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COMFORTABLE HOME AT LITTLE EXPENSE

OTTAWA, Oct. 19—Winner of second prize in the Home Improvement contest run by the Winnipeg Tribune, the following essay was submitted by Peter Watt, of Winnipeg. It indicates that a large loan is not always necessary in order to remodel your house.

"Every winter for a number of years I have given a great deal of thought about how to make my house more comfortable and less expensive to live in.

"The back door of my house faces west and there are no buildings for over two blocks to break the wind from that direction. It has been necessary, during the winter months to close this door permanently in order to keep the kitchen warm.

"One thing more that made me think was when I looked down a lane and saw a row of garages on the rear of the various lots.

"My own was one of these and my work being that of a city salesman I know what it means to go from the house to the garage every morning in the winter months through drifts of snow and in 25 to 30 below weather to get to my car and begin my daily calls.

"There was also the inconvenience in the summer of getting a very decided wetting if one should attempt to take the car out during a heavy shower, or arrive home and leave the car for the house during the rain.

"Now that is all changed thanks to the Government Home Improvement Plan.

"I made arrangements with my bank for a loan of \$200 under the above mentioned plan, called in a contractor, and got to work.

"We planned a porch for the back door to project about four feet, past the end of the house to the extreme south side of my lot, giving me a door facing east with a walk from the street. Also a door facing west with a walk into the back yard. The past six months has proven that our back door problem has been solved.

"The next step was the insulating of the roof and walls of the house, which was done with a wood shaving composition and has proved very satisfactory.

"The garage came next and required some thinking. It measured 10 feet by 16 feet and it was a very tight fit for my car. Not an inch of room to spare. We decided to take the end off, cut in two and put it on the sides, making the size 10 feet by 21 feet, giving me plenty of room, even with the car inside.

"A small porch over a door leading from the basement was removed and the garage was moved up and attached to the house, giving me an entrance from the

house to the garage without the necessity of going out into cold or stormy weather. Thus was another problem solved.

"When everything was completed and I paid the lumber account I was very agreeably surprised to find that by paying cash there was a discount of approximately \$20. The bank had charged \$6.50 for the loan, so I reasoned that by using the bank's money, made available under the Government Home Improvement Plan, and paying cash I had saved \$13.50 which I could not have done otherwise.

"The arrangements with the bank and the improvements which have been made, have both proven so satisfactory that I am negotiating for another loan, this time to paint the house, porch and garage, which will complete a very satisfactory improvement to my home, thanks to the government and the co-operation of the banks."

HEAT CONTROL HELD VITAL

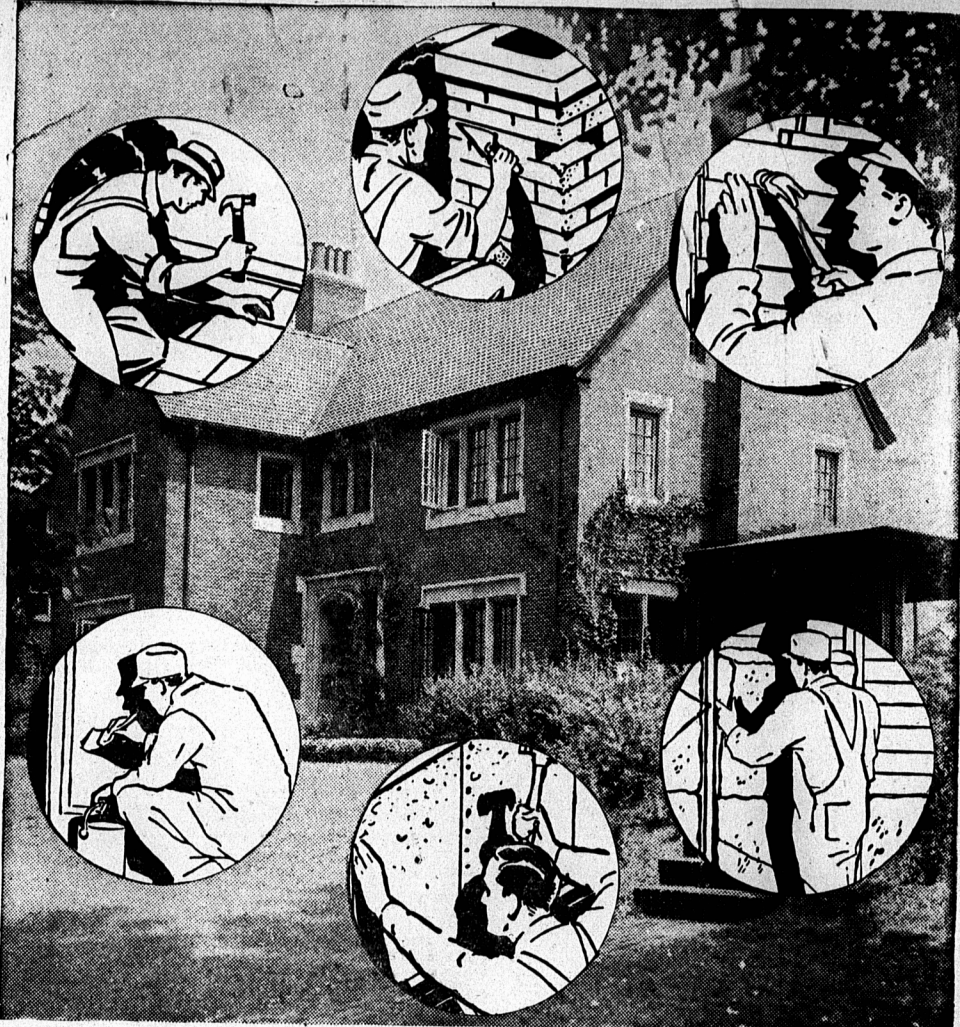
With all types of automatic heating equipment the brain of the system is the thermostat. Its proper location has a great bearing on the winter comfort and economy of the home, heating engineers point out.

The best location for the thermostat is on an inside wall approximately five feet from the floor and in a spot where it is protected from drafts caused by fireplaces, stairways, or the opening of outside doors, and where it may be in contact with a large volume of air. This usually means that the thermostat should be located on the first floor in the living room, library or study, or dining room.

THREE FEET HIGH

Recently some authorities have recommended as the best height above the floor about three feet rather than five feet, as is customary, because the three-foot level is the zone in which people are more sensitive to temperature changes. However, because the location of the thermostat at the three-foot height usually interferes with furnishings, it is not commonly placed at this height unless a spot can be found where it will not interfere with chairs, tables and other items of furniture.

Too often the thermostat is crowded into an inconspicuous space because of a desire to keep things mechanical from conflicting with the decorative scheme of



the room in which it is located. Such a procedure will, perhaps, satisfy the artistic taste, but when cold weather comes it will not satisfy the comfort urge; and now, with the attractive designs in which thermostats are available there should no longer be hesitancy in locating them in the living quarters.

Roofing too, is very important. Much discomfort from leaky ones can be avoided by re-roofing. In addition, old roofs often become fire hazards.

With the approach of winter insulation becomes a subject that every home owner should consider. Proper insulation will greatly reduce heating bills. It improves the comfort that the house affords in any season!

Refacing and repair of brickwork is still another important project to be considered. Also plumbing, heating, walls, woodwork, floors and wiring!

No better time than the present could be found if you should like to remodel a room, rooms or the whole house. Everything of this sort can be done cheaply at present low prices on materials.

If you haven't already, check over your home now. Make sure that everything in your home is in good condition and now that better times are here, fix up that basement room into a recreation room. Do the thousand things that you've been wanting to do for so long.

After your repairs and changes are over, you can relax and enjoy the comforts of a new home all over again. . . and don't forget, any money that you spend on your home gives returns not only in satisfaction, it also increases the resale value of your house!

BATHROOM NEEDS GOOD SUPPORT

The heaviest load per square foot of the entire house is usually carried by the bathroom floor, the reason for this being the weight of the materials used in the room—concrete, tile and heavy fixtures. Unfortunately, this is one part of the building in which the floor beams are usually weakened by careless cutting for the installation of pipes.

It is possible to avoid this error by proper framing for the pipes and this extra support should be provided to avoid settlement cracks in the tile, between the tile and the built-in tub and on the ceiling below.

Heating Plants Require Regular Attention

For the maximum of efficiency in heating, your furnace or automatic heater should be thoroughly checked at regular intervals! Excessive fuel costs and discomfort often is due to some easily corrected fault in your heating system. The best method is to call in a heating engineer who will thoroughly examine the furnace, the flues, the pipes, the chimney and the draft conditions, and make repairs or adjustments based on his findings!

Fall and Winter Air Conditioning

Many astute citizens are realizing that it pays dividends of comfort and happiness to modernize and repair their homes now. Building costs of all kinds are lower now than they are expected to be for some time.

Look over your home from the basement to the roof. . . you'll find plenty of things that need attention. The outside of homes usually are the first thing to be considered as poor, cracked and peeling paint not only ruins the appearance of the house but also allows the weather and insect life to wreak havoc with the lumber!

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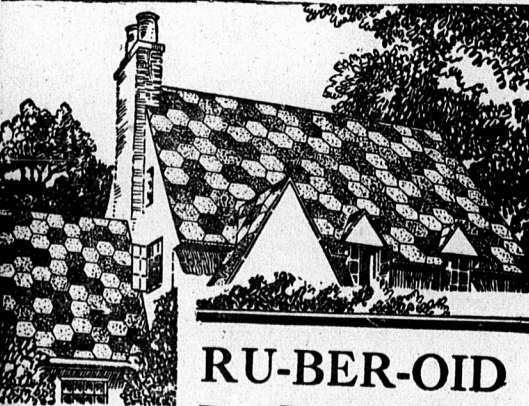
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Honor roll for August-September:
Grade IX—1. Joseph Harding.
Grade VIII—1. Arnold Meek; 2. Ruby Campbell; 3. Alva Jost.
Grade VII—1. Margaret MacKenzie.
Grade VI—1. Ruth Meek; 2. Velda Dunning; 3. Betty MacKen-

zie.
Grade V—1. James Paynter; 2. Elmer Paynter; 3. Wilbert Locke.
Grade IV—1. Leigh Cole.
Grade III—1. Erma MacRae; 2. Joseph Dunning; 3. Austin Wigmore.
Grade II—1. Cecil Paynter; 2. Paul Paynter; 3. Jean MacLeod.
Grade I—No exams.
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