



**SOMETHING FOR everything** is the motto for this year's sampling of the many types of air conditioners available. Pictured above are five of the more popular models. (1) the standard window unit; (2) small size for casement windows; (3) permanently installed through-the-wall model; (4) window unit in wood cabinet; (5) wall model with removable front panels that can be covered to match room decor. Each of these room air conditioners cools, dehumidifies and filters the air.

## Wider Choice of Air Units Provide Comfort

It may well be true that you can't please everybody, but manufacturers of room air conditioners have come mighty close — especially in recent years.

First, the industry has voluntarily established a certification program which verifies the cooling performance of the room air conditioners.

Under this program, room air conditioners are tested by an independent laboratory to make sure the cooling capacity (in British thermal units per hour) and amps and watts are represented accurately.

**MORE THAN 90** per cent of all room air conditioners manufactured for sale in this country now are included in the certification program, which is sponsored by the National Electrical Manufacturers Association.

Second, consumers have a wider choice of units—in terms of cooling capacity, types and styling—than ever before.

For example, room air conditioners are available with a cooling capacity as low as 3,300 Btu's per hour, and as high as 32,000 Btu's per hour.

This means there are units just right for a small den or bedroom, and others that can provide cool comfort for a large combined area like an L-shaped living-dining room. Some units even have enough capacity to cool a small house.

**THE MOST** familiar type of room air conditioner is placed in a window, either double-hung, awning or casement.

Many of the window models can be easily installed quickly and easily and may require no special wiring; other models may require special wiring and installation.

Increasing in popularity is the room air conditioner that is per-

manently installed through the wall of a house. It performs the same job as the window variety and is also available in a wide range of cooling capacities.

Through-the-wall models permit greater choice of placement in the room.

**BOTH WINDOW** and through-the-wall models are available in a variety of colors and attractive styles to blend with individual room decor.

## More Windows in Homes

In late 17th century England, a property owner's tax was often based on the number of windows in his house. In those days, when windows were a luxury, an abundance of them was a sure sign of wealth.

Today, windows are taken for granted as a necessary adjunct of good living and have long since ceased to be a luxury.

Last year, for example, the average new single-family house had more than 17 windows, according to a survey of approximately 1,500 builders throughout the country.

**THE SURVEY** was conducted by the Bureau of Building Marketing Research, an affiliate of the national magazine, Practical Builder.

Wood continues to be the most popular window framing material.

For example, 85 per cent of the double-hung windows installed in 1962 were of wood—a four per cent increase over 1960, according to the survey.

One reason often cited for the popularity of wood windows is their availability in a wide range of stock sizes and styles. Most wood windows today are made of

## Check Out Before You Camp Out

More and more young families are discovering that a camping trip is an exciting, fun-filled and relatively inexpensive way to spend a vacation.

But if you've never gone camping and you are thinking of doing so, bear in mind that camping in the Southwest, say, is a lot different from in the Maine woods. The equipment and techniques you need to be comfortable, happy and safe depend on the kind of trip you want to take and where.

Combine common sense with some careful planning and you'll find that a vacation spent outdoors in a tent or trailer can be just as accident-free as any other kind.

**FIND OUT WHAT** equipment you need, what clothing to take along, and what new techniques you might have to learn for outdoor living. Most of this just calls for common sense, and a camping family can be safe in most areas if they merely exercise good judgment and follow the advice of experts. Here are some basic tips:

Stay within the limits of your experience and ability. Don't play Daniel Boone the first time out.

Don't overexert yourself. Remember that camp life is more tiring than a barbecue party in your backyard, and if you're tired you are more likely to get careless and violate safety rules.

Take along all the equipment you need, but don't take along unnecessary items—you'll only get irritated at having to lug them around, and irritation can lead to carelessness.

## Extras Sell Old House at Profit

When the time comes to sell a house, any profit or loss will depend largely on its condition and "extras."

From an investment viewpoint, kitchens and closets deserve the most attention when considering a home improvement. Homemakers want a practical kitchen and plenty of roomy closets.

For this reason, many people are including one or more cedar closets in their new home or remodeling plans. Just one cedar closet, for instance, can increase the appraisal value of a home by as much as \$100.

**CEDAR CLOSETS** are valued for their attractive appearance, delightful aroma and moth-repelling qualities. Usually considered a luxury item, an average-sized cedar closet can be installed by an

experienced home handyman for less than \$50.

It is not the mature moth, incidentally, which feeds on clothes. Rather it is the moth larvae which chew on wools and furs. To protect these garments, prevent adult moths from laying their eggs where the hatching larvae can feed on clothing.

**AROMATIC RED** cedar closet lining is one of the best moth repellents. Adult moths don't like the cedar fragrance and will not lay their eggs near it. Most lumber dealers stock aromatic red cedar lining in convenient packages.

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