



HOT WATER FOR HEATING NEW HOMES was brought in on Division Street by a crew headed by E. E. Storey, Merrill, left. The water, which is flowing to the surface at a temperature of 198 degrees, will be used to heat several duplexes being built by John Fowler and Fred Hoagland at Division and Oak streets. I. C. Wallin and K. J. Rusco look over the artesian well with Storey. The builders are building the duplexes for occupancy by U.S. Air Force personnel and other new residents of Klamath Falls expected to arrive in the city beginning this spring. Each unit in the duplexes will have two bedrooms, announce Fowler.

Home Action Group Formed

Home owners, worried about decline in property values in their neighborhoods due to apathy as older homes are being allowed to slip into slum status, have a chance to stop this great loss.

A new non-profit national organization called ACTION, American Council to Improve our Neighborhoods, with headquarters in Radio City, New York 20, New York, will furnish a program for local communities to help themselves.

It is estimated one million homes a year are allowed to deteriorate into slum category. This is a staggering loss to the nation's economy, and can be stopped, ACTION leaders point out.

The local ACTION program will

help leaders arouse pride in remodeling and salvaging of these deteriorating homes. Most of these homes are easily remodelled and modernized, for having been frame designed, they can easily be redesigned along modern lines. There are ample building materials, such as easy-to-handle Douglas fir framing and finish lumber to do these jobs. In many instances, a few thousand dollars spent in remodeling will increase the value of the older home two or three times the amount spent. When a group of home owners start remodeling, it is easy to arouse interest in other owners, the ACTION people believe.

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New Oriental Motif Used

Wallpaper design has been affected by the trend to the Oriental motif, presently being expressed in modern architecture and interior decorating fabrics. Miss Jean McLain, prominent New York decorator, says that there is a new subtle richness in wallpaper patterns that becomes subordinate to the natural architectural materials of wood, cork and stone.

The Far Eastern approach to architecture is in using actual structural members as the decorating motif — such as exposed beams, purlins and paneling in natural finishes. American architects are utilizing such native materials as Douglas fir and western red cedar in effectively interpreting this trend.

Thus, reports Miss McLain, a wallpaper design that emphasizes this naturalness is found in the widely spaced small patterns as opposed to large dramatic design. "A coin print in greenish turquoise blends beautifully with natural woods and stone," the noted decorator points out. "This paper may be used in conjunction with another paper presently on the market—a replica of the Japanese shoji screen," she suggests.

"Wallpaper need not dominate the room in which structural materials are exposed, nor need it make a paneled room look noisy," Miss McLain explains. "Rather it is used effectively to emphasize points of interest."



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