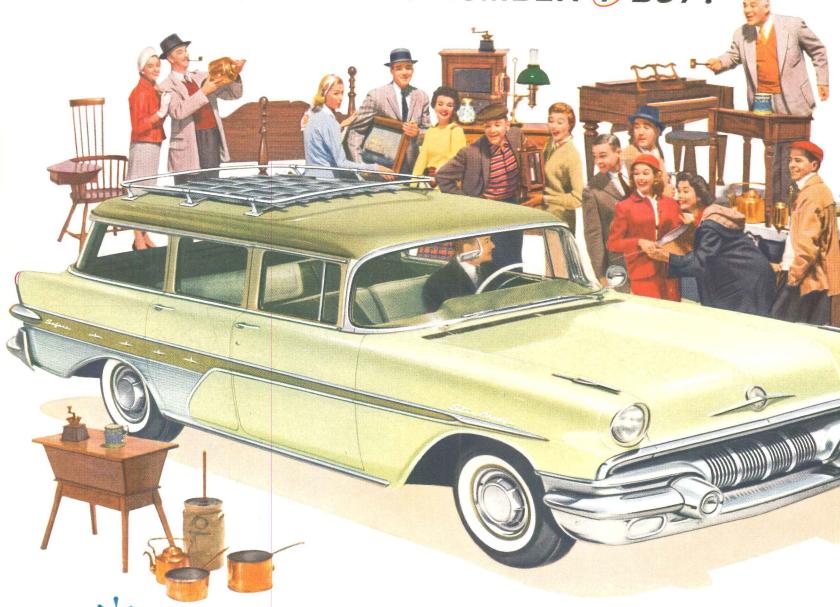


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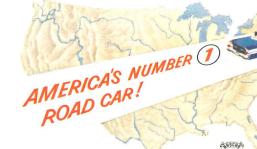
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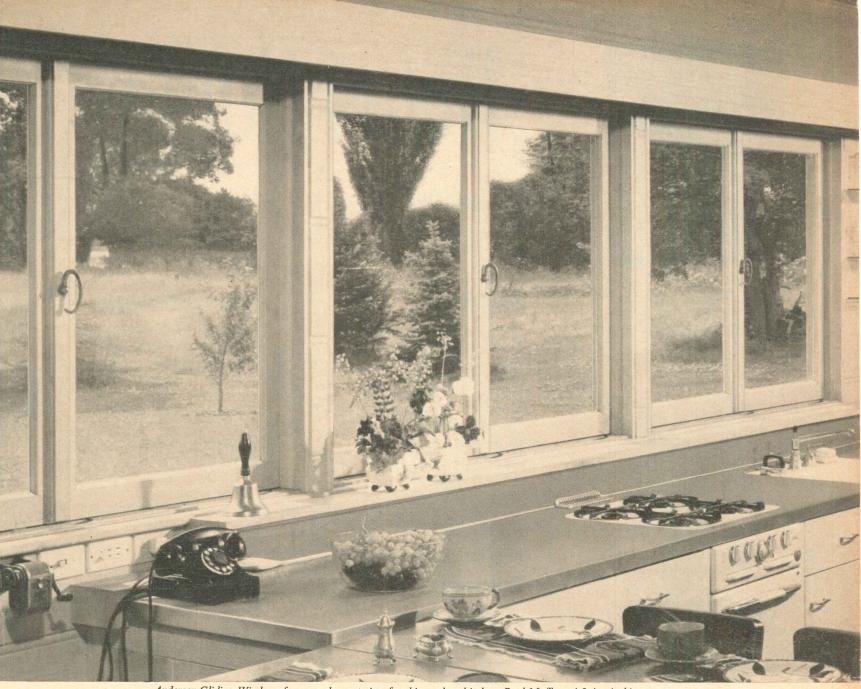
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Latest Garden News_®

By Dr. R. Milton Carleton

Use rye grass cautiously

Sowing a lawn in late spring, too late for permanent grasses? Then don't sow rye for a temporary cover.

What is not commonly known is that all rye grasses give off a toxic substance from their roots which checks growth of other grasses. Extracts from their roots will actually stop the germination of seeds of the permanent lawn grasses.

When a temporary rye-grass sod is turned under, enough of this growth inhibitor is left behind to seriously check the growth of other grasses. A much safer grass, for temporary lawns or nurse crops, is Red Top. It costs more by pound, but the same by area covered.

Long-lasting potash food developed

The success of ureaform fertilizers, which release nitrogen slowly, has stimulated research into fixed forms of other plant foods. One of these is potash, now available as a glassy "frit."

Tests made in California on greenhouse crops show that this potassium frit has a long feeding period. A single application, in combination with ureaform nitrogen, has been enough to carry flower crops all through one season.

Whether or not the frit would be useful in your garden depends a great deal on the type of soil. Potash is seldom deficient in soils containing clay. In sandy soils, however, potassium is sometimes leached out and frit would be of value in such a case.

Better necks for butternut squash

Butternut squash sometimes produces long-necked specimens which are "throwbacks" to parental type.

Most of these long-necked squash are produced at the ends of the vines. Experiments at the Eastern States Farmers Exchange, West Springfield, Massachusetts, show one way of reducing the trouble.

When the plants are small, just nip out the growing tip above the first set of leaves. Young plants, so treated, produce a greater number of normal fruits.

New one-two punch for weeds

A new multipurpose weed killer will give gardeners a helping hand this summer. It's a mixture of 2,4-D and sodium methyl arsonate that knocks out both crabgrass and broad-leaved weeds.

The material is applied with a spreader, like plant food. It should be applied on grass that is wet with dew or that is dampened with a sprinkler. Three ap-

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Five Star 2706 sits well in wooded setting—as it would on small city lot. Few houses do. But here's a house that could be built anywhere—and be right.

Look what they got in a small house ... without sacrificing today's best planning and design ideas.

FIVE STAR HOME 2706 YOU CAN BUY PLANS

Photographs: Lisanti, Alderman



Owners Tom and Sue Briggs take evening break from many projects. Still building, they're thinking now of family-room addition (ideal in space of carport).

Lom and Sue Briggs, like most young couples, were apartment dwellers during their early married years. This is their first house.

Most young families aren't as lucky—or maybe as wise—with their first-built home.

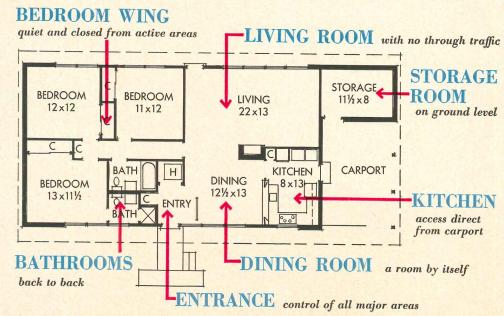
They started by selecting an architect who was able to wed modern planning to the traditions of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Tom and Sue pitched in on building and landscaping themselves to have things as complete as possible from the beginning.

Here, within a Traditional setting, this young family's first new house is fitting now-and will be years from now

By John Normile, A.I.A.

OUTDOOR AREA right off living room



Three-bedroom, two-bath house has 1,328 square feet, 611/2x28 over-all dimensions (including carport). Architect: G. Milton Small, A.I.A., of Raleigh. Landscape Architect: Dow Pender, Jr.

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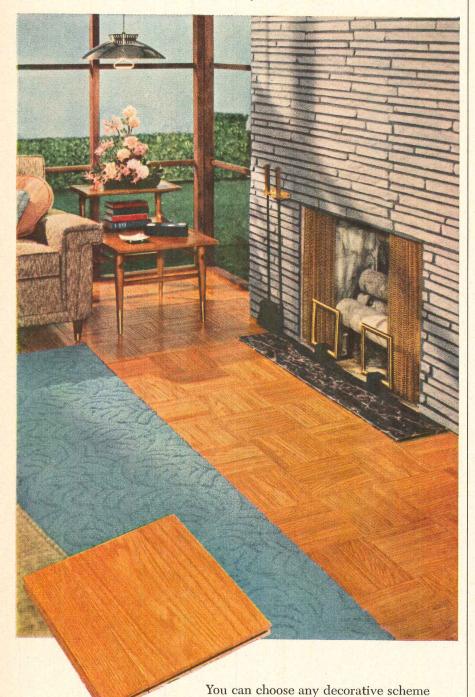
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The Briggs enjoy their outdoors as much as space inside. Tom but terrace of brick laid in basket-weave pattern. Here, where glass well used, well placed, you'd have privacy even on a city lot.

While still holding to Traditional feeling, home's simplicity giv it Contemporary flair—in clean, unbroken roof line; graceful uniof solid brick walls, glass, and plywood panels.

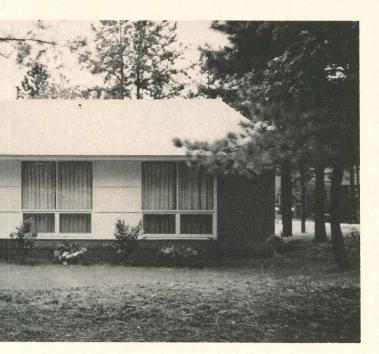
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Brick and exterior plywood, framed in batten strips, form exterior walls. Windows are designed to scale of plywood panels, then similarly framed. Glass, plywood, and brick are carefully combined-where one material doesn't detract from another.

Entrance is defined by brick shelter wall that forms base for planack. Carport is well located for conversion to family room.





Five Star home 2706 is all-out Contemporary plan, but you can't miss Traditional feeling inside or out.

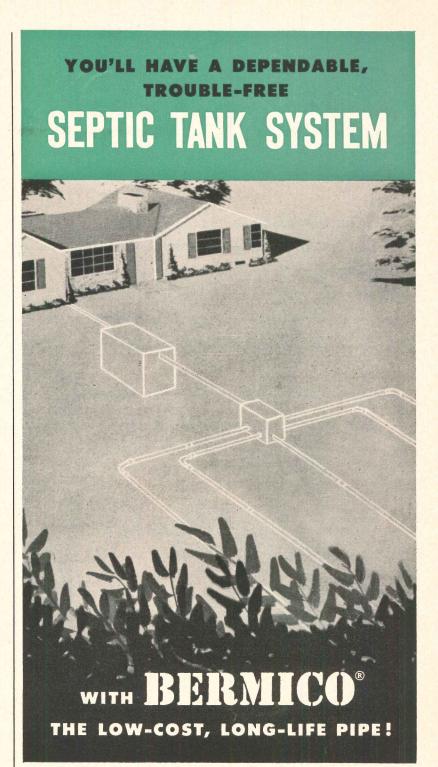
Fireplace is dominant feature of living room, providing warm gathering spot in precise center of family activities. Raised concrete ledge and hearth make fireplace easier to keep neat. When there's no fire, the Briggs use cantilevered ledge as low table.



Glass fills almost entire 22-foot width of living-room wall. While Five Star home 2706 lends itself to variety of facings, proper orientation has window wall in living room viewing rear yard.

Fireplace is defining wall between living and dining rooms. Louvered swinging door (right) is to kitchen.

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How to be safe with electricity

Photographs: Author

Electrical safety is up to you. Inadequate wiring is probably the greatest danger because it's the least obvious. You can spot a frayed cord—and you should know better than to play with electricity with wet hands. Here are all the hazards you should watch for

How many hazards in your home?

Here is a summary of potential dangers in working and living with electricity every day

Entrance panel

- 1 Use fuses of correct size; never oversize.
- 2 Never use penny as substitute for fuse.
- 3 An entrance panel should not have exposed wires.
- 4 Ground neutral (or third) wire at panel.

Basement, workshop, and utility

- 1 Always ground power tools.
- 2 Ground your washing machine.
- 3 Don't touch cords or appliances with wet hands or while standing in damp locations.
- 4 Use heavy rubber cords for motors, motor-driven gear.
- 5 Install porcelain sockets instead of metal ones.

Bathrooms

- 1 Locate wall switches away from bath or shower.
- 2 Never touch electrical device at same time you touch part of plumbing system.
- 3 Eliminate pull-chain sockets from the bathroom.

Living areas and bedrooms

- 1 Discard cords that are frayed or have exposed wires.
- 2 Avoid using extension cords for more outlets.
- 3 Replace broken plugs, sockets, outlet covers promptly.
- 4 Never touch the inside of a socket.
- 5 Do not string cords around nails, pipes, under rugs.
- 6 Keep light bulbs away from clothes in closets.

Kitchen

- 1 Avoid touching appliances, plumbing at one time.
- 2 Pull the plug, not the cord, to disconnect appliance.
- 3 Use appliances approved by Underwriters' Laboratories.
- 4 Never leave cords plugged in within reach of children.

Terrace and outdoors

- 1 Avoid use of metal sockets.
- 2 Use moisture-proof rubber cords, plugs, sockets.
- 3 Use weatherproof outdoor outlets of permanent type.

Wiring

- 1 Touch exposed wires only after current is turned off.
- 2 Disconnect electrical device before making repairs.
- 3 Replace bare wires; repair loose wires, poor connections.
- 4 Be sure your wiring meets National Electrical Code.
- 5 Have licensed electrician do your wiring and repairs.
- 6 If circuit is double-fused, have it corrected.



Trouble spot—and potential danger: Two-wire, one-circuit system, typical of old homes, produces chain of hazards that can result in fire.

By Robert Hering

The electrical industry maintains rigidly high standards in the manufacture of electrical devices. Otherwise, our homes would be potential death traps. It's only through carelessness and lack of knowledge on our part that electrical accidents occur at all.

There's no guesswork about what electricity does. You can be sure that when a circuit is closed, current will flow. Becoming *part* of that circuit is the one thing you want to avoid.

You close a circuit when you turn on a light or an appliance. It isn't necessary to have two wires for current to flow. Anytime you are grounded and touch a live wire, you complete a circuit and current flows. Shock is produced instead of light.

Most metals are good conductors of electricity. Water is an excellent conductor. And the human body has a high water content. The reason bathrooms are such dangerous spots for shocks is that most plumbing fixtures are grounded through water pipes. That's why all appliances and switches should be located away from a bath or shower.

Also, a material that is a poor conductor when dry becomes a good conductor when wet. The better the conductor the more current

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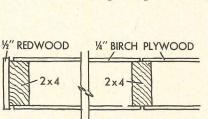
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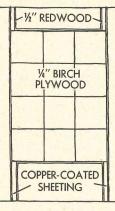
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Pleasant vistas through living areas are result of open planning. Still, kitchen, dining, and living areas are well defined from one another.

Entrance hall is attractively set off from dining room by screen of birch plywood squares. Copper strips outline plywood squares in frame. Half-inch redwood posts support unit. (See details in drawings at right and below.)







Louvered folding doors open pass-through between dining room and kitchen. Birch shelf and pass-through divider expresses open feeling of house—and is practical storage unit. Shelves have sliding glass doors. Pine linen chest below divider was Tom's handiwork.

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how glad we are that we asked the question,



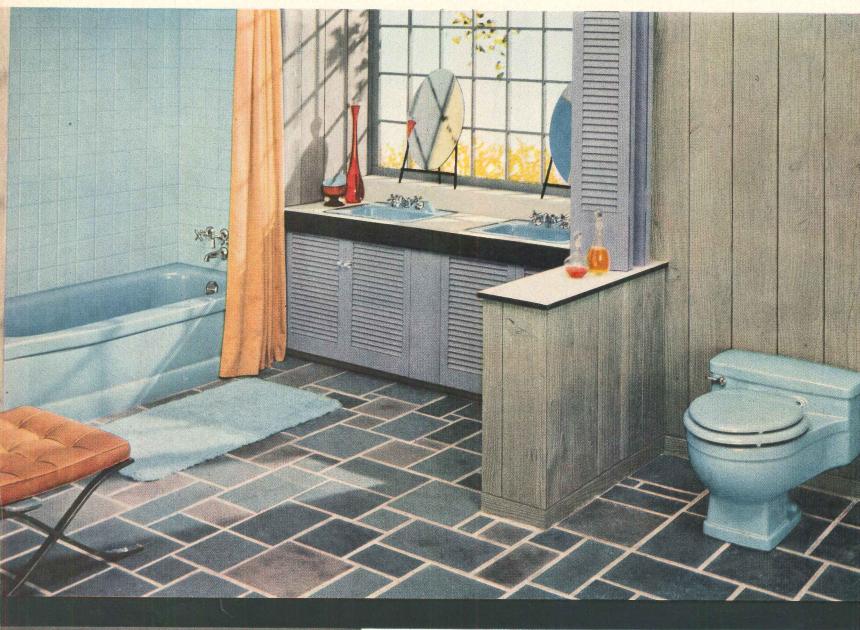
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- * Builder-owner agreement, suggested legal contract to ensure home is built as specified.
- * Cost-finding list of materials. (List is available at 25 cents purchased separately.) With this materials list, your builder or building-materials dealer can compute in advance the approximate cost of your home.

These Five Star home plans may be ordered from the firms listed on page 171. In many localities, you can order these plans through your building-materials dealer. Or, you can buy them direct from *Better Homes & Gardens*, 1714 Locust Street, Des Moines 3, Iowa.

Tips for starching and tinting

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out tub immediately to remove any excess starch from the machine.

Because washers vary and because your washer may have some special features, these simplified steps may need a little "tailoring" to suit your washer. Be sure to check the manufacturer's instruction book before you start.

Tinting—the easy way in your automatic washer

Tinting is the coloring of a fabric with a "dye" using hot water direct from your water heater. A good rule to follow: If you can wash it in the washer, you can tint it in the washer. (Dyeing, another process, requires simmering water and is the best way to get true depth with black, navy blue, and other dark colors. Dyeing cannot be done in your washer.)

However, you can *tint* for dark colors in your washer. The results will be pleasing although you will not get full depth of color.

Tinting works well if fabric is white or very light in color and



you want to get another light or medium color. For a deeper shade, use more "dye," hotter water, or increase the time.

Washer-tinting is easier and assures even results for clothing or household articles that you would ordinarily wash in the machine. It is particularly helpful when tinting heavy and bulky articles such as slipcovers, draperies, cotton rugs.

Be careful not to spill any "dye" on the outside of your washer—it may stain the finish.

How to do it

1 If possible, remove old color in fabric for best results. Use a packaged color remover in simmering water. This remover is safe for any fabric that is safe in hot water. (*Note:* Never use color remover in your washer.)

2 Remove spots or stains. Then wash clothing to be tinted. When done, remove from washer.

3 Following instructions on package for amount, dissolve "dye" in pan with hot water. Heat to simmer, but do not boil. Strain through clean cloth into another pan before adding to washer. (This helps prevent spotting.)

prevent spotting.)
4 Fill washer with the hottest water available. Use the same amount as for regular washing.

5 Stop washer. Add "dye" solution. 6 Start washer and let "dye" solution become thoroughly mixed.

7 Then stop washer again. Add wet articles. Do not crowd washer. Articles must have room to move freely in the "dye" bath.

8 Start washer again, setting dial on longest possible washing time. (If washer has manual controls, give the article being tinted from 10 to 30 minutes in "dye" bath before draining the washer.)

9 Let go through normal rinsing cycles, using warm or cool water. Spin. (Note: If you have wringer-type washer, do not put the tinted articles through wringer. Squeeze by hand, blot in old towel.)

10 Dry clothing in dryer or in breezy, shady place until almost dry—but still damp to touch.

11 Press with warm iron—never hot.

12 Clean tub of washer at once. Fill with hot water, add water conditioner, and amount of soap or detergent you usually use for a wash. Set dial for 10-minute wash

or rinse. Rinse, spin out.

Inspect for traces of "dye." With damp cloth or sponge, wipe soap dispenser, lint tray, lid, or door. If deep shade was used, add bleach to the water you use for rinsing sponge.

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New house or old house?

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There is easy flow, yet definition, between areas in Lucas house. View across living room to porch shows how floor covering, furniture make each space segment individual.

"Study" is gained by planning spot for desk in far corner. Room opens up with exposed beam ceiling, three large windows overlooking lawn, continuation of space to porch.



House bends around sunny, concrete terrace and shields it from streetside.

There's an easy flow to and from front of house (without marching through), to screened porch, kitchen-dining area, and master bedroom.

Roof is cedar-shake shingles. Two foot overhang has no gutters; gravel drain strip below catches runoff water.







On other side of living room (from picture at top) there's a comfortably contained conversation corner around the raised hearth fireplace. The wall area surrounding windows to back lawn was wisely put to work with neat encirclement of bookshelves and storage cabinets.

There's a pleasant textural variation here—rough pile of carpeting, brick, textured wall covering, and smooth planking of open-beamed ceiling.

In area 10x10 are three choices of spots to eat. When entertaining, table in foreground is unfolded. Glass-top table overlooking back lawn is most often used. Snack counter's used as serving surface for formal meals as well as informal family lunches and breakfasts.

Bluestone of entry continues past counter to kitchen. Planning desk next to door to garage and utility enhances kitchen.

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