

### Decorators Launch Attack Against Conformity in Homes

The Bugaboo of look-alike home decoration is being attacked by modern interior designers in many ingenious ways.

First, it was the look-alike city apartments that set the stage for conformity. Since little could be done by the tenant, it meant seeking out interesting color schemes and accessories.

Now, in the suburbs, there is row after row of look-alike houses, exterior as well as interior. Landscaping and plantings, as well as interesting paint color schemes, take care of the exteriors, which, like the interiors, are built to a master plan for economic reasons.

Indoors, a small investment can work wonders in distinctive flooring or walls to achieve not only an individual appearance but one of great interest and distinction.

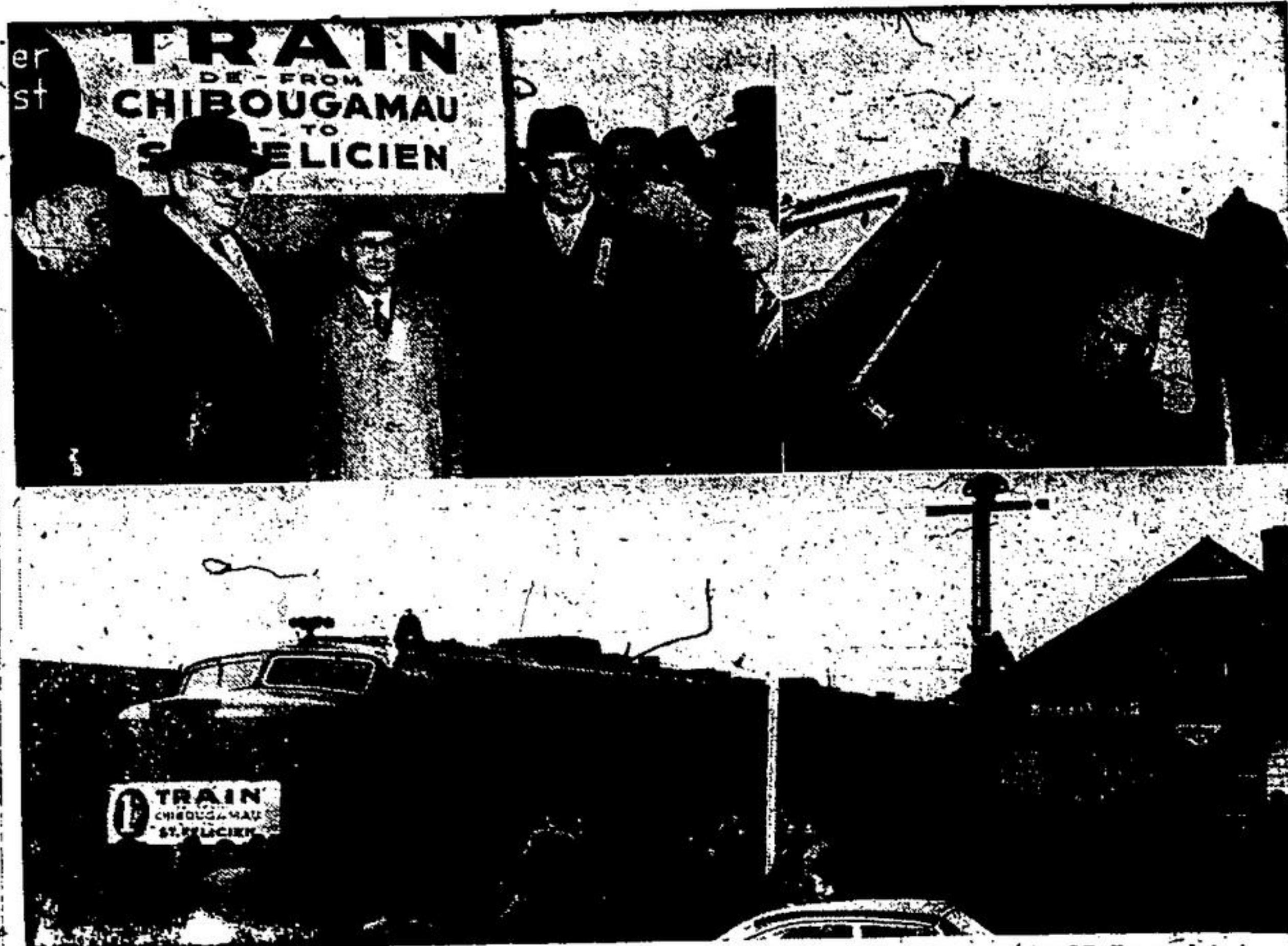
How?  
One solution to the problem is found in the use of natural stone for interior floors to match stone-paved patios. This decorative technique, popular in ancient Greece and Rome, is one which modern decorators are adapting very successfully in contemporary homes.

By giving the effect of extending the interior stone floors beyond the walls into the patio an illusion of spacious dimensions is achieved. And, of course, the use of stone flooring, either in a random or geometrical pattern, immediately gives an elegant custom look to the rooms at a relatively small investment. Decorative types of stones suitable for flooring, both indoors and out, include slate, quartzite, limestone, flagstone, blue stone, granite, sandstone and, of course, marble.

Nowadays, new methods of quarrying have developed stone to pre-cut sizes and designs which are easy to install.

The wide range of muted hues available at local stone yards, ranging from charcoal gray and smoky blues to soft pinks and yellows, proves wide inspiration to modern designers and fits harmoniously into either traditional or modern layouts.

Just as in fabric, modern stones offer a variety of decorative textures as well as a



(Canadian National Railways photos)

### CNR OPENS NEW RAIL LINE IN QUEBEC

Continuing its historic development role, Canadian National Railways marked another transportation milestone October 28 when the first train from Chibougamau in northern Quebec rumbled into St. Felicien in the Lake St. John area, 133 miles to the southwest. Welcoming scene, shown below, drew hundreds of residents of the region to the St. Felicien station as President Donald Gordon, waving from the engine cab, inched the diesel-hauled train to a stop. Among the dignitaries on hand,

shown at left, above, were, left to right: Quebec Minister of Roads Antonio Talbot, Mr. Gordon, Mayor Rodolphe Lefebvre of St. Felicien, Federal Transport Minister George Hees, and Jean-Noel Tremblay, MP for Roberval. Chibougamau, rich in mineral resources, was linked by rail with CNR system two years ago. Opening of the new link brings Chibougamau 200 miles closer to Montreal; opens up the heavily forested area northwest of St. Felicien. New section cost \$16,500,000 to build.

broad spectrum of colors. Heavily ribbed effects, for example, are in high favor, as a complement to ribbed effects in draperies and upholstery materials.

The variety of design opportunity afforded by modern quarried stone is limited only by imagination.

As for the actual job, plans for installing pre-cut flooring of stone, or stone for walls or fireplaces, can be obtained from local stone yards. By use of random or geometric patterns for stone flooring, with a patio

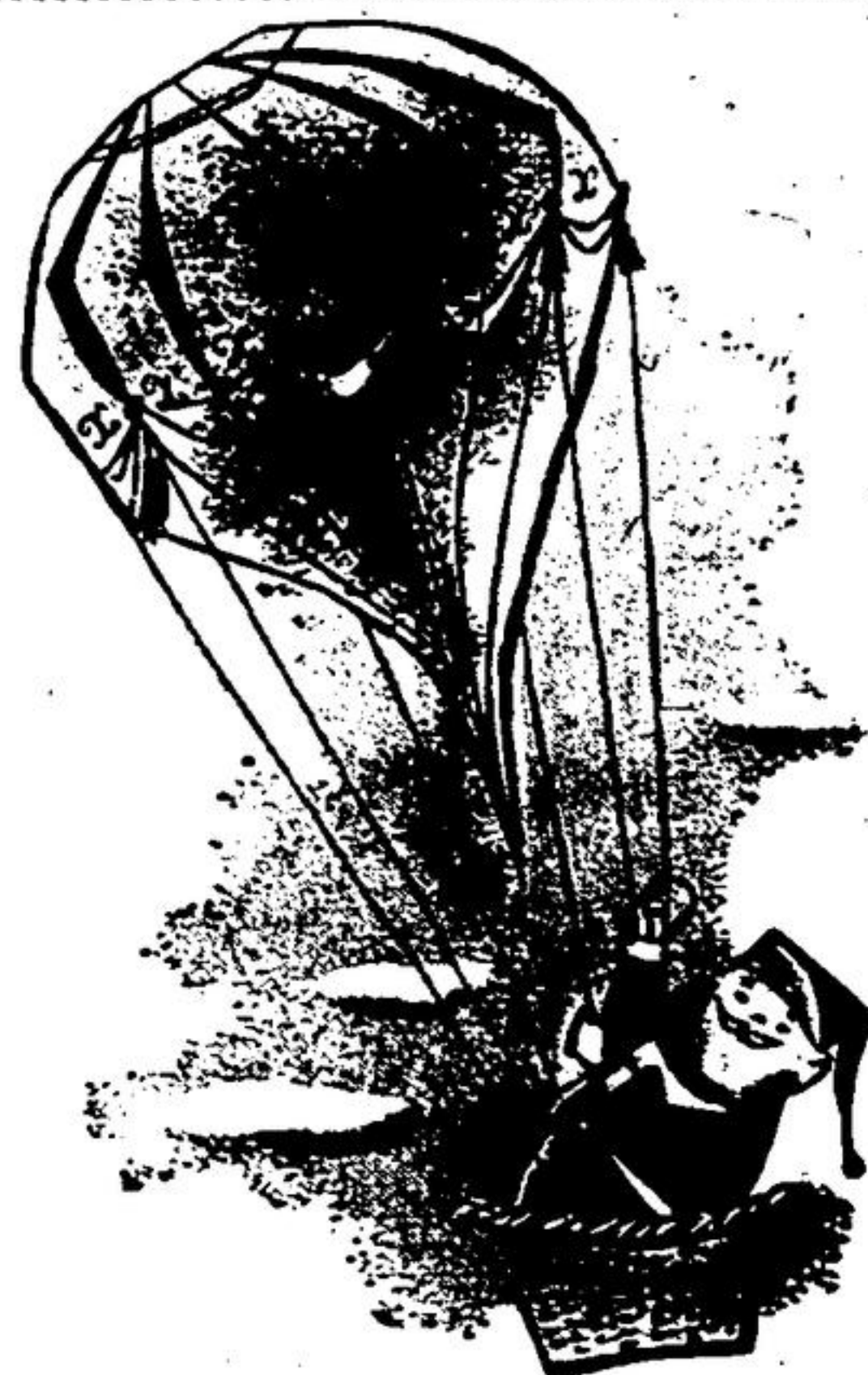
in matching design, home owners can do a fine job of achieving a handsome and individual home and give the impression



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### HORNBY Dedicate Texas Holiday At Institute Meeting

The Christmas meeting of the Hornby Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. G. Bussell on Dec. 9th with twelve members present also one visitor and one child. Mrs. Coulton, the president was in charge of the business and Christmas donations were made to the retarded children's school, the Children's Aid and the Halton Manor, as well as to Care and the World Refugee Year. A poem entitled "Snooping Around" was read by Mrs. Coulton, and the meeting turned over to the convener, Mrs. C. Ford who introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Wm. McMadden. Mrs. McMadden described a trip she and her husband had taken to Brownsville, Texas, and said it was an ideal place for a holiday. They found the people so friendly. Mrs. Bussell expressed the pleasure of the ladies in having the speaker with them. A Christmas carol was sung and Mrs. P. Merry read a story entitled "Birdie's Christmas Party." An exchange of gifts took place with Mrs. Merry acting as Santa. A pleasant time was then spent over the tea cups and Mrs. McMadden showed some of the things she had brought back from Texas. Mrs. Roy Wilson and Mrs. S. May assisted the hostess.

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