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YOUR HOME

Edison Suggests Change in The Wedding Anniversaries

Paper, wood, tin, crystal, silver, gold and diamond wedding anniversaries have long held honored places as mile stones in the lives of happy married couples.

An addition to them has been suggested, to be called the "Electric Wedding," signifying four years of married life. Then, presumably, most of the wedding gifts

will have acquired a knowledge of the value of labor saving devices. Thomas Edison himself, the father of the electric service that has notably improved modern living conditions, has gone on record in favor of the proposed addition to the list of anniversaries. He says:

"There seems to be some good sound sense in making the fourth wedding anniversary an electric

BUSINESS BETTER SHOWN BY REPORT

Industry Held Making Steady Advance Toward Sounder Conditions

Steady advance toward better and sounder conditions in industry and business generally is revealed by the monthly report on wages, hours and employment for February, compiled by the National Industrial Conference board, 247 Park avenue, New York.

Encouraging and significant, it is pointed out, is the fact that while employment continues to increase, even though very gradually, it has done so simultaneously with a noticeable decrease in the cost of living, indicative of greater efficiency and the more stable, even course which has become a growing characteristic of business during the past year.

Average employment during February increased from 77.6 to 78.9 as compared to 100 in June 1920, equivalent to an 1.8 per cent increase over the preceding month.

With the purchasing power of the dollar climbing, as reflected in the 1.1 per cent drop in living costs during February, together with a slight increase of average weekly earnings of 3 cents, from \$27.09 to \$27.12, the net result to the wage earner was an average increase in "real" earnings of about 1 1/2 per cent for the month.

The Conference Board's cost of living index number for March shows no change from that of February, remaining at 165.3.

Improvement in the farmer's outlook is reflected in an increase in employment and average weekly earnings and working hours in the agricultural implement industry, employment in that industry rose from 59.4 in January to 61.4 in February, equivalent to a gain of about 3.4 per cent; average weekly earnings from \$26.05 to \$28.44, and average working hours to 49.7 hours per employee.

labor a fine modern home 30x35 feet, practically completed. The only assistance Lieualen has used in the building of his home was in the plumbing, plastering, fire-place and electrical work. All other labor has been performed during off hours and while regularly employed at the department store. Comrade Lieualen states that he will put his house up against any in Salem constructed by a regular contractor, as his construction work throughout has been first class. The house is located at 1050 Hoyt street. Without the aid of a financial loan, but with a large supply of real grit, this comrade has succeeded in providing his family with a home. We commend this spirit to all members of the post.

PORTLAND NAMED FOR OFFICE SITE

United States Bureau of Commerce to Establish Branch May 15th.

Northwestern exporters are to have a new "service station" through which valuable and timely trade information can be relayed to them directly from Washington and the overseas markets. In other words, a district office of the United States bureau of foreign and domestic commerce will be opened at Portland May 15, according to an announcement by Director Julius Klein, making three such offices on the Pacific coast, the other two being in Seattle and San Francisco.

The strategic location of the city of Portland as an entrepot for the Columbia river basin, comprising parts of the state of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, and its position as one of the leading Pacific ports, makes it an ideal center from which sales data and overseas market opportunities can be announced to manufacturers, shippers, bankers, and farm cooperative organizations in that territory without loss of time, an invaluable factor in the handling of such a highly "perishable" commodity as trade information.

There is a large concentration of trading and manufacturing interest in Portland, whose annual export shipments average around \$55,000,000 and imports about \$10,000,000.

Portland is the largest lumber shipping center in the world, and one of the leading export wheat shipping ports in the United States. It ranks as the second largest apple shipper in the country and fourth as a flour export center. Overseas trade in prunes and canned goods also occupies a prominent position in the commerce of Portland. Export sales of these six leading commodities from Portland for the year 1924 totaled more than 40 million dollars, according to Dr. Klein.

The many firms participating in this large business will particularly welcome the establishment of the office at this time because of the increasingly attractive possibilities of foreign trade, and also as a helpful preliminary to the coming annual meeting of the National Foreign Trade Council at Seattle June 24-26 inclusive.

Portion of Lincoln Street Is Improved by Residents

That portion of Lincoln street recently vacated by the city council to T. A. Lively is being improved and beautified. The extreme west portion of the street was vacated and it is this part which is being improved.

Shrubbery is being planted, and the road into Mr. Lively's place, enabling residents in that part of the city to have a much better road than otherwise would be their fortune.

The beautiful homes of George Putnam, E. J. Lansing and William Hamilton are in this part of the city.

Legionaire Builds Home; Starts With Small Capital

How many members of Capitol Post No. 9, American Legion have the nerve and "git-up" to undertake and accomplish so worthy a feat as Comrade Byron G. Lieualen? About a year ago Comrade Lieualen, who is employed as window trimmer with the Miller Mercantile Co., decided that he would like to have a home of his own. Although he was without sufficient funds to carry out his desire, his determination to build a home would not down. In June 1924, with a total capital of \$22, this comrade started the construction of the house. Working at odd times, buying material as he could pay for it out of his wages, with no previous building experience, he has as the result of his

Hillsboro Men Come to Salem for Building Plans

Freeman & Struble, local Architects are to prepare plans for a reinforced concrete garage building at Hillsboro for E. J. McAlair and Albert Hartrampf, of the Ford Agency there. The actual construction is to start as soon as the plans are prepared by the local firm. The cost is \$8,000. They are also preparing plans for an \$8000 residence to be erected there for M. P. Cady.

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Powers Concern to Erect Large Warehouse and Factory in Portland

The Powers Furniture company will erect a five-story factory and warehouse building costing \$250,000 on a 100x200-foot site on the west side of East Third street between Couch and Davis street in Portland.

Ira F. Powers, head of the Powers Furniture company, announced the plans for the new warehouse and factory building for that concern. The modern concrete structure which is to rise on a commanding site on the east side, has been designed by Clausen & Clausen along attractive lines.

The contract for the building will be let and construction started as soon as possible. It will require about four and a half or five months to complete it.

Will E. Clausen of the firm of Clausen & Clausen and Mr. Powers recently made a trip through California to obtain modern ideas to be worked into the new building. The building, although a five-story structure, will rise to a height of but three stories above Third street, owing to the slope of the ground. On the west side will be trackage between the building and the river.

About one-third of the building will be used for the company's factory, where furniture and mattresses will be stuffed, furniture finished and stoves assembled. The remainder will be devoted to a warehouse and retail delivery department of the company. An inside garage, which will permit

loading of trucks inside, will be a feature. The warehouse will not only handle local delivery but will also supply needs of the branch stores of the company at Marshfield, Eugene, Salem and The Dalles. Mr. Powers said that the other branch stores would be opened following completion of the building.



Beautiful Building of Brick and Tile

SOVEREIGN HOTEL

Carl L. Linde, Architect. Graham & Altken, Contractors

The new Sovereign Hotel, recently constructed at Broadway and Madison, Portland, costing \$325,000, is a beautiful example of brick and hollow tile fire-proof construction.


Faced with rough-texture red brick with terra cotta trim, the walls are backed with hollow tile filler. Partitions are of hollow tile (sound proof) and the floors are combination concrete and hollow tile.

This splendid building, containing seventy-two suites, is practically one-hundred per cent clay products construction.

For information on the advantages of constructing hotels, apartment houses, commercial buildings, schools and homes of brick and hollow tile, address the undersigned.

Pacific Northwest Brick Manufacturers' Association

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PATTERNED after the New England type, every detail in this cozy home is colonial.

The wide siding, the large, brick chimney, the quaint dormers and inviting terrace and entrance all go to make this home attractive.

The large living room, which really is living and dining rooms combined, is large and spacious; an artistic fireplace occupies one end of this room. A breakfast nook is provided just off the kitchen. The rear porch or basement is accessible from the kitchen entry. A small broom closet is also placed in the entry. One bedroom and a bath with handy linen case is built in on the first floor.

The kitchen has numerous built-in features, among which is an ironing board. The sink and cupboards occupy the outer wall space, where there is plenty of light and ventilation.

The second floor is arranged for two good bedrooms; a sewing room or dressing room; good closet space and storage. There is a full basement, with furnace, fuel, laundry and storage space—an ideal arrangement for a modern home on a 50-foot lot.

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A Modern Example of the Gambrel Roof Dutch Colonial Cottage

His house gets its homey and comfortable atmosphere from the Dutch Colonial style on which the architect depended for his inspiration. He has, however, not followed the Dutch Colonial style slavishly, but has shown an originality in his design that is most refreshing.

The features that will immediately strike the reader in this design are the charming octagonal bay, the recessed entrance and the pleasing roof lines. The fine proportions of the gambrels are also worthy of note.

Attention should also be called to the fact that no small part of the effectiveness of this house is due to the fact that it is built low to the ground. Put this house on stilts two or three feet high and you wouldn't recognize it. When American home-builders learn that a house should nestle on the ground and not be pushed up out of the ground, we shall have better looking houses in this country.

The plans of this house call for a lower ground line on the two sides not shown in the illustration above, to allow for full basement windows above the ground, so in this particular instance there isn't any excuse for not keeping the house low.

This house will look well with either the front or bay elevation to the street. If the garage is included the lot should be at least sixty-five feet wide if the front elevation faces the street. The side elevation would prove attractive on a much smaller lot.

The layout of this house is unusually complete and convenient and has many novel features.

Adjacent to the vestibule are a coat closet and lavatory. From the hall a good view is had of the living room and sun parlor but not of the dining room. The octagonal shape of the living room is unusual, while the open porch and sun parlor at the sides add to its spaciousness.

The kitchen is well lighted by a triple window over the sink and has cabinets at one side and over the ice box. An entry with a broom closet and a pantry are provided. Note the desirable location of the breakfast nook, close to the rear door, and front hall. The windows in the nook give cross ventilation to the kitchen and a view of the street. Note the direct connection between the front hall and the semi-attached garage.

On the second floor are three fine bedrooms, the two front ones interconnected, a feature that appeals to the mother when left alone at night with her children. There is a good accessible attic.

The ceiling heights are 8 feet 6 inches. The content of the house is 27,000 cubic feet; of the garage 2,700 cubic feet.

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