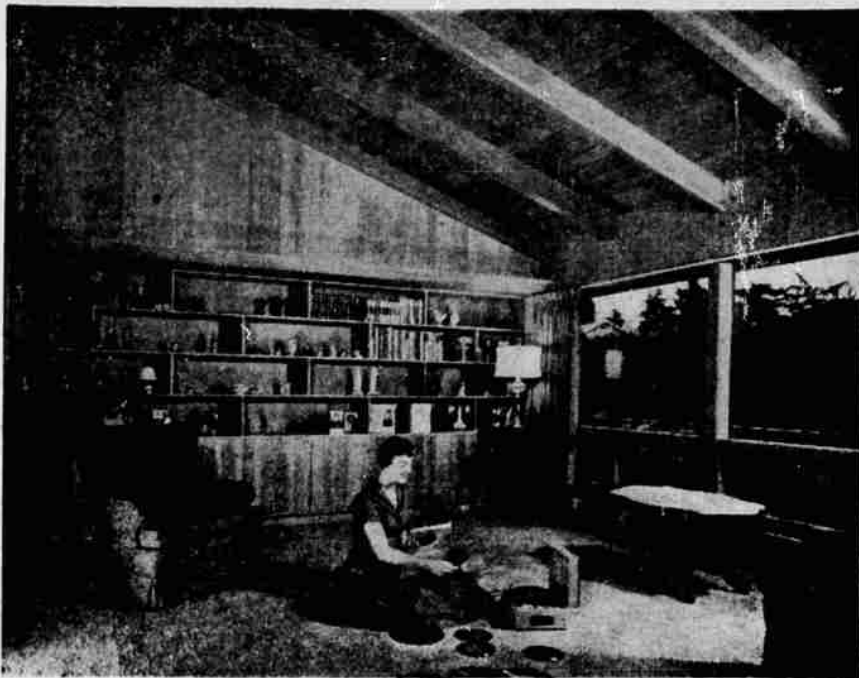




DUAL PERSONALITY LIVING ROOM—for a room to perform the most social function, and then ease gracefully into a teen-ager's record session, nothing can beat the beauty and warmth of Douglas fir wood paneling. The entire end of this spacious living room is devoted to built-ins of ochre-colored natural fir. Dramatic lift of the exposed fir beams and ceiling give lofty beauty to this room.

Destructive Residence Fires Cost U.S. Public Over 258 Million Dollars In '55

Destructive residence fires cost the American public over \$258 million last year. Most of these fires were the result of carelessness and could have been prevented, according to fire prevention authorities.

Many fires could be prevented, fire authorities say, through the proper use of covered galvanized steel containers throughout the house, to replace combustible or breakable containers used to store flammable materials.

Among the leading causes of home fires are defective chimneys and heating equipment. Every part of the furnace, air ducts and chimney should be checked carefully by a competent serviceman.

Coal stoves, oil stoves, and gas space heaters should be placed on fireproof platforms and located a safe distance from woodwork or other combustible materials.

Safe furnace-tending equipment is just as important as a safe heating system, since many fires start just outside the furnace. Fire prevention authorities have condemned the use of cardboard boxes, wooden bushel baskets and other combustible containers used for hot ashes and cinders, and suggest they be replaced by steel ash cans or galvanized steel baskets as ash containers. Even if a fire should begin in such a metal container, it would be confined to a safe area. In addition to being fire safe, these cans, or steel baskets, are galvanized inside and out to prevent corrosion and are equipped with side handles to facilitate carrying.

TRASH HAZARD

Another serious fire hazard is the accumulation in basements and attics of flammable rubbish. If disposing of rubbish as it collects is not practical, then store it in proper receptacles a safe distance from the furnace or heating pipes.

When burning rubbish, watch it carefully, for flying sparks or burning pieces of refuse can be

carried a considerable distance by wind and may ignite the roofs of nearby buildings. Rubbish fires should be confined to steel rubbish burners, designed with perforated openings on the sides and cover to permit combustion but which keep dangerous sparks from escaping.

CHECK ATTIC

The attic should be carefully examined for flammable paper, old clothing and oily rags which may be removed and stored safely to prevent spontaneous combustion.

Only rags and those used in painting also are hazards in the home workshop. Wood scraps, shavings and oily or paint-smeared rags may be safely stored in a covered galvanized steel pail, such as a refuse container. If spontaneous ignition should occur, it will be confined to the fire-safe interior of the can.

In the living room, an adequate screen should be provided for the fireplace to prevent burning embers from falling onto the carpet.

Overloaded electrical circuits cause many other home fires. Blown fuses are a good indication that the circuits are overloaded. The house should be properly wired to carry any load which may be put on the circuits.

WATCH SMOKING

Careless smoking habits are another major cause of fires in the home. Never permit smoking in bed and always be sure matches and cigarettes are out before disposing of them.

Never start a fire with gasoline or kerosene. The resulting explosion may cause severe injuries and possible death and also may start

a dangerous and destructive fire. Gasoline or kerosene should be stored in metal containers with snug covers.

Home dry cleaning should be done with cleaners which will not burn below 105 degrees Fahrenheit. Such cleaning fluids should be kept away from stoves, open flames or sparks. The area in which cleaning is done should be well ventilated.

Many explosions in the home occur when leaking gas from space heaters, gas ranges, refrigerators and other appliances are ignited. All such home appliances should be examined for leaky connections and fittings.

Every home should be equipped with some type of fire-fighting equipment, such as small, portable fire extinguishers which can be hung in hallways or closets. Fire pails also have an important place in home fire safety. Often one pail of water or sand is enough to smother a fire before it can do serious damage. Steel fire pails have rounded or conical bottoms so that they may not be used for any other purpose. Such pails may be filled with sand or water and hung in an accessible place for emergency use.

The fact that a home has fire fighting equipment should never preclude calling the fire department. Keep the fire department telephone number handy.

Homes can be made safe by removing fire hazards in the home itself and by providing for the eventuality of a fire.

Home Planning Director Tells Ideas To KF Club

The interior decorating ideas of the average homemaker are just as good as those of the professional decorator. Glenn Behnke, home planning studio director of Meier and Frank company, Portland, told Woman's Library Club members Monday afternoon.

The professional decorator can give the guiding hand of experience, however, Mr. Behnke said, and can remind the home owner to ask herself "Who will use this room," rather than "How shall I furnish it?"

All of the natural wood colors, sharp accents such as ice-blue, and grayed tones are in demand this season, Mr. Behnke said. Orange is new and tops in popularity in all of its shades ranging from yellow-orange through red-orange, he said. "Better Home and Garden" magazine slides, as well as a wide selection of drapery, upholstery, carpet and wallpaper samples were shown to prove it.

Fabulous and practical materials, all beautiful, which ranged from frankly expensive to reasonably-priced, drew signs of approval from women in attendance at the crowded library club rooms in the city library. Newest fabrics of animal, vegetable or mineral fibers, or combinations of these, brought everyone to the stage following the question and answer period, to examine them at close range.

The only purpose of interior decoration is to create beauty and harmony in the home, Mr. Behnke told the women, reminding them that balance in architecture as well as in furnishing should be achieved.

Men notice line, and women, color, he pointed out, so it is easily possible for a man and wife to compromise and achieve rooms pleasing to both. He told library

clubbers to remember that sky and water colors seem to enlarge small rooms, and that fire and sunset colors create an illusion of bringing the walls closer.

Mr. Behnke's program, in which he was assisted by his wife, was given before the library club through the generosity of Aaron Frank of the Portland and Salem stores. Arrangements were made by Mrs. Walter Brown, program chairman.

Mrs. Eugene Favell, soprano, sang a group of songs preceding the program, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. George McIntyre. Hostesses for the day were Mrs. A. C. Aldrich and Mrs. Q. T. Gibson. Mrs. Fred Howland and Mrs. James Thornton presided at the tea table following the program.

Chairman of the tea committee was Mrs. L. D. Leslie who was assisted by Mrs. Walter Wiesendanger, Mrs. A. V. McVey and Mrs. C. O. Moore. Valentine decorations about the rooms were arranged by Mrs. Hugh O'Connor, and Mrs. George Blanas led the flag salute which opened the session. Mrs. George Proctor closed the meeting with the reading of the "club collect."

Cover Picture

This weeks cover photograph was taken by Herald and News staff photographer Don Kettler on the Westside Highway looking south over Upper Klamath Lake towards the Geary Ranch. Kettler used a 4x5 Speed Graphic camera with a setting of F22 at 100th of a second.

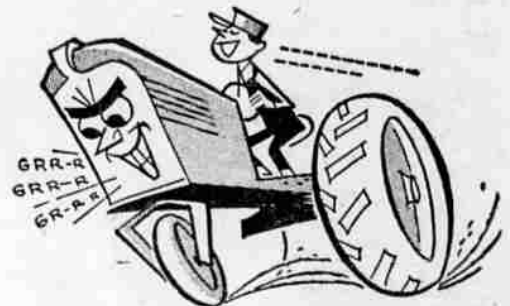
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