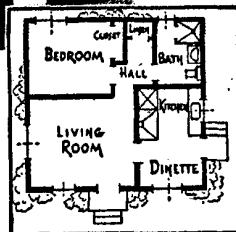




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Over-Trying Defeats Home Decorating Job

By DOROTHY ROE

NEW YORK, May 22 (AP)—The trouble with most women who set out to redecorate the family home is they try too hard, says an expert.

Dan Cooper, well-known designer of home furnishings, explains that, bedazzled by pictures, confused by conflicting advice, the average woman starts out to select new furnishings in a happy daze.

She is torn between admiration for Louis XIV and Swedish Modern, French Provincial and American Colonial and usually winds up in a heap somewhere in between.

Or, says Cooper, the lady may decide to reproduce a room pictured in her favorite publication, down to the last tie-back, without stopping to consider how it fits the needs of her own family.

WIDE EXPERIENCE

The designer, just returned from a lecture tour in which he was besieged with questions from confused amateur decorators, feels strongly on the subject. He has aired some of his views in a book, "Inside Your Home," is responsible for such divergent productions as the "House of Ideas" shown in Rockefeller Center in 1938 and demountable furniture used by the Army Air Corps during the war. He has acted as color consultant for a Federal housing project, designed the library and museum at Dumbarton Oaks, and decorated homes in both North and South America. He says:

"People don't buy a house or furniture often enough to know how to go about it. They get so much advice they're dizzy."

LEADING QUESTIONS

To rid your mind of clutter when planning a home, Cooper advises that you start by answering these questions:

A—Why do you need a house?
B—What purposes do you want it to fulfill?

C—Do you want it as a background for big parties, little parties, or no parties?

D—What pursuits do you expect to enjoy most in your home? Reading? Music? Games? Cooking? Or just resting?

E—Do you need extra play space for children?

F—Is your home in a hot or cold climate?

INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

When you have answered these things, says the designer, you are ready to start planning. If you expect to give lots of big parties, you will want a living room that encourages sociability, with furniture arranged to accommodate groups of people; plenty of coffee tables, serving tables and such. Your dining room will be important.

If you're the hermit type, who enjoys reading and music, your plan will be entirely different. The most comfortable chair and light will be beside the book shelves. Windows and artificial lighting will be arranged to give the best light for the piano. The dining room may be non-existent, with meals served informally in the living room or kitchen, and the extra space used for a library or music room.

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These presidents of County real estate boards are about to plan for a sales and educational conference here next month, in front, are Arthur N. Clemens, of Escondido, and F. San Diego. In rear are Victor C. Ivis, National City; J. H. Ham, Vista-Fallbrook; Louis Jackson, Oceanside.

PROPOSED SUBSIDIES FEAR OF SOCIALIZATION

WASHINGTON, May 22 (AP)—The big public-housing bill proposed under the Taft-Henderson-Wagner bill would be opposed by so-called "housing authorities" set up by local government. The Federal Government would have a big role, as it does in the present public-housing program authorized by the United States Housing Act of 1937. The term "public housing" does not mean that the government, either local or federal, gets into actual construction of the dwellings. The government lets contracts to private builders.

The building industry generally is opposed to the public housing program on even that basis. Its representatives contend that government participation will lead to socialization of the industry.

The T.-E.-W. bill is designed to encourage construction of 15 million new homes by 1958. It provides for 800,000 public-housing units during the first five years.

The bill recently was passed by the Senate, where foes of public housing lost a fight to strike out that section. It now is before the House Banking Committee, which two years ago let a similar bill die, mainly because of public housing.

The 1937 law authorized creation of local housing authorities. The title to public housing rests with these agencies and the landlords. These local authorities sell bonds to finance projects. Sometimes the purchase is by private enterprise. Sometimes the Federal government participates in by paying subsidies.

The purpose of these subsidies is to make up the difference between the cost of operating and the rent which families are able to pay. The T.-E.-W. bill, provides for 32 million federal subsidies the first 100,000 units of five years, the 100,000 would amount to \$100 million a year for 500,000 units. It would remain at \$100 million a year for 40 years.

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