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Fire Hazards Are Reduced By Modernization

New Building Methods Reduce Chances Of Fire Losses, Points Out Experts

The proper modernization of property and sound practices in building contribute toward reducing fire hazards, according to Administrator Stewart McDonald of the Federal Housing Administration.

Fire frequently may be reduced considerably through alterations and repairs to residential and income-producing properties, the administrator said.

The best way to guard against the danger of fire, from a construction standpoint, is by careful application of sound building methods at the outset. Many factors which minimize the chance of loss through fire are taken into consideration in the minimum construction requirements which residential properties must comply with to be eligible for financing with FHA-insured mortgages.

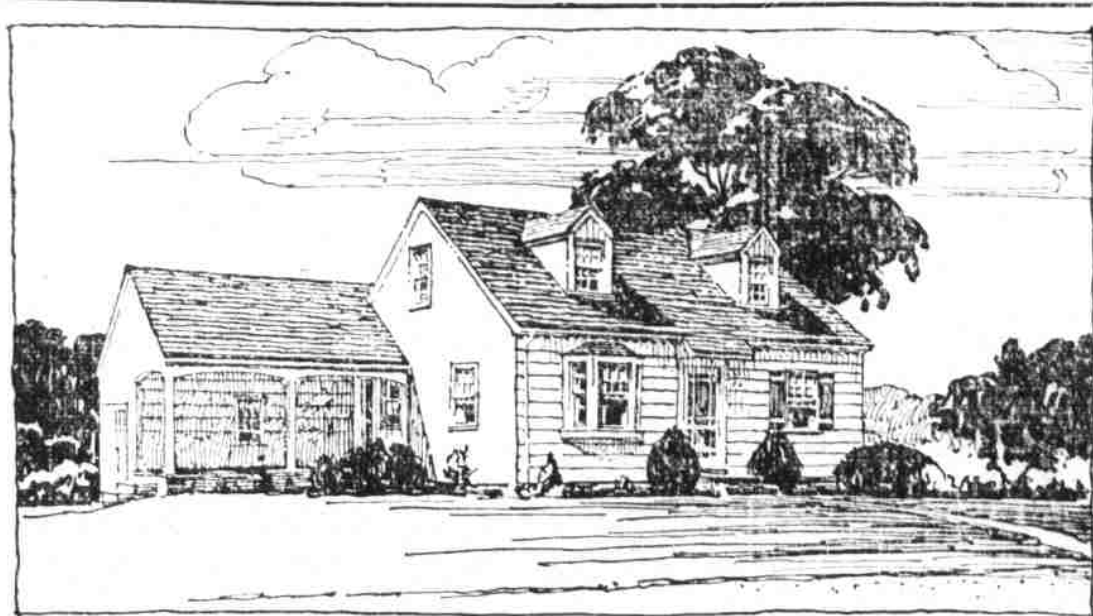
Mr. McDonald pointed out, also, that a soundly built home offers a natural resistance to fire. Proper maintenance of existing structures, through annual improvement where needed, also helps combat the spread of fire.

Home Owners Advised To Check Foundation

Neglect of essential and fundamental repairs in a home finally results in far greater expense than if checked in time.

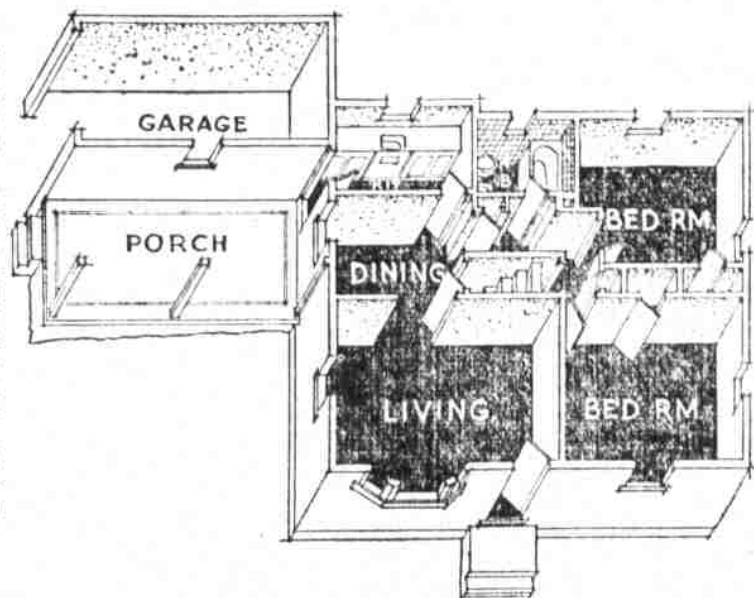
The home itself may not be so solid and sound as it should be. Perhaps doors need reinforcing with new posts and piers. Plaster on the underside, with metal lath or similar base, will save them fire resisting.

Two-Story Home Under \$6,000



The Colonial type house shown above was built in River Edge, N. J., and financed by means of a \$4,600 mortgage loan insured by the Federal Housing Administration.

The dwelling offers a nice example of how a garage may be attached to a house without disturbing the balance of design. The exterior is finished in asbestos shingles. The home has a slate roof. It departs somewhat from the usual by employing a bay window in the living room. Built-in equipment is used in the kitchen. Besides the two downstairs bedrooms, there are two additional sleeping rooms and bath on the second floor.



Small Home Builders Profit By Employing Architects

Many operative builders as well as individuals are of the opinion that in erecting a small, low-priced home they cannot afford the additional cost of a competent architect's service. In many cases there would be no "extra cost," but, on the contrary, an actual saving as well as an increase in the functional efficiency of the home, according to Howard Leland Smith, chief of the Architectural section of the Federal Housing Administration.

Mail-order house plans are not always complete, and they cannot take into consideration problems peculiar to a particular lot, says Mr. Smith. Moreover, specifications are standardized without taking into consideration the condition of local material, prices.

When an architect is employed he takes over the worries that are attendant on building a house. Being familiar with local conditions, he can effect any possible savings. The plans and specifications that he furnishes are made especially for the individual house, and no makeshift changes are necessary.

By merely eliminating unnecessary features and correctly planning the

interior, the architect will frequently manage to save a greater amount of money than his services will call for, and his supervision and inspection of construction will assure the owner of getting what he pays for from the contractor.

Main Hall Closets Serve Many Purposes

The size of the closet will necessarily depend on the individual requirements and the space available. The floor should be of material that can be easily cleaned. A rack for canes and umbrellas may be installed on the back of the closet door. A metal-lined trough with enclosed ends will catch water draining off wet umbrellas and prevent damage to the floor.

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Many Homes In Rural Sections Of Haywood Under Construction

(By Robert M. Clark)

Problems About HOMES

Q. The only type kitchen ventilating fans I have seen are built into the wall. Is there any other kind that can be easily installed?

A. Yes. You may purchase a vent fan that may be inserted in the window itself or in a transom over a door, neither of which is difficult to install.

Q. There is a crack in the hearth of my fireplace. Does this constitute a fire hazard?

A. It may, depending on how deep the crack goes and where it leads. Why not have the crack pointed up with mortar to reduce the possibility of a hazard?

Q. There are streaks in the foundation walls of my house that appear to be crumbling away. Can I correct this, and what is the cause?

A. From your description it sounds as though the concrete had not been correctly mixed. You will have to have these places cut out and filled with good concrete.

Q. The front-door sill has worn so that air and even rain and snow come into the house. What should be done to correct this?

A. Either replace the worn sill with a new one or install a metal saddle under the floor over the present sill and weatherstrip the bottom of the door. At a slight extra cost weatherstripping can be placed all around the door, which will increase the protection.

Q. A house that was recently purchased has old pine flooring. In many of the rooms it has begun to splinter, and there are depressions in front of the doorways. Can the flooring be repaired?

A. If the flooring is made of edge-grain boards, it might prove prac-

Here's one that is a bit late, but holding to the theory that anything is news until it has been published, the "Circulator" wishes to inform you that Jack Davis and Miss Ella Mae Whitehouse, of Crabtree township, slipped quietly away to Greenville, South Carolina, a few weeks back, and were married. The groom, a son of R. C. Davis, is employed at the English Lumber company sawmill. The new Mrs. Davis is a daughter of Mrs. C. M. Whitehouse. Future plans have not been announced.

More new houses. Mrs. Joe Ray, of Crabtree township, has a beautiful stone bungalow almost completed.

While, not so far up in Crabtree, Grover Francis has begun work on a new dwelling. Part of the Francis holdings have been sold recently to Jack Messer, and part to Sam Green. The Green sale involved the part of the farm on which the present dwelling is situated. And, having agreed to give possession on January 1, the new structure must need grow pretty fast.

Crossing back into Iron Duff township, the "Circulator" found another new home in process of construction. Charles Dotson, who works for the Champion Paper and Fibre company, responsible for this one.

Hallowe'en was duly observed in the various county schools. The "Circulator" was privileged to see the gala decorations at Crabtree school. And is willing to defy any professional to try to do a prettier job.

And, before we get too far away from the subject of new houses—L. G. Messer, of the Panther creek region in Fines Creek township has a new one. Already moved in, but some work remains to be done in the interior.

Also, the "Circulator" happened along just as the first steps were being taken toward a new home for Mr. and Mrs. Bryson Hannah in the same section. The two have been living with Mrs. Hannah's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Messer.

tical to scrape and sandpaper it to a level and satisfactory finish. If it is made of flat-grain boards, it most likely will be better to have new flooring laid. Consult a competent carpenter.

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16 From Haywood Enrolled At State

Sixteen of the 2,157 students enrolled at State College, are from Haywood County. Buncombe leads in western counties with 47, while Clay and Graham are the only counties in the state not represented at the school. State College total registration reached a record-breaking high mark this fall as the college swung into a \$1,400,000 building program. A number of students were unable to make arrangements for lodging, but with the construction of four new dormitories now underway, rooming space will be available for approximately 800 additional students next fall.

Of the total registration, 380 students come from states other than North Carolina and 14 come from foreign countries, and 1,763 of the 2,157 students are Tar Heels.

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