

Chiquita Banana Tune To Change

CLEVELAND, Ohio (UPI) — Gas appliance manufacturers were told at a research conference here to get busy and design a refrigerator you can keep bananas in.

Aaron L. Brody, a food technologist, pointed out that banana growers have invested millions of dollars in equipment designed to keep bananas at 56 to 60 degrees. "In the home," Brody said, "we're warned never to put ba-

nanas in the refrigerator, despite what happens to them at room temperatures. Why? Simply because no refrigerator has been designed with compartments for temperatures required by products like bananas.

"Webster defines a refrigerator as 'a box for keeping food cool' and that's about all they do. Few refrigerators take account of the peculiar temperature and humidity requirements to keep different foods best preserved."



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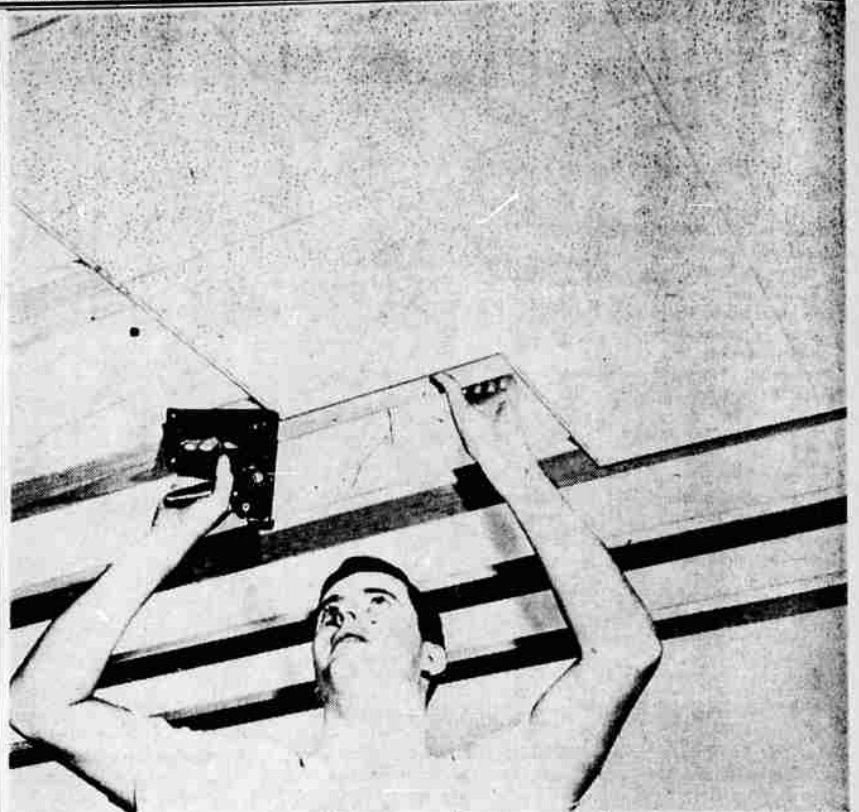
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CRACKED CEILINGS were once the scourge of homeowners, since they meant hours of messy repair work and disruption of all normal activities in the room. Today, new types of acoustical tile can be installed right over cracked plaster ceilings. In homes where the old ceiling is badly cracked or broken, it's best to nail a framework of furring strips through the plaster to the rafters. The tongue-and-groove tiles are then stapled to the furring strips.

Worms Make Good Crop

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. (UPI) — Wanna buy a worm? A Bucks County farm wife will sell you 2,000 of them for \$8.

Six years ago, Mrs. Mabel Brinker had a garbage disposal problem which she decided to solve by obtaining a colony of red worms. She put them in a box in the cellar of her home at Cross Keys, fed them garbage and watched them multiply — three times in three months.

Word that Mrs. Brinker owned several thousand worms got around to nearby youngsters, who asked for some to go fishing. From there, the word spread to several sporting goods stores and Mrs. Brinker was in business. Last year, she sold more than 100,000 of the worms to sports shops.

Counting out the worms for sale isn't much of a problem for Mrs. Brinker. Her 11-year-old grandson, Robert Cosner, does the job for spending money.

And what does her husband, Lester, think of the whole thing? Well, he's the one who tacked up a sign in front of the home which reads "Brinker's Wiggly Waggly Worm Farm."

Her Initials Were Prophetic

HOMESTEAD, Pa. (UPI) — When a tall, auburn-haired woman galloped along muddy streets of this mill town at the turn of the century, residents knew the population was due for an increase.

The rider was Dr. Olive B. Steinmetz, who delivered many babies by the light of a coal oil lamp.

The auburn hair has faded to white in the 60 years Dr. Steinmetz has been practicing. Now past 80, she has limited her practice, but maintains daily office hours. She makes house calls only for friends and in emergencies.

"I'm doing what comes naturally," Dr. Steinmetz said about her career. "My initials are O.B.S.—that stands for obstetrics."

Acoustical Tile Solves Many Problems For Man With A Ceiling Problem

Ceilings, like any other part of the house, are prone to develop signs of old age. Some ceilings crack because of normal settling of the house. Other types, such as composition board, have a tendency to sag.

Usually, these signs appear long before the house needs general remodeling. Until a few years ago, the thought of repairing a cracked ceiling caused most homeowners to shudder. It was a tedious, messy job. Even upon completion, there was no guarantee that the ceiling wouldn't crack or chip again.

Today, new types of acoustical tile eliminate all the fuss and bother of ceiling repair. They're easily applied right over the unsightly ceiling, and provide an attractive, permanent interior finish.

Acoustical, or noise quieting tiles, are also being installed in many new homes across the country. By 1965, housing authorities predict a 400 per cent increase in the use of these ceilings in new home construction.

What are the advantages of an acoustical ceiling in the home?

First of all, it provides sound-conditioning—an entirely new dimension in comfort. By means of small holes or crevices in the surface, acoustical tiles soak up noise—up to 75 per cent of the noise that strikes the ceiling.

Standard ceiling materials can only reflect sound waves. As these waves bounce around from surface to surface, the room becomes noisy. People tend to talk louder to be heard. Those who want to hear radio or television turn up the volume. The result: A racket!

Acoustical ceilings are designed to trap sound waves before they have a chance to produce noise. In the kitchen, for example, an acoustical ceiling hushes the clatter of pans and dishes, the shrill ring of the telephone, the whir of the food mixer, and the stampeding footsteps of the youngsters. Mother's day becomes a little less hectic.

When a party gets rolling in the living room or family room, voices and music often swell into a tumultuous racket. A sound absorbent ceiling overhead helps to take the edge off this noise — to create a more relaxed atmosphere in which guests can enjoy themselves.

Besides their noise quieting abil-

ity, modern acoustical ceilings are available in a wide range of attractive patterns. These include a rich fissured surface detail, a random perforated design, and an unusual lace-like arrangement of tiny perforations. Each tile pattern is especially designed to blend in with any traditional or modern decor.

What about cost? One acoustical tile manufacturer estimates that the retail price of random perforated acoustical material in sufficient quantity to cover a 9'x12' room would run less than \$25. If the home handyman installs the material himself, the only additional cost would be the installation materials needed for the job.

Lumber and building materials dealers have a complete selection of acoustical ceilings from which to choose. Many dealers also furnish or can recommend a professional installation service, when it is desired. If the home handyman puts up his own ceiling, the dealer will gladly provide installation advice. Acoustical tile manufacturers, such as the Armstrong Cork Company, also offer free literature on how to install acoustical ceilings in the home.

Whether the material is to be cemented directly to the existing ceiling, or stapled to wood furring strips, all necessary installation equipment and supplies can usually be obtained from the same dealer who carries the ceiling tile itself.

If the homeowner is looking for a way to reduce household noise, and at the same time eliminate the problem of cracked ceilings, he'll find that the new types of acoustical tile provide an effective and economical solution.

INFLUENCE OF COLOR

ST. PAUL, Minn. (UPI)—Coloring in a room has more to it than meets the eye.

Some colors may induce fatigue, like a bright turquoise against bright red, while other color combinations may cut down working efficiency or cause adverse moods, warned home economist Gertrude Esteros. She said color selections for homes are too often based on fashion or personal whim, with no consideration for practical factors.