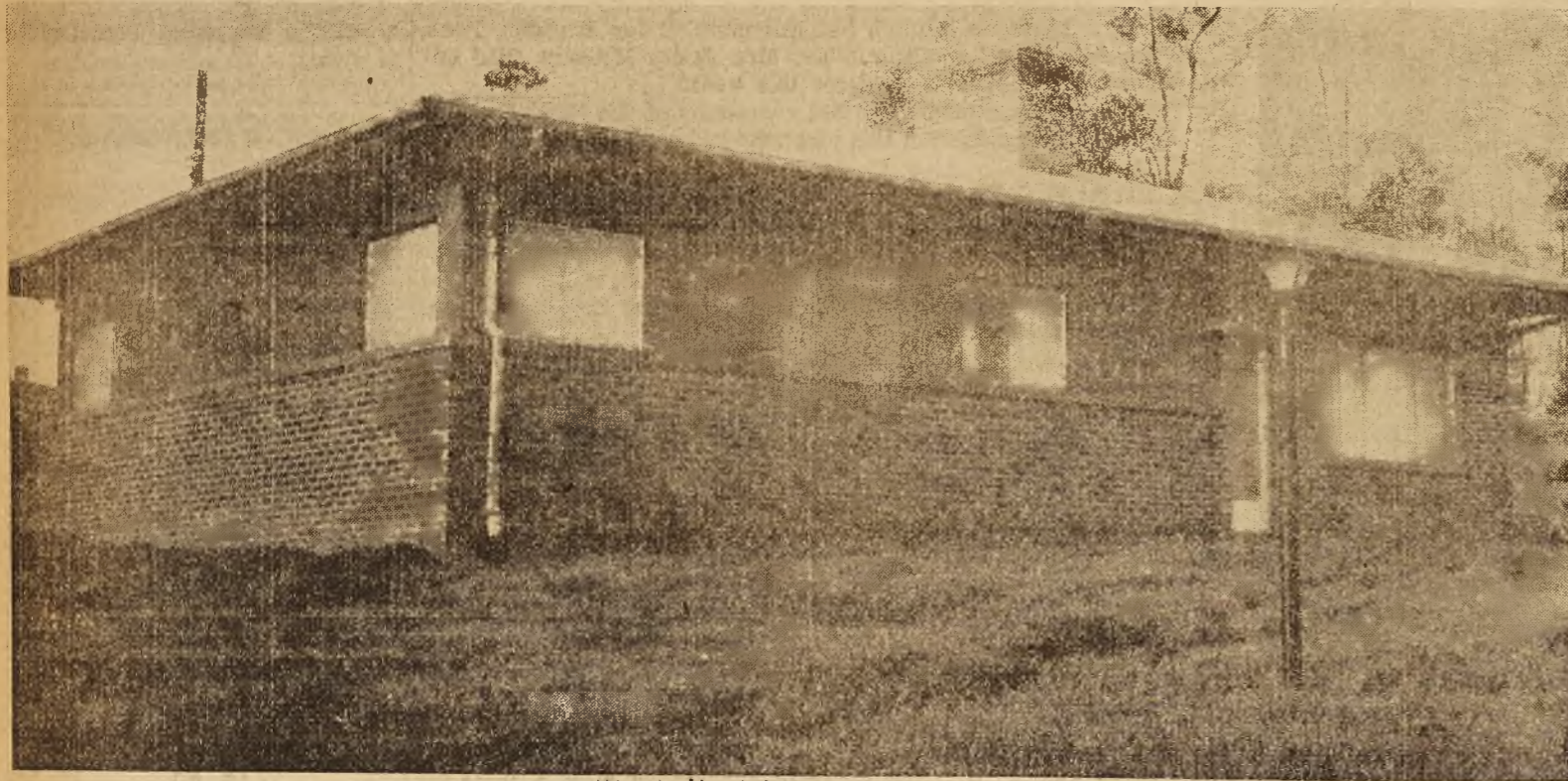
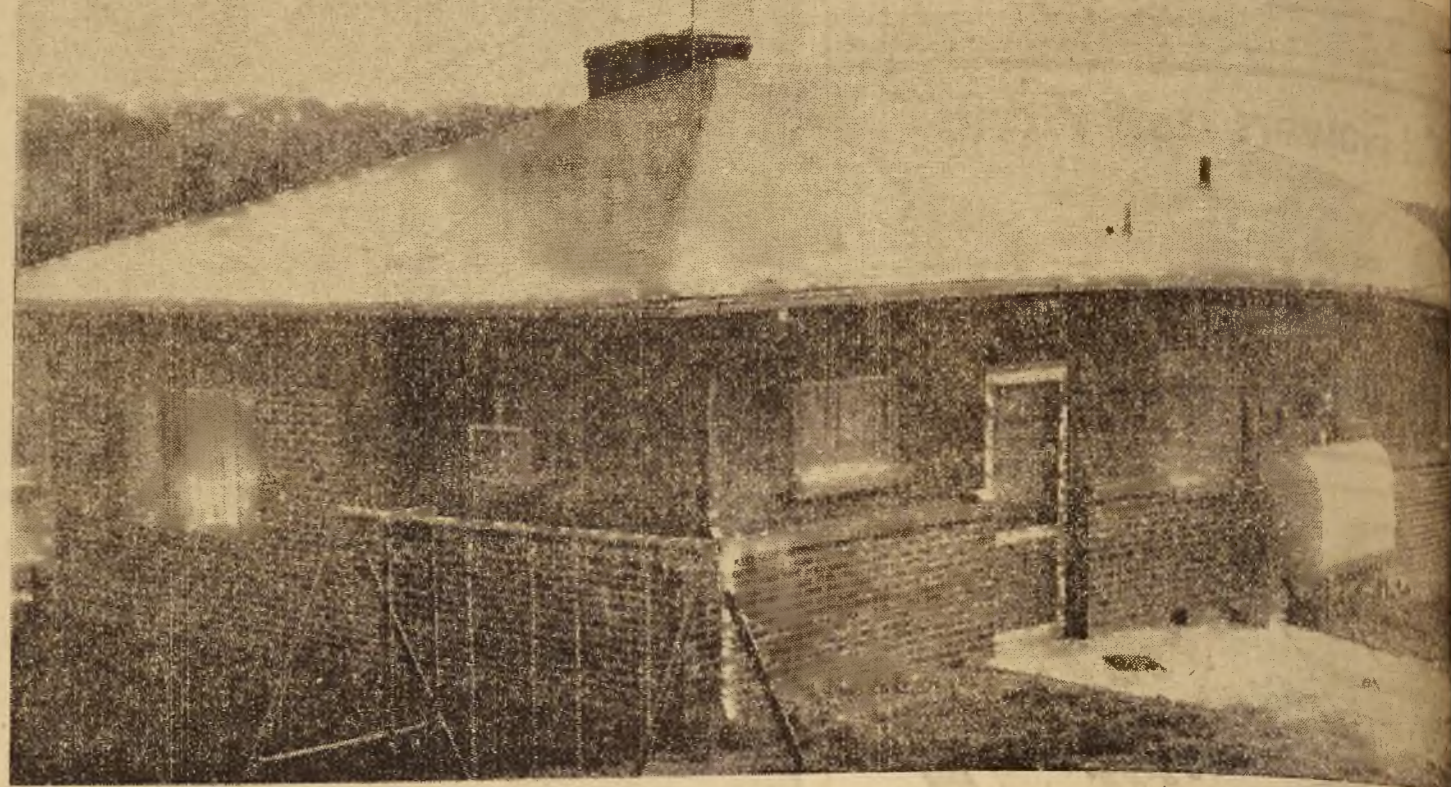


# New And Interesting Ideas For Today's Home Builders



**SPARROW HOME**—Brick veneer at entrance and on remaining walls from grade to window level create contrast and together with the wide eaves of the hip roof give ground-hugging charm to this home, located on a hill top overlooking Airport Road. Duralite blocks were spray-painted inside and out. Air space in blocks is



only insulation other than that afforded by brick veneer. View shows: Lisa's room (extreme left rear), master bedroom, guest room and front entrance. Rear view: living room, den, back porch, kitchen, bath and child's bedroom.

## Lindy Sparrows' Compact Block Home Is Planned For Addition Of Rooms; Space Is Well Utilized

By NANCY WINBORNE

Compact, yet highly livable and convenient, the Airport Road home of Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Sparrow was designed by Herman Greene of Greene and Sparrow to meet the requirements of the average small family and planned so that additional rooms may be added when needed.

In order to retain as much as possible of the 1,200 square feet for actual living area, hall space was kept to a minimum consistent with privacy and adequate circulation. The living room and three bedrooms form an extended "L" around the single hallway, bath and kitchen-den. To utilize the hall space, linen closets and a clothes hamper were built in the wall nearest the bath.

The kitchen-den was originally planned as separate rooms—kitchen and dining room. By eliminating the partition, the Sparrows gained several feet in room area and created a room for family activities; thus, taking the burden of every day family living from the living room. In addition they have one large room that is used constantly instead of two small rooms that otherwise would be used only at meal time.

**Tile Floor—Durable**

The living room has the only hardwood floor in the house which is built on a concrete slab. The other floors are of vinyl tile—a type of flooring that Mrs. Sparrow finds durable and easy to maintain.



**UNUSUAL FIREPLACE WALL**—The living room is highlighted by the "stacked" fireplace wall. Contrast is produced by stacking each course of blocks directly in line with the blocks in the preceding course instead of staggering the blocks in the usual manner. The hearth is gracefully rounded at the corners. Plywood bookcase is built into niche in wall.

The house is constructed of Duralite blocks for two reasons: Because of the "dead air" space in the blocks, no other insulation is necessary; and, because of its interesting texture, the exposed block walls are decorative assets for interior walls. The Sparrows have used the blocks for all of their interior partitions except the one between kitchen and bath where it was necessary to use framing for the plumbing.

Mr. Sparrow, who did some of the construction of the house, found that less paint was required for the block walls (which being porous absorb paint readily) if a spray was used and if enough time was allowed to elapse between sprayings to allow the paint to dry fully. Spraying should be done before interior trim work.

The living room is well lighted by two large windows of a type that is becoming increasingly popular. The central section is fixed plate glass with sections on either side that are removable from the inside for cleaning. The "stacked" fireplace wall provides a center of interest with its unusual hearth and built-in bookcase.



**COMPACT KITCHEN**—Mrs. Sparrow's kitchen in the corner of the kitchen-den is small and conveniently arranged. Tile board is used behind work areas. A fluorescent tube provides good lighting for the work area around the sink. Big window permits Mrs. Sparrow to watch child's play area at back.

**High Windows In Bedrooms**

Since two of the bedrooms front on the street and the other fronts the drive, high windows were used to maintain privacy. High windows serve a dual purpose of allowing more flexibility of furniture arrangement; so that it is not necessary to turn a bed across a window. Double closets with sliding doors in all bedrooms are adequate for the small family's storage requirements.

The kitchen corner is cheerful, attractive and conveniently arranged. The window here overlooks the play area, thus enabling Mrs. Sparrow to go about her duties and supervise three-year-old Lisa's outside activities simultaneously. The soft pine cabinets in the kitchen are most attractive, but Mrs. Sparrow does not recommend them for families with small children because the wood is so easily dented and scarred.

Contrast and horizontal line were added to the exterior walls by using brick veneer from ground to window level on three sides of the house. The wide eaves of the hip roof further serve to tie the house, located on a hill, to its site.



**CHILD'S BEDROOM**—The bedroom of three-year-old Lisa is located next to the driveway. High placement of windows provides privacy and allows flexibility of furniture arrangements. Exposed block walls are painted blue. Vinyl tile floors are red. Double closet with sliding doors has storage space for clothes and toys.

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An "L" shaped addition is planned at the back of the house, but since the addition was an important consideration in the original planning, no problems are foreseen in blending the new section with the older one.

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### Garden Ramblings

—AROUND CHAPEL HILL—

By William J. Brown

Sweet Breath of Spring (Lonicera fragrantissima) flowers at the end of the short winter here. It is impossible for anybody to miss this shrub because it is planted so lavishly throughout Chapel Hill, and anyway everybody is looking for the first "breath of spring." The flowers of the fall blooming Elaeagnus Fruitlandi are not so conspicuous as Sweet Breath of Spring but they are just as sweet.



During late October and early November one will be walking across campus or around the town when suddenly one is arrested by a pungent, spicy odor. It is an incredibly sweet, incredibly spicy odor that is quite distinctive. You may trace the scent to an evergreen shrub with medium size leaves that are grey-green on the upper side and silver underneath. The tiny bell shaped flowers are clustered under the leave leaves.

There are several species of Elaeagnus. E. umbellata, the Russian Olive will thrive in sea wind exposures and I noticed that it was widely planted in Cape Cod gardens, where I worked last summer. However, E. Fruitlandi is the best form and we are fortunate that this plant thrives here.

This shrub is often subjected to formal clipping which it will tolerate. You can see this shrub — successfully clipped — either side of the "Boy with the Horse" at the entrance to Person Hall.

The best way to grow Elaeagnus, to my mind, is to give it complete

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