

Color in Halls Adds Charm to Home Entrance

Because the entrance hall is primarily a passageway between the front door and the interior of the house, some homemakers thoughtlessly slight its furnishings and decoration.

Interior designers regard this mistake. A visitor sets his initial impression of the house from the way, and an attractive hall gets the house off on the right foot, decoratively. It should be inviting and cheerful rather than impersonal and drab.

The average hallway is dull, furnishings must be kept to a minimum, and color relied on as the key to a pleasing effect. This is to the home-owner's advantage, because paint is the most inexpensive of all decorating mediums.

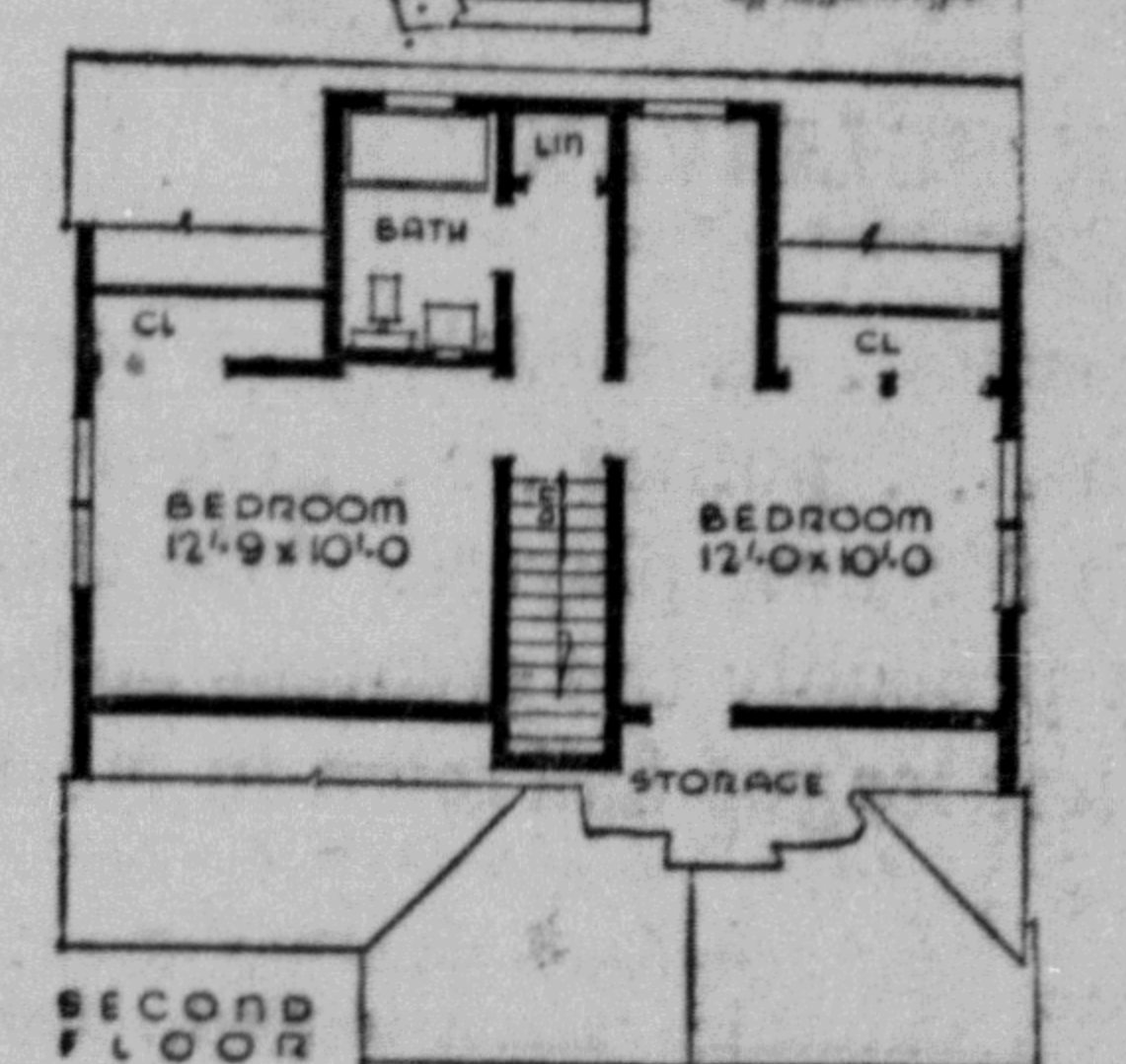
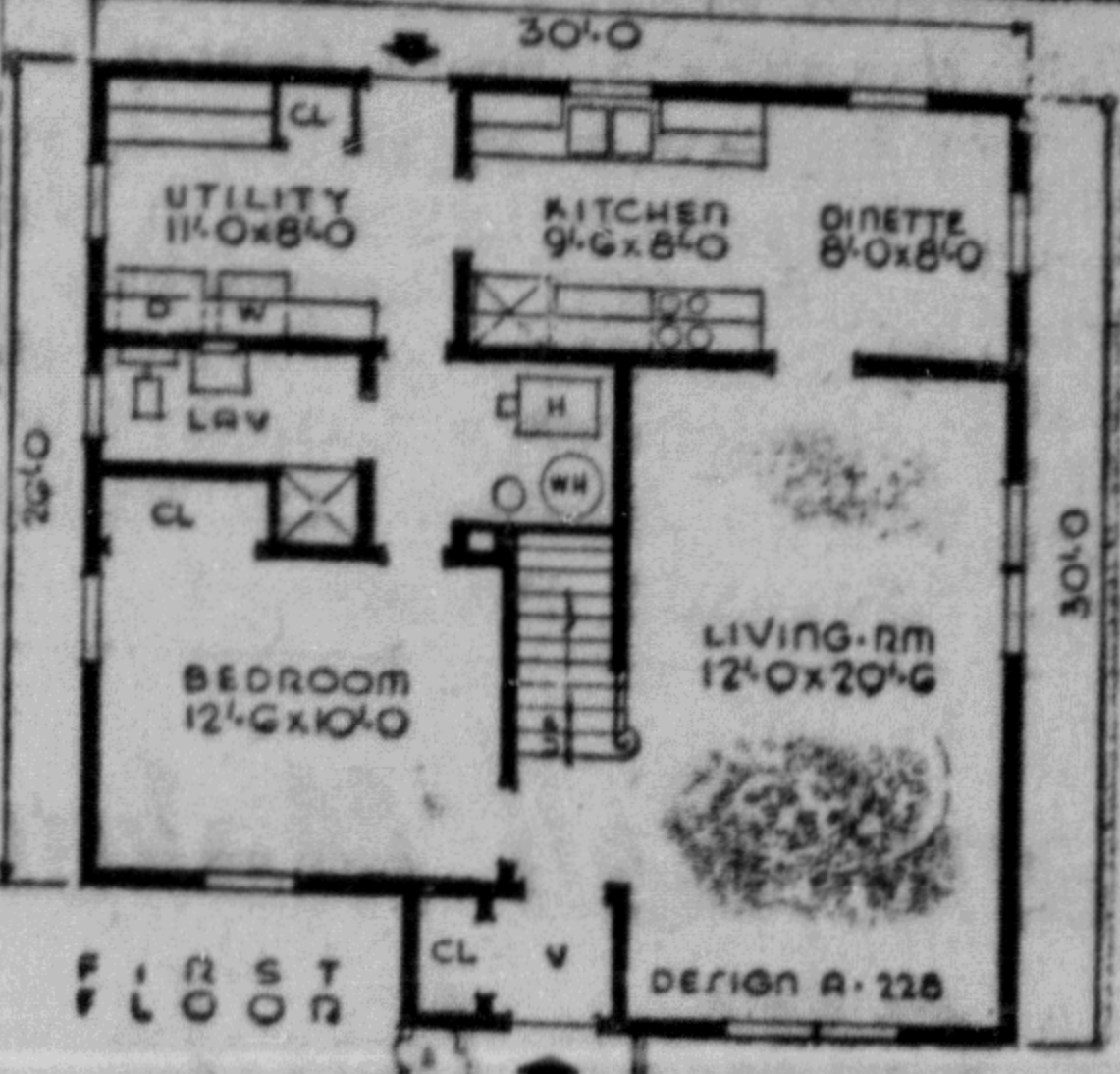
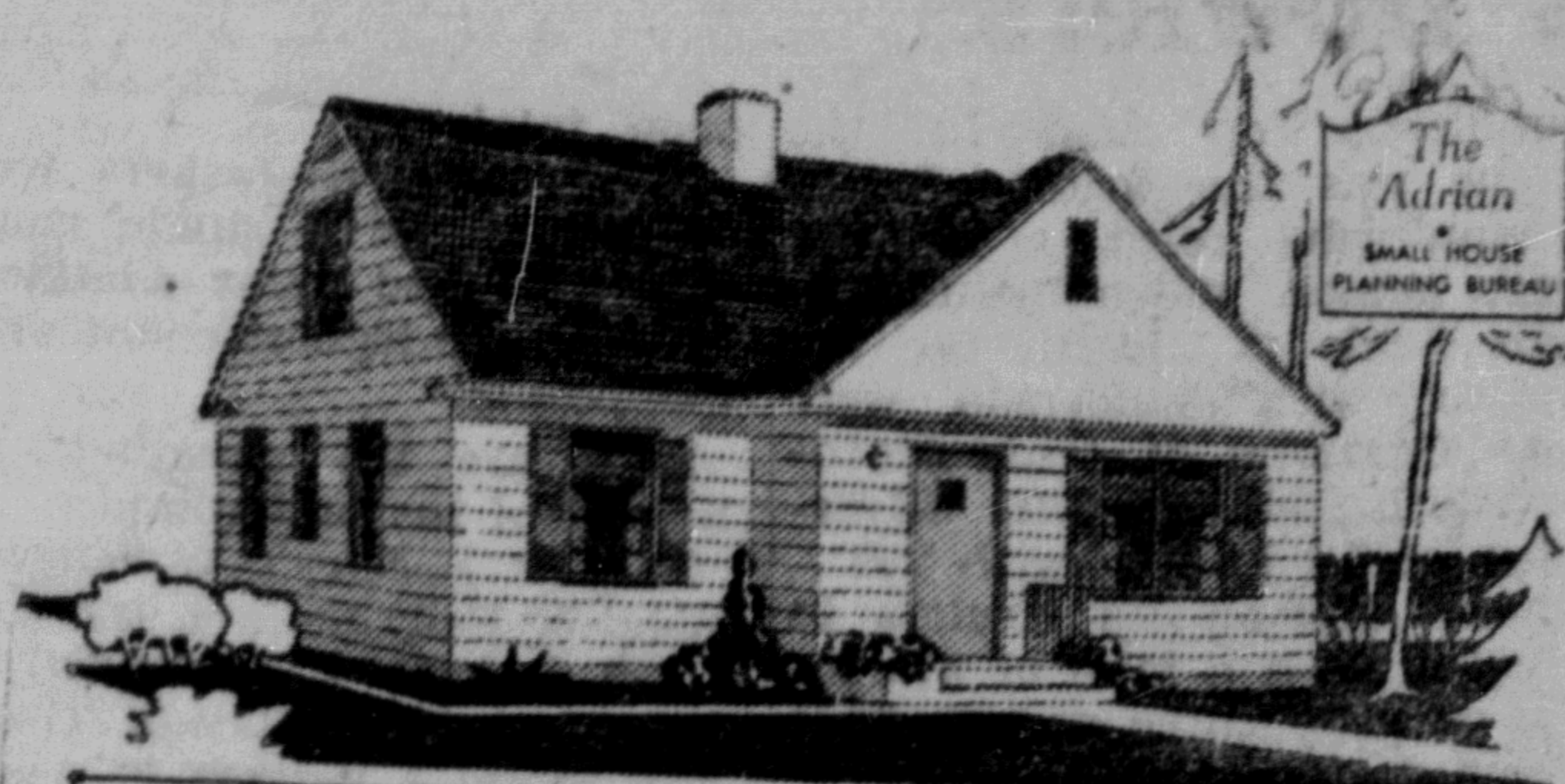
There is plenty of light in hall, rich deep-tone colors olive grey, spruce green or wood brown may be used for drama. If the hall tends to be dark, light airy tints of the natural colors are best.

Decorators and architects specify these paints because they are available right over-the-counter, with no wait for custom mixing.

To add decorative variety to a hall, two or more contrasting or harmonizing colors may be used.

A sophisticated touch is achieved with salmon pink side walls, brown front wall around the door, off-white for woodwork and a beige floor covering. Less formal is a hall with putty green ceiling, stark white walls, and maize and brown woodwork and floor.

Hall colors should be integrated with colors of adjoining rooms. If the hall opens, directly into the living room, the same colors should be used in both areas to unify the two.



THE ADRIAN is a story and a half building without basement, but equipped with a centrally located alcove for heating plant, a utility room for laundry and storage, a shower bath on the first floor and tub bath on the second.

There are three bedrooms, one on the first floor, which can be used as a study or den, and two on the second. One advantage of this plan is the fact that the first floor is self-sufficient and the second floor rooms can be finished off in the future.

The galley-type kitchen has cabinets on opposite walls, with sink under the window, allowing ample dining space. There is a total of seven closets and attic storage.

Exterior finish is planned to be of wide siding and asphalt shingles.

Overall dimensions are 30 feet by 30 feet. Area is 800 square feet, while cubage is 12,780.

For further information about **THE ADRIAN**, write the Small House Planning Bureau of Canada, Box 1193, Saint John, New Brunswick.

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Please send me more information, without obligation, about the plan features and the type of construction used in the **THE ADRIAN** house as pictured in *The Daily News*.

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Taking Profit Out of Slums Only Way of Eradication

"You can't eliminate slums unless you take the profit out of slum ownership," says Alan Brockbank, president of the National Association of Home Builders in an article in *House & Home*.

Brockbank visited the slums of almost every major city in the U.S. and talked with hundreds of slum-dwellers, home builders, welfare workers and government officials. His investigation convinced him that there is "no excuse for anyone being allowed to make a profit renting substandard homes that are not fit to live in."

"There is no reason why the taxpayers should be saddled with the cost of slum rehabilitation to protect the slum landlords' profits."

During his nation-wide tour, Brockbank found in many cities thousands of slum houses built as soundly as the new public-housing units to replace them were likely to be.

These findings led to another important conclusion: "You can provide low-cost housing a lot more economically by modernizing old dwelling units than by building new ones."

"I do not believe that any nation is rich enough to tear down such well-built buildings and to replace them with new dwellings erected at the taxpayers expense," Brockbank says.

The most important discovery Brockbank says he made during his trip is that slums cannot be eliminated just by tearing down old buildings and replacing them with new ones.

"The problem of slums is not just a problem of buildings. It is basically a problem of people, and it just isn't true that you can change people just by spending a lot of money to offer them a better place to live."

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As an example, Brockbank reports that Los Angeles police traced more crime, juvenile delinquency and charity per family to a new public-housing development for which the taxpayers had spent millions of dollars, than they found in an old slum nearby.

In Washington, D.C., on the other hand, he found that the decaying neighborhood on Old Capitol Hill began to take on new life and a new look without

a penny of help from outside, simply because a single fine family moved in and inspired children, teachers and parents to work on the problem.

"I have learned," Brockbank says, "that the reason for slums is neglect—neglect in keeping up the dwellings, and neglect in the training of people. I have learned that vigilance is making landlords keep up the property, and vigilance in the training of people in how to live in a home are both local programs."

"The first requires laws governing minimum requirements of health, sanitation and safety. When these laws are enforced, the people will learn how to live and maintain themselves in clean, sanitary conditions."

LONG TRIP

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Mineral Wool Insulation Lasts Life

How long does mineral wool insulation last? Will it be necessary for me to re-insulate in, say, another 10 or 20 years? These are questions which quite naturally arise in the mind of the home-owner when insulating.

According to building contractors, mineral wool insulation can give life-long service, if properly installed. Cases are on record where installations of mineral wool are still operating effectively after 50 years of service.

Because it is made from inorganic materials such as rock, slag or glass, mineral wool insulation resists damage or deterioration from decay, fire, vermin and moisture. In addition, it requires no repairs or upkeep.

However, in order to ensure that the best results are obtained from insulation, it is essential that it be properly installed and in the required thickness. While it is preferable to have the work done by a qualified contractor, certain forms of insulation such as mineral wool blankets and batts can be installed by the average home-owner without any trouble. In any event, the installation should be installed with care and the manufacturer's

directions should be followed. While the thickness required for the batt or blanket type insulation depends to a large extent on the climatic location of the house, minimum specifications call for at least two inches in the walls and not less than three inches for ceilings or roofs. When loose fill insulation is used, however, it is common practice to completely fill the spaces between the walls and pour the loose fill between the attic floor joists to a depth of four inches, making sure that the material is evenly distributed.



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Foundations, Basements Major Home Building Problem Here

Foundations and basements are two major problems encountered in house-building—or construction of any kind—in Prince Rupert, due to formation of the topography, much of which is composed of muskeg and rock.

Careful sounding of property, therefore, is first required when house-building is considered, and results of these soundings often are startling.

Rock two feet below the surface and a depth of 15 feet to hardpan have been found on the same lot.

Most builders recommend against building of basements to the prospective home-owner who wants a moderately priced house. Piling is no longer recommended for use as foundations although many city homes still sit on the same pilings on which they were built 20 years ago.

Most home-owners, however, are gradually replacing piling with concrete foundation. Where piling sits in deep muskeg, digging is done to reach the hardpan, then forms are placed in the trenches and cement poured. While this often entails considerable labor, home-owners contend it is worth the trouble.

Draughts From Windows, Doors Add to Fuel Bill

One way to insure your house against those pesky draughts of cold air during the winter months which seep out the warmth and add considerably to the fuel bill, is to check windows and doors now.

Each tiny crack which lets in air is a bug-bear which can be eliminated by putty or other insulating material.

Putty cracks and falls out with age, therefore a check should be made of the window-panes and any loose putty removed and replaced.

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