

## Useless Porch Becomes Bright, Useful Foyer

Got an unwanted porch? Need a foyer? You can "kill" both birds with one remodeling project. That's what one family did when they turned an unused seven by 14-foot porch into a spacious, useful foyer.

The transformation gave them a handsome new huge entrance, a more charming interior, and an improved traffic pattern.

The original front entry of the home was an ordinary front door that opened directly into the living room.

One of the most visually effective changes was use of two Cross-and-Bible wood panel doors of ponderosa pine to create an impressive, new double-entry.

First step in the remodeling was enclosing the porch. The heavy work — raising

walls, leveling floors, pouring a five by seven foot stoop — was handled by a contractor.

Insulation was added in exterior walls; gypsum board installed on interior walls and ceiling. A warm air duct, extended from the attic to a ceiling outlet, provided heat.

The family applied the finishing touches — painting, wallpapering, decorating. Three of the walls are wainscotted to chairback height; the fourth is painted brick.

Dark flagstone-effect flooring reiterates the brick's natural look. Louvered interior or window shutters pick up the rich wood look and sculptured lines set by the ponderosa pine panel doors.

The shutters and doors are

stock items available at local lumber dealers.

Since a spacious, open feeling was desired for the foyer, furnishings are minimal — a small empire table and a love seat, greenery and memorabilia.

A traditional, taper-bulb chandelier lights up the sparkling transformation.

Creation of the foyer carried a bonus. It upgraded the home's potential resale value, making the remodeling a significant two-for-one feat.

### Joins Council

Michigan State University's coordinator of American Indian programs, John R. Winchester, is one of 11 Michigan Indians named to the state Indian Education Advisory Council recently.

## Weeds Affect Strawberry Production

Weed control is important to successful strawberry growing, according to Michigan State University horticulturists. Weed control (or lack of it) can affect production, fruit size and duration of your home strawberry planting.

The three general methods for controlling weeds are: hand hoeing, mechanical cultivation and herbicide programs. Hand hoeing is usually the most practical method for backyard strawberry growers.

Make your first hoeing after planting and as soon as the first weeds come up. Then, if not using herbicides, cultivate after heavy rains, or about every two weeks as new weed seedlings emerge.

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IMAGINATIVE REMODELING project worked two wonders for this house. Enclosure of an unused porch created a spacious foyer (above). It also enhanced the house exterior (below). Highlight of the remodeling was the use of duplicate wood panel doors.



## Pest Of The Week

SLUGS AND SNAILS

With the high levels of moisture, these pests will become a nuisance this year.

They emerge from damp areas of organic matter at night to feed on young, tender foliage of plants and flowers, particularly annual and perennial flowering plants.

**CONTROL:** Metaldehyde bran baits in the form of pellets can be broadcast on the ground under the plants. Metaldehyde emulsion is also available as a soil drench, particularly for pot plants. A new material has been registered and is available for use around the home flower garden and greenhouse. Use one pound per 1,000 square feet of two per cent Mesuroil bait. Zectran 2E may also be used as a spray or drench to soil for ornamentals, two to three teaspoons per gallon of water.

### MSU Honors Botanist

Michigan State University is celebrating the "Beal Centennial" this year to honor the famous botanist, Dr. William J. Beal, who in 1873 established the Beal Botanical

Gardens that still flourish on campus today. Dr. Beal's research, later proclaimed as "the 20th century miracle," was the beginning of hybrid corn.

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