

Measuring For Carpets Made Easy

You don't have to understand the "new math" to plan a carpet purchase for your home.

To estimate the amount of carpet you need and its approximate cost, first measure the area to be carpeted.

Multiply length by width—in feet—then divide by nine to get square yards, the way most carpet is sold.

That figure, multiplied by price per square yard will get you an approximate cost. For example, a room that measures 12x15 feet has 180 square feet—or 20 square yards.

If you choose carpeting that costs \$10 per square yard, your carpet cost will be approximately \$200.

Of course, your retailer will take accurate measurements and figure costs, including installation and padding, for the wall-to-wall carpeting.

He will also explain installation according to the available widths of the carpet.

Beware of Home After A Disaster

The home you have to evacuate in a natural disaster could be a home of hazards when you return.

It might even be a death-trap, warns Aetna Life in a 1966 hurricane season advisory. It noted that Hurricane Betsy alone forced 250,000 to flee their homes last year.

Toxic fumes, damaged electrical wiring, weakened floors, wildlife, and contaminated food and water are typical dangers your home may hold in the wake of a hurricane, flood, or tornado.

In your anxiety to "get home," you might be tempted to throw caution to the abating storm winds and rush inside. Don't!

A leading writer of homeowners' insurance, suggests these steps to a safer home:

Annual circulation of the State Library books has increased from 367,000 to 683,000 in the past five years.

coming if your home was hit by the disaster.

If your house has gas service, have the gas shut off before you enter.

Be prepared to be without electricity for awhile. If outside wires are down or damaged, be sure the power is off before entering the yard or house.

The wires may be "live." Even if external wiring appears to be sound, turn the electricity off until an electrician can inspect the system. Once inside, inspect for hazards, remembering that safety comes before convenience. Don't allow children in until you know it's safe.

High priority projects include:

Structural damage. Check for weakened floors, beams and walls. Avoid areas with serious damage and erect firm temporary supports where there is a possibility of collapse.

Wildlife—Search out storm-driven wildlife in your home—rats in closets, snakes in upholstered furniture.

Flood waters—If residual flood water is removed quickly, it is probably laden with disease germs. Avoid contact. If you get wet with polluted water, change your clothing and wash yourself thoroughly.

Food—Throw out all food that is not in sealed cans or bottles.

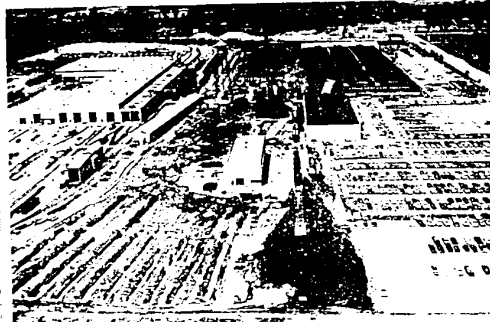
Water supply—If in doubt about the purity of drinking water, boil it or, preferably, use disinfectant tablets until it can be tested. Check water pipes for leaks.

Roof—Cover damaged areas with waterproof material such as tent canvas or plastic. Seal by nailing boards over cover.

Windows—Cover broken windows, preferably with plywood, and clean up broken glass.

Furnishings—To help prevent mildew in rug, upholstered furniture, mattresses and clothing dry them quickly. Articles that become mildewed should be washed outside to avoid spreading mold spores in the house.

Know the reputation of your repairman and avoid profiteers who try to take advantage of the emergency by overcharging and making inadequate repairs.



THIS AERIAL PHOTO OF EVANS PRODUCTS Company's plant in Plymouth, is tangible evidence of Evans' financial commitment to one of its more recent undertakings—the manufacture of rail freight cars. All of the buildings to the left of the water tower in the photo were completed since September 1964 when Evans first entered the railroad business. Many of the buildings, or additions to them, have been erected since July of last year. Total cost of the buildings plus equipment is estimated at \$5,000,000.

Bonnie Britton to Join in Demery's Opening

When Demery's opens their third store, Monday, Aug. 22 at 12 Mile and Farmington Roads, the Junior Dress Department will be properly introduced to the public by Michigan's Junior Miss, Bonnie Britton.



BONNIE BRITTON, Farmington's Bonnie Britton, 17-year-old, green-eyed blond, Bonnie's charming, combination of talent, intelligence and poise won her the title of Farmington's Junior Miss last November.

The Michigan Junior Miss title became Bonnie's in January, taking her on to the exciting and rewarding experience of the national pageant held last March in Mobile, Ala.

Bonnie will be Demery's Hostess for the Junior Dress Department Monday, Aug. 22 through Saturday, Aug. 27, to acquaint all of Farmington's Junior Misses to the new spot to shop.

A 1966 graduate of North Farmington High School, Bonnie will enter the University of Michigan this fall. That she will major in the Dramatic Arts is no surprise; having had several leading roles in high school productions.

Bonnie lives with her parents Mr. and Mrs. George Britton, brother Jonathan, 16 and sister Sari, 10. Working and making public appearances has made a busy summer for Michigan's Junior Miss.

Why Do They Buy Homes?

Now it's motivation research for home buying. America's oldest industry is being X-rayed to determine why people really buy a new home.

Everything from the "nesting impulse" by women to the role of homes in status climbing is being reviewed.

But market research by Fuller, Smith & Ross, a Pittsburgh advertising agency, for the National Association of Home Builders, reveals that most home buyers have some pretty basic reasons for buying.

One surprise in this survey was that a very high percentage bought a spanking new house largely because low maintenance is the alibi it was clean and fresh with no upkeep required for years.

Women said it was wonderful to move into a house which wouldn't require a lot of cleaning, painting, taking hours away from the family's free time.

One of the industries benefiting from this growing demand by home buyers for minimum industry.

Last year the average new home used 282 pounds of aluminum compared to only 80 pounds in 1955.

Sales of aluminum siding for new construction have skyrocketed as builders, reacting to consumer demand, turn to a factory-painted product which should last 15 years or more under ordinary conditions before repainting is required.

Over 3,000,000 homes now have had aluminum siding installed.

Franchise Is Deep Secret

A quick hop over the Mohave Desert brought them to Van Nuys, Calif., where three days were spent "doing" Los Angeles.

While there, the Hollywood Bowl, Knott's Berry Farm and, of course, Disneyland were on the top spots to be visited.

Next on the flight log was San Francisco Bay area, Donner Pass, and Yosemite National Park. Then came Crater Lake National Park, and Lake of the Woods. At Kingsfield Field they saw the U.S.A. Thunderbirds perform.

Enroute to Great Falls, Montana, they saw a sight unique to those who fly. At one time plainly visible were the peaks of Mt. Rainer, Mt. St. Helens, and Mt. Adams in Washington; Mt. Hood, Mt. Jefferson, and the Three Sisters in Oregon, and Mt. Shasta in northern California.

The number of volumes in the State Library Division of the State Department of Education has increased from 831,000 to 1,129,000 during the last five years.

Prepare Wood Before Painting

Scrape away all flaky paint on window sills (and sand the edges smooth before repainting).

If there is significant bare wood, flood this with a water repellent solution available from your local quality paint dealer.

Allow it to dry overnight and then prime the whole window sill.

To prolong paint life, apply two topcoats over the primer.

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Cornell Develops Soilless Plant Mix

No one would blame the home gardener if he or she became a little confused by the many formulas and recipes set forth as the key to the ideal potting and planting mix.

An extensive research program was undertaken at Cornell University four years ago to determine the optimum starting and growing medium, and the recently published results have been hailed and put to use by professional green growers.

An interesting feature is that the Cornell formula omits soil and in fact offers many advantages over soil. The Cornell mix is lightweight, sterile, easily watered and handled, has good physical characteristics, and most important, offers a controlled standard of quality.

For the small quantity most appropriate for the home gardener, Cornell Horticulturalists offer this one peck recipe:

Vermiculite (Terraz-Lite)	4 quarts
Shredded peat moss	4 quarts
20 per cent super-phosphate (powdered)	1 tea.
Ground limestone (Dolomite preferred)	1 tabl.

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