



LOOKING OVER PLANS for the expansion of their small home on 4652 Cannon Drive are Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Dondson. Dondson who works at the Swan Lake Moulding Co., has done considerable improving of the interior of the house this year and plans the addition of additional room this spring.

Leaks Plugged In Basements

If your basement may be converted into a swimming pool—but only during the rainy season—you may choose between two courses of action.

You may purchase a dingy and a yachting cap and take an at-home summer cruise.

If, however, you're not of a nautical turn, you can patch up the holes in the cellar walls and floors with little effort. Leaks should be

plugged immediately to insure efficient heating of the entire house.

Most openings are created as the house settles slowly in its foundation. Any major breaks should be inspected by a mason. The smaller apertures may be closed off by the home handyman.

Most of the work is done with a dry, pre-mixed concrete patching mix such as Sakrete. The amateur cement mixer will find that most

of the work comes in preparing the crack for the Sakrete mix.

The sides of the defective area are first chipped away with a cold chisel and a hammer. It is essential that the edges of the old concrete be undercut; the cut must be wider on bottom than on top.

After cutting, homeowner should dislodge all loose mortar with a stiff wire brush. The area is cleaned with water to remove dust.

Sakrete is then mixed with water on a flat surface. Mixture is poured in crack until patch is filled slightly higher than water level.

Strike off the top with a "strike board." This can be any piece of lumber wider than the opening. (Opening should never be less than one inch wide.)

Concrete patching mixture should extend a fraction of an inch above the floor or wall line. After two hours, shrinkage will be complete. Surface may then be troweled to match the rest of the surface.

The result should be a dry, satisfactory finish. Material is suitable for patching concrete block, poured concrete walls, floors, steps, or the masonry between bricks.

USE FOR GLASS

A divider of patterned glass, available in many patterns, including lined, louvred and checkered, from counter level to ceiling will obscure vision effectively while it permits light to be borrowed from one section of a room by another. In remodeling, glass dividers are useful in separating a dressing room from the rest of the bedroom, or dividing a bathroom into separate compartments for additional use.



THIS BATHROOM WAS REMODELED into the compartment type bath for a growing family. The toilet stall and enclosed shower face each other across the bay in the rear. Cactus green Vitrolite was used as the wall surfacing material. Note the attractive, pivoted vanity mirror, the plate glass splash panel in front of the tub and the fluorescent-lighted shadow box mirror over the spacious counter-type sink. In many families, a single bathroom is sufficient if its facilities are separated so each can be used privately at the same time.

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1955 House Buyers Kept Lumber Firms Prosperous

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — If yours is one of the 1,300,000 families that moved into a new house in the United States this year, you had a share in keeping the lumber industry prosperous.

You had a share, too, if you were one of the millions of others who stayed in their old homes but bought new furniture, or did some remodeling or attended a new church or sent their children to a new school.

For nearly 10 years now new buildings—homes and schools and barns and churches—have been part of the annual change in the face of America.

And as long as that change continues at the pace it has been, the lumber industry expects to remain prosperous.

This year, 1955, has been typical of those since World War II. It was the seventh year in a row with more than a million new homes started. Lumber prices stayed fairly level. And mills and factories all over the country hired extra shifts part of the time to keep up with demand.

The two lumbers used for framing and other construction—southern pine and douglas fir—both ran ahead of last year in production and had one of their best seasons. The same is true for Western pine, a finishing lumber, which had the best year it ever had.

And both northern and southern hardwoods had a fine year as demand was high for their flooring and furniture-making lumber.

Most industry leaders say next year should be just as good as

this—or even better if credit restrictions are eased. The money for home mortgages tightened up late in 1955 but some easing came before the end of the year.

H. V. Simpson, executive vice president of the West Coast Lumbermen's Assn., says the construction industry—both light and heavy—will do 44 billion dollars worth of business next year, a two-billion-dollar increase. And, he adds, "Our industry is healthy when the light construction industry prospers."

Spokesmen for both the Southern Pine Assn. and the West Coast Lumbermen's Assn. call growth of tree farms one of the year's bright spots. There now are 7,152 tree farms covering 37 million acres, pledged to management for perpetual yield.

The Western Pine Assn. estimates that when all its records are in, 1955 production will be just about 8 1/2 billion board feet, a new record six per cent greater than the old mark set in 1954.

At the rate Southern pine was being produced in the first nine months of the year, 1955, production was expected to total around 8 3/4 billion feet, up nine per cent from the year before.

And Douglas fir was pointing close to 10 billion feet for the year, up strongly from strike-plagued 1954 and even with or slightly above 1953.

The redwood industry of California was producing nine per cent over last year and heading for around a billion board feet for this year.

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