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HERE'S HOW . . .

BUILD A CLOSET UNDER BASEMENT STAIRS

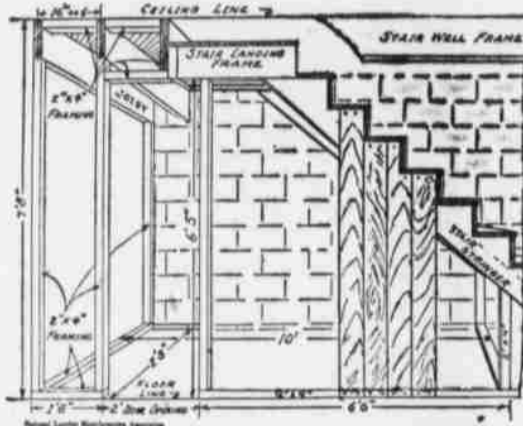
Storage space under the basement stairs can be provided by using the construction already in place. With a minimum of additional framing and paneling, a neat and attractive "extra room" is added.

A frame of 2 x 4's is made to fit beneath the stairs as shown in the drawing. The dimensions will depend upon the height of the basement and stair landing, but these are typical.

By building the frame flush with the outside edge of the stair stringer, the stringer may be used to hold the wood paneling. Closet frame mem-

bers are toe-nailed to the joists and stair framing. Tongue and grooved boards, if used for paneling, will provide a dustproof closet. Or, if plain boards are used, the closet may be lined. As a further precaution against dust, unevenness between the stairs and landing and the basement wall should be caulked.

At the lower end of the stairs, the closet should be 30 inches high. The space between this end and the bottom step may be used as a small closet, with its own door, or left open for miscellaneous storage.



flu have hit the Senate pretty hard. Senator Kefauver has been in the hospital with flu.

This-And-That

The VFW national conference here last week was exciting. I had the pleasure of attending with N. C. VFW Commander, Forrest V. Dunstan, of Elizabeth City. In attendance were 12 governors, members of the Cabinet and Congressmen. General Mark Clark was the guest of honor. Juniors and seniors from Charlotte's Central High School came by the office. Mr. Flake Shaw and a group of distinguished N. C. Farm Bureau members and officials were in Washington and we had the opportunity of visiting together. The White House Conference on Highway Safety brought many of the leaders of the Tar Heel State to Washington last week.

Excess Planting To Be Expensive For Cotton Farmers

Raleigh—Farmers will find it considerably to their advantage to plant within their cotton acreage allotments this year, H. D. Godfrey, Administrative Officer of the State Agricultural and Conservation Office, reminded growers today.

"It is fairly well understood," Godfrey explained, "that under the cotton marketing quota-accrual program, each pound of excess cotton grown by farmers who do not comply with their cotton allotments will be subject to a penalty."

"What's not always under-

stood or remembered is the fact that a grower who does not plant within his cotton allotment will lose any cost-sharing assistance which might otherwise be available to him under the Agricultural Conservation Program, and his cotton likewise will not be eligible for a Government price support loan.

"So it's to the grower's financial advantage to grow only his share of the national cotton marketing quota—which is the amount of cotton produced from his acreage allotment. Of course all cotton grown within the allotment may be marketed free."

Medical Meeting Held At McCain

The McCain Sanatorium Staff was host at a medical meeting to 14 doctors, attending from the Sanatoria of Wilson, Black Mountain, and Chapel Hill, Wednesday February 17.

Four Original papers were presented. Dr. Lynn Johnson presented a paper concerning the development of cavities, prepared by Dr. W. C. Hewitt and herself, which is to be published in the near future. Dr. M. G. Morris spoke on surgical resection for tuberculosis. Two papers on the current work progressing in the Laboratory were given by Dr. Harold Centry and Warren Jones. Interesting cases were presented and discussed.

Dr. W. F. Hollister, surgeon, of Pinehurst, and Dr. J. P. Chapman, Jr., chest surgeon, of Asheville, also attended the meeting.

It's The Plan That Counts In Bookkeeping

The first signs of spring for the beekeeper are his bees gathering pollen from the earliest flowers. With this activity from the bees most beekeepers start making plans to take advantage of what may be "The best honey year I remember. . ."

Plans of many types and with varying degrees of completeness are made, but no plan is better than the information upon which it is based, says Harry Silver, Swain County farm agent.

Silver, a bee and honey enthusiast himself for many years, would not dare start a new honey season without a complete set of plans. Where does he get his information? Silver relies upon W. A. Stephens, bee specialist for the State College Extension Service, a man who Silver says "probably knows more about beekeeping and the problems of beekeeping than any man in North Carolina."

Beekeeping and the production of honey is a growing business on thousands of North Carolina farms, says Silver. And his aim is to make it even more profitable. It can be an excellent profit-making "side-line" on almost any farm. This year when the price-cost squeeze is expected to hit the farmer even harder than in 1953, Silver is recommending a few

colonies as a real opportunity. The investment is small and the income can be large, with proper management.

Addenda

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30 or 40 people take the trouble to tell me in the past week that they, too, feel that the McLaurin School should have a full-time principal. If enough of them will tell the same thing to members of the county board of education, it will help them in their thinking, too.

The Jaycees inform me that the maintenance of the center sections on North Main Street has been taken over by the town or the highway commission or somebody, and that they no longer have their beautification as a project.

We have received no report on the March of Dimes this week.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: How can I keep my income taxes lower?
ANSWER: There are many ways, but you must be alert at all times. First, sales of breeding, draft, and dairy animals can be treated as sales of capital assets (land). Such sales should be reported on Schedule D. Only half of the gains (income) need be reported as income. The requirements are that the animals must

have been owned for one year and the animal must have been sold for draft, breeding or dairy purposes and not primarily for sale in the ordinary course of the farm business. Secondly, when the sale of the farm includes the sale of the farmer's residence and he buys property within one year after (or before) the sale, which he uses as his new residence, the gain from the sale of the old residence may be excluded from the gross income provided the cost of the new residence equals or ex-

ceeds the sale price of the old one. Also, the elderly farmer who wants to retire often parts with a large share of his life's savings in income taxes by outright sale of his farm. The installment sales method (similar to buying a car on time) reduces taxes and maintains his investment in a safe place. The downpayment cannot be more than 30 per cent of the selling price. The seller thereafter reports total yearly payment during the year received and is taxed on only half of this amount.

SENATOR LENNON REPORTS

Washington—The Senate last week approved by a 45 to 42 vote the nomination of Mr. Albert C. Beeson to the National Labor Relations Board. I voted against his confirmation. My vote was based entirely on what I considered misleading testimony given by him on various occasions before the Senate committee. Mr. Beeson, in my judgment, withheld pertinent and important facts.

Tax Exemption

Senator George has introduced legislation which I am supporting to increase the personal federal tax exemption and the exemption for dependents from \$100 to \$800 for this year. I strongly favor this because it will provide more take home pay in the pockets of workers which will increase purchasing power and will stimulate productivity. In other words, if passed, this would mean a man, wife and two children would not pay any federal income tax on the first \$3200. It will also eliminate much of the red tape of records because it will make it unnecessary for many to file returns. The excessive tax burdens at all levels are doing much, I am convinced, to slow down our economy. This is why I have maintained that we must cut our foreign economic spending drastically.

Committees

The work of a Congressional committee is sometimes subject to considerable criticism. I have felt that committees should not be used to promote person and party. But we should never lose sight of the fact that Congress-

sional committees are the real source for getting facts upon which legislation can be based. Most of the committees are hard-working, sincere, and are rendering a vital service. I have thought that some of the committee activity is distributed among too many groups and could effectively be accomplished by a single joint committee. Those committees of the Congress which are daily going about their duties quietly are never noticed by the public at large. We should remember that a committee not only secures facts for all of the Congress, but it also serves as a source of information for the country.

Hawaiian Statehood

The Senate leadership decided to take time out last week from debate on the Bricker amendment to take up the Beeson confirmation. By the time this is in print, I hope that we can move ahead with other legislation after completion of S.J. Res. 1. I understand that the Hawaiian statehood measure will be the next business before the Senate. I am opposed to the granting of statehood to Hawaii at this time. These reasons will be brought out from time to time, but I do not wish to take up valuable space with a long-winded discussion of this matter now because so many folks are not interested one way or the other.

Senate Colds

The common cold is a miserable companion. I took one last Sunday and have sounded like a bee in a jug all week. Colds and

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