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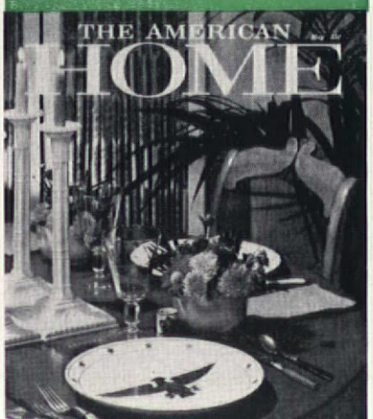

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OUR COVER: Eating in the kitchen is more than pulling up a stool to gobble a peanut butter sandwich. Note, for example, the delightful, intimate dining area in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burke of Fairfield, Connecticut. For more kitchen dining ideas, turn to page 33. Information: Elizabeth Rehill. Photographer: Lisanti.

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Wit and wisdom from a busy American Home mother

Food's in the oven and we're waiting for Daddy. This is the time when I'm most likely to sit at the piano. "London Bridge Is Falling Down," "La Cucaracha," "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers"—a few bars of anything and they will congregrate from all over the house—noisy, ready and willing to get into the act. All-time favorite with the little guys is "Ring Around a Rosy"—and you'd darn well better fall down, pardner!

Mother's Day Gift I'll Never Forget:

from Pete at the age of six—a cigar.

BUDGET BUSTERS

Birthday parties, O birthday parties, you come but once a year—for each of ours, that is. But meanwhile there are some 20 or 30 others to go to. Hardly a Saturday goes by that somebody doesn't have to be scrubbed, dressed, and sent off clutching a hastily bought present. Lately the invitations have been unusual—a bowling party and lunch for Johnny and his friends, age 7; a scavenger hunt for Kim and her pals, age 12, that had them in and out of local shops all afternoon. From these parties they come home radiant, I'll admit, displaying favors such as charm bracelets and expensive toys. Somebody has got to call a halt and, grammatical or not, I think it's going to be me.

Whosis's Law:

The number of baths per week varies with the size of the child in relation to the size of the parent.

THAT EXTRA ROOM

Hooray—all of a sudden we have an extra room. It's on the north side of the house, unheated, and, during the winter, the snow often sifts in. From October to May, it's a catchall for newspapers, the turkey roaster, broken toys, flower pots, stepladder, empty boxes, and anything else I want to get out of sight in a hurry. But from May to October, we practically live in our extra room—our screened porch. I hope you have one, too.

Unsigned Note Found Around the House:

Mommy is a creep.

TIME-SAVING LOSS

The clothes dryer saves me a lot of time—possibly an hour a day. But how I miss that daily brush with nature—studying the skies, listening to birds, watching airplanes and the changing tree outlines of the new seasons; or racing the rain and approaching storms—all an intimate part of hanging clothes outdoors.

The Weirdly Wonderful World of a 10-Year-Old Boy

"Hey, Mom," he asks, running in from TV, "could you go over to New Jersey today, to the Navy Surplus Depot?"

"Why?"

"They're auctioning off two railroad cars and a crane . . ."

SUMMERTIME "SLEDS"

Incidentally, I've found a wonderful summertime use for those concave aluminum disk-type "sleds." I fill one with dirt, place it on a rattan stand outside the front door, and, shallow as the soil is, have a profusion of blooms from climbing geraniums, petunias, ageratum, baby marigolds—almost anything—all summer long. Peat moss mixed with dirt holds the moisture, and it doesn't have to be watered more than once a week.

Is It Possible—?

—for four children to wrestle around on the floor, doing somersaults, tricks, riding horsie, etc., for more than ten minutes and end up with all four laughing?

CALLING DR. WILSON

Stevie, who loves to play doctor since receiving a doctor's fully equipped kit, pulled one that has tempted many a real-life doctor, I'm sure. Our imaginary telephone conversation went like this:

"Hello. Dr. Wilson?"

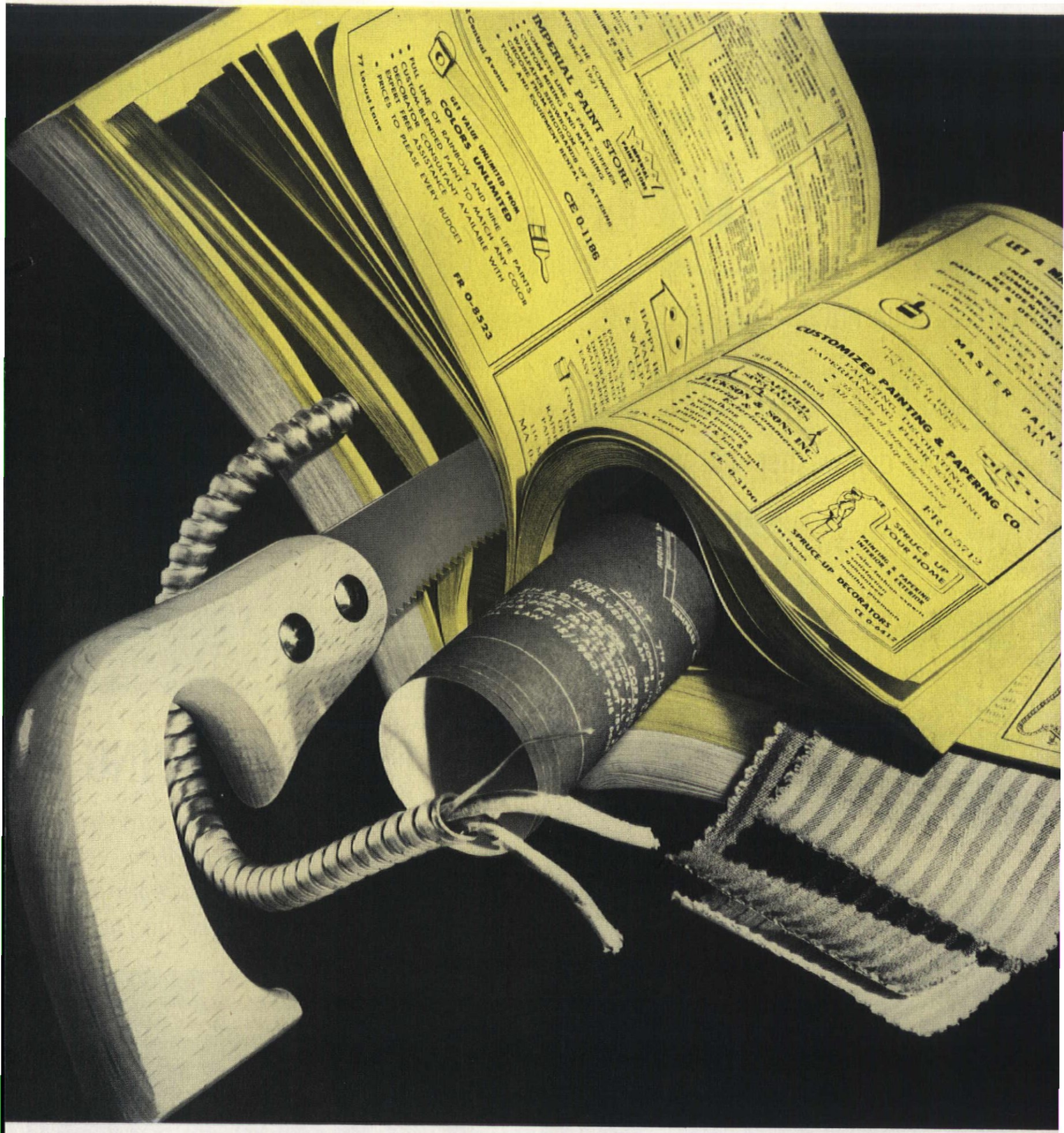
"Yeh. Thith ith Dr. Wilthon."

"Doctor, my knee has been hurting again lately."

"Fine. Goodbye."

You're really living . . .

when you enjoy your children as much as if they were your grandchildren.



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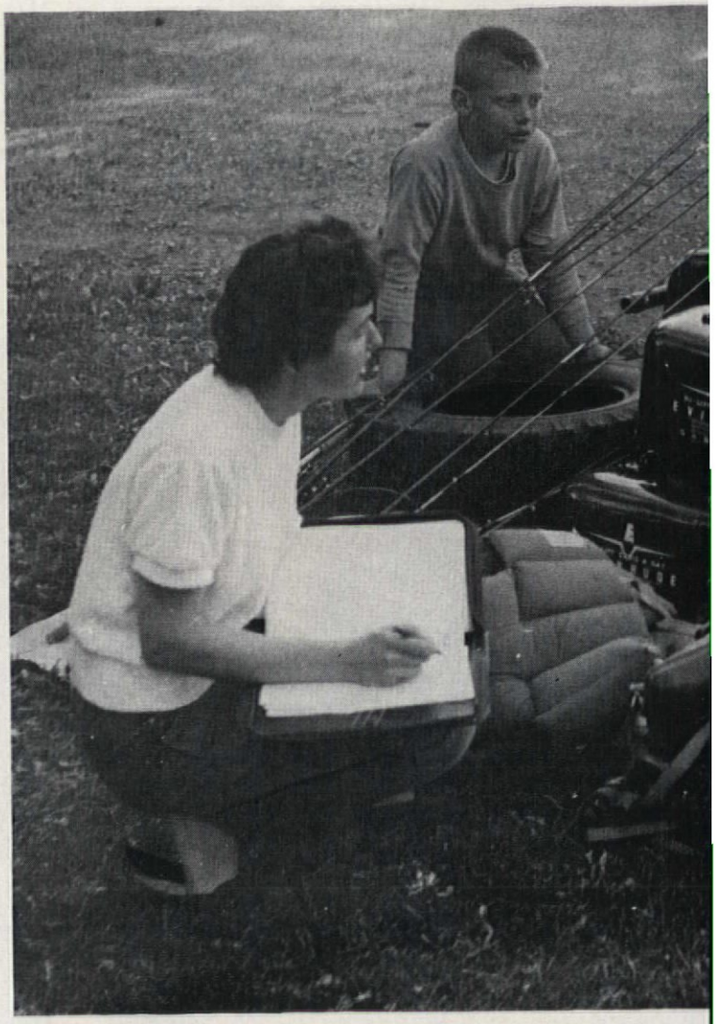

FAMILY CAMPING

Camping is your best vacation bargain. Learn here how nine families have made it comfortable as well as fun!

***The John Connells** of Cincinnati, Ohio, have been camping for seven years. The six Connells sleep comfortably in a Nimrod folding camping trailer. The parents use one of the pull-out beds; two boys sleep in the opposite one. The two youngest sleep foot to foot on an air mattress in the aisle.*

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Michelson of Elgin, Illinois, make final check of equipment before setting out on 3000-mile trip to the wilderness shores of Great Slave Lake in the Northwest Territories of Canada. Their son, Glen, was only nine months old when he was taken along on the Michelsons' first camping trip ten years ago. Mr. Michelson is a school principal in Elgin.

Last summer millions of Americans enjoyed economical vacations that added little more than gas and oil to their usual living expenses. They camped out—and liked it.

For some, the savings in motel and restaurant bills made possible extensive trips they could otherwise not have afforded. These were *traveling* campers who visited widely separated scenic areas and made camp in a different place each night. Others were *weekend* campers who pitched tents or parked trailers for a few days beside lakes or woodland streams at nearby state and national parks. Still others set up *permanent* camps and enjoyed staying put for their entire vacation, happy knowing that beyond their investment in equipment they were spending no more than if they were home.

Many beginners, though, had a bad time of it. Most of them were people who didn't realize the difference between overnight and stay-put camping. Some traveling campers carried big, walled tents designed for long-term camping and found they spent almost as much time making and breaking camp as they did on the road. Others who had planned to stay put set up with makeshift gear and called it quits after the first cold or rainy night.

But veteran campers—anyone who knows enough to profit from experience and the advice of fellow (continued on page 81. More pictures on next page)

WILSON

***Home-built trailer** with chuck wagon compartment on rear was made by the Reverend Charles Russell of Corydon, Indiana. Vacationing with friends at Potomac Park campground, Washington, D.C., the Reverend Russell said, "We built our trailer out of used materials for $200. It sleeps six, including the baby. What we've saved by camping has more than paid for our investment."*

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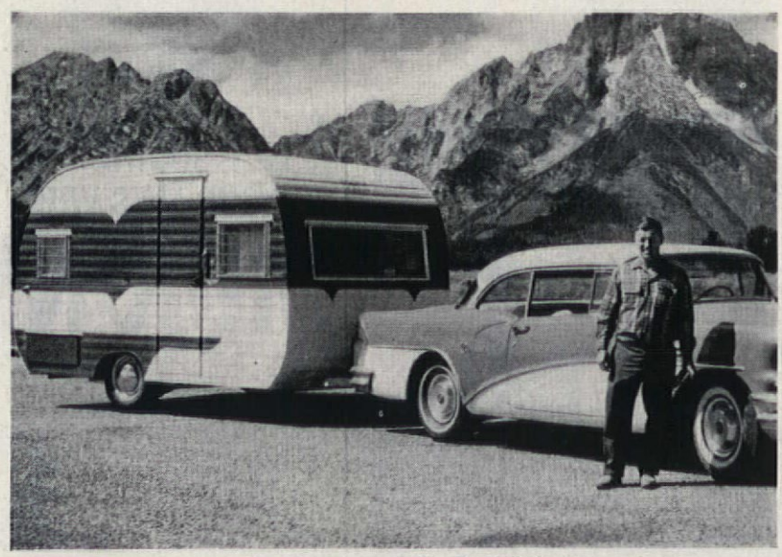
***Screened porch** is favorite piece of equipment of the Frank Mirandos of Rochester, New York. They are vacationing at Grass Point State Park, New York, on the St. Lawrence River. "My wife sewed the canvas and mosquito netting and I built the frame with electrical conduit pipe. The portable porch is 10x10', with a 7' ridge pole and 6' walls. We'll probably enlarge it three or four feet each way."*

***Home in the mountains** is a camping trailer for Lt. Col. H. M. Woolf and family of Colorado Springs. "We bought a trailer for the convenience of a bathroom for the kids, a shower, refrigerator, and oven. With it we can spend more time traveling than we could afford at $20 per night in a motel."*

***Station wagon and tent** made possible a low-cost, three-week vacation for Diane Balos, Dorothy Bautz, Marilyn Bautz, and Gerie Zalinski, all of Milwaukee. Their trip, which included stops at Yellowstone, the Black Hills, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Lake Tahoe, Los Angeles, Rocky Mountain National Park, cost each about $130.*



***Fifteen-foot trailer** is the ideal answer for the Willis Dyers of Mint Canyon, California. "We took a month's vacation covering Yellowstone, Glacier Park, Banff, Jasper, and back home through Washington and Oregon. We've camped in tents for years and just bought the trailer. It's worth a lot in convenience alone. My wife is in the trailer getting our meal ready almost before I have it parked. It sure beats having to unpack and set up a tent every night."*

***Veteran camper**, Col. Torgil Wold, Norton Air Force Base, California, who has camped across Europe with his wife and children, now uses Hawthorn-Holiday tent-trailer. "For six our expenses would run between $80 and $100 per day if we stayed in motels and ate in restaurants. With the trailer we get by on about $20 a day, including gas and oil."*

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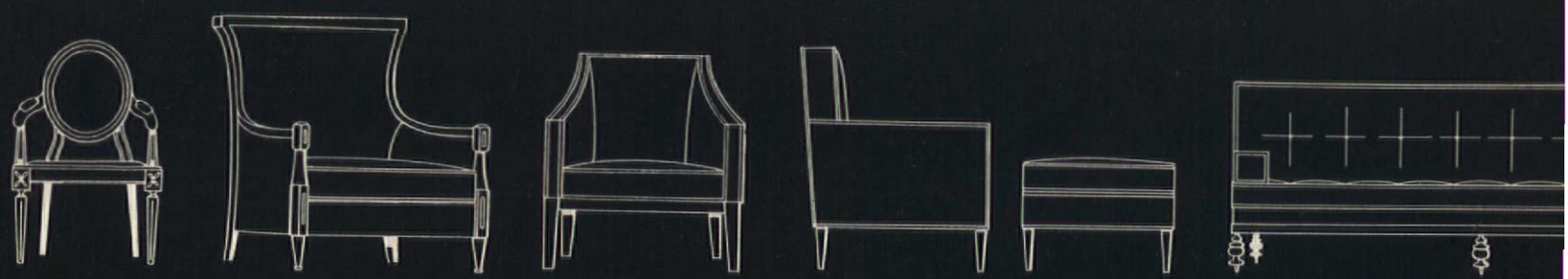

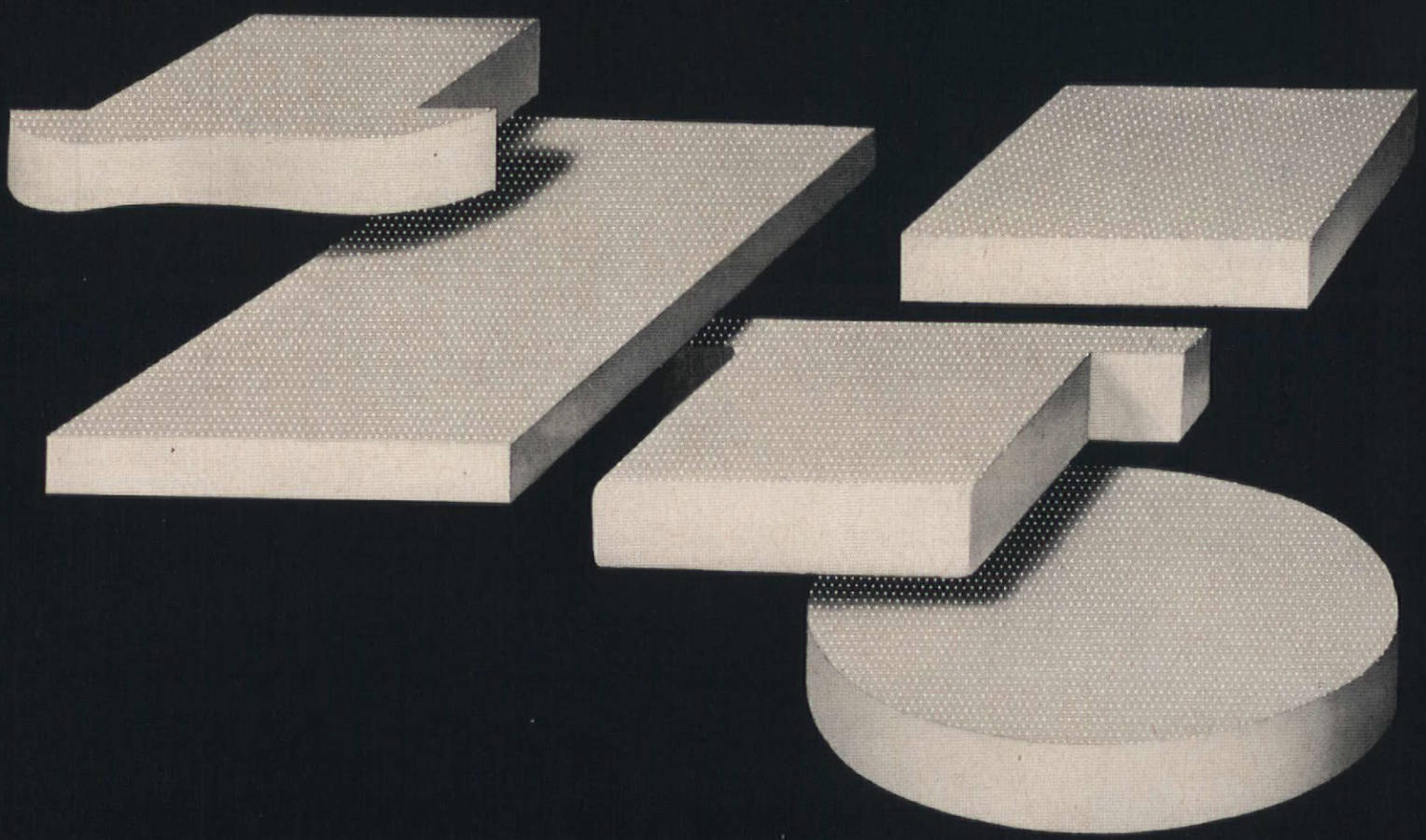

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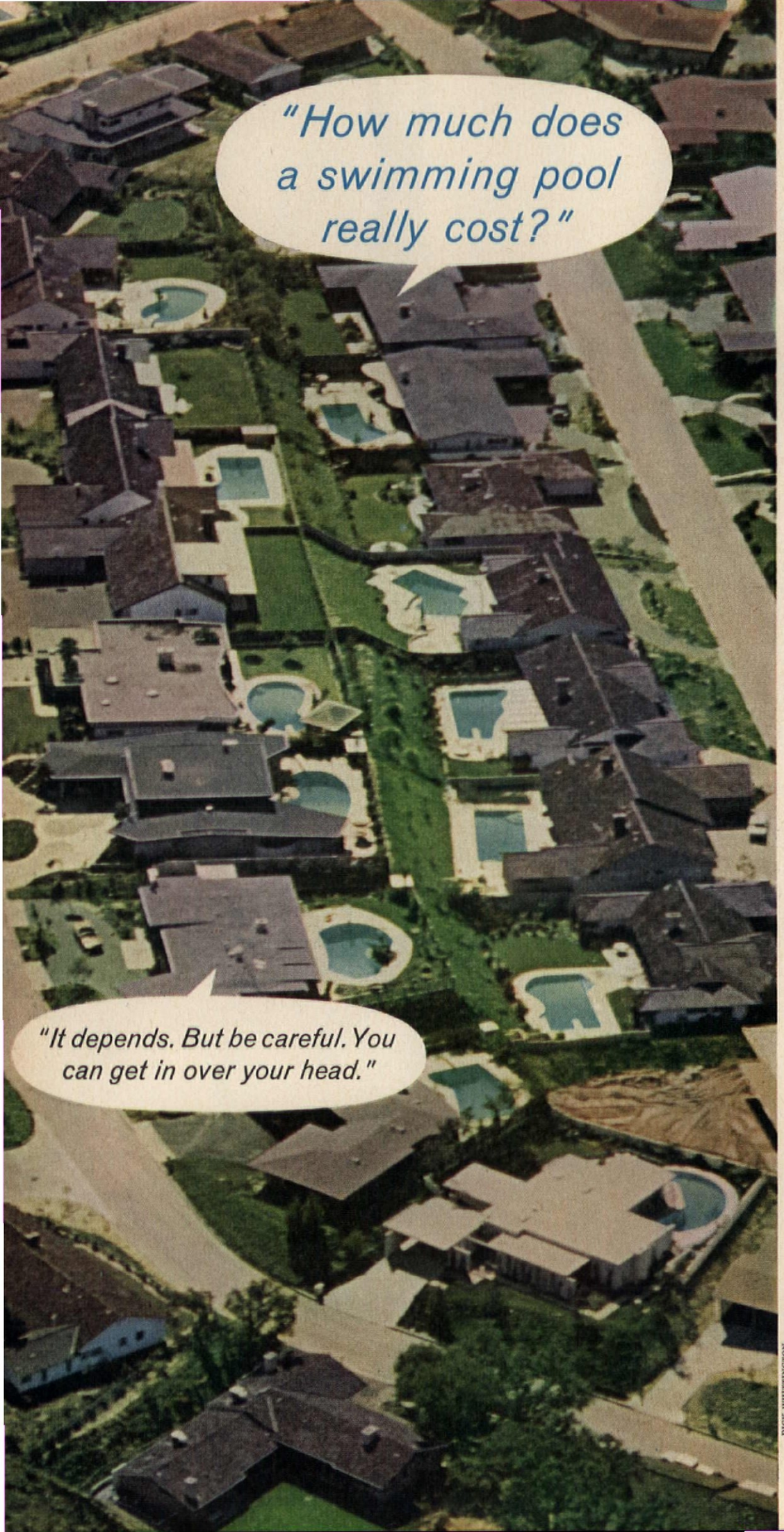

DICK WHITTINGTON

JUNE R. VOLLMAN

That's a key question being asked by the home owner who doesn't have a swimming pool. For, financial considerations are the most important factors to consider if you're one of the thousands of families who have planned to build a back-yard swimming pool this year.

Much has been written on the pros and cons of pool ownership. There have been conflicting stories about the problems of accidents, maintenance, overly friendly neighbors. Because of this, *The American Home* talked to some of its readers who own pools. Just about all of them agreed that a swimming pool can be one of the big pleasures in life—as long as you approach it with your eyes open to certain basic facts. Said one of our readers in the Chicago area, "The joys are unending. It is the least expensive way to get the most out of any summer, and out of winter, too, for we use our pool for ice skating."

One reason this family is so happy with their pool is that they knew in advance exactly what the cost would be. Like other satisfied pool owners they learned beforehand there's more to building a pool than digging a hole, lining it with a waterproof structure, and filling it with water. So, if you're really sold on the idea of diving into your own pool, there's lots you should know in advance if you want to land on your feet instead of your head.

CAN YOU AFFORD A POOL?

Before you answer this question, there are several points you must consider. First, there's the cost of the pool itself, plus the cost of financing it (if you don't have the cash to pay for it outright). Second, yearly upkeep and maintenance costs (water, utility, insurance, etc.) must be taken into account. Third are the inevitable unforeseen extras.

Swimming pool costs. The first major decision you must make is how much you can spend for the pool. Except for Southern California, Florida, and Arizona, prices for most standard 15x30′ pools range between $2500 and $4500, including filter, fittings, ladder, and underwater lights. Usually not included are such extras as diving boards, heaters, vacuum-cleaning equipment, some of which you'll probably want to purchase.

Last year, the average price for residential pools of all kinds and

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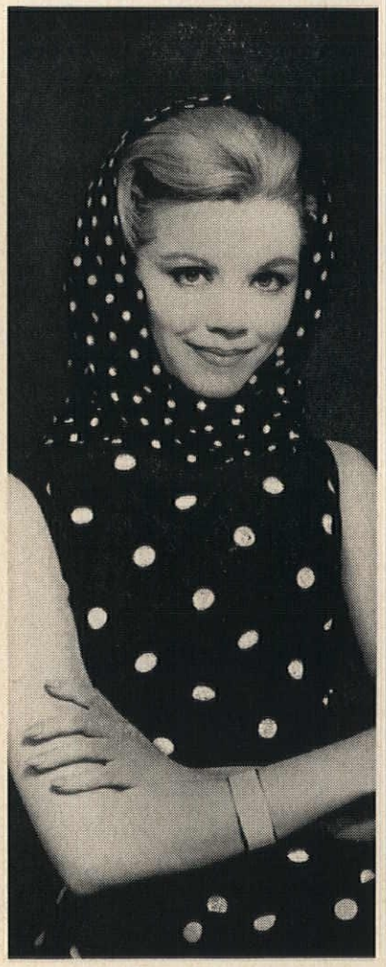

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(continued) sizes was $3800. By geographical areas, the average breaks down this way:

Northwest	$5300
Northeast	4800
Midwest	4700
South	4600
Rocky Mt. States	4300
Texas and Southwest	3900
California	3200
Florida	2600

Of course, the amount you spend will be determined in a great part by the type of pool you choose. As you will see, there is a wide choice open to you.

Financing the pool. It is not as easy to obtain financing for a swimming pool as it is for other home improvements. First of all, FHA does not include swimming pools in its list of home-improvement projects. Second, many banks will not include a swimming pool in a mortgage, although some will finance a pool through the "open end" provision in a mortgage. Personal loans and lenders' own home-improvement financing plans are available in most areas.

Although conditions differ across the country because of various state banking laws, there are some general standards set for financing home swimming pools. Terms of the loans run from three to five years. Many lenders set their maximum swimming-pool loans at $5000, although in some areas you will be able to get as large a loan as your credit warrants.

If you are able to finance your pool through an open end mortgage, your monthly payments will be spread out over a longer period of time and your interest rate is likely to be less than if you obtained either a personal or a home-improvement loan. For example, one New York bank which has its own home-improvement loan program uses this financing arrangement. A home owner can obtain a maximum of $5000 for five years. The discount (interest) for such a loan is $4.75 per $100 per year which includes life insurance on the borrower. The discount on a five-year, $5000 loan in this case would be $1556.80, meaning the face amount of the loan would be $6556.80. On a 60-payment (5-year) plan, the borrower would pay back $109.28 each month.

Lending institutions in other areas have different interest charges. In some cases, interest rates fluctuate in relation to the size of the loan. You should investigate the cost of the financing thoroughly before you decide on whether to build your pool. If your own bank does not issue swimming-pool loans, consult your local pool builder. Many banks have arrangements with pool builders to finance all their work. Loans obtained through pool builders carry terms similar to the aforementioned types.

There's one important point to keep in mind. Even though your credit rating is good, you may not be able to get financing. Many lending institutions require the home owner to have a reasonable equity in his home before they will issue this type of financing. Others have stringent requirements about the neighborhood where the home is located and the value of the swimming pool in relation to the value of the home.

Upkeep and maintenance costs. If you're going to have your own swimming pool, you must figure out how much it's going to cost to keep the pool in top operating condition. Besides such obvious costs as those for cleaning and painting the pool, you should include increased costs for water and utility bills as well as a possible increase in your liability-insurance premiums. Here are some average costs paid by readers of *The American Home;* they cover all sections of the country:

Maintenance—$50–$200 per year
This depends a great deal on how much work you are willing to do yourself.

Heating pool—$15–$100 per season
Climate plays a big part in this figure. And the earlier in the season the pool is opened and the later it is closed, the higher your heating bill will be.

Water, electricity, chemicals—$100 per season
For a season of approximately 16 weeks.

Painting—$80–$90 per year by a professional
A good paint job, well maintained, should need redoing only every two years.

Liability insurance—$15 per year
This is the *additional* charge to most home owners who already carry liability insurance. Some families, however, reported that no additional premium was charged.

Extra costs. In addition to the basic costs, you must also figure how much more money you want to spend on landscaping, outbuildings, pool equipment, etc. One family we talked to installed a $5000 pool; they spent another $9000 for a retaining wall, a heating unit, landscaping, and fencing. They had not planned on the retaining wall or heating unit.

Another unexpected cost may be a sudden increase in your entertainment bill, since a back-yard pool is as much a neighborly attraction today as were the first TV sets.

Then, of course, there are always some unusual extras to consider, like the one mentioned by a Glencoe, Illinois, family who received a $50 bill for cleaning out their pool filter. It had been clogged up with small acorns which squirrels threw into the water.

If you've decided that all these costs are within your means, and decide to build your own pool, you'll probably join the majority of pool owners who told us that the expense involved is more than balanced by the convenience of having a place to swim without long treks to public beaches or pools. They find the pool gives the family a chance to be together more often. And in cases where health factors are involved, several families told us their pools had greatly helped relatives with arthritis or other ailments where swimming is recommended as therapy.

TYPES OF POOLS

Well over half the residential pools built today are the sprayed or pneumatically applied concrete type. In 1960, 58.1 per cent of all residential pools were this kind. In this method, a mixture of Portland cement, sand, and water in a semi-liquid state is applied under air pressure with special equipment. A steel mesh is laid in the excavation and the concrete is applied to the required thickness. Since no forms are needed, it is possible to build any shape pool you desire. Cost of a typical 15x30′ sprayed-concrete pool is $3200-$4200.

The next most popular type of pool is poured concrete. Last year, 24.8 per cent of new residential pools were built this way. Actually, there are three methods involved. The most common utilizes wooden forms after the ground has been excavated. Concrete is poured between forms and allowed to harden. This type of construction is best applied when a standard rectangular pool is built. Another form of poured concrete pool—usually the least expensive—uses no forms and is called dry-pack. Here, a thick mixture of concrete is just set in place.

A third type of poured concrete pool is built by a fairly new method. Flexible, reusable forms are bolted together in various combinations to obtain whatever shape and size is desired. After the concrete has (continued on page 68)

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Below: Motorola® Stereo Hi-Fi in Triune cabinetry. Full-toned realism is reproduced by three separate amplifiers and three separate speaker systems (instead of the usual two). Speakers in doors swing out to give you full stereo effect. And Motorola's exclusive Vibrasonic system recreates reverberation such as you hear in a "live" concert-hall performance.

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The 1961 wagons from Chrysler Corporation are easy to get along with, thanks to famous Torsion-Aire Ride, full-time power steering, and a host of other family-pleasing features.

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Why's the driving so nice? For one thing, Chrysler Corporation's exclusive Torsion-Aire suspension system has no equal when it comes to holding a wagon steady and level, even over railroad tracks and around curves.

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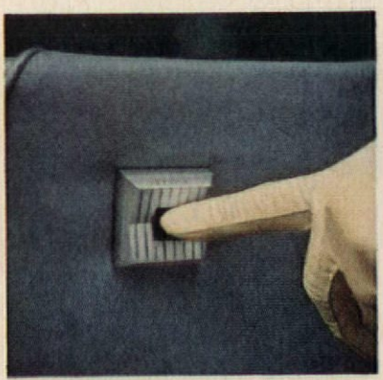
And, of course, all our wagons have the battery-saving Alternator, and a wagonload of other family-pleasing features. See your dealer for the details.

Easy to park, easy to drive. Full-time power steering, available in these wagons; works for you all the time you're driving, never goes "on and off."

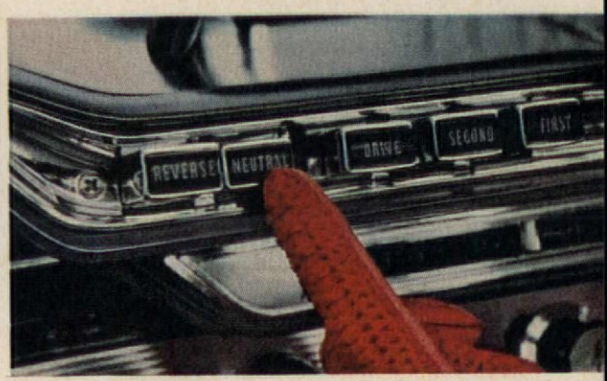


Automatic door locks let you lock all doors, back and front, with a switch near the driver. An option available in all models but the compacts and the 2-door Plymouth wagons. Great with frisky kids.

Rear-facing third seat, keeps kids comfortably out of your hair. A Chrysler Corporation first, offered in all standard size wagons.

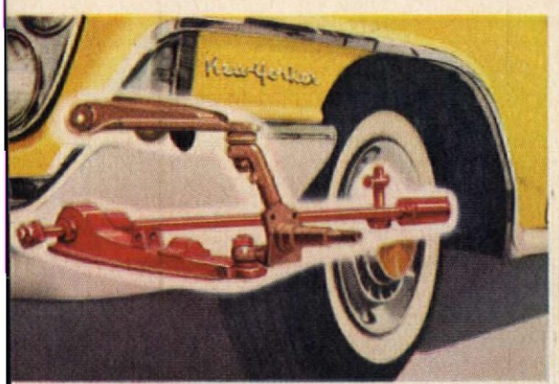
One-piece tailgate is easy for ladies to open; makes these wagons easy to load and easy to get into and out of.

New protection against rust. 7-soak rust protection guards even inside, out-of-reach metal surfaces, where most rust problems start. These wagons will keep their beauty longer than cars treated the old-fashioned spray way.

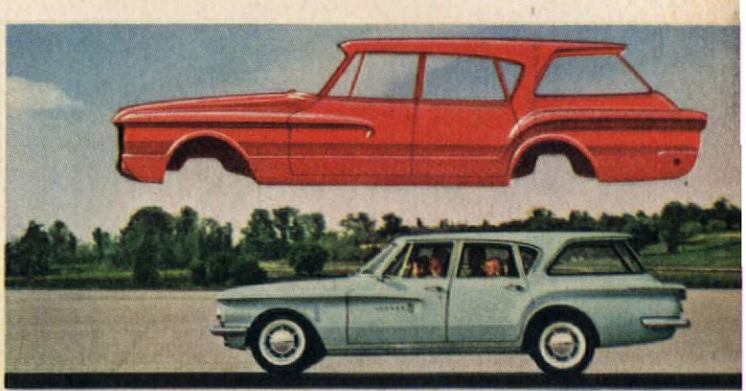


Pushbutton driving. Easiest controls to operate in any wagon. 3-speed TorqueFlite transmission . . . radio . . . heater . . . even air conditioner . . . all these options have safe, simple pushbutton controls.

Plymouth Wagon—getting in and out of parking spaces is no work at all in America's No. 1 low-priced economy wagon.



Smoothest-riding wagons on the road. Famous Torsion-Aire suspension gives you a "cloud smooth" ride even on rough roads. Standard equipment on all models.



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THE FHA ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

NEAL J. HARDY
Commissioner, Federal Housing Administration

I read in your column last month that FHA has reduced its interest rate to 5½ per cent, but when I talked to a banker about FHA-insured financing, he said the rate was still 5¾ per cent.

The new 5½ per cent ceiling affects applications received by FHA insuring offices on and after February 2, 1961. If a builder applied before that date, the lender to whom he applied could still charge 5¾ per cent, and the FHA commitment would then provide for interest at that rate. A commitment to insure a mortgage on proposed construction might have a term as long as 12 months. When the mortgage is finally executed in the name of a home buyer, it could still carry the 5¾ per cent, unless the mortgage lender agreed to a reduction. This would be a matter for arrangement between lender and borrower. So, in answer to your question, it is possible that some mortgages insured several months from now will still call for interest at 5¾ per cent.

What should I do to get an FHA appraisal of my house, which I am planning to sell?

Apply to any bank, building and loan association, mortgage company, or other lending institution approved by FHA, for a conditional commitment from FHA to insure the mortgage. If the property meets FHA standards, FHA will issue a commitment to the effect that, when a buyer acceptable to FHA is found, a mortgage in a specified amount will be insured. Then, when you talk with prospective buyers, you will be able to tell them the amount at which FHA has appraised the property and the financing terms that are available under the FHA system.

I understand individuals can now own FHA-insured mortgages. I'm selling my home. Could I take a mortgage from the buyer and have it insured by FHA?

Yes, but the transaction would have to be handled through a bank, mortgage company, building and loan association, or other lender approved by FHA. FHA-insured mortgages must be held and serviced by approved institutional lenders. The buyer would apply to such an institution for an insured mortgage loan. FHA would insure the mortgage, and the lender would sell the mortgage to you. You would receive an Assignment of Note and Mortgage as proof of ownership, but the mortgage would be retained by the lender, who would collect the monthly payments, turn over the interest and principal to you, and carry on all necessary dealings with FHA. The lender would charge you a reasonable fee to service the mortgage.

If the buyer of the property defaulted, you could either take possession of the property or make a claim for the insurance benefits. If you claim the insurance benefits, and the property still meets FHA requirements, FHA will give you debentures for the amount of the mortgage due, payable in 20 years. The interest rate on the debentures depends on when the mortgage was written. However, the rate will be considerably less than that on the original mortgage. Interest is paid to you semiannually. These debentures are callable by FHA at any time and are also negotiable.

I would advise you to discuss the transaction with your attorney so that you will understand it thoroughly before you make the investment.

In a recent issue of *The American Home* you said that to obtain an FHA-insured loan for property improvement a borrower must have at least substantial tenure of the property. Could you tell me approximately what per cent of the mortgage must be paid, or what you mean by substantial?

I am afraid the statement you refer to gave a wrong impression. The borrower must own the property or be buying it on contract, or have a lease expiring not less than six months after the date of final payment on the loan. But FHA does not specify how much equity the owner must have in the property. The lender is expected to use ordinary credit judgment in making the loan.

Just what does "FHA-approved" mean? I have seen it used in advertising for new homes.

The term, "FHA-approved," is sometimes misunderstood. When a builder plans to use FHA-insured financing, he requests an FHA analysis to determine the suitability of his proposed development and the homes he intends to build. On the basis of the analysis, FHA is often able to suggest improvements that will help make the neighborhood more desirable, maintain values, and reduce development costs.

As for the homes themselves, when the builder applies for mortgage insurance before construction starts, FHA reviews the plans and specifications to determine that the homes will meet FHA minimum standards of design and construction and will be acceptable as security for insured mortgages. FHA also makes inspections during construction to determine that approved plans and specifications are followed.

FHA acceptance of a property for mortgage insurance is not a guarantee that the buyer's contract has been fulfilled. Further, FHA, not being a party to the contract, has no legal means of forcing the builder to make good any deficiencies in the property, although poor performance by a builder can cause FHA to refuse to do business with him.

I have been told that because my husband's income is entirely from commissions we could not get an FHA-insured loan on the home we plan to buy. Is this true?

The fact that your husband works on a commission basis would not in itself disqualify him. FHA-insured mortgages are long-term transactions, and it is necessary to be reasonably sure that a home buyer will have a steady dependable income enabling him to make the mortgage payments without difficulty. FHA would consider how long your husband has been in his present position, the kind of product he sells, the outlook for continued demand for the product.

Send questions to Neal J. Hardy, FHA Commissioner, The American Home, 300 Park Avenue, New York 22, N.Y.

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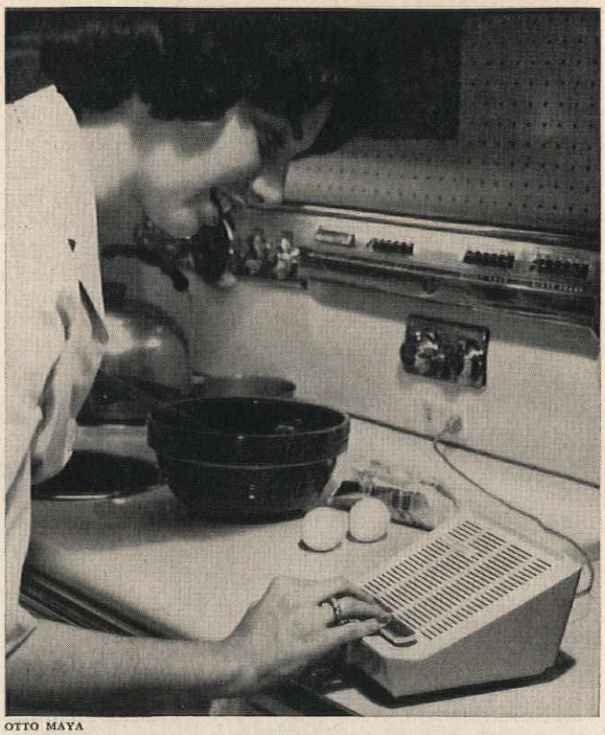

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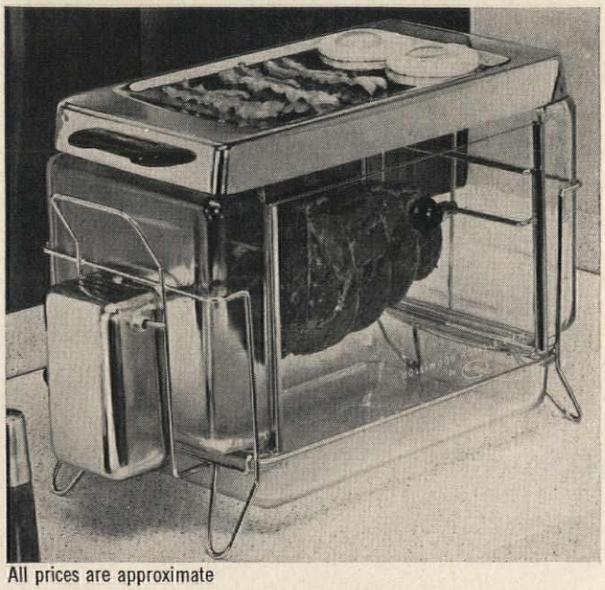
TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION *is established instantly between any two points in the house the minute you plug a set of portable intercom units into any two electric outlets. Adaptable to the situation of the moment, the same unit that monitors the baby while you are playing bridge this afternoon, later goes with Dad to his den, or keeps you in touch with a sick-in-bed. The set, under $80. General Electric, Utica, N.Y.*



ROTIS-A-VIEW *lets you keep an eye on what's cooking through its glass walls. This combination rotisserie-broiler has removable Pyrex plates for sides and bottom that come out to wash quick-as-a-wink in a sudsy sink. Elements disassemble so that individual sections store easily out of the way. The chrome top serves as a grill surface, or lifts back on hinges when you use broiler rack. The glass front panel slides open when you baste a roast on the motor-operated spit. $39.95. Berns Air King Corporation, 3050 N. Rockwell, Chicago 18, Ill.*

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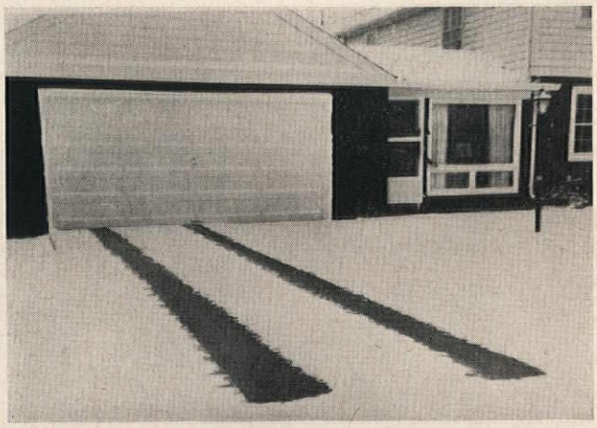


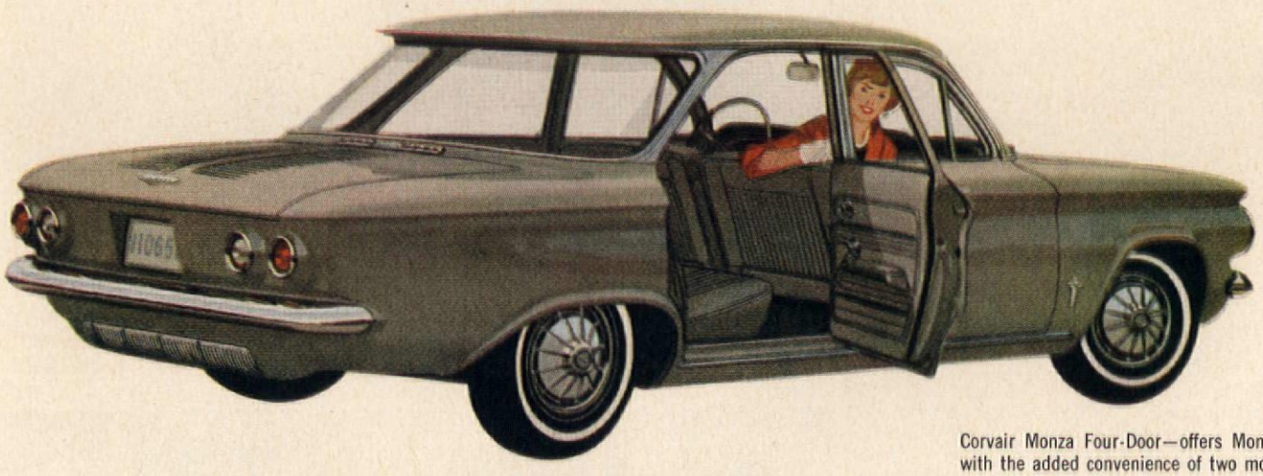
PREPARE FOR SNOW *when you install your driveway or walk by putting in a low-temperature radiant heating system at the time the concrete is poured. It will melt snow and ice, so that you can forget about shoveling next winter. Pre-assembled Sno-Melter units come in several sizes to be combined to suit your own needs. A unit for an area 6'x18" is $19.95. The system operates from a switch inside the house. Easy-Heat, Inc., Lakeville, Ind.*

Pre-spaced heater wire *is anchored in galvanized steel mesh. Pre-assembled lead wires and ground are attached.*

take your pick of a pair of

Corvair monzas

(with two or four doors!)

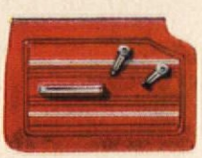


Corvair Monza Four-Door—offers Monza luxury with the added convenience of two more doors!

Corvair Monza Two-Door—just one of 10 Corvair models to choose from in '61!

If you've been able to resist a Monza up to now—and that's quite an accomplishment—get ready to capitulate. For now you can choose this most distinctive Corvair with either two *or* four doors! In either case, the Monza offers luxury-car features, custom interiors like sports-car type bucket seats,* custom door and window fixtures, deep-twist carpeting, and a de luxe steering wheel. Things that go with the spirit of this machine. Of course, if you need any more persuasion, then apparently you've yet to sample such Corvair advantages as rear-engine traction, Full Coil suspension, precision steering and a virtually flat floor. Your Chevrolet dealer's eager to show them off. Just ask him! . . . Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit 2, Michigan.

De luxe Monza steering wheel features stylish chrome-finished horn ring with convenient thumb buttons.



Elegantly crafted vinyl door trim adds note of luxury. Monza interiors are offered in six color combinations, too.

*Individual bucket-type front seats are standard on the Monza Two-Door and an extra-cost option on Monza Four-Door.

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NEW! DU PONT LUCITE® WALL PAINT

Walls and ceiling painted with "Lucite" Mocha Tan and White.
Knoll chairs covered with Du Pont Fabrilite® vinyl upholstery.

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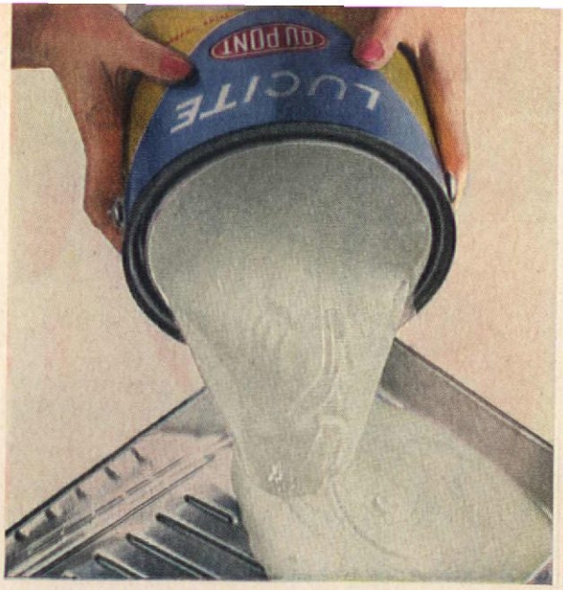
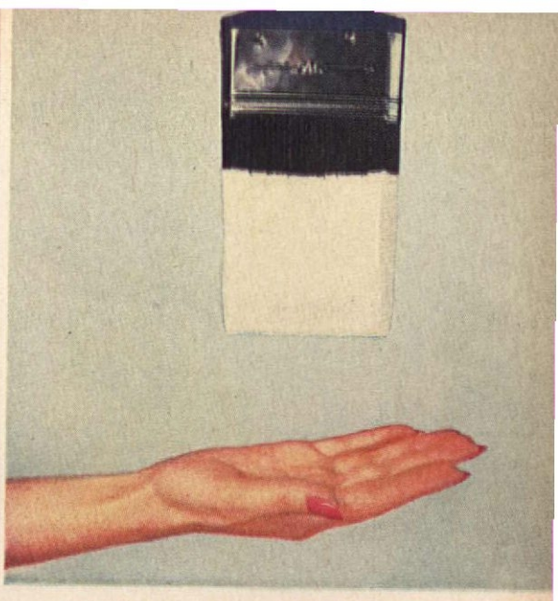


1. No messy mixing, stirring, thinning! You're off to a flying start at once. Just lift the lid, pour into your pan and start to paint. (It's just as easy with a brush, too!)



2. Doesn't drip or splatter like regular paint. Look how "Lucite" clings to brush. It's thicker, richer, fuller bodied . . . stays *on* walls and ceilings, *off* clothes and hair.

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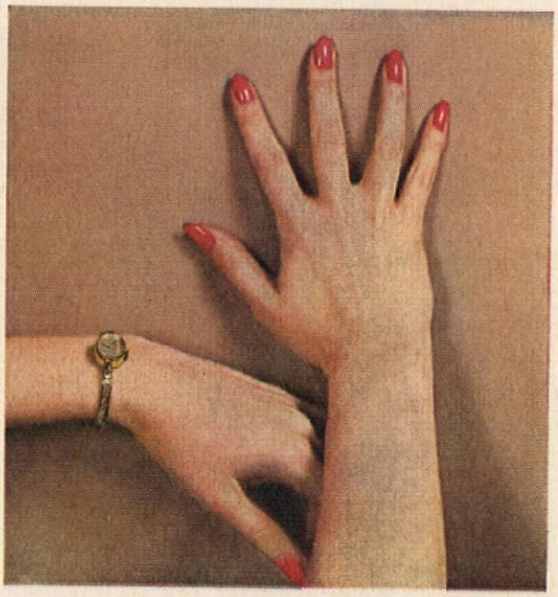

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5. Not a minute wasted cleaning up! Your brushes, rollers and pans all come clean in soap and water. (And any paint you spill wipes right up fast with a damp cloth.)

6. You can get new "Lucite" at your local paint dealer's. Ready *now*, in a wide range of beautiful colors, with matching Duco® Satin-Sheen Enamel for woodwork.

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Use new "Lucite" over plaster, wallboard, paint or wallpaper. Nice thing is, you'll do a really *satisfying* job the very first time you use it. For true *beauty without bother* . . . get new "Lucite" Wall Paint.

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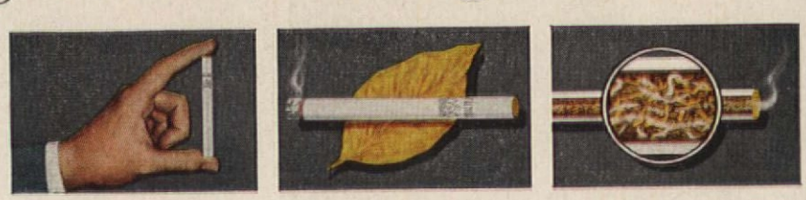

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LYMAN EMERSON

Sun pattern from dome of pool house highlights Shirley's smart decorative accents at snack bar (equipped with range, refrigerator, sink).

AT HOME WITH

SHIRLEY TEMPLE

JIM LISTON

The pretty hostess at the snack bar in the picture above is Mrs. Charles Alden Black of Atherton, California, mother of three children and probably the busiest housewife in suburban San Francisco. Her schedule includes six charitable and community service projects—she is chairman of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society—and allows only three days a month for NBC's "Shirley Temple Show."

Her age, 33, is no secret, but millions of nostalgic movie fans find this hard to believe. When she narrates or stars in her weekly show, middle-aged viewers still see the dimples of the little girl who brightened the depression years of the '30s. Her smile brings back "Bright Eyes" and "The Good Ship Lollipop"; the toss of her head "Heidi," "The Little Colonel," and "Captain January."

But if the warm sunshine of Shirley's smile is undiminished, it's because hers is the smile of a woman happy with her family and proud of her home.

"Charlie and I are great for outdoor living. We like to barbecue, to work in (continued on page 29)

ARCHITECTS: JAMES J. LANGENHEIM OF WILLIAM PEREIRA & ASSOCIATES AND LELAND A. KING, A.I.A.

Carousel design of pool house got its start when Shirley discovered 200-year-old Austrian horse in an antique shop. Architects developed this unique guest house and back-yard recreation room from idea. Raised hearth for barbecue is vented by exhaust fan through stack which penetrates center skylight. Sliding glass doors make it an all-weather house with guest bedroom and bath beyond partition at right. Shirley, with Susan, 13, Charles, 9, and Lori, 7, says it's ideal for dancing and children's parties.

***The Blacks' modern living room** gains interest from many unusual accessories, most of them reminders of trips to the Orient and the South Pacific.*

***Shirley's faithful friend** is big boxer, Christopher. Cheerful study adjoins kitchen and glass wall opens it to patio. Bronze head of Cambodian temple god dates from year 1600.*

***Shirley's decorating skill** is evident in guest bath where she has used oval mirror and lamps salvaged from an old building.*

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the garden, or spend a lazy weekend playing with the kids in our swimming pool," she said.

We walked across a large concrete patio laid out in random-size rectangles with redwood strips. Three squares of aggregate hold potted plants and dwarf orange trees in wooden tubs and serve as focal points for groupings of outdoor furniture. We passed through the gate of a four-rail cedar fence that would soon serve both as a grape arbor and a means of concealing the woven wire fence that surrounds the swimming-pool area.

"There it is." She smiled, enjoying our amazement when we caught sight of the unusual building at the end of the pool. "Our new pool house—our carousel."

The round redwood structure looks very much like a merry-go-round. The circular wooden platform that serves as a sun deck facing the pool and a handsome hand-carved carousel horse mounted at the entrance help create the impression.

"It may seem a bit fantastic," she said, "but it all started when I found that 200-year-old Austrian horse in an antique shop in San Francisco. He was thick with paint and I could hardly wait to get him home and start scraping. I worked for months and removed 30 layers of paint. What I found underneath was worth the effort."

She ran her hand over the ornately carved saddle and bridle. "I got down to the bare wood and found this carving—the detail is almost Persian. I sealed the saddle and harness and turned him into a pure white horse. His tail was missing, but my daughter Susan came up with an idea. She supplied a bright red ostrich feather the studio wardrobe girl had given her. So I added a touch of red to the saddle. He makes quite a gay charger, don't you think?

"While I was working on the horse, Charlie and I were trying to plan some kind of pool house that would be exciting and different as well as practical. We knew we wanted to barbecue and entertain out here so we decided to add a comfortable guest room. One day we were talking to an architect friend of ours and I told him that I wanted to work the carousel horse into the decorating theme. It sparked an idea that grew into this."

She mounted the platform and slid back one of the glass doors that bisect the carousel and protect half the roofed area.

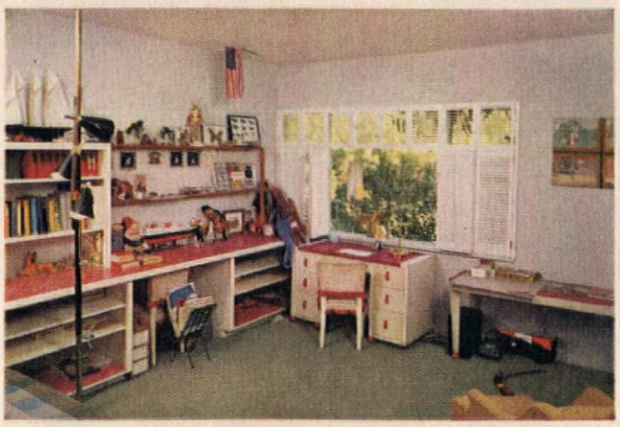
"It gets rather cool here at night," she said, "but with a fire going on the hearth and the doors closed, we can enjoy the garden any time of the year."

The raised circular hearth has a random mosaic of one-inch tiles.

"The tile setter did a wonderful job," Shirley said. "I told him to use 40 per (continued on page 64)

***The Blacks' home**—a ranch house with redwood siding—is located on a pleasant side street outside San Francisco. "Charlie and I are homebodies," says Shirley. "We're happiest when we're puttering in the garden or having fun with the kids."*

***Shirley's youngsters** play on the sawhorse that appeared in TV production of "The Wizard of Oz." "Children have a right to the wonderful world of fantasy and adventure and they should have lots and lots of good books," she says.*



***Little Charlie's** room displays ship models he has built. "He's quite a model builder," says his mother, "and often a model boy." Charlie's desk and chair used to be in Shirley's studio bungalow when she was a child star.*

***Susan** can see her mother as she was in dozens of Shirley Temple dolls of the '30 s. The children love to leaf through Shirley's many albums containing the scripts and photographs of her numerous movies.*

***Lori likes big dolls.** "When she went to camp last year," says Shirley, "we used this code: 'If you're homesick, mail a blank sheet of paper—I'll rescue you. If not, draw a picture.' I got a picture every day."*

IF YOUR FAMILY IS READY TO BUY A NEW HOME... IF YOU PLAN TO BUY WITHIN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE YEARS... IF YOU'VE FOUND THE HOME YOU WANT...

1961 MAY BE THE BEST TIME IN YEARS TO BUY A NEW HOUSE!

Due to the drop in sale of houses during the past year and the uneasy national economy, we find the market for new houses has become solidly a buyers' market all across the country. Indeed, in most areas we believe these middle months of 1961 will prove to be the "best time to buy" of the years just ahead. This conclusion is based on the reports of *American Home* editors on prices and construction around the country, on reports from our Builder Panel, on close work with economists, federal agencies, and mortgage and home building groups.

Remember, of course, that the best time to buy a house is only that time when your family needs it and has the money to invest in one. We certainly don't suggest buying a new home primarily to take advantage of the current conditions in housing and financing costs. And remember: If a house isn't a quality product, it isn't a bargain at any price. Please read this complete article—it will be time well spent.

JOHN MACK CARTER, Editor

HUBBARD H. COBB AND BUILDING STAFF

If you are in the market for a new house, right now—this month—this year—is an ideal time to buy it. We say this not because spring is the nicest time to go house hunting, but because this springtime the market for you—the prospective home buyer—is a good one. Mortgage money is available and at reasonable interest rates. Building costs are holding their own and builders are anxious, after a poor 1960, to make sales. These, plus certain other factors, may make 1961 the best home-buying year you'll see for a while.

Don't misunderstand, housing prices haven't gone below what they were six months or a year ago except in a very few isolated areas. (Areas reporting high inventories of unsold homes, such as Orlando, Florida, Santa Clara, California, and Wichita, Kansas, have had some price cutting. But these localities expect inventories to be low by summer.) Thus there is little reason to believe that prices will go down in the future. We are almost certain, in fact, that prices on new houses will go up and they may go up quite rapidly within a year. To the right are charts that show what has happened to the cost of housing as compared to the cost of living since 1950. We have projected these costs up to 1965 to show you what you may have to pay for a house if you wait too long. In buying a new home now, you can take advantage of this short period of relative stability in housing costs.

In our research on the housing picture, we asked a number of home-building experts to comment on our conclusions. Dr. George Cline Smith, chief economist of the F.W. Dodge Corporation told us, "The trend in new-house prices has been steadily upward over the years, and all the signs point to continued increases for the foreseeable future."

LABOR COSTS GOING UP

"Building wage rates will certainly rise—many contracts already in force provide annual increases for several years ahead. Costs of materials may fluctuate some, but even here, the long-range trend is up. And price of suitable available land promises to keep right on skyrocketing.

"While the long-term trends all point to higher costs, there may be an occasional short period when the prospective home buyer can find himself with a particular advantage.

"This spring, for instance, seems to be one of those times. Interest rates have eased somewhat from their tight-money peaks. Builders, who had a somewhat less than satisfactory year in 1960, recognize the existence of a buyers' market, and will give maximum housing value for the dollar.

"Prospects are that the current dip in business will remain mild, and harbingers of a turn-around in

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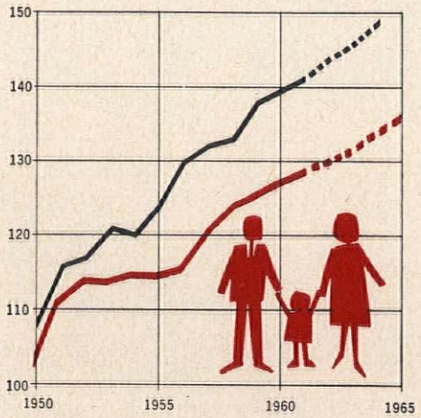
BUILDING COSTS AND COST OF LIVING



Black line is for building, red line for cost of living. On this chart 100 represents average costs for years 1947–49. Broken lines show how they will continue to go up.

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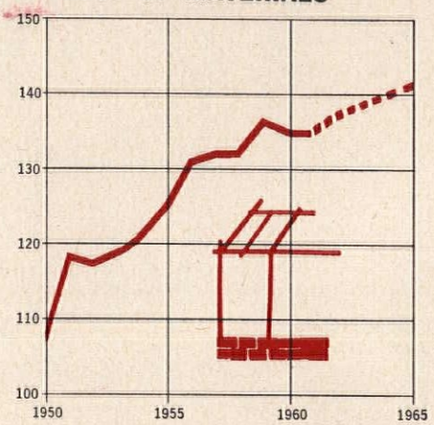
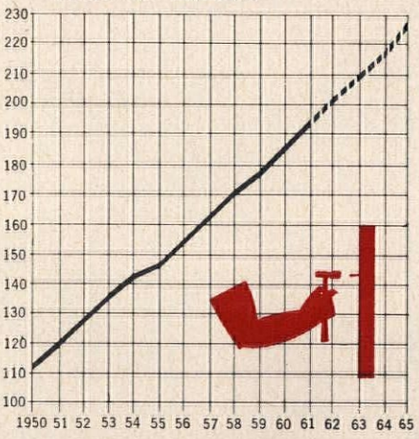


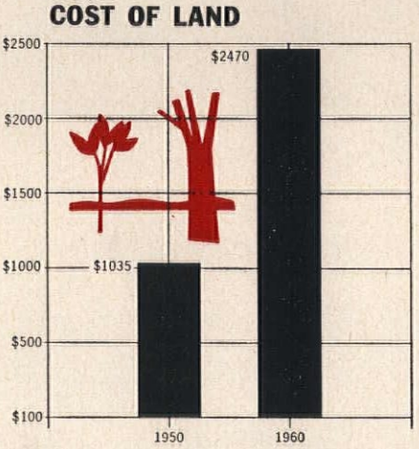
***Materials represent** a large part of total housing cost. Right now prices are taking a slight dip but within months they are expected to rise again and keep on rising until they go off the graph paper.*

COST OF LABOR



***Labor costs—going up!** See what's happened since 1950 to the other big part of the cost of a house. That year, for example, the hourly rate for a plumber in Chicago was $2.45. Today it's about $4.35. And more increases are in the offing.*

COST OF LAND



***Heaven help us!** This is another reason why housing costs so much today. The prices shown on this chart represent the average cost of FHA home sites. It's hard to even guess where they will be in 1965.*

SOURCES: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Make your kitchen a pretty place to eat

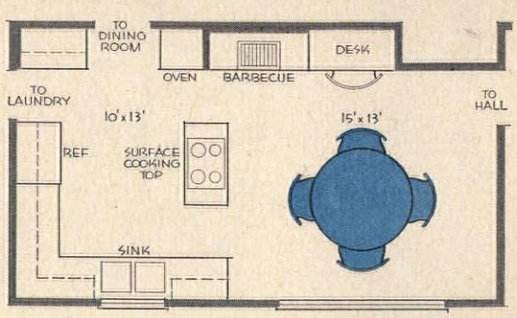
Here are 10 pages to help you make the most of your kitchen eating area—whether you're building a new home, remodeling, or just redecorating.

If you are like most families, you find yourself eating in the kitchen. You like the informality and the way it saves steps and simplifies serving. But eating in the kitchen can be more than a convenience, it can be a pleasure, too, if you have a pretty place to dine.

Don't think we're against dining rooms. Dining-room dining is wonderful too. But since eating in the kitchen is a tradition that's here to stay, make sure you have a spot that is meant for sitting and supping.

If you're building a house, include a gracious eating area right in your blueprints—like the one we show you here. If you're past the blueprint stage, don't despair—just turn the page!

***Roomy dining area** in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Ayers of Paoli, Pennsylvania, was planned opposite their kitchen and near an open barbecue. Ventilating hood over the island cooking center removes odors, makes eating a pleasure. During meals, a change of lighting puts the efficient working area into shadow.*



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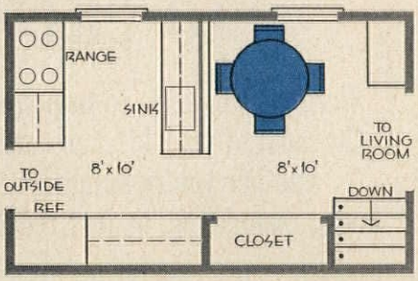
Remodel your present kitchen to make a pleasant dining spot

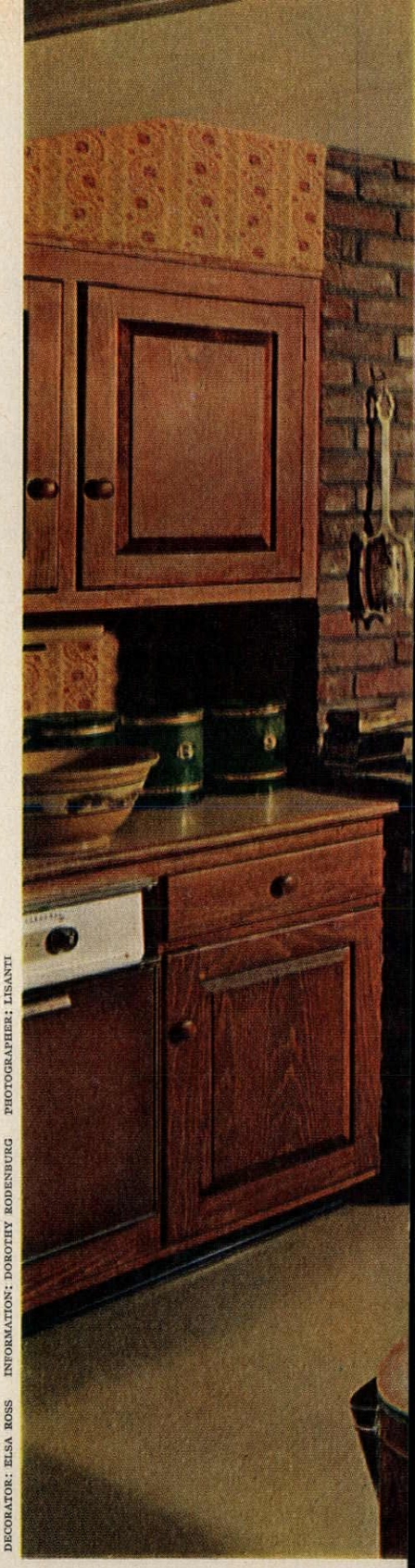
Consider some small (or large) structural change you could make to gain dining space. Perhaps extending or remodeling a window into a bay will create the space you want. Or maybe it's a wall that needs to be extended or even removed to provide enough room.

Structural changes are not the only answer to more pleasant eating in the kitchen, however. If you object to the sight of dirty pots and pans, consider adding a dishwasher to "swallow up" the disorder of meal preparation. A ventilating system also works wonders to whisk away cooking odors just as a disposer makes short shrift of waste while you work.

Of course, if your budget isn't quite ready for these wonderful kitchen appliances, you may have to show your skill as a neat stacker-upper—possibly behind a handsome pull-out folding screen. Or why not try a lighting system that dims out the work area while it brightens and focuses attention on the eating area?



***Having only one dining area** in their small Cape Cod house, the William Lanyons of Armonk, New York, simply wanted to heighten the "formality" of eating in the kitchen. Since the floor plan was basically good, remodeling a single wall did the trick.*

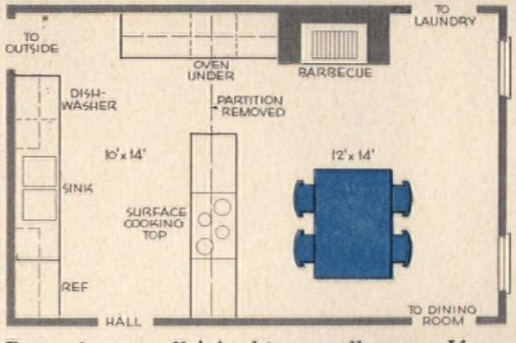


DECORATOR: ELSA ROSS INFORMATION: DOROTHY RODENBURG PHOTOGRAPHER: LISANTI

***Elegant enough** for dinner by candlelight, yet it is indeed a kitchen eating area. Minor alterations transformed a seldom used pass-through into a decorative wall. A narrow marble shelf disguises the former counter edge, and a framed photostat conceals cabinets once open to both sides.*

The warmth of a colonial keeping room is captured in this spacious kitchen with its big pine table and raised hearth.

Here's a good example of what structural change can do for eye appeal and efficiency. When the Gerard Krastings bought this big old house in Suffern, New York, they knew that only major remodeling could provide a workable kitchen and an eating area. They decided on an old-fashioned country kitchen where the family could congregrate, a kitchen to live in. The original house, typical of many, had a small kitchen with a small sitting room next to it. Taking out one wall made possible the lovely combination kitchen and family-type room you see here. The old sitting-room fireplace assumes new importance as an indoor barbecue.



***Removing a wall** joined two small rooms. If you lack space for eating, this could be your solution.*

Dramatize your dining area with decorating tricks

You don't have to go at your kitchen tooth and nail, hammer and saw. Color can be your tool. Just remember to keep your decorating in harmony with the work area. In an all-white kitchen, you can be as uninhibited as you like—pick your favorite color and use it in bright and wonderful ways throughout.

Don't be shy about wallpaper, either. If you have natural wood cabinets, a charming provincial pattern is a happy choice. If you have colored cabinets, you can decorate in blending tones or lively contrasting shades.

A handsome light fixture is a simple but effective way of setting off the eating area. A pull-down attachment over the table, candle sconces on the wall, recessed light boxes in the ceiling can provide bright over-all lighting or dramatic effects.

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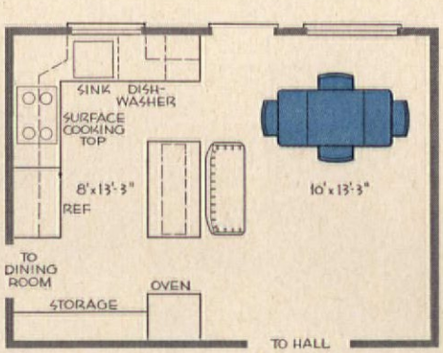

***Floor plan** shows useful barrier between cook and kibitzers in storage peninsula; counter is convenient for informal buffets.*

***Red-white-and-black scheme** against pine cabinets gives this kitchen decorated by Luis Cordano, A.I.D., a sophisticated look. The three different window treatments go beautifully together. Accessories are a mixture of traditional and contemporary. Red wallpaper blends well with cabinets.*

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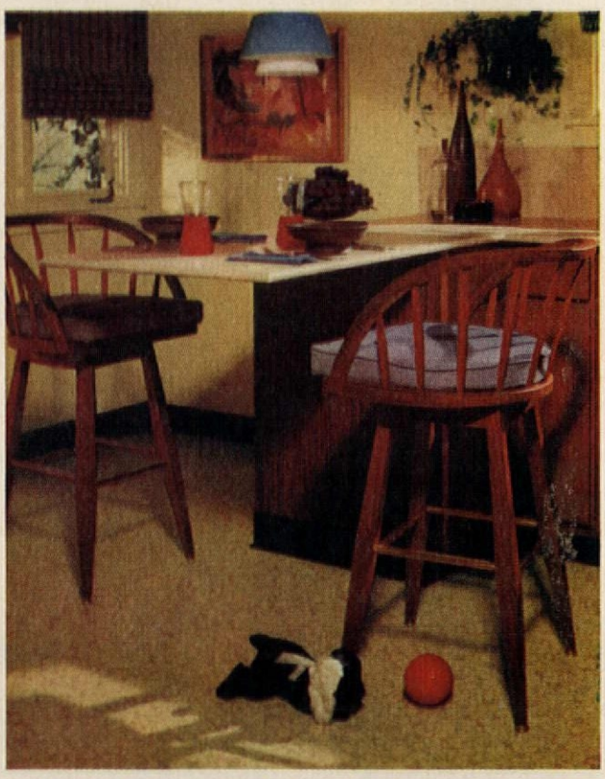
Decorating tricks (continued)

Department stores today are full of enchanting curtains, shades, fabrics, and accessories to give your eating area a pick-me-up. Why not invest in a wardrobe of inexpensive, gaily colored mats and napkins for a quick change of pace? A set of bright chair pads or cheerful ready-made curtains with valances to match? And in your quest for color, try waking up your old furniture with a fresh coat of paint or lining your window ledge with herbs in pretty little pots!

***Sprightly touches of color** against off-white walls give this off-the-kitchen area an aura of glamour and elegance. The same brilliant plaid is used for cushions, napkins, and picture mats. Storage space is built into window wall, with lime green louvered shutters for a vivacious note. Area rug in peacock blue contributes to dressed-up look.*



***Lively decorating** makes every inch count in this cantilevered, counter-high dining spot. Hyacinth vinyl cushions on swivel chairs, blue-and-lavender striped blinds, and drop-down lamp are rich accents against beige walls, wood-tone cabinets, pebble-design floor.*

***Old shop signs**, weathervanes, apothecary jars are the collector's items displayed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Rodenburg of Shrewsbury, New Jersey. Tin and wood chandelier hangs from gaily flowered ceiling; tied-back curtains repeat the pattern.*

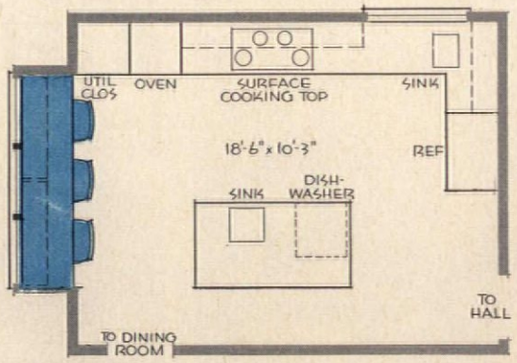
What you can do in minimum space

It may seem impossible to fit even the tiniest snack corner into your kitchen, but you'd be surprised how space can stretch. The addition of a drop-down counter, an odd-size table, or a now-you-see-it-now-you-don't surface can work wonders. Even though you may occasionally have to dodge a table or detour around a counter, the advantage of eating in the kitchen will outweigh the inconvenience.

Counters can fit in almost anywhere, as in the niche below. Minimum space requirements for other kitchen dining furniture are shown on page 82.

On the next page, we show you three more small-space kitchens with eating areas. Following that, 20 floor plans ranging from tiny to big—all proving you can dine beautifully in the kitchen.

***Sit-down counter** at chair height is located in a niche at one end of this kitchen. Counter does double duty as an extra work surface or a planning desk.*



***Storage space** near eating area makes meal serving easy. Cabinet with pull-out shelves holds linens, dinnerware, and table appliances.*

KRANZTEN STUDIO

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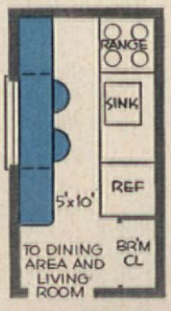
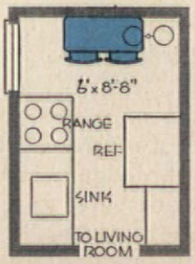


***Slim shelf** is both eating and serving area for Mrs. Gertrude Randall of Evanston, Illinois. A wood chest of drawers gives support, plus needed storage.*

DECORATOR: GERTRUDE RANDALL, N.S.I.D.



***Movable bars,** available in 30–72" lengths, make ideal snack counters for apartment-size kitchens. Try to allow at least 18" per person.*

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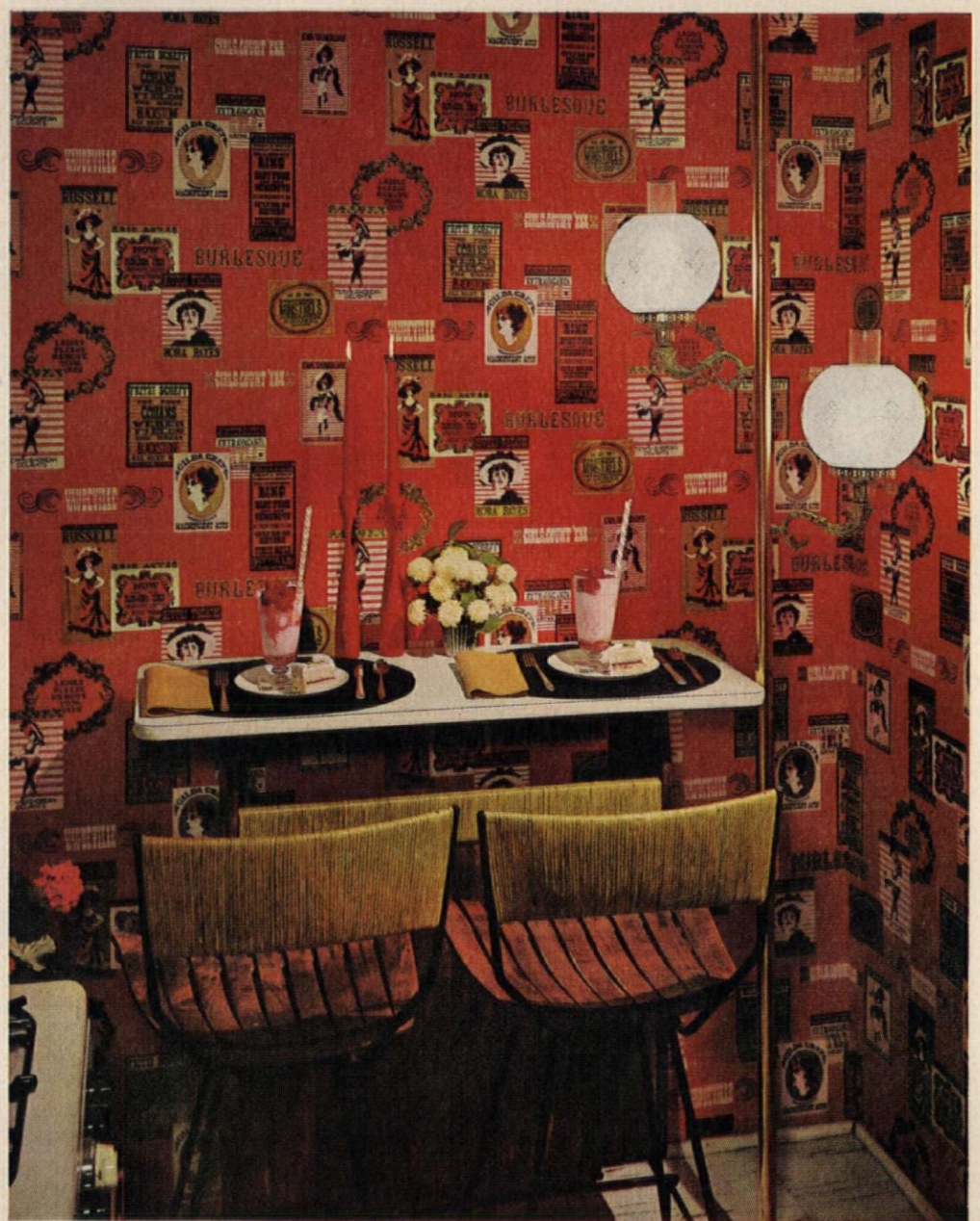
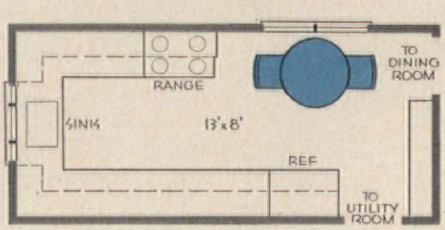


***Gay washable wall covering** and a quaint brass pole lamp add notes of cheer at mealtime in the compact kitchen of the Ralph Costello residence in Chicago, Illinois.*



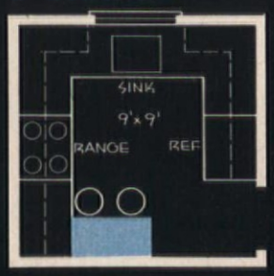
***A bright kitchen corner** (far left) for breakfast and occasional light suppers is a joy for Mrs. Lynn Huey of Glenview, Illinois. Small-scale furniture, like this 24" round table, helps to stretch space in small, compact kitchens.*

DECORATOR: LYNN HUEY & SON

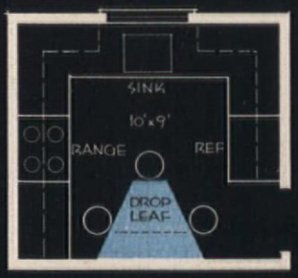
See how you can have an eating area in your own kitchen!

Get out your tape measure and perk up your imagination! Here and on page 82 are some basic kitchen shapes showing minimum-to-maximum space. One of these may spark an idea for an eating area in your kitchen.

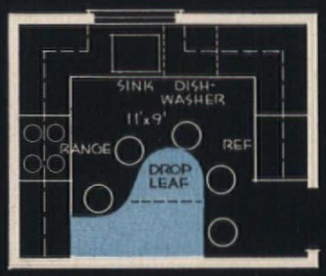
U-SHAPE



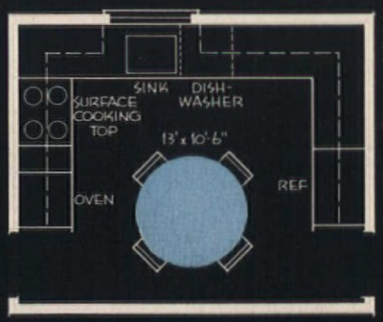
MINIMUM. Right-angle extension of counter, with access below to storage and stools.



SMALL. Build a table-height counter (29-30") along wall. Taper sides at traffic and work areas.



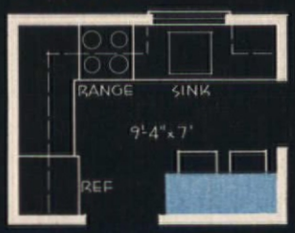
MEDIUM. Add free-form peninsula table to fit space. Casters make table movable. Drop leaf extends capacity.



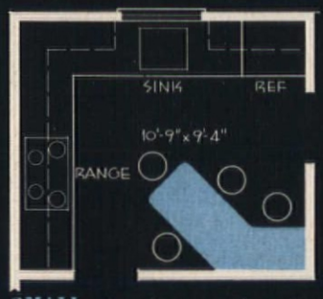
Plans: Sigman-Ward

LARGE. Revive the old-fashioned kitchen table in the middle of the room. It will also serve as a spot for various family activities.

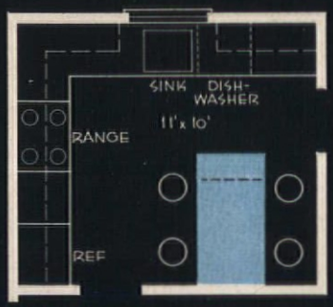
L-SHAPE



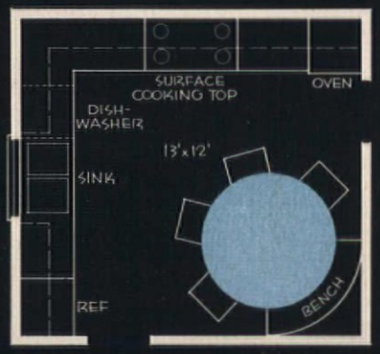
MINIMUM. Turn a corner into an eat spot with small rectangular table; gain a work surface too.



SMALL. Angle a peninsula from corner at 45° (table or counter height) to allow room for several settings.

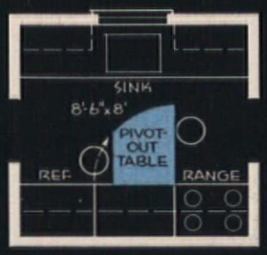


MEDIUM. Placing a long table at right angle to wall makes room for chairs at sides. Use a drop leaf if the aisle is narrow.

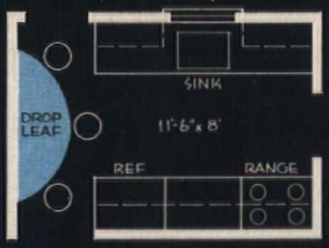


LARGE. Add a cozy note to a large kitchen with a round table as large as space permits. Built-in curved seat will conserve space.

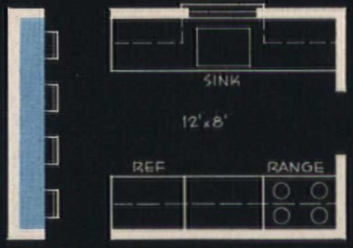
TWO-WALL



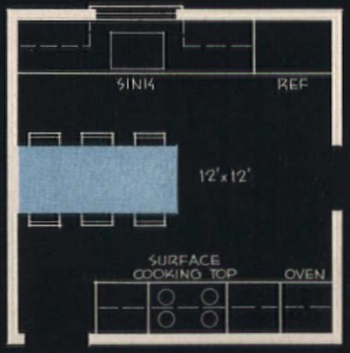
MINIMUM. Use every available inch: hide-away table pivots into a slot under counter.



SMALL. Turn a traffic lane into an eating area with plywood table-top hinged to wall. Top drops down when not in use.

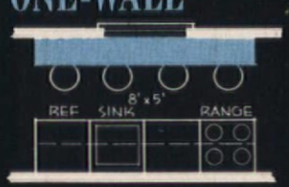


MEDIUM. Unused wall may allow space for a long narrow shelf (make deep as possible); suit height to stool or chair.



LARGE. Make a dining area of a long harvest table or use plywood door on legs. Position of table allows seating on sides.

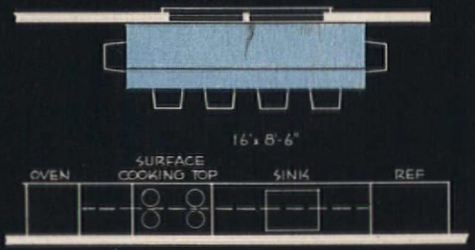
ONE-WALL



MINIMUM. Put narrow shelf under a window at counter height (36") or table level (29-30").

SMALL. Gain 25" deep area with 13" deep wall cabinets as base. Overhang allows for knees.

MEDIUM. Solve space problem with free-form counter, hinged to drop flat against wall, or possibly fastened to shallow storage cabinets.



LARGE. Harvest tables, available in several lengths, are perfect solutions for hall-like kitchens. Be sure you have planned for space to raise the slim leaf at mealtime.

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THEODORE A. WESTON

Exciting, exotic MUMS

■ Want your garden as colorful in October as it is in May? Plant chrysanthemums this month or next!

These spectacular beauties, whose history can be traced back to the Orient for 2500 years, come in more shapes and sizes than any other flowers you can grow outdoors. Everything from big, puffy incurves to feathery spiders, from dwarfs that stand a little over a foot high to giants taller than yourself!

Color? You can have mums in any color except blue. From brilliant yellows and reds to soft, muted shades of bronze, purple, and gold. What better way to brighten your garden from September until the first severe frost comes!

The best time to plant mums is from the middle of May to the middle of June. So now's the time to decide where you'd like to plant them, what kinds you want, and to order them from your nurseryman or from a mail-order specialist.

The basic requirements of mums are about the same as those of most popular flowers. They need a sunny location, fairly rich, well-drained soil, routine feeding and watering, and occasional spraying or dusting. What special care they need is no greater than that which is (continued)

***Surprised to see mums** in all these sizes, shapes, and colors? This is only a sample! In the center group are 'Sunnyslope Jubilee,' spider type; and 'Snow Queen,' regular incurve. At left are 'Azuma,' bronze spider; 'Rajah,' red decorative; 'Swan Ballet,' white spider; 'Shirotsuru,' white anemone, and 'Yukon,' white regular incurve. At right are 'Emerald Isle,' green-white spider; 'Ranger,' light bronze decorative; 'Magic Carpet,' yellow pompon; and 'Thelma,' dark bronze decorative. See page 78 for a description of mum classes and lists of the best varieties in each flower class.*

***For special picture-plantings** like this, plant mums in pots and move the pots into position when ready to bloom. Left to right, top to bottom, the varieties are 'Gold Wonder,' 'Jetfire,' 'Woking Scarlet,' creamy white 'F. S. Parks,' 'Red Gem,' and 'Desert Twilight.'*

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required by most other garden favorites. In a word, if you can produce a colorful display in spring and summer, you can do so in fall with the help of mums.

A bonus feature is that you can dig up mums at any time—even when in flower—and transplant them to a spot where you want instant, dramatic effect.

Like most perennials, mums make their best show when massed in groups of three or more plants of the same variety. You can plant them in straight or curved formal beds, in irregular drifts, or simply as color accents in three-plant clumps. Their colors can be grouped to produce either bold contrasts or subtle blends.

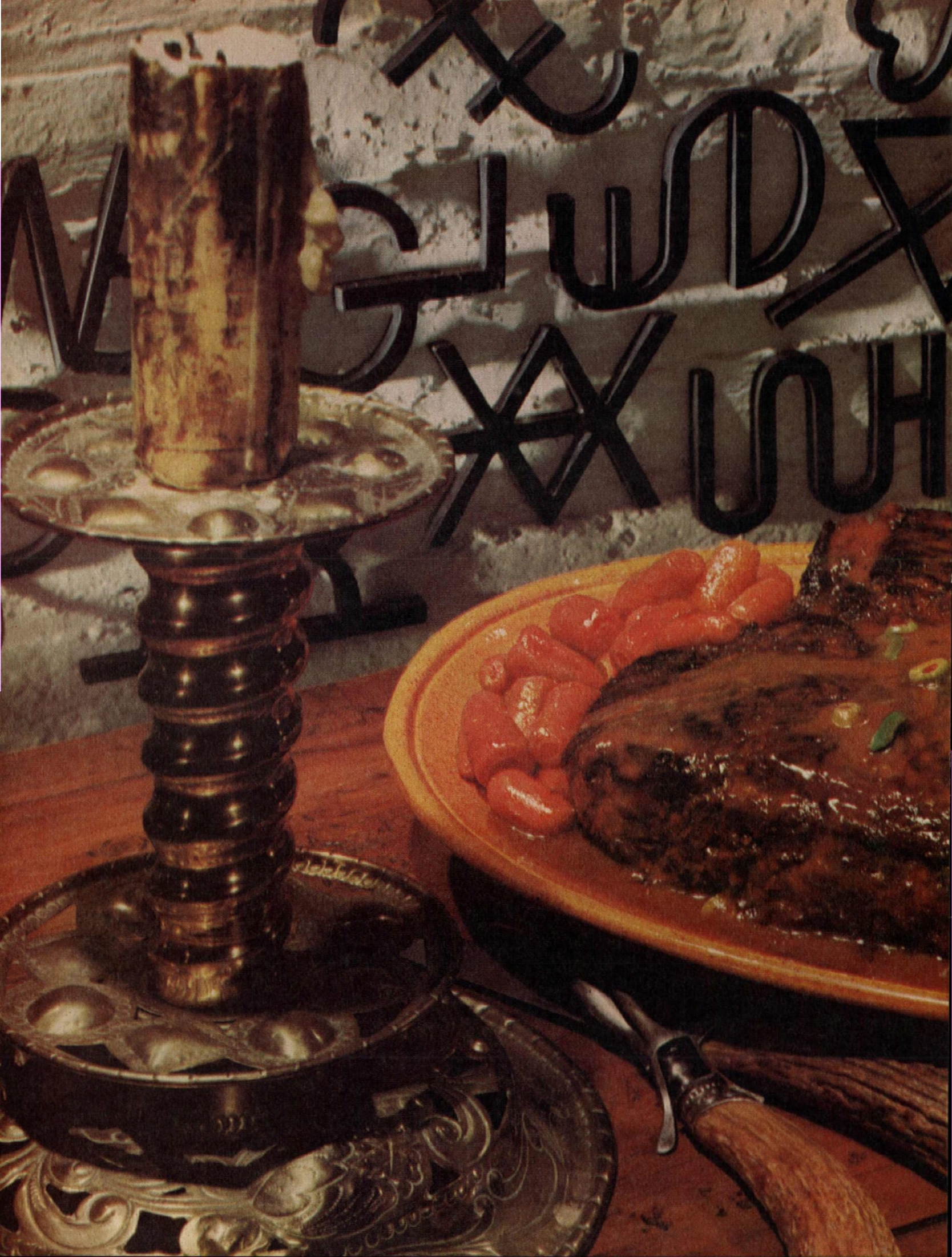
The shorter kinds should be planted 12-15″ apart, the taller ones 18-24″ apart if grown as bushes or 12-15″ apart if grown for large blooms on a few stems.

Before planting, spread fertilizer fairly generously on the soil and then turn it to a depth of about 6″. One-half to one pound of standard complete (continued on page 78)

***Garden mums are at their best** (left) when planted for mass effect. In this spectacular planting, the two anemone-flowered varieties in the left foreground are 'Medallion' and 'Maiko'; the two large-flowered pompons toward the right are 'Pink Dream' and 'Highlight.'*

Irwin Horowitz

■ Our bouquet of beautiful radishes is not really going to the ball. It's just our artful way of showing you the wonderful things you can do with the lowly radish. Served on an hors d'oeuvres tray, the radish is almost too pretty to pluck! In the shape of corkscrews, roses, or peppermints, they add a peppery dash to a platter of cold meats or give authoritative spice and color to salads. How-to's on page 58



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CHUCK WAGON STEAK!

Chuck Wagon Steak is a Swiss steak—only better! Spiced with barbecue sauce, green peppers, and olives, it's a delicious way to vary this low-cost meal.

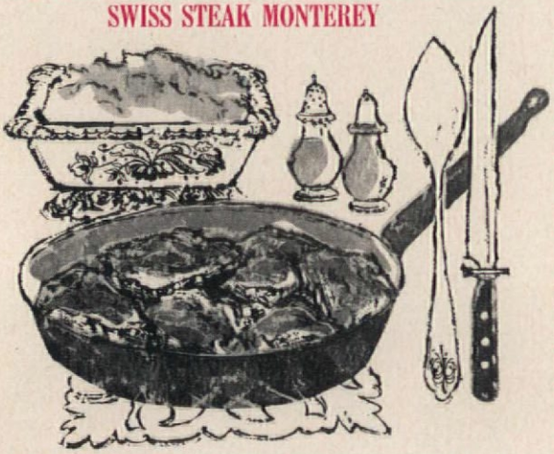
George Lazarnick

You may know it as Swiss steak. But our prairie version of this all-time favorite is the best he-man eatin' ever! We take a less-tender slice of beef—it can be chuck or round, anywhere from one-half to two inches thick—and brown it ever so slowly in the skillet. Then we add beef broth, barbecue sauce, and chili powder and cover it tighter than an Indian drum. Along about an hour later we toss in the green peppers and olives and let 'er simmer again till it's lip-smacking good. For five other versions of our delectable, economical Swiss steak, turn to the recipes on page 50.

Swiss Steak

(pictured in color on pages 48 and 49)

SWISS STEAK MONTEREY



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SWISS STEAK MONTEREY

Preparation time: 25 min.
Cooking time: 2–2½ hrs.

2-2½ lbs. round or chuck steak
⅓ c. flour
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. garlic salt
¼ tsp. pepper
3 tbs. pure vegetable oil or shortening
2 cans (8 oz. each) tomato sauce
1 envelope dehydrated onion soup mix
1 c. (½ pt.) dairy sour cream

● Cut meat into serving-size pieces. Combine flour, salt, garlic salt, and pepper; rub or pound into all sides of meat. Heat oil or shortening in heavy skillet or Dutch oven; brown meat well on all sides. Add tomato sauce and onion soup mix; cover. Simmer 2 to 2½ hours, or until meat is tender. Remove meat; keep warm. Skim fat from gravy, if necessary; stir sour cream slowly into gravy; reheat just until hot; return meat. Serve with hot mashed poatotes, if desired.

Makes 6 servings *813 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins B, C*

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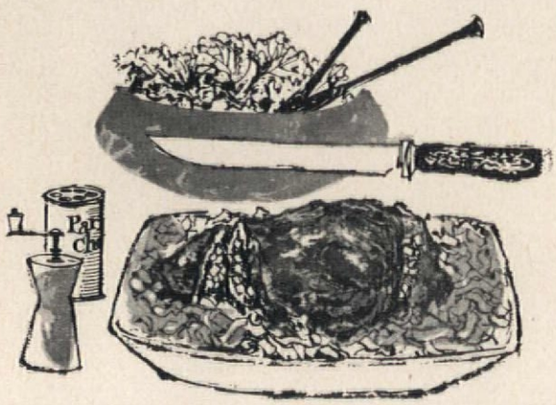
ITALIAN STUFFED BRAISED STEAK



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ITALIAN STUFFED BRAISED STEAK

Preparation time: 30 min.
Cooking time: 2–2½ hrs.

¼ c. chopped celery
¼ c. diced carrots
½ c. sliced onion (1 med.)
1 tsp. seasoned salt
¼ tsp. black pepper
2-2½ lbs. round or chuck steak
¼ c. flour
3 tbs. pure vegetable oil or shortening
1 tsp. oregano
2 c. tomato juice
¼ c. grated Parmesan cheese
2 tbs. chopped parsley

● Combine celery, carrots, onion, salt, and pepper. Place mixture on half the steak; fold other half over filling. Skewer and tie with clean white string to enclose filling. Rub or pound flour well into all outside surfaces of meat. Heat oil or shortening in heavy skillet or Dutch oven; brown steak well on all sides. Add oregano and tomato juice; cover; simmer 2 to 2½ hours or until meat is tender. Place meat on serving platter; remove skewers and string; keep warm. Skim fat from gravy, if necessary. Add Parmesan cheese and parsley; reheat; pour over steak.

Makes 6 servings *823 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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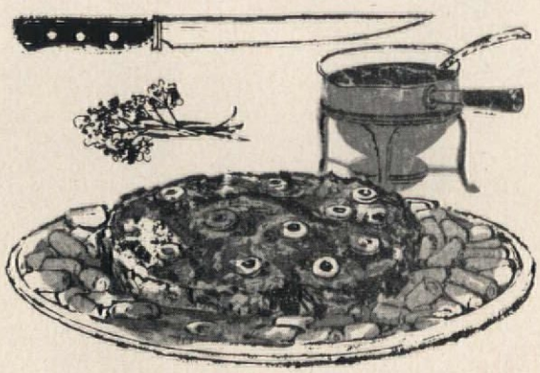
CHUCK WAGON STEAK



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CHUCK WAGON STEAK

Preparation time: 25 min.
Cooking time: 2–2½ hrs.

⅓ c. flour
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
2-2½ lbs. round or chuck steak
3 tbs. pure vegetable oil or shortening
1 can (14½ oz.) undiluted beef broth
½ c. water
½ c. bottled barbecue sauce
1 tsp. chili powder
1 green pepper, diced
½ c. sliced stuffed olives

● Mix flour, salt, and pepper together; rub or pound mixture well into both sides of meat. Heat oil or shortening in heavy skillet or Dutch oven; brown meat well on all sides. Blend beef broth, water, barbecue sauce, and chili powder; pour over meat; cover. Simmer 1 hour; add green pepper and olives; simmer 1 to 1½ hours longer, or until meat is tender. Skim any fat from gravy; thicken gravy, if desired.

Makes 6 servings *650 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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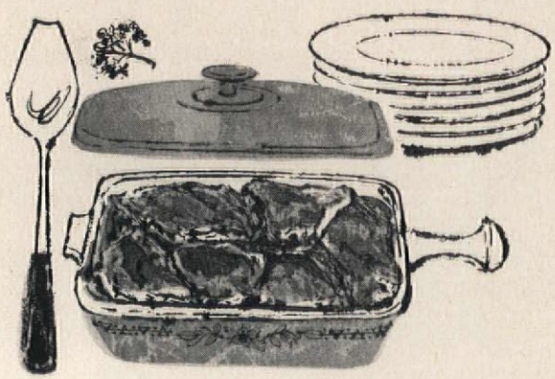
BRAISED BEEF, BROWN HORSERADISH GRAVY



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BRAISED BEEF, BROWN HORSERADISH GRAVY

Preparation time: 20 min.
Cooking time: 2–2½ hrs.

3 tbs. pure vegetable oil or shortening
1 clove of garlic, mashed
1 c. chopped onion (1 large)
2-2½ lbs. round or chuck steak
⅓ c. flour
1 tsp. seasoned salt
¼ tsp. black pepper
2 beef bouillon cubes
2½ c. boiling water
2 tbs. bottled horseradish

● Heat oil or shortening in heavy skillet or Dutch oven; sauté garlic and onion until tender; remove and reserve. Cut meat into serving-size pieces. Combine flour, salt, and pepper; rub or pound into all sides of meat. Brown meat well on all sides in remaining oil in skillet; remove to ovenproof casserole. Dissolve bouillon cubes in boiling water; add horseradish and sautéed onion and garlic; pour over meat; cover. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 2 to 2½ hours, or until meat is tender. Remove meat; keep warm; thicken gravy, if desired; return meat to casserole.

Makes 6 servings *633 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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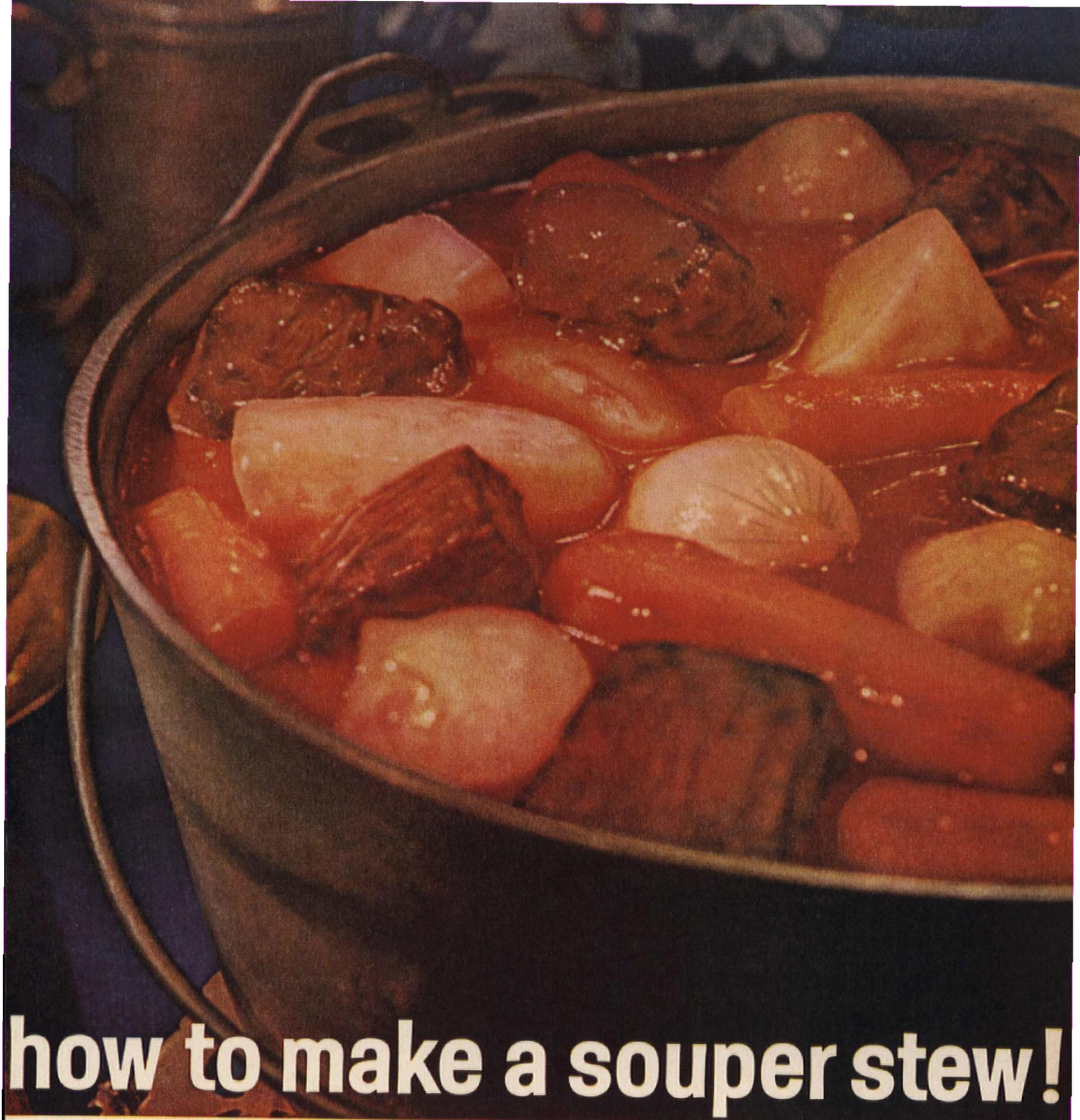

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Beef. Roll 1 lb. beef cubes in 2 tbsp. seasoned flour; brown in 2 tbsp. shortening in saucepan. Add 1 can Campbell's Tomato Soup, 1 soup can water. Cover; simmer 1½ hr.; stir now and then. Add 6 small onions, 6 med. carrots (halved), 3 med. potatoes (quartered), ¼ tsp. leaf thyme. Cover; cook 1 hr. or till vegetables are tender. To thicken, cook uncovered for last 10 min. 4 servings. Double recipe for heartier servings or a larger crowd. Look for other recipes on every can of Campbell's Soup.

Chicken. In saucepan, mix 1 can Campbell's Cream of Chicken Soup, 1 cup water, 1 cup sliced celery, 1 med. onion (quartered), 1 tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. poultry seasoning, ⅛ tsp. pepper; add a cut-up 4 to 5 lb. stewing chicken. Cover; simmer 1½ hr.; stir now and then. Add 4 med. potatoes (quartered), 6 med. carrots (cut up). Cover; cook 45 min. or till chicken and vegetables are tender. To thicken, blend ¼ cup flour, ½ cup water; slowly stir into stew. Cook 10 to 15 min.; stir often. 4 to 6 servings.

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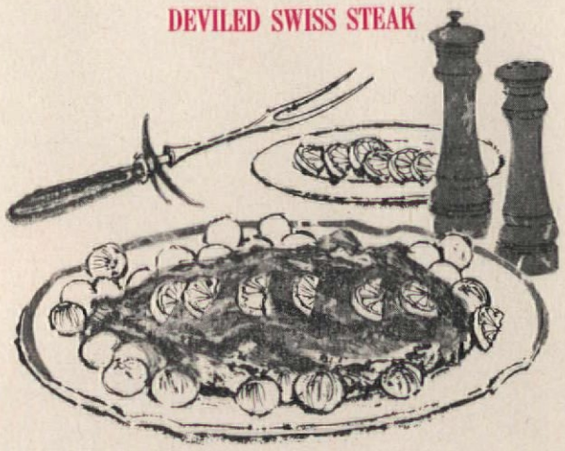
DEVILED SWISS STEAK



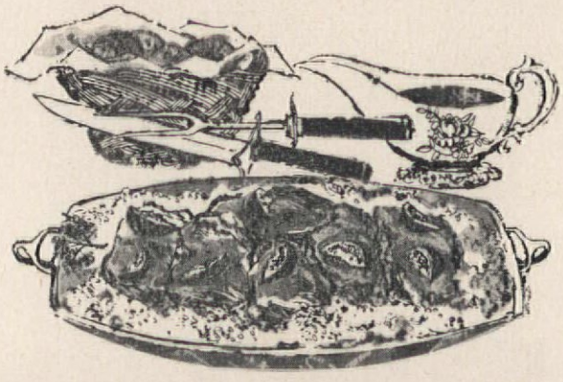
Preparation time: 20 min.
Cooking time: 2–2½ hrs.

3 tbs. pure vegetable oil or shortening
1 medium-sized onion, sliced
⅓ c. flour
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
2–2½ lbs. round or chuck steak
2 cans (1 lb. each) tomatoes
1 tbs. prepared mustard
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
Dash of bottled hot-pepper sauce
½ tsp. garlic powder
1 small lemon, sliced
1 tbs. brown sugar

● Heat oil or shortening in heavy skillet or Dutch oven; sauté onion until soft; remove and reserve. Combine flour, salt, and pepper; rub or pound into both sides of meat. Brown meat well on all sides in remaining oil. Add tomatoes, mustard, Worcestershire, pepper sauce, garlic powder, lemon, brown sugar, and sautéed onion; cover. Simmer 2 to 2½ hours, or until meat is tender. Remove meat to serving platter; keep warm. Thicken gravy if desired; pour over meat. Serve with additional lemon slices and garnish with parsley.

Makes 6 servings *667 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

BRAISED STEAK, INDONESIAN STYLE



Preparation time: 20 min.
Cooking time: 2–2½ hrs.

2-2½ lbs. round or chuck steak
⅓ c. flour
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
3 tbs. pure vegetable oil or shortening
1 can (14½ oz.) beef broth or consommé
½ tsp. garlic salt
½ tsp. ginger
2 tsp. curry powder
¼ c. chopped onion (1 small)
½ c. chutney
¼ c. raisins
2 tomatoes, peeled and quartered

● Cut meat into serving-size pieces. Mix flour, salt, and pepper together; rub or pound mixture well into all sides of meat. Heat oil or shortening in heavy skillet or Dutch oven; brown meat well. Add beef broth or consommé, garlic salt, ginger, curry powder, onion, chutney, and raisins; cover. Simmer 2 to 2½ hours, or until meat is tender; add tomatoes; simmer 5 minutes more. Serve over steaming hot rice, if desired.

Makes 6 servings *654 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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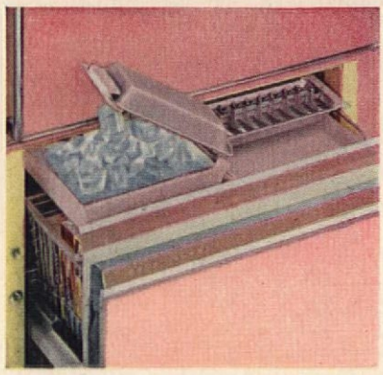

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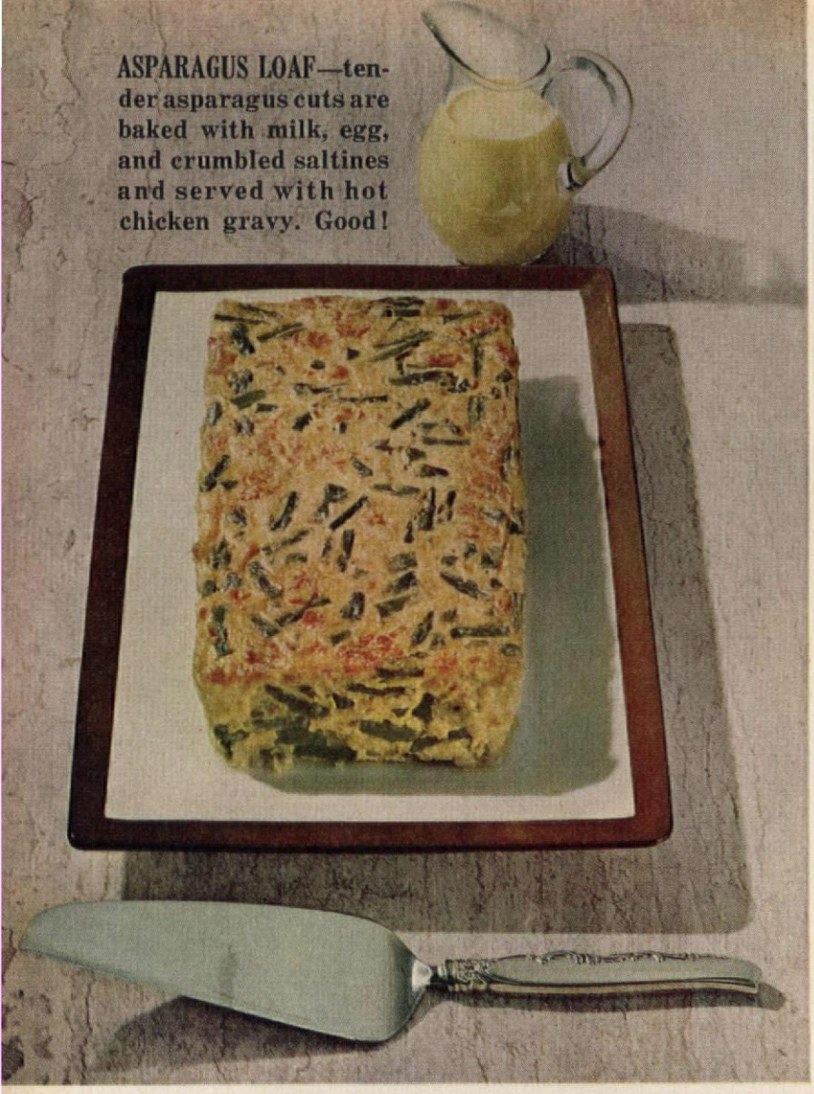
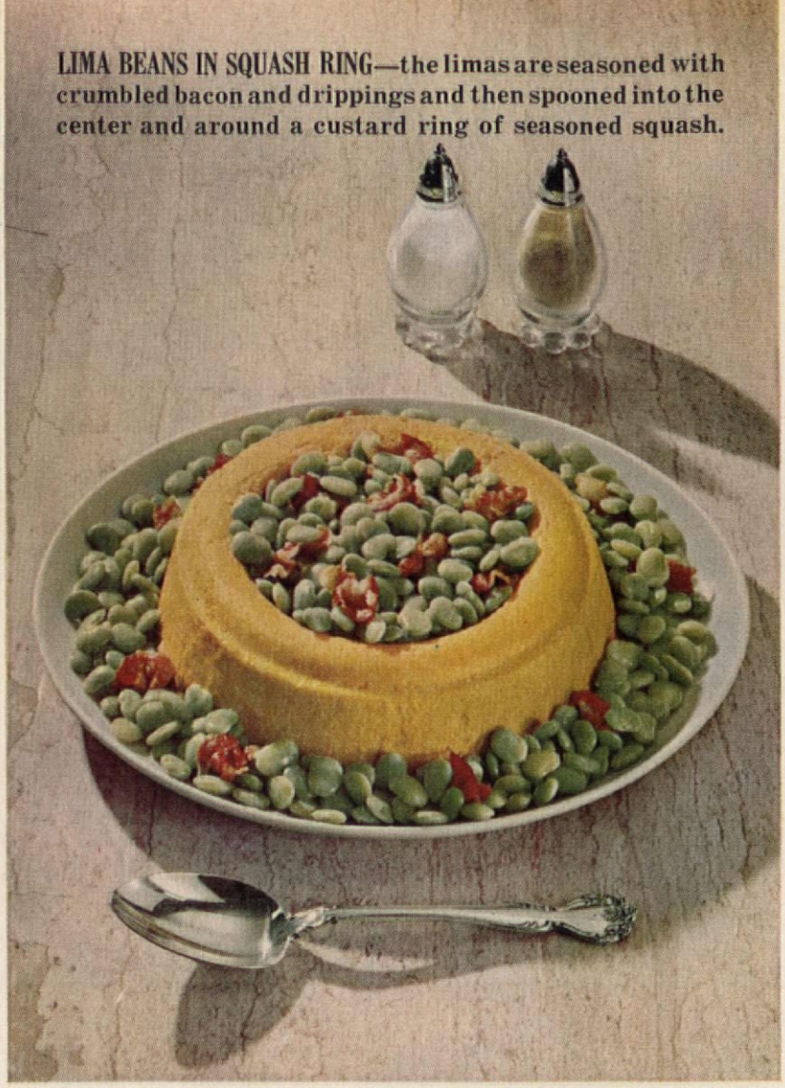
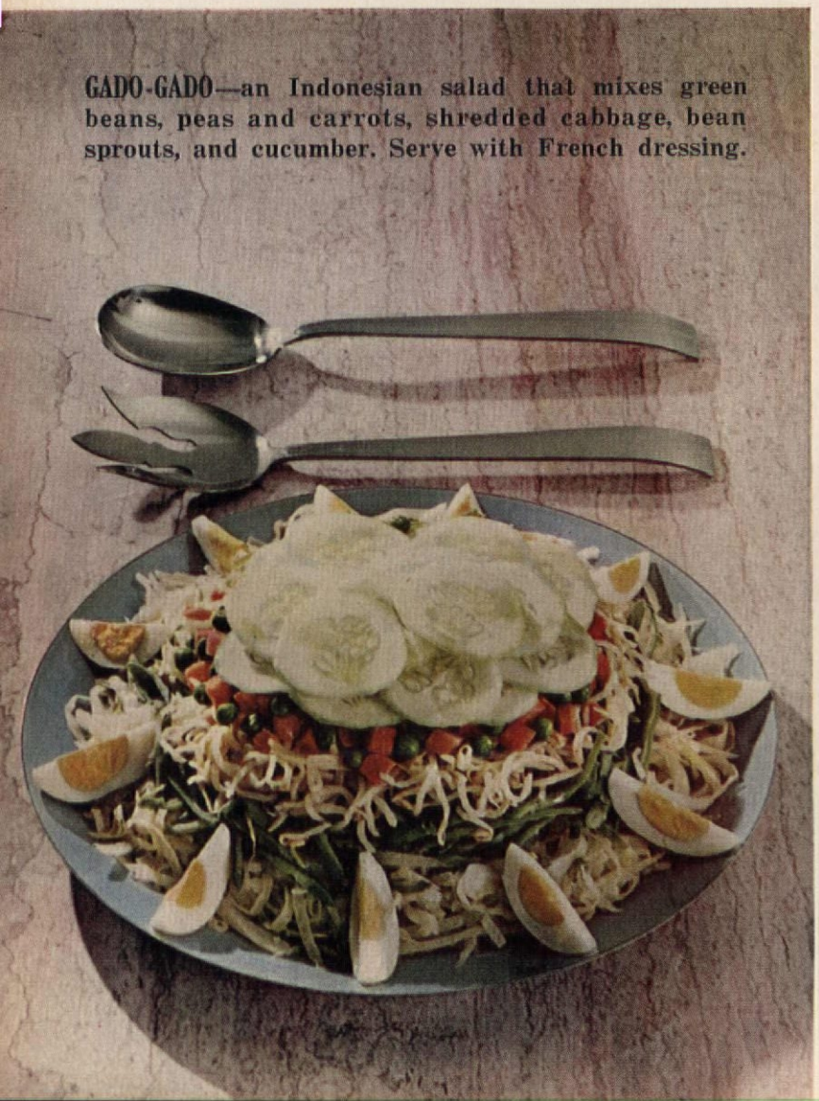
ASPARAGUS LOAF—tender asparagus cuts are baked with milk, egg, and crumbled saltines and served with hot chicken gravy. Good!



LIMA BEANS IN SQUASH RING—the limas are seasoned with crumbled bacon and drippings and then spooned into the center and around a custard ring of seasoned squash.



GADO-GADO—an Indonesian salad that mixes green beans, peas and carrots, shredded cabbage, bean sprouts, and cucumber. Serve with French dressing.

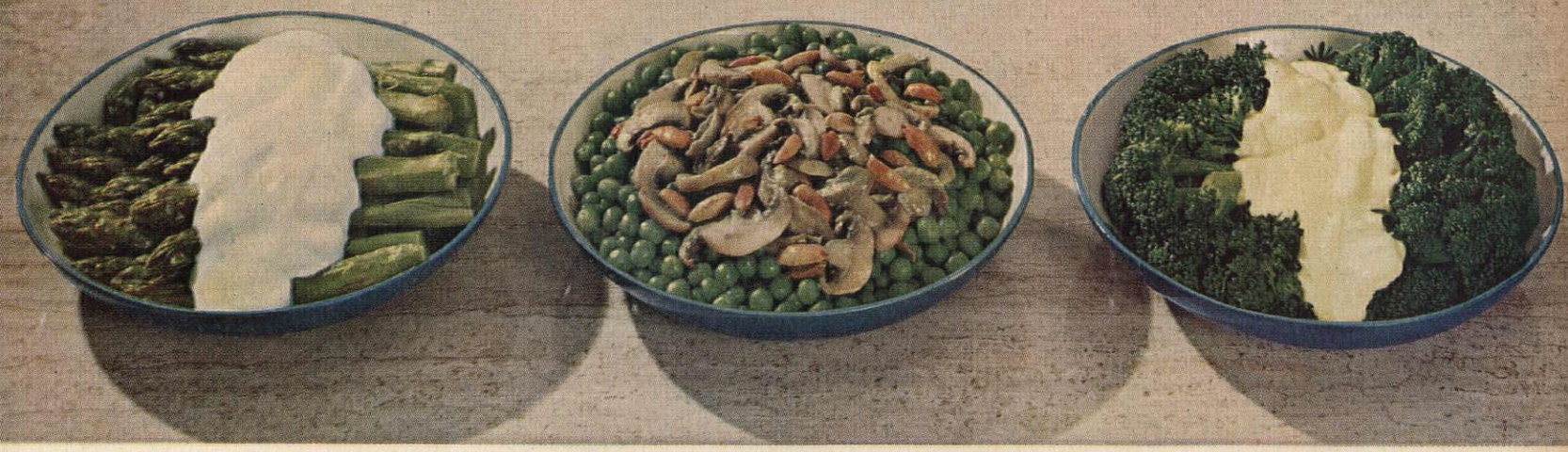


PORK CHOPS WITH SPINACH DUMPLINGS—a mixture of spinach, bread crumbs, egg, and Parmesan. Heap it on pork chops sautéed with onion, garlic, and mushrooms!

ASPARAGUS WITH DILL SAUCE—this sour cream sauce is also delicious with limas, spinach, or broccoli.

PEAS WITH ALMONDS AND MUSHROOMS—topping is also good with asparagus, cauliflower, or string beans.

BROCCOLI WITH MOCK HOLLANDAISE—made with melted butter, mayonnaise, and lemon juice.



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Find yourself serving frozen vegetables exactly the way you did the last time? It's time for a change! There are all sorts of ways to do something deliciously different with frozen vegetables!

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Or why not a new exciting topping—like dill sauce, almonds and mushrooms, mock hollandaise? And don't forget the almost limitless combinations you can work with frozen vegetables in turning out tempting salads!

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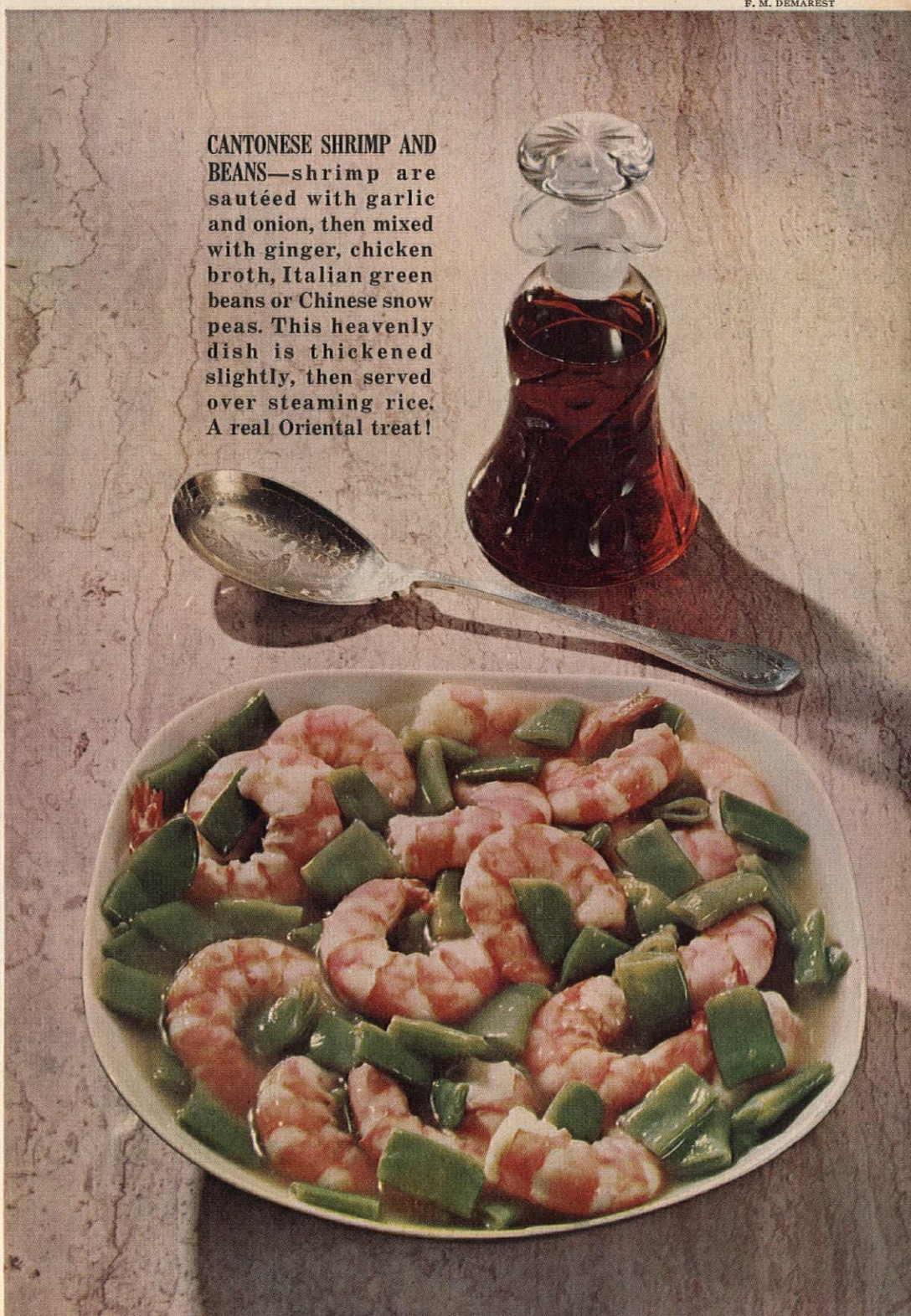
CANTONESE SHRIMP AND BEANS—shrimp are sautéed with garlic and onion, then mixed with ginger, chicken broth, Italian green beans or Chinese snow peas. This heavenly dish is thickened slightly, then served over steaming rice. A real Oriental treat!



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so you are on a diet

Pencils ready? It's time to calculate your daily calorie quota if you'd like to whittle away pounds.

If you are moderately active, you need about 15 calories per pound to maintain your desired weight. For example, to tip the scales at 130 pounds, you should eat foods containing no more than 1950 calories daily (130x15 = 1950) If you are above this weight, you simply must cut down on your calorie intake.

To lose one pound a week, you must consume 500 fewer calories each day than if you were already at your desired weight. Here's how it goes:

130 pounds desired weight
x 15
1950 calories needed to maintain desired weight
−500
1450 calories daily to lose one pound per week

Doctors and nutritionists agree that it is unwise to try to lose more than two pounds a week. A man who normally eats about 2500 calories a day can cut 1000 calories and still get all the proteins, vitamins, and minerals he needs. A woman who normally eats only 2000 calories, however, can spare only 500 calories each day and still get the nutrition she needs. Don't be overambitious with your cut in calories, it's best to check with your doctor!

Below you'll find a menu for one day's meals that will allow you to juggle the calories for the weight-watchers in your family. Menus are built around two recipes—Asparagus Loaf and Swiss Steak Monterey that you'll find on pages 62 and 50.

WEIGHT-WATCHERS	Cal. Per Serving	BREAKFAST	Cal. Per Serving	NON-WATCHERS
½ medium	25	Cantaloupe	25	½ medium
1 egg served on	75	Poached Egg	150	2 eggs served on
1 thin slice of toast	50	Bread	100	1 slice buttered toast
Omit		Bacon	100	2 slices
With sugar substitute and skim milk	5	Coffee	80	With sugar and coffee cream
	155	Breakfast total	455	
		LUNCH		
½ cup	25	Tomato Juice Cocktail	25	½ cup
1 serving	197	Asparagus Loaf	197	1 serving
Omit		Cheese Sauce	150	
1 cup	25	Salad (tomato, lettuce, watercress)	25	1 cup
Use low-calorie dressing	5		100	Use French dressing
2 slices Melba toast	50	Bread	100 50	1 muffin with 1 pat of butter
No cream	50	Sliced Peach	100	With cream
1 glass skim milk or buttermilk	85	Milk	165	1 glass whole milk
	437	Lunch total	912	
		DINNER		
Without gravy	619	Swiss Steak Monterey	813	1 serving with gravy
½ cup	100	Mashed Potatoes	150	½ cup with 1 pat butter
½ cup	25	Carrots	50	1 cup
Vinegar dressing	15	Cucumber Salad	115	French dressing
1 cup, plain	100	Orange Whip	200	1 cup with custard sauce
With sugar substitute and skim milk	5	Coffee	80	With sugar and coffee cream
	864	Dinner total	1408	
	1456	Total day's calorie count	2775	

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He had some discolored metal kitchen cabinets in need of repainting plus a new ping-pong table made of plywood, which drinks up paint. Like all week-end painters, he was anxious to do the work quickly. From time to time, as a fellow commuter, he had heard us talk about B-I-N and its ability to prime or seal all kinds of interior surfaces. So he decided to give it a try.

Well, just the way the instructions say, he found it dried quickly. In only 45 minutes he was able to apply his final coat of paint. No waiting around for overnight drying. In fact he was able to handle the table while painting because B-I-N dries to the touch in only 15 minutes. This was a big help, believe us, because he's all thumbs. Not only did B-I-N adhere to the glossy metal cabinets without prior sanding, but it sealed the thirsty plywood table so well that putting on a finish coat of paint was like spreading cream. Those were his words, not ours. We are very low-key ourselves. In one Saturday afternoon he was through, undercoat and finish coat complete.

He wanted to know why we didn't tell home owners about B-I-N. Perfect for built-ins, he said, and anyone would like to complete a job in just one day. He sounded just like one of our ads that he'd never read. Today, like most professionals, he seldom paints without using B-I-N first. It's habit-forming. Why not write for our booklet "When and Where To Use A Primer-Sealer" (a sly document designed to give you the B-I-N habit).

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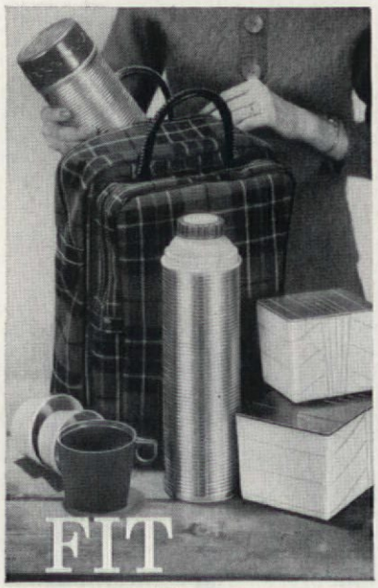

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How to Cut a Beautiful Radish

(pictured in color on pages 46 and 47)

Wash radishes; remove all but tuft of leaves; cut off roots. After "sculpturing" radishes in your favorite design, chill them over ice or in refrigerator until petals open.

1. Pare and remove a curved piece from top of radish. Cut thin slices, not quite through to stem.

2. Cut thin slice from each side of radish; remove top. On opposite sides, cut 3 thin slices almost through to stem.

3. Score around radish with fine corrugated knife or cutter. Cut thin slice on each side almost to stem to form petals.

4. Slice top straight across. Cut straight down on each side almost to stem end.

5. Pare radish in wide strip across center. Slice on 2 sides almost through to bottom.

6. Score diagonally with fine corrugated knife or cutter.

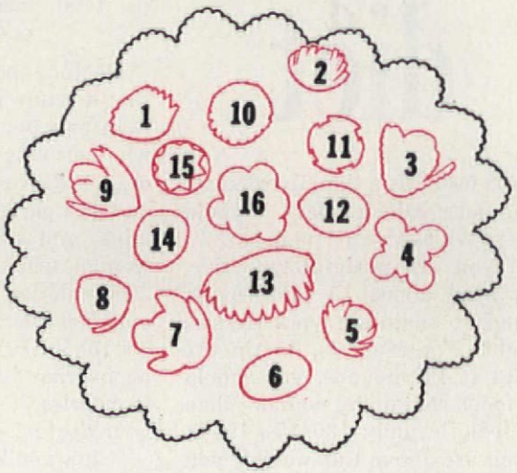
7. Trim and pare radish top. Cut 5 petals almost through to stem.

8. Prepare the same as 2.

9. Score lengthwise with fine corrugated knife or cutter. Cut slice on each side almost to stem.

10 Make crosswise cuts, quite close together, almost to bottom.

11 Slice off top of radish. Cut 2 thin slices on each side almost to stem; make second cut inside and between first cuts.



12. Slice radish lengthwise; make slices equidistant, cutting almost through to opposite side.

13. Cut radish crosswise into thin slices, not quite through to stem end.

14. Pare narrow band across top of radish. Make several thin slices on either side almost through to bottom.

15. Slice off top of radish. Cut in sawtooth design around top.

16. Cut as for number 7. For a fuller-petaled rose, tuck in extra petals sliced from another radish.

Family Table

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You sit around it, the antique black walnut table that your husband bought with a bunch of junk furniture and lovingly refinished years ago. It took him months to complete that single project, so carefully did he sand and plane and varnish and wax, until its surface was smooth as glass and hard as stone. It will take the hottest dish and survive the roughest blows. How many meals have been served there? You sometimes wonder, getting down plates to set it another time. How many birthday cakes and Thanksgiving turkeys and Christmas dinners has it known? How many kites have littered its broad expanse, how many model planes and scrapbooks and doll clothes? And you think back to all those other people who came to this table before you. The women, busy at their humble kitchen tasks before clearing it to set it for supper. The men who sat down to carve. And the children, the many children, excited about their birthday parties, their May basket surprises, their news about love affairs or school. People drawn together at a sturdy table. And you think of the laughter and the tears and the arguments and stormy scenes this table has known. They are its essence, a part of it like its grain. And it is this which gives an antique its true value and meaning. It is old and warm and wise with living. It is like a person who grows more beautiful with age.

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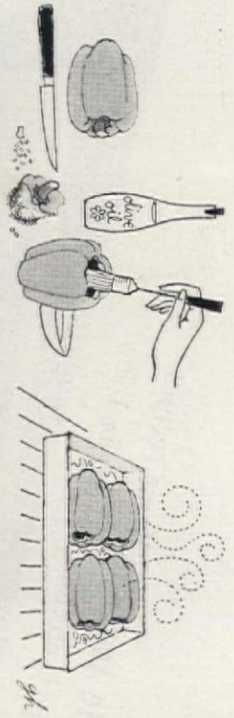
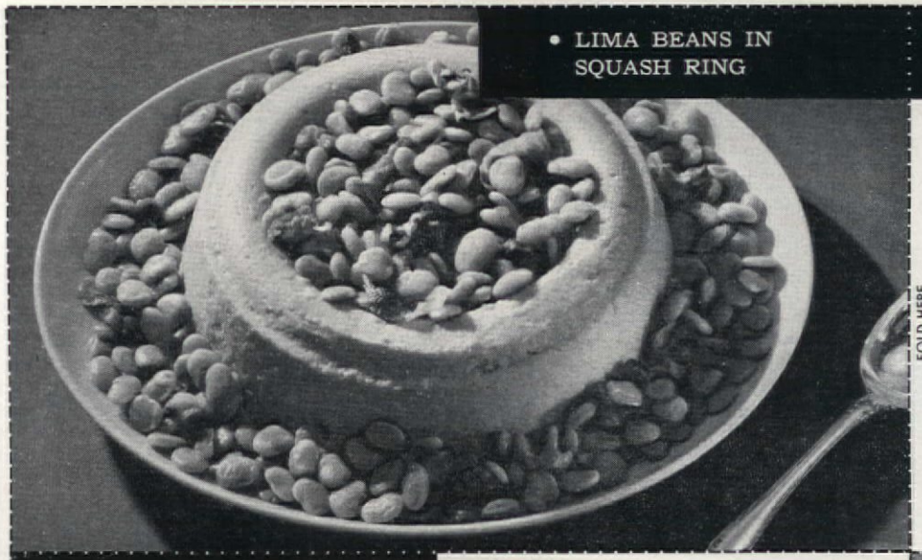


For stuffed green peppers, brush seeded peppers inside with olive oil, place in baking pan with more oil. Bake, turning until softened. Stuff and bake, using your favorite recipe.



• LIMA BEANS IN SQUASH RING

Preparation time: 20 min.
Baking time: 1 hr.

2 pkg. (10 oz. each) frozen squash
¼ c. butter or margarine
1 tsp. salt
3 eggs, well beaten
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen baby lima beans
3 slices bacon

● Cut block of frozen squash into chunks, or defrost completely. Combine butter or margarine, salt, and squash in medium-sized saucepan; heat until piping hot, stirring often. Blend hot squash mixture slowly into beaten eggs. Pour into greased 1-quart ring mold; place mold in pan of hot water. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 1 hour, or until firm. Loosen top edge of ring with small knife or spatula; turn out onto hot serving plate. While squash is baking, cook lima beans according to package directions; drain; keep warm. Cook bacon until crisp; crumble; reserve drippings. Add bacon and drippings to lima beans; spoon into center of squash ring.

Makes 6 servings *215 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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• CANTONESE SHRIMP AND BEANS

Preparation time: 15 min.
Cooking time: 12 min.

3 tbs. pure vegetable oil
1½ lbs. shrimp, shelled and deveined
1 clove of garlic, mashed
¼ c. thinly sliced green onions
½ tsp. ginger
1 tsp. salt
Dash of pepper
1 c. chicken broth
or 1 chicken bouillon cube dissolved in 1 c. boiling water
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen Italian green beans
1 tbs. cornstarch
1 tbs. cold water

● Heat oil in skillet; sauté shrimp, garlic, and green onions 5 minutes; stir in ginger, salt, pepper, chicken broth, and beans; cover; simmer 6 minutes. Combine cornstarch with cold water; stir into shrimp mixture; simmer 1 minute longer. Serve on bed of steaming hot rice, if desired. *1 package frozen Chinese snow peas may be used instead of beans. To substitute: simmer shrimp 5 minutes; add snow peas; simmer 2 minutes longer.

Makes 6 servings *139 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B*

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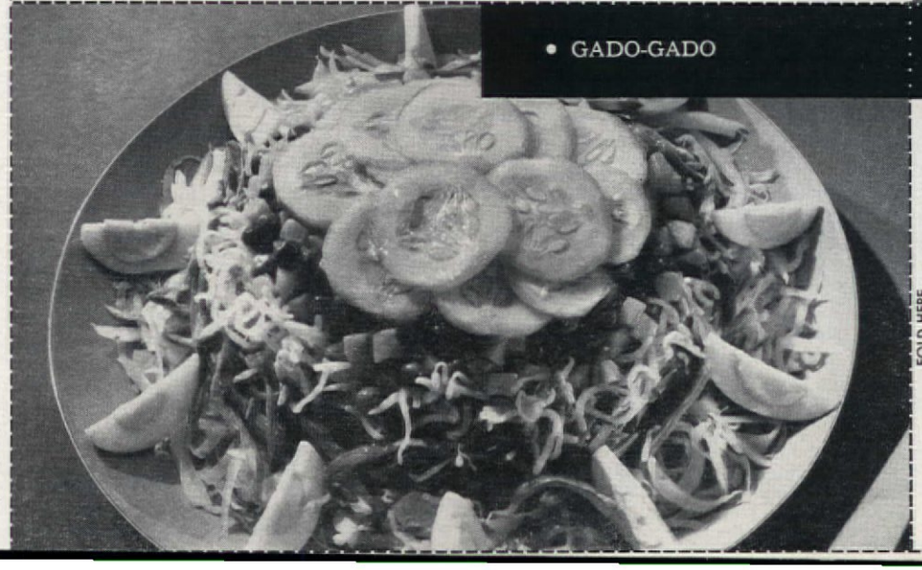

• GADO-GADO

Preparation time: 10 min.
Cooking time: 10 min.

2 c. (¼ small head) shredded cabbage
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen French-style green beans
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen peas and carrots
1 can (1 lb.) bean sprouts
1 cucumber, thinly sliced
2 hard-cooked eggs
French dressing

● Simmer cabbage in boiling salted water 2 minutes; drain. Cook green beans and peas and carrots according to package directions; drain. Simmer bean sprouts in can liquid 2 minutes; drain. Chill vegetables until serving time. Arrange vegetables on large serving plate in layers as follows: cabbage, green beans, bean sprouts, peas and carrots, and cucumbers. Garnish with sections of hard-cooked eggs. Serve with French dressing. Salad may be served on cooked rice if a heartier salad is desired.

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• PORK CHOPS WITH SPINACH DUMPLINGS

Preparation time: 30 min.
Cooking time: 1 hr., 15 min.

6 pork chops
2 tbs. fat
½ c. chopped onion (1 med.)
1 clove of garlic, mashed
3 c. tomato juice
1 can (3–4 oz.) mushroom pieces and stems
½ tsp. thyme
½ tsp. marjoram
½ tsp. rosemary
1 tsp. sugar
1 tsp. salt
Dash of pepper
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, cooked and drained
1 c. fine dry bread crumbs
½ tsp. salt
1 egg
1 tbs. melted butter or margarine
¼ c. grated Parmesan cheese

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● Brown chops in hot fat in skillet; remove; keep warm. Pour off all but 1 tablespoon of fat; sauté onion and garlic in fat until soft. Add tomato juice, mushrooms, thyme, marjoram, rosemary, sugar, 1 teaspoon salt, and pepper; mix well. Return chops to skillet; cover; simmer 30 minutes. Combine cooked spinach, bread crumbs, ½ teaspoon salt, egg, butter or margarine, and cheese. Place a mound of spinach mixture on each chop; cover skillet; simmer 15 to 20 minutes. Serve with additional cheese, if desired.

Makes 6 servings *444 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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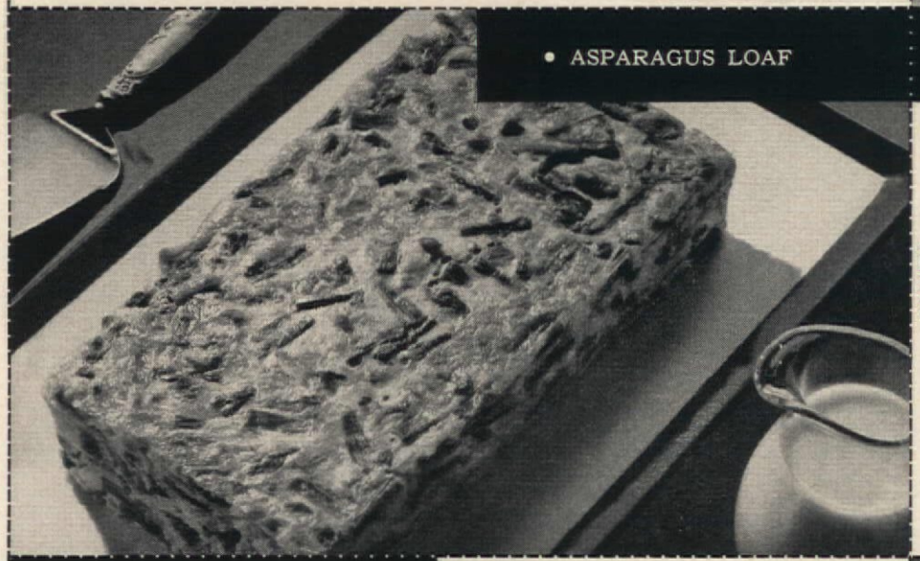

• ASPARAGUS LOAF

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Preparation time: 25 min.
Baking time: 30 min.

4 tbs. melted butter or margarine
1 c. coarsely crumbled saltine crackers
2 eggs, slightly beaten
2 c. hot milk
½ tsp. salt
Dash of pepper
2 tsp. grated onion
2 pkg. (10 oz. each) frozen asparagus cuts, cooked and drained

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● Line 9x5x3-inch loaf pan with strip of aluminum foil; butter well. Sauté crackers in butter or margarine until golden brown. Combine eggs, milk, salt, pepper, and onion; mix well; add cooked asparagus and sautéed crackers; pour into prepared pan. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 30 minutes, or until knife inserted 1 inch from edge of pan comes out clean. Serve with hot canned chicken gravy, hot cheese sauce, or canned mushroom soup diluted with ⅓ cup of milk.

Makes 6 servings *197 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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• TOPPINGS FOR VEGETABLES

MOCK HOLLANDAISE SAUCE: Heat 2 tbs. melted butter or margarine, 1 c. mayonnaise or salad dressing, and 2 to 4 tbs. lemon juice just until hot; do not boil. Serve on broccoli, asparagus, or Brussels sprouts.

Makes 6 servings *184 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins, A, B, C*

ALMOND-MUSHROOM TOPPING: Sauté ¼ c. slivered blanched almonds in ⅓ c. butter or margarine until golden brown; remove. Sauté ¼ lb. mushrooms, sliced in remaining butter or margarine 5 minutes, or until tender; add almonds. Serve on peas, asparagus, broccoli, cauliflower, or green beans.

Makes 6 servings *138 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B*

DILL SAUCE: Heat 1 c. dairy sour cream, 2 tbs. melted butter or margarine, and 1 tsp. dry dill weed or 2 tsp. finely chopped fresh dill just until hot; do not boil. Serve on asparagus, Lima beans, spinach, green beans, Brussels sprouts, or broccoli.

Makes 6 servings *196 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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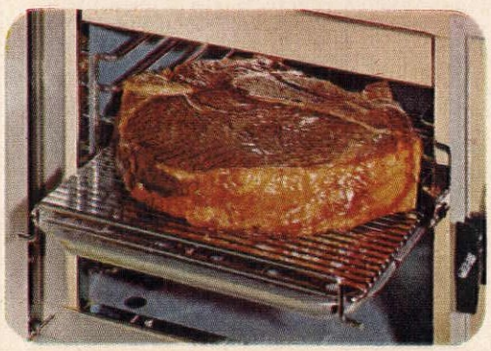

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At Home With Shirley Temple

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cent sky blue, 40 per cent green, and 20 per cent dark blue. He handled the colors very well."

An exhaust fan concealed in the hood above the hearth operates through a metal stack that serves as the center pole of the carousel. Skylights surround the stack and give the blue exposed-beam ceiling a light, airy feeling. Seven glass globe lighting fixtures are suspended from the ceiling like toy balloons.

A semicircular snack bar contains a cabinet refrigerator, a range, and a sink.

"It's a very efficient little house and I've had a lot of fun decorating it. I was lucky to find these Italian torch lamps," she said, pointing out a pair of handsome lighting fixtures attached to the wall behind the bar.

"Over here we have a very old Spanish tapestry. An informal house like this gives you a chance to use unusual things. Off here to the right we have our guest room with its own bath. I used olive green glass tile in the bath. The wood frame mirror above the sink is something I've had for years. The lamps on either side are bronze. I got them when an old hotel was being torn down in San Francisco. I think they pair up very well with the antique-gold faucets—something old in a modern setting often gives a smart effect.

"But you want to see our home itself, let's go around to the front," said Shirley, walking back toward the house.

"Do your children enjoy your live TV shows more than they do reruns of your old movies?"

"Yes, that's one reason why I decided to accept a show. Charlie and the kids wanted to see me as I *am*," she said. "Television is fun and I enjoy doing it, provided I'm not away from home more than three days a month. When the producer came up with 'The Shirley Temple Storybook' idea I thought it was so good I couldn't resist it. When it was changed to the 'Shirley Temple Show' we broadened the format. We're doing worth-while things, so I stay on. But I'd drop TV tomorrow if Charlie or the children thought it was getting to be too much. My husband and my children come first."

The Blacks' home is a T-shaped, Pacific style, redwood ranch house on a quiet street in a long-established section of Atherton.

"Ours is one of several houses recently built on an estate that was subdivided. We have an acre. We bought this house while it was under construction—about six years ago.

"During the Korean War, we lived in Bethesda, Maryland. Charlie, a commander in the Navy, was stationed at the Pentagon.

"When we left Bethesda, we packed the car and started for home—California. We took our time and had a picnic lunch by the side of the road every day. We enjoyed that trip tremendously and the kids still talk about it. When we arrived here, we found this lovely home for sale. It's just about 10 minutes from Charlie's office in Redwood City; he's Director of Financial Relations for the Ampex Corporation."

OUR HOME

Shirley now stood in front of the house, surveying the foundation plantings.

"We have a part-time gardener but Charlie and I like to take care of it ourselves. Looks like we'll have to get busy out here.

"We had thought of buying a house on a hill so we'd have a view, but now we're glad we didn't. See all those roller-skate marks on the drive? And there are more of them on the patio. While the children are young, they have plenty of room to skate and ride their bikes; that's impossible on some of the hills around here."

She entered the living room.

"Someone called this color café au lait—that's a nice name for it, isn't it? I've combined it with this deep purple and touches of green and blue. Yes, why don't you try this chair?

"Charlie says that it's the most comfortable chair he's ever had. You should tell your readers: Be sure your husband sits in the chair before you buy it."

"You're an interior decorator. Have you done much work recently?"

"No, I've been a little busy with three children, a few charities, and TV. But I like to do an occasional job when friends ask me."

"Those are ship lanterns, aren't they?"

"Oh, yes," she said. "Nineteenth century. We used them on the gateposts of our home in Bethesda, then had them converted to table lamps. Charlie likes the nautical touch.

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"One of the finest things we have is this Japanese obi," she said, fingering a length of brocade that hung from floor to ceiling on the fireplace wall. "The ladies of the royal palaces wore the obi around their waists. This one is woven with a 14-karat gold thread.

"And here's a pair of Japanese stirrups that my parents brought back from a trip. They date from the year 1650. Over the fireplace is a gouache that was given to us by producer Henry Jaffe. It's an Indian deity in temple robes—late 18th century.

"And where the plaster is stained up there at the ceiling," she chuckled, "we have a 20th century leak in the roof that needs repairing."

THE STUDY

The study, which opens onto the patio, has one wall paneled with redwood, one with burlap in a warm cocoa shade. There's a large fireplace with copper hood and raised hearth. Well-stocked bookshelves fill the opposite wall. Shirley called attention to a painting above the television console.

"That's antique Tibetan," she said. "Yama, the god of health—late 17th century. I'm sure of all these dates because I've just checked them on a list the company gave me when they insured our furnishings."

She passed through a swinging door to the kitchen.

"I like this U-shaped arrangement—it's efficient," she said, surveying the beige counter tops, tile floor, and light oak cabinets.

"And it's very pleasant here in the morning," she said, entering the breakfast nook, which has a six-foot-wide, floor-to-ceiling window that makes the garden part of the room.

THE DINING ROOM

"And we get the same effect in the dining room," she said.

The dining room is an excellent example of Shirley's sense of proportion. A lightly scaled round Oriental dining table with four cane-back chairs, a K'anghsi style server, and a traditional china cabinet give this rather small room a spacious look. Walls are painted a sea green and set off to advantage the dark oak flooring.

Shirley is especially proud of her collection of fine demitasse cups, her bone china, and the colorful lacquerware she purchased in Hawaii.

THE CHILDREN'S ROOMS

"This is Susan's room," she said, pausing at the door of a pleasant bedroom that overlooks the patio. "Susan is 13 and in the eighth grade. The children will be home from school soon.

"And this is little Charlie's room. The chair and the desk were in my bungalow at the Fox Studio when I was working in pictures. I had a little home of my own on the lot because my parents and Winfield Sheehan, head of the studio, wanted me to live as normal a life as possible when I was not in front of the cameras.

"This is Lori's room. She's 7 and in first grade and is crazy about dolls, as you can see. She's our youngest; it's a delightful age.

MASTER BEDROOM

"And here's our room," she said, entering the soft blue master bedroom which is carpeted in white wool and opens to the patio through glass doors.

"Our bedroom also serves as a study," she said, crossing to a huge old roll-top desk. "Charlie found this in Boston some years ago. It's about 80 years old and was in bad condition. We had it refinished and added new drawer pulls. It may look a little out of place in this room, but it's a very practical piece—an office in itself.

"This ornate French clock is something I wanted when I was 21," she laughed. "My taste has changed a lot since then. When my parents asked what I wanted for my birthday, this was the sort of thing I liked at the time. It's bronze, 18th century."

The large bookcase-headboard, which serves as a partial wall for the dressing room behind it, is filled with many current books.

"We have a nice collection of glass paperweights," she said, selecting one from a dozen on a window sill. "Friends sent them to me years ago from all over the world. This is just part of the collection. It includes Japanese, Early American, and European pieces."

The big boxer, who had been watching her through the window, suddenly bounded off toward the front of the house.

"The children are home," she said, leading the way to the front door. Susan and Lori trooped in, followed by Charlie. They kissed their mother, excused themselves, and made a beeline for the kitchen.

"They're like all kids—hungry when they get home. I'm thankful for their good health. That's what we want for them—a normal childhood and a sense of humor to get them over the rough spots. They're not raised by (continued)

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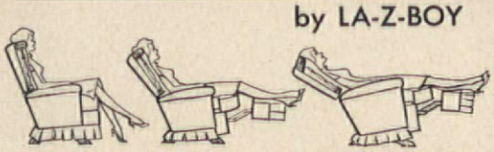

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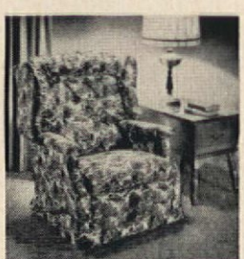

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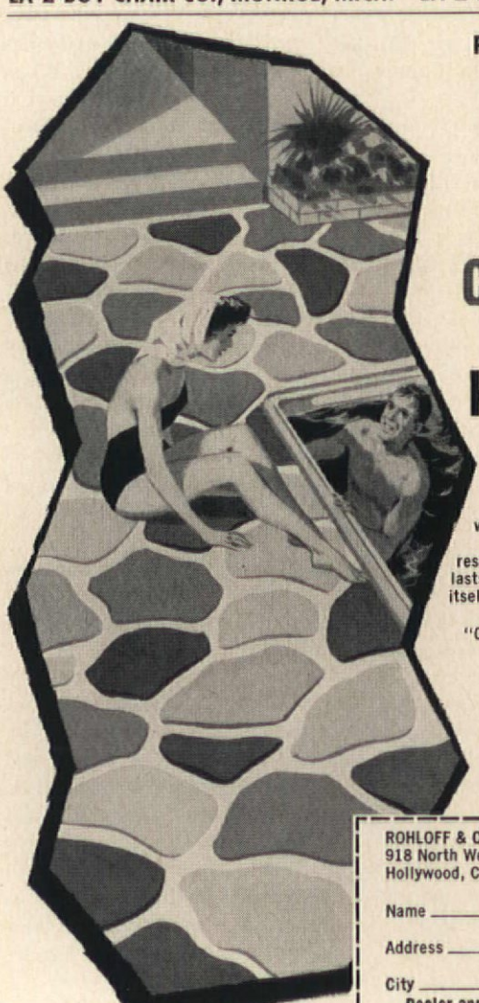

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"The charity that gets most of my time these days is the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. I'm national chairman and the correspondence is quite heavy. Why multiple sclerosis? My older brother George was hit by it 10 years ago, so I know what it's like."

"Was it your brother's illness that got you interested in helping the handicapped?"

"Well, actually I started doing volunteer work during World War II. Then in 1948 I worked with spastic and palsied children as a clinical assistant in the speech therapy department of Orthopedic Hospital in Los Angeles. But I think I really learned what it's like to be sick in 1952—when Charlie was born.

"There were complications, and once you've been practically at death's door, things look different to you. After that, whatever you can do to help others isn't just a hobby; it's one of the most worthwhile and sensible ways you can use your time and your good health.

"When something like that happens to you, your husband, children, and home are what count."

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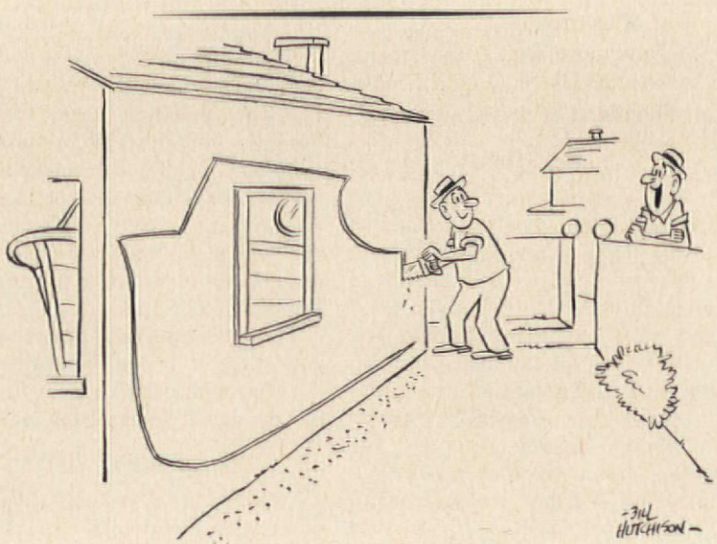

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Pools

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hardened, forms can be unbolted. This results in lower costs to the home owner than he can get with the conventional form method of construction. Poured concrete pools in the 15x30′ size, cost about $3000–$4000.

Plastic liner pools were the third most popular in 1960 making up 12.7 per cent of the total new residential pools. A rectangular liner is fitted into a prepared excavation with rigid walls—usually a concrete block shell. Installation is simple, since the shell does not have to be waterproof; the liner is the waterproof barrier. Painting is not necessary; upkeep costs less. A 15x30′ pool of this type costs about $2500.

There are several other type pools. Metal pools are good, but they require specialized knowledge and not every pool contractor is equipped to install them. These are built of either steel or aluminum. Prices for 15x30′ metal pools generally run from $3500–$4500.

Fiber-glass pools are made of color-impregnated polyester resin and fiber-glass matting and require no painting and little maintenance other than normal cleaning. The pool itself is completely fabricated at the factory and delivered to the site in sections. A fiberglass pool, 15x30′, will cost from $2000 to $4000.

Two other types of residential pools are concrete block and tile finished. Actually, the tile is only an interior finish and construction is similar to that of the poured or pneumatically applied concrete type. Tile is generally not used in northern climates since an expensive frost-proof type would be needed. However, tile is unquestionably the finest type of interior finish.

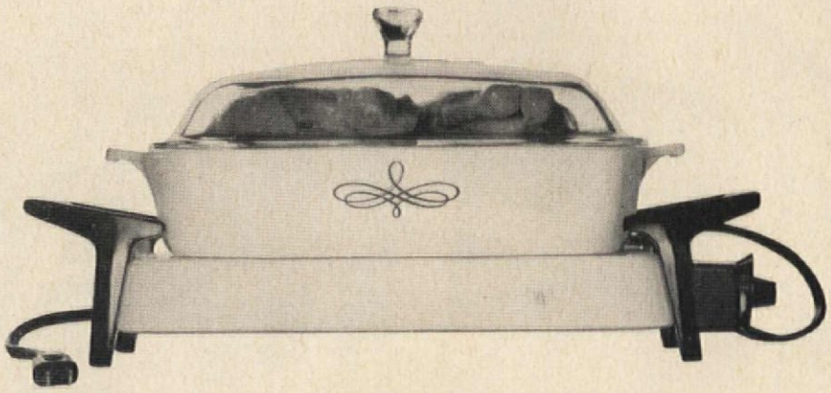
PLANNING YOUR POOL

Once you've decided on the type pool you want, you'll have to choose the location for it, decide on size and shape, and determine whether it's to be heated. You should also plan whatever landscaping or other additional work you want done at the same time that your pool is installed.

Location. It's not always easy to choose the right location. On today's small lots the pool generally must be near the house (often tied in with your other outdoor living area). In fact many pool owners prefer to have the pool as near the house as possible. As one pool owner told us, "Just having the pool right outside our living room and dining room doors is very pleasant. It is our summertime center of interest, just as the fireplace is our wintertime focal point."

You will have to check your property deed restrictions to see how far from your property line the pool must be. You should consult your pool contractor on problems relating to soil conditions, the existence of hard rock, underground utility lines, and drainage conditions.

Location of utilities necessary to the operation of your pool is another factor. You'll need a nearby source of water, electricity, and a disposal for backwash water for certain types of filters. Your pool should also be placed so that no water will drain into it from the surrounding surface. It should be in a sunny area, well away from trees, since falling leaves will create maintenance problems.



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Size and shape. You next must decide on the size, shape, and depth pool you want. Size may be dictated by the amount of space available and should also be determined by the number of people who will be using the pool. As a rule of thumb, an average size pool (15x30′) will accommodate 16 people. Geography also seems to determine pool size. Last year 34 per cent of the pools built in Florida were smaller than 15x30′, and only 2 per cent were larger than 20x40′; in the Southwest, 20 per cent were smaller than 15x30′, but over 13 per cent were larger than 20x40′; and in the Northeast, only 6.7 per cent were smaller than 15x30′. Over the nation, however, 77.2 per cent ran between 15x30′ and 20x40′.

Many pool installers say that anything less than a 30′ long pool will curtail your pleasure, but if you only have space for a 25′ long pool, you should not let this deter you. Recommended width is about half the length, but here, too, the amount of available space may be the determining factor.

Depth of your pool should depend on how it's to be used. If only wading and swimming are planned, three to six feet of water should be enough; for diving, you'll need a much deeper pool. Since a pool with a diving board requires a special type construction, your contractor is the best source of information for your exact needs.

There is a great variety of shapes for you to choose from. When making your choice, you should consider the style of your home and grounds; also, it may be that the area where the pool is to be built will dictate its shape. You'll find many advantages in irregularly shaped pools; they are the most glamorous and are definitely most suited to odd-shaped sites. However, the rectangular pool will give you the most swimming area for the most people at the lowest per-square-foot cost. You can double the basic area of a rectangular pool while increasing your costs only about one-third.

Heating. It is better to decide whether or not your pool is to be heated before you build it. Although a heater can be added later on, it is cheaper if you plan it from the start. A heater will up your costs about 10 per cent, but the pool owners we spoke to say their heaters almost double the number of days they can swim each year. Some 32 per cent of the residential pools built last year had heaters. And many pool owners are adding them.

Landscaping and outbuildings. Most pool installations involve some redesigning of the surrounding area. In fact many pool owners told us they found this the ideal time to make landscaping changes they'd been planning for a long time. Quite a few decided to build some type of cabana or other outbuilding or shelter at the pool side. Outdoor eating areas are also popular.

Even if your budget doesn't allow any extra work to be done at the time the pool is built, you should plan for future projects. Most pool installers recommend that a walk (at least three feet wide) be built around the deck of the pool—at least on the house side. You'll also probably need some place near the pool to store your equipment and accessories. Another point to remember: don't have grass growing too near the pool.

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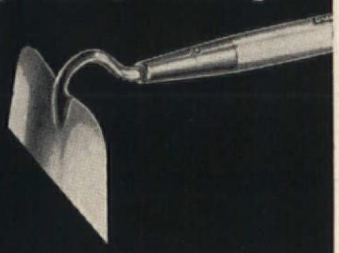

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(continued) Clippings will get into the water and might plug up your filter.

BUILDING THE POOL

There are two ways to have your pool installed. The first is to do it yourself. There are a number of do-it-yourself pool kits on the market, mainly of the plastic-liner type. But since pool construction is a tricky business, the average do-it-yourselfer should not tackle the job unless he has mastered the art of preparing the excavation, building the footings and walls, installing drain and water pipes—all of which must be done before the liner can be installed.

Most home owners we talked to had their pools installed by a contractor. The important thing is for you to deal with an experienced contractor who has been in the business long enough to give you references from satisfied customers. If you're in doubt, the National Swimming Pool Institute in Harvard, Illinois, will supply you with a list of qualified contractors in your area.

Besides helping you plan and build your pool, a qualified contractor will be able to give you valuable information about pools, such as this tip from Nels Anderson of Springfield, Missouri, a civil engineer turned pool installer. "Copper piping is preferable to galvanized piping since chlorine is corrosive to galvanized pipe. Copper will last about 50 years, compared to seven years for galvanized. The difference in original cost is approximately $150 whereas changing the piping will cost $600 or more."

ACCESSORIES AND EQUIPMENT

There are certain pieces of equipment every pool owner should have. One is a filter; without it your water would be slimy within a few days. Last year 99 per cent of the residential pools built were equipped with filters. A ladder is another "must."

Most people tell us they own pool vacuum cleaners and skimmers. Both of these are important. There are several types of each and the prices vary. Here again, your pool contractor should be consulted as to the type that's best for your needs. For the pools built last year, 89 per cent of the owners had automatic skimmers and 72 per cent had vacuum cleaners.

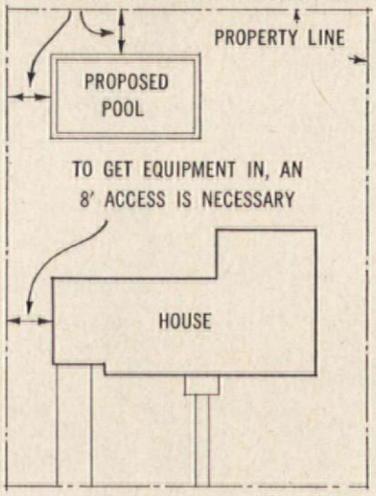
Other popular pool equipment includes underwater lights, diving boards, and water heaters. These, as well as others such as pool covers, and mechanical hypochlorinators, can be added gradually as your budget allows.

LOCAL REGULATIONS

There are no hard and fast rules across the country which apply to swimming pool construction and operation. Many communities have not yet adopted any rules; others have fencing requirements and sanitary and construction codes. In Springfield, Missouri, for example, a swimming pool is considered a structure (even though it is below ground) and it must comply with zoning ordinance setback requirements. Also, a building permit is required before a swimming pool can be started. Some Illinois communities require a fence and gate; some require filters and chlorination.

For your own protection, you must make sure of regulations in your community, either by checking the proper civic department or your pool contractor.

YOUR CODE OR DEED MAY RESTRICT THE LOCATION OF A POOL ON YOUR LOT



SKETCH: SIGMAN-WARD

POLICING YOUR POOL

Once your pool has been built, it's up to you whether it's going to be a joy or a problem. Most home owners who enjoy their pools have established rules for use by family and friends.

This is particularly important when children are using the pool. One pool owner we talked to has established this unwritten rule: when Mother blows a whistle, all of the children come out of the pool to rest. Then Mother swims. All children under three years old must wear life jackets, even though their mothers think they can swim. There are *no uninvited* guests; and there is no running around the pool area.

Other families have developed similar rules. One runs up a white flag when guests are welcome. Another divides the day and evening into appropriate swimming periods for adults and children.

HOW MUCH WILL YOU USE YOUR POOL?

The actual number of days you'll be able to swim varies from one section of the country to another. It will also be determined by whether or not your pool is heated. Pool owners in the Chicago area say they can use their pools from three to four months a year when they are unheated, and up to six months a year with heat. Average use of unheated pools in the Springfield, Missouri, area runs from three and one-half to four and one-half months per year; with heat, pools are usable up to six months. Unheated pools in Tucson, Arizona, are used about seven or eight months; heated pools, nine to 12 months. In Atlanta, Georgia, unheated pools are usable about five months, heated pools for seven months. In areas with temperatures similar to Southern California and Florida, pool owners naturally get more use from their pools.

And don't forget, the coming of winter doesn't necessarily mean your pool has to be put in "cold storage." Several families we interviewed use their pools almost all year. Like the family whose joys were "unending," when they're not swimming they're ice-skating.

CONCLUSION

By now you're probably wondering if we've told you the whole story; we must confess we haven't. You might find yourself with a problem similar to one of our readers who says, "The only unexpected expense is it costs a lot to keep us all in bathing suits."

THE END

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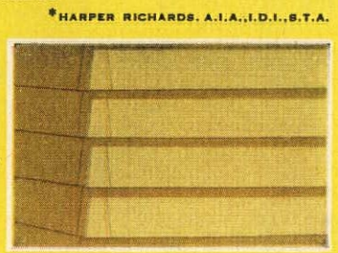

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SAVE MONEY ON MONEY

The fact that mortgage money is available and interest rates are down is of tremendous importance, especially to those families who could not qualify for a mortgage during the period when money was tight and interest rates were up. In short, if you were turned down for a mortgage of the right amount before, it's possible that you will be able to get it today. The recent decrease in the FHA interest rate from 5¾ to 5½ per cent would save a home buyer with a 30-year, $15,000 mortgage a total of $802.63 over the 30-year period. The monthly payment at 5½ per cent would be $2.40 less than at the old 5¾ per cent.

If you're in the market for an FHA-insured loan, you'll find it's easier to get one today than it has been for a long time. At the beginning of the year almost every FHA insuring office in the country reported there was an adequate supply of money in the area for FHA loans. (See chart below.)

DATE	FHA Offices Reporting Adequate Financing*
1958	
Jan. 1	24%
Apr. 1	89%
July 1	99%
Oct. 1	93%
1959	
Jan. 1	89%
Apr. 1	93%
July 1	83%
Oct. 1	77%
1960	
Jan. 1	63%
Apr. 1	64%
July 1	85%
Oct. 1	90%
1961	
Jan. 1	96%

***Opinions from FHA field offices on availability of mortgage funds for financing Section 203(b) loans in their market areas.**

As you can see, the money picture is in sharp contrast to the situation a year ago. In January, 1960, only 63 per cent of the FHA insuring offices said adequate FHA funds could be found in their locations. And three years ago, the number of FHA offices reporting adequate funds for mortgages was under 25 per cent.

According to FHA Commissioner Neal J. Hardy, during the past year discounts on mortgages with down payments of 10 per cent and available for immediate delivery declined from 3.7 per cent of the mortgage amounts to 1.9 per cent. Discounts on mortgages work the same way as discounts on other kinds of loans—you have to borrow and pay back more than you actually receive.

LOWER INTEREST RATES?

Some might figure that if interest rates have dropped, perhaps they'll drop even lower and therefore plan to wait until they've gone down another fraction of a point. We asked B. B. Bass, former president of the Mortgage Bankers Association to comment on this.

"While it is true," Mr. Bass said, "that interest rates *might* be a little more favorable at some future date, any benefit of lower interest rates could very easily be more than offset by inflation which necessarily and inevitably increases over-all building costs."

The president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, O. G. Powell, agreed with our other experts that, "A family seeking a new house will probably find lower prices than in the future." He also remarked that favorable financing conditions will induce home owners who want to trade in their houses but who stayed out of the market in recent months because of the high mortgage costs, to list their houses for sale and seek new homes. This move will place on what is already a buyers' market more good existing houses at realistic prices.

This can mean that if you are interested in a "used" rather than a new house, you can expect some pretty good values.

MATERIALS COST LESS

The price of materials that go into a house has a great bearing on the price you pay. Generally 40–50 per cent of the cost of the house is for materials, and between January, 1960 and January, 1961 these costs decreased about 3.6 per cent. We asked Robert W. Lear, vice-president of the Producers Council, a leading association of building product manufacturers, about the cost of materials. He said:

"In many ways the homes that will be built in 1961 will be a bargain for buyers. As anyone who attended the recent home-builders' exhibit in Chicago can testify, there are literally hundreds of

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"Even more important, perhaps, is the fact that the prices of building materials have dropped significantly. As reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the wholesale price index for all construction materials at the beginning of 1961 was 130.0 as compared to 134.9 at the beginning of 1960. Furthermore, this is the lowest mark for materials since July, 1958.

"It's undeniable that we are still in a long-term period of rising construction costs; therefore, now is the time to capitalize on this short-term opportunity."

Mr. Lear's statement backs up our findings that, even in areas where housing prices have not gone down, builders seem to be putting more quality and newer materials into their houses in the hope of attracting buyers. This doesn't mean, of course, that you still don't have to shop carefully to get the best available house for the money.

GOVERNMENT POLICIES

Through its many agencies, the federal government exerts a tremendous control on housing and housing costs. Present indications are that the government is anxious to stimulate private housing. This statement by the Hon. Robert C. Weaver, Administrator, Housing and Home Finance Agency, is of special interest to anyone considering a new home.

"One of the newest developments in home buying is the reduced cost of mortgage money. When President Kennedy, early in February, directed a ¼ per cent reduction in interest on FHA-insured mortgages, home ownership was brought within the reach of many more American families. In actual dollars to come out of the family budget, this slight reduction means a substantial savings to most families over the life of the mortgage.

"Today there is perhaps a wider range of selection in houses available for purchase than most of us have ever known. Sluggishness in the industry coupled with the depressed state our economy has been in, turned today's home-buying market into an attractive one for buyers.

"Home ownership is now on the increase. New materials, new conveniences, and new designs for better living augment the amenities of having one's own home. Whether a family is looking at the purchase of a house from the point of view of financial investment or amenity, this is a good year to buy."

BUILDERS OFFER MORE

Finally, we asked leading members of our Builder Panel around the country to give us their impressions of what 1961 could mean to the family looking for a new house.

Kansas: "I think your readers will benefit by buying their new houses in 1961 because of the extreme competitive trend which started developing in 1960 and will carry well into 1961."—Larry Winn, Jr., vice president, Winn-Rau Corporation, Overland Park.

Pennsylvania: "This will be *the* great year in value in new quality housing for the '60s. I also feel that this will be a pause year in an accelerated inflationary cycle which will prevail during the remainder of this decade."—R. A. Fox, Fox Bilt Homes, Plymouth Meeting.

Indiana: "I feel that this year is unlike any that home builders have encountered. I believe that the careful home purchaser today can obtain a pseudo custom-built home from large volume builders. These builders are anxious to generate sales, in spite of the complexities of selling, to people demanding that individual tastes be incorporated in the home of their dreams."—T. A. Perine, Perine Development Corporation, Indianapolis.

Washington: "1960 marked the first year that the supply seemingly caught up with the demand of the market. For the first time in many areas, the numerous homes available put the sale of houses on a competitive basis."—George Bell, Bell & Valdez, Bellevue.

Virginia: "When the beginning of the exploding '60s failed to produce the mass market anticipated, but instead resulted in a market lull, builders started extensive research into new-home buyers' desires for extra space, special features, and the inclusion of new products and designs. This is the year the new-home purchaser will get the most for his money since he will be able to buy tomorrow's home at today's prices."—W. E. Witt, Viking Construction Corporation, Virginia Beach.

Ohio: "The home-building demand has reached and has been in a period of relative stability pricewise. During this period of stability there has been a greater emphasis on individual product development as well as the house itself. As a result, I feel that homes in 1961 will offer more value at the same or less cost than ever before."—R. F. Schmitt, Fred Schmitt Construction Company, Incorporated, Berea.

Colorado: "A new home purchased in 1961 is likely to be an exceptionally good buy. The builders who are active in 1961 are the builders who, because of better operation and greater expense, survived the difficult year of 1960 which has seen many, many builders discontinue operations. 1961 builders have to be more responsive to customer desires in order that they may survive."—Samuel Primack, Perl-Mack Construction Company, Denver.

Missouri: "The costs of buying are down substantially in that interest rates are much lower than they have been for a long time (but they will not go lower)."—Edward F. Fischer, Fischer & Frichtel Incorporated, St. Louis.

Arizona: "Progressive builders all over the country are finding new ways of cutting costs without cutting quality. Manufacturers have perfected new materials that reduce maintenance costs and add to the beauty and utility of the home. Those interested in a new home will find 1961 to be their year to buy."—John Long, John Long Homebuilder, Inc., Phoenix.

New Jersey: "Any family that puts off the purchase of a house is losing money, and the longer they put it off the more money they will lose."—W. J. Levitt, Jr., Levitt and Sons, Levittown.

Texas: "With the inevitable inflation that we are facing, and the easing of interest rates that can only be temporary, 1961 should be the year of decision for anyone even thinking of a new home."—D. G. Fox, Fox & Jacobs, Dallas.

SUMMING UP

So that's the housing picture for 1961 from around the country and through the eyes of varied experts in the field. We feel they back up our statement that 1961 is a good year to buy a new house.

Prices on new houses are not going to come down during the year but, on the other hand, should not rise. Many builders will be offering more house, more quality, and more worth-while features during 1961, but as always you've got to shop around to find these outstanding buys and, naturally, you've got to ask for what you believe you should be getting.

Financing your new purchase will be relatively easy as compared to the past year and you may find it possible to purchase a more expensive house than would have been possible in the past. As for the future, housing costs are going up, mortgage money will become scarcer, interest rates will climb. Of this we feel sure. THE END

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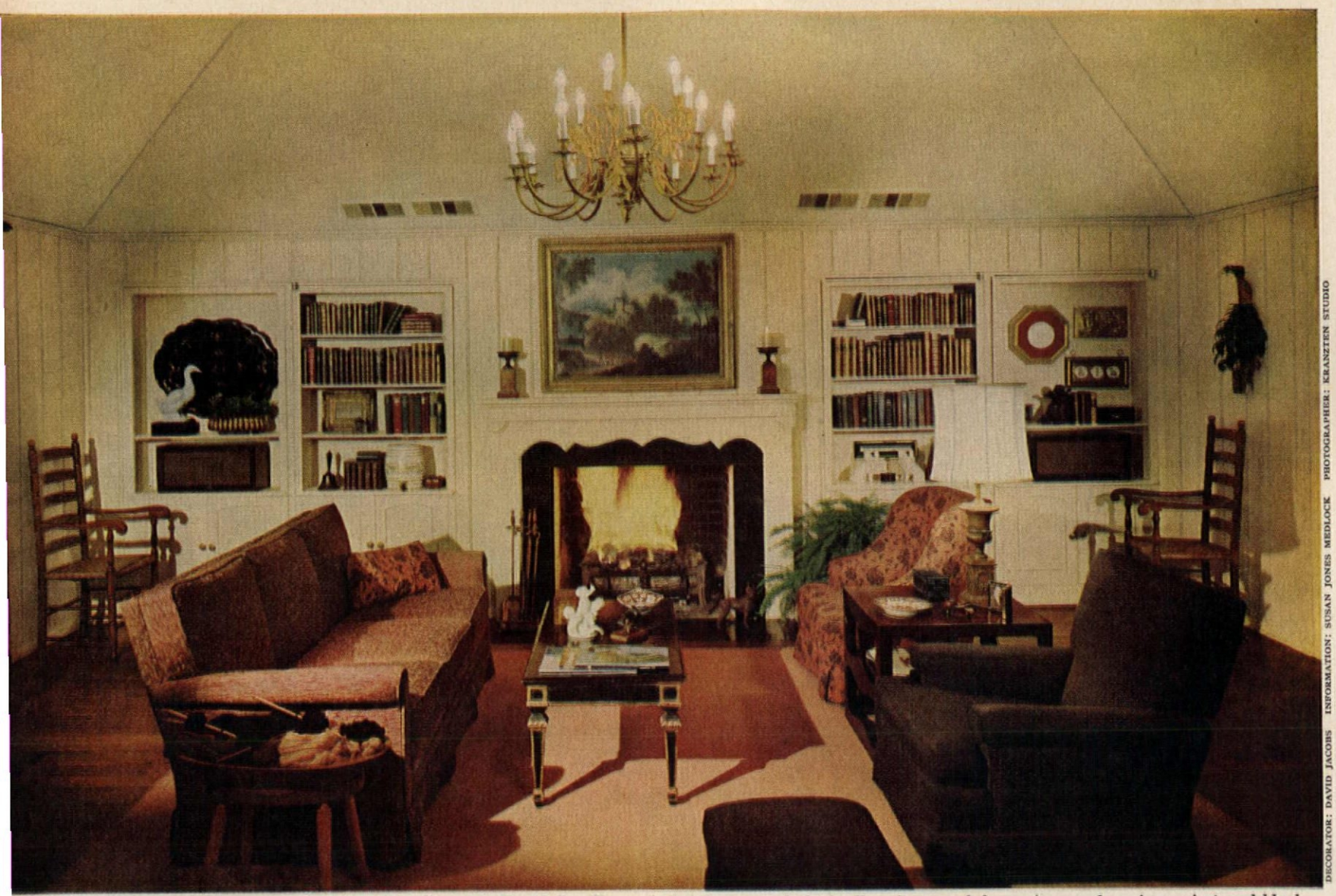

DECORATOR: DAVID JACOBS INFORMATION: SUSAN JONES MEDLOCK PHOTOGRAPHER: KRANZTEN STUDIO

High ceiling was retained from original garage. Paneled walls are painted a neutral shade. Furniture and draperies are done in apricot and black.

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Shelves at the left of the fireplace open up to a flower-utility room. The shelves with storage unit at the far left are stationary. For a detailed plan of these versatile bookshelf doors, turn to page 77.

***Three bookcase sections** are actually hidden doors. Shelves are 9½ inches deep and are hung on extra-heavy ball-bearing butt hinges. Door at left leads to flower-utility room. The two at the right open up to large storage closets.*

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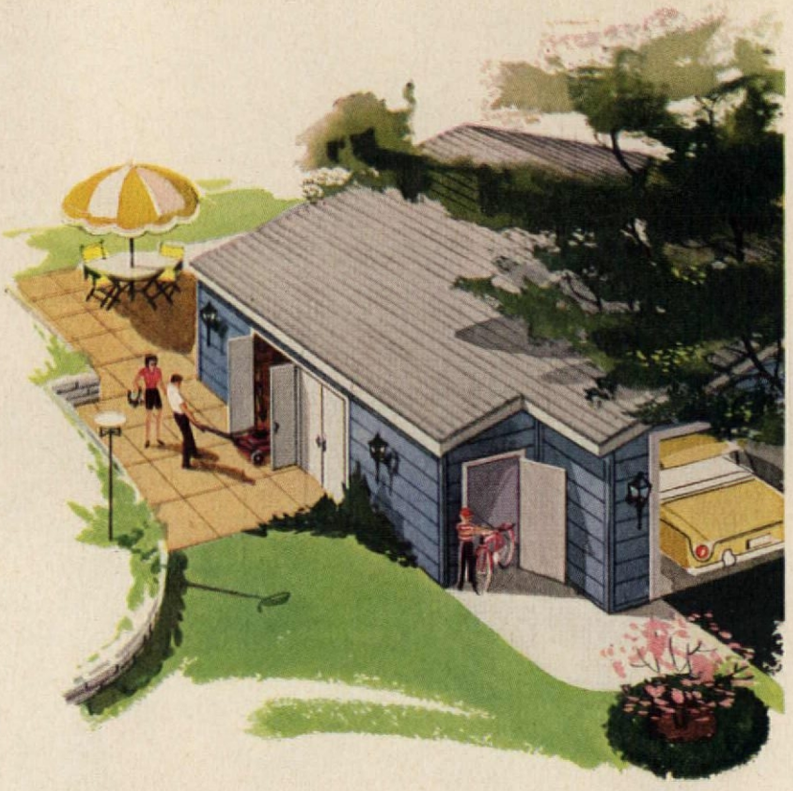

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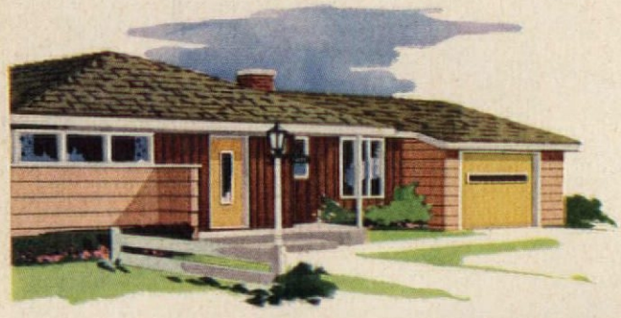

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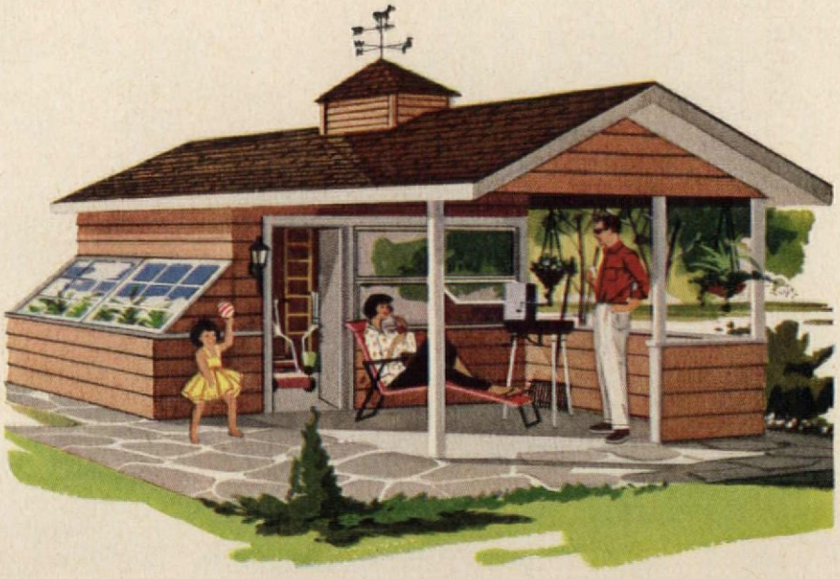

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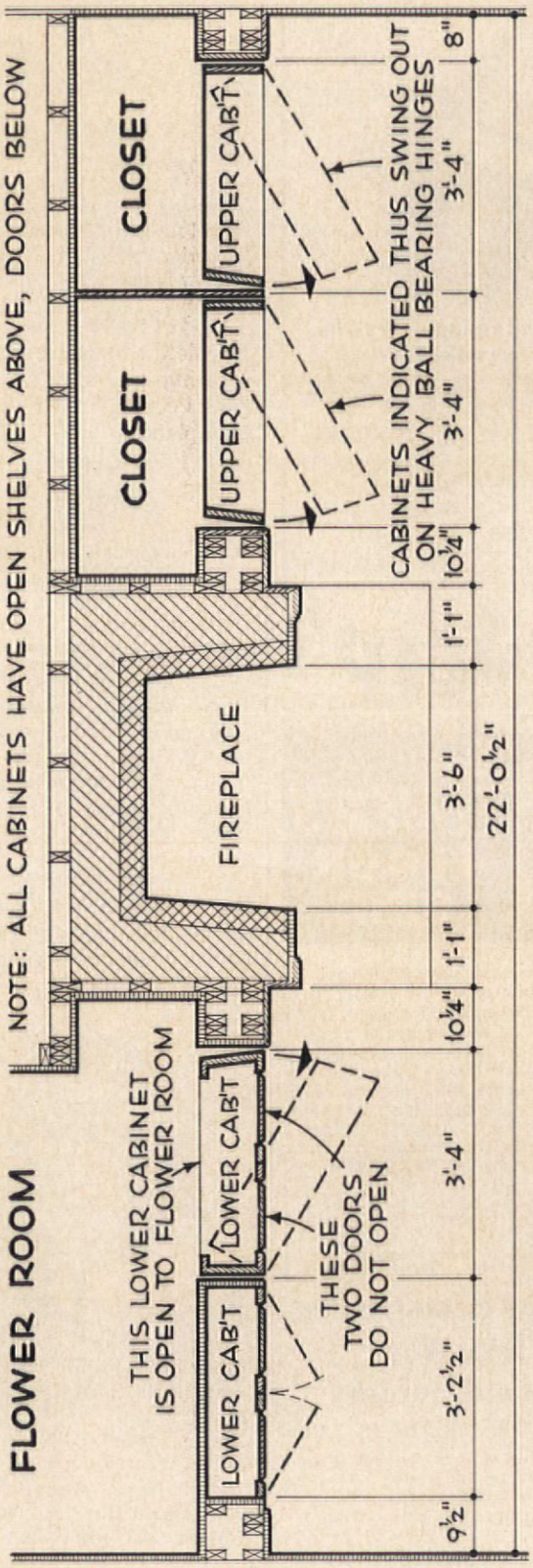
(pictured in color on page 74)



***Detailed plan** shows how every inch of fireplace wall is used. From left to right: stationary bookcase with storage cabinets below; bookcase door that opens to the flower-utility room (the door has bookshelves above for living room, potting shelves below for the flower-room side); fireplace; two bookshelves that open to roomy closets. Because of weight of books, shelves are hung on ball-bearing butt hinges.*

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Exciting, Exotic Mums

(continued from page 45)

plant food per 100 square feet is a satisfactory rate. Set the plants no deeper than they grew in the nursery and water them thoroughly after planting.

Mums grow and flower best if fed lightly every two or three weeks from about two weeks after planting until the buds begin to show color. Use about one-half or one-third as much plant food as when you prepared the soil, and follow each feeding with a good watering.

Since they're shallow-rooted plants, mums need regular watering during dry spells—about as frequently as you water your lawn. Don't keep the soil saturated, but never let it become really dry.

Like roses, mums should be given a "preventive" spraying or dusting at least every two weeks. Use an all-purpose combination insecticide-fungicide and continue from the time you plant them until the flowers begin to open.

The popular pompons, decoratives, and other cluster-flowered, bush-type mums should be "pinched" to make them produce compact, well-shaped plants. This means pinching off ½–1" of the stem tip just above a leaf.

If a single-stem plant is set out about May 15, the tip is pinched off around June 1. The plant then makes several branches. (continued)

BEST MUM VARIETIES IN SEVEN POPULAR CLASSES

Single (Class I)

Ray florets in 1–5 rows. Disk more or less flat, disk florets short. Grown as bush-type plant.

'Ginny Lee,' white, 48", Oct. 20
'Happiness,' yellow, 42", Oct. 22
'Daphne,' pink, 36", Oct. 20
'Buckskin,' bronze, 42", Oct. 25
'Fred Stone,' red, 36", Oct. 15
'Daisymum,' white, 24", Sept. 25
'Gold Daisy,' yellow, 20", Sept. 22

Anemone (Class III)

Ray florets broad, in 1–5 rows. Disk florets longer than in singles, forming prominent, rounded disk. Grown as bush-type or 1–3 stem plant.

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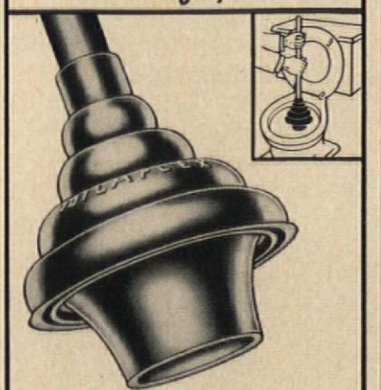

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'Powder Puff,' yellow, 48", Oct. 30
'Ethel Anderson,' bronze, 48", Nov. 1
'Sincerity,' white, 52", Oct. 25
'Yellow Sincerity,' 52", Oct. 25

Pompon (Class V)

Ray florets broad, short, incurved, forming globular bloom. Disk florets concealed. Grown as bush-type plant.

'Irene,' white, 30", Oct. 15
'Bright Forecast,' yellow, 30", Oct. 15
'Masquerade,' pink, 36", Oct. 25
'Red Doty,' 40", Oct. 25
'Rosita,' pink, 20", Sept. 15
'Chiquita,' yellow, 20", Sept. 20
'Bronze Doty,' 40", Oct. 25

Incurve (Class VI)

Ray florets broad, long, incurved, forming large globular bloom. Disk florets concealed. Grown as 1–3 stem plant.

'Silver Sheen,' white, 60", Oct. 20
'Mrs. H. E. Kidder,' yellow, 60", Oct. 20
'Major Edward Bowes,' purple, 60", Oct. 15
'Detroit News,' bronze, 60", Oct. 20
'Mrs. David Roy,' red, 60", Nov. 10
'Golden Age,' yellow, 36", Sept. 25

Decorative Pompon (Class VIII)

Ray florets short to medium length, reflexed, producing less rounded, more irregular bloom than Class V pompon. Disk florets concealed. Grown as bush-type plant. Most of the popular garden mums are in this class.

'Ostosa,' white, 24", Oct. 10
'Charles Nye,' yellow, 40", Oct. 5
'Elizabeth Hood,' pink, 36", Oct. 15
'Carnival,' bronze, 36", Oct. 15
'Jetfire,' red, 42", Oct. 30
'Chippewa,' purple, 24", Sept. 20
'Tanager,' red, 30", Oct. 1
'Canary,' yellow, 30", Oct. 1
'Eugene A. Wander,' yellow, 22", Sept. 20
'Lee Powell,' yellow, 36", Sept. 25

Spoon (Class XII)
Ray florets tubular, opening at ends to form spoonlike tips. Disk small. Grown as bush-type plant.

'Chester Newell,' white, 42", Oct. 20
'Kimie,' yellow, 48", Oct. 20
'Remember Me,' fawn, 48", Oct. 20
'Yellow Spoon,' 48", Oct. 10

Spider (Class XV)
Ray florets tubular, long, tips coiled or hooked. Disk small or concealed. Grown as 1-3-stemmed plant.

'Swan Ballet,' white, 60", Nov. 1
'Luyona,' yellow, 72", Oct. 25
'Emerald Isle,' green-white, 60", Nov. 1
'Sunnyslope Glory,' pink, 72", Oct. 25
'Waikiki,' bronze, 72", Nov. 1
'Bunbu,' purple, 72", Oct. 25

(continued) Around July 1 the tip of each branch is pinched off and new branches then develop on each of the original branches. Thus you get a bushy, well-branched plant.

The big incurve ("football"), the spider, and other large-bloom mums, however, are not grown as bush-type plants. They're limited to one, two, or three stems, and one large flower is produced on each stem. The fewer the stems, the larger the blooms.

A large-bloom plant set out in late May will probably start to branch naturally sometime in June. Keep the two or three strongest branch shoots and pinch out all the rest. From then on, pinch out any side branches or tip branches as soon as they start to grow, thus restricting the plant to its two or three main stems. Stake the stems with 4–5" canes as soon as they need support. When buds begin to form, carefully pinch out the side buds of each cluster, leaving only the large center bud on each stem.

Incidentally, if you take up mums as a specialty you'll learn that you can control bloom quality, (continued)

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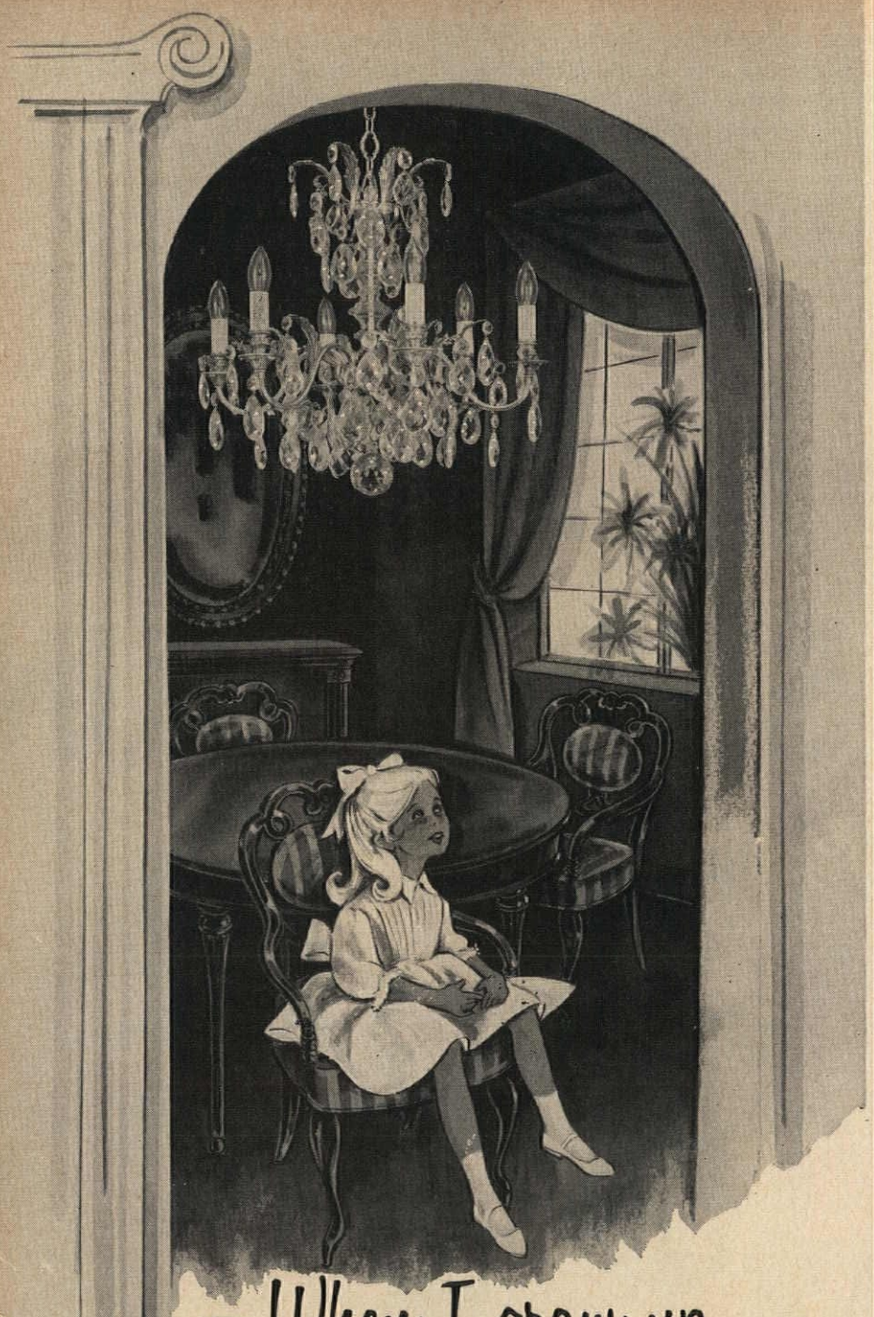

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(continued) plant height, and flowering time to a considerable extent by systematic pinching and disbudding. Also, since flowering time is governed by day length (they are short-day flowers), you can advance their flowering by use of black shade cloth or delay it by the use of lights.

Chrysanthemum flowers can stand moderate frosts, but if your area normally gets severe frosts before mid-October you'd better stick to September-flowering varieties. If you'd like to grow some of the choicer, later blooming varieties, however, you can do so by protecting them at night with plastic film or light cloth. Drive a few stakes into the ground around the mum plantings and drape the material over the sticks in the evening when a sharp frost is predicted. Remove the material as soon as the sun gets up in the morning.

Although chrysanthemums are perennials, mum hobbyists prefer to start with new plants each year. They either make cuttings from their old plants in the spring or else buy rooted cuttings from commercial specialists. You can also make new plants by pulling the old ones apart into single-stem divisions in the spring. To protect the old plants from winter injury, cut them to the ground after they've frozen in late fall and cover them with a good layer of hay, straw, or evergreen branches.

The chrysanthemum belongs to the "composite" family and its flower head is actually made up of many small flowers or florets. These florets are of two kinds. The ray florets, which are the "petals," are incomplete, sterile flowers. The disk florets, which make up the center or disk of the flower head, are complete, fertile seed-producing flowers.

The original chrysanthemums of the Orient were daisylike "single" flowers, with a single row of ray florets and a prominent disk. From these, by selection and hybridization over the past 2500 years, all of today's many kinds of chrysanthemums have been developed.

The National Chrysanthemum Society now recognizes 15 classes or bloom types of mums. These 15 classes are based on distinctions in the number, size, form, and arrangement of both ray and disk florets.

We asked Cornelius Ackerson, the National Chrysanthemum Society's editor and author of "The Complete Book of Chrysanthemums," for an outline of mum classification and for a list of recommended varieties in each of the more popular classes. His classification and recommended varieties appear on pages 78 and 79. Information on varieties includes color, average height, and average flowering date. The less popular mum classes omitted from the foregoing lists are Semidouble, II; Irregular Anemone, IV; Irregular Incurve, VII; Decorative Reflex, IX; Regular Reflex, X; Irregular Reflex, XI; Quill, XIII; Thread, XIV. If you'd like to know more about them or anything else about mums, write the National Chrysanthemum Society's secretary, Miss Dorothy Tuthill, 345 Milton Road, Rye, New York, and ask about the society's literature. THE END

FROM THE BERRY PATCH

ARRANGEMENT: GILMA MC CUSKEY

Anchor strawberries in small pin flower holder or florists' plastic foam.

Everbearing strawberries are usable all summer long for charming arrangements. From June until frost you can find plants in all stages of growth—flowers, green-to-ripe berries and interestingly curved runners with tiny rosettes of leaves.

Though naturalistic in feeling this informal arrangement has design, outer leaves making a triangular shape, repeated by the flowers. Cluster of berries forms a center of interest.

The container is a cup and saucer. Your cupboard may be a storehouse of other unexpected props that are fun to use, such as bowls, goblets, compotes, bean pots, or pitchers.

Family Camping (continued from page 7)

campers can quickly become a veteran—wouldn't trade tents and trailers for an all-expense stay at a plush resort.

The difference, then, between soggy disillusionment and the adventure of running a well-organized camp in the woods is *know-how and the right equipment.*

Last summer *The American Home* visited campgrounds in various parts of the country and talked with both new and veteran campers. Their experiences show how much fun camping can be—even the first time you try it.

***The Leland Ervins,** of Hollywood, prefer a Volkswagen Camper "because we don't like to pull a trailer." Tent canopy with dressing room is standard equipment. The Ervins can cruise at 55 miles per hour, average 24 miles per gallon.*

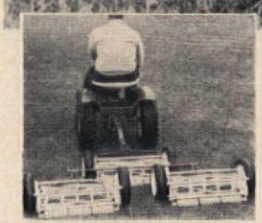
HOW TO FIND A CAMPSITE

Experienced traveling campers save time and avoid disappointment by knowing exactly where they are going to make camp for the night. They do this by carefully studying campground directories that list the location, facilities, and number of campsites in State and National Parks and private campgrounds. Every veteran has his favorite guide, but one of the most complete and popular directories is **"The Campground Guide for Tent and Trailer Tourists,"** published by Campgrounds Unlimited, Blue Rapids, Kansas. It costs $1.

Members of the American Automobile Association can obtain the AAA **"Campground Directory"** of principal camping areas in the United States and Canada. This book is published for the exclusive use of members. It is not for sale.

Most campers are unaware that in many states, commercial timberland operators welcome campers. You can obtain a list of these privately operated campgrounds by writing: American Forest Products Industries, Department F, 1816 N Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

An excellent book containing both camping tips and a directory of campgrounds is **"The Handbook of Auto Camping and Motorist's Guide to Public Campgrounds,"** (Harper, 1958, $3.50).



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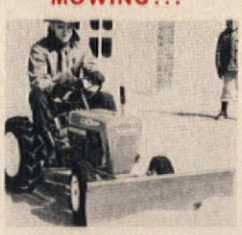

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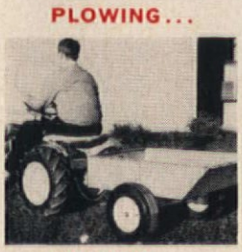

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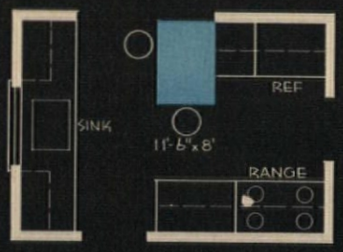
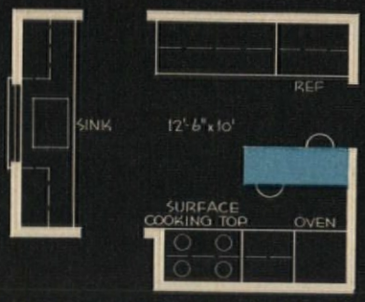
If you have a cut-up kitchen, here are four ways to add an eating area and gain new convenience

CUT-UP KITCHENS



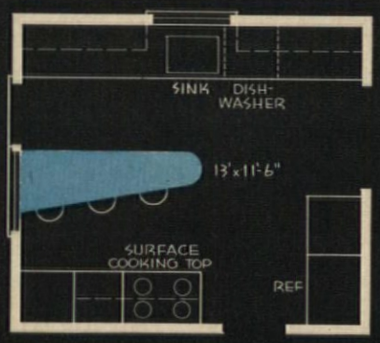
MINIMUM

No spare wall space to use? Add onto the end of any counter, perhaps even partially blocking an archway or window. Here we gain a snack bar in addition to extra work surface.



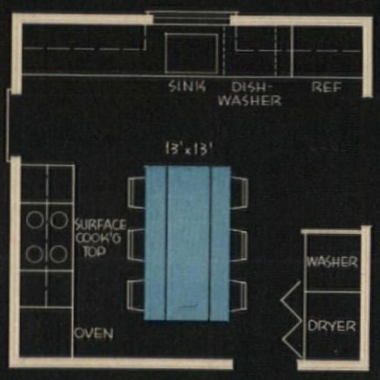
SMALL

Here's an eating area that doubles as serving space for the cooking center. When you measure for such a peninsula, be sure you have enough space to open the oven door safely.



MEDIUM

At first glance, this long counter, built midway between cooking and clean-up centers, seems to be an obstacle. Actually it would save steps in every direction, unifying the kitchen.

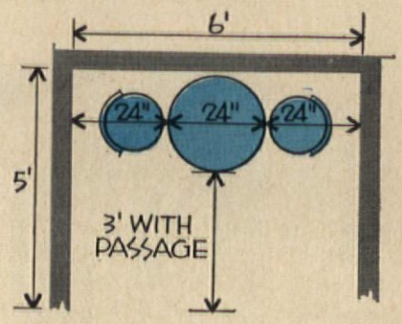


LARGE

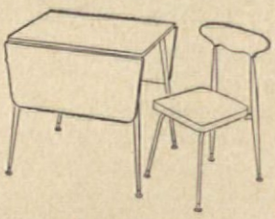
Floor space is the least of your problems, so why not plant a big table right in the middle of the room? Makes a big kitchen seem cozier, gives you room to spread out for cooking.

FURNISH YOUR EATING AREA BY THE INCH

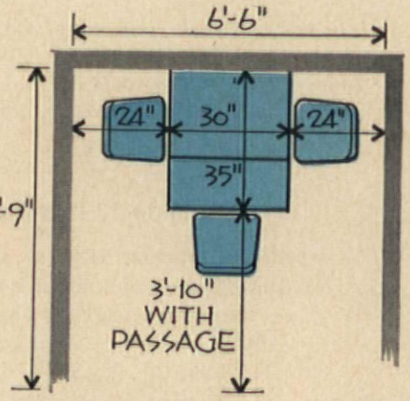
Your kitchen floor space will determine your choice of dining furniture. Here are sizes of available tables and chairs, and the minimum floor space required.

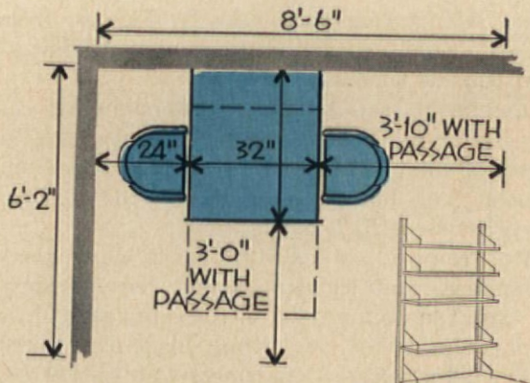


***Ice-cream table** 24" in diameter is just the right size for a small 6' wide breakfast area. Even the smallest chair needs at least 2' of floor space from rim of table to wall, buffet, or room divider.*



***Drop-leaf table** is a favorite solution to small space and variable seating needs. With leaves down, it is 30x22". Here, using one leaf up, it measures 30x35". Both leaves up, it expands to 30x48".*





***Modern drop-leaf table-desk** is affixed to wall supports. It's 32x56" with one leaf up, and seats five people. Table top is plastic, shelves hold condiments and canisters.*

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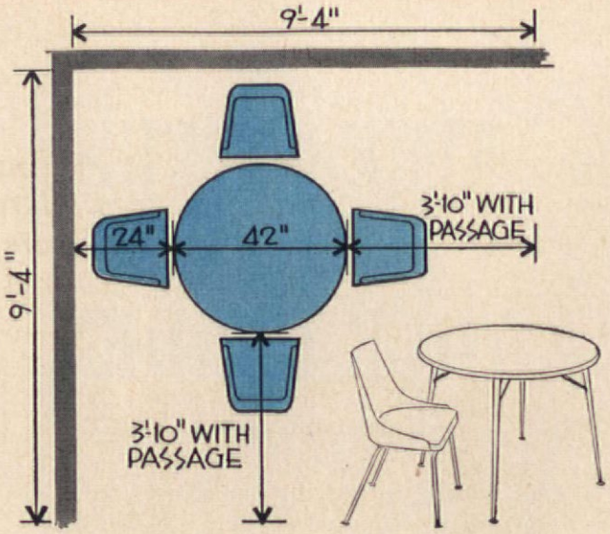
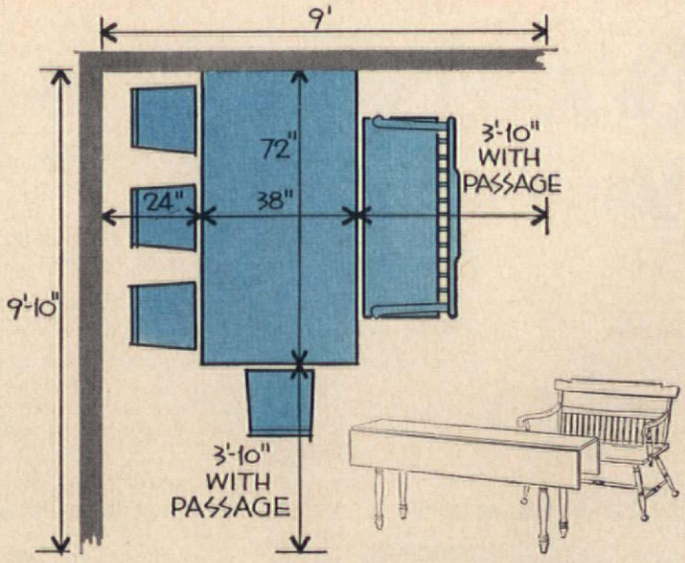
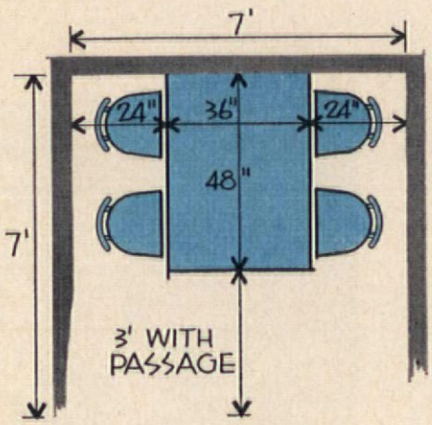


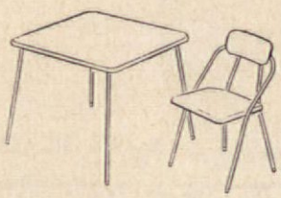
***Seating for four,** and a fifth "in a squeeze," is possible with a 42" round table. Remember that round tables always seat more than square tables. The 42" diameter is easy to find in stores. Test any table for sturdiness; choose a table top that will take wear.*



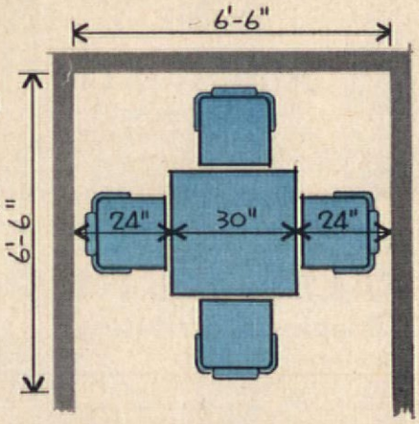
***Popular harvest table** (usually 48", 60", or 72" long) has drop leaf on each side, will seat six to eight in the minimum space shown here. Provincial-style settee can be used at each side, chairs on the ends, or chairs all round.*

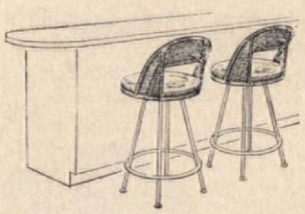
***Most popular size** in rectangular tables is 36x48", which, when pulled out from wall, seats six in comfort. The table surface is convenient for full-time use as work space.*

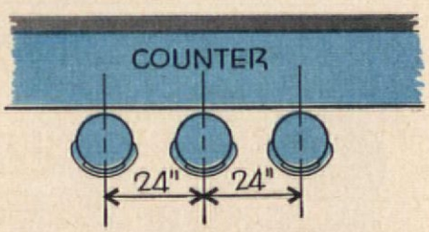




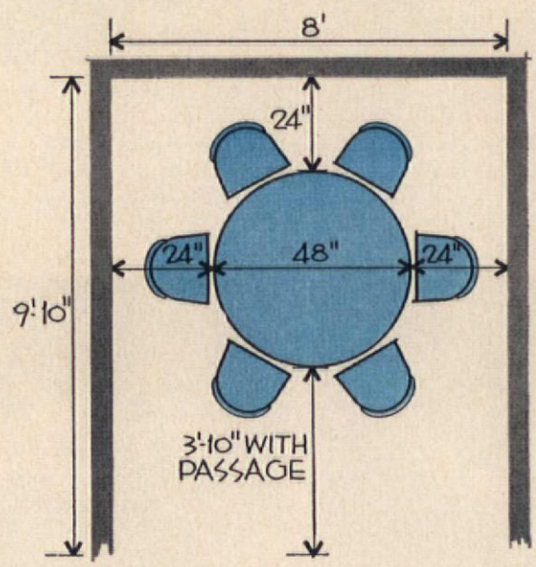
***Card table and chairs** are an economical way to furnish a small area and can be folded away when space is needed for other uses.*



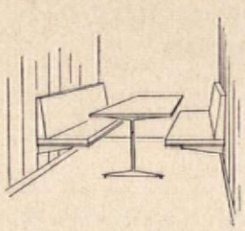




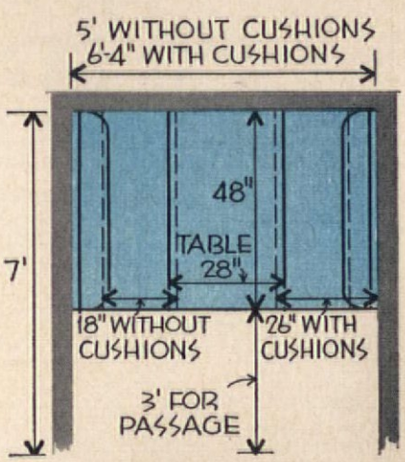
***Most versatile seating** in kitchen dining areas is the counter, 29–30" or 36" high, and as long as space permits. Handsome swivel-type stools are available in many styles and heights.*



***Generous proportions** of a 48" round table will take care of six diners in comfort, and makes a handsome center of interest in a kitchen that can accommodate its size. Manufacturers make this size in both contemporary and provincial styles, also in a wide range of prices.*



***Permanently built-in** dining area (built by the home owner) can have movable table, cantilevered benches as shown here. Upholstered back cushions add comfort, but will require more space for their installation.*



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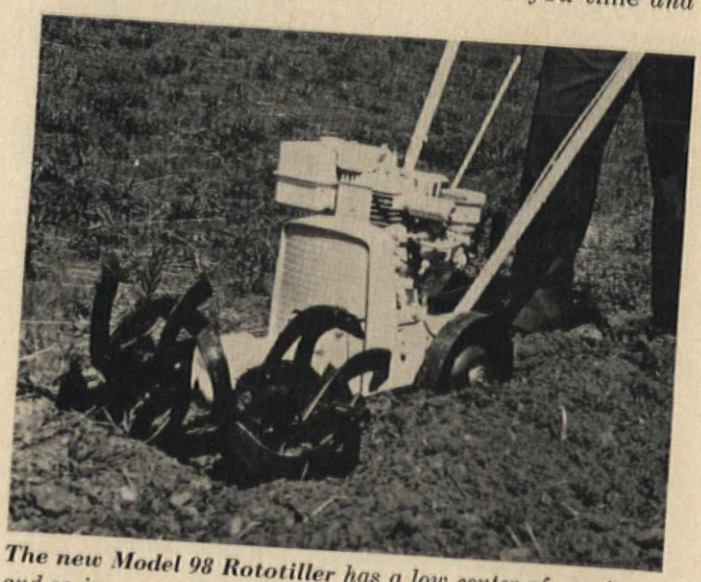
Here are some new or recently introduced pieces of garden equipment that you can count on to save you time *and* work.

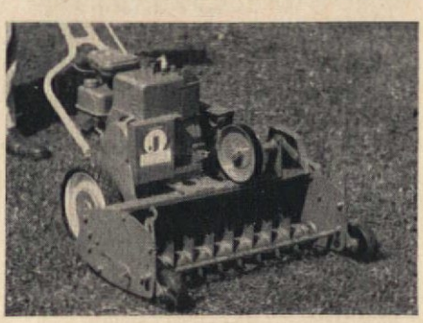


***The new Model 98 Rototiller** has a low center of gravity and so is more stable and maneuverable than tillers with the engine mounted on top. It's 3 h.p., cultivates a 25" swath, has a reverse gear, adjustable handles, and finger-tip throttle and clutch controls. Weighs 135 pounds. (Rototiller Division, Porter-Cable Machine Co., Syracuse, N. Y.)*

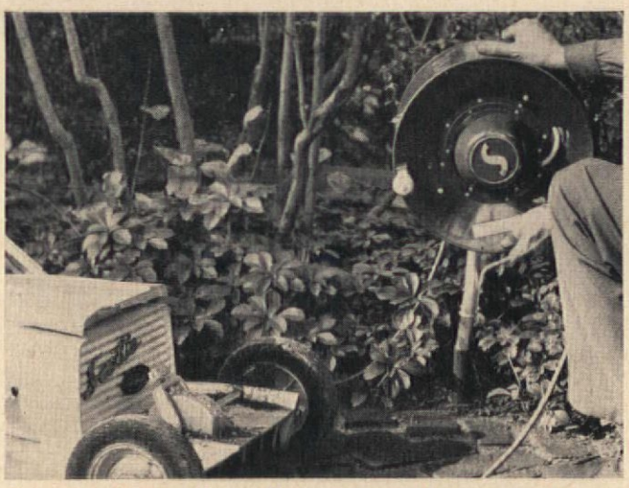
***Four-way Turret sprinkler,** at full pressure, waters 30x30', 20x40', 10x50', or 5x50' lawn area by a simple turn of the turret. At lower pressure it waters similarly shaped, smaller areas. (Melnor Industries, Moonachie, N. J.)*

***Gro-Cart spreader** is made of Marlex plastic. It's 24" wide, weighs only 7½ pounds, won't rust or corrode, and has a micrometer-type adjustment knob. Comes with settings for various lawn foods, pesticides, seeds. (Ferry-Morse, Fulton, Ky.)*

***The Jet-Rod** is a one-piece, lightweight flame gun for garden and other small-scale uses. It quickly kills weeds or unwanted grass, sterilizes surface soil, and melts ice or snow. It weighs less than 5 pounds and burns 30 minutes on one filling of 1¾ pints of kerosene. (The Geiger Company, North Wales, Pa.)*



***This Turf Slicer**, or vertical cutting mower, is designed to eliminate thatch in a lawn and promote vigorous growth. With blades set to cut deeper, it's used for complete lawn renovation. Width of cut is 21"; engine is 3 h.p. (Jacobsen Mfg. Co., Racine, Wis.)*



***A cord reel** saves time, effort, and apprehension in the use of an electric mower. Comes with two "power station" pipes (shown above) for sinking permanently in front and back yard. Has 100' of cord on reel, plus 25' for connecting to power source. (O. M. Scott & Sons Co., Marysville, Ohio.)*

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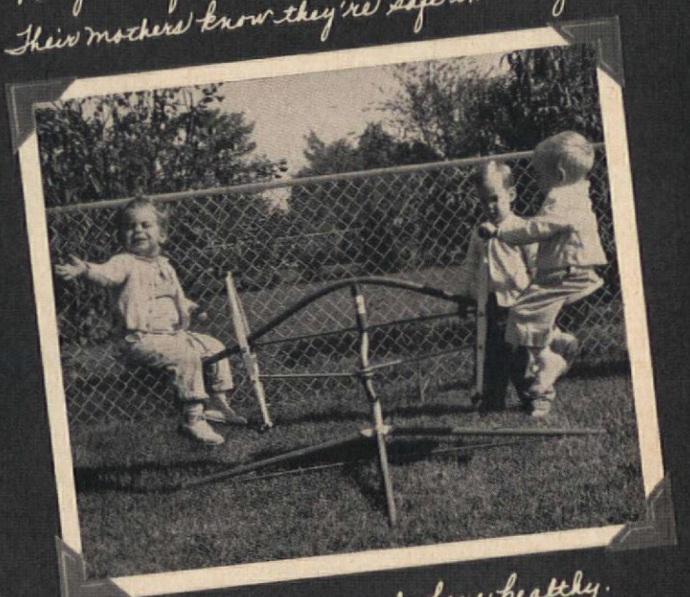

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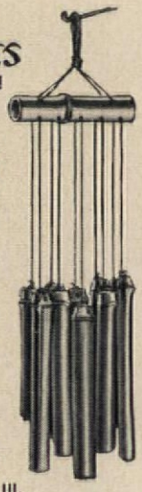

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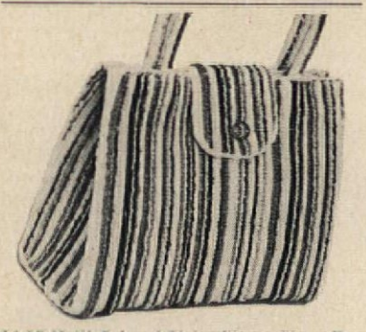

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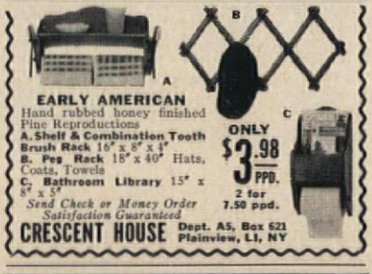

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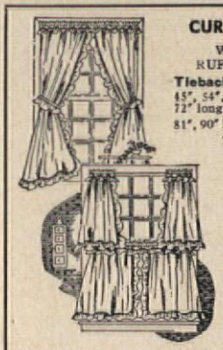

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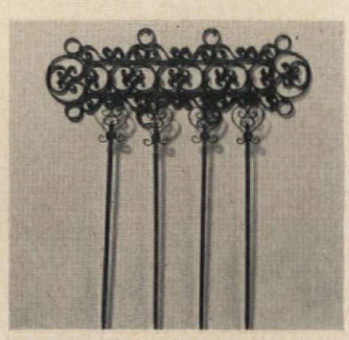

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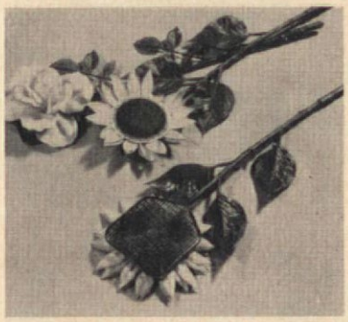

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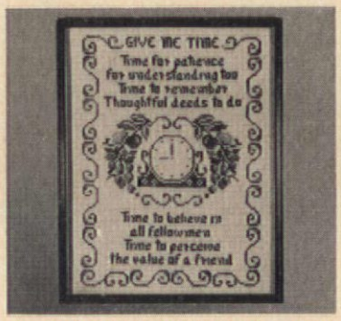

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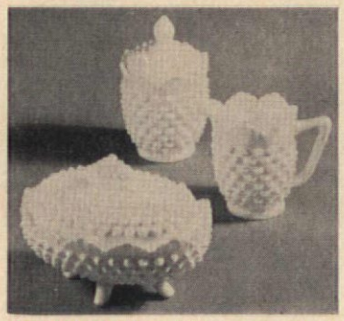

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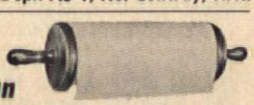

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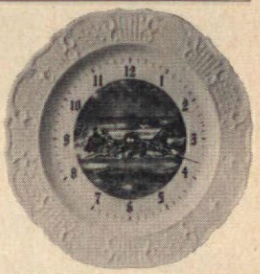

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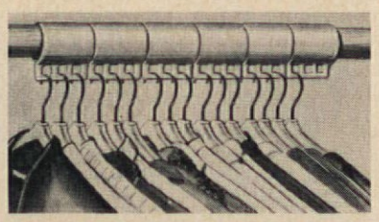

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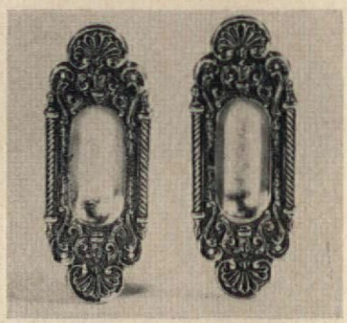

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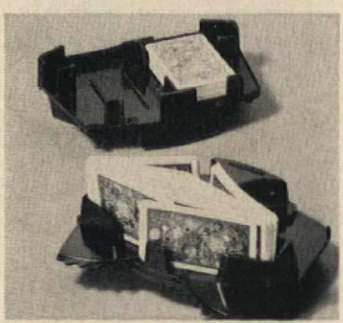

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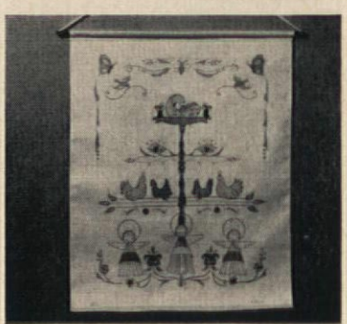

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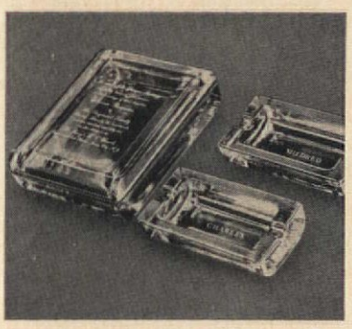

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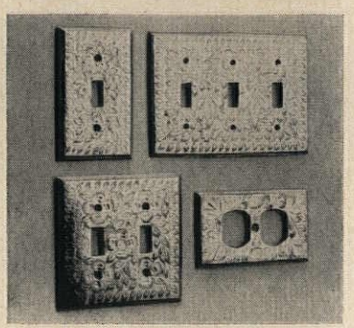

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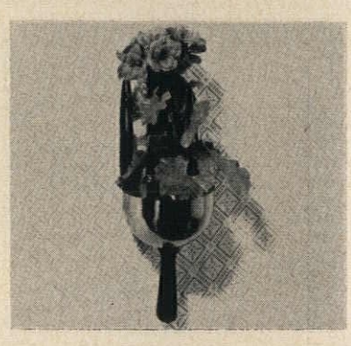

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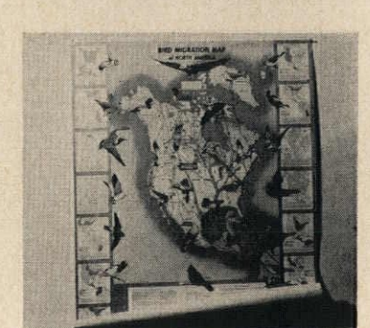

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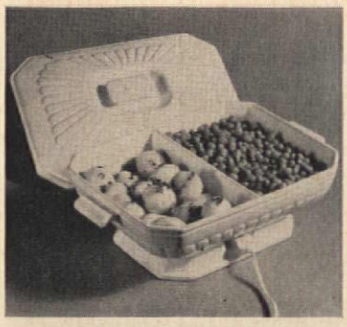

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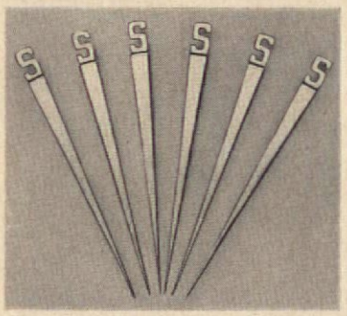

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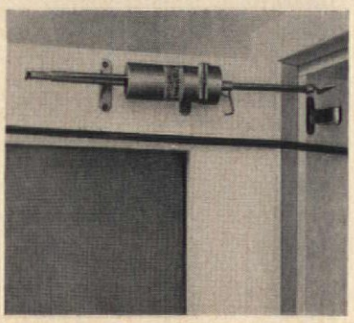

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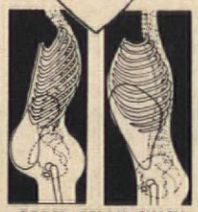

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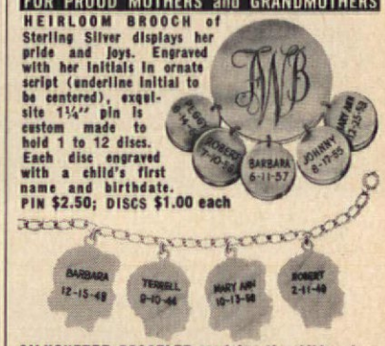

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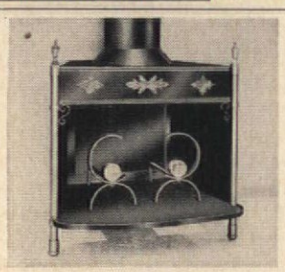

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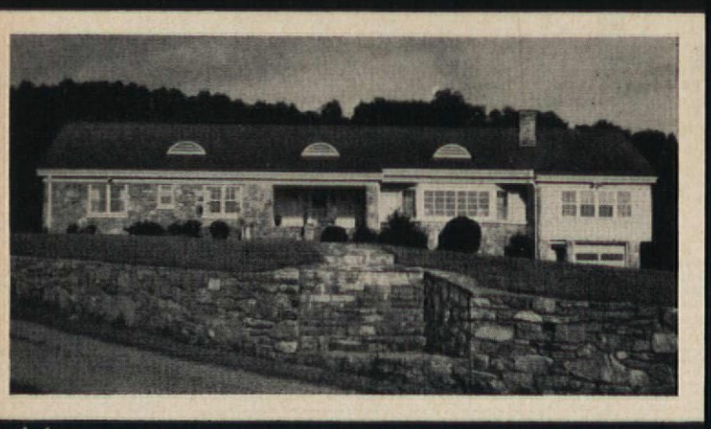

"Everyone has a dream house, but we reviewed thousands of plans before we came to one that suited us—American Home Blueprint No. 48! Though we revised it somewhat, we saved a sizable architect's fee, and have a dream come true."

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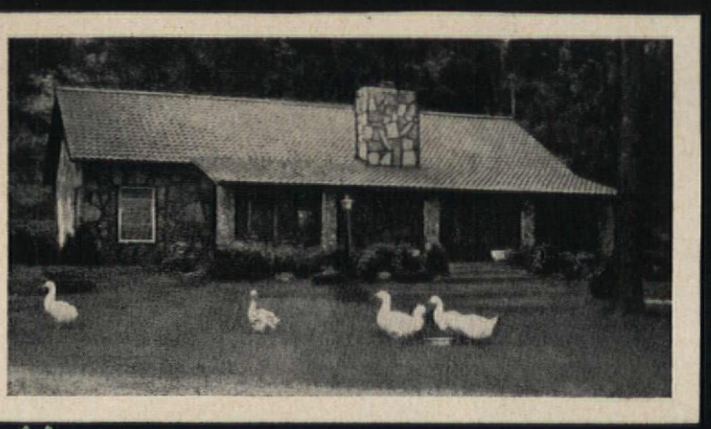

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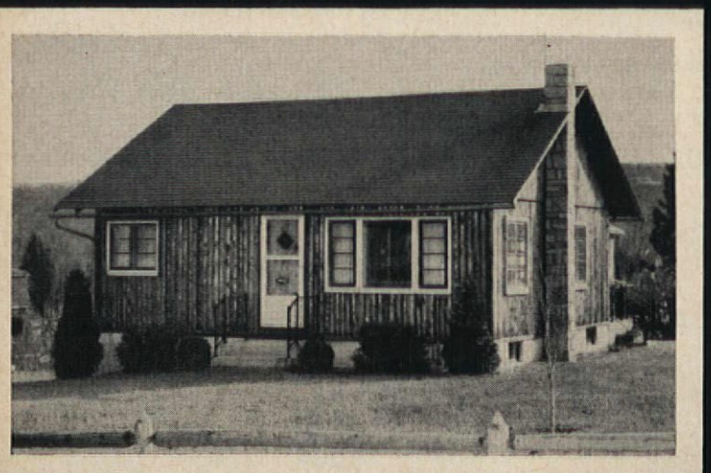
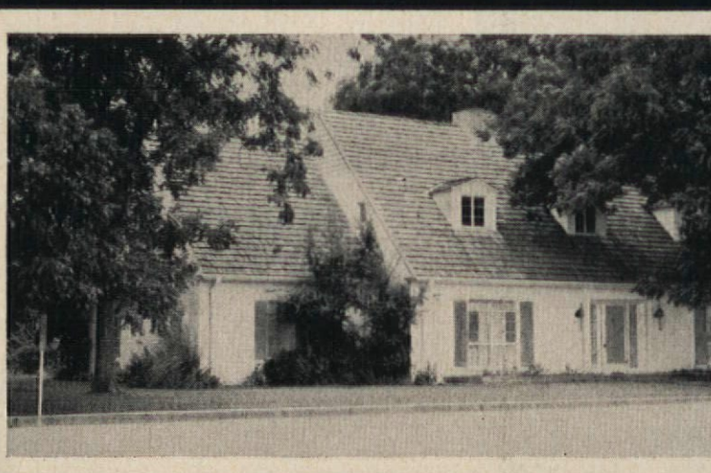


"My home was built five years ago and I wouldn't trade it for a castle. The logs, which were shipped from Michigan, were set vertically. The landscaping and rail fence were the work of my brother and myself. Inside, the rustic mood is enhanced by the open-beam ceiling in the living room."

Miss Arabelle Gerlach, Allentown, Pennsylvania



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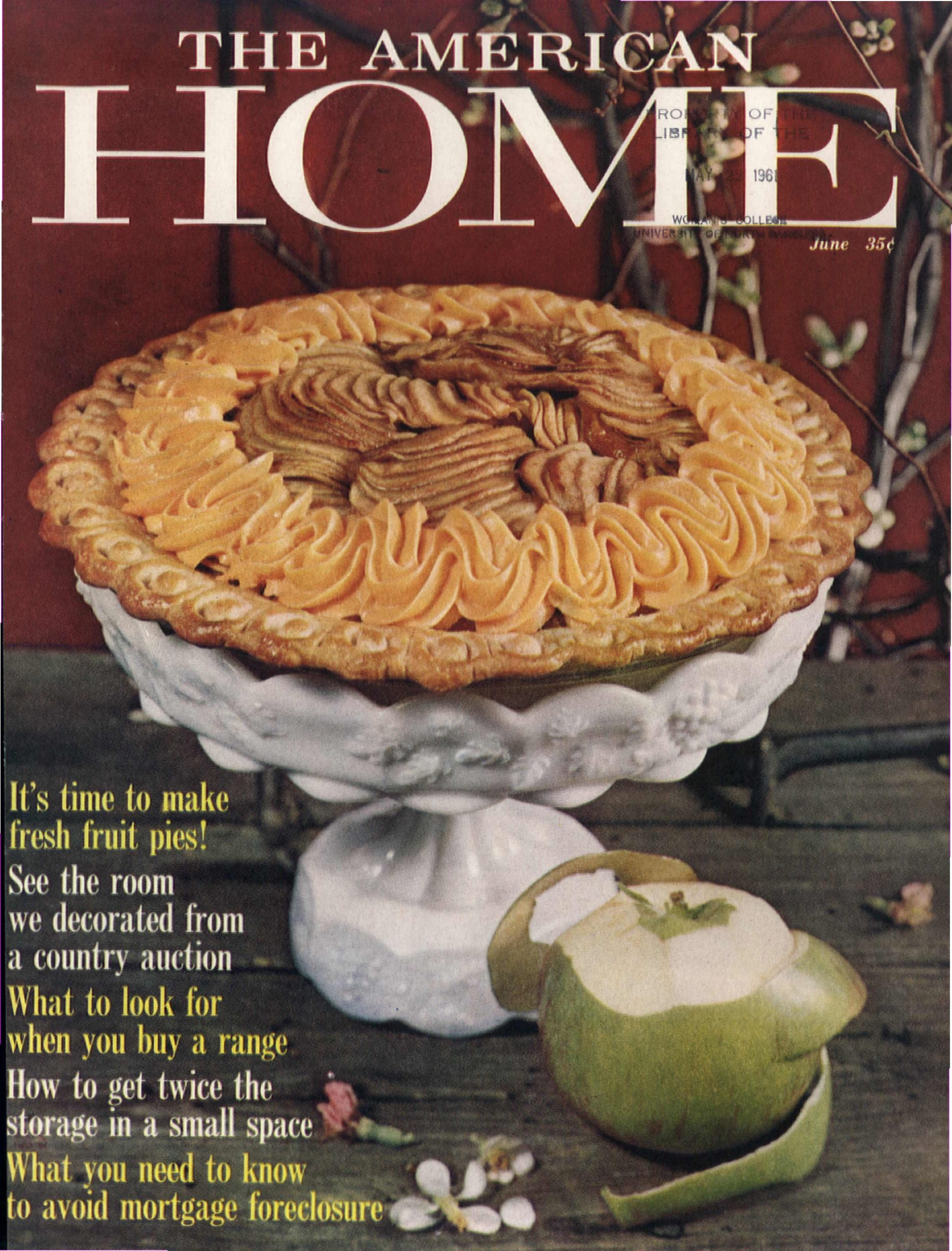

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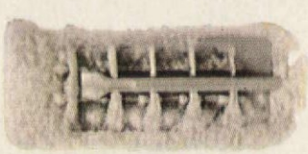

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