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Laminated Oak Blocks Make Attractive Floors

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Many readers continue to ask how existing concrete floors, in remodeled or decorated basements and other areas, can be resurfaced to avoid troublesome dusting, condensation and mild dampness, as well as to hide cracks and other blemishes. Still other readers ask how to resurface these floors in areas where wood paneling has been applied to walls. In all such cases, a new product known as Bruce laminated oak blocks (see picture) together with damp-proofing, can be used to solve the problems and create a beautiful floor.

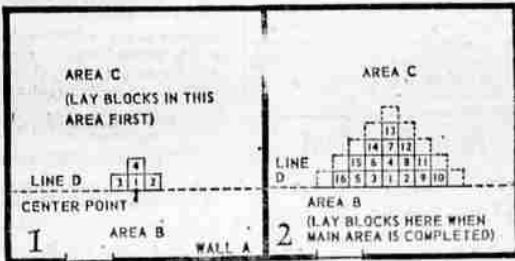
The blocks are nine inches square and one-half inch thick. They are fabricated in three plies using a waterproof glue. Tongues and grooves make for simple positioning and application. Block surfaces are factory finished. The blocks and all related materials mentioned can be purchased at lumber yards or from building material dealers.

First, patch all cracks or holes in the concrete using concrete

wall, parallel to wall A. Apply coat of coldstick mastic to floor in area C, using a notched trowel. Do not cover line D. Area B will serve as working and storage space. Let mastic "set" overnight.

Locate center point of line D (see picture 1). Place block 1 on line D at the center point with a grooved side along line D. Lay blocks 2 and 3 on either side of block 1, fitting tongues and grooves as required. Do not push blocks in the mastic. Drop them into place lightly without sliding. Tap on top of blocks to complete positioning. Align blocks with line D. Place block 4 directly over block 1. Lay blocks 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 as shown in picture 2. Continue laying blocks through 16. Follow with additional blocks until walls are reached. Saw and fit blocks next to walls as necessary. No space for expansion is necessary.

Saw off bottoms of casings around doors so blocks can be slid under them. Differences in level between old and new floor surfaces at doors may be overcome



patching mix. Level all high spots, using a cold chisel and a hammer, and all low spots using the patching mix. Then, use an old paintbrush to apply everbond primer to the concrete. Let dry for 30 minutes.

Use a straight-edge trowel to apply one coat of coldstick mastic to the concrete. The thickness should be enough to completely cover the concrete. Let dry for 30 minutes.

Starting at entrance of the area, spread a 36-inch-wide strip of polyethylene film to the opposite wall. Cut a strip at the wall line and lay another strip alongside, allowing a four-inch lap. Cover whole area in like manner. This completes the damp-proofing.

Now lay out the working lines as shown in picture 1. Divide area into areas B and C, as follows: From wall A, measure off at two points an equal distance, to allow a full or nearly full block in the doorway. Check by laying a row of blocks loosely on the floor from point established through the doorway. The first block should reach past the center of the door jamb. Snap a chalk line, D, from wall to

OVERCOMES OBSTACLES

LEWISTON, Maine (UPI) — Alderman Roland A. Tardiff, 37, shot an eight-point, 185-pound buck despite the fact he is confined to a wheel chair by leg injuries he suffered in World War II.

Hunting Bills Tossed To California Solons; Most Given Chance Of Survival

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Three of the most important bills of the 1959 Legislature for outdoorsmen already have been tossed into the hopper.

They are bills to:

1. Continue for another two years the authority of the State Fish and Game Commission to set seasons for hunting and fishing.
2. Continue the power of veto for county supervisors over either-sex hunting.
3. Set up a uniform boating law.

There is no serious doubt but that the bill to continue hunting permission will be approved by the lawmakers. It was introduced in the state Senate by Charles Brown (D-Shoshone).

This is one of the major reasons for continued life of the 10 million dollar a year State Fish and Game Department with 1,000 employees.

But it's just possible that the lawmakers—some of them — will use the bill as a sounding board for their ideas on rules and regulations set up by the commission and the department during the past two years.

Assemblywoman Pauline Davis (D-Portola) tossed in the veto power bill.

Will the lawmakers go along with it again? Most sources agree the answer to that question is yes.

They will go along despite a statement in a report ordered by the 1957 Legislature. That report, by the San Francisco consulting firm of Booz, Allen and Hamilton, was on a thorough investigation of problems and policies of the Fish and Game Department. It cost the state \$100,000.

And it has this to say about the policy of the lawmakers in allowing county supervisors to veto either-sex hunts in their area:

"Such delegation of powers is not

recommended procedure. It is an indication of lack of confidence in the department."

The B&A report recommended that as soon as public confidence is restored in the department the veto power should be eliminated, and full regulatory power be restored to the F&G commission.

However, considering the background, most sources don't believe that will come about during the 1959 session. The Legislature got nervous about power of the commission after a 1956 hunt during which some sports groups, particularly in Northern California, criticized the department for a doe and fawn "slaughter."

The Booz, Allen and Hamilton report called the doe hunt an "error of administrative judgment" but said it did no real harm to the deer herds.

As a matter of fact, the consulting firm gave wholehearted support to either-sex hunts for purposes of conservation of deer herds. But it said the public should be cushioned with a little advance publicity so it won't have a bad reaction.

The bill submitted to the Legislature by Mrs. Davis also extends permission of the Legislature to the department for either-sex hunts, at the same time that it restricts the department through the veto power.

Turning to boating, the uniform boating act bill was introduced by Assemblyman Lloyd Lowrey (D-Rumsey), who has sponsored a great deal of the sportsmen legislation in the lower chamber during a long term of office.

He apparently jumped the gun a little on a proposal already underway by Assemblyman Rex M. Cunningham (D-Ventura), who had announced he was preparing boating legislation, too. The Cuning-

ham proposal, announced far in advance, would be very similar to that by Lowrey.

Lowrey's bill would give a better means of identification of boats by requiring state-wide licensing of all motorboats. It apparently would not extend to rowboats.

It also would require warning lights, life preservers, life extinguishers and mufflers for some boats. And it would prohibit operators from manipulating boats recklessly on the water.

It would have the effect of giving some state agency complete control over boating — taking it away from county supervisors, who have assumed control during past years because nobody else had it on small craft.

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