

Twenty one standard plans are available to choose from.

## FARM BUILDING CONTRACTORS MOVE INTO HOME MARKET

### Build Yourself A Steel Home?

Clear span, steel construction has revolutionized farm buildings in recent years. Now, that same kind of construction is moving fast into home dwellings.

A Texas company, Tri-Steel Structure of Denton, is leading the way. The company has been supplying steel homes for 7 years and predicts that "some day, most homes will be built this way."

Tri-Steel homes use the same basic engineering that goes into grain buildings and machine sheds. The result is a home "with better wind resistance, higher snow load factor, and practically no maintenance requirements. It is low cost and energy efficient.

"Our homes have a unique, attractive appearance," says Brad Robertson, a spokesman for Tri-Steel. "We offer 21 standard plans which can have many variations. We build single and multi-family houses in any size from 800 sq. ft. on up.

"We find that our costs are 30% less than conventional housing. We can insulate walls with 9 in. of fiberglass, which gives an R value of 30 — much higher than is possible in a wood frame house," Robertson points out.

The company emphasizes that its steel homes are fireproof and that interior walls can be placed anywhere because of the clear span con-

struction. Variations to give a "homey" look include cedar end-walls, overhangs, fireplaces, lofts, dormer windows, sundecks, balconies, different roof pitches, wood siding, and special landscaping.

Tri-Steel homes are sold in basic kits that can be erected by a local contractor or a do-it-yourself owner. The kit, containing all materials to construct the shell, includes steel framing, bolts and fasteners, fiberglass insulation, siding and roofing materials, end walls, and furring strips for interior wall panelling. It does not include interior wall framing materials, foundation materials, or plumbing. However, kits for cabinets, fireplaces, windows and doors are available as extras.

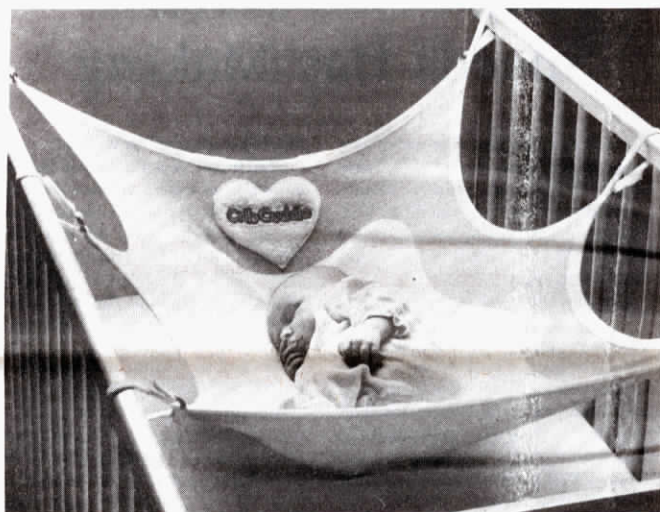
The house shell kit costs as little as \$11 per sq. ft., and a finished house totals up to about \$25 per sq. ft. For example, the two-story, 30 by 36 "Double Eagle" can be put up complete for just over \$50,000 in the Dallas-Ft. Worth, Texas area, says Robertson.

In general, the homes meet standard building codes and are fully qualified for FHA or VA financing, according to Robertson.

For more information, contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Tri-Steel Structures, Inc., 1400 Crescent, Denton, Tex. 76201 (ph 817 566-1386).



Tri-Steel has 200 dealers throughout the U.S. and Canada.



Nine volt battery surrounds the baby with a heartbeat sound.

### PULSATES WITH SOUNDS SIMILAR TO MOTHER'S HEARTBEAT

## "Cribcuddle" Soothes Babies To Sleep

"Cribcuddle is one of the most innovative developments I've seen in infant care," says Patricia Wilbarger, coordinator of developmental services at Ventura County California Hospital Intensive Care Nursery, where the new Cribcuddle — a "hammock" for babies that pulsates with a sound similar to a mother's heartbeat — is being used.

Manufactured by Infacare, Laguna Hills, Cal., Cribcuddle fastens to any normal sized crib with 6 velour safety straps that attach to the side rails of the crib.

Roy Taylor, marketing director for Infacare says, "Cribcuddle helps babies a number of ways. First, the heartbeat sound and pulsations the baby hears and feels makes it more content. Clinical tests in intensive

care nurseries reveal that new babies that listen to the sound of a normal heartbeat cry less than babies that listen to lullabies.

The heartbeat sound and feeling is produced by a 9 volt battery inside the plastic heart attached to the Cribcuddle. The beat resonates through the stretch terry fabric to surround the baby with the rhythmic sound and pulsating feeling.

Cribcuddle adjusts to allow babies to lie in 3 different positions. It can be machine washed and dried, sells for \$39.95, plus \$2.50 for postage and handling.

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