

Today's Housing Stock Shows More Variety

Canadian housing trends are changing. There are now more apartments and other types of multiple dwellings being built and as a result we are getting more variety into our housing stock.

While single-family dwellings remain the ultimate ambition of most families, for monetary and other reasons this goal must sometimes be set aside for a few years until the new family is ready to settle in their own home.

Years ago people lived all of their lives in one community but now they move more frequently, usually within the same province, but on many occasions across the country. This tendency is reflected in the type of homes being built and as a result the character of our community is changing.

The apartment building boom which has taken place in major cities and, more recently, in smaller centres, is in response to the average Canadian's requirements. More and more young men starting out on their careers are subject to periodic transfers from city to city.

These men and their families do not find it practical in the early years to live in their own homes. Rental accommodation seems a necessity for these young families.

It is interesting to note that in 1955 single family dwellings accounted for 71 per cent of residential starts as against 48 per cent for apartments. Some 10 years later, those figures have almost evened up with apartments slightly ahead at 46 per cent compared with individual houses at 45 per cent. There is also another notable factor in comparing starts for these years. Ten years ago duplexes and semi-detached houses ran at 7 per cent while row housing amounted to only about 1.4 per cent; in 1965 row housing had advanced to 3.2 per cent while duplexes and semi-detached houses dropped to 4.8 per cent.

Row or Town Houses Popular
Row's housing increasing popularity in Canada is reflected all over the world. This type of home, which is also known as a town house, garden apartments or courts and a host of other epithets, is very practical from many points of view.

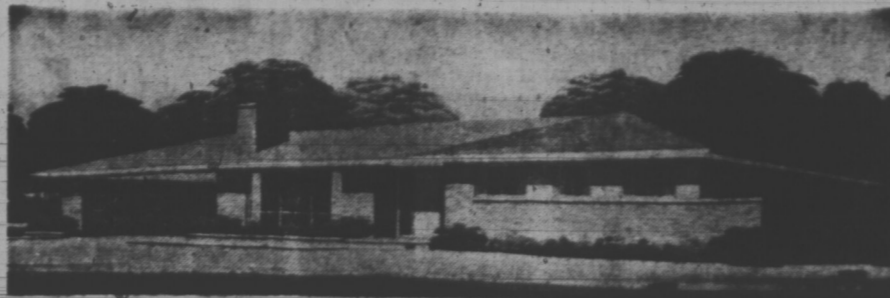
To the young couple with a family it is often more desirable than an apartment and can mean a quicker step to becoming a home owner. In major cities, troubled with rising land costs, the row house is being offered for home ownership as well as rental accommodation.

Modern row housing is far different from that which was built in many Canadian cities 30 and 40 years ago. Many of these new projects are of the highest architectural and aesthetic standards—a credit to their communities.

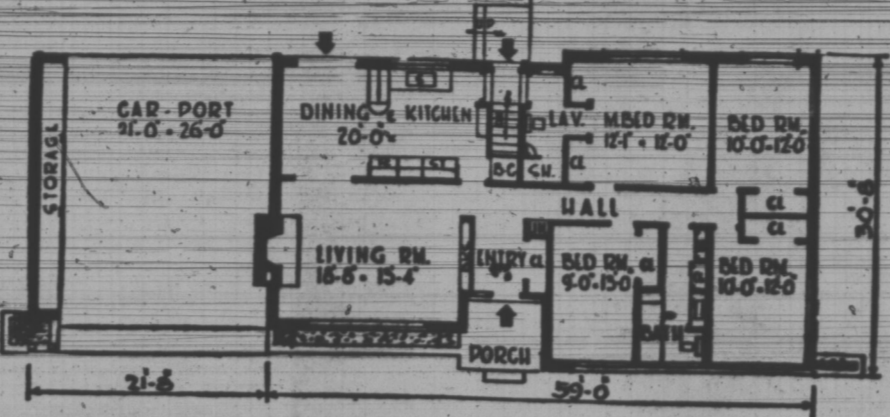
Row housing makes especially good use of land, permitting much more open space for the pleasure of the inhabitants and for the creation of a lovely visual appearance. Servicing and heating costs are much more economical for areas of well-planned row housing than for single-family dwellings. From every point of view, row housing can be a real asset to the community.

As land costs rise, as Canadians become more acquainted with housing designs being used successfully in other countries, as municipalities find servicing costs heavier, row housing will gain an even greater share of the market.

GUARDIAN-PATRIOT HOME OF THE WEEK



Design No. CH-630 1510 Sq. Ft.



This attractive four bedroom ranch home meets the needs of a large family. Living-dining-kitchen portion is completely separate from the sleeping area. Master bedroom has twin closets, and access to rear lavatory. All other

bedrooms have extra large closets. The well proportioned living room features a fireplace and built-in bookcase. Entry is spacious and well protected. Traffic flow is excellent. 1,510 Sq. Ft.

First Aid For Ailing Houses

By ROGER C. WHITMAN

FLAGSTONE ON CONCRETE
QUESTION: How should I go about covering my concrete walk with slate flagstones? Is this a do-it-yourself job?
ANSWER: By far the best method is to pour another layer of concrete over the present walk. (You'll need form material to contain the sides.) Then, when the concrete is setting up fairly firm, work in the flagstones. Keep a carpenter's level handy, so that the flagstones will all be relatively flat; nothing more annoying than one or two out of step, and a constant threat to tripping. Judge your own abilities; this is not considered a difficult job at all.

BUBBLES IN VARNISH
QUESTION: I bought a bookcase of unfinished pine. First I put on two coats of shellac, which went on nicely. Then I used varnish. Unfortunately, the varnish dried all full of small bubbles. What happened and more important, what can I do about this?
ANSWER: Apparently you didn't flow on the varnish gently enough. Any slapping of the brush, or fill - in strokes across the grain will cause bubbles. The only way to remove them is to take all the varnish off with paint remover and begin again. Be sure to follow label directions with the remover, especially with regard to neutralizing afterward. You might think that sanding down the bubbles would get rid of them. Well, it will. But the succeeding coat of varnish will not be smooth. Really worth the time or effort to avoid bubbles, be careful not to shake the can of varnish, and do not apply it vigorously.

ROOTS CLOG PIPE
QUESTION: Recently we had the plumber spend several days trying to remove the clogging from our soil pipe. The clogging was too far from the house for him to reach with his electric snake, so he had to dig down through the lawn. He finally did it, but it was a long, messy, expensive job. How can I prevent any repetitions?
ANSWER: You can buy root-destroying chemicals in plumbing supply houses and most hardware stores. Follow directions about flushing down any mixture the last thing at night. Also good is half a pound of blue vitriol (copper sulphate). These chemicals will dissolve roots actually in the pipe, but positively will not harm the roots outside the pipe. So any tree or shrub is safe. Do this about every three weeks during the growing season, and every three months other times.

CHROME FITTED
QUESTION: The chrome bumper on my car has become pitted, and rust has formed in the pit holes. What about replacing the bumper myself? Are there any materials for doing this job at home?
ANSWER: I have heard that some auto supplies shops do carry home chrome-plating outfits, although I'm not sure whether this is true from coast to coast. You can certainly ask one of these suppliers, however, and see if they can't get one for you if they don't stock it. As a really economical stop-gap, try this trick: Roll some aluminum foil into a ball, a little larger than a golf ball. Then rub this vigorously over the bumper. You'll be surprised how it will not only do a pretty fair cleaning job, but that the aluminum will fill up all the little pit holes, and protect against further rusting.

CRAYON-PROOF WALLPAPER
QUESTION: I saved one of your "recipes" — this one for cleaning crayon marks put on my wallpaper by my three-year-old. It worked very well. But my question is this: How can I protect the wallpaper from future crayon decorations if I'm out of the house and the baby sitter isn't looking?
ANSWER: Dispose of all the crayons, and stock up with the new washable type. Then if whoever had the dirty goods off, the results can be easily washed away. All stores stocking art and school supplies carry these new water-soluble crayons. Of our several spray coats of clear plastic would greatly help make the wallpaper resistant to any marking.

RESTORING PERFORATED QUESTION: In an old barn I came across a truly ancient iron frying pan. After cleaning it thoroughly, I found that there were three holes, apparently, from rusting through. Is there any repair I can make? I'd like much to be able to use this old warhorse.
ANSWER: You can probably plug holes with plastic steel, which is available at any hardware store and lumber yard. When this hardens, after you stuff it into the holes, the repair actually turns into steel again. It can be sanded, filed or otherwise smoothed. Of course, you can always line the pan with heavy aluminum foil when you cook in it. This also saves washing afterward.

DON'T CLEAN SCREEN!
QUESTION: My beaded home movie screen has developed some dark streaks right near the middle, so they spoil the pictures when I project my slides. In these any way I can clean the screen to regain the original brightness, as well as remove the streaks?
ANSWER: Don't try. Any will also remove most of the beading itself (if anyone knows different, I'd surely appreciate hearing about it!).

MICE VS. PEANUT BUTTER
Recently I discovered the real super-bait for mice: peanut butter. I'd found in my cottage in the woods (I'd left the door open all afternoon) the mice so pungent as to cause me to sneeze. So I experimented with peanut butter. In four days the two traps by the chimney had accounted for seven mice — and the empty trap had been sprung. I credit the peanut butter with a very high batting average.

WAXING MEXICAN TILES
From my travels last month I brought home some very attractive Mexican tiles. Is there any home method for protecting them? I intend to lay them on the kitchen floor.
ANSWER: These tiles are quite durable. But for added protection, I suggest rubbing with the waxer. This will make the tile much more resistant to spilled foods, drinks, greases. The wax makes it easier to keep the tile clean.

(Note: All correspondence relating to home maintenance should be addressed to: Roger C. Whitman, c/o Toronto Star Syndicate, 30 King Street W., Toronto 1, Ontario)

HOW TO OBTAIN DESIGN BOOK

The latest design book entitled "161 Selected Suburban and Country Homes. Designed for Canadians." is now available at the offices of The Guardian and The Evening Patriot for \$2, tax free. This new edition includes color selection, etc., plus over 100 popular new designs to choose from. Also included are full designs on how to order blueprints.

UN Ratifies Nuclear Arms Resolution

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The General Assembly has ratified a joint U.S.-Soviet resolution calling for all countries to avoid actions that might cause a spread of nuclear weapons or hinder a treaty to prevent such a spread.

The resolution, viewed as an interim measure to serve pending adoption of a treaty on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, was approved 116 to 1 in the 124-country assembly. Albania cast the negative vote. Cuba abstained.

Albania, Communist China's

mouthpiece in the United Nations, contends the resolution and the non-proliferation draft under discussion by the U.S. and the Soviet Union are part of a scheme to perpetuate their nuclear monopoly and black-mail the non-nuclear countries.

The overwhelming approval given the resolution reflected the almost unanimous expressions of hope by members that the United States and Russia would be able to agree on a non-proliferation treaty.

Speaking before the vote, Soviet Ambassador Nikolai Fedorenko called the resolution "a step toward the treaty and the speedy solution of the spread of nuclear weapons."

It also is a step toward nuclear disarmament and it is to this, said the Soviet delegate, that "we must bend all our efforts."

QUEEN QUARTERS
TORONTO (CP)—Police said Friday officials at the Royal Mint are examining two 25-cent pieces which may be the first counterfeit coins to show up in Toronto since the 1930s. The coins are "almost perfect" except for a slight variation in color when compared with other coins, they said.

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