

### How Many Feet Would You Need To Pass Safely?

With Oncoming Traffic			No Oncoming Traffic		
YOUR SPEED AND SPEED OF ONCOMING CAR	DISTANCE REQUIRED		YOUR SPEED	DISTANCE REQUIRED TO PASS	
	If your speed is 10 m.p.h. greater than car you are passing.	If your speed is 15 m.p.h. greater than car you are passing.		If your speed is 10 m.p.h. greater than car you are passing.	If your speed is 15 m.p.h. greater than car you are passing.
20 m.p.h.	480 feet	320 feet	20 m.p.h.	240 feet	160 feet
30 m.p.h.	960 feet	640 feet	30 m.p.h.	480 feet	320 feet
40 m.p.h.	1600 feet	1066 feet	40 m.p.h.	800 feet	533 feet
50 m.p.h.	2400 feet	1600 feet	50 m.p.h.	1200 feet	800 feet
60 m.p.h.	3360 feet	2240 feet	60 m.p.h.	1680 feet	1120 feet
70 m.p.h.	4480 feet	2986 feet	70 m.p.h.	2240 feet	1493 feet

CHECK YOUR PASSING DISTANCE before pulling out to pass the car ahead. Above chart, reprinted from a new highway safety booklet, "Pass, Friend", published by public education department of the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company, shows the distances required at different speeds to pass the car ahead safely, both with and without oncoming traffic. The 16-page booklet, which outlines safe passing practices, is being distributed free as a public service by the Aetna and its local representatives.

### West Offers German Plan

By EDWARD E. BOMAR  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Western powers have submitted to Russia a Big Four meeting proposal which American officials believe will test the sincerity of Moscow's demands for a unified Germany. The proposal, delivered Thursday, calls for a meeting limited to the specific purpose of creating an impartial commission to determine whether free elections can be held throughout divided Germany.

This was the one new feature in identical notes from the United States, Britain and France which represented the sixth round in a wordy diplomatic exchange going on since last March. Moscow called then for an urgent meeting of the occupation powers to take up again the broad question of making peace with a unified Germany, a move Western diplomats at the time interpreted as mere propaganda.

In the new proposals the West laid down once more the condition Russia must agree in advance that any general peace settlement be based first upon genuinely free elections in the occupied zone, and then to the creation of a free all-German government which would have a voice in framing the peace treaty.

Moscow thus far has sidestepped any such agreement and many diplomatic authorities doubt the Kremlin will accept the latest terms.

But the Western proposal left the way open for counterproposals, and American officials believe that in any event Soviet reaction will be useful in guiding public opinion in this country and in Western Europe.

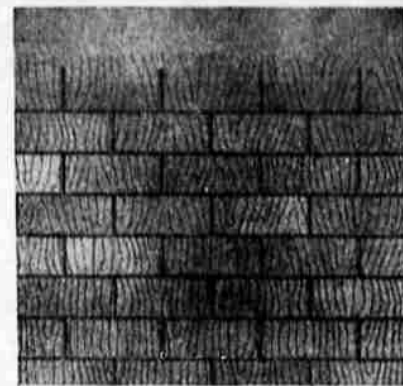
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## ON THE HOUSE

By DAVID G. BAREUTHER, AP Real Estate Editor

An armchair-handyman-around-the-house can make more sense (and dollars, too) than an armchair-admiral or grandstand-sympirer. Merely to know how an oil burner works, or how many gallons of paint will be needed over a given area can keep you from being as vulnerable as the man who says to a garage mechanic: "Something makes a funny noise under the hood. Fix it."

You don't have to be a jack of all trades in order to live in a house. But it's worth real cash to know as much as you can about how your house is built, how it works, what it needs and why. Some people think an armchair-handyman in funny. Walter Davenport in a recent issue of Collier's magazine, thought it was funny when this department "Wrote in classic simplicity how to save money by fixing things, but concluded 'If you're not skilled at carpentry, it is safer to have a reliable carpenter.'"

Well, everybody enjoys a good joke, but the householder spending his own wages for high priced materials doesn't want the joke to be on him if he botches the job or can't finish it. He'd rather take a joke about being an armchair-handyman, read up on how the job ought to be done, and at least know what he is spending his money for.

There is no denying that in these days of high material costs and high labor costs, more house-holders are tackling upkeep and repair jobs than ever before. Knowing this, many manufacturers are advertising directly to the public, instead of solely in trade publications. And they are stressing the do-it-yourself angle by offering booklets of instructions. It's too bad that sometimes some of these jobs turn out slightly weird, but some of today's professional jobs aren't so much better. A neighbor recently paid \$250 to have asphalt tile laid on the basement floor. That cost did not include the material. The work was done so poorly the crew had to return, replace broken tiles, heat and flatten curled tiles and generally try to patch it up. Fortunately the owner had not paid the bill before inspecting the work. A man who lived in a house of identical size said: "I got a better job done for \$88 and thought I was overcharged about \$25, but we should have done it ourselves." And of course, they could have

done it, or at least understood how the job should be done properly, by getting instructions from the manufacturer. In this case, full instructions on both installation and maintenance for asphalt tile, rubber, plastic, or cork tile could have been had for the asking from Kenite, Inc., 58 Second Ave., Brooklyn 15, N.Y.

The most prolific source of practical information for the householder is the Government Printing Office. By writing to the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., you can get a "Price List of Publications of Interest to Suburbanites and Home Owners." Ranging from 5 to 10 cents up to 50 cents or so, these publications not only are practical and authoritative, but often form the backbone for many more expensive books that are commercially published.

Among the government publications is a very sound handbook entitled "Care and Repair of the House" by Vincent B. Phelan, published by the U. S. Department of Commerce for 50 cents.

News stands also provide some helpful literature. "First Aid for the Ailing House" by the late Roger B. Whitman, was published in paper bound form, selling for 25 cents. A magazine "The Family Handyman," edited by Paul de Pur, is published quarterly for 30 cents.

Working drawings and instructions on how to build things are available at very nominal amounts through lumber dealers. And plans

and instructions on the use of fiberboard and hardboards can be had without cost from the Masonite Corp., 111 West Washington St., Chicago 2, Ill.

With the building trades fairly well occupied these days, there's a noticeable spirit of helpfulness toward the home handyman on the part of most artisans. For example, a plumber was overheard in a barber shop the other day, saying "You don't need a plumber for that. I'll make up a length for you with a female adapter on one end and male adapter on the other end. You can take it home and put it in yourself."

That's mighty fine. Isn't it? but you'd better sit down in that armchair again and read up on the male and female adapter.

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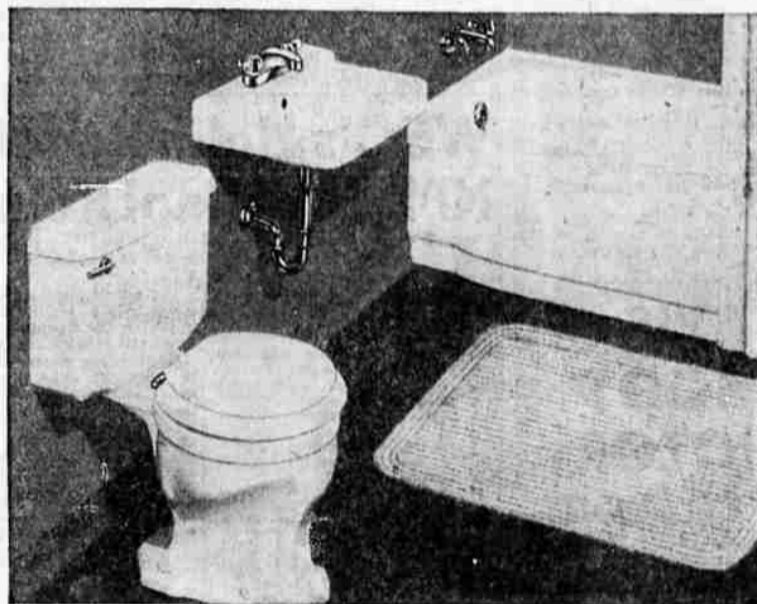
DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. announced Friday it will lay off up to 72,000 workers after Friday. This will boost the auto industry's idleness stemming from the steel strike to nearly 300,000 by Monday. Ford said it will close down its recently reopened Ford division assembly plants across the nation at the end of shifts Friday and halt most operations at its big Rouge plant in Dearborn. It will try to reopen most of the plants a week later, the company said, but because of the steel famine "no certain future operation plans are possible."

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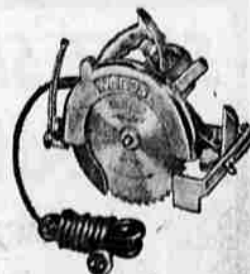
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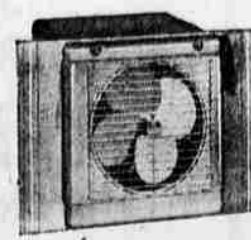
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