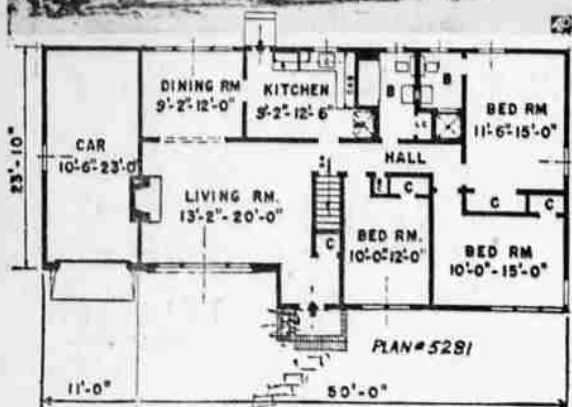


HOMES FOR AMERICANS



SIX ROOMS and two baths are provided all on one floor in this plan 5281 by William G. Chirgoff, 968 Stuyvesant Ave., Union, N. J. Living, sleeping and working areas are effectively separated in this room layout. The house covers 1,334 square feet and is planned for construction over a full basement.

PTA Notes

RIVERSIDE PTA
By MRS. RALPH MORROW JR.,
Publicity Chairman

Highlight of the Sept. 16 meeting of the Riverside PTA was a talk by Mrs. Eric Majors, secretary of the Klamath County T. B. and Health Assoc., who explained why it was so important for every one to have a chest X-ray. Mrs. Majors said there are only 5 days left for X-rays then showed a film about treatments to cure T.B.

Presiding at the meeting that drew a large attendance was the president, Mrs. Axel Carlson. Mrs. Carlson introduced the following committee chairmen: Program — Dr. Harry Fredricks; Membership — Mrs. R. D. Montgomery; Hospitality — Mrs. Ralph Ramer; Ways and Means — Mrs. A. E. Fitzgerald; Publicity — Mrs. Ralph Morrow Jr.; Magazine — Mrs. Warren Ausland; Historian — Mrs. Gordon Loomis; Founders Day — Mrs. Palmer Gundersen; Summer Round Up — Mrs. W. A. Williams and Room Mothers — Mrs. William Siegel.

Mrs. Fred Goeller announced the October meeting will be a night meeting with a chili dinner for the purpose of raising money.

Mrs. R. D. Montgomery reported the membership drive is on and all dues should be in by Nov. 15 if possible.

The president, Mrs. Carlson, introduced the officers and teachers. The First and Fourth Grades won the room prizes. Mrs. F. N. Scapple won the door prize, which was a one year subscription to the "National Parent-Teacher" magazine. Tea was served by the executive committee.

The next scheduled meeting will be October 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Riverside gymnasium.

The first fall meeting of Roosevelt PTA Sept. 16, was the occasion for a concrete exposition of the purposes of the organization presented in an original and entertaining way.

Mrs. Robert Thompson gave the enjoyable program and in the course of her talk imitated a parent who sees no reason to attend meetings or support PTA because he or she feels nothing is accomplished by this group. She called on Mr. Potter, principal, to bear her out on this, but he was forced to disagree, he claimed, because the PTA had provided draperies for the auditorium and also a school fund which is in constant use.

Other members of the faculty pointed out benefits received from PTA which include books, magazine racks and plastic magazine covers for the library; an excellent assortment of record albums; a tea service, dishes and tablecloth for serving refreshments, furniture for the teacher's room and the most important a scholarship to a high school senior who plans to teach in the elementary schools.

Mrs. Thompson brought out that because PTA work is devoted to the support of education both parents and teachers should take an active interest.

During the business meeting, Mrs. Winston Purvine, new president, announced a door prize for each meeting. Several evening meetings are planned for the coming months. The next meeting will be Oct. 21.

Mrs. Hultman's room downstairs won the room count for that floor. Mrs. Deller's for the second floor. New teachers introduced were Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Kirkland, Mrs. Scroggins and Mrs. Lenz. Mrs. Lenz, substituting for Mrs. Lenz, women teachers were presented with corsages, men with carnations.

Officers for the year are Mrs. Winston Purvine, president; Mrs. Art Moore, vice-president; Mrs. T. R. Lindley, secretary; Mrs. Glen Evans, treasurer.

Committee chairmen are: Mrs. Willard Ward, program; Mrs. Frank Drew, ways and means; Jess Crabtree, room representative; Mrs. Art Moore, magazines; Mrs. Howard Hanville and Mrs. Homer Ellis, tea; Mrs. Gwyn Sartin, hospitality; Mrs. Chester Newton and Mrs. C. T. Carlson, membership; Mrs. R. P. Ellingson Jr., Founders Day; Mrs. T. I. Farley, summer roundup; Mrs. Merle Swensen, blood bank; Mrs. Fred Ehlers, publicity.

Mrs. Sam Mushen, band; Mrs. Ailsa Kuykendall, historian; Mrs. Paul Deller, scholarship; Mrs. C.R. Canine, publications; Mrs. Floyd Boyd and Mrs. Donald Ross, study group; Mrs. Floyd Boyd, budget and Mrs. Raymond Tice, X-ray.

After the program tea was served by the seventh grade mothers.

But some cellars can get wet, and how! Springs bubble up under some cellar floors. The tide oozes in along low seashore locations. Rain water builds up sizable pressures in loosely filled places and doesn't start to creep into a basement until several days after a big storm. And settlement cracks very often open up in basement walls to let subsurface water leak in.

The nice part about most of these problems is that they are not usually perennial. A dry spell comes along and gives you time to fix them. The main thing to do is to fix them once and for all, rather than waste time, money, and effort on a makeshift. Even with water pouring in, it is possible for a professional to stop it. So with all the breaks of a dry

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A good thing for all home owners to know, whether they do the work themselves or merely check up on the men they pay, is how to mix waterproof concrete. According to the research engineers of the Housing and Home Finance Agency in Washington, a good waterproof mix of Portland cement can be so effective that the addition of anything else seems superfluous.

The Portland Cement Association says the first requisite in mixing watertight concrete is to have dry sand, or so called "bank" sand, which is free of moisture. You can determine this by putting a measure of sand in the oven and drying it thoroughly. Then weigh it against the same amount of undried sand. The percentage of difference will show how much moisture the sand contains. Wholly dry sand is seldom available.

Damp sand contains about a quart of water per cubic foot (2 per cent by weight). Wet sand holds about a half gallon per cubic foot, or 4 per cent by weight. A cubic foot is one cent-bagful. You allow for this moisture content when adding water. Otherwise you get too much water and weaken the concrete.

Only water fit to drink is used. Before the importance of water was discovered in connection with the strength of concrete, mixtures were customarily expressed as 1:2:4 or 1:2:6 and so on, referring to one part cement, two parts

sand and four or six parts coarse gravel or pebbles. Modern Practice states the mix in gallons of water. So a 6-gallon paste has come to be the standard for watertight concrete. This means that with damp sand only 5½ gallons of water is used. The dry mix is 1:2½:2½. Thorough mixing is highly important to coat all surfaces of all aggregate with cement paste. Soon after the concrete is placed it is kept moist and at a steady temperature all during its curing period.

That is the recipe of the Portland Cement Association for watertight walls, storage tanks, septic tanks and swimming pools, however, in surfacing walls for damp-proofing, coarse aggregate is eliminated and equal parts of cement and sand are used. This is mixed to a heavy whipping cream consistency and no lime is used.

Before applying such pargeing or mortar coating the wall is thoroughly brushed with a wire brush, all tars or oils are removed and the surface is wetted down enough to remain damp with no free water showing.

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ON THE HOUSE

By DAVID G. BAREUTHER, AP Real Estate Editor

Rare is the house with a wet basement problem that a householder can't solve alone, if he has the inclination and time to do the job — or that can't be eradicated by a professional waterproofer.

Most people who complain about a wet basement don't have wet basements. There is a big difference between a wet basement and a damp basement. Usually a basement is not considered wet unless free water stands in puddles on the floor. Dark spots running down on the walls, or appearing on the floor, moist surfaces on furniture, mildew, are only symptoms of damp basements.

Such dampness may be caused by moisture seepage or by condensation. The average basement is so cool in summer that hot and humid air coming into contact with cool masonry walls or exposed cold water pipes acts up the same way it does on the outside of that hackneyed glass of ice water.

And it's surprising the number of householders who don't seem to know when it's raining. The amount of rain water that can pour into a basement window, directly or by drainage, and not be noticed until days later when it stands in the middle of the cellar floor, is unbelievable. You have to see it happen to believe it.

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