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Build Wall Bunks For Your Boys

Built-in furniture offers a definite challenge to the planning skill of the builder.

Many older homes may be given much additional convenience and up-to-date charm through use of built-in-furniture. Available spaces exist in almost all homes.

Where the family contains one or more growing boys a built-in bunk is a practical piece of furniture. Not only does a bunk capture the imagination of a young boy but when properly constructed or installed it is sturdy and able to withstand rough use.

Another advantage lies in the fact that built-in bunks are economical in the matter of space. Where two boys occupy a small room, a set of two bunks is likely to be a practical solution of the sleeping-arrangement problem.

Often young boys want their books in their own room, and few things cut down available wall space more than bookshelves. In some cases an entire wall may be employed, with bookshelves, bunks, and closets compactly arranged.

Many types of built-in bunks come ready-cut, requiring only assembly and installation. Homeowners often prefer to design the bunk themselves and have a carpenter build it according to the specifications.

FAVOR SEAWAY

Among the numerous resolutions which Rep. George A. Dondero has received in support of the Great Lakes Seaway, is one passed by a group of service clubs of Wayne county, including the Optimist Club of Highland Park, the Seroptimist Club of Detroit, the Kiwanis Club of Allen Park, and the Exchange Clubs of Northville, North Detroit, North East Detroit, East Detroit, and Trenton.

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Doors and Windows Need Repair First

Sticking doors or windows usually require refitting or repairs, and with the arrival of warm weather the home owner will find the ideal time to make repairs of this nature.

Doors and windows should also be checked for the following faults: doors requiring refitting or new hardware; advisability of replacing wood panels with glass in doors; defective locks, chains, or bolts, requiring repair or replacement; acquiring extra keys for various locks; broken or defective window cords and pulleys needing replacement; replacing latches or other window devices; cracks around window sash and doors requiring weatherstripping.

Civil Service Dept. Announces Exams

Examinations were also recently announced by the State Civil Service Commission for prison warden, vocational counselor, rollcall clerk, fingerprint clerk and fingerprint expert. The examinations for prison warden are to fill positions as warden and deputy warden at Jackson, Marquette and Ionia. The examinations for fingerprint clerk and fingerprint expert are to fill new positions on the staff of the State Police Department. The Civil Service Commission expects to schedule examinations for approximately 200 classes of work within the next few months and to examine over 2500 present state employees to determine their fitness to continue in their positions.

East Of Birmingham

Big Beaver High School girls chorus presented the operetta, "In Mozart's Time," at the high school auditorium Wednesday. June Burch played the part of "Louise."

Harold Burch came home from Spring Arbor to be with his family on Mother's Day.

Stephenia O'Daysky was pleasantly surprised with a birthday party Friday evening; she was 14.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Mullins attended a shower in Detroit Sunday.

Geo. Scott Writes From Atlanta, Ga.

(Editor's note—George S. Scott, former Boy Scout leader here, now with the Navy, writes us from the Naval Reserve Aviation Base at Atlanta, Ga.)

"First off I want to thank you for keeping me posted with the news from back home through The Eccentric. I have read every issue and I look forward to it as a tie between home and this base.

"I have told you about our arrival to this base but some of the daily routine we go through and now I wish to give you some idea of the moral life and conduct of men called to active duty. This is the first time in my life that I have been away from home long enough to stretch and every letter, card or remembrance from home seems to pull one who is in the service even the rough spots. Some folks get the idea that just because their boy is in the service with hundreds of other fellows that they never get lonesome but those same folks in our section and in other sections who have been actually sick —home sick—when a letter or even a card from home would do all they needed to make things seem shipshape. To some it is a task in itself to familiarize themselves to new customs, people, and new habits and it is during this period the first three or four months when the enlisted man needs help most of all.

Recreation for the enlisted personnel is as good as in civilian life or even better. Bowling teams, baseball and other teams are organized to compete against the local universities and high schools. Moving pictures are shown weekly at most stations and the best of movies are procured. In general a good time is had by all. I have yet to see a sailor in Atlanta, do anything out of line or cause trouble which would give our station a black eye.

During the working part of the day and during odd time I have seen and heard sailors talk for hours telling their shipmates what they did for an hour or two the night before. Exchanging telephone numbers and contemplations of the night to come seems to be the main topic of conversation.

Then, too, the serious side must be considered as no one desires to stay a seaman second during his complete enlistment. Consequently, much time is spent in study. Most studying is done after working hours when shipmates can get together at home and study in earnest.

I think I have told you that we do not live at the base as there are no barracks available. Each man is allowed a subsistance to live in town and like myself, most sailors chum together with two or three others and share expenses. My shipmates are Stuart Adams, who is also from old Birmingham, and a chap by the name of Ray Vallencourt from Lake Orion, and together we live in a Mexican Grotto which we rented furnished, maid service, meals and all. This set-up is also a refreshment from routine and duty and gives us a chance to formulate ourselves with home duties as well as military.

Every fifth day each seaman must stay "aboard" the station for 24 hours and out of that time he must stand a watch of four hours, which reminds me that I have security duty in exactly 32 minutes and have to relieve my watch."

"SCOTTY"

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, said County, on the 23rd day of April, A. D. 1941.

Present: Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Ethel Hiddert Cook, Deceased.

Harrison E. Cook, executor of said estate, having filed in said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered, that two months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, that the seventh day of July, 1941, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.

(A true Copy)
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Register of Probate. 4-4-7.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, said County, on the 24th day of April, A. D. 1941.

Present, Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Mary Hughey Lamb, Deceased.

Agnes S. Ross having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased and that administration of said estate be granted to Agnes S. Ross, the executrix named in said Will, or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 26th day of May, A. D. 1941, at 9 o'clock, Eastern Standard Time, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that proponent cause a copy of this notice to be served personally or by registered mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees at their last known place of address at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.

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Trees Add Much To Residential Area

Trees not only add to the livable quality of a neighborhood but when correctly placed will enhance the architectural character of the individual properties, officials of the Federal Housing Administration say.

Street layouts made attractive by proper relationship to trees and preservation of natural physical charm have a tendency to remain desirable to present owners and to command the continued interest of prospective purchasers.

The FHA has often stressed the necessity of preserving the natural features of a site in subdivision design. In many cases valuable trees have been cut down and knolls have been removed in order to fill in lower ground. This is often an unnecessary expense and results in the ruination of what might have been valuable residential property.

When streets are laid out to conform to natural conditions and neighborhoods are planned to take full advantage of desirable views, slope of land, sunlight, prevailing winds, shade trees, and rough wooded areas not only is the appeal of the definite area favorably affected but also the value and stability.

Street layouts made attractive by proper relationship to trees and preservation of natural physical charm will remain desirable to present property owners and will attract prospective purchasers.

Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion Spokesmen tell Poppy Day Plans

The two articles herewith were submitted by the American Legion Auxiliary and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, telling of their plans for Poppy Day, Sunday, May 25.

American Legion Auxiliary Meets

Organization of the corps of volunteer workers who will distribute memorial poppies on Poppy Day, Saturday, May 24, is being completed by the Charles E. Edwards Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary. The corps, working under the leadership of Mrs. Charles Pearsall, Poppy Day Chairman, will be on the streets throughout the day offering poppies to the wearers in honor of the World War dead, and to aid the disabled veterans and dependent families of veterans.

Contributions of the poppies and hospital favors for the veterans in the local Veterans Hospital will be made by those who wear the poppies.

All poppies are made in disabled veterans' workshops in France and Belgium and are shipped to the United States under the guidance of overseas chapters of the Auxiliary. Women in these chapters are employed in making the poppies.

Preparations for the annual observance of Poppy Day here, the little red flowers of remembrance are being taken from the boxes in which they came from the Veterans Hospital for Battle Creek, where they were made by disabled veterans. The poppies are made in exact replica of the wild poppies of France and Belgium and are shipped to the United States in the form of crepe paper. With the flowers are sent instructions for making them, often work under great handicaps but acquire remarkable skill in producing a flower which they cannot from the veteran himself.

All Poppy Day workers will serve as volunteers and all of the money contributed to them for the flowers will go into the welfare fund of the Auxiliary to carry forward the Auxiliary's work for the disabled, their families and the families of the dead, during the year ahead.

Among the things that give a new and broader vision are travel, religious and the large account.—Los Angeles Times.

V. F. W. Chairman Tells Of Project

Approximately eighty poppies are being made each week by the disabled ex-service men patients of the Veterans Hospital, through the country, in preparation for the 20th annual Buddy Poppy sale of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, according to Arthur Hollins, Jr., general chairman of arrangements for the local sale, which will be held on Saturday, May 24.

All Buddy Poppies distributed by the V. F. W. are made by disabled and needy ex-service men in government hospitals, said Mr. Hollins.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars inaugurated the method of making Buddy Poppies with the assistance of veterans in government hospitals and the cooperation of the United States Veterans Administration and the idea has proved of great benefit to these men, especially in the occupational therapy treatment for those who are in prolonged or permanently affected.

Buddy Poppy is the name given by the organization to the flowers sold annually on Memorial Day. Each flower carries a copyrighted label which guarantees to the public that those poppies worn and issued by the sales of veterans. The entire proceeds of the sale are devoted to welfare and relief work for ex-service men and their families, with the assistance of the National Home for Widows and Orphans of Veterans.

Mrs. Wilbur Wright, president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, has announced the sale of poppies by the members of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S. It is also announced by the Women's Relief Corps of the Women's Clubs and other organizations.

MINOR DAMAGE

When Howard E. Miller, 1434 South Woodward, suddenly applied his brakes early last Saturday afternoon, his car collided with an auto driven by Rory Briggs, of Detroit. Damage was slight.

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Build a Counter To Serve Breakfast

Few home owners ever stop to count the number of steps they must take between kitchen and dining room while getting breakfast in the morning.

Whether the owner counts them or not he is certainly aware that those steps are there, because they consume time just when it is valuable—when delays will make the early hurry-up call for daily obligations.

The problem of how to cut down or eliminate these steps may puzzle the average home owner. Perhaps he is contemplating the purchase of a tea wagon or, tried in vain to figure out how he could squeeze a dining alcove into the already crowded kitchen.

Lunch Counter Effective

There is one way, however, which modern design has developed and modern informal ways of living have made acceptable—a lunch counter between dining room and kitchen.

If there is adequate wall space between these two rooms, a counter may be inserted which will be flush with the wall on the dining room side. It may extend into the kitchen only 18 inches or so, providing usable work space.

Since may be left under the counter on the dining side for stools or a bench and on the kitchen side for much-used breakfasting equipment such as toaster, waffle iron, percolator, etc.

Such a counter, if designed by an architect, may be made to harmonize with any architectural style. If the house is traditional, double doors will hide the counter from view and will fold back out of the way when it is in use. Or if the style is modern, a venetian blind may be installed above the opening.

The cost of this installation should not be great, and it may be financed under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration.

RECEIVER'S NOTICE OF SALE

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Pursuant to authority of the Circuit Court, Oakland County, in Chancery, the undersigned, C. Henry Purdy, appointed by the First State Savings Bank of Birmingham, Michigan, will offer for public sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the Community House, Birmingham, Michigan, on the 22nd day of April, 1941 A. M., certain assets of the First State Savings Bank, Birmingham, Michigan, consisting of the following:

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Red Cross Plans For Water Safety

The summer water safety program of the Oakland County chapter, American Red Cross was announced Wednesday evening by Kline B. Hartman and his committee at a meeting at the Birmingham Community House.

According to Mr. Hartman, the chapter plans to continue its usual program at Oakland County beaches for the fifth year and opportunity will be given children and adults to complete the various tests for which certificates will be awarded. Instruction will be free. According to Mr. Hartman, knowledge of personal safety in the water as well as life saving techniques will prevent many loss of lives in the water. Each year total attendance at Red Cross classes amounts to thousands of participants. Water safety instructors or senior life savers wishing to volunteer their services may apply to Mr. Hartman or to the chapter office in Pontiac. Certificates will be distributed throughout the county.

Four Oakland County individuals recently passed the water safety instructors course at Mt. Clemens under a representative of the National staff at Midwestern University. Mrs. Lois Thew Bird, Charles Blake, Franklyn Whitney, Harriet Skidmore, and Robert Fortenbery.

Mr. Hartman's committee consists of Miss Pearl McArdle of Royal Oak, Franklyn Whitney of Birmingham, and Miss Irma Strub of Pontiac. Mrs. Lois Thew Bird, executive secretary of the chapter, and Miss Dorothea Baxter of Royal Oak, Water Safety Director, were also in attendance at the meeting.

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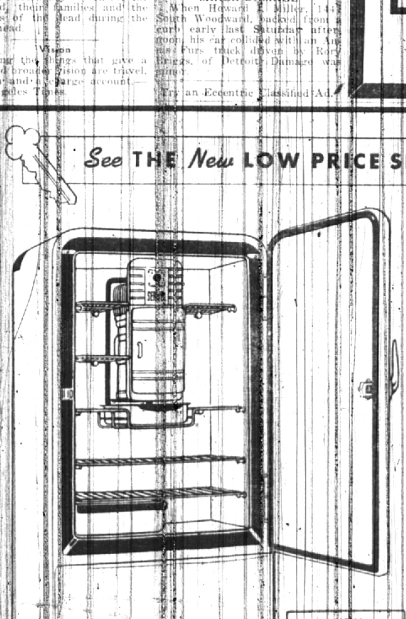

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