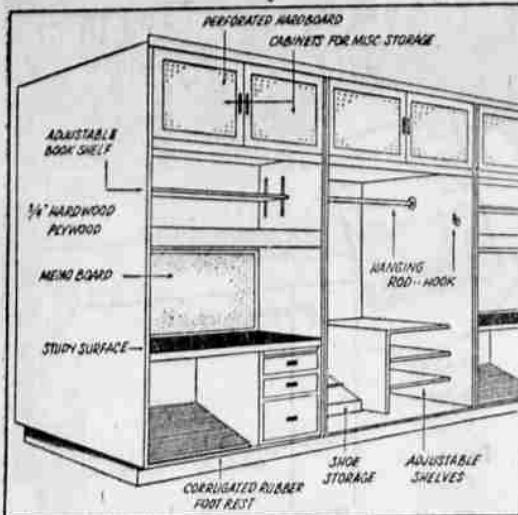


Storage Walls Save Space



STORAGE WALL worked out at Southern Louisiana Institute.

Rare is the house that has enough storage space. It seems that the older a house is, the fewer closets it contains. But at the same time, the trend toward more compactly planned homes also has increased the need for storage space.

The cumbersome early American wardrobe standing in a corner of a bedroom no longer provides enough space for clothing, bedding, linens and toilet supplies.

The storage wall is one answer to this need for compact and efficient hallway space. Consisting of a row of closets and cabinets, this contrivance forms a wall between rooms without wasting much of the space with studs and hollow areas boxed by lath and plaster.

A Bedroom Needs Good Illumination

"Now I lay me down to sleep," is often a prelude to a serious accident rather than to sweet repose. Statistics show that bedrooms are dangerous places. According to the National Safety Council, more fatal accidents occur in bedrooms than anywhere else in the home—a total of 23.6 per cent of all home accidents. And more persons over 65 die in bedroom accidents than any other age group.

While the causes of these mishaps are many and varied, inadequate lighting plays a big role. The American Home Lighting Institute says the bedroom is traditionally one of the poorest lighted rooms in a home. A few pint-size dresser lamps fail to do the job of ceiling and wall fixtures.

Shadows Are Treacherous To anyone who has stumbled through a dark bedroom groping for a lamp and then knocking it over, the dangers are apparent. Once such a tiny light is on, it still leaves many treacherous shadow areas.

Shoes, slippers, chairs, lamp cords, and even bedsheets and blankets can almost reach out to trip the unwary. These dangers are especially hazardous to older people, whose failing eyesight and hearing often trick them, and whose frail bodies can be seriously injured by slight bumps and falls.

Lighting experts say that for proper illumination, a bedroom should have a close-to-ceiling fixture with either four 50-watt bulbs or five 40-watt bulbs. The bulbs should be shielded by a 17-inch minimum diameter ceramic-enameled glass bowl or other good diffusing material.

This fixture should be controlled by two wall switches—one at the entrance to the bedroom, and the other near the bed. For additional comfort a fluorescent wall bracket can be installed as a reading lamp over the bed. For decoration, other fluorescent lights can be placed in window valances or cornices to illuminate draperies.

Bare fixtures that cause glare and temporary blindness should be avoided everywhere in a home, also low hanging fixtures that might knock your head.

Sensible bedroom illumination, say the lighting men, may mean that you will wake up in your own bed, rather than in a hospital bed.

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A house can't be judged by the style of its windows, but it can be judged to a great extent by the way its windows operate. Visit a house on a rainy day and try to open its windows. If they stick and bind because of the damp air, chances are they are not modern.

When windows open easily in all kinds of weather and close snugly, leaving nothing to rattle in the wind, you can almost conclude that similar care and quality have been used throughout in the construction of the house.

However, the style of the window design—small panes or large, square panes or horizontal rectangles—is largely a matter of individual preference.

There was a reason for small-paned colonial windows. Glass was scarce and valuable. Nowadays great sheets of glass can be had. But lots of people still prefer to cut it into small panes. They like the looks of colonial style windows.

Pros and Cons of Windows Something good can be said for almost any type of window. Metal framed windows are precision fitted and when made of aluminum they call for no paint. Wood framed windows, on the other hand, have greater insulating value and the sash is not as subject to "sweating" or condensation.

Metal theoretically expands and contracts readily, but it would be hard to find a case of metal framed windows giving any trouble on this score. Wood can swell and warp unless kept hermetically sealed on all surfaces, but modern chemical treatments have eliminated warping, shrinking and swelling from the newest wood windows.

"College architects," says the association, "are concerned with designing rooms to encourage good housekeeping. If storage is planned correctly, there's maximum room for study and sleep and the student quarters have a neat appearance."

How Units Are Built The storage walls at SLI at Lafayette, La., were designed by Ricciuti Associates and are considered suitable for any schoolage youngster's room. The units are built to accommodate the needs of four students in two adjoining bedrooms. They are floor-to-ceiling in height, 16 feet wide and four feet deep. Sloping shoe racks near the floor and overhead cabinets for luggage are concealed by thick solid core doors. When the doors are closed, nearly everything the student owns is shut from view.

These walls house built-in desks, memo panels, recessed lighting fixtures, electrical outlets and corrugated rubber foot rests.

Hardwood plywood is used for the principal parts of these units allowing for finishes in soft colors—five coats of sealer followed by three coats of air-dried enamel.

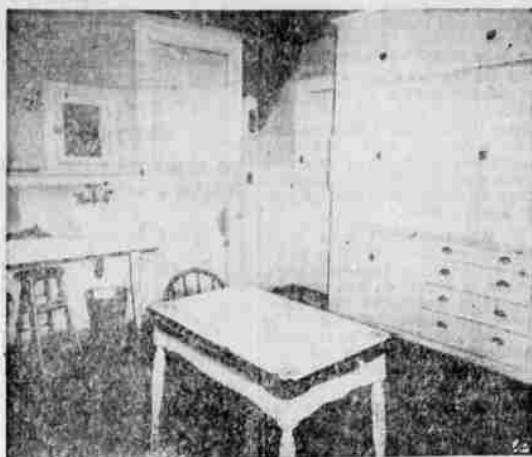
Natural wood tones are especially appropriate for such construction.

Three General Designs You can get windows today in three general styles, colonial multi-pane, transitional combinations and modern horizontal designs to harmonize with your favorite architectural preferences.

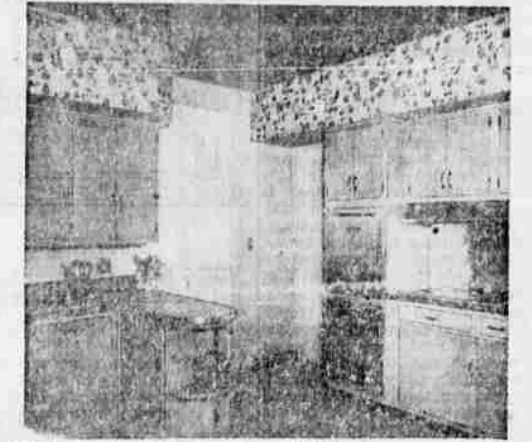
Many window units are made today with combination storm and

Start Modernizing in the Kitchen

New ideas in kitchen equipment, including the oven in the wall, top burners built into counters and refrigerators hanging like cabinets, are bringing about a re-evaluation of building materials for kitchens. With ovens and top burners separated, the part of the range commonly used as a resting place for hot pans and teakettles disappears. Plastic covered counter surfaces have been found to blister and buckle under such heat. The result is that counter tops of glazed ceramic tile are becoming more common.



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screen sash. A window screen is replaced by a storm sash from within the house without the hazardous use of a ladder outside. These units are strong and lightweight and can be painted to match the trim and color scheme of your house.

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In its manufacture, tile is baked at temperatures of 2,000 degrees and higher, so it is impervious to sizzling roasting pans and hot casseroles removed from the oven. New wall type refrigerators, finished in a variety of colors to match or blend with kitchen cabinet colors, tie in readily with ceramic tiles, which are now made in more than 200 shades.

Modern adhesives have simplified the installation of tile. It is no longer always necessary to provide a mortar bed for clay tile. The squares can be cemented firmly on plywood, plaster, gypsum wall-board and other smooth surfaces.

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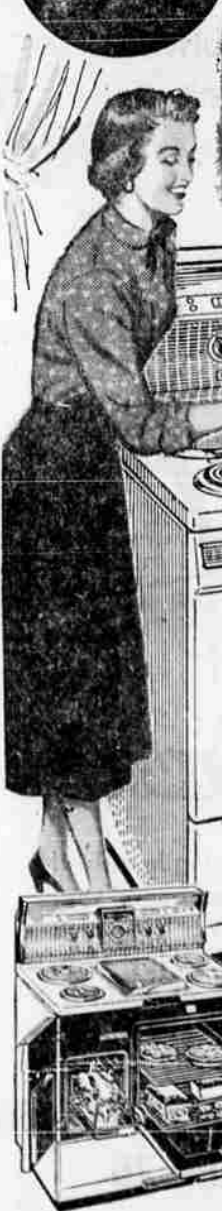
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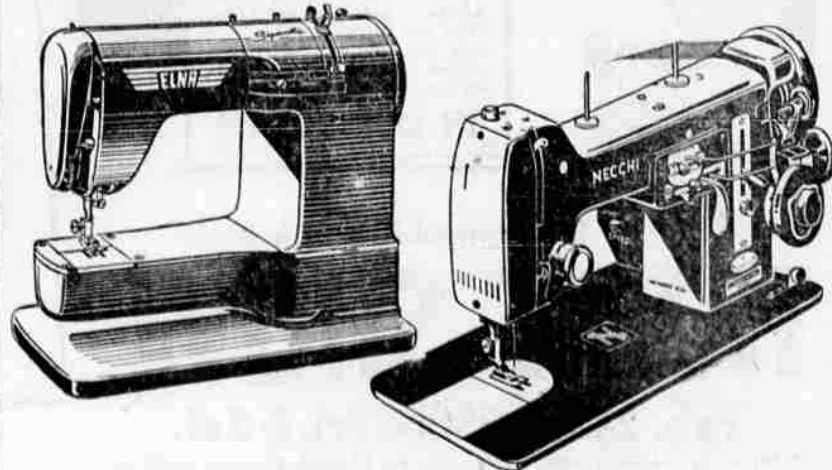
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