



LIKE TWO CARS in the garage, second homes like this vacation retreat are becoming a new U.S. way of life.

Nation Of Two Home Families Seen For U.S. In Next Decade

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NEW YORK (NEA)—A second home may become as common as a second car within the next decade.

That's the prediction of many experts in the building field. Already, they point out, weary apartment dwellers are escaping to "the outside" and become home owners, even if it's just for that long weekend respite.

The summer or vacation home market is growing also among families with a monthly mortgage to meet on their everyday homes. And, say the experts, it will continue to grow as others feel the need of a retreat as suburbs build up.

This need, explains architect-writer Bob Englebrecht, is almost as if the town house-country home living of a past century had come full cycle, with this big difference: a summer home of the next decade won't be a whim of the very rich.

"Those I know going in for summer homes," he says, "are those with incomes under \$10,000."

"Most of them feel that the investment is not a calculated risk but a normal growth. Each year as Dad brings home a little more money, the family goes up the scale of living. They also know they can sell these homes for almost 100 per cent profit."

The idea of having a second home to lounge in is exciting to most, especially the young in heart. But even more exciting is that these no longer are one-room cracker boxes, with outdoor facilities.

Key to success of a vacation home is the off-key approach people can take to it. Some get so off-key, Englebrecht adds, that the owners become confused and ask "How informal can you get?"

Architects find the second-home area challenging because they have a freer hand. Various sallies into economical vacation home design show what can be done with a budget in mind. Among these are a \$7,000 T-snapped, prefabricated structure by Norman Cherner and a \$1,000 geodesic dome (half a bubble) home by R. Buckminster Fuller.

Another example of an easy-to-erect and inexpensive home is the A-frame beach cabin. It looks like an elongated tepee and sports two bedrooms on the top deck with a porch, living room, built-in kitchen and bathroom on the first deck.

Extensive use of beams and panels, both for support and decoration: rampant colors, and rugged, bright materials add to their individuality.

Probably the biggest selling feature of a second home is its freedom from concise and dogmatic life—the Main Street traditions of

what a home should be. "If people are living in a house they like, they might not go away," is Englebrecht's explanation for the growing popularity of colorful second homes. "It seems they leave things that tend to plague them."

The extremely foresighted saw the trend coming when families rushed to camp sites after World War II. But Englebrecht points out an interesting sidelight to the theory that people want to rough it.

"People are less inclined to pioneer for themselves once they get through the day-to-day complexities of working and traveling to work," he says.

"They don't want to wear themselves out building. Thus a builder who offers them a package vacation home for a set monthly payment probably will make a sale."

Still, building a vacation cabin is one of the strongest vestiges left of the do-it-yourself trend, according to a spokesman for the Douglas Fir Plywood Association.

"People," he says, "feel that expert workmanship isn't as important out in the woods or on the beach, and these are the normal sites for second homes."

"Thus, there's a fertile field for the home handyman who wants to put up the shell of a basic structure and improve it in gradual stages."



WITH THE 1957-58 school year rapidly drawing to a close, it won't be too long before youngsters such as this one will be able to devote their undivided attention to highly important topics such as frogs, fish, and all that stuff.

POTATO COMMITTEE MANAGER'S QUARTERLY DISPOSITION REPORT, 1957 CRIP BRAND WITH 1958 CRIP BRAND COMPARISONS
CUMULATIVE THROUGH MAY 15, 1958 COMPILED BY GILBERT-CALIFORNIA POTATO COMMISSION, P.O. BOX 3073, MEMPHIS, TENN.

Crisp Brand	1957		1958		1957		1958		Total 2 Brands	Total 2 Brands	Crisp Brand	Crisp Brand
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958				
By Carriers	4,383	4,813	10,649	12,019	4,913	11,082	3,479	2,152	740	513	13,513	13,995
By Trucks	2,782	2,762	3,437	3,110	8,877	7,111	6,158	5,275	7,465	2,886	10,344	10,156
Total	7,165	7,575	14,086	15,129	13,790	18,193	9,637	7,427	14,978	16,401	23,857	24,151
By Grades	11,251	9,148	13,101	13,716	43,429	37,774	10,068	9,261	4,861	5,427	10,977	10,686
U.S. No. 1	2,855	2,528	2,855	3,465	6,534	5,191	2,549	1,804	2,141	2,642	5,183	4,576
U.S. No. 2	1,996	1,620	2,246	2,251	7,895	7,583	7,519	7,457	2,720	2,785	5,794	5,110
U.S. No. 3	6,400	4,999	8,000	8,000	29,000	25,000	9,800	9,800	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total	11,251	9,148	13,101	13,716	43,429	37,774	10,068	9,261	4,861	5,427	10,977	10,686
By Varieties	44	38	536	536	801	801	999	906	3,507	4,736	15,776	21,003
Rede	44	38	536	536	801	801	999	906	3,507	4,736	15,776	21,003
White	995	431	1,860	2,138	2,032	1,515	2,157	1,622	5,015	3,473	29,170	18,008
Non-Food	13,457	11,629	13,510	14,040	37,596	45,458	23,321	23,321	7,354	7,354	26,117	26,117
Total	15,506	13,096	18,946	18,714	43,429	37,774	12,883	12,883	15,396	16,573	51,063	45,131

Here's the Answer

By ANDREW C. LANG
Newsfeatures

Question: What can I put on brass to keep it from getting tarnished? A brass door knocker on our house begins to tarnish about 4 or 5 months after being thoroughly cleaned and polished.

Answer: It is probable that the door knocker originally had lacquer on it and that the lacquer has worn off. Give it 3 or 4 coats of clear lacquer and it should last at least 2 years and possibly longer. Be sure the brass is completely clean and dry before applying the lacquer.

Question: Several months ago we moved into a house we bought. The house is 15 years old and has an attic, which is finished in knotty pine. Whoever did the finishing apparently spent a lot of time making certain that every-

thing was perfect down to the fraction of an inch, but he neglected to make any built-ins. We would like to make some built-in bookshelves. Can you tell us how to go about it?

Answer: The knotty pine is attached to furring strips which, in turn, are attached to studs. Take out as many of the pine panels as necessary to get the desired width for the bookshelves. Then cut out the parts of the furring strips and studs that are in the way. Since the studs were put in as wall framing and not to support any roof weight, you can safely cut out as many as necessary. After that it's just a question of how the shelves will be supported: on strips of wood, bits of dowels or ready-made metal supports. You can buy molding to finish off the job or you can make molding strips from the pieces of knotty pine you removed to make room for the bookshelves.

Wood Panels Add Non Slip Surface

Boat and swimming docks can be given non-slip, splinter-proof surfaces by applying panels of hardboard with the screen side up. The panels also add to the strength of the dock. Panels should be nailed in position with the nails driven flush with the surface so they won't catch on shoes or clothing. About 1-1/2" space should be left between each panel at the joints. Life of the surface will be greatly extended by applying several coats of exterior grade paint.

Question: The terrace at the back of our house has aluminum supports holding up the roof. My wife now has decided they should be painted. Can I apply ordinary exterior paint to the aluminum?

Answer: Yes, the aluminum can be painted with regular exterior paint. However, since the structure is outdoors, it is likely that there is some dirt or grime clinging to the metal. Be sure all of it is wiped off before proceeding with the painting.



THE ANCIENT people of Germany used to hang sprigs of sweet smelling evergreen and red-berried holly in their houses to serve as a winter home for the spirits of the woods. From this old custom probably comes the habit of decorating houses with holly branches at Christmas.

OVERSIGHT
SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP) — In arranging a dinner honoring John Harris, manager of an airline communications office on his retirement after 28 years service, it was discovered that Harris still was carried on company records as a probationary employe. The airlines had to make Harris a regular employe to retire him.

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