

Make Your Plans, Then Go To Work

Remodeling can be more expensive than it need be. And chances are it will be if you don't plan carefully before you begin work.

It costs nothing to plan and re-plan, and only by careful planning will you be able to have just the type of home you want, according to Pauline E. Gordon, State College Extension specialist in housing and house furnishing.

Remodeling or building is too expensive not to warrant detailed planning of what your family wants. And according to Miss Gordon, family planning is important since the kind of home in which you live helps to develop the personality of all persons living within it.

Long-time planning will save you both money and inconvenience. Plan work on your home that can be done over a period of years and then do some work each year as you have the money to pay for it, suggests Miss Gordon. All of your family will enjoy contributing some labor to cut costs further.

If you're planning more storage space, Miss Gordon advises you to consider wall to wall storage. List the articles to be stored in the space allotted, then plan shelf and drawer areas to accommodate them. It's easier to keep house when there's a place to put all the things needed by the family.

According to Miss Gordon, the most convenient height to reach is from the tip of the fingers to the top of the shoulders. Store articles used most often in this area. Those used less frequently can be placed lower or higher.

What's Your Safe Speed On Roads?

Raleigh — "What's your safe speed?"

Major W. B. Lentz, the State Highway Patrol's executive in charge of transportation and communications, addressed the question this week to Tar Heel drivers as he discussed speed control.

"What is a safe speed for one may be suicidal for another," the major continued. "We're all individuals and we don't leave our individuality behind us when we step behind the wheel."

Major Lentz pointed out that there is a wide difference between people in such things as judgment, reaction time, temperament and physical make-up.

All of these things, and many more, determine the speed at which a motorist can drive safely, he said.

"The people with slow reaction, faulty vision or jumpy nerves certainly should drive at a slower pace than that of the individual who habitually makes sound split-second decisions and is blessed with 20/20 vision and iron nerves in the bargain," Major Lentz said.

He made the further point that what may be a safe speed for a person today may be too fast for him tomorrow.

"If you're tired, worried or under par physically, you can't control your car or cope with traffic as efficiently as you can when you are relaxed and in good health, Major Lentz said. So make it a rule to let today's state of mind and body dictate today's speed."

"And don't forget," he added, "that outside conditions, such as weather, road, traffic, and the me-

Don't Fight Over Trees There's Some For All

Don't fight over those trees, men! There's some for everyone in the lumber game — as long as folks are satisfied with some rather than all, says Jim Anderson, State College extension forestry specialist.

Anderson says that there's a squabble going on between sawmillers and pulpwood people. And the only way to resolve the argument is for the two factions to cooperate a little more.

Here's how the argument goes, according to Anderson:

Pulpwood dealer: "Getting so you can't find a two-inch green, living pine in the piney woods no more with them 'blankety' sawmillers outchering everything clean down to the size of half a toothpick."

Sawmiller: "Ain't goin' to be a stick left after them pulp 'pecker-wooders' finish their slaughter. Won't be in business next year if I got to put up with their mess."

The forestry specialist says there's more than a grain of truth on both sides.

As an answer to the problem, he quoted an authority in "Forestry Digest" urging lumbermen to sell small trees to pulpwood people rather than lose money trying to make lumber out of them. On the other hand, the article asked that small trees of promising quality and vigor be grown to sawtimber size for maximum profit.

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Mechanical fitness of your car must also help decide your speed.

ARMY AVIATION



Entirely distinct from the Air Force of the National Military Establishment is the United States Army's aircraft career field. This field chiefly involves light airplanes and helicopters, serving varied purposes. More prestige and status than ever go now to the enlisted specialists maintaining the Army's light fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters. This field offers an interesting career with ample opportunities for advancement. Although designed to meet specialized needs of the United States Army, the jobs in this field are easily convertible to comparable activities in civilian industry.

Some people find it easier to believe a lie than to take the time to prove it isn't true.

This being an election year, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson finds many ready to tell him about birds and bees.

Perhaps not birds, but assuredly bees, because honey, stored in 50 gallon drums, is one of the farm commodities held by the government to the tune of almost \$8 billion. Storage costs alone run around \$800,000 per day.

Indeed, Secretary Benson has large problems. For example, he has G. W. Harder about \$2 billion worth of wheat he would gladly give away to foreign nations, with U. S. paying all transportation costs.

There is also over 8 million bales of government owned surplus cotton. An attempt is now being made to shuck off a million or so bales to foreign nations at a price between 6 and 8 cents per pound under prevailing market.

This does not make foreign cotton producing nations happy. Neither does it gladden American textile manufacturers fighting for life against flood of cheap textile imports made by labor paid as little as 14 cents per hour. They just can't see the justice of subsidizing these foreign competitors at U. S. taxpayers' expense by giving them cheaper cotton.

Actually, price of quality cotton is held to be too low. But market is glutted with short staple cotton . . . less than one inch. This junk cotton is what the government is getting. So U. S. taxpayers are getting the short end of the cotton, too.

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There could perhaps be some justification if billions were helping family sized, independent farms. But figures prove otherwise. For example, in 1954, average loan by government on cotton price support was \$289.

But huge British owned Delta & Pine Land Co. in Mississippi received from government for unsold cotton \$1,292,742.

The Delta and Pine Land incident is just one of many causing embarrassment in Washington.

So Benson proposes setting up plan to change land from surplus crop production acreage to soil building acreage. Thus, wheat and corn land would be taken out of production, planted to trees and grass.

Plan envisions farmer being paid for cost of planting and also reimbursed for an annual return from these diverted acres.

But to avoid any more million dollar plus government payments to huge corporation farms, Secretary Benson proposes to limit payments to any one farmer to \$5000 per year.

This viewpoint is not going to influence people and win friends for Benson in some quarters.

It will be interesting to see what happens to his proposals. Many observers feel Secretary Benson in past three years would have made great strides with farm situation if there had not been so many throwing banana peels in his path.

Unfortunately, when agricultural secretaries retire, they do not write their memoirs.

Because Secretary Benson could undoubtedly write a most engrossing book, even perhaps selecting as a title "Boobytraps I Found Along the Potomac."

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GARDEN TIME By ROBERT SCHMIDT

If you haven't already done so, it is time to sow tomato, pepper and eggplant seed in hotbeds, coldframes or flats in the kitchen window. Although it is much easier to buy plants for the garden, we like to grow our own tomato plants. Then we know what we are getting. The seed sowing date will depend on how soon the weather will permit setting in the field. It usually takes from five to eight weeks to produce tomato plants large enough to set, depending on the temperature of the plant bed. Pepper and eggplant are a little slower in developing. By figuring back from the last probable frost date we can determine when to sow the seeds. By sowing the seed thinly, it may not be necessary to transplant, but usually transplanting to two inches apart about a week after the plants come up will give much stronger and stockier plants. There is no advantage in growing plants to blooming size before setting in the field. The young plants will stand the shock of transplanting better than the older ones.

Where no fusarium is present, good early varieties are Valiant and Queens. Earliana, of course, is an old standby. For the main crop Rutgers and Marglobe are popular. Of the hybrids, Burpee's Big Boy has done very well for us.

If the garden soil is infected with fusarium wilt, it is advisable to use only such varieties as Homestead and Jefferson which are highly resistant to fusarium wilt. These are not early varieties but will survive the wilt.

The best variety of pepper is probably California Wonder. It is a good grower and has heavy meaty fruits.

Eggplant is not a common vegetable in North Carolina gardens but should be grown more. The Florida Highbush and Ft. Myers Market are good varieties. As soon as eggplants are set in the field, the plants should be covered with a "DDT" dust or spray to prevent flea beetles and potato beetles and potato beetles from destroying them.

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