



A CATTLEMAN'S LIFE is not all riding the pretty range and looking over contented cows. There are always the small chores that have to be taken care of every day. Here, Earl Kerns keeps a calf tight while daughter Sydney gives it a dose of what's good for it. Such chores are routine on any cattle ranch.

Today's Home Gains Livability From Use Of Old Design Ideas

Two of man's oldest construction methods, the post and beam and the "sunken" floor, are being revived by many architects and combined with today's glass gable wall design to provide added livability and economy in modern homes.

Building authorities report the use of all three elements in many instances make it possible to furnish houses with popular functional qualities, smart appearance and the feeling of open living, while helping reduce building costs and conserve materials.

Otto F. Wenzler, architectural consultant of Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company, points out that in place of the elaborate framework of studs, joists and roof trusses used in conventional construction, the post and beam method features vertical posts anchored in the floor base at intervals of four to eight feet. The ceiling beams are fixed horizontally to the tops of the posts to form the rafters for a flat roof, or diagonally for a pitched roof.

While this type of structure is amazingly strong, Mr. Wenzler said, the walls between the posts are non-load-bearing, thus making it possible to use wide expanses

of glass and pre-assembled exterior siding panels.

"Many homes built this way have floor-to-ceiling walls of Thermopane insulating glass enabling the occupants to enjoy the feeling of spaciousness without sacrificing comfort," Mr. Wenzler said. "The interesting patterns created by the combination of various shaped glass gable sections give the rooms a very attractive appearance, and can become the basis for the individuality of the overall home design."

"By simply extending the roof beams through the glass wall to support the roof extension which acts as a summer shading device, the interior seems to 'flow' into the outdoors."

Another advantage offered by post and beam houses, according to the architect, is the flexibility of their floor plans. Since the entire weight of the roof is supported by the posts, the need for interior roof braces is eliminated. Thus, the homeowner is given plenty of freedom in deciding on the location of room partitions and interior walls.

The beamed ceilings also do away with the need for costly finished ceiling work. The exposed beams contribute a feeling of depth and space to the rooms which are being heightened by the use of "sunken" floors.

"Dropping the floor level of the living room or recreation area one or two steps below that of the rest

of the house provides a pleasing change in the overall plan of a one-story home," explained Mr. Wenzler. "It completes the atmosphere of spaciousness created by the 'open' ceiling and glass walls."

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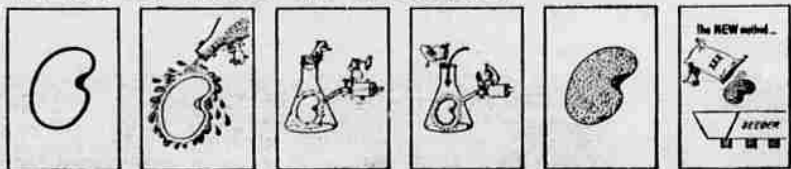
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