

PRESENTING NEW NOTES ON HOME PLANNING

Many Answers To Question of What To Do With Old Pantry

Is a pantry needed? For the small or medium sized home of two or three bedrooms, a pantry is quite unnecessary, since cabinets in the kitchen will accommodate the supplies for which a pantry used to be necessary for storage.

In remodeling a kitchen, the pantry often can be remodeled into a charming breakfast room that might be used for lunch and impromptu suppers. If the kitchen is small, the pantry partitions may be removed and the storage pantry space added to the kitchen.

The desirability of the dining alcove should not be overlooked. These fun-off-the-kitchen rooms are becoming increasingly popular. Here the family — and guests too — may join in informal meals, breakfasts, lunches, etc., which can be served simply and attractively. This room should have space for at least four people. Some pantries in older homes can be converted into spaces seating several

Cedar Chests

Cedar chests that are well made with tight joints and light fitting covers, are effective in preventing moth damage. To be dependable a cedar chest should contain a high percentage of red cedar heartwood lumber. As the effectiveness of the cedar chest is due to the presence of volatile oil in the wood, the chest should be kept closed.

To Tell Unique Housing Story

Courier To Give Details Of Independence Foundation

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In future issues the CATHOLIC COURIER will describe in detail the several phases of an accomplishment truly unique in the annals of modern building. This successful experiment in privately financed non-profit residential construction is known as the Independence Foundation. It has been reported for the COMMONWEALTH National Catholic weekly, by George Waller but in the year-and-a-half since his article appeared even greater success has been achieved by the group headed by the noted economist, Ralph Borsoodi. More facts as to concepts and operation are now available.

Mr. Borsoodi's removal as a consulting economist is witnessed by the fact of his large clientele of nationally-known firms, including Macy's in his mind, as in so many others, the spectacle of Depression is not to be overlooked. His more purposeful consideration of the housing problem for low-income families. He concluded that the entire concept of the term "home" needed a going-over. Prime need was that the home for such a family must be a producing as well as a consuming unit.

Now Borsoodi is no graph-paper theorist. He uses graph-paper aplenty, of course, but as proof of accomplishment, not to trace the ballooning course of hope. Therefore he set to work immediately to find the money and personnel to carry out his ideas.

That the home be made to meet the necessities of production and consumption to help sustain the family instead of the family being forced to consume is the aim. Still, the crops are only a limited portion of the story for this is no early back-to-the-land movement. Nearly all of the homesteaders are employed in the city, and the products of their home-steads are sold to the city. Mr. Borsoodi foresees that leave them plenty of leisure. Characteristic of the sound common-sense approach of the group to all of the multiple problems of building and home-ownership is its creation of a new method of assuring the building mechanics of steady work regardless of weather for the full 52 weeks of each year and the knowledge of their employment for at least a year ahead.

To discover how this and innumerable other fascinating details are worked out in a refreshing atmosphere of honesty and business morality, watch for the stories on this project which will appear from time to time on these pages of the COURIER in its weekly project. It might be noted very naturally enjoys the active interest and approval of many Catholic leaders, both lay and clerical. Notable among these are Monsignor John A. Ryan, head of the non-sectarian National Housing Committee; Bishop Royce of Pittsburgh; Bishop Muench of North Dakota; and Father Ligutti of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference.

New Rugs, Drapes

So many more interesting things in floor coverings and draperies and lamps and chairs as well as suits, are being offered in the early American mode today. Especially in captivating occasional pieces such as chairs and tables and desks and sofas and so on. All sorts of selections for every room.

Greater Values

It seems plain that the person who buys today will receive greater value for the investment if he or she chooses wisely than any consumer has obtained in the past fifteen years. The dollar is buying more furniture today than it has at any time since 1915.

WORN HANDBAGS

Worn handbags may often be brightened up by rubbing with a little vaseline to which a few drops of glycerine have been added. Wipe with a dry cloth.

Services of Interior Decorator Offered By Gamrod Harman

The Gamrod-Harman Company of 75 Exchange Street (near the Times-Union) extends a special invitation to the Catholic women of Rochester to take advantage of the services of Miss Justine Dona, well known interior decorator. Although Miss Dona has been associated with Gamrod-Harman for a comparatively short time, she has already helped hundreds of Rochester women solve their interior decoration problems.

An interview with Miss Dona found her enthusiastic over hundreds of new inexpensive ideas for smart interiors. Old designs, according to Miss Dona, are as fascinating to decorate as new homes. "You see," she explained, "two-thirds of the average home is wall space and so a wallpaper that is just right in color and design can completely modernize uninteresting interiors and make them delightful places to live in."

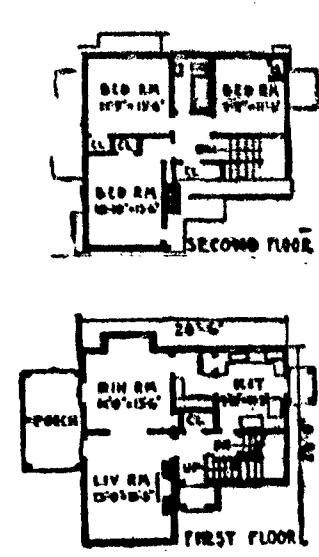
Miss Dona is thrilled with the new 1940 Imperial Washable Wallpapers which are exclusive in

A POPULAR ROOM ARRANGEMENT



EIGHT out of ten new American residences are being built in the Colonial style. The most popular style is one based on English antecedents, the outstanding characteristic of which is the high-pitched, long, sweeping roof.

The house has three bedrooms, all of good, usable size, plus a porch. The circulation in this house is excellent. On both the first and second floors every room communicates directly, or very nearly directly, with the hall. Note the fact that the porch may be reached from both the dining room and the living room. If convenient, this makes it possible to use it as a summer dining room.



Color Suggestions For New Kitchens

Here are a few color suggestions that may help you brighten your present kitchen or inspire you in planning your new home. They come from the Catholic Courier Kitchen Bureau.

- Yellow, Ivory and Blue.
- White, orange yellow in graduating tones up to the ceiling, woodwork, ivory, curtains, blue and ivory floor, blue, plain or patterned accessories, blue and ivory.
- Cream, Black and Green.
- White, deep cream, woodwork, cream, curtains, green print with white figures, floor black and green linoleum accessories, coral, cabinets lined with apple green.
- White, Blue and Red.
- White, white woodwork, white, curtains blue and red, floor red and white linoleum, cabinets lined with brilliant blue.
- Yellow, Brown and Metal.
- White, sunburst yellow, floor deep brown woodwork, yellow curtains pale yellow cotton with large brown dots, sink, metal metal.
- Gray, White and Black.
- White, gray with green tint, floor black and white check, windows white Venetian Blinds, black and white curtains accessories, your own choice of dress.

Wallpapers In French Colonial

The strong current demand for decorative treatment of the Colonial or Early American period has served to bring to the fore excellent reproductions of wall coverings now in old homes or museums. Many are made up in original designs embodying authentic motifs of the period, or the most part there is a simple charm about these designs that make them particularly welcome to the home maker who discovers in them a welcome relief from the ornate.

Not only does the Colonial spirit being emphasized in the new wall papers but French types are most evident. Copies have been made of a silk wall hanging used in the Parliament de Ministre in the Palace of Versailles during the Napoleonic period.

SAGGING CANE CHAIRS. Turn them upside down wash well with soapy water, wipe with a glycerine dipped cloth. Turn right side up to dry.

Early American Light Fixtures

The earliest American Colonial light fixtures originated in New England. The early settlers used home-made candles for lighting and stuck them in a holder which was fastened to a saucer to catch the drip. They also hung on the walls small shelves upon which to set candlesticks and, to protect the wall from burning, placed a tin plate behind them. Of course, as time went on these fixtures became less crude. However they always retained a refreshing simplicity to which the materials used — tin and pewter — were admirably adapted.

In the Southern states the whale-oil lamps of New England were considered too plain, so they were hung with crystal. European forms were also imported and changed to suit new conditions.

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HOME OWNERSHIP

The attitude of the Catholic Church on Ownership of Private Property has always been one of encouragement as may be gleaned from the Encyclical "Rerum Novarum" of Pope Leo XIII.

"It is surely undeniable that, when a man engages in remunerative labor, the very reason and motive of his work is to obtain property, and to hold it as his own private possession."

The United States government with its FHA policy seeks to aid Home Ownership with its bureau of information on better housing and financing.

The CATHOLIC COURIER HOME BUILDING and MODERNIZING BUREAU will be of valuable service to you if you plan on building a home or modernizing the old one. Its consultant architect will gladly answer any question on the important subject of building. This advice is free to readers of the CATHOLIC COURIER. Take advantage of this service. Now is the time to build and remodel. Prices are low.

Hint of the Week—Contemporary Bedroom

Perhaps you have a boy or girl, a gay young widow, who is entirely dissatisfied with the old fashioned bedroom planned to him or her. Well, here is a way to convert that bedroom—to bring it up-to-date, to get more elbow room—by using an extra bathroom or dressing room.

If the room is a good-sized, old fashioned one, it is a simple process. Begin by building a partition across one end of the room just deep enough and long enough to accommodate the spring and mattress of a single bed.

Now make a bed alcove by building a cross partition which will leave one end of the narrow space between the new partition and the old wall to be used as a closet space.

Install a door into this closet, or this closet space may be converted into a new bath with a shower or even a dressing room with a built-in dressing table and mirror at one end.

Be sure of course to have an electric light installed. To decorate the room and hang one of the gay, modern prints in the bed alcove. Cover the mattress with your best sheet or harmonica.

Install two curtains of the same material as the bed room or the same material as the window coverings.

Provide gay pillows and have you have an up-to-date practical room that can be converted into a handy room any time.