HOME PLANNING

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Make Yard A SummerResort

Back Areas Can Be Attractive

Americans are paying more attention to their "backyards." There was a time when the area back of the house, in nine out of ten American homes, on almost any street in any community was a collection of woodsheds, stables, burned piles, chicken yards and debris. Within the last ten years there has been a steady growth of the idea that, having paid for the yard, it should perform some service to every-day living during at least three months of the year.

Just as the once wasted attic and basement space inside the house is now being turned to useful purposes, so the land around the residence can be inexpensively re-arranged to offer relief from constant interior confinement.

The first requirement for outdoor living quarters is privacy, which is best accomplished with a wood fence. Either the high type or the smaller, less expensive picket types are suitable. Next comes shelter from the sun, which may be in the form of a pergola, an awning-covered terrace or a summer house. Furniture for the garden is economical and can often be built at home.

Here are a few suggestions which may help in the location and planning of your summer living room:

If you want to have the feeling of being right in the garden, build your stone terrace floor level with the surrounding ground. This will not interfere with the lawn mowing. Locate your summer living room where it can be conveniently reached from the kitchen, or provide an outdoor fireplace. Provide the summer living room with some light, movable partitions or wood screens, three-quarter room height, which will permit the family to eat beyond the gaze of passers-by and which, if available in sufficient number, can be used for arranging mid-day sun-bathing quarters. Have plenty of tables and at least one which is 4 ft. by 6 ft.

Of course you cannot start from scratch and expect to provide perfect summer living quarters in one season because, instead of wall paper, curtains and rugs, the interior decorations are composed of grass, shrubbery, hedges, trees and flowers. Make your start this year with the necessary yard enclosure—the fence. This is equivalent to the walls of your normal living room.

If you need suggestions, cost estimates, help with the layout and design, or someone to actually do the job, consult your lumber dealer. He is capable of telling you the best and least expensive method of starting an out-door living room.

DRIVEWAY ADDS TO APPEARANCE OF YARD

Much has been said in these columns, in national magazines, and other periodicals, about the improvement of the front and back yards, the landscaping around the house. All these improvements add to the value of the home and to the pleasure of living in it but all these are lost if they are surrounding a messy looking driveway.

The first impression of a home is the entrance, the same is true of the yard. Your driveway is the entrance to not only your garage but your "outdoor living room." It should receive the same exacting consideration and attention as the entrance to the house.

A good driveway is a permanent one. A drive that will withstand the ravages of cold, freezing weather, and will also present an attractive appearance in the midst of flowers, shrubbery and grass. It is a driveway that will not sink or bulge. Such is the type of drive built by Permanent Roadways, Inc. of 22 Hermitage Road, Rochester. These paving specialists will be glad to have home owners consult them on driveway problems. They have numerous installations in and around Rochester, particularly many steep sloping drives. They are also specialists on tennis courts.

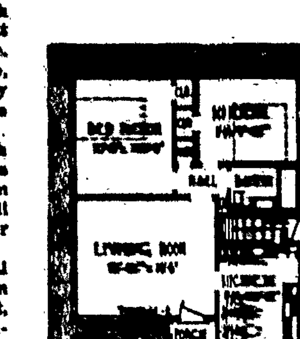
ROOF FIRES

Summertime is a good time to consider the installation of fire-resistant shingles on the house. They eliminate danger from flying chimney sparks and can be applied right over the old roof. Funds for this purpose may be obtained from qualified lending institutions under the Modernization Credit Plan of Federal Housing Administration.

KEEP INSECTS OFF PAINT

If oil of cedar or orthodichlorbenzine is placed in a shallow dish and left in a room that is being painted, insects will be kept away.

HOUSING ECONOMY FEATURED HERE



Few plans can be devised which will shelter a family of three at less cost than the one shown here. Despite the small size of the house, its simple dignity should make any beginning home builder proud to own it.

Every room in this house, with the exception of the bath, has cross-ventilation; each bedroom has a closet, and there are two hall closets—one for wraps and one for linen.

To embellish the fundamental simplicity of the porch it has been given a latticed entry way effect, and it is the only item in the entire house where money has been spent for appearance sake.

As A Woman Sees A Home

PLANNING YOUR NEW KITCHEN

By DOROTHY CASTLE
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Now that we've discussed the method whereby each kitchen to be fitted with modern cabinetry is measured, it is easy to understand how precisely the standard-size units are fitted to particular needs. Every necessity which long experience has shown to exist is efficiently met with one or another of the several hundred standard wall and base cabinets. Their usefulness is further enhanced by means of the many standard accessories: step-shelves for the wall cabinets, to make small jars and boxes easily reachable; flour, meal and sugar compartments in several types, for either base or wall cabinet use; these and more than thirty others. Best of all, as you well know from the story of the development of the automobile and of home refrigeration, means lower prices to the consumer!

The illustration on this page shows a well-nigh perfect example of one of the several basic ideal arrangements of the work-planned kitchen. This arrangement is known as the "U" type, because of its shape as a floor-plan. Other types, applicable where the "U" cannot be used will be treated particularly when illustrations of them are shown.

Service Areas Related

The basic intention of all, however, is properly to relate the service areas of the three basic functions of the kitchen: food storage; preparation and cleaning; cooking and serving. The refrigerator forms the nucleus of the food storage centre. The sink is the principal tool in preparation and cleaning. The range is the prime unit in cooking, and from it most items of the menu find their way more or less directly to the table. Each of these centers must be provided with suitable work space, and storage cabinets must form an accessible part of the fluent whole. When this is correctly accomplished fluent is indeed the word, for the work flows in an effortless stream, naturally, unhindered, from one operation to the next.

Planned Kitchens Saves Steps

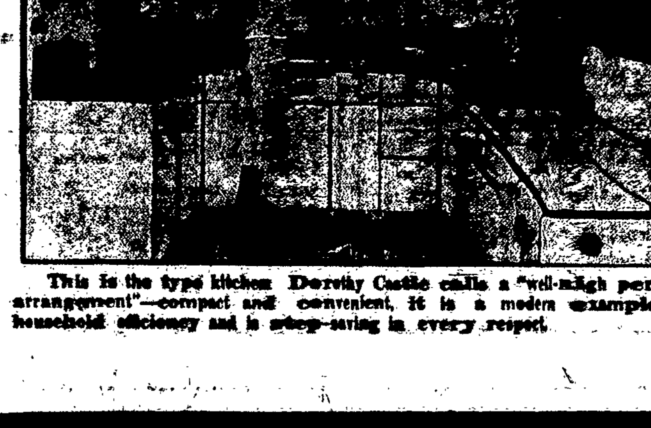
"Step-saving" is one of the terms you hear most frequently applied to the modern, planned kitchen. As you glance at the "U" type kitchen above you can see instantly why this is so. For one thing, it presents an unbroken working surface; no more trips from pantry to stove and back a dozen times between five o'clock and six! Picture to yourself the ease with which you could work in such a kitchen. The grand part of it is that the very standardization about which we spoke a moment ago has brought this convenience within your reach. No longer is such a kitchen the exclusive property of tycoons' wives and movie stars.

For the picture of how this fits into your own home and matches your own pocket-book, call the CATHOLIC COURIER, Stone 1136.

SCREEN PORCHES

The fullest enjoyment can be obtained by using open porches on hot days and evenings if they are entirely screened to keep out house flies, mosquitoes, gnats, lake flies, and other insects, which are not only irritating but also carriers of germs.

MODERN "STEP-SAVING" KITCHEN



This is the type kitchen Dorothy Castle calls a "well-nigh perfect arrangement"—compact and convenient. It is a modern example of household efficiency and is step-saving in every respect.

Remodel Attic For Extra Room

A remodeled and modernized attic offers one of the best solutions to the old problem of providing another room for a growing family with a very modest pocket-book.

Unfinished or unused attics can easily be transformed into complete livable rooms. Insulating board is one of the many materials that may be used for an economical, neat, and quick remodeling job on the attic. Requiring no painting, papering, or finishing, insulating board keeps the room warm in the Winter and cool in the Summer.

Scrubbing or scraping, followed by a couple of coats of shellac, will make the floor look like new.

When finished, the family has an additional room, adequate and comfortable, to be used either as a room for a growing child or as a cozy den for study and relaxation or a particularly suitable play-room.

Log Home Must Have Conveniences

A well-planned and well-maintained log home frequently has all of the rustic charm and simplicity that characterized early American woodcraft, but these qualities must be combined with today's standards of convenience to be ideal Summer or year-around homes.

The Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration may be used to help the owner bring modern comforts to the log house, regardless of whether it is a comparatively small cabin or a pretentious lodge. When the work is undertaken under the FHA plan, funds are obtained from qualified lending institutions.

CLEAN PAINT BRUSHES

Brushes should be thoroughly cleaned after each paint job. When not properly cleaned, the paint hardens on the bristles and when it is used in such a condition the hardened particles on the bristles make small grooves in fresh paint, resulting in an unsatisfactory finish.

Plan Home For Furniture

And Furniture For the Home

Grand pianos are intended for big rooms and so are many other pieces of furniture which are so designed that they seem incongruous in the small rooms of many present-day houses. Remember this when you plan your new home, and when you purchase furniture for it.

There is much furniture being built which is in proper scale for small and medium-sized rooms. Small-scale furniture performs all the functions of the larger sizes and in no way adversely affects the utilisation of a room. For many years period furniture sizes have been more or less abitrarily based on earlier models built to be used in houses twice the size of the average 1940 new home. Sizes were often inherited rather than calculated from modern use requirements.

Small-scale pieces will be particularly helpful in the living and dining rooms. Little can be done about the fixed sizes of beds, either double or single. Upholstered pieces of moderate size are no less comfortable, but usually less expensive. Davenports are gradually being reduced in size. Early sofas were often built to accommodate four persons, but few living rooms today can handle a davenport longer than 72 inches. From a use standpoint, larger sofas are not necessary. Just think how many times you have seen more than two people sitting on your sofa. Occasional tables have been growing smaller and lower within the last few years. For modern living an occasional or non-dining table with any dimension greater than 36 inches seems unnecessary.

When a new home planner goes into a space-saving program the dining room is frequently reduced in size because many persons consider a large dining area a luxury. The "rub" comes when moving day arrives and an attempt is made to place the old, large-size buffet in the reduced dining area. Most families need the dish storage space available in a sideboard and there is still a way to provide it without taking the six or seven feet of length needed for a long, low piece. A dish storage space, small in floor size, but tall, will store just as many dishes as the usual long, low piece . . . and work in a small room.

Another means of gaining storage area without loss of much floor space is the efficient corner cupboard. This type of storage uses otherwise wasted space and, if built in at the time the house is constructed, means just that much less furniture.

When you buy the table for the dining room be sure that it is of such a size that, with chairs in place, there is passage room back of the chairs for anyone who must bring food to the table. Most of the dining room suites ordinarily available in the furniture stores contain too many and too large pieces to comfortably fit into a room of less than 12x14 feet and still allow necessary space for travel.

KITCHEN FAN

A ventilating fan installed in the exterior wall or a window of the kitchen, with funds obtained from qualified lending institutions under the FHA Modernization Credit Plan, will assist in removing undesirable odors and hot humid air when the temperature is uncomfortable.

THE KITCHEN GUIDE

FOODS • EQUIPMENT • PLANS

QUANTITIES FOR CANNING—

By MISS IRENE MUNTZ

Here is an approximate guide to the volume of certain fruits and vegetables you will need in order to produce definite quantities of canned goods. From these you may anticipate your needs and add to or decrease from the amounts accordingly.

One bushel peas in the pod, 10 quarts or 20 pints.

One bushel beans (unshelled limas), 10 quarts or 20 pints.

One bushel green beans, 10 quarts or 20 pints.

One bushel husked corn, 6 quarts or 12 pints.

One bushel tomatoes, 16 quarts or 32 pints.

Fifteen pounds spinach, 5 quarts or 10 pints.

One bushel peaches, 18 quarts or 36 pints.

One bushel pairs, 18 quarts or 36 pints.

One bushel plums, 20 quarts or 40 pints.

One bushel berries, 18 quarts or 36 pints.

Of course the way in which the can is packed and the size of the pieces, together with the quantity of syrup will add to or take away from these estimated figures.

WINDOW GARDEN

A window garden in the breakfast room or kitchen is very attractive, builders have discovered. Three or four shelves just wide enough to hold flower pots or bowls of ivy may be easily built in.

LIGHT IN LINEN CLOSET

A light in the linen closet will do much to lessen confusion caused by groping for some article.

PACKAGE RECEIVER

A builder suggests that a receptacle built on the inside of the kitchen door with an opening sufficiently large to receive groceries and other packages delivered during the course of the day will be a convenience and a time saver.

VEAL SCALOPINI

Have 1 pound of shoulder veal cut in thin slices and pounded until paper thin. Slice ½ pounds of mushrooms and cook in salted water until tender. Dip each slice of veal in flour, well seasoned with salt and pepper. Brown in an iron frying pan in about 2 tablespoons of olive oil. When well browned, add the cooked mushrooms from which you have poured most of the liquid. Turn the heat very low, add ½ cup dry cooking sherry and simmer not more than 2 minutes.

MANTEL DECORATIONS

Try an asymmetric arrangement (lopsided, to you) on your mantel. Let a bowl of flowers at one end balance a pair of figurines at the other. Banish that dull one-two-three effect of candlestick-bouquet-candlestick. Keep your ornaments related.

SALAD FOR DESSERT

Often if you serve a fresh fruit salad with luncheon or dinner you will find it unnecessary to include a dessert on your menu. These salads are especially delicious because they employ fruits that are very effective.

DECORATIVE PLATES

Try old willow-ware plates hung over your sideboard in place of the conventional mirror. Here's just the chance to show off your treasured heirlooms and to add to your room that important personal touch that means real distinction.

TO REMOVE LIPSTICK STAINS: Use lemon juice full strength on white wash fabrics—diluted on colored.

FOR DINING ROOM

Try twin chairs, smartly upholstered or slip-covered, at each end of your dining room table. They will not only give more comfort, more color, but they'll put an end to that wooden-Indian look that's the bane of most of our dining rooms.

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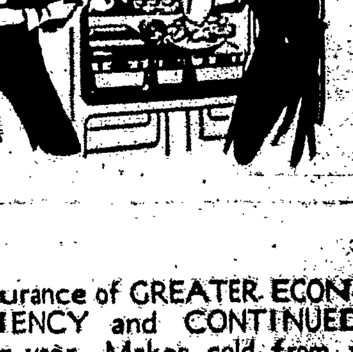
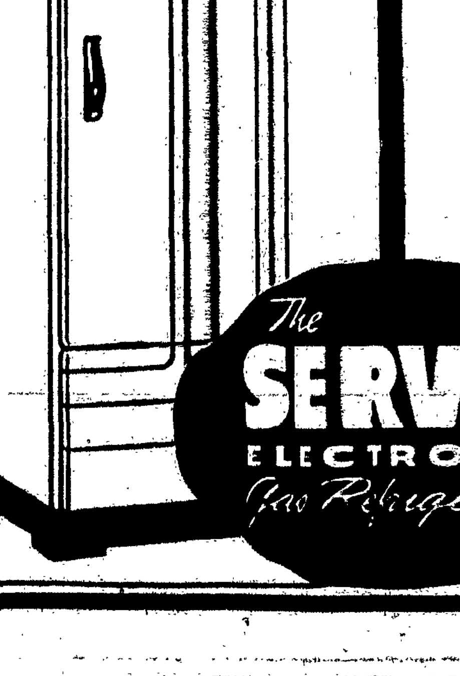
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