** is label locally given this public job. Glued-on duct work dropped off. Wet gales gush into rooms via cold air returns. Compare private duplex opposite page.



**FRONT YARD** street view shows public housing's blight. Niagara Falls citizens organizing for demolition of these newly built slums.



**BLIGHTING** beautiful Sheridan Parkside, coal bin, garbage and ash cans at front door demoralize war workers, drive them house hunting endlessly. Fire hazard protested by firemen unable to attach hose to hydrant off grade. **GOVERNMENT** planned to keep war workers contented are the projects pictured above.

**B**UREAUCRACY has built—and Buffalo is blighted—its surrounding suburbs scarred. In twenty-mile away Niagara Falls newly-built slums have been wormed into the fringe of Power City's finest residential areas.

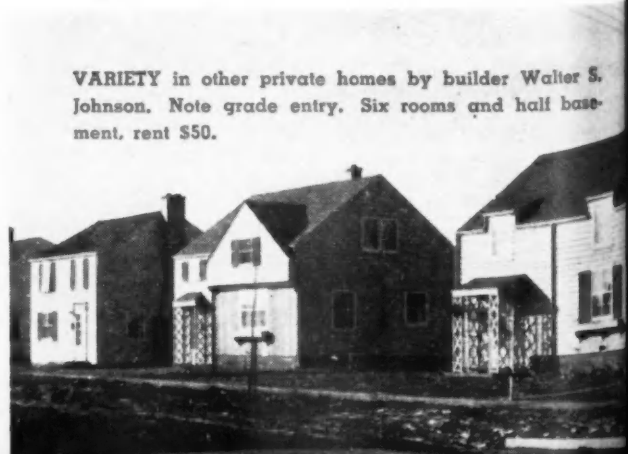
Private industry too has built—although delay after delay was thrown in its path—changing plans nightly to fit the day by day revisions of WPB regulations; waiting for days that grew into weeks that grew into months for anticipated, promised, and withheld allocations of area quotas.

Yet private industry did produce—soundly built groups of single-family homes of pleasing exterior variety located in land-planned settings. It produced rental housing at less cost, of more attractive design and with more wholesome livability than did government housers. Read the under-picture details of both carefully. Then tell us which you want for your money—in peace or in war—public or private housing?

The in-migrant war workers for whom these public units were reserved have answered this question. They don't want them for their money *even at subsidized rents*.

**Thank You, Mr. Dewey**

AMERICAN BUILDER is indebted to the founder and first president of Niagara Frontier Builders Association, R. C. Dewey, for much of the factual data presented here. Dewey has made a thorough study of public housing in Western New York and is being urged to request a Congressional investigation.



**VARIETY** in other private homes by builder Walter S. Johnson. Note grade entry. Six rooms and half basement, rent \$50.

By John Associate

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# Put to Shame by Private War Housing

Built by Niagara Frontier Builders

CHARM lights the landscape where Walter S. Johnson spotted single homes like this in Niagara Falls. Plans by Certified Homes Bureau.



By John E. McNamara

Associate Editor

They are letting thousands stand vacant while they seek out the houses of private builders and plead for a place on the waiting list for incompleated singles and duplexes. They seek out temporary shelter in furnished rooms at double the rent. Or if they are among the lucky few, they find a forty-year old flat in an old neighborhood, gladly pay \$40 to \$50 a month, though the government units rent more cheaply and with utilities provided in varying degree.

Four reasons are given by war workers for shunning these newly built slums:

1. Shoddy construction in which livability takes a nose dive. In one project cold air rushes in where glued-on bases of cold air return ducts came loose from the dampness of flooded excavations. Families were reported who had moved from the same house after being splashed with pneumonia by the cold, wet air of these ductless cold air returns. Their doctor bills and absentee pay deductions

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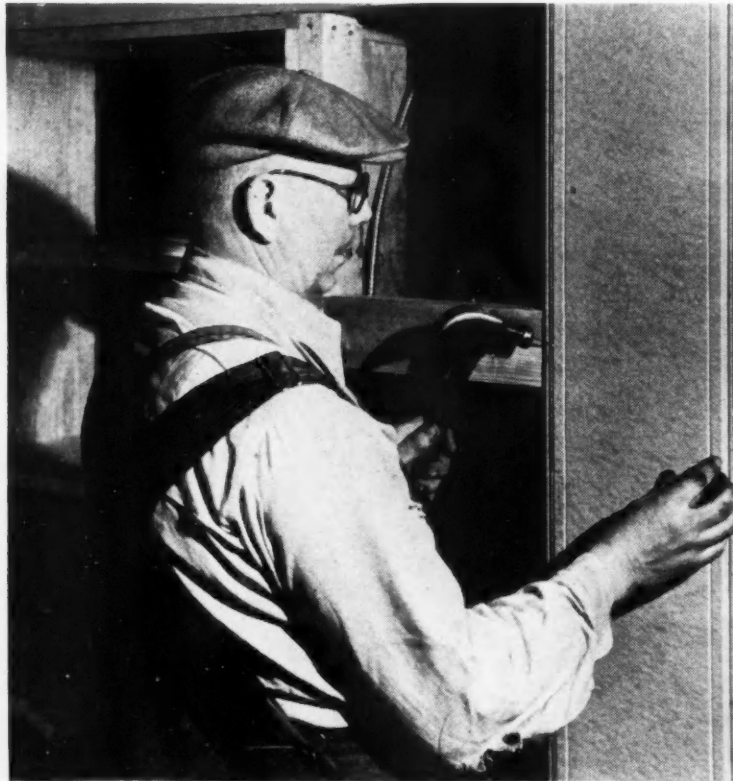
TYPICAL of duplexes built privately in Buffalo area. This one by Pearce & Pearce offers 4 rooms, bath, basement—for \$45. Financed with \$7200. FHA Title VI mortgage. In very great demand by war workers' families.

WAR WORKERS gain the feeling of individuality in single family homes, below, in N. Tonawanda, built by M. J. Peterson. Living room 11 x 17, 2 bedrooms, generous kitchen—dining room, utility room and bath. Bought for \$34 a month after \$500 down.





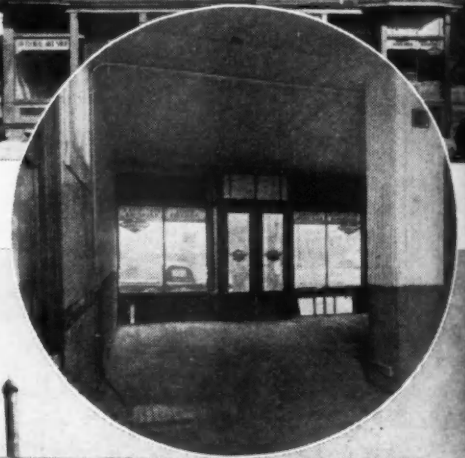
# Builder Turns Stores into Profitable Ho



**EVEN LEFT-HANDED** carpenter finds application of insulating board an easy job. At right, old store, inside and out, before remodeling. **BELOW:** Families of six war workers now housed in converted building. Project sponsored by HOLC and Insulation Board Institute.

**PROFITS BLESSED** this Milwaukee HOLC war conversion. A \$12,000 investment boosted the annual income of the old building from \$1200 to \$3700. Rents for the new apartments range from \$49 to \$59 a month, including heat, gas, electricity and water.

From two run-down stores and two almost unrentable flats, remodeling contractor Ted Simons built six modern apartments. Plans were drawn by Architect Walter G. Memmler. Exterior changes consisted of replacing glass show windows with clapboard siding, removing an outside stairway and painting.

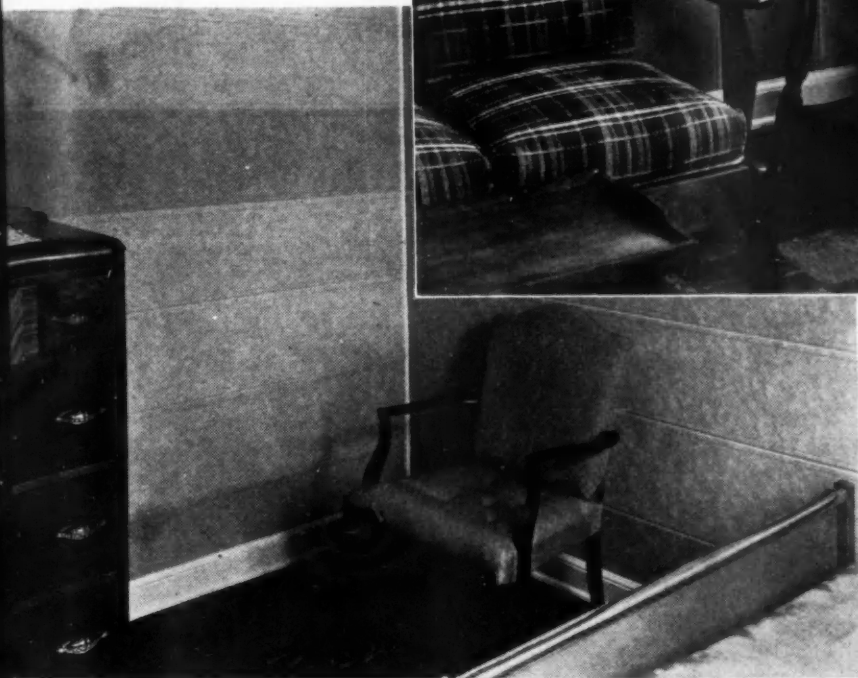


# Housing

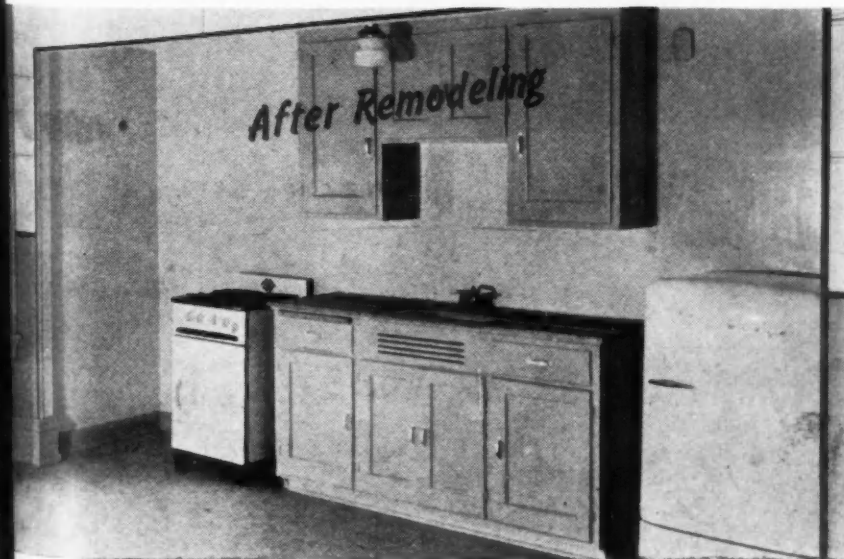
Most of the apartments have fullman-type kitchenettes. All have Norge electric refrigerators and AB victory gas ranges. Heat comes from a new L. J. Mueller forced-air furnace and from an old gravity job of the same manufacture.

Some of the old bath tubs were retained and appear built-in because of an ingenious application of hardboard and plaster. A few power stalls were installed. The old plastered walls in the baths.

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**INDIVIDUALITY** was attained by using insulating boards of different colors and textures. **UPPER** shows rectangular tiles horizontally above and vertically below white wainscoting. **LEFT** has variegated cream-colored planks running horizontally. No two rooms are alike. Each room is finished with an insulating board made by a different manufacturer.

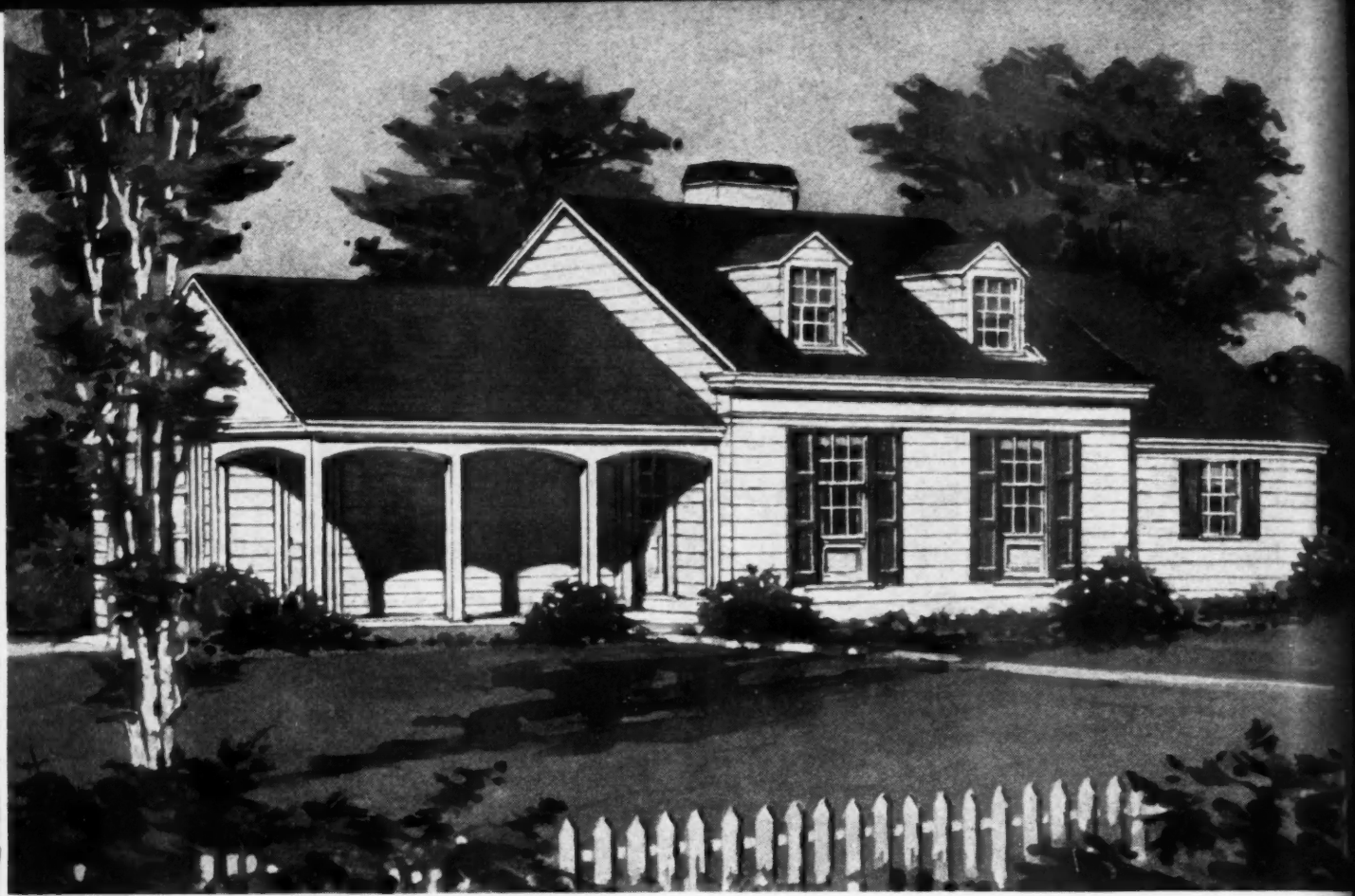


**TOP PRIORITY** secured new equipment for this remodeled kitchen.



**ANY** wonder it was vacant?





BLUEPRINT HOME by Architects Chapman and Evans will fit snugly into after-war suburban or rural communities.

## No. 3 of Blueprint Series: "Livable Colonial"

**Big small house features low roof line, spacious rooms and Colonial charm.**

THIS friendly, livable, Colonial is the kind of home American boys are dreaming about on the far flung battle lines of the world. It is the kind of house Architects Henry Otis Chapman and Randolph Evans believe home buyers will want after the war because of its familiar charm and homey appeal.

The accurately detailed blueprint opposite shows many attractive features for builders now planning projects. It is essentially a small house, but big in livability. The attached garage with porch in front gives breadth to the design. It has a spacious living room as well as two ample downstairs bedrooms, with bath conveniently located. There is space above for another large bedroom.

Builders know that they will have to put plenty of charm and *buyer appeal* into houses. For that reason the picket fence, shutters, low sweeping roof line, broad porch and Colonial details are important. The dining alcove is made attractive by a large picture window.

This is the third blueprint of a series started with the January issue. Next month's issue will feature a compact post-war model with a variety of exteriors for one basic plan.

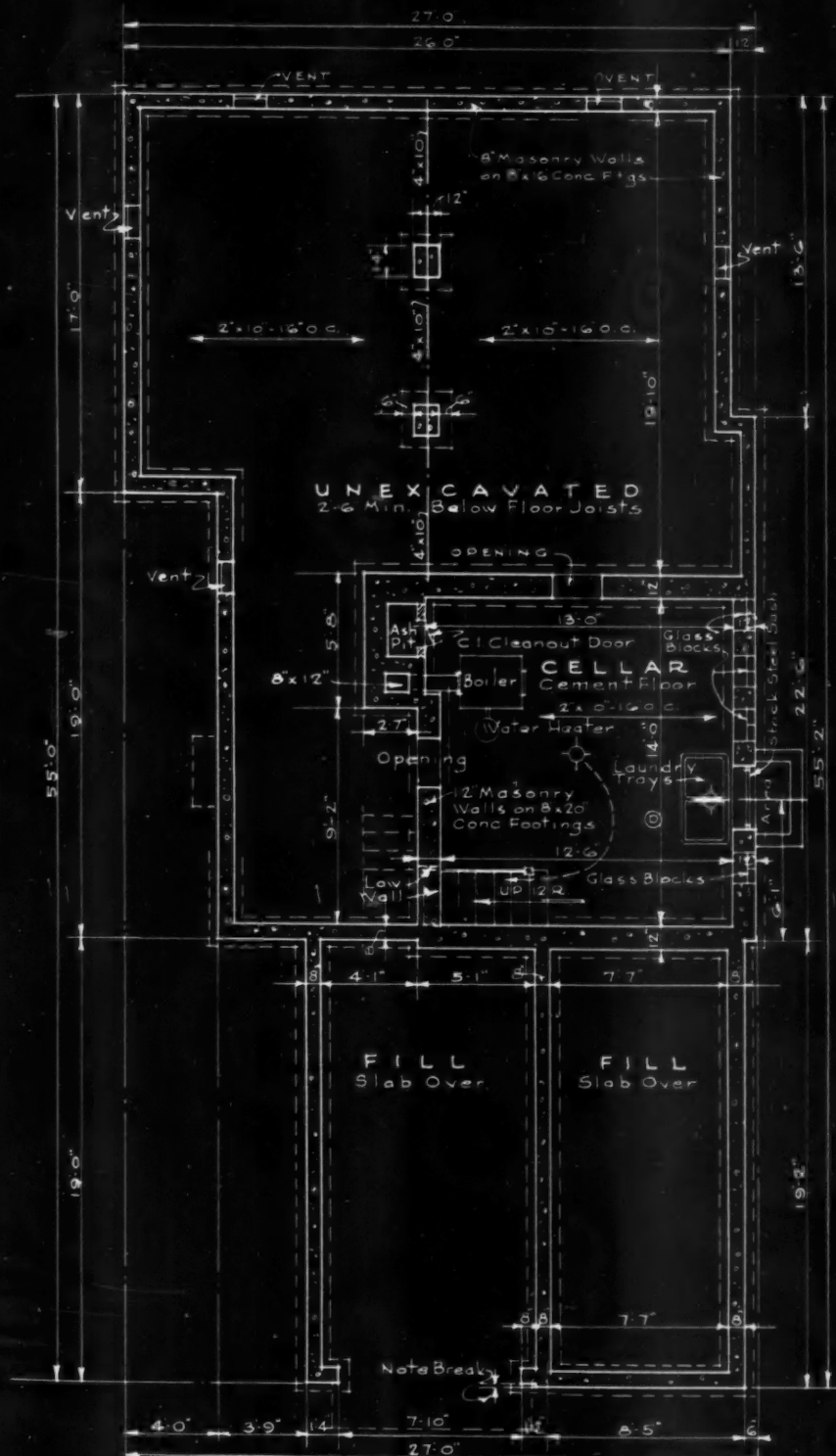


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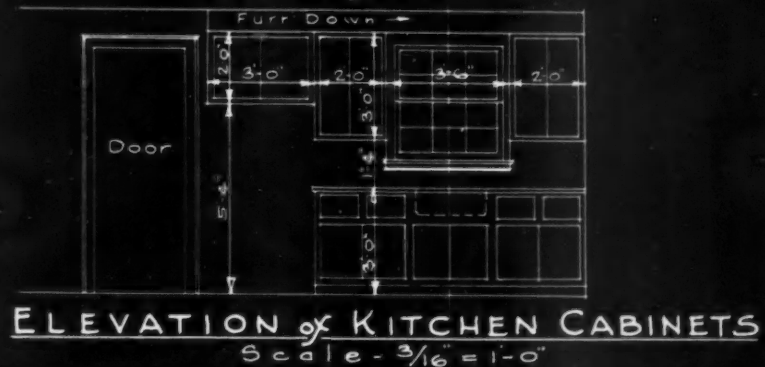
**Here's help for your post-war planning** →

AMERICAN BUILDER blueprints are presented each month as a helpful, educational feature in the interest of better post-war planning. Previously covered subjects are: January, a rambling Colonial home; February, private garages with architectural charm. Future blueprints will feature small and moderately priced homes with post-war appeal, country club cabins, wayside stands and sheds, small shops and stores. American Builder is not in the plan service business and recommends use of carefully drawn plans that conform to local ordinances, codes, building practices.

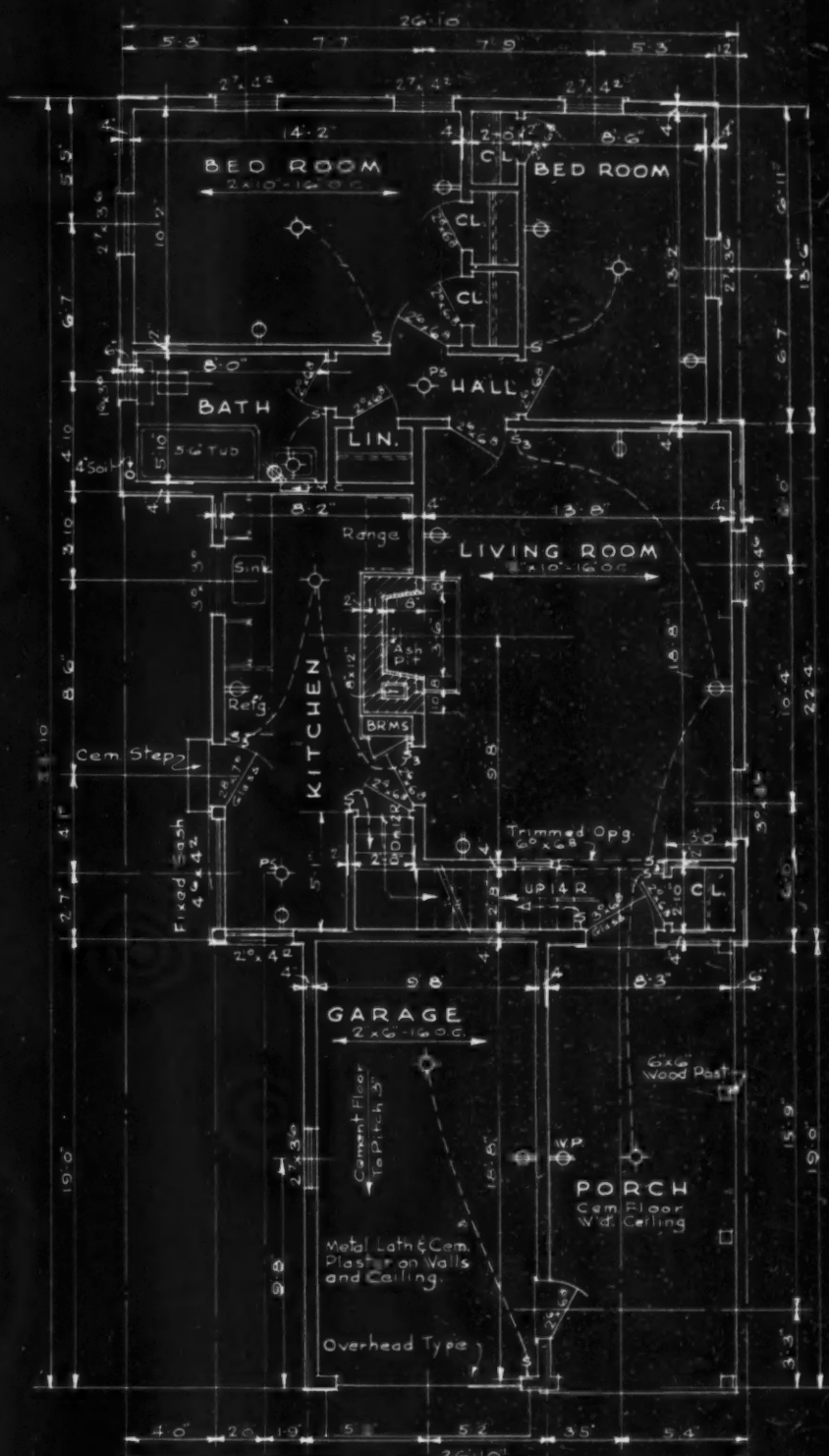




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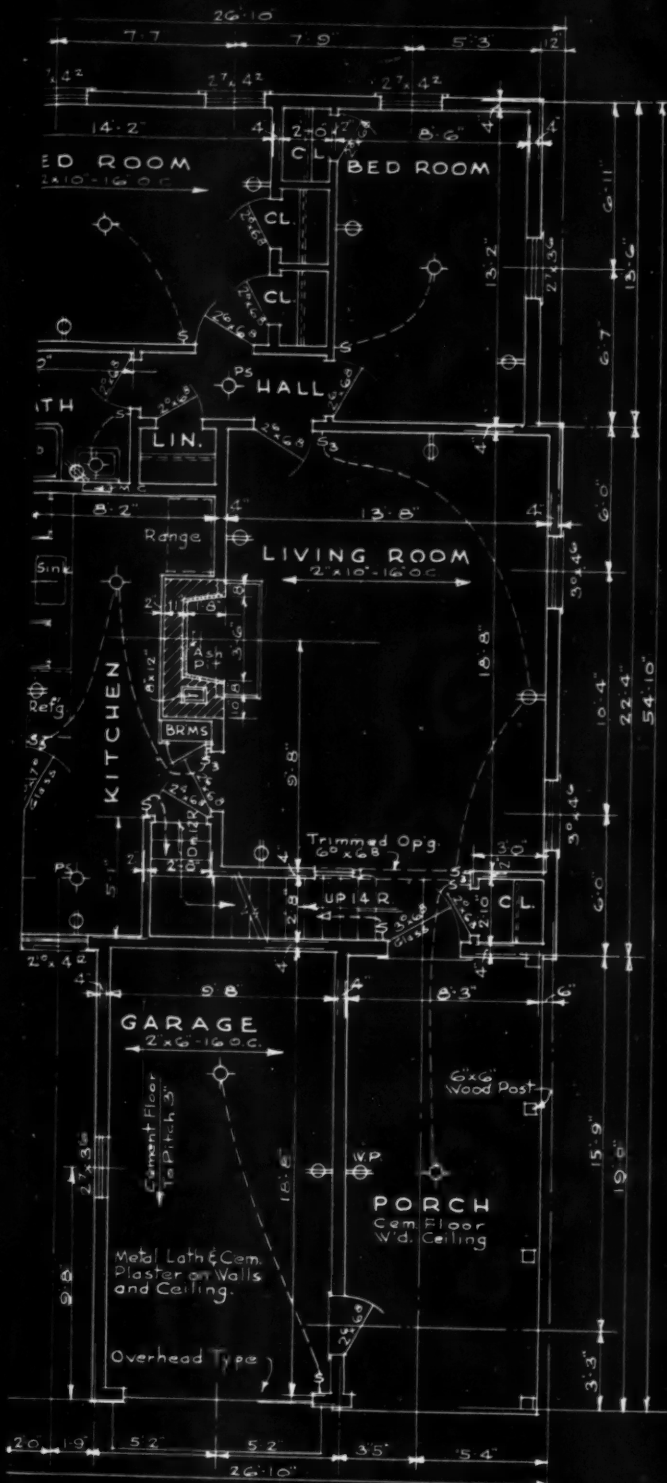
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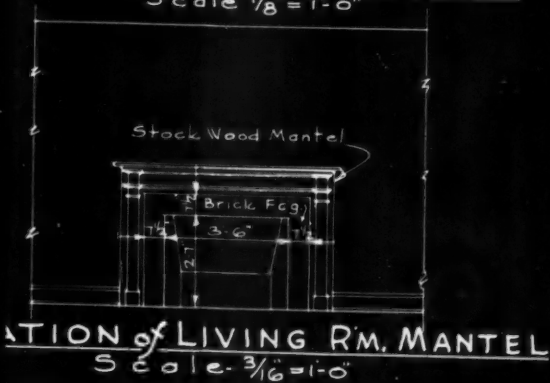


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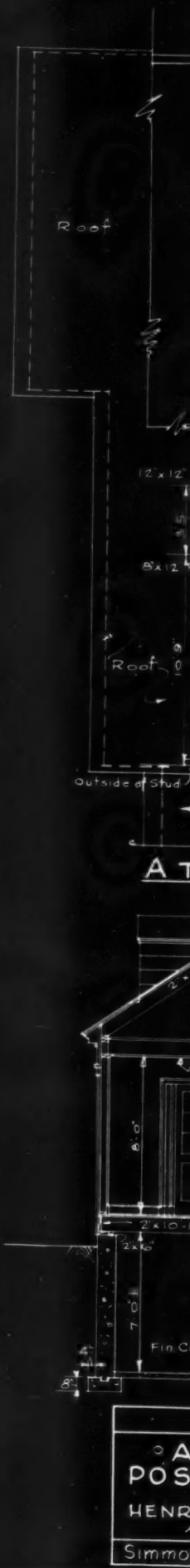
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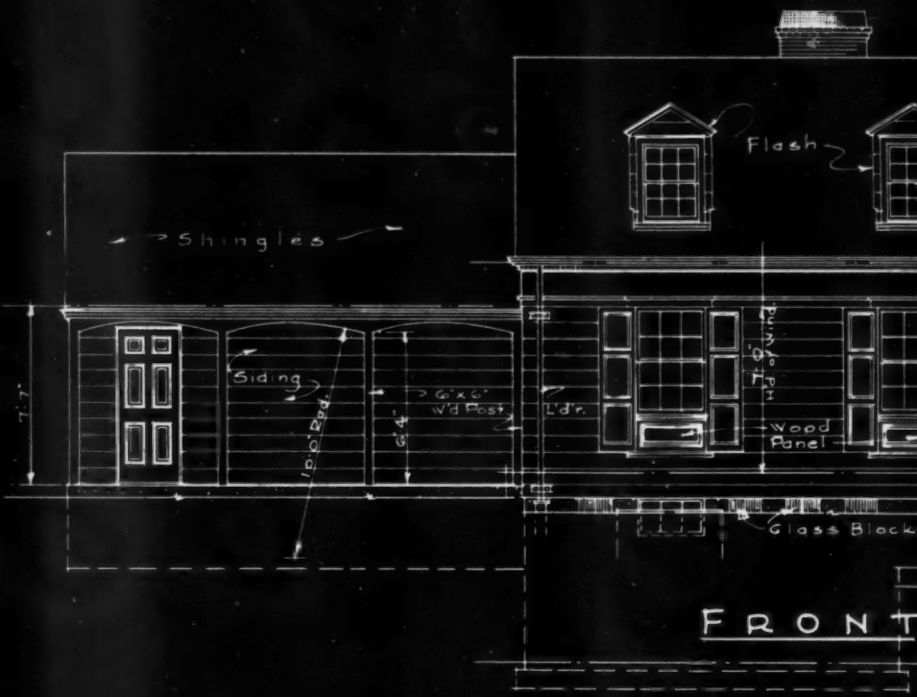
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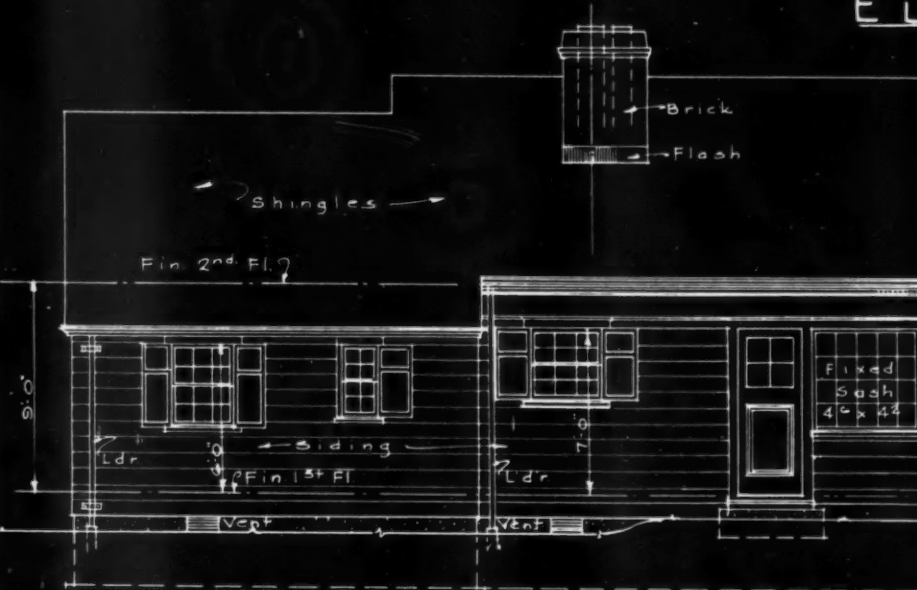
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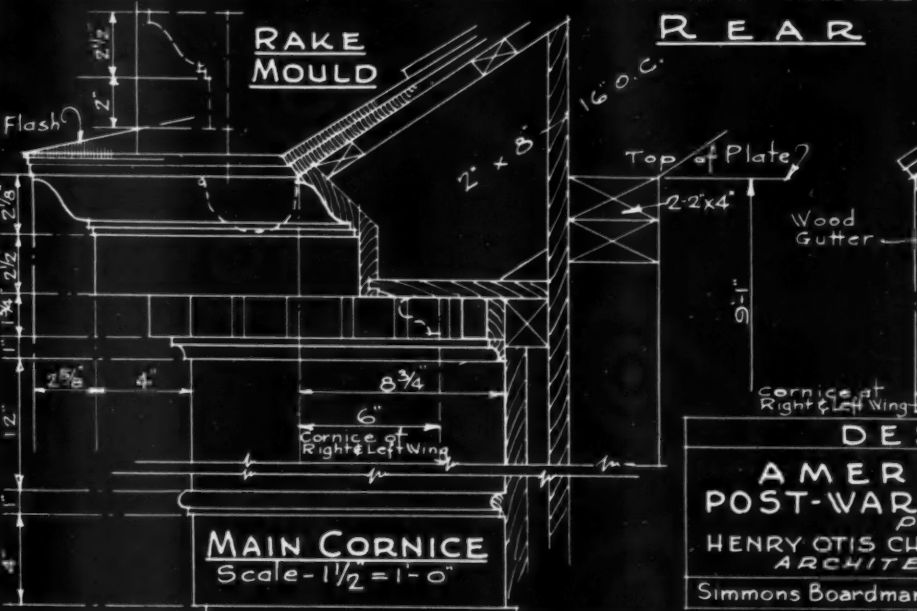




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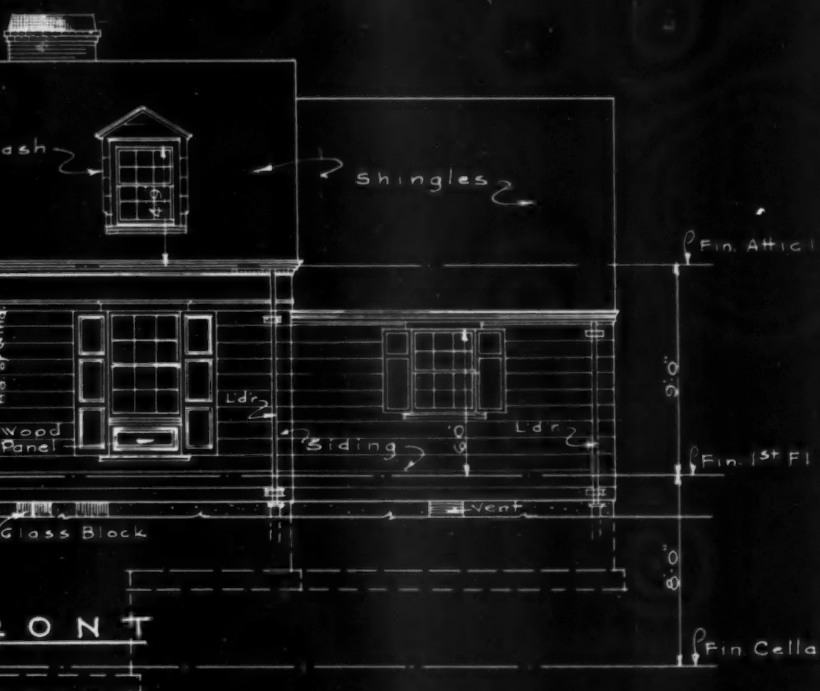


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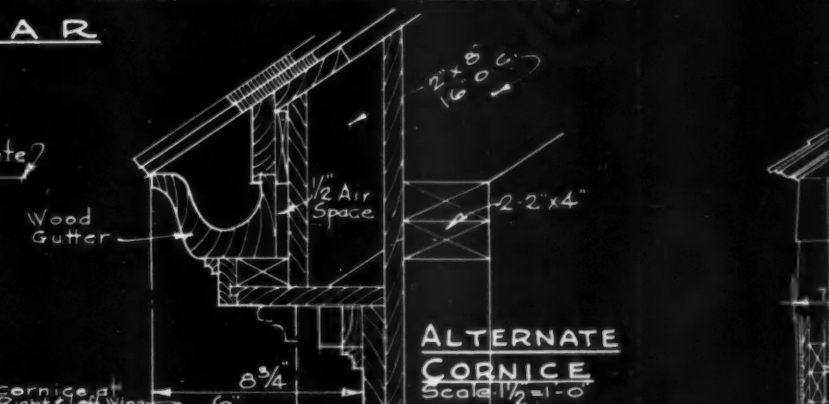
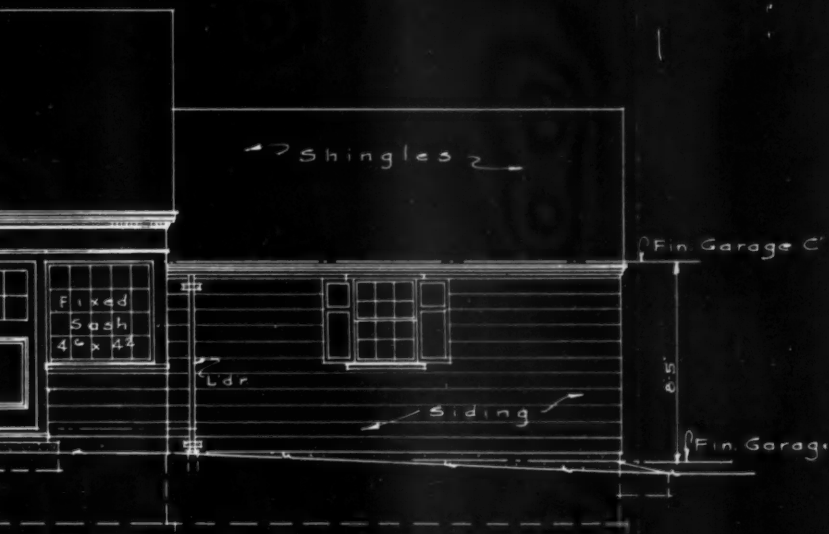


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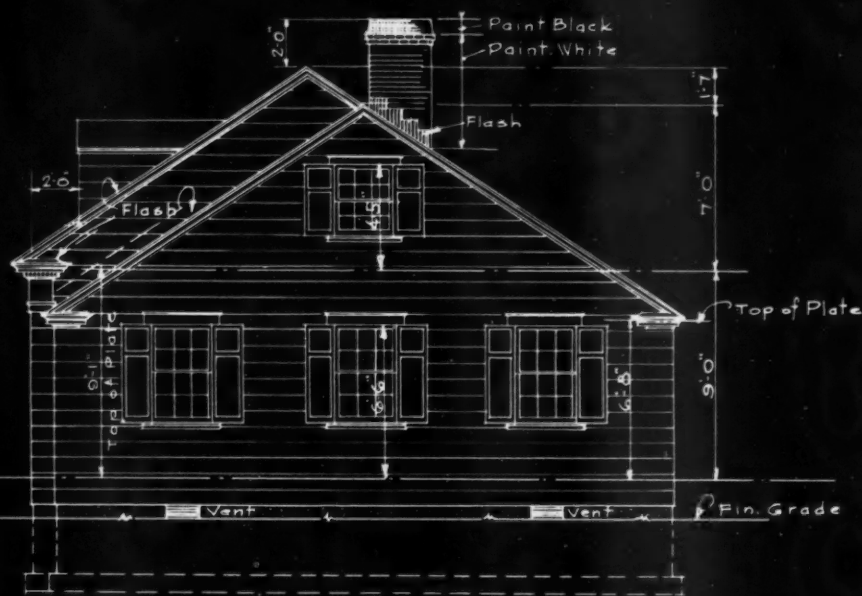
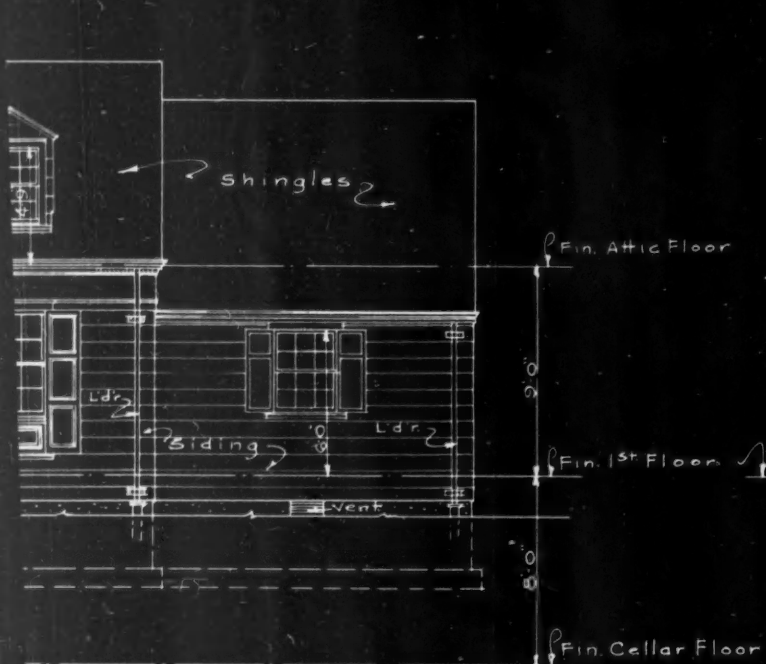


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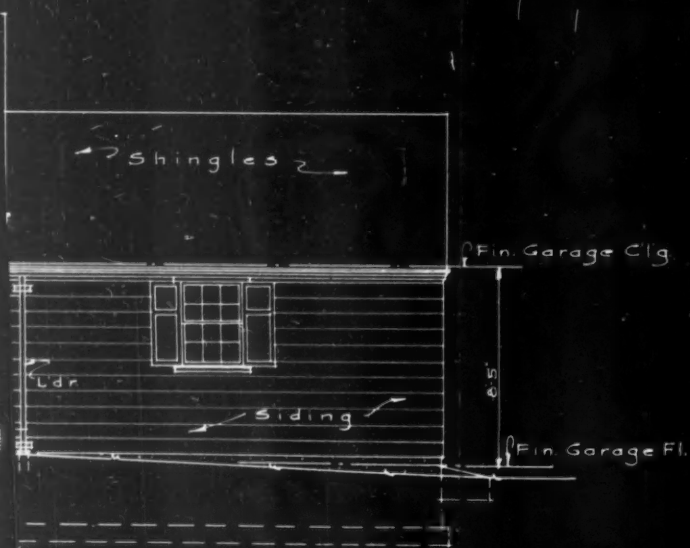


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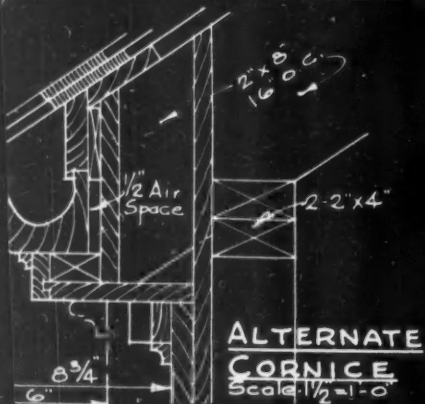
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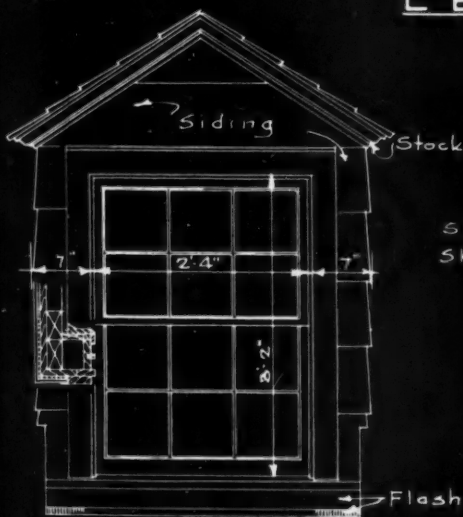
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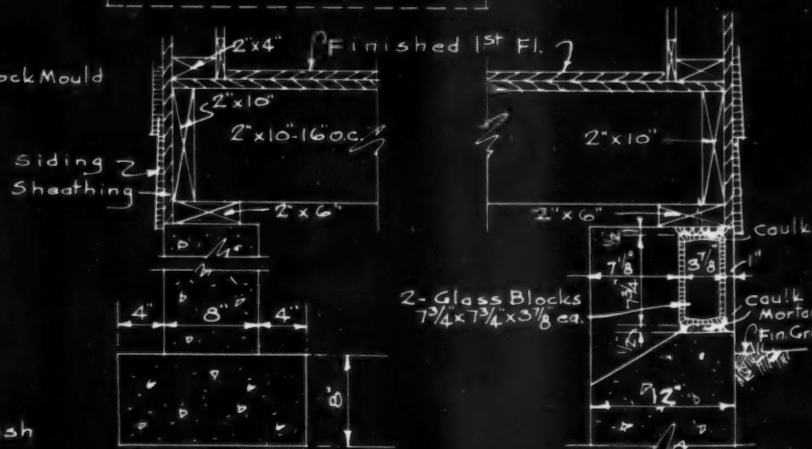
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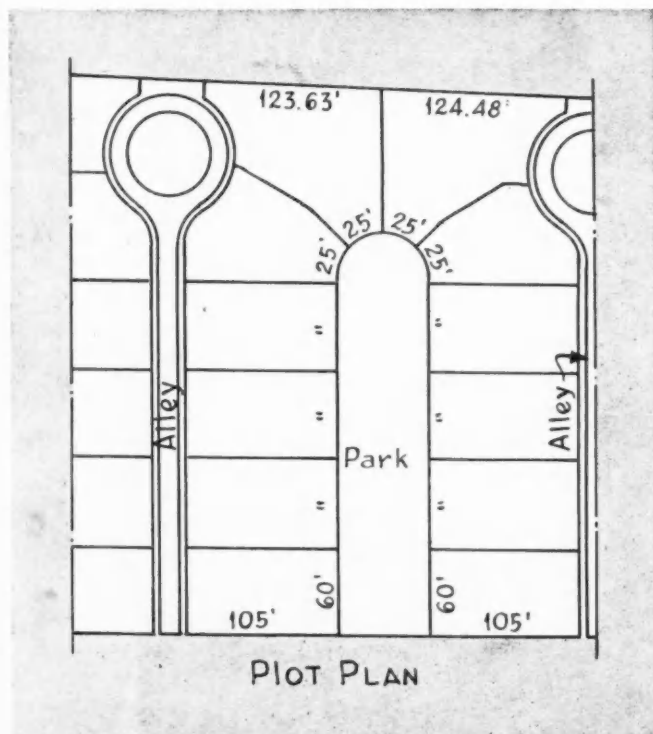
**WHILE THE BOYS ARE AWAY**

*The old saw filer is on the job.  
Rusty nails, he says, play hob.  
He's trying to save a board or two,  
So Army and Navy can have the new.  
He hits a nail or a rusty screw,  
While fixing a house for me or you.  
He fastens his saw in a big ol' vise,  
Whistles for a drink that's cooled with ice;  
And with sure steady stroke, works the  
file,  
While he sits unsteady, on a shingle pile.  
When we have smashed the Axis might,  
We'll buy some boards he likes all right,  
And not try saving a board or two,  
So Army and Navy can have the new.*



THESE OUTSTANDING SUCCESSFUL Title VI rental duplexes will be duplicated after war by builder E. L. Crain of Houston, Tex.

## Private Enterprise Creates Practical Rental Duplexes



CUL-DE-SAC drives or alleys are a feature of the layout.

**G**OOD planning is essential to any home-building development if it starts out and continues to be successful. This is as true of the land development as it is of the actual house plans themselves. Garden Oaks Village, Houston, Texas, is an outstanding example of all-round, careful planning both as to plot plan and floor layout of one-story duplex houses.

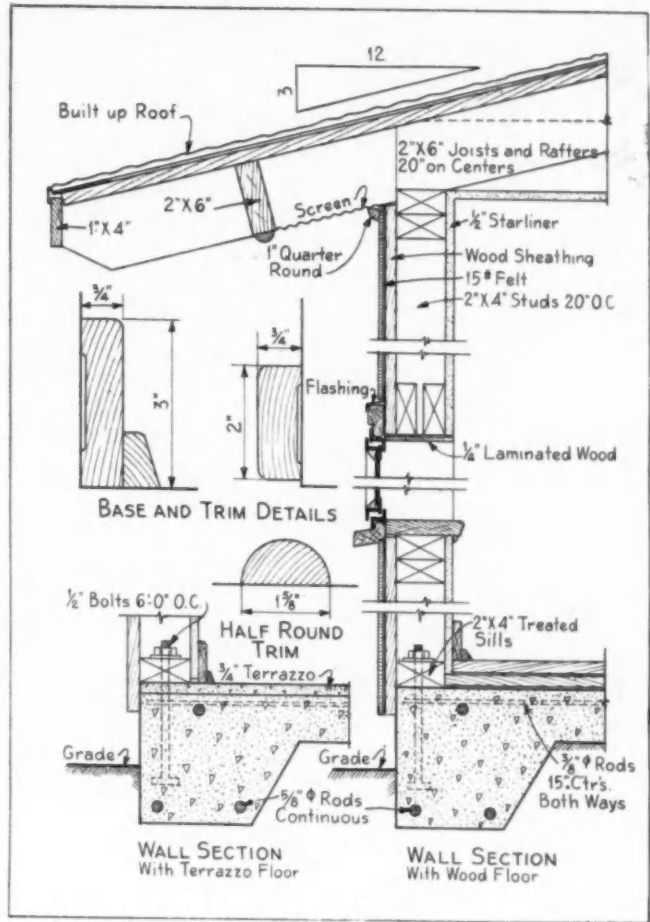
So successful has this FHA Title VI duplex rental project been that Builder E. L. Crain is planning several more of similar type as soon as the war ends.

The plot is laid out with park areas between the fronts of houses, and cul-de-sac roads or alleys between the rear elevations of the houses. This eliminates all through traffic from in front of the houses and creates a pleasant outlook for both apartments of each duplex. The garages open onto the cul-de-sac driveways so that all traffic, both private and service, uses the rear drives.

The garages for each duplex have entranceways directly into the apartments so there is no need to walk partly around either apartment to gain entrance. The lots average 60 feet wide and the rear elevations of the duplexes measure 40 feet, so there are 20 feet between buildings with an additional 40 feet between the front entrance areas, which thoroughly eliminates any feeling of being cramped. While there is a common sidewalk from the duplex to the walk bordering the park area, each apartment has its own entrance platform in front of its door.

Each apartment enjoys complete exposure on three of its sides, and an exit through the garage on its fourth side. Careful planning made it possible to give these features and at the same time eliminate all but a few feet of party wall between the living portions of the apartments. The placing of the garages in parallel is mainly responsible for this satisfactory arrangement. The square feet occupied by each apartment is approximately 540, yet a complete unit for living is provided.

Satisfactorily large window areas are part of the attractiveness of these duplexes, yet both living rooms and bedrooms have ample blank walls for adequate placement of furniture. The exteriors are varied with



TYPICAL wall sections, as shown above, give the details of construction as used in the Garden Oaks duplexes outside of Houston, Texas. Concrete footings and slab are one piece, reinforced both ways with 3/4" and 5/8" rods.

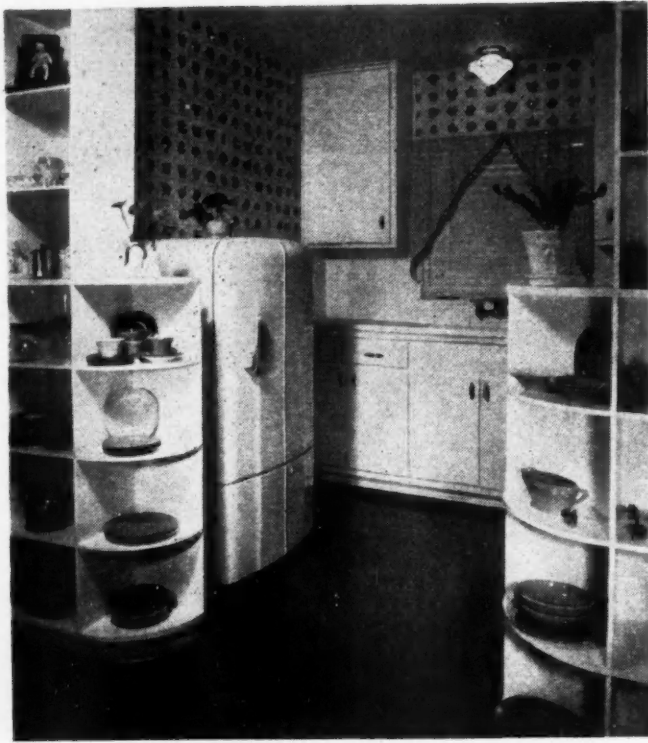
THE LAND-PLANNING feature of this rental development is outstanding in its method of creating wide lawns and parks in front yet having complete service via cul-de-sac alleys or drives along the rear ends of all of the lots.



CAREFUL planning developed the floor plans for this duplex so that there is complete ventilation from three sides of each apartment; private garages, and separate front and rear entrances for each unit.







**CEILING-HIGH shelves with quarter-round corners form the partition between dining room and kitchen, and provide both utility and decorative places for storage.**

different roof treatments as well as decorative handling of trim details. The buildings rest on concrete slabs, as shown by the wall section details. A portion of the roof overhang is screened and left open, for ventilation under the roof. Footings are reinforced with  $\frac{5}{8}$ " rods and the floor slabs with  $\frac{3}{8}$ " rods. The wall plates are bolted to the concrete foundation.

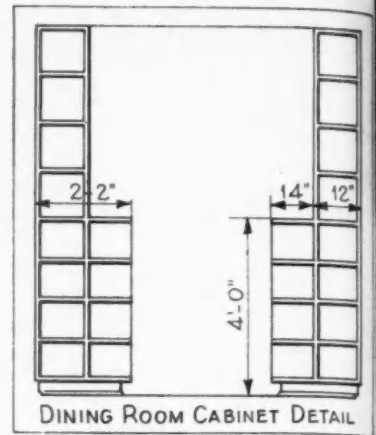
The layout of the rooms is well handled in that the plan is divided into two portions, one containing the bedroom, hall and bath room, and the other portion containing the living room, dining room, and kitchen. The hall for each apartment has a cloak closet, each bath room a closet for towels, and each bedroom a large closet for clothes.

The dining room-kitchen units are particularly attractive and add much to the livability of the apartments. The kitchens are completely equipped and nicely decorated. The tall shelves which flank the entranceway from dining room to kitchen eliminate any partition and at the same time provide both practical and decorative spaces for dishes and utensils. The units are architecturally pleasing, and the display of colorful pieces adds a note of decoration to the dining space which, too often, is a colorless and dull part of the small apartment, whether the apartment is in a multiple building or under its own roof, as at Garden Oaks in Texas.

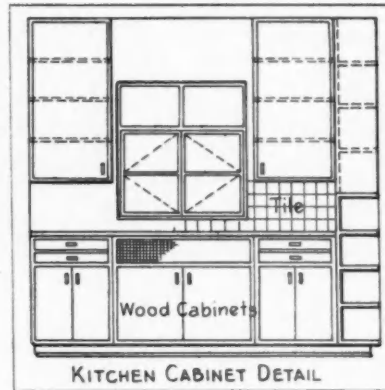
Rental housing will be important after the war. This is why these duplex structures at Garden Oaks are particularly interesting, because they anticipate future developments and will have no trouble in holding their own in competition. For their part of the country, and for the family wanting a rental home of the size offered, there seemingly is nothing present which might detract from their popularity in competition with post-war offerings.

In many parts of the country there is need for basements and different architectural lines, but the same degree of good planning will always be necessary.

**DETAIL** of the cabinets between dining room and kitchen, as shown at the right, shows how simple the construction and dimensioning are for these attractive and useful pieces of built-in equipment. The distance between shelves depends upon over-all height to the ceiling.

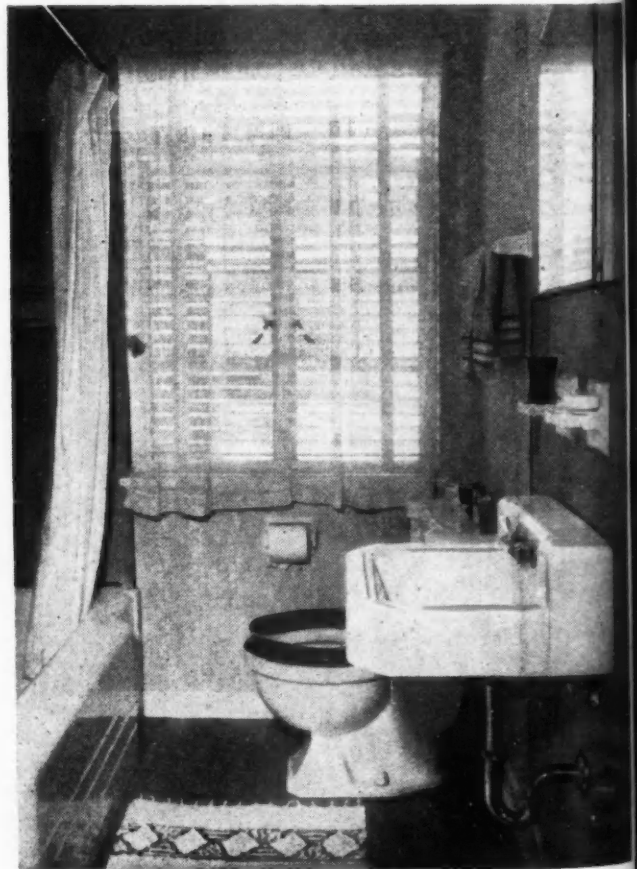


**DINING ROOM CABINET DETAIL**



**KITCHEN CABINET DETAIL**

**KITCHEN** details vary according to the layout of the floor plan. The one illustrated at the left is for a kitchen with an outside door on one side rather than the type shown in the floor plan on the preceding page. Kitchens are fully equipped.



**TYPICAL BATH** room in one of the Garden Oaks duplex apartments. The floor is terrazzo on concrete.



BUILT-IN details abound in this Elk Lake, Mich., cabin, suggesting many ideas for summer jobs. Plans and details on next page.



BUILT-IN bunk with rustic log trim and drawers below make pleasant corner. How to build bunk is shown in drawings on page 61.

## You Can Sell Log Cabin Jobs

**Y**ES, there is a lucrative field for both war and after-war business in log cabin, summer resort and rural building jobs.

Many people are thinking about the cozy cabin they hope to build as soon as the war is over. You can turn such prospects into more immediate jobs by working with them now on plans and perhaps some of the preliminary clearing, excavating and foundation work.

More important, perhaps, for those looking for immediate income is the work that can be obtained in fixing up, repairing and maintaining old cabins, country homes and rural structures.

Where local logs are available, the problem is simplified, and the photo-



**These clever cabin details will  
help you get more business.**



graphs, drawings and details accompanying this article present some especially helpful and clever suggestions for their use. The cabin was built for Professor Carey Croneis in the Okaiyoka Colony Club on Elk Lake in Northern Michigan, from plans drawn by Architect J. E. Petersen of Chicago.

A study of the construction details will show much of the success of the job is due to the skillful way in which local logs were handled. While the interior is largely executed in random width V-joint white cedar, the attractive rustic effect is achieved by use of natural logs. These were cut the winter before, peeled and given a coat of clear varnish.

In laying out the Croneis cabin Architect Petersen provided a big open main room with a fine fireplace alcove flanked by built-in beds. A bank of windows opening from the dining area provides an unobstructed view of the lake. A wide balcony runs around three sides of the main room providing extra sleeping space. The balcony is reached by a rustic stair of half logs notched into a 10 inch log stringer. Throughout the cabin are many clever built-in items as detailed opposite.

**CABIN** of Professor Carey Croneis at Elk Lake, Mich., shows how clever craftsmanship can contribute to rustic charm. Built-in bedroom desk at left is detailed in plans at right. Clever use of logs in building open stairway is also detailed.

**RUSTIC** stair is built of half logs notched into 10 inch stringer. Balcony above is used as sleeping space. Interior is finished in V-joint white cedar boards with split log trim.

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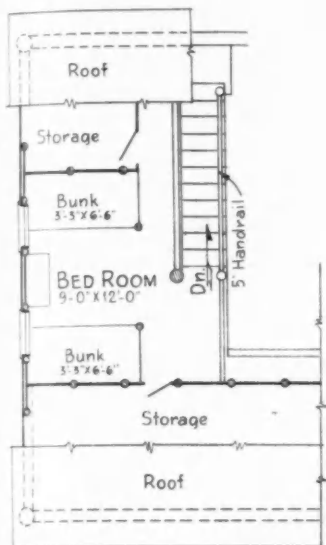


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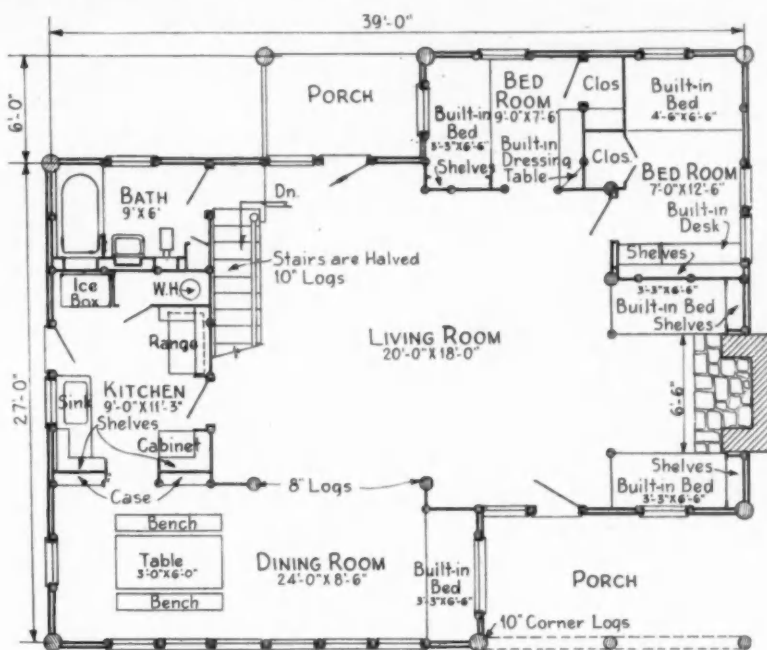
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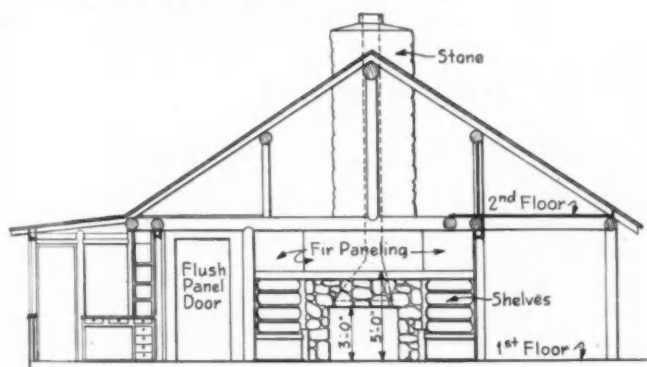
OPEN plan gives the 39 x 27 foot cabin spaciousness. Bank of windows at dining room overlooks lake.



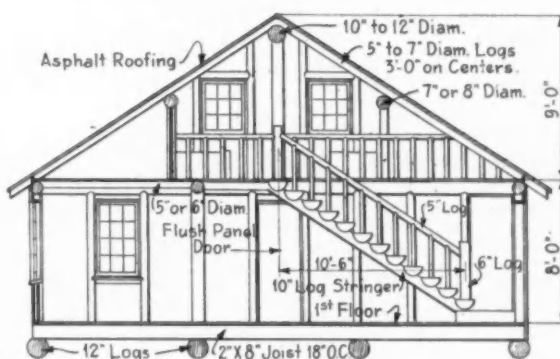
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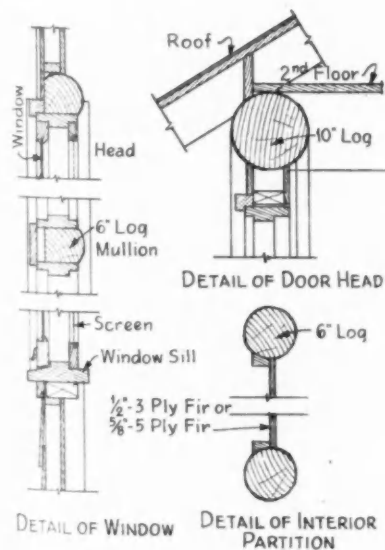
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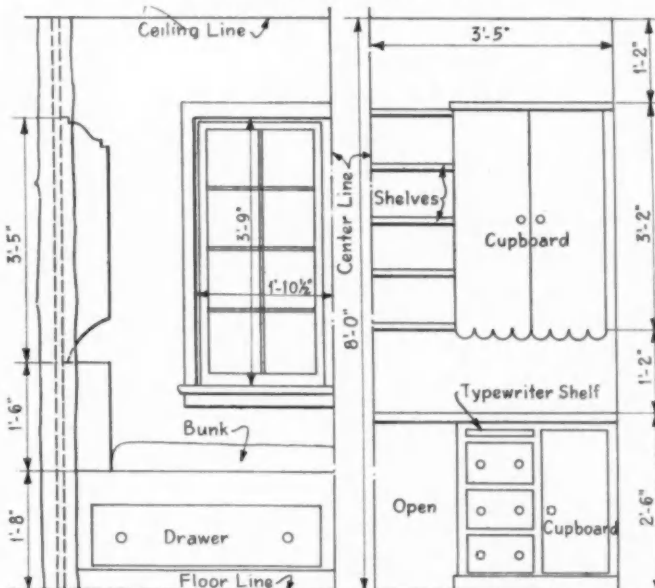


SECTION LOOKING SOUTH



DETAIL OF WINDOW

DETAIL OF INTERIOR PARTITION



HALF ELEVATION OF DINING ROOM NOOK

HALF ELEVATION OF BED ROOM CABINETS

HOW TO LAY OUT and build a modern log cabin to retain rustic charm but provide modern living accommodations is shown in these details by Architect J. E. Petersen of Chicago. Fireplace, stairs, built-in bunk, and built-in bedroom cabinets show unusual craft, skill,

# A Home with Future 'Sales Appeal'- Plus

The front cover home selected this month and presented here has most of the "musts" listed in surveys of what will be wanted by post-war buyers. Starting with an attractive entrance, this design is packed with extra



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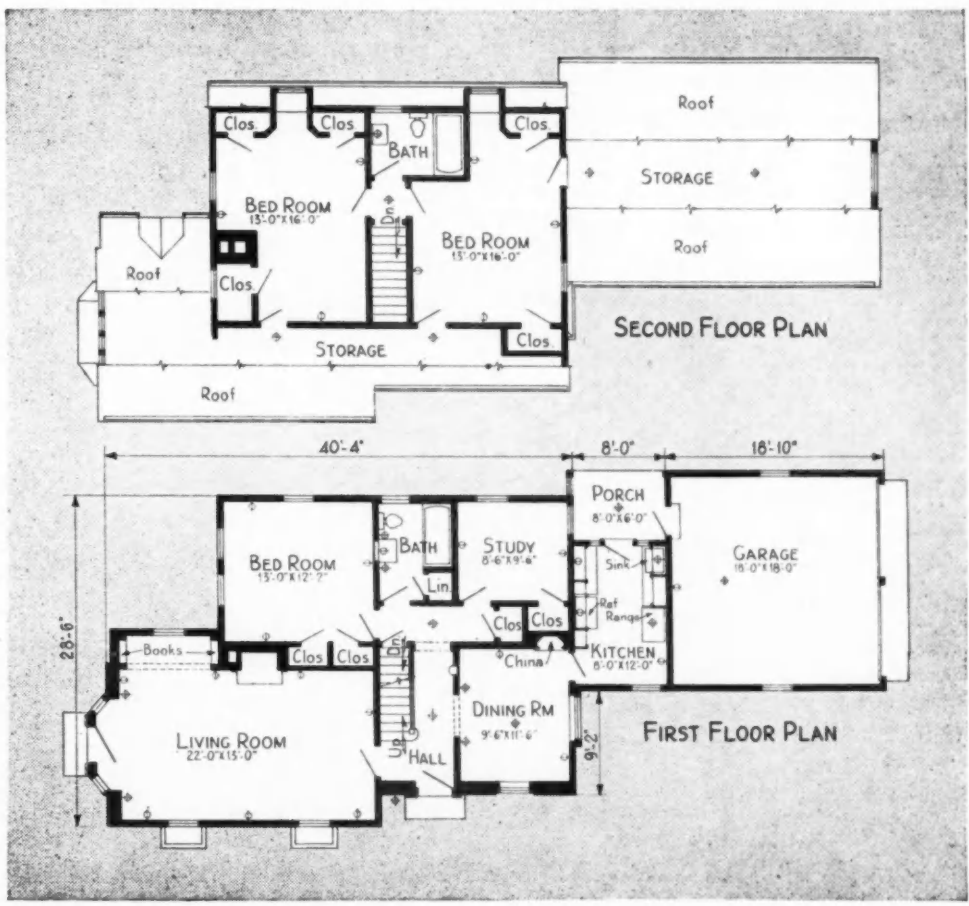


THIS DESIGN built in Chappaqua, New York, by Carl Jacobson brings together in one home the definitely desired post-war qualities of very attractive appearance, efficient floor plan, good construction, and equipment for modern living. With the desire for homes by

war brides and grooms still to be fulfilled, it will appeal to the younger couple. Particularly appreciated will be the ability to finish the second floor at a later date; as the family grows two extra bedrooms, bath and plenty of additional storage space can be added.

**PLANNED PRE-WAR, LOOKING FORWARD TO MANY YEARS OF POST-WAR LIVING**

ARCHITECT James Renwick Thomson, of Chappaqua, New York, did an outstanding job in the design of this 7-room and attached double garage home. It is built of frame with stone veneer carefully used around the entrance as shown opposite. Features of the plan include living room bay, book alcove, baths on both floors, good closet space, efficient kitchen arrangement. Overall dimensions, 28' x 67'; contents, 29497 cubic feet.





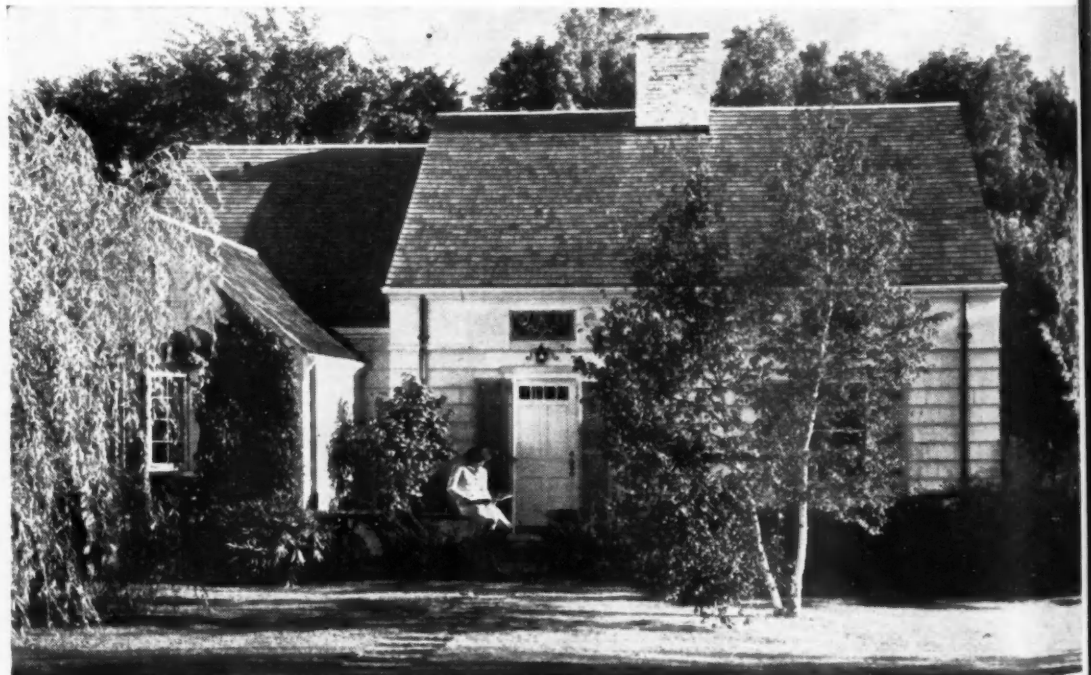


THE REAR of this home in West Hartford, Conn., offers a very well-detailed elevation.

## Behind the Front - - Good Design Throughout

Homes of the future will be thoroughly studied for attractive styling on all elevations and in all rooms. This design by Walter Crabtree, Jr., is forward-looking.

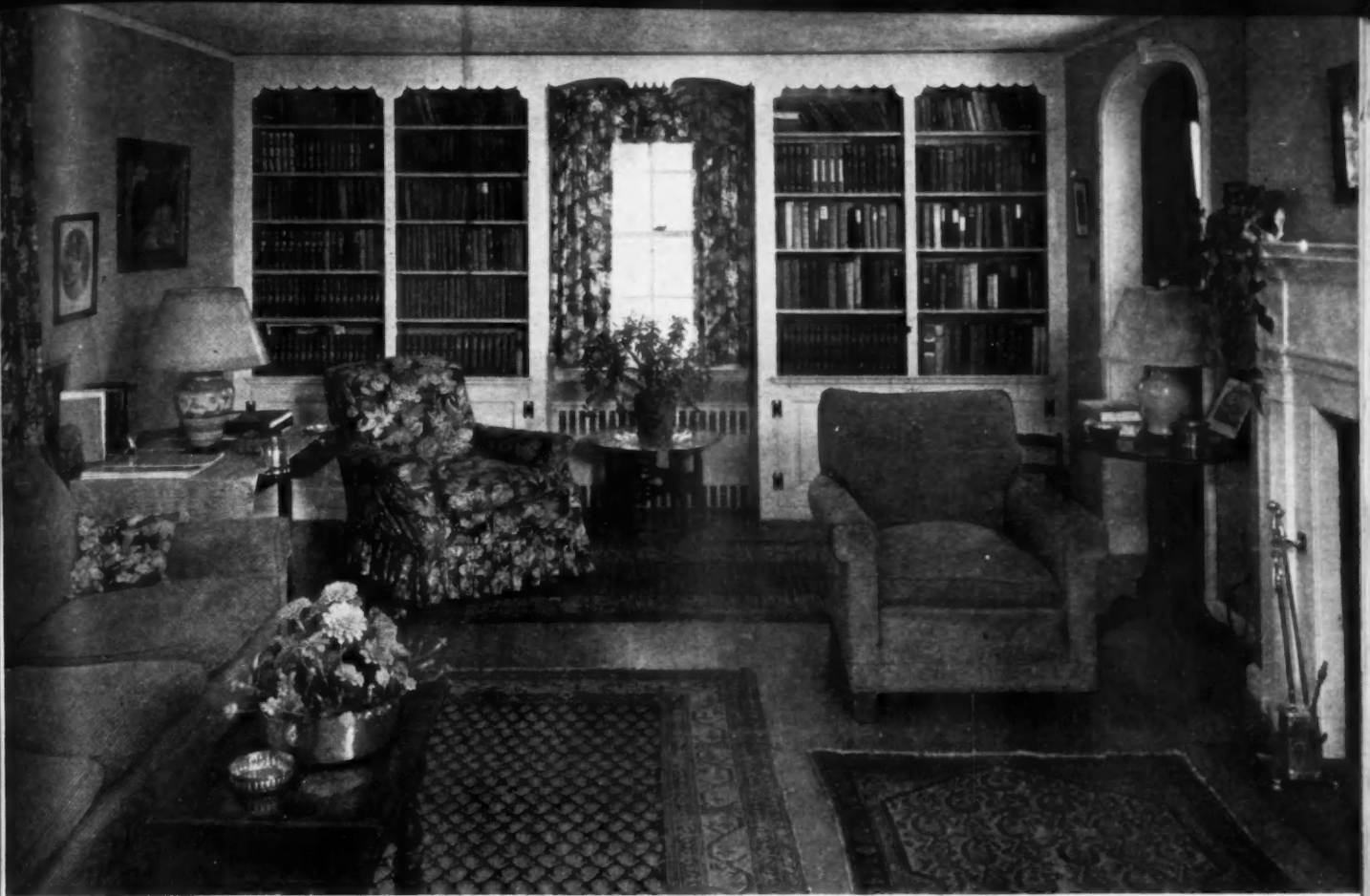
FRONT VIEW, while screened by plantings, is equally as interesting as the other portions of this design; note wide fascia and inserted decorative grilles.



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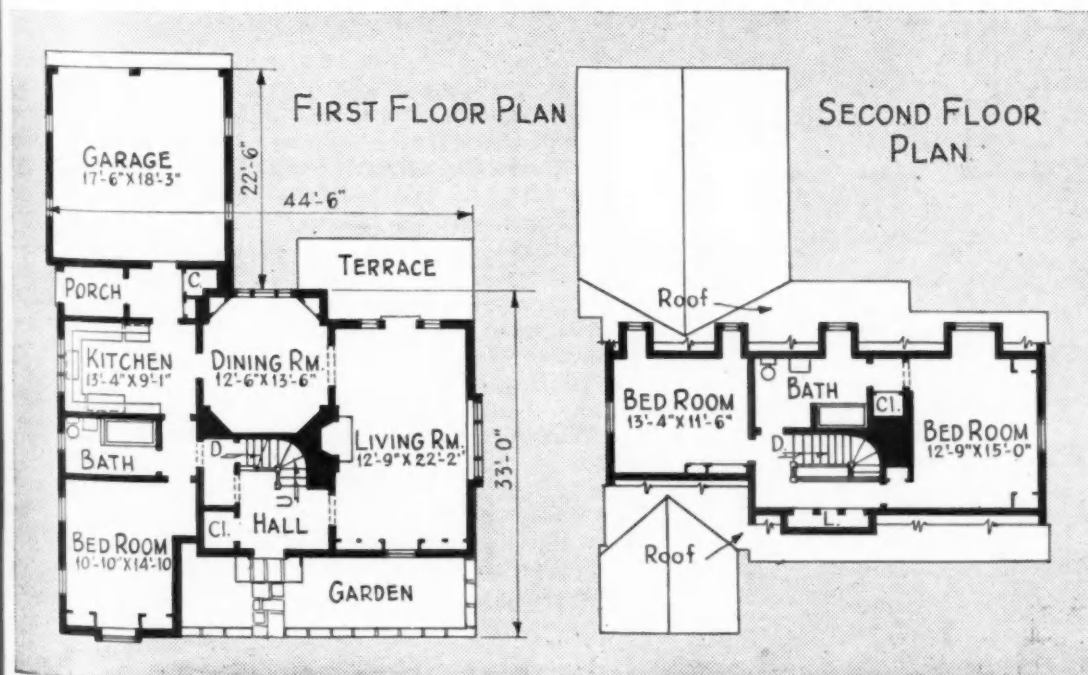
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LIVING ROOM features handsome built-in bookcases flanking front window. Richard Averill Smith photos.

SINCE the days of shirt-front bungalows much progress has been made to turn out homes that are entirely presentable from all directions. The trend towards outdoor living areas in the rear has had much to do with this and will continue when operations are again normal. Architect Walter Crabtree, Jr., in this West Hartford, Conn., design has given careful study to this consideration; as illustrated here, it presents many ideas with post-war

sales appeal. Notice the cornice and dormer detailing shown on the opposite page, the attractive built-in bookcases and cupboards above, as well as other trim. The plan shows the same thoroughness; arrangement has particular appeal for modern livability. First floor guest quarters with adjacent bath can serve also as a sick room or den, entrance hall is large enough to relieve any cramped feeling, corner cupboards balance dining room.

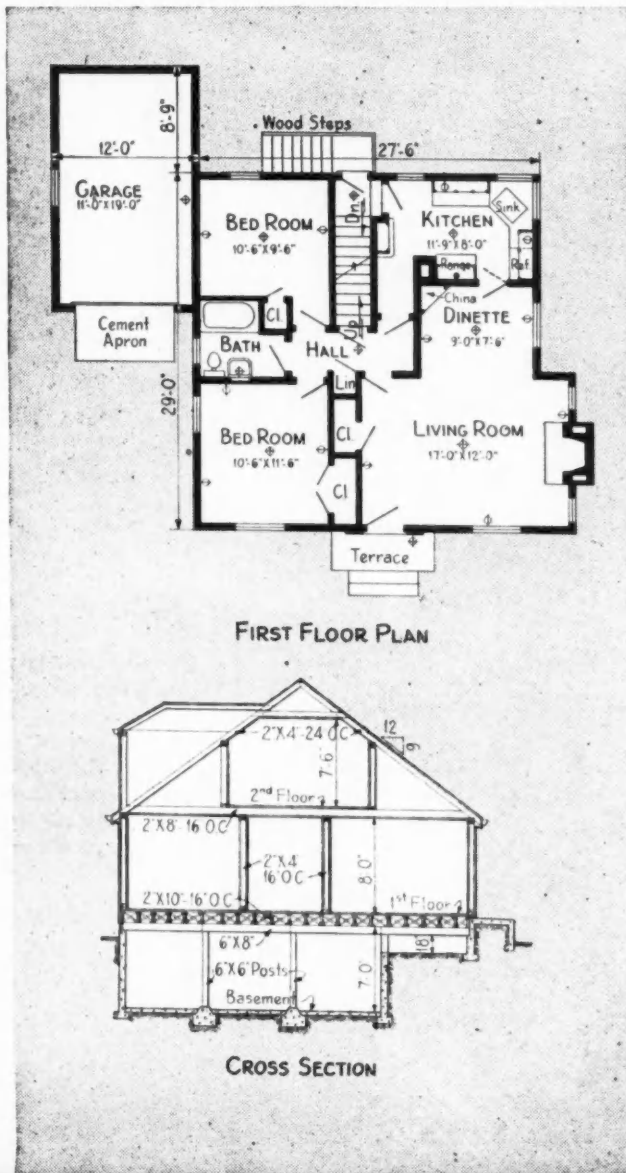
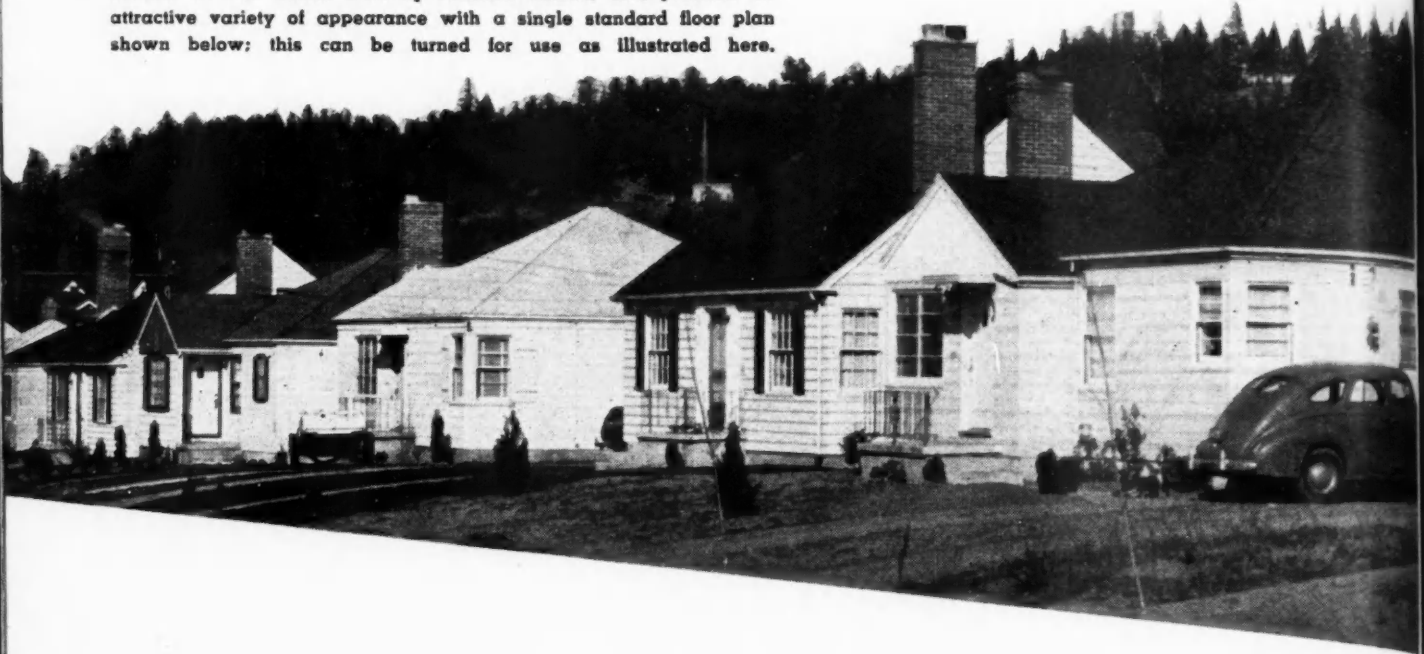


IN PLAN this 6-room home has all portions well segregated and arranged for proper circulation. Bedroom and bath on first floor are isolated from living.



# Quarter Turn Does the Trick—Variation in Appearance

STREET of war homes built by Franklin Homes, Inc., presents an attractive variety of appearance with a single standard floor plan shown below: this can be turned for use as illustrated here.



**Basic plan is shifted to put kitchen either to front or rear and exterior appearance is completely changed**

**A**MONG the clever schemes that operative builders are using to avoid monotony and give an interesting diversity of outward appearance to their streets of rather standardized homes is that employed by L. C. Simms of Portland, Ore. In his current development, "Woodland," on S.E. 59th Ave. he is using a very carefully planned 4½-room house with attached garage, the house proper being almost square, 31 by 29 feet. A quarter turn of this plan shifts the kitchen from the back exposure to the front—a feature much recommended by the women's magazines and which many housewives like—also shifts the two bedrooms from their side position to the more quiet rear. With this switch the living room fireplace is also moved on the plan so as to remain on the side wall of the house, and the garage is moved to the opposite side.

With these simple changes in the basic or standardized floor plan two completely different series of exteriors and roof treatments are worked out to further add to the variety of appearance, up and down the street. Hubert A. Williams, architect, was responsible for the details of this planning.

Mr. Simms, president of Franklin Homes Inc., owner and builder of this highly successful private-enterprise home development in the \$5,500 class, is also president of the Portland Home Builders' Assn., Inc., a strong and active group of Portland builders.

**BASIC PLAN** for L. C. Simms project has good circulation, storage; note connecting hall.

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# on in Portland War Homes



IN THIS model (directly below) fireplace is shifted to the side of living room; kitchen to front of house. See turned plan below.

In going over these houses with an *American Builder* editor last year, Simms pointed out the economies effected through the use of a standardized floor plan. "It permits us to pre-cut all our framing materials with a radial power saw," he said.

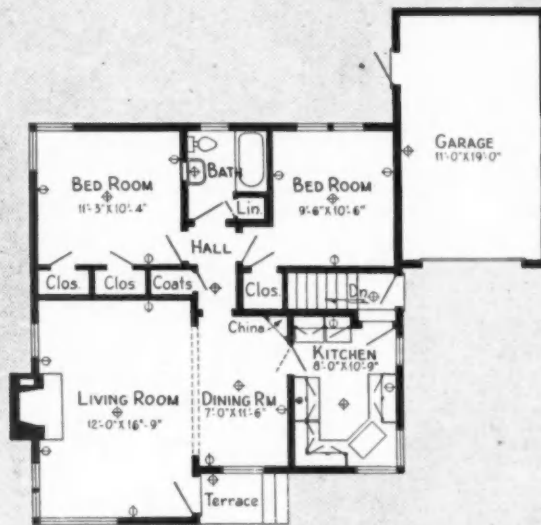
Commenting on the present attitude of prospective home buyers, more living space and a chance for expansion seem to be wanted, the Franklin Homes salesmen report. Accordingly, some of the houses are given a fairly high Cape Cod type of roof, which permits the finishing of two good rooms in the attic by adding a roof dormer over the stair well. This works best on the plan with kitchen and service entrance at the rear.

"We have found the Cape Cod style, with attic left in an unfinished condition, to be quite a favorite with the people in this region as it provides, at only a little extra cost, additional space which Dad finishes up on his free nights and Sundays.

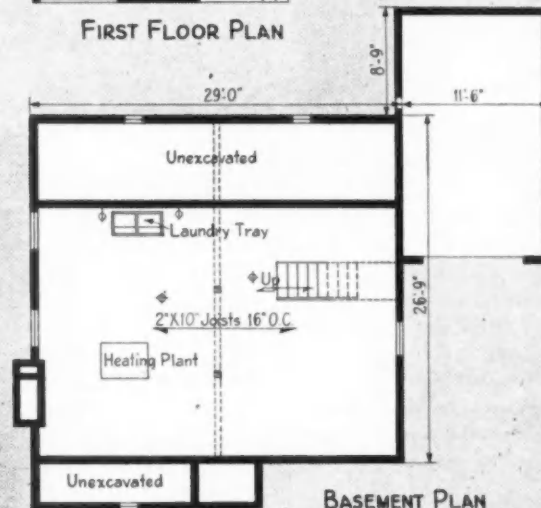
"Another thing we have learned," Mr. Simms reported, "is to keep away from the basementless type of house. We have now adopted, as standard, full basements; as the market in this community evidently prefers basements. We have experimented with the one-half, three quarters and full basement and found that sales resistance decreases as the size of basement increases."



SAME PLAN with slight changes can be turned so both bedrooms are to rear. Allows interest as in street view above.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN



BASEMENT PLAN

# The 15-House Job

**A second article on advanced methods suitable to the operation of small builders; this one covers precutting and assembly.**

*By L. E. Trembley*

**A**S STATED in last month's article, one of the first steps in a precutting operation is the preparation of foundations, which should be prepared to receive floor joists as soon as possible before starting mass assembly. A great saving of time may be realized on



PRECUTTING either with radial saws or power hand saws (as shown above) will save time and produce better work even on small operations; part of a sample cutting schedule is reproduced at the right.

## An exclusive American Builder post-war planning feature

a small fifteen-house project if the following procedure is maintained.

While the excavation for footings and foundation walls is being completed, cutting benches are set up at the rear of the site and precutting operation begins. Therefore, by the time the forms are ready to pull, the sawyers have sufficient material precut and ready for assembly, so that assembly crews can be starting; thus houses Numbers 1, 2 and 3 are being assembled while foundations on houses Numbers 4, 5 and 6 are being poured.

The cutting shed and outdoor cutting benches which are used on a small project are built on skids, so that the cutting operation can be moved down the line as building proceeds. Every lumber item of the house is presawed. The lumber moves on conveyor rolls from the sawyer's bench to the house; and there it is stacked by handlers at convenient locations within easy reach of assembly men.

All cuts are made from accurate templates, which also are coded and numbered for the type of plan and elevation. On the cutting benches, lumber is handed to the sawyer, who makes the eave cut and rafter seat and jack cuts for hips and valleys. It then moves to cutting table No. 2 for the final cut in seat of rafter. All cuts for one length or type of rafter for the entire house are made before being changed for another length, the entire operation being dependent upon a predetermined cutting schedule. By operating in this manner, we do not have a large investment in a warehouse or cutting mill; and, with the cooperation of the lumber company in their daily deliveries of material, we are in a position to move our cutting tables along the line with very little moving of material, because the material is used up at each site.

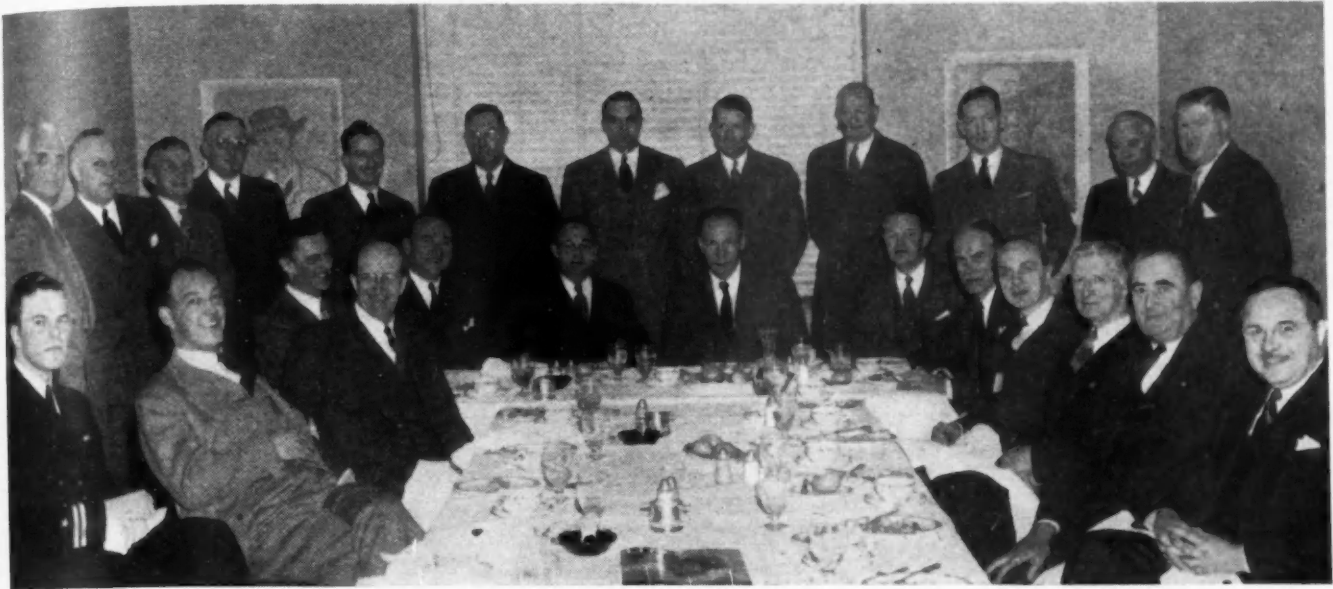
One saving feature on a precutting operation is the use of unskilled labor. Since each man is trained to do one specific operation, it is not necessary for him to be skilled in all phases of a construction job. Thus, much valuable time is saved by eliminating the necessity for a carpenter to select a piece of material, measure, cut and return to nail it in place.

It has been brought to our attention that houses built in this manner are referred to as being "thrown together," because of the rapid assembly. It might be well to spike these rumors with the fact that, since rafters, studs, headers, etc. are cut from templates which are square and true, they give a better fit throughout the house.

A portion of our cutting schedule is shown below.

CUTTING SCHEDULE - WALL FRAMING								
PLAN "A"				PLAN "B"				
Item	No.	Size	Length	No.	Size	Length		
Studs	250	2x4	7'-9"	280	2x4	7'-9"		
Stub Studs	30	2x4	6'-10"	32	2x4	6'-10"		
Ins. Headers	8	2x4	2'-5 3/4"	4	2x4	2'-9 1/2"		
Rear Dr. "	2	2x4	3'-3 1/4"	2	2x4	3'-3 1/4"		
Front Dr. "	2	2x4	3'-6"	2	2x4	3'-6"		
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AMERICAN BUILDER has presented its wartime inventory survey findings to numerous trade association executives and government officials. Washington meeting is pictured above.

## What About Building Materials?

**Building materials survey reveals wartime inventories and postwar buying needs. Findings presented in Washington with recommendations for releasing civilian production of materials.**

SOME of the speakers at 1944 trade conventions paint a rather alarming and gloomy picture of the outlook for building materials. *American Builder* has completed a survey of wartime inventories which shows that there are some problems to be met, but that conditions are neither alarming nor gloomy. Dealer inventories of lumber and lumber products, metal and metal products are depleted and, if possible, should be restored before the end of the war. There are, however, reasonable inventories of non-strategic items that can and should be used to launch a substantial volume of urgently needed repair and maintenance work.

This survey provides the first quantitative picture of wartime inventories and post-war buying needs of lumber and building material dealers. By presenting a realistic report of conditions it enabled *American Builder*, in cooperation with leading trade associations in the lumber and materials field, to make specific recommendations in Washington for the release of civilian production of building materials as soon as decreasing war needs permit.

Information was obtained from 3,156 lumber and building material yards of all types in all parts of the country. Reports show the quantities of 43 different materials that dealers need to restore their inventories to 1941 levels. This working basis was used in order to get an accurate picture of post-war buying needs, for 1941 inventories involve quantities of materials that dealers actually had on hand in their yards. They also involve levels to which dealers will restore their stocks at the earliest opportunity, and information regarding 1941 inventories is readily available.

Reports on individual materials show three different

situations. The first involves scarce materials that are needed in large quantities by a high percentage of the dealers, including items such as lumber, garage doors, wood shingles, fir plywood, hard board, wood and metal lath, flooring, builders hardware, tools, steel sheets, woven wire fencing and copper flashings.

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### A WORD OF THANKS—

AMERICAN BUILDER wishes to express its appreciation to the owners and managers of 3,156 lumber and building material yards in all parts of the country who returned two-page questionnaires filled with information about the condition of their stocks, sales, inventories, types of trade served and other details of their operations.

THIS INFORMATION was provided at a time when yards were short-handed, when many dealers were busy with coal deliveries, government directives and questionnaires. *American Builder* wants these dealers to know that the information they sent constitutes a useful quantitative picture of wartime inventories, and that these facts and figures are being presented where they will do the most good for the entire industry.

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## What Answer to Large-Scale Low-Cost Housing?

**Frank M. Roberts, President, Houston Ready-Cut House Co., believes private housing investment corporations can do this post-war job. Do you agree?**

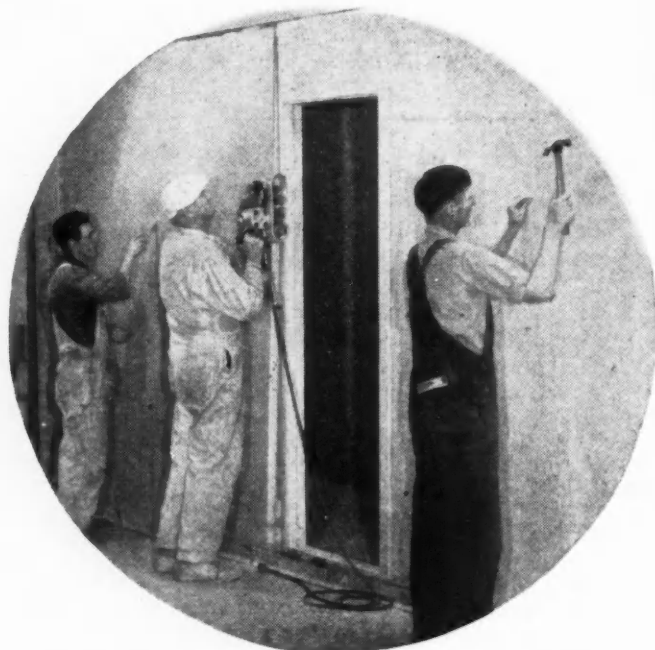
THAT more than one-third of our population either cannot or will not purchase homes, is a widely held opinion among the public and some members of the building industry. Whether true or not, we face the likelihood of a choice between tremendous government housing projects after the war or large scale private operations to attempt to fill this market. As with war housing, mass production methods would be used. Included would be the use of complete prefabrication, precutting and site fabrication.

Frank M. Roberts has given considerable study to this matter; he has made concrete proposals. Part of these are as follows:

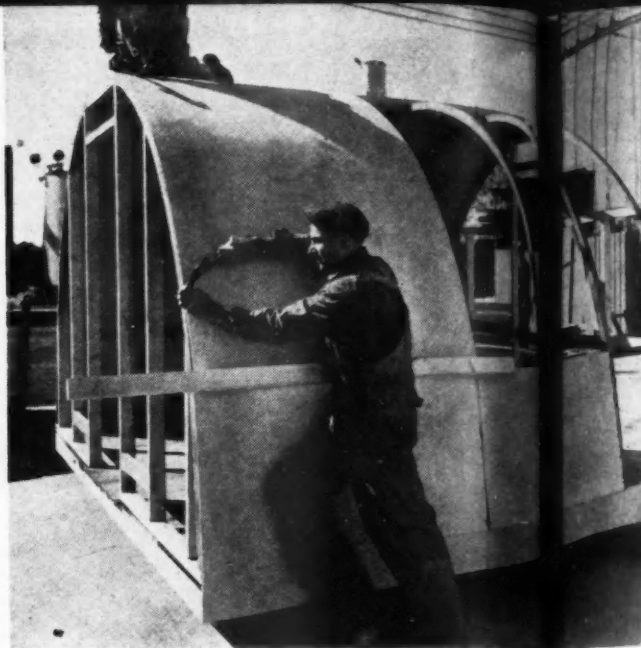
"Most discussions of post-war planning rely on housing construction as one of the principal cushions against unemployment. And rightly so, for there is a tremendous unfilled need. But if private enterprise is not organized to translate that need into employment and housing, it seems reasonable that the government will step into the breach with a large public housing program. As organized to build individual houses for individual families, the building industry is not now able to provide low-rent housing, BUT there is no reason why private industry, properly organized, cannot do the housing job.

"It has been widely demonstrated that large scale building of well planned communities effect very substantial economies and at the same time provide much more desirable communities. But, with a few exceptions, the home building industry is not organized to produce such communities. The principal reason that it is not so organized has been the mortgage concept. Nearly all housing is predicated on large mortgages and small equities. A small equity can easily be wiped out by an adverse condition. The

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**PREFABRICATING** Peaseway Homes in the efficient Pease plant at Cincinnati. Line operations such as this may answer post-war production problems.



## Prefabrication Ma

**Brooder house technique points toward possible larger projects**

**D**URING the past few years there has been a wide demand for small farm buildings. Consequently the various manufacturers of building materials have created construction plans for such buildings using their available products in the building of them. This trend has recently led to increased yard prefabrication of such structures.

The 10' by 12' insulated brooder house illustrated above and at the right is a product of the farm engineering department of the Flintkote Company. It is prefabricated to the extent that both front and back framing members are built up; the floor is made separately; and the Rilco laminated arched rafters are set in place and fastened with cast iron clips and lag screws to the wall sills.

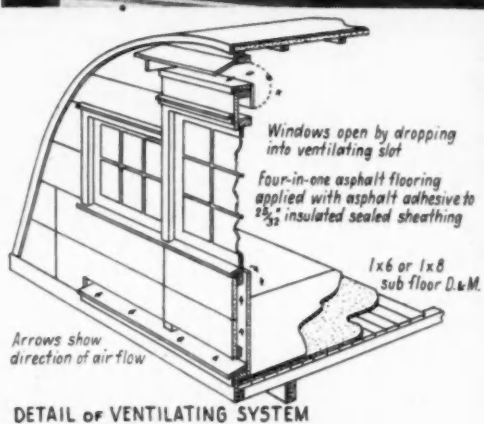
Mineral-surfaced, asphalt insulation panels are put on the outside of the frame, and on the front and rear ends. Large panels, approximately 14" by 43", are used on the sides, while smaller panels cut from stock sizes are fitted over the end frames.

Roll roofing is applied vertically over the panels of building board. Plastic cement is used for calking, and lap cement for joints in the roll roofing. Dimensions given in the plans must be accurately followed so that a minimum of waste of materials will result. This is one of the virtues of prefabrication, whether it is a brooder house or a dwelling. The elimination of labor and material waste is prefabrication's most important point.

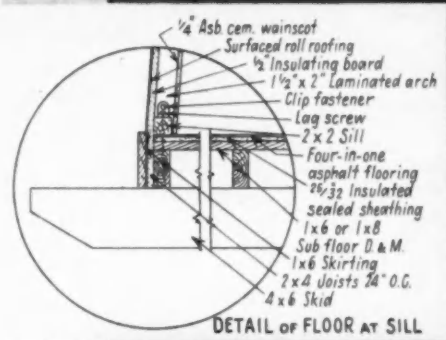
Insulation, of course, is an important part of a successful brooder house. The prefabricated floor is made of 2" by 4" joists laid across two 4" by 6" skids, toe-nailed on 24" centers. After the floor is squared and braced on the underside, a wood sub-floor is laid on top of the joists. Asphalt sealed sheathing is then laid on top of the sub-floor and nailed

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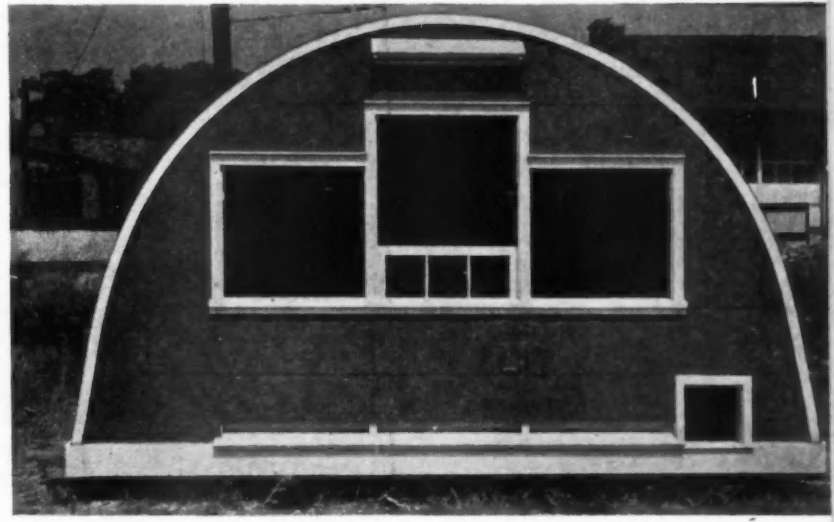
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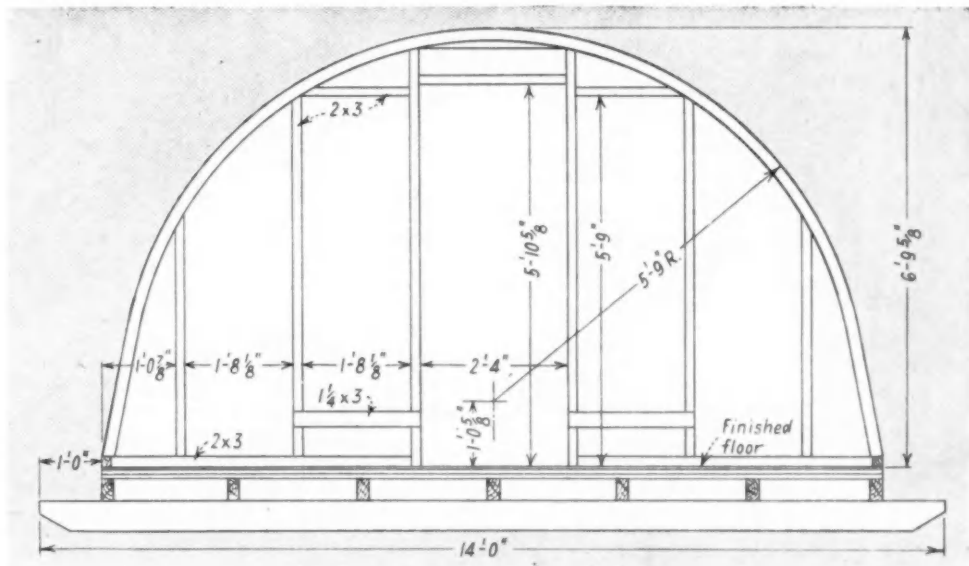
DETAIL OF FLOOR AT SILL

# Makes Headway

down with large-headed nails 1 1/2" long. Edge and end joints are calked with plastic or joint cement. Next is laid a finish floor of Flintkote utility board set in cement spread over the asphalt sealed sheathing. Large-headed roofing nails are used along the edges of the 3' by 4' units, and through the center each way on 8" or 10" centers. With this triple floor, insulation is assured for chicks. Humidity is controlled by ventilation, as shown in one of the illustrations. The special arrangement for ventilation is another example of how prefabrication, well planned ahead of time, can save materials and time. The windows slide down into the recess built into the end of the brooder house and need no special box or hardware for their operation. When a window is let down into the ventilating slot, which of course obstructs ventilation, there is no need for the air circulation because the window is wide open.



THIS view of the ventilating end of the completed brooder house, with all three windows lowered, shows the manner of cutting insulation panels to avail waste.



CROSS SECTION drawing of prefabricated brooder house gives key dimensions for this unit as pictured directly above to right. Other important details of construction showing basic engineering appear at top of page.

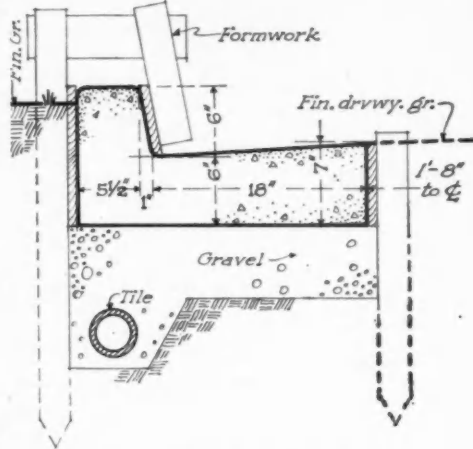
## HANDY NOTEBOOK WORK SHEETS

### American Builder JOB HELPS

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## HOW TO CONSTRUCT DRIVEWAY CURBS

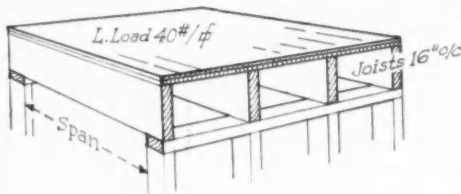


### QUANTITIES REQUIRED FOR 100 FT.

7.8 barrels of cement (use white for night visibility)  
2.6 cubic yards of sand  
3.5 cubic yards of stone (1 1/2" max.)

**PROCEDURE**—If soil requires a sub-base, gravel or cinders to a thickness of 6" should be used. If the nature of either the soil or the slope makes it necessary, provide open 4" clay drain tile, as shown. On curves, the distance to the center line (CL) of the roadway should be increased to 3'-9". Provide expansion joints of asphaltic felt at least every 50 linear feet, which separate the sections from top to bottom. A good finish can be obtained by removing the forms as soon as possible and troweling and rubbing the surface.

## HOW TO DETERMINE JOIST SIZES



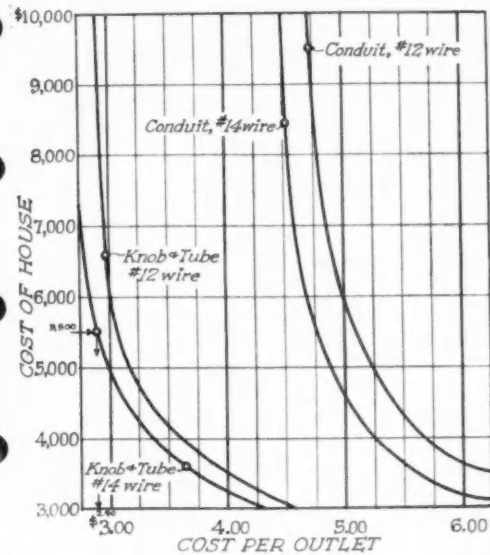
### SPANS FOR No. 1 DIMENSION, NO PLASTER

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Northern White Cedar	8'-0"	10'-8"	13'-6"	16'-5"
Engelmann Spruce				
Chestnut, Western Red Cedar, Balsam Fir, Eastern White Pine, Western White Pine, Western Yellow Pine	8'-9"	11'-8"	14'-10"	17'-11"
Eastern Hemlock	9'-3"	12'-4"	15'-8"	18'-11"
Spruce, Norway Pine	9'-8"	12'-11"	16'-5"	19'-10"
Tamarack, Western Larch	10'-1"	13'-6"	17'-1"	20'-9"
Cypress, Western Hemlock	10'-7"	14'-1"	17'-10"	21'-7"

### SPANS FOR No. 1 DIMENSION, PLASTERED BENEATH

Species	2x6	2x8	2x10	2x12
Northern White Cedar	8'-1"	10'-10"	13'-9"	16'-7"
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## HOW TO ESTIMATE ELECTRIC WIRING



Figures given in this chart are based on the minimum number of outlets. For more adequate wiring more outlets would be required and the cost per outlet would be somewhat lower. Armored cable or BX is approximately the same price as knob and tube. It must be remembered that the figures given here are only approximations based on averages. Before using the chart for any locality, and during periods of fluctuating costs especially, these figures should be checked against local conditions.

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# Can You Cut Costs with Factory-Fitted Doors?

**Once again an operation is taken off the site and done in the factory; this is a logical step in the constant trend toward shop fabrication. Reports on its success are encouraging; costs given for fitting.**

**T**HE essence of prefabrication, that magic method of the coming building era, is to do in the shop or factory every operation that can be better or more economically done there than at the building site.

Students of job management have been quick to pick up this popular trend and are pushing it into many of the smaller details of the building process, details that are small individually but when added together make a sizeable total. The on-the-job procedure of fitting and hanging a door is a series of such small operations—time consuming and costly. Where a number of doors are to be fitted and hung, as in a housing development of street of homes, a substantial item of labor cost has to be charged against the doors.

Recent advances in the technique of stock door production in some of the big door factories of the Pacific Northwest promise substantial cost savings for builders. Along with the development of the pre-fitting of stock fir doors, as announced by the Fir Door Institute in its "Trufit" campaign early in 1939, some of these door manufacturers have now gone a long step further to do also the machining for lock sets, dapping for hinges, letter slot cutting, and other special operations, right at the factory, before delivery to the project site.

You carpenter contractors and estimators, of course, know your customary costs for trimming off a door and fitting it to its opening, and for mortising and applying the hardware. Now compare your records with the experience of some of the housing project contractors, as recently reported to Wheeler Osgood:

E. J. Gottschalk of the Scott Graff Company, Duluth, Minnesota, writes, "We had very good success in hanging the doors on the Burlington, Iowa, project, which you prefitted and also bored and gained for locks and hinges, and believe that we saved a considerable amount of money by

**CARPENTER** quickly applies hardware to factory machined door as shown here.



having this operation done at your plant."

And this from a very prominent Cleveland Construction Company which had the contract for a large war housing project at Wayne, Michigan. Under date of August 31, 1943, the Vice-President wrote, "The pre-fitting of doors in the mill for this project which included the fitting for hardware, proved to be very satisfactory and saved thousands of hours of field labor. With the scarcity of carpenters existent in this area, especially qualified finishers, the completion date of this project was considerably hastened by the above procedure. We found the workmanship and tolerances excellent, and the reworking of doors was an unusual exception. This was a permanent project and the requirements of the contract specifications were normal for a permanent home."

The costs for machining for hardware and other special items naturally vary somewhat according to the number of doors in an order and the general requirements of the specifications. However, after checking a number of actual job records and discussing the overall situation with both mill and jobber men, *American*

*Builder* offers here a few cost figures as fairly accurate and fairly typical of this new and developing technique in prefabrication.

How do these compare with your own cost experience in fitting and hanging doors "the old way" on a typical housing or home project?

**Prefitting**  
For manufacturing doors to opening size (Tru-sized) add net per door.....19 to 29c  
Machining for Door Locks and Latches

For mortising for standard type tubular lock and recessing for face plate.....17 to 27c  
For mortising for standard type recess lock and recessing for face plate.....19 to 29c

**Dapping for Hinge Butts**  
Round corner (per hinge)...5 to 10c  
Square corner (per hinge)..10 to 15c

Approximate cost of other "extras" often wanted are as follows; bevelling stiles to detail, 7 to 12c per stile; for furnishing drip-mould, 20 to 30c and grooving face of bottom rail for same, 15 to 20c, applying one coat resin sealer, entire door, 40 to 50c.

Mr. Norman Cruver, general manager of Wheeler Osgood, Tacoma, is  
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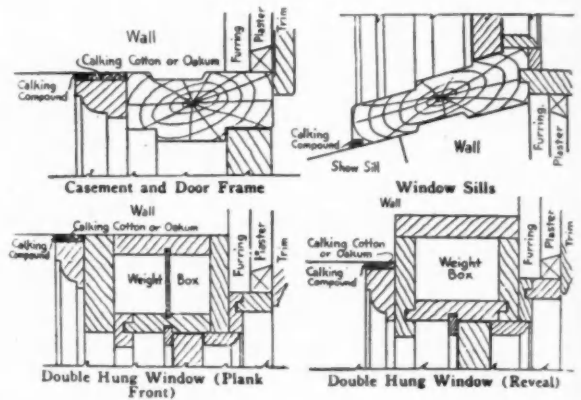


## Spring Upkeep and Repair Suggestions

How to make buildings last. Ideas for needed maintenance and repair jobs for both home and farm construction

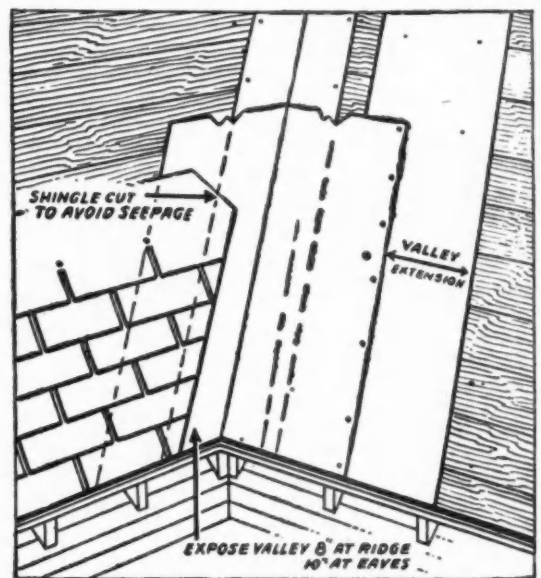
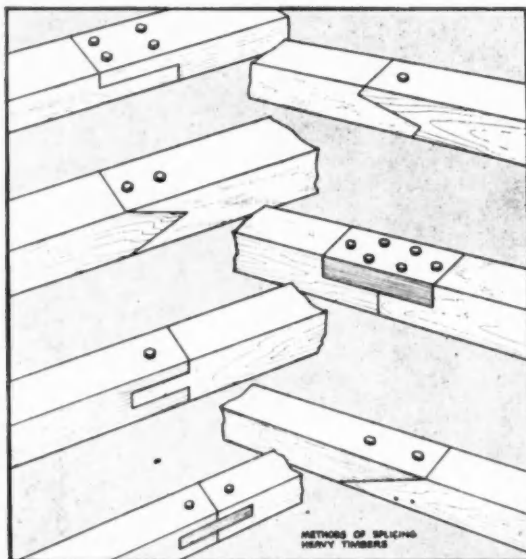
### How To Calk Frames

SPRING upkeep includes calking of window and door frames to avoid infiltration of moisture which, sooner or later, will cause deterioration by rot. In old buildings, where practicable, the staff bead should be removed and the space between frame proper and wall calked. This will insure the most satisfactory results. For masonry walls, rake out the mortar  $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep from outside face of frames, on the jamb tops and under sills. For carpenter work and millwork, take off staff beads and back band moldings, apply the calking, then replace the moldings. If the space between masonry and frames is more than  $\frac{1}{2}$ ", the space should be packed with oakum up to about  $\frac{1}{2}$ " of the frame surface and then calked. For light-colored stonework, or any other surface that might be stained by the oil in oakum, it would be better to use calking cotton rather than oakum.



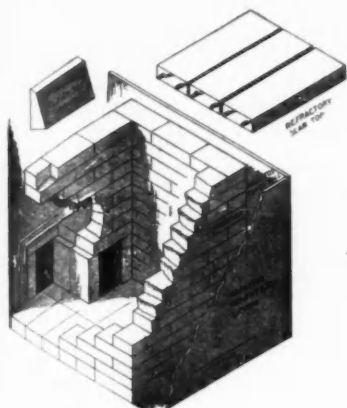
### How To Splice Broken Timbers

A well-spliced timber is as good as a new one, and in repair and upkeep jobs saves material that probably could be used to better advantage elsewhere. Rotted or termite-damaged joists or sills, or structural timbers in farm buildings, can be removed and spliced to save replacement lumber. Practically any timber can be taken out of a structure by shoring up supporting beams.



### How To Lay a Water-tight Valley with Asphalt Roll Roofing

ROLL ROOFING should be unrolled and left flat on a floor in a warm room for 24 hours before it is used on a roof. Lap joints well and use plenty of lap cement. Nail closely and don't let nails go all the way through the roof-deck boards. Cover nail heads with lap cement.



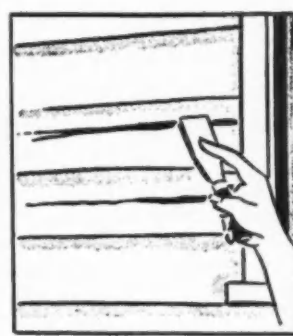
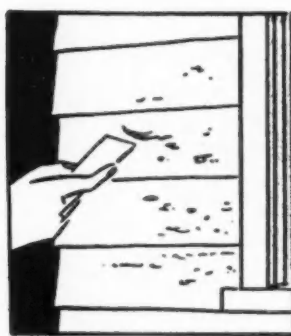
### How To Build Wood-Burning Furnace Unit

THE United States Department of Agriculture at its Forest Service Laboratory in Madison, Wisconsin, has devised a special unit for burning scrap wood and sawdust economically, using a standard domestic furnace to distribute the heat. The hopper unit is built of non-critical materials. The main body of fire brick is cased in with asbestos cement board and the space between is filled with asbestos fiber. The construction and operation of the unit is fully explained in a pamphlet entitled, "War-Time Model Hopper Unit for

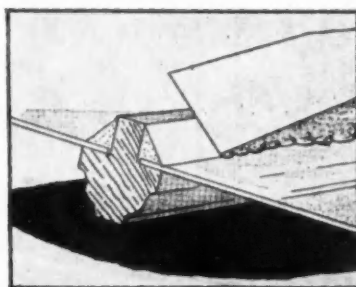
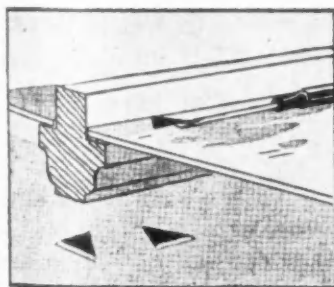
Burning Various Forms of Wood in Standard Domestic Furnaces." The number of the publication is 1440, and can be had by writing to the Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, Wisconsin. The particular unit, as shown in the illustration at the left, is suitable for an average six-room house with a furnace having a fire pot from 18 to 22 inches. The size of the furnace and the size of the ashpit door opening will have a bearing on the dimensions of the unit when it is built in front of the existing home-heating furnace.

### How To Prepare Paint Surfaces

SPRINGTIME is paint time, as every home owner knows, but to do a good job it is necessary to prepare the surface for the kind of paint the job calls for. A sharp putty knife, a block of wood wrapped with coarse, sharp sandpaper, and a dusting brush are all the preliminary tools needed. The condition of the surface under the existing paint, if moisture has caused rot or decay, may call for replacing siding where necessary. Re-setting nails, and even additional nailing is often wise. Whether you mix your paint, or buy ready-mixed paint, it is wise to be sure that the surface to be painted will take the kind you will use. Reputation as a painter can be hurt by using inferior materials. In other words, make the surface right and use good stuff.



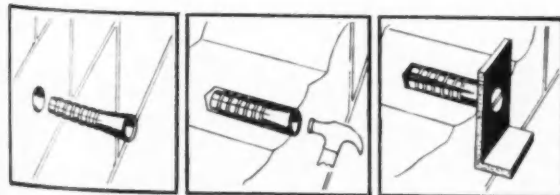
### How To Replace Broken Window Panes



REPLACING broken window panes, or re-glazing old sash is a profitable and easy spring-time job if a few simple precautions are observed. First of all, scrape the sash clean, down to the bare wood. Be sure it is dry, and give it a coating of linseed oil. Cut the glass about 1/16" less than the size of the opening. Put a bed of putty, or calking compound if you are using it instead of putty, on the sash under the glass. Then drive in points, three to five per edge depending upon the size of the opening, and apply the outside putty with a putty knife as shown in the sketch at the left.

### How To Use Anchor Shields

LEAD wood-screw shields for quick anchorage in any type of wall, from wall board to solid masonry, are most useful in any and all kinds of rehabilitation work. First drill a hole and insert shield; second, drive it in flush with the surface; and third, place work in position and drive the screw, which cuts its own thread in the lead.



### How To Reckon Finishing Nails

SIZE	LENGTH	GAUGE	NO. TO LB.
2D	1 in.	16 1/2	1351
3D	1 1/4	15 1/2	807
4D	1 1/2	15	584
5D	1 3/4	15	500
6D	2	13	309
7D	2 1/4	13	238
8D	2 1/2	12 1/2	189
9D	2 3/4	12 1/2	172
10D	3	11 1/2	121
12D	3 1/4	11 1/2	113
16D	3 1/2	11	90

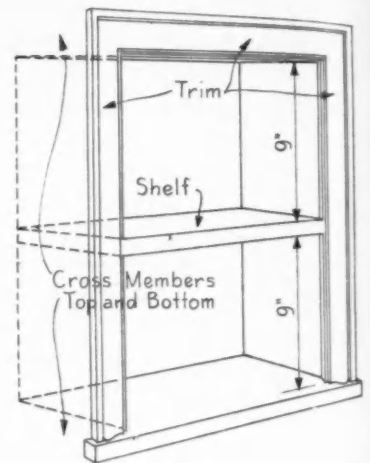
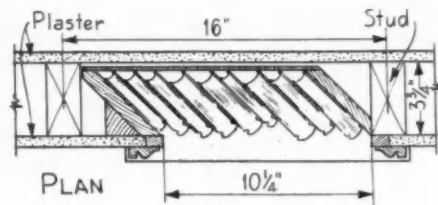


### How To Build Bookshelves in 4-Inch Walls

AN INTERESTING treatment for bookshelves is to make a box to fit into an average 2" by 4" wall, having the sides of the box set at a 45-degree angle. A 6" book will fit into the box slant-wise and have its back flush with the surface of the wall. Cut the plaster about 10½" wide from the edge of one stud. The bottom shelf of the box should extend out enough to allow for a trim molding to be nailed around the edge of the box and butt on top of the shelf.

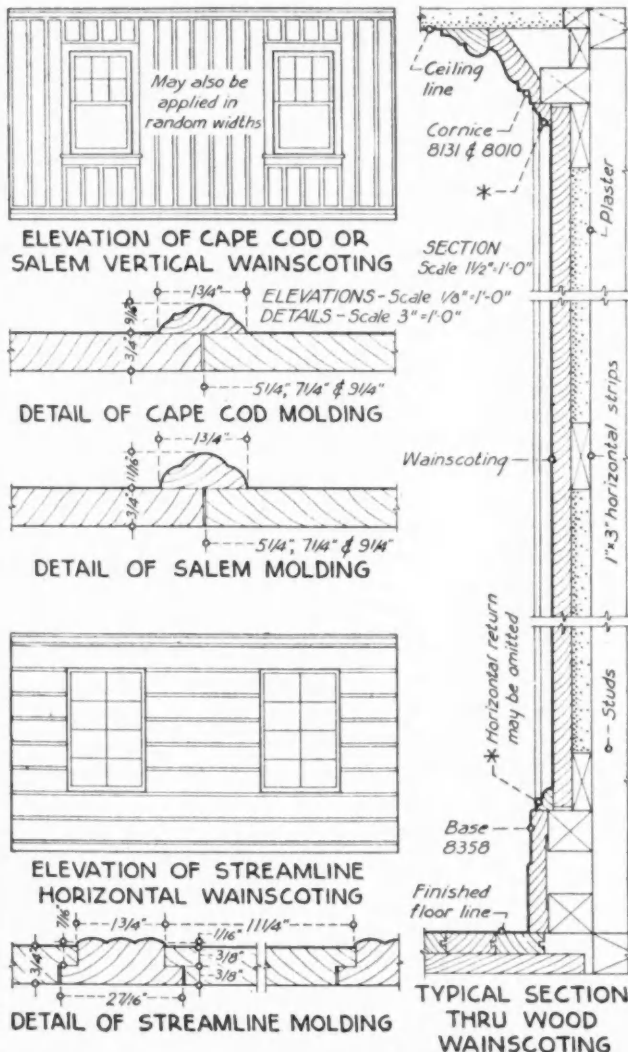
When cutting the plaster along the bottom of the opening, care must be exercised to keep the edge smooth.

This can be done by making an opening higher up and inserting a 2" by 4" behind the plaster where the final cut is to be made. The molding will cover the other three edges of the plaster opening.—Hi Sibley.



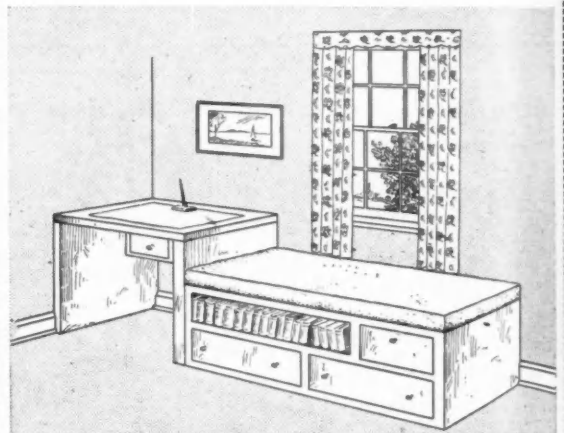
### How To Apply Wood Panelling

MUCH of the method of applying wood panelling is explained by the detail drawings below. If the panelling is to be put over existing plaster walls, there will be a need to set in horizontal strips for nailing, which means the knocking out of plaster to accommodate the strips. Decorative mouldings to cover joints are part of the technique, and should be nailed either between the joints of the panels or to one panel only, never to both.



### How Built-Ins Conserve Space

THERE are millions of old houses with extra rooms that can be converted into living quarters for one or two people with a minimum of alteration; often taking only an addition of a built-in bed, table, desk or a combination of them. Shown below are two suggestions which may fit into a number of remodeling jobs for extra work this spring. A bunk and desk combination includes three large storage drawers and a bookshelf. The other combination of units gives both storage and eating space.



LIVING-SLEEPING rooms are in demand in almost all parts of the country. Above is an idea for one.

AMPLE storage space is provided by the cabinets and in the seats of this convenient breakfast unit.



# How to Build Septic Tanks and Lay Out Sewage Disposal System

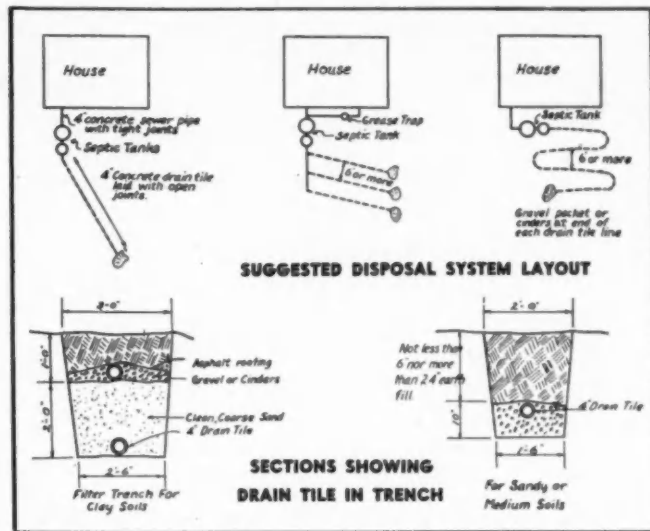
This article completes the information on this important subject; first article appeared in February issue.

WHERE complete plumbing and sanitary fixtures are installed in a home the wastes should never be discharged on the surface of the ground or into a small stream. The most satisfactory solution of this problem of waste disposal of most farm and village homes is by means of a properly designed septic tank. A septic tank is a water-tight receptacle. It may be made of concrete, brick laid in cement mortar, or of metal. Best results will be secured if sufficient capacity is provided to hold the sewage for at least forty-eight hours. The minimum size should be sufficient to take care of at least five people. The discharge, or effluent, from a septic tank is still dangerous unless care is taken to dispose of it properly. This is usually done by means of an underground line of 4-inch drain tile which allows the discharge from the tank to seep into the soil.

Locate the disposal plant at least 50 feet away from any spring or well and in such a position that there will be no drainage toward any spring or well. As far as possible, lay drainage lines where there will be the least danger of clogging from roots of trees or shrubs. Lay all pipe lines deep enough to protect them from freezing.

Excavate for the septic tank, making sure the dimensions of the bottom of the hole are at least those specified. The depth of the hole is governed by the depth of the inlet pipe leading from the house. In all cases it is recommended that at least 12 inches of earth cover tanks and pipe lines. (In more severe climates this depth should be increased.) Pile dirt from excavation so that it will not obstruct delivery of tanks.

Close all connections to tanks with mortar; set the cover on

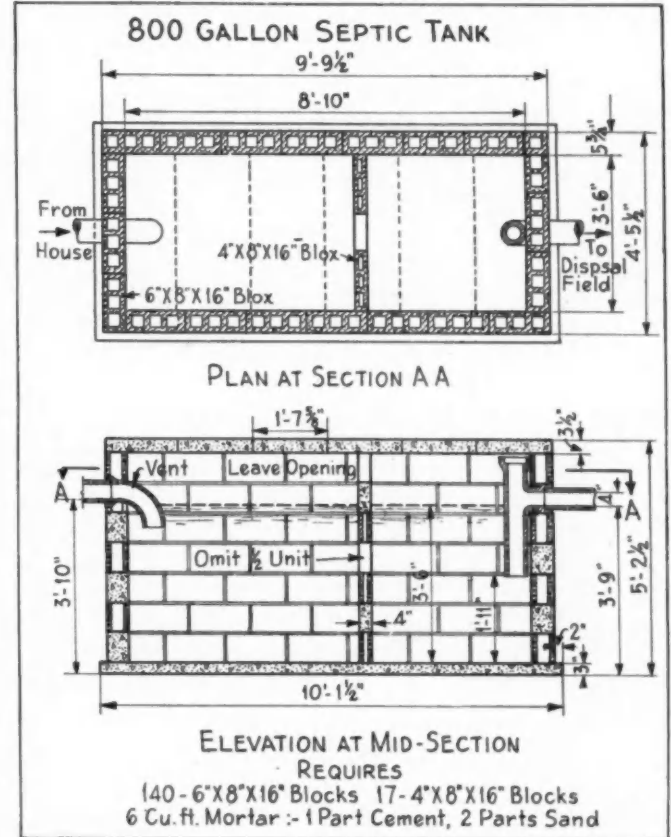
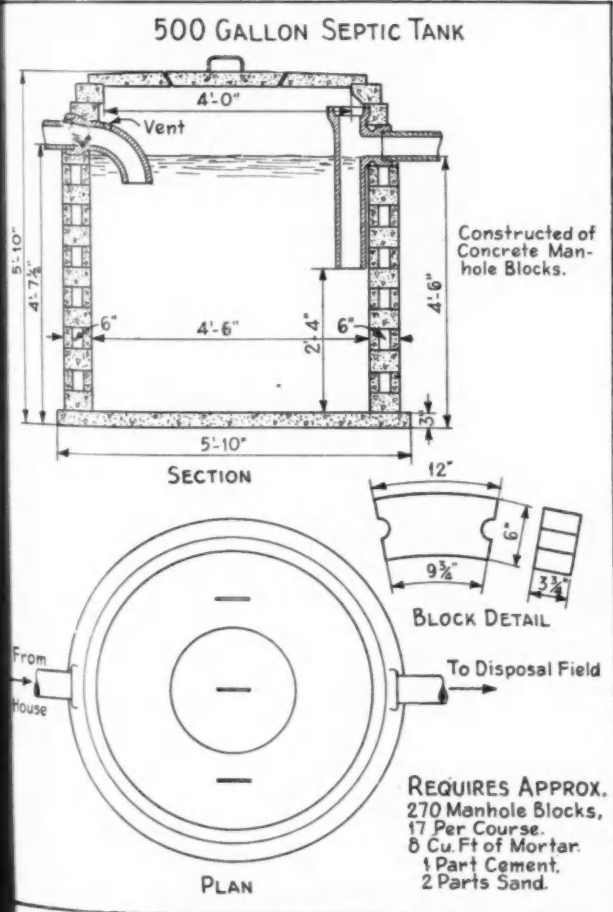


SUGGESTED layouts for septic tank and disposal drainage field.

mortar spread around the rim of the tank. For mortar, mix equal parts of fine, clean sand and portland cement with just enough water to get a stiff workable mix. Completely fill all joints in concrete sewer pipe with mortar, wiping all loose mortar and dirt from inside of pipe before laying next joint.

Lay 4" concrete drain tile for disposal field to a slope of 1/2" in 10 feet. Lay tile in a bed of gravel or cinders and cover top of open joints with tar paper before backfilling. Use care to avoid humps or hollows in the line. See drawings for suggestions on layout of line and construction of trench.

The length of the filter bed varies from 20 to 50 feet per person using tank, depending on the absorption power of the soil. Do not connect downspouts or roof drains to disposal plant. Do not allow excessive amounts of lye or strong disinfectants to enter the septic tank and retard bacterial action.



ABOVE: Details on how to build an 800-gallon rectangular septic tank using regular concrete blocks. Left: 500-gallon round tank.

## Building News Review

By Frank W. Cortright

Executive Vice-President, National Association  
of Home Builders of the United States



**NAHB Policy**—The association policy was presented to the Lanham Committee by the Executive Vice President as follows:

"First, during the balance of the war years, and consistent with the war demands for manpower and materials, governmental restrictions must be relaxed and removed as quickly as possible. Only in this way can sufficient momentum be acquired.

"Second, a large volume construction is dependent upon satisfactory financing. To some extent mortgage insurance will be necessary. Therefore, it is essential that the existing Titles of the Federal Housing Administration be implemented to meet this need.

"Third, a united front within the entire industry itself must be consolidated to insure the smooth functioning and close co-operation of finance, production, distribution, and construction.

"Fourth, it is absolutely essential that there be individual and community planning, with special attention given to revising outmoded building codes.

"Fifth, the clause in the Lanham Act requiring the removal of temporary war housing within two years after the termination of the emergency must be further strengthened.

"Sixth, assurance must be given to private enterprise that there will be no competition by government in the housing field."

**NHA Offices Out?**—Early elimination of NHA regional offices has been urged by the House Appropriations Committee. Approval was expressed of the savings already accomplished by the NHA in reducing the number of its regional offices from ten to eight. The report went on to state that the extended continuance of these offices is to be questioned.

**A Focal Point** for reflecting public housing sentiment is being established in Washington by the National Public Housing Conference. To head this new office, the services of Lee F. Johnson, former Assistant Commissioner of the FPHA, have been obtained. That this new office represents a serious attempt to bring the public housing viewpoint to bear on national legislation and policies, is indicated by press statements that Mr. Johnson is to

have generously adequate funds for financing his office.

**NHA Seeks \$30,000,000**—It is apparent that NHA is proceeding with great conservatism in estimating its financial requirements. On previous occasions when Administrator Blandford has gone before the Appropriations Committee, he was told that it would be better for him to come more often requesting only sums to meet the immediate need. Undoubtedly the program is well over the hump, and the temporary war housing job is almost completed.

**On The Senate Side**—Senator Taft's Sub-Committee on Housing has started to function. Home builders should take note of the men who make up this committee. Each has a rich background in housing or in the financing of housing. In addition to Mr. Taft, the committee is composed of the following men: Ball, Minnesota; Wagner, New York; LaFollette, Wisconsin; Radcliffe, Maryland; Ellender, Louisiana, and Chavez, New Mexico.

**New House Committee**—Set up to plan for post-war, an eighteen man Post-War Economic Policy and Planning Committee comparable to the George Committee in the Senate has just been created. Representative Colmer, Mississippi Democrat, who will act as Chairman, has assured the House that paramount aims of the committee for the post-war era would be a cessation of "wartime regimentation of the people" and a guarantee for "the continuation of free enterprise."

**Offered For Sale**—Commissioner Emmerich of FPHA has announced that 25 defense home projects representing a total investment of \$71,000,000 will be put on the market, but does not disclose details as to prices or financing terms. A list of all projects offered is available upon request.

**New NAHB Directors**—We take pleasure in listing eleven new Directors, formally approved for the year 1944: M. J. Brock, Los Angeles, Calif.; Cedric Roberts, Burbank, Calif.; Grover King, Whittier, Calif.; Ed Krist, Long Beach, Calif.; Frank M. Babbitt, Columbus, Ohio; Alvin F. Groom, Oakland, Calif.; Alex Treuhalf, Cleveland, Ohio; Ben C.

Wilemen, Oklahoma City, Okla.; L. C. Simms, Portland, Oregon; Edward G. Wobig, Saginaw, Mich.; and Hugh Bremerman, Indianapolis, Ind.

**Builders Meet**—The five-day conference of the directors and committee members was an event of major importance. More than 100 men participated in seeking answers to problems of war construction, relaxations to be expected, opposition to public housing, and procedures to meet the post-war needs. One statistically minded builder estimated that the total contribution was at least 5,000 man-hours.

**Blandford Spoke**—With 80,000 units under construction, 60,000 with preference ratings, and 30,000 in the programming stage, the Administrator cautioned home builders against letting down during the next eight months. Sudden shifts of production from one plant to another and from one community to another will create severe programming problems. "As I sense the situation, it is bad psychology to discuss relaxation of L-41 at this time," Mr. Blandford stated. "We must have patience with present problems and difficulties even though we know there is a brighter day ahead when the military picture is more clear. With that qualification, we may expect the co-operation of WPB in:

1. The government relaxing the regulatory aspect of housing at the earliest possible moment consistent with the war effort, and

2. The government channelizing materials into non-war construction in order that considerable momentum may be secured for the post-war effort."

**FHA Post War**—Abner Ferguson urged quality in post-war housing, and asked home builders not currently engaged in war housing to plan now for their post-war operations. "Secure and subdivide your land now, have your plans drawn and be ready to do the greatest home building job in history," he said. "Our offices are at your service in the matter of planning to the extent that manpower will permit."

**The Miracle House** of the future is actually the FHA house, according to Mr. Ferguson. "The public should be informed that the house of tomorrow will be merely the house of yesterday with more features, conveniences and economies. The current trend of advertising, if continued, will deter the sale of housing in the early post-war period. "Furthermore," continued the Commissioner, "the public should be told about the FHA system of financing with its long term mortgage, no second mortgage, no renewal premiums, no bonuses, no  
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# War Workers are

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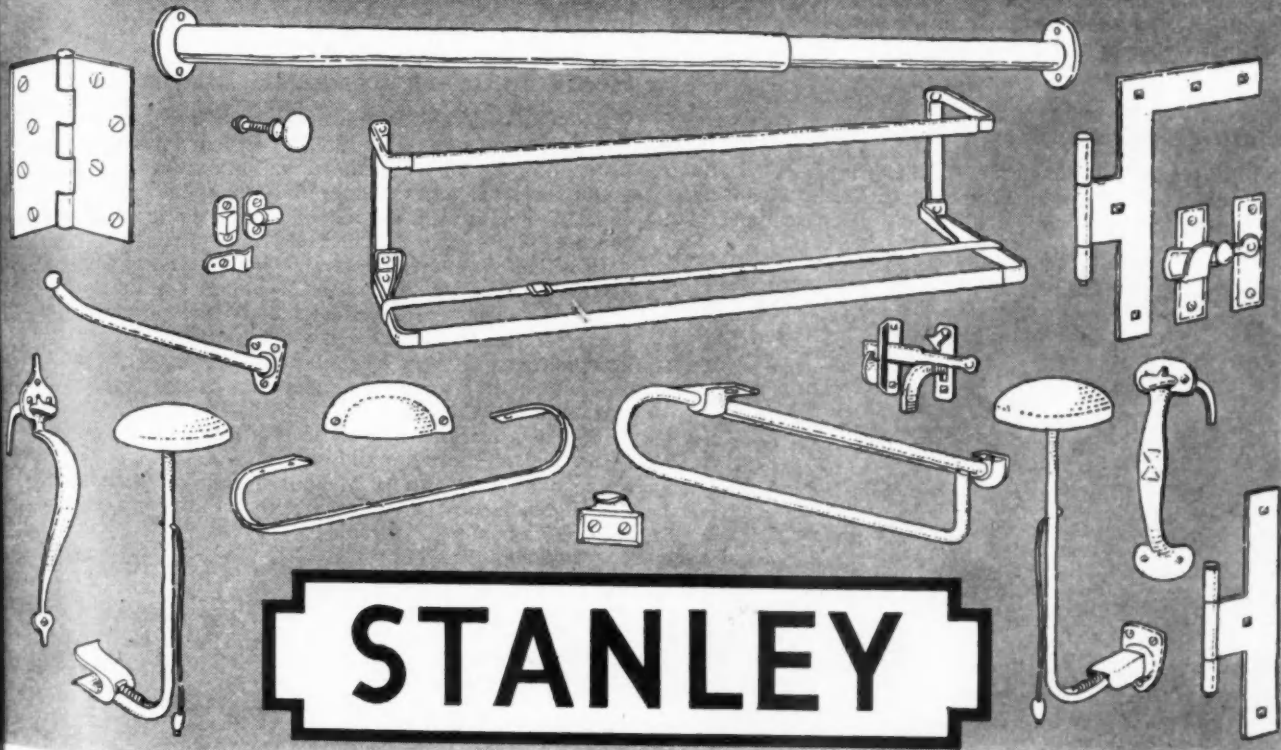
War-workers living in trailer or temporary-housing "projects" are planning to make their dreams of an after-victory home a reality. Many of these war-workers swear that they'll spend weeks in bed, once peace is declared. This promises a good crop of future customers for bedroom hardware.

And that's where you can helpfully and profitably do your share with Stanley Hardware. You may depend on it - there will be a wealth of Stanley items which will cater pleasantly to appearance, efficiency, neatness and comfort in the 194X bedroom.

No, we won't neglect those time-proved standard items that always sell and sell. After the war, Stanley will be out in front as usual with smart, smooth-functioning types and styles that will meet every requirement of architecture and interior design. With Stanley Hardware, you can take a prominent part in that coming brighter era when post-war homes will rise again in your community. The Stanley Works, New Britain, Conn.



### Typical Stanley Hardware Items for the Bedroom



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## Products Progress Keeps Rolling On

### Introducing the Mighty Midget

**S**URFACE COMBUSTION, makers of "Janitrol", a new aircraft heater, the whirling flame of which a 700-mile blast of air fails to extinguish, suggests possibilities of house-heating by a similar gadget occupying merely a niche in one or another corner of some otherwise unused space.

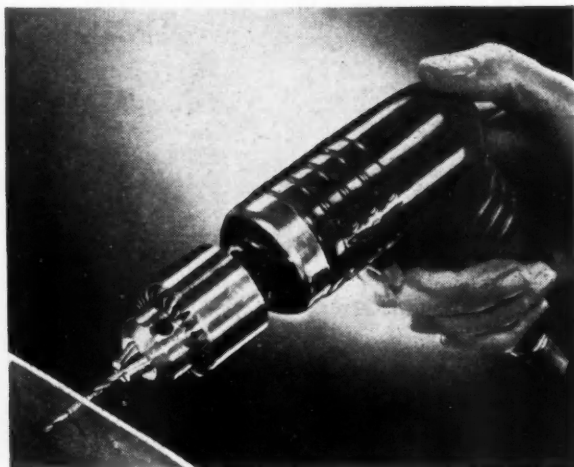


SPACE-HEATING experience adds up.

Several sizes of heaters are used for various aircraft, yet one size, for instance, burns a little more than a gallon of gasoline per hour and heats the equivalent of a room containing 20,000 cubic feet. Larger sizes are being developed, and it doesn't tax one's imagination to mentally visualize the future improvements in house-heating.

### Eastman Plastic Shows Its Value

**T**ENITE plastic, an invention of the Tennessee Eastman Products, ably demonstrates its wide usage by forming the housing on rotary pneumatic drills used by women to perform



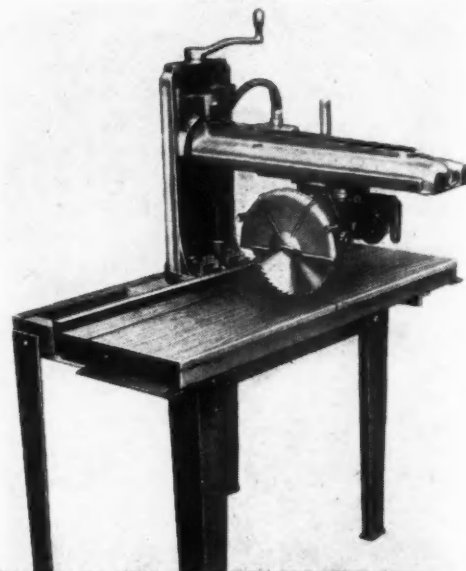
LIGHT-WEIGHT, automatic tools may be the answer.

man-size drilling jobs in war plants of various kinds. The grip has a natural fit, and the housing is light in weight.

Because of the resiliency and high impact strength of Tenite plastic, the housing of this drill will not chip or dent, and it withstands hard blows that might cause damage to the operating parts within the drill. Such improvements indicate the increasing use of hand power tools on outside as well as inside jobs.

### New Radial Saw with Angulator

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THIS SAW, with angulator, has speed, power and accuracy.

### Home Builders Research Institute Created

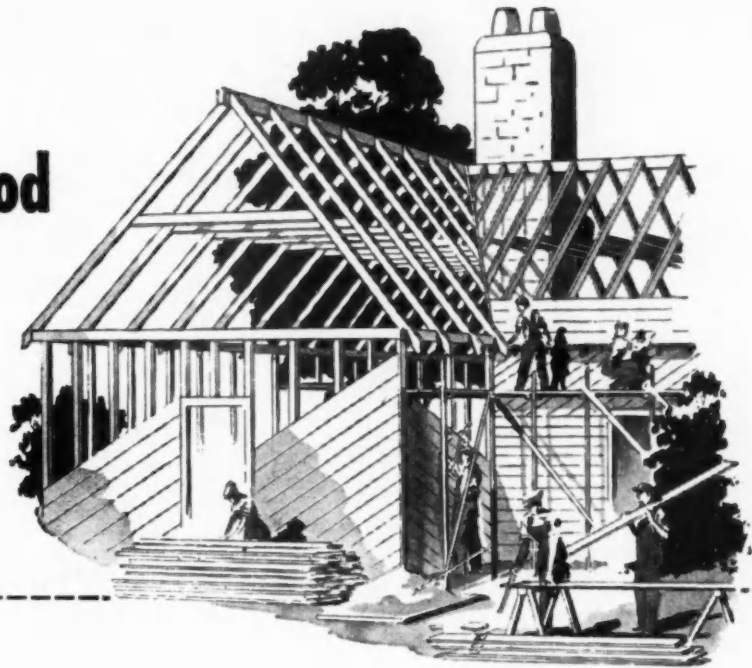
**T**HE National Association of Home Builders has incorporated its Research Institute. The primary function of the institute is the duty of educational and research activities in matters related to the home building industry. It shall be concerned with building materials and equipment; shall encourage and sponsor educational courses; and shall cooperate with all other interested groups in matters of engineering, design, production, distribution and finance in the home building field. Among its duties shall be the promotion of improved techniques of home construction, a study of consumer acceptance, and the dissemination of scientific, educational, and informative material to members of the National Association and to the public.

This new institute is a division of the N. A. H. B. made up of its officers, directors and executive committee. The Managing Director will be a man of national reputation and broad experience in research and liberal knowledge of the construction industry problems.

### Cement Industry Loses Prominent Leader

**B**ENJAMIN FRANKLIN AFFLECK, former president and director of the Universal Atlas Cement Company, died on February 13th, at the age of 74. Mr. Affleck retired from the presidency in 1936. Much of the development of good roads was due to his faith, energy, and leadership in the cement industry.

# Chemically treated wood will add **EXTRA VALUE** to postwar homes



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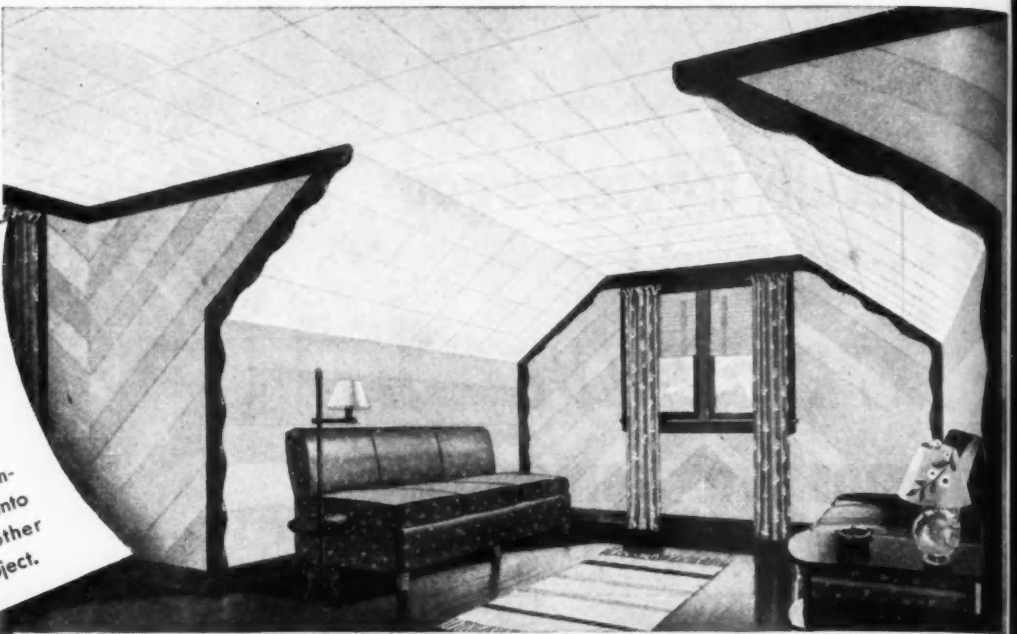
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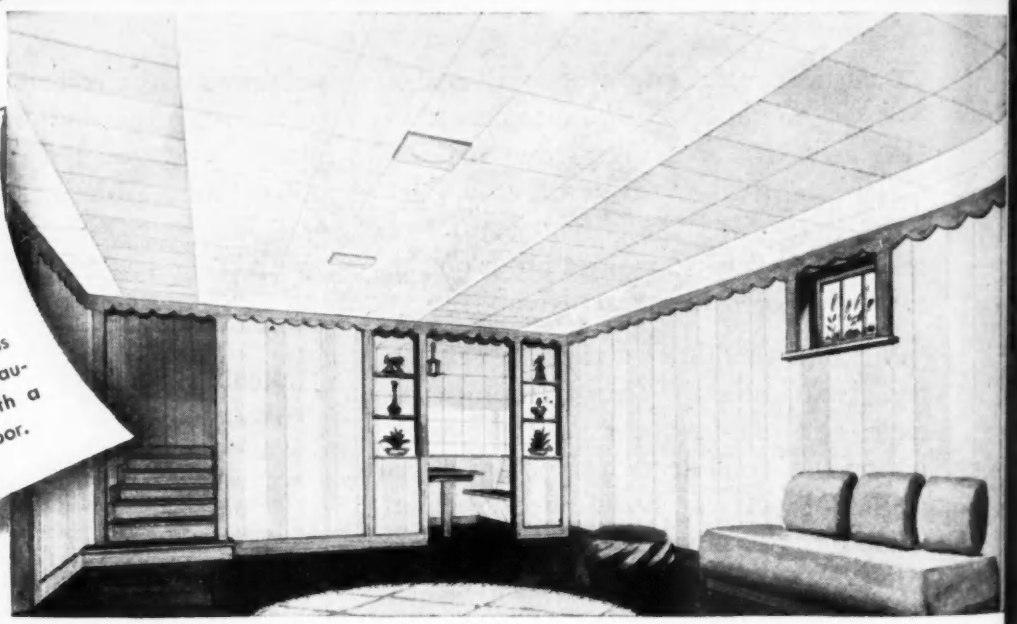




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**JOBS**  
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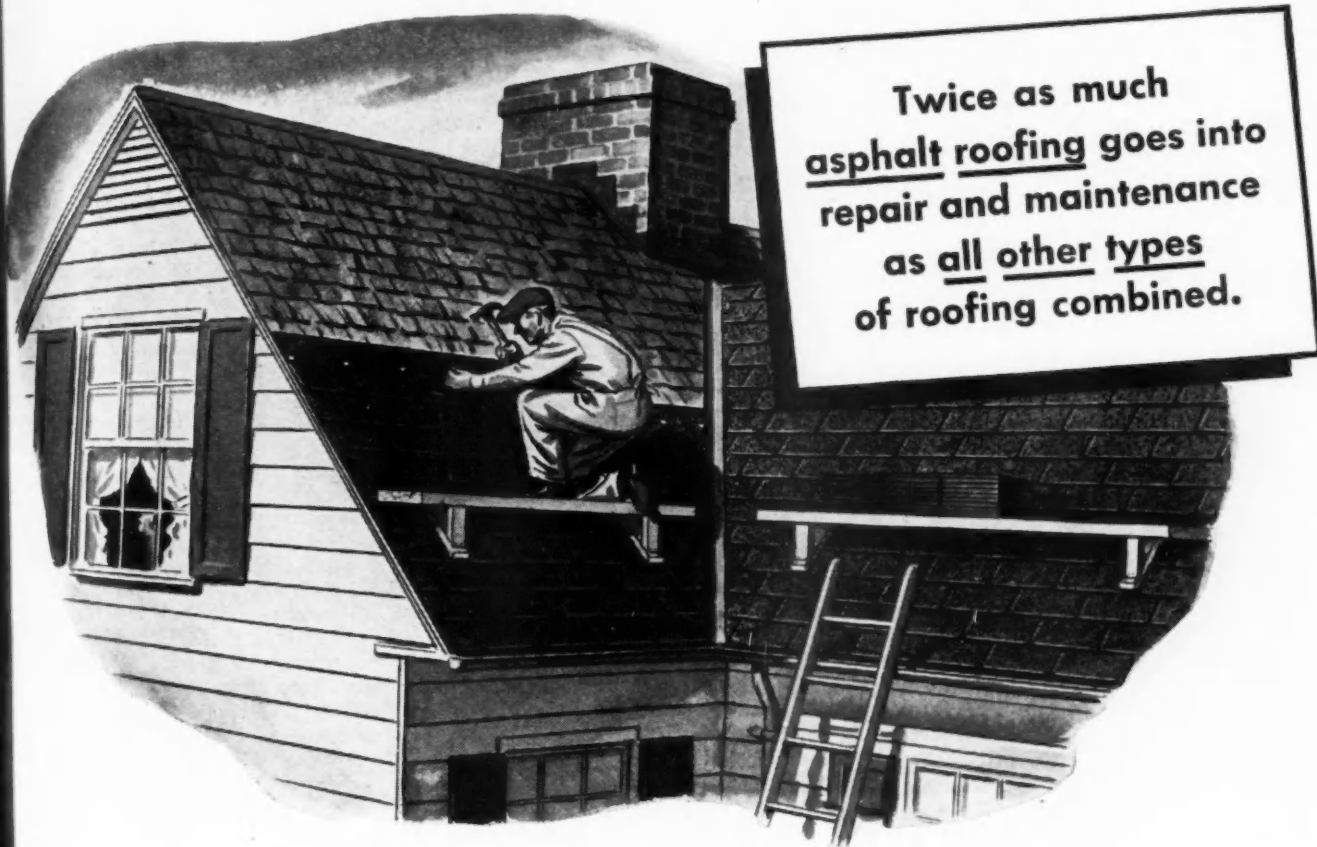
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**TEXACO**



# SHINGLES and ROOFING

**WASHINGTON NEWS—  
Whitlock Outlines Program**

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should be frankly earmarked as relief and welfare expenditure. This expenditure should be used solely for providing shelter requirements and should be spread so as to benefit all persons needing such assistance. The housing of persons with incomes above the relief level, but under the levels for which private new construction can be built on an economic basis, should be accomplished as at present by using the vast reservoir of older properties. Families with higher income can be attracted from such properties by expediting the produc-

tion of new homes by ordinary private means. In other words, the housing of families with low levels of income should be accomplished by the filtering-up process.

"2. The basis of action should be local. The funds should be provided from local sources, Federal funds to be used only under severe depression conditions where dire suffering will result from the absence of Federal assistance. Even under such conditions, the form of relief and the management of the operations should be left under local control.

"3. In no instances should public housing be constructed merely for such purposes as providing employment, slum clearance, restoration of

realty values, and other extraneous purposes."

Whitlock then urged that surpluses of building products held by the government or resulting from the demolition of temporary war construction be disposed of through the established trade channels for orderly absorption in postwar construction, stating that postwar construction might be greatly speeded by the well-planned release of these surpluses.

He pressed the point that unemployment can be kept at a minimum in the period of reconversion of industry to civilian production only by giving the green light to the construction industry "at the earliest date compatible with the successful prosecution of the war."

"Civilian construction should be resumed as soon as possible before the end of the war in order to permit contractors and others to reorganize their crews and to build up momentum for expanded operations in the immediate postwar period. To that end, we recommend that, as fast as war requirements for critical materials and manpower decrease, restrictions on the manufacture and use of building materials should be removed and inventories replenished."

The Ten Point program of the Producers' Council, filed with the committee for study by Congress follows: 1. Revise the tax laws to permit deduction of funds spent for advance construction planning as current expense, to provide an incentive for immediate advance planning of all needed private construction, and to encourage community work plans.

2. *Appropriate funds adequate for immediate planning of all essential Federal public works projects.*

3. *Confine Federal Public works appropriations to essential projects which serve a Federal purpose, unless urgent projects to stabilize the construction industry and to replace non-productive work-relief projects in times of depression, carrying out the policy declared by Congress in the Federal Employment Stabilization Act.*

4. *Return, by suitable declaration of policy, the responsibility for financing local public works to the levels of government which will own them, so that local officials will stop waiting for Federal assistance and proceed to plan needed local improvements in advance.*

5. *Help to provide adequate financing for private residential construction, through revamping of the National Housing Act and by continuing the Federal Housing Administration until adequate private mortgage insuring facilities are available.*

6. *Discontinue the use of Federal funds for the erection of new public housing, and rely for housing of need families on existing structures through local welfare expenditures.*

7. *Provide for the disposal of goods*  
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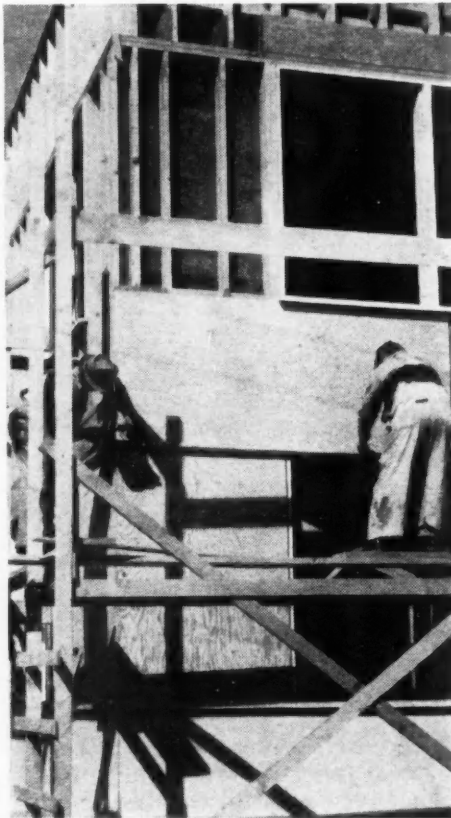


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ernment-owned surpluses of building products left over from the war program in an orderly way through established trade channels, and in a way to expedite needed civilian construction.

8. *Appropriate sufficient funds* to aid in the postwar training of returning service men and other construction workers.

9. *Through a declaration of Congressional policy*, encourage the removal of restrictions on civilian construction as fast as war requirements for critical materials and manpower permit.

10. *Through a declaration of Congressional policy*, encourage the resumption of farm construction at the earliest possible date.

### Gerholz on Post-war—

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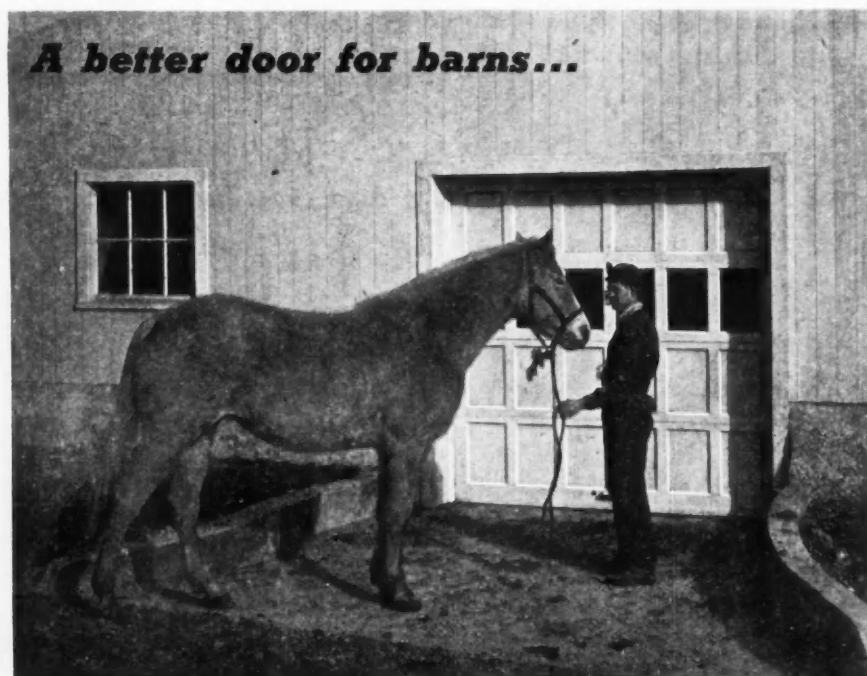
and capital—and the public collective management of all industries.”

After declaring that private builders are prepared to provide 10,000,000 homes in the first ten years of the postwar era, he advanced the following two-point plan for clearing slum sites and elevating the housing standards of the lower income group:

“*First*, through conversion of existing structures some relief can be given. The enforcement of minimum safety and sanitation codes would tap a vast reservoir of sound structures which merely lack adequate sanitation facilities and good housekeeping. The

argument is made that such enforcement is an impossibility. Compared to the problems of slum clearance and new construction, it is a simple matter and must be accomplished.

“*Second*, new construction of low-cost housing must be divided into two classes: (a) the construction on vacant low-cost land, usually on the outer periphery of our urban areas. The problem here is a comparatively easy one of building with low-cost money amortized over an extended period of time. If the local tax load is not too heavy, and with constantly improved building techniques and lower construction costs, private enterprise can and will supply decent, adequate housing at a price within the reach of most of the lower income group.



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### Asks Condemnation

“(b) construction on cleared slum sites is usually the most satisfactory method of procedure. This must be done on a wide scale to be effective. It appears that broad powers of condemnation must be available to the end that government shall acquire blighted plottage as sites upon which private enterprise shall be called to erect housing which it will own and manage. Absorption of the heavy financial loss might better be assumed by community and state than by the Federal Government. The Wagner and the Thomas Bills were a step in the right direction, and we hope that by the time slum construction is possible, some legislation adequate to the purpose will have been enacted.”

Fresh from his efforts with Congress and an intense week of conferences with fellow directors of the national association, he addressed the Chicago Metropolitan Home Builders and urged them to set their sights high for a new era of prosperity with all Americans enjoying a higher level of home liveability.

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### CORTRIGHT—

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extra expense of financing, no commissions, the lowest interest rates we have ever had in the country, and minimum construction requirements assuring them of a sound house.”

**Earl S. Draper** complimented private builders on the excellent job that has been done under Title VI. “Although there will be some foreclosures,” stated Mr. Draper, “a very high percentage of privately constructed war housing is a sound risk, and an immense sum will have been saved the government as compared with public construction. FHA will continue to insure only that part of the housing which is reasonably certain to fit into the post-war picture.”

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**Strong CIO Support**—In their recently issued booklet "Homes for Workers in Planned Communities Through Collective Action" the following statements are made:

"Workers by collective action can, through mass purchasing, obtain better quality equipment instead of the minimum quality that has become standard.

The net result of all of this real estate boom has been to victimize the public and to leave the housing situation to continue to deteriorate.

"The first thing to do in connection with the clearing of slums is to stop building what, in a few years, will be more slums. Most of the

speculative house building done today—with the approval of governmental agencies—will be the blighted areas of tomorrow.

"It is to the everlasting discredit of private enterprise that housing, an essential factor in human existence, has been made the object of such conscienceless exploitation."

**More on Bathtubs**—Although the initial order permitting 50,000 tubs to be produced in the first quarter implied that similar action would be taken in the second quarter, no definite assurance of further production can be given at this time. The progress of our European campaign and the overall manpower situation in

this country will be the determining factors. In spite of the recognized essentiality of war housing, some groups within WPB and the Army-Navy are still unaware of the fact that private war housing cannot be financed and built without tubs. Our guess now is that there is a 50-50 chance of a second quarter allocation.

**Labor Supply Tightening**—War Manpower Commission Chairman McNutt has pointed out that "although war production as a whole has leveled off and total war munitions employment will remain on a plateau, many specific production programs are expanding rapidly." Programs on the increase are aircraft, ship repair, radio and radar, heavy trucks, and landing crafts. Another point stressed is the necessity for replacing men and women being drawn into military service. To provide a net increase of 800,000 in the strength of the armed services, approximately 1,400,000 men will have to be inducted, many of these from essential war production who will have to be replaced.

**George Committee**—This post-war Committee has started with the realization that Congressional procedure is too slow and ponderous to set up the detailed machinery for steering industry back to normal production. Their chief proposal will be for the creation of an overall agency to supervise the process. This agency will be a general coordinating and policy making board to decide all broad questions, leaving the actual operation work to various other bureaus. The Committee has indicated that it favors delegating to the NHA the entire responsibility for liquidating surplus housing and building material.

**Essentiality of Need**—Seriously delayed maintenance and repair will undoubtedly come first as steps recently taken in amending L-41 are amplified. Following this will come construction of such public works as sewer and water plants, schools, hospitals, etc., in defense areas. The same will be true of community facilities including restaurants, stores, bowling alleys, beauty parlors and highways necessary to increase the morale and efficiency of war workers. Statistical studies are now being made in various communities by government and newly organized planning commissions.

**Security Deposit Issue**—With considerable regret, we must inform you that in several cities OPA has demanded the return of a reasonable sum taken to insure proper usage of the property by the tenant. Although for years this has been the practice in most communities, OPA assumes the position that the landlord merely pockets this deposit for keeps and the tenants rental is there-



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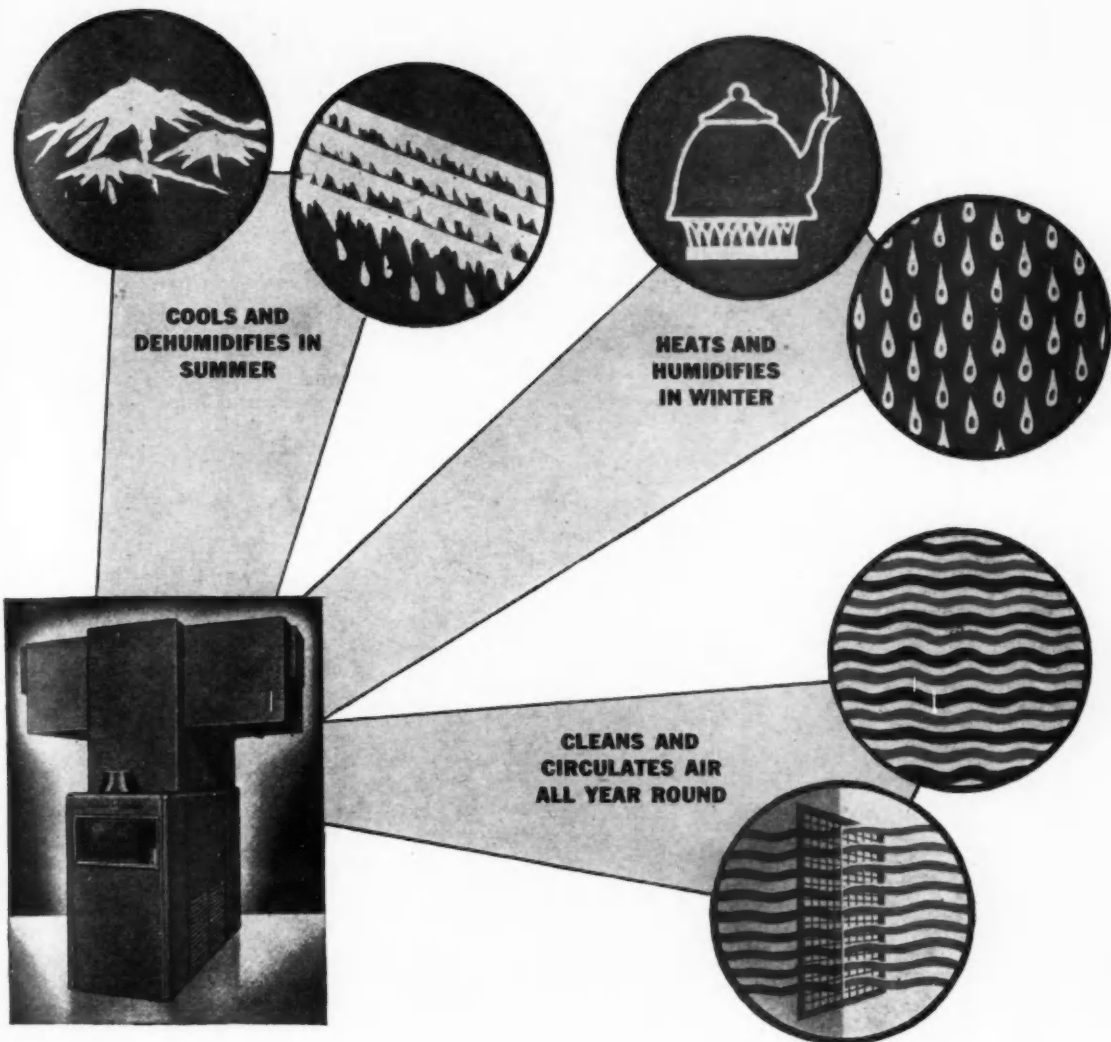
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fore correspondingly increased. In spite of the fact that in a test case a Norfolk court decided that OPA is not empowered to take this action, they seem determined to proceed.

**Order P-55-c Revised**—The war housing critical list revisions have finally been approved. After March 1st, it will not be necessary to file a detailed list of material. Blanket allotments approved by FHA will be made. Another sensible feature is the ability to use additional materials wherever conservation of lumber and fuel may be effected. Until the new forms are available, builders

may discontinue filing the bill of materials with their application, and may start previously authorized projects under the terms of the new order.

**Significant Revisions**—Due to the easing up of steel, former restrictions on its use for reinforcing concrete, masonry, and structural framing have been removed. Metal gutters and downspouts for all types of dwellings are now permitted. A substantial number of additional electrical outlets, the use of larger domestic hot water storage tanks, and metal conduits as required by the 1940 National Electrical Code, are now allowed. No change has been

made in either floor areas or the use of framing lumber per square foot of floor area.

**New Starts**—New construction started under FHA recovered from the alarmingly low level of December. Readers will recall that from 2,328 starts during the week of December 4th, new construction fell to a low of 1,130 units for the last week in the year. By January 15th new starts had crept up to 1,700, and during the last three weeks have averaged better than 2,200. With the coming of better weather a further increase is hoped for.

**Housing for Veterans**—A program is proposed by a measure introduced by Senator McFarland of Arizona. In his bill, Senator McFarland calls for a lending program to be handled by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs. This aid would be extended not only for the purpose of aiding veterans of the present war to purchase homes, but also for helping them to obtain farms or to set themselves up in small businesses. However, the maximum loan that could be obtained would be \$1,000.

**FHA to Supervise**—FHA would be required to pass upon the applications approved by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs. It would be the function of FHA to see to it that the loan would actually be used to purchase a home and that the property met location and construction requirements imposed by the mortgage insurance program. Furthermore, the FHA would be charged with the responsibility of keeping the veterans from purchasing homes at prices believed to be in excess of sound appraisal values. The interest rate would be fixed at 3%. All that a veteran would have to do to be eligible for a loan would be to submit proof that he had seen active military or naval service for more than 90 days any time after August 27, 1940, and prior to the termination of the present war.

**Public Housing Urged**—To Senator Burton's Special Committee, John Ihlder, Executive Officer of the National Capital Housing Authority, presented testimony preparatory to the introduction of a bill calling for a large appropriation, possibly \$100,000,000. As the first of a number of NCHA witnesses, Mr. Ihlder devoted his preliminary statement to a detailed description of the attack upon his agency. He expressed disappointment in the unwillingness of builders, and those representing private real estate interests, to co-operate with the NCHA. He said:

"The Key Group in this attack is that of the speculative builders, through their organization, the National Association of Home Builders, led by their local branch."



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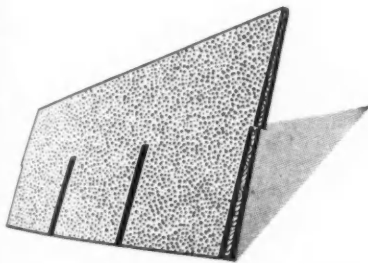
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*After Victory*

**THE PLACE:**  
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**THE CHARACTERS:**  
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Your Customer!*



*"Yes, Tapered Strips have "gone to war."  
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**CUSTOMER:** How soon can we move in?

**YOU:** (*mumbling to yourself because it's been such a long time since you've had to answer that one*) I wish I knew!

**CUSTOMER:** What did you say?

**YOU:** (*hurriedly*) I said 'It's up to you.' The house ought to be ready by Saturday.

**CUSTOMER:** (*highly pleased*) The roof looks beautiful, doesn't it?

**YOU:** (*always the salesman*) It's the finest in the block. That greater thickness of the shingle butts makes it look particularly good with the afternoon sun shining on them.

**CUSTOMER:** You were right about the heavy shadows they cast.

**YOU:** And in about 10 years you'll see I knew what I was talking about when I told you Flintkote Tapered Strips were tops in roofing quality. The tapering makes them fit snugger, and the greatest amount of protective asphalt is right where it should be... where the wear is greatest.

**CUSTOMER:** Then why would anybody ever want any other kind of shingle?

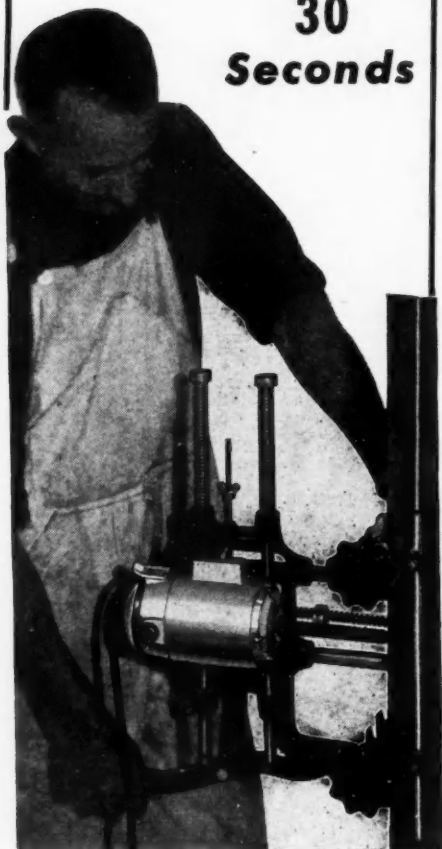
**YOU:** They wouldn't! But during the war they couldn't get them. WPB restrictions didn't permit Flintkote to make them.

**CUSTOMER:** Sort of a war casualty?

**YOU:** Yes indeed! Tapered strips "went to war."\*

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## Factory-Fitted Doors

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keenly interested in having representative builders try out this new idea in modern construction efficiency. He offers some helpful suggestions for specifying "Tru-sized" doors, factory machined for the door hardware. He advises first to specify actual net pre-fit size, second to specify dimension of stile bevel, third to submit actual lock and hinge samples with sketch showing measurement from bottom of door to center of knob, location of hinges, desired finish floor clearance, and the swing of the door whether right hand (swings to the right or clockwise) or left hand.

Commenting on this development as a millwork jobber, J. W. Stagg of the Cole Manufacturing Co., Memphis, has written the Wheeler Osgood Co., "On special projects requiring large quantities of doors it has been customary with us for a long time to try to have contractors have us furnish doors pre-fitted and in many cases have been successful in doing so. It is rare, however, that we have occasion to cut for locks and hinges, though we quite frequently have to cut for mail slots. This general practice has been common, more particularly in the East for many years. These operations can be performed in the factory at much less expense than they can at job sites.

"We believe that we are going to

see more of this sort of thing after the war is over. The advantage of having as much work as possible performed in the factory is taking hold.

"Our most recent experience was on the Bruce contract where all the doors were pre-fitted and cut for locks and hinges. Absolutely no trouble was experienced by our having had this work done in the factory. You can easily imagine that the time saved by having this work done in the factory as compared with having all of the many thousands of doors on this project fitted and cut for hardware at the job was considerable."

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## LETTERS—

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what you think this home would cost to build, approximately one year after peace is declared?—PVT. ROBERT W. McDANIEL, A.S.T.U. No. 4813 Commerce, Texas.

## Viva Mexico!

To the Editor: Your January article "Viva Mexico" certainly hit the spot. We hope that you will write another article on this same subject, in hopes that it will contribute materially in bringing about some relaxation of the present L-41 regulations.—FLOYD O. SHAW, Manager, The H. E. Leonhardt Lumber Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

## L-41 and Mexico

To the Editor: You have a masterpiece in "Viva Mexico". It is so interestingly written that it holds the reader's attention from beginning to end.

I would like to have the opportunity to read a second story on the subject. Your efforts to secure relaxation of L-41 are laudable.—R. R. RHODES, Manager, J. J. Rhodes Lumber Co., Council Grove, Kansas.

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## Low-Cost Housing

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average investor is unwilling to put money into such equities unless the return is quick enough and large enough to justify such speculation.

"I propose that private enterprise should now organize a number of large housing investment corporations founded upon the hypothesis that residential housing is a proper and secure investment. The corporations would own the whole property rather than an equity in it. There would be no mortgagee waiting to take over the property and cause the corporation to forfeit its entire investment. Properties would be developed with an eye to long time return rather than immediate salability.

"In addition to the security offered by careful planning and prudent development, the properties could be insured with FHA against major capital losses. The corporations would diversify the locale of their properties to insure greatest safety. Thus the economic adversity of one community or industry could not cripple a corporation.

"The time to organize such corporations is now."



## PROGRESS MARCHES ON!

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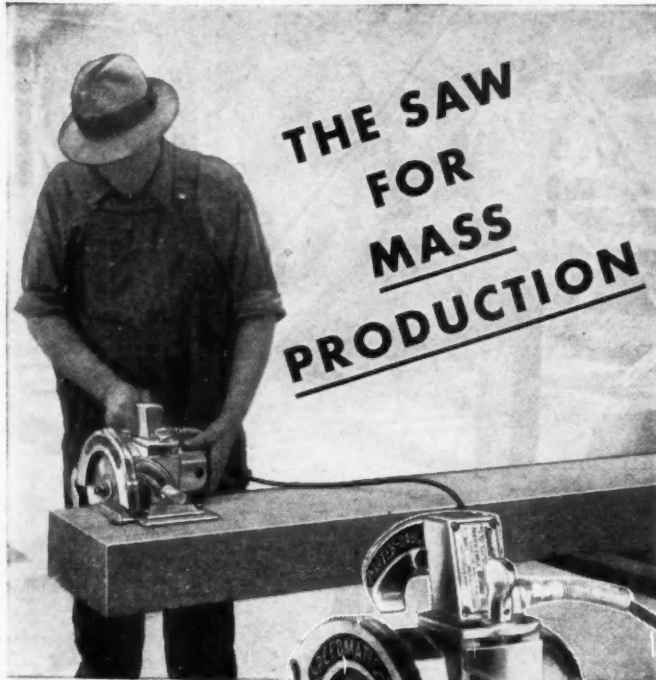
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The Chicago Expansion Bolt Co. is the name of the manufacturer of this wide assortment of anchoring devices, and they will be pleased to accommodate you, free, with their 16-page booklet if you will fill in the Service Coupon and mail it to *American Builder*.

**13—HERE IS CONSTRUCTIVE THINKING**—"This seventh edition of Ames Metal Mouldings catalog appears in the midst of World War II. In spite of national defense restrictions on raw materials, we offer this catalog as evidence of our confidence in the everlasting strength of American Business." Needless to say, the catalog shows pictures and gives descriptions of all sorts of shapes and sizes of metal mouldings with wood cores. As far as your reporter can determine, the sizes range from 1" by 6" strips down to ¼" quarter rounds. These mouldings will be very useful in all sorts of places in a home, from cracks between wall-board panelling to joints in built-in furniture. Such mouldings are both practical and useful.

**14—LISTEN TO THE WOMEN, PLEASE**—So goes the message from the Eljer Co., makers of plumbing fixtures for 37 years. And it sort of seems natural to us to agree with this company, and their new catalog, in regard to the woman's part in selecting a house by its plumbing "wear" and, to quote the catalog, "Mrs. Homes has a problem"—"Mrs. Means wants a warm-toned bath"—"Not so fast, says Mrs. Young—" and, let me say, you ought to see "Zoe" and her post-war desire for a powder room! This catalog is number 14 on the Service Coupon.

**15—ASPHALT ROOFING ON THE FARM**—Nobody knows everything, as the feller said, so the 32-page booklet, by the same name used for the title, is an instructive and handy thing to have. Published by the Asphalt Roofing Industry, it grinds no axes, but does describe and explain what a tremendous market American farms provide, not only for asphalt roofing, but for construction materials of all kinds, and the need for builders to get out into the open and do the job. Send for this book because it can be put to good use right now when many buildings and repair materials are scarce or even unobtainable.

**16—POST-WAR CONVECTION HEATING**—Buildings now in the designing stage can take advantage of a line of copper convectors which will be immediately available after the war. Such equipment, as planned and promised by the Modine Mfg. Co., of Racine, Wisconsin, includes those which are recessed into the wall as well as those that can be placed against any finished wall. This line of convectors, which are quick to respond to automatic controls, are designed for use in most any type of buildings, including offices, hospitals, schools, and homes.

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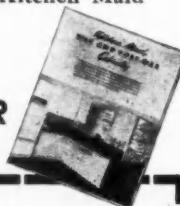
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**Government Landscape Blight**

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skyrocketed their living costs beyond endurance.

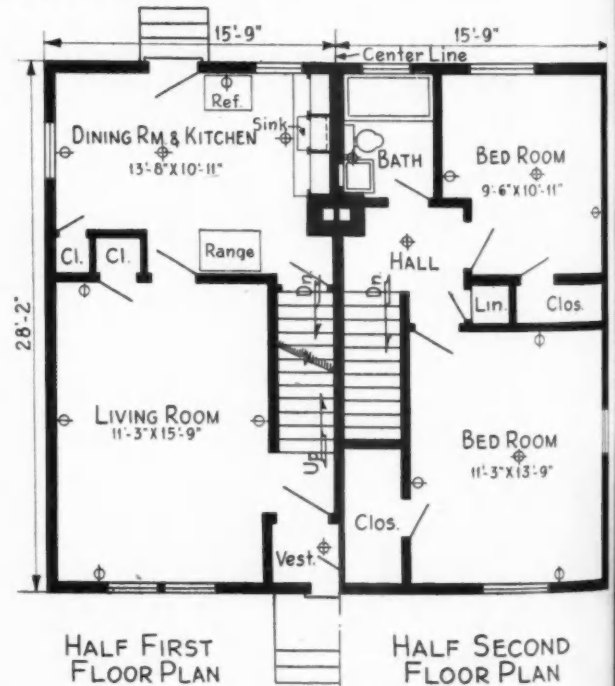
2. No shops, schools, theaters, or churches within miles of the locations chosen by public housers to make them happy, efficient war-workers.

3. The depressing effect of the drab sameness of building after building.

4. An aversion to revealing their address to friends and watching for the eye-brow flutter which said—"Oh, you live in that place?" with aspersive emphasis on "that."



CENTER STAIR permits economy in building two bedrooms on second floor. This plan of W. S. Johnson's is also used 32 feet wide. Larger one in great demand.



POPULAR style of rental duplex in Buffalo area. Attic is closed off. Basement gives ample storage space. Some have common front and rear entry. This features separate entries. Note large dining area at outside wall with large window.

The established home owners—those who are extolled as the "backbone of our American democracy"—are up in arms. They have organized a task force in Niagara Falls under the name of Devaux Neighborhood Association to fight for the demolition of the slum, prettily named Hyde Park Village

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# RYERSON

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which has crawled to within a half mile of the residential area surrounding the campus beauty of Devaux College. Proponents of this movement feel they would be more effective if they were joined by similar groups in other areas throughout the country.

Although nearly 2000 vacant government units overhang the market in Western New York, the private builders continue to persevere in their effort to supply the public with private war housing, the type overwhelmingly preferred by those producing war materials.

The houses built by Walter S. Johnson, floor plan of one of which is shown herewith, were originally planned to be a delux home for war workers in the Bell Aircraft plant at Niagara Falls. They were located on 50 to 60 foot lots with set-backs varying from 25 to 35 feet. Houses of different heights were located in the same groups. Existing trees were saved where possible in the plot planning.

This care in advance planning produced the feeling of a group of individually planned homes spotted to utilize the natural advantages in the topography of the subdivision. The effort to attain this goal was followed until building restriction forced the builder to line up all houses on the minimum set-back line of the local building code.

As building costs advanced, the garage was discontinued in order to hold to the \$6,000 ceiling. Despite all handicaps however, Johnson recently started and is completing the last twenty in the project. He can no longer sell them for \$6,000, will instead rent them now and offer them for sale in the post-war market in which he has great confidence. He built his last group two feet deeper, the dimensions being 24 by 32 feet. This because the public is showing a tendency to demand larger rooms and greater closet space.

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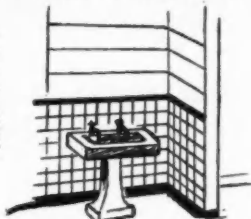
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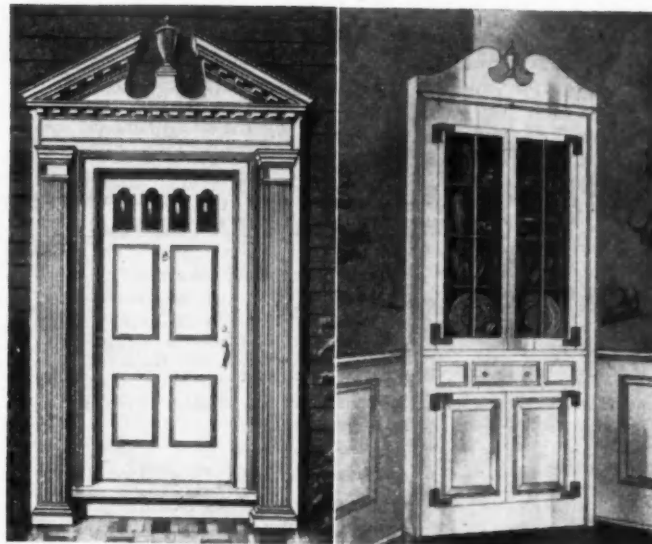
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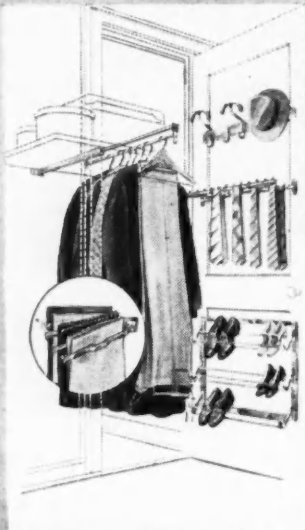
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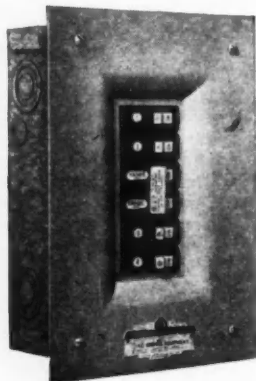
## HOUSES will be built H. . . . to live in

after the war. Churches will be erected in which to worship—stores in which to sell—factories in which to manufacture varied products. They will be constructed to appeal to the tastes and needs of their future occupants—by builders who understand those tastes and needs... In all of these, the electrical distribution systems—whether simple or complex—will be important.



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which describe these products in detail—with wiring diagrams, suggested specifications, etc. Then, for complete satisfaction, specify them for the buildings you will erect . . . Frank Adam Electric Co., Box 357, St. Louis, Mo.



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Other products used included Lennox furnaces, W. A. Case plumbing fixtures, Gold Bond bat insulation in walls and ceilings, Lockwood hardware, Certainteed asphalt shingles, Kentile mastic flooring in kitchen, bath, and entry room in grade-entry houses. V-joint Insulite wall-boards were used for sheathing. The kitchen cabinets were Hoosiers.

Of the many duplex houses built by private builders in this area, most of them are built on about the same plan. They are in great demand, most builders having a waiting list of applicants while government houses stand vacant. The duplexes rent from \$45 to \$50 a month. One architect, Walter G. Lanphear, handled the planning for most of the builders and provided exterior variations to eliminate monotony.

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### Building Materials Survey

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The second group involves non-strategic materials that either are available to dealers, or temporarily are scarce due to extensive use in military and naval construction, or due to their use as substitutes for other more critical items. This group includes millwork, medicine and kitchen cabinets, asphalt products, building paper, insulating materials, wall board, gypsum board, insulation lath, plasters and cement, paint, white lead, window glass and sash cord.

Separate reports were prepared for each material, showing the inventory needs of dealers in nine geographic regions, beginning with New England, Middle Atlantic states, South Atlantic and so on across the country to the Pacific region. Reports show the number and percentage of dealers in each region who need each material, with the quantity that they need to restore their inventories. National projections, based on these regional findings, show total quantities of each material needed to restore inventories to 1941 levels. Manufacturers find these reports on individual materials very interesting.

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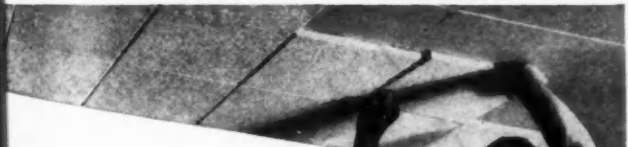
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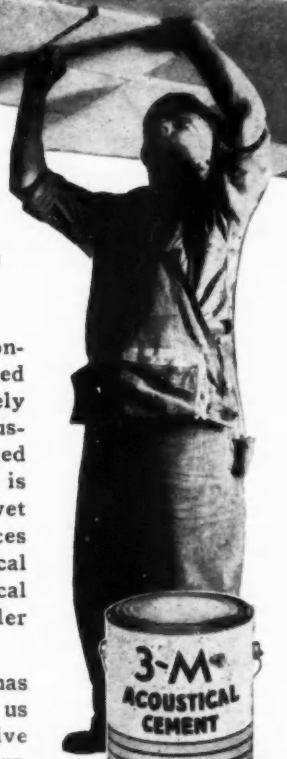
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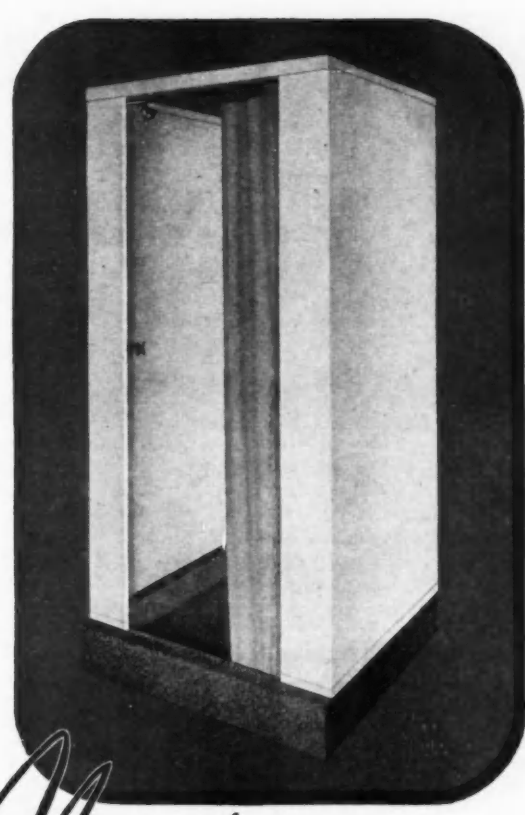
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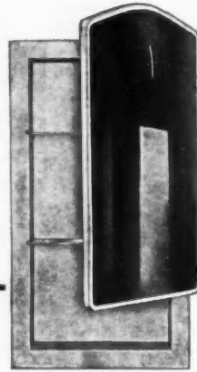
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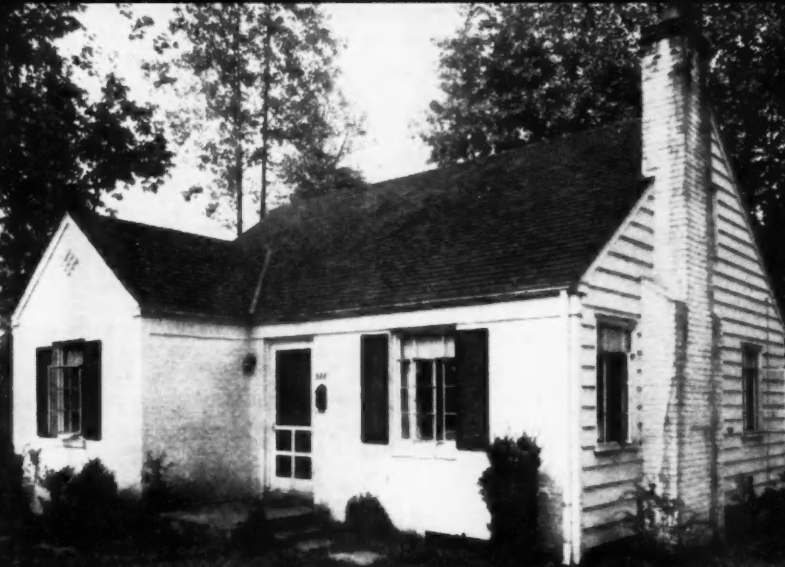
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because they can compare the competitive position of various materials that have been displaced during the war. They also can compare performance of their sales department with the survey figures.

*American Builder* has made these survey findings available to the entire industry so that specific recommendations can be made for release of civilian production of building materials. Late in January, copies of the survey were presented to representatives of the War Production Board, National Housing Administration, Federal Housing Administration and executives of trade associations representing all branches of the building industry. At this time, it was learned that applications for release of civilian production of building materials have been prepared and will be presented as soon as conditions warrant. Representatives of government agencies welcomed *American Builder* survey figures because they provided desired information that could not otherwise be obtained, except through long and costly census enumeration.

The survey findings suggest two courses of procedure. They show that inventories of essential structural materials, involving lumber and lumber products, metal and metal products should be partially restored before the end of the war so that the building industry will not be forced into inflationary competition for scarce materials, and so that the industry will be in a position to provide a maximum of post-war employment. The fact that dealers have or can get adequate stocks of various non-strategic materials suggests an entirely different procedure, in keeping with policies proposed by the National Retail Lumber Dealers Association and others in Washington. It suggests that urgently needed repair and maintenance work be permitted to go ahead in non-defense areas, where labor is available and where the work can be done with available supplies of non-critical materials. It is believed that this procedure will be followed when civilian building and production of building materials are permitted to go ahead.

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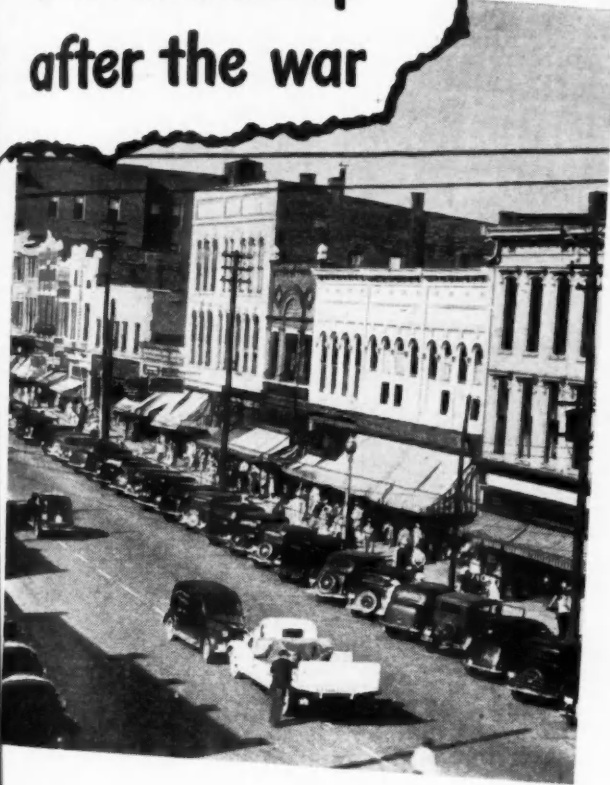
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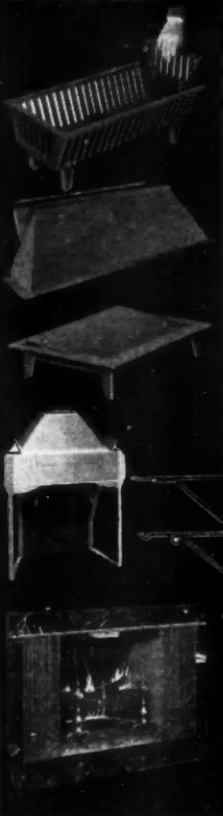
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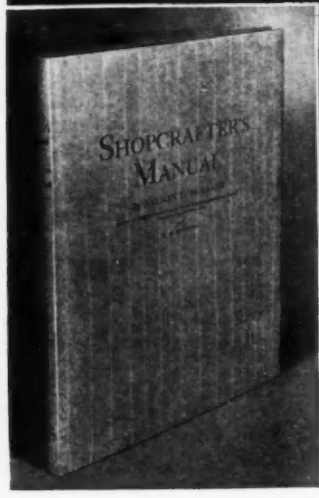
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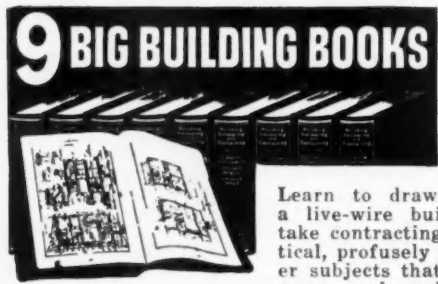
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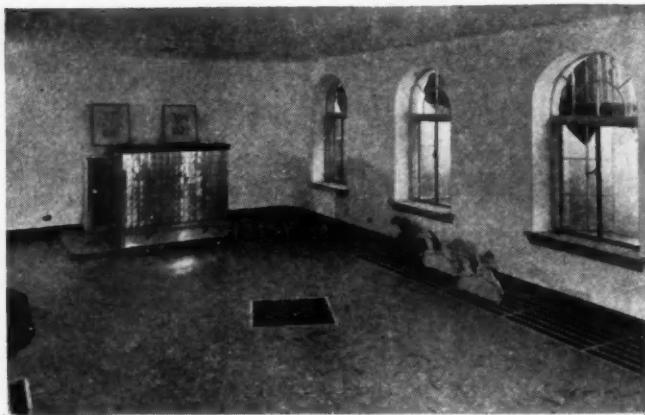
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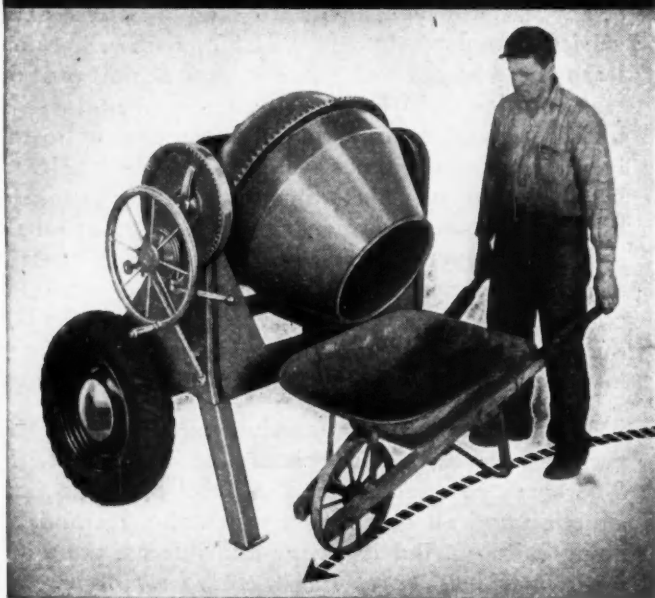
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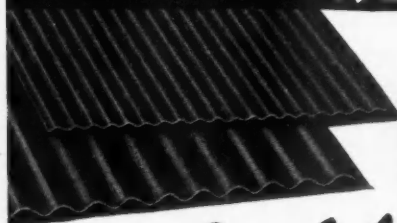
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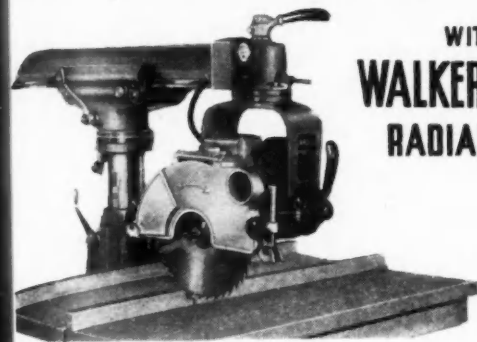
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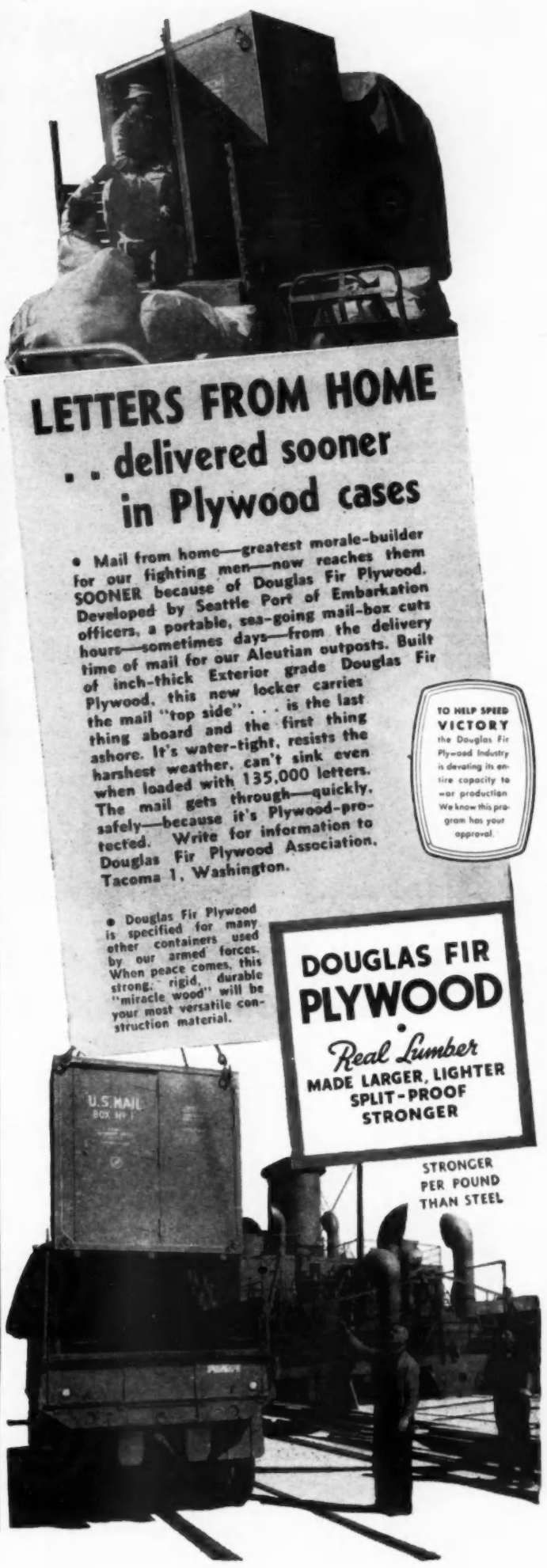


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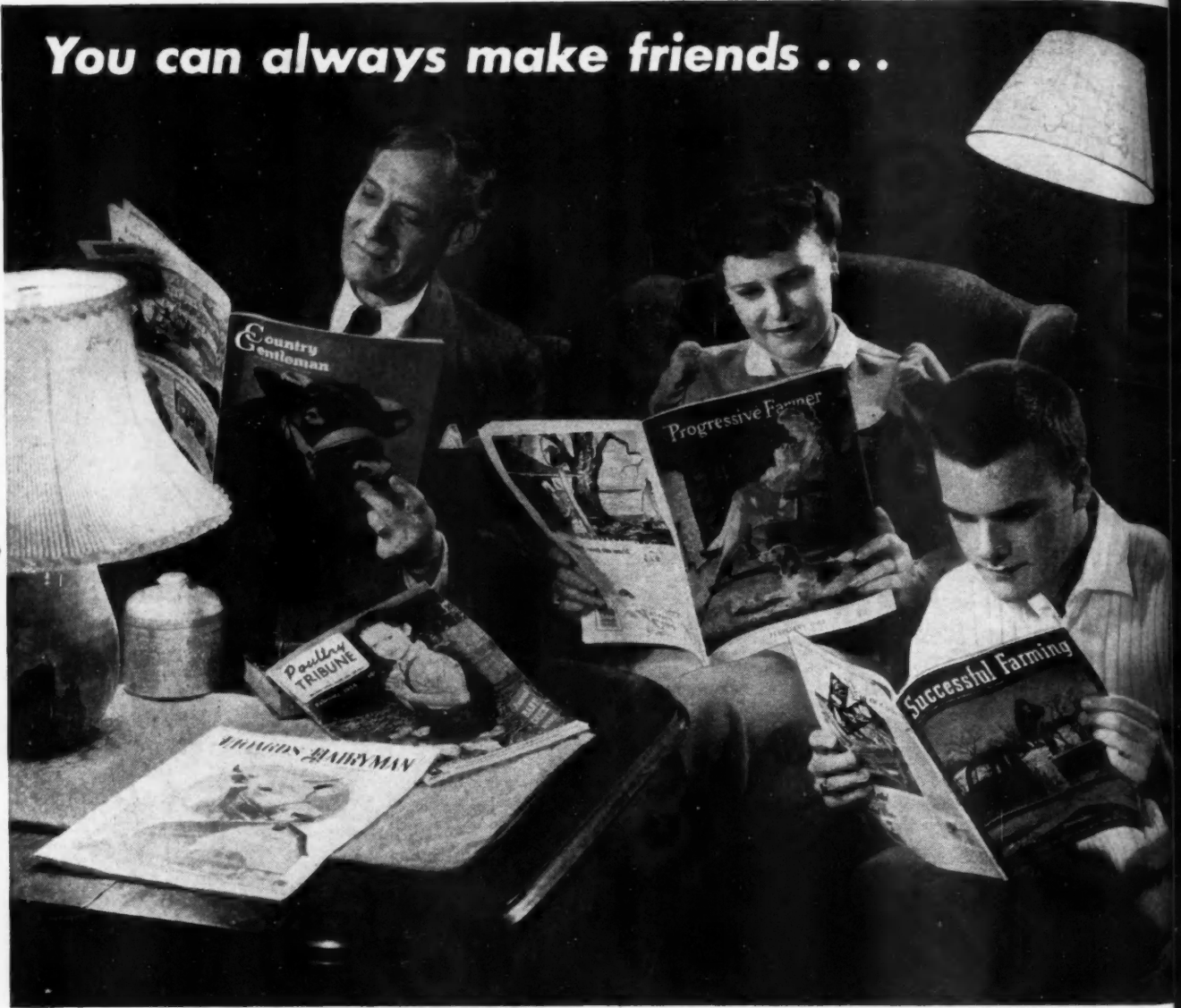
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