

Many Factors Should Be Given Attention in Building New Home

New homes are being constructed throughout the southern Oregon-northern California area, either for people moving into the area, or for residents who have long desired to have a new home.

Most homes are built by contractors or subdividers who construct several homes of variations of similar floor plans, others are constructed by individuals on a do-it-yourself basis in spare time, and still others are individualized through an architect for the needs and desires of the home owner.

But no matter how it is built, a person's home is his castle. It should provide enjoyable living quarters, room for recreation and room for entertainment, not only as a family group, but also for guests. It also should be practical.

Materials Available

If the person is having a new home built for him, there are numerous materials available to make the home attractive. There are several types of building material, but the

most popular still is the wood-frame house.

The basic wood-frame structure can be accentuated with one or more of several other materials such as brick, block or plastics, to satisfy individual tastes. Glass is becoming more popular for working into exterior walls when the view provides year-round enjoyment.

Interior walls provide more space for creative ability utilizing a wide selection of wood paneling, veneers, paints, stains, and wallpaper.

Planning Interior

Whatever is used on the interior, as on the exterior, it should "fit" into the room decor. Interior decorators have the knowledge and experience of knowing what is practical, what is desirable and what is pleasant for everyday living. But for those who feel they can not retain an interior decorator, paint stores and building supply companies offer assistance in determining what combination of materials or paints and wallpapers are desirable.

Attention also should be given to the patio, or outdoor living area, which is popular in this area. There are various ways in making an outdoor living area attractive, not only to passers-by, but also to the home owner.

The patio will be the scene of many summer time meals, evening get-togethers and for playtime activities for children, and all these things should be considered in designing the patio and landscaping it.

Selection of Material

Building suppliers offer a wide selection of material for patio floors, but probably the most popular is concrete. Shrubbery and flowers, or even a vegetable garden, will add to the patio's beauty and living desirability.

Another important factor for the home is landscaping the property. There are several nurseries in this area which provide a wide selection of plants and hints for landscaping.

Many of the booths at the Crater Lions Sportsfair and Home and Garden show will provide area residents a view of materials available for homes, interiors, and patio and garden areas.

Ideas Available For Landscaping

There are many ways to make a yard attractive, and a drive around the valley will give area residents ideas.

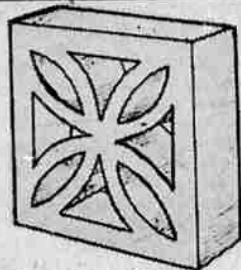
In some places, crushed rocks of various colors are taking the place of small lawn areas, or the background for flower beds. Rock gardens appear to be becoming more popular, and some of them are built up off the lawn level with attractive rock or block work.

Ideas for landscaping may be obtained from the Jackson county extension service, local landscape architects, or by seeing what other home owners have done to enhance the beauty of their home.

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Mountain Climbing May Be Enjoyed by More Area Hikers

Mountain climbing is an intriguing sport, and can be enjoyed by more people in this area who like to hike.

Although there are many peaks from which panoramic views can be enjoyed in southern Oregon, the peak which provides the most spectacular view is Mt. McLoughlin.

It is not a hard mountain to climb for the experienced hiker, but those who are not used to hiking should "take it easy" on their first hike to the top of the 9,450-foot mountain.

Well-Marked Trail

There is a well-marked trail to the tree-line, but from there the trail may sometimes be hard to determine since the paint used to mark it weathers off. But the climb isn't too hard. There are some areas

where the hiker has to watch his footing, but the view from the top is rewarding.

The inexperienced hiker should go slow because the thin air will soon have him out of breath. Regular rest periods help the hiker regain his breath and energy and makes the hike more pleasant.

All hikers going up Mt. McLoughlin should take water and food, and plan to spend most of the day for the hike up and back.

There is a register in a weather-proof box at the top for all climbers to sign.

Two camp sites in Rogue River National forest are in California—Cook and Green and Hutton camps—in the headwaters area of the Apple-gate river.

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