

Power Mowers Will Give Long Service With Care



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Color Key for Room Additions

On the inside, as well as the exterior, it is important to avoid the feeling that your room addition is an after-thought. Decorative materials for walls, floor and ceiling in the room should be consistent with those of the original house.

Color is especially important. The safest thing is simply to continue the basic color scheme of adjoining rooms, unless the function of the new room is totally different. In this case, you may choose to accentuate the difference

by doing it in colors that provide a pleasing, compatible contrast. If your room addition is to be a family room, you can add to the pleasure of it by decorating and furnishing a friendly atmosphere. Handsome, pre-finished plywood paneling is ideal for the walls. The floor could have colorful, comfortable scatter rugs.

Because some of the activities in a successful family room may tend to be noisy, you will probably want acoustic tile for the ceiling.

Proof of the popularity of gardening today is the fact that there are over 20 million power lawn mowers in use, according to recent industry estimates.

Lined up hub-to-hub, that many machines could mow a swath 7,000 miles wide.

Today's mowers are ruggedly built machines that can last six or seven years with proper maintenance. However, their life can be cut in half if they do not get proper care.

Power garden equipment experts for Mobil Oil suggest that owners check their mowers each Spring and insure long life and maximum efficiency. Here are their pointers.

Remove rotary mower blades and have them sharp-

ened and balanced. Actually, a new blade costs only a little more. Reels should only be sharpened by a specialist.

Caked, dry glass should be removed from the underside of rotary mowers particularly if the unit's exhaust is under the blade housing. The hot exhaust could ignite the dry grass and start a potentially dangerous fire.

When doing this, or any other work of a power mower, the spark plug wire should be removed to prevent accidental starting.

Oil and gas should be drained if this wasn't done when the mower was put away for the Winter. The crankcase should then be refilled with a special mower oil. Automotive engine oils should not be used; they are

formulated to lubricate engines operating at varying speeds. Power mower engines operate at relatively constant speeds and, therefore, require special oils. Outboard motor oils should be used only with two-cycle engines.

The mower should be washed down with detergent and scrub brush and rinsed with a hose. All oil plugs and gas caps should be tightened before doing this. A few drops of mower oil should be applied to wheel bearings and any oil cups.

Mower spark plugs rarely need cleaning. If you do remove the plug and have a unit that requires a copper washer under it, do not reuse the old washer. It will not make a proper seal.

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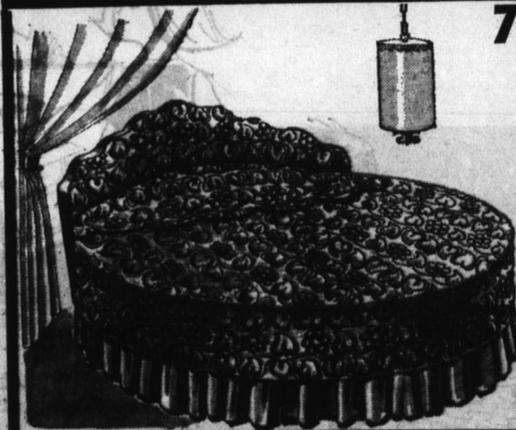
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