

Design No. 814 1256 Sq. Ft. There is very little waste space in this compact house. Yet traffic flow is exceptionally good. The extra large kitchen has ample table space, is handy to all parts of the

house, also to the basement and extra lavatory. Where services are available, this latter could be located in the basement and the space used for storage or other purposes. Design is for frame construction with stone accent, but instructions for building in brick veneer are included with the blueprints. By omitting the porch on the right hand side, the house could be built on a 50 foot lot.

First Aid For Ailing Homes

BY ROGER C. WHITMAN
PAINTING NEW WALLS
QUESTION: We just moved into our newly built home, before the walls were even painted. We plan to do the finishing ourselves. How long must we wait before painting the plaster?
ANSWER: If you plan to use a rubber base wall paint, two or three weeks is generally sufficient before putting on the paint; no sizing or sealing coat is necessary. If an oil base paint is to be used, it is advisable to allow at least two months for the plaster to dry; with an oil base paint, it is necessary to first apply a coat of primer-sealer.
SEASON FOR ASPHALT TILE?
QUESTION: Our home is built on a concrete slab. I want to put down asphalt tile on the floor of the utility room. Can this be satisfactorily done during the winter?
ANSWER: Asphalt tile can be put down any season of the year. However, it is advisable to have the temperature of the materials and the floor not much below 60 degrees in order to have the mastic cement spread more readily.
WALL CORNERS CRACK
QUESTION: We repeatedly have to repair the corners of our upstairs bedrooms. The plaster cracks badly at this point. Is there any way to reinforce this joint so it won't crack the way it does?
ANSWER: Evidently the corners of the walls were not reinforced when the lath was installed. To correct this, cut away a six-inch-wide strip of plaster from each side of the corner. Then fasten in place a metal lath known as corner lath; available at most building supplies dealers (if your dealer doesn't stock this, have him cut 12-inch-wide strips of metal lath, and bend them at right angles to fit the corners). Then re-plaster the corner. No repair less than this thorough treatment will give a permanent cure.

MILK STAIN ON CONCRETE QUESTION: A leaking milk container left stains on our back landing of concrete. How can the stains be removed?
ANSWER: Scrub the area with a hot solution of washing soda or trisodium phosphate, using about two pounds to the pail of water (keep solution away from painted surfaces as it will soften the paint); then rinse thoroughly with clear water. If, after scrubbing, the concrete remains discolored because of the fat in milk, cover the area with a thick layer of a paste of powdered whiting and a non-flammable liquid spot remover, placing a sheet of thin plastic on top to retard evaporation. When dry, brush off and repeat the treatment if necessary.
FIREPLACE BRICK
QUESTION: I plan to relay the fireplace brick soon. Are any special precautions necessary? — Columbus, Ohio.
ANSWER: Be sure to use only fire brick cement; available masonry supplies dealers; follow directions carefully. The thickness of the joints between the bricks should be narrower than the normal space between regular brickwork. Allow the cement to set for at least 24 hours before building a fire in the fireplace.
ODOR FROM CELLAR DRAIN
QUESTION: We have been living in our new house for about a year. Recently a very unpleasant odor has begun to come from the cellar drain. How can we stop this? — St. Joseph, Mo.
ANSWER: Evidently the trap under the drain is dry and permits sewer gas to come up. A couple of buckets of water poured down the drain, about once a week, should correct this difficulty.
INADEQUATE WELL?
QUESTION: We have been using the well which supplies all our water for about ten years. For the past few months, the supply seems to have diminished and we don't get the water we need at all times. We've

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had the water pipes checked and they are in good condition, not clogged anywhere. What do you recommend? — Binghamton, N. Y.
ANSWER: There may have been a change in the underground water level, affecting the quantity of water the well can supply under present conditions, resulting in what is known as a "weak" well. Frequently, installing a larger tank to store the water remedies the condition because the pump can work to store water during off-peak times and build up a supply to meet requirements. I suggest you consult an experienced plumbing contractor or water systems dealer. Has your neighborhood grown recently? More building means more wells to tap the source.
ENCLOSING OIL BURNER
QUESTION: I plan to finish off our basement shortly to be used as a recreation room. I want to enclose the area around our oil burner so that it is completely separated from the rest of the basement. What type of panelling can I use that would be fireproof?
ANSWER: Check materials with your local fire department and the building department.

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Britain Schedules Revision Of Centuries-Old Currency

LONDON (CP)—Britain will abandon its centuries-old system of pounds, shillings and pence and switch to decimal currency in 1971, the Labor government has announced.
 James Callaghan, chancellor of the exchequer, told the Commons the pound sterling will remain as the country's major monetary unit, but it will be subdivided into 100 smaller units.
 Britain, the last major country to cling to the complex system of 12 pennies to the shilling, 20 shillings to the pound, will begin planning at once for the change to decimal currency in February, 1971, Callaghan said.
 Only Britain and seven other countries now retain a non-decimal basis for their coinage.
ALSO PLAN CHANGES
 New Zealand is due to follow Australia to decimals July 10, 1967. The Bahamas will convert on May 25 this year. Fiji on Jan. 15, 1969, and Zambia probably in 1968.
 It seems almost certain that when Britain switches in 1971, Ireland, Jamaica and Malawi will follow suit.
 Under the new system, to be adopted at a cost of about £120,000,000 (\$360,000,000), the pound will be divided into 100 sub-units which Callaghan said probably will be called cents or "new pennies."

Britain's pounds - shillings-pence currency, dating back to the 12th century, long has baffled foreigners.
 A pound, equal to \$3, today comes only in paper form.

Life Insurance Record Reported

NEW YORK (AP)—The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., the world's largest insurer, reported it sold an all-time high of \$12,180,000,000 of new life insurance in 1965.
 The total easily topped the \$9,430,000,000 sold in 1964 and helped push Metropolitan's assets to a year-end level of \$22,490,000,000, up \$1,090,000,000 over the previous year.
 The life insurance sales boosted net insurance on the company's books by \$8,190,000,000 to \$122,190,000,000.
 The 1965 sales included Metropolitan's \$1,600,000,000 share of the U.S. federal government's \$26,000,000,000 military servicemen's group life insurance program.
 Metropolitan's assets are exceeded only by the \$32,800,000,000 of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co.
 The company insures 47,000,000 Americans and Canadians.
 It paid \$2,430,000,000 in benefits, an industry record.

FLOWERS GREET SPRING
 Druids in England scatter seeds, forsythia blooms and cider on the ground to honor the sun on the Spring Solstice.

Alberta Brothers Establish Refrigerated Container Plant

PENTICTON, B.C. (CP)—A pair of Alberta brothers have established a family industry in this Okanagan centre simply by playing it cool.
 Lou and Herbert Bishop, formerly of Lethbridge, have started manufacturing a refrigerated container they claim could save shippers thousands of dollars a year by preventing perishable produce from spoiling in transit.
 Their Arctic Pak container assures safe shipment of less-than-load quantities of produce, fresh or frozen, at temperatures ranging from 60 above to 40 below zero.

Lou Bishop said the product is aimed directly at the less-than-load market. Up to now transport companies have hesitated to take these smaller shipments because it was uneconomical to ship them by refrigerated van and because shipment by ordinary means meant too high a risk of spoilage.
 Lou Bishop said thousands of dollars are lost annually through in-transit spoilage.
GOT FEDERAL AID
 The Bishops give two reasons for locating their business in the



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Penticton area: first, this is where the produce is; second, they were given help under the federal Area Development Incentives Act.
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 The Bishop brothers are the first to set up a manufacturing concern in Penticton under the act.

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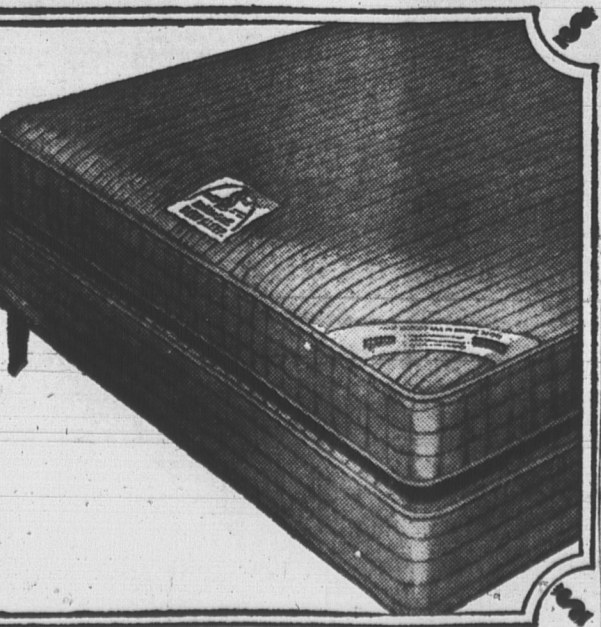
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