



WHEN THE home improvement project is done, the prudent owner will protect his investment with adequate insurance. Here Charles Ruggles, insurance agent, discusses fire protection plans with Fire Chief Forrest Burkenbine. The Ruggles Agency handles insurance of all kinds and is handy to offer full service and give prompt attention to all claims. (G-T Photo)

Mix Wood Types To Get a Contrast

Some people ask whether wood wall paneling may be used in rooms furnished with a number of lovely wood pieces like chests and tables.

The answer is yes; woods go together very well. However, most interior designers recommend contrast, pointing out that vertical grained softwood paneling in natural finish is the best complement to furniture woods, which are more distinctly grained.

Vertical grain western hemlock is a good paneling wood to choose as a complement to walnut, teak, maple and mahogany. Oak furniture, when finished in its natural golden tone, stands out best against a slightly darker paneling, like cedar or ponderosa pine.

Doors Become Screens

Screens are a grand way to soften a corner or fill in an awkward bit of wall space. You can make your own inexpensively by sawing apart, vertically, stock panel doors, then hinging the sections. Common garden lattice installed on the diagonal in a framework of 1x4s makes another handsome screen.

Tips On Nailing

Wedge small tacks and short brads between teeth of a comb, which may then be used to hold them in place for nailing without endangering fingers.

Keep your refrigerator defrosted if it's the type that requires defrosting. A heavy layer of frost makes the motor run longer, and uses more electricity.

Spring Checklist

Here's a five-point program guaranteed to remove most of the common causes of fires in homes.

1. Clean out any stacks of newspapers and magazines, discarded clothing, mattresses, old furniture and lamp shades, draperies—all the clutter that collects in attics, basements and closets.

2. Do the same clean-up job in the home workshop, too—shavings, scraps, oily rags, old paints must go.

3. Don't forget about the trash accumulating in the garage, and get rid of dead grass and brush around and near the house.

4. Repair defective electrical cords and plugs, check over appliances and call a competent electrician if they need attention.

5. Have your furnace, chimney and stoves inspected and cleaned.

Walk on Wood

Women whose laundries are located on concrete floors often complain of tired feet and backache. The cure is to make a low platform or pallet of wood, such as those professional cooks use in restaurants. It can be built from Douglas fir 2x4 lumber in any size needed and topped with a scrap of colorful linoleum if desired.

No Groping

If the light switch in a room is hard to find, install one of the new luminous switchplates that glow in the dark.

Every 12 minutes a home in this nation is destroyed or damaged by a fire starting in rubbish. National Fire Protection records show.

Pantry Space There

No place for a pantry? Take another look. Most canned vegetables, soups, sauces and bottled seasonings need no more than a four-inch depth. That amount of space might be found behind the back door, alongside the refrigerator, in a hallway or even down a stairwell. Check around—you may be surprised at the usable space you'll find.

HANGING HELP

When hanging matching doors for a cabinet, insert a paper match between them, as you set the hinges. This will provide just enough clearance for easy closing of one without scraping the other.

Make Funnel

Improvise disposable funnel out of cone-shaped paper cups by snipping off bottom ends with scissors.

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