

More \$\$'s Spent For Home Improv

To what extent are homeowners in Colorado County going in for alterations, improvements and additions to their properties these days? How much are they spending per year in that direction?

According to government figures, they are putting more money than usual into such refurbishing. That is the trend, also, in most other parts of the country.

The findings are that owner-occupants of one-family homes in the United States spent a total of \$48.9 billion in 1976 for upkeep and improvement.

That was about 20 percent more than the \$35.6 billion expended in 1974, when a similar survey was conducted. Much of the increase is attributed to the higher cost of labor and materials.

In Colorado County, an estimated \$2,948,000 was spent for such renovations in the past year, based upon a survey of residential properties in its regional area.

That was at the average rate of \$477 per local housing unit. It compares with the \$360 per unit in 1974.

Not included in these figures are the normal, every-day household operational expenses.

The findings are based upon regional data compiled by the Department of Commerce through a sampling survey covering all sections of the country and upon statistics from other sources.

For some homeowners, those who went in for major alterations and improvements, the outlay ran much higher than average. Others, who may have done considerable upgrading a year or two before, did less this time.

In general, according to a breakdown of the overall figures, about 72 percent of the expenditures were for additions, alterations and major replacements.

The other 28 percent was for maintenance and repairs. The biggest item in this category was painting, followed by plumbing and roofing.

Much of the \$2,948,000 spent in Colorado County went to local merchants selling building supplies and equipment as homeowners, to heavy down roots, undertook many of the repair and remodeling jobs themselves.

Raider Band Freshmen Prep For Performance



As in the case each year, senior members of the Blue Raider Band are anxious to help their freshmen learn to march. The picture is of senior Jane Dostal (left) as she helps freshman trombone players (left to right) Betty Garza, John Stephens, Janie Clipson and Jimmy English during section rehearsal master the forward march, in preparation for the first half time performance in Columbus Friday night.

Eleven WMU Members Attend Glorieta Conf.

During the week of August 6-12 eleven members of the WMU of the First Baptist Church made an enjoyable trip by van to the Glorieta Baptist Conference Center in Glorieta, New Mexico for the Foreign Mission Conference.

The theme for the week was: "Let the Church Reach Out: Global Discipleship." Thus the church, with a diversity of gifts, amid difficulty, by God's calling, and because of God's purpose.

The International Lawes Party held in the beautiful Glorieta Gardens was of special interest as guests met and conversed with missionaries in their colorful national dress. The missionaries graciously consented to having numerous pictures taken of them.

The Adult Bible Class was taught by H. Cornell Goerner; his subject was "All Nations in the Purpose of God." Another session enjoyed by many was "The Difference Christ Makes," short talks by various missionaries. Those attending the above sessions were Virginia Bauer, Dorothy Nelson, Frances Powers, Rose Lange, Katherine York, Clara May Nash, Bertha Davidson, Macy Walker and Sue Brierley.

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Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



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HAIRDRESSERS Attend Seminar

Hairstylists from Eagle Lake attended Zoto's Fall of 1977 Hair Styling Designer Seminar in Austin Sunday, August 28th.

They previewed upcoming styles for this fall featuring precision hair cutting and air styling. They were also informed of Zoto's exciting new Texturizing procedure.

Those attending were: Jackie Laake of Jackie's Hair Fashions; Inez Matura, Bea Motz and Debbie Brune of Morte Norman; and Linda Matura of the Diplomat salon.

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The other refectory table was also covered with yellow lace and skirted with gold tulle. Each place on the table was a rake-shaped like an open Bible with the inscription, "Happy Anniversary Mom and Dad, August 21, 1927-1977." The rake was placed before three-branch silver candelabra flanked by a silver vase of white mums and fern.

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Miss Karen Stallman Honored At Luncheon

Miss Karen Stallman of Dallas, bride-elect of Dr. David W. Raster of Dallas, was honored at the Holiday Inn, Jr. in Columbus on Saturday, August 20th, at twelve noon with a bridal luncheon by her aunt, Madeline W. C. Smith and John Foley of Garwood.

A beautiful dried arrangement with silk flowers in fall colors centered the table. The menu consisted of creamed vegetable soup, fruit plate with cottage cheese, raisin toast, coffee, iced tea, pineapple and lime sherbet.

At the close of the luncheon the hostesses presented the honoree with the gift of the dried arrangement.

Besides the bride's mother, Mrs. Neal Stallman of Garwood, and the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. David L. Raster of Tyler, guests included the bride's sisters, Misses Connie and Carmen Stallman of Houston; the groom's sister, Miss Debbie Raster of Huntsville; bride's aunts, Mrs. Wilton Stallman of Columbus, Mrs. Charles Pollock of Houston, Mrs. Leon Pollock of Galveston; and the bride's cousin, Mrs. Mitchell Smith of Garwood.

Local Members Attend AARP Workshop

The American Association of Retired Persons conducted a workshop for a seven-chapter area at the Holiday Inn in Columbus last Wednesday, August 24th.

Registration began at 9 a.m. A very interesting and informative clinic was held with the leadership of Fred Plunk and Mrs. Bertie Alford, both state officials, bringing films and a discussion of the organization.

Those attending from Eagle Lake chapter were: Grace S. Towell, president; Albert Postojovsky, second vice president; Geraldine Cason, secretary; Sophie Zoller, treasurer; Rose Lange, Fonda Phillips and Victor Corman, board members.

Martha S.S. Class Hears Of Glorieta Trip

The Martha Sunday School class of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. J. K. Davidson the evening of August 18.

Mrs. Herman Boothe presided over the business session. After requests for prayer had been made, Mrs. Frank Bowen led the group in prayer. Then, Mrs. Paul Powers gave interesting and inspirational highlights from

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DAVIDSON RITES

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Reverend Master's Degree: Miss Barbara Johnson's friends will be interested to know that she received her Master of Education degree from Prairie View A&M University, Aug. 7th.