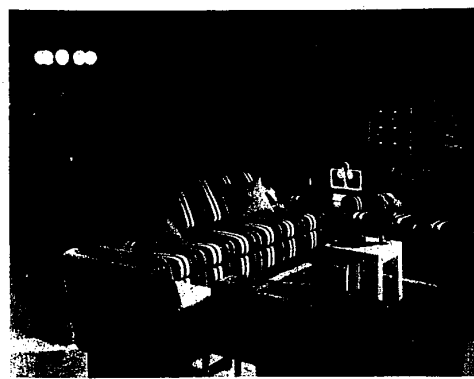


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Every fall a lot of people in Michigan go nuts — not crazy, just plain nuts.

During the nut harvesting season, usual activities include family excursions to farm woodlots in search of native nut varieties and harvesting on a larger scale by commercial nut growers.

Other highlights of the 1971 nutty season include a new Michigan State University bulletin on nut growing; in Michigan, the annual meeting of Michigan nut growers, and a new innovation in the state's nut industry.

"Growing Nuts and Minor Fruits in Michigan" is a new MSU Extension Bulletin (E-689) written by horticulturist, Dr. J. Lee Taylor. The bulletin lists the nut species that can be grown in Michigan, along with important facts about each species. Basic information about starting and year-round operation of nut orchards is also included.

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visiting your local county Cooperative Extension, Newman, Rt. 1, Benton Harbor.

The Michigan Nut Growers Association recently held their annual fall meeting at the MSU Horticultural Research Center. Featured was a tour of the Perry nut plantings owned by Norman Higgins.

According to Taylor, 1971 marks the first year that a commercial black walnut huller is being operated in Michigan. Based in the southwestern part of the state, the huller is owned by Alex

Newman is buying black walnuts at the rate of 3 1/2 cents per pound (hulled weight). His machine has a capacity of five tons per hour and is capable of being transported to hilling sites outside of the Benton Harbor area.

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Leisure Time Nomads Consider Second Homes

With mixed vacation memories still in mind, flavored with the desire to add more pleasure in leisure next year, millions of Americans are mulling thoughts of how to acquire a second home — from cabins at beaches to full-sized houses in the hills.



This must be the way to beat the people crunch at beaches and campgrounds and the no-vacancy signs at resorts and motels, these dreamers reason. And there's no indication of the plight of the leisure-time nomad will be less frustrating in coming years.

Owning a second home will put them right on the recreation scene, with comfortable, always available quarters of their own from which to make short side trips.

Hundreds of thousands of families are finalizing plans for a vacation retreat. They're buying land, gathering building literature and plans, lining up financing, and beginning construction.

For many, it's a do-it-yourself project, with just the mechanical elements contracted. Some may be remodeling an older structure. For others, it's buying a prefabricated shell and finishing the work themselves. And for some, it's a contract job — the way.

Whatever the method, the result is what counts, and most families want good design and construction that will guarantee many years of carefree use. The relaxed, recreation-oriented use calls for lots of built-in storage and

outdoor amenities, such as decks, screens, benches and fences.

Rugged western wood interiors and exteriors offer long-lasting surfaces for second homes that may also be used as part-time rentals and later as permanent or retirement residences.

The widespread role of the recreational home is no longer just a rustic cabin on lake or stream, has inspired a new collection of plans, from modest vacation retreats to primary residences, including several that are expandable.

For the booklet, "The Second Home" colorfully illustrated these 18 plans, plus information on obtaining working blueprints, send \$1 to Western Wood Products Assn., Dept. 542-P, Portland, Or. 97204.



The Green Thumb

By GEORGE ABRAHAM

Insects invade homes: Is your home a boarding house for fall and winter insects seeking shelter?

This is the time of year we get plenty of letters asking what can be done to stop the invaders such as millipedes, cluster flies, crickets, spiders, elm leaf beetles and others. The first thing you should do is not panic. Most of the seasonal invaders are harmless to humans and are seeking only temporary shelter.

If they live through the winter, they'll try to get out again in the spring. In large numbers they can be a nuisance.

Let's start with the most common invader, the cricket. It could create a serious problem because crickets like both fabrics and food. And they're often active in the home all winter.

A vacuum sweeper does about as good a job as anything in getting rid of crickets. I hate to recommend

a spray, but if you want to treat baseboards, doorways and window ledges, use Carbaryl (sevin). Keep pets and children away for several hours.

Elm leaf beetles can cause considerable annoyance by crawling into living quarters and onto windows in large numbers. Also, if crushed on carpets, draperies, or upholstery, they leave a stain that's virtually unremovable. And when they come out of hibernation in the spring, they'll damage nearby elm trees.

Cluster flies (also called "buckwheat honey flies") are another pest in fall and winter. Use the vacuum sweeper on them in the attic, and hang up fly sheets. Those vaporizing resin strips installed in the attic often provide satisfactory control; not only for cluster flies, but also the elm leaf beetle and box elder bug.

'Beautiful Junk' Delights Children

The parent who has watched his youngster trot past a shiny new (and expensive) jungle gym to his favorite climbing rolls (these are nifty nifty playthings, empty detergent bottles (which can be cut into a scoop for sand or water), egg cartons (collage material, or treasure household "junk," says Jeanne Brown, extension child development specialist at Michigan State University.

Look around and use your imagination, she suggests. Cardboard boxes are always a good bet. With an old scissors and some paint, your child can create a post office, puppet stage, store, anything he wants.

Empty telephone cable spools are great for outside play. While you're putting your name on the waiting list for one, ask the phone company for an old instrument. Go to local businesses for their scrap materials. Mrs. Brown suggests. Ice cream companies often give away large containers; tile stores have broken tiles for collages; print shops offer scrap paper; and gas stations may have an old tire for a swing or sand box.

probably an untapped source of treasure, the specialist adds. Why not let your child do what he likes with paper towel rolls (these are nifty nifty playthings, empty detergent bottles (which can be cut into a scoop for sand or water), egg cartons (collage material, or treasure household "junk," says Jeanne Brown, extension child development specialist at Michigan State University.

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CENTIPEDES and millipedes (thousand legged worms) are another pest. Millipedes get their name from the fact that nature endowed them with numbers of legs which move in waves. When disturbed the millipede often curls up like a watch spring. In fall they migrate to shelter in basements, garages, or any protected spot. They may be found along lake shores, in ornamental plantings (especially mulched ones) and may appear where new houses are built in a wooded area.

Thousand legged worms are not poisonous. They feed on decaying organic matter, compost, and on damp, rotting wood. Sometimes they injure soft-stemmed plants in gardens and greenhouses, but they do not bite people or animals.

Centipedes (hundred legged worms) produce fewer pairs of legs, are faster moving. The foremost pair of legs is modified into poison fangs. The centipede bite is not fatal, although it's bite is not fatal.

CONTROL: Dryness kills millipedes. If they enter a dry basement, they'll curl up and die, but if the basement is damp, they'll survive. Use a vacuum sweeper on them. Outdoors you can spray basement windows, steps, foundations, etc. with chlordane or lindane.

Sale Planned At Cranbrook

The Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary and the Herb Society of America will have a sale of perennials, herbs, wreaths and dried materials in the service building of Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Rd., Birmingham.

The sale starts at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 12 and closes at 3 p.m. Proceeds of the show are for the benefit of the Cranbrook Gardens.

Winter A Thirsty Time For Plants

Harsh winter winds often dehydrate trees and shrubs, according to Michigan State University horticulturists.

Reasony seasons don't always supply enough water for you, but not as often. Ornamentals in clay can become waterlogged, making it necessary to aerate the soil by coring or working in coarse peat moss.

Moisture is retained best with mulches such as straw, leaves, peat moss, wood chips or sawdust. Deciduous trees and shrubs should have at least 2 to 4 inches of mulch. Match 4 to 6 inches deep is recommended for evergreens and broad leaved evergreens.

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