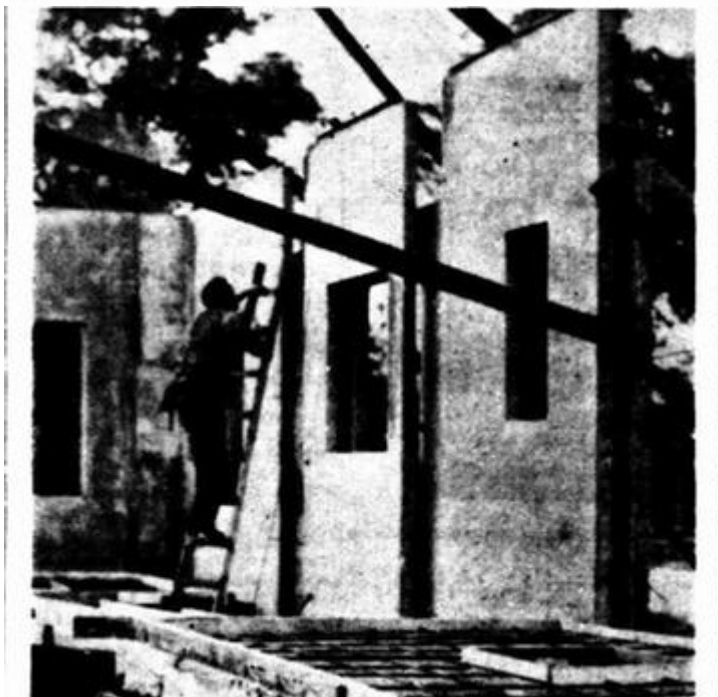


# CONCRETE HOUSE BUILDING

## Interest Shown in New Method

"Weekend critics," travellers in buses and residents of Applecross generally have regarded with interest the progress of a reinforced concrete house being built in Kintail-road, Applecross. The house is the seventh of its type under construction in the metropolitan area. The method of construction is unusual and is claimed by the contractors, the Services and Ex-services Housing Co. Ltd., to be unique throughout Australia.

Each wall is cast in one piece and when the concrete has hardened sufficiently it is hoisted on to the foundations. The corners are cast in curves and fitted into the walls





Complete walls of concrete placed in position for a house being built in Kintail-road, Applecross. In the foreground is a wooden mould in position to receive the poured concrete which, after seven days' drying, is hoisted into place. The end of the wall shows the space between the two concrete slabs.

after they have been erected. A 4in. cavity between the walls is said to prevent all dampness seeping through to the interior.

The house contains a lounge, three bedrooms, kitchen and annexe, hall, two porches, laundry, bathroom and sleepout at the back. The cost, an important factor these days, is estimated at £1,295, which is regarded by the contractors as moderate for a house of that size.

Delays in the construction of the Applecross house have been caused by the shortage of all materials manufactured in the Eastern States, particularly steel rods for reinforcements. No difficulty has been experienced in obtaining supplies of local cement. The contractors consider that, with a continuous supply of materials, such a house could be built and ready for occupation in six to eight weeks.

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