

Basements Solve The Heat Problem

Keeping cool in summer by radiating your own body heat away from you is a dandy trick, and it works when you surround your self with cool walls and floors. This kind of radiation explains the popularity of basement recreation rooms on hot days, says the Construction Research Bureau, national clearing house for building information.

"Basements remain cool because the earth can keep a constant year-round temperature of about 54 degrees below the frost line," the Bureau explains. "Since heat waves always travel from warm to cooler objects, we feel cooler in a basement even when the air temperature is the same as in other rooms."

"A concrete basement floor covered with modern resilient floor covering will be relatively warm in zero weather and refreshingly cool in summer because of the steady ground temperature. The development of this brightly colored, waterproof and greaseproof floor covering has been a big factor in making neat and comfortable basements economically popular. Water-mixed cement paint on walls transforms a basement into a cheerful and easy-to-clean room."

These Girls Live In Music World

AS MUSIC AND SPLENDOR, by Kate O'Brien, (Harper) is the story of two girls learning to sing—and to live—in the exacting world of grand opera in Paris and Rome 70-odd years ago.

Clare Halvey and Rose Lennane were a pair of literally penniless Irish teen-agers when they began their apprenticeship in music at a Paris convent to which they had been admitted in 1886 under a scholarship arrangement. Within five years, each in her own way had achieved a promising measure of success, and each had learned some of the unpleasant facts of life.

Like the Shelley who wrote the passage from which *As Music and Splendour* takes its title, Kate O'Brien takes a dim view of love in this novel. Not only Clare and Rose but virtually every subsidiary character in the book has had his fingers burned at the votive fire of Eros.

Miss O'Brien, a firmly established novelist and playwright, tells her tale of disenchantment with perception and style, successfully conveying the essentials of illicit and perverse love without going into clinical detail.

Ask Continuation Of Market Work

Agriculture Director Robert J. Steward this week announced that federal matching funds have been requested to continue four Oregon marketing service projects through the fiscal year beginning July 1.

These include joint studies and efforts by the State Department of Agriculture and the state college experiment station on: (1) improving filbert storage methods to facilitate holding over surplus crop production and even out seasonal supplies and prices; (2) potato storage and handling methods for different consumer uses; (3) the effects of variations in temperature and humidity on field seeds in storage and in shipment; and (4) means of developing and assuring virus-free nursery stock.

Wrap Corn In Bacon

Bacon-broiled corn on the cob makes a good butter-saving luncheon dish. Boil husked fresh corn in salted water to cover for 4-6 minutes, or until almost tender. Drain and wrap each ear in 2 strips bacon, skewering bacon ends with toothpicks. Place in preheated broiler 4 inches from heat source and cook 7 minutes, or until bacon is crisp, turning to cook on all sides. Remove bacon and serve with corn.



WOOD PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE in the utility and the decorative scheme of this small contemporary bedroom. The built-in drawers of clear ponderosa pine, one of the popular species from the western pine region, blend attractively with the knotty paneling of the wall and ceiling and the painted bricks.



ALL DRESSED UP and a parade to ride in. That was the idea when these youngsters boarded old Dobbin for the recent Kiddies Parade held on Main Street as a kickoff to the Fourth of July celebration in Klamath Falls.

Roast Corn On Cob

Fresh corn on the cob is especially flavorful when roasted in foil, either on an outdoor grill or in a preheated 425 degree oven. Husk corn, remove silks, and place each ear or a square of aluminum foil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, top with a thin slice of butter or margarine, and wrap securely by making a double lengthwise fold on top of the ear. Turn up ends, and fold against the corn.

On an outdoor grill, bake 20-25 minutes, or until tender, turning to cook uniformly. Oven-baked corn takes approximately the same baking time, depending on the age of the corn and size of the ears. Serve in the foil, with the fold opened and turned back.

KEEPS GREAT SEAL

The Secretary of State has charge of the Great Seal of the United States. He must impress it on all important documents. Laws do not take effect until he has put the Great Seal on them.

Fruit Shipments About The Same

If predictions come true, the amount of fresh fruits and vegetables shipped from Oregon in the year 1958-59 will be about the same as the total for the year which ends June 30. The seeds responsible for this estimate double as federal-state shipping point supervisors in Oregon.

These eight men — who are stationed at Ontario, Milton-Freewater, Hood River, Portland, Salem, Redmond, Medford and Klamath Falls — foresee 38,968 cars will be inspected during the coming year.

BARKLESS DOG

The Basenji, or barkless, breed of dog dates back to the days of the Egyptian Pharaohs. The first Basenjis were brought as gifts to the Pharaohs and, in many of the rock engravings, the proud deer-like dogs are seated at the feet of the rulers.

Wood Paneling Fits Well In Any Home Interior

Wood is one material that fits in well in any decorative period. It is equally suited to a contemporary or an early American setting for every room of the house.

One reason for the increasing popularity of wood in modern homes is its versatility. On the one hand, it is ideal for meeting demands for efficient use of space; on the other hand, it can provide the desirable color and textures for any type of setting.

The easy workability and "finishability" of the woods of the western pine region have helped to popularize them in contemporary settings. Because they are economical soft woods, they are well suited for built-ins designed to use the available wall space to the best advantage in modern houses and apartments where space is at a premium. Because they lend themselves to any finishing treatment, they blend well with any materials that are employed in modern settings.

In a small bedroom, built ins can be constructed to utilize the space along an entire wall much more efficiently than any standard furniture pieces.

Drawer, cabinet, closet and shelf space may be provided just where it is needed. A series of drawer units may run along one wall and connect with shelves that run to the bed, providing a convenient substitute for night tables.

When it comes to exercising individual expression, the 10 species of the western pine region offer almost unlimited choices. The range includes stock with big, splashy knots or small, neat knots—numerous or widely scattered—or with no knots.

Ponderosa pine, Idaho white pine, and sugar pine are among the most popular species and are widely available in lumber yards. But some of the lesser known species may offer a good buy and provide just the effect that is sought. For instance, lodgepole pine has tight, widely-spaced knots that may be well suited to a contemporary setting.

Other species include Engelmann spruce, larch, white fir.

Time Is Natural Wood Darkener

All wood darkens with age. This natural "sun-tanning" produces the rich patina that has made wood paneled walls a centuries-old favorite in American homes.

It is possible to reproduce the weathered effect of age with reasonable accuracy in finishing wood paneling. However, says the Western Pine Association, it should also be kept in mind that the "sun-tanning" process will occur regardless of the original finish.

In deciding on a finish, think about the tone that is wanted eventually. Then apply stain that will be several shades lighter to begin with. Age will make up the difference, says the Western Pine Association.

The same principle applies if wood is given a natural finish. In that case, the natural tone of the selected species must be considered.

Exposure of wood to light produces slow oxidation of the surface fibers, causing a permanent chemical change in the color of the wood's surface.

Nutrition Is Means Of Insect Control

Nutrition as a means of insect control, that's the possibility seen in recent USDA experiments.

Department scientists have found that spider mites attacking pole lima beans were easy to kill when the beans were supplied with proper amounts of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.

And they also found that mites were harder to kill on plants receiving less or more of the proper nourishment. They now suspect that resistance to insecticides, so often found in insects, may actually be the result of variations in plant nutrient levels.

Douglas fir, inland red cedar, and incense cedar.

* Any lumber dealer will be glad to show samples of the different species, widths, and patterns of paneling that he has available and to discuss what combinations are suited to the particular decor.

In finishing the paneling, among the most popular treatments for contemporary settings are the brush-on-wipe-off treatments. They can provide any desired color and at the same time allow the characteristic grain and knot pattern of the wood to show through. There are numerous ready-mixed commercial stains and pigments on the market or a little experimentation in do-it-yourself mixing will yield the desired effect.

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