

New Builders' Supply Firm Open

Smart Premises House City's Latest Concern

A new enterprise is to be introduced to Prince Rupert with the opening on Monday of the Island City Builders' Supplies located in new and modern premises at 505 McBride Street. The attractive semi-circular faced building which has aroused some curiosity over the past three months is to house a display area, office and storeroom, situated in the uptown area, for the purpose of merchandising new and modern building materials and for the provision of a service to Prince Rupertites who are planning modernization of their homes and places of business.

The construction of the building and the commencement of business in the building supply field is the culmination of several years of planning on the part of Art Ogilvie, owner and manager. The owner, who was well known in Prince Rupert prior to his departure from the city in May, 1947, was stationed at H.M.C.S. Chatham during the war while a member of the R.C.N.V.R. and continued in the employ of the Naval Service after the termination of hostilities. With the completion of the transfer to War Assets Corporation, of the wartime H.M.C.S. Chatham and the outlying stations, Mr. Ogilvie was appointed to the position of maintenance officer in the R.C.N. Ammunition Depot at Kamloops, where he remained until his resignation from the Naval Service in April of this year.

During four years' of residence in Prince Rupert, Art Ogilvie became affected by that intangible attraction which brings so many people back to

the city and this same feeling was shared by his wife and family. He has long been a booster for Prince Rupert and has always been enthusiastic about the possibilities of a great industrial future for the north country. After having been absent from the city for a year, the Ogilvies motored here from Kamloops in August of last year to begin the active planning for commencement of the business which has now materialized.

In May of this year, Mr. Ogilvie and family returned to Prince Rupert and construction of the building was commenced almost immediately. With no assistance, other than the installation of electrical service and lighting which was carried out by Grant & Newton, electrical contractors, Mr. Ogilvie completed the building in 12 weeks.

The building is of the Quonset type, a structure which has been used extensively throughout the United States since the war and is rapidly becoming popular in Canada. It is an improved development of the war-

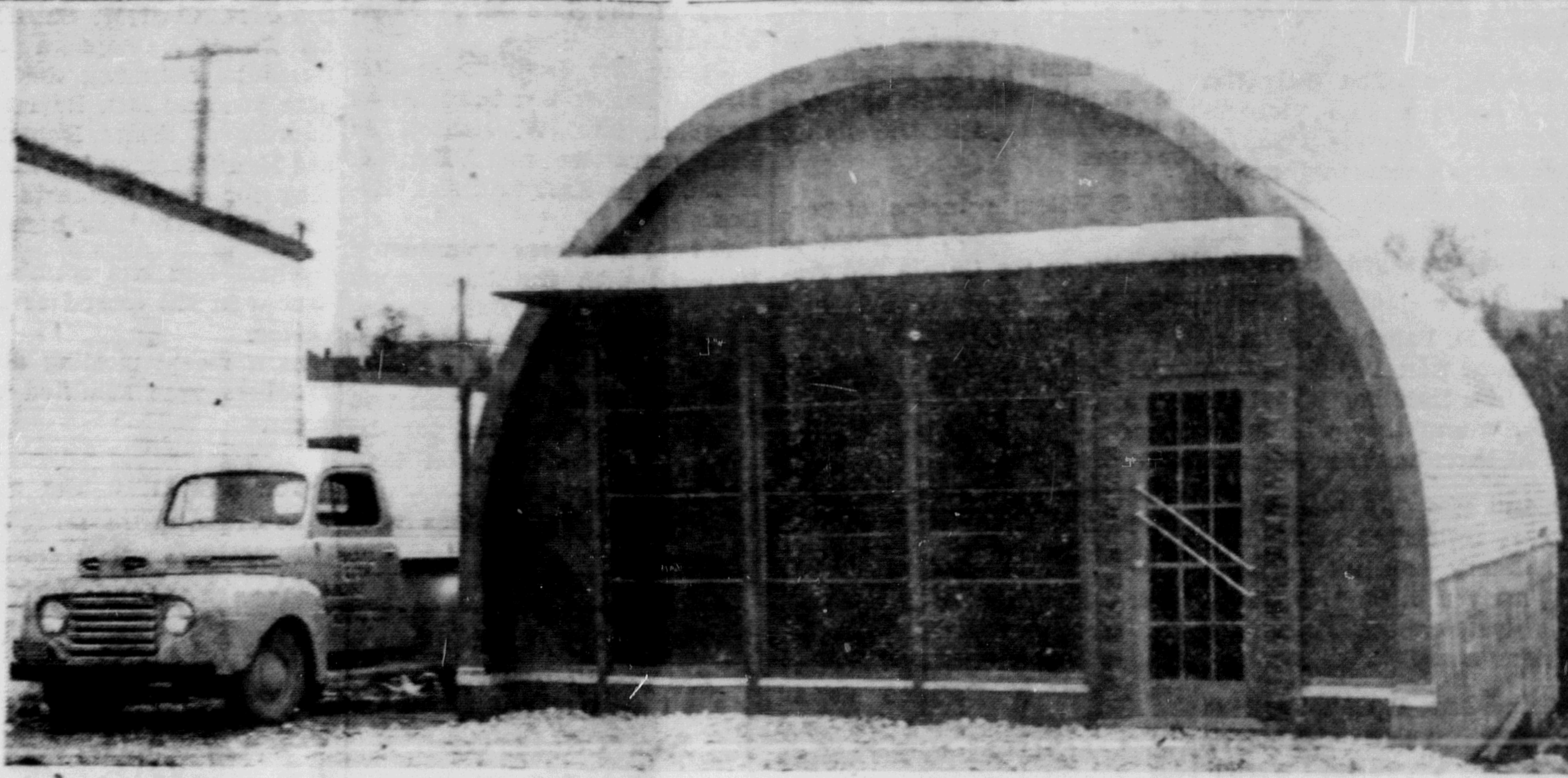
time Quonset Hut which was tested so strenuously and used so very extensively throughout all theatres of operations during the war.

EYE CATCHING

The eye catching shape is enhanced by the modern front with large sloping windows and by the introduction of glass blocks enclosing the entrance. The entire storefront is finished in striated plywood, placed at various angles, providing a changing pattern when viewed from opposite sides and the up-sloping canopy is designed to be in keeping with the departure from conventional construction.

The finish used in the interior features striated plywood and a window of translucent plastic in opalescent shade. Between the office and display room, a sash contains three sections of corrugated plastic in rose shade. This, combined with the plastic window provides a pleasant diffusion of natural light. Among the lines of materials carried in the new business, will be the nationally advertised Pittsburgh Paint which is rapidly increasing in popularity since its introduction into Canada. Mr. Ogilvie, who has had many years of experience in the field of construction, building maintenance and alterations, has

designed his building and has endeavoured to choose materials with a view to providing an example for the benefit of property owners who are planning alterations and modernization and who wish to take advantage of the service which will be made available in this respect. It is intended that Island City Builders' Supplies, with the assistance of Vancouver distributors, will place at the disposal of storeowners and operators, a service of storefront designing and the supply of modern storefront materials which are fast becoming a necessity in all progressive communities.



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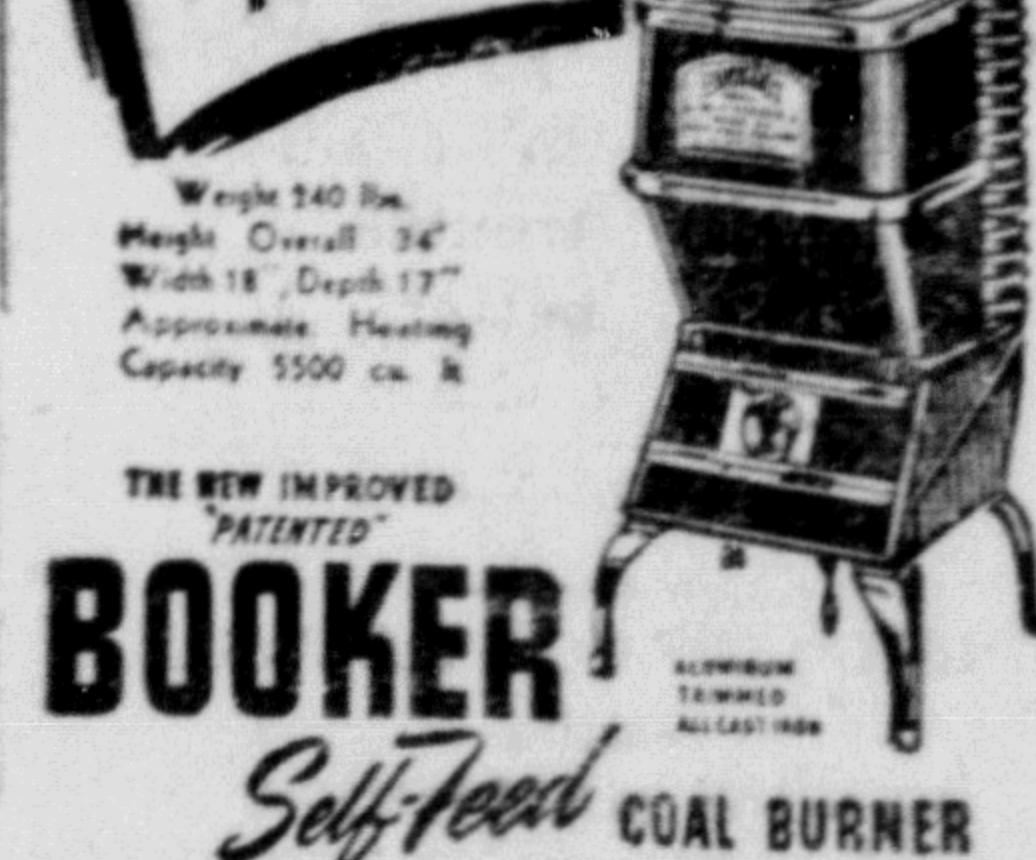
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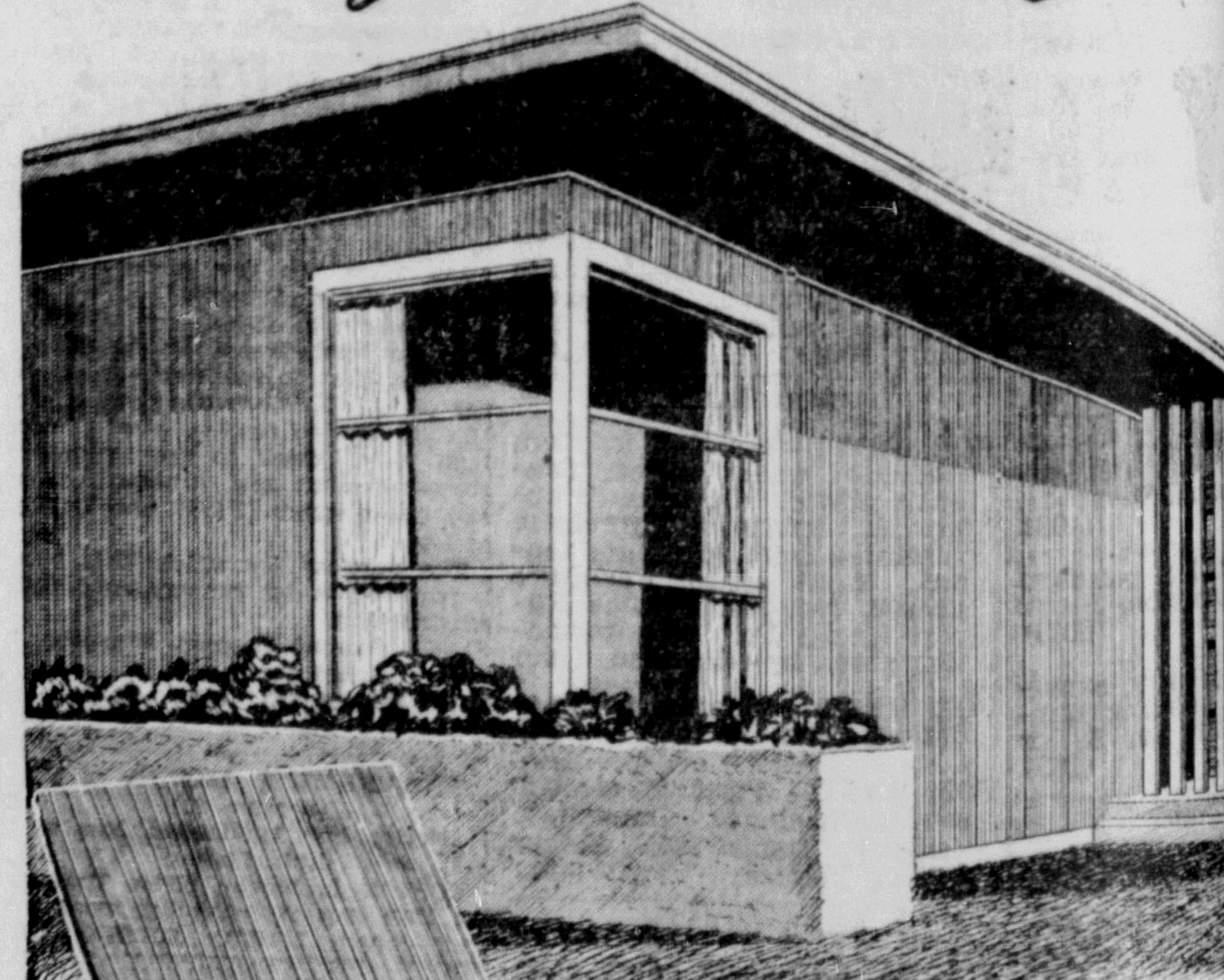
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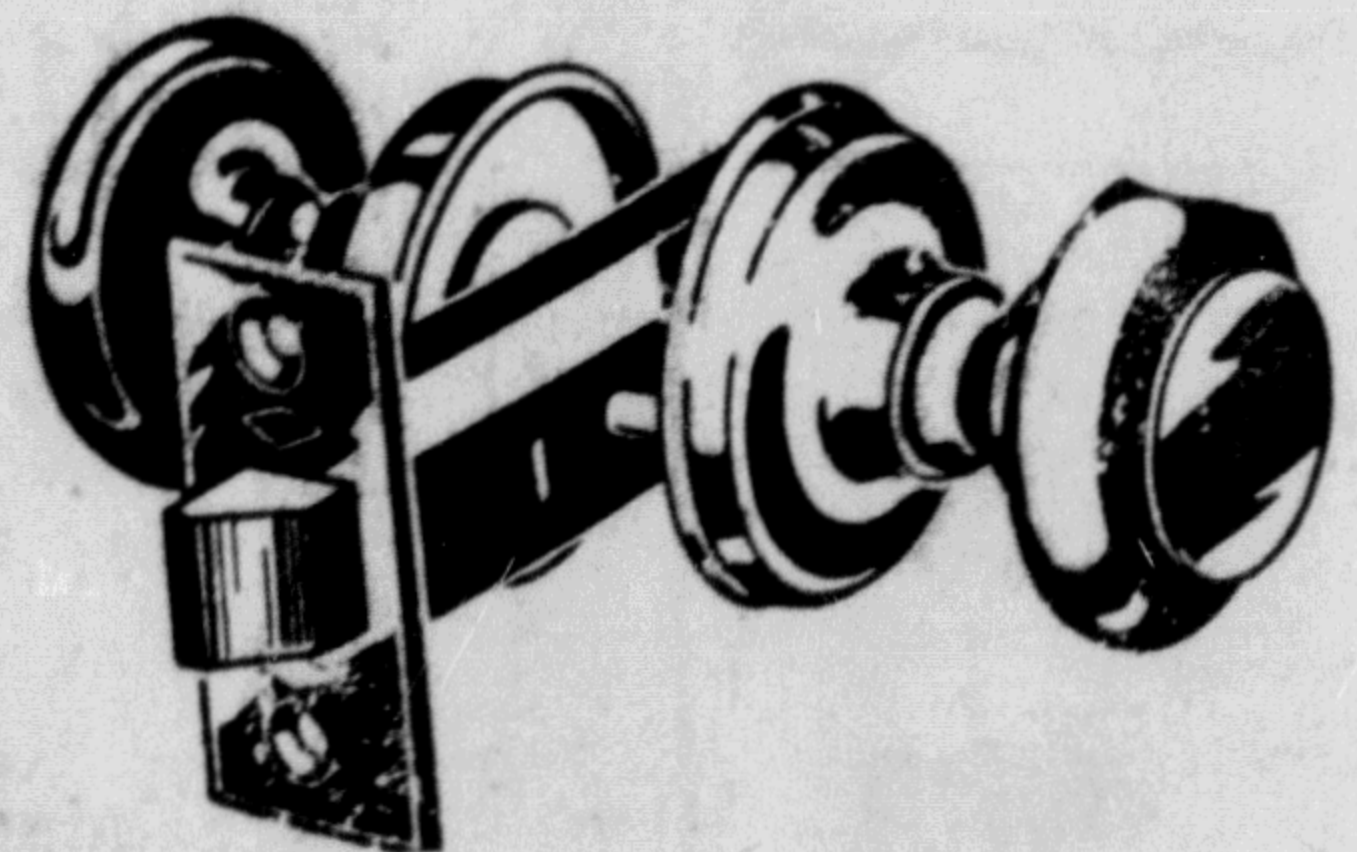
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