

HOUSE DESIGNED for retired people is shown in this architect's sketch. Plywood would be used extensively and the house would sell for about \$9,000. The house would contain many features designed for the convenience of the elderly.

Special House For Oldsters

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WASHINGTON (NEA) — You may soon be able to build your dream house after you retire for as little as \$9,000 plus the cost of a lot.

Architect Robert B. Waring of the Douglas Fir Plywood Association has designed a six-room compact home especially for people over 60. The use of inexpensive plywood which reduces labor costs makes the low price tag possible.

Called Freedom House, because it eliminates much of the cost of building a new home, the 1,084 sq. ft. structure was displayed for the first time at the White House Conference on Aging last month. The blueprints may soon be released to builders for nationwide construction.

Co-sponsors of the Washington display are the Douglas Fir Plywood Association, the National Retired Teachers Association, and the American Association of Retired Persons. But credit for conceiving the novel structure in the first place goes to Mary Cleverley, public housing administration commissioner for elderly housing.

Mrs. Cleverley got the idea when she saw pictures of a similar house advertised as the ideal vacation home. To her the structure looked like the solution to housing problems of the aged as well.

Statistics show that the "over 60" population totals about 23 million and will increase to 29 million by 1970. At least 18 million of these people are in low or middle income groups.

Most of these people have already raised families and would like to move into smaller, low upkeep homes. Yet most of the housing for retired people falls into one of three categories which often are unattractive to elderly, middle class house hunters.

Luxury apartments for the wealthy, public housing for the indigent and private housing developments, often designed for disabled persons, generally are the only choices the elderly house hunters have.

Many elderly people, still in good health, resent the idea of living in homes built for the handicapped. Others dislike private housing developments because they feel that they are being segregated.

At a special housing conference here last year, Mrs. Cleverley suggested converting the vacation homes into low cost retirement

Additional Closet Easy To Install

The average handyman can enclose a wall-length room closet with a factory-made door in an hour or so. The ceiling track can be installed with screw driver, drill and hammer. There is no framework to build, no necessity for close fitting, no plastering.

Composition sliding doors and folding doors, woven wood slats and bamboo curtains all are used as closet fronts and all operate from ceiling tracks.

From 26 to 30 inches will be lost in room size when a wall-length closet is installed, but the resulting storage space usually is worth it.

dwelling that elderly people could build on lots of their own choosing. The result was architect Waring's plans and the White House Conference display model.

Freedom House has two bedrooms, a dining room, living room, kitchen and bath. Enclosed by its two wings are a courtyard and patio. A garage and workroom combination which can also serve as storage space is attached to the house.

Although Freedom House is not advertised especially for the handicapped, it does contain conveniences to make life easier for healthy and disabled persons alike.

For instance, electrical outlets are 18 inches from the floor to eliminate stooping. Master light switches are located near both entrances and in the master bedroom, making movement in the dark unnecessary.

New Roofing Paint Used

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Reroofing your house possibly can be delayed for a number of years by a coat of one of the relatively new aluminum roof paints. Some manufacturers say their product will give full protection for five to eight years.

These paints also help insulate a home in summer. They reflect heat and can reduce under-roof temperatures by as much as 15 degrees.

Coatings come in a variety of pastel colors and are of two basic types. One is a combination of asphalt, oils and aluminum flakes; the other is based on alkyd resins. The asphalt variety is made with or without asbestos fibers, which the alkyd type almost always contains. The asbestos adds greater body and toughness as well as insulation for heavy duty service.

These paints cannot be used on wood roofs—only on built-up composition or felt roofing, metal roofing, asbestos cements, tile, slate or asphalt shingles.

Be sure the roof is "dry," and remove any debris, blistered paint or rust and sweep the surface with a stiff broom. On a flat roof, nail down all loose or blistered areas. Seal small breaks in the surface with roof cement. Seriously damaged areas as well as large cracks and holes should be patched with roofing felt, aluminum foil or similar substance and then secured with roofing cement.

You don't have to bother with small cracks, nail holes or other tiny breaks.

Apply the coating with a brush or squeegee. Under favorable conditions, the non-fibred type can be sprayed on. Use a long handled brush to save bending over.

SAFETY FACTOR

Insulation is a safety factor in a home as well as its other benefits.

Wall-thick mineral wool, for example, is accepted in building codes as a nonflammable fire stop. It fills the air space between wall studs where drafts often are generated during a fire, drawing the flames upward.

Replacing Broken Pane Is Really Simple Job

It's safe to say that, sooner or later, every homeowner will have to replace a pane of glass.

Sometimes it's a mystery how a window gets broken — but there is nothing mysterious about the process of installing a new pane.

The key is knowing how to use putty or glazing compound.

After removing the broken glass, clean away all the loose and crumbly putty and measure the dimensions. Your dealer probably has the correct size pane in stock, but if not he can cut one to fit.

Then comes the most important step. If you want the new putty to remain firm and free of cracks for the maximum time, apply a coat of good priming paint to the surface.

This applies to both wooden and metal sashes. Priming a wooden sash will keep the oil in the putty compound from soaking into the wood and leaving the putty to become dry and brittle. Priming a metal sash with a quality steel

primer will retard rust, which causes the putty to loosen its bond from the steel. Priming a metal sash also will provide a roughened surface which will make for good adhesion of the putty.

When the primer is dry, apply an even coat of putty or glazing compound on the inside of the sash and the moulding against which the glass pane will rest.

Then insert the glass and press lightly against the putty. This pressure will cause a continuous ribbon of putty to ooze up and around the glass.

Next, glazier's points must be inserted. These triangular metal pieces hold the pane in the sash.

When the putty or glazing compound has been allowed to dry hard, it should be painted to seal and protect it. The same number of paint coats should be applied to the putty as to the sash, and the paint should be lapped slightly over the glass to provide proper sealing at the critical edges.

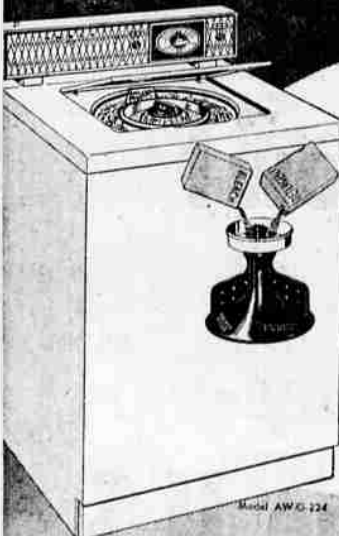
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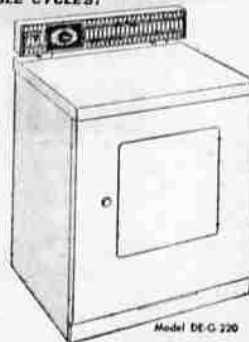
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