

NEW STUDY-BEDROOM IN ATTIC

## Private Study Room Boosts Child's Grades

One way parents can help a child achieve the grades he needs is to provide him with a comfortable, distraction free place to study. It should be well-lighted, quiet, and equipped with a good-size desk and comfortable chair.

Ideally, a student should have a room of his own for sleep and study. If he doesn't have one now, a good place to make one is in the expansion attic of many post-war homes, or the catch-all space under the roof found in most older houses.

How simple or lavish you make the bedroom-study area is mostly a matter of personal taste and finances, but extra care should be taken with the key elements be-

cause of their importance in providing both comfort and utility.

**TO DISPEL DARKNESS** and help make a converted attic bright and cheerful, make full use of windows.

If possible, the desk should be placed near a window so that natural light passes over the left shoulder of the right-handed person, and vice versa.

Good artificial light is important, too. Don't cut corners on the desk lamp, since one that's poorly designed can cause eye fatigue. A good place to turn for advice on proper lighting is the local electric power supplier.

**A KEY TO** year-round comfort in any attic conversion is insulation installed correctly and in amounts meeting recommended standards. Batts or blankets of mineral wool will prevent much of the sun's heat from penetrating through to the new room below.

Without proper insulation, most converted attics would be too hot to work or sleep in during the late spring and early fall school days, as well as in summer. And, of course, too cold in winter.

**MANY FAMILIES** save money by installing the insulation themselves, since it's a reasonably easy job. Building materials dealers will provide instruction tips.

If adequate insulation is used, the existing heating system probably can be extended to heat the new room in winter, at low cost.

### A GARDEN WITHOUT BIRDS IS AS A DAY WITHOUT SUNSHINE

You will want these publications if you see them.

**BIRD HOUSES, BATHS, AND FEEDING SHELTERS:** How to Make and Where to Place Them (5th Edition), Sawyer \$ .50

**THE FLIGHT OF BIRDS,** Sterer Photographically interpreted. \$2.50

**THE KIRTLAND'S WARBLER,** Mayfield The definitive volume on Michigan's unique bird. Winner of the Brewster Award. \$6.00

**BIRD MORTALITY IN THE DUCH ELM DISEASE PROGRAM,** Wallace Nickell & Bernard \$1.00

**BIRDS OF THE DETROIT-WINDSOR AREA,** Kelley, Middleton & Nickell. A ten-year survey of populations. \$1.00

**A FIELD LIST OF BIRDS OF THE DETROIT-WINDSOR REGION,** O'Reilly, Kelley & Kelley. A pocket list, telling you what to see, where and when. \$ .50

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**HERE ARE** some MSU rose gardening tips:

- For scale on evergreens use Sevin or Malathion.

- For red spider mite use any good miticide or Kethane, Tedion or Oratron.

- Aphids on any plants can be controlled by Malathion.

- Anthracnose on sycamore and pine can be stopped by organic mercury at the time of bud swelling and another spraying 10 days later.

Dusting is easier than spraying and can be effective if air is still and the foliage is covered with dew or moisture at time of application.

**IF YOU HAVE** more than an average-sized yard you may wish to mix your own all-purpose spray. To make one gallon use:

- 1 gallon water
- 2 teaspoons 57% malathion emulsion
- 2 tablespoons 50% DDT
- 2 tablespoons 50% Captan

It is wise to mix ingredients thoroughly in a pail before pouring into the sprayer.

Don't spray too sparingly, but enough is enough. After spray is running off plant, the job is done.

Spray most ornamentals about once each month, May through August. But roses need to be sprayed every week or 10 days. Think of it as a preventive measure.

One of the earliest uses of ceramic tile was by the Egyptians in the pyramids and tombs.

# Bath Fixtures Possess Beauty and Convenience

Many persons planning a new home or remodeling an old one leave selection of bathroom fixtures entirely to the plumbing contractor.

But with the wide variety of colors and styles available today in bathroom fixtures, why not take a hand in their selection with an eye toward maximum home attractiveness and family convenience.

For instance, white lavatories, bathtubs, and water closets were the rule. Today, growing popularity of colored fixtures in homes has resulted in almost one-third of all bathroom fixtures being made in color.

**THEREFORE, THE** bathrooms offer you an excellent opportunity to select fixture colors which can give a touch of richness and elegance in combination with the hues of the tile, walls, ceiling, floor, and curtains. Fixtures are available in coral or pink (the most popular shade) as well as in tan, blue, green, yellow, gray, and lilac.

From the convenience standpoint, there are many styles of lavatories (or bathroom sinks, if you prefer!) and bathtubs, even of water closets. Shapes and designs can be chosen best suited to the bathroom space limitations.

You'll be concerned with quality, too, (for you'll want to avoid chipping, uneven colors and coatings, cracking, crazing, and weak construction.

You'll get quality if you select good enameled cast iron fixtures in lavatories and bathtubs and it is in the quality selection that your contractor can be especially helpful to you. You can spot house quality by checking if fixtures are cast iron.

**THE BODY** of cast gray iron lavatories and bathtubs is usually one-piece, shaped with exactness to the particular contours of the design.

All exposed surfaces are covered with a thick coat of porcelain enamel, baked on and fused to the strong cast iron surface under intense heat.

The quality of this operation assures resistance against chipping, cracking, and crazing—and the rigidity of the cast gray iron assures against bottom buckling of tubs.

There are four basic lavatory styles — slab, ledge, shelf, and apron. Entire top surface of the slab type is flat. Ledge type has an elevated back forming a low shelf or ledge 1 to 2 inches above the front surface.

Shelf type is similar to the ledge type, with the back usually 3/4 to 5 inches above the main surface. Apron type has a back elevation to confine splash but not wide enough to use as a shelf.

**YOU CAN** select a lavatory in wall-hung, floor mounted, or drop-

in style. The last is among the newest and most popular, since it is adaptable to built-in styling with countertop, cabinets beneath, possibly even two sinks in the countertop. Round bowls are available in drop-in styles, too.

Cast-iron bathtubs are shaped in as many ways as your pocketbook will fit—for recessing, corners, in various side heights, long and short, and in all quality cast-iron tubs the enamel finish is designed for years of bathroom beauty in whatever color you select.

Water closets, normally made of vitreous china, may be rounded or elongated, floor-mounted or wall hung, with siphon jet, reverse trap, or washdown operating method. Your contractor can counsel you on the best selection for your space requirements and budget.

With so much room for selection in colors and styles today, it just doesn't make sense to turn the entire choice over to someone else, however. You'll get great satisfaction out of their beauty and convenience if you help select the bathroom fixtures.

## Windows Make Washing Painless

If you double in brass as a window washer as well as a mother, shopper, cook, chauffeur and housekeeper, you'll appreciate the ease of cleaning provided by many modern window units of ponderosa pine.

With one type of double-hung wood window, the entire sash literally lifts out at a touch.

**THIS ELIMINATES** ladder-climbing and other acrobatics pre-

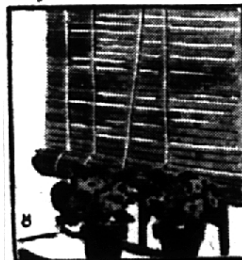
viously needed to wash the outside surface.

Another aid to easy window washing is the removable grille which divides a single large pane of glass into many small ones for a traditional effect.

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