



BEAUTY FOR THE COOK — Kitchens don't need to follow usual prosaic designs. Here, wall between kitchen and dining area was angled slightly for an interesting effect. Beautiful cabinetry of patterned west coast hemlock was given a wipe-off coat of white paint which reveals the wood graining. Wrought-iron hardware and jealousy doors complete the room.

Kitchen Individuality Can Be Achieved With Wood

Homemakers who want something a little different in kitchen design without going to great expense needn't despair. The home decorating field has more kitchen design ideas than a magician has rabbits.

For instance, a whole lot of individuality can be given a kitchen simply through placement of walls and dividers. While the two-sided pullman kitchen has many merits, building a kitchen in the shape of a triangle is a real eye-catcher.

Not only is a triangular shaped kitchen interesting, but it also opens up this usually small area, giving it a feeling of greater spaciousness. Two of the kitchen's walls, the two bearing walls, will be in usual position, but the inner wall, which usually adjoins the family room, will be angled. On the family room side, the angled wall provides an ideal setting for a conversation grouping, refreshment bar, or reading nook.

Much of any kitchen's individuality comes from its cabinet work. Since arrangements and color use are somewhat limited in the average-sized kitchen, a great deal depends on cabinet styling, accessories, and wood finish. All three of these used to be pretty standard, and cabinet finish was almost always paint. But today, a wide range of choice is offered.

In the modern galley, natural woods are used profusely, appearing both in cabinets and on walls. And more and more often, the wood is likely to be one of the light hued softwoods. Champagne colored west coast hemlock and pinky beige Douglas fir are two favorites.

With the wonderful, tough wood finishes now available, homemakers no longer need to worry about using fine woods like fir or hemlock in the kitchen. Plastic lacquers keep them free of grease and water marks, and cleaning becomes a matter of a mere swipe with a damp cloth.

Cabinet and drawer fronts can be either of edge-glued pieces for a very sleek appearance, or can be cut with a definite pattern.

Hardware selection, too, is greatly varied. For those who love things antique or Colonial, wrought iron door and drawer pulls are ideal. Copper is being shown a great deal in many new kitchens.

And for the purely contemporary look, cabinet doors can be designed with magnetic latches which open by finger pressure; no hardware showing at all.

In color accents, there is a host of hues from which to choose for laminated plastic counter tops, floor tiles, and even for cooking utensils.

Tiny Pests Plague Milan

MILAN, Italy (UPI) — Silent and invisible dive-bombers of the insect world plagued Milan this summer. Milanese call the pests "pappataci," for which a rough translation would be "glutton" flies. Local health authorities call them "zanzarini," a kind of sandfly. Everyone agrees they're a species of mosquito, and that their bites are unpleasant. They also can cause infection and fever.

The pappataci are virtually invisible to the human eye because they are tiny and their structure is nearly transparent. It is believed they have the same kind of dive-bombing whine as ordinary mosquitos, but the sound is pitched so high the human ear can't hear it.

Health authorities said there wasn't much to be done about pappataci bites except to smear them with ointment and cover with a plaster. When fever results, as it sometimes does, the recommended treatment is two or three days of bed rest. There is no lasting harm from the bites.

The last major invasion of the area by pappataci was during the war when the pests burgeoned in the rubble of bombed cities and towns. A post-war cleanup almost eliminated the pappataci, and their appearance in other summers since the war has been on a small scale. There was no definite explanation for this summer's major invasion, although some authorities thought the pappataci may have found welcome breeding places in excavations for a new city subway under construction.

Farm Land Value Up In Oregon Area

Oregon farm land values went up 2 per cent from March to July of this year and now stand 5 per cent higher than a year ago, reports Mrs. Elvera Horrell, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State College.

Nationally, farm land values rose one per cent during the same period and now are up 6 per cent over a year earlier, Mrs. Horrell found as she studied reports from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Price tags on farm lands have been showing an almost steady rise since 1942, Mrs. Horrell continued. On the national scene, this upward trend has wavered only twice in this 17-year period.

From 1942 to 1951, farm income went up faster than farm land values. As a result, in 1948, land was relatively low in relation to income from farm lands. Then came the Korean War, and land values started to climb again.

The year 1952 also marked a turning point. Both farm income and farm land values went down. But while farm income continued down through 1957, land values turned upward again in 1954. By early 1955, previous farm land values had been passed and each year since has set a new high, she reported.

For a while, farm land remained in scarce supply. However, observers now feel the gap between incomes from farm land and farm land values has been more than closed, Mrs. Horrell reports. From here on out, the observers think the trend in value of farm land will again be closely linked to expected income from that land.

An exception, she pointed out, can be found in farm land bought for urban or industrial development. And, many people still look on land as a security against changes in purchasing power of their savings.

LIVED UP TO NAME

MOBILE, Ala. (UPI) — A. C. Gamble was fined \$20 plus court costs after pleading guilty to a charge of gambling.

Battle Opens On Starlings

Starlings which have pestered several sections of Oregon will never again have it so easy here. With arrival of John Ludeman from California by way of Florida and Colorado, where he made special studies to prime him for the Oregon work, a pilot program has started on starling eradication.

But extermination won't happen overnight. Frank McKennon, director of the State Department of Agriculture which the Legislature directed to work on starlings, says the first year will take "much organization and plenty of trial and error." This is due to the lack of known methods under Oregon conditions.

The department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will carry on the work under a cooperative agreement. Melvin D. Smith, Portland, district agent for the federal agency, worked with McKennon on finding a man for the starting program.

Ludeman is a graduate wildlife biologist with 20 years of federal service, the last five at Sacramento on rodent control in connection with reforestation. Previously he worked in the New England states and out of Purdue University.

His first move after arrival here

early in November was to go to Malheur County to apply different baits and feeding techniques on the infestations in cattle feeding pens around Ontario. Other known invasions in Oregon include holly orchards in the Willamette Valley, cherry orchards in Union County and some areas in Klamath, Harney and Umatilla counties. Destruction in holly orchards and beef feeding areas focused the 1959 Legislature's attention on the problem and resulted in a \$20,000 appropriation for work on starlings.

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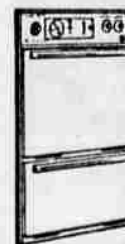
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