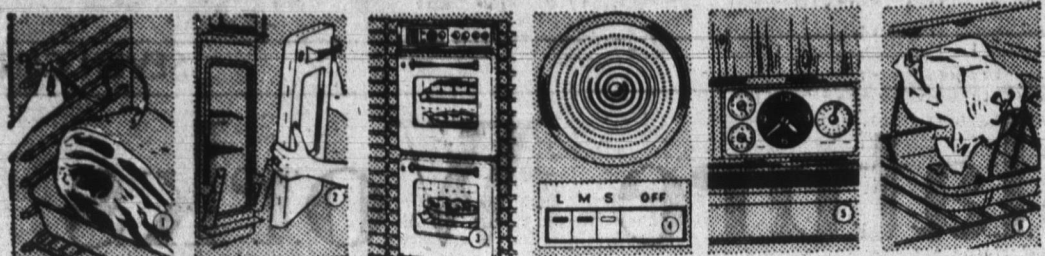


New Features Ease Cooking Chores



1. Automatic meat thermometer. 2. Oven door removable to clean. 3. Large built-in double ovens. 4. Heating elements adjust to pan size. 5. On and off oven timers. 6. Automatic oven rotisserie.

The new electric ranges cook around the rest. With their automatic timers and heat controls that are simple to use, their fast heat, and built-in cleanliness, they make cooking more fun and less fuss.

Since the various electric ranges have different special features, it's a good idea for the homemaker to shop carefully for the model that's just right for her and her family.

Here are some of the features to look for:

1. Automatic meat probes eliminate guesswork in cooking, tell you when the roast is done. Set the control to the temperature you want, insert the probe into center of meat, away from bone, gristle, or fat. When meat's done, a buzzer will sound, or on some models, heat is automatically turned low to keep meat at serving temperature without further cooking. A roast can be kept rare and juicy for hours.
2. Among the many easy-cleaning features of the new electric ranges are oven doors that lift off to be washed in the sink. Other oven doors drop down vertically to make cleaning the oven easier.
3. Double ovens give twice the convenience, double the capacity of single ovens. Complete insulation makes cooking cooler, keeps heat inside oven. Windowed doors and interior lights let you see what's cooking.
4. Some surface cooking elements adjust heat to 4-, 6-, or 8-inch area at the push of a button, for use with any size pot or pan. These units also maintain pre-selected temperatures from a low simmer to a high boil by cycling the heat on and off during cooking.
5. Two-part oven timers turn roasts on and off even when you're away from the house. One timer is set for start of cooking, the other for stop. A complete oven meal prepared in advance and left in the oven can be ready to serve at the time you set-cooked automatically while you're out.
6. Automatic rotisseries cook meat up to one-third faster than roasting. Meat turned automatically to baste in its own juices comes out juicy and tender inside with a crisp outside. Electric rotisseries can hold a roast or turkey big enough to serve a large crowd of people.

BRING SUMMER INDOORS WITH THIS PROJECT

Home owners are turning their thoughts to outdoor home improvement projects now that warm weather is just around the corner.

One project which will provide a planned area for indoor-outdoor living is an enclosed outdoor living room.

A screened outdoor living area is a home improvement that returns many dividends with today's emphasis on leisure living. Families find they can barbecue-cook, eat, sleep under the stars, provide a rainy-day playroom for the children, or simply catch an afternoon snooze out of the sun without a pesky bug problem to spoil leisure hours.

New building materials, designed especially for use with outdoor rooms, are attractive to the eye and virtually maintenance-free. They can easily be used by the home handyman as well as the professional. Fiberglass screening for enclosing the walls is available in 34" widths to provide seamless bug protection. It is made of vinyl-coated fibrous glass yarns and will not rust, stain, corrode, or dent. It is fire-safe and is guaranteed for ten years by Owens-Corning, the manufacturer.

Translucent, lightweight, shatter-proof Fiberglass-reinforced plastic panels provide perfect outdoor living room roofs. The color is permanently embedded in the plastic which can be easily sawed, nailed, drilled, screwed or bolted.



An ideal warm weather home improvement project is an outdoor room. With Fiberglass screened walls and a Sun-shade panel roof the home owner has a room that is attractive to the eye and virtually maintenance-free.

The other outdoor improvement project is a redwood frame and Fiberglass panel fence. It can perform many duties which include shielding one side of your outdoor living room from the scorching rays of the late afternoon sun and adding privacy to your backyard activities.

The end result of this project is a good old-fashioned fence built with a modern up-to-date material that never needs painting, looks like a million dollars, and is inexpensive. Sunshade panels (just like the ones in your patio roof) can be washed off with a garden hose to give the fence a fresh-as-paint look in seconds.

And, next winter, when the trees are bare and the scene is bleak, your colorful fence will still provide privacy and remind you of the good things to be found in outdoor leisure living.

1100-YEAR-OLD BASEMENT FOUND AT 10 DOWNING ST.

During a recent reconstruction of No. 10 Downing Street, the official London residence of Britain's Prime Minister, the remains of a great Saxon Hall dating back to the eighth or ninth century were uncovered. Wood flooring and oak planks and poles of the hall were found in remarkably good condition, the National Lumber Manufacturers Association reports.

Archaeologists considered this "rare find" of the remains of such a building with the wood preserved a remarkable bit of luck.

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Surface Heat Controls Save Time, Trouble

You're missing a trick if you don't use the thermostatically controlled surface element on your new electric range. It can save you time, trouble, and tears.

Since the heat-sensitive unit "knows" when the food you're cooking reaches the right heat and keeps it there, any pot or pan you use on it becomes automatic. You merely set the control at the heat needed, whether barely warm as for melting chocolate, high for searing a pot roast, or somewhere in between to cook frozen vegetables or a pudding, for instance. You no longer need a double boiler to keep food from sticking and burning.

Outdoor Type Cooking Now Successful Indoors

Cooking on a spit is almost as old as man, yet it's as up-to-date as today's teenager. If you have an electric range with an automatic rotisserie, you can enjoy the same outdoor cooking indoors.

Outdoor cooks learned long ago that meat cooked on a spit, slowly turned to give every inch a golden brown succulence, has an extra quality made up of flavor, tenderness, juiciness. Now meat can be barbecued right in the kitchen all year frozen vegetables or a pudding, for instance. You no longer need a double boiler to keep food from sticking and burning.

New Garden Living Plan Is Offered

Some nurseries and garden centers supply all the requirements for garden living in the summer months, including landscaping, flowering and shade trees, flowering shrubs, roses, annuals and perennials, grills garden furniture, and whatever is needed to make summer living and entertaining outdoors most enjoyable.

The "Package plan" is an outgrowth of the trend in recent years to supply all the home owners' outdoor needs, according to the American Association of Nurserymen.

Other nurseries will completely landscape for summer garden living, leaving the equipment purchases to the home owner, while still others just supply the plants if the home owner prefers to do the planting himself and save labor costs.

Check Heating Plant Efficiency During Winter

Right now, might be the best possible time to decide what to do about your heating system.

Your furnace probably is operating almost full-time during these coldest months of the year and you can see for yourself how efficiently or inefficiently it is working.

If the operation of your heating plant leaves something to be desired, check with a reliable heating dealer—contractor so that any changes he might suggest can be made in the spring.

One possibility, suggest the home comfort experts of American Furnace Company, is modernizing an outdated system by changing to perimeter heating. This places the warm air registers along the cold outer walls of the house, instead of along the inside walls.

Research by industry organizations and manufacturers such as AFCA has shown that drafts can be eliminated and more comfort and efficiency achieved when cold air is not allowed to accumulate along the outer walls.

Good Duct System Is Vital To Comfort

Design and installation of the ductwork can be as important to an efficient forced air heating system as the furnace itself.

The ducts are responsible for getting the warm, filtered air from the furnace to the living areas of the house, point out American Furnace Company engineers.

As a result, the best available furnace will not do its job efficiently if connected to a poorly designed duct system. In general, the duct should be free flowing, with no abrupt turns or sudden changes in size.

Don't Scrimp Here

If you are thinking of investing thousands of dollars in a home, don't scrimp when it comes to such things as insulation, weatherstripping, caulking, and storm windows, advises the home comfort experts of American Furnace Company.

These relatively inexpensive but important features of good construction can mean a lower initial cost of your heating plant, lower operating costs more comfort, and easier upkeep of the home.

Proper Mounting Helps Insure Long Mirror Life

Unframed architectural mirrors, those practical decorating stand-bys which add space and light to any room, will give the best service if they are mounted properly, say designers of Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company.

When installing mirrors flush to a wall surface it is important that the wall area directly behind it is dry. This is especially true when dealing with fresh plaster, as dampness in time can have a damaging effect on the silvering of the back of a mirror. As a safeguard, the wall should be covered with waterproof paper or the plaster sized to seal out moisture.

Wherever possible, the mirror should be mounted slightly out from the wall to allow air circulation.

WHAT PAINT TO USE WHERE

Here's a quick run-down on the proper paint to use for any interior surface you may be beautifying:

Plaster walls and ceilings—any high quality interior flat paint, oil, alkyd or latex paint. For bathrooms and kitchens, use semi-gloss or gloss enamel paint for great washability.

Wallboard—seal with latex sealer and then follow with any high quality wall paint.

Hardboard—seal with latex paint, primer sealer, shellac or enamel undercoat. Use any desired topcoat.

Plywood—for an opaque top coat, seal with penetrating resin sealer, flat oil or alkyd paint or enamel undercoat. When dry, apply a second coat. For a natural finish which shows the grain, use a clear penetrating resin sealer, followed by varnish.

Woodwork—semi-gloss enamel in same color as walls. Full gloss is often used in kitchens and bathrooms.

FIREHOUSE HAS WOOD ROOF

Berkeley, California's new "firehouse-in-the-round" was adapted to its park-like setting with the use of wood, as well as other building materials, and its appearance gives the impression of a park pavilion instead of a firehouse, the National Lumber Manufacturers Association reports. The ceiling of the circular structure was constructed of wood beams, the semi-circular additions to the main building are of wood construction, and the whole structure relates perfectly to the large pine and redwood trees that surround it.

Purest Pleasure

Sir Francis Bacon called gardening "the purest of human pleasures." To many people lovely trees and shrubs bring peace and contentment. It's not really a home until it's planted.

Not On Wood

Asphalt-based aluminum roof paints can be applied to any material except wood.

ROLLERS FOR MASONRY
When painting brick or other masonry surfaces, you'll find that a deep-piled roller will do a faster job on the uneven surface than a brush. Use lambswool type for solvent-thinned paints, but synthetic fibres are better if you use a water-thinned paint.

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