

Garage Converts To 1-Room Apartment

A garage can be many things besides housing for an automobile.

Depending on a family's needs, the garage can be converted into a bedroom, one-room apartment for a caretaker or member of the family, a recreation room or a hobby area.

Since the structure is under a roof, a garage conversion requires little if any structural work.

It consists primarily of insulating stud walls, covering them with decorative paneling, improving the concrete floor by painting or overlaying with a flexible covering, installing a ceiling, adding lighting, heating and ventilation.

If used as an apartment or a bedroom, a storage wall will be needed.

Many homeowners use hardboard paneling for their garage improvement projects. Prefinished panels come in a variety of textures, colors and woodgrains. They are available at lumber and building materials yards.

What about the overhead door?

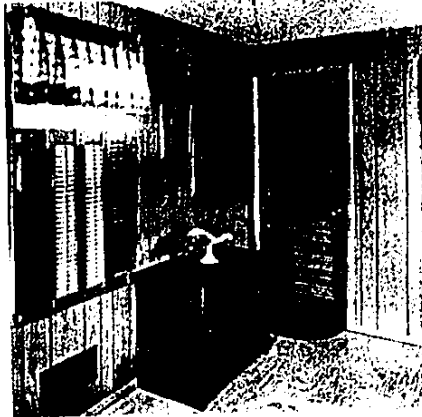
If the garage will be used as a bedroom or an apartment, the door will have to be removed. It can be replaced by an insulated wall, part of which might be glass brick or a picture window to improve lighting.

Lap or panel hardboard siding can be used effectively on the exterior of the wall. The siding is available in styles ranging from smooth to textured, and primed, prefinished or stained.

When a recreation room is planned, or a hobby room, the owner may want to leave the overhead door.



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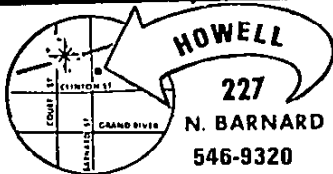


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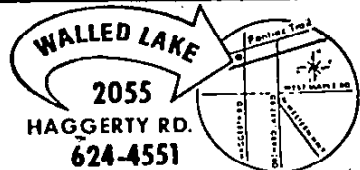


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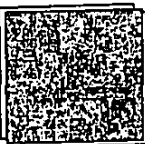
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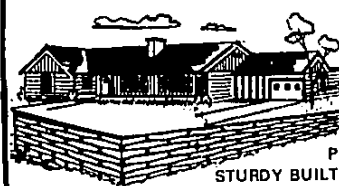
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