Room expansion calls for attention to heating needs

At last! You've decided to build that new room addition—and just in time to keep your home's seams from exploding.

But — have you decided how you're going to heat the added room? Will it be hooked into the present warm air system? Is your present heating plant large enough for adding the new room? Do you want electric heat? How about insulation?

These are basic, important questions — so perhaps the first thing to do is to find a home improvement expert to consult with about the entire project, including heating.

If the addition isn't too large, your present heating plant might be adequate to heat the new room, too. If so, your home improvement dealer simply has the hot air ducts or hot water pipes extended into the new room.

But remember that how much heat the new room needs for comfort depends on its size and how well it is insulated. Even if an entirely new system is needed to heat the added room, thorough insulation will pay off in lower fuel bills.

Assuming that you decide the old heating plant won't be adequate, what are your options?

1. All - electric heating of the added room is one possibility. The heaters may be baseboard-type units or recessed into the walls to radiate into the room. Some have blowers that force air over heated elements.

2. A new fuel - burning central plant can be installed that will heat the whole house, including the added room. If your old furnace is due for replacement, this option might make sense.

The type chosen may be oil or gas, furnishing warmed forced air or re-circulating hot water. Most of the new central, fuel - fired systems are designed for add-on air conditioning at lower cost than independent cooling systems.

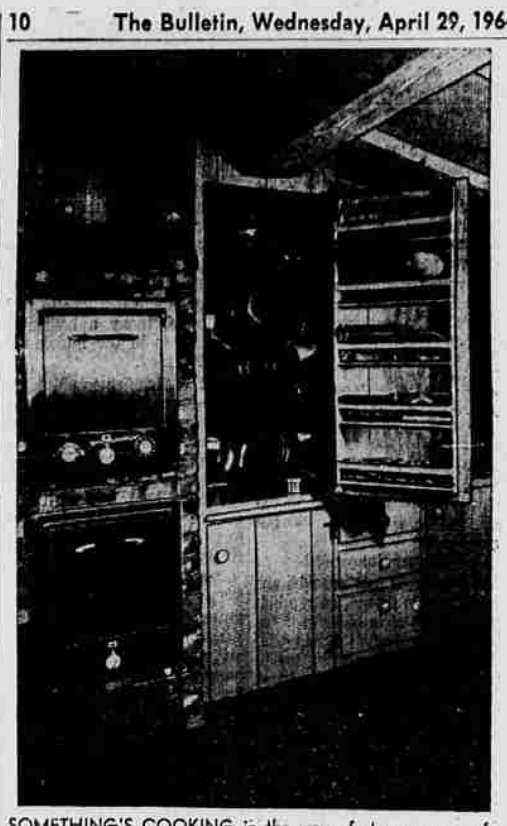
Helicopter crash claims 6 lives

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UPI) — An Army H21 helicopter smashed into Portage glacier about 50 miles southeast of here Tuesday killing the six persons aboard.

The helicopter crashed while returning from a routine supply mission to the Port of Whittier about 75 miles southeast of here. Corps of Engineers and Army personnel are helping repair tidal wave damage to the Alaska Railroad in the Whittier area.

Cause of the crash was not known but Alaska's glaciers are notorious for the violent air turbulence which surrounds them and are generally given a wide berth by light plane pilots.

Poor weather forced another helicopter which had flown to the scene to return here before identification of the three crewmen and three passengers could be made.



SOMETHING'S COOKING in the way of storage space for the kitchen! It's modern cabinetry, designed to look every bit as attractive as it is functional. Here, sound-absorbing Western Pine region wood is right at-home with brick in enhancing a rustic decor.

Remodeling adds to space

In both older and newer homes, the sounds of hammer and saw, sander and spray gun, and a myriad busy tools will soon be responding to the call to "Home Improvement Time." Not only thriving but growing stronger than ever, interest in improving existing homes, is literally sweeping the country, as home owners go forward with plans designed to increase living space, enhance comfort and add importantly to property values.

"Home improvement" can mean many things, but signs indicate that, first of all, it means adding a room. Among 1500 home owners surveyed by the National Home Improvement Council, 76 per cent were planning a specific remodeling job, and of those, 56 per cent wished to add space to existing homes — especially, bathrooms, bedrooms and family rooms.

Remodelers Look Inside First

Using the results of this survey as a yardstick, it appears that people look inside first when they plan to remodel. Among the homeowners queried, 76 per cent of those with projected remodeling jobs were concentrating on home interiors — particularly, kitchen and bathroom remodeling and basement refinishing.

However, that doesn't mean that there isn't plenty going on outside the house, what with roofing, siding, guttering, painting, installing patios and swimming pools, landscaping. Indoors, too, the bath and bedrooms, kitchens, family rooms and basement are by no means the only areas to get attention. So great is the present interest that it covers every improvement imaginable, with an estimated ten million home owners spending a predicted 13 billion dollars to complete major home improvement projects this year, according to Harold Mattlin, Chairman of the Council.

One especially significant fact emerges from the Council's survey. The home owners queried had a clear and definite idea of what they hoped to achieve through remodeling projects.

If you are planning to increase your home's livability and value by any home improvement project, the smartest move to make first is to decide, just as clearly and definitely, the exact result you want.

Learn all you can, by shopping and asking questions about new projects and ideas. Familiarize yourself with local building codes and how they might affect your plans.

Plan to Get Full Value

When you have determined just how much you want to spend for just what improvements, consult local dealers and contractors for estimates. Since increasing the re-sale value of your home should be an important consideration in any improvement project, make sure the money you spend will get results that enhance property value at least an equal amount. This means careful planning of changes and additions.

Although room additions stand high in popularity, it's worthwhile to check first to see that home is being used to best advantage.

Adjusting a house to a family's needs can often be accomplished through simple remodeling, points out Harold Edelman, American Institute of Architects member, who heads one of the organization's House Consulting Committees. A well-placed closet, and additional door or archway, a foyer or a patio entrance all have a bearing on the space design of a home.

Paneling adds much to rooms

Once upon a time wood paneling meant an early American setting or an expensive book-lined den. Today, paneling is used in homes of every price range and in every room in the house.

Modern furnishings especially require a setting of sufficient warmth to give rooms a softened air, but one that doesn't conflict with the decorative scheme. Warm of tone, rich and expressive woods are ideal for the paneling of modern rooms.

News in the use of wood in modern home decoration is the upsurge in the use of color which can be obtained by blending finishes with the wood surface. Blues, greens—even golds — can provide beautiful wall effects and may be applied to Western Pine region woods with excellent results.

Lumber responds beautifully to stains and clear or pigmented finishes that allow the grain and knots to show through. Thus, the lumber may be left with its natural tone, or even when color is added with a wipe-on, brush-off finish, the wood will display its qualities of beauty and interest. It also may be painted, but then the beauty of the wood is hidden.

The size of a room and style of furniture determines the type of paneling installation. An air of spaciousness is produced by use of boards 10 or 12 inches wide for paneling. Narrower widths emphasize the direction of line, as well as lending a textural and subtly - patterned effect to the wall.

In a modern living room where a formal but comfortable atmosphere is indicated, use 6-inch widths of paneling with simple V-joints and a light finish to blend with any colors selected for furnishings, giving a sense of wholeness and harmony.

The fine patina of waxed paneling will compliment a soft drapery fabric to great advantage, yet dramatize a loosely hand - woven material.

EXTRA LIVING SPACE may be "hiding" in your basement. "Before" (right) and "after" (above) photos show how one basement became an attractive room for entertaining, relaxing, even at-home movie viewing. Walls were covered with plywood paneling. Movie projection equipment is concealed behind walnut-paneled wall at rear. Opposite wall (not shown) holds a screen which can be rolled up into a walnut-paneled valance.

Plenty of big ashtrays 'must' in most homes

Do you want to keep your home fire safe?

Then, remember this, says the National Board of Fire Underwriters:

Ashtrays are a must if you have smokers in your house.

Buy large ashtrays and be sure they are made of metal or some other fire safe material.

See to it that there are plenty of them and that they are placed in every room where smokers go.

One additional thought: empty ashtrays often and be sure that all fire is extinguished before they are emptied.

PREVENT PEELING

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