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HE BUILT IT HIMSELF AND SAVED \$8,500



ALL OF THE FINE WOODWORK in this paint store in Indiana was worked by Ervin Behrick of Mount Vernon on the Planer that once represented a hobby and now is a vital part of his business.

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Wood-Working Hobby Now Good Business

[BULLETIN HONORABLE MENTION]

Ervin Behrick was forced by conditions beyond his control to go into business for himself.

Behrick, of 917 West Fourth street, Mt. Vernon, Indiana, is 48 years old. He has been a carpenter since he was 16.

"About a year and a half ago I got arthritis of the spine and had to quit work," he says. "After working all these years, I did not know what to do with myself, just sitting around. So I went into business for myself."

For several years Behrick had had a work shop as a hobby. He turned to that when he decided to go into business.

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THIS IS a Do-It-All-Yourself house.

It was built by John H. Heavener of Route No. 3, Charlottesville, Virginia.

This is what he calls a modular-type house, with six rooms and a utility room and three compartment bath.

"I value the house at about \$12,500," Heavener says. "I have less than \$4,000 invested in material, including all the fixtures, transportation expense from Charlottesville for the two years I was working on it, the price of my Belsaw Planer, etc."

Heavener also has a light Belsaw mill.

From his own experience, he says:

"With a Belsaw Mill and Planer with attachments, a person should be able to build this type of house for 25 per cent less than a conventional house and include the price of the small mill and planer.

"Not considering the price of the tools as a cost price, one should build for 25 to 50 per cent less than in building a conventional house without the use of the Belsaw equipment and still hire all labor.

"It sounds fantastic but I can prove it by doing it."

The only help Heavener had was some from a teenage son during his vacations from school.

Not a Carpenter by Trade

This home builder is not a professional carpenter. Yet with the proper equipment, he built a \$12,500 home for less than \$4,000.

"I am 57," he says. "I have two college degrees, specializing in accountancy and business administration but I have not worked at my profession for 15 years. Too dry and uninteresting. I like to create things."

About eight years ago he designed some knives for his Belsaw Planer and the company made them to his specifications.

The paneling in the living room of his home was made with those knives.

"The wood is white heart pine, or 'Punkin' pine as it is known hereabouts," he says. "It gets that name because some of the knots are large and red."

There is some paneling in other rooms and plenty of builtins in his home.

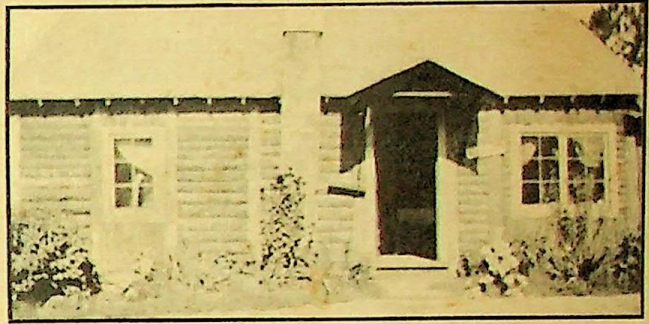
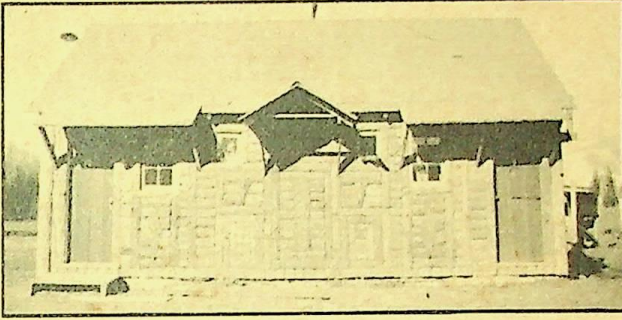
"I developed the knives to make the paneling so I could select my own wood for my own purpose," he says, "and also to cut costs. I saved the price of the planer on just the living room paneling."

Heavener made his joists and sills from heavy oak. The remainder of his lumber is white and yellow pine. The "Punkin" wood was waste material until he salvaged it.

All the finished woodwork was handled on the Belsaw Planer.

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Builds Motel with Belsaw Mill and Planer



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WITH a Belsaw mill and planer, Roy Cowley of Booners Ferry, Idaho, built his own motel, sawing his lumber from timber on 160 acres he owns.

He has eight cabins, one of them the main house, a 1½-story building. All of them were built from lumber he sawed and planed from Tamrick fir and pine.

Cowley bought his sawmill ten years ago when he started to build the Rustic Motel.

"I could have taken my logs to other mills but at that time government restrictions were on and I couldn't get them sawed without a permit and I couldn't get a permit because I had no priority," he said.

"So I got a used Belsaw mill and had 43,000 feet cut before I ordered the Belsaw planer."

He said the mill did such a good job of sawing that he only had to take a 1/32-inch chip with the planer to get No. 1 lumber.

He figures his logs were worth \$20 to \$30 per 1,000 log measure and mill lumber No. 1 was close to \$200. The way he cut his logs, he added, gave him 20 per cent more than scale.

Cowley now is 63 years old. He'd never run a sawmill before he got

the used Belsaw and had only worked around mills a few days. But his father was a carpenter and Cowley himself was a handy man with experience in farm construction, wiring and plumbing.

"Oh, I had quite a time at first learning how to saw," he said. "This mill fed ½-inch to the RPM. It was a 40-inch IP 26 teeth so I set the feed up to 1 inch to the RPM."

He sided his cabins with picked slabs.

TAKES FRIEND'S ADVICE

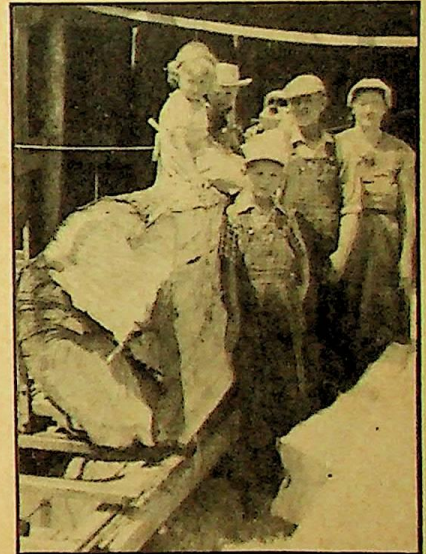
A satisfied customer is the best advertisement for any product. That's how William Turberville of Worthington, Pennsylvania, happened to become a Belsaw operator—a friend sold him on the machine.

"R. F. Woodcock of Northeast, Pennsylvania, demonstrated his older model Belsaw and readily assured me that the Model D Mill should be a good investment considering the very satisfactory service he has gotten from his mill," Turberville said.

"He also told me that the Belsaw people were very fair to deal with, which I have since had the satisfaction of finding out."

As for his own experience with a Belsaw, Turberville went on:

"The Model D is a great little big mill. Little enough to saw logs or sticks that will make only a 2-by-4 and big enough to handle tough logs that have produced me up to 450 feet of lumber."



This 12-foot maple log made 473 feet of lumber, Allen Parrshall, Route No. 1, Shelbyville, Missouri, reports.

"My wife, 9-year-old boy and I have been doing all of our sawing on the Belsaw without any help," he says.

"We sawed two 18-foot sycamore logs that made 900 feet."

Belsaw Easy To Operate

Tom Levely of Ballengee, West Virginia, reports it was easy to learn to operate the Belsaw Sharpener.

"I got \$5.60 for the first two 30-inch saws I fixed but I almost had to make the customer a new saw for when I started on them they were just about worn out," Levely says.

"The customer was pleased with the job. He said the saws worked fine and my worked saved him from buying new ones."

I run a Saw Shop and use a Belsaw. I think this machine is the most wonderful machine of all. My circular saws make me more money than my hand saws and it is a lot easier work with very little expense.

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