



"No one can say how long building casts will remain at their present level. That they will undergo any radical drops in the next few years seems almost impossible that they'll stay at the present level longer than six months seems uncertain; that they'll rise appreciably seems quite probable. SO IF you expect to buy, build or remodel in the next few years, act in the next six months."—Roy Wenzelick, Pres. Real Estate Analyst, Inc.

**Axe Shaves Nose**  
LANSE (MPA)—While cutting a sapling on a country road job, the axe Reuben Peltonium was using was knocked several feet in the air. As it came down, the blade nearly cut off Peltonium's nose. Nine stitches were required to close the wound.

**Bugs are Spring Sign**  
NORWAY (MPA)—Proving spring is here, a specimen of crasshoppers is on display in the local newspaper office. They were found by Charles Albert, who each year brings the paper a glass container of "hoppers. He had to ski over snow four feet deep to reach a sunny knoll where he found the insects.

### Friendly Pastels Brighten Homes

Light, cheery, friendly pastels are here to spend the spring and summer, so let's send the darker colors scurrying into hibernation for a while.

The trend is really impartial for it includes the whole house. It leaves a colorful shadow on the draperies and curtains at the windows, the coverings on the favorite living room and dining room pieces, and out in the kitchen parade even finds its way out to the porch and lawn furniture.

terials makes a cheerful, harmonious setting within the range of even the most fastidious taste. Although white is the popular trim for outdoor pieces which include gliders, tables and chair sets, hammocks, love seats, and tea carts, here again we find that pastels are carried out on the armrests and body frames. On the other hand, in some of the pieces the darker wares and blues and greens are preferred on the upholstery.

### Exterior Lighting Is Safety Factor

Proper exterior lighting on the house contributes to safety as well as to comfort and convenience. Overhead lights on the side of the house, next to the driveway, and over garage doors prevent bad stumbles over carelessly parked bicycles, scooters, roller skates, and garden tools which somebody forgot to put away. A well-lighted driveway offers an added advantage—it discourages prowlers.

**Strong and Silent**  
A fastidious housekeeper was having her bedroom redecorated and, wishing to learn what progress the painter was having with his work, she went to the bottom of the stairs and listened. Not a sound reached her ears from the room.

"Painter," she called out suspiciously, "are you working?"  
"Yes, ma'am," came the reply.  
"I can't hear you making a sound," returned the housekeeper pointedly.  
"Perhaps not, ma'am," the painter shouted, "I ain't puttin' the paint on with no hammer."  
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### Some Questions and Answers

**Q. What is the proper height for kitchen counters and stove and sink tops?**

A. Nearly all commercially available kitchen equipment such as sinks and stoves have a height of 36 inches, while ready-built kitchen counters, are adjustable to the height of the individual using the equipment. A convenient working height has been found to be 34 or 35 inches from the floor.

**Q. What paint should be used on radiators?**

A. Ordinary house paints and enamels of any color may be used as a finishing coat for radiators. Radiators should not be painted white hot, and care should be taken that the paint has dried thoroughly before the heat is turned on.

**Q. I want to build on my lot, which faces a main highway. How should I plan to locate my house? My lot is 150 feet deep.**

A. If the front building line has been established, it may be necessary or desirable to conform to it in locating the house. If a building line has not been established, the location of the house will be influenced by the house plan and by conditions bearing on the development of the site, living rooms and bedrooms placed toward the rear of the house afford privacy and protection from street noises and permit locating the house forward on the lot so that the rear portion can be developed for garden area. If it is essential to place the living rooms at the front of the house, location of the house well back from the road will be helpful in getting away from traffic noises. Additional quiet and privacy can be obtained by planting trees, shrubs, and hedges of proper height to absorb and deflect these noises.

**Q. How should I take care of a linoleum floor which has been neither waxed nor varnished?**

A. Sweep the floor with a soft brush and dust with an oil or dry mop. For more thorough cleaning, use a solution consisting of soda made with lukewarm water and a mild soap, rinse with clear about.

water, and dry. Only a small space should be wet at a time. A linoleum-covered floor should never be flooded with water.

**Q. Who may apply for an FHA-insured loan, and to whom is the application made?**

A. Any responsible person with an assured income, good credit, and a reasonable ability to repay the loan may apply for an FHA-insured loan. Application should be made to any bank, building and loan association, or other financial institution approved by the Federal Housing Administration.

### Building in City Still Tops 1939

Building in Birmingham is still ahead of the similar period in 1939, it was revealed in the monthly report just issued by Inspector James B. Evans.

For April, the estimated valuation totaled \$17,478, and it included six new homes, which were valued at \$43,200. The total for the first four months is \$182,378, compared with \$172,113 during the same period last year.

The principal permits for April are as follows:  
At 318 Lakeside, for Ralph L. Lee, 1009, Suffolk, 1 1/2 story frame, 28,301 cubic feet. E. E. Russell, builder.  
At 1576 Villa road, one story frame, 15,665 cubic feet, by J. H. Koson, 444 Pierce.  
At 256 Baldwin, for Mary B. Merritt, 625 Ridgevale, one story frame, 19,970 CF, for C. R. Patton, Bloomfield Hills. Howard E. Reid, builder.  
At 988 Gordon Court, A. C. Tuttle, addition to house by Scott Hervey.  
At 107 Kimberley, 2-story brick veneer, 21,302 CF, for Bernard G. Mantley, 1211 Boscawendick, Grosse Pointe. A. J. Guich, builder.  
At 270 Pleasant, 2 story brick veneer, 21,665 CF, for C. E. Baynes, 3224 North Adams.  
At 141 Fairfax, 2 story frame and brick, 32,067 CF for C. R. Patton, Bloomfield Hills. Howard E. Reid, builder.

**That's Enough**  
"You know her to speak to!"  
"Oh, no, dear! Oinks to talk and a mild soap, rinse with clear about."

**Ducks Dog, Crashes**  
HARTFORD (MPA)—As a rabidly pursued by a dog crossed the over and was damaged to the extent in front of his car. Merritt tent of \$200. Occupants suffered Sanders of Covert applied his minor injuries.

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