



PEOPLE OFTEN LOSE SIGHT of the functionality of a kitchen paneled with western pine region lumber, so carried away are they by its beauty. Note the careful planning that went into this kitchen — the good counter space, the handy breakfast bar, and the attractive mixture of cabinet doors and drawers of various sizes. Notice, too, that brass handles were used on most of the drawers below the counter where the attractive porcelain knobs would get in the way. —Western Pine Association Photo

A Wood Paneled Kitchen Is More Than Beautiful

People understandably make such a fuss over the beauty of kitchens finished in western pine paneling that they often overlook their great functionality. Decor is important, but there are a great many home-owners for whom practicality comes first, and it's fair to say that many haven't realized what advantages a paneled kitchen has to offer. Quite apart from good looks, paneling makes wonderful built-ins, and it's easy to care for. One of the nicest features of wooden built-ins is that they can be planned to use very inch of available space. With careful thought, you can arrange your storage space so that things are near at hand and thus avoid the inconvenience of trying to adjust your storage problems to mass-produced cabinets not geared to your personal needs.

When it comes to selecting your lumber there is a wide range, but pick a wood whose grain pleases you and that will respond well to the finishing treatment you prefer. The 10 species of wood from the western pine region offer a good choice. They are available in most lumber yards, easy to work, and they take beautifully to stain, paint, or pigmented finishes.

There are some basic steps to follow in planning your paneled kitchen. For example, sinks and counter working areas go well under windows where you get natural light during the day. Stoves should be next to a counter area big enough to prepare food and hold dishes and cooking utensils. Refrigerators and stoves are best placed away from doors where there is less likely to be a traffic problem. While you're working all this out, also give thought to electrical outlets for your small appliances. Put at least one every four feet and over each counter area, so that you're not limited to using your mixer or toaster in one part of the kitchen, and space good working lights around the kitchen, too. While you're at it, make plans for a convenient wall or counter telephone to save steps.

Your built-ins will, of course, be governed to some extent by the location of your major appliances and counter space, but you can still give intelligent pre-planning to cabinets and what they will house. It goes without saying that drawers for utensils should go directly under counter areas and that shelves for bowls are most conveniently located directly above or below.

What you can create of a personal nature are cupboards for mixers,

blenders, and the like, that put them within easy reach. A Lazy Susan can be used for canned goods in the deep area under your counters. It will save scrambling around on your hands and knees for that elusive can at the back of the shelf.

Give some thought to a chopping board—either a butcher's block set into a counter or a cutting board that can be slid in and out under the counter top. Plan one closet for ironing boards, brooms, and mops, if they are to be kept in the kitchen, and a coat closet might not be a bad idea if your family uses the back door more than the front.

Remember, these things can be built with lumber from the western pine region — closets, cupboards, drawers, and doors all will match whether you leave them natural with a clear finish or use a color stain. The natural beauty of the wood will give you years of pleasure and will take little care. It will, however, give your kitchen the look that says it's your kitchen alone.

Dead Can't Give Blood

DENVER (UPI) — Russian claims that blood from corpses can be used successfully in transfusions were poo-pooed during a recent postgraduate course at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Dr. J. J. Griffiths, Miami, Fla., blood specialist, said the latest evidence proves "that we are not likely ever to grow out of the need for blood donations—healthy people are still going to have to be blood donors for sick ones." Griffiths called Russian reports on use of blood from cadavers "just another of their publicity claims."

The freezing of rare blood types for future use was termed "interesting but impractical" by Griffiths. He said one objection is that the procedure for melting the frozen blood is extremely complicated.

John Jacob Astor founded a settlement at the mouth of the Columbia River in the state of Washington in 1811.

Farm Census To Be Taken

Oregon farmers, along with farmers in every other state, will have an opportunity to help set the record straight this fall when the nation's 17th Census of Agriculture gets under way, reports Marion Thomas, Oregon State College extension agricultural economist.

The farm count, scheduled to start in October, will mark the beginning of the most complete inventory of farming, housing and population ever made. It will provide current facts on what appears to have been one of the greatest periods of change in American history.

The last census of population and housing was taken in 1950, while a partial census of agriculture was taken in 1954. Since then, statisticians have been trying to trace the great changes taking place. They have worked with incomplete information and are anxious for results of the census. These data will help statisticians "true up" their estimates and will supply information of great interest to everyone concerned with America's growth and stability, Thomas says.

D. C. Mumford, OSC agricultural economist, stressed the importance of the farm census to each farmer. As farms become larger, the individual farm becomes more important to the total farming picture. This makes it desirable for each farmer to know what others are doing before he makes his own decisions for the future.

Since statistics obtained from the farm census are only as true as each farmer's records, the economists urged Oregon farmers to keep accurate records. This will enable them to answer farm census questions easily and intelligently.

Simple records of production, sales and major farm expenses during the year will be helpful. Census enumerators will ask a variety of questions relating to three general areas: a count of farm resources, a record of farm products produced and sold in 1959, and other farming activities during the year.

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