

# REPAIR REMODEL ADD-ON MODERNIZE FOR BETTER LIVING.

## It's Home Improvement Time Again in B'ham, Area

### Spring Fever Smites; Homes Get New Look

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Millions of families these days are discovering a way to live better. How? Through improving the old homestead, of course.

In the spring a man's thoughts lightly turn to baseball. But to his spouse spring means: Redecorate the house, clean the drapes, throw all the junk out of the basement or garage or anyone of a thousand other little chores that takes the make away from the TV on a Saturday afternoon.

IMPROVING the home, however, does have a number of advantages now being discovered in nearly every household in the country.

Modernizing gives new convenience, comfort, pleasure and, in most cases, increases the property value.

Well planned home improvement usually increases value beyond the cost of the improvement. Therefore, remodeling is really an investment instead of an expense.

HOW CAN YOU improve your home? There are countless ways: Building additions, painting, landscaping, gardening and many more. Spring cleaning is an important part of your home improvement project. By cleaning your attic, garage or cellar you not only make the old place sparkle but the pos-

sibility of fire hazards is greatly reduced.

Most families have a pet fix-up project such as remodeling the kitchen, installing a swimming pool, breezeway, adding storage space, new heating and cooling equipment or painting the garage.

IF AN ADDITION to the family is expected, an addition to the home is in order.

If you're looking for something a little different to make the outside a little more attractive try a rock garden.

Of course, painting is the major improvement you can do. Paint manufacturers are continually producing new types of house paints that will last years and years.

If you plan to hang onto the old place for a number of years to come, you'll probably be satisfied with only few minor improvements. All that's needed to get under way is a little prodding on the part of the wife and a little elbow grease on the part of hubby.

PROFESSIONAL advice and help in all phases of home improvement is available if you feel you don't have the time or ability.

There are many merchants in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area that are more than willing to help you turn the old barn into a mansion.

Scientific tests reveal that glass is 475 times smoother than silk.



'But, Virginia, I Promised...'

### Landscape With Care For Beauty

A well done landscape can be one of the chief resources of a home property. In addition to its aesthetic or utility purpose, a sound landscape often increases the real estate value of the home.

This is one of the reasons why 50 million homeowners are expecting to fix up their properties this spring with gardening programs ranging in size from a few shrubs to complete landscaping.

Home improvement through landscaping will bring a higher resale price to the homeowner, if he ever wants to sell the property. Well landscaped homes bring 15 to 20 percent more in the real estate markets, according to the American Association of Nurserymen.

INDEPENDENT STUDIES show that a minimum of five percent of the total value of the property invested in landscaping and planting will bring the higher return when and if the property is sold.

A sound requirement of many new, as well as old homeowners is a basic landscape plan which can be used to guide the planting of the property from year to year. With a basic plan the homeowner does not have to plant all at once unless he wishes to. He can purchase (See LANDSCAPE, Page 2)

### Accent House Exterior With Colorful Annuals

Capturing the magic of harmonizing colors is an exciting part of gardening, for here you have the opportunity of creating living pictures with color.

Let's take the 10 most popular annuals grown from seed and check their color scale:

PETUNIAS are the popular prima donnas of the garden because of the showy effect they create when growing among other plants. They range in color from white to a delicate pink straight through to a dark red.

There are also varieties from light to dark blue. You will find petunias to fit into practically any color scheme you plan for your garden.

ZINNIAS, dwarf and tall varieties, have a even wider color scope as they include yellow, orange, light and dark purple, along with white and various shades of pink and red.

MARGOLDS, while more limited to colors of yellow, orange and red, are very popular for their growing habits.

The dwarf type gives a brilliant

stream of color when used as edging. The taller-growing types are excellent at the rear of a garden planting.

ASTERS, delightful annuals, cover the color spectrum from white and delicate shades of pink and lavender to brilliant reds and purples.

SWEET PEAS, tall climbing and sweet-scented, make colorful screens on a trellis or along walls.

SNAPDRAGONS, tall and regal when growing at the back of a garden planting, offer shades of white, pink and purple.

LARKSPUR, in darker shades of pink, red and purple, is also a tall-growing annual but with a heavier mass of blooms on the stalk than the snapdragons.

ALYSSUM, a low-growing annual in shades of white, pink and purple, is a popular and satisfying plant for borders and edgings.

PHLOX, in pinks and yellows along with mixed varieties of colors, produce in great abundance and bloom throughout the season.

MORNING GLORIES, those sleepy but delightful climbers, create a delicate, lacy effect in white and shades of pink and blue when planted around a post, trellis or fence.

### Fight Fire

Always keep a shovel and several galvanized steel pails with sand and water in the basement in case fire breaks out or there is a bombing and emergency work is necessary. Keep the water pail covered.

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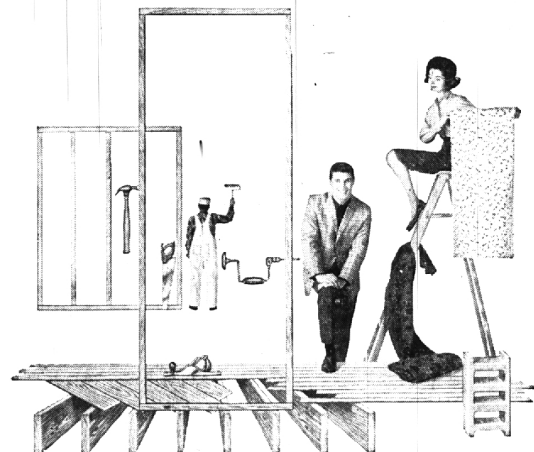
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