

This two bedroom bungalow designed by Ottawa architect, M. G. Dixon, has many attractive features. The house presents a pleasing exterior appearance, highlighted by the large living room window, while the roomy interior is well-planned with a hallway separating the living and sleeping areas.

The fireplace, which faces the entrance to the living room, provides a focal point for the arrangement of furniture, while the wide front window ensures good lighting and a pleasant atmosphere.

The kitchen is well arranged and has easy access to the rear entrance which leads directly to the basement stairs. It is also convenient to the separate dining room, a feature not usually found in a house of these dimensions.

The house contains a floor area of 904 square feet and the cubic measurement is 17,395 cubic feet. The exterior dimensions are 37 feet eight inches by 27 feet. Working drawings for this house, known as Design 102, may be obtained from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, at minimum cost.

### High Standard Maintained

## Plastering Walls Centuries-Old Art

No Johnny-come-lately in the history of building is the art of plastering.

Since the earliest recorded days of civilization, artisans have used plaster to provide smooth, unbroken interior wall finishes and pleasing, easy-to-maintain outside coverings.

Primitive plaster, made from clay, mud of earth, was roughly daubed over a base often made of marsh reeds tied together.

#### IN ANCIENT EGYPT

As the construction of buildings improved, so did the quality of plaster and workmanship. A high standard of plastering was attained by ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans, who, with the use of gypsum and other types of plasters, laid the foundation of present-day plastering and raised it to a fine art.

While ancient peoples realized that plaster added beauty and comfort to their buildings, its high sanitary value was likewise recognized. History records that a law was passed providing that in buildings which housed infected patients, the interior surfaces of rooms be scraped clean and plastered to prevent the spread of disease.

It further provided that the plaster work be inspected by a priest, who was authorized to order the house torn down and "removed to an unclean place," if the work were not done to his satisfaction.

#### AFTER LONDON FIRE

Fire resistance of plaster has been recognized for centuries.

In the year 1212, following the fire which destroyed London Bridge and many buildings in

the vicinity, King John ordered that all stores along the Thames and houses where brewing and baking were done must be "plastered and whitewashed without and within" that they might be safe from fire.

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## Canadian Wallpaper Firms Blossoming With New Ideas

The wallpaper industry in Canada is blossoming with new patterns, new ideas, and easy methods of application.

They apparently haven't yet generally adopted one new idea in Britain, where a company puts wallpaper on a sort of "board panel" arrangement which is placed on the wall. This is easily attached or removed, and is said to be indistinguishable from regular wallpaper.

In Canada, however, there are plenty of modern ideas on wallpaper, and here are some of them:

For the room with the sloping ceiling a gay, small, non-directional design, such as a spatter dash or diminutive that will cover the ceiling and all four walls. Then pick up a color in the pattern and use accents of solid color throughout the room and at the windows. The small pattern minimizes the slopes.

There are innumerable little "extras" for those few rooms in which a dash of fun and plenty

of imagination are not out of place.

Particularly nice for nurseries are window blinds covered with wallpaper that matches the walls. It can be very attractive, easy to put on, and the extra body gives new snap to the blinds.

A pretty wallpaper is also nice under a glass vanity top. Kitchen canister sets covered with a plastic-coated paper are both gay and practical.

The room with a low ceiling looks best with light airy tints. However, with a higher ceiling you can use a new approach with patterns. Gay colors, subtle tints, bold designs, little patterns, florals, foliage and plaids have all been used attractively on ceilings of kitchens, bathrooms, diningrooms and bedrooms.

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## Separate Shower Room no Luxury For Home With Sports Enthusiasts

"Do-it-yourself" enthusiasts who want to try out the new technique of staining unfinished furniture with fabric dyes should note the rules for doing the job right.

A home-economics bureau reports that dye-stains dissolved in water will successfully stain unpainted furniture. This makes it possible to use the 50 or more colors offered in the fabric dyes put out by various companies. However, there are some ifs, ands, and buts to note:

1. The color of the dye in water solution will look different on the wood. Be prepared to test and keep testing for the right color.

2. The dye solution must be used fresh. It loses potency if you let it stand around, so be prepared to stain the whole piece in one sitting.

3. Dye solutions from two identical boxes of dye won't always come out exactly the same. If you have a set of unpainted furniture to do, do it all at once to make sure the color matches.

In doing the job, use this procedure: Dissolve the dye in water. (One box in a quart of water will do the average bookcase.) Brush it on or wipe it on with a cloth, but remember to

wear gloves. When the dye has dried, apply sandpaper. Then apply clear a coat of white shellac with a brush, and you'll have color-stained furniture.

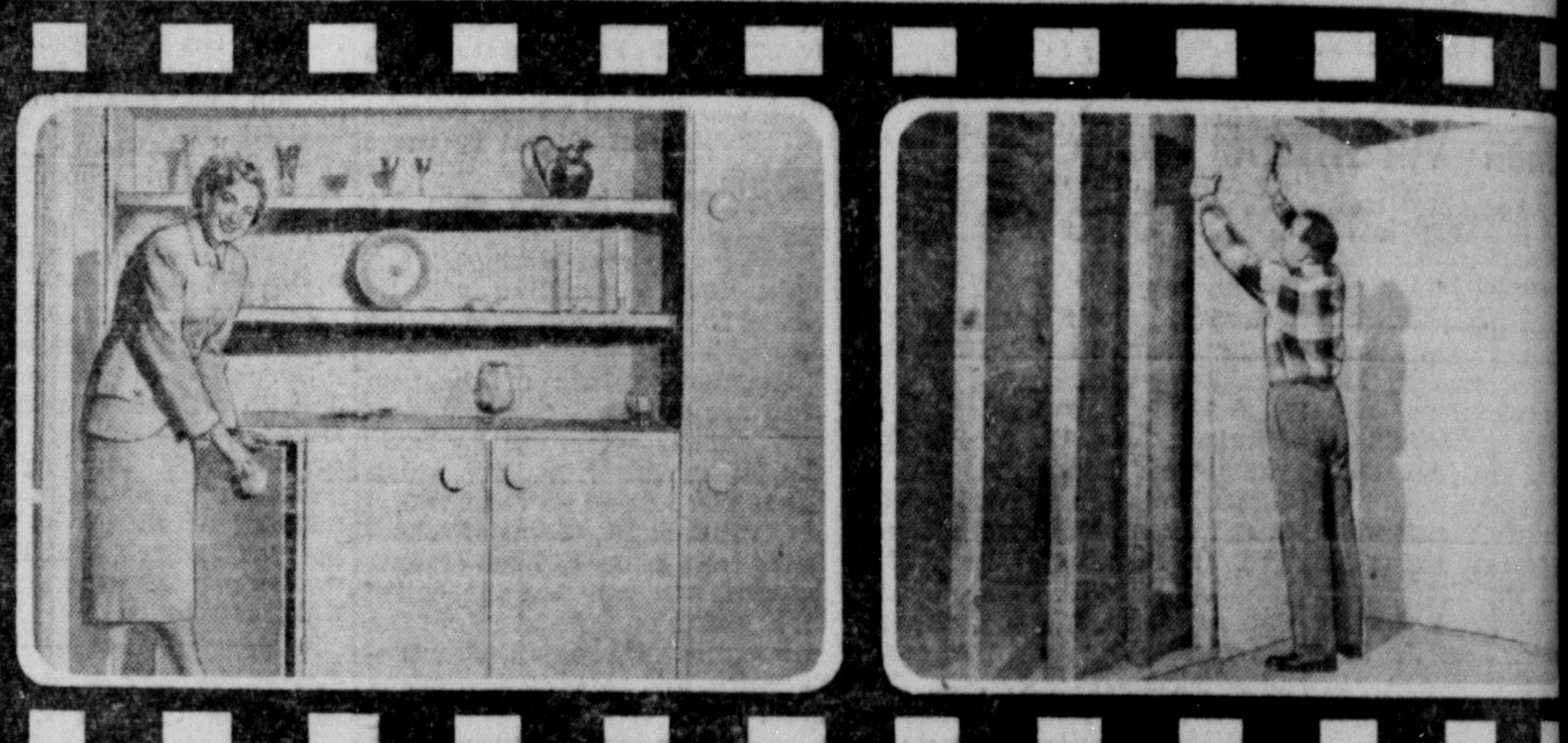
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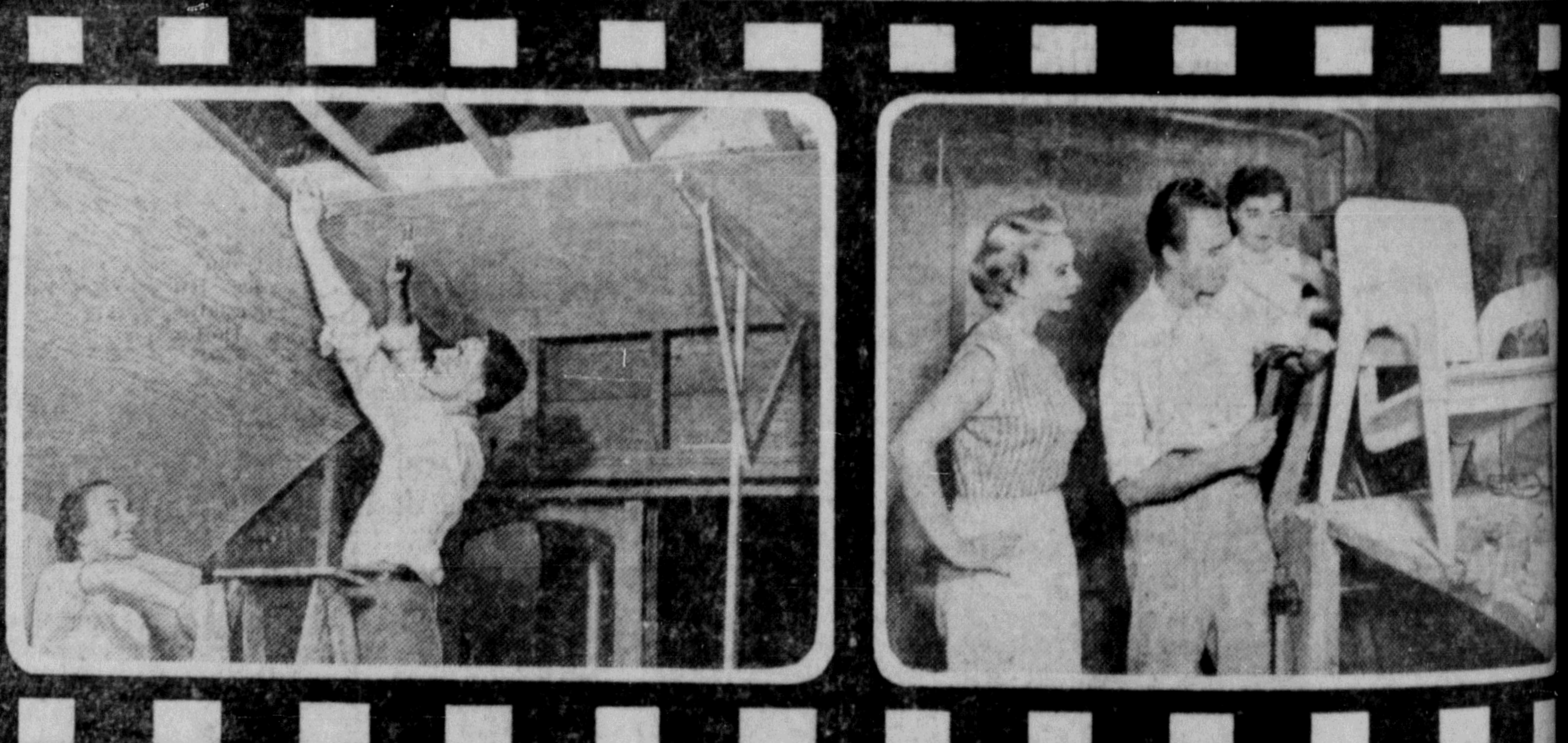
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