

## Put space to work just do it yourself

Space is a precious commodity, whether you live in a rambling ranch or a boxy-apartment. Yet much of the space that can be put to good use is completely overlooked.

"There's often more room in your home for living, entertaining or even storing than you think—the only limitation may be your imagination," says Mr. Chips, who was featured demonstrator at Shoe Me How '80, Toronto's annual springtime home improvement exhibition.

"Start looking up, in and under existing areas and you're bound to find functional space everywhere."

Kitchens and bathrooms are the most commonly cramped rooms but ready-made knock-down shelving easily solves the problem. Metal floor-to-ceiling units, many with a closed section for toiletries, are designed to fit neatly over the toilet-tank.

Steel utility shelves fit snugly against a kitchen wall for extra storage

room. Brighten them with a coat of paint or buy any of the color and style variations which now make the shelves a popular component of 'High-Tech' furniture.

Use wasted space above windows by building a simple storage shelf for infrequently used decorative items or loose odds-and-sods stored in pretty wicker baskets.

Make the shelf of ¾ inch plywood cut to the required length of the window area and paint or finish in desired tones, nail 1 x 2 cleats to the side walls, then screw the plywood to the bottom of the cleats. Attach edge strip, if desired. For shelves over 10 feet long, be sure to support the shelf at the mid-way point.

"Constructing your own shelving can be a painless task," says Mr. Chips. "The secret is careful planning. Know what materials are most suitable for the design and use, take accurate measurements and ensure there are no wall variations that could throw the shelves off balance."

Utilize wasted overhead space in closets with a plywood or particle board shelf or again try ready-made 'High-Tech' shelf components. Move the clothes pole higher up and add another pole (a 1-inch round wooden dowel will do nicely) underneath to get double-duty hanging room for jackets, shirts, blouses and all short clothing.

## You can control leaf miner pest

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Birch leaf miner control should begin in early spring, just as the leaves start to open. The traditional method of control has been either a foliar spray or a band of the insecticide, usually Cygon 2E, applied on the trunk. These two methods were effective provided the insecticide was applied at the proper time. Applying it too early or too late resulted in poor control.

The band method had a disadvantage in that if the material was applied to the same area of the trunk year after year damage to the tree could occur. If gardeners are using this method of application they should apply the insecticide to a different location each year.

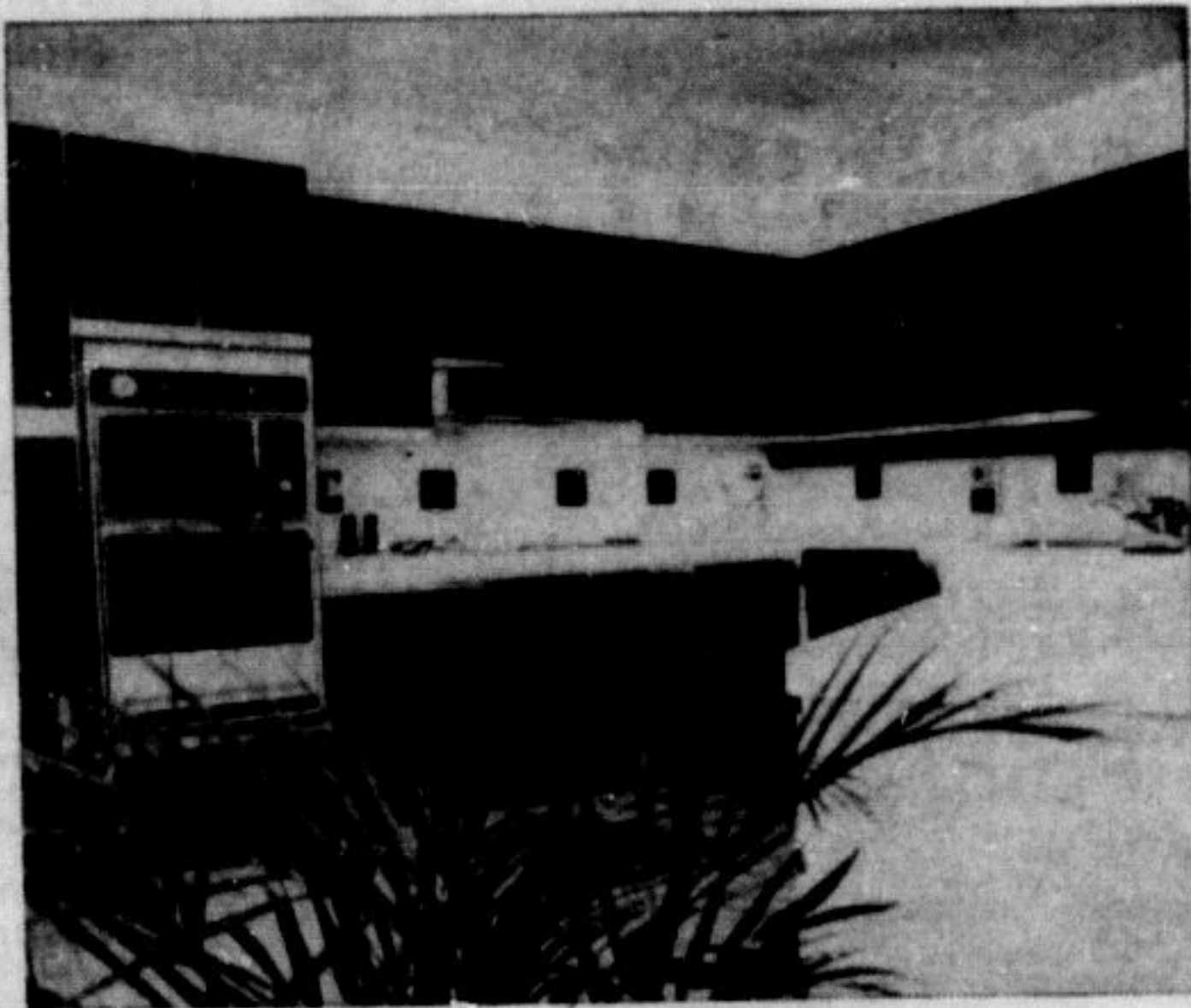
This year a new method of application of Cygon 2E has been registered. The Cygon 2E can be applied to the soil around the dripline of the tree. Although I have not tried this method personally, research has proven it very effective in controlling the birch leaf miner. Complete instructions on the method of application will be available at your favorite garden centre.

However, regardless of which method you choose to use to protect your birch trees from this insect, the timing of application is important. Watch your trees closely and when the leaves begin to open, apply the insecticide. If you read the label carefully and apply the material as directed, you should get good control.

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