



A TASTE OF "the good old days" when the dining room was lighted by a kerosene lamp and heat came from a potbelly stove is reflected in this newest trend in home decor. Masonite brand Coach House paneling outdoes the weathered board of an old barn by providing a handsome surface that can be cleaned by damp wiping.

Barnwood Panels Recapture The Past

Nostalgia is very much the "in" thing these days in everything from movies and theater to styles and fashions.

W.C. Fields was never more popular. Saturday Evening Post and Liberty magazines are back on the newstands. Needlepoint has been rediscovered. Even the home is witnessing a return to decor motifs reminiscent of a century or more ago.

Barnboards, for example, have become popular in room modernization. Since old barns are fast disappearing, enterprising manufacturers have produced modern paneling with the appearance of weathered barnwood but with easy cleaning and longwearing qualities of hardboard.

These panels savor the texture of weather-worn wood. They have vertical and horizontal planks, duplicating the charm of authentic post and beam construction of old. They come in four colors (gray, red, white and green), authentic down to the knots and nail heads.

PRODUCTS SUCH as this 16" x 8' prefinished woodgrain plank by Marlite make it easy for the home handyman to finish a wall. Tongue and grooved edges simplify fitting. This shell pecan plank, a durable plastic-finished hardboard, may be used in any room in the house. Planks come with detailed instruction sheets and harmonizing moldings are available.



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