

# Increased housing costs to result in economizing

Increased housing costs will bring about dramatic changes in the looks of Texas homes of the future, predicts a research economist with the Texas Real Estate Research Center (TRERC).

Dr. Roger P. Sindt of the TRERC Research Division reports that higher costs of shelter will cause housing consumption patterns in Texas to continue to change markedly.

For home buyers, those changes will take many forms. For example, despite rising square footage costs, a reduction in floor area may reach a point where further decreases cannot be made.

Sindt said that garages, which in the past have been finished to nearly the same standards as heated and

cooled living areas, will give way to carports.

New homes will continue to feature fewer built-in appliances as standard equipment. However, the savings will be illusory since consumers will be required to buy under short-term debt arrangements the appliances they could have financed under long-term mortgage conditions previously. Specific items in this category are stoves, dishwashers, trash compactors and garbage disposals.

"Other standard items, such as fireplaces, patios and walkways, will become optional, extra-cost features," says Sindt. "More cabinetry will be factory-built and delivered to the house for installation."

Landscaping, lawn sodding and underground utilities are likely to

become extra-cost options, he predicted.

Some housing changes will occur because of advances in design and others because of the changing quality of materials. More attention will be given to housing designs using space more efficiently.

Texas home buyers of the future will see quality in heavier insulation and orientation of the home on the lot to use the sun, shade and other natural factors more efficiently.

"More efficient heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems are currently available," said the real estate researcher, "and informed home buyers will compare the efficiency ratings of the installed appliances to reduce the life-cycle costs of home ownership."

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Experimental animals tested for arterial sclerosis

By EDITH CHENAULT

You're walking down Ireland Street and you hear a rooster crowing. No, you're not going crazy. The sound is coming from that white building over there. But, what is it?

"It" is one of the experimental roosters located in one of the barrack-type buildings that line Ireland Street behind the Printing Center. The roosters are owned by Dr. Clifford Sherry, a biology department professor, and are part of his experimental work.

Part of his work is with the study of the neurochemical basis for aggressive behavior. It seems that when mice are placed in separate pens

where they can still see each other, it causes a permanent change in the neurochemicals in the brain that stimulate aggressive behavior. The main purpose of this experiment is to find out if roosters isolated in this manner will be affected the same way.

Another experiment of Sherry's also involves chickens. In poultry there is a pecking order much like a caste system in humans. Ordinarily, a chicken that is at the lower end of the pecking order can avoid those higher than him and there is very little stress placed on that chicken, mentally or physically. Sherry places newborn chickens in a cage where it is difficult for any of the chickens to avoid one another. The purpose of

this is to see whether the stress placed on the chickens could cause arterial sclerosis, or a hardening of the walls of the arteries. There are two sets of birds; one set is fed a high cholesterol diet, and the other set is not. This enables Sherry to judge whether it is the high stress factor or the diet causing the sclerosis. The chickens will hopefully serve as a basis to judge whether the stress factor is what causes arterial sclerosis in humans.

Sherry is conducting a similar study with white mice. They are placed in close quarters like the chickens and fed the same type of diet. Like the chickens, they will be killed and the interior of their arteries examined.

# Prison systems Overcrowding

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The number of federal prisoners has reached a record high and prisons are crowded 22 per cent beyond the capacity they were built to hold, Atty. Gen. Edward H. Levi says.

Levi said Sunday that as of March 7, the total had reached 26,047. The previous record was 25,355 in June 1962, he said.

Levi said the number of federal prisoners increased by 3,000 in the year ending March 7. But two-thirds of the increase has occurred since Jan. 1, he said in a statement.

The facilities were built to hold 21,322 inmates, and the current population is 22 per cent more than capacity.

Norman A. Carlson, director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, noted that the increase is part of a nationwide trend which also has left many state prisons overburdened.

Some state prison systems are under court orders to remedy overcrowded conditions. Officials at some overcrowded state prisons have refused to accept additional inmates, and this has caused serious overcrowding at many local jails.

Carlson said nearly 250,000 persons were imprisoned in state and

federal institutions on Jan. 1, 24,000 more than the figure earlier.

Carlson attributed the increasing crime rates, increases in number of prosecutions and conditions and increases in prison sentences and length of prison sentences.

# Closing up

Associated Press

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Less than a month ago the Chattanooga jail was filled to overflowing with 300 prisoners. Sunday there were 7,000 people inside — all free.

The thousands turned out for a last look at the jail, with its gallows and dungeons, which is to be demolished.

An open house invitation produced a line stretching at times during the day for more than a block outside the 1886 structure.

One woman glanced into a cell where water trickled down the rusted and blackened walls.

"It's horrible," she said. "You

mean they actually kept locked up in here?"

The gallows and the dungeons which haven't been used for decades, were among the chief points of interest Sunday.

Another was the private cell in which former Teamster union chief James Hoffa was housed the lengthy jury tampering here which resulted in his prison sentence.

The county now has a new \$8 million high-rise criminal justice structure next door. To handle 394 prisoners and will be able to house more when another opened.

"The amazing part is how sheriff and his deputies have been able to keep anybody in here," Tom Morrison, a member of the county grand jury who took the

# Road material found in nature

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