

You Can Have Charm Plus Convenience In Your Kitchen With These Ideas

By Lonore Kent

Do you think wishfully of a trim, compact new model kitchen? Do you reflect, unhappily, on your own spacious, but definitely pre-war workshop? You needn't. There are all sorts of possibilities for convenient arrangement in your larger kitchen. There are also more ways it can be endowed with charm and livability than the small, business-like affairs in many brand-new houses.

One large, awkwardly arranged kitchen has, for example, been rearranged into a room that has production-line efficiency plus inviting charm and comfort.

First of all—as the construction of the chimney permitted it—a unique and delightful miniature fireplace was constructed at table-top height in the corner devoted to mealtime. A generous ledge in front of the fireplace created a small hearth.

At right angles to the chimney a bench was built—with shelves above it in the popular new egg-crate pattern. These gave attractive setting to a treasured collection of copper objects. The bench itself had a box seat which held logs and kindling. A Hitchcock bench and a table with wheels completed the furnishing of the fireside group. The wheels on the table, incidentally made it possible to turn the table directly to the sink after a meal, eliminating the need for many steps in clearing the table.

Because of the joy they took in their copperware, the family planned a color scheme to complement it. Walls and woodwork were coated with a lovely shade of chartreuse green semi-gloss enamel that was as easy to wash as

it was to view. The Hitchcock bench was done in a cooper tone. The movable table and built-in bench were enameled a warm brown to match the linoleum, while the eggcrate shelves were finished in a chartreuse yellow that blended with the cushions on the bench. The brick of the chimney, in white, repeated the gleaming, durable finish of the kitchen equipment, while the fabric of the curtains at the windows combined all the lovely colors in the room.

Check Farm Homes Now For Repairs

Thousands of farm homes in North Carolina are in urgent need or repairs, says R. M. Ritchie, Jr., agricultural engineering specialist for the State College Extension Service.

Porches, and steps of some are so weakened as to be dangerous, the specialist declares. He points out that winter and early spring is the best time to make needed repairs to these farm homes. Now is the time, he reminds home owners, for that an annual check to find what repairs have to be made.

Concrete is in ideal material, says Ritchie, for outside steps and porches. If wood is used, it should be of a kind that resists decay, or else it should be treated with a wood preservative. It is possible to buy wood preservatives suitable for home use which will make sap wood as durable as heart wood.

Every year 3,500 farm people in the United States die in farm fires. The largest single cause of these tragic farm home fires is defective flues and heating equipment. If chimneys are cracked, or if mortar is leached out of the joints, these places should be repaired.

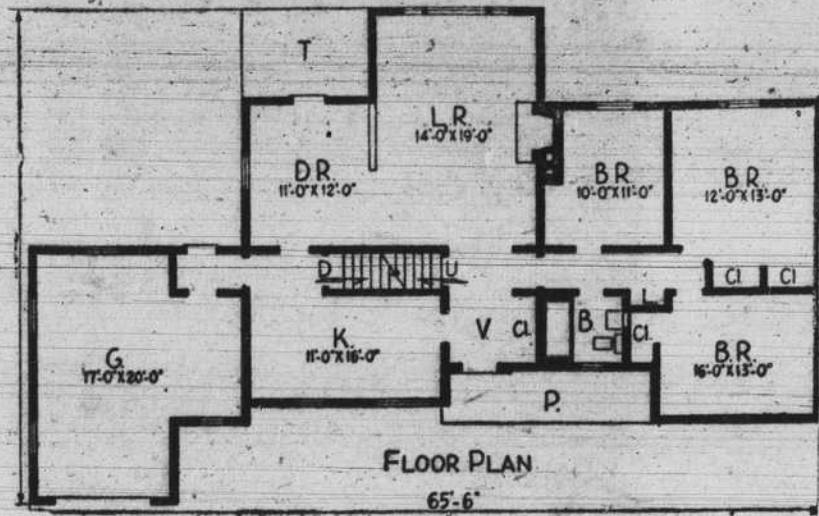
Ritchie asserts that any building will deteriorate rapidly if the roof is not kept repaired. For a new roof, there are several good materials from which to choose. Metal roofing is becoming scarce, but composition and asbestos cement shingles probably will remain available.

Composition shingles make a roof covering that is inexpensive, usually has a life of from 15 to 20 years, and is so easy to apply that the average farmer can put it on himself. Quite often these shingles may be put on right over the old roof.

HOUSE of the WEEK

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Planned for Corner Lot



Containing six rooms with an attached garage, this house is well-adapted to a corner lot site. The plan features excellent circulation with all rooms accessible from the front entrance hall. It has been selected as Plan No. 205 by American Builder magazine, 30 Church St., New York.

Service rooms, such as the kitchen and garage, face the street front with the living room and dining room toward the rear. Storage area is provided in the attic, and a full basement contains space for all utilities and recreation.

Separating the living room and dining space is a free-standing

bookcase and china cabinet four feet high. If desired, this unit can be placed against the wall, making one large "L" shaped area of the two rooms.

Overall dimensions of the house are 56 feet six inches by 40 feet six inches, including the garage.

The roof of fire-resistant asphalt shingles is the key to a pleasing color scheme, in a blend harmonizing with the white clapboard siding and with fixed blinds on each side of the windows in a suitable accent color.

(Detailed building plans for this house are available from American Builder, 30 Church St., New York 7, N. Y. Refer to Plan No. 205.)

Now Is Time To Modernize, Say Builders

With credit restrictions slowing down residential construction and the construction ban severely curtailing other building, now is the time to rehabilitate those structures built when good materials were scarce, say spokesmen for the building industry.

Reasons behind this thought are that the restrictions of National Production Authority Order M-3, commonly referred to as the ban on commercial construction, do not apply to alterations, additions, improvements and modernization where the construction cost of all such work shall not exceed the sum of \$5,000 for any one building in twelve months' period. This is interpreted to mean that any business firm can renovate its present building up to \$5,000 worth without violating the NPA order.

Simply Regulation X which is curtailing home building through restrictions on residential real estate credit does not apply to any extension of credit if the total amount thereof, including all outstanding credit which was granted after the effective date of this regulation

(October 12, 1950) with respect to the same property, is not in excess of \$2,500. This is said to mean that while a home owner might find it difficult to finance a new house now, the emergency credit restrictions will not hamper him in obtaining loans up to \$2,500 to modernize his old home.

Therefore, according to the building industry, in non-defense areas where good noncritical building materials and good labor are likely to become more plentiful

than at any time in several years, the business man or home owner can bet real value for his modernization dollar this year.

An interesting booklet on this subject has just been published entitled "New Buildings for Old." Free copies are available to readers of this newspaper from Brick and Tile Service, Inc., 217 Watson Building, Greensboro, N. C.

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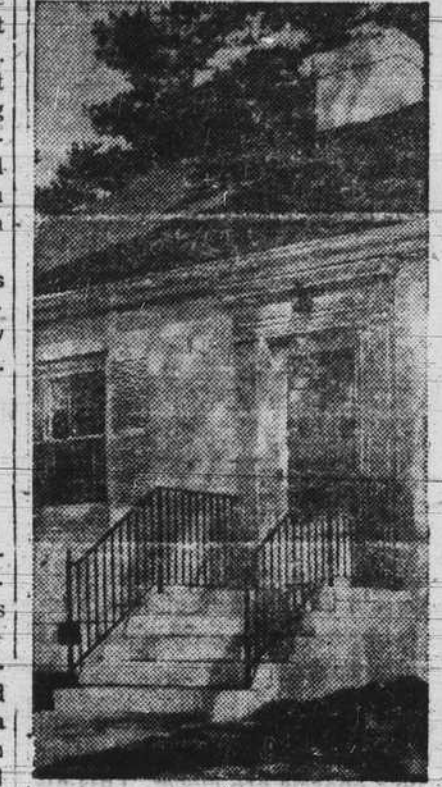
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Design Gives Mood Desired



Careful planning can make the mood of a house suit the personalities of its owners. For this dwelling, design and materials combine to create a quiet, conservative effect. Sidewalls, steps and chimney are of white-painted brick, in simple contrast to the blue-black roof of fire-resistant asphalt shingles. The door and the iron railing add a graceful touch. Design of the home is adapted from Cape Cod architecture.

Walking On Roof Can Cause Leaks

The act of patching a roof often results in more leaks than existed before repair work was started. This is one of the little understood reasons for completely recovering a weatherbeaten roof with asphalt shingles instead of

patching it. Accidental splitting or puncturing of old, worn roofing is difficult to avoid when the roof is used as a work platform. The possibility of damage is great because the roof has been weakened by years of service. Patching a leak is recommended only when the roof is relatively new and the damage is localized—a leak caused by a falling tree branch, for example. Otherwise, patching might be ineffective, because roofing wears evenly and the first leak indicates that others will develop soon.

The roof of a house should be inspected in the fall. This inspection should be made early enough to leave time for re-roofing, if it is necessary, before cold weather arrives.

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