

## OIL EASES SAWING

Any hand saw will go through wood more smoothly if it has a fine coat of clean oil on the blade. Apply the oil, then wipe off with a clean cloth to be sure there's no excess to soak into the wood.

## Care Needed In Choosing New Home

Buying or building a new home can be one of the most exciting and rewarding times a family may ever experience together.

It also can be a top-notch investment. Government figures show that today a house kept in good condition actually increases in value year after year.

Here are some "do's" and "don'ts" to help house-hunting families in the purchase of a home that will give them years of comfort, pride, and satisfaction:

Do look the house over carefully from roof to foundation and inquire about the quality of building materials. If it has a roof of asphalt shingles, for example, you can be sure it will give good, long-lasting service.

Do be wary of sloppy construction. Chances are you won't be able to see much of the framework, but a careless plastering or masonry job often indicates poor quality of work throughout the house.

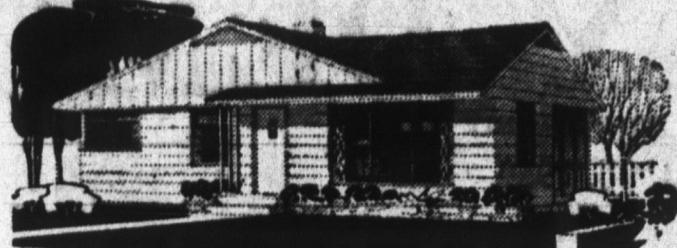
Do make sure the house is well insulated. Insufficient insulation or none at all will mean the loss of many heating dollars annually. Thick mineral wool insulation—at least 4 inches thick in the ceiling and 3 inches thick in walls—saves as much as 40 per cent a year in heating costs.

Do look carefully at wiring, plumbing, and heating equipment. These are the vital organs of any home, and a poor or inadequate installation can mean costly repairs, replacements, and additions for under \$17,000?

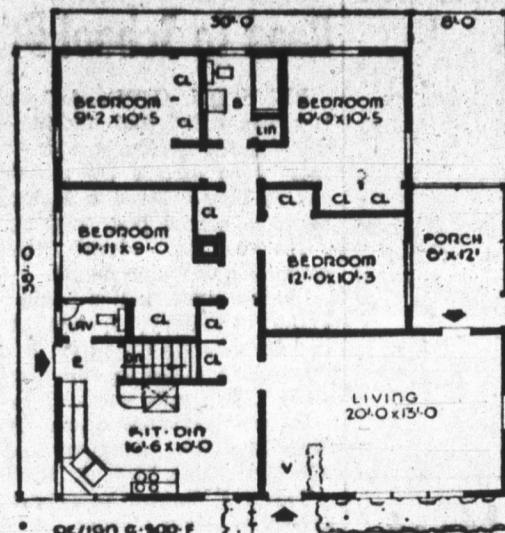
Don't neglect such important features as windows and doors. Not only are these vital to appearance inside and out, but can cause heat loss in winter if they are of poor quality. Quality windows of ponderosa pine add to good appearance and are weatherstripped to keep heat in and dust out. Wood sash and frames also contribute to heat savings because wood is a natural insulator.

Don't forget to investigate taxes. If they seem low, it may be that a future need for schools, sewers, and other improvements may send taxes skyrocketing.

Don't hesitate to look for a lower mortgage rate. Even 1/4 per cent less interest adds up to hundreds of dollars saved over the years before a mortgage is paid off.



A SMALL HOUSE PLANNING BUREAU DESIGN NO. C-500-F



DESIGN C-500-F. This plan features an outer hall with extra storage closets. It leads to all the bedrooms, with their abundance of wardrobe type closets.

A lavatory is located at the side entry. The kitchen-diner, with built-in oven and counter top range, provides pleasant dining beside a window facing the street.

The pleasing exterior is achieved by extending the eave and thereby providing a cover for the front door and with the stone planter beneath, forms a frame for the picture window. Board and batten in the front gable, horizontal wide siding and asphalt shingles complete the exterior materials. Floor area is 1252 square feet, cubage 22,578 cubic feet.

For further information about DESIGN C-500-F, write the Small House Planning Bureau, St. Cloud, Minn. In Canada, the Small House Planning Bureau of Canada, St. John, New Brunswick.

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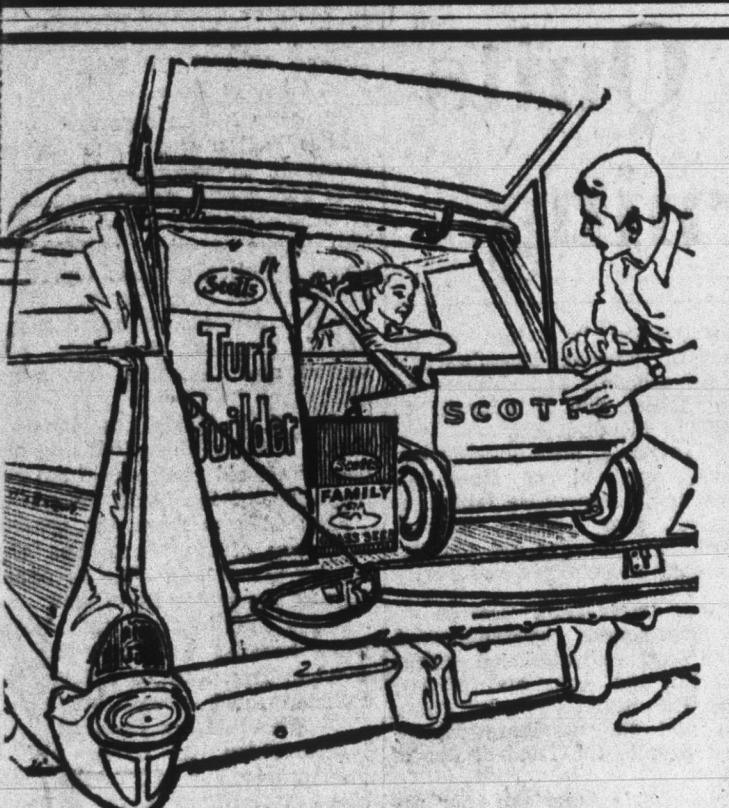
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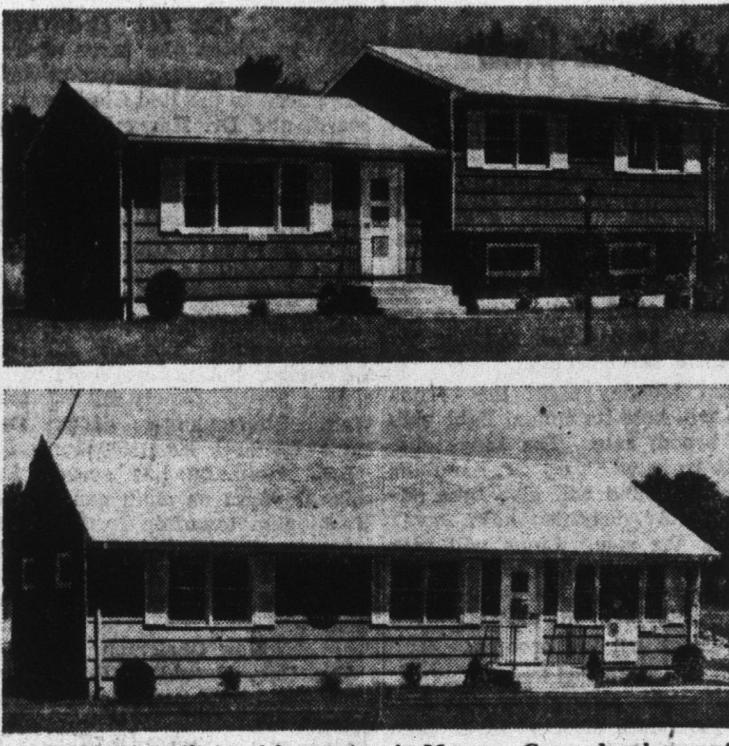
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## New Luxury Houses Can Be Built Without Luxury Price Tags



All electric split-level home, top, in Monroe, Conn. development sells for \$16,800. Six-room ranch-style, bottom, is priced at \$14,900. Both are heated electrically, insulated thickly with mineral wool, and have windows and exterior doors of ponderosa pine. Buyers have choice of asphalt shingle roof colors.

special electric rate by Connecticut Light and Power Co.

Tarinelli says the houses can be heated for about \$250 per year, a cost comparable with other types of fuel. In addition, the thick insulation makes it possible for air conditioning to be installed and operated at a low rate.

Also important to heating the appearance of the homes.

economy, according to the builder, are windows of ponderosa pine used throughout the houses. These wood windows, mostly double-hung and awning styles, save heat because wood is a natural insulating material. Stock louver shutters of ponderosa pine and panel doors on front and rear entrances contribute to the appearance of the homes.

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## Techniques Lower Costs Of Building

Top-quality homes can be built for less money today, thanks to new construction techniques and building materials that require less labor to install.

Among the more outstanding examples of this is an architects' axiom that it costs less to build wall areas when walls of windows are used.

The reason for this is that framing for window opening, plus the narrow wall section costs much more per square foot in labor and materials than windows. The late Frank Lloyd Wright was the first to use this idea. Some of his homes have 50 windows, but only a half dozen wall openings.

Walls of ponderosa pine windows are available today from the factory pre-assembled and ready to be fitted into place with a minimum of labor.

Another cost-saving technique practiced by many builders is the use of truss roof construc-



Big window areas, like these rows of ponderosa pine sliding sash, help cut overall construction costs, yet make homes look better and more expensive.

Studies have shown that a low pitched roof of asphalt shingles costs far less than a flat roof. Among the reasons for this are that a truss roof does not require load bearing walls on the interior as a flat roof does. In addition, less labor is needed to apply asphalt shingles than is required for other types of roofing.

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## \$350 Investment For Insulation Gives 14% Return

Like to make a blue-chip investment that will bring a cash return of at least 14 per cent year after year?

You can do it if you're building a new home by installing enough insulation to insure savings on heating fuel.

Here's how this can work for you:

Suppose your new home will have about 1,500 square feet of living space, and you decide to save money by skipping or skimping on insulation. If your house is in a central climate zone it will cost you about \$30 per month to heat it during the five-month heating season—more in cold weather.

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## Splicing a Cord

It's never the best idea to splice an extension or appliance cord, but if you must splice until you can get a new cord, be sure to stagger the splices of the two wires so they will not overlap and then use enough rubber tape over the splices to equal the insulation on the rest of the wire.

## Stopping Leaks

Water often leaks into a basement through the joint between the wood sill and the top of the foundation wall. Fill the joint with caulk compound. If the seam is very wide, fill first with oakum and then with caulk compound.

## Floor Hugger

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