

Own Your Home Slogan Is Now Build Your Own

This the Claim of Building Material Men Who Point to Increase in Residence Construction Last Year as Foreshadowing Even Greater Activity in 1925

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New Year Day 2.—The slogan "own your own home" has been translated into "build your own home" according to building material men. To substantiate this they point to the fact that the last year, even though it had periods of business depression, saw some \$350,000,000 more spent in residential construction than 1923. In view of the prospects for a period of general business prosperity in the early months of next year they anticipate another period of great construction activity.

This will be fostered, they say, by the fact that the man with only a thousand dollars to put into a house can now secure at small cost detailed plans and specifications prepared by competent architects through various house plan services, and can build a substantial, permanent home planned for both appearance and convenience.

New records in the use of concrete masonry were hung up in 1924 and manufacturers expect to break them again in 1925. More than six thousand manufacturers now are engaged in making concrete products which in the next year will have a value of approximately \$100,000,000, according to the Portland Cement Association. About 322,700,000 standard size concrete blocks were turned out last year, and in the last 12 years for the annual sales of these blocks alone have increased from \$12,000,000 to \$77,000,000. Development of one and two family residences is largely responsible for this gain. For example, 255 residences of this type were built in one suburb of Miami, Florida, in the last year.

Block, building and roofing tile, brick and architectural stone accounted for 19,000,000 barrels of cement in 1924.

Cement shipments were 10,000,000 barrels larger than in 1923. In spite of this fact stocks are two million barrels heavier than at the start of the year. This is in preparation for continuation of construction during the winter months and for a heavy spring demand.

Prices of cement, according to Morris Kind, president of the Hercules Cement Corporation, have declined well below the level of 1920 and are only slightly above those of 1918, before the great boom in building developed. The decline from the peak price of 1920, 2.22, 2.22 1-2c a barrel, to the average for October 1924, amounted to 37 1-2c a barrel or 16 per cent.

Assertions that neither workmanship nor materials used in modern dwellings compares with those of 25 years ago are being emphatically refuted by builders and material men.

"It used to be that very large timbers were used in house construction," said John H. McClatney, a large builder of Philadelphia, today "and it required large man power to put sills and beams in place. Then in the 1870's came the period of the balloon frame." People were amazed when they saw scantling nailed together to take the place of the cumbersome timbers and made dire predictions of collapse. But that innovation has stood the test.

"For years material was wasted and strength but where it was not needed, construction today has been reduced to a science. The modern builder does not rely wholly on his own judgment. He calls in engineers and experts who study his problems and give practical advice as to materials and better results by obviating waste workmanship. This has given in both materials and labor."

"Problems of excavation, drainage, walls, foundations, roofs, plumbing, heating, pipe fitting, lighting, painting and interior decorations are worked out by experts who guarantee the results of their calculations to give satisfaction. Concrete and steel have simplified our problems. Make no mistake, the dwellings of today are superior in most respects to those of our fathers and grandfathers."

We too expect to open our eyes.

Loses Life



Mrs. Glenn Hill, teacher of the Hobart school, planned the Christmas tree celebration which ended disastrously and was one of the many who lost their lives in the blaze.

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In Appreciation

By C. J. WARD

On Christmas Eve night soon after twelve
After a noisy, restless, rainy day
With notes, horns, ringing of bells
But now the town is quietness lay.

Sudden there breaks upon our ears
Voices just outside our door,
Nothing to cause excitement or fears
For they had visited our home before.

The midnight songsters had come
To arouse us from our sleep,
Though songs we had heard over and over
But each time they seem more sweet.

No matter how cold and stormy the weather
When moon and stars give no light,
To our home these faithful ones gather
To sing to us of holy night.

Oh star of the east, beautiful star,
Over the Jud' an hills you came,
And promised Blackwell Memorial, Chevy
To sing praise to thy Holy name.

And now these midnight songs ring on,
Till the dead in Christ shall rise,
Oa that Glorious Resurrection morn,
We shall meet our Lord in the skies.

We thank you for these songs they do us good,
They point us to that humble place,
There over the manger the shepherds stood
And looked upon that Heavenly face.

We too expect to open our eyes,

When life's turmoil and strife is over,

And see our everlasting prize
And be with Jesus forever more.

Our longing souls can never rest
With all earthly treasures combined,
Until upon our Savior's breast,
All things complete in him we find.

Sing on, sing on with all your might,
While passing along life's way,
And may your song of holy night
Bring deepest joy to Christmas day.

PICTURES AGAIN AT FIRST METHODIST

Friday night at 7:30 the First Methodist Sunday School will resume the motion pictures for the children at the church. Friday night there will be three reels and an offering will be taken. All the children of this community are invited to be present. The first reel will be "Girl with Orange Tam;" second "Alpha Cement;" and third, "Over the Hills to Plymouth."

ALIENS IN CUSTODY

Miami, Jan. 2. — Eighteen alleged aliens were in the custody

of the United States immigration officials at midnight after going without food for several days, following the payment of large sums to smuggle them in.

BANK BANDITS WIFE IN CUSTODY DETECTIVE

New Orleans, Jan. 2.—Chief of detectives Healy is tonight on his way to Jacksonville to return with Mrs. Nellie Wright, widow of W. E. Wright, bank bandit killed Tuesday while resisting an arrest in Mobile. The woman was found with \$12,000 in her possession.



You ought to have a new Michaels-Stern suit before the week's out!

There are 51 other weeks coming—but there is something sensibly sentimental about starting the New Year right.

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<p>All Men's & Boys' Shoes Reduced to cost</p>		<p>All Men's & Boys' "travelo" Knit Jackets reduced to cost</p>	

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WEEK-END SPECIALS

FOR MEN AND BOYS

1 lot Boys' 2 pants Suits, 12 to 16 \$5.00
1 lot 3-4 Wool Sox, special 59c
All Men's Overcoats reduced. Sale price \$8.50 to \$27
Men's One Pants Suits \$13.75 to \$29.50
Men's Two Pants Suits \$25 to \$35
Sweaters \$2.95 to \$5.75

T. T. Turner & Co.
The Store for Dad and the Boys

WATER AND SEWER NOTICE

ALL WATER AND SEWERAGE BILLS for JANUARY, 1925, are now due and payable at office of Company, South Road street, telephone building.

All bills unpaid on January 15th, service will be cut off.

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