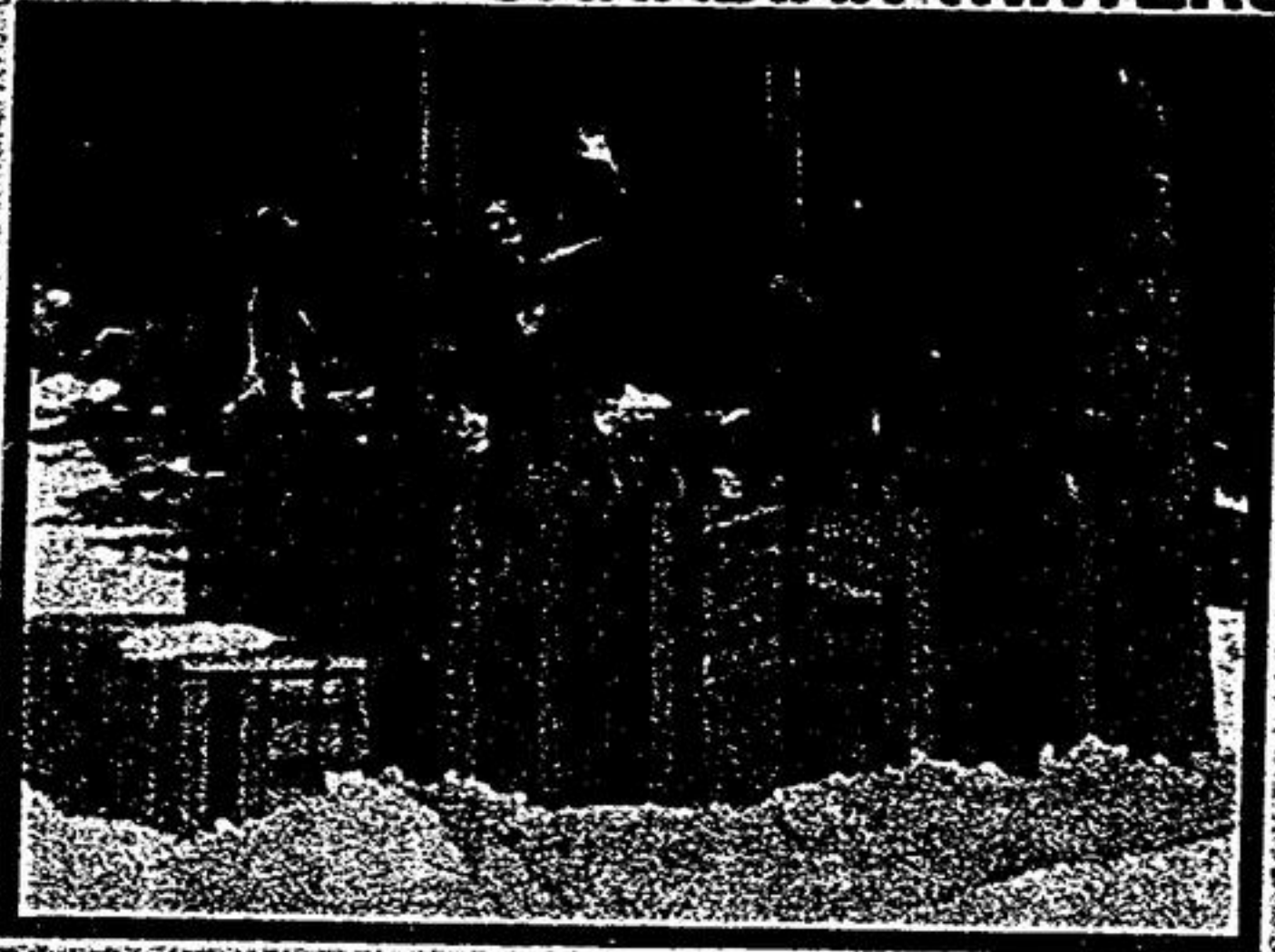


# Home Impressions

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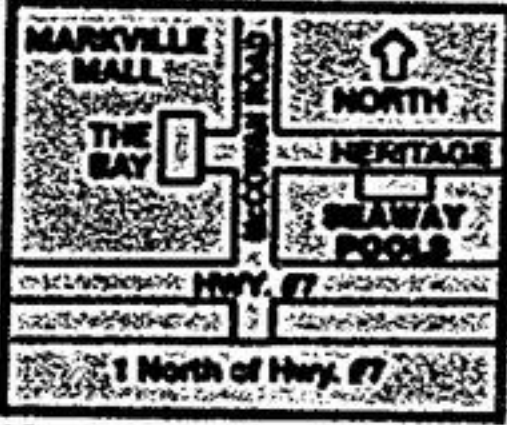
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When it comes to revamping bathrooms, today's consumers have more choices than ever before. Modern sinks and tubs come in a wide array of colors, shapes and price ranges —

with something to suit virtually every taste and budget. However, if you have a small bathroom and a limited budget, you don't have a lot of options when it

comes to remodeling. Short of knocking down walls, there isn't much you can do to increase the physical size of a small room.

If you fit into this category, but want to give your bathroom a new, roomier look, don't despair. By using just a few simple and fairly inexpensive tricks, you can make your bathroom appear much more spacious.

Before you begin, remember the old adage that "simpler is better." Excessive decoration and bold, overpowering patterns can make a room appear much smaller than it really is.

Try to avoid loud wallpaper or too many ornate accessories. Remember, you want a clean, uncluttered look.

Color is another factor to consider. Dark colors may make a room seem more cozy and inviting, but they make it appear smaller as well. Try using lighter colors on the walls and ceiling. Basic colors like white or cream look attractive and allow you greater versatility when it comes to choosing accessories.

If you have dark, decorative walls and floor tiles (or flooring) with large patterns, you might want to consider replacing them with something simpler. For example, you could replace the wall tiles with plain tiles and an attractive patterned border.

Clear or pastel shower curtains with a light, airy pattern can help open up the room. Use of area rugs as opposed to wall-to-wall carpeting also helps create a more spacious look.

Installation of a pedestal sink can create more room both visually and physically.

Most of all, be creative. If you have an older home with a wall-hung sink, you may want to think twice about replacing it. Though often small in size, these sinks can be given a new look when fitted with attractive skirting.

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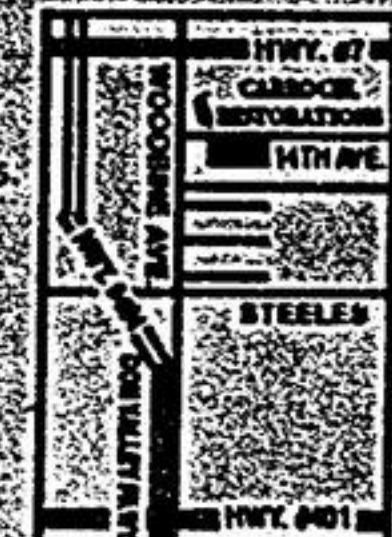
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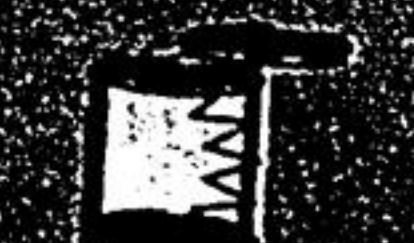
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