

Kitchens of Future Take Meal Orders

It's a long way in the future, but the day will come when an absent housewife will be able to cook and serve a meal to her family by giving long distance directions to her electronic kitchen by telephone.

Today a housewife who plans to leave home for a few days must plan ahead to provide balanced meals for her family at home. But once the meals are planned and prepared, her electric refrigerator-freezer can keep them ready for heating and serving.

The woman planning a trip should make up menus for each day she is to be away, then shop in advance and cook and freeze dishes on the menu. Casseroles, soups, spaghetti sauce and chili, cakes, pies and cookies can all be made in advance and stored in the freezing section.

THERE'LL be room left for ice cream, juice and other frozen foods. She should also get a good supply of fresh foods such as bacon, eggs, cheese, butter, cold cuts, fruits and vegetables to store in the specially cooled and humidified refrigerator compartments, where they'll stay fresh a week or more.

Daily menus should be posted on the kitchen bulletin board. After checking them, all the stay-at-homes have to do is reach in the refrigerator-freezer, heat their meals, and eat.

The refrigerator freezer will be their "supermarket" right at home, stocked with enough nourishing meals to last for days.

Remodeling of Old Kitchen Combines Beauty, Efficiency

Pink and polished is the theme of this recently remodeled kitchen near Greenwich, Conn. It's not all froth, though.

Cox Kitchens of Port Chester, N. Y., designed it to provide the smooth working efficiency that was lacking in the old-fashioned kitchen it replaced.

As the "before" picture shows, appliances and sink were reaching the antique stage and storage space was inadequate. The ancient refrigerator with its thick walls had no space for frozen foods, and even the fresh food compartment was too small.

THE NEW electric refrigerator-freezer with its square corners and thin, straight walls, has a built-in look that suits this modern kitchen. It easily holds a week's supply of fresh foods in specially cooled compartments.

The freezing section keeps quantities of frozen foods for months. Since the owners entertain frequently, party food can now be prepared in advance, at the hostess'



BEFORE - This old-fashioned kitchen was dreary and inefficient. It had little storage space for food.



AFTER - A new refrigerator-freezer and a barbecue "island" now stand where the old kitchen wall was, handy to both the working areas and the new dinette, saving time and steps.



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leisure, and stored for later use. Because the kitchen is a large one, planning concentrated on saving steps. The refrigerator-freezer is just three and one-half feet from the sink, which has an automatic electric dishwasher next to it, and eight feet from the built-in cooking units. Between each appliance and the next is a counter for food preparation or cleaning up.

A SPECIAL FEATURE reserved for the man of the family, is the

electrically-driven charcoal barbecue, set in a center island. This, too, is handy to the refrigerator-freezer and not far from the sink and dishwasher.

Both owners now enjoy working in a kitchen that is both good-looking and efficient.

The roomy new refrigerator-freezer, combined with lots of cabinets, has solved their acute shortage problem, so they no longer have to make several weekly trips to the store.

Painted 'Frame' Helps Paintings

Sometimes it is difficult to achieve a unified effect when hanging paintings or other wall accessories in groups. Any easy way to give them the look of belonging together is to paint a background "frame" on the wall.

Use masking tape to outline the painted frame, and paint inside the tape. When paint is dry, remove tape. Choice of color will be dictated by wall and room colors, and the colors of the wall accessories.

A good rule to follow for size of painted frame is to make it as wide as the furniture beneath it. If this "frame" is too large for the accessories to go into it, paint a smaller frame within the large frame.