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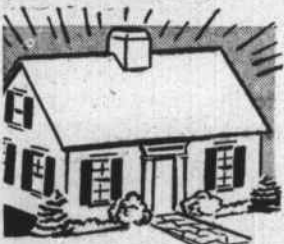


An easy way to prevent dust from collecting on the face of a brick fireplace, is to coat the bricks with liquid wax, which you can find at your hardware store. The wax fills the porous surface in which dust and soot accumulate. And it gives the bricks a slight gloss and smooth finish.

Dress Affair

Butte, Mont. (AP) — When a woman complained a cow was munching her dress — on the clothes line — they could not gallop to the rescue, but they rolled up in the prowl car. Then they roped the critter and led it to the owner's home behind the car.

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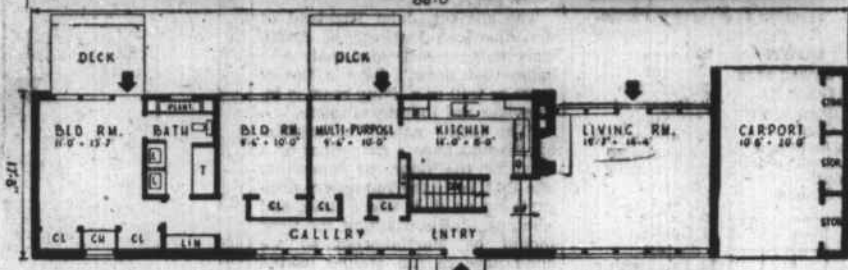
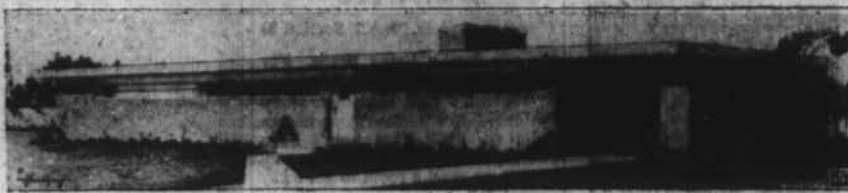
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Homes for Americans



Smartly different, this house which is 88 feet long, offers special advantages for construction on the edge of a high dune, with sweeping views to the rear. Every room can enjoy window walls or picture windows in the rear, while maximum privacy is provided in front with shoulder-high windows. A planting box and double lavatories in the bathroom are among features. The house covers 1,254 square feet, exclusive of carport. This is plan H-348-P by the Homograt Co., 11711 E. Eight Mile Rd., East Detroit, Mich.

Furniture Show Emphasizes Airy Pieces in Color

Chicago (AP)—Today's furniture is colorful, casual and airy. It is ideal for the small home, often can be utilized in several rooms and is equipped with hard-to-hurt surfaces.

Color was stressed at the International Home Furnishings Market held here at the Merchandise Mart and American Furniture Marts. Woods took on new hues.

"The contemporary trend is not so new now," says Edward Wormley, furniture designer. "There's continued interest in free designs, with better quality and a kind of elegance that doesn't shout."

New Wormley creations include a Bristol blue upholstered occasional dining chair with laminated ash frame. A love seat on a mahogany frame is upholstered in aqua textured fabric filled with silver threads. It has a deepened channel where seat and back meet to give it a new look.

Colors in upholstery fabrics have drifted away from bright reds and yellow greens. They are quiet with deep blues and blue-greens. Color refinement also is in woods. Dining room furniture may be finished in charcoal. Bedroom pieces are tinted in light jade green and misty pink colors. Mahogany woods are finished in two-tone effects.

Upholstered, wood and metal pieces are used as room dividers. See FURNITURE, Page 4, Section 2.

Builders Say People Don't Know What They Want

By DAVID G. BAREUTHER

What's the matter with most plans for new houses? Follow people around as they inspect a builder's house and listen to their comments. Talk to others who have lived in similar houses long enough for the first thrill to wear off. You'll find out:

1. The rooms are too small.
2. The plan has no relation to the way the family wants to live.

"I think the public is very confused about what they want in a house and what they like," observed a member of a recent round table conference staged by House and Home, trade publication.

"They know so little about what they want you'd almost imagine they'd been living in trees. One of our biggest jobs is to help them know what to look for."

It may be hard for you to believe that, especially if you can't find a house with a kitchen big enough to prepare a family reunion dinner, or with a living room big enough to seat more than five or six persons.

"Space is the biggest luxury," an eminent architect told that conference. He added that contemporary design—open planning, with partitions reserved mainly for the privacy of sleeping quarters—is the most efficient and economical way to provide space.

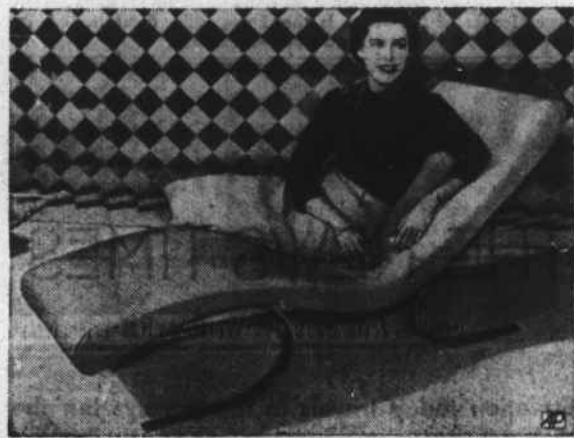
"Women don't realize," a big builder responded, "how much easier and pleasanter it is to get the meals in an open kitchen and how much nicer it is not to be shut

away from the family in a closed kitchen."

Maybe you'll agree, if the builder provides ventilation powerful enough to keep the fumes of boiling turnips from settling on the piano.

"The kitchen has to be opened up and be an intelligent and attractive part of the house," the architect said. "We have not only gotten away from having maids, we've gotten to the point where we've stopped pretending we've got a maid."

Other pleasures culled from the House & Home report of that conference tie in very significantly with problems we all encounter in trying to find a house plan that See BUILDERS, Page 4, Section 2



Emphasis on color is indicated in this modern chaise lounge of foam rubber, steel base, upholstered in yellow.

Lumber Dealers Help Promote Farm Improvement

North Carolina farmers and lumber dealers joined this week in a nationwide contest which offers \$10,000 in cash prizes for farm building improvements.

Designed to encourage farmers to make their operation easier and more profitable, the 1965 Farm Building Improvement Contest offers two grand prizes of \$1,500 each and also two prizes each of \$750, \$500 and \$250. There are 40 \$100 prizes.

Local lumber dealers are co-operating with the sponsors of the contest, the National Lumber Manufacturers Association and Better

Farming magazine, in advising farmers on their building projects. Eligible to compete are such projects as a new farm building, the remodeling of an old one, an addition to a building or the construction of such things as pens, chutes, feeders and other specially-designed devices.

Improvements could be, for instance, easier to build, or more efficient, or more original in planning, or best adapted to the use of new and improved farm practices.

Any project begun after Jan. 1, 1965, and completed before Nov. 1, 1965, is eligible for a prize. The official entry blank can be secured by writing to Better Farming magazine. Entry blanks are free; there is no charge or fee of any kind to enter the contest.

Eight-Year-Old Girl Secretly Raises Cotton

Oklahoma City (AP) — Eight-year-old Ann Dexter decided she wanted her own flower garden this year and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dexter, were happy to let their daughter go down to the store and pick out her own seed.

While helping his daughter clean out her flower bed this week, Dexter noticed some of the blooms on the plants looked peculiar. He checked further and found several cotton plants were growing in the garden.

Ann couldn't explain how she got the cotton seed but she's waiting anxiously now to harvest the crop.

When water freezes, the temperature does not change, but there is a considerable expansion in volume.

Silent Pianos May Be Answer for Neighbors

Morristown, N. J. (AP) — If some would-be Paderewski next door is driving you mad practicing the piano, buy him a silent one.

The no-noise piano is the invention of Benjamin Franklin Miesner, the holder of some 150 patents in the music-electronic field. Miesner believes his silent piano — no strings — can be mass-produced for about \$250. It has 72 small spring steel reeds from which the music is picked up by earphones.

Dog Roundup
Lebanon, Ky. (AP) — Marauding dogs are no problem for Charles J. Jarboe's sheep. Jarboe keeps a pack of dogs trained to round up dogs that attack sheep. When he turns his pack loose, it forces the strangers to go to the barn where Jarboe locks them in a pen.

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Designers Hit Color Keynote

By VIVIAN BROWN
AP Newsfeatures Writer

Good design in home furnishings shouldn't be hard to come by. Some 400 objects were selected for the 1965 showing of good design sponsored by New York's Museum of Modern Art and the Chicago Merchandise Mart.

Nobody looks for bad design. But a homemaker has just so much to spend and if she has no other yardstick for measuring good taste, she must depend on the buyer of her local furniture store to bring it to her. Sometimes this is good. Sometimes bad.

Homemakers who are torn between traditional and modern furnishings, or who try to find a happy combination of the two, will enjoy some of the new furniture fashions selected for the good design show.

One piece by Paul McCobb is sort of a cabinet, chest, closely resembling the dry sink commode of the eighties. George Tanier's polished bench of plywood, teak and beech is another piece that could fit well into a "mixed-up" decor.

Color was emphasized in this show for the first time. There were clear, bright hues, such as Darrell Landrum's chaise lounge of foam rubber on a steel base upholstered in brilliant yellow. Tiny lacquered occasional tables by Helen Pope had colorful tops with brass legs which spread at the floor from one support.

The elegant simplicity of these pieces pleased most of the designers, some of whom have been highly critical of rigid modern.

McCobb pointed out that refinement and scale emphasized the simplicity of the current crop of designs — no unnecessary decoration, natural woods and materials shown in their true form.

The homemaker who needs a guiding hand in furniture selection would do well to seek out furnishings tagged "good design." Not all of these might fit into her decorating scheme but if they do it gives her a head start on good looks in furniture fashions.

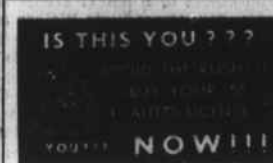
Tool Tips



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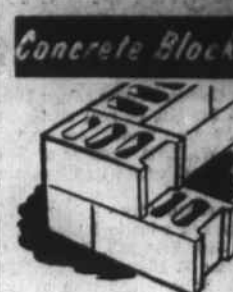
Official Vagrancy

New Milford, Conn. (AP) — Two men were arrested as vagrants after they stole a pen from State Rep. E. A. Ambler's store, stole a can of polish from Second Selectman Clement N. Noble's auto service station and tried to panhandle Police Chief Bruce Nearing.



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