

Colorful Siding Makes a Home

"Today's home-hunting families are more knowledgeable than those of the immediate post-war years. They are well aware of the fact that they can get basic shelter any place. What they are looking for is quality. They won't settle for inferior housing—and they don't have to."

This is the view of James H. Lynch, who has helped sell more than 60 million dollars worth of new homes. Lynch is the marketing and sales director for Yorktowne-at-Holiday North, a new, planned community in Manassas, N.J.

The development, built by Hovnanian Brothers, offers four models ranging in price from a \$18,400 raised ranch with nine rooms to a 10-room bi-level for \$19,990.

"With the new kind of home buyer in mind, we have done our best to build quality homes at reasonable prices," Lynch said.

"The quality extras are there in all the models, and they're not buried in the small print as optional features at additional cost. Instead, they're built into the house and covered in its basic purchase price," Lynch explained.

Long-lasting, low-upkeep materials are particularly important to today's home buyers, Lynch said.

"Take mineral fiber siding, which we use on all our models. It not only looks good, but once it's up there the home owner can just about forget it as far as maintenance is concerned."

"The recently developed acrylic plastic surface preserves the color for years against all kinds of weathering," Lynch said. "It's fireproof and won't corrode or mildew, and painting isn't necessary," he added.

Another advantage of mineral fiber siding, Lynch pointed out is its availability in a variety of colors. Color gives individuality to homes in a development and provides expression for individual tastes, he said.

Stock windows of ponderosa pine are used exclusively at Yorktowne. Lynch explained that the public wants them because of their appearance and because home owners associate wood windows with quality.

Today's home buyers are also aware that they help reduce heating costs and drafts because wood is a natural insulating material and wood windows are the most weathertight.

Using stock wood windows throughout the houses makes it easy for homeowners to match old and new units if they remodel in the future, Lynch said.

Mineral wool insulation, in excess of R19 requirements, is standard in all models. The insulation, plus tight-fitting windows, will help home owners save between \$50 and \$70 a year on heating bills, Lynch said.

"Within a two-month period, more than 200 homes have been sold at Yorktowne. One of the reasons for this acceptance has been its development as a complete, planned community, according to Lynch.

Features include generous recreational facilities, with a swim club and four pools, schools, houses of worship for the three major faiths and a shopping center.

U-M Nursing Students Use Training Film

ANN ARBOR—Student nurses at the University of Michigan are introduced to operating room procedures by a film recently produced by the U-M School of Nursing.

A 38-minute video tape is shown to the students via closed circuit television prior to their two-week assignment in University Hospital operating rooms.

Mrs. Muriel Horton, associate professor of nursing and department head, U-M Hospital Operating Rooms, narrates the film and explains the scrubbing, gowning, gloving and "set-up" routines demonstrated by Hospital personnel.

The film was made by the University of Michigan Television Center.



CHERYL KEE, 10, of 15725 Harrison, Livonia, is awarded a medal after winning in the Lower Huron Swimming Meet Wednesday, Aug. 5. An incorrect photograph appeared in last week's Observer of Cheryl.

Plan Casting for New Show

On August 31, Sept. 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. at B. J. Sholtz's home, 28825 MacIntyre, Livonia, tryouts for singers, dancers and actors for a new musical show will be held. The show will be directed by Shirley Haver. For further information call Jack Javor, GA 7-8073, or B. J. Sholtz, GA 2-3343.

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Teachers' Study

How Sense-Able Are You?

This is another in the series of feature story reports on projects completed by members of the Northwest Metropolitan Area Community Resources Workshop held in Livonia's Franklin High School this summer. Teachers were present from Redford Township, Plymouth, Farmington, Northville and Livonia.

Lists of suburban business establishments which can be used for field trips, lists of recordings of unusual sounds, books on the senses, as well as leads to other teaching material sources.

Starting on the premise that one of the primary needs of first grade children is to have them become more aware of their surroundings, two elementary school teachers attending a co-operative summer workshop in Livonia made a systematic study of the sensory elements in the environment of small children which could be used in teaching.

In outlining the need for a study unit designed to help youngsters explore their daily universe, Janet Thom, a first grade teacher in Redford Union's Mac Gowan School who co-authored the unit, "Use Sense in the First Grade said, "Six year old youngsters need activities which will bring to their consciousness things which ordinarily pass unnoticed. There are many things a teacher or parent can do to develop a child's consciousness of the five senses."

STIMULATES INTEREST
Beverly Williamson, first grade teacher in Livonia's Monroe Elementary School, said that the end purpose of the field trips and other suggestions listed were to stimulate the child's ability to ask questions, to do small experiments, and to follow up their trips or discussions with a planned program of reading.

The two suburban teachers compiled lists containing hundreds of suggestions for teaching children concepts of feeling, smelling, hearing, tasting, and seeing.

First graders find great adventure in touching and realizing for themselves which things are hot or cold, rough or smooth, wet or dry. They learn to describe things as being waxy, bumpy, hard, soft, prickly, tickly, or slippery.

FIRST GRADE "RESEARCH"
They do "scientific research" by putting a thermometer in ice water and check the temperature changes as the ice melts.

"In making the children aware of smells, for example, we stress that some smells, such as escaping gas, alert us to danger," Miss Thom said. "Others make us hungry while some make us ill."

"Smell field trips" suggested were a visit to a bakery, candy shop, or to the school kitchen. Other odors can be explored in a pet shop, zoo, florist's shop, farm, or factory.

"MODERN MAN LIVES IN A WORLD OF SOUND"
Miss Williamson reminds us, "yet many sounds which guided primitive man go unnoticed to modern man."

"The first grade is not too early a period in a child's life to teach him some of the physics of sound, how the waves enter his ears. Pupils become aware of the need for protecting their hearing and thus we can teach good health habits as part of the unit."

"Kids can do classroom experiments in tasting," Miss Williamson said. "It is easy to provide vinegar, salt, sugar, food oil, baking soda, and other household materials to demonstrate just what tastes sour, salty, sweet, bitter, or oily. From those experiments they can graduate to sampling exotic foods from other countries."

MAKING RAINBOWS
The experiments listed in the sight section of the Workshop report include one on "making rainbows." It reads, "Turn on a garden hose. Stand with your back to the sun. Hold the hose so the sunlight goes through the spray. You will see rainbow colors."

The unit will be made available to teachers in the area.

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