



KITCHEN-DINING DIVIDER — A room divider constructed of paneling from the western pine region is an efficient and attractive way of treating a kitchen-dining area. Wall paneling and ceiling are knotty ponderosa pine, the spindle and beams of Douglas fir. Note the cabinets accessible to both sides. Photo is taken in the home of E. E. Yoder Jr. of the Yoder-Mueller Construction Co. of Downey, California.

Room Divider Good Idea To Increase Your Space

When trying to increase storage space, it's a good idea to think about dividing — a room divider, that is.

Building a room divider is one way of creating a desired decorative effect and at the same time providing for storage for two different areas.

In between a kitchen and dining room, for instance, a wall of storage cabinets, drawers, and other built-ins would be very efficient. On the kitchen side, the divider could be used to add extra cabinets at any height. A row of cabinets could be built so that the top gives extra counter space.

A similar arrangement on the dining room side may provide a buffet serving area. Underneath there may be storage space for linens, glassware, silverware and similar items.

No matter what the specific functions of the room divider, an

ideal material for constructing it is paneling from the western pine region. Because they are easily worked soft woods, the 10 species from the western pine region are suitable for either power or hand tools and for use by either the rank amateur or expert craftsman.

It is easy to custom-build a unit that will be both functional and attractive, blending in with the decor of the areas on both sides. The woods of the western pine region accept any sort of finish — paint, stain, shellac, varnish, lacquer, or wax — lending themselves readily to the desired effect.

On the kitchen side, the paneling might be treated in a natural finish and on the dining room side with one of the brush-on-wipe-off finishes that are becoming so popular these days. They would permit the warmth and interest in the grain of the wood to show through while at the same time adding whatever color is wanted.

In constructing a room divider between two areas such as a kitchen and dining room, it's wise to consider a pass-through for serving food easily. Some of the cabinets also may be designed so that they are accessible from both sides. This would help considerably in a dish cabinet. Dishes cleaned in the kitchen could be put into a cupboard and would become available whenever needed for setting the dining room table.

It may be possible to build a satisfactory room divider with ready-made cabinets, chests, and bookcases that are on sale at many lumber yards. They are usually made from knotty ponderosa pine or one of the other popular species from the western pine region.

VALUE OF A DIPLOMA

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — The Springfield Education Association has translated the value of a high school diploma into dollars and completes a 13-year program that cost the taxpayers about \$5,000 per student, the teachers' professional organization said. The high school graduate has estimated lifetime earnings of \$189,000, compared with that of \$70,000 for a person of limited schooling, the SEA said, adding: "The high school graduate will earn and spend 25 times the \$5,000 invested in his education."

IT'S A GIRL!

HOLYOKE, Mass. (UPI) — The new six-million-dollar maternity hospital here is painted pink throughout the maternity section. Even the doctors wear pink shirts, pink trousers, pink gowns and pink hats.

Hard Times Lure Stars Out To Sea

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — One of the strangest deals to emerge from Hollywood in the middle of generally bad times at the box office put a lot of stars at sea — and they loved it.

Those who could sing, dance and tell jokes were top-rated in the deal which gave the stars free vacations across the blue Pacific in exchange for a little entertaining and their mere presence.

The arrangement, called "Parade of Personalities," was dreamed up by Hawaiian Texton, Inc., several months ago for its luxury ship, the Leilani, which sails between Honolulu and Los Angeles and San Francisco. Stars would receive free trips to Hawaii; in return they would entertain passengers and be generally available for chats with the tourists.

Actors and actresses, fully aware of sagging economies in the entertainment field, fell over themselves to be first in line.

"A free vacation for signing autographs is a good deal any day," one "name" actor said. "And so if I'm tourist bait, I'm tourist bait. Maybe I'll even pick up a few more fans on the deal."

The tourists fell over themselves getting reservations for the trip. After all, it isn't every traveler who can rub elbows with people like Marie Wilson, Arlene Whelan, Harry Owens, Forrest Tucker, Craig Stevens and Alexis Smith — and for the entire trip.

The exchange program has been more than just a boon both to the stars — who consider it not quite free-loading — and to the ship operators. Two persons who are particularly appreciative are Michael Foster and Nora Santos, Hawaiian-born film actors who serve as regular entertainers on the Leilani. It takes a lot of work off their shoulders.

"We get a break," Foster said. "The stars have definitely reduced our work load. And now we know also just what most tourists will do. The ladies make a bee line for our hula lessons or for our actors. The male tourists go in as direct a line as possible to our actresses and the bar."

NO BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY

BRISTOL, R.I. (UPI) — There wasn't a drop of liquor served at the first outing and clam bake of the Rhode Island Package Store Association. An official explained, "We wanted it to be a real family affair."

Master Plan For Bigger, Better Parks Working Out Well In California Area

By DEVAN L. SHUMWAY
SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Two years ago the California State Park Commission embarked on an ambitious plan for the camper and sportsman of the future.

Its name: The Five Year Master Plan.

The State Legislature helped out by appropriating money for the acquisition, development and operational phases of the development. It was officially adopted by the State Park Commission on March 1, 1956.

How's it coming along? The Department of Natural Resources said that the answer to this question can be summed up in two words: "On schedule."

The master plan proposed that camping units of the state park system be increased to 3,435 from 2,705 — or by 26 per cent — by June 30, 1961.

At this rate, the 1,236,100 camper days registered in the park system in 1955 would increase to a minimum of 1,431,000 camper days in 1961, an increase of approximately 300,000.

The department reported that on August 1 there were 2,000 campsites in the system, representing an increase of 10 per cent during the first two years of the five-year plan. During the current fiscal year, provision is made for 158 additional campsites.

"Thus," said a spokesman in a recent report, "in the first three years under the master plan we are in pace with the approved schedule of increasing campsite facilities at a rate of five per cent per year."

Some lawmakers, incidentally, would like to see the five-year plan changed. It works on a priority plan and this leaves little if any room for white cows in legislators' home districts.

The department said that there are times when park boundaries are not known by supervisors. This leads to trespassing.

As a case in point, the agency said that if a supervisor does not know a park extends two feet beyond a certain point, an illegal operator will often fell a tree — and plead ignorance later.

With this in mind, the natural resources department had some suggestions for its officials.

These include:

1. An immediate study of park boundaries by each supervisor so he has a "complete and accurate" knowledge of their locations.
2. Establishment of routine boundary patrols "which will insure that any activities near the park boundaries which might lead to trespasses are called immediately to the attention of the park supervisor."
3. Contact with persons working near the boundaries to advise them of the locations.
4. If a person is working near a boundary line which is "indeterminate," he should be advised that he is near the line and it is his responsibility to determine it and avoid a trespass.

Endowment On Heavy Side Now

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (UPI) — A lanceful scholarship at Yale providing funds for "any student who shall possess an elephant of good character and unquestioned need, with qualities of leadership, outstanding ability and promise of future usefulness" has received an unexpected endowment.

The endowment came from a vested interest group of Darien, Conn., mothers whose children have come into possession of an elephant. The elephant, named Shankuntala, was a gift from the children of Mercara, India.

Mrs. Joel Brooke of Darien wrote Yale that she had heard of the F. Wells Hodges Scholarship Fund. She was told that the fund had been dreamed up but not endowed as a parody on several legitimate scholarships.

Thereupon, Mrs. Brooke passed the hat and came up with an English shilling, an Indian piece, a New York subway token, five green stamps and \$2.68 in American currency.

REWARD YOURSELF

NEW YORK (UPI) — Because it contained her driver's license and passport and even though there was no money in it, marine stewardess Evelyn Casper was "so grateful to Leopold Goetz for returning the wallet she had lost that she gave him a check for \$75. But police charged that Goetz raised the amount on the check to \$175 before cashing it. He was charged with petit larceny."

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Accident Toll Said Wrong

NEW YORK (UPI) — An insurance association official maintains that "the accident toll on our streets and highways is shockingly higher than the figures that are published."

Thomas N. Boate, manager of the Accident Prevention Department of the Association of Casualty and Surety Companies, said statistics being released by several national groups are completely inaccurate.

He pointed out that traffic accident injury estimates range from 1,400,000 by the National Safety Council to 4,500,000 by the U.S. Public Health Service.

"There is no way of telling how inaccurate these estimates are," Boate said, "because records kept by states and cities throughout the country are known to be grossly incomplete."

"Until accurate state and local records are kept and tabulated, nobody can do more than guess at the total number of traffic accidents, and these guesses invariably are on the very conservative side."

SPEAKING FRANKLY

DES MOINES (UPI) — Gov. Herschel C. Loveless received a to-the-point opinion of Iowa's highway system. A letter signed by M. Anderson, Madison, Wis., said, "You have the worst damned highways in the United States."

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