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For Income, Hobby**

Folks looking forward to retirement are urged by sociologists to make provisions ahead of time, if at all possible, for a constructive program of activity in their years past 65. They also should plan now for an income to supplement their social security and pension, if any.

Sometimes a middle-aged person can find an avocation that will carry over into his retirement years and at the same time provide a bit of income. This is an ideal setup.

Leads To Hobby

However, if the avocation chosen doesn't include payment in money, there are other ways to bring in additional income. One of the best is to create an income-producing apartment in an unused part of one's home. As a do-it-yourself project, this can lead a couple into a pleasant hobby that can be carried over into the retirement years—working with woodworking tools.

An upstairs or attic apartment can be built as a sparetime project by the couple who will consult their lumber dealer for advice and use modern building materials that are easy to install, economical and easy to maintain.

A low-cost, durable paneling, hardboard, is recommended for improvements of this type because of its splinterfree surfaces, easy workability and assured long life. It may be used for new wall coverings, covering cracked plaster, for room partitions, wardrobes, desks and other built-ins.

Various patterns in hardboards give the home owner a good selection.

Following ideas gleaned from magazines, books and the lumber dealer, the family can do a creditable conversion of unused space into rentable living quarters. They will enjoy the fruits of their labor both before and during retirement.

**Laundry Area
Can Be Built
In Half-Bath**

A half-bath off the kitchen is a convenient spot for a washer and dryer. This location is close to the kitchen, but still in a separate area.

The walls of the half-bath should be paneled with a moisture-resistant paneling, to withstand the high-humidity conditions that are common to laundry areas. Plastic-surfaced hardboard, which is available at lumber dealers in a variety of pleasant colors and patterns, can be damp-wiped clean. It never requires painting or refinishing.

A piece left over from the paneling installation makes an ideal sorting board, as the smooth plastic surface will not snag garments.

**Flush Door Is
Colorful In Any Room**

Flush doors painted a color to contrast with the walls add a professional decorating touch to any interior. Many manufacturers are offering a variety of flush doors made from a special hardboard designed especially to take a handsome, long-lasting paint job.

The paneling does not have any knots or grain that might mar the surface finishes. Since they are smooth and dense, doors with hardboard faces are easy to paint and hold the finish longer.

Bold, contrasting colors on flush doors increase a room's apparent size in addition to creating a bold accent area.

Practical as well as decorative, hardboard doors have exceptional strength. Durable hardboard panels won't split, splinter or crack from hard wear or abrasions.

The idea of colorful hardboard doors has already gained wide acceptance among architects and builders. Several producers of manufactured homes are using the special hardboard doors in their homes because the panels are highly-resistant to humidity changes and are a versatile decorating feature.

Take Full Advantage Of Your Garage

A garage, regardless of its size or lot location, offers the home handyman plenty of opportunity to install needed storage and recreational facilities.

Among the many projects that can be accomplished by a do-it-yourself enthusiast are inside storage compartments, deck or attic floor, lean-to room on the back or side, front door vestibule and an extra room on the roof.

Interior walls can be "put to work" by installing panels of heavy-duty peg-board where all sorts of garden equipment and supplies can be stored between uses.

One section of the peg-board wall can be used as a garden center, workshop or hobby area. Tools can be hung on the wall within easy reach.

A handy-man can increase substantially the storage facilities of a small garage by building overhead racks for garden and automobile equipment and supplies.

Prefer Second Bath to a 'Superbath'

Recent interviews show that women prefer a second bathroom to one "superbath." The homemakers based their conclusion on growing families, increased family entertaining and the desire for a private "primp-up" room for themselves.

Among the most popular locations for the second bathroom or powder room are the recreation room, downstairs foyer, utility room, and back entranceway.

The survey also showed that the homemakers want attractive bathroom decors, highlighted by pleasant colors. One of the most popular materials for modern bathrooms is a plastic-surfaced durable, paneling that is available at lumber yards in plain colors, wood-grains and marble patterns.

The wide variety of colors and patterns makes it easy for homemakers to plan an eye-catching decor. The woodgrains are authentic reproductions of fine woods and are suitable for a second bath off the recreation room. A durable factory-finished plastic surface eliminates costly and time-consuming finishing applications after installation.

For a feminine decor, accent soft pastel colors with distinctive

**Urges Inclusion
Of Oak Flooring
Even If Covered**

If you're undecided about the kind of floors to specify for a new home, you may be interested in the findings of a California trade publication in a survey on floors and flooring materials.

The periodical concluded that apartment, motel and hotel owners who restrict their properties to single-purpose floors do harm to themselves with lenders, with tenants and with their own revenues.

By single-purpose floors, it meant those which do not consist of sufficiently attractive finish flooring and which therefore can be used in only one way—completely covered.

Such floors, according to the magazine, are a burden and a profit-barrier to the owner because of maintenance and replacement costs of the covering.

Conventional lenders generally recommend, the publication asserted, that when complete covering is to be used the floor should be composed of at least unfinished No. 2 common oak. This grade can be brought up to a prime floor, the magazine said, with minimum expense at any time.

From the lender's point of view, an oak floor employed as a sub-floor, if complete covering must be used, preserves the value of the structure and makes it worthy of the maximum loan.

Reside To Improve House

The exterior appearance of a house may be run down seemingly beyond repair; yet, the house may be modernized, strengthened structurally and made more snug by adding new siding.

Siding styles of 40 and 50 years ago in themselves may be reason enough for replacing the old narrow boards with something more modern. The cost of painting old-style siding alone is expensive.

A popular siding that has been found practical and good looking is hardboard. It comes in various styles and patterns, so that the home owner has a wide selection. Some are types of horizontal lap siding, while other styles are applied vertically. Some are plain, while others are patterned.

In some cases, the new siding may be applied right over the old. In others, it's simpler to remove the old. Lumber dealers can advise on the most effective way of applying Masonite siding in a specific instance.

These modern sidings have several things in common: They are durable, dent and moisture-resistant and tenacious paint holders so that fewer painting jobs will be required in the coming years. They're easy to install, and they give an old building a modern look that can be acquired in no other way.

**Wood Floors Offer Homemaker
Wide Style Choice Can Boost
Efficiency**

One of nature's most useful gifts to man is a front-runner in the home decoration style parade today, interior designers say.

They refer to wood—specifically to oak and other handsome hardwoods, the overwhelming favorites for floors in new homes.

A big factor in hardwood's preeminence among flooring materials is the wide variety in which it is available. A specific kind can be chosen to accommodate any home buyer's budget.

In basic styles there is a choice of strip, plank, parquet and block. Strip, the most extensively used, also is lowest in cost. It is, in fact, probably the most economical of any permanent-type residential flooring.

A top grade strip oak floor can be obtained for less than the cost of good quality soft floor covering for a similar area. Styling versatility characterizes strip flooring. It is "at home" in a house of any style or price class.

Random width plank floors are particularly appropriate for ranch and colonial style homes. Individual planks composing a floor can be selected from factory widths ranging from 3 to 9 inches.

Parquet floors, the most elaborate type, are best suited to formal surroundings and the more luxuriously appointed homes.

Unit-block flooring is a modern, simplified form of parquetry. It is produced in squares and rectangles, each block being made up of several short pieces.

Included among the fixtures that may be used with quarter-inch peg-board are a variety of wire shelves and two types of plastic drawer units. Used on one wall of a recreation room, bedroom or kitchen, heavy-duty peg-board can be used to store all sorts of items only steps from where they will be used.

Perforated hardboard, of course, can be painted to blend with the prevailing color scheme.

Many leading manufacturers of kitchen cabinets use hardboards for cabinet parts and doors, having found that finishes stay in best condition on this grainless, dense, dent-resistant, rust-proof material.

Since appearance is of high importance to families when they buy new kitchen cabinets, it will pay them to consider behind-the-scenes materials used in the construction.

**Small Kitchen
Is Convenient
In 'Rec' Room**

A small kitchen area in a corner of the recreation room is a practical addition to this informal living area if a family enjoys entertaining. Bridge parties and teen-age "record hops" are easy to arrange if convenient cooking and clean-up facilities are located within a few steps of any spot in the "rec" room.

A small range, refrigerator and sink enable the hostess to "whip up" anything from a quick snack to the latest recipe. Another appliance appreciated by busy homemakers who entertain often is a portable dishwasher, which eliminates bother-some dishwashing after parties.

The small kitchen area can be designed to blend right in with the recreation room decor. Most home owners prefer a woodgrain decor in the family room, and a plastic-surfaced paneling is available at lumber dealers in several attractive patterns.

Particularly suitable to heavy-duty areas such as recreation rooms, this paneling has a durable surface that is highly-resistant to hard wear, heat, moisture and other causes of deterioration. Even grease, alcohol stains, scuff marks and cigarette burns can be wiped off with a damp or sudsy cloth.

Since there are six woodgrains available, the "rec" room kitchen can be accented by using a different pattern in this area.

**Old Brick Perked Up
By A Coat Of Paint**

Old common brick is relatively easy to paint. If the mortar has crumbled, or bits of brick have been chipped off by the effects of weather, the surface can be made smooth before painting by filling in cracks and broken places with mortar. After priming, small defects on the surface can be filled with putty. The final effect—thanks to paint—will be a brand-new looking home.

Preventing a youngster from tipping over floor lamps often is a serious problem but one that is quite easily solved. Using a scroll saw, cut a disc 30 inches in diameter from a piece of 1/2" hardboard and paint it to match the lamp base. Center the lamp on the disc and fasten them together with screws. Screw holes may already appear in the lamp base. If not, they can be made with a power drill.

Handsome oak floors of random width planks are being specified for many new homes. Generally, they are installed with decorative wood pegs which simulate the dowels employed to fasten old-time plank floors.

There are three basic types of ceramic tile—glazed, unglazed and quarry. The color of unglazed tile is the result of clay, flint, feldspar and other ceramic materials to intense heat. The color extends all the way through the tile. Glazed tile is a colorless bisque, which is sprayed with a liquid glaze. Firing in a kiln brings out the color of the glaze. Quarry tile is an especially rugged material made of unrefined clays. Its color depends on the hue of the raw material and the intensity and duration of firing.

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