

1937 is
HOME Improvement YEAR

The Year For
Putting Men Back to Work



ABOUT ATTICS

If, as you stand in the middle of your attic, you can reach up without touching the ridge pole, and if you can walk about three feet to each side without striking your head on a rafter—be thankful, for you have discovered a barren place that can be made to pay dividends in comfort and usefulness.

Perhaps even more than basements attics have been put to use in recent years. After all, what more useful thing can you imagine than a spare bedroom in the attic—or a sewing room, a play room, or even an apartment? When your home was built, you paid for cubic footage now going to waste. Why not get some return on that investment?

Floors in unused attics are generally of rough tongue-and-grooved lumber, suitable for use as a sub-floor to receive a finished floor of practical service made of hard or soft wood flooring or linoleum. Occasionally, however, the existing floor can be put in condition suitable for your use. This naturally will save you money.

Sometimes attics are hard to reach. In such cases, a disappearing stair is a satisfactory answer. If there isn't room on the attic floor for the stair ladder, you can build a permanent stairway. The convenience of having an attic you can use is well worth installing a stair of either type.

HOW'S YOUR ROOF?

From time to time you have undoubtedly visited homes in which you felt everything was 'just right.' Not only were they charming when seen from the outside, but you instinctively felt they were designed for comfortable, pleasant living. It is natural for us all to want just such a house. But first, let's take a look at the outside.

Look especially at the roof. Is it colorful, or is it dull? Do the shingles lie flat and snug, or are they curling, splitting and falling out? Are they fireproof, or do they constitute an ever-present fire hazard? Any roof, to meet all requirements, should be permanent or fireproof.

INVITE CANADA TO SUPPLY PILOTS FOR AIR FORCE

British Under-Secretary of Air Asks Co-operation of Dominions

LONDON, March 16 — Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary for Air, introducing the air estimates in the House of Commons this afternoon, invited Canada to co-operate in the supply of pilots.

"I want to say a few words about Dominion co-operation," Sir Philip said. "There is already in operation a scheme whereby pilots are trained as cadets in the Royal Australian Air Force and then serve a term of years with the air force of this country. Afterwards they revert to the Royal Australian Air Force Reserve.

Welcome Co-operation

"New Zealand is establishing a similar scheme and also a system whereby candidates who apply for the Royal Air Force are medically examined so as to ensure that they are not turned down when they come to this country.

"We should welcome adoption of a similar system by Canada, from which Dominion no fewer than 100 young men have come on their own and have been accepted for short service commissions. We welcome these pilots. They are first-rate young men and we wish to do everything in our power to facilitate their entry."

Sir Philip continued that the present air force expansion scheme meant practically trebling it as well as re-arming it with modern equipment. He described recruiting as entirely satisfactory. The programme for last year envisaged the entry of some 1,200 short service officers and 235 airmen for training as pilots.

"These figures not only have been reached," the Under-Secretary declared, "they have been surpassed. We are now continuing to recruit in anticipation of future requirements. During the coming financial year we intend to train 1,175 pilots.

"The position in regard to airmen is equally satisfactory. During 1936 we planned to recruit over 11,000 airmen, including 2,655 apprentices and boy entrants. Present figures indicate our figures will be fully realized.

Big Achievement

"Great as have been the demands they have been completely and fully satisfied. The fact pays handsome tribute to the sense of patriotism and the spirit of adventure of our younger generation. At the same time there can be no relaxation of effort. We rely on the continued support of the British public. We believe we shall receive it."

Sassoon announced the creation of a new reserve to be called the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. This will be a direct entry reserve, the pilots being recruited straight from civil life. It is hoped that during the coming financial year it will recruit over 800 men.

A network of training schools will be set up around London and other great cities. Two centres are being

DUTCH PLAN HOMES FOR YEAR 2000

No Private Land Ownership for Dwellings—Gardened Apartments for Workers Interspersed With Estates

Queen Wilhelmina's "very modern country" has developed so many unusual features in its housing programme, according to Mrs. Wiegman Bruin, that it has already surpassed most other nations in this field and achieved conditions that are "Utopian."

Mrs. Bruin, American born, married a Dutch architect seven years ago and went house hunting in Amsterdam.

"And I had one shock after another," she said, just before sailing back to Holland after a two months' visit in the United States. "I had been reared, as Americans are, in the belief that a nation of home owners is the mark of highest citizenship and of most stable national economy."

"I discovered that the Dutch long ago discarded this theory as antiquated. They are not interested in having people own their own houses. They have worked out convincingly for themselves the idea that satisfactory town planning can be best accomplished by public ownership of land devoted to housing."

YOUR CELLAR

Perfectly marvelous things are being done with basements these days. Not so long ago people were saying, "O, that cellar! So dirty! So musty! So hard to keep clean!" But now the family without a cellar is considered unfortunate, for this room has been placed beside the kitchen, living room and dining room in importance.

By using that kitchen waste space below stairs, many a family has made its dearest wish come true. A play room for the children? The cellar is ideal. A game room for dad and his friends, or for mother and her bridge club? The cellar, of course. And when we say cellar, we are not thinking of stone or concrete walls and a gray floor. We are thinking of something that gives the service you want, but does it as attractively as any other room in the house. Just think of what you would like to have in addition to your present home, and the chances are that you will find a place for it in the cellar.

What you do with the walls depends largely on the kind of room and the effect you want.

NEW INTERIORS

The living room, dining room or bedroom that is lacking in character presents another special problem. There is one method of solving it that will afford you great enjoyment. That method is to select some object and actually design the room around it. Interior decorators very often achieve masterpieces by designing rooms around such objects as corner cupboards, fireplaces, alcoves, beds and even pictures. It may be just an ordinary room with uninteresting walls, and with nothing particularly distinctive about it.

In re-styling the living room, the most obvious change is to install a fireplace mantel, if you do not now have one, or to replace a poorly designed mantel with one of good design. Other suggestions include the use of book shelves, bay windows, new drapes, and modern lighting fixtures.

SEE
TIMS
AND
TAKE
THINGS
EASY!

WE BUILD YOUR HOME

FROM PLAN TO PLASTER

... And every operation from foundation to inside finish is handled by us through our expert craftsmen who have gained their experience building homes for scores of other satisfied customers.

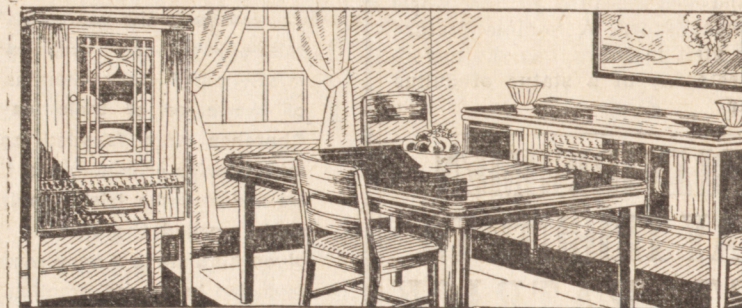
THERE IS NO GUESSWORK
IN A "TIMS" JOB!

From start to finish we oversee the work in YOUR HOME and carry it through to completion at a uniform standard of excellence.

See us for PLANS and ESTIMATES

PROSPECTIVE HOME BUILDERS...

Should know that we have a wide and varied range of plans and drawings, showing all that is best and most modern in up-to-the-minute Home Design. Your selection can be chosen from a wide variety of attractive models.



TIMS CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

362 CHARLOTTE ST.

PHONE 1152



EARLY
SPRING
BUILDING

THE BEST IN BUILDING MATERIALS

—First quality materials are always the cheapest in the long run. They insure satisfaction, better appearance in the finished job and less expense in replacement and repair. Let us give you estimates on the materials you need for your building jobs. No obligation.

RISTEEN CO., LTD.
WOODWORKING

104 QUEEN ST.

TEL. 266

SHENSI TERMED YELLOW EARTH THE WIND BUILT

Province in Loess Highland Area is Mostly Dust in Quake-Ridden Region.

Shensi province holds few lures for outsiders to establish a residence there, says the National Geographic Society.

It is a cool, windswept, yellow country, squeezed dry as a bone by drought. Earthquakes rush in where floods cannot flow and ravage the countryside with landslides of powdery yellow dust. Except through the center, Shensi is not thickly settled, and travel is so difficult that settlers usually stay where they are. Rice is a rarity; and wheat is the staple food.

Within an area the size of Nebraska's, Shensi contains part of a desert plateau and part of China's highest mountain range, the Tsinling Shan. Dividing the two regions, the Wei River spreads its bounty through a broad, fertile valley so favorable for abundant life that it has served as "the cradle of China."

The Great Wall rambles along Shensi's northern boundaries, at times insignificant and usually a futile rampart against famishing hordes from the Mongolian steppes. Chinese maps include in Shensi also a strip of countryside outside the wall. A more effective barrier fortifies the south—the towering Tsinling Mountains, full of unexpected fastnesses, and reaching into China like a finger from the Himalayas. The central valley people

regard these precipitous peaks with awe.

Most of Shensi, however, lies in the bare loess highland area of north-west China, the land that the wind built. For the soil, silky soft and free from any grit after countless centuries of being sifted by the wind, was blown into place and packed down into a mammoth cushion of powdery silt. "Hwang tu" the Chinese call it—the yellow earth.

Crude two-wheel cars cut deeply into the loess, and roads soon become narrow-winding twin ditches. Vertical cliffs of loess are burrowed into for humble homes. Except from below the cliff these dwellings are invisible, and the level plain above may betray no sign of human life except a mysterious wisp of smoke rising from the ground. Modern caverns, in many cases sharing their homes with their livestock, are subject to burial alive in the event of an earthquake. Such casualties contributed to what has been called "the greatest catastrophe in human history," an earthquake spreading through this area some three centuries ago, which is believed to have killed almost a million people.

Ancient Shensi was on the main routes of Oriental trade. Before ships from India and Asia Minor learned to navigate the Indian Ocean and the treacherous China Sea, China's real "coast" was its western boundary, over which washed tides of trade from the west. Observant Marco Polo recorded that he found a centre of long-distance caravan trade in Shensi. Modern water transportation has caused an about-face in China's trade frontier, and the only modern remedy for Shensi's antiquated transit methods is the airplane. A single railway penetrates but partly.

There is little now in the province to lure modern commerce. Wheat is the chief crop, but draught may prevent its growth over a foot high, and much of the grain must go immediately to native waterwheel mills and be-

SOUTH WALES COAL FIELDS WIDER RANGE

In the South Wales coalfield there is a wider range of coals than in almost any other coalfield in the world writes L. H. Ausman, Acting Trade Commissioner in Bristol, in the forthcoming issue of the Commercial Intelligence Journal. For the purposes of output and price regulation they are divided into the following three classes: (1) anthracite, (2) industrial and (3) steam and bituminous. From the western valleys of South Wales roughly between the towns of Neath and Carmarthen, with a narrow continuation into Pembrokeshire, approximately 6,000,000 tons of anthracite are obtained annually. This Welsh anthracite coal is of an exceptionally high quality and is generally regarded as the finest coal of this type in the world, having a high carbon content with a volatility usually less than 8 per cent. The industrial fuels are found more towards the eastern section of the coalfield, just north and northwest of the cities of Cardiff and Newport. Here, although the carbon content is slightly lower, the coal is relatively smokeless when burned.

My whole youth was bruised by rebuffs from men sitting at desks when I was looking for a job.—Charlie Chaplin.

come flour, to stave off famine. Cotton thrives in the Wei Valley. Other apparently un-Chinese vegetables indigenous to Shensi are peanuts, tobacco and the Irish potato.

HEADQUARTERS

FOR

THE HOME

THAT'S OUR BUSINESS!
to Supply YOU with...

HOME BUILDING,
REPAINTING and
REPAIR SUPPLIES.

It's YOUR business to see that you procure the best quality in materials at the BEST POSSIBLE PRICE. Under the Home Improvement Plan you can buy better for Cash. Call and see about

ROOFING LIME WALLBOARD
PAINTS CEMENT ROCKWALL PLASTER

LAWLOR & CAIN, LTD.

520 QUEEN ST.

TEL. 239



How You May Get Rid of Those Painful Boils

**BURDOCK
BLOOD
BITTERS**

When boils start to break out it is an evidence the blood is clogged up with impurities and requires to be thoroughly purified by a good blood medicine.

We believe there is no better blood cleansing medicine than Burdock Blood Bitters. It helps to remove the foul matter from the blood, and once the blood is purified the boils disappear and your misery is at an end. Try it!

TO HELP PREVENT
MANY COLDS

**VICKS
VA-TRO-NOL**

A few drops up
each nostril

TO HELP END A
COLD QUICKER

**VICKS
VAPORUB**

Just rub on
throat, chest
and back

Follow **VICKS PLAN** for better CONTROL OF COLDS
Full details in each Vicks package