

Advance Planning Advised For New U.S. Homebuilders

February is home planning month. If you expect to build a new home this year, you can save money by getting your ideas together for your architect or home builder. Advance planning also means you will have time to get those little extras in your home you have dreamed about for years.

For instance, just a little care in laying out your home's floor plan can be made to pay off with an extra living area for free. How do you get that space, you ask? It's mighty simple. All you need is lay out your house in an L-shape. Right away you have two walls of an outdoor living room. If you face away from the street, the two walls may be all you'll ever need.

For the exterior walls of the home, you sided in western red cedar. You have a good start toward building home with outdoors for its wonderfully textured wood is as natural as trees and rocks. Some people let this wood weather to its lovely greyish brown tones, while others like to put on clear spar varnish or loggers' oil to keep the warmer reds and autumn colors in the wood without aging.

A few things you should watch for in planning this outdoor living room seem obvious. You will want to catch as much sun as possible in most climates, so a

south and west exposure is recommended. If you can't get this without exposing your little sun porch to view of passing street traffic, just run a cedar screening fence along the exposed side. You can use less expensive grades of cedar in a woven pattern so as to get air circulation through the fence during hot summer days.

Allow for easy access from the home. You may wish to have a door opening directly into the kitchen for convenience when serving guests tea, light luncheons or family dinners. You may also wish to have access doors from the family room or living room. One of the values of these sun decks or sun corners is their appeal to all members of the family.

The big thing is to keep them simple, avoid anything too complex which will require a lot of upkeep and work. For instance, the sun porch floor can be a simple concrete surface sloping away from the house which can be hoisted off occasionally. A little color, like reds or browns can be mixed right in with the concrete to tone down the harsher color of cement.

A most effective and attractive deck floor is made from Douglas fir two-by-fours laid on edge with a three-eighths inch opening between each one. This makes a fine floor, and the space between each two-by-four allows water to drain off. This fir flooring need not be varnished or painted, but allowed to weather to natural color. Care should be taken to build a proper foundation under this decking and to make certain the wood decking does not rest on the ground. With proper care this decking will last a lifetime.

If you think of these additional things when you are planning your home's own sun porch, you can add to its versatility. Have electric outlets installed in the outside wall so you can plug in coffee urns, portable cooking gadgets and such. Also have some adequate lights installed for night use. A water hydrant can be mighty handy on occasion.

Make this an easy, casual spot where any member of the family will feel like dropping into a chair any time during the day. See what we mean by early planning?

Dunsmuir PTA Schedules Meet

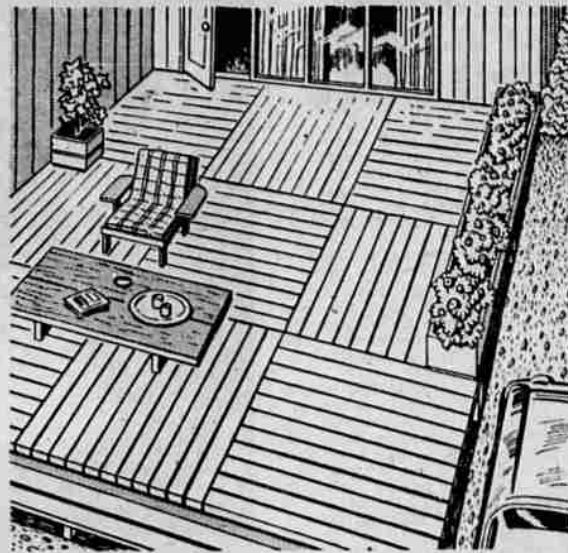
DUNSMUIR—The regular meeting of the 25th District PTA will be held on February 1, 10:30 a.m. at the Butteville school in Edgewood.

Mrs. E. V. Anderson of Dunsmuir, district president, will conduct the meeting.

The program will be provided by Mrs. Margaret Esrey, Siskiyou County health nurse, and her staff, who will discuss the various health services and programs available to the children of Siskiyou County through the public schools.

All officers, chairmen and interested unit members are invited to attend. Luncheon will be served at noon by the Butteville PTA members.

Lazy Man's Lawn



IF YOU HAVE A SLOPING LAWN that challenges the footing of a mountain goat, or if the sun and soil conditions are bad for growing grass, here is the answer. You can have a Riviera-type patio by placing sections of 2" x 6" Douglas fir decking in a checkerboard pattern, probably about eight boards to the section. Brace sections well and leave a quarter-inch space between each board. Then you can hose it off and let the water run through. Design is lovely—almost Oriental in expression. And you don't have to mow it.

Wood Grain Beauty Lauded

The beauty of select, carefully matched wood grains and marble patterns is now available for home interiors at reasonable cost as the result of modern manufacturing techniques.

Choice finished woods and rare imported marbles are reproduced authentically in the manufacture of Marlite paneling, a decorated hardboard sold by lumber dealers and widely used for walls, ceilings and furniture surfaces.

The master specimens from which this modern paneling is reproduced are the result of long, careful selection and matching of

coloration and pattern. When installed, the decorated paneling presents effects comparable to those of costly custom installations where natural wood or marble is used.

The original beauty of this hardboard paneling is preserved by a baked plastic surface, which seals out moisture, soil and other foreign matter. Since no finishing, refinishing or preservative care is needed, work is saved both in installation and upkeep. The surface is quickly cleaned with a damp or sudsy cloth.

Wood grain Marlite, in tongue-and-groove planks and blocks or large sheets, is much used as a wall and ceiling paneling in dens, living rooms and recreation rooms. Other rooms also are paneled with it, including dining rooms and even kitchens. The wood grain panels are being used increasingly as a surfacing for cabinets and tables.

Marble pattern paneling is often chosen to provide a distinctive decor for bathrooms. Among other popular applications are fireplace walls and table tops.

Marlite is applied with wallboard adhesive over any solid surface and in some cases, over framework. It is used in new construction and remodeling or reconditioning.

Nine wood grains and five marble patterns are available, in addition to a variety of solid colors.

OSC Enrollment Shows Increase

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — Winter term enrollment at Oregon State College is up 16 per cent over a year ago with 817 more students registered this winter than last.

This year's total of 5,950 students is the highest winter term figure since 1950, according to the registrar's office.

Veterans on campus number 1146 41 per cent more than a year ago. The biggest school increases are in education and engineering.

Tree Pruning Advice Given

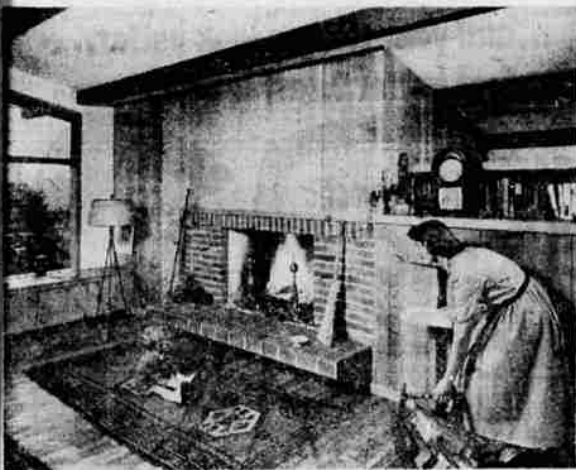
OREGON STATE COLLEGE — Go slow in pruning trees and shrubs injured during last fall's disastrous freeze, advises an Oregon State College horticulturist.

L. F. Blaney says extent of damage to plants injured during the cold spell now depends on two factors—care in handling the plants between now and the time new growth gets underway and growing conditions next spring.

Blaney advises pruning be delayed as long as possible, even until the next growing season. He explains that in a weakened condition, the plant might be set back further than if it were not touched, or might even be killed.

He also suggested that gardeners not disturb a plant by moving it to a more protected area. And if the bark of a tree has been ruptured, he says it should be nailed or otherwise held in place to keep the inner layer of cambium from drying out.

A mild winter and early spring would be a big help in aiding recovery of plants damaged by the low temperatures, he notes. However, Blaney recommends use of fertilizer and water next spring, in any event.



WESTERN RED CEDAR WALLS make an ideal basic color background for south rooms. Sunlight brings out the warmth and fascinating shadings of the red cedar wall in this family room. This wood is so flexible it can be tailor-made to fit any need—bookcases, window seat and wood storage are taken in stride.

New Bathroom Space Needed

Is yours the kind of bathroom with lots of space, but no place to put anything?

This is typical of the old-fashioned bathroom with fixtures widely separated and nothing much but bare walls in between, the Plumbing and Heating Industries Bureau observes.

The solution, of course, is some well-planned, well-designed built-ins. For instance, an old free-standing lavatory could be replaced with modern twin lavatories mounted in a countertop. The extra lavatory is a real convenience, especially during the morning rush hour, because it speeds traffic through the bathroom.

The space under the extended countertop is adaptable to a number of different storage arrangements. One section can be fitted with a pull-out soiled clothes hamper. In fact, if desired, this can be made the opening for the laundry chute to the basement.

Another section might be fitted with hangers and drying racks and possibly a heating element to speed drying. Still other sections can be fitted with sliding storage drawers and trays, as well as a special concealed medicine rack with its own lock. Hinged doors with which the cabinets of a countertop lavatory are closed hide the storage arrangements from view.

Additional storage space in the form of a recessed shelf with sliding pegboard enclosures can be built into the wall between the top of the lavatory splashback and the bottom of the twin medicine cabinets above. This space is handy for storing shaving equipment, toilet articles and accessories used daily.

Even the space above the water closet permits the installation of a storage cabinet of six cubic feet capacity. Floor-to-ceiling cabinets 24 inches wide and 16 inches deep can be built for storage of bathroom linens and cleaning supplies.

REBELS ATTACK

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Extremist Tunisian nationalists who want their country to sever all ties with France immediately, Thursday night attacked and seriously injured Hedi Babrou, treasurer of the local Neo Destour Party at Djemmal, a city in Eastern Tunisia. A crowd quickly came to Babrou's aid and, in the ensuing fight, two of the extremists were killed.

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