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YOUNG COUPLE USES LEISURE TO ERECT HOME

Filling Station Attendant and Wife Solve Housing Problem.

Mary and Melvin Bryant, of 609 Woodlawn avenue, Grandin Court, are a couple of youngsters who started married life fifteen months ago, after a romance that budded when Melvin, a filling station attendant, was convalescing in a local hospital from an operation, and Mary was his nurse.

Now they're building a home, but not in the usual sense of the phrase. Instead of turning plans over to a contractor and telling him to start work, they drew up their own plans, borrowed a neighbor's mule, and started building a house of their own in their spare time. It is a 5-room brick home, just across the highway from Melvin's father's home, and they hope to have it ready to move into by early fall.

Although they're doing something that few Americans have done since the early days when pioneers selected a site and hewed a home out of the forest, they seemed surprised yesterday afternoon when interest was shown in their work.

"We wanted a home," they said, "and it looked like the cheapest way to have it, and arrange it like we wanted, was to build it ourselves, so we did."

Father Lends Aid.

They drew up the plans together and had Melvin's father, who just about built his own home, give final approval to the plans from a technical standpoint. Melvin helped some when his father built his home, and that, he admitted, was his only experience in the construction field.

With the exception of the brickwork, electrical wiring and plastering, the two have done just about "every lick of work" that went into the construction of the home. They've still a good deal to do before the house is ready for occupancy, but the hard part is over.

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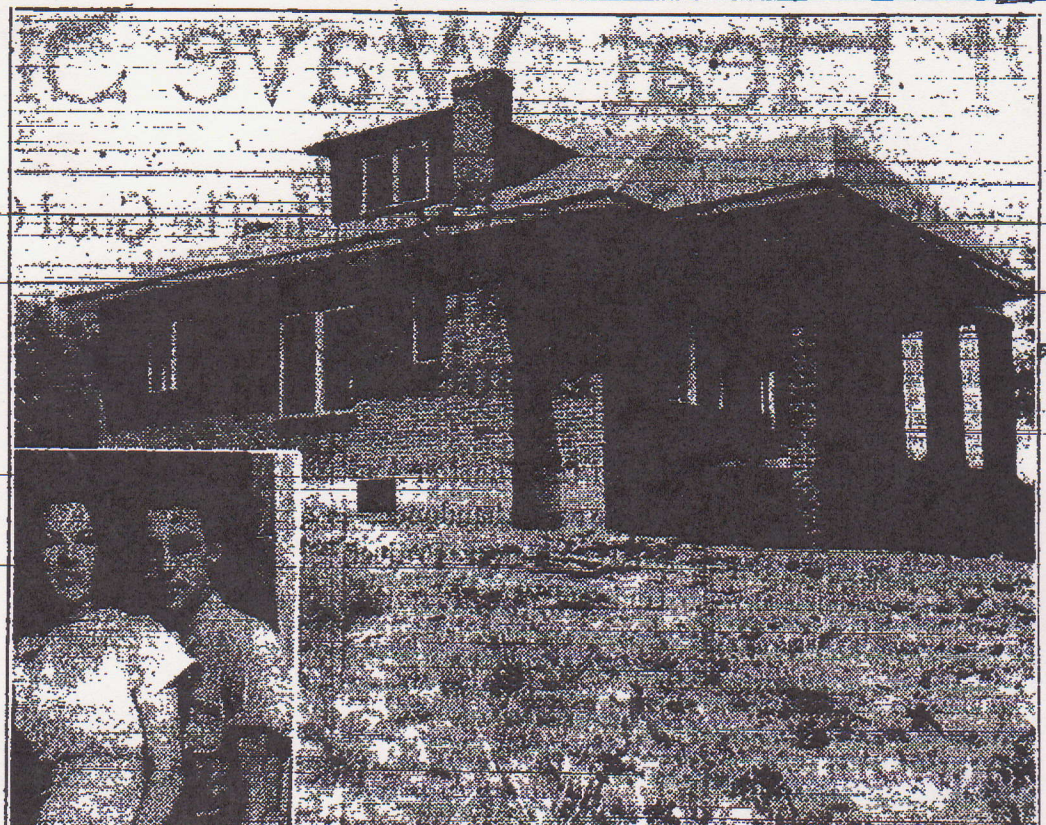
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The House That Melvin And Mary Built



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Actors To Appear Here



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The house will have a living room, with a fireplace, dining room, kitchen, breakfast room, two bedrooms and bath. The attic is going to be made into one large room. It will be heated by a furnace and hot-water system.

The house, incidentally, is uniquely insulated. Between the wood framing and the brick casing are hundreds of newspaper mats, discarded after they had been used as forms for metal plates with which the World-News is printed.

Melvin does most of the carpenter work, his bride, handing him the boards, and helping hold them in place while he drives the nails. The ceiling of the front porch, and all of the framing for the partitions between the rooms have been completed.

The window frames have just been installed, and before they do more on the interior of the house they plan to install the windows.

By doing most of the work themselves, they expect to save about \$1,500 to \$1,700 on the house. It will cost in materials and outside labor, about \$1,800 to \$2,000, and they estimate that if it were built by a contractor it would cost about \$3,500.

"We weren't in a hurry for the house," they said, "and we figured we could build it as we liked as we went along. We haven't made but a few minor changes in the original plans, however."

Trained Here.

Mrs. Bryant is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Coffman, of Fincoastle. She attended school at Daleville, and is a graduate nurse, having completed her training course at Lewis-Gale hospital. She is 24.

Her husband, who is also 24 years of age, attended school in Roanoke, graduating from Jefferson high school. He has been working at a filling station on Patterson avenue, S. W., for three years.

At present they live with Melvin's father, G. C. Bryant, on Woodlawn avenue. Their home fronts on the intersection of Woodlawn avenue and Greenbrier avenue.

City Is to Send Girl to Tobacco Festival Sept. 10

A local girl will be designated as "Miss Roanoke" and will be sent to South Boston to represent the city at the second annual national tobacco festival, September 10 and 11. It was said today by Ben P. Moomaw, secretary of the chamber of commerce.

Along with girls from 25 Virginia and North Carolina cities, she will serve as maid of honor to the "queen" of the festival, Miss Eva Mark-Wardlaw, daughter of the British naval attaché at Washington.

The Roanoke Woman's club, Junior League and Junior Women's club will be asked to nominate candidates from which group "Miss Roanoke" will be selected.



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MILDRED LEWIS SUFFERING FROM SERIOUS WOUND

Roanoke Girl Reported to Have Shot Self at Clifton Forge.

Clifton Forge, July 11, (Special).—

Mildred F. Lewis, about 30, a book-keeper in the office of the American Oil Company, Roanoke, is in a serious condition at Chesapeake and Ohio hospital here with a bullet wound in the abdomen which caused seven perforations. She was said to have told hospital attendants and her mother that she fired the shot accidentally. An operation was performed last night and transfusions were being given.

The shooting was done at the home of Miss Lewis' mother, Mrs. J. Warner Lewis, between 9 and 10 o'clock last night after the girl had come from Roanoke to spend the week-end. When she reached the dwelling none of the family was present, the mother being down town. A roomer was in bed.

Called For Ambulance. It was found that the girl took a pistol from her mother's room, went to a small room adjoining the kitchen, and fired. She then called the C. & O. hospital and asked that an ambulance be sent on an emergency case.

The mother learned of the shooting when she reached home some time later and hurried to the hospital. The girl told her where she had left the pistol and it was found.

It was learned from Mrs. Lewis that a fellow employee at the oil company's office in Roanoke, called yesterday afternoon to know if her daughter had reached home, apparently desiring to ask her about some detail of her work.

Miss Lewis lived in Roanoke with a sister, Mrs. R. R. Burger, of 516 Church Ave. S. W. Her father died several months ago and she is said to have grieved a good deal over his death.

Officials of the oil company here said that Miss Lewis was a "very desirable and satisfactory employee" and that they knew of no reason for her act. She was somewhat affected by the

CITY ATTORNEY ASKED TO DRAFT TWO ORDINANCES

Measures Would Limit Truck Parking and Curb Automobile Horns.

City council yesterday afternoon requested R. C. Jackson, city attorney, to prepare ordinances forbidding the parking of commercial trucks in residential areas for more than two hours and the excessive blowing of automobile horns. Preparation of the latter ordinance was in accordance with Judge Jackson's own suggestion.

The matter of extended parking of trucks in residential areas was raised in a letter from H. F. Roberts, of 1621 Patterson avenue, who objected to his neighbor parking beer trucks in front of his home on Sunday.

Mayor Sydney F. Small told Council that if the case was the only one, he might not be disposed to take general action, but that complaints of the sort are numerous and he believed something ought to be done to stop the practice. Other councilmen agreed with him. City Manager W. P. Hunter said that there is no ordinance to cover the subject now, but suggested that one be drawn to place a definite time limit on parking of that sort.

James A. Bear said he was in favor of preventing lengthy parking of commercial trucks "anywhere in the city" except where they were loading and unloading.

Judge Jackson was asked to define residential areas according to the zoning ordinance in drafting the ordinance. Mr. Hunter said that this might result in some congestion in the business and light industrial areas, but he thought that could be handled and if it could not the ordinance could be changed later.

Public Library Features Essays

Essays and books about essays are among the featured exhibits in the Roanoke public library this week with the volumes of Charles Lamb and Robert Louis Stevenson heading the list.

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Local Boy in Cast.

Thomas J. Hughes, Jr., a local boy, takes the part of Geoffrey in the "Vinegar Tree" and is also in "Bury the Dead." Mr. Hughes made his professional debut last season in New York with his performance in "Entre Nous."

The cast as it appeared in Abingdon in the "Vinegar Tree" was: Max. Blaine—Cordner, Winnifred, Alice Buchanan, Augustus, Tomes Chapman, Louis, Thomas Coley, Laura, Doris Rich, Leone, Madeira Schwartz, Geoffrey, Thomas Hughes.

The proceeds from the play will be used to further the work of the Roanoke County Woman's Club. The president of the club is Mrs. T. T. Harris, chairman for the play, Mrs. J. H. Cunningham, publicity; Mrs. J. H. Whitner, tickets; Mrs. Brinton King, advertising; Mrs. M. H. Stiff, Jr., and Mrs. C. H. Murphy. Tickets will be on sale at Eneberry's Thursday, 162, Friday and Saturday. The Barter Theatre Players have made phenomenal success this season having played to packed houses in Bristol, Wytheville, Pulaski, Johnson City, Blacksburg, and many other places.

List of Sponsors.

The following sponsors are announced for the plays: Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Harris, Mrs. J. H. Whitner, Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Brinton King, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Irvin, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brubaker, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Foster, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bourne, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Max Stiff, Mrs. J. M. Gish, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rowell, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Akers, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Beckner, Mr. and Mrs. Mont Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bowman, Miss Jessie Hammersley, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Seanor, Mrs. George Payne, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Walthall, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Long, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Crouch.

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