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### FAMED AFRICAN PROPHET, NOTED FOR CONVERSIONS AMONG OWN RACE IS DEAD

"Black Elijah", Picturesque Native Crusader Who Advocated Any Kind of Religion, Was Subject of Many Newspaper Articles—Had Great Influence

Dr. J. J. O'Connell, C. W. O'Connell, West Africa's most picturesque and famous "prophet" who has been known as "Black Elijah", has passed away.

He had been for years a subject of newspaper feature stories throughout the world and when his death was announced to London, The Daily Telegraph had him on its main page.

Prophet Harris was an illiterate, but he had a "strong" voice with a white beard, long white robes, and a staff. He was born in the Ivory Coast but spent much of his own nation and preached in West Africa but particularly in the Ivory Coast. He preached salvation through Christ. He asked for nothing and accepted nothing. He refused to belong to any church and refused to found a new one, but with a crude yet powerful language and a deep insight into the human heart, he converted many to the Christian faith.

### Pope Will Hold Two Consistories During December

Vatican City, Dec. 6.—Official announcement has been made that Pope Pius XI will hold a secret consistory on December 15, and a public consistory later this month.

It is expected that several Cardinals will be appointed to fill vacancies that now exist in the Sacred College. No definite announcement has been made on this subject, however, by the Pope.

### Famous Church Damaged By War, Opened By Mass

Paris, Dec. 6.—The large and beautiful college church of St. Quentin, which was seriously damaged during the war, has been partially restored and is now in use. Services are held in the nave, which is closed off from the transept and choir by a partition.

Cardinal Binet, Archbishop of Besancon, former Bishop of Soissons and St. Quentin, and many other Bishops took part in the inaugural Mass, dated from the XIV century. For more than ten years this church, one of the jewels of French Gothic architecture, has been without a Mass. Dating from the XIV century, it had a nave almost as beautiful as that of the Reims Cathedral. After ten years' labor the buttresses of the nave are now restored and strengthened. The beautiful stained glass windows have been replaced.

### Catholic Historical Group Starts Drive

Washington, Dec. 6.—A campaign to increase the membership of the American Catholic Historical Society, and incidentally add new subscriptions to its publication, The Catholic Historical Review, has been begun by officials of the group here.

The campaign, which is to be nationwide, includes mailing to all pastors in the United States pamphlets dealing with the purpose of the Society and the policies of its magazine.

The Catholic Courier and Journal, a paper that should be in every Catholic home in Rochester.

### Railroad President



J. J. BERNET

Among the men called into conference by President Hoover to make plans for the improvement of business conditions was J. J. Bernet, President of the C. & O. Railroad. Mr. Bernet, a devout Catholic, is an able railroad executive and successful business man.

### Arras Calvary Scene Of Historical Cortege

Paris, Dec. 6.—A remarkable historical cortege marked the inauguration of the great Calvary that has been erected at Boly Sainte Helene in the diocese of Arras. The persons depicted in the procession were all those who played a role in the history of the True Cross, among them St. Helena, the Emperor Constantine, Peter the Hermit, St. Louis and local saints.

### \$100,000 Given To Catholic Univ. By Philadelphian

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 6.—Several Catholic institutions are named beneficiaries in the will of James J. Ryan, the distinguished Catholic layman who died here November 6.

Mr. Ryan's will establishes a trust fund of \$500,000 to provide eight annuities for relatives. Upon the death of the annuitant, the principal is to be placed in the James J. Ryan and Hannah Cusack Ryan fund for the Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo.

The Catholic University of America at Washington, D. C., of which Mr. Ryan was a trustee, will receive \$100,000.

The Christian Brothers Schools will receive \$5,000; the Catholic Convent at Castleconn, Ireland, \$2,500, and the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Agatha's Church here, \$1,000.

His Eminence, Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, also will receive \$5,000 for the establishment of a free bed in a hospital.

Residuary estate goes to Mr. Ryan's niece, Miss Margaret Cochrane, with whom he made his home.

### Nuns to Celebrate

Toledo, O., Dec. 6.—Celebration of the diamond jubilee of their foundation in Toledo is being planned by the Ursuline Nuns of this city. The celebration will be held from December 7 to 14, and plans now made arrange for receptions and Masses throughout the week.

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### Dining Alcove in Small Home Is Popular Now

Following the modern trend in construction, except in unusually large homes, the dining room, once called the most essential room in the house, is becoming more and more a non-essential.

Especially in the small house, the apartment and the bungalow of few rooms, the dining room is being replaced by the dining alcove, or breakfast room as it used to be called. The space once devoted to the dining room might easily be devoted to a library or sewing room combined.

The kitchen, that necessity in every home of whatever size, should be so placed that the smoke and odors from the cooking foods are carried away from the rest of the house. Thus it would in many cases be at the northern end of the place, where the prevailing winds in our climate at least would blow the aromas away from the other rooms.

The kitchen may very happily be designed toward the front of the house, especially if the house faces north, and there can be no possible objection to such a design. The service entrance may be at the side of the building, the drying room and the service yard being inclosed within a lattice wall, a stone wall or a high hedge.

### Rough Stipple Finish Good for Plain Room

A rough stipple is an unusual wood treatment which would be suitable in a plain room and with furniture of a somewhat heavy or massive type. To obtain this finish a little plaster of paris is mixed with the final coat of paint which is applied in the usual way and stippled.

The roughness of the mixture causes little projections of the paint to remain in the finish. A glaze coating (which is usually wiped over) is sometimes spread over the rough coating.

### Woman Converts Old House Into Modern Home

How an old house can be modernized through the laying of oak floors, remodeling of the roof and other improvements, was strikingly demonstrated by Mrs. Charles Treas, of Aberdeen, Miss.

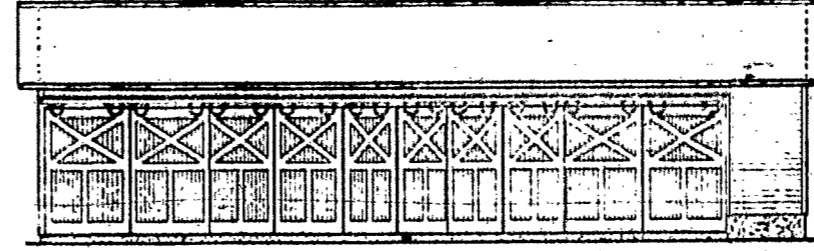
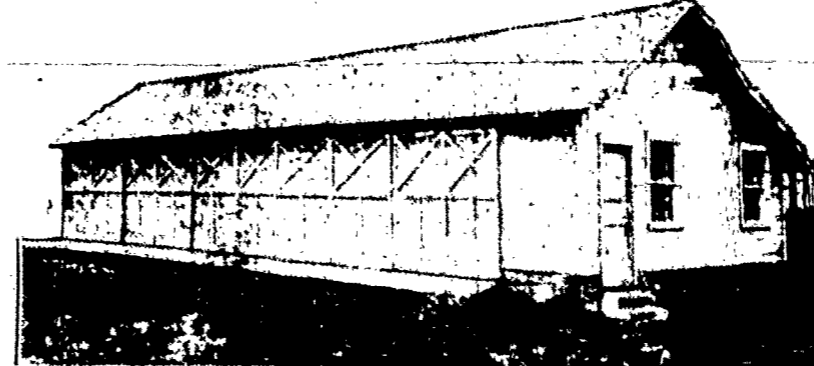
Mr. Treas was obliged to take the house, built 80 years ago, in payment of a debt. He did not think much of the place, but his wife saw possibilities in it. He turned it over to her.

"She ripped off the roof and replaced it with a new one," said Mr. Treas. "She tore away the old porch and built on a new one. She bathed the entire place with fresh paint. She placed a fence around it. She added to and rejuvenated the outbuildings. She used much concrete and finished off the outside appearance with much shrubbery.

"Then she went inside. There she laid new oak floors throughout, redecorated the walls and added touches of enamel work where needed. She built a new stairway, added an extra bathroom, a sleeping porch and a sun room. New windows relegated the old to the junk heap and new wiring and fixtures graced the spots where the old had died a natural death from old age."

When the house was completed Mr. and Mrs. Treas gave up their apartment and moved into it. It is one of the most attractive homes in Aberdeen.

### Modern Farm Machinery House and Repair Shop Good Investment



By W. A. RADFORD

Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF CHARGE on all problems pertaining to the subject of building work on the farm, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as editor, author and manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on the subject. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 407 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill., and only enclose two-cent stamp for reply.

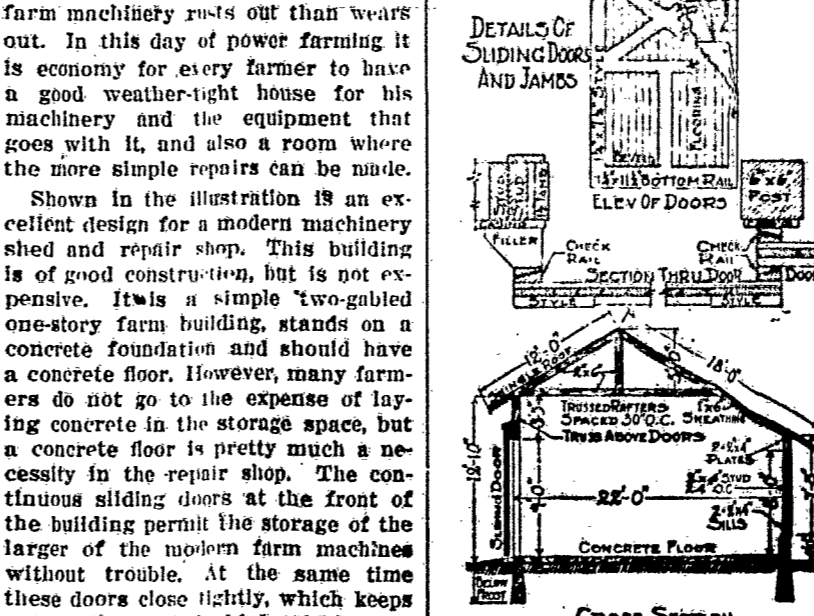
It often has been said that more farm machinery rusts out than wears out. In this day of power farming it is economy for every farmer to have a good weather-tight house for his machinery and the equipment that goes with it, and also a room where the more simple repairs can be made.

Shown in the illustration is an excellent design for a modern machinery shed and repair shop. This building is of good construction, but is not expensive. It is a simple two-gabled one-story farm building, stands on a concrete foundation and should have a concrete floor. However, many farmers do not go to the expense of laying concrete in the storage space, but a concrete floor is pretty much a necessity in the repair shop. The continuous sliding doors at the front of the building permit the storage of the larger of the modern farm machines without trouble. At the same time these doors close tightly, which keeps out weather and the birds which are a nuisance around machinery.

The building is 60 feet long and 22 feet wide. In connection with the floor plans are elevations and cross-sections together with a number of details which will enable farmers themselves or a local contractor to erect this building. The cross-section gives dimensions of the materials used, the thickness of the floor and

the depth of the footings to get below the frost line.

The average investment in machinery on the modern farm runs into the thousands of dollars. It will readily be seen that if the depreciation on this machinery can be cut in half, the saving will soon pay for a building such as this. Then there is the added advantage of having the machinery



ery in condition for the work it is supposed to do. The time factor is becoming more and more recognized on farms. When the machinery is in "tip-top" condition ready for work, advantage can be taken at various seasons of favorable weather, whereas the delay of a day or so might make a tremendous difference in the farm income.

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### Most of Walnut Used Today Is Grown in U. S.

Following close upon the heels of tobacco and corn, one of the first exports from colonial America was of considerable quantities of American walnut.

The English cabinet makers of the Seventeenth century, ever alert for new materials, soon learned from visitors to America of the beauties of American walnut as distinguished from European species. So, at their request, a returning visitor first imported into England some American walnut in the year 1629.

Since that time exports of American walnut continually expanded until 1913, when about 20 per cent of the American walnut produced was shipped abroad. During the World War the use of American walnut was regulated by the government, which required many millions of board feet for the manufacture of gunstocks and airplane propellers. Since the war a tremendous demand for American walnut was developed in the United States and in Canada. At the same time exports have increased until in 1928 nearly 1,000,000 feet of semimanufactured walnut lumber was shipped abroad. Of this a large percentage still goes to England, though since the war Germany has been an increasingly large user. The wood is used by many of Europe's most noted cabinet makers.

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