

Farm Uses Of Pre-Fabs Developed

Prefabricated farm buildings with standard, interchangeable units for easy assembly and alterations to meet changing farm needs are being developed at Oregon State College.

Agricultural engineer L. W. Bonnickson, who has designed and assembled a working model multi-use farm building, says blueprints are not available for distribution. The low-cost, durable wood structure under test for the past year follows the principal of "toy building blocks." Economy and simplicity of construction are achieved with a pole-and-rafter frame that supports prefabricated panel walls and roofing. Rafters are hinged to the tops of the poles with bolts and special "split ring" connectors that increase strength of joints.

Building units could be prefabricated by farmers, but Bonnickson believes they could be made most economically by small local manufacturers with little investment in tooling. Units could be assembled into many types of farm buildings by farmers, local carpenters or the manufacturer.

Main tools for erecting such buildings are a post-hole digger and a hoist to lift the building units into place. Wall and roof panels are bolted to the super-structure.

These multi-use buildings should cost no more than "fixed" buildings, says Bonnickson. Somewhat higher costs for materials in the prefab building would be offset by savings in labor costs for assembling.

The new type construction would permit "installment building" with easy expansion in the building's length or width. Since walls "hang" on the poles, it is possible to exchange panels for such flexibility as solid walls, ventilator walls, walls with either walk-through or sliding doors, or window walls.

New Enamels Offer Shortcut

A shortcut for a small paint job is offered by the new enamels in aerosol cans for spray painting. These cans, charged with freon gas, spray any object with paint as effectively as expensive equipment with a motor driven compressor.

Of course, each can contains only a comparatively small amount of paint—6 to 12 ounces, depending on size. So it would take a lot of cans to spray paint a house. But for refinishing a radiator, touching up chipped enamel on a refrigerator or kitchen cabinet, or giving any small piece of furniture a smooth finish like an automobile body, aerosol cans of spray paint are big time savers.

There is no cleaning of brushes or rollers when all you do is press a button on top of a can and let the paint spray. You can get 13 colors, including gold and aluminum, plus a clear colorless lacquer. All of these dry within a few minutes.



A LONG LINE OF PARKED CARS shows that the new Tomahawk Ski Bowl near Rocky Point-Lake of the Woods Junction has apparently caught the fancy of local skiers. Tom Shaw packs his skis up the road to what he thinks is a good looking trail as Steve Stiles checks over his gear. The single tow presently operating at the bowl will probably be augmented by other tow facilities in the future.

American Architects Make Big Changes In Home Walls

A wall was once just a place to hang pictures or to worry about the wallpaper. Some were just partitions and looked like it.

Today, most walls in contemporary homes are as functional as the kitchen range. They are amazingly versatile in their many uses, a credit to the imagination of American architects.

The living room walls in present-day homes are probably the most interesting and offer the widest range of multiple use. With the trend toward exposed wooden beams and ceilings in these all-purpose family and living rooms, the natural tendency has been to go down the walls with more wood.

It is not unusual to see a full wall of one of these new living rooms devoted to bookcases and builtins of great beauty and attractiveness. If the wall is west coast hemlock or equally lovely Douglas fir panel boards, then the builtins and storage facilities are generally made of the same wood.

A single wall may furnish adequate storage for all the family's books, objets d'art and other bric-a-brac and at the same time contain all the music equipment of the family, excepting only the piano. Television, radio, hi-fidelity, record and music storage, all can be fit into these working walls.

Bookcases may be open shelving,

but the cabinets for games, toys and music equipment can be closed with attractive doors of hemlock or fir to match walls, ceilings and builtins. These wonderfully adaptable walls not only replace many extra pieces of furniture, but they can be finished as attractively as the finest piece of furniture without extra cost.

Some prefer sliding doors, which cover the music equipment when it is not in use, and slide easily in front of a bookcase section when necessary to use the gadgets it normally conceals.

If there are children in the home, it is wise to have the lower cabinets protected or concealed behind doors, which can be installed with secret latch locks which the children cannot open.

Because of the natural beauty, grain and colorings of these fine western softwoods, many homeowners prefer to finish these walls in clear varnishes, waxes or other applications which preserve this built-in beauty. If a bit of color is needed to sparkle up a room, then some of the modern tints and unique colors can be applied, for these woods take paint beautifully. Color suggestion may be given the wood by "antiquing" or brushing on and wiping off paint to get desired grain shade.

These built-in walls can be de-

signed in your new home, or easily built into an older home in practically any room.

Home Expert Plans Meeting

Principles of decorating will be explained by Glenn Behnke, Meier and Frank Company home planning studio director, to members of the Klamath Woman's Library Club Monday. Announcement for the program at 1:30 p.m. February 13 in the clubrooms at the city library, South Fifth and Klamath, was made today by Mrs. Merton Ferebee, president.

A slide presentation procured from "Better Homes and Gardens" magazine will be used by Behnke to accompany his talk, which will be followed by a question and answer period. This depiction, arranged by Mrs. Walter Brown, program chairman, will utilize carpets, draperies, wallpaper, accessories and other materials to show methods of attractive coordination in the home.

The program was arranged for the Library Club by Aaron Frank, Portland, according to Mrs. Brown. It is to be given to the club on an entirely complimentary basis.

Behnke plans to drive to Klamath Falls Sunday with his wife. They will stay at the Willard Hotel.

Mrs. Brown said that Behnke has a broad background in interior decorating and home planning, and is well versed in the fine arts.

Mrs. L. D. Leslie is chairman for the tea which will follow the program. Mrs. C. O. Moore, Mrs. A. V. McVey and Mrs. Walter Wiesendanger are members of her committee.

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