

BUILDERS' GUIDE

WHETHER you are contemplating the erection of a chicken house or a business block, a bungalow, or an apartment house, the time to build is NOW. It's the concensus of opinion among material men throughout the country that owing to economic conditions, labor unrest and the railway strike, the cost of building material both in hardware and lumber, as well as brick and cement, will not be less than at present for some time to come and that any day may see the end of the comparatively low prices, with a sharp advance in all lines. TAKE THE EXPERT ADVICE OF THE ADVERTISERS ON THIS PAGE AND BUILD NOW.

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PLANNING HOME IS GAME THAT FASCINATES

All Members of Family Can Join In Interesting Pastime

We assume that the wideawake reader wishing to take his place as a substantial citizen and a landed proprietor has now taken the first step and bought a lot. You know the line that goes something like this, "Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said, 'This is my own lot,' or words to that effect.

And then the poet goes on to say some real harsh things about the man whose soul is so dead. Maybe he didn't mean it just the way we quote, but we agree a man should care enough for his country to wish to acquire a part of it for his own.

It is needless to say that he is a better citizen when he has purchased a tangible share in the greatest institution on earth—our own U. S. A.

With this good step behind us, the next is one which deserves much time and study.

One of the most delightful games invented is house planning. You get a lot of paper and a pencil and ruler if you haven't the regular paraphernalia of the professional (it only takes a little more imagination to make the results look as well to the players) and try to put your ideas on paper.

Make one-quarter inch on your plan represent one foot on the ground.

This is called one-quarter inch scale and is convenient for rough work.

Elevations are side, front and rear views of the house, but of greatest interest to the planner is the plan or diagram showing size and arrangement of rooms.

Any number can play the game, an entire family fed up on trying to enjoy life as normal kiddies without being put out by an irate landlord, and hungry for independence, or just a young couple, married or single.

Being both romantic and very practical, the writer urges the latter to spend a reasonable part of their spooning time in planning their home. Get copies of "Bungalow Books" from the Public Library or book stores and study the plans.

Watch the houses you pass while driving about the city. There is probably no place in the world where a greater variety of attractive homes may be seen in a day's drive than right here in and around Los Angeles.

Begin noting the type of house that you prefer and why. Try your hand at sketching its best features or take snap shots.

Visit houses nearing completion and you will see many desirable features and also learn some things to avoid.

Inspect them for convenience of arrangement of rooms and built-in features. Make frequent use of sketches and notes and save them for further use.

When possible, find the cost and the name of the architect of a particularly pleasing house.

This is a good way to select an architect, although it is more often decided by recommendation of a friend.

The planning stage is a very good time to profit by the old saying, "Make haste slowly."

One of the most common difficulties encountered by builders and architects is trying to please some-

Mill Stained Shingles Liked

Red cedar shingle manufacturers of the Pacific Northwest should give some thought to the plan now being agitated of staining shingles at the mill.

"If shingles can be satisfactorily stained in the bunches, as they come from the dry kilns, as is claimed, it would seem," says the West Coast Lumberman, "that the manufacturers would have in their hands one of the strongest sales arguments that they have ever had, and one which they have missed badly in the past.

"There is a whole lot of psychology in the selling of roofing, and this, up to the present, has worked almost wholly to the benefit of the patent roofing manufacturer.

"In other words, the patent shingle people have prepared beautiful displays, showing just how their roof will look when laid, and the customers in many instances have been sold on patent roofing because they could visualize the roof before laid.

"On the other hand, the shingles which they saw were in an unfinished state and it was necessary for them to take the word of some person as to what could be done with stains and paints.

"The retail dealer has been demanding a stained product and marked success has attended the effort of a few firms in this country who have put on the market a stained shingle.

"Red cedar shingles can be stained at the mill at a reasonable cost. The West Coast Lumberman believes that a long step in the right kind of merchandising will be done by the industry when it commences shipping shingles which are ready to go on the roof."



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(From Harbor City Sun)

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E. G. Lewis of the Palos Verdes Estates, is not making any wild claims in regard to the oil prospects on the Panhandle. He says that this is distinctly a test well and should be considered such until oil is found. However, very eminent geologists have picked the location of the well and say that there is every indication of oil underneath the Panhandle and the driller, Mr. Edens, also is impressed with the location and states that in his opinion oil will be encountered at less depth than is indicated by the geologists.

Anyhow, the derrick is a welcome sight to Harbor City and since the announcement there has been considerable stir in real estate here.

one who does not know what he wants.

And the client should have given considerable thought to his house plan before approaching either, except for advice. Remember, it is much easier and cheaper to change your plans before than after starting either the architect or builder at work on them.

One of the first questions asked is, "Shall I have an architect draw the plans?" There is only one answer to this. Yes, the architect will act as your agent and keep you from many common errors of the inexperienced home builder, both in planning and construction.

A conscientious and capable architect will incorporate your ideas into an entirely satisfactory plan, improving upon them if good and correcting them when wrong.

It would be disastrous for the owner to build into his home mistakes that would make it unsatisfactory as long as he occupied it, and then difficult to dispose of, and yet this is often done by persons who draw up their own building plans.

Give the architect all your ideas and tell him how much you are willing to pay for the house.

You may depend upon him to prepare a plan that will fit the property and present the best appearance with the most convenient arrangement and size of living quarters that you can get for the money, for that is his business.

And the owner should keep in mind the fact that any home should be designed, not only to please himself, but the average prospective buyer in case it should be necessary at any time to sell the property.

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