

## Expansion Calls For New Wiring

If you add new living space to a house, you need new wiring. This entails the installation of new circuits and plenty of outlets. It also calls for re-evaluation of the overall electrical system of the house.

Many systems were originally designed for little more than lighting. Yet some of them are staggering under the load of freezers, television sets, washers and dryers, air conditioners, electric blankets, and garbage disposal systems. So lights flicker and fuses blow.

Inadequate wiring is not limited to homes of the Victorian vintage. Many homes more than two or three years old need attention.

For figuring the number of outlets needed, a good rule of thumb is one outlet for every 15 feet of wall.

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A FENCED IN pool at the A. V. Witbeck home, 480 North Cranbrook road, will be a feature of this weekend's Garden Pilgrimage. Gary Witbeck, center, has been enjoying the pool all winter as a skating rink and can hardly wait for the swim season. With him are his mother, Mrs. A. V. Witbeck, (right) and Mrs. Carman Adams.

**Mulch Is Needed**

A good mulch around plants conserves moisture and nutrients, says the American Association of Nurserymen.

**Bath Location Influences Cost**

Probably the most universal plumbing need in home expansion projects is for added bath-room facilities. In homes where there are more than two in a family, one bathroom can be a bottleneck.

The less new piping that has to be installed, the lower the cost. When a second floor or attic bathroom is to be installed, it should be located over the bathroom on the floor below.

If all bathroom fixtures are placed against one wall, less piping is needed than if the fixtures are placed against different walls.

THE TYPE of pipe to use depends largely upon the characteristics of the water. Brass and copper, which are resistant to rust, tend to corrode in acid water. Copper is more resistant to acid than brass. Iron and steel, though they resist acid water, rust fairly readily.

New bathrooms generally result in a higher consumption of hot water. A water heater manufacturer, suggests that a two-bath house with four or fewer occupants should have a 40-gallon heater. A 45-gallon heater is recommended for larger families.

**Pamphlet Simplifies Plywood Finishing**

The home craftsman sometimes makes mistakes when he sets out to wood panel a den or playroom or make himself a built-in piece of furniture. A common mistake is failing to find out how to finish properly the different decorative veneers. The manufacturers of Weldwood products, United States Plywood Corporation, makes available through lumber dealers and others handling finishing materials a handy pamphlet telling how to get the best effects on both soft woods and hard woods.

Techniques for getting the so-called "pickled" and "blond" finishes are described. This descriptive pamphlet is interesting in many ways. One high-sounding recommendation is for tinted "woolly" effect.

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Some flowering shrubs in addition to blooms have strikingly colored berries for fall and winter color. There is a wide choice of foliage character, ranging from the soft shades of green to very deep green or purple.

SOME OF the shrubs which will grow over most of the country include various varieties of the viburnums, forsythia, barberries, loquats, holly, flowering plum, daphne, syringa, and similar plants. Azaleas and rhododendrons will thrive over a wide area providing the soil is not too alkaline.

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**Tag Plumbing Valves**

All plumbing valves should be tagged to show exactly what their purpose is. When a valve has to be used, it's often an emergency and there's no time to waste.

NOT ALL varieties of the above-named have red berries and it is best to consult with your nurseryman for the ones you wish.

Most flowering shrubs are easy to grow. If they are to be pruned, the work should be done right after blooming, since the new buds usually form in the summer. Fertilize in the spring, again after blooming.

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