

Houses built by the people who'll occupy them, near completion at Dedworth, near Windsor. The last-to-be-finished of the twenty homes on the programme was handed over to Mr. and Mrs. Young, an event calling for a drink all round. Entering a new house is always a great day in anyone's life: when you've built it yourself, it's almost too good to be true. Good luck to the Youngs.

There's still a good deal to be done; paths to be made and garages built at some of the houses. But it's a labour of love. Four years ago twenty men who couldn't afford to buy new houses formed the Windsor Self-Build Housing Association, undertaking to work at the building not less than twenty-two hours a week, and for one week of their holiday. They were all as good as their word, and twenty chalet-bungalows stand there to prove it. Windsor Borough Council financed the project. The result is that by doing the work themselves the families will get homes worth three thousand pounds for eighteen hundred. Work has brought its reward. Olive Norley her husband and family are as pleased as Punch.

Inside as well as out, the bungalows are very well designed. Labour saving has been achieved, and there's central heating and parquet floors. Some of the husbands, by the way, had to go to night-school, to learn bricklaying, before starting work on the little estate. We live in an age of Do It Yourself. Most of us have had a shot at interior decorating, and been surprised to find how easy it is. But House-building! Congratulations indeed to these folk at Windsor.