

Inside Your Home

Your Decorating Problems Answered
By BEN L. WALLACE, N.S.I.D.

Mr. Wallace: I would like to know if marble is restricted to any one decor? Can you use it with almost any style? I am referring to a marble coffee table, specifically.

Mrs. J. J. Thomas, Torrance

Mrs. Thomas: Marble as such can very definitely be used with any decor known by this decorator. You referred to a coffee table specifically, which is fine. I do caution the use of more than one piece of marble in room.

Mr. Wallace: I have seen some beautiful blues and greens used together quite successfully. Can you give me a general rule to go by in selecting this combination for my living room?

Bessie Korake, Riviera
This is a difficult question for me to answer in this limited space, but the general rule that applies is to use the color of blue and the color of green of the same intensity, not allowing one to become more powerful in color than the other. When this is achieved you have a very dramatic color scheme that is certainly compatible.

Mr. Wallace: In my living room I have a brown carpet, beige walls, beige drapes, and a cocoa

brown sofa. I would like to put in two burnt orange chairs but I am afraid to. Would you suggest some other color I might use?

Mrs. John Kent, Torrance

Mrs. Kent: Sounds like you were on the right track until you lost some of the old confidence. In this color scheme it is obvious that it is very neutral and you now should introduce some color. I feel that the orange would be a good choice for chairs, keeping the orange very soft (not too powerful). You can further carry this color in a few (three or four) select accessories. The remainder of the color in accessories could be either gold or blue, whatever your preference might be. For finalization of accessories and paintings you should consult a qualified decorator.

Note: Send your questions on a card or letter to The Torrance Press, care of Ben L. Wallace, N.S.I.D., 3238 Sepulveda Blvd., Torrance, Calif.

Beise Talks To Congress On Market

"The European Common Market is a great source of strength for the free world but represents a challenge to the United States which will be intensified if Great Britain joins," Bank of America President S. Clark Beise said Wednesday.

Appearing before the Joint Congressional Sub-Committee on Foreign Economic Policy meeting in the new Senate office building in Washington, Beise said: "American businessmen and farmers will be faced with increased competition from Common Market countries whether we like it or not and the only question is how we respond to it."

WELCOME COMPETITION
"The best interests of our nation dictate that we tell Common Market countries we will welcome increased competition from them in our home markets if, and only if, they give us freer access to their markets for all our products, agricultural as well as industrial," Beise declared.

The Bank of America president outlined four domestic policies he deemed appropriate in a joint tariff reduction program:

Non-inflationary monetary, fiscal, wage and price policies;
A much more generous depreciation allowance for tax purposes, permitting all segments of industry, commerce and agriculture to acquire the most productive equipment available.

Special government assistance to industries and communities hard hit by imports;

EXPORT CREDIT
An export credit program equal to the best that overseas competitors have available to them. He expressed the opinion that the new program of the Eximbank may meet this need.

Reciprocal tariff reductions would benefit the high productivity industries in America, expanding their output and employment, while those that persisted in lower levels of productivity would have to contract or grow more slowly, Beise pointed out.

But whether we enter into a reciprocal reduction of tariff duties or not, the rapidly mounting productivity of European industries will make itself felt on our imports and exports, as well as on other items in our balance of payments," Beise said.

Musicians Present Handel's "Messiah"

Handel's "Messiah" will be presented today in Long Beach Municipal Auditorium. The program will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Joan George, Torrance, will be a featured soloist in the program.

Other soloists include: Olive Chorley, Westwood; Robert Collins, Huntington Park; Dane Stoll, Long Beach.

Frank Ahrold will direct the 100-voice choir and 100-piece Long Beach Symphony orchestra.

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Health Officer Tells Danger Of Monoxide

The greatest danger of carbon monoxide poisoning comes from the unvented gas heater, the use of which is now illegal in Los Angeles County, according to Dr. K. H. Sutherland, Los Angeles County health officer.

Sutherland also stated that a number of deaths occur every year due to the use of these heaters.

The State Housing Act of 1951 made the operation of unvented gas heaters in all dwelling units within the cities of Los Angeles County contrary to law, he continued.

Landlords then became criminally responsible if a tenant met death through the operation of such a heater.

The new County Ordinance of 1959 incorporated the regulations contained in the housing act, but extended the requirements for the venting of gas heaters to single dwellings in the unincorporated area of the county which were not previously covered by state law.

It is emphasized that the use of unvented heaters is illegal, Dr. Sutherland said.

These appliances should be replaced with heaters approved by the American Gas Association, he stated, and should be installed and vented to the outdoors in accordance with the requirements of the building department.

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Seasonal Activities Start Shortly at Disneyland

Disneyland's kaleidoscope of Christmas season activities — two weeks of parades and special entertainment will be premiered for guests Sunday, Dec. 17, officials at the Anaheim Park announced.

Included in the biggest "entertainment package" Disneyland has ever presented for yuletide visitors will be two complete parades daily, the lighting every evening of a 24-foot Christmas Star atop Matterhorn Mountain, daily performances by the Disneyland Carolers, and the opening of a new attraction on Main Street — the "Babes in Toyland Village."

Heading the list is Walt Disney's "Parade of the Toys."

Scheduled for twice daily presentation December 18 to 31, its inaugural Sunday will be as part of the annual "Christmas in Many Lands" pageant at Disneyland — a "parade of all nations" that this year will bring forward 2,500 participants attired in the costumes of 30 countries to march, dance and sing for onlookers along Main Street.

CAMELS MARCH
Beginning at 1:30 p.m. the international parade will spotlight 15 marching bands, floats depicting toy customs

of many lands, song and dance groups, reindeer, camels, zebras, elephants, and other animals related to Christmas through fact or fable.

At 5 p.m., a second pageant will take place on Main Street — a candlelight procession of more than 600 participants singing traditional Christmas carols.

TOY PARADE
Brightest star of the day — and throughout the holidays at Disneyland — will be the "Parade of the Toys."

All 6 to 12 feet tall and "live" or animated, they include a marching toy soldier band, towering dolls, clowns, floats featuring marionettes and confetti-shooting battleships and many more — plus Santa Claus aboard his sleigh, with eight comical, dancing reindeer.

Both the toy parade and Disneyland's new attraction — the "Babes in Toyland Village" — are based on Walt Disney's new motion picture, "Babes in Toyland."

The village contains the giant size (as tall as 30 feet) sets from the film, including familiar landmarks such as the pumpkin house of Peter-Peter, Pumpkin-Eater, the Queen of Hearts Tart Shoppe, the Shoe in which the Old Lady lived, and the Candle Shop of Jack-Ben-Nimble.

The "Parade of the Toys" will be presented at Disneyland at 1:30 p.m. and again at 5:15 p.m. daily from Dec. 18 to 31.

Following the 5:15 p.m. parade each evening from Dec. 18 through Dec. 23 only, the Candlelight Procession of massed choirs will take place on Main Street.

Tree Lights Look Bright On Conifers

Lighting up an outdoor tree is a Christmas tradition in California. The practice has brightened our Holiday season since an early date, in many communities, special prizes are offered as a reward for the most imaginative displays.

If you would like to string some outdoor lights yourself, there is no substitute for a coniferous evergreen to string them in. You will see lights hanging from every type of shrub and tree, but in keeping with tradition, the conifers are best.

You'll find a varied lot of these conifers in nurseries, and the following notes from the California Association of Nurserymen might be helpful in picking them over.

They are all surprisingly fast growing under garden conditions, so don't be concerned by their lack of size when you get them. You can add lights each year.

The familiar gray toned Deodar cedar is far and away the most popular with Californians for outdoor decoration. These are not trees for close quarters, however, since they grow both high and wide enough to screen out your view of and from your house.

Give them room to grow and keep them, where possible, to the side rather than square in the middle of your landscape. Their symmetrical, Christmas tree shape is the ideal prop for your outdoor Christmas pageant.

For a columnar tree that can be grown close in against a wall or by the doorway for decoration, the Irish Yew is recommended. Its deep green foliage and narrow, upright growth make a fine outdoor support for lights.

A similarly modest, shrub or small tree is the Lawson cypress. Taller, but still columnar enough not to seem out of place in small gardens, is the Beverly Hills arbutus. You'll recognize it by the bright yellow color of its new growth.

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