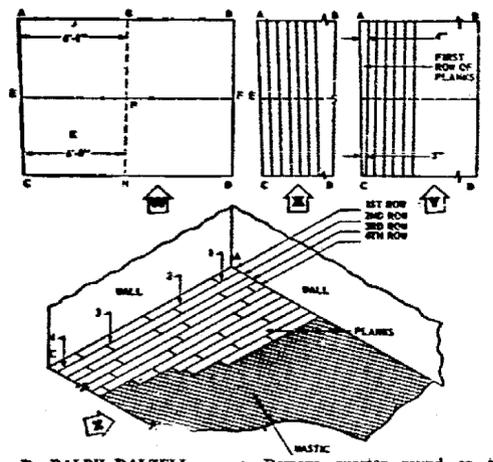


# New Asphalt Floor Tiles Can Provide Random Plank Design



**By RALPH DALZELL**  
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A random plank design for floors, previously obtainable only in wood, is available in 4 by 24 inch asphalt tile in patterns and colors. The simple cutting and fitting involved in laying can be done easily by the home-owner on wood or concrete floors whether on-grade, above-grade or below grade.

On wood floors, make sure any loose boards are nailed securely with screw-type nails into the joists. Seal nail heads below the surface. Use a plane to level any disheveled boards.

Fill any cracks in concrete floors with a mortar of one part portland cement and three parts clean sand. Use lye in solution to remove any grease, oil or dirt.

sume that wall CA is one inch out of square in picture W, as indicated by the difference between distances at J and K.

If planks were laid along wall CA and the rows would not be square with walls AB and DC, as shown in picture X. The first row of planks must be trimmed at the row is four inches wide at wall AB and three inches wide at wall DC. Then all other rows will be square with walls AB and DC, as indicated in picture Y.

Picture Z shows the random joints which beautify this type of floor. Use the mastic (adhesive) recommended by the manufacturer. Start laying planks at wall AC. Cut plank 1 to a length of 6, 8, or 12 inches. Planks 2, 3, 4, etc., can be full length. Cut the last piece in the first row to fit against wall DC.

Start the second row with a full-length plank and cut the last piece to fit against wall DC. Start the third row with a piece of plank longer than plank 1. Start the fourth row with one 4 inches long. Start all other rows with different lengths. Planks can be cut with a sharp knife or an asphalt tile knife. Heat the planks before cutting.

## Timely Questions And Their Answers

**Q**—My work bench top is scarred and uneven. How can I repair it without buying new planks?

**A**—Screw a sheet of pressed wood or hardboard to the planks.

**Q**—What kind of paint can be used for wood and metal garden furniture to give them a good luster?

**A**—Any good grade of exterior enamel.

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# STAMP CORNER

By JAMES MONTAGNES



New stamps to arrive in Canada include (top, left to right): Queen Elizabeth II issues from Sarawak, Montserrat and Falkland Islands; from Finland a stamp to the 800th anniversary of a religious event, and (lower, left to right), from Suriname a stamp for the tourist industry; from Chile a stamp to Argentine-Chilean friendship; from Philippines a stamp to labor, and from Aden a new Queen Elizabeth value.

Every once in a while some historical event will result in many countries issuing commemorative stamps at approximately the same time. This usually starts newcomers to stamp collecting to embrace the hobby. This year the 50th anniversary of the Rotary Club movement, an international organization of businessmen service clubs, has been the reason for many countries issuing commemorative stamps for the event.

Canada and most countries of the British Commonwealth have not issued commemorative stamps for the event. Australia issued a 3½-pence carmine stamp with the Rotary wheel insignia and flags of a number of countries.

The movement started in the United States in 1905, and that country issued an eight-cent commemorative stamp early this year with a map of the world. The eight-cent denomination is used for international U.S. postage.

Sometimes these commemoratives are issued in limited quantities and jump in value very quickly. Such a situation has developed with the Rotary commemoratives issued by the Republic of Honduras, which overprinted current airmail stamps with the Rotary emblem and the dates 1905-1955. Because the high value stamp had only 10,000 copies printed, this set has increased in value about 10 times within three months.

Egypt and Cuba issued Rotary commemorative sets with portrait inset of the founder of the movement, Paul P. Harris. Brazil issued a stamp, and Panama released an airmail set with the Rotary emblem superimposed on a map of the country. Dominican Republic issued both postage and airmail stamps and France had one stamp with the emblem on an outline of the map of France. Korea, Lebanon and the Philippine Republic have also released stamps for the event.

Belgium was one of the first countries to issue a set to the Rotary Club anniversary, stamps appearing late last year. Tunisia

## To Take Part In Exhibition Activities

Plans for a full slate of activities for the weekend and the three rodeo and exhibition days have been completed by the Lethbridge and District Old Timers Fenniman Club.

Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m. the members will parade through downtown streets dressed in pioneer garb. They will also play a big part in the rodeo parade Monday morning and will sponsor about 15 units ranging from an ox cart to the modern auto.

Tuesday they will also take part in the street dancing scheduled for the downtown area.

Plans are also being made for the club's picnic to be held July 24 at Park Lake.

## Speeders Pay \$95 in Fines

Fines totalling \$95 and costs were paid by six speeders when they appeared in RCMP court Thursday.

John Lane of the city, and Steven Marten of Calgary, were each fined \$25 and costs while John Van Hieren also of Lethbridge, was fined \$15 and costs.

Fines of \$10 and costs each were imposed on Charles B. Bird of Shaughnessy, Arnold Forester and Neil Poulsen of the city.

All speeders pleaded guilty to the charges except Mr. Forester.

Passing another vehicle on a hill cost T. Hamilton of the city, \$15 and costs when he pleaded guilty.

Alfred L. Chipman of Welling, was fined \$10 and costs when he pleaded guilty to a charge of pulling a farm implement on the highway without the necessary red flag.

Fines of \$5 and costs each were imposed on William Kuhn of Coaldale, for failing to stop for a red light, Joe Kaszas and Clarence Heggelund, both of the city, for not having a tail light and muffler.

## Seeds Sown in Summer Take Special Treatment



Without "succession sowings" of lettuce, carrots, beans and other short harvest vegetables, home gardeners will have none to harvest during the last half of the season.

When the time comes to make such sowings the weather is usually hot and dry. The methods used in the spring, when nights are cool, and moisture plentiful, may not serve. Too many amateurs give up on this problem too soon. It is easy to solve, by using special techniques.

The chief requirements for success are moisture, and a porous soil covering for the seed. At 90 degrees, surface soil is sure to be dried out to a depth of two inches or so. When seed is sown, without providing for moisture artificially, it simply lies dormant in the powder dry soil, until a rain comes, and then the seedling may be baked to death before it rains again.

If there is clay in the garden soil, the summer sun will bake it to a hard crust between showers, and the seed sprouts may not be able to penetrate it, so they are buried alive in infancy. All this can easily be verified by any gardener who sows seeds in hot weather without taking due precaution, and observes carefully what happens to his seed.

There is no mystery about it, and the way to success is a common sense one. To begin with you soak the soil in which seed are to be sown several inches deep. The soil is stirred deeper than in the spring, and if the seed is to be sown in rows the drill is made deeper, two inches at least. The seed is sown on the moist soil, and covered with a special soil mixture in which there is no clay. Peat moss mixed with sharp sand is excellent for this purpose. Peat moss can be used alone, or fine top soil can be mixed with equal parts of sand and peat moss.

This special soil mixture will not bake, and will hold moisture much longer than the soil. The garden hose must be used daily, to sprinkle the surface, wetting the soil three inches deep. If watering is not easy, the moisture will be held longer by covering the seed row or bed with a mulch of dry lawn clippings, or any other practical mulching material, including newspapers, boards, straw, dried leaves, etc. But if the row is shaded from the sun, the mulch must be removed as soon as the seeds sprout, as they will need the light.

Frequent sprinkling must be continued until the seedlings have grown roots three or four inches long, so they penetrate to the sub-soil moisture and can take care of themselves from then on.

## Expect Little Trouble With Grasshoppers

Southern Alberta's grasshoppers have started to hatch, and according to reports received at the field crops branch of the department of agriculture here, some damage has already been done in the area around Bow Island and north of Chin.

J. G. Archibald of Lethbridge, fieldman for the field crops branch, said a load of aldrine spray has been delivered to the Municipal Garages at Bow Island by the branch for use in control of the grasshoppers. Additional aldrine spray and dust are available to municipal offices and from the field crops branch in the Court House in Lethbridge.

The grasshopper populations in

Southern Alberta have been increasing in the past few years, but abnormal weather conditions in the fall of 1954 interfered with egg-laying.

This, combined with the destruction of a considerable number of eggs by all types of predators, was expected to decrease the hoppers to a number considerably less than would normally be expected from a population of the size that existed in 1954.

Grasshopper populations in Southern Alberta are expected to be light in the area from Carmangay-Lomond-Yamhill-south to Raymond on the west, and Bow Island, Wisdom and Manberry on the east.

However, in this 4,400 square-mile area a 120 square-mile block, just north of Chin, is expected to have moderate infestation.

Mr. Archibald said that while the grasshoppers are small, effective control can be obtained by spraying fields with aldrine at the rate of one gallon to 20 acres. However, he said, as the grasshoppers mature, a more concentrated spraying is required.

## May Conduct Family Camp

The possibility of holding a family camp at the YMCA Camp Inopus was discussed at a recent meeting of camp officials.

If enough interest is shown in the project the camp will be held for men, women and their families Aug. 20 to 28. Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact the YMCA immediately for further details.

During the meeting Miss Marian Janina reported the camp reunion, held recently, was successful with approximately 140 parents and former campers attending.

It was also announced that camp T-shirts are now on sale at the Y and crests will soon be available.

Plans were accepted for the building of another wash stand at the camp.

## MacLeod-Claresholm Rodeo Site of Queen Competition

Nine contestants have entered the Miss Rodeo Queen of Canada contest to be held in Fort MacLeod on June 30 and July 1, in conjunction with the Fort MacLeod-Claresholm Rodeo.

Winner of the contest will then compete for the North American title at Casper, Wyoming, later in the summer.

Included in the candidate list is the Lethbridge representative, Arlene Rice. Others to compete at the rodeo will be Kay Dench of Fridley, Greta Archer of Calgary, Connie Ivins of Cardston, Demaris Batch of Calgary, Betty Lynch-Staunton of Lundbreck, Lynda Hood of Edmonton, and June Sleeman of High River.

According to F. S. Kreutzer of Fort MacLeod, chairman of the contest, a number of other applications are awaiting completion.

The queens will be judged on beauty, horsemanship, and personality. Judges will include Mrs. Henry Sharples of Claresholm, Jack Steeser of Staveland, Mrs. Mary Dover of Calgary, H. P. Buchanan, president and editor of the Lethbridge Herald, Harry Befus of Calgary and Orville Brunelle of the Lethbridge Herald.

Western hats, cowboy boots, a set of silver and a wrist watch will be among the prizes to be offered to the contestants at the rodeo.

Judging will take place both days of the rodeo with the winner to be announced at the conclusion of festivities.

## New Officers Lions Elect



A new slate of officers, headed by President R. Earl Ross, was installed at the weekly meeting of the Lethbridge Lions Club Thursday.

During the installation ceremonies, conducted by Zone Chairman Charles Linn, the new officers were charged with their respective responsibilities and directed to promote the ideals of Lionism.

The zone chairman pointed out each Lion is obligated to support his club in its field of public service. He explained they are members of the world's largest service club organization, with more than 500,000 Lions.

Other officers installed were: First vice-president, William Sanders; second vice-president, Harold Wintemute; third vice-president, Ed Sinclair; secretary, E. Blake Lilly; treasurer, J. H. Lyons.

Lion tamer, Walter Mitson; tail twister, Fred Ketter; and directors, William Wilcocks, Fred Goldsmith, Dr. Lloyd Cowie and Nazem Kirk.

Derek Martin, head of the club for the past year, remains on the executive as immediate past president.

## Games Resumed At Moose Hall

With the opening of its new hall at 1234 3rd Ave. N. this week, the Loyal Order of the Moose will resume Saturday bingo games.

Proceeds from the games will go toward repairing the roof on the new building.

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