

B.C. Designed Homes Spread To New Areas

VANCOUVER (CP) — West Coast architecture is spreading. Take for example a unique B.C.-designed home, which has been erected on mountain tops, in the Arctic and in residential districts, and will soon be produced in Hawaii under license from its Burnaby developer. The home is a round house developed by **Ernest W. Martin** of Panoche Manufacturing Ltd. Mr. Martin, a mechanical engineer, holds patents on the plan in 26 countries.

He developed the plan for the home over six years in a series of experiments with materials, styles, methods and sizes.

The homes are prefabricated using specially built, beveled wall panels with cup-like segments to form both roof and floor. The wall panels are squeezed together by two metal straps with turnbuckles.

Roof and floor are held in place with factory-installed tap-rod bolts and a long wooden spline which fits a keyway between sections.

The prefabricated parts are insulated and built with door and window allowances — or with doors and windows in — at Harrison Industries Ltd., a Vancouver company partly owned by Mr. Martin.

Newly developed epoxy resin bonding allows weatherproofed plywood panels to be assembled without nails.

Size of the house is increased by using more four-by-eight wall panels and by increasing the span of the floor and roof sections.

The homes start at a size of 12 panels and 180 square feet. Assembled at Harrison's plant here now is a Panoche home 30 feet in diameter with 24 wall panels containing 750 square feet of space. It costs \$2,600 for the wooden components, Mr. Martin says. Costs of foundation, plumbing, wiring and heating are additional.

Panoche's construction superintendent, **Tom Greenhill**, has left for Hawaii to supervise the start of production of homes there.

Mr. Martin says 150 homes have been prefabricated and sold in Canada and Hawaii. One stands at Eakins point in the Arctic, where it is used as an office for the northern affairs department. Two used once at were flown to the island by helicopter. Others are being used as permanent homes, summer cottages and as cabanas.

Apple Industry Pioneer Dies

MEAFORD, Ont. (CP) — **George Herbert Mitchell**, 78, of nearby Thornbury, Ont., a pioneer and leading developer in the Canadian apple industry, died in hospital here Monday.

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after a brief illness. Born and educated at Thornbury, he was president at the time of his death of the family firm, **Georgia Bay Fruit Growers Limited**. The company owns orchards in this area, 18 miles east of Owen Sound, and processes nearly 1,000,000 bushels of apples a year.

Mr. Mitchell travelled throughout the world studying orchards and processing techniques and in 1944 he became the first grower to introduce aerial irrigation and propeller-fed spraying methods in Ontario orchards. He built the first controlled-atmosphere storage plant for apples in Canada in 1935.

He was president of the Ontario Fruit Growers Association in 1935, president of the Canadian Horticultural Council in 1940 and was a director of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair for several years.

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