

EYE APPEAL—A gentling influence is often needed in the home where "right angles" of walls, furniture and picture frames dominate. The welcome interruption are famous Rondelets—multi-colored glass circles that project into a room on a 24-inch brass arm. Designed to respond gently to room air currents, the glass circles occasionally tinkle softly. —"Constellation" by Denst & Soderlund, Inc.

Many Newer Kitchens Are Bright, Attractive

High on "want lists" is an improved modernized kitchen. Some of the kitchens can be planned for a "split design" which will provide room for a dining area. Separate dining facilities in the kitchen save the homemaker time and effort, especially when the children look for a snack. All kitchens should be bright and attractive. Breaking away from the traditional white, many of the newer kitchen plans stress interesting color combinations and eye-catching patterns. Plans calling for contrasting decors create a feeling of greater spaciousness and call attention to the separate dining area. One of the continuing popular paneling materials for modern kitchens is "Marlite," which comes in plain colors and woodgrains. The kitchen's dominant color theme can be accented by using this panting in a harmonizing color or handsome woodgrain in the dining area. Some kitchens feature the plastic-surfaced hardboard in a distinctive woodgrain on all main walls.

Home Improvement Project Can Be Good Financial Investment

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Millions of our homes are in need of modernization. A home improvement project can prove to be a good financial investment as well as sound insurance for happy family living. Home improvements can be practical and fun too, if tackled properly.



KEEP ORDER—Peg-board installed on the side walls of a basement stairway, and painted a gay color, brightens the area and accommodates everything from rain shoes to ladders—on special hooks set in perforations.—"Peg-Board" by Masonite Corp.

One of the best ways to determine your modernization needs is to make a survey of the home—from top to bottom—outside as well as inside.

Make this checklist—How long since interior walls and trim were painted to give fresh color and sparkle to the rooms?

Electrical Living
Have the requirements of modern electrical living outmoded your home's wiring system—making it a potential fire hazard?

Is the kitchen up-to-date with modern appliances that mean less work for mother (and better meals for all)?

Is there ample storage room for out-of-season clothing, bedding, household linens and occasionally-used gear?

How old are the bathroom fixtures... wouldn't new, in-



HI-FI HELPER—Thick-pile carpeting adds acoustical advantages as well as comfort and beauty to the music corner. Carpet shown here features "brush-stroke design"—"Artistry" by Mohawk.

color fixtures be welcomed by the whole family?

Now on the outside—when was the exterior last painted? Wouldn't new siding work wonders for the "old home"?

Remember too, that amazing changes can be made by removing seldom-used porches and outdated trimmings.

And, don't forget a professional inspection of your roof! These, of course, are only random survey suggestions.

After your own survey is made, the next step is to determine as closely as possible the exact cost of the projects planned.

Be sure to get estimates from reputable contractors or dealers in your area if the projects are beyond your "do-it-yourself" abilities.

It is a wise idea to seek out established businessmen in your community known to you and your neighbors.

Remember that almost any major home improvement is apt to require some kind of financing. If you plan to add a room, finish the attic or build a swimming pool, be sure to consult your local lending institutions.

They will advise you on all phases of home improvement financing... direct reduction loans, time payments, refinancing of your mortgage, opening mortgages, FHA Title I and other methods.

In the opinion of the Home Improvement Council—the family's expenditure for home improvement is more "like money in the bank" than any other possible purchase.

In terms of convenience and appearance, a modernized home will increase its value to the family far beyond the financial expenditures for the improvements.



COLOR VARIETY—Ceramic tile offers endless variety of colors, patterns and textures to blend or contrast in any home improvement project. In this handsome bathroom, crystalline glazed wall tile is combined with a scored and patterned floor.—By American Olean Tile Company.

Aluminum Awnings Good Investment

Aluminum awnings are a good investment. They add color and beauty to the home, provide cool interiors—there by cutting down air conditioning costs—protect furnishings and draperies from the harmful effects of sunlight and add immeasurably to the value of the home.

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writing and signed by all parties concerned.

Never sign a completion certificate until the job has been completely installed to your satisfaction and has been operable for several weeks.

If the dealer you are working with seems hesitant about the terms of your agreement, or vague about the costs involved, ask for a list of their customers' names and addresses. All reputable dealers will be happy to give you this list. Call these people, you'll find them eager to help you if they were satisfied with the dealer.

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Liquified Petroleum Gas Makes All Homes Within Reach of Gas

Thanks to the marvels of modern technology, homes not connected to gas mains can have all the advantages of natural gas service by using liquified petroleum gas.

A pure concentrate of energy, it burns quickly and completely without soot, smoke or smell. The main difference between natural gas and LP-Gas is that the latter is brought to the customer in tank trucks and stored in household tanks, often called "backyard gas wells."

The availability of LP-Gas makes it possible for people in the suburbs, small towns and rural areas to enjoy everything that's new in most modern appliances.

For Heating
LP-Gas central heating plants are now so compactly designed that they may be installed in a closet, in crawl space or under the eaves. Central heating plants are of 4 basic types: gravity, forced air, hot water or steam. Incidentally, an LP-Gas heated home is never without instant hot water.

The modern all-purpose LP-Gas range is designed to meet the function of fryer, cooker, grill, broiler, steamer, heater, oven, and rotisserie.

An attractive, streamlined appearance—styled in keeping with other modern equipment is emphasized in the freestanding, built-in, or stack-on models now available.

Additional Advantage
An additional advantage of the LP-Gas flame is that it actually absorbs and burns up smoke and cooking odors.

New super-sanitary LP-Gas smokeless and odorless incinerators actually consume their own smoke. The only product of combustion is a fine ash... useful as a fertilizer. Safe and silent, these modern units are also used in hospitals.

A compact 30-gallon LP-Gas water heater constantly stays ahead of peak laundry day demand. It will keep water hot through bathing, shaving, dishwashing, general cleaning and an average of three laundry loads.

For the Laundry
Today's modern homemaker does not have to bother about the weather if her home is equipped with an automatic LP-Gas dryer. The gentle fluff drying action has clothes ready to wear again in a jiffy.

Besides being kinder to fabrics, experts say that the use of a dryer can actually cut the wardrobe bill in half for many large families.

LP-Gas refrigerators are so quiet you can't even hear a hum. And they are permanently silent because a gas flame does the work.

Many LP-Gas dealers offer metered service to customers. Just as city utilities meter service, the dealers install meters in homes and bill on the basis of meter readings.

The homeowner who is

Homeplanners Can Make Room Into Den

Many home planners have designed a cozy den in an unused bedroom, basement or attic corner or even a reconverted porch with amazing results.

For free plans, creating a comfortable den in an attic, write Masonite's Home Service Bureau, Suite 2037, 111 West Washington Street, Chicago 2, Ill.; ask for Plan No. AE-297.

There is one very common, easily-made error in bulb planting that can make all the difference in the quality of the plant... or whether it comes up at all. That is, planting the bulb upside down. Usually the top is the pointed surface, but if in doubt ask your garden supply dealer.

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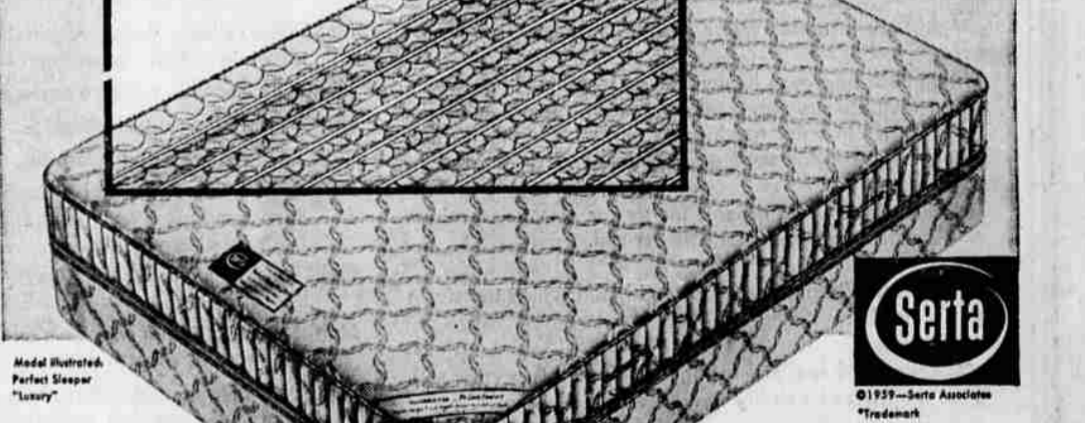
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