

Chilled refrigerator cookie dough may be cut more easily with a wire cheese cutter rather than a knife, say MSC home economists.

Radiactive isotopes, by-products of America's atomic energy program, are being utilized in research by scientists at Michigan State College.

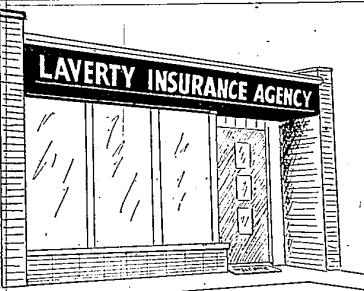
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## NOTICE

### Board of Review Meeting

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment roll of the Township of Farmington, that said roll will be subject to inspection at the Township offices in the Farmington Town Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 8 and 9, 1955, and on Monday and Tuesday, March 14 and 15, 1955, from 9 o'clock a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Board of Review will be in session and upon request of any person who is assessed on said roll or his agent, and upon sufficient cause being shown, correct assessment on such property in such manner as will in their judgment make the value relatively just and equal.

Such assessment roll received by said Board of Review shall be the assessment roll of said Township of Farmington for the year 1955.

ERNEST V. BLANCHARD, Twp. Supervisor



## LOUVER DOORS HELPFUL FOR AIR CONDITIONING

In an air-conditioned house, a door has an extra job to do. Even when a door is closed, it has the task, somehow or other, of letting the conditioned air circulate freely from room to room.

A wood louver door is the answer. Its tilted slats shut light out without impeding air movement.

Air-conditioning, of course, will work in a house with solid doors, but operating costs generally will be higher and temperatures will be less even than in a house with louver doors.

Made of ponderosa pine, louver doors are available in a wide range of stock sizes. They are suitable both for new construction and for older houses in which air-conditioning equipment is being installed.

Louver doors have long been recommended for closets. Air entering through the slats prevents musty odors and deters moths.

## 'Do-It-Yourself' Boom Really On

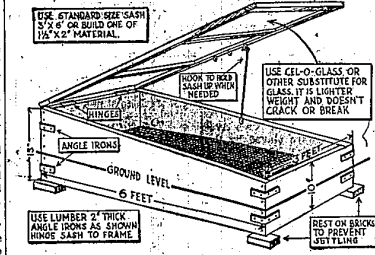
In a few short years since 1948, some 50 million Americans have begun to dig, saw, hammer and otherwise use their hands and their spare time to do a thousand and one jobs around the home they never would have done before. So great has the "do-it-yourself" boom become that Americans are expected to spend almost \$4 billion this year on products, equipment and materials for "do-it-yourself" projects.

What are the main reasons for this trend? Why will this decade go down in history as the "Stay-At-Home Fifties" when wives became "workshop widows"?

V. R. Marsh, executive vice president of Marsh Wall Products, Inc., Dover, Ohio, says, "The main reasons 50 million Americans are do-it-yourselfers are: to save money; greater amount of spare time; contagion of do-it-yourself idea; necessity, satisfaction gained from making things with the hands, and, relaxation and medicine to relieve tension."

The movement is being spurred on by manufacturers, by enthusiastic support of newspapers and magazines, and by do-it-yourself clinics sponsored by manufacturers and distributors of building materials and equipment.

## Cold Frame A Basic Need For Home Gardening Success, Experts State



The most valuable 15 square feet in any garden area is that which is covered with a cold frame. And the smaller the garden, the more rewarding will be this ancient device.

It began as a pit, some thousands of years ago. Today it is a garden, partly below ground, with a protective covering which admits daylight. Glass is rapidly being supplanted by various substitutes, which are lighter and unbreakable.

A cold frame is useful the year

## Trend Turning To Concrete Floors

Designers and builders are turning more and more toward the use of concrete floors.

Floors combining precast concrete block and cast-in-place concrete slab and joists are said to provide great strength and rigidity; freedom from warping, shrinkage, and cracking; and offer protection against fire, rot and termite destruction.

Concrete blocks serve the dual purpose of forms for the floor joists and provide a flat ceiling which can be either plastered or painted directly.

If concrete block filler units 15 5/8 inches long are used, the design for residential floor systems requires a uniform spacing of joists 21 inches on center. Thus the joists are actually 5 3/8 inches wide. The dead load of this type of construction is considerably less than that of solid slab construction of equal load-carrying capacity.

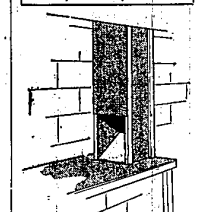
This floor system is efficient and simple to build, requiring no special construction methods.

Using concrete block as a filler also improves insulating properties and sound absorption of the slab and permits minimum use of form lumber.

Michigan State College has "adopted," since 1950, the University of the Ryukyus on Okinawa, strategic U. S. stronghold in the East China sea.

One tiny leak in your home can waste precious water at the rate of 200 gallons a day — more than 72,000 gallons a year.

## How-To-Ideas by Dick Carpenter



### Hardboard Laundry Chute

There'll be no more carrying laundry down to the basement after you've built this truly efficient laundry chute. The chute consists of four sides of 1/2 or 3/4-in. hardboard nailed to a simple wooden frame. It extends from a kitchen cabinet, closet or bathroom "hampers" through the floor to a sorting table in the basement. The chute, of course, passes between the floor joists. When building the chute, nail the hardboard to the frame as shown in the drawing. In this way, the laundry comes in contact only with the smooth surface of the hardboard, eliminating the danger of snagging the clothes or clogging the chute. If you like, the chute can be fitted with a slanted hardboard bottom panel so the laundry will fall out of the chute and onto the sorting table. Use hardboard, too, for the top of the sorting table. Drive the nails in tightly so their heads do not project above the surface of the hardboard and either paint or shellac the finished chute and sorting table for easy cleaning.

## Special Paints Made To Decorate Masonry Walls

Special paints for decorating walls of brick, concrete block, and other masonry materials have been developed by paint manufacturers, but, as with any high-quality product, the paint must be properly used if best results are to be obtained, says American Builder magazine.

American Builder, leading light-construction industry publication, says that application of the undercoat is of particular importance "because this first coating must remain unaffected by the lime that is present in concrete, stucco, and mortar, and in addition must have good hiding power."

Either a cement-water paint or an oil paint can be used. The magazine gives this advice:

"Cement-water paint is especially good for painting open-textured new walls that normally contain water-soluble alkaline salts. The surface should be sprayed with water before painting and kept moist for two or three days afterward to make the cement set.

"Painting can begin seven days after completion of the building. Cement-water paint should be applied with a wide and flat attritable brush, which makes it possible to force the paint into all cavities. The second and final coat is brushed on in the usual manner.

"If oil paint is to be used, delay painting from three to twelve months after the structure is completed, depending upon weather conditions, the thickness and porosity of the walls, and the kind of mortar used (mortar without lime will dry much faster than mortar in which lime is present). Open-textured surfaces need a preliminary coat of a cement-sand base material or an oil paint to be used on them. Apply the priming coat only after at least a week of clear, dry weather."

## Wanted... CORRESPONDENTS FOR THE City of Farmington

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## WASHABLE WALL FINISHES SAVE WORK

Readily washable wall finishes are becoming increasingly important in today's homes. Homemakers want walls that resist moisture, grease, acids and stains, and wipe clean with a damp cloth saving hours of housecleaning time.

Newest of the wall finishes is a prefinished hardboard called Marlite plank and block, that can be used for paneling walls or ceilings of any room in the house.

The soilproof finish is fused to a strong tempered hardboard base. Finger marks and smudges can be wiped off with a damp cloth, thus making the walls of your rooms as easy to clean as your range or refrigerator.

Economical as well as practical, this new plank and block, with its permanent finish, eliminates costly periodic repainting and redecorating. The colors stay fresh and new for the life of the house. Both the planks and the blocks can be installed over new or old walls. They are held firmly in place with metal clips which are concealed in the finished installation by an exclusive tongue and groove joint. No adhesive or division moulding are required.

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