

AN ISLAND OF MUSIC is created in this family room paneled in the beige-toned beauty of natural West Coast hemlock. One small area in the wall contains television, radio, phonograph, speaker equipment and record storage, plus a tape recorder. Flush doors close with magnetic fasteners. Since wood is so workable, the island has also been utilized on the kitchen side as shelves for china and glassware.

Sunday Carpenters Warned To Be Careful Of Thumbs

Lots of Sunday carpenters are handy with a hammer, but not so handy with their thumbs. It seems thumbs will get in the way.

So pay attention to safety tips. Some can be interesting. One safety expert sums it up this way: "If 'out-of-the-office-and-into-the-workshop' is your idea of a weekend or a vacation, make sure you don't end up with 'back-to-the-hospital-and-into-a-splint.'"

More than half of all accidents occur in the home, with more each year resulting from workshop projects. This is no slight on the amateur. You probably read about the professional carpenter who dropped a portable electric saw in his lap. So here are a few free insurance policy pointers:

1. Know your tools and how to use them. The man who neglects to put guards on circular saws or planers, uses his fingers to tighten drill chucks instead of a chuck key, or is careless when working with a soldering iron, may saw himself instead of his lumber, get stuck with a flying drill and finish by burning his house down. Read the direction that come with each tool and follow them.

2. Dress for the occasion. Dangling ties, loose cuffs, hanging shirt-tails are prey for machinery. Goggles are a must when performing a grinding operation. Even gloves have their place—on when handling

rough or abrasive material — off when using power equipment.

3. Keep a clean house. Fires start easily when sawdust is left on a floor, or when greasy rags are stuffed in any old container. Oxygen and acetylene that feed a gas welding torch can cause an explosion if not stored away properly. Misplaced stepladders or tools have resulted in broken legs and sprained ankles. A good workman never leaves his shop without first putting everything in order. Padlocks protect youngsters.

4. Have first aid supplies handy. You don't need a complete drug store. But you should have remedies for cuts and burns on the spot. Even a small injury can cause infection. Keep bandages, tape, scissors, vaseline and a good disinfectant handy. When you burn yourself a little dab of petroleum jelly can prevent blistering and infection.

To start using a paint roller, pour paint into the tray until it covers about half of the sloping bottom of the tray. Roll the roller in the paint until the covering is saturated. Then roll it back once or twice on the shallow end of the pan to remove excess paint. Now you are ready to paint with light even strokes.

WHEN LIGHTS DIM

Electric lights that dim when an appliance is plugged in or when a motor is started in a home workshop are a signal of an overloaded circuit. It means you are wasting power.

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Annual Roof Examinations Important Household Task

Examining a roof is one of the most important annual inspections of a house to make sure it is in shape for another winter and stormy weather.

Such inspections are best made in the fall. Working on the exterior of a house is more difficult in cold weather and results might be less satisfactory.

A home inspection should be made even if nothing apparently is wrong. This will insure detection of structural defects, enabling repairs to be made before an emergency arises.

If a relatively new roof has been damaged in a specific spot—by a falling tree branch, for example, or by lightning—repair may be comparatively simple and feasible. But if a roof is old and weather-beaten, one slight leak can be taken as a sign that the entire roof is about to fall.

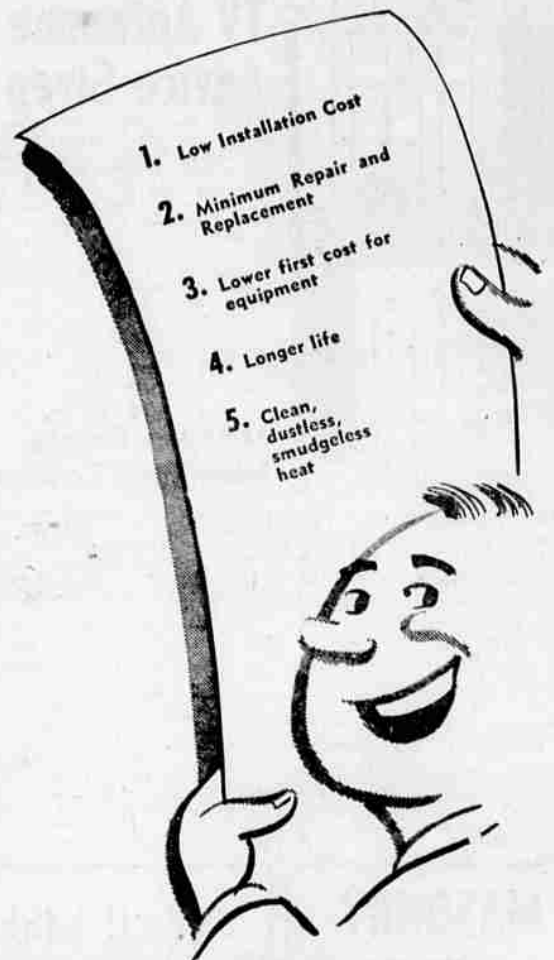
The National Bureau of Standards says: "Leaks that are caused by normal weathering of the roof-

ing material are in a different category from those in new roofs. A single apparent leak in a badly weathered roof is probable evidence of other similar leaks that have not been noticed, and is usually the forerunner of other larger leaks that will appear.

"Under normal conditions a roof does not wear out one unit at a time, but instead, all similar units that are subject to the same conditions are affected to approximately the same degree on long exposure."

Reroofing has been considerably simplified by the development of modern asphalt shingles. In the case of an old wood shingle roof, warped and curled shingles are split, flattened and nailed down. Tapered strips, known as feathering strips, are laid along the butt edges of each course of old shingles to create more of a flat surface. Then the new roofing is laid over the old.

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