

# School Children Take Great Interest in Housing Plans

## ALL ANGLES OF SETUP STUDIED

### Outline of Classroom Work on Modernization is Made by Gaiser

Salem school children, under the direction of Superintendent Silas Gaiser are taking an active interest in the home modernization campaign for Marion county. Practically every angle of the campaign is to form the basis for class work in the various departments of the local schools during the next few weeks. The class outline, suggested yesterday by Superintendent Gaiser, is part of the campaign to better acquaint every person in Marion county of the needs and aims of the home modernization program.

"Such a federal movement as the national housing act is packed with significance to the school child," Superintendent Gaiser reported. "Each department in the secondary schools and in an adapted form in the elementary schools, can carry on class assignments approached from special interest and through units of work in connection with the renovizing of the dilapidated house now on the courthouse lawn."

"There are many means to stimulate each department into thinking of the ways such a major governmental movement affects its students. It is a movement profound in its significance. Discussion of it is a vital step in the social education of a child."

An outline of suggestions for the participation of each department in the progress of the campaign was reported by Superintendent Gaiser.

## OWNERS STARTING INDEPENDENT JOBS

The National Housing act opens the door to much-needed improvements and recovery to the building industry, in the opinion of the country's leading architects as expressed in letters to James A. Moffett, federal housing administrator. They have pledged their cooperation and in many instances have launched campaigns on their own initiative to stimulate interest in the better housing movement.

As expressed by Francis P. Sullivan, A. I. A., Washington, D. C.: "During the past few years not only has the construction of new buildings by private capital been almost entirely suspended but building owners have in great measure postponed or neglected the ordinary repairs, upkeep and betterments which in normal times would have been almost a matter of course."

"This has resulted in excessive depreciation of the properties, a weakening of the security of mortgage loans and serious unemployment in the building trades."

"Most owners now realize that with improving business conditions, the most modern, most completely equipped and most attractive buildings will be first in demand and will be sure of the largest and most immediate return in rentals."

"They are accordingly preparing to place their properties in first class condition to take advantage of this prospective market and in many instances have only been deterred by financing problems."

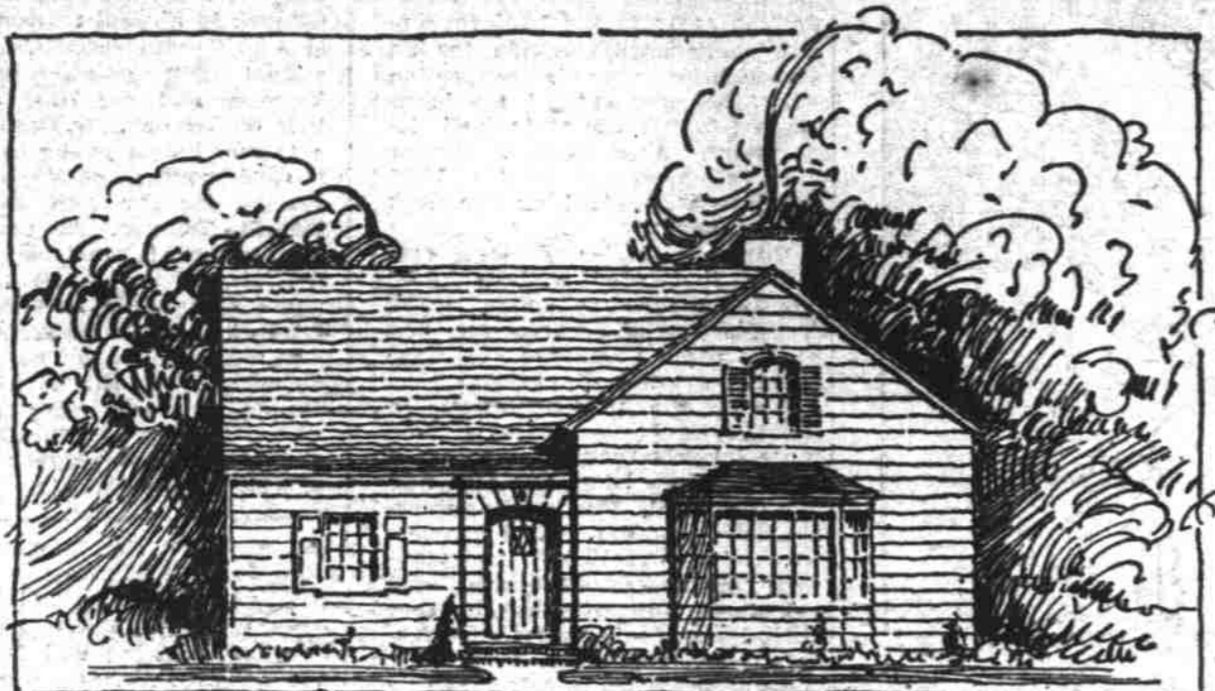
"The National Housing act offers the most practical method of remedying this condition which has yet been proposed. It provides a means of mobilizing private capital for the service where it is most needed, encourages borrowers by the liberality of its terms and protects lenders."

"It should unquestionably be of great service in hastening recovery by releasing credits for use in building operations, and if intelligent owners of property will proceed without delay to take advantage of its provisions, with the cooperation of the financial institutions and the administrative authorities the effect should be widespread and beneficial."

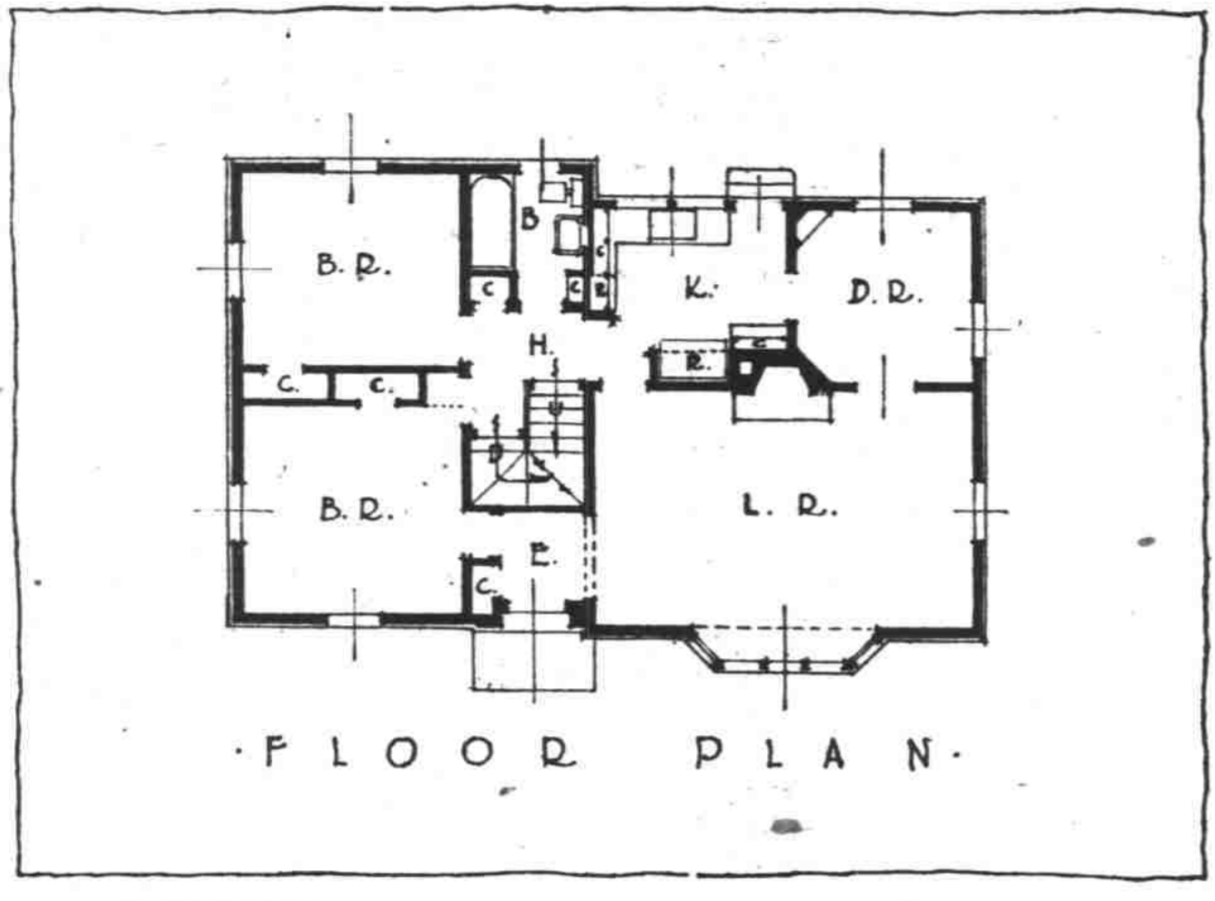
### MOTT VISITS GRANGE

Congressman James W. Mott attended a grange political rally at Fernwood, where he was the guest speaker.

## Here's Way Renovized House Will Look in Few Weeks



FRONT ELEVATION



FLOOR PLAN

The right side of this house is to be built without changing the present floor space. On the left side, 30 inches are to be added to the side, 30 inches to the front and 24 inches to the back. Both porches now on the house are to be removed. The style followed is modified English colonial. The plans call for an extremely compact, serviceable structure. The living room is 12 by 19 feet, the dining room nine by nine feet, the kitchen eight by ten feet, the front bedroom ten feet, six by 11 feet, six, and the back bedroom ten feet by 11 feet, six.

## Many Houses as Obsolete in Style as Knee Length Skirt But Can Easily be Improved

No modern women in a west coast city would dream of going to her favorite bridge club in a knee length skirt or a Merry Widow hat. Yet she may be living in a house as obsolete as these styles would be—Not by preference, at all, but rather because she and the head of the house have not felt able to build a new home and have not realized the hidden value in their old property.

Hidden value is now being brought to light by the National Housing act and the universal interest in home renovizing. Everywhere property owners are discovering that for a comparatively small expenditure, much less than the cost of a new dwelling, they may possess a completely modern home, at the same time retaining all the inherent worth of the old house.

Much of the lumber in old houses is as sound as the day it was installed, and in fact, frequently will be found to be a better construction material than when it was first used. This is because of its years of seasoning. Many architects and builders prefer this old lumber to new, unseasoned material and use it whenever possible for the most exacting purposes.

Old Houses Well Built In addition, many old houses were built slowly and carefully in a day of less expensive labor.

Their floor joists, rafters, and studding are apt to be over-sized, rather than otherwise. Owners of old homes, therefore, have an assured value in their homes which it will pay them to make the most of.

Frequently the assistance of a skilled designer in changing small style details will completely transform an old house from the commonplace to the individual. A new entrance hood or doorway takes the place of the little used and old-fashioned front porch. The porch in turn is moved to the rear and converted into a sun room, opening upon the garden.

Exterior Made Beautiful Often the exterior appearance is completely altered by a change in the roof line and the addition of a new coat of western red cedar shingles or shakes, put right over the old roof. Dormer windows add to the beauty of the roof and at the same time increase the amount of light in upstairs rooms.

If the exterior walls of the

house are weather beaten and need repair, one of the most economical and simplest ways to modernize them is to recover the walls with shingles, the new heavy cedar shakes, or wide siding.

Casement windows are often substituted for the old style large window with a single pane of glass, and French doors admit additional light and air into living rooms. So much excellently designed window casing and trim is being produced by west coast factories that there is no reason for a home being made ugly by the old, clumsy style of 20 years or more ago.

## Prof. Rae Given Government Job

EUGENE, Ore., Oct. 20. — (AP) — John M. Rae, associate professor of business administration at the University of Oregon, has been appointed economic adviser for the federal civil service commission, it was announced this week.

Rae, who has just completed six months active duty in the United States Army in charge of the CCC unit at Medford, has been granted a leave of absence and will leave next week for Washington, D. C.

## AUTUMN BEST TIME FOR GARDEN TASKS

### Outdoor Living Room Also Comes Under Housing Activity, Noted

Early fall is the best time to prepare the outdoor living room or garden for use in the spring. Plants should be decided upon, the garden planned, soil prepared and some of the planting done. In most formal and informal arrangements, the lawn is the foundation, trees are the frame, and shrubs and flowers are added to round off corners and supply color and additional beauty. The tall plants should act as a background for the lower ones, and they may be set against buildings, along fences and boundaries and in front of any objectionable view as a screen. It is rarely desirable to place plants in old-fashioned beds in the center of the lawn. Annual flowering plants are often used to fill in bare places along the shrubbery, and brighten the shrubbery with bloom. If plants are selected for a succession of bloom from early

spring until fall, the garden will never lack color except in winter; and if sufficient evergreens are provided, it will not lack beauty even then.

An informal garden calls for casual, irregular lines in walks and borders, with different kinds of flowers grouped together. A formal garden is laid out geometrically with straight or regularly curved boundaries, walks and borders, and different plants separated into rows and groups.

If a fixed design is adopted, to remain the same year after year, the soil can easily be modified to satisfy the needs of plants that require conditions other than those characteristic of the soil. Sand, clay or muck, and plant food can be added as required by each individual plant. This requires less yearly attention and

allows perennials and shrubs to be planted and also permits a much greater variety of plants.

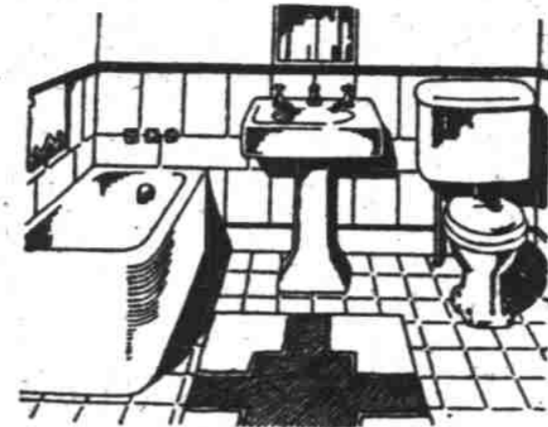
If it is desired to give the entire surface a general treatment, a good procedure is to add blue grass sod from heavy clay loam rotted for a year and mixed with an equal quantity of rotted manure, leaf mold and sand. Where rich top soil is available, a good treatment is to dig out the natural soil and fill in with the rich soil well mixed with rotted manure.

Soil that is well prepared will absorb and hold water for the plants. However, in addition to the supplying of water, it is necessary to provide a way for the surplus to drain off. A layer of stone under the top preparation and connected with a drainpipe will serve the purpose.

The hardest of the annuals and perennials, and the shrubbery may be planted in the fall for early spring display. The hardy grass used in the northern states should always be sown in the fall for a thick growth.

Before grass is sown, the surface must be graded and leveled for proper drainage. It should be covered with good loam and top soil, or, if loam is not available or is too expensive, soil that is sandy may be mixed with clay, or sand may be added to clay soil, and the mixture then well manured. A grass best suited to the soil should be chosen. For example, bentgrass should be grown in acid soil, and Kentucky bluegrass which does not thrive in acid soil, should never be grown where acid is present.

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