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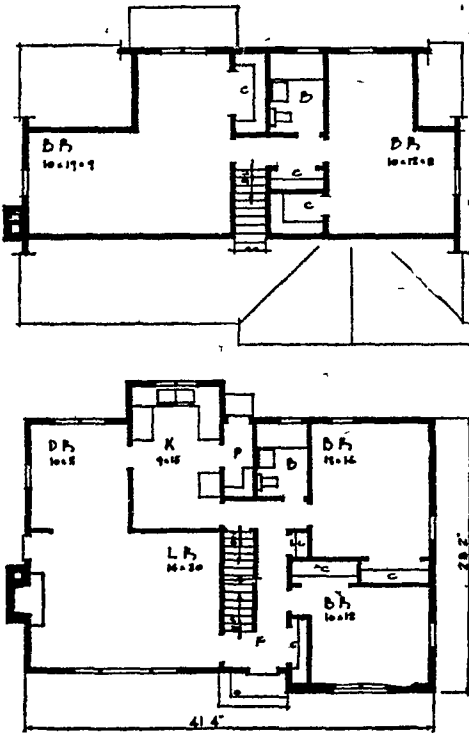


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House No. A-130

Cozy and Compact

PLANNED for your present needs, and with built-in space insurance for your future, this ranch house has many outstanding features. It's the ideal choice for a narrow lot but by no means could you call it a "little" house. Everything you'd want is here: spacious living room with fireplace and a ten-foot picture window; separate dining room with double exposure; a fifteen-foot "U"-shaped kitchen, a guest closet at the front entrance, and a bathroom on the main floor level. On the first floor, there are two bedrooms with double exposure and plenty of closet space. The upstairs area can expand into two additional bedrooms and a second bathroom. The full basement will take care of your laundry center, plus your hobby activities and a play area for the youngsters.



For the convenience of readers who wish to study this house in greater detail, we have prepared a complete sketch plan which can be obtained by sending 25¢ in coin to Modern Plan Service, Department 130, Lincoln Building, Mount Vernon, New York.

Area: 1,448 sq. ft.

Cubage: 37,648 cu. ft.

About Your Home

By FRANCES DELL

If your house is beginning to look old, shabby and drab, it is time to paint it. Whether or not you give it a full basement-to-roof job or just touch-up work, you will find you can give your home a complete new personality.

Knowing what paint and equipment to buy is half the battle. The first, and most important step is preparation of the surface to take and hold the paint. For this you will need rough sandpaper, steel wool, or a wire brush or a scraper. You'll want ladders and cross planking for the upper reaches of the house.

More Cans Needed

In addition to the paint, you will need extra cans for mixing, paddles for stirring, strainers for removing lumps and cloths for

wiping up spatters. If possible, have some drop cloths for protecting your shrubbery and porch roof.

Buy only good brushes. A brush four-and-one-half to five inches across is best for painting large areas. A sash brush is needed for narrow strips and a brush one-and-one-half to two inches wide is best for the trim.

Surface Absolutely Dry

You will need some paint thinner to clean your brushes and some linseed oil to break them in. Surfaces to be painted must be absolutely dry.

Check to see if any wood replacements are needed under the eaves, around window heads and sills on posts or steps, etc.

Find out about the many new kinds of paint and choose one that is made to meet your needs.

Cigar Tobacco Value Exceeds \$11 Millions

Based on an average of 27.2 cents per lb; Pennsylvania farmers last year received an estimated \$11,790,000 for their crop of filler tobacco, according to the Pennsylvania State Department of Agriculture.

Hay led in value, with all types worth \$95,788,000, with corn next at \$88,554,000. Corn led in 1933 through 1952.

Highest Since 1950

Gross returns on tobacco were the highest since 1950, despite lower per-pound prices. The value in 1954 was \$11,640,720, and in 1935—with a smaller crop—\$9,438,000. This made a per acre 1955 value of \$408 on 1500 lbs. The 1954 value was estimated. Wheat placed third at \$30,592,000, oats fourth at \$23,187,000, and vegetables fifth at \$18,185,000 for both fresh market and processing.

Others by Value

Others by rank were: potatoes, \$12,948,000; tobacco; commercial apples \$10,260,000; barley \$7,930,000, and peaches \$5,062,000.

Hay averaged 147 tons per acre, corn for grain 44 bu shelled. Pennsylvania placed 15th in corn production, 12th in corn value nationally.

Safety in Masks

Gas masks are said to be unexpectedly popular with small school children in Europe. The youngsters have discovered a safe method for making faces at the teacher.—Worcester (Mass) Gazette.

May!

Those who say these "straw votes" don't mean anything are burning their bridges behind them; the next report may show things going their way.—Lynchburg (Va.) News.

Ain't It So?

Barnacle Bill says: "Ten per cent of the people in the United States suffer from hay fever. The other 90 try to grin and bear them."—U.S.S. West Virginia Mountaineer.

NO GUARANTEE
The label on material or a garment that says "preshrunk" without giving the percentage of shrinkage, is no guarantee against further shrinkage. Bernice J. Tharp, Penn State extension clothing specialist, declares.

Hay Leads in State's Crops At \$88 Million

Harrisburg—In value of total production, hay was the "King of Crops" on Pennsylvania farms in 1955 for the third straight year, according to revised Federal-State figures announced today by the State Department of Agriculture.

Corn has reigned as the highest value crop in the Keystone State from 1933 through 1952, records show.

Crop Value \$95 Million

The value of last season's crop of all types of hay is estimated at \$95,788,000 compared with the corn total of \$88,554,000, the Department said. Corn value has not exceeded that of the total hay crop since 1952 when corn came to \$108,905,000. In that year hay had a value of \$95,788,000.

Dr. William L. Henning, State Secretary of Agriculture, in commenting on the dollar value leadership of hay, pointed to the increasing trend of Pennsylvania agriculture towards grassland farming to assist its growing livestock and dairy industries.

Third place in 1955 Pennsylvania crop values goes as usual to wheat which is worth \$30,592,000.

Oats is in fourth place with a total value of \$23,187,000. Commercial vegetables for both fresh market and processing, are fifth with \$18,185,000.

Potatoes Place Sixth

Potatoes take sixth place with \$12,948,000; tobacco seventh, \$11,790,000; commercial apples, eighth, \$10,260,000, barley, ninth, \$7,930,000 and peaches, tenth, \$5,062,000.

Hay production last year came to 3,421,000 tons at an average of 147 tons per acre. Corn grown for grain totaled 61,072,000 bushels from an average of 44 bushels of shelled grain per acre.

Pennsylvania ranked 12th among all the states in 1955 hay production, but was seventh in total value. The State was 15th in production of corn, 12th in value.

New Varieties Of Potatoes, Inspection Up

COUDERSPORT—New varieties of potatoes and a new type of Federal-State inspection program will combine to give Pennsylvania housewives a "superior spud service," it was learned during the annual Potato Growers Institute at nearby Potato City Hotel, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Cooperative Potato Growers Association.

Dr. William L. Henning, State Secretary of Agriculture, reported that an experiment on official potato inspections which he arranged with association officers last fall has been "highly successful."

Superior Varieties

Dr. E. L. Nixon, director of the research farms of the association at Potato City, told of several superior varieties of potatoes which he developed through cross breeding. Adapted to Pennsylvania farming conditions, they still need field testing before they can be grown commercially, he said.

Potato growers are greatly satisfied with the new inspectional service that centers in the Bureau of Markets of the State Department of Agriculture, Dr. Henning said. Producers pay for inspections which started as an experiment in northwestern Pennsylvania last fall. Since the first of the year it has expanded to five of the six association districts, covering most of the state.

In the new program, he explained, Federal-State inspectors grade all potatoes that the cooperating grower plans to ship out-of-state. Ten trained inspectors are now assigned to the program. Nearly 1,500 lots have been handled in the Erie County potato area alone.

Grade Marking Stressed

Secretary Henning told potato growers that the Department of Agriculture is stressing enforcement of the potato grade marking law. During the 1954-55 season there were 92 prosecutions for violation of the law. The great majority of offenders were dealers and shippers. Agents examined nearly 7,000 lots of potatoes on the wholesale and retail levels, including 4,235 lots from Pennsylvania farms.

The institute continued with election of five association directors, a youth panel, review of the national potato situation, presentation of new and experimental machinery and equipment used in growing potatoes and a discussion of labor management in potato production.

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