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Offering an opportunity to learn how to make alterations in your home, plan a breezeway or help with your plans for a new home, a special series of classes will begin Monday evening January 7 at the Paul Revere Evening Trade School, 135 Bernard Street, according to an announcement. The program will continue regularly on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:50 to 10:10 for a period of 10 weeks, covering instructions in Blue Print Reading, Bricklaying, Mason Work and Carpentry. The registration fee for the term is two dollars, regardless of place of residence, it was stated.
The "Build Your Home Club" of the Friendship Club will meet Thursday evening January 10

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Nature Sends Festive Gift



A white Christmas always makes the season more delightful and for the owners of this home the snow is something right out of Santa's bag. The beauty of the whitened landscape glewed through the wide sweep of windows provides a perfect backdrop for the festivities of the season. Walls of windows such as these ransomed styles in ponderosa pine make a home more enjoyable at any time of the year by bringing the beauty of nature inside. Windows of pine come in many shapes, sizes and styles, ideal for a wall on the scenic side of a house.

Chill Drafts Don't Belong In Any House

There's no need for anyone to live in a drafty old house today. Thanks to modern engineering advancements, if a house is structurally sound, it can be made airtight and comfortable with insulation, weatherstripping, and caulking.

Many old houses have cracks, large and small, in the walls, particularly around window and door frames and at the sill where the house sits on the foundation. These can be sealed with caulking compound to prevent heat loss and stop drafts.



Installing mineral wool.

Large openings should be stuffed with oakum, then caulked.

The "blow-in wool" technique developed by mineral wool insulation engineers makes it possible for a house of any age to be insulated for more comfort both in winter and summer. Trained technicians use air pressure to blow mineral wool into walls and ceiling through a hose from outside the house. This packs the insulation into every corner and crevice and around wires and pipes, ensuring an efficient insulation seal.

Weatherstripping around doors and windows also is important to cut down drafts and heat loss. Hardware and building material dealers carry many types of weatherstripping, most of which can be installed by the homeowner. Modern ponderosa pine window units have weatherstripping built in at the factory.

Surveys show that home-owners are spending more than \$6,600,000,000 each year for home improvements, including remodeling and repairs.

Heating Alone Doesn't Make A Cozy Home

A good heating system isn't enough to keep a house fully comfortable and heating equipment manufacturers are the first ones to say it.

What they advocate is a combination of a good heating system and the type of house construction in which the heating system will give its best results.

One major manufacturer goes so far as to urge heating contractors to figure if insulation and other improvements will make a house easier to heat -- and, if they will, to recommend these improvements, even though it means that the contractor would sell a smaller furnace than he would otherwise.

The company makes this suggestion to contractors in the interest of "customer satisfaction, through lower operating costs and greater comfort."

Another heating industry source says only one house out of ten constructed recently is completely insulated to give the comfort conditions obtainable with modern approved construction.

In its engineering manual, "Calculating Heat Losses," used as a technical guide by heating contractors, the National Warm Air Heating & Air Conditioning Association shows that a conventional frame wall as a heat transmission coefficient of .25, while a similar wall insulated with a 3 1/2-inch thickness of mineral wool has a coefficient of .09.

This tells the heating contractor that the wall without insulation will let almost three times as much heat escape from the house as will a wall fully insulated with mineral wool. Similar figures show that mineral wool ceiling insulation gives a comparable advantage.

In regard to the heating system proper, NWAHACA says that selecting a qualified contractor is equally as important as selection of the equipment. It advises home-owners to check with the contractor's customers to learn about the quality of his work.

The association counsels home-owners to specify that installation be made in compliance with its standards for warm air winter air conditioning.

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HOME OWNERS QUESTION BOX

Q Is it true that painting the inside walls of a house with a rubber base paint will help keep paint from peeling on the exterior siding? If so, why?
A Many authorities on condensation agree that a rubber base paint or one with a high tar content will act as an effective vapor barrier. In this respect, it prevents moisture inside the house from condensing in exterior surfaces. It is this type of condensation which usually causes paint peeling.

Q The home we're building will have an exposed beam ceiling following the slight pitch of the roof. Since the underside of the roof deck will be the ceiling, how can we make the roof absolutely free from leaks?
A The most popular roofing used in today's home construction, asphalt shingles, can be safely applied to roofs with a pitch as low as two inches per horizontal foot.

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