

Panels Add Warmth To Kitchen Dining Areas

If you'd like to give your kitchen nook, alcove, or dining area a little more the air of a dining room by injecting warmth and giving it a "separate" feeling, one of the best ways to do it is with lumber paneling. Either painted or stained, paneling will give flavor to the area and it can be quite as up-to-date as many sterile looking materials that add little to the decor.

Among the most adaptable varieties of paneling are those from

the western pine region. There are 16 species, and they are available through local lumber yards. All are easy to work with and one is as fine as another for such a project, since they all respond beautifully to any finishing treatment you may choose.

A dining area can do a lot more than simply serve as a nice corner in which to start the day. For example, its walls may feature cupboards for storage, recessed shelves to show off your favorite

old china or, perhaps, a plate rail for the same purpose above head level.

You should plan your paneling installation so as to do the most for your breakfast area. For example, you might want to install your paneling horizontally to chair height if your nook is a separate alcove. This will tend to draw it into the kitchen yet will give it distinction that sets it apart. You can install vertical paneling above waist level or, in a lim-

ited space, use a small-patterned paper above your paneling. Diagonal paneling can be very handsome or herringbone if you have the walls to do your design justice. Narrow width paneling will create an illusion of greater size in a small alcove.

An attractive window arrangement can "make" a dining area. If you have a bowed or bay window you're lucky. You've been given a big head start around which it is generally easy to decorate. If you do not, then a picture window or casement windows that let in abundant light can be the focal point of your overall plan.

Other ideas that come to mind include a built-in table and benches if you lack the room for moveable furniture. These can be made of western pine paneling that matches your walls. Louvered shutters can perk up windows, and they afford privacy at night. Casement mouldings will do a great deal of work for you, too, in adding a touch of distinction to your dining area. Many of these are made of wood that grows in the western pine region, and

they are of high quality, of uniform pattern, and tell dried. Your lumber man can tell you how and where they should be used.

Color will put the finishing touch on your project. You may prefer a natural finish to let the tone of your paneling show through or perhaps a dark stain to bring up the grain of your wood. Pigmented finishes of the brush-on, wipe-off type will lend color but still allow the natural characteristics of your lumber to show through. Then, too, you may prefer to paint your paneling in a color that matches your kitchen walls. Whatever you choose, you may find it so appealing that you'll then want to panel your entire kitchen the same way for lumber paneling gives you the opportunity to invest your dining area or any room with new qualities that make any home more liveable and, hence, more fun.



A PLEASANT START in the morning is provided by wood paneling in kitchen dining area.

New Gadgets Speed Work

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (UPI) — Hundreds of new housewares items to make home-making easier are coming to market.

Here is a rundown on some of them featured at the National Housewares Manufacturers' exhibit.

A battery-powered food and drink mixer permitting use of the device anywhere in the house or patio. (Bloomfield Industries, Chicago).

A chip, rust and peel-proof, vinyl-covered utility rack for pot lids and pie tin to keep them from rattling. (Artwire Creations, Suffern, N.Y.).

A die-cast aluminum hamburger press to make the patties an even size and eliminate messy handling. (Kitchen-quip, Waterloo, Ind.).

A spring-form cake pan that makes removal of baked cakes easy. (Hillside Metal Ware, Hillside, N.J.).

A salt and pepper spray which sprays with a squeeze of the thumb and eliminates shaking. (Eastern Novelty, Brooklyn, N.Y.).

A portable carousel of kitchen tools that puts the proper tool just a spin away at table, stove or sink. (Ekeco Products, Chicago).

"Drip-Dryit" — a complete unit for drying wash-and-wear garments including quilted plastic tray to catch dripping water. (Welmair Products, Chicago).

A clothes-hanger valet which clamps to the ironing board for convenient hanging of freshly pressed garments. (Worldsbest Industries, New York).

An apple and pear corer and slicer designed to perform both tasks in one operation. (Turner and Seymour, Torrington, Conn.).

A hide-away baby bouncer with simple toe action. (Comfort Lines, Chicago).

An infra-red heating unit to provide table broiling, toasting, warming, grilling, with a removable grip for broiling tray. (Gala-Appliance, Brooklyn, N.Y.).

"Sno-eze" metal tire mats to help dad out of next winter's snow drifts. (William Heller Co., Altoona, Pa.).

A range hood that needs no outside ventilator. (Puritron Corp., New Haven, Conn.).

A cordless clock with transistor movement. (Charles Denning, Ltd., Highland, Ill.).

A shower water saver which maintains pre-set temperature and pressure when shut off and turned on again. (Spartan Electric Radiator, Maspeth, N.Y.).

A square lazy-susan with two covered sections in oven-proof ceramic. (Doranne of California, Los Angeles).

Talent Theory Often Wrong

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) — The "promising young man" singled out for special training by his boss doesn't always line up to the promise, according to Moorhead Wright, operating manager of the General Electric Management Institute.

Wright said "experience shows how wrong these arbitrary 'crown prince' theories can be. You just can't pick a few bright young men and ignore the rest."

He cited the experience of one company which dug up its "promising young men" list of 10 years ago. There were 143 names on it but only 37 per cent of them had obtained the success predicted for them.

"There can be no dividing lines between 'promising young men' who will be developed and 'unpromising young men' who should be ignored," Wright said. "Opportunity must be available for everyone who is motivated to accept it and to work for it."

Hobby Is Family Affair

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Jim Robertson is a mighty big name in local bug circles. In fact, his whole family is a little buggy, and he's the first to admit it.

Robertson puts in 40 hours a week in the engineering armament section of North American Aviation, Inc. Then the Robertson family — Jim, his wife and their three children go out to scour the Southern California countryside for bugs.

Robertson is an amateur bug enthusiast — an entomologist, to be exact. Just recently he scooped up a pherogodiadae which happened to be lying unawarily on a hillside within the city limits of Los Angeles.

The pherogodiadae, known more commonly as a pine boring beetle, turned out to be a rare prize since it had never before been found in these parts.

Robertson says his hobby isn't altogether an outdoor one. For every hour spent in the field, he said, another hour must be spent in mounting and classifying catches according to the number of wings and claws and characteristics of antennae, legs, body and breathing holes.

"I'll never run out of material," Robertson said. "There are more than 600,000 different kinds of arachnids — excuse me — I mean bugs. Arachnids is the fancy name for them."

APPENDECTOMIES CUT

NEW YORK (UPI) — Appendectomies declined 50 per cent between 1941 and 1956, according to the Archives of Surgery. Though there is no scientific explanation for the decline, some medical authorities attribute the drop partly to improved eating habits and the increased use of antibiotics.

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