

DO-IT-YOURSELF



'Polka Dot' Paints Offer A New Decorating Effect

New vistas in texture and "look" in furniture decoration are opened to homemakers with the introduction of multi-colored paints such as Plextone. Vividly described as "liquid polka dots," it can be applied to old or new furniture to get decorative and custom finishes. The paint consists of two or more colors held in suspension. With traditional paints, a mixture of red and white makes pink. But, in multi-colored paints red stays red and white stays white. A great variety of effects are possible. The paint is washable, resists dust, is odorless, is tough and lasting and one coat is the equal of several coats of ordinary paint. Brushes are not necessary, because the paint can be sprayed on in one application, through the exhaust end of an ordinary vacuum cleaner. There is no worry from spray dust.

Metal or unpainted wood should be given a primer coat. The primer is available where the paint is bought. Previously painted wood should be clean and free from oil, grease, wax or furniture polish. Old gloss enamel surfaces should be scuffed with steel wool. If wood has been previously stained, apply a coat of white shellac.

Shake the jar of multi-colored paint vigorously to make sure all particles of the paint are uniformly distributed. Then fill the sprayer (available where paint is pur-

chased) half full of paint. Do not use a paint thinner. Attach hose of vacuum cleaner to the sprayer. Before spraying, test the paint on a piece of paper. If the paint appears to be heavy (thick), add a little water to it.

Turn screw on sprayer to full open. The sprayer can be turned off and on by a valve. Hold the sprayer about 12 inches away from the furniture. Spray in short bursts, first horizontally and then vertically. Keep sprayer in motion at all times until surfaces have been completely covered. A little experience will make the job easy. Spray a scrap piece of wood before working on the furniture to gain experience.

This type of multi-colored paint can be used for outdoor furniture the same as for indoor objects. Caution: Always spray in a well ventilated area. Keep windows and doors open. Be sure that gas pilots or other flames are shut off in the area. Clean the sprayer frequently by spraying water from another jar through it, and keep paint jar tightly closed when not in use.

Multi-colored paints will, under ordinary atmospheric conditions, dry within about 24 hours. The paint becomes harder with age. The paints are available at hardware and paint stores, with manufacturer's suggestions for color combinations and color charts.

Century Klamath Farmers Solicited To Sign Up Now

The State Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Historical Society are issuing second call for all local owners of farmland which has been in the same family 100 years or more to submit certification of such continuous family ownership to the county judge by July 20.

Since this program is a prelude to the Centennial, the co-sponsors searched through old records and found out some information on farm conditions in Oregon 100 years ago.

Klamath County didn't exist officially until 1882, yet much earlier thousands of cattle were being raised and fattened in this part of the state.

In eastern Oregon the amount of government land still vacant was very large, according to an 1869 report. "The section of country known as the Klamath Lake region, in the southwestern corner of Eastern Oregon is as large as the state of Rhode Island. About half of it is the finest kind of arable prairie land, the remainder good grazing and timber lands, all well watered. This entire section of country does not now contain over forty or fifty settlers."

The success of early stockmen was attributed to the superior grazing advantages. Horse raising was a prominent and lucrative business because horses could be raised so cheaply that it warranted the expense of driving them to

any place in the United States, the old histories record.

However, the Indians were troublesome in the Klamath area and drove many prospective homesteaders to the safer Willamette Valley. Some of the more adventurous pioneers stayed in the Klamath area as they felt its potential for stockgrowing outweighed the dangers.

If any present-day Klamath County ranchers are descended from the early agriculturists, they should contact the county judge as soon as possible in order to qualify for the Century Farm honors to be presented at the State Fair this fall.

Summer Range Feed Prospects Are Good

The State Crop and Livestock Reporting Service says prospects for summer range feed are the best for this time of year since 1941.

The agency reports that range feed conditions are four per cent better this year than they were last year at this time and 11 per cent above the 10-year average.

Only on the north coast and in the Lassen, Modoc, and Plumas County areas were declines from last year's range conditions reported, but these were minor ones.

Hoppers Slowed By Hot Weather

Some hot weather like most of California is now enjoying can be a blessing in at least one way: it is slowing the grasshopper hordes that are beginning to move on California croplands.

University of California entomol-

ogists say that when it's hot, the hoppers climb up the stems of grass and other plants to cool off a little. And while they are up the stems, their feeding activities are sharply curtailed.

The reason, says entomologist

W. W. Middlekauff, is that mid-day temperatures rise to as high as 120 degrees in the ground cover. But at the same time, temperatures only two inches above the ground are as much as 35 degrees cooler.

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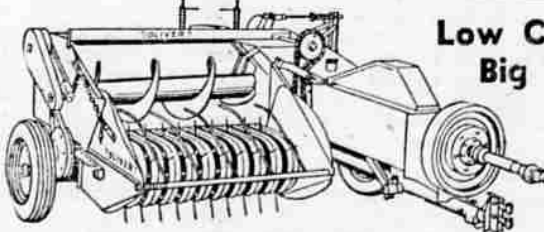
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