

Office Corner In Home Makes Budget 'Easier'

Where's the dentist's statement for last month? How much do we still owe on the vacuum cleaner? Does our auto insurance cover that? Can you remember the plumber's name? What happened to the Christmas card list? Questions like these are being asked in millions of homes around the nation. In many cases, they will be greeted by silence because the answers have long ago found their way into the waste basket, or been carelessly filed among the tea napkins where they won't be unearthed for many moons.

With so many important odds and ends to watch in today's pattern of living, homeowners can no longer trust to luck. They need properly outfitted office space right in the home where all the big business of homemaking can be transacted without fuss and fuming.

Ideally, the home office should be a separate room of the home, a modern counterpart of the 19th century library where children are banned and weary adults can creep for a few moments' retreat. When a separate study is impossible, a corner of the living room, bedroom or family room can be requisitioned and outfitted to meet the need.

Obviously, the first piece of equipment needed is a desk, preferably one with one drawer deep enough to take file folders. Bookshelves are equally necessary, and their size will depend upon whether they are also to house the family library.

Since, even in the case of the separate room, space is usually

at a premium, built-in furniture is the favorite, for it guarantees the fullest use of available space. The desk, for example, can be built underneath a window or into an odd corner where standard furniture won't fit gracefully. Bookshelves can be built round and about, into all the empty wall area over and adjacent to the desk.

Desk, shelving, and additional cabinetry can be easily tailored from a strong, durable wood like Douglas fir or West Coast hemlock. Because this area should be made as conducive to concentration as possible, clear, natural finish for the wood is preferred over bright paints. Both fir and hemlock have soft, shell beige coloring which is easy on the eyes and makes for distinctive decor.

To make the study corner beautifully inviting and warm, walls should be paneled with natural, vertical grain fir or hemlock to match the built-ins. Vertically installed paneling will heighten a low ceiling, while installing the panels horizontally gives sweeping form to a wall.

BRIDAL SUITE

TIMBER LAKE, S.D. (UPI)—All members of the wedding party were on horseback when Fay Nordvald married Delbert Longbrake. The bride and her father rode side by side before the Rev. James Rice of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, who also was mounted. She wore a light gray riding suit with a matching cowboy hat. The bridegroom and his attendant, Jess Knight, rode between two lines of horsemen to the side of Father Rice. Following the ceremony, the couple, their attendants and other riders dismounted and knelt to recite "The Lord's Prayer."

BY ANY OTHER NAME

HOBBS, N.M. (UPI) — Gentle Washington, 20, was charged with disorderly conduct here after a carnival fight.



HOME OFFICE CONDUCTIVE TO WORK—Record-keeping chores can be a pleasure when you work in an inviting atmosphere. This cheery home office has been paneled in horizontally installed West Coast hemlock, and built-in corner desk was constructed of the same materials. Bookshelves lining the wall above and to the side of the desk are of sturdy Douglas fir, finished naturally with clear lacquer, as are the desk and wall paneling.

Hi-Fi Industry Sees An Unlimited Future

By WILLIAM P. GRUBER
CHICAGO (UPI)—The high fidelity industry, which sold a record 500 million dollars worth of records and audio equipment last year, sees an "unlimited future" with the new advance of stereophonic sound.

At the seventh annual High Fidelity Show here, 128 manufacturers told 38,284 persons about the wonders of stereo and demonstrated their latest "rigs."

For the uninitiated, stereo differs from conventional phonographs (now called monophonic) in that a second amplifier and speaker are used to create a realistic three-dimensional illusion of sound from especially recorded tapes and disks.

To prove its point, the show enlisted Chicago's famous Fine Arts Quartet to allow listeners to try to tell the live from the recorded performance. Many were red-faced to learn they had guessed wrong.

The demand for stereo since the new disks were introduced last summer has been so great that

some of the companies at the show revealed they are abandoning production of monophonic products and will concentrate only on stereo.

One record company, British-owned London Records, said its future classical releases would be stereo only. Remy van Wyck-Farkas, London's American director, said: "Stereo is the sound of the future. Its possibilities are unlimited."

RCA Victor, which pioneered stereo tape recordings two years ago, is more cautious. Along with an initial release of new disks, it announced a new four-track tape which plays at a slower speed and costs one-fourth less than earlier tapes.

Many manufacturers, including Admiral, Westinghouse, Zenith and Maganvox, have combined television and phonograph sets into stereo units. Others, firms long identified with high fidelity, were equally enthusiastic about the future.

Pilot said it had virtually no

calls for old equipment, and that stereo sales in the first three weeks of September alone were 300 per cent above the total for August.

Health, a producer of components for the audiophile who wants to build his own, said sales of its stereo kits, introduced only a few months ago, were already double those of its monophonic.

Electrovoice reported a six-week backlog in orders and said it was adding a second shift.

A big difference between this year's hi-fi show and those of previous years was that more than half of the people attending this one were women. That the industry is conscious of this was shown by the many stylish cabinets which now house audio equipment.

Also, possibly in deference to the ladies, most of the exhibitors this year did not demonstrate their "rigs" with the ear-shattering volume of the "old" days.

RADIO AID

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A new radio impulse device which emits 140 "beeps" per minute after it is activated by opening of a parachute will be a great aid in rescuing pilots lost in water, desert or mountain areas, according to its developers.

The device, jointly developed by North American Aviation and the Telephonics Corp. of New York was approved following tests at El Centro Naval Auxiliary Air Station. The low-weight transmitter can be heard by a homing receiver 60 to 80 miles away.

ORANGE USE

LAKE ALFRED, Fla. (UPI) — A crew of scientists here is seeking to find uses for citrus by-products — peels, seeds, pulp — which would pay for hauling the big Florida crop to market.

Already, citrus wastes are used in cattle feed and by segments of the chemical industry. But it is the goal of citrus scientists to find a profitable use for every part of an orange.

KEEPING 'EM HONEST

YONKERS, N. Y. (UPI) — Burglars broke into the Angus Steak House here and took \$3,100 in cash as well as a tin box containing \$400 in IOU's from the restaurant's customers.

Apparently appalled at the thought of anyone getting away without paying for his meals, the burglars telephoned the restaurant's assistant manager to advise him where the box—and the IOU's — could be found.

Vitamin K5 Extends Food Storage Life, Says Oregon State College

OREGON STATE COLLEGE — Vitamins, the wonder workers in human nutrition, are now taking on new roles in food preservation.

One of these, Vitamin K5, needed by the human body to help stop bleeding, can extend the storage life of a wide range of foods, Oregon State College food technologists have found.

Small amounts of Vitamin K5 added to mushroom sauce, crab meat, cottage cheese, frankfurters, table syrup and strawberry jam greatly delayed spoilage.

Use of natural food additives as preservatives increases food value, and prolongs shelf life, according to Dr. H. Y. Yang, food technologist and author of a recent article in Food Technology magazine. Some chemicals unauthorized as food preservatives may be harmful to the consumer or affect food quality, he says.

Vitamin K5 shows definite promise in preserving fruit made with artificial sweeteners. Sugar, when added to fruits, acts as a preservative and helps prevent molds. But low calories sugarless fruits spoil quickly unless refrigerated. Vitamin K5 would also be useful in

helping prevent food spoilage in unused portions of food. Scientists are also seeking new ways to preserve foods in areas of the world without refrigeration.

How Vitamin K5 prevents spoilage is not known, says Yang. However, some scientists believe that the vitamin when combined with water produces an "intermediate" compound that kills the spoilage microorganisms.

Natural foods high in Vitamin K5 include spinach, kale, egg yolk, liver, cheese and tomatoes. Alfalfa is another high source of the vitamin. A light tan powder, the Vitamin K5 in OSC tests was mixed with water and added to foods in varying amounts. The n foods were stored.

In previous work at OSC, Vitamin K5 has been used successfully to preserve wines. It aids in fermentation of the juices, but prevents "secondary fermentation" or souring. Later tests will be made with fruits such as prunes, berries, cherries and seafoods, including oysters and shrimp. Other research workers cooperating on the study are R. W. Stein, R. F. Cain, Russell Sinnhuber and Wilbert Steele.

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