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keys to outdoor living

EACH YEAR, America's answer to the call of the wild produces an ever-widening crop of barbecue pits, burned steaks, and blistered fingers. More and more we're taking what the outdoors has to offer in enjoyment and casual living—right in our own backyards.

You can choose your own particular brand of outdoor living, limited only by your initiative and imagination—and your pocketbook. Facilities for outdoor living are limitless. They may be simple, like a patio—or fairly complex, like a screenhouse.

On this, and next three pages, you'll find six keys to help you unlock your own closet of ideas . . . inspire you to get started on your own outdoor living project. One of them most certainly will adapt to your desires.

Before you know it, you'll be loafing in the lap of luxury.

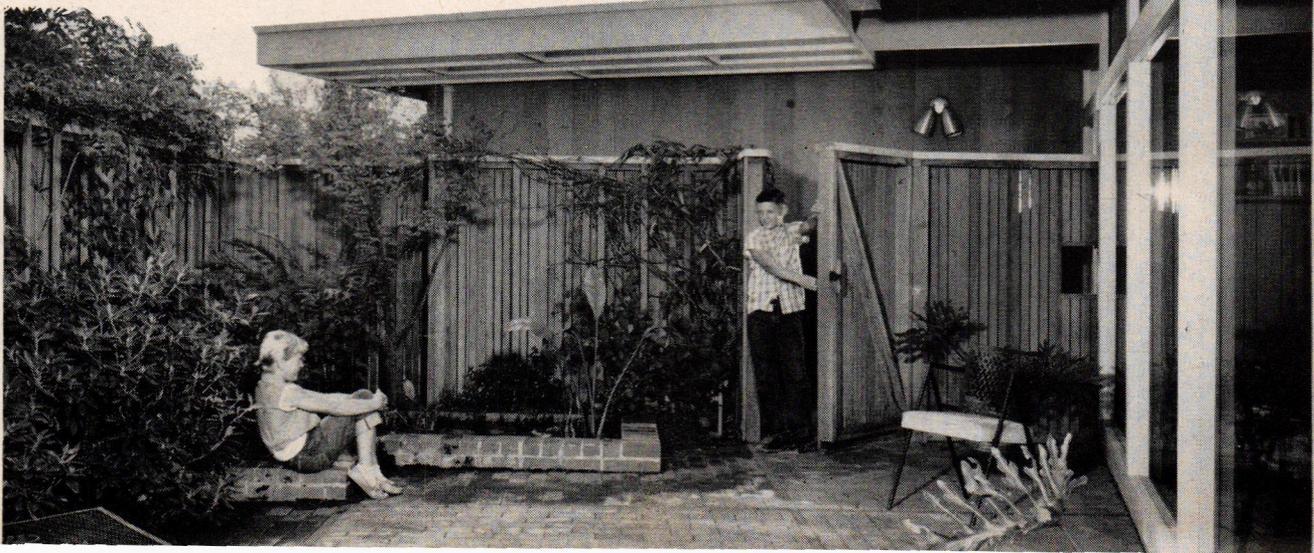
Turn the page for more idea starters

1

Fence a yard

Pick a patch for a patio and fence it off for summer living room. Small fenced-in areas are ideal where houses are close together or on busy street. Built of panels, 1x3 slats over 2x4 redwood frames, sections of this fence are held together by 2x6 redwood headers. Patio bricks are separated into 6-ft. squares by 2x4 redwood dividers. Home of Mr. & Mrs. R. H. Logan, San Leandro, Calif.

PHOTOGRAPHY: PHIL FEIN



2

Close in a breezeway

On the cover: one way to beat the bugs is with an enclosed breezeway or carport—you cook out but eat in! Cover photo is indoor view of this versatile family play area. Stock frames with snap-in screens and storm windows make breezeway enjoyable many months of year. Home of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Brommelseick, St. Louis County, Mo.



PHOTOGRAPHY: HEDRICH-BLESSING • DATA: LOIS REA

3

Screen a porch

Reach for the outdoors by making screened porch a part of living room. Sliding-glass doors expand living room on warm days, add light and ventilation. Porch ceiling is SHEETROCK gypsum wallboard. Home of Mr. & Mrs. Herman Lynn, Fayetteville, Ga.



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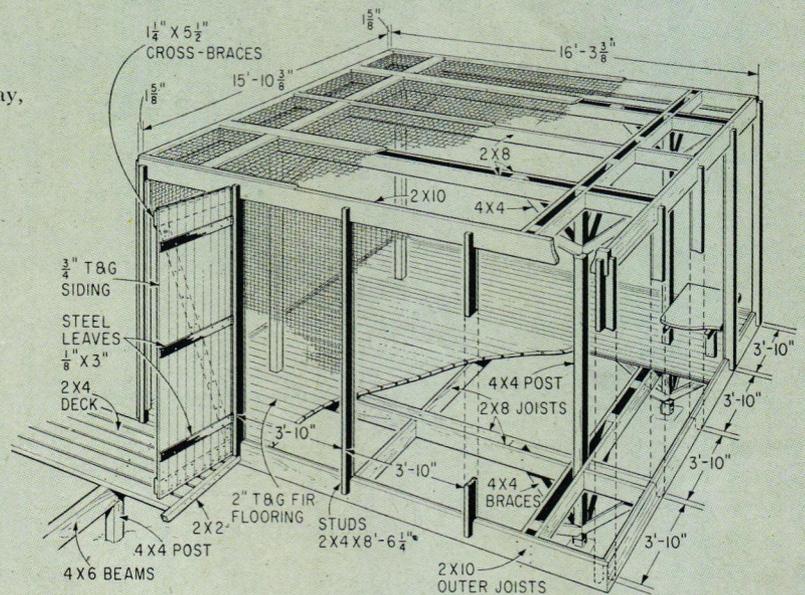
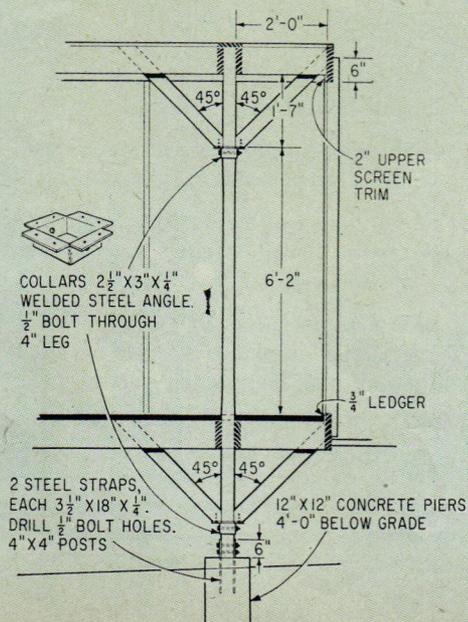


DESIGN: STANLEY GETTLE • DATA: JESSIE WALKER

4

Build a screen house

Outdoor pleasure palace . . . tree shaded by day, moonlit by night . . . combines the romance of a childhood treehouse with good design. With only screening for a roof, summer house enjoys breezes from any direction (roof could be added). Built on concrete pillars, cantilevered structure is supported by 4x4's. Joists are 2x8's, covered by 2x4 tongue-and-groove fir flooring, creosoted and drilled for drainage. Four-foot wide copper screening is attached to 10-inch redwood panels at top and bottom. Home of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Zinn, Elgin, Ill.



Cool and Inviting?

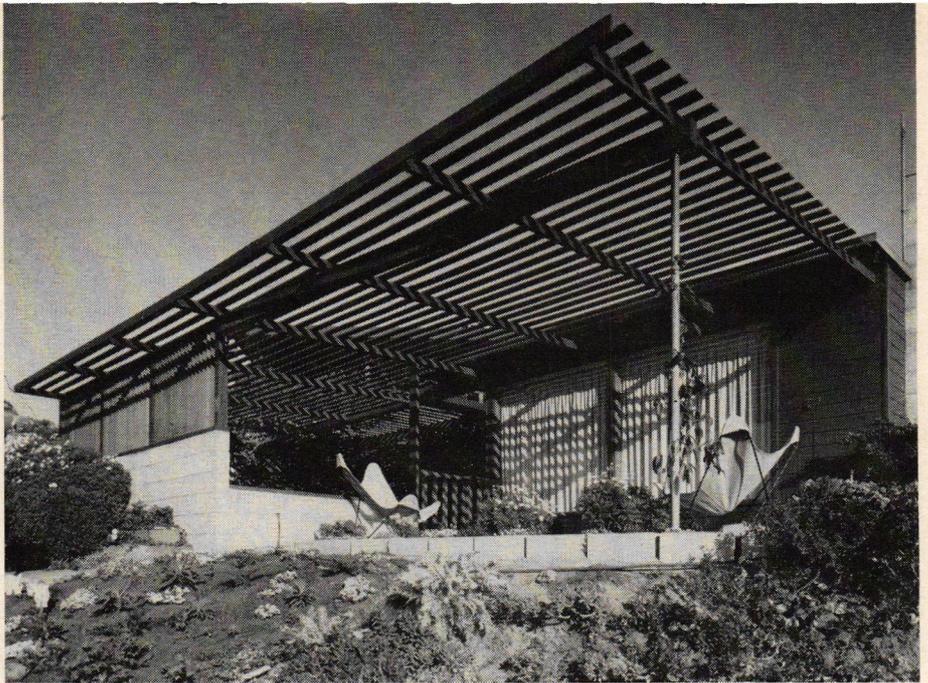
Want to build this outdoor pleasure palace? Drawings here show you how. Visit your lumber dealer named on covers—he can give you a cost estimate on materials needed to build it in your own backyard! See his Free Handyman Plans for other outdoor living projects you can build.

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Add a sunbreak

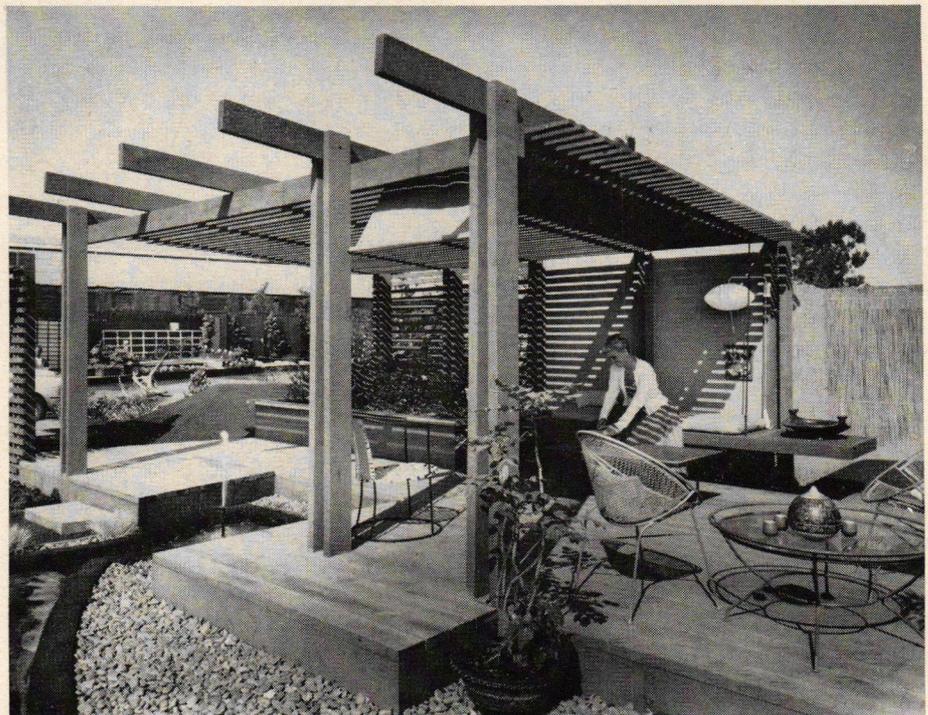
Relax in the garden, shielded from sun and wind. Easy-to-build sunbreak is made of stock lumber, 1x4 slats over a 2x6 frame. You can build this one in corner of your yard or by extending the carport. It should be placed on protected side of house. Home of Mr. & Mrs. Alex Esser, Berkeley, Calif.



6

Erect an outdoor living room

Housekeeping is a breeze in this unique outdoor slat house in corner of yard. Rear wall is panels of exterior plywood. Slat bench is suspended by rods from 2x6 joists. From San Mateo Fiesta Walk.



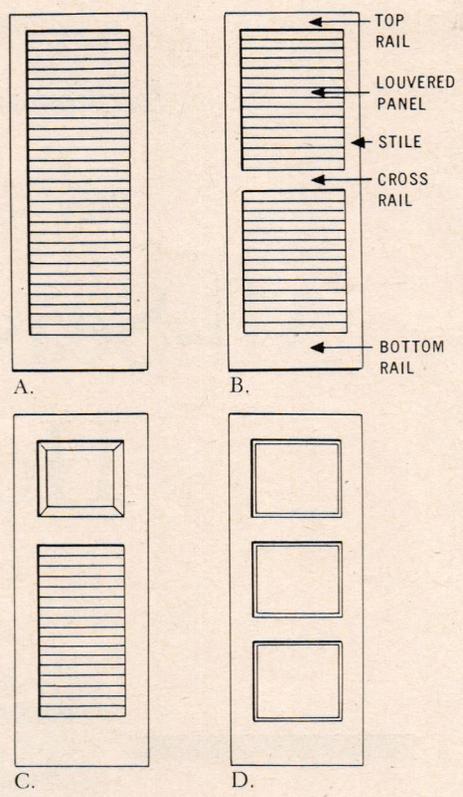
how to get it done

If you're a confident handyman, by now you're planning some way in which you can enjoy the outdoors around your house. But where to start? Here are a few questions to get your thinking underway.

1. First, *how* do you want to enjoy the outdoors?
2. What type of improvement lends itself best to style of house, terrain, neighborhood—and purse? You may want professional help on this one.
3. Where do you find financial help? Most projects which add value to your house can qualify for either conventional or FHA-insured Title I loans for home improvements.
4. Who is the best man to see for advice? Why not start with your local lumber dealer named on the covers? He has the best in materials, Handyman Plans, and some sound advice on design and financing.
5. When should you start? No time like the present. Before you know it, the great outdoors is a part of your everyday life!

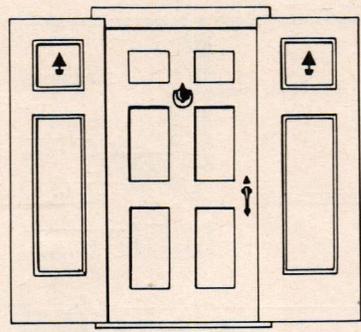


Brighten your home with shutters



HERE ARE BASIC TYPES OF SHUTTERS AVAILABLE

- A. Single Louvered Panel
- B. Two Louvered Panels
- C. Combination Panels
- D. Three Solid Flat Panels



Shutters look well on doors, also.

1 **Widen your windows** with shutters. On double-hung windows, be sure cross rail is even with bottom of upper sash.

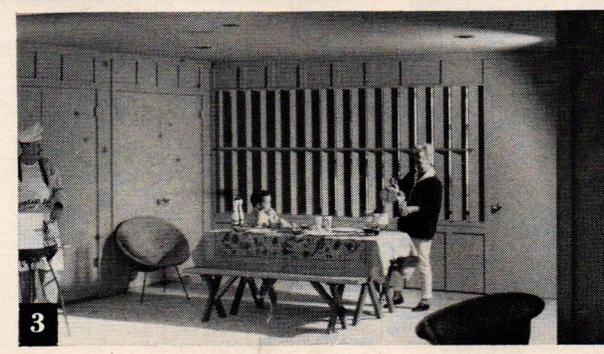
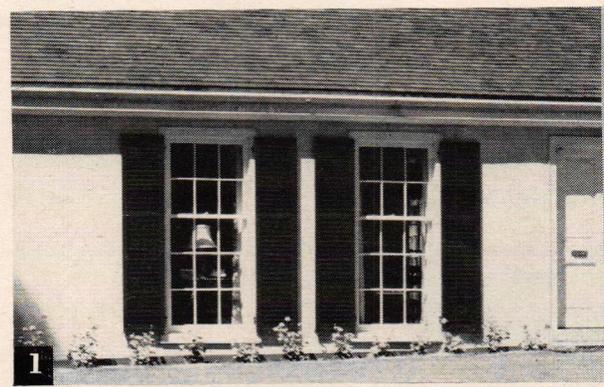
2 **No need to limit** use of shutters to windows and doors. Here they're combined with 4x4 posts to add decorative touch to sheltered front entry.

3 **Ventilation control and privacy** are made possible with large horizontal shutter on enclosed patio. Slats on this custom-built shutter are adjustable; each slat pivots, top and bottom, on dowels.

TO DRESS UP the exterior appearance of your house, there are few things that surpass shutters. Properly chosen, they make narrow windows appear wider and small windows larger. On older frame houses, shutters relieve the barren look by filling out spaces between windows and minimizing tall, angular appearance.

Many styles of shutters are on the market today, ready-assembled and in many sizes. Your local lumber dealer, named on the cover, has them in stock or can order them for you. The basic styles are available with one or two louvered panels; one, two or three solid panels; or a combination of solid and slat panels. Widths, heights, and sizes of panels vary, and solid panels come flat or beveled. Bottom rails on shutters are wider than top for easy trimming to exact height.

Exterior shutters usually have stationary louvers. Cut-outs of candlesticks, animals, crescents, and other designs used in solid panels lend decorative effect.



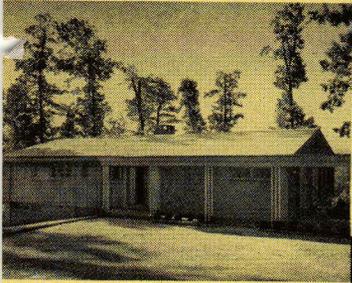
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a new
house?*

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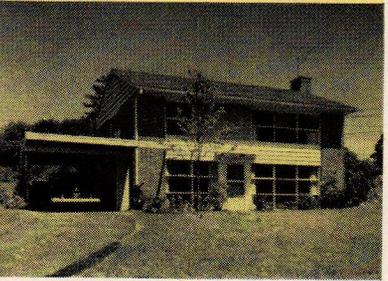
PH 16-4 A&B
Cross-Country House



PH 15-4 A&B
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PH 14-6 A
**Three Levels,
Five Bedrooms**



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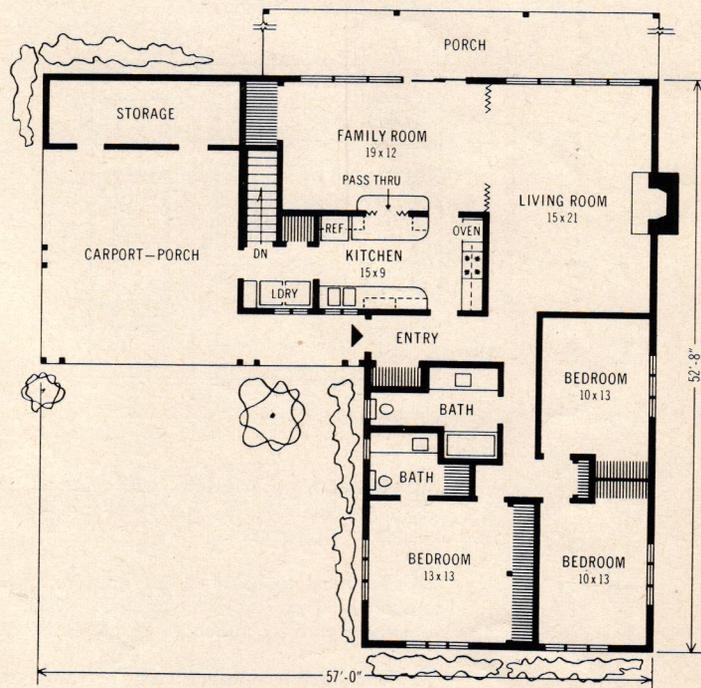
location and climate...

POPULAR HOME'S

All-Seasons House

**FAMILY-TESTED
HOME
NO. PH 17-3** A OR B

DESIGNER AND BUILDER: CAIN, HARDY & YORK



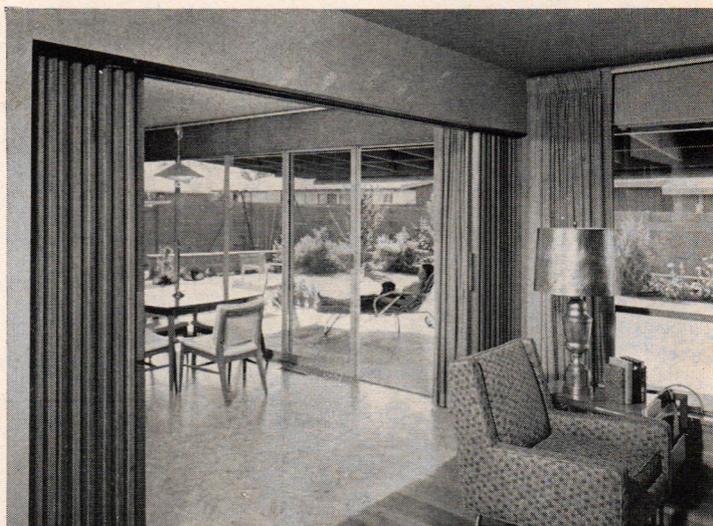
SIZE OF HOUSE:
1668 SQ. FT., 31,275 CU. FT.
(excluding porch and carport)

NO MATTER what the temperature zone, homebuyers are placing more and more emphasis on bringing the wonders of the outdoors *into* their homes. It gets crisp indeed in Boise, Idaho, but builders of this All-Seasons House virtually brought in the outdoors for year-round enjoyment.

That's why the S. S. Hoover family chose a house in the Windsor Park development of builders Cain, Hardy & York. An already open design expands visually through sliding-glass doors of family room to embrace the yard from lintel to lot line. Covered porch and woven-wood fence open up the outdoors for family living, yet close it in for privacy. A carport storage shed has adequate space for tools and toys.

Inside, the same open feeling persists. Wide, folding wood doors open living room into family room. Window pass-through from kitchen to family room simplifies serving and entertaining. Three bedrooms, one-and-a-half baths, carport, covered porch, and family room provide a maximum of living facilities at medium cost.

If you have been longing for this kind of living, why not ask the dealer named on the cover to order low-cost building blueprints No. PH 17-3A (without basement) or PH 17-3B (with basement). By starting now, you can be holding "open house" by Christmas. *(continued)*

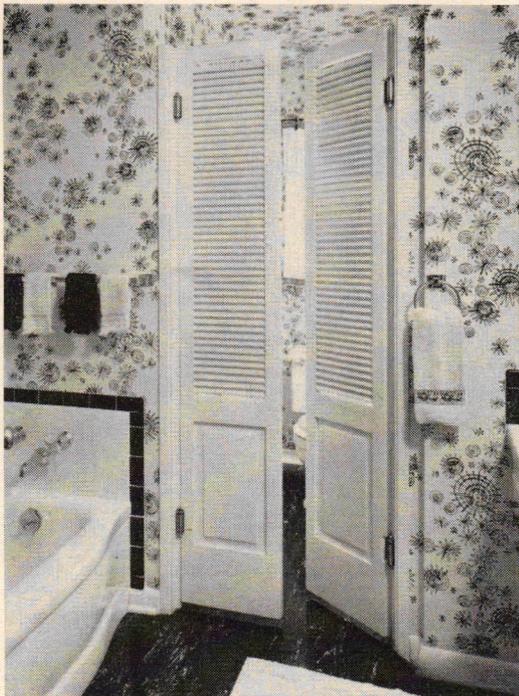


Close it for privacy, open it for entertaining. Living and family rooms become one by opening wide folding doors. House makes wide use of economical fire-resistant SHEETROCK gypsum wallboard for walls and ceilings.

Low and lithe, this colorful home combines rough cedar siding and battens with stone for pleasing ranch-style look. Black roof of USC Thick Butt Asphalt Shingles adds visually to size of house, soaks up Idaho sun on cold days (in southern areas, a light-colored roof would reflect the sun).



PHOTOGRAPHY: HEDRICH-BLESSING



Brunch is quick and easy for the Hoovers. Handy pass-through to family room puts everything at mother's fingertips. Paneled effect can be achieved with easy-to-install Woodgrained SHEETROCK wallboard (it comes in four decorative finishes). Acoustical ceiling tones down lively family activities.

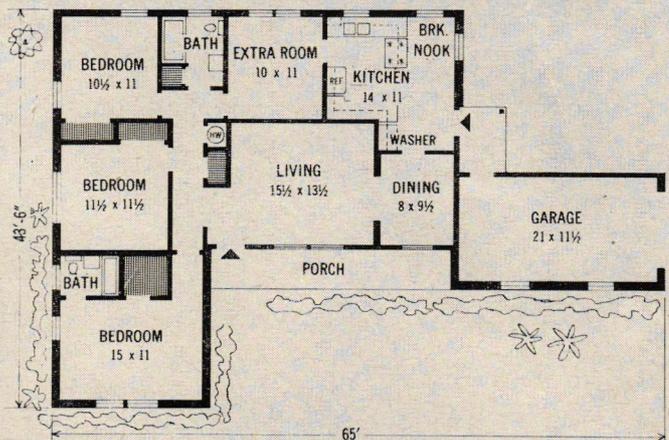
Touch of distinction, and privacy, is added by wood louvered doors in compartmented bathroom. Wallpaper is applied over smooth SHEETROCK walls. Another private half-bath adjoins master bedroom.

Here's another fine home...you can order blueprints from your dealer

POPULAR HOME'S House with a Room to Spare

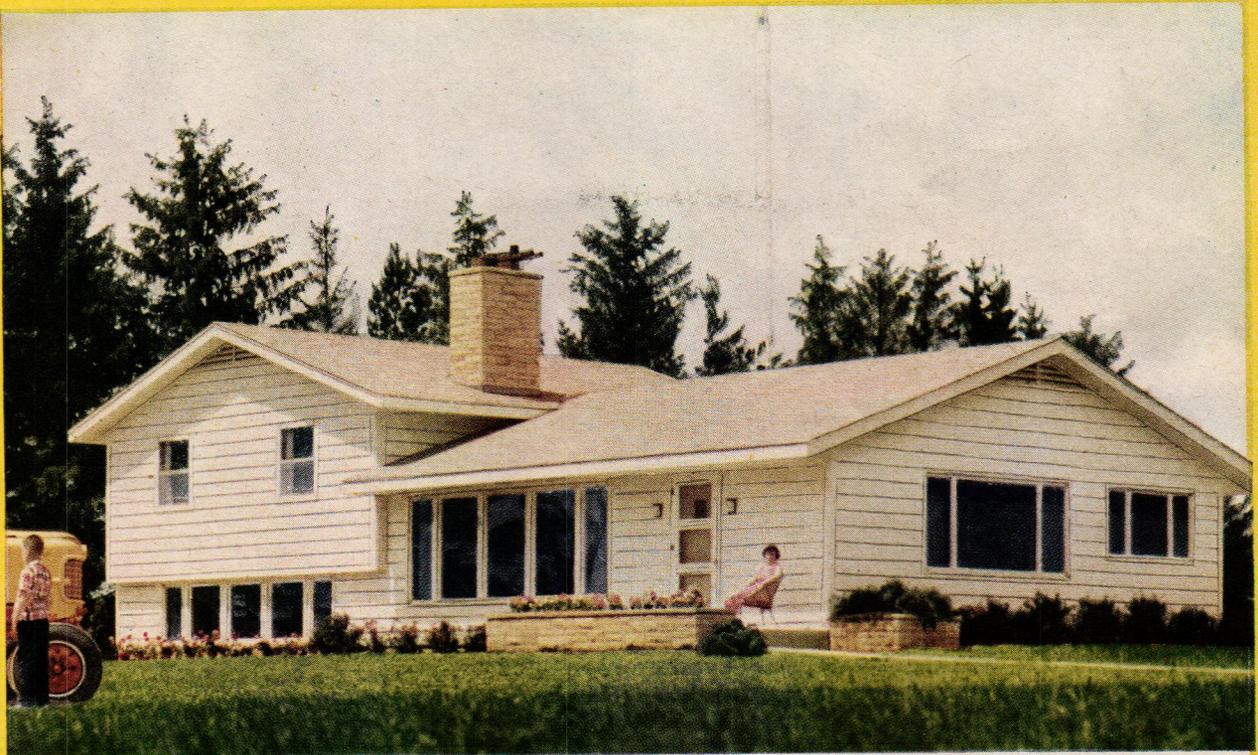
EXPECT the unexpected? You *can* in this well-planned house. It has an unexpected 10x11 area that is highly versatile. Whether you need a quiet office, a cozy television room, a busy utility room, or a guest room—you'll find it in the easily adaptable space of this Georgia house.

It's truly a house to meet your family's changing needs. Your helpful dealer will be glad to order low-cost building blueprints for you. Ask him for Plan No. PH 14-6C (with out basement only), and be *home* for Christmas.



FAMILY-TESTED PLAN NO. PH 14-6C
 SIZE OF HOUSE: 1,462 SQ. FT., 18,275 CU. FT. (excluding garage)
 DESIGN: TOM ROSENBERG





FAMILY-TESTED HOME BF 15-7

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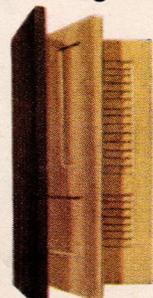
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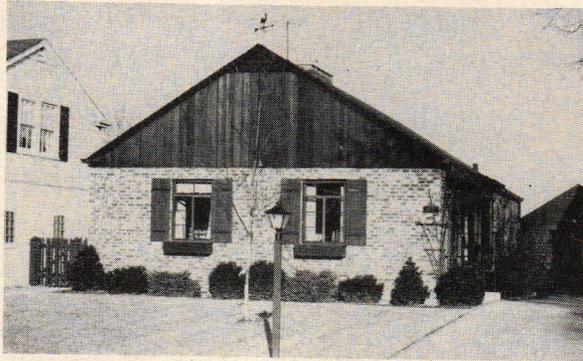


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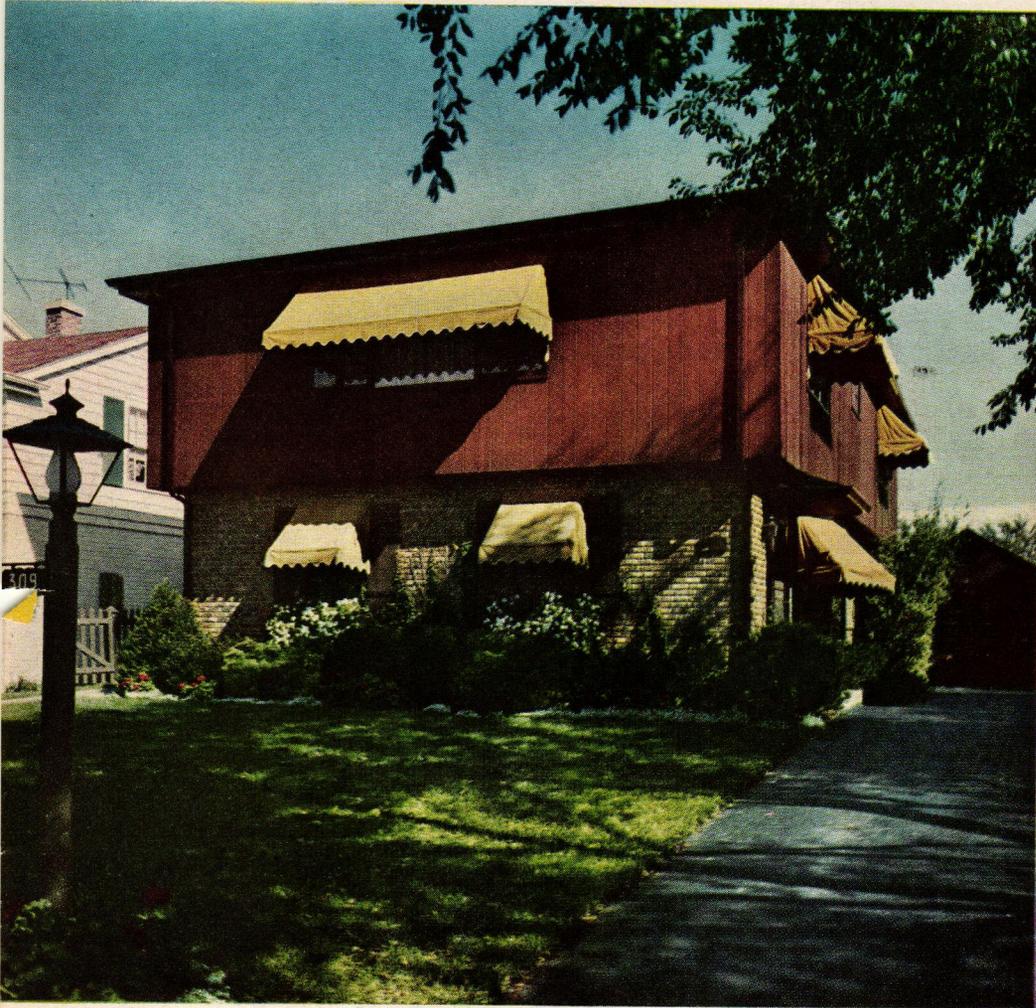


DOORS

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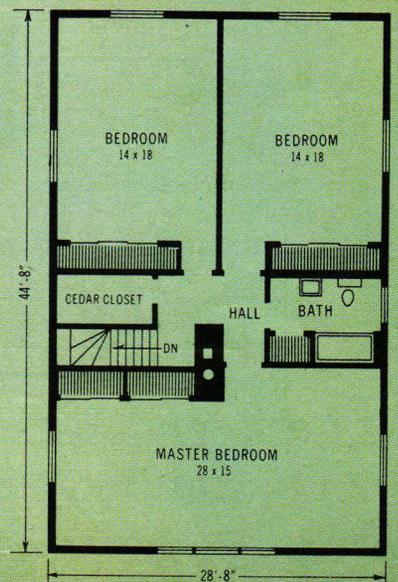
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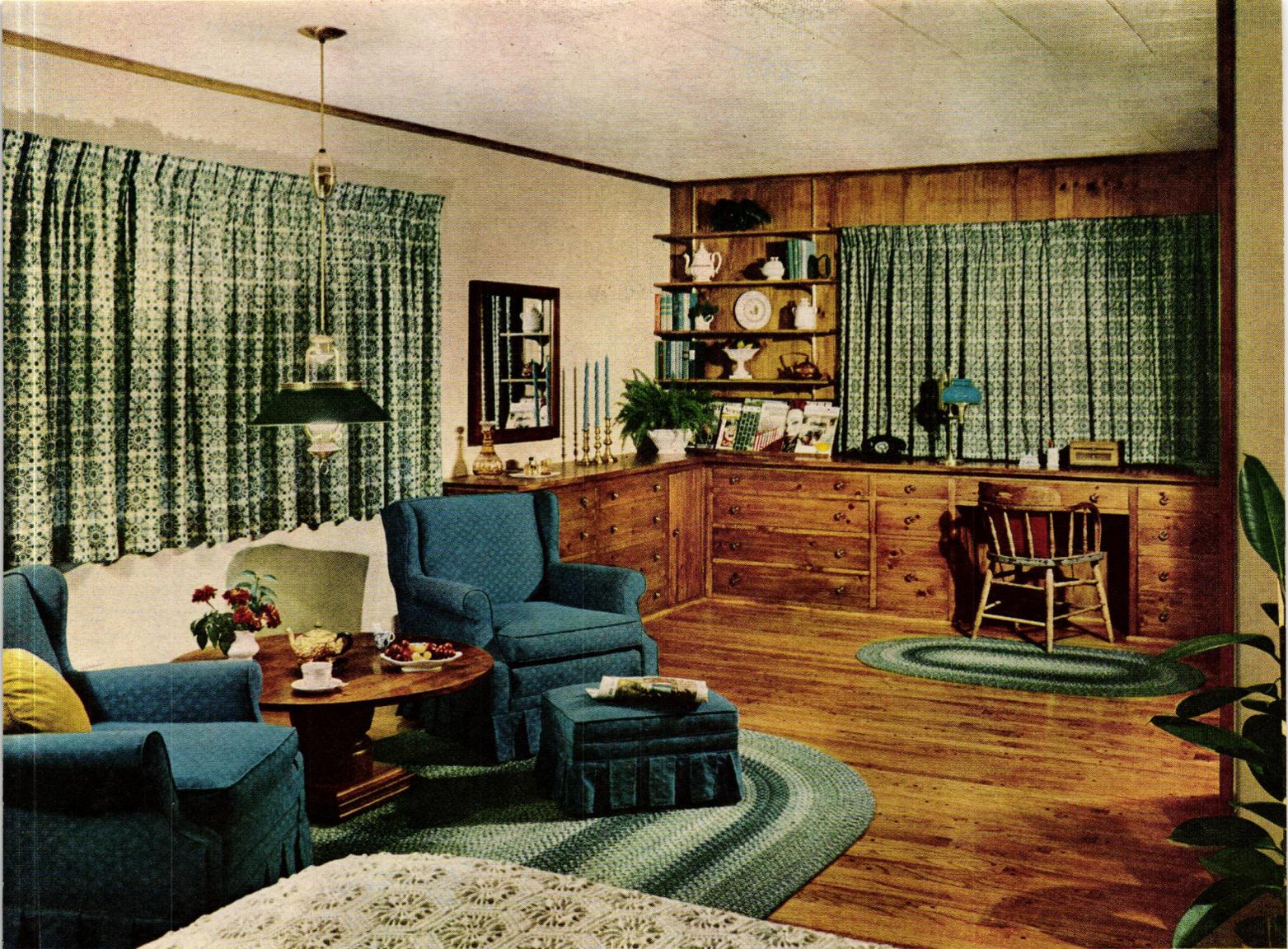
**Why
move
out?...**

Real roof raising . . . as Tetlows' one-story house expanded upward. Complete second floor addition gave them badly needed space at minimum cost, opened up living areas in entire house, and family living took on a new dimension. Cantilever construction makes master bedroom two feet longer than width of original house.

PHOTOGRAPHY: HEDRICH-BLESSING
DECORATOR: LOIS WOGSTAD
FLOORING: E. L. BRUCE CO.; BED: CONSIDER H. WILLETT

New Second-Story Addition





Master bedroom with a capital "M" is 15x28 ft. Bedroom-sitting room-writing room (above and below) combines traditional elegance with utility, comfort, and privacy. SHEETROCK gypsum wallboard walls, painted Autumn Beige, and white insulating tile ceiling provide background for rich colors of furnishings, peg-plank floors, built-ins, and stock-lumber shelves. Beautiful coffee table was Mary Tetlow's personal project; it's an old drop-leaf table, re-sawed and glued, with base cut down.

... move UP!

TWO ACTIVE, growing boys made the one-story residence of George and Mary Tetlow much too small for family living. They looked at larger houses . . . and at their budget. The size of house they wanted—and needed—seemed out of reach. And they wanted to remain in suburban Park Ridge, Ill. Neighbors were fine, schools a stone's throw away, a YMCA and swimming pool six blocks down the street, and shopping was convenient. And a built-in babysitter, in the person of Mary's sister, lived just around the corner.

So the Tetlows added up all the advantages of staying put—and then they added *up*, literally. A second-story addition was framed around the roof of their original house. After the new second story was enclosed, the existing roof was removed.

What are the happy results for the Tetlows and
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MOVE UP *continued*

The life of a corner— in four chapters

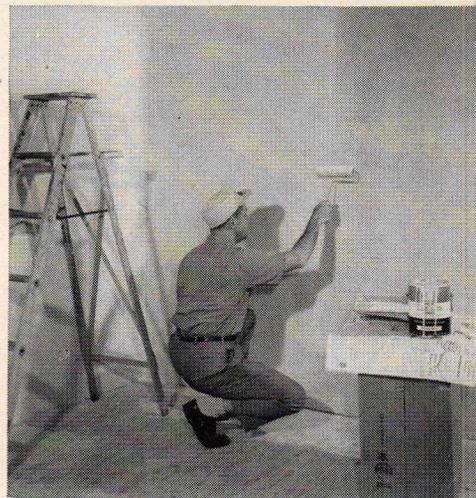
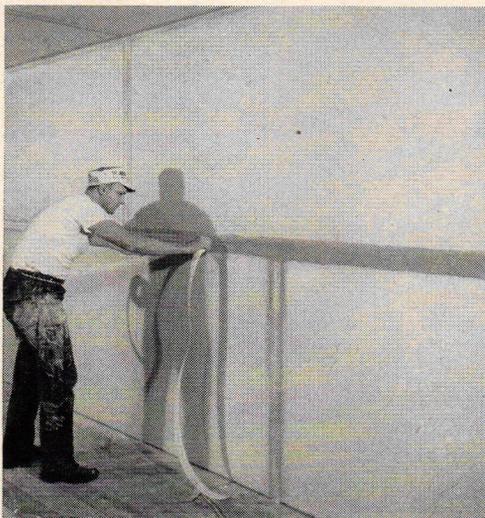
Step 1

Start with the walls of your room (new or old)—as George Tetlow does here. On the exterior (if new addition), you'll want to use USG Insulating Sheathing for wind-tight weather protection. Inside, RED TOP insulating blankets stapled between the studs will keep your room warm in winter, cool in summer.



Step 2

Add SHEETROCK wallboard. Walls go up quickly and easily. PERF-A-TAPE Joint System covers tapered edges, gives smooth, unbroken surface for paint or wallpaper. It's easy with a bit of practice, and you even can get PERF-A-TAPE Cement ready-mixed.



Step 3

Touch with a wand of color—TEXOLITE GRAND PRIZE paint, that is—for accent and washability. Vinyl-base paints apply smoothly, with no messy cleanup since tools can be washed in water.



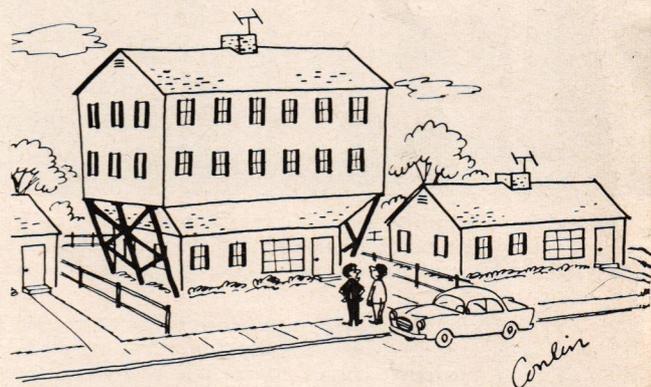
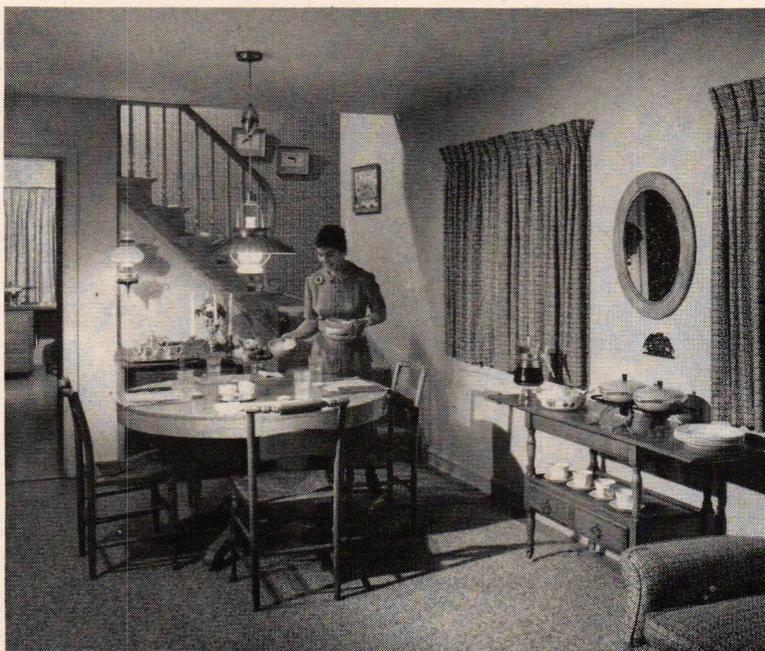
Step 4

Direct your attention for a moment to same corner as little lady decides on that final touch. Only job left is to decorate and furnish—pictures hang easily on SHEETROCK walls.



How to be overwhelmed by storage space: Mary Tetlow enjoys room-width closets in new master bedroom even more than the phone. Huge wardrobe, right, with louvered doors of type available at your lumber dealer's, ended family's shortage of closets.

Two into one: delightful dining-family area was created by removing dividing wall between two downstairs bedrooms. After wall was removed, repair work was accomplished with RED TOP plaster. Biggest problem in adding second floor was where to put stairway; fine solution is seen here.



"... then the family started to grow."

30 BIG IDEAS for

- face-lifting the outside
- porches and breezeways
- additions
- doors, windows, entrances
- shutters, siding, roofing
- outdoor living ideas

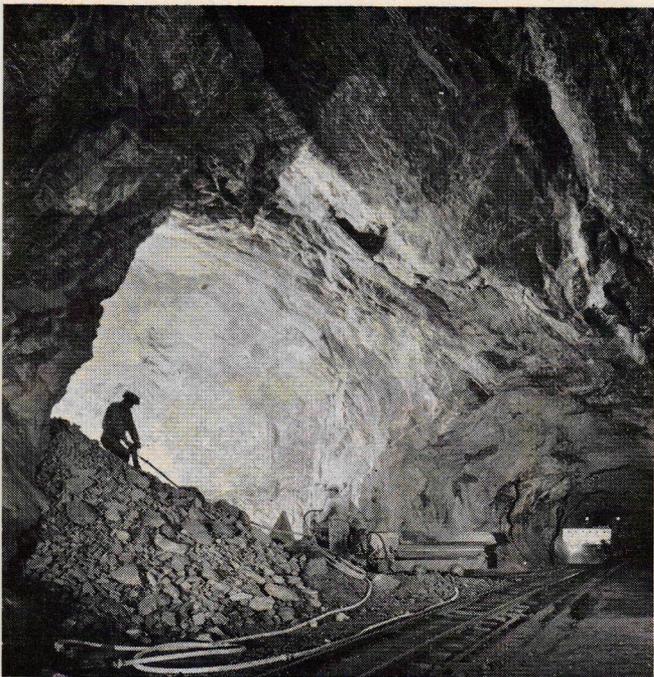
You can copy them! Just ask your POPULAR HOME dealer for a free copy of the new red-white-and-blue booklet, "Improve Your Home's Exterior" He'll be glad to oblige.



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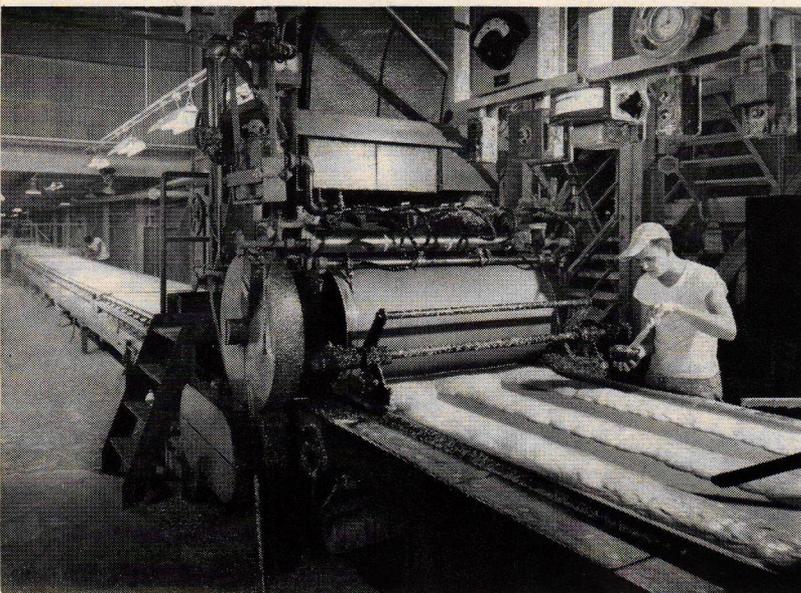
Gypsum wallboard has come of age

by J. M. Griffith



Tons of "white magic" come from this giant cavern of gypsum, 600 feet underground. Pneumatic hammers reduce huge boulders to size for scooping into rail cars.

Foamy, lightweight gypsum core is spread between tough surface papers to form SHEETROCK wallboard. Several hundred thousand square feet of wallboard or ROCKLATH plaster base—enough for a hundred house interiors—can be produced daily on this high-speed forming machine at a U.S.G. plant.



WHEN people mention SHEETROCK gypsum wallboard, they're speaking of one of the most versatile products in the building field. Gypsum board is used in more than 70% of the *new* homes built in America, and now ranks as a top material for home improvement, as well. You will find walls and ceilings of SHEETROCK gypsum wallboard in modest cottages and the finest of homes. Constant refinements since its first introduction more than 35 years ago have made it a popular material with building contractors and homeowners alike.

The preceding story in this issue described the Tetlow family's second-story addition. It was a simple task for George Tetlow to install smooth, unbroken walls for easy decoration, thanks to the improvements made in gypsum wallboard since it was first used for hastily erected army barracks in World War I. For those not handy at home projects, a professional drywall contractor is recommended.

HOW IT'S MADE

The story of SHEETROCK begins with the way in which this amazing product is made. The process starts with the quarrying of gypsum rock and shipment to a board manufacturing plant. There, the rock is crushed and conveyed to dry storage. Gypsum is the chief ingredient of the board core, and gives SHEETROCK wallboard its fire-resistance qualities. Before wet mixing, powdered gypsum is dry mixed with fiber, set-controlling materials, and bonding agents—then transferred to a rotary wet mixer directly over the board machine. Equipment which generates a lather-like foam deposits it in the mixer with other materials. The foam produces a fluffy core structure which reduces weight of the board. The fiber reinforces the core, improving nail-holding power and ease of cutting. At proper consistency for continuous pouring, the foamy wet mix is deposited on the board paper at the beginning of the board machine. This paper is manufactured in United States Gypsum paper mills specifically for SHEETROCK. Its back sheet is a tough, gray paper. The surface sheet is a

strong, ivory-colored, manila paper suitable for any type of decoration.

Immediately after wet mix flows onto the surface paper, edges are formed. The ivory-colored cap sheet is then brought down to sandwich the gypsum. A master roll spreads the wet core, pressing the board into its basic form. As a four-foot wide stream of wallboard is carried along on a conveyor belt, edge-forming and ironing devices control board width, edge thickness and formation while the gypsum core is setting. At the end of the belt, a giant knife shears board into 8, 9, 10, 12, or 14-foot lengths. Then the board rolls through drying kilns where excess free moisture is removed. As the finished product comes out of the kiln—ready for use—another intricate machine applies bundling tapes for a neat and protective shipping package.

HOW IT'S USED

The family of SHEETROCK gypsum wallboards provides a product for every homeowner's need—building new walls, remodeling, covering old walls, or paneling. Three essential qualities of wall and ceiling surfacing materials are: (1) fire resistance, (2) smooth, unbroken surfaces, (3) suitability for any type of decoration. Gypsum wallboard meets all three requirements.

SHEETROCK is manufactured with various types of long edges—tapered, square, beveled and round—for different commercial and residential applications. Designed for smooth, unbroken walls and ceilings is the tapered-edge board. In this most widely used type, joints can be concealed and reinforced with the PERF-A-TAPE Joint System.

Here are basic types of SHEETROCK and how the homeowner can use them, whether in large sheets 4 feet wide, in 16-in. panels, or in predecorated styles with wood-grained or striated finishes:

1. For new construction . . .

For the finest in single-layer construction, $\frac{5}{8}$ -in. SHEETROCK wallboard provides the economy of a single layer plus stronger, more sound-resistant walls. However, for many years $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. SHEETROCK has been an accepted product for single-layer construction, and still remains highly recommended for that use.

2. For remodeling . . .

The standard and most popular wallboard for remodeling and alterations is $\frac{5}{8}$ -in. SHEETROCK because of its ease of handling. It can be used where the greater strength and rigidity of $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. board are not required.

Lightweight and low in cost, $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. SHEETROCK wallboard is excellent for covering old walls and ceilings and as temporary room dividers. It is flexible, easily bends to fit curved surfaces, and existing trim need not be removed. It may be applied with nails or adhesive.

3. For decorative effect . . .

In dens, hallways, recreation rooms, libraries, or in any place where a paneled effect is desired, there's a Panel SHEETROCK to do the job. Panels are $\frac{3}{4}$ in. thick and 16 in.



1 For new construction



2 For remodeling

3 For decorative effect

wide, come in plain for painting or in predecorated Ranch Pine or Striated finishes and may be nailed directly to studs or wood furring strips. The 16-in. panels can be applied directly to existing walls or BAXBORD backing board using PERF-A-TAPE Joint Cement as adhesive. The exposed vertical joints add a decorative feature, and need no treatment.

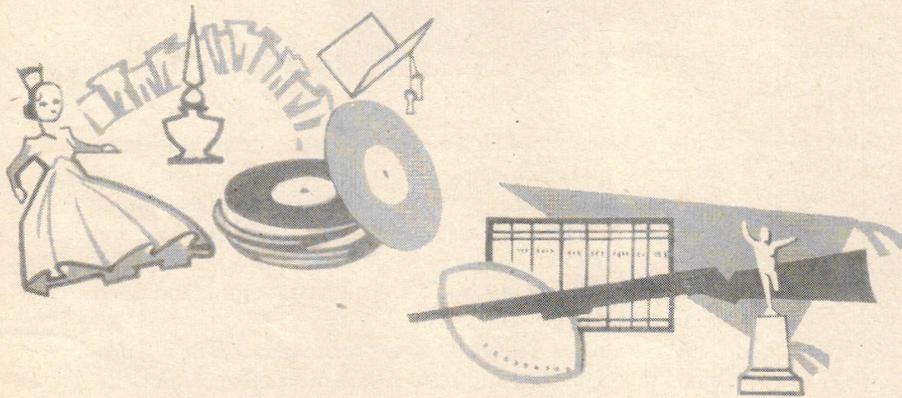
Woodgrained SHEETROCK, a predecorated board, combines the economy and easy installation of gypsum wallboard with the appearance of natural-wood paneling. It comes in three finishes, Ranch Pine, Sablewood and Cherrywood. These woodgrained boards are applied with special-colored nails and no joint treatment or further decoration is required.

HOW IT'S APPLIED

Follow a few simple rules, and see how easy it is to erect smooth, sturdy walls of SHEETROCK gypsum wallboard (Do not apply to Panel and Woodgrained SHEETROCK).

- Measure and cut carefully, using straightedge.
- To cut—score *face* paper, snap core, cut backing paper.
- Do ceilings first, apply *in direction that minimizes* joints.
- For walls, apply boards horizontally if ceiling height is from 96 to 98 inches, or vertically in rooms with higher ceilings. Place panels loosely together.
- To nail, start in middle of panel—pressing wallboard against framing. Leave slight indentation for joint cement. Space nails 7 in. on ceilings, 8 in. on sidewalls.
- Treat joints and nailheads with *three* coats of PERF-A-TAPE Joint Cement, sand lightly after each coat. (Let areas dry thoroughly between coats.)
- Decorate with TEXOLITE paints or wallpaper (use SHEETROCK sealer first so wallpaper can be removed).

Rooms that are tops for teen-agers



...A honey of a room...
for a teen-age girl

THIS is Vicky Brown's new room. Her parents, the Paul Browns of Deerfield, Ill., decided a girl just coming of teen-age needed a room that differs from the one of her little-girl dreams. Because Vicky's grandmother has been bringing dolls to her from all over the world for more than ten years, quite a storage problem had developed. Vicky decided she would like to have the dolls displayed in her "new" room.

EVER ASK YOURSELF "am I a selfish parent?" Certainly you wouldn't class yourself so. But if you have given your teen-ager a room that *you* have planned, decorated, furnished and paid for, it *isn't* the teen-ager's room . . . it is *yours!*

Make your teen-ager a part of the team in redoing his or her headquarters. It might be more trouble for you, but you'll find it a worthwhile effort. Your reward will show up in the glowing pride of a happy teen-ager who's on your side.

by Cynthia Montgomery



BEFORE . . . If you think you haven't enough space for improvements, consider how this room started. For proof it *can* be done, see Vicky's dream room at right.

AFTER . . . light and airy in warm colors of Foam Green and Ivory Maize, with hidden fluorescent lighting behind plywood valances. Movable wood shutters . . . your lumber dealer has them . . . fit over windows to control daylight. Built-in dressing table and desk make it a delightful room for primping or study.

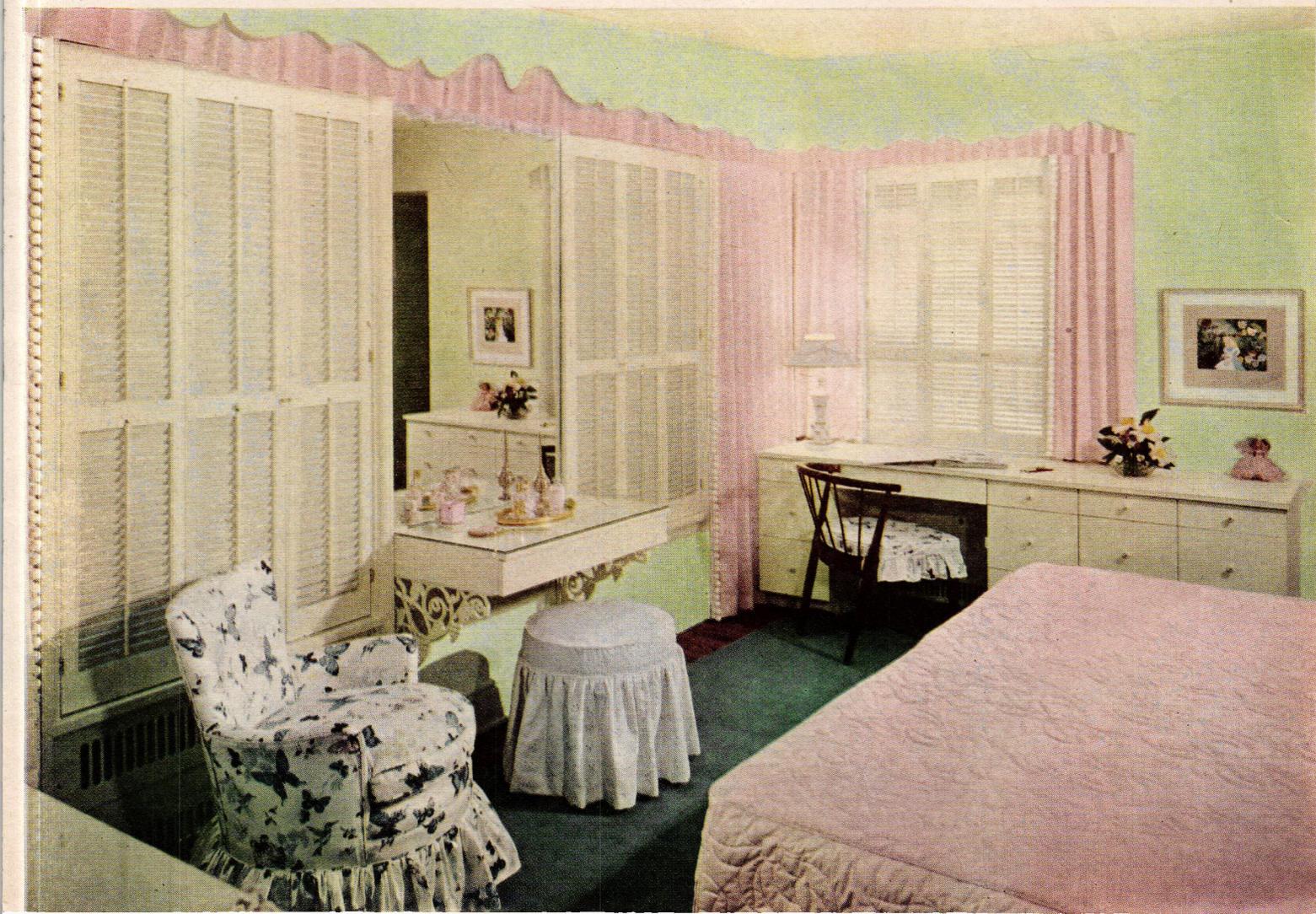
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BEFORE . . . Vicky's plain room (below) left little space for storing her growing collection of international dolls. New twin beds permitted her to invite girl friends to stay overnight, but clothes storage space was not adequate. Door leads to unfinished attic space.



AFTER . . . a beautiful, delicate room (above), the happy result of teamed-up skills of a professional designer and decorator. Built-in cupboards with glass doors and adjustable shelving display Vicky's dolls. Below are drawers and storage. Valance, built of 3/4-in. pine, adds great interest. Attic now has three clothes closets.

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TEEN-AGERS *continued*

... And a he-man room for teen-age boys



BRENT AND DENNIS JOBE are teen-age ranchers, with busy days filled with all kinds of activities. When their parents, the Gail Jobses of Vista, Calif., built a new house, they—and the boys—decided to give each boy a room to call his own. They did it by dividing one huge room with a center partition formed by twin wardrobes.

Give your teen-ager a chance to help in planning the room of his choice, to do part of work involved, and even to pay part of its cost from his own money. It happens all the time. Boys and girls who are *expected* to take responsibility usually *do!* A “place that’s just mine” is part of every teen-ager’s need. If you can, help them make it possible.

Dennis uses six colors in a snappy color scheme for his room, to duplicate brother Brent’s room shown below with everything in place.

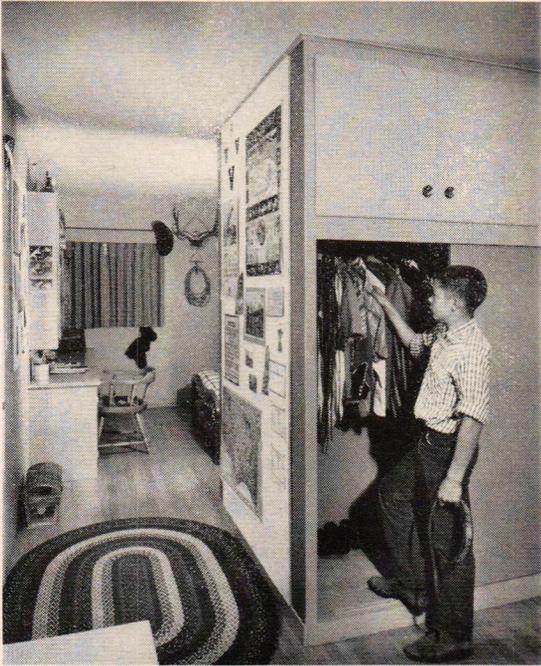
A match for Dennis’ room, this is Brent’s. Each has a counter unit 8 ft. long, 20 in. deep. Gun cabinet and shelves are white pine; desk, drawers and wardrobe are fir plywood. Plaster walls and ceilings are painted Spring Mist Green and Ivory Maize. Unfinished furniture and stock shelving can be combined for a unit like this. Your dealer can recommend materials.



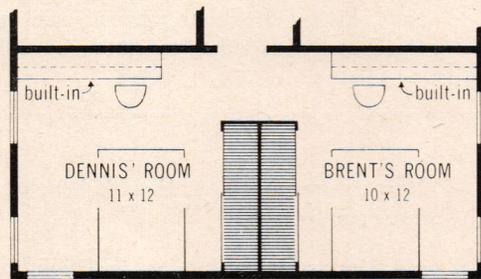
Meanwhile, back at the ranch, it's clean-up time for Brent. Masculine headboard is built of 3/4-in. plywood, cornice board of USG Hardboard.



Dennis finds huge wardrobe that doubles as a room divider a handy aid in keeping "picked up." Giant pin-up board keeps the boys posted—you can make one of USG Insulating Sheathing painted white.

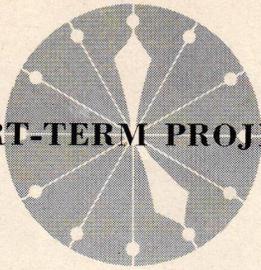


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He's the man in the know . . . the man behind the counter of Pine Tree Lumber Co., Vista, Calif. Manager C. W. Sutliff gave Jobe boys much help in choosing right materials and methods on their projects. That's reminder for you to consult *your* POPULAR HOME sponsor—his name is on the cover and he's waiting to help you with free plans and advice.

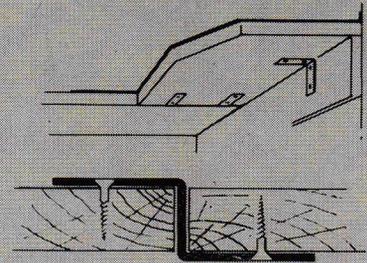




SHORT-TERM PROJECTS . . . *ideas submitted by POPULAR HOME readers*

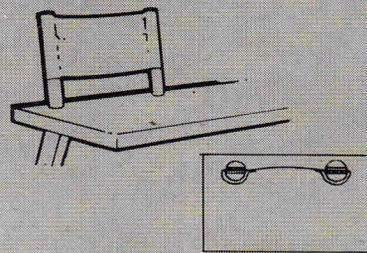
PROBLEM 1: How can we increase closet shelf space?

SOLUTION: Dr. C. W. Zeichner, Glen Rock, Pa., increased shelf space by adding wide boards along sides, extending from present shelf to front of closet. New shelf can be nailed in, or installed for easy removal by hanging it from existing shelf with piece of "zee" bar. Small angle brace fastens it to side wall.



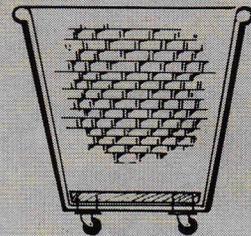
PROBLEM 2: How can we make picnic table benches more comfortable?

SOLUTION: Mr. Manus M. Rabbin, Sandy Hook, Conn., drilled holes, at an angle, into bench seats to accommodate large dowel rods. Tops of dowels were slotted and canvas backs slipped into them to form backrests.



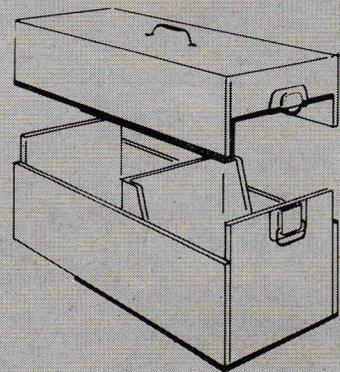
PROBLEM 3: How do you encourage children to pick up toys?

SOLUTION: Mrs. Roy Murray, Rockford, Ill., made pick-up time a game for her youngsters with an inexpensive toy basket on wheels. She reinforced a large wash basket with a wood bottom, mounted it on casters. It's easy to push around, indoors or out.



PROBLEM 4: Where does the lady of the house store her many sewing patterns?

SOLUTION: Rev. Paul M. Cutting, Newport, R. I., designed and built this handy pattern box. Construction is simple, by using $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch plywood and making all joints square. A suitcase latch on each end holds cover on, a handle makes it portable. Small piece of metal attached to bottom of divider slips under first two or three patterns—prevents them from tipping over and holds them in place.



Need new steps . . . stairs . . . railings for patio, sun deck or new addition? Have stairways with wobbly posts and shaky banisters? Need to dress up your steps and at same time gain more storage space? Then ask your local dealer named on the covers for new Handyman Plan No. 303, "Stairs and Railings", to guide you along the fix-up path.

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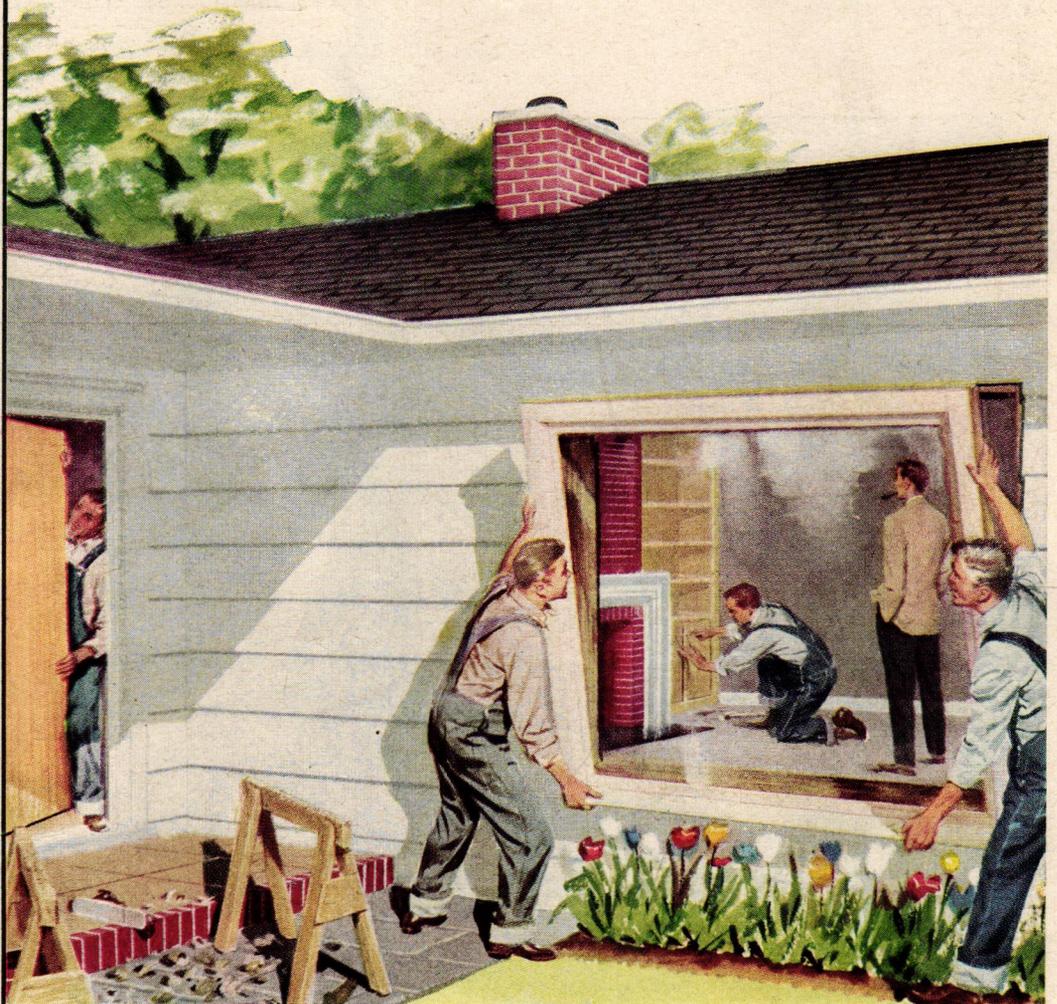
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