

Building Time

Trend of Building Here Continues On Strictly Residential Lines

By Paul Neal Averill

Judging from appearances, Birmingham is continuing to retain her distinction of being a residential settlement and is not suffering from the widespread influx of industrialism that is subtly fastening itself upon almost all communities, both large and small, in fact Birmingham hasn't a single manufacturing plant working on a wholesale exportation program.

Preserving Beauty

Not only is Birmingham able to withstand the invasion of factories but she also is expressing an idea of beauty in the construction of homes. Almost every lot that is undergoing construction has a plan for a beautiful home with novelties of arrangement and appearance holding primary consideration. It would seem that all efforts are being centered on the hope that Birmingham will forever preserve its rustic and bucolic beauty.

In all the localities available for the building of homes one can see the care which is taken to insure the policy of building only homes that are homes. I would be surprised to advance any other kind of policy in these highly restricted surroundings. Although only seventeen miles from Detroit, this suburb can boast of being more country-like than any other suburb within an equal radius.

Nor is it a prudish development, grandly magnificent with spacious lawns and vistas; it is just a community incarnate with the desire to isolate itself as a place of homes and happy families, separate from the mad whirl and rush of the city. This is not an advertisement in the sense of promoting real estate ailments through a painted picture of something that isn't, but it is in the sense of letting the world know that home-life has not faded entirely from the face of the earth.

Especially on the outskirts, yet in the village, can be seen the tendency toward building homes that are snug and inviting, light and cheery, attractive and novel. There are certain number of marked steps made in the building on most of these homes.

Small and "Comfy"

One thing to be noticed is the compactness. The trend is to plan homes that are small and "comfy." There are few barny constructions to be seen, and seldom are three floors incorporated in the designs. The first floor is usually very near the ground and very often, when a slope permits, the entrance is gained through the second floor, or where the first landing is on a flight of steps usually occurs. Success is favored in these compact houses.

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New Broadway Plat Is Approved At Lansing

Bloomfield Village, No. 4, the latest Judson Broadway development out West Maple road, has been approved recently by the township board and accepted by the Auditor General at Lansing. It includes the Fred Rainey farm and part of the Hupp farm, and takes in about 100 acres.

In commenting upon the frequency with which plats come to the township office, James Bayley, township treasurer, said last week: "Plats are coming in normally this year. Last year we received as many as 50 before May 1 and August 26 because of the new state regulations, but now the normal amount is less than one a week."

The acceptance of plats is a complicated business," continued Mr. Bayley. "After we get them Mr. McAlpine has to go over them and that no mistakes have been made it won't be long before we'll need an engineer for this work, there are so many angles developing."

TO LOWER SIDEWALK

O. Smith, M. Levinson, and Fred Quarten this week were notified to appear before the village commission next Monday night to show cause why the sidewalk in front of their West Maple avenue properties should not be lowered to the same level as the balance of the street. The sidewalk in question is about six inches higher than the grade established by the village recently.

GETS LUMBER CONTRACT

Contracts awarded the Hartwick Lumber Company in the last ten days include a house on Woodland avenue in Northwood Subdivision for J. R. Dalley; four houses for the Birmingham Realty Company in Crestview Subdivision, with Tilton Brothers as contractors; two houses for O. G. Hinton Brothers as contractors; a garage in Pontiac for A. C. Kempf; and a shop at Big Beaver for the T. W. Drake Electrical Company.

They had not been married very long and so it is not very strange that until this day they had never had a quarrel.

However, now they had their first little tiff and she turned to him with tears in her eyes.

"Well, John," she said, "even though I have been extravagant I got a bargain today."

"Yes," he replied. "I'll bet it was a bargain! You have no idea of the value of money. I suppose you think you got something for nothing!"

Her eyes gleamed for a moment. "Yes, dear," she said sweetly. "I got a Christmas present for you."

Motorcycle Cop: I just stopped you to get your number. Girl in Roadster: You state men sure work fast. I just gave it to a chap twenty miles down the road, but in case he didn't tell you, it is 123-R. Penn State Frosh.

"I should think Josephus would get a lot of fun out of his old flivver." "Why?" "Because there's so much play in his wheel."—Vassar Vagabond.

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joyed by so-called barny effect houses. It is also enjoyed in the smaller homes by the use of steel barred windows which usually extend over the greater part of the side walls; these windows do not require heavy curtains which so often obstruct the entrance of much possible light.

The outward appearance can not but help give the fireplace a striking assurance of comfort and home life, for the chimney frequently takes up almost all of one side of these houses.

The effect is almost "log-cabin-like." How much money is being invested is only to be guessed at for the interior decorations, being so diversified, make expense variable. In some cases much is spent in the effort to secure old-time effect. The barny rather idea, which utilizes old barn rafters as beams for the ceiling, runs the bill up considerably, and thousands of dollars can be spent in the attempt to gain absolute realism.

Taken all in all, life is made pleasant in a home-like abode, in a way that the city fails to do. If nothing more, 4th air is worth the removal from the large metropolis, and with a place for the children to play with safety, no more need be said in favor of suburban life.

Birmingham may well boast of being a "village of homes where children thrive."

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You are cordially invited to join all of our services of worship, fellowship and study. The Bible School meets Sabbath morning at 10:00 o'clock followed by the morning worship at 11:00 o'clock. At this service the pastor will preach on "Linking Life With God."

The Young People's Meeting is at 6:30 o'clock. All young people are invited. In the evening at 7:30 the pastor will speak on "Jesus' Conception of a Christian." This is the second of the series of sermons dealing with the Sermon on the Mount. At this service the music will be furnished by the young people's choir. Bring some friend.

The mid-week service for fellowship is Wednesday at 7:30 o'clock.

Chapel of the Holy Name

Harmon at Woodland

Rev. William W. Ryan, Pastor

Sunday Masses at 8, 10, and 11:30

"SALLY OF THE SAWDUST" IS AT HIGH SCHOOL TONIGHT

When Carol Dempster, celebrated screen star was a youngster she never missed a circus when it came to the old home town. She wanted to drive in a chariot race or to appear in a circus parade atop an elephant. Anything would suit her just as long as she was in the circus. Of course, as she grew older, she decided differently.

In the film "Sally of the Sawdust" a comedy drama, Carol Dempster was given the chance to fulfill her childhood ambition. She plays the part of Sally McGargle. In the picture there is a big circus scene in which Miss Dempster is called upon to guide an elephant.

Does she guide the elephant? Just ask the trainer. According to just Miss Dempster did everything from watering the animal to teaching him tricks which he performed before the camera.

If you think an elephant doesn't drink much water, just try watering one," says the celebrity. "It was hard work, but I'm satisfied now. I've been a circus performer and wanted to be ever since I wore pig tails and saw my first circus."

"Sally of the Sawdust" will be presented by the Junior Washington group tonight in the Baldwin High School Auditorium, at 8 p. m.

Frosh (to genial gentleman with whom he has walked up the hill): "What are you?" "I'm a professor of economics."

"Professor, eh? Ever walk with one foot in the gutter?" "No."

"Ever make a mistake and hang yourself on a hook?" "No."

"Ever throw yourself down a clothes chute?" "No."

"You're a hell of a professor."—Washington Dirge.

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