

Second Home Is Possible At Small Cost In Cabin

Lots of families have hopes of someday building a second home, where they can spend week ends and leisure hours during the warm months. It's the prospect of having to lay out a lot of money all at once that holds many of them back.

Architect Henrik Bull of San Francisco has produced the plan shown here, which takes full advantage of the appearance and design potential of fir plywood, a material that makes building the cabin comparatively simple.

And this roomy cabin is plenty livable for only about \$2000. Some of the surfaces are rough and finishing touches can improve the structure a lot, but it's possible to live in and enjoy this house without going to all the expense required to move into a conventionally-built home.

960 Square Feet

The design is based on the idea that nothing is easier or more economical to build than a ply-

wood box. Since most people object to the appearance of a box, Bull has designed two rectangular units which are connected with a canvas-covered gable and sun-deck.

This preserves the economy of the box but eliminates the boxy appearance. The two 16x20-foot shelters face each other across a 16x20-foot covered deck, providing 960 square feet of indoor and outdoor living space.

One of the covered areas is designed for living, the other for sleeping, so it's possible for early-to-bed fishermen and children to get away from the chatter of late-risers.

The house is designed for two-stage development. The first stage is a livable, unpainted shelter complete with wiring and plumbing. It was built in the Pacific Northwest for \$3239, plus land and septic tank costs. This figure includes labor for the whole job, although much of the work

can be done by the owner. Labor came to about \$1200.

Exposure No Problem

In its unpainted first stage, the house has minimum facilities and furnishings, but includes a refrigerator, sink and small counter. Most families could use the house this way for years.

The unpainted plywood surfaces are exterior type panels and can stand indefinite exposure to the weather. This material has a fully waterproof glue line and will not delaminate, but the wood surface, like all wood, is likely to "face check" if exposed for many months.

The second stage improvements, which totaled \$1060 on the prototype cabin, again including all labor, can be added as the budget permits. Finishing, according to the architect's plans, includes paint, a fireplace, floor tile, deck canvas and sunshades.

The plans also take into consideration owners who will want

to live in the cabin all year round and use it as a hunting lodge, for instance. Insulation can be easily added to wall and roof construction, but a heat source other than the fireplace must also be installed for maximum comfort.

Expandable Design

The design is expandable and when built on a properly-chosen site the cabin can grow to the front and back, as your family size and budget indicate. The simple construction method makes addition of a wing an easy task.

Studs for all the walls are spaced four feet on center, a system made possible by the wide use of full-size sheets of fir plywood. Thus only one side of the walls needs covering and the interior, when finished, provides an attractive visual pattern.

A single layer of 3/4-inch plywood over the floor framing provides both subfloor and underlayment.

Plans Available

The only surface that requires any type of finishing in the first stage is the roof, where 90-pound roll roofing is recommended because of the difficulty in making joints between panels water tight.

Complete, easy to follow construction plans for this cabin, including a detailed materials list, are available from the Douglas Fir Plywood Association, Tacoma 2, Wash. Include 25 cents to cover mailing and handling. Ask for the Parade Second House.

A catalog showing other cabin plans is available for 10 cents from the same address.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

BURLINGTON, Vt. (UPI)—For eight days, every egg that restaurant owner Peter Stokes opened had either a double or triple yolk. Stokes, who buys 15 dozen eggs a week, switched from large to small eggs before he found a single yolk egg.

COOL THOUGHT

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (UPI) — In the midst of one of the longest heat waves of recent years, the city opened sealed bids for 12,000 tons of coal to be used by various city departments during the winter.

Battery Car Experimental

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (UPI)—The Atlantic City Electric Co. is experimenting with the idea of reviving the battery-powered auto and marketing it much the same as utility companies sell ranges and other appliances.

The company has several of the small electric cars with Renault-Dauphine bodies in use within the utility for evaluation purposes only.

Called the Henny-Kilowatt, it is the brain child of B. L. England, board chairman of the resort firm, and C. Russell Feldmann, board chairman and president of the Eureka Williams Corp., which designed the motor.

Feldmann got the idea from the popular electric golf carts. Some wives, it seems, borrow hubby's cart for shopping trips.

The Kilowatt presently has a top speed of 35 miles an hour and a range up to 60 miles without a recharge of the 36 two-volt batteries which power it. The batteries have a life expectancy of more than two years and can be fully recharged overnight by plugging into any 110-volt outlet, is adopting the scientific inter-

Maintenance calls for no more than keeping the batteries filled, keeping air in the tires and changing the motor brushes occasionally.

Feldmann says the motor will last nearly 40 years and feels that improvement of the car's range and speed with new long-lasting batteries will make it sell alongside refrigerators, ranges and dishwashers.

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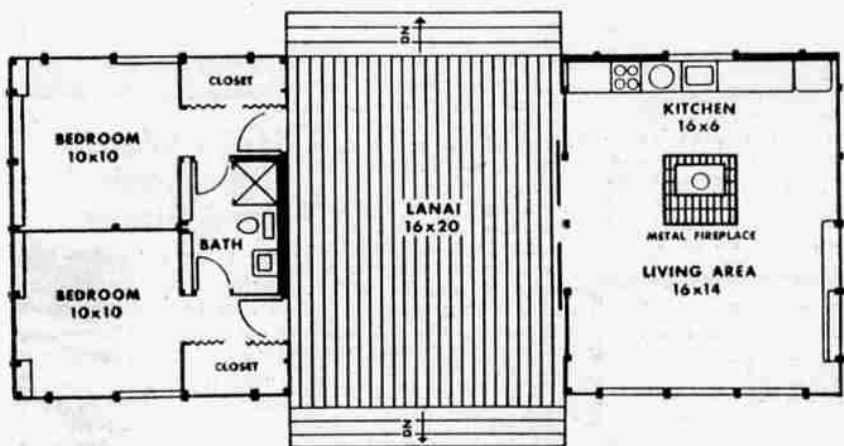
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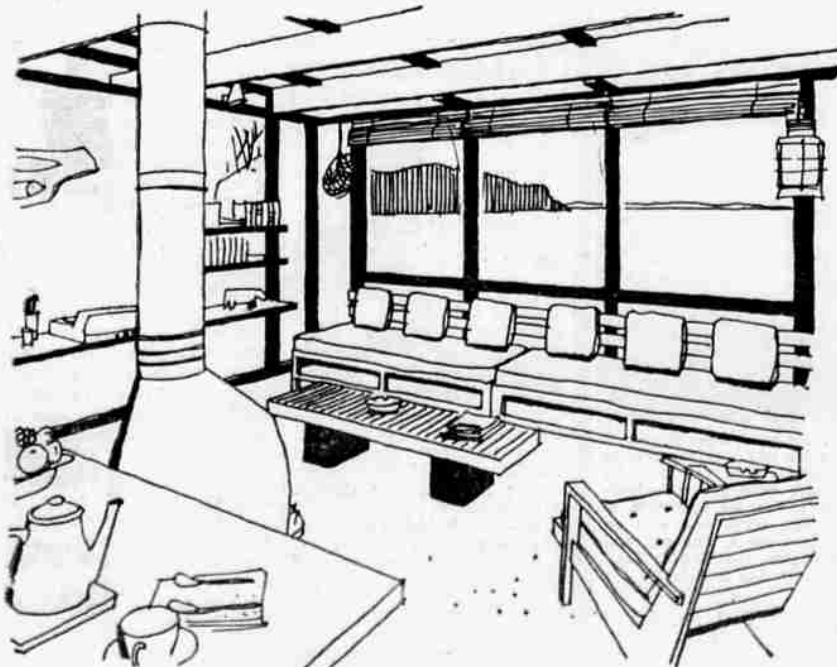
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