Help For the Man Who Wants to Build

Entrance Is Smile On Face of House; Bears Most Weight

By The Architects' Small House Service Bureau of the United States, Inc.

Designing a small house is a tricky thing. Not everybody can do it, not even every architect. A great architect of national reputation, asked recently to design a house for these columns, said he would rather design a state capitol.

But architects who have given expert study to the designing of small houses have come pretty much to the general conclusion that it is the little things that count—the shape and size of the windows, the exact location of the cornice, and even the kind of mouldings used in it. The detail that stands out most prominently is the entrance.

When there is no ordinary limit to the amount of money that can be spent for a small house, a great many elaborations may be worked out — charming settings for the chimney, bay windows, inviting porches and that sort of thing. But, for the average small house, where funds are limited, the entrance way has to carry the major architectural interest.

Brings Beauty to the Plan

If you recall houses you have seen it will become apparent to you that the entrance way, the door, the hood, perhaps the surrounding planting, steps to the stoop, were the things that caught your eye, gave the house an inviting hospitable look, or made it frowning, ugly.

The architect, striving to get as much house worked out as money will buy and still give the house the charm it needs, centralizes the decorative qualities into this entrance way, and thus brings to many houses which otherwise might seem plain and uninteresting, truly decorative qualities.

The reference was, of course, has its sentimental side. Someone has said that the doorway is a good index to the family behind it. Someone else says that the entrance is the smile on the face of the house. Probably all these things are true. Certainly the entrance should be in good taste, speaking for the people that live behind it. Certainly the American spirit of hospitality should get some kind of expression. The question is how to do it.

Avoid a Stilted Appearance

Needless to say, any entrance that is chosen should be beautiful in itself, involving good design, correct proportions, showing the master hand of the skilled architect. Also it should be a type of entrance which is suitable for the house—not an English half timbered and plastered affair on a Colonial house, nor yet a graceful Colonial arched and columned entrance on an English half timbered house. There are plenty of these misfits. The architect knows how to avoid them.

The simplest entrance is often the most effective. It doesn't take an elaboration of balconies, buttresses, brackets, columns, beams and arches to make an entrance that will smile.

Here is another rule. Keep the entrance close to the ground. Entrances high above the ground look stilted, awkward, do not properly express the idea of home. We build high entrances for formal buildings like schools and courthouses. To get an entrance that sets close to the ground means also that the house must be set accordingly, which is as it should be.—Copyright 1928. The Architects' Small Houses Service Bureau of the United States Inc.

A Model in Economical Arrangement

Design No. 4-A-15

Suggesting the Early Homes of New Netherlands

THIS home, No. 4-A-15, is designed with two principal objects in view. First, economy of floor space, second, low cost of construction. That is, to give a lot of house for the money spent. It has another value in that it can grow. The attic space has plenty of room for an additional bedroom that can be added when desired. In the meantime, for a small family the first floor bedroom will serve very well, and if additional bed space is desired, one of the modern closet beds can be arranged to open into the living room.

This, then, is a perfectly modern, up-to-date house, especially designed for modern conditions of living. Even though the house is small, the combination of living room and dining room across the front, which is nearly 30 feet in length, gives unusual area. The wall between living room and dining room can be made little or much of, as desired. A beam spanning the opening would, of course, give the best effect of large space.

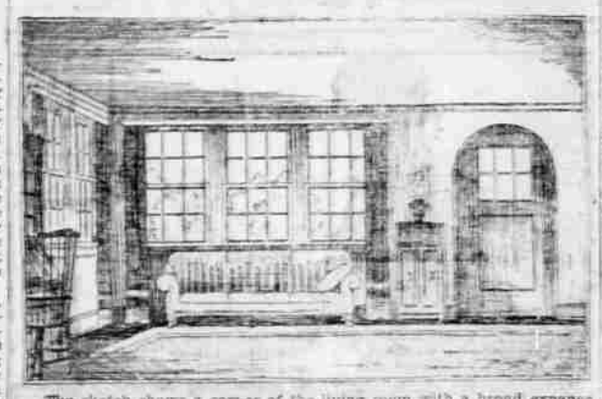
Housekeepers will probably be most pleased with the kitchen. Here also the smaller size of the house has not limited the designer in making the kitchen completely up-to-date and efficient as to working space. There is a big cupboard, sink under a window, the range conveniently at the side, an outside icing door for the refrigerator, a work table also under a window. An ironing board and a broom closet are arranged on an inner wall.

Construction: Wood frame, exterior finish of wide siding. Roof of shingles.

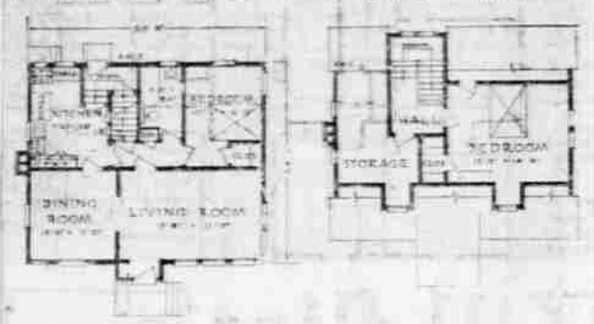
Facing: Designed to face north or west, but may be reversed for other facings.

Lot size: Approximately 40 feet.

A View of the Living Room



The sketch shows a corner of the living room with a broad expanse of many windows. The arched entrance to the vestibule adds to the architectural character of the room and the wall between door and window makes a pleasant place to set the phonograph or radio.



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What You May Want to Know About Building

Questions addressed to this paper will be answered by the Architects' Small House Service Bureau of the United States, Inc. Enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Q—What would clean hardwood floors that have not been varnished or waxed? How would you remove paint from a floor on which it is desired to apply varnish?

A—Hardwood floors to be finished should first be sanded and scraped. All stains should be removed as these show up prominently when finish such as varnish is applied. Machine sanding is usually the most economical method to obtain satisfactory results as this gives a new surface. If floors are badly marred, soap and water may be necessary. It may be necessary to use bleaching agents. To remove paint from floors use any good brand of paint remover. Remove absolutely all traces of the "remover" by thorough washing and scrubbing before applying varnish. Do not varnish until the floors are absolutely dry. It will help to machine sand the floors after the paint is removed.

Q—The cement floor on our porch is cracked in several places. Can this be patched? If so, how?

A—The cracks should be opened in such a way as to make them wider at the bottom than at the top. Wash out all loose material, and while still wet fill with mortar compound of one part cement to three parts of sand. Finish flush with adjoining floors and protect with wet sawdust or sacks for about a week. These floors can be painted when dry to incite uniform color. If your floor is new and these cracks are due to settlements from the floor having been built on a fill, wait until settlement is complete before making repairs.

Q—What causes a cellar floor to sweat in warm weather? Has this floor not had sufficient time to dry out in two years? Are not drain tile supposed to catch and carry away all such moisture?

A—The sweating of your cellar floor is due to humid air coming in contact with cold cement surfaces. The drain tile at the footings have nothing to do with this. Nothing can be done unless you insulate the floors. This is probably not worth while. Keeping the basement windows closed will probably help.

Q—What is the correct size of shutters? For example, how large should they be for double windows?

A—Shutters as originally intended were provided for protection. Their principal function today is for decoration. If you wish to close the shutters, a double folding type can be employed for the double windows. The size of individual shutters in any case would be half the width of the window.

Q—How can noises from bathroom be prevented from being transmitted to rooms below?

A—Wrap all drain and back vent piping, also all water supplies from first floor to top of bathroom ceiling, with one-half inch thick wool or hair felt. Lay mineral wool 3 inches thick between joists over the entire area of the bathroom. The standard materials used for wall insulation may be employed for this purpose.

SUPPLY HONGKONG WATER BY SHIPS

SHANGHAI, June 13. — (AP) — Hongkong, suffering from a drought and water famine, has placed an order with the waterworks here for 4000 tons of water daily to aid in supplying its needs. About $5 cents gold a ton will be paid.

The Dollar steamship management said four of their steamers weekly will discharge 350 tons of water at Hongkong, bringing it from Manila and Shanghai. The Canadian Pacific will do likewise. Both companies regard the measure as an emergency, and will make no charge.

ROBERT SPROUL TO HEAD CALIFORNIA U

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13.—(AP) Robert G. Sproul, who worked his way through the University of California to graduate with the class of 1913, was named president of the institution yesterday by the board of regents in an executive session at which no other names were proposed.

Sproul, who has been comptroller and vice president of the university since 1926, will assume the presidency when the resignation of Dr. W. W. Campbell becomes effective on June 1, 1929.

New student Memorial Union building dedicated at Oregon State college, Corvallis.

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ANNUAL PICNIC OF MINISTERIAL ASSN. HELD IN ASHLAND

The Rogue River Ministerial association, composed of the pastors of the various churches in southwestern Oregon, met in Ashland park Tuesday. It was the annual picnic meeting of the association. Election of officers was held. Also a feature of the meeting was a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Lawrence of Medford.

The association meets regularly once each month, but the June meeting is always made a picnic for bothe the ministers and their families. About 40 were present Tuesday.

At the conclusion of a bountiful dinner, the Rev. C. C. Harlick, pastor of the Methodist church of Grants Pass and the retiring president of the association spoke briefly of his fine fellowship of the organization. He paid a very high tribute to Rev. Lawrence for the place he has had in the work of the association for the past several years and concluded by presenting to him and Mrs. Lawrence on behalf of the ministers, a beautiful picture of Crater Lake. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence responded with brief talks. Rev. Lawrence has resigned the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church at Medford to accept a call to Caldwell, Idaho.

The business session followed, with reports and election of officers. Carman E. Melt, pastor of the First Christian church of Medford was elected president and takes office immediately. The Rev. W. Johnson of the Phoenix Presbyterian church is the new vice-president, and Rev. Raymond Ross, pastor of the First Methodist church of Medford, was elected secretary-treasurer. The future program of the association was discussed and some definite plans were made.

The Rev. Norman K. Tully, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Salem, was a guest at the meeting.

SEATTLE — (AP) — Faris Rayner, 18, defied a court order, directing him to cease his courtship of Mary Thorburn and was sentenced to five years in prison. He was on probation on a bad check charge.

EASTERN STAR SERVES BANQUET FOR MASONIC LODGE JACKSONVILLE

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., June 13. (Special.)—An afternoon and evening session was held here Wednesday by the Masonic lodge. Many visitors from other nearby towns were present. A lovely 6 o'clock supper was served by the Eastern Star lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. K. O. Merrifield left Thursday for Diamond lodge by way of Klamath Falls road, where they plan to spend the summer.

Mrs. Henry Miller was visiting friends in Ashland Monday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. Jones and son Malcolm and Mr. and Mrs. George Maxwell drove to the Sturgus mine Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fick and daughter Virginia drove to Portland Sunday where Mrs. Fick will attend grand chapter O. E. S. Mrs. Lola McIntyre accompanied them as far as Salem where she will visit relatives.

Omar and Lewis City of Applegate were dinner guests at the T. K. Norris home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hackett have returned from the logging camp at Sams Valley, where Mr. Hackett is employed, it being impossible for the trucks to get out after the recent rains.

Ernest Olson is spending this week at the Leonard McKee ranch on the Applegate.

Dr. Jenkins and son Horace and Francis Mark made a pleasure trip to Diamond lake Monday, returning home Tuesday.

Several children from Jacksonville are attending the swimming school given by the Red Cross at Medford this week at the Natatorium.

The dance given by the town baseball team Saturday evening was very successful. Supper was served at midnight by the H. N. A. ladies.

Walter Leupert, who has just completed his garage on North Oregon street, moved his family here Sunday from Medford. He will build a house soon. They are now living in the garage until they complete their new home.

Existence of the Alaskan bear, the largest living carnivore, was unknown until 1894.

SECRETARY TELLS READJUSTMENT IN PAY OF JUDICIARY

SALEM, Ore., June 13.—(AP)—A readjustment in the salaries of Oregon circuit judges, provided for by an act of the 1929 legislature, was made public yesterday by Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss.

Under the new law, judges in judicial districts having population of 30,000 or more shall receive $6,000 a year, with $500 additional provided locally in the case of Multnomah county. Judges in districts having between 15,000 and 30,000 population shall receive $5,500, and those in districts of less than 15,000 receive $5,000.

Judges in the $6,000 class are James T. Brand, J. W. Hamilton and George F. Skipworth, serving Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas, Lane and Lincoln counties; L. H. McMahan and Percy R. Kelly, serving Marion and Linn counties; Jacob Kanzler, Robert G. Morrow, Robert Tucker, John B. Stevenson, Louis P. Hewitt, Walter H. Evans, George Tazwell and W. A. Skwall, serving Multnomah county; J. U. Campbell, Clackamas county; James Alger Fee, Umatilla county; Arlie G. Walker, Polk and Yamhill counties; George R. Bagley, Washington and Tillamook counties; H. K. Zimmerman, Clatsop and Columbia counties.

Judges in the $5,500 class are H. D. Norton, Jackson and Josephine counties; Fred W. Wilson, Hood River and Wasco counties; C. B. McCulloch, Baker county; W. W. Wood, Grant, Harney and Malheur counties; J. W. Knowles, Crook and Wallowa counties; T. E. J. Duffy, Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties.

In the $5,000 class are D. R. Parker, Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties; W. M. Duncan, Klamath county, and Orlando M. Calkins, Lake county.

The new law becomes effective June 6. Under the old law, all judges of the circuit court received $4,000, with $1,500 additional provided locally for those in Multnomah county.

Rain Hurts Berries.

REDDING, Cal. —(AP)— Strawberry and cherry crops were reported 40 per cent normal after the heavy week-end rain and windstorm.

ANDERSON CREEK AREA REPORTS RAIN BENEFIT

ANDERSON CREEK, Ore., June 13.—(Special.)—The rain did the crops a great deal of good and was a fine thing for this vicinity.

Mrs. Jas. MacDowell called on Mrs. Jack Holtman Tuesday.

The road boss was up on the creek recently, looking over the bridges that must be repaired.

Homer Neil of Wagner creek was looking for his cattle Monday.

D. C. Hale and family spent Tuesday afternoon in Medford.

Miss Ruth Mayo spent a few days this week with her grandfather, F. M. Centers.

Chas. Skeeters and family and Mrs. Jack Holtman spent Monday evening at Jas. MacDowell's.

F. M. Centers was a Sunday guest at the Mayo home.

Roy Bushnell was out to the valley Tuesday.

Mr. Tucker was up on the creek Monday.

Steve Lanax was out to the valley Sunday.

CHERRIES GIVE UP GOOD WILL CARAVAN

SALEM, Ore., June 13.—(AP) Instead of a tour of southern Oregon previously planned as their "good will" tour for this summer, the Salem Cherrians voted last night to take part in the Sunset trail pageant at Eugene July 25, 26 and 27. The Cherrians voted unanimously to accept the invitation that was extended by a group of Eugene men who were guests of the Salem chamber of commerce last Monday.

Inspect 10,000 Fields.

LONDON.—(AP)—A campaign to provide every English city with an airdrome has resulted in an inspection crew being sent out to inspect more than 10,000 prospective sites. These proposed landfields are tested by driving automobiles rapidly over their surface.

Speech is Golden.

BUENOS AIRES —(AP)— It costs $45 to talk for three minutes from here to Berlin by wireless telephone. During the first month of the service with Germany, only about 10 calls were put through. The average length of each call was four minutes.

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