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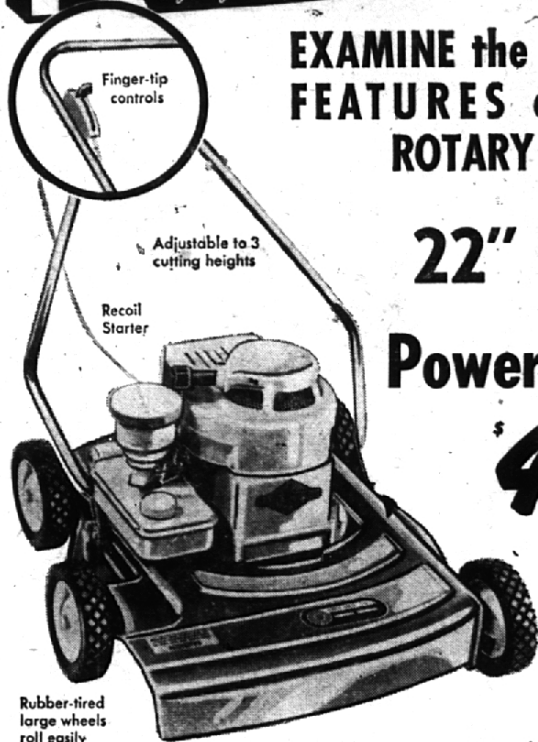
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## Air Conditioners Rated By Their Btu Capacity

The easiest and surest way to obtain the right-sized room air conditioner for any room is to provide an appliance dealer with enough information to prescribe the "Btu" capacity needed for maximum comfort.

Btu's—British thermal units—are used today by manufacturers to describe the cooling capacities of modern air conditioners. Old "horsepower" and "ton" designations have been abandoned in favor of this more accurate method of measuring the amount of heat a cooling unit can handle.

One Btu per hour is roughly the amount of heat generated by a kitchen match if it were to burn an hour. An air conditioner labeled 12,000 Btu's, for example, would remove the heat of approximately 12,000 matches.

HERE'S THE basic information the appliance dealer will need to help choose an air conditioner for a given room:

1. Size of room and what it's used for, such as living room,

bedroom, dining room, or family room.

2. Exposure of its outside walls—south, north, east, or west—and the number of windows facing south or west.

3. Its location in relation to other areas of the house: under roof, uninsulated attic, or occupied room.

4. Electric circuits available: 115, 230, or 208 volts.

A WIDE selection of room air conditioners now is available, including window units, models that install permanently through a wall, and units that provide year-around comfort—cool in summer, heat in winter.

Standards of the National Electrical Manufacturers Association now provide that a room air conditioner's cooling capacity in Btu's per hour be imprinted on the data plate.

### Homeowners Build Own Patios, Says Specialist at MSU

More outdoor living coupled with the "do-it-yourself" fad has brought about more homemade patios each year.

Two-thirds of the patios built today are done by the homeowner himself, estimates Joseph T. Cox, extension specialist in landscape architecture at Michigan State University.

Cox says that although most homemade patios are an attempt to save money, they are not always cheaper than those done with professional help.

IMPORTANT factors to consider when planning a patio are drainage, materials to be used, design layout, proportion of steps and walls, and use of space.

Inadequate drainage causes almost 90 per cent of patio damage, warns Cox. Moisture that gets under patio slabs, heating and cooling of the sun, heaving and settling action of the frost and other destructive natural forces must all be taken into account.

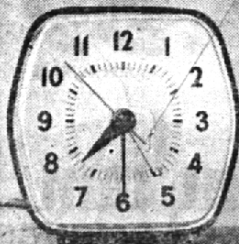
### Atmosphere Sets Pace for Dining

The most important element in any dining room is its atmosphere, the kind of atmosphere that makes meals an event and the kind that invites you to linger over after-dinner coffee.

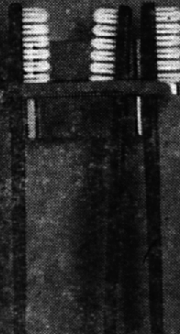
Comfortable chairs, an attractive table setting and prettily prepared food all contribute to this atmosphere, but even more important is the dining room itself.

TO CREATE a serene backdrop for dining, walls should be quietly elegant but never obtrusive. Many top decorators recommend naturally finished wood paneling for this job. Softwoods like west coast hemlock, which is just the hue of a glass of champagne, are perfect for dining room decor, since they supply rich but soft color combined with delicately traced grain patterns.

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