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## OUR OWN *Home Life*

It is the purpose of our little magazine to acquaint you with the services of our institution, and to tell you how our friendly officers and staff members can assist you in your investment and home financing programs.

Our two major interests in the community are the economical financing of homes and the safe investment of the savings of the people of our community. HOME LIFE is devoted to the stories of our services, and to stories we hope will interest home owners and savers.

Our magazine is sent to you without charge and we always appreciate your inquiries and comments. Perhaps you have a friend who would find HOME LIFE pleasant reading, and it will be our pleasure to send the little magazine to anyone suggested by our regular readers and friends.

We cordially invite you to come into our office at any time for a friendly chat with us—to learn about our services, to get to know the people who can serve you well. Although HOME LIFE makes a regular friendly call at your home, we will be happy to have you call upon us here and get to know this institution as one of our community's service institutions.

*F. L. Vandenburg, Secretary*

### **NILES FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION**

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# FOR HAPPY HOME OWNERSHIP

**I**T DOESN'T pay to gamble when you are planning the most important investment of your life—the purchase of your own home. It doesn't pay to enter into any bargain for the payment of that home unless it fits your financial plan and has all odds for it from every angle.

You can't sign a financing plan blindly, and expect to make the home your permanent residence if the plan isn't exactly what your family needs to make home ownership, with a clear title, possible as well as probable. You have to examine this major step carefully.

You can't expect to finance a home if the payments you make on it are more than a sensible proportion of your income and for which some other essential need will be neglected. Planned home financing will make home ownership a pleasure, not a burden.

In finding the answer to the questions every prospective home owner must ask himself, we can offer help and assistance based upon the experience of dealing with home owners in this community for a long period. We know what barriers the prospective home owner must hurdle to insure himself and his family that they will have a happy, livable home, a clear title, and complete freedom within a number of years. These problems have been our particular study and we are able to offer suggestions based upon conditions in this community.

Houses, like people, have personalities. Not every house will be a happy place for your family. As a prospective home owner, you have to be aware of the desires and needs of the family who will live their lives in the home you buy, and enter into the purchase with your eyes open to the fulfillment of those needs.

When you have reached that place in the family budget where home ownership with additional financing seems logical, we are ready to help you plan your home ownership program. We want your family to know the happiness and pleasure of growing up within the walls of your own home. Our plan of financing can be adjusted to your income and ability to pay regularly. Come in and talk over this most important investment. We are ready to serve you.

## **Over the Threshold**

First duty of the bridegroom, according to tradition, is to lift the bride across the threshold of her new home lest she trip and bring ill fortune upon the lives of the newly wedded couple. First duty of the bridegroom, by modern reasoning, is to provide the proper threshold—the threshold of a new, convenient home that she can call her own—a place in which she'll take pride and where housework will be a pleasure instead of a drudgery.

The 1941 groom *can* provide his bride with her own home—one to which he will be proud to take her

—on our pay-from-income plan.

This institution is happy to assist in the financing of the homes of these beginners as well as of the families longer established in our community. The same liberal plan of investing a reasonable down payment in the home they select gives the home buyers the privilege and pleasure of *their own home* while they pay from income in regular monthly amounts.

It's easy for the bride of 1941 to find the happiness and security she deserves when she begins her homemaking in the residence in which she will have a permanent interest.

# TO HELP YOU BUILD A BETTER HOME



Ewing Galloway



B. A. M. photo

**T**HIS friendly institution is not a building company, nor does it claim to be made up of construction technicians. But because we are the sponsors of home ownership, and because our office is the home of sound financing for the house you build or buy, we are interested in better homes for our community—better homes for the families who finance their homes here.

Our own home magazine is devoted as you know to the presentation of ideas other home owners have found to be practical, the picturing of homes which are attractive and economical, the presentation of a new small home each issue, designed for our magazine, and the suggesting of a financing plan which will make your home ownership easy and workable for your family.

What can this institution do to help you own the right home for your family?

As a local home financing institution, we can give you the benefit of our experience here in our community, in real estate values, local regulations, local business trends, in the

requirements of local construction—all for your protection.

Our friendly officers will work out a financing plan for you that permits you to spend enough money to build a good home—soundly constructed, carefully designed, large enough for your needs. This institution knows by experience that a good home is a good loan risk, and our loan program is set up to provide for building or purchasing of a good home, which can be paid for over a period of years, without a large outlay of money at any one time.

The people with whom you deal here at our office are men and women who are eager to aid you in your program for home ownership. You may expect fast service when your loan is arranged. We know all about costly delays while new home builders or buyers are waiting for their funds and we help you avoid such situations by acting promptly on every loan application.

Of course we can't tell you what materials you will want or need in your home, but we would not advise the use of cheap or poor materials.

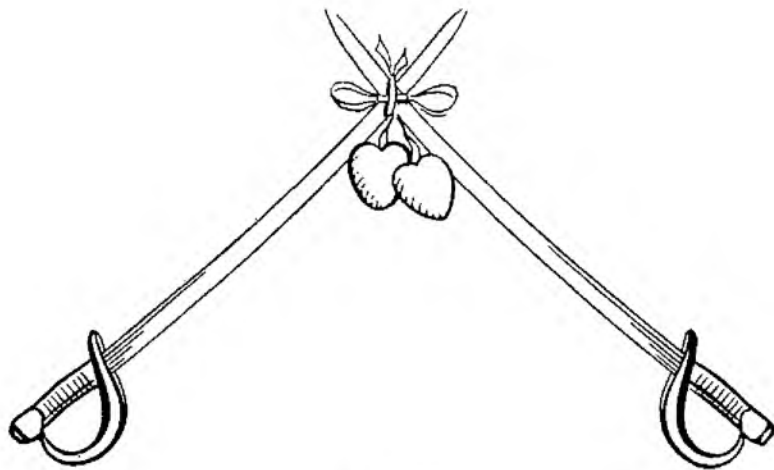
Your home has to meet certain good construction standards before it can be financed here; in fact, the quality we set up for our standard is protection for every home owner.

No, we aren't builders. We are the institution to which you turn for a long term impartial advice and home financing service. We start at the stage where you are dreaming of the home you want—and are working with you in every step of your plans until you make the last payment.

You may feel free to discuss your preliminary planning with our home financing experts—and as your home ownership program proceeds, you'll find our officers willing to advise you on all the points that produce questions in your mind. Your payment program is arranged to be practical for your financial circumstances as far as it is possible to predict but should you desire to pay off your loan earlier than you originally planned, or should you need to extend the payment program a little longer, all adjustments can be made conveniently because your loan is handled by local people at all times.

It is our desire to help you build the best home you can afford for your family, to help you finance it on a practical basis, to see that you enjoy it as you pay for it. Let our friendly home loan officers help you with your plans.

Come in and talk it over—without obligation—and see how well this savings and home financing institution can serve you.



AN  
*Army Bride*  
TALKS!

YES, Don's one of the thousands of young men just a year out of college and now a junior officer in the "Service." It's all still so exciting and our military wedding was thrilling, even though it wasn't quite the well planned one we had talked about during his last year in engineering school. The Army called him from his engineering job last July right in the middle of my vacation from the office. And his first leave from camp, hundreds of miles away, wasn't until Christmas.

Some of our friends said, "Too bad. Guess Jane will just have to keep on her job 'til Don is through with the army and the emergency is over."

But they weren't so surprised when we telephoned them to come over to my house after our wedding and meet some of the junior officers from Don's post who had come during Christmas and who added exciting military background to the ceremony.

I just had a few days before they all came to buy the rest of my silver and our coral and wine colored pottery. We gathered enough linen and small household furnishings to be all set for the only apartment Don could find near the post. So many men have

been called to the service that our town near the post is just cram full and rents are so high that many of the young couples are buying trailers for their "national emergency temporary homes."

'Course it's no snap for any of us new brides to be really good household treasurers. But most of the junior officers and the thousands of young men going into army and navy service are actually being paid a little more than on their first jobs out of college. Don is a second lieutenant like the other fellows just out of engineering colleges that had R.O.T.C. training. He's getting \$1500 a year plus \$40 a month allowance for rent and \$18 for food. If the post weren't already filled, we would live there instead of in town, then we wouldn't have the \$40 a month rent allowance.

We do quite a lot of simple entertaining—hamburger fries on Saturday evening, bridge an evening or two a month for the other junior officers and their wives. So the \$18 a month food allowance covers exactly half of our food bill. That leaves our \$125 a month salary to cover expenses other than housing, food and entertaining. Well, there was the huge bill of \$400

for Don's uniforms to begin with, but he had most of that paid before our Christmas wedding. Took it out of his savings from his job. He says if he hadn't been talked into his systematic savings plan starting with his first job during college, we never could have considered that wonderful Christmas wedding and this exciting but a bit hectic life now.

It really is exciting now, living here today and maybe getting "orders" tomorrow to go to any new camp from Florida to Oregon. But no one wants it to last very long. Just like the rest of the young couples, we want our own home and garden and a family to play in the garden. *And we've found out how to get our home.*

Each month we are investing in our future home by saving the amount that rent would take back home if Don were working in industry. This rent allowance goes each pay day to the savings and home loan institution downtown.

Every night Don and I have to ourselves, we have the greatest fun paging through home building, architectural, decoration, and design magazines and catalogs. I've been clipping the pictures that show what we want to include in our home after the "national emergency" is over and we are free from this temporary kind of living in the service. We are making our scrapbook of our-own-home-to-be with all the pictures we like. I have made some lovely pictures of houses that have features we particularly like.

Our book includes pictures from a Southwestern magazine showing an adobe fireplace, a yellow and white bedroom from a modern book of building in southern France, and a whole collection of window and door designs. This little home project keeps our apartment fairly littered with home magazines and furniture catalogs. But the fun is worth lots more than we save staying home from the movies and some of the other salary-eating forms of entertainment here near the camp.

Our savings are not for some vague emergency that might arise sometime. We're buying a tangible future from each salary check. At first when we thought about a helter skelter life in apartments here and there while Don served in active duty, saving seemed out of the question. But on the train coming here after the wed-



*Ewing Gallozay*

ding we started figuring. It was Don's \$2 a week account he started during school days that allowed him the \$4.00 uniform bill. And back home I had saved \$5 a week from my salary. We both happened to use the same savings and home financing institution because individually we had found out how friendly the officers were there and how they really planned weekly savings plans for people on small salaries.

So after a little figuring we made a loose budget outline and decided we could put away at least 20% of our \$125 a month for our house fund. That is the amount we would normally take from an income for rent, but since the army is allowing us rent in addition to the 2nd Lieutenant's salary, that \$25 is going each month into the savings and home loan institution here in town.

And you can imagine how thrilling it is now to work on this picture scrapbook for our own home. We're gathering the nicest ideas to be found. They will be ready for an architect to incorporate into the house. I'm

never bored with inactivity in our little apartment here at the edge of town near the army post, because there's that fascinating scrapbook to work on and take pictures for, on my long walks.

And best of all is the fact that this is no hazy dream. Our home will be no financial problem when we build, after Don is out of the army. The savings and home loan institution where we save has worked out our financing schedule so we will have the down payment on our house and enough to furnish it completely as soon as it's built. So really this "emergency" is proving a wonderful time to make careful plans for the future and save each week so these plans will come true. And each time we add our 20% from the salary that would go for rent in civilian life, we know this \$25 will increase itself in the savings fund and when we use the fund for a down payment on our home we'll have more money than we put in because of the liberal earnings.

*Acme Photo*



## THE GENTLEMAN

HAS HIS OWN



IDEA!

*Gentlemen:*

I've given a lot of thought to an idea you've talked about in your magazine rather often and now I'd like to say something.

You say "Save regularly for your Family's Future." Now I'm a father of two—a boy and a girl—and I'm just as concerned about the way these kids are going to grow up as any father.

But about saving regularly for their educations and my own future—well, I don't know. I for one don't earn

my income regularly and I don't intend to put aside so many dollars a month to buy college diplomas for my kids and I'll tell you why.

My wife and I look on our family as a unit. Individually not any one of us is any more important than the others. I'm not making what I'd like to make—like a lot of family men I suppose—and we just don't have a lot of things we'd like to have.

I think my wife is pretty clever when it comes to making money go far, and she spreads it out over the

things she feels we have to have and I think we all get our share.

But what I'm getting at is this. My earnings make our scale of living and we *all* have to live on that scale. In ten years if it's twice as luxurious as it is now—well, I'll probably be saving twice as much and we'll be living twice as well.

I *save*—now don't get me wrong! I save as much as my wife thinks we can after we've paid the bills and the essentials. That savings fund has grown pretty fast too, as you know

because my name is on your books.

But here's the thing. In eight years Jack will be ready for college if he wants to go. I'm not sure he will because he's pretty young to have his talents defined. But four years after that Jane will be old enough. In a space of eight years I'll have one in school every year. That's a long time—and those eight years will cost a lot.

There should be money enough in our savings to start Jack off without denying the rest of the family the essentials of good, healthy, enjoyable living, or jeopardizing our reserves so that we couldn't meet emergencies that are bound to arise in a family of four, and as I plan it now, he'll go to school on my money. The same goes for my little girl—but I can't promise either myself or my kids that everything will work out that way. They might have their way with the month by month help I might be able to give them, although I think saving something—regardless of the amount—is pretty good insurance.

Now when I talk about "necessi-

ties" I mean something that is necessary or valuable to the family unit—in our joint opinion and I don't mean anything foolish—like a pleasure jaunt for myself—a better, bigger car than we need—or a yacht.

Understand, please, I'm not just trying to be annoying. We're sensible people—and as I said both saving and economical—but I don't quite see the salting away of a set amount of money when that money might be needed for a number of "necessities" and I'm the kind who'd feel guilty if I had a few hundred dollars earmarked for the children and then took it for some other purpose.

Maybe we both have the same idea—and maybe I'm saying I like my idea better when you have as good a point as I do—but I thought there might be quite a number of us family men who'd thought it out along lines a little different than you set forth. You'll see how my idea works because I have my savings with you!

Sincerely,  
J.A.S.





# Let Yourself Go



**H**AVE you the feeling that you can't be your own decorator and do a good job of making your home attractive both to you and to your guests? Are you inhibited because you can't quite visualize how everything will look, when your room is completed? An internationally known New York designer, Paul MacAlister, saw the need of a home decorating media, simple in its function, but which could produce clearly defined results. He developed the "Plan-a-Room" kit, a plaything for grown-ups who want a complete bird's eye view of color schemes and furniture arrangements. There are seventy-six pieces, symbols of furni-

ture, made to scale, and a room plan board on which you can mark off actual room measurements.

It's fun—it's educational—it's sensible because it puts you "in the know" about what you can do with a given space, what colors and decorative schemes you can use, and best of all—it solves your arranging problem without moving a single life size piece of furniture.

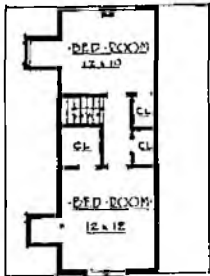
Start by squaring off your room to size, insert the cardboard walls on three sides, and hang up the windows. Put in the doors, choose one of the carpet colors and cut to fit your floor space. Now push your furniture—the symbols we mean, into position—where you would like the various pieces. You can paint the walls, use samples of materials for drapes, use tempera paints for the furniture or drape the pieces with sample upholstery. You can see where to tone down colors, where a little more color or a deeper tone would add life to

the room and you'll have your new room completely planned and arranged before your eyes.

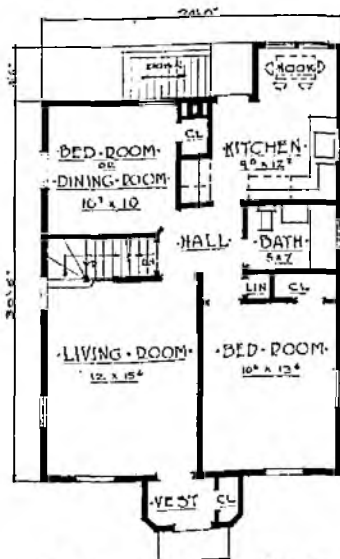
Now don't be discouraged if you aren't buying all new furniture. Set up your present rooms on the planning board and see how they would work out in different arrangements or with different color schemes. Add a mirror from your handbag to your miniature room before you rush out to buy one for your living room or bedroom.

Incidentally the symbols are made to scale, and are not modern interpretations of furniture designs. They have been designed to apply to any period—Early American, Eighteenth Century, or modern as you choose.

Here is your chance to play at this game of interior decoration without spending money foolishly, without making costly mistakes in basic decoration and color, and with workable results. Try it—it's fun for the family—fun for you. Be ingenious, and be sure with every room!



• FUTURE •  
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• WHEN NO BASEMENT IS USED •

## Is a Four Room House PRACTICAL?

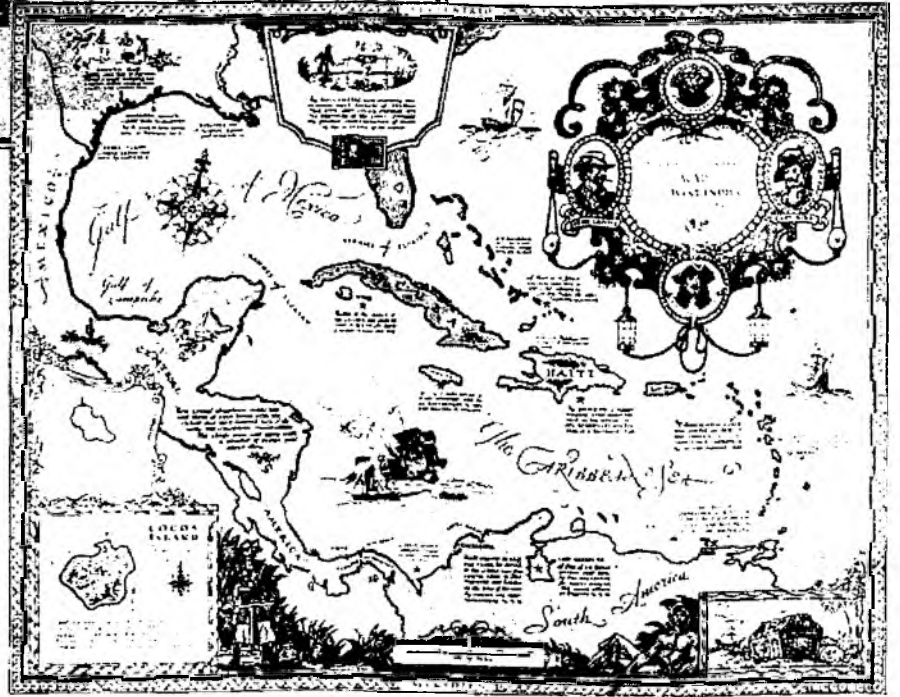
YES, dear reader, it is—if the rooms are laid out to the best possible advantage, and if every inch of space is wisely used. To prove the point we are using this four room home for our regular new small home design. Later, if more space is needed two bedrooms can be added on the second floor.

Because the needs of no two families are the same, we have designated the four rooms as living room, two bedrooms, and kitchen, or living room, bedroom, dining room and kitchen. A large dining nook was planned so that the house would have two bedrooms on one floor as a four room, or one bedroom and a dining room when the second floor is finished. This is an economical house as far as

plumbing is concerned as the bath and kitchen are built side by side.

Good wall space is to be found in the living room despite three big windows and the same wall offers excellent possibilities for furniture arrangement in the master bedroom.

Plans for this home which can be expanded to six rooms are available to our readers. This is the type of low cost home which many small families find meets both their immediate and future housing needs. The financing of your home on the budget payment plan, with a reasonable down payment can be arranged here, and when the need for more room presents itself, the development of the two upstairs rooms can be financed on a similar basis.

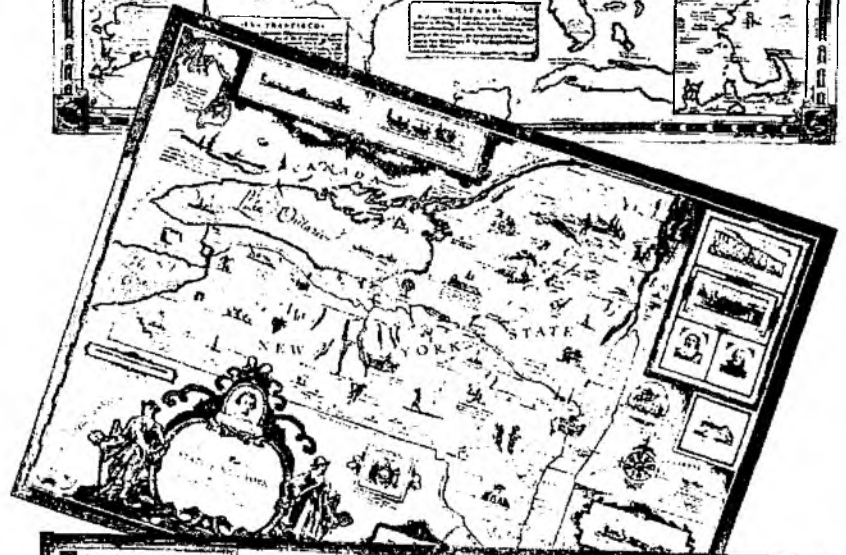


# PICTURE MAPS ARE GOOD



WHY picture maps have risen to new heights of popularity among home decorators, both professional and amateur, in the last year or two is difficult to explain in a world where maps are changing, but for our purpose all we really need to know is that they have. Period rooms are making use of picture maps of the times depicted in the choice of furniture, and modern rooms use great sweeping areas of colorful maps with equally good results.

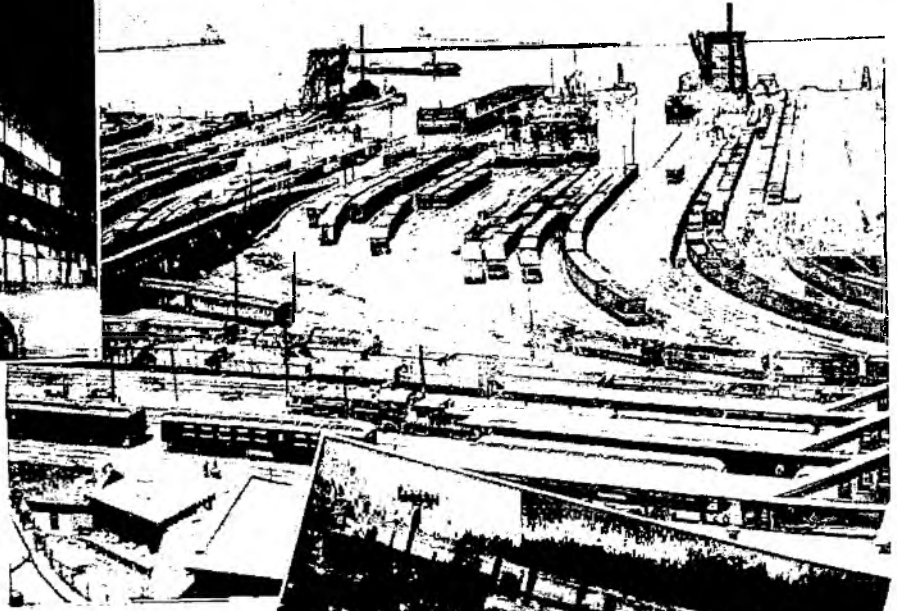
They are interesting to young and old, and quite unlike a still life or a single figure painting, they invite infinite study to pick out and enjoy everything on them. Decorative maps are usually prepared and designed by an artist who obtains his most



reliable information from books and even actual visits to the spots he depicts. The idea behind the production of a really interesting decorative or historical map is always definite and worthy of graphic portrayal. The information picture maps impart is concise, colorful and far more intriguing than the same facts gleaned from the printed page.

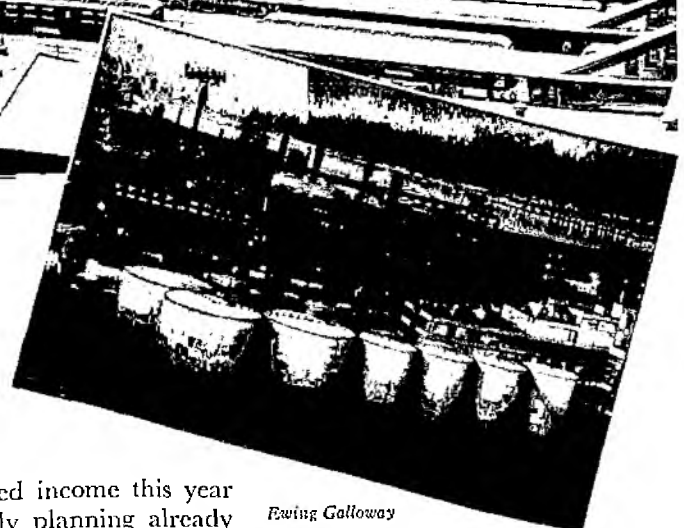
Ideal decorations for the game room, the nursery or the children's bedroom, the large brightly colored maps available today are fascinating inspirations for conversation and at the same time, sources of information. The more ingenious people are papering entire walls with one or more maps, using them as over-the-mantel murals and as applied decoration on waste baskets, lampshades, screens and even desk tops.

Here are a few of the ones you'll be seeing in the newer homes of your friends in the next few months. May we suggest a trip to your bookstore or stationers for a thoughtful perusal of some of the maps that are available. Think of uses you might make of the pictorial maps for your own new house!



# The Nation

## WORKS AHEAD



Ewing Galloway

THESE are pictures of America at work, at work as she has not been for more than a decade, at work as she had hoped so long to be. Factory windows where spiders made their pretty homes are scrubbed and bright and alight again. Chimneys where birds had nested cozily for years are sending out hot smoke. There is the chugging of steam trains, the roar of engines, the thud of heavy freights bumping each other in the yards.

And America at work means America has money in her pocket again. The men who open pay envelopes on kitchen tables and divide the earnings for family needs are pouring out more dollars, week after week. The men who worked only a day or two a week, go off every day to their jobs. Industry is turning her great wheels and we are at work again.

What is happening in your family? Is there more money than there was last year? More money than there was five years ago? If yours is like the thousands of other families which

have an increased income this year you are probably planning already for its use for many things you have wanted to buy and own.

With more money there is bound to be more spending but there is also more saving. An amazing volume of funds is flowing into the savings and home loan institutions throughout the country and that volume is indicative of the will to provide for future needs on the part of thousands of American families.

You will find that this institution offers you what you want for your permanent savings program. There is *safety* for your funds, *profit* for your savings, and convenience in investing and in securing the funds when you need them. If you would like to start now to invest a regular amount out of your increased earnings, you will want to learn about our savings programs. Here *it pays to be regular* in your savings, but at the same time we offer other plans which are profitable even though you are not in a position to save regularly. One plan provides for the investment of any

amount you choose at any time. Another plan provides for a lump sum investment in units of \$100 which is the most convenient way for investing large sums.

Perhaps you would like to talk over your family budgeting and savings needs with the friendly savings officers of this institution. We invite you to come in to chat with us. Let us help you in planning and carrying out a savings program for your family. Certainly intelligent planning now will aid you in meeting future changes in your earning power and now is the time to start a substantial reserve.

As the nation works ahead, there may be endless opportunities for you to invest your accumulated savings in a new business, in a new home, in your own future, and a savings reserve is going to be the answer to dozens of needs. Don't delay. Start this week to build your savings to the point where you'll know you're financially secure.

**TOTS ARE**  
*Tailored*



*Her evening clothes are as important today as they'll be in a dozen years. She admires herself in her star-splashed cotton dainties, which are tailored just enough to make her feel like big sister, and frilly enough to satisfy her doting mother. The pajamas are batiste, right for summer.*



*He's the dandy of the nursery in his soft summer jersey suit, in a pastel shade that compliments his rosy cheeks. The waistcoat for the very young man is an asset because it saves worry about an extra sweater, and the saucy cap made to match his suit will be the delight of his boyish heart.*

*Merchandise Mart*

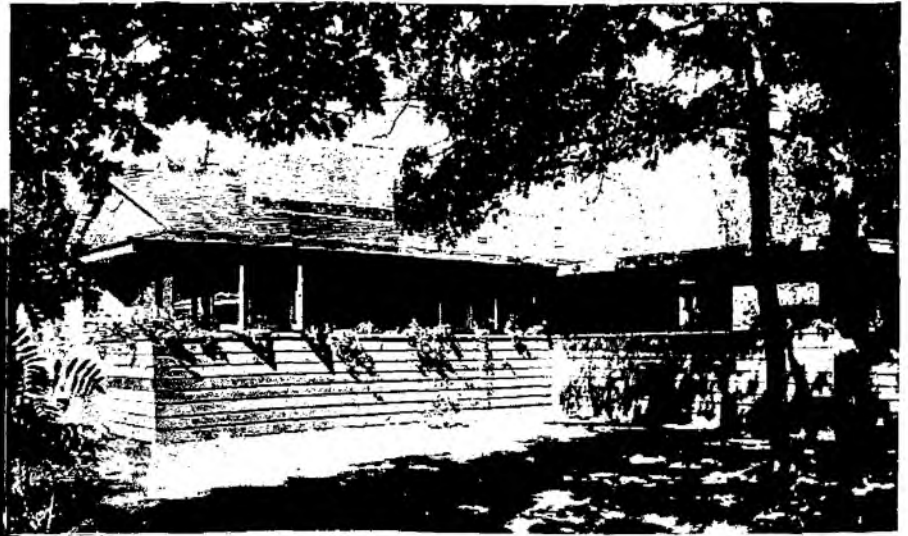


*Sister is in high favor this season with red, white and blue stripes. Her blazer, socks, shirt and beanie all match! Her new knit cotton suit will be cool enough for every day but the real scorchers, and she'll be neat and smart all summer long because the suit really holds its pert shape.*



*The occasion calls for smart tailoring, and the smallest mite from the nursery is there in crisp, dark, cool linen with a man-of-the-world air. His suit is practical, non-crushable, washable, and has that grown-up look that makes the ladies gasp helplessly at his innocent charm.*

## Complex Conditions



## Call for Expert Knowledge

**N**O ONE has ever listed all the different kinds of fancy that have led people to build homes. Any such list might well beggar the most fertile inventions of novelists. In a free country all of these fancies are legitimate.

Quite naturally, when anyone thinks of a home, those personal needs, habits, idiosyncrasies, are high in his mind. That is where *he* comes in. And by some quirk, people seem to fasten on their special fancies—whether it be a breakfast nook or pretty shutters or a screened sleeping porch—with such intensity that they sometimes fail to conceive the picture of a sound and livable house.

On the other hand, there is an extremely intricate set of circumstances into which any house built today must either fit or else come to grief. That is where the architect comes in.

Cartoonists have made sport of the enterprising architect's probings. The architect's dilemma is not so funny,

however, when some pet object, dreamed of for years, threatens to upset the soundness of the whole scheme. It may be a fireplace requiring a whole separate chimney. It may be a sun-porch on a lot where there is neither privacy nor sun. Such small discrepancies seldom bother those unprofessional advisers who are so ready to supplant the architect. Yet the architect can visualize today how the client will feel about it day after tomorrow!

So the architect is justified in asking some of those impertinent questions about the client's family. He is trying to uncover the basic desire underneath those gadgets which homeseekers so love. He may be able to supply the real need in some other way, a sound way, which the client had not thought about for no other reason than the fact that he, the client, was not an architect himself!

### The surroundings affect the house

It is an oddity of home-seekers to pay the architect good money and then give him only half a chance. Some of the finest opportunities to provide soul-satisfying homes for clients are cut off from the architect before he ever begins. That is because he is so often not consulted at all about the purchase of the lot. Any house is tied irrevocably to some piece of land, and can never be any better than the land allows.

Clients would never cut off their own chances in such fashion if they understood how the architect helps. The client is in a position to know very well what school he would like to have his children attend, how far he is ready to travel to his place of work, where his wife wants to shop. What he cannot know is what lot will permit the best placement of his garage, the best chances for privacy in his garden, the fullest use of the sun, the shelter of a tree, or all the little things that make the difference between existing and living. He does not know because his experience is limited. He can imagine houses similar to half a dozen belonging to his friends. But in the hands of a skilled architect the possibilities of variation are never exhausted.

There are some other forces outside the house besides land that have a decisive effect on it. Some of the most obvious are the ones about which we all know the least. For example, there is scarcely a home-seeker anywhere who doesn't know what he wants of the sun. He has not been spared hearing about it, either. Every housing exhibit praises "sun light and open spaces." And yet there are many effects of the sun on a house about which home-seekers in general know next to nothing, and for good reason, since the architects themselves have only just found out.

This might seem incredible, since



human habitations during thousands of years have stood in the sun. And yet a large part of the builder's concern was always to protect the house against it. During the past decade the idea that a house, like a plant, might respond positively to the sun, struck like a revelation. Surprising discoveries are made every day about the effects of simple sunlight. Only one home-owner in a million might be expected to know that "a wall facing due north receives more hours of sunshine than a wall facing any of the other seven directions at a latitude 30 degrees north." And yet it is of utmost importance to him that in



the light of such studies architects have completely reconsidered what was once the cut-and-dried subject of "orientation."

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These are technical matters. It is quite as important for architects to watch them with care, and avoid being misled, as it is to know about them. But ignorant advisers cannot begin to serve home-seekers on these things as qualified architects do.

### There are new ways of gaining space

When it comes to planning the inside of the house, every family has some special desires and requirements of its own. And yet it may safely be said that in one respect nearly all are alike. All would like to have the greatest effect of spaciousness for the same money—especially if the house is small.

Untrained builders and amateur advisers are likely to skimp construction or equipment to get the money for more space. The architect's approach is more careful, deliberate, and ingenious. He makes use of the greater informality of present-day living, the absence of servants, and the introduction of new devices such as movable partitions, to eliminate unnecessary subdivisions.

An accepted simplification of the inside of a house is the combined living and dining space, or sometimes the "breakfast bar" accessible to both dining room and kitchen, or even the use of the kitchen itself, on new terms, as part of the living space.

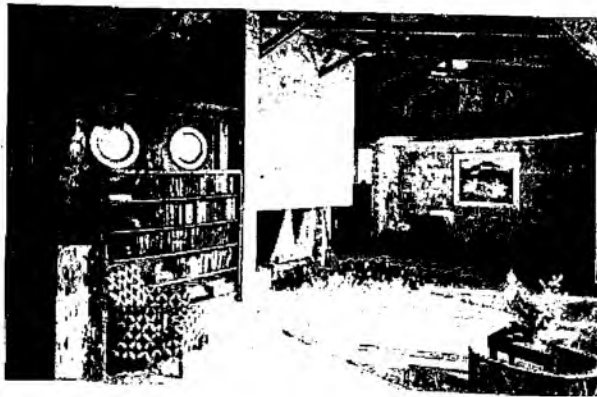
Going still farther, many families are ready, for the sake of really expansive, spacious interiors, to let their houses be resolved into just two major divisions: the place for living and recreation (with kitchen and garage attached) and the place for rest and sleep (serviced, of course, by bathrooms). An architect who is ready to think of the inside of a house as something other than a series of boxes may even arrange matters so that the two main areas can be thrown together, when this is desired—for large parties, for example—and separated again by sliding walls for privacy when that is required. Incidentally, the arrangement of a house in two wings, with a glass wall at the angle, can pull the court or garden outside right into the space composition of the house, so far as the effect is concerned. Thus a whole "outdoor room" is gained almost free, since there is no expense of roofing or heating it, and a whole

the view. For light and view the window is still admirable, but it is doubtful whether this is true of ventilation.

We are not speaking here of closed windows for the sake of air conditioning. Mechanical air conditioning requires the utmost tightness in fixed panes of glass. Rarely can the owner of a small house afford it.

We are speaking of the window that lets in air but, in our country, lets in clouds of flies and mosquitoes too. So we screen it, and that clouds the view. Recently, however, architects have devised a method of ventilation that leaves the window tightly closed with no need for any screen. Vents are located under the windows, or independently of them, in places where they let in cool summer currents with less likelihood of drafts.

By that, however, the window itself is transformed. Freed of sash, frames, and devices for opening it, the window is just a glass panel in the outside wall. Not opening, it can be placed far more freely in the plan. It need be no single "hole in the wall." It can be expanded into any shape or become a full-length transparent wall in itself, with only enough framing to hold the glass panels tight.



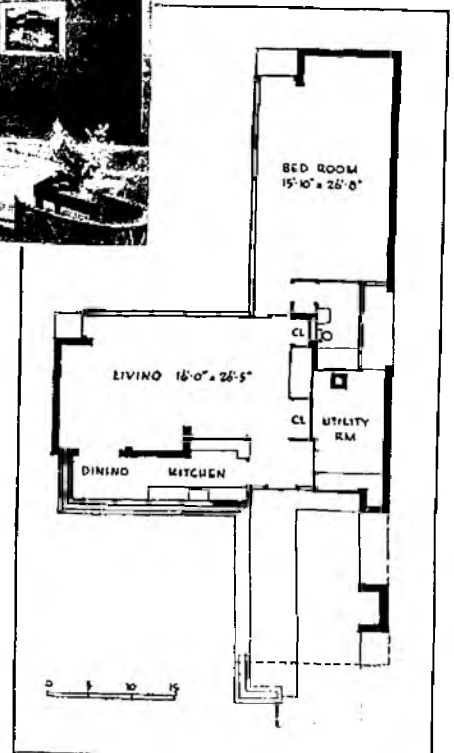
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new series of possibilities are open in the use of the garden.

### Heating, lighting, ventilation affect one another

Another set of factors in a house is found in lighting, heating, and ventilation. These all affect one another. So the architect knows—though others may ignore—that a change in one will affect all the rest, like a house of cards.

Suppose one began with the windows. For some centuries after the introduction of clear glass, a window did three different things. It gave light, admitted air, and was open to



# SALAD BOWLING PARTY

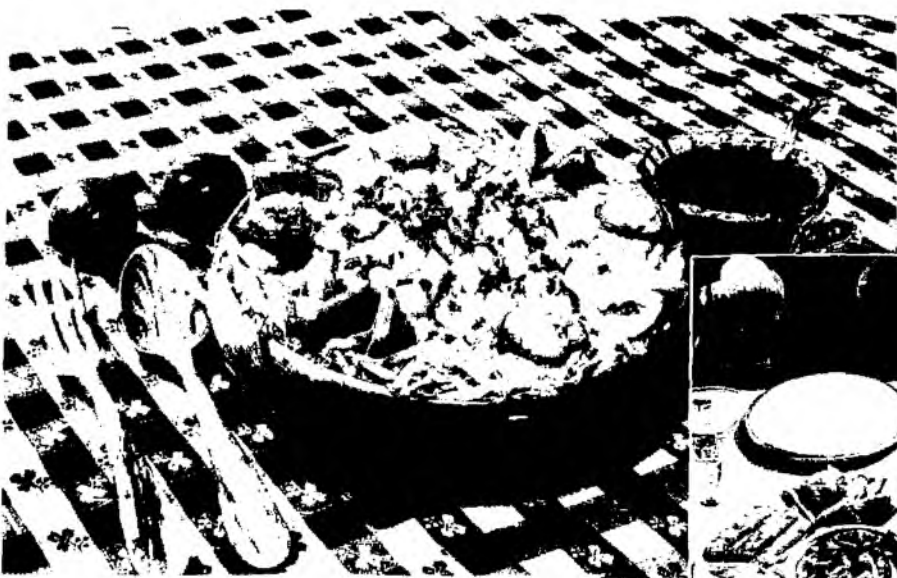
## A HOME PICNIC FOR HOSTESS AND GUESTS

IT'S JUNE with flowers and glorious sunsets and weekend picnic plans. Here's a picnic idea for a party at home on the porch, in the back yard, or even in the kitchen on Saturday evening. And it's real fun for both hostess and guests because everyone has something to do. You know how guests hate to feel like you're "going to a lot of bother," and on the other hand you've seen a few parties that were fun because—well frankly, there was plenty of good food without a lot of "show."

Ever hear of a Salad Bowling Party? Even the name sounds good to the thousands of bowlers in every town. And the party's easier than rolling the ball down the line. The idea is to have all the ingredients for crisp fresh salad bowls grouped invitingly on your porch table and then just

let the guests *mix their own*. Fresh crisp vegetables that are at their peak in quality and lowest in price now in most parts of the country are cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, chives, cucumbers, endive, peppers, radishes, tomatoes and watercress.

Most important after you've picked the vegetables from market, are the dressing ingredients. And here's where your cleverness will come to light. If by chance you're a collector of beautiful bottles you'll love to show them off on the tray of dressing ingredients. Your four prize bottles can hold delicious vinegars of gold sauterne, red claret, raspberry, and mint. This is a top season for those juicy big green Persian limes, so you'll want to squeeze out the juice of three or four limes into another prize bottle in the "vinegar row" on your



Left—Potatoes combine with meat, vegetables, and almost any dressing, bland or sharp, in the big salad bowl.



Right—Ingredients look attractive on your favorite big plate ready for the mixers to dig in and make their own.



table. Three kinds of salad oil might include French or Italian oil, vegetable oil and walnut oil. Check with your spice shelf for most of these zest giving spices and herbs: mustard, paprika, curry powder, chili, thyme, anise, caraway, fennel, sorrel, tarragon, sage, dill, mint and dry garlic to rub the bowls.

A wooden salad bowl of mellow old French smoked poplar will delight the epicurean hearts of your masculine guests and family. The mellow wood absorbs the flavor of oil and garlic and of the very salad itself, so you never wash the bowl. Just rub it clean with soft paper towels. Then the next salad benefits by the stored-up flavor of the last. So after years each salad has a background of all the generations of fine salads that have gone before.

A nest of colorful crockery bowls and one tray will take care of your array of vegetables. Bright printed paper plates for service, waterproof paper cups for steaming coffee, and your sharp kitchen knives will take care of most of your equipment. If you have one of the dainty white enameled or chrome revolving stands that will be the perfect holder for the bottles of lime juice and unusual vinegars.

That's the hostess' preparation job for her June Salad Bowling party preparation. Now it's up to the guests to select and chop their vegetables and mix their dressings in the electric mixer or in shakers improvised from pint fruit jars.

While all the family and guests are having fun making their salads and mixing them in mellow wood bowls,

our hostess can slip into the kitchen a minute and pop a broiler rack of minute steaks into the broiler. Salt and pepper on the sizzling broiled meat and a blue bowl of strawberries will complete this easy home picnic.

This June Salad Bowling Party is fun for the busy guests and delightfully easy for Mrs. Hostess. She will need not more than an hour of preparation and fifteen minutes of after-party cleaning.

The former picnic-haters who always want a clean, comfortable home setting for their food will love it. Meanwhile the old-time picnic enthusiasts will be having a jolly time, too, mixing their own in roughing-it style. And she'll be pleased as Punch with herself for being such a clever hostess.

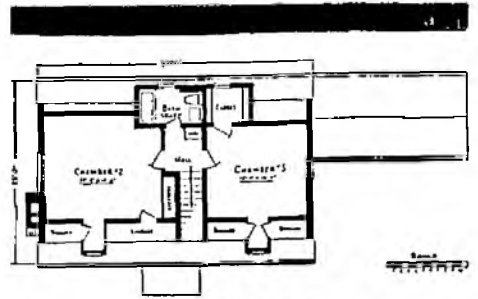
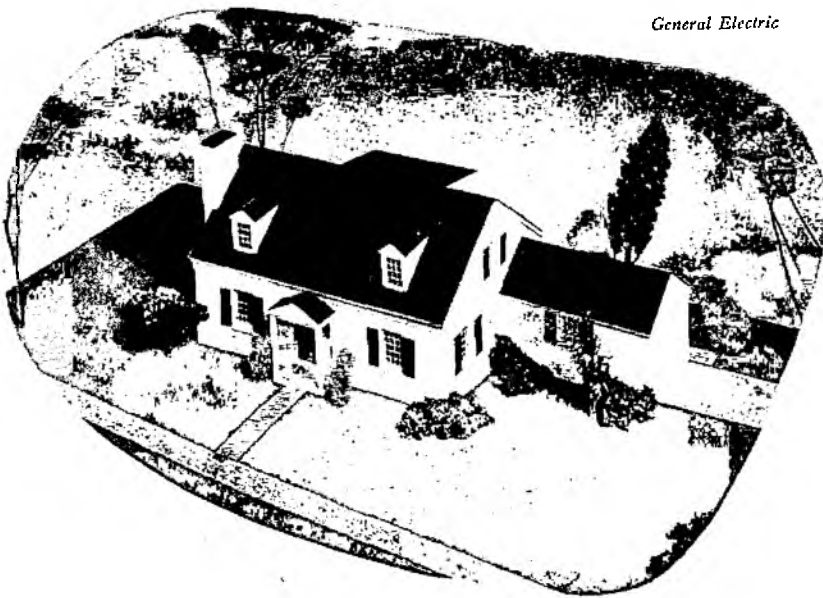
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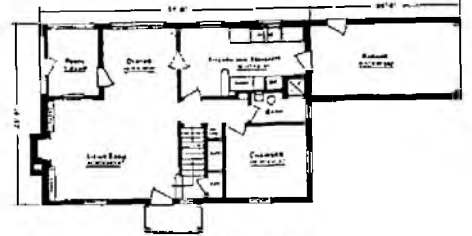
*Left—Almost everyone likes a seafood salad. This one is shrimp, cold, tasty, delicious—and a good "filler."*

*Right—An all-vegetable salad for the men is a "big seller" at any outdoor meal.*

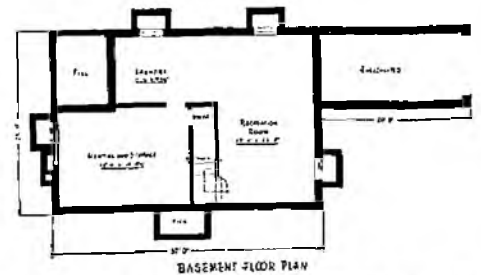




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## Model Home

### ATTACKS "PET PEEVES"

ALL OF us have "pet peeves" about the home we'd like to build or own. If you and you and you could be interviewed, as were thirteen thousand customers of a public service company, recently, you would undoubtedly list the same four "pet peeves" that these home makers repeated again and again.

1. Inadequate closet space
2. Insufficient electric outlets
3. Uneven heating
4. Unsatisfactory kitchen equipment

The General Electric Home Bureau built in the Springwells Development in Dearborn, Michigan, a model home designed to sell for \$10,000 with the lot, which provided an answer to the four most common complaints. We present it to you here because we think it is interesting as a small home and because we think that it may be a solution to some of your "pet peeves."

The floor plan of the six-room colonial house provides unusually large rooms and extraordinary flexibility in adapting the rooms to the varying needs of livability conveni-

ence and economy of operation. Actually it is a one and a half story house with a one car attached garage, porch, a recreation room in a full cellar and two baths. Brick walls are painted white. Two dormers in front and one in the rear make the wood shingle roof interesting from an architectural standpoint.

"Super-abundant" is the word for the closets. Each bedroom has in addition to generous closets a wealth of storage space under the sloping roof adjoining the dormers in the front of the house. All of these closets are built large enough to take care of a great many shelves, and the linen closet, placed conveniently near the bath, is designed to satisfy all needs for linen storage in one spot.

The problem of electrical outlets is amply provided for in the high standards of good wiring set up by the General Electric Company which recommends sub-feeder circuits to prevent overloading, adequate convenience outlets properly spaced, and intelligent switch placing for both lighting and appliances. An oil fired winter air conditioning system has

been designed for the house for even heating which provides for filtration, circulation and humidity control.

Any home maker who would put her dainty foot into the kitchen of this house would like it too well to compromise on lesser conveniences as it has complete equipment, including the electric range, refrigerator, cabinets, dishwasher, disposal, clock and ventilating fan. To eliminate the old problem of feeding the family in the kitchen, the designers have given her space for a breakfast table and chairs and a lunch bar with stools.

And certainly no one would mind doing the family wash in the complete laundry room in the basement because it has the washer, dryer and ironer and a laundry chute from the second floor, and the kitchen to the basement.

Nothing has been eliminated which is essential to making the little home complete and serviceable. It is a house designed for modern living. The architect for the model home was Victor Civkin, with Ditchy, Perry Sidnam of Detroit as associates.

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