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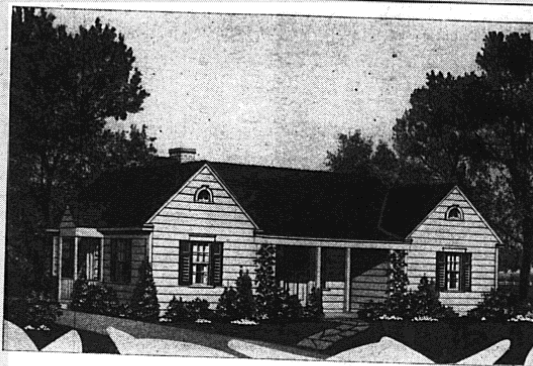
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THE SMALL HOME OF POPULAR DEMAND — ITS MECHANICAL PROBLEMS
... by ...
NORMAN T. MAXON, Architect

THE proper installation of the heating and plumbing systems is of vital importance, for if these systems cause much trouble, your building adventure cannot be considered a success. With the advent of air conditioning, heating must necessarily be classed as a mechanical problem. What is air conditioning? We are hearing more and more of this interesting subject. Complete air conditioning is heating, cleaning, humidifying, and circulating air in the winter and cleaning, dehumidifying, cooling and circulating it in summer. Complete summer air conditioning is still too expensive for the smaller home and though a great comfort it is not as important as air conditioning for the winter. Proper insulation of a house and care taken in the conservation of cool night air will minimize the need for the summer air conditioning. For the small type home the most economical plant is a hot air furnace with air filtering pads, humidifier and forced air (fan) circulation. With an outdoor inlet the circulating system adds materially to the comfort in hot weather in summer. Money spent in insulation, weather stripping and the installation of storm sash and doors is always a good investment in the economical operation of your heating system.

Perhaps it would be helpful to say something as to fuel for the heating plant. Whether one uses gas, oil or coal it is always wise to use a heating unit designed for the type of fuel you are using. The cost ratio of heating units delivered by different fuels by their most efficient respective equipment is gas times one and one half that of oil and twice that of coal.

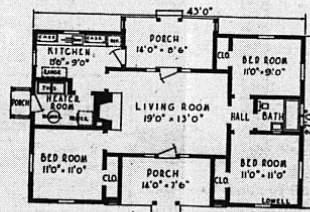
Electricity plays an ever more important part in our home of today. As we all know, it raises our standard of living more than any other factor. When you build, be sure to have plenty of power outlets provided throughout the house and be sure your home is properly cased rigid conduits must be used. By no means use knob and tube wiring.

Be sure to buy good plumbing, as it is the heart of the house, and see to it that all water pipes are placed on the inside partitions and well protected from freezing. There is no reason for not getting your plumbing well braced to joints and studs. If every pipe is not well anchored, chime, pressed steel and other materials. The new or ground steel in many new colors and designs is becoming very popular and it is light which is a lot to its favor in a frame house.

Since the start of the depression, there has been a steady influx of people from the cities to the smaller villages and countryside. There are a great many people who are determined to obtain small places where they can have greater freedom and more comforts, a place for their hobbies and an opportunity to produce some of their necessities of life.

The charming little place illustrated here is ideal for the small acreage. The low roof line, cozy front and rear porches, large living room and fire place and numerous bed rooms make for a lot of real living. The late developments in heating systems make it possible to estimate the cost of a basement. With such a simple form of construction, this home can be built for as little as \$4,000. Under the plan described in our first article, the payments on this house would cost you \$23.75 a month.

We wish that it were possible to cover the mechanical problems of the home more thoroughly, but for the lack of space we are unable to do so. However, if you have any questions to ask on any building problem, the writer or any of the advertisers who have made this series of articles possible will be glad to cooperate with you in every way possible. In the next article there will be another illustration of a popular, well designed home of low cost. In this article interior decoration and furnishing will be discussed.



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