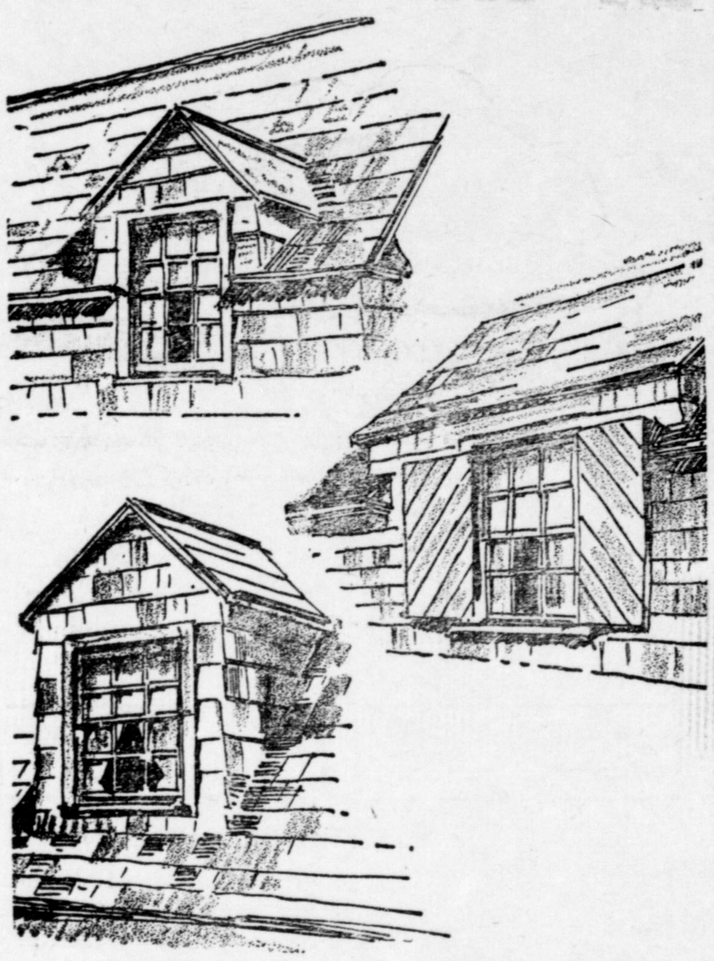
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New Dormers Add Looks And Light



DORMERS

IF YOU need to get that extra room in the attic, the dormer is one way of adding light and ventilation and more head room to the converted space.

But don't just go ahead blindly. A dormer may mar the outside appearance of your house if you make it too large or too bulky. Better a series of small dormers in scale with the rest of the house than one large dormer that completely dominates the exterior.

Here are three dormers that might fit on to your house.

Keep them small and simple and try to have them harmonize with the roof and the rest of the house.

Re-Roofing Your Home

If you need a new roof on your home, be sure to find out if it is necessary to remove the old roofing, and if the roof boards are solid, be sure to choose a roofing material that will harmonize with the architecture of your house.

Don't select queer, gaudy and freakish roofing patterns, in an effort to be original.

Award the contract to a reliable roofing concern that will guarantee the material and workmanship.

At the same time look to the metal work, gutters, flashing, valleys and downspouts. They will probably need replacing.

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Your Basement May Be Put To Good Use

Modern Heating Equipment Uses Neglected Space

Has your husband always wanted a den where he could putter about and muss thing up without being disturbed?

Perhaps you can build one for him now in the basement or in the attic, or in some other unused part of your home. The National Housing Act is designed to make possible needed and desirable improvements of this kind.

You can build such a den now without a down payment and on reasonable monthly terms suited to your income.

See your local bank or other financial institution which has been approved by the Federal Housing Administration. They can now make loans to you for improvements of this sort and at the lowest charges ever offered.

Think what fun you would have in planning such a room. There are so many new products on the market which can be used in finishing it. Most attractive effects can now be provided at little cost.

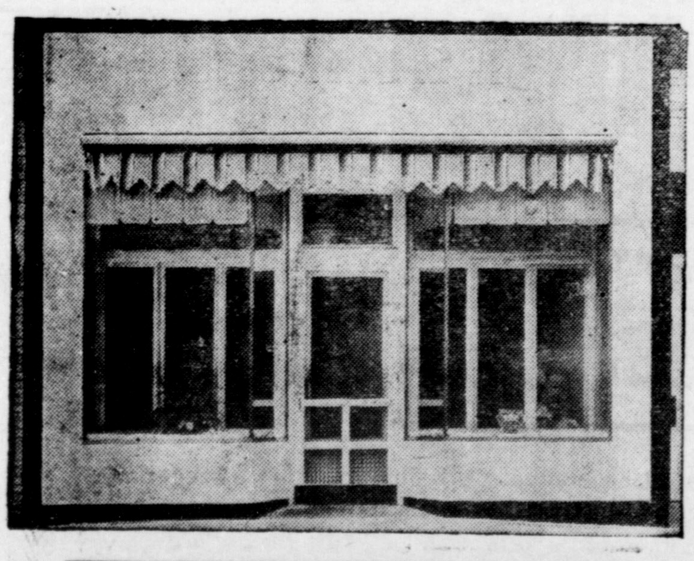
The photographs here show how one unused basement was converted into a cozy study.

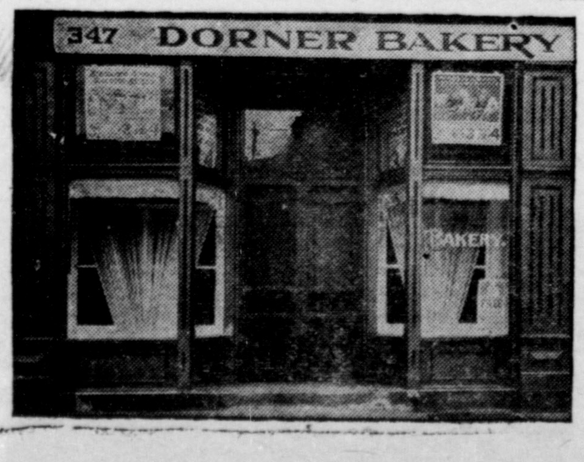
Of course, before you do this work you should see that the floors and basement walls are waterproof. Otherwise the drapes and carpets and decorations may be spoiled. Then it is well, if you have not already done so, to install one of the cleanly new heating units which will give you added space.

Floors can be covered with one of the many colorful materials now on the market. A new stairway might be built leading directly to the room. Built-in shelves will add to its appearance.

Many projects like this which make for better living are being undertaken by home owners now as a part of the National Better Housing Program.

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