

Lavonia Community

By Mrs. F.T. McCraw

Several from here visited Saturday with Mrs. Daisy Phillips in Spartanburg honoring her on her 97th birthday.

Velma McCraw came home Wednesday from Cleveland Memorial Hospital after having surgery there.

Mrs. Onagene Wallace of Cherokee County visited Thursday with Mrs. Mary Potter.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelvin Humphries and Ashley of the Sandy Mush Community visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Humphries and Mrs. J.A. Bartee.

Rev. Glenn Walker attended the State Convention last week in Greensboro.

Sunday visitors of Mrs. Callie Ruppe were Mrs. Golan Martin of Cliffside, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Martin of Six Points, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Nodine and children of Sunshine. Mrs. Ruppe spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Robie Matheny in Cliffside.

Mrs. G.V. Scruggs spent from Wednesday until Sunday with her grandchildren, Marcia and Michael Hawkins in Charlotte while their parents were away on business.

Mr. and Mrs. James Crawford of Aiken spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Flora Crawford. Mrs. Lovella Crawford of Trinity Community returned home Thursday after spending several days with Mrs. Flora Crawford.

Mrs. Lorena Ledford visited Thursday with Nina and Pettus Mosteller.

Mrs. Eula Suttles visited Thursday with Mrs. Jamie Parris.

Mason Scruggs along with a group of men from Forest City left Thursday for Murrells Inlet on a fishing trip. They returned home on Sunday afternoon.

Sunday visitors of Mrs. Thomas Price were Mrs. Mableene Queen of Spartanburg, S.C. and Mrs. Iris Lee Robbs of the Grassy Pond Community.

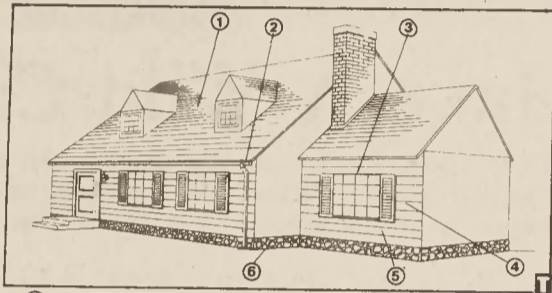
Farm and Home

Give Your Home A Stitch In Time

A home audit simply involves inspecting each of your home's main protective components—roof, siding, foundation—for signs of wear or damage.

The whole process only takes about half an hour. The important thing is knowing what to look for.

To help you evaluate the condition of your home, Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation has prepared a sample audit form. Its main points are summarized below.



1 **ROOF:** Using field glasses, inspect your roof for torn, missing or distressed shingles. 2 **GUTTERS & DOWNSPOUTS:** Hose down the roof and watch for leaks in gutters and downspouts. 3 **CAULKING:** Check roof flashing, corners, window and door frames, pipe or conduit entries, and frame/foundation abutments. 4 **SIDING:** Inspect for missing, cracked, warped or rotting boards. 5 **PAINT:** Blistering, peeling, alligatoring or wrinkling paint may expose siding to possible damage. 6 **FOUNDATION:** Inspect for large cracks or faults.

Step 1: Check the Roof

The roof is your home's first line of defense and should be the first stop on your home audit. Using field glasses, inspect the roof for:

- Lifted, torn or missing shingles.
- Shingles that are curled, blistered or have a shiny appearance.
- "Balding" shingles—those that are losing their protective coat of mineral granules.
- Damaged flashing—the asphalt or metal sealant around chimneys, vent pipes and in roof valleys. Look for cracks or gaps.

Check the underside of the roof during a storm. Look for water marks, drips or other signs that water is infiltrating the house.

Re-roofing May be Answer

If your home has developed a serious leak, it may be time to put on a new roof. Get the advice of a roofing contractor. He can make a more thorough inspection of the roof and explain your options.

If you do need a new roof, be sure to check the guarantee that comes with the shingles. Most asphalt shingles carry a 15-, 20- or 25-year guarantee. Shingles with a 25-year guarantee usually cost a little more, but the investment—and

peace of mind—is usually well worth it. Also check whether the shingles have a glass fiber or heavy paper base. Glass fiber shingles are more durable; they won't absorb water and therefore resist blistering, curling and other problems. They usually carry a 20- or 25-year guarantee but cost no more than paper-based shingles and glass fiber shingles are fire-resistant.

Step 2: Check Gutters and Downspouts

The best way to test your system is simply to hose down the roof and watch the run-off. Look for leaks, especially around joints and seams. Gutters should be pitched so as to allow water to flow freely. Clean your gutters, removing leaves and other debris. It's also a good idea to install leaf strainers.

Step 3: Inspect Caulking

Caulking helps keep your home air- and water-tight as well as energy efficient. Make sure each of the following points is well caulked:

- All roof flashing, especially where the chimney meets the roof.
- All corners formed by siding.
- Wherever window or door frames meet the siding.
- Wherever pipes, electrical conduits or vents enter the house.
- Where the siding meets the foundation or where masonry steps or porches meet the body of the house.

Step 4: Inspect Siding

If you have good siding, check it carefully for missing, warped or cracked boards. They can admit water, which rots interior walls. Also check for rotting boards. This usually indicates a household ventilation problem, i.e. water vapor from washing, cooking, even breathing is condensing to a liquid before reaching the outdoors.

Step 5: Evaluate the Paint Job

A good paint job does

more than beautify your home; it forms a continuous film that sheds water and thus protects the siding. If the paint job is beginning to fail, it will display such warning signs as blistering, peeling, alligatoring (a pattern of rectangular cracks which develop when paint is applied to an incompatible surface), and wrinkling (indicates paint was applied in too thick a coat).

Also check for chalking. All paints are designed to chalk as a self-cleaning mechanism. Excessive chalking, however, means that the pigment in the paint is washing away too quickly, exposing the siding to possible damage.

Step 6: Check the Foundation

All homes, new and old, shift to a certain extent. If you find a very wide crack running through the foundation, however, you may have a serious problem. It's best to call a professional.

Water in the basement can mean that water simply is not draining away from the house properly.

Repairs Come Next

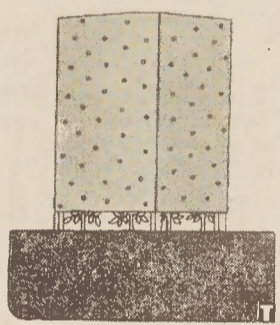
Now that you've completed your home audit, it is time to plan repairs. There are lots of places to go for help: home improvement books, your building supply dealer, or for professional advice, a local building contractor.

But whether you "do it yourself" or call in a professional, the effort is well worth it. By staying on top of home repairs, you may be preventing more serious problems later on. That's the best way to protect your home investment.

For a free home audit brochure and audit form, write: N.B.I. Meeks, Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation, Fiberglas Tower, Toledo, Ohio 43659.

YOUR GARDEN

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Where do Americans garden? A recent poll says that 91 percent garden at their principal place of residence. The others do their gardening at vacation homes or on plots tended on a neighbor's property or a community garden.

"Our Best" Recipes

GROUND BEEF CASSEROLE

- 1 Lb. Ground Beef
- 2 Onions
- 3 Medium Sized Potatoes
- 1 Can Cream of Tomato Soup
- 1/4 Cup Water
- Salt and Pepper to taste

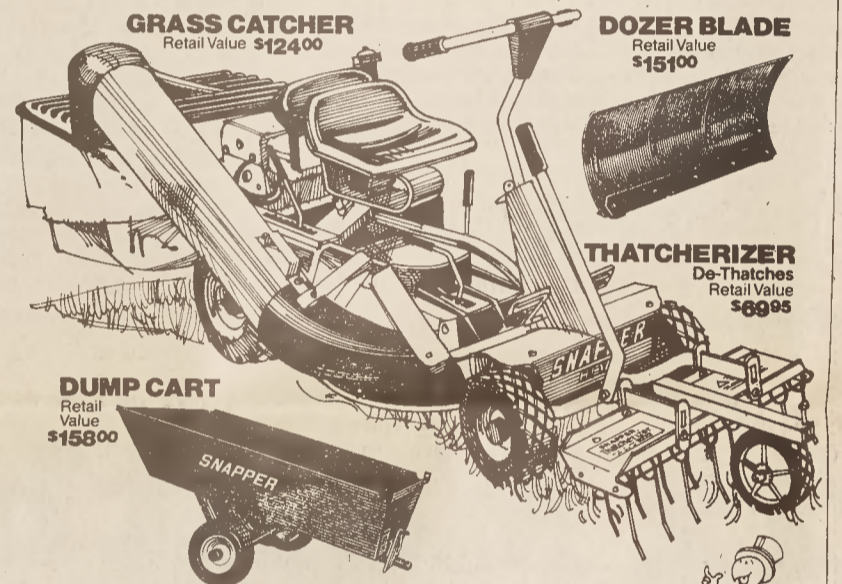
Brown the ground beef and put in a casserole dish. Slice the onions and put over the meat. Slice the potatoes and put over the onions. Mix soup and water and pour over the potatoes. Bake until the potatoes are tender in a 350° oven

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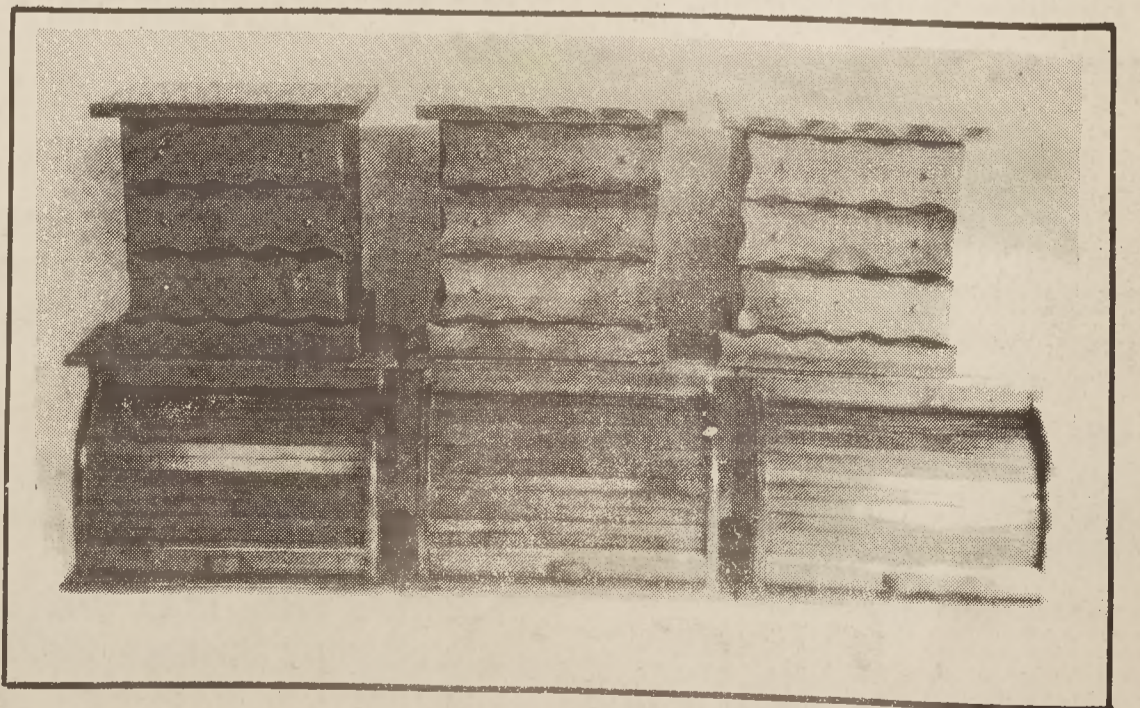
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