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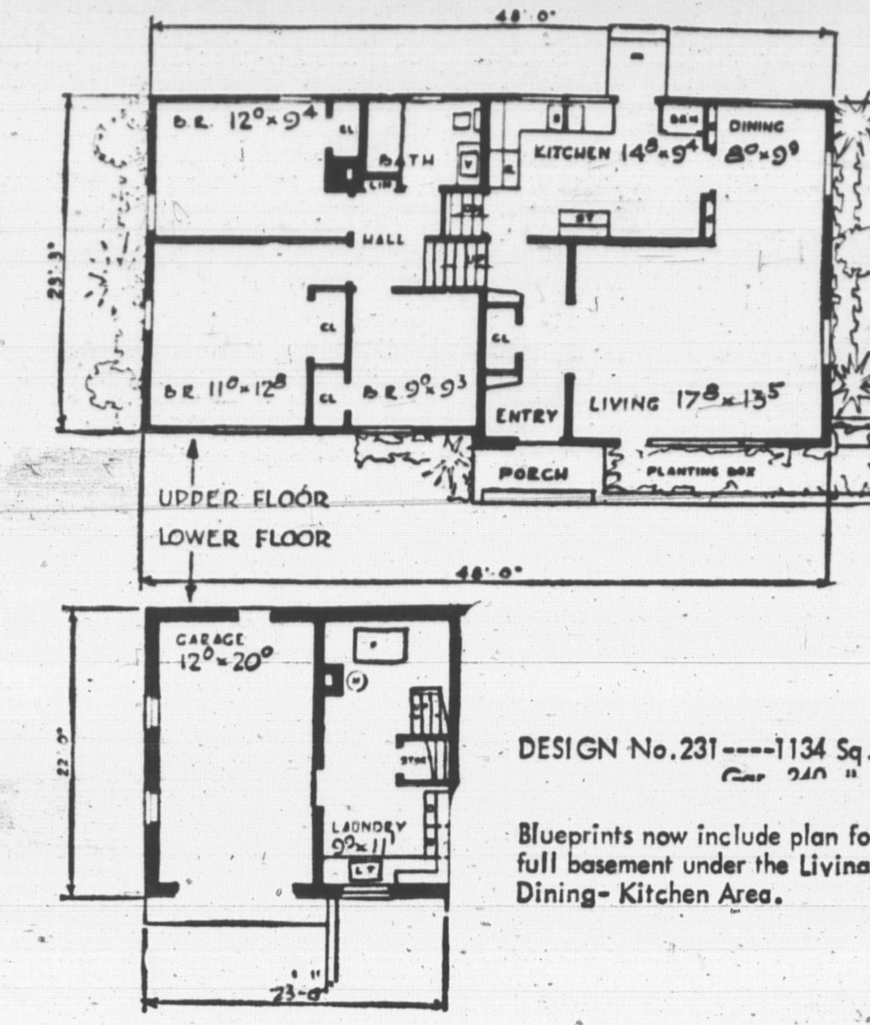

DESIGN No.231----1134 Sq. Ft.

Gar. 240 " "

Blueprints now include plan for a full basement under the Living-Dining- Kitchen Area.

Here the designers have captured all the simplicity of colonial styling and combined it with the convenience of modern split level construction. There are no long flights of stairs in this attractive home. The partial basement beneath the sleeping area, houses the garage, laundry, extra lavatory, and utility room, with Living-Dining-Kitchen area on the middle (entrance) level. Upstairs are three bedrooms, with ample cupboard space plus a four piece bathroom. While not shown on the illustration, the Blueprints now include a fireplace (with chimney) on the right hand end wall, and a full basement with a recreation room, including a fireplace. House could be built on a 60 foot lot.

First Aid For Ailing Homes

By ROGER C. WHITMAN

FASTENING ON

QUESTION: I want to fasten a small mirror and shelf on a hollow core door. Each side of the door consists of a thin sheet of plywood. Is there any way to hang these items without running through both sides of the door? — Manchester, N.H.

ANSWER: Yes, easily. Hardware stores and many housewares dealers stock a very efficient "shorty" hanger for just this kind of job. It is cylinder-shaped, in two pieces, with the inside piece a screw. Drill the hole, insert the cylinder, turn the screw as much as possible. This draws the walls of the cylinder into a firm brace against the inside surfaces. The screw is then withdrawn, inserted in the part where you hang the mirror or shelf and replaced in the hole.

REMOVING LAYERS

QUESTION: The bedrooms in the house we recently purchased have several layers of wallpaper on the walls. The walls underneath are plaster and we'd like to paint them, after removing the paper. What is the best way to remove the wallpaper? — Baltimore.

ANSWER: Renting a portable steamer to blast steam through the paper, to loosen it, gives faster results than soaking the paper by hand to soften the paste underneath. Go over the wall from one end to the other, repeating until the paper loosens. Another method is to use a garden spray for spraying on hot water. With any of the spraying techniques, be sure to protect the floor and surrounding objects that might be damaged by water.

WATER PIPES RUMBLE

QUESTION: Whenever the faucets are turned on, while the water is running, there is rumbling in the pipes. How can this be eliminated?

ANSWER: The noise may be due to some of the supports of the horizontal pipes having loosened which could set up vibration when water is running. Tightening any loosened supports, or even adding some new ones, may cure the condition. Or there may be loose washers as a result of wear and tear. Remove and examine washers and replace any worn ones. At the same time, inspect washer seats which may have roughened; if so, they should be smoothed. Otherwise, new washers will be similarly roughened. It is also possible that tightening the screw holding the washer may be enough to stop vibration and noise. In all water repairs, remember rule number one: shut off the water first.

STUBBORN WAX

QUESTION: Recently we purchased a five-year-old home. The kitchen floor is covered with inlaid linoleum from which the protective covering was removed and several layers of hard commercial wax applied. Using a floor wax remover, I tried to clean it and only where the traffic was heavy was I able to get off most of the wax. We have scraped, and let a strong solution of ammonia with wax remover stand, to no avail. Is there no way of removing this wax from the floor?

ANSWER: Try using a different brand of wax remover (sometimes one will be effective where another isn't; following label directions carefully. Or try careful rubbing with turpentine and fine steel wool. Or the following solution is usually an effective wax remover: one half cup household ammonia, one half cup heavy-duty detergent and one gallon warm water; rinse thoroughly afterwards with clear water. Or naphtha (being careful of the fire hazards) is frequently effective in removing wax.

DIAPER STAIN ON FLOOR

QUESTION: My baby's wet diaper fell onto the hardwood floor and was left overnight. This left a black mark. Can you suggest any way to remove this stain?

ANSWER: Remove any finish in stained area. To bare wood, apply four per cent oxalic acid solution (poison), one tablespoon oxalic acid crystals in one cup water, and allow to remain two or three minutes, then wipe off with damp cloth or sponge. If necessary, repeat application. Allow wood to dry completely and touch up area with finish to match rest of floor.

CARE OF ASPHALT TILE

QUESTION: Recently we laid an asphalt tile floor in our kitchen, I find it very hard to keep clean. Is there anything we could apply that would help to keep it from getting soiled so easy?

ANSWER: Unless a protective coat of wax (use only a self-polishing wax) is applied to asphalt tile, as you have found, it is difficult to keep clean. It scratches easily and becomes shabby-looking. First clean the tile thoroughly with a mild detergent solution, followed by thorough rinsing to remove all trace of the cleaning solution. Allow tile surface to dry thoroughly, then apply a top quality special asphalt tile wax, or a self-polishing wax. Follow label directions carefully.

MORTAR FOR FIRE BRICK

QUESTION: I am planning to build a small outdoor brick barbecue. What is the mortar to use between the fire bricks?

ANSWER: Only fire brick cement should be used between fire bricks. Available at masonry supplies dealers. The thickness of joints between bricks shoudl be narrower than the normal space between regular brickwork; no more than one-eighth inch in thickness. Allow the cement to set for at least 24 hours before building a fire in the barbecue.

HOW TO OBTAIN DESIGN BOOK

The latest design book entitled, "Canadian Guide to Home Planning and Design" is now available at the offices of The Guardian and The Evening Patriot for $1, 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.

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Island News Page

Home Buyers Demand Top Value For Money

Prospective buyers of new homes are shopping more carefully and demanding more value for their money than ever before, according to home builders.

It is no longer possible to sell houses on the strength of gimmicks. Today's more sophisticated buyer wants extras that have solid and lasting value.

One extra that has sometimes been overlooked in the past, both by builders as a selling feature and by home buyers looking for bargains, is a full basement built with concrete blocks.

A basement doubles the floor space of the home at one - tenth of the cost of first - floor construction. This can be an important plus with storage space at a premium in the modern home.

By constructing the basement with concrete block it is possible to gain important values at no additional cost.

For instance, concrete block basement walls are honeycombed with dead air spaces, formed by the cores or cells of the blocks. These provide excellent built - in insulation, which helps keep the basement warmer in winter, cooler in summer.

Many shapes, sizes and textures are available to builders from concrete products manufacturers to make block basement walls interesting and colorful, at no extra cost. If the buyer plans a recreation room or sunken living room, he has built-in beauty as a starting point.

Properly constructed block basement walls are dry and damp - proof, and provide the only type of wall material which can be altered without interfering with the structural stability of the wall.

Concrete block must undergo regular tests to comply with building regulations and the requirements of builders and architects, so that the quality of the units is assured.

Walls built with block can be left exposed, or painted at very little cost, and the shape of basement living space can be easily changed by adding or removing block partition walls.

These qualities are inducing more buyers to look for a block basement as the sign of a maximum value home.

For further information on concrete block basements, write to the National Concrete Products Association, Suite 601, 55 York Street, Toronto 1, Ont. Ask for their free four - page brochure on home basements.

Speeding Charge Brings $25 Fine

Arthur G. Wash, East Royalty was fined $25 and costs or 10 days for speeding when he appeared in the city police court yesterday before Magistrate A. James Haslam, QC.

A bench warrant was issued for the arrest of Joseph Doyle who failed to appear on a charge of owning a dog which caused bodily harm to another person.

Joseph MacDougall, city, charged with operating a vehicle with defective brakes was fined $20 and costs or 10 days.

There were two drunk and incapable cases on yesterday's docket. One man was given a 20 day suspended sentence while another was fined $20 and costs or 20 days.

A fine of $30 and costs or 30 days was imposed on a man charged with illegal possesssion of liquor.

Recruits Enroll For Army Service

Six recruits were enrolled into the Royal Canadian Army Friday morning by Lieutenant Commander R. A. Orton, officer-in-charge of the armed forces recruiting unit.

They will leave Sunday for Camp Gagetown, N.B., for a period of about 10 days when they will be selected for the corps to which they will be posted for basic training.

The recruits are Danny Kilbride, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Kilbride, Charlottetown; Gary and Barry Sherren, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Sherren, Charlottetown; Ronnie MacPhail, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd MacPhail, Cornwall; Hector Buote, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hector Buote, Tignish; and Michael Mokler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Mokler, Tignish.

MacLeod Clan Holds Gathering

KENSINGTON — MacLeod's of all ages attended a Clan meeting held in St. Mark's Hall, Kensington, Wednesday night.

A program of Scottish numbers was staged under the chairmanship of the provincial president of the clan, Norman MacLeod of Charlottetown. Mrs. Stanley Brown of New London was hostess. The official piper was Donald MacLeod of Murray River, and Mrs. Bruce MacLaren was pianist.

The secretary, Barbara MacLeod, read the minutes of the previous meeting, and the treasurer, W.P. MacLeod was on hand to receive membership fees and give a report.

The program opened with "O Canada" followed by a welcome from the president, and self identification by the members.

Scottish dances to the tune of the pipes were performed by Marilyn MacDougal, Marilyn Wyand, Sylvia McInnis, Heather Brown, and Marion MacDonald.

Scottish songs were sung in duet by Sharon Howatt and Arlene Simmonds, and Andrew Johnstone and Ernest Dunning sang sacred songs accompanied by Mrs. Dunning.

Piper Donald MacLeod and guest piper Bruce MacLaren, played a duet. Guest soloist soloist Stephen MacLeod of Bonshaw sang Scottish songs.

Sylvia McInnis, Heath Brown and Marilyn Wyand danced an intricate number called "The Shepherd's Crook," and the five dancers did the Highland Fling. Piper MacLaren played "The Scottish Soldier."

Two members, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart MacLeod of Southport who are about to leave to reside in the U.S.A., were presented with a gift on behalf of the clan by Mrs. Wilfred MacLeod.

The annual meeting of the clan will be held Wednesday, Oct. 20 at the YMCA at Charlottetown, it was announced by the chairman.

A lunch was served, and the evening concluded with a sing-song with Mrs. MacLaren, pianist, and Mrs. Boyce, violinist.

Registration Figures Rocket At College

All former enrollment figures at Prince of Wales College have been shattered with the enrollment of the 1965-66 class. The most recent statistics released by the registrar, Gordon L. Bennett, indicated 920 students will be receiving instruction at Prince of Wales this year. This represents an increase over last year of 128 students.

The most noticeable jump in enrollment is in the two university years where 375 students have registered. This is an increase of almost 30 per cent over last year's figure.

Mrs. Helen Hurst, Dean of Montgomery Hall Residence, reports that it was impossible to accommodate all who requested residence in Montgomery Hall this year. With a full complement of 104 young women in residence, many others were forced to obtain accommodations in private homes in the city.

Several new staff members have commenced work at Prince of Wales. These include John Abbott, history; Wendell Brown, education; Mrs. Helen Brooks, Bishop, English and physical education; Byron Cutcliffe, chemistry; Russell Ewing, psychology; David Hall, agricuture; Edmond LeClair, French; and Robert Stead, biology.

Tenders Opened For Two Bridges

Two tenders were received for the construction of a new bridge at Morell. Low tender for the highway bridge to be built downstream from the present bridge, was submitted by Square K. Construction Co. of $154,585. Island Excavators bid $189,210.

The bridge will be four spans of pre-stressed concrete and will be 400 feet long.

There were three tenders for the combined high bridge at India River which will incorporate gates for the control of the water level in an upstream pond. The project, being undertaken with a grant from ARDA for the pond development, was bid on by three Island firms with the low bid of $56,225 submitted by Curran & Briggs. Other bids were Square K Construction $68,690 and M. F. Schurman's $83,869.

Reid Suit Set Nov. 1

The law suit of Johnny Reid versus the City of Charlottetown has been set down for Nov. 1 in Supreme Court.

The provious hearing in the $145,000 suit saw a request by the city's attorney to dismiss the case and Mr. Justice Mark R. MacGuigan ordered an appearance within 45 days.

That time has now expired and the case was set for Nov. 1 at 11 a.m.

Mr. Reid, who is joined in the action by his sister Betty Reid, has sued for damages resulting from the closing of his restaurant 'Johnny's Fish and Chips'. Originally charged with operating a restaurant without having a license, he was convicted in City Police Court but successfully appealed the conviction to the Supreme Court and is now suing for damages.

BALTIC

Mr. and Mrs. G.S. Levy, Arnprior, Ontario, are spending a holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Riley and with Mr. John and Miss Grace Riley, Baltic.

Bobby Beairsto, has returned to his home in Baltic after spending the last few weeks in Toronto, Ont.

Norman Lorranger, left on Thursday for his home in Pennsylvania, after spending the past three weeks at Hilltop Tourist Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Mountain, Mr. James Cousins and Mr. Gordon Cousins, Baltic, left on Tuesday for Oshawa, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Earile Clark and family of Hamilton, have moved to their new home in Baltic, which they purchased from Gordon Cousins. On Saturday an auction sale was held of farm machinery, stock and household effects of Gordon Cousins. Mr. Arthur Stewart was auctioneer and good prices were realized. The ladies of the Kensington Tourist Association sold lunches.

Mr. William Burns has returned to his home here after being a patient in the Prince County Hospital.

Sharon Crozier, Moncton, N.B. spent the weekend at her home in Baltic.

Mrs. Bruce Crozier was hostess to the members of Baltic Women's Institute at the September meeting on Tuesday 7th, with ten members present. After the regular routine of business, a delicious lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. James Beairsto and Mrs. Edith Wall.

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