

## Desire for Barbecue Spreads To Every Hamlet in America

Although charcoal cooking has been employed since man first rubbed two sticks together, it has enjoyed unprecedented popularity in recent years with the fast rise in backyard barbecues.

The present popularity of outdoor cooking originated in California, which generally is conceded to be the source of the simple but mouth-watering dinner of charcoal broiled steak, garlic or cheese sourdough bread, and a mixed greens salad topped with bleu cheese or oil- and -vinegar dressing.

**Idea Spreads**  
Slowly this truly American meal has spread eastward during the past quarter-century until today almost every hamlet has a steakhouse that serves up a reasonable facsimile.

A home barbecue can either be contracted for or it can be built as a home handyman project. It can be plain and simple or big and costly—ranging from a portable table-top model available in any hardware store to a "bomb shelter" type that weighs several tons and has warming ovens and other types of conveniences for luscious cooking.

**Build Barbecue**  
Building a barbecue will vary to some extent depending on the size of the desired structure, but the basic construction remains the same.

An outline of the barbecue should be marked out on the ground, and this should be dug 10 or 12 inches deep. Eight to 10 inches of sand or sand- and -gravel mix is tamped well, and this is topped with concrete between four and six inches deep, depending on the size and weight of the barbecue. This will bring the base two or three inches above ground level, for which forms are needed.

A level or plumb bob should be used in laying the base and all courses of brick to insure a perfect level.

**Second Step**  
The second step is the chimney, built with the level or plumb bob to be sure it is perfectly vertical, for no one wants a miniature "Tower

**Aluminum Is Used In Home Remodeling**

Homes remodeled with aluminum are easier to live in, easier to rent and sell, easier to insure and mortgage.

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of Fisa" confronting them whenever they barbecue. A hole should be left in the firebox side of the chimney to draw smoke from the fire and up the chimney.

The firebox or ashpit can be constructed of block or brick or rock, or a prefabricated unit can be bought at a building supply outlet.

Two or three courses of block are laid (again, make sure each course is level) and then sidewalls are built up on the two sides, with an iron grate built into the concrete joint about a foot above the ashpit. Although a bit more difficult to install but much more satisfactory than the built-in permanent grate is a series of two or three steel tracks on which a grate can be inserted at varying levels for different types of cooking.

**Gas Torch**

An excellent accessory for every barbecue is an LP-gas torch that will save 15 or 20 minutes of preparation each time you build a fire. This is the same liquefied petroleum gas familiar to all who live on farms or in country homes, in small towns or other rural areas to provide all the comforts of modern gas appliances far beyond city gas mains.

A small LP-gas hand torch can be used, or a larger re-

fillable tank can be installed for multi-purpose use. The small hand torch will light charcoal in brief minutes. Not only does the larger LP-gas unit serve this same purpose, but it also can be used for gas cooking, if desired, such as grilling hamburgers or broiling hot dogs for youngsters.

And if the evening turns a bit cool, the gas fire can be turned on to bring warmth and cheer to the group gathered under a starry sky.

## Wood Siding Does Building Tricks In Many Homes

For families who plan to revitalize their homes by adding a room there's good news about advanced wood siding that is factory - primed for longer - lasting paint surfaces, so says E. M. Williston, technical director for lumber products of Weyerhaeuser company, Tacoma, Wash.

Williston announces that a new factory - priming of wood siding provides scientific control of paint thickness of the vital prime (first) coat. If the first coat on the wood is too thick, there is a possibility the bond may be less than ideal. If the coat is too thin, protection is less than maximum.

**Uses Many**  
Besides providing an excellent base for subsequent field coats for long - lasting beauty, the factory priming of wood siding also offers other advantages.

The prime coat protects the wood until finish paint is applied.

Since all surfaces (front, back, edges) are primed, there is extra protection against "wicking action," damage from outside water wind-blown inward.

Highest quality primers are used in the factory.

**Lower Cost**  
Lower total cost for labor and materials, better finish-coat coverage and longer paint life.

Good construction and finish painting practices need to be followed, of course, if benefits of the advanced priming are to be realized, he explains. Since field coats are applied after the room addition is built, there is complete freedom of exterior color. The color can be selected either to match or to harmonize with the original house.

Primed wood sidings and suggestions for their use are readily available at local retail lumber dealers.

**UNLOAD GRAIN**

Warsaw, Poland—Docks-workers began unloading 66,000 tons of grain from the American freighter Manhattan in Gdynia port Tuesday. Officials estimated it would take about two weeks to unload the grain, purchased by Poland in the United States. It took six tugboats to get the giant merchant ship into port.



**INSIDE BARBECUE**—All the fun of an outdoor barbecue and its flavor, too is now available for family enjoyment with this new vented, drop-in underfired broiler for indoor use. Flameless, smokefree barbecuing can now be enjoyed year-round. A wide variety of models and sizes are available for easy installation.

"Char-Glo" Broiler-Barbecue by Waste King-Universal

## Properly Planned Patio Can Be Joy

If you are considering a retreat for relaxation in the backyard - a little planning can go a long way toward capitalizing on the advantages of outdoor living.

"Whether it's simple or elaborate, kidney - shaped or round, made with flagstone, concrete or brick, careful planning will help make a finished patio much more comfortable," says a noted authority.

**Simple Rules**  
H. J. Baker, remodeling specialist for Allied Chemical's Barrett Division offers a few simple points about patio construction:

Location can be important depending upon the uses planned for the patio. "For example, if it is to be used extensively for outdoor cooking and eating, it is usually best to locate it fairly near the kitchen door," says Baker.

"Even a complete meal, such as a barbecue, can be cooked outdoors, but don't forget the food, plates, etc., all must be carried from the kitchen."

"Sun-worshippers" who wish to bask in the backyard will wish to consider the best possible unshaded location. Those who prefer the shade should also include this factor in their planning.

**Lighted Patio**

A lighted patio may make summer evenings more enjoyable. If electricity is to be wired to an outlet on the patio, it is always best to have the job done by a professional.

A family with small children may desire to keep their play area separate from the patio. This way the whole family can enjoy the yard at the same time. A locker of some sort, in which games such as badminton and croquet can be stored when not in use, can provide valuable storage space. A locker also may provide excellent storage space for lawn furniture, barbecue grilles, charcoal and the other accessories to outdoor living.

**Use Awning**  
When planning a patio adjacent to the house, Baker suggests attaching an awning made of rigid vinyl building panels that can be fitted over a lightweight metal or wood frame. The panels can be either translucent or opaque, ribbed or flat and installed in colors that blend with the exterior of the house. They can be used in varieties such as alternate translucent and opaque panels or in different colors to provide a bright appearance.

If privacy is desired an attractive fence of the vinyl



**SOLUTION**—Built in comfort: a through-the-wall installation of a room air conditioner may prove to be a permanent solution to the problem of year round comfort. Built-in units do not block the window and fit nearly-flush with the wall.

## Guide Gives Help In Storage Plans

Who ever has enough storage space? There are few who can boast of it, according to a just - published guide to typical household storage problems and their solutions.

Prepared in cooperation with four leading educators in the home economics field, the new 16-page booklet is intended for all of those who are interested in using home storage space to the maximum.

Titled "Put Your Storage Problems on the Shelf," the illustrated guide discusses ways to create more storage space and how to make the most of space already available. Techniques and principles of stor-

age planning, within the framework of better home management, are especially related to today's "compact" home floor plans with corresponding lack of built-in storage areas.

**BAN FM RECEIVERS**  
Washington—(UPI)—The Federal Aviation Agency has made public the temporary ban against use of frequency modulation (FM) radio receivers on all commercial airliners. The FAA said tests showed that the radios could interfere with certain navigation instruments on airliners.

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