



# Builders' Guide

## HINTS ON BUILDING



### CARE NEEDED IN PLANNING

(By Charles Miller)  
If there is one time when it pays to go slow it is in the planning of a house or building. It's all right to do your preliminary planning yourself, but when the



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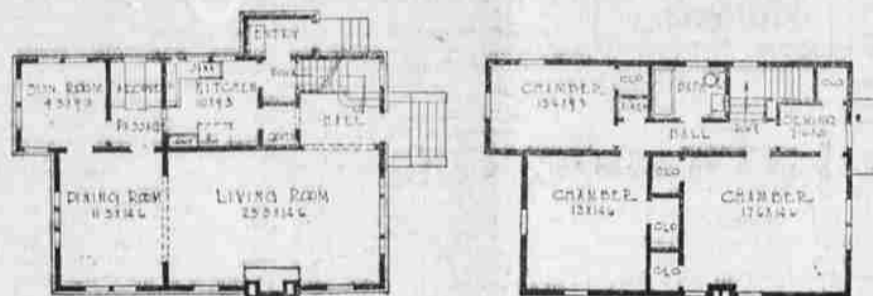
right time comes it is wise to employ a capable builder if you wish to get the best in plan and design and save yourself a lot of worry and annoyance. The average builder has a background of many years of work and study and his entire time has been spent in the intimate study of his profession.

Many owners have excellent ideas about building, and every builder is glad to acknowledge that he learns very much from his clients. Two heads are better than one. These heads are better frequently better than two, though sometimes too many ideas ruin the design.

It is much more difficult to design small houses costing less than \$10,000 than houses costing more, for there is less money to spend on a small house and it takes more skill to produce a successful small house plan.

Whether to let a general contractor for the entire building complete with all sub-contractors or separate contracts for each branch of the house is largely a matter of policy to be decided on with every building. Taking this method requires more care in keeping track of the job, and quite often causes confusion between the builders and seriously handicaps the progress of the work.

### A Plain Square-Type Home



(By W. W. Purdy)  
The home here illustrated is that of a plain square-type which is perhaps the most economical to build. The hip roof is unbroken by dormers and the cornice is plain with a boxed in gutter.

### Week's Lumber Demand In Excess of Output

Production and shipments of the principal softwoods during the week ending July 21 were reduced by holiday shutdowns, but orders continued to flow in, and for the week amounted to eleven per cent more than was out. Consumption has continued heavy, June building contracts being forty per cent ahead of last year, according to figures representing seventy-eight of the country's total, and thirty-nine per cent of these were for residences. Country buyers are preparing for fall demand,

which promises to be heavy, says the American Lumberman, Chicago. The market is therefore in healthier condition than in recent weeks, for both retail yard and mill stocks have been greatly reduced, and prices are advancing to a more remunerative level.

### Sidewalk Work Moving Ahead in La Grande

Construction of sidewalks in Connersdale and nearby districts is moving ahead. One stretch of walk has been completed and another is now being laid.

### UNION BUILDS 2 NEW HOMES

UNION, Ore. (Special)—Work is going forward rapidly on the two new bungalows which are being erected in North Union. Fred Fox is building one and the other is being erected on the lot recently purchased by Mrs. Pearl Shaw.

The above work on the new post office building has been completed and with the addition of some paint and a few other minor things to be done, the building will be ready.

### OAK STREET POPULAR

Oak street, in north La Grande on the hill, seems to be a popular place for building this year. Six new homes, ranging in worth from \$2,200 to \$5,000 or better, have been erected in a three block stretch. One of the six is now occupied.

### DRAWING PLANS

Charles Miller, architect, is now drawing the plans for the remodeling of the city hall building. The work will probably be ready for commission's approval in the near future.

### When in Need of Sash, Doors Windows

- Ironing Boards
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### Baker Spends \$208,200 On 1925 Construction

BAKER Dr. (Special)—Building permits issued in Baker for 1925 up to July 22, totaled \$208,200, according to J. K. Southworth, city clerk, and the actual value of the improvements will run very close to \$200,000.

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