

Recreation Room Needs Easy Upkeep

Easy upkeep is the keyword when you plan your recreation room. Unlike the living room, where practicality is frequently bypassed for the sake of appearance, your recreation room should require minimum upkeep. The nice thing is that you needn't sacrifice attractiveness. Choose your wall and ceiling surfaces carefully. Wood panel-

ling is the prime favorite. If you have a fireplace, you might break the monotony of wood by facing the fireplace wall with ceramic tile. In planning your tile wall, introduce flashes of bright color by "spotting" the wall with a variety of jewel-colored tiles. Once installed, there will be no upkeep and your unusual wall will be the

local point of your room. **Old Door Doubles**—Select practical fabrics and sturdy furniture. An old door, supported with six short legs, will double as a fireplace seat or coffee table. Cover large air-foam cushions with bright, striped sail-cloth or denim. These can act as cushions on your fireplace seat, or be tossed on the floor for the small fry to curl up on.

Keep a supply of dishes, a kettle, a double-burner cooking unit in your recreation room. Half the joy of your fun room will be lost if you have to dash upstairs when the family demands a round of hot chocolate and a late evening snack. Resist the temptation to move in all the discarded furniture from the rest of the house. Underfurnish rather than overfurnish. Leave lots of room to move around, to dance or play games.

Stress Yellow—Unpainted furniture offers a splendid opportunity to furnish simply and economically. A comfortable furniture grouping in front of the fireplace is desirable: A pair of comfortable chairs, fireplace seat extra cushions, a pair of reading lamps and perhaps a bright scatter rug. But beware of scatter rugs in the rest of the room. Bright, clear colors are recommended and use lots of yellow. You will have extra interest in the textural contrast of the soft glow of your wood paneling and the gleaming surface of your fireplace wall of ceramic tile.

Most of all, your recreation room should be a cheerful family fun room where mom need not keep a weather eye for soft drink and crumb spills!

Painting The House? Try These

The most important reason for painting a house is to protect it from the destructive effects of sunshine, rain, sleet and snow.

The decorative effect is important, too, but not so much as the protective.

Several factors will determine how many coats of paint your home will need. New wood always requires a coat of the primer recommended by the maker of the top coat you intend to use. Then you have your choice of applying either two coats of regular house paint or one coat of the newer one coat house paints.

The same procedure should be used where the old paint is badly weathered. But if the old paint job is in good condition, it is only necessary to prime any bare spots and follow with a single coat of quality house paint.

A word of caution: Some of today's house paints are designed to be self-cleaning. They chalk gradually and the outer layer to which the dirt adheres washes away with the rains.

If there is masonry below the wooden portions of your home, such chalking paints will stain the brick, concrete or stone. Be sure to specify a nonchalking paint for these wooden upper surfaces.

Wooden shingles may be protected with house paint, although the usual practice is to stain them with a tinted preservative liquid that safeguards them.

For the natural wood finishes being used in ranch type con-

struction, there are a number of transparent sealers and exterior varnishes available. There are special types of coatings for various types of woods such as cedar and redwood.

Now coming on the market are water thinned (latex) house paints that can be used on properly primed wooden surfaces. A number of large manufacturers are in the process of introducing these paints, which are odorless, show no brush marks and dry in half an hour.

The wood trim of your home, the window sash, shutters and doors, are best protected and decorated with one of the tough, wear resistant porch and deck enamels which withstand both leather and weather. There are latex porch enamels available, too.

Proper surface preparation is essential for a satisfactory paint job. Loose, peeling or blistered paint should be removed and the bare spots primed. Knots or sap-

py streaks must be sealed with special knot sealer or exterior aluminum paint. Loose joints between boards and the spaces around chimneys should be filled with caulking compound. Loose or crumbly putty should be removed from windows and the wood primed before new putty is applied.

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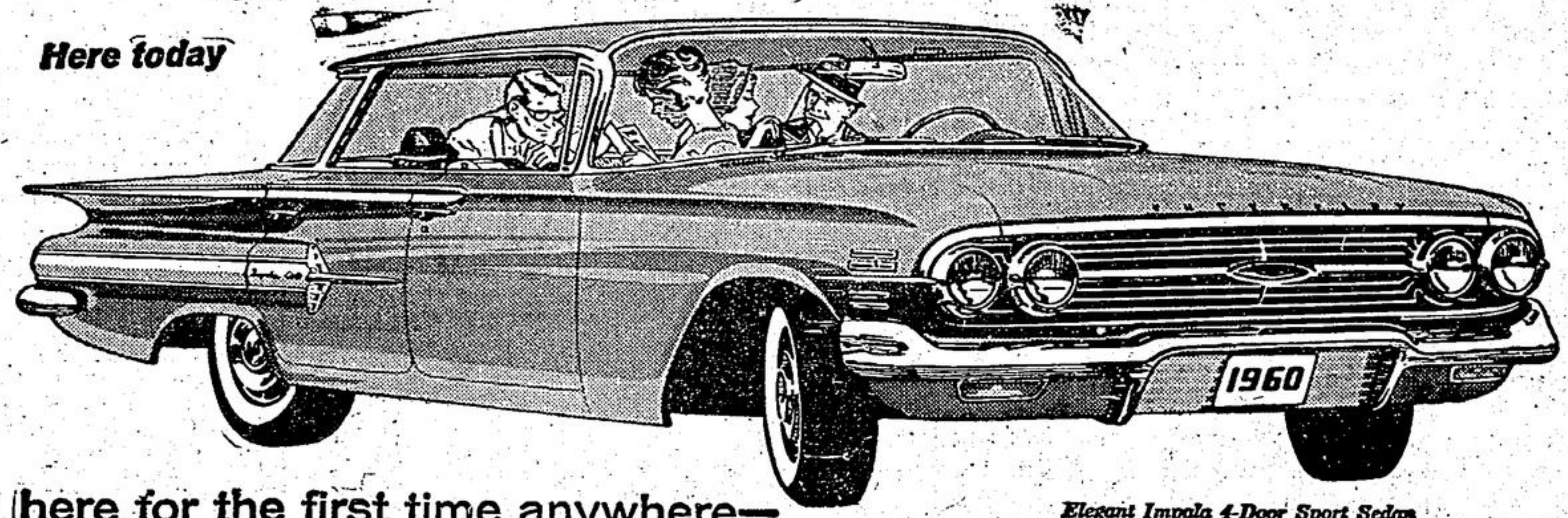
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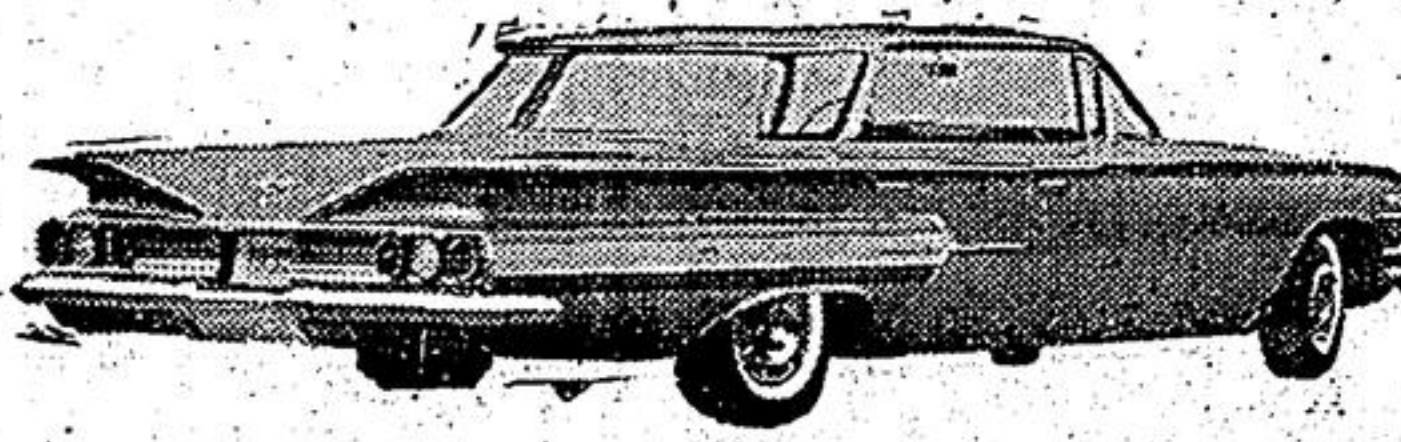


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