

Make Garage Attractive With These Simple Ideas

There are some relatively simple tricks that can give your old garage a new look and return it to respectable society. What's more, many of these face-lifting procedures are decorative additions that employ ordinary lumber and are not major construction undertakings.

One of the first things you can do to change your garage's outlook is to employ mouldings. These may take the form of simple battens which, when mounted vertically on a plain door, give the effect of board-and-batten and break up a dull surface area. Or you can place casing mouldings around doors and windows to give them greater dimension and a more finished look. Mouldings come in many shapes and sizes and many are made from wood that grows in the western pine region. One of these 10 species is as fine as another and you'll find the mouldings are skillfully manufactured, uniform in size and design, and are scientifically dried.

A more elaborate trick to improve your garage door with mouldings is to create a geometric pattern, and this is especially effective when the door is one of those mammoth single units that often go on two-car garages. Remember to keep your design as vertical in feeling as you can if you want to "shrink" your garage's width.

An attractive trellis around or over the door will make it possible for you to soften the lines of your garage with roses, ivy, or other flowering vines. A trellis shouldn't stick out too far, however, since it will only make getting the car in and out more difficult than it already is with today's big automobiles. However, a small trellis or sun screen will make the garage look like a part of your yard and not an ugly monster indiscriminately dropped from the skies.

In some cases, it's also feasible to extend the line of a fence to cover a part of your garage, and in so doing you may create a drying yard, a hidden corner for your garbage can, or block off the children's play area.

If the building is near your house you might build a terrace between it and your home and construct a sun screen overhead. This may follow an egg crate pattern or, again, a geometric design. A louvered "ceiling" is ideal

if you want light but very little direct sun. Any of these screens will tend to bind your garage to your house and make it seem more a single unit. Also, you can use the same western pine lumber on the garage doors, trellis, and sun screen, and these may be coordinated in color and form with fencing made of the same lumber.

All this tends to lead the eye away from the stark form of your garage or to soften the lines that still show. It is a job of camouflage that also is imaginative and serviceable. Basically it calls for no reconstruction, only additions, and by using lumber from the western pine region that has been properly treated against the weather, you will find that your project will give years of satisfaction.

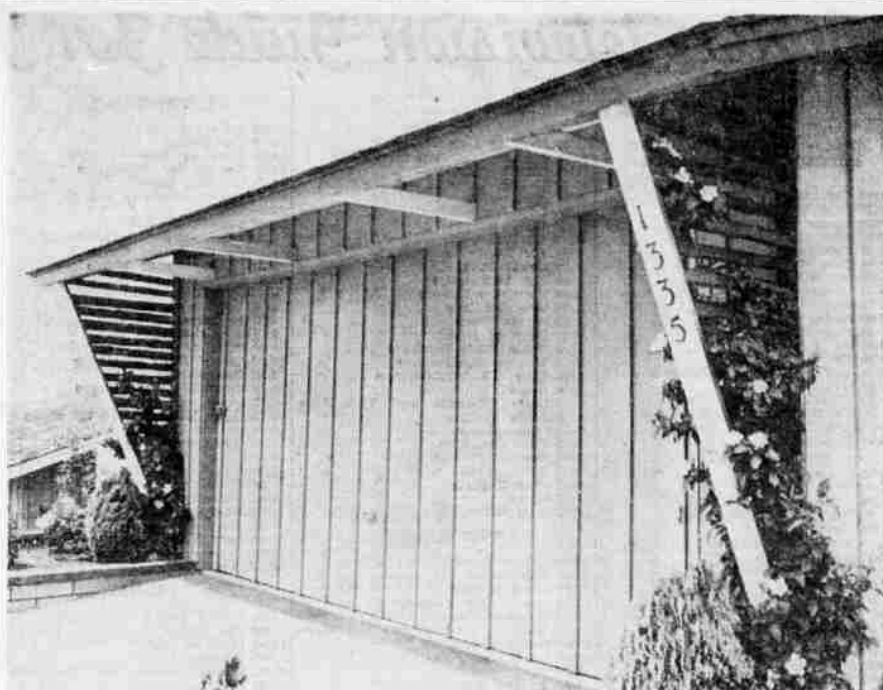
U.S. Workers Get Insurance

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Beneficiaries of federal workers have collected more than 281 million dollars since the Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance program took effect in 1954.

It is the largest single group life insurance plan in the world, with 12 billion dollars worth of coverage now in force.

The government obtains the insurance through private insurance firms. Each worker who joins the plan gets a policy for an amount approximating his annual salary. He pays 25 cents and the agency he works for 12½ cents every other week for each \$1,000.

More than 95 per cent of all eligible employees have joined the plan. By June 30, 1959, a total of 53,235 life insurance claims had been paid. For accidental death and loss of limb or eyesight, there were 4,009 cases amounting to \$19,005,737.



GIVE YOUR GARAGE A LIFT — A garage takes on charm with a little imagination. Here louvered trellises permit roses to soften the lines of the entrance. Battens of western pine lumber also breaks up the dull expanse of a broad door and make the whole building more than just a box.

Teacher Has Garlic Craze

MOSCOW (UPI)—Pupils at a high school in Shushino, Azerbaijan Republic, complained to the principal because their instructor eats garlic every day.

The Teachers' Gazette, a Moscow newspaper, reported on the crises in grade 4A caused by "the strange fondness for garlic of teacher F. G. Ruzanov."

"The children complain the odious odor of garlic deprives them of the opportunity to sit quietly in the classroom and makes them hurry to get out in the fresh air," the newspaper said.

Ordered to quit eating the stuff,

Ruzanov replied, "I ate, am eating and will continue to eat garlic."

As a result, the newspaper concluded, "The garlic aroma still reigns in the school as an ode to stubbornness and lack of culture."

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Rare Wax Gives Shine

NEW YORK (UPI)—one of the world's most expensive and rarest waxes—and one of the most difficult to obtain—is largely responsible for the shine in your shoe-shine.

It's called carnauba wax; it comes from a tree called the carnauba palm; and it's found only one place in the world: Brazil.

According to researchers at the Esquire Boot Polish Laboratories, the palms must be at least 10 years old before any wax can be obtained from them and only 20 leaves are cut from each tree annually.

The leaves are then dried in the sun three or four days and taken to a special room where they are beaten to dislodge the wax, which comes off in a fine powder that is melted in a vat, strained through a cloth and allowed to cool. Each tree yields only about three and a half ounces of the stuff annually.

FOR SAFER MOWING

NEW YORK (UPI) — Wearing that modern high-speed power lawn mowers can be dangerous, the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness offers these suggestions for home gardeners using them:

Wear safety glasses; remove stones, sticks, wire or other loose debris before mowing; see that children, other onlookers and pets remain at a safe distance; do not remove any object from the mower until the power is turned off and the blade has stopped.



HELLO OUT THERE—Seemingly trapped between the slats of a fence in Memphis, Tenn., Fritz, a year-old boxer, is actually standing sentry duty. He has his own "porthole" through which he watches life go by.

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With winter approaching hibernating animals like the bear and ground squirrel get ready for a winter nap. Man, fascinated by hibernators, wonders if hibernation would extend his own life. But man has never been able to sleep the winter through. In hibernation, an animal's body temperature cools almost to the temperature of the outside air. He lives on the weight his body gained in summer. The ground squirrel, in hibernation, will lose up to 80 per cent of his weight. And his heartbeat, 300 beats a minute when awake, slows to an irregular 7 to 10 beats a minute.

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