

Housewife Said Best Planner In Remodeling Her Kitchen

Interested in meeting the best kitchen planning expert you can find? Then shake hands with your wife.

That's the truth. Chances are that she's not a designer, or an architect, or a remodeling expert. But she has one big advantage over all of these experts when it comes to designing her own kitchen—she lives in it.

This doesn't qualify her to overrule your architect when he tells you that a certain wall can't be moved. Nor does it endow her with more knowledge of the workings of today's appliances than the dealer.

But just being herself, enables her to plan in general terms the kind of kitchen she wants. If, for example,

your family is always underfoot at meal time, be sure your kitchen specialist knows this so that he can design adjacent areas in which Dad and the children can be right at hand—but still out of the way—while she's cooking.

If you can't abide the thought of eating in the kitchen, it's silly to let a designer draw in a dining area in his remodeling plans.

All of this may be news to you but the kitchen remodeler is already well aware that you and your wife are the best single source of information he has when redesigning your kitchen.

And yet, you can become an even "better" expert on your kitchen if you'll try. All you and your wife have to do

is to keep an informal record of what you personally like and dislike about various kitchens you see. Clip ideas from magazines, visit model homes and kitchen showrooms. And above all make a real effort to become aware of your habits and your eccentricities when you're working in your own kitchen.

Once you've done this the next step is to realize your own limitations—and to call on experts for help. That's where your local kitchen dealer enters the picture. His training will allow him to size up your home, study your preferences, and come up with a practical plan which incorporates as many of your wishes as possible.

Thanks to modern materials and modern appliances this plan is likely to correspond closely to your desires. Here's an example. Every woman wants additional storage space in her dream kitchen. Now, thanks to the versatile design of modern steel kitchens, m'lady's every desire for storage space can be satisfied.

Equally as important as the kitchen's appearance is its utility. The modern housewife wants a kitchen which can be kept clean with a minimum of effort. Here, too, modern steel cabinets have been especially designed to satisfy the most demanding of housekeepers.

Your dealer is the ultimate expert in recommending the cabinets and appliances which will best fill your requirements. But you're missing a big share of the fun in planning for a new kitchen if you and your wife don't keep posted on the equipment which is available.



DISHWASHER—Reflected in every sparkling glass, in every piece of gleaming china, through the coming years, will be the automatic dishwasher you give to make it a White Christmas for her. And in addition to

New York was the first city in the U.S. to have tracked vehicles which were known as horse-drawn trolleys.

Probably the first tooth extraction made with nitrous oxygen or "laughing gas" was performed in 1844.

The Navajo Indians numbered only about 7,000 in 1887 and today have increased to more than 70,000.

Average Family Dirts 3,800 Dishes Per Month

The lucky lady who receives a dishwasher for Christmas may not realize right away just how fortunate she really is.

But during the year she'll have over 45,000 opportunities to thank her lucky stars that she'll never have to wash another dish. That's because the average family dirts about 3,800 dishes per month—or more than 45,000 per year.

Actually, it won't take her that long to realize how thoughtful you have been. If she's entertaining on Christmas Day, for example, she'll find that Christmas dinner can be a thing of sheer delight when she doesn't have the stacks of dishes awaiting her in the kitchen. For with a dishwasher, a meal can end with dessert—instead of drudgery.

The real gift of a dishwasher is leisure time. Studies show that she spends between an hour and an hour and a half doing dishes each day. In the space of a year the woman has spent 21 days doing dishes.

While owners of dishwashers are particularly enthusiastic about the time and work the appliance saves them, they also have other kind words for the product. Many single out the fact that the extra-hot water used in a dishwasher virtually sterilizes the dishes, killing any bacteria or germs.

The dishwasher, moreover, is almost unique in the way it qualifies as a "family gift" at Christmas time. That's because in most households dishwashing is not reserved exclu-

Special Centennial Conference Scheduled

Corvallis—A special Centennial conference on "The Second Century of Forestry in Oregon" has been scheduled Feb. 20 and 21 at Oregon State college with top forestry leaders from throughout the nation participating in the predictions of what's ahead for the forest industry.

The two-day conference will be one of the major state events marking the opening of the 1959 Oregon Centennial observance.

Opening-day sessions will

be concerned with improving the trees that must be grown for tomorrow's forest crops. Emphasis will be placed on research in genetics, entomology, pathology, soils, and chemistry and the opportunities for advancements apparent in each of these fields.

Second-day morning meetings will cover aspects of utilization—harvesting methods, whole wood utilization, chemical utilization of wood, and wood engineering and construction.

Afternoon topics will include the effects of population growth on forestry practices. Speakers will outline what increased population in the region will mean in terms of legislation, recreation demands and needs, and levels of watershed management.

School of forestry staff members are in charge of planning the conference. State and federal forestry agencies and forest industry leaders from throughout the Pacific Northwest are cooperating with the college.

The annual Fernhopper Banquet, traditional forestry alumni event at OSC, will be held February 21 as a part of the Centennial conference program.

HOW TO WRAP IT

Novel way to let the wife know she's getting a new range for Christmas is to wrap a box of cologne or powder to look like a range. It's easy. Use white gift wrap paper, black gummed reinforcements and signal dots, and black construction paper for door lines. The same principle can be used for other appliances.

Steel mills in the U. S. use more than 3,000 trillion gallons of water a year.

Is That So?

By OLGA BURNS

The mud puppy—also known as the water dog or hellbender—is a salamander whose calendar is completely crossed up.

For example, because they mate in the fall rather than the spring, from now on through winter is the best time to fish for them. Whether their ponds freeze over makes no difference at all.

They are found throughout the Mississippi River system,

creature only though an aberration.

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and their relatives in the streams and ponds of the rest of the country are so close in resemblance that only an expert could tell the difference.

Adults average about a foot in length, and at least one has been caught that topped 17 inches. Though they spend most of their time walking about the bottom on their four legs, they can fold them against their sides and swim like mad.

Hook and line is the usual way of taking them, but it is done by jack-lighting in some parts of the midwest. It is a three-man operation. In November, before the ponds freeze over, three men in a rowboat move slowly through shallow water. The man in the bow has a long-handled net and a powerful torch with which he scans the bottom. The middle man rows. The third has a long pole known as a "tickler."

When a mud puppy is spotted, the man in the bow sets the mouth of the net in front of him, and the man in the stern carefully touches his tail with the tickler. The mud puppy immediately leaps forward into the net.

Frogs Remain Asleep
Since the mud puppy grows increasingly hungry as the fall mating season recedes, winter is an excellent time for catching them much to the distress of many ice fishermen who would prefer to catch perch or pickerel. In fact, mud puppies become so ravenous that they have even been known to root into the bottom mud and extract frogs that are hibernating there. Fortunately the frogs are such complete hibernators that they remain asleep even while being eaten.

Not all fishermen, however, dislike catching mud puppies. Some are extremely fond of them. Their flesh is considered to be the equal of the finest frogs' legs, and there is far more of it, the mud puppy's body being almost solid meat. Some people think the mud puppy poisonous, but the poison glands in his skin are said to be harmless to man. Their purpose apparently is to make the creature distasteful to predators, and it may also have a value in keeping parasites which usually attack the

VANISHING AMERICANS

According to figures compiled by the Gas Manufacturers Association, the household servant is the vanishing American. In 1930 there were well over 400,000 domestics employed. Twenty years later there were fewer than 150,000. Fortunately American women have wonderful new appliances to replace the ever dwindling supply of household help.

KEY TO THE SOLUTION

Reading, Pa. (UPI)—An automobile repairman, sent to pick up a black sedan belonging to Benjamin Longnecker, instead took an identical car parked nearby that belonged to Warren Gerhart. How did he start the wrong car with the right key? It seems the trunk key of Longnecker's car fit the ignition of Gerhart's car.

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