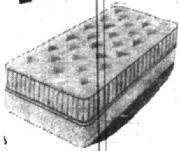


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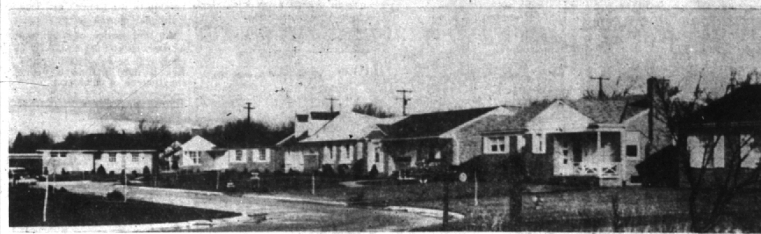


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ONLY EIGHT OF THE CAPE COD and ranch designs still are available in Merritt Lane, five homes having been sold during the past four weeks at prices ranging from \$24,000 to \$27,500, reports Max Brook, Inc., sales agent. Each has three bedrooms, a full bath and lavatory with colored fixtures, fireplaces in the living rooms and many built-in special features.

Full basements, two-car garages and black-top driveways

are provided. City water and sewer have been installed by the developer and all of the residences have been landscaped.

Merritt Lane is located to the south of Maple and east of Larchlea, and is in the Quarton school area midway between the new Birmingham high school and Quarton school, to which an addition is presently being constructed. The lots average 60 feet in width. Max Brook, Inc. is exclusive agent for the builders, Carey Homes, Inc.

**The Storm Gathers**

By JOHN F. MCKINNEY

It was late evening; the stars shone in the glory of a crisp December night. Wind sculptured snow around the corners of a house so snug upon the side of a hill. It was in all ways a picture of peace and serenity.

Yet . . . the occupants were afflicted with a feeling of calm before the storm, of knowing that the stillness they were experiencing would be replaced with wild excitement.

And so . . . the evening wore on. Soft panels of light upon the snow blinked off one by one as the residents retired. First the children, then the parents. They slept fitfully, as the house creaked and cracked.

ABOUT FOUR IN THE morning a child's face appeared at one of the windows. It gazed at clouds hurrying past the stars. There was no sign of dawn.

"Would morning never come?" The house trembled before a rush of air; the face quickly disappeared.

At five the grandfather's clock bonged out its five notes. The father tossed, coughed, sat up then went to the window to close it. The sky was black, no stars, no sign of dawn. Snowflakes started piling upon the window frames.

He snorted and mumbled something about reindeer. No work for him, he'd sleep late today. He groped about the house inspecting and promptly brought his shin upon a bicycle in the living room. Expletives preceded his observation that this was no place for a bicycle, regardless.

PASSING THE CHILDREN'S room, he overheard whispers of conversation. The kids were having difficulty sleeping.

"Oh, well, everything possible has been done" was his last thought before falling asleep. Six o'clock, seven o'clock, seven-thirty, a quarter to eight, though ever so gray, day had made its appearance.

Yet it was ordained that no one would sleep late this morning. Pent up forces were no longer to be contained. It had come. Deceptive calm was suddenly overwhelmed by rushing, dashing, colliding forces.

The four winds were afoot. They would not be denied. Windows slammed shut, doors banged hither and yon in response to energy set loose.

SUDDENLY THERE WAS a concentrated advance on the parents' room. The door flew ajar and in poured a seething, tossing, tumultuous storm of "Merry Christmases!"; "Get up, get up!"; "We want our presents." As quickly as it came, the scurrying, hurrying twister roared down the stairs to yank the stockings from the mantelpiece and set flying gay wrappings from the big presents.

The Storm Had Broken.

**Chrysler Promotes Franklin Man to Directors Position**

DeVere H. Woodruff, 26058 Carl Franklin has been appointed director of parts wholesaling for Chrysler Corporation, parts division, it is announced by John O. Huse, vice president and sales manager of the division.

Woodruff joined Chrysler Corporation in 1932. He was transferred to the Parts Division in 1935 as competitive investigator, and in 1937 was promoted to assistant to the director of parts wholesaling.

He held this position until 1942 when he joined the U. S. Army.

Woodruff was discharged from the Army as a lieutenant colonel in 1946 and was appointed as a district parts representative. He was promoted to assistant regional manager, Detroit region, in 1948 and to the sales manager's staff in 1949. In 1952 he was made special sales assistant.

"Mr. Woodruff is well acquainted with parts wholesaling, as well as field and home office procedures," Huse said. "We are confident he will be a valuable aid in his new position as director of parts wholesaling."

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