



This handsome split level could be built on a flat 60 foot lot. The front entrance is at grade level with inside steps leading to the living room. The one and a half car garage would hold a full size car plus a small car. However the smaller section could be converted, as shown by the dotted lines, into a workshop, den, or an additional bedroom. Behind the garage are utility and storage rooms and an extra wash room. There is a full basement beneath the living-kitchen area. Design suitable for electric heating.

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First Aid For Ailing Houses

By ROGER C. WHITMAN
QUESTION: Do you know of any home plating kits for brass, as there are for replating chrome?

ANSWER: If so, it's news to me. But having brass replated (provided it isn't too large an object to move) is not an expensive proposition at all. If you want to find out, telephone a metal-plating shop, describe the job to be done and ask for an estimate.

COFFEE MAKER STAINED
QUESTION: Is there any way to clean the blackened interior of a chrome, vacuum-type coffee maker? I can't get the stain out with steel wool or anything else.

ANSWER: Try the coffee stain remover made for plastic ware. It's a white powder you add to the water and let it bubble up. You may need several treatments if the black stain is really black. Housewares stores and supermarkets usually stock this type of cleaner.

SQUIRRELS IN ATTIC
QUESTION: A family of squirrels became established in our vacation house last spring, and I spent a fruitless summer trying to get them out. Now I'm getting a little desperate, as I certainly don't want them spending the winter in there. Can you suggest anything? I'll try it.

ANSWER: If there's a competent exterminator around, I suggest your letting him take over. One thing that squirrels like bats—definitely dislike is the fumes of a burning sulphur candle. Come to think of it, nobody likes them. They're so unhealthy they should only be handled by an experienced professional. There's also the fire hazard. If you're trying to do this all by yourself, try to find every crevice by which squirrels can work into the house and—remember they can squeeze through amazingly small openings. Each one should be boarded or screened. There's also a long-standing tradition of scattering huge amounts of moth balls in an attic as a repellent. Sometimes it works. If overhanging branches of trees make it easy for squirrels to reach your roof, chop them off.

NOISY SHINGLES
When I heard a sort of rippling noise on the roof, during a recent high wind, I went out to look. I saw some of the asphalt shingles flapping up and down when the wind gusted strongly. Can these shingles be fastened down?

ANSWER: Certainly. To avoid a wind-tearing nail hole, secure each shingle down with a dab of asphalt or plastic roofing cement. It's much better to do this on a hot day so the sun's heat will really disperse the cement. Most foolproof asphalt shingles are those which seal themselves to the row of the shingles below. This automatically makes a one-piece, protective shield for the roof, which no wind can undermine. If you happen to be in the market for a new roof, I suggest your asking a roofing supplies dealer about this type.

LEAKY BASEMENT PIPE
QUESTION: Recently I noticed that a leak has developed just where the big drain pipe enters through the basement wall. I don't see any cracks; just a ring-shaped leak around the pipe. Perhaps the mortar has shrunk. At any rate, how can I repair this?

ANSWER: Seal the whole area around the pipe—for four to six inches—with asphalt roofing cement. Run it out along the pipe too, for a few inches. Do this on the outside as well—because water may be working in along the pipe.

CARPETS MADE EASY
QUESTION: What is the simplest type of carpet? I am in the no-frost belt, so all I'm looking for is mostly overhead shelter.

ANSWER: Anchor the two on or supports for the roof in a concrete-filled hole. These supports can be pipes, four by fours or pillars built of blocks. To minimize loss of light for the side of the house, I suggest making the roof of translucent

Inflation Is Seen Threat To Canada's Export Trade

By DENNIS ORCHARD
OTT. WA. (CP)—Current speeches by federal cabinet ministers and their deputies are mentioning inflation in one breath, and in the next, inflation's threat to export trade.

They fear that Canada may price itself out of world markets, especially for manufactured products, a sector where growth in value and volume must take place.

Trade Minister Winters, Industry Minister Drury and others are not claiming that exports are being hurt now. They say the problem lies ahead, should domestic prices keep going up.

Nor do trade department officials in Ottawa see any danger signals yet in trade figures, despite export price increases this year averaging between four and five per cent above 1965 levels.

Exports for the first six months of the year improved 19 per cent over the comparable 1965 period, a dollar increase of \$762,000,000 to \$4,663,840,000.

CITE SPECIAL FACTORS
Yet special factors account for all but about \$11,000,000 of the over-all \$762,000,000 gain. Wheat sales made trade to Russia and China \$163,000,000 higher, and galloping American demands made it relatively easy to increase exports to the U.S. by \$588,000,000.

V. J. Macklin, director of the branch, said some industries trade departments economics are so busy with existing U.S. orders they could not sell more in foreign markets even if they wanted to do so.

"How close to potential they are is hard to say," he says. World price trends have worked in Canada's favor since the early 1950s. A table prepared by Toronto economist E. P. Neufeld for his appearance last week before the Commonsense committee on living costs showed that the U.S. and Canada have kept down the cost of living more effectively than 25 other advanced Western countries.

From 1958 to May, 1968, the U.S. cost of living increased 12 per cent, Canada's 15 per cent. Australia was up 18 per cent, Germany 22 per cent, Britain 23 per cent, Sweden 28 per cent, France 35 per cent and Japan 50 per cent.

COSTS RISE FASTER
In the last year Canada's cost of living has gone up by between three and four per cent, more than that of eight or nine of the 27 countries listed. Levels of exports to these eight or nine appear to show no significant trend.

Mr. Drury specifically set out a guideline of three per cent for allowable annual increases in profits, wages and government expenditure. He told the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Edmonton Tuesday:

"... the rate of increase in national productivity or output per man really sets the limit on the increase in wages, profit and government spending, and the attempt to move faster simply by increasing money incomes rather than by increasing productivity can only beget inflation which, apart from its other undesirable consequences, will reduce the competitive position of our products and industries."

The chamber heard similar messages from R. B. Bruce, deputy federal finance minister, and John Munro, parliamentary secretary to Manpower Minister Marchand.

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PLAN INCREASED TRADE
MOSCOW (Reuters)—Russia plans to increase trade with its seven Comecon partners by 66 per cent by 1970, the Soviet Communist party newspaper Pravda said Monday. The seven nations forming the Communist economic alliance already account for more than half of the Soviet Union's foreign trade.

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