

Heating-Cooling Combination Unit Most Practical Fix-Up Installation

Everybody's talking about fixing up the old place these days. And, of course, that means the heating system, too. If you're wondering what to do about it, there's a course of action that will fit your needs and pocket-book at the same time.

First, there's a minimum approach. In homes equipped with steam or old-fashioned gravity flow hot water systems, powered by a hand-fired boiler (and there are many of these throughout the country) the homeowner can convert the hand-fired boiler to automatic firing.

Most boilers can be converted easily by a capable contractor. Age of boiler is not necessarily a factor. Life expectancy of home heating boilers is from 20 to 40 or more years. At this age, many boilers are still providing good heat, and with the addition of automatic firing, they may be made more efficient.

Second basic improvement is the addition of a "pump" or circulator to convert the system to forced circulation as opposed to the slower gravity type. This helps the system to "answer" faster with more heat when it's called for by the thermostat.

Then there's a maximum approach. If year 'round air conditioning is desired, heating-cooling baseboards or convectors may be installed instead of conventional heating baseboards or convectors. A combination boiler-chiller may be set up in the basement where it will take up no more space than the regular boiler alone.

The most advanced of these are compact central or remote type systems that employ no ductwork and offer individual room comfort control.

One system has been designed for homeowners who seek zoned heating and cooling levels matched to family activities or to individual preference. Individual room control is provided at no extra cost, eliminating the need for expensive zoning.

The heart of this new system is the compact room unit. Hot water for heating and chilled water

for cooling are supplied from a remotely located boiler and chiller to each room unit, through in-suspicious or concealed piping systems. The chiller is available with a water-cooled condenser for areas where the use of water is restricted.

Since piping and distribution units are identical for heating and cooling, either of these functions may be installed initially and the other added at a later date.

The boiler and chiller require only a small amount of floor space and are housed in simple, attractive jackets. They may be placed in the basement or in a kitchen, utility or family room or the garage, where slab construction is employed.

Relief for hay fever sufferers is offered by a large, removable filter in each unit that screens out dust, dirt and most pollen from the air. Operation is quiet — even a light sleeper need not be disturbed while the units are operating.

When heating or heating-cooling baseboards are installed during modernization they simply replace sections of old wooden baseboards at the foot of the wall.

Maximum course of action is recommended when extensive remodeling is being done throughout the house, at which time installation is handled most economically.

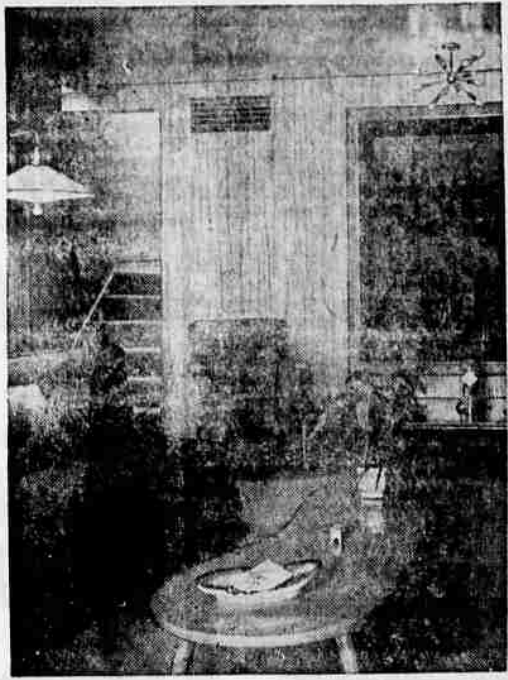
Savings can be effected in a hot water system, however, when the installing contractor utilizes "high temperature water design," a technical advancement which reduces installation costs. And the cost of a separate heater for hot tap water is eliminated because in modern heating systems the water heater is built into the home heating boiler.

For a medium approach, a homeowner may select a new boiler with its many advantages and replace free-standing radiators with modern baseboards or convectors on the first floor only. Extensive radiation can remain

as it is on the second floor.

Limiting modernization to basement and first floor allows installation of new piping at minimum cost, since most of the work is done in the basement and does not involve extensive alterations or opening of walls.

Consult three reliable heating contractors in all cases for bids, and to find out which approach is most suitable for you and your pocketbook.



A HANDSOME SETTING for comfortable furniture, bric-a-brac and one's favorite collector's item is this remodeled living room. The modern, wood-grained hardboard paneling has a baked plastic finish that helps bright colors, rich textures and end detail to stand out. Exciting new-style lighting fixtures add further drama to the room.

New Look Given To Modern Lamps

Lamps are rapidly capturing the lime light as focal - point room accessories.

1958 looks as a year of adventure in lamp and light fixture styling, color, decorating and combinations of materials.

The status of lamps is seen first in their increased stature. The new lower furniture requires the height being given to this season's lamps.

The trend toward interior decorating with a definite cultural theme has inspired lamp makers, too. 1958 lamps may be Oriental, Aztec, American Colonial or Victorian.

A Hundred Years Of American Architecture And Home Life

The last century has brought some incredible changes in our world, and each one has been reflected in the home through architecture, decorations, and accommodations!

These factors in turn affect the way we live, raise our family, and spend our leisure and work hours.

Going back three generations ago or more, only the land as far as east-of-the-Mississippi could be called settled.

Homes of the cultivated classes in the East favored pretentious artifices with a European influence. In the Deep South, Roman, Greek and French styling was predominant.

Traveling by wagon or wood burning locomotive down the Ohio River, you would pass the Manor houses or Virginia, and the stone house of the Pennsylvania Dutch.

In the southwest, the Spanish Hacienda was favored, and in the Northwest territory, you'd see dusty main streets, false front saloons, and a rough wood or log cabins.

In the later part of the nineteenth century, the Gothic house with its endless gables and decorated gingerbread became popular.

It was an era of romantic feeling, and Victorian artists depicted lonely lovely maidens in Scottish castles; but it was a dull life, stiff and formal.

At home the family congregated at the massive, round, dinner table. Three heavy meals a day was the rule. Household drudgery

was a necessary evil. Clothing was heavy. Bathrooms dark and dreary.

The parlor was a seldom used, dusty museum of heavy furniture with marble-topped tables, sofas, sketchbooks, albums and endless cluttering of so-called cultural objects.

Windows were draped to the hilt so that no sunlight could filter into ruin the oriental carpet, and lushly tufted velvet chairs.

At the turn of the century, the Swiss Chalet, Italian Villa, and Colonial styling were all popular.

Golden Oak interiors flourished by the acre, and Whistler's portrait of mother hung (in reproduction) in nine out of ten parlors, and every woman wanted a "Turkish Corner."

There was the inevitable basement with its steep stairs down which the weekly wash, and ashes had to be carried, poorly planned kitchens, and little closet space.

Variety Of Design Returning To Floors

Wood in variety of parquet patterns is returning to favor for flooring — this time with brass accenting design. Hard surface flooring continues as a favorite with color and pattern achieved in many ways: new shapes of rubber and vinyl tile laid in interesting combinations using two or three colors; solid colored tiles with an inset design of another shade scattered occasionally across the floor.

In the 1920's, the Louis XVI influence was in vogue with its gilt trim, satinwood and rosewood, and although ornate, had a lighter airy feeling.

The first appearance of our modern design came along a few years later and went to the opposite extreme. It was austere and barren.

Now for the first time, decorators, science, and a whole world of mechanization, have freed us from the past.

Drudgery has disappeared with the flick of a switch for heating, cooling, electricity power and water are forgotten once they are installed.

Automatic washers, dryers, and ironers are compact, quick, and efficient. Packaged foods, freezers, and automatic stoves make cooking a pleasure.

Architecture has been released from the limitations of the structural systems using the post, lintel, and arch.

Isolated points of support combined with cantilevered floors and roofs have made great areas of windows and doors possible.

There are all types of lightweight sheets of synthetic building materials to go with the new systems of construction.

Outmoded closets have been replaced by storage units.

The living area has an affinity with the outdoors. The dining table becomes a transition between living and cooking areas.

We are now living in space, not cut off from it, and beauty, con-

venience, and color, is an integral part of our homes.

What will the future hold? It would be interesting to be able to look ahead a hundred years and see what our descendants will have for homes, and how outmoded we may be considered today!

Here's Checklist For Home Lighting

Whether a family is buying a new home or remodeling the present one, the installation of modern lighting is an important must in living better electrically.

Here's a suggested check list from home buyers or remodelers: Outside — individual lights for entrances, porches and driveways. Stairs and halls — Spot ceiling fixtures over all stairs and in each hall, controlling them by switches at each end.

Bathroom — Fixtures above and turn on lights when using medicine bottles. Night light is an added safety measure.

Bedroom — A large center ceiling fixture controlled by switches at the door and near the bed.

Kitchen — Ceiling fixture plus lights over all working areas, including sink, range and counters.

Basement and attic — Lights over laundry area, furnace, storage area and work benches.

Closets — Wall or ceiling fixtures, preferably operated by door switch.



DROP SIDING



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Use Siding For Improvement

Some recent trends in siding are: Use of narrow widths of bevel siding or narrow widths of vertical siding to give an appearance of greater size and distinction to smaller houses.

Use of random width bevel siding applied in regular rotation, starting perhaps with a 4 inch board and going up to 10 inch boards.

Use of vertical siding on a counterpoint to horizontal siding on long, low contemporary houses.

Diagonal application of siding for special architectural effects.

A "wrap-around" wood deck faced with narrow horizontal siding encircling two or more sides of the house as the modern equivalent of the old-fashioned porch.

Continuation of siding from the outside to the inside as paneling — a theme linking outdoors with indoors.

Design of fences and windbreaks in continuation of the lines and pattern of the house siding.

Modern Appliance

There is no end to man's ingenuity in making housework easier, and the latest invention is a combination "rug - floor - and-furniture; cleaner and polisher."

This one appliance serves a multiple purpose where formerly you had a separate appliance for each individual need.

This is light, strong, easy-to-handle, with a full length handle and a varied set of detachable brushes.

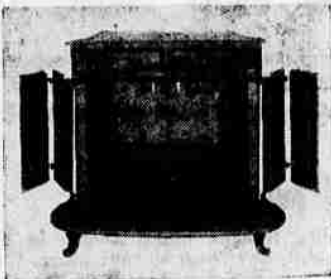
Ask about it at your favorite appliance store. Here's a machine that will do most of your work for you!

An old linoleum can be satisfactorily painted if all the dirt and grime is removed first with benzine or some similar but non-flammable cleaner. Two coats of any good floor enamel or special linoleum lacquer will do the trick.

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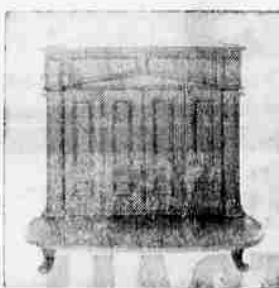
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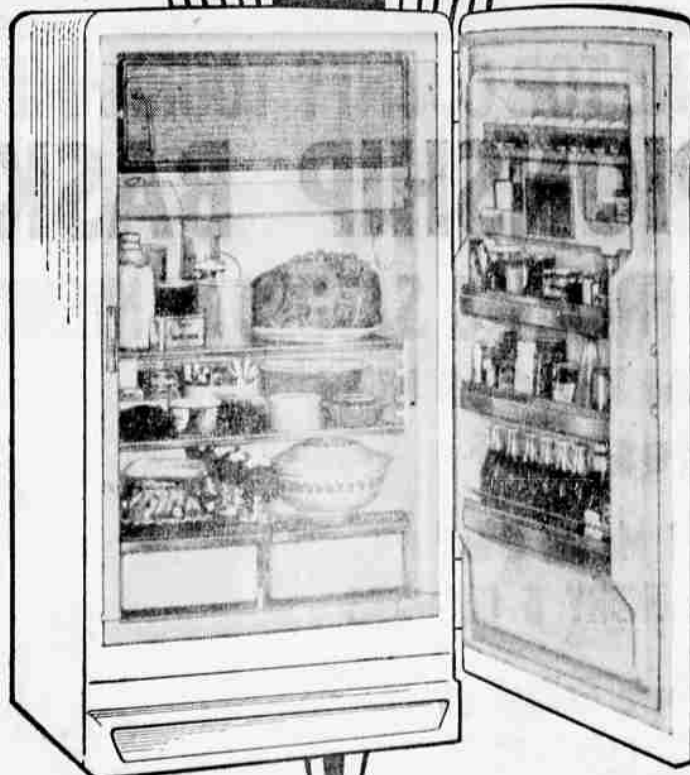
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