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"That holiday afternoon we'd invited some people in, and as we waited for them to arrive, Dot and I sat by the living-room fire reading. Christmas always made me kind of stop and take stock, I guess. And *this* year I was turning forty. *I'm not getting any younger*, I thought, as I leafed through a recent copy of Life magazine.

"For years we'd cherished a favorite dream, Dot and I. Someday I was going to retire. We'd sell the house and move to Florida. Get just a *little* place where we'd be out in the sun all year. We'd get off the treadmill and have time for living.

"But we'd stopped talking about it lately. For we hadn't banked much money. At almost forty, nearly half my working life was behind me. So I began to wonder that afternoon . . . *Must I just live and work and die . . . doing the same thing every day?*

"It was what I was thinking, I suppose, that made me notice the page that said, 'You don't have to be rich to retire on an income.' I read it through. There *was*, it said, a way for an ordinary salaried man to get a lifetime income and retire. The Plan was called the Phoenix Mutual Retirement Income Plan. With it, I could get a guaranteed income of $300 a month beginning when I reached 55. To do it, I needed only one thing—fifteen or twenty good earning years ahead. Well, I'll certainly look into this, I decided, cutting out the coupon.

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OUR COVER

February is National Boy Scout month and we can think of no better way to pay tribute than to picture a meeting of Pack 263 of Northbrook, Illinois. Den Mother Mrs. Earl Johnson is in charge. The handsome, scoutproof Family Room is the one in our "Best House for the Money" in Illinois on page 23. Photo by Kranzten.

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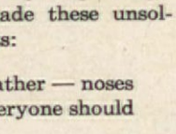

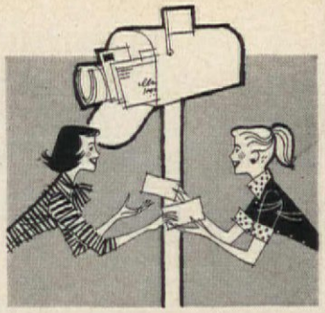

READERS' EXCHANGE

In our column this month we roll out the "cracker barrel" and we have a lot of fun with tips on ideas for refreshing your home . . . breathes there a woman who doesn't like to rearrange the furnishings? . . . we doubt it! Then, our American HOME blueprint dream house comes to life in Readers' Exchange! One of our readers who bought the plan and built the house sent us the very lovely photograph of the house that appears on page 8. We must say, we're pleased as Punch and just about as proud as the charming family living there!

—THE EDITORS

CRACKER BARREL

Dear Editor:

I found your "Country Store Playroom" very interesting except for the fact you say that seats are "cracker barrels." My brother has a country store and the same kind of seats and they are nail kegs. I don't believe crackers come in barrels of this kind. Am I wrong?

—MRS. AGNES O'CONNELL
ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA

Indeed you are not entirely wrong. Crackers came in barrels up until the last quarter of the last century. Barrels in the photo appear to be wine kegs, indicated by the spout. However, it is true that nails also come in similar kegs. —THE EDITORS

A READER SUGGESTS....

Dear Editor:

There are many little ways we can freshen our homes at small cost and light effort. For one thing, plants and flowers can bring color and artistry into any room. The Orientals have a "shadow box" alcove in their homes in which they display arrangements of flowers, statuary

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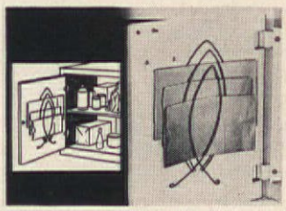

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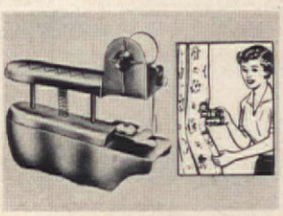

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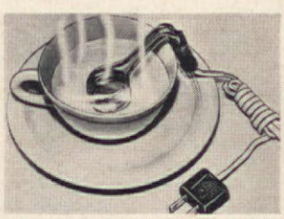

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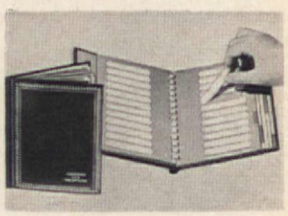

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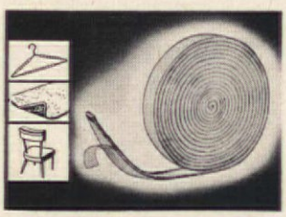

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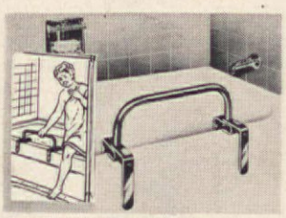

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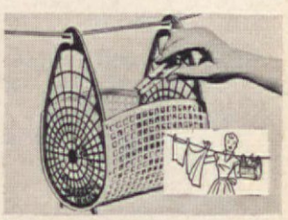

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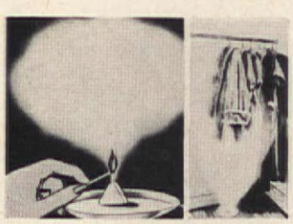

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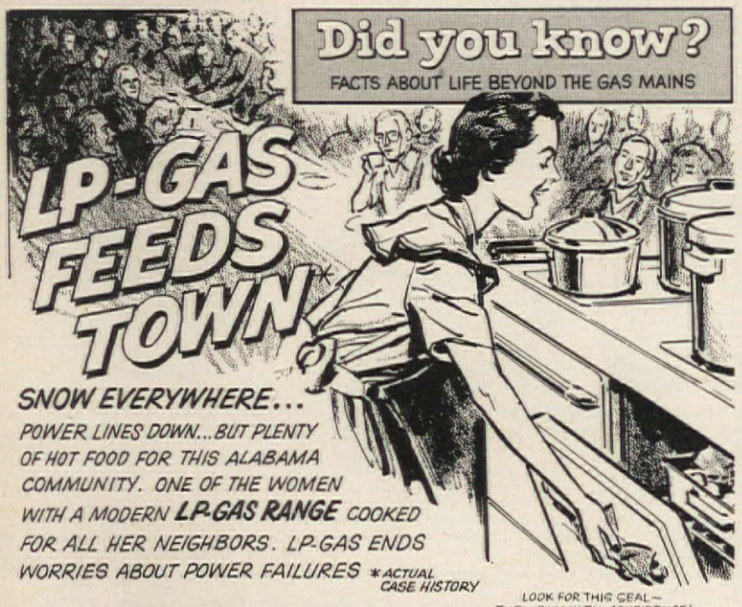

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Readers' Exchange

(continued)

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—MRS. G. G. JACKEY
RICHLAND, WASHINGTON

Thank you for your artistic idea, Mrs. Jackey; well worth trying, we would say. —THE EDITORS

BLUEPRINT DREAM HOUSE

Dear Editors:

We built your House #28 shown in the March 1954 issue. We made very few changes in the house. We bought 2⅔ acres in Bucks County, Penna., and in December 1954 we started having our house built. We sent for the plans you advertised, selected a builder, and moved into our "dream house" May 16, 1955.

American HOME Blueprint House #28. "Winter Quarters" was built by the Gerolds in New Hope, Penna.

We had a seven foot cabinet built with cherry finish to put in front of that extra living room wall space. It is truly beautiful and the cabinet was also selected from The American HOME. I believe the January or February issue.

As you can see The American HOME has really played an important part in our lives and we are faithful subscribers.

Last year we added a flagstone patio the full length of the back of the house and eventually we plan to add a combination den-guest room off the dining room.

If you ever get down this way, please drop in to see us so we can show you the American HOME we are so proud of!

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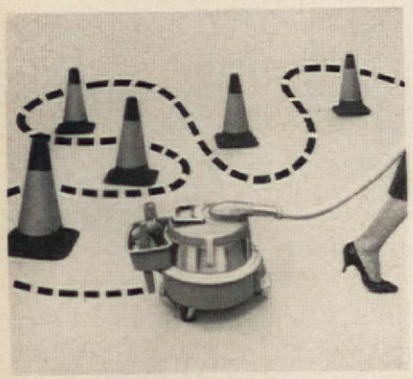

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The Rosemary Association of Garden Clubs' world tour through flower-show arrangements included "stop-overs" at Paris, the Pyramids of Egypt and the exotic Belgian Congo. Each of the eighteen classes in the artistic division of the schedule called for a flower arrangement suggesting a port of call on the world cruise.

The class calling for arrangements of white flowers in white containers gave visitors to the show a peek at the Polar Regions. A composition using a gondola-shaped container was reminiscent of the canals of Venice. One class in the arrangements division paid tribute to Dublin's Fair City by requesting arrangements using green plant material in green containers.

Via four spacious, colorful, fragrant aisles of flower-arrangement displays, four thousand miles were chalked up by the audience without ever leaving St. Louis! On a smaller scale, any homemaker can cruise to a faraway land right in her own living room by simply following the arrangements shown in the photographs appearing on this page.

TREASURED CORONATION cup and saucer (upper right) convey a feeling of British charm and dignity in this composition called "London Tea Time." Pink rosebuds accentuate fragile quality of the fine china.

AFRICAN MOTIF (right) won best of show award. Tropical feeling of figurine is repeated in red-orange anthurium blossoms, waxy leaves. Compound fern fronds and straw tray add contrast.

"ALOHA," this Hawaiian composition, calls to all who see it (above). Crescent line of the plant material terminates in lemons and limes on a natural coconut spathe. Base is composed of fine sand with a fish-net border, provides a softening note for arrangement. Island lass completes lovely picture.

THE FAR EAST is suggested by this composition (right) using feather pine foliage over mums. Teak base bowl and seated ceramic figure serve to dramatize oriental delicacy of floral arrangement.

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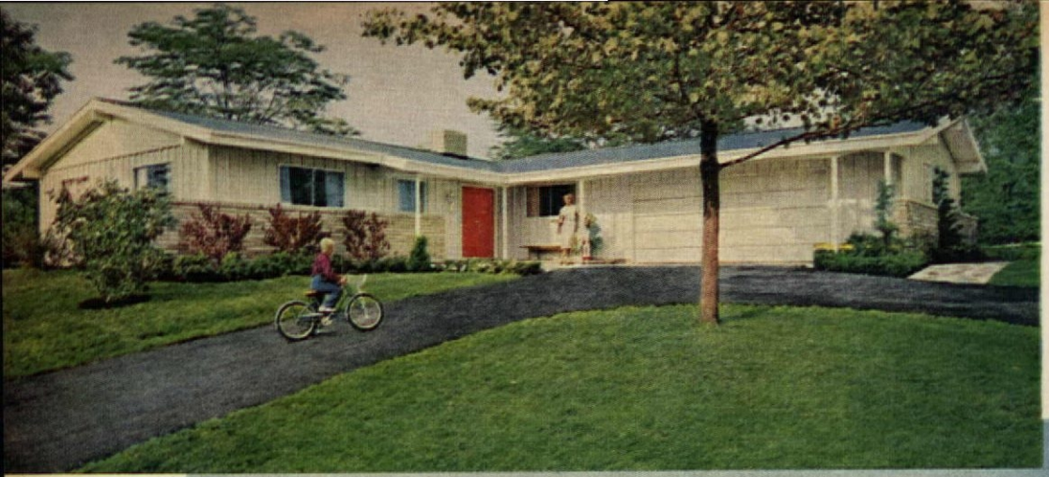

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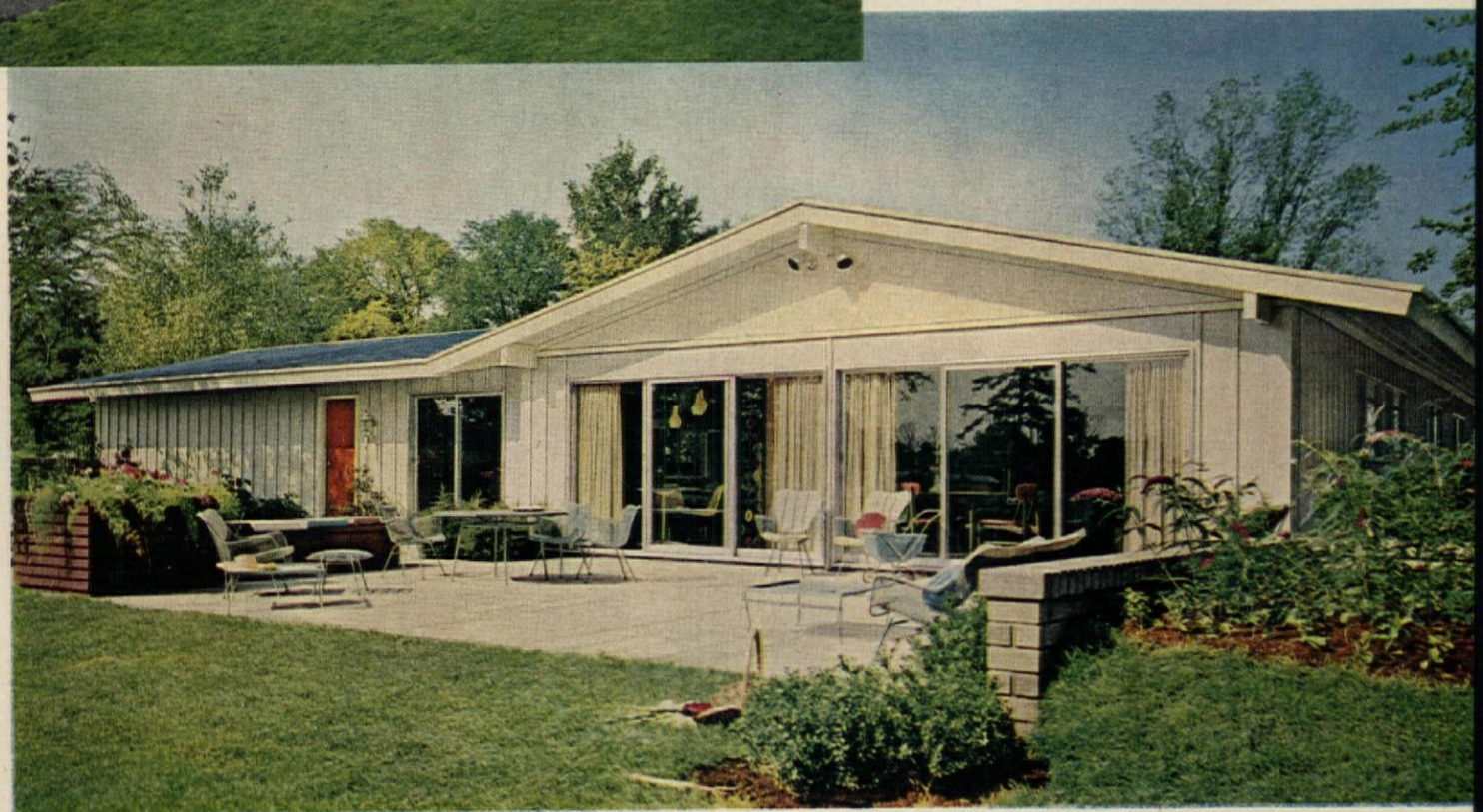

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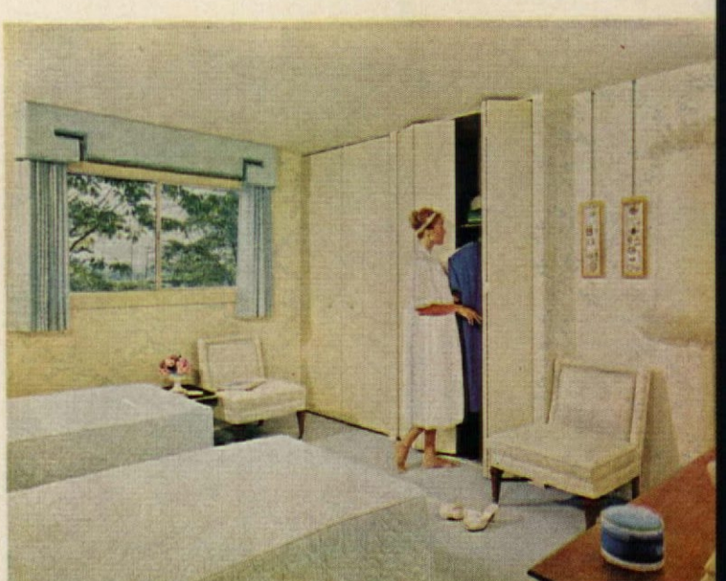

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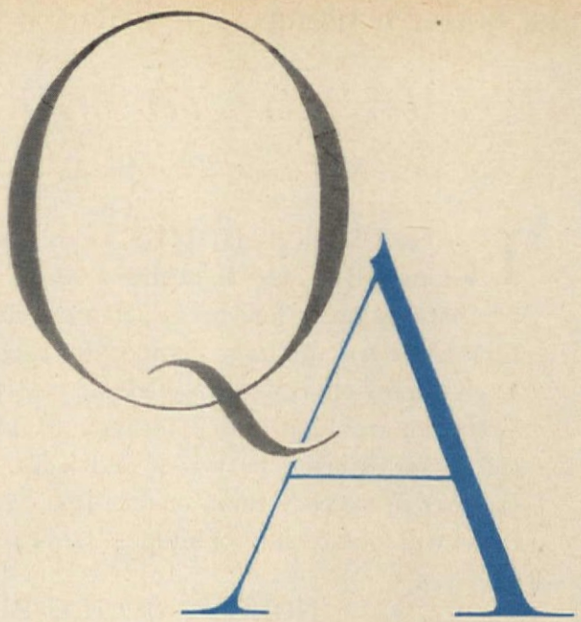

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A digest of the most frequently asked questions by American HOME readers . . . and our answers!

Q. *What are some of the perennial plants that flower in July and August, appropriate for a summer cottage?*

A. Some species and varieties of the following perennials flower in July: aconitum, perennial aster, cushion chrysanthemums, phlox, gentiana, astilbe, hemerocallis, thalictrum. Flowering in August are some species and varieties of these: aconitum, anemone, hibiscus, hosta, rudbeckia, salvia, stokesia, veronica. Floribunda roses flower almost continuously from June through late fall. You'll probably find some of these plants at a nearby nursery or garden center, though more of them will probably be offered in a good mail-order nursery catalog. The best planting time would be March and April.

Q. *How can I refinish antique furniture?*

A. First clean off old finish with paint remover. Then wash off all traces of paint remover with the neutralizer suggested by the manufacturer of the paint remover used. If you fail to do this, the new finish will not adhere because most removers have a waxy base which sticks to the wood surface; this waxy residue will resist new finish. Dry thoroughly, then sand surface with medium then fine sandpaper. Use a paste wood filler on the wood surface to fill the pores of the wood. Follow manufacturer's directions carefully. Dry, then paint or stain. Dry thoroughly. To glaze surface with antique glaze mix a little varnish and lamp black or burnt sienna tube oil color. Wipe most of this off before it has a chance to dry. Leave a little more of the glaze in crevices and on the corners than in the middle flat areas. Dry for two weeks, then wax with a good paste wax.

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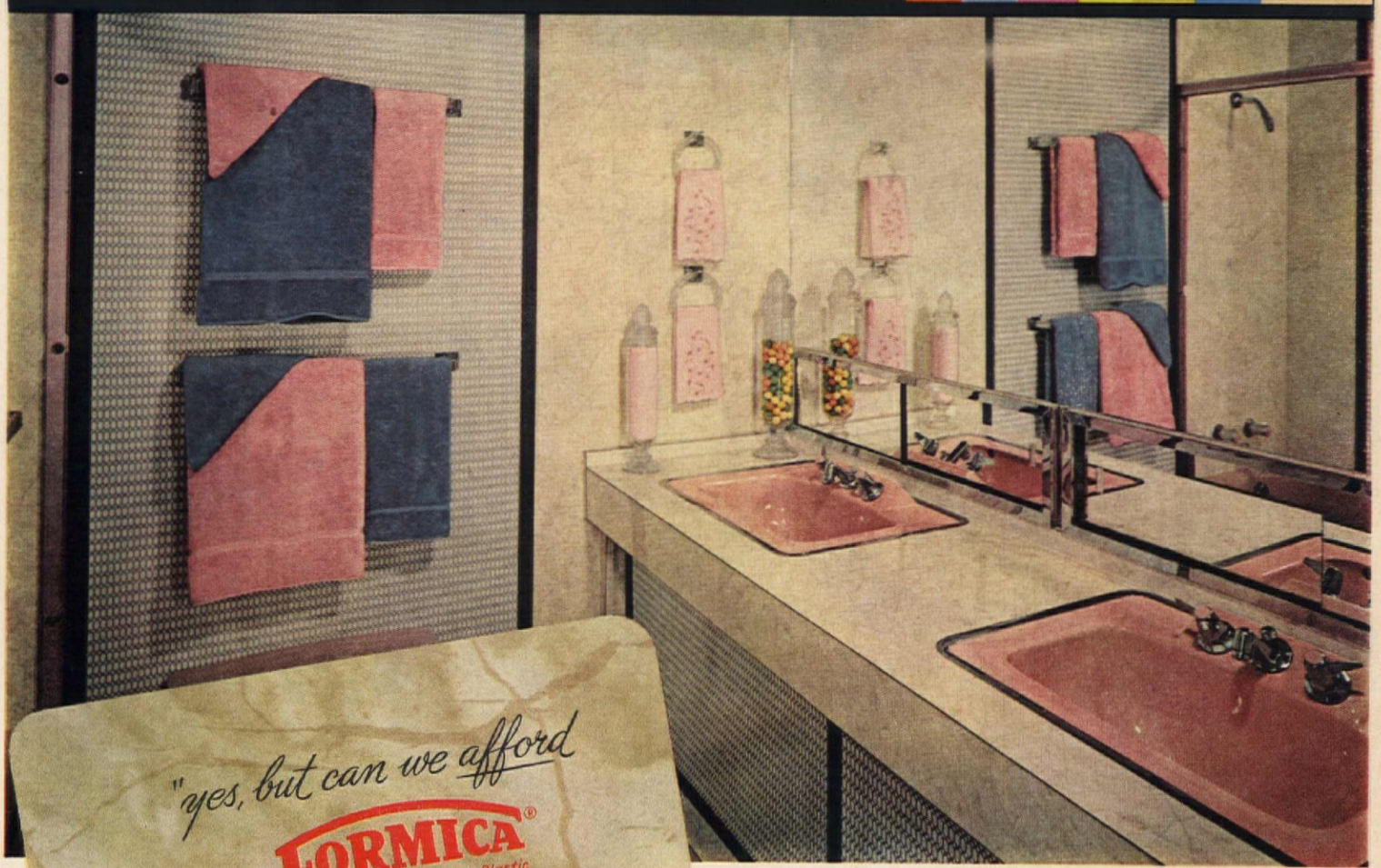

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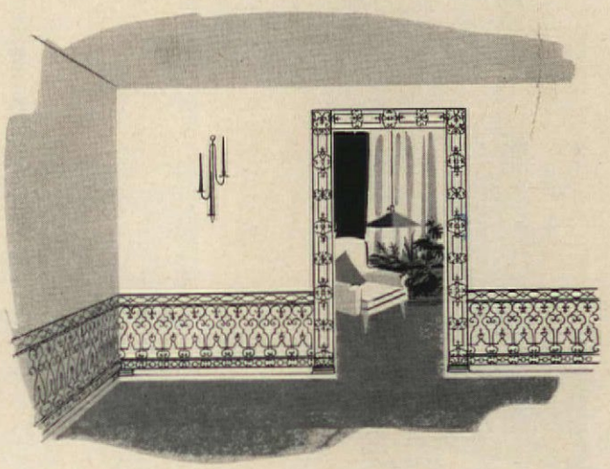
Q. *How can one add architectural or design character to an ordinary-looking room?*

A. Built-in bookcases, furniture, storage walls and room dividers like the popular glass rondelays will lend interest to a plain room. The modern glass, metal and fiber products used in panels and screens contribute character to a room. Or some of the lovely architectural wallpapers, of columns, arches, borders and similar patterns, can give new life to an ordinary room.



Q. *Can you give me a list of substitute foods in case I don't have handy all ingredients called for in a recipe?*

A. Many ingredients are optional and you can easily substitute for them. Spices and flavorings seldom must be followed exactly. Similar fruit flavorings can be substituted and many herbs are interchangeable. Chives and onions are usually interchangeable. Tomato purée plus spices could be used for catsup. All-purpose flour and cake flour may, in a great many recipes, be substituted for each other. If a recipe calls for all-purpose flour and you have only cake flour, just add extra cake flour (about 2 tablespoons per cup). If a recipe specifies brown sugar and you are "fresh out," just add a drop of maple flavor or a little molasses to an equivalent amount of white sugar.

Q. *How can one establish "mood settings" at the table when limited to a single set of china?*

A. Your one set of dinnerware is your basic, but you can always start a "wardrobe" of table coverings to bring color and style to your table. Think in terms of cheerful, colored cloths or place mats for breakfast, pastel shades for the luncheon table. Teatime calls for something delicate such as organdy, fine linen, lace, a good spun-rayon cloth in white or pastel. For the dinner table you have still a wider choice—fine damasks, linens, organdies, metallic combinations, laces. For family dinners where small children are present, a luncheon-type cloth might be more practical. Use the coarse, peasant-type cloths for casual, informal dinners or buffets. And for those who prefer to keep laundry at a minimum there are gay paper or plastic cloths and mats that look like woven fabric, and lovely, colorful synthetic materials that wipe dry with a damp cloth or sponge.

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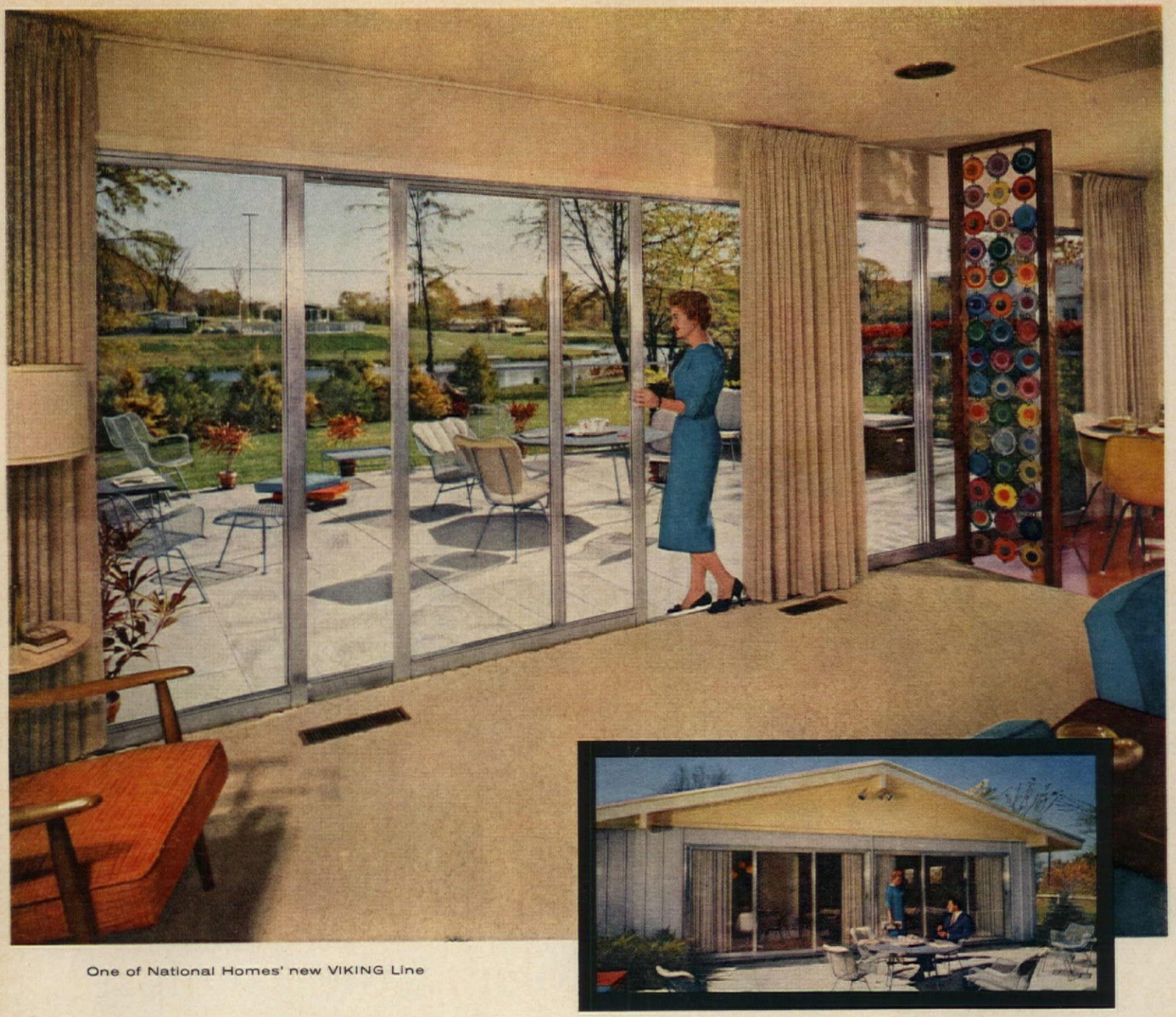

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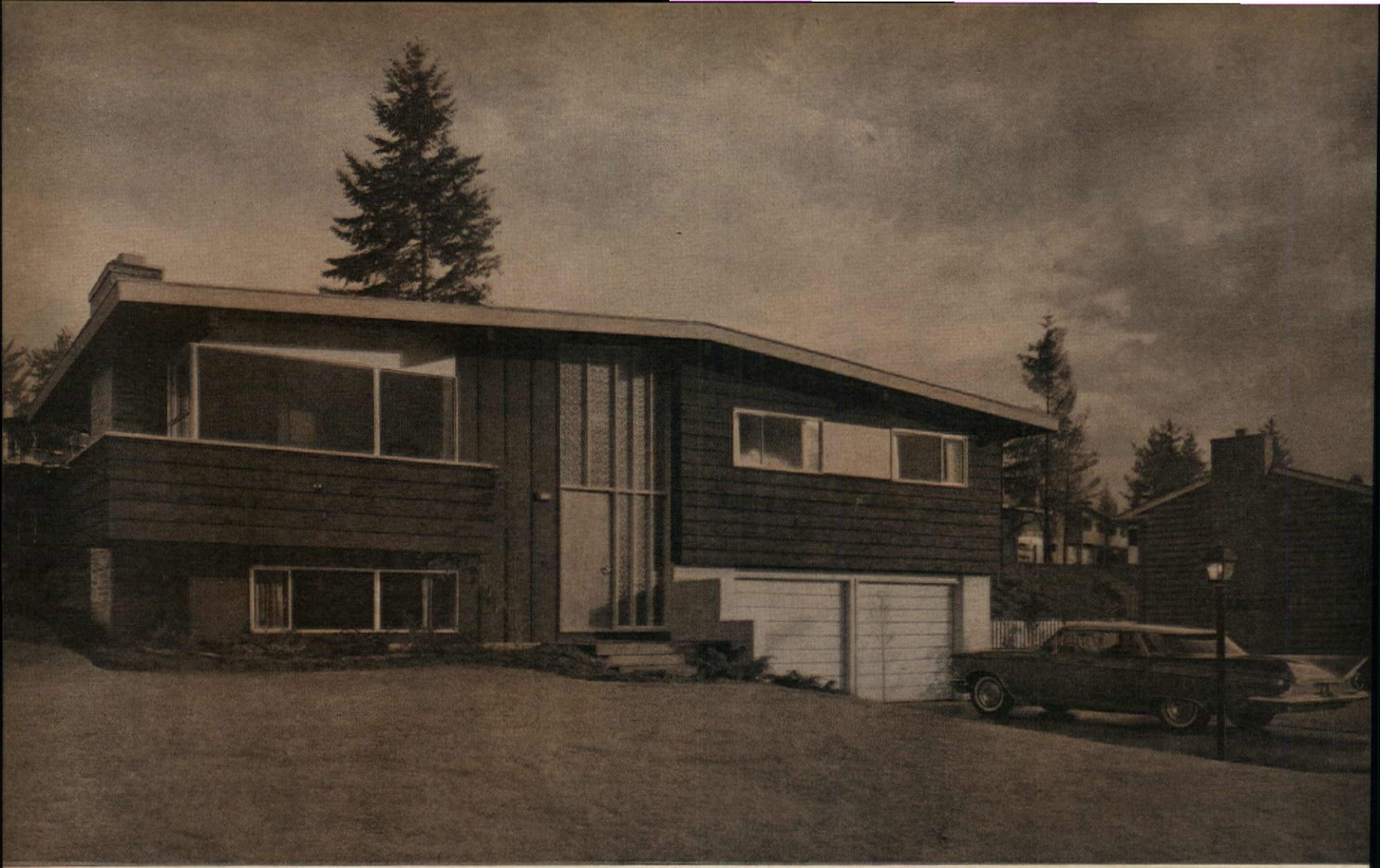
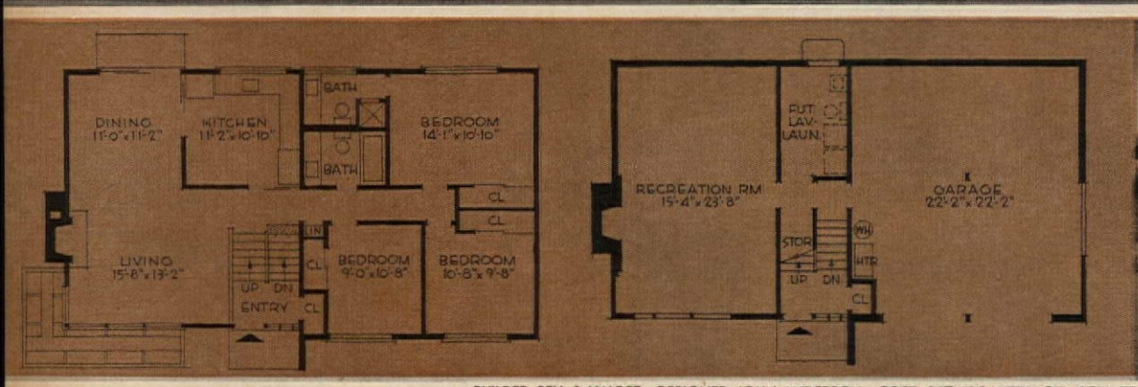
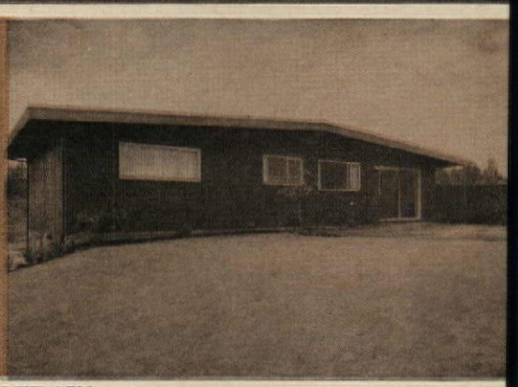
Here's how the contest works. Each year The American HOME invites the leading builders in the 18 states which account for most of the building going on in this country today to submit plans of the houses they plan to build in the current year. From these plans, our panel of housing experts selects three houses in each of the states as Citation winners. These homes are then published in a special insert going only to the readers in the state in which they were built. Our American HOME readers are then invited to vote for the one house they consider the outstanding buy.

These houses have been selected because they offer, in the opinion of the judges and our readers, the best value in exterior design, floor plan, quality construction and materials and other features.

We hope you enjoy looking at these houses. And we repeat—if you are about to go out shopping for a new home, take this portfolio with you. Be sure you are getting the most for *your* money.







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Best house for the money in

WASHINGTON

This striking house captured first place in the state of Washington by a huge margin, and no wonder! A host of advantages were immediately evident to readers. Most important to the men was the amount of living space for the dollar—a price for this house that works out to roughly $10 per sq. ft. For the women, it was the oversized master bedroom, with its own complete bath, plus the light, bright and roomy kitchen. Unusual, too, and target of many good comments, were the two large living areas on two different levels. This unexpected luxury is seldom included in homes under $18,000. The recreation room and separate living room make a wonderful division between entertainment areas for the grownups and children. Over the weekends, both children and parents could entertain simultaneously.

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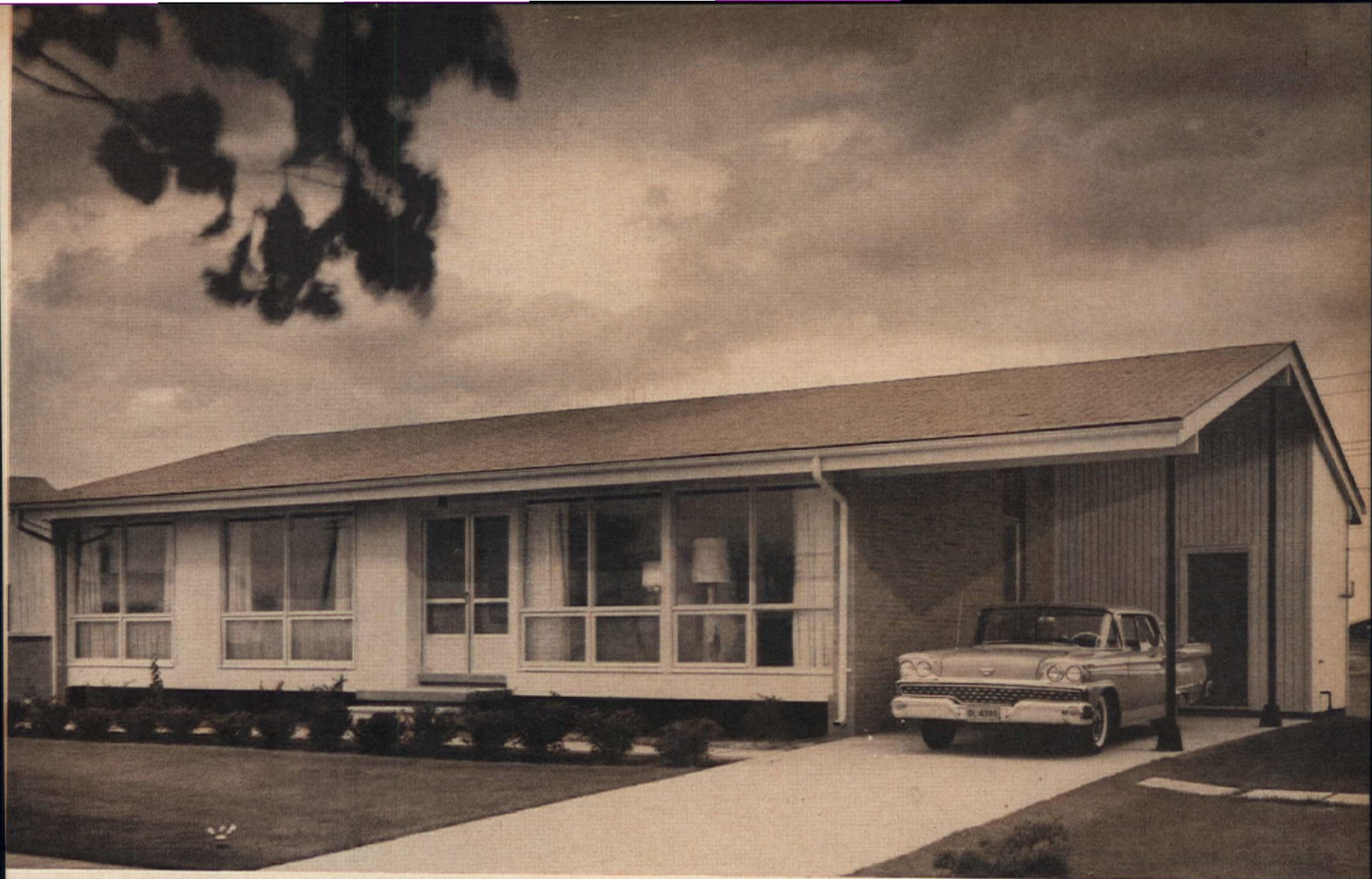
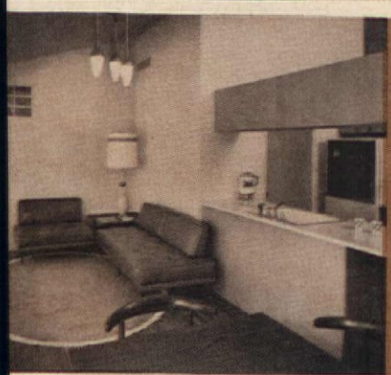
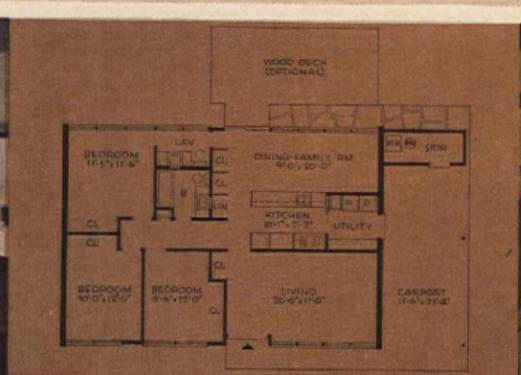
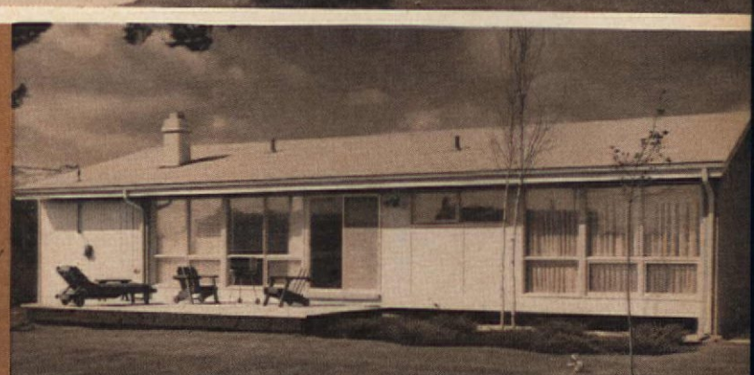
One feature that drew an extraordinary amount of comment was the architectural treatment of the exterior. The eave-to-ground entry took honors as the outstanding feature. Readers who had visited the house spoke about its attractive appearance at night. During the day, its lines, plus the board-and-batten siding to its left, harmonize perfectly with the horizontal lines of the balcony and siding over the garage. The two-car garage made a big hit, and even for those with one car, it means nearly 300 extra square feet of storage too.









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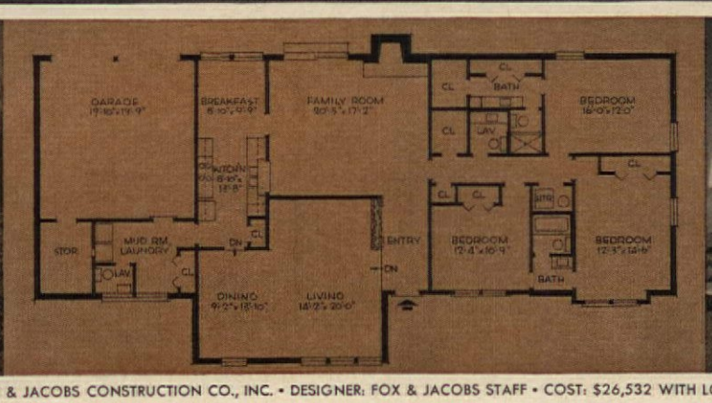
Best house for the money in

MICHIGAN

Our Citation winner in Detroit is excellent proof that a low-priced home need not necessarily be ordinary and unattractive. Cameo Home Builders, Inc. have produced this handsome home in Clinton Township, a suburb of Detroit, for a price ranging between $17,250 and $18,250, including the land.

Votes and comments from American HOME readers all over the state stressed the fine detailing and proportion of the house. Favorable comments weren't restricted to the front of the house, as so many of our readers commented that the rear exterior was every bit as handsome as the front.

The Cameo house has inner beauty too. The large, evenly placed windows and high vaulted ceilings lend a quality of spaciousness and drama to the interior. The carefully considered arrangement of rooms makes this a convenient, efficient home in which to live. The house is divided down the middle with the sleeping zone, comprising three bedrooms, one full bath and a combination lavatory-mudroom, all on the left. On the right are living room, family-dining room and central utility core. Readers found the family-dining room wonderful for informal entertaining, open on one side, as it is, to the kitchen and to the rear patio on the other side.



BUILDER: FOX & JACOBS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. • DESIGNER: FOX & JACOBS STAFF • COST: $26,532 WITH LOT • SQUARE FEET: 2,320

Best house for the money in

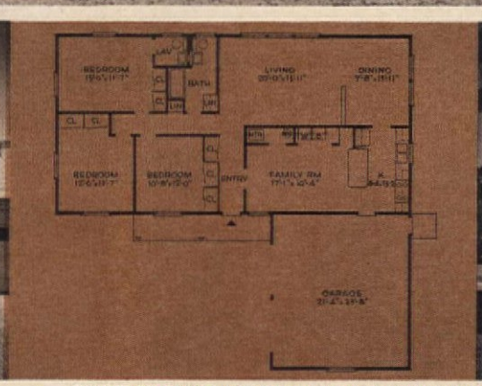
TEXAS

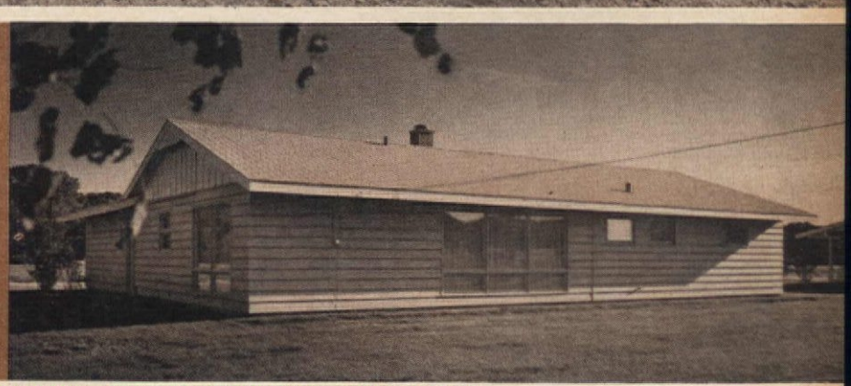
Texans, noted for doing things in a big way, made this Dallas house a winner by a three-to-one margin over the next runner-up. Reasons for the landslide are manifold, starting with spaciousness, more than 2,300 square feet in this basementless home, and ending up with the extremely reasonable price of $26,532, including land. In between these two outstanding factors are a myriad of superior features which helped influence readers' votes.

Texans who cast their vote for this house found evidence of imaginative thinking everywhere. Women were particularly keen about the more than ample storage space. A bedroom hall closet is ideal for storing bulk household items such as the extra blankets, pillows, trunks, suitcases and similar items.

Voters like the way stool and shower in the master bathroom had a neat separation from the vanity basin for privacy, and privacy was assured again in the second bath serving both front bedrooms. Lavatories in the hall (for guests) and mud room (especially helpful in the family with small children) were convenient additions usually to be found only in the custom house.

Other features our readers especially liked included the kitchen with breakfast nook and the substantial family room. The consensus indicated an overwhelming endorsement of the traditional exterior architecture.





BUILDER: TILTON HOMES CORPORATION • DESIGNER: TILTON HOMES • COST: $16,990 ON YOUR LOT • SQUARE FEET: 1,568

Best house for the money in

ILLINOIS

The people's choice in Illinois is this fine home built by Tilton Homes Corp. in Rochelle. Here's a house that combines economy, good design and dependable construction. Building costs in this area are usually about $15 a sq. ft., but the Tilton house sells for $16,990 with 1,568 sq. ft. of living area—about $11 a sq. ft. Readers were especially taken with the house exterior. The "L" shape has proven popular through the years and is particularly well handled here. Notice how it creates an interesting variation on what might have been a plain "ranch" design. And count the colonial touches—not too many, but just enough to give the house a solid, traditional feeling.

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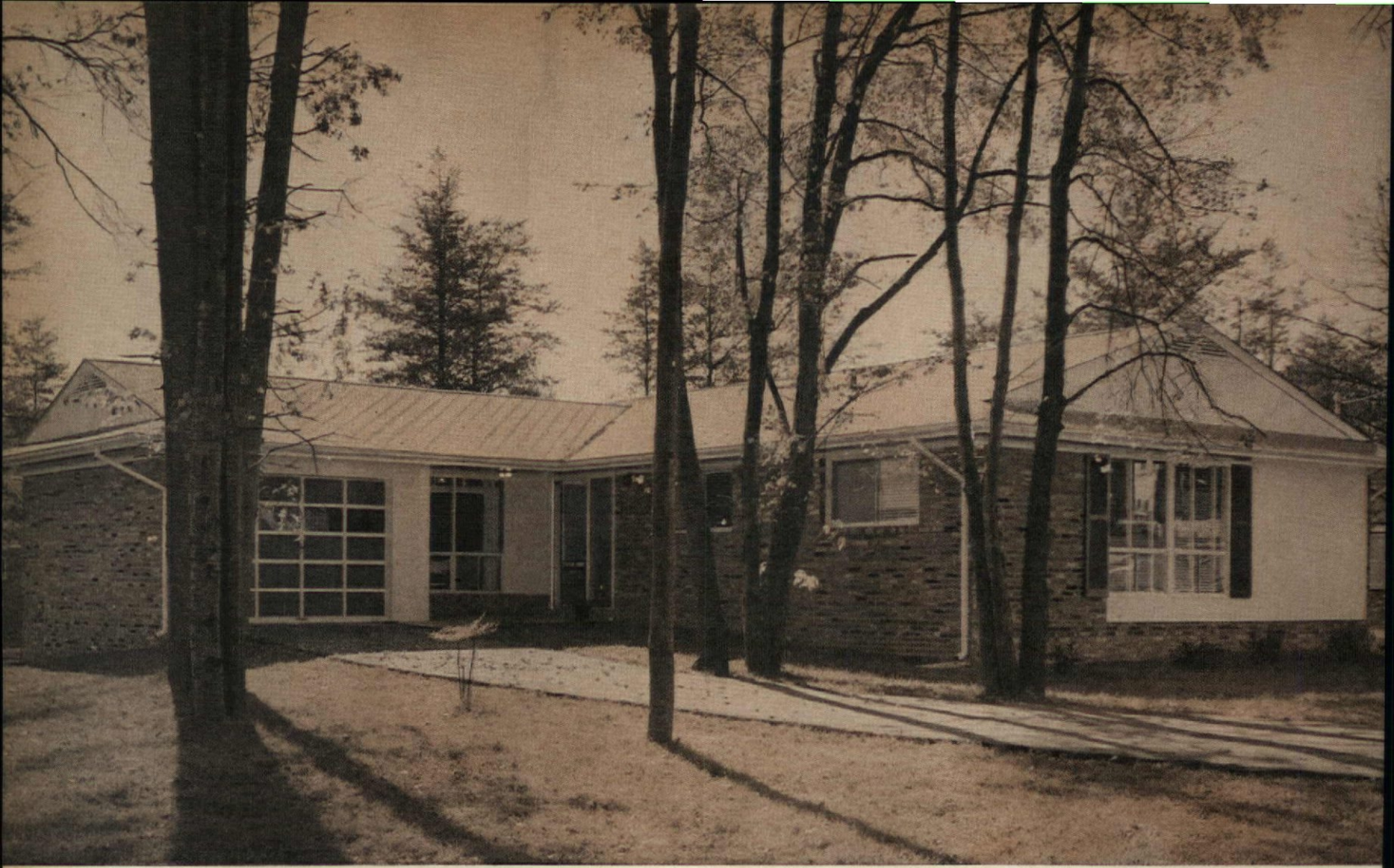
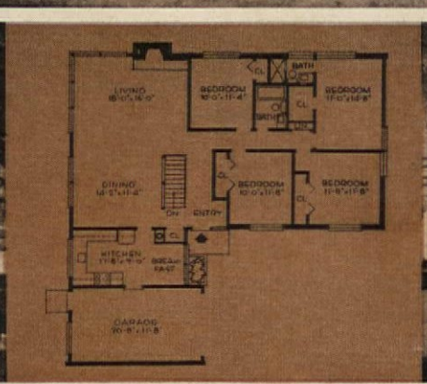
Inside, there is even more to say in favor of this house. Readers cast their votes for these features:

- An entryway that provides better-than-average circulation from front door to the living, sleeping and utility areas of the house.
- Ample storage space, both in the house and along the common wall between the garage and the house.
- A dining area that is at least partially separated by a low planter-wall for privacy during meals.
- A family room-kitchen combination that makes a step-saving work center for mother.
- A garage-and-kitchen arrangement that facilitates deliveries and grocery handling.





BUILDER: DEVON CORPORATION • ARCHITECT: MORTON W. NOBLE, A.I.A. • COST: $26,950 WITH LOT • SQUARE FEET: 1,571

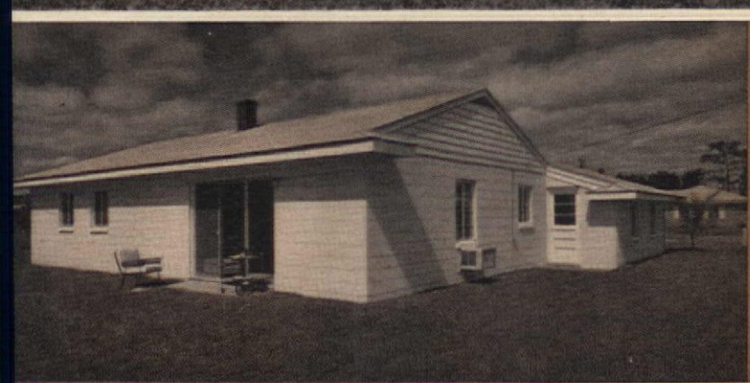
Best house for the money in

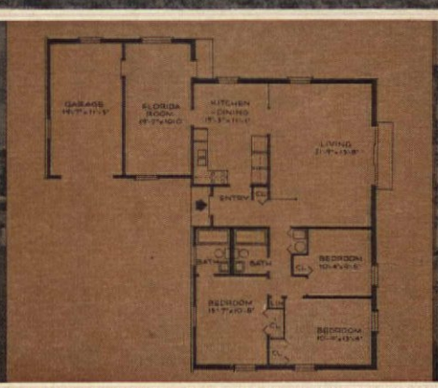
VIRGINIA

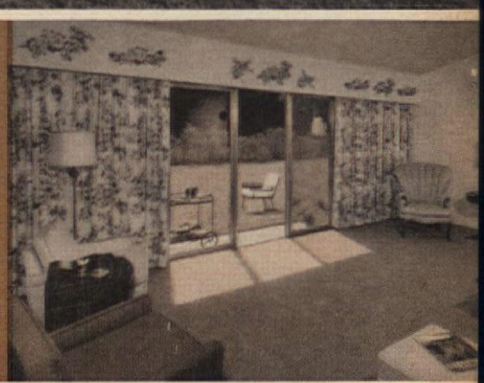
Good-looking exterior design and an efficient floor plan carried this Virginia house into the winning lead by twice the number of votes collected for the runner-up in our Citation house contest. Since it is located in McLean, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, D.C., voters found it an impressive value at $26,950 including land.

A large percentage of homemakers cast their vote for the kitchen, which is well cabineted and has more than ample work space. They also liked the attractive breakfast nook, convenient for quick meals and nicely designed. Our readers with larger families expressed their approval of the four good-size bedrooms and two full baths.

There are a great many carefully thought-out extra touches that made this house a favorite. For example, the entry is well planned to allow for living-dining-area privacy and the guest closet is away from the main traffic pattern. Additional extras that brought in the votes included the large living room with its window walls and fireplace, and the breakfast nook with its striking floor-to-ceiling window overlooking the front entry planter. Readers also cited the convenient wet-weather entrance from garage to kitchen, the recreation-room potential in the large basement, and the attractive brick-and-fir-plywood siding on the exterior.







BUILDER: BOLLINGER-MARTIN, INC., OF FLORIDA • DESIGNER: LOUIS HUFF • COST: $15,950 WITH LOT • SQUARE FEET: 1,450

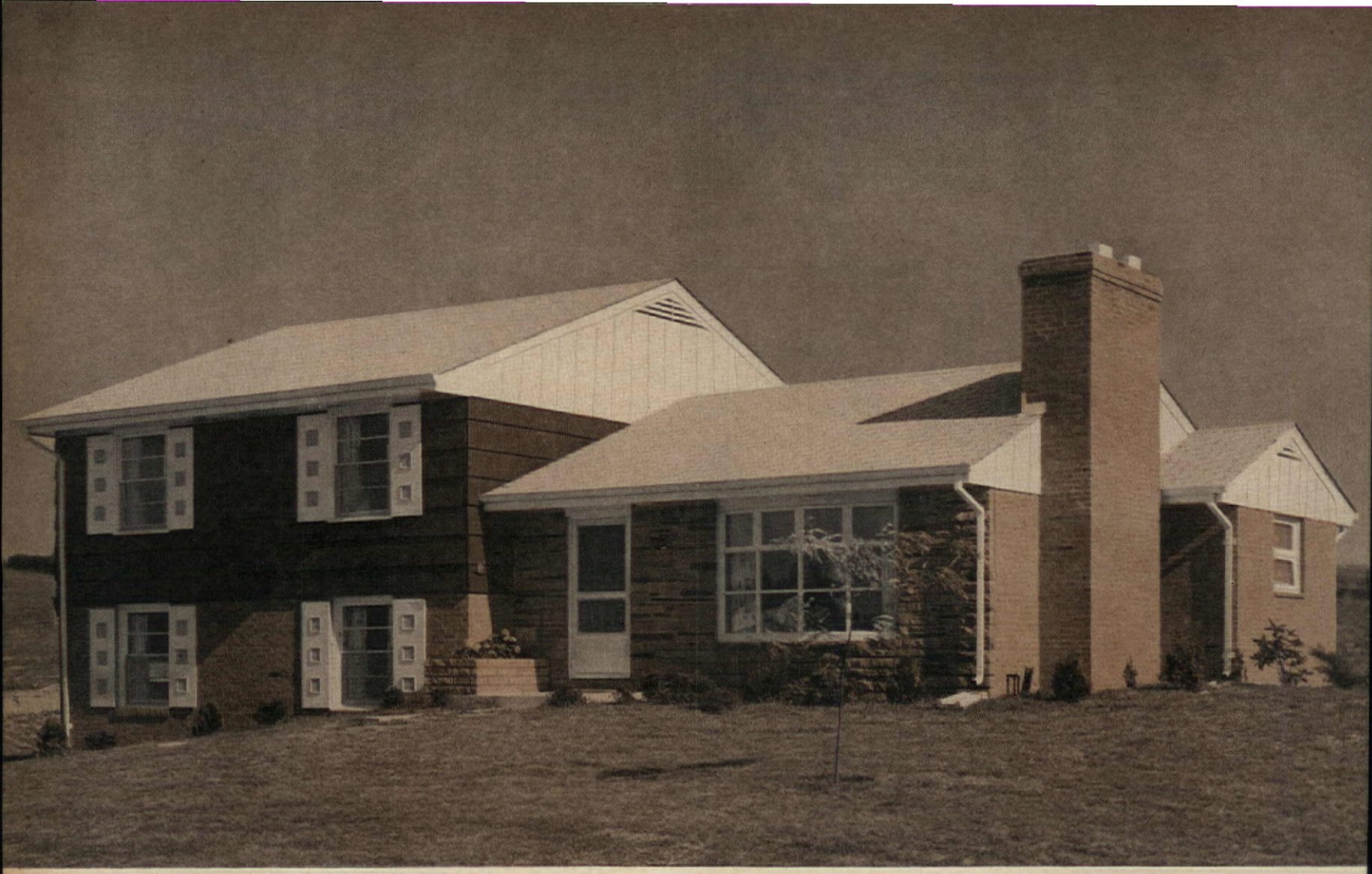
Best house for the money in

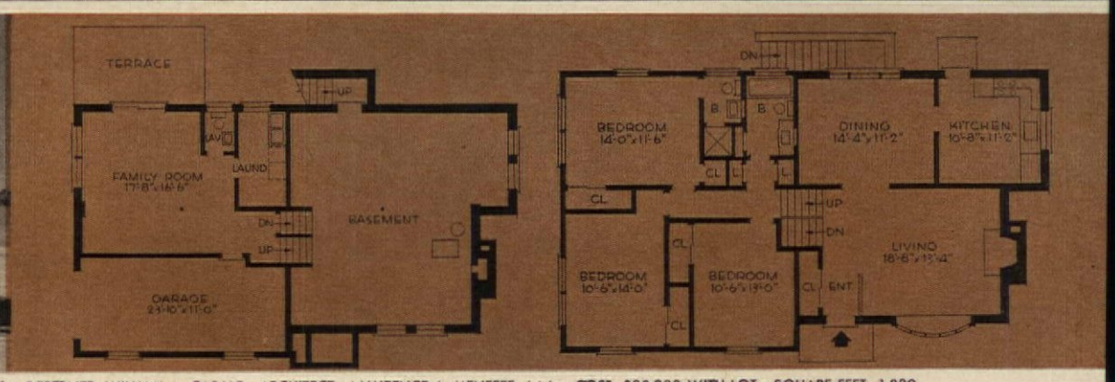
FLORIDA

From Key West to Pensacola, Floridians agree on the Bollinger-Martin home in Orlando as their choice for "The Best House for the Money" in Florida. And small wonder that this low-priced winner takes the prize—there are 1,450 sq. ft. of living area for $15,950, and the price includes land too! This is an excellent buy, even for Florida, where building costs are about ten per cent lower than costs in most of the northern states.

One of the most attractive features in the Bollinger-Martin home is its "Florida room," known elsewhere as family room, game room or recreation room. Close enough to the kitchen so that mother can keep an eye on the young ones at play in the area beyond, this room, positioned away from the bedrooms as it is, turns out to be ideal for evening parties. There are two full baths in this house, a great convenience for today's larger families, and other "plus" factors include a carport with storage space, rooms of substantial size, and a lovely, sprawling porch.

Simplicity is the keynote for the exterior appearance, with brick and deep colonial shutters adding a softening touch. The sunken front entry supplies the custom accent, a detail usually reserved for architecture in a higher price bracket. A glance at the pictures above will reveal why this house scored with our discriminating readers!





BUILDER: TOWN & RANCH HOMES, INC. • DESIGNER: WILLIAM A CASALE • ARCHITECT: LAWRENCE A. MENEFEE. A.I.A. • COST. $28,900 WITH LOT • SQUARE FEET. 1,839

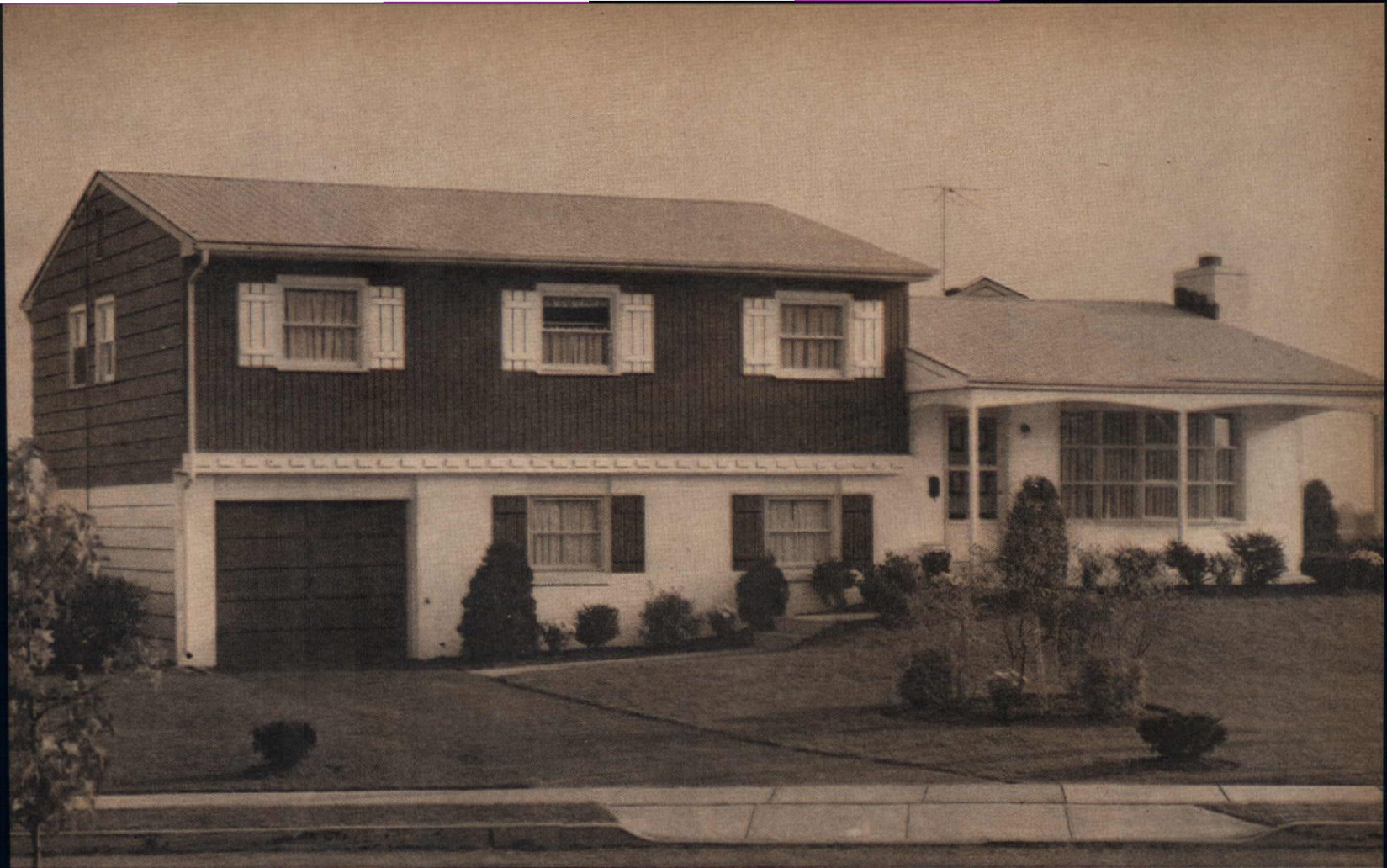
Best house for the money in

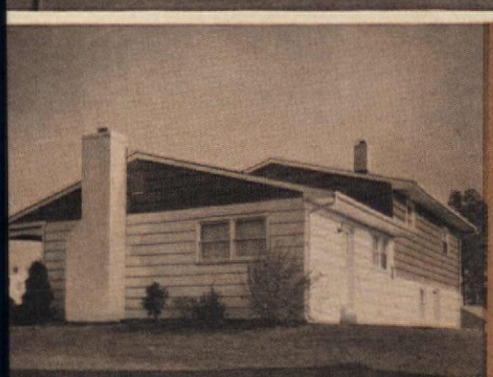
MARYLAND

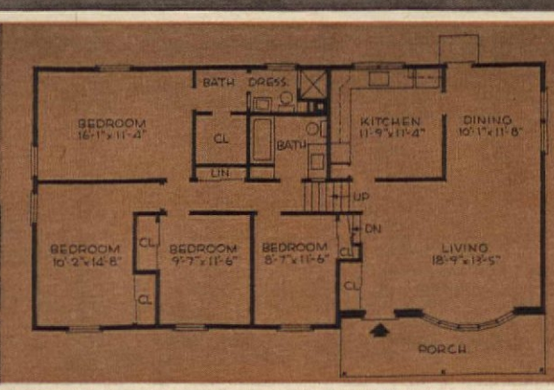
Marylanders voted heavily for this nationally popular split-level built by Town & Ranch Homes. Plenty of well-arranged space (1,839 sq. ft.) at a sensible price—$28,900 including land, makes it Maryland's "Best House for the Money."

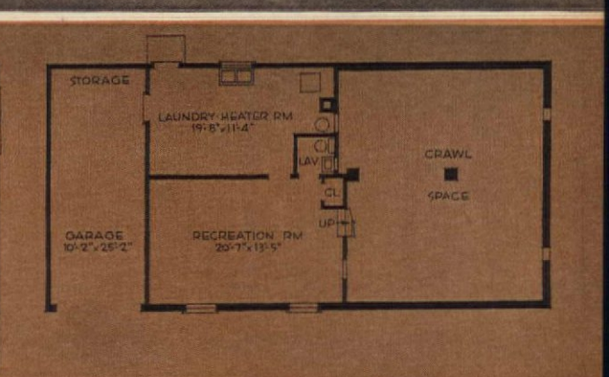
Located in Ellicott City, near Baltimore, the house was designed by builder William A. Casale, president of Town & Ranch Homes, and planned by architect Lawrence A. Menefee. It's a house designed primarily for comfortable living. Each room, each detail was planned for maximum beauty and convenience. A partial check list of reader-approved features includes the oversized bedrooms, all three with full-sized storage closets; a full bath off the master bedroom, an oversized hall bathroom with two linen closets; a separate and private dining room; a fireplace, and a big family room with finished lavatory. Add to this a deep one-car garage with plenty of storage space.

There are two outstanding exterior features. First, access to the house has been made as easy as possible and there are not only conventional front and rear entries (plus a wet-weather entry from the garage), but in addition, the basement and family room are quickly reached from the rear. Second, the garage entrance has been placed on the left side of the house to make the front design present a continuous, well-balanced picture.









BUILDER: MORRISVILLE MANOR CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION • DESIGNER: PRESIDENTIAL HOMES • COST: $18,990 WITH LOT • SQUARE FEET: 1,968

Best house for the money in

PENNSYLVANIA

Voters deemed this house a winner because of its remarkable amount of space for the money. They really liked the idea of having nearly 2,000 sq. ft. of livable floor area for the unusually low price of $9.60 per sq. ft. They realized that this is a good price in Pennsylvania, and especially well tagged for Falls Township, a suburb of Philadelphia. But they noted that the house had a great deal more to offer than space. Take the master bedroom, for example. Readers were amazed at not only the size of the room, but the fact that a huge closet, dressing area and master bath were included. A regal setting, to be sure. Women with three or more children put in a big vote for the house. Its fourth bedroom is a strong feature. (One reader wanted to know when new homes would start featuring *five* bedrooms!) Several readers with only a three-bedroom need chose this house for expected additions to the family or because they wanted a den or sewing room. The voters also remarked on the sensible traffic pattern made from the entry to the kitchen and bedrooms.

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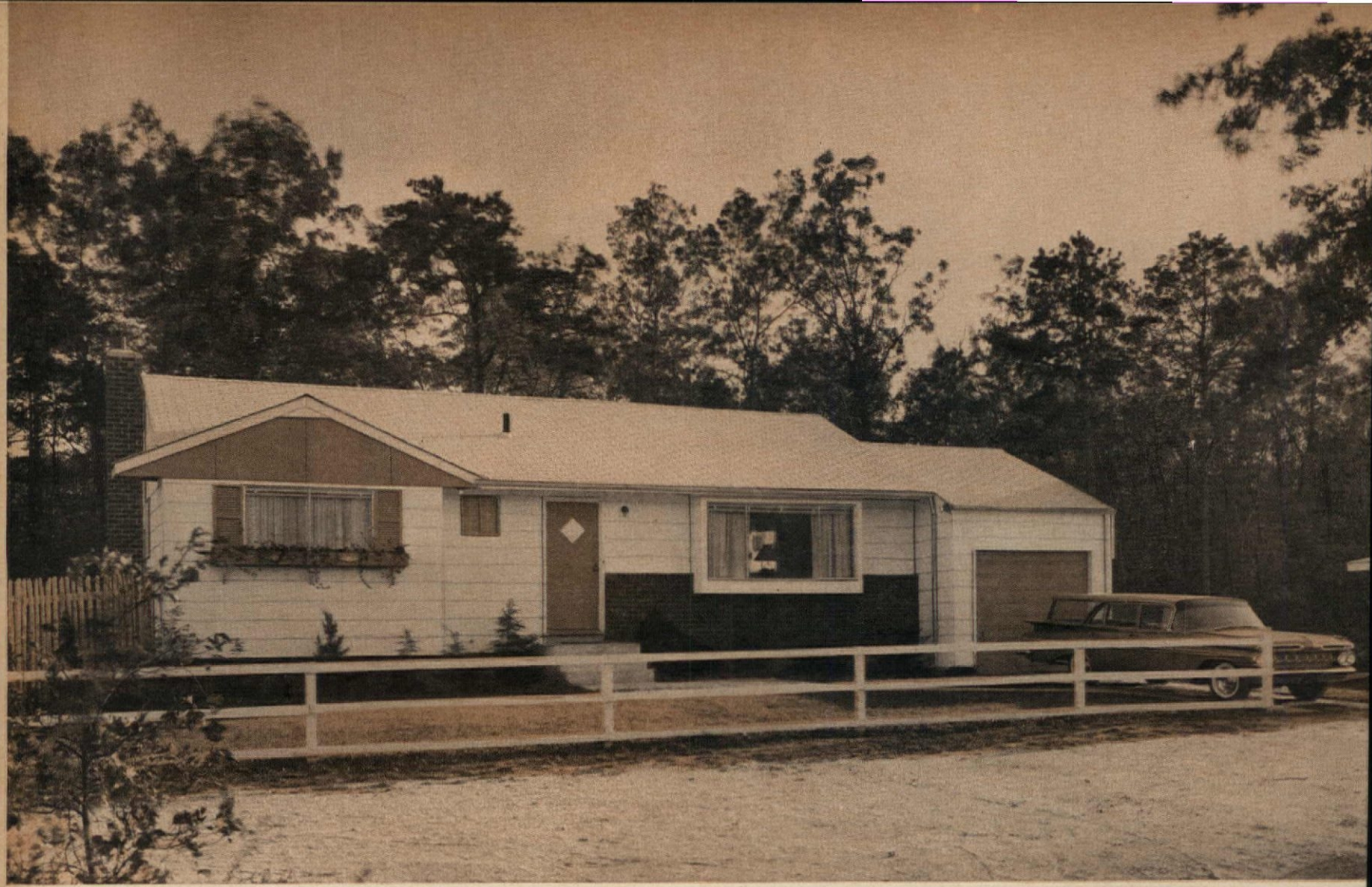
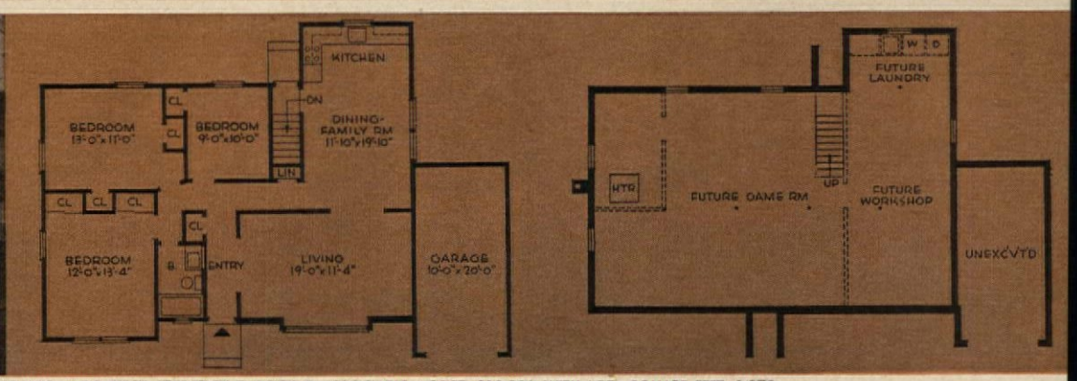
Space for storage in this house was a big hit too. One reader said it reminded her of grandmother's three-story home with enough space in the attic alone to pack away a houseful of old furniture. And the men liked the extra storage space in the garage.





BUILDER: F. E. GIBSON BUILDERS, INC. • ARCHITECT: FREDERICK T. BOCK & ASSOCIATES • COST: $13,990 WITH LOT • SQUARE FEET: 1,279

Best house for the money in

NEW YORK

Budget-minded New Yorkers were greatly impressed by the spacious 1,270 square feet of living area available at a low $13,990 in this award-winning home on Long Island. But cost was only one of the many factors that contributed to making the three-bedroom house an award winner. For example, the huge "country kitchen" ranked high in popularity among our readers since it was planned with considerable flexibility. It can either be utilized as a combination kitchen and family room as it appears in the blueprint, or it can be separated by a room divider placed just behind the double window. A storage-wall and breakfast-bar combination might also be built as a divider arrangement.

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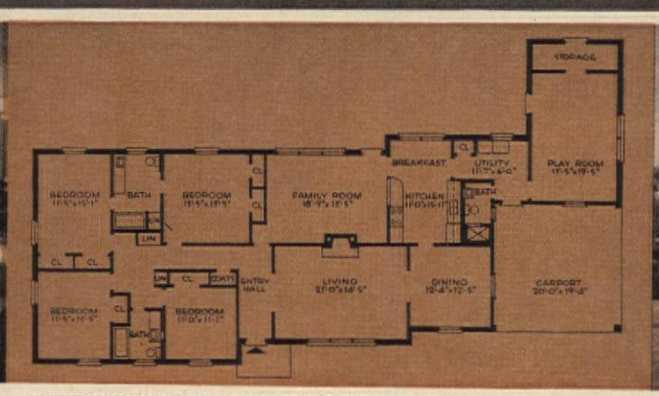
The entry hall, an area often omitted in homes selling for as much as $20,000, proved to be a pleasing item to readers who prefer a slightly more formal approach to living. Living areas are separated from bedroom areas by halls, rather than walls, reflecting the theme of formality and privacy. The unfinished basement provides another 1,200 square feet of future playroom, workshop, laundry, storage potential.

The exterior design, a combination of brick veneer and asbestos shingles, suggests good taste as well as ease in maintenance. Well-priced, spacious, excellently planned, it is no surprise that this house brought in the votes from all over the state.



BUILDER: THOMAS HOMES • DESIGNER: P. E. THOMAS • COST: $24,500 ON YOUR LOT • SQUARE FEET: 2,693

Best house for the money in

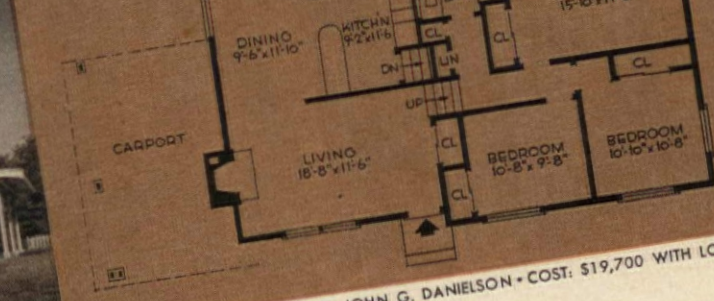
GEORGIA

This rambling southern colonial was a walk-away winner in Georgia. Located in Augusta, it is truly a luxury house at a price to fit a non-luxury budget. Readers were really impressed with the way nearly 2,700 sq. ft. of living area was carefully planned to meet the needs of today's living. For instance, it's not at all unusual to have a living room-family room combination, but to add a full-sized playroom as well is a wonderful bonus. Readers particularly liked the arrangement of bedrooms and baths and the bedroom "court" at the end of the hall. They also liked the addition of a shower to the lavatory off the utility room. When the time comes to put a swimming pool on the property, part of the playroom could easily be turned into a dressing room—with access to the shower already installed.

HOME Citation Homes

Many women voting for the house appreciated the freedom available in the house for dining—with all areas convenient to the kitchen. The family room, for example, could serve for informal suppers, lunches and buffets, while the breakfast nook would also be used for quick snacks. Then, the dining room could be saved for formal dinners or card-party luncheons.

Other points readers favored in this house included the fireplace, the banks of three windows in living room and family room, and the convenient access to the house.



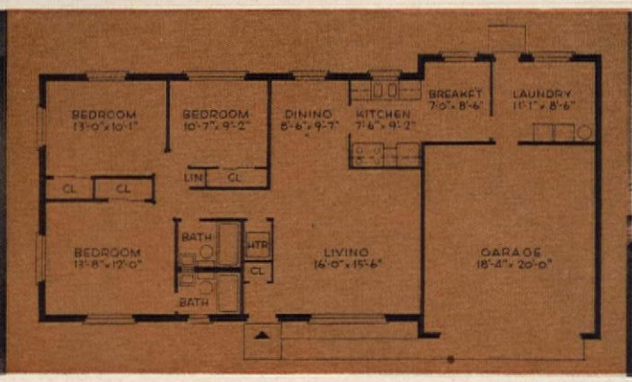
BUILDER: MAHONEY CORPORATION • ARCHITECT: JOHN G. DANIELSON • COST: $19,700 WITH LOT • SQUARE FEET: 1,122

Best house for the money in

MASSACHUSETTS

One of the primary reasons that American Home readers in Massachusetts selected this aluminum-clad split-level house as the best house for the money in their state was that it combined a popular conventional design with the low maintenance features offered by the all-aluminum exterior. Roof, exterior siding and windows are of aluminum and most of the woodwork exposed to the weather is covered with this same material. This kind of construction reduces upkeep and maintenance to a minimum.

Readers also approved the plan which creates a nice division between sleeping and living areas. In an area where basements are popular, the full unfinished basement with direct access to the outdoors was another plus factor. Homemakers found the kitchen-dining-living-room arrangement good and the location of the fireplace—a must for making a house cozy during a cold New England winter—was found most satisfactory from the standpoint of furniture arrangement, and as a focal point for the living room. Readers also commented on the fact that there is access to the front and back of the house—something that is occasionally eliminated in new housing today. Good storage, too, is provided in the entryway, convenient to the living room as well as to the bedrooms. This winner is in Wilmington, a Boston suburb.



BUILDER: HYLAND HOMES, INC. • DESIGNER: HARVEY ZEMAN, DONALD LANDY • COST: $18,990 WITH LOT • SQUARE FEET: 1,494

Best house for the money in

OHIO

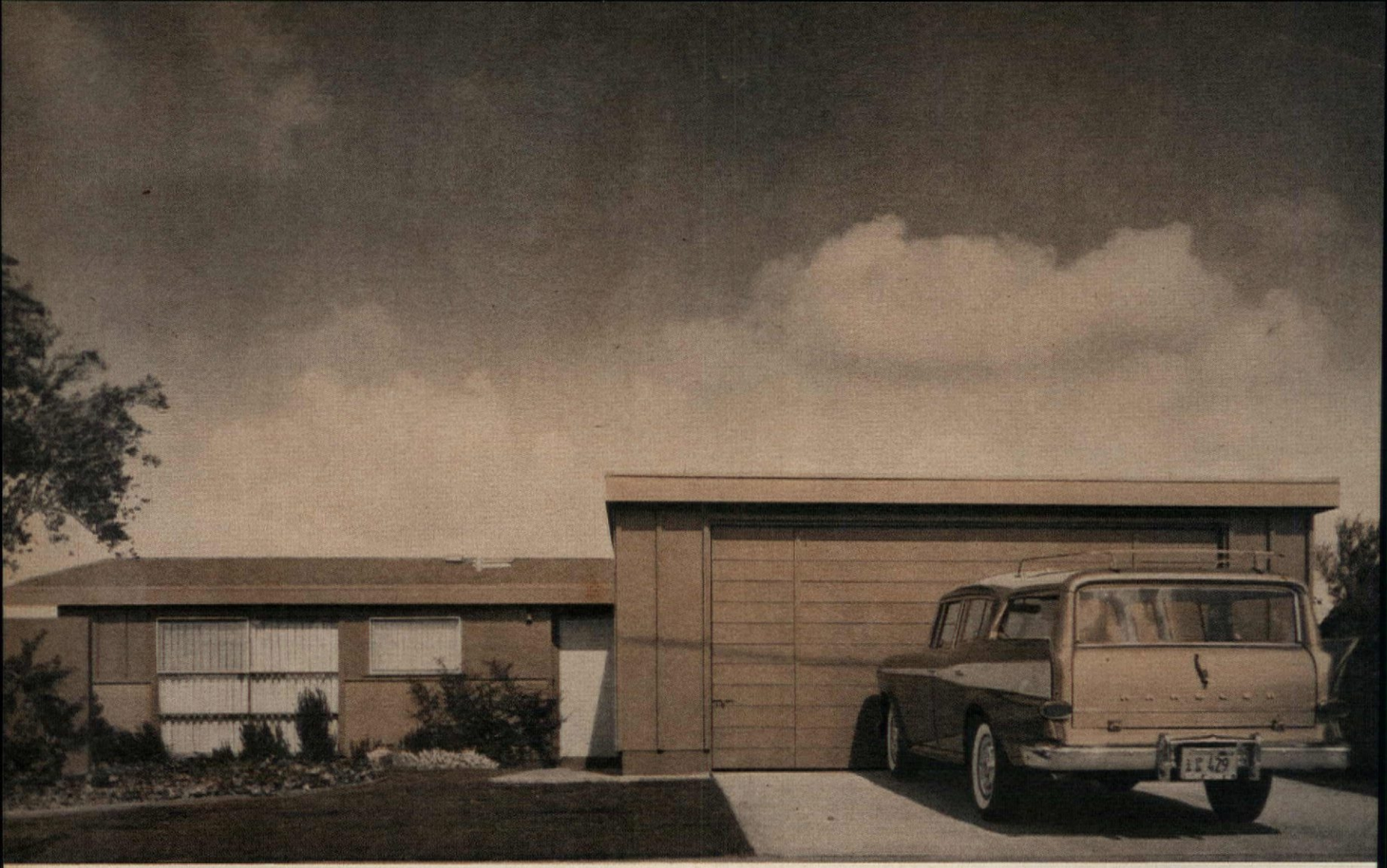
Building-wise Ohio readers, fully aware that building costs are just about as high in their state as in any other part of the country, went all out to make this Hyland Homes house a winner in recognition of its tremendous value!

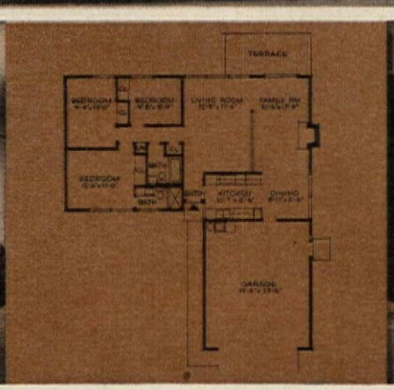
This Cleveland-area house represents a fine investment at $18,990, a price which includes land. It has an attractive brick exterior, particularly popular in this part of the country, and enough outstanding features to convince Ohio readers that here is a home guaranteeing convenient, comfortable living for the years ahead.

The ladies, for example, lauded the laundry room for many reasons. They liked its location, set apart and yet not too far from the kitchen, and having direct access to the two-car garage, a convenience in package and grocery toting. A large room, it not only can accommodate laundry equipment but offers storage room and, with its own outside entrance, could serve as a "mud room" buffer.

The kitchen, though not too large, is convenient to the dining room and through an adjoining breakfast room is given a feeling of spaciousness. Bedrooms are of an adequate size and there is the added luxury of two full bathrooms. Closet space is good throughout.

Good design, good materials and excellent facilities make this a favorite choice with our Ohio readers.





BUILDER: AMERICAN HOUSING GUILD • DESIGNER: MARTIN L. GLEICH OF DENNSTADT & DELL'ACQUA • COST: $15,900 WITH LOT • SQUARE FEET: 1,184

Best house for the money in

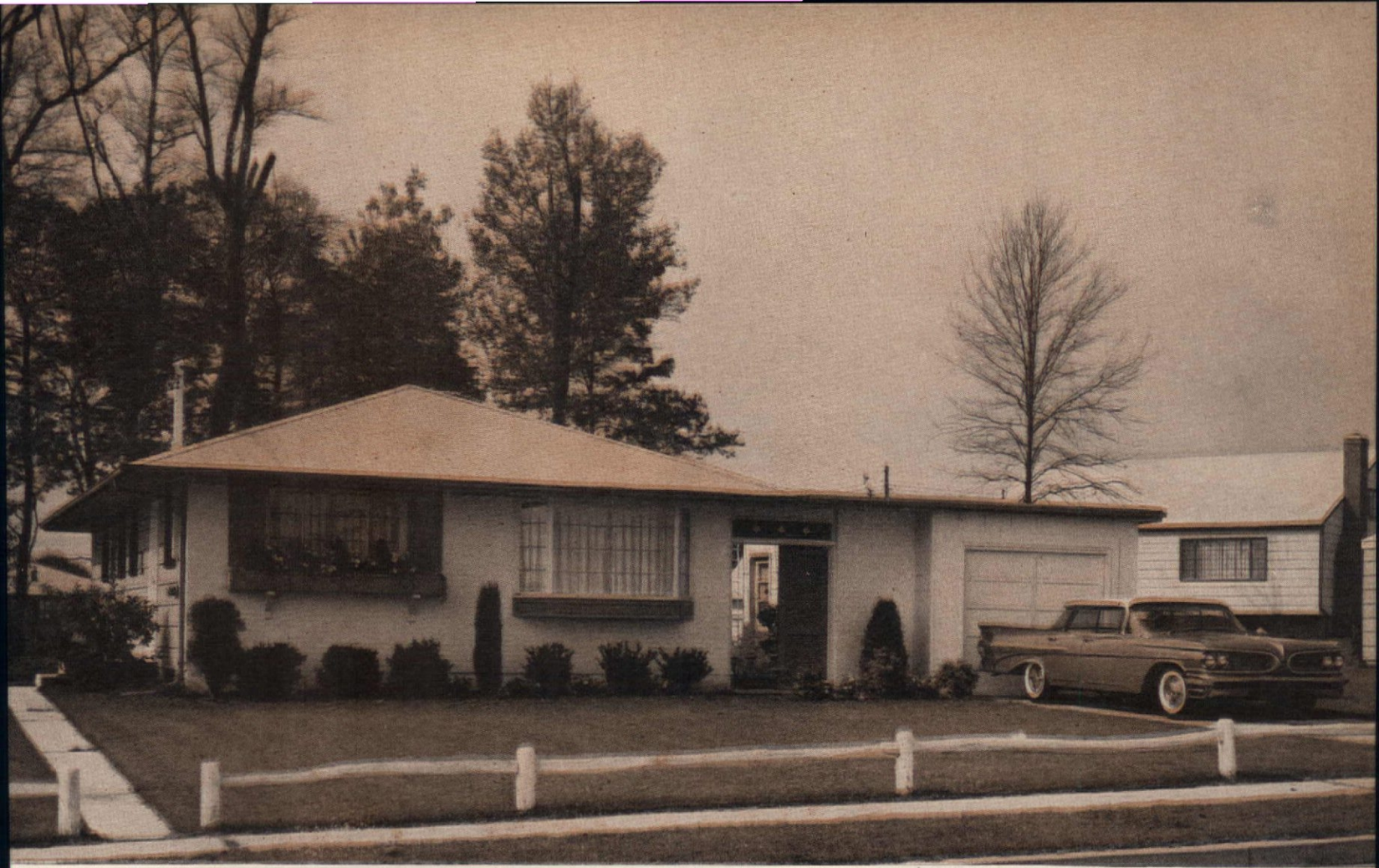
CALIFORNIA

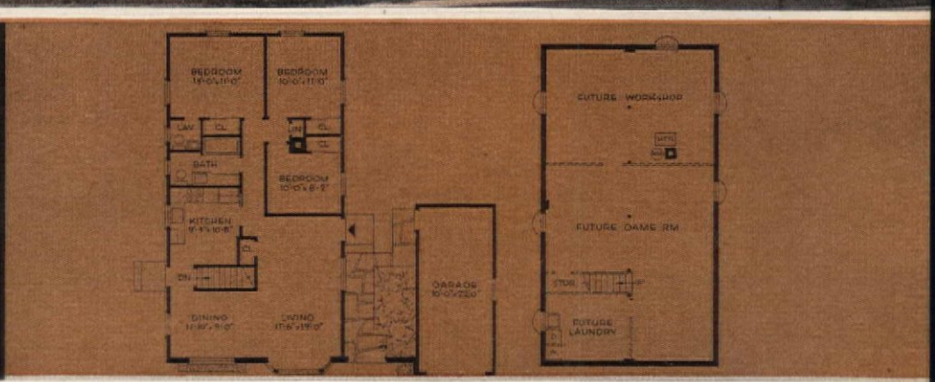
The American Housing Guild won our California "Best House for the Money" election on a platform of sound construction, efficient design and low cost. Their "Granada," with 1,184 square feet of living area, costs only $15,900.

Two separate living areas are provided. One, an efficient, compact utility area, the other, a quiet, private bedroom zone with two full baths, roomy storage space, and three bedrooms. Homemakers were especially enthusiastic about the efficiency of design which cuts out stair-climbing (everything is on one floor), which incorporates a step-saving aisle-kitchen design and offers good counter and storage space. Another plus is the placement of front entries next to the kitchen, facilitating grocery handling and deliveries.

Traffic control from the front entry is expertly handled so family and guests may proceed to living, sleeping or utility zones without interference. Also, California readers liked the family-room fireplace.

Large window walls and the vaulted ceiling in the living-family-room area were points that added a feeling of spacious living and lots of light. A further expansion of indoor living space is accomplished through the rear terrace which extends the family room to the outdoors. The sliding glass doors open the private back lawn to outdoor entertaining during seasonable weather.





BUILDER: STRAUSMAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. • ARCHITECT: RUDOLPH MATERN, A.I.A. • COST: $14,775 WITH LOT • SQUARE FEET: 1,056

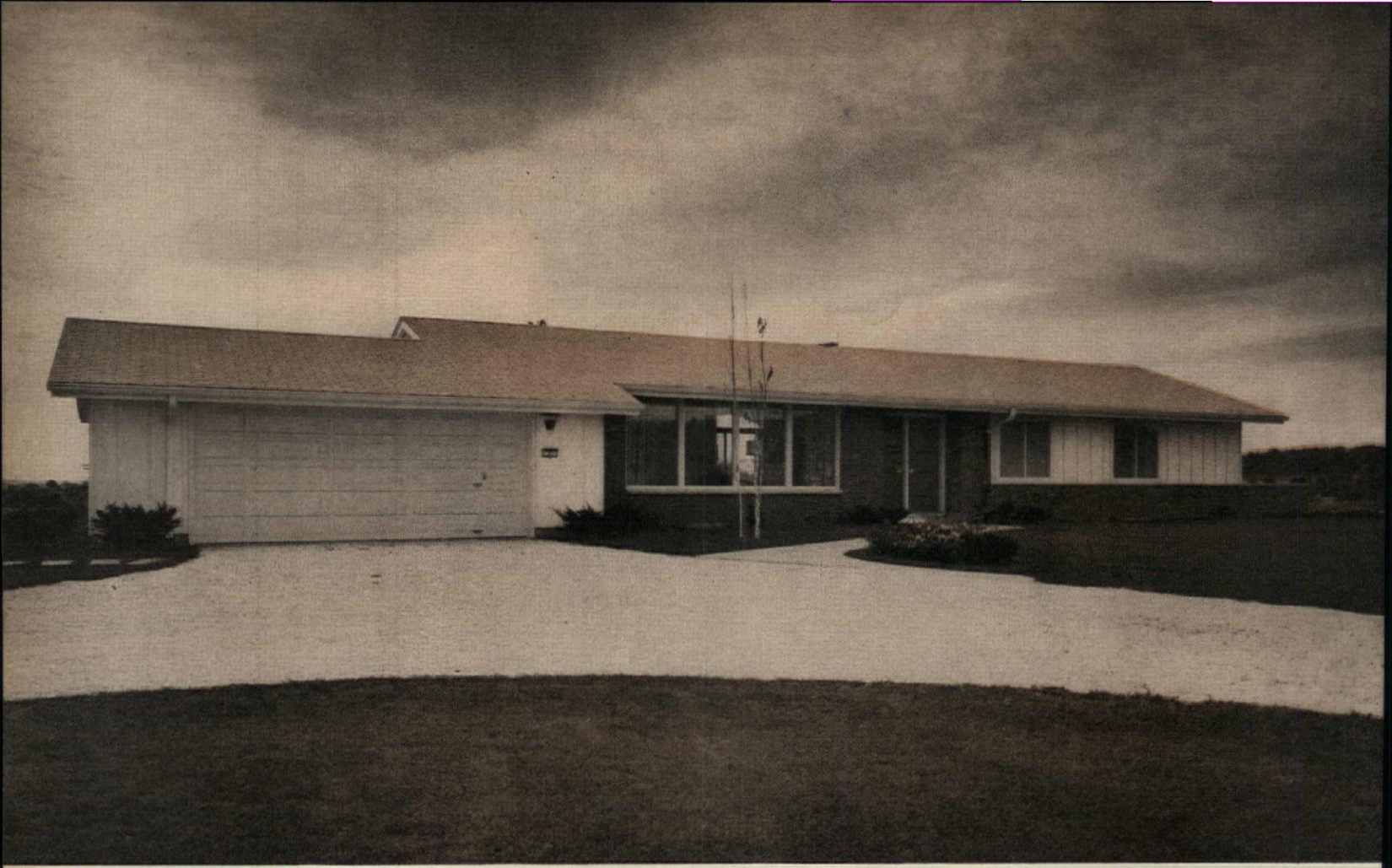
Best house for the money in

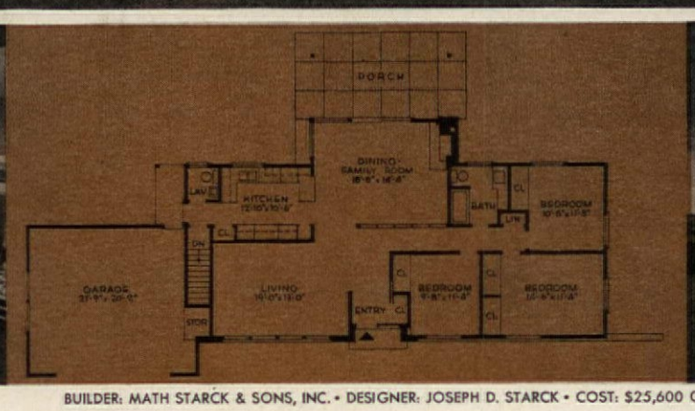
NEW JERSEY

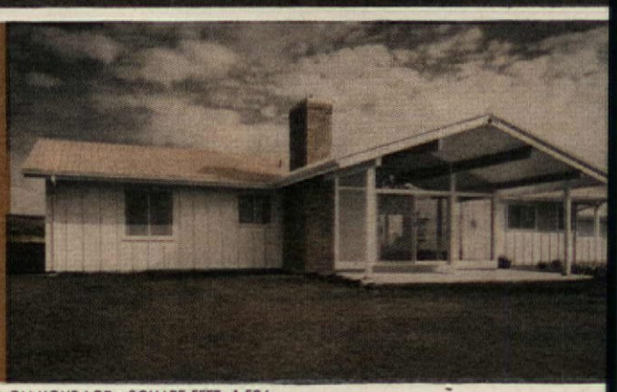
A landslide winner, our Riverton, New Jersey, house pleased our readers for a great variety of reasons. The overwhelming vote was based on, among other features, a "twist" that turned a fairly standard design into a charming and highly livable home. The "twist" consisted of turning the house longitudinally on the lot to create an attractive courtyard between the house and the garage.

Readers also liked the solid white brick façade, a touch that simultaneously gave the house a quality of unity and one of the custom look. The vertical lines of the board-and-batten siding on the garage make a nice foil for the horizontal brick exterior. The bay window provides a colonial touch, and the full basement was particularly appreciated by New Jerseyites who know the storage limitations of basementless homes. Admirable, too, is the floor plan which indicates a comfortable and neat layout with a traffic lane from the front entry directed to avoid the living room. Some readers noted that a platner or divider could be positioned to the left of the door for even more privacy.

Readers who visited the house lauded, as well, the overall community planning by the builders, Strausman Construction Company, and readers from all over the state felt the price of the house, $14,775 including the lot, made it one of the best buys on the market today!







BUILDER: MATH STARCK & SONS, INC. • DESIGNER: JOSEPH D. STARCK • COST: $25,600 ON YOUR LOT • SQUARE FEET: 1,596

Best house for the money in

WISCONSIN

Although a close contest developed among the three Wisconsin houses, readers in that state finally gave the nod to this handsome New Berlin home.

Located near fast-growing Milwaukee, this house took top honors mainly because of its superior architectural design. A low-sloping roof and shade-giving overhang creates a strong, attractive construction line. The board-and-batten siding and deep windows strike a nice vertical note against the horizontal lines. The rear view of the exterior is also well designed—usually a sure test of good planning. The extension of the dining-family-room roof not only creates a striking picture but also brings about a true indoor-outdoor scheme of living, a rather unusual interpretation for a Wisconsin home. Double glazing along the glass wall in the family room provides protection against the chill Wisconsin winters. An excellent fireplace and efficient heating system do the rest.

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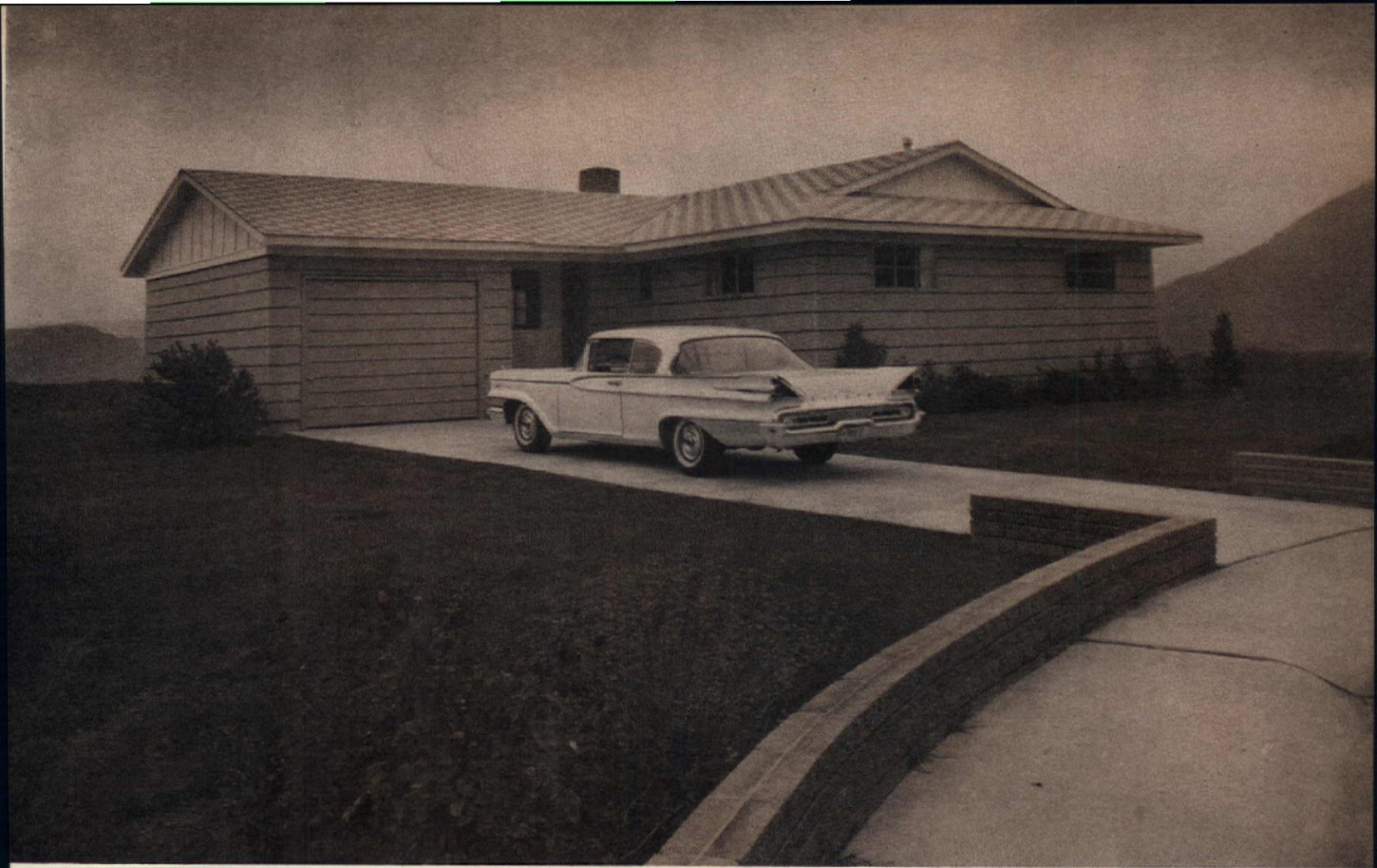
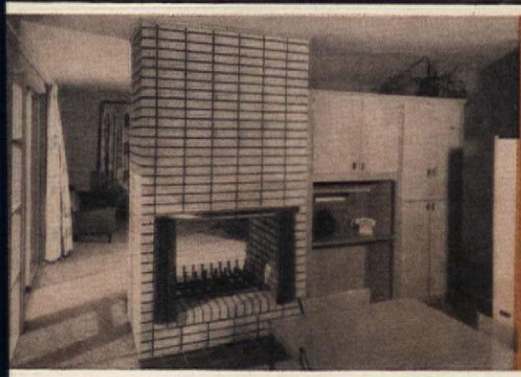
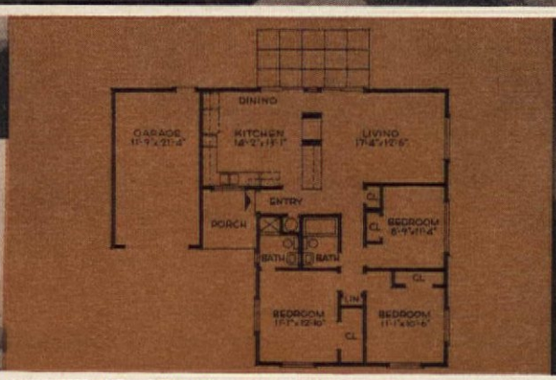
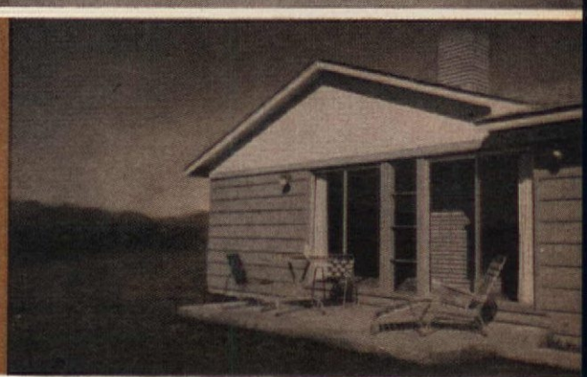
Readers' comments on the advantages of the house ranged from an appreciation of its good-sized rooms to votes for the convenient laundry chute from bathroom to basement. Mothers liked the lavatory convenient for youngsters coming in from play and everybody liked the fine design and efficiency features expressed in the planning of this house.









BUILDER: AMERICAN BUILDERS, INC. • DESIGNER: AMERICAN BUILDERS, INC. • COST: $13,500 WITH LOT • SQUARE FEET: 1,126

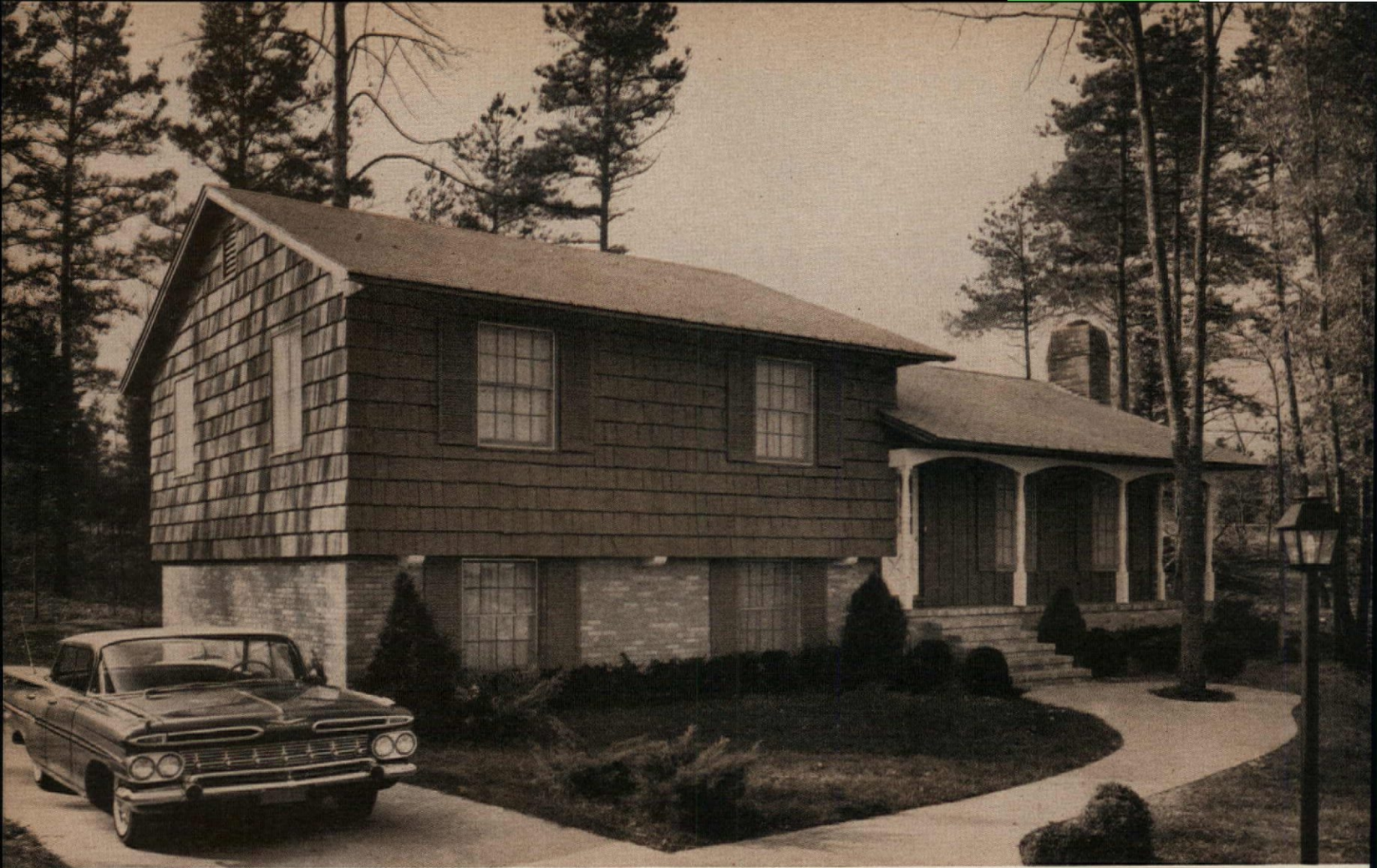
Best house for the money in

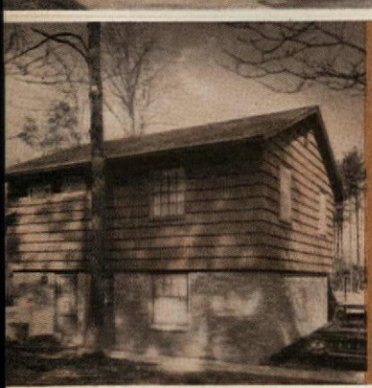
COLORADO

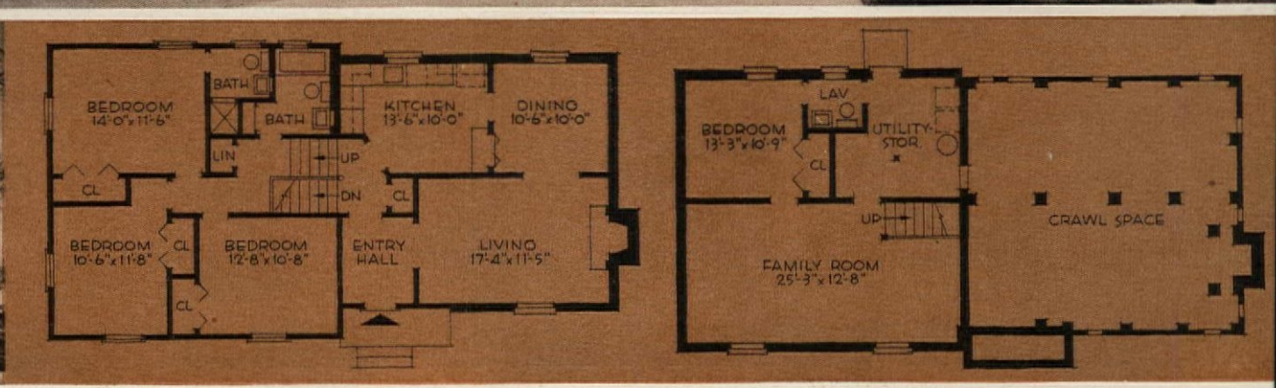
A low price and a superb plan were among the best-liked features of this Colorado Springs winner—a house that cornered a larger percentage of votes than winners in any of the other states. Certainly $13,500 (including the lot) is a handsome price for any house that delivers over 1,100 sq. ft. of living area.

Voters cited many features inside the house that swung their decision. The most glamorous touch, they said, is the two-way fireplace, designed to warm both living room and the kitchen-dining area. They also liked the way the fireplace neatly divides these two areas.

Readers went all out for the spirit of indoor-outdoor living introduced by the sliding glass doors opening onto the patio. This design gives the rooms a sense of spaciousness too. The two full baths—something that is quite rare in a house for under $14,000, were favorably commented on and readers noted that the bedrooms are all a good size. Another appealing feature was the covered entryway and the entry itself, which creates a traffic pattern putting all areas of the house within easy reach. Privacy is maintained where needed, and no room requires crossing to reach another room. The men liked the extra storage space at the back of the garage and the ladies liked the features designed to facilitate housekeeping chores.







BUILDER: GEO. GOODYEAR COMPANY • ARCHITECTS: HOLROYD, FOLK AND GRAY, A.I.A. • COST: $21,900 WITH LOT • SQUARE FEET: 1,988

Best house for the money in

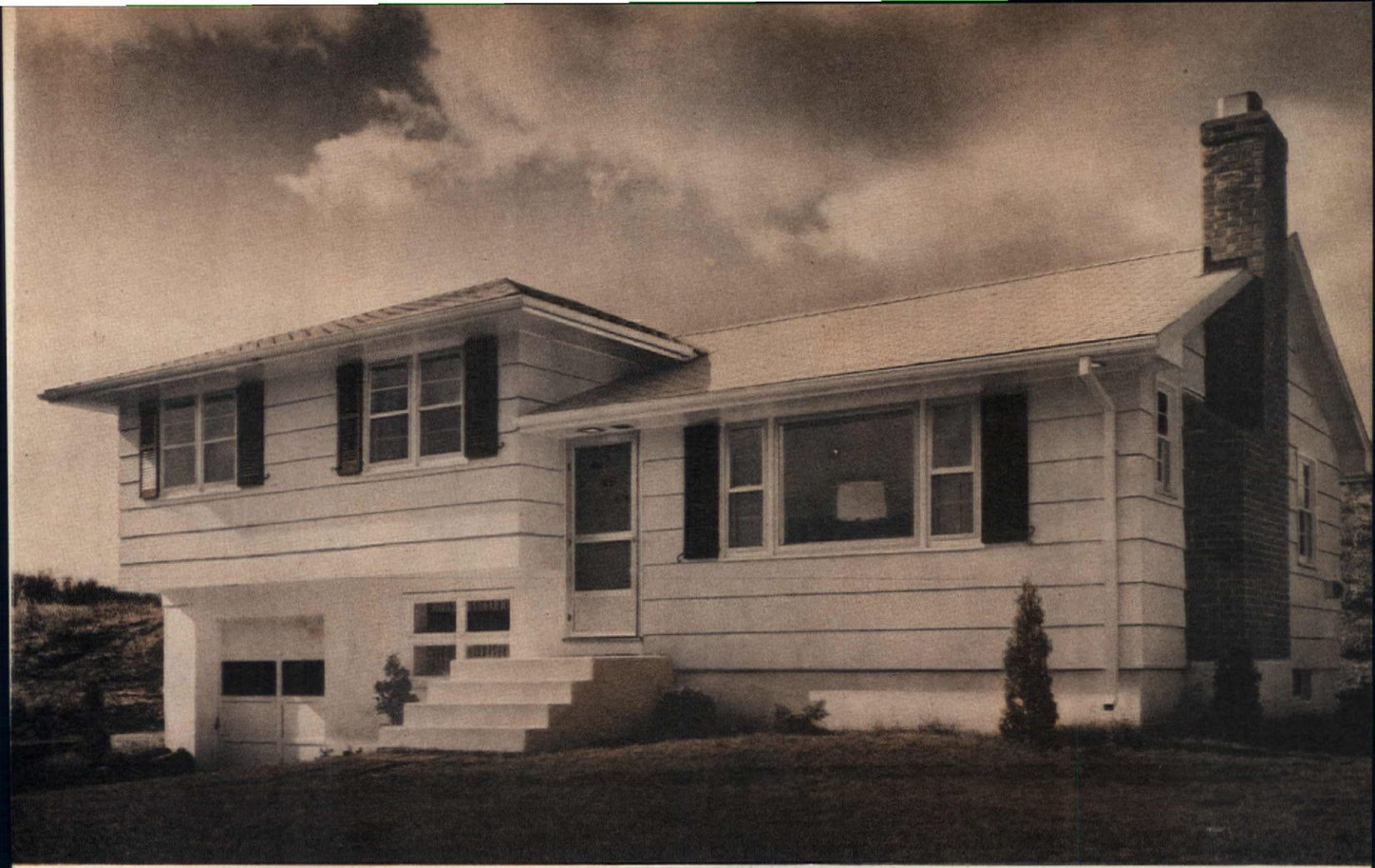
NORTH CAROLINA

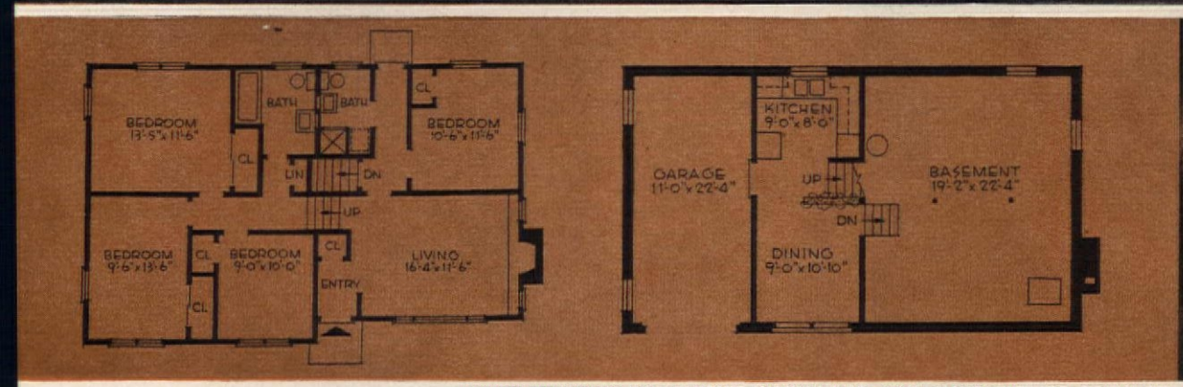
The close vote among the three top houses entered in the Citation contest is a sure indication that some very good building is being developed in the "Tarheel" state. The winner, a well-designed split-level in Charlotte, nosed out its competition by virtue of handsome design as well as excellent planning of the 1,988 sq. ft. of living area.

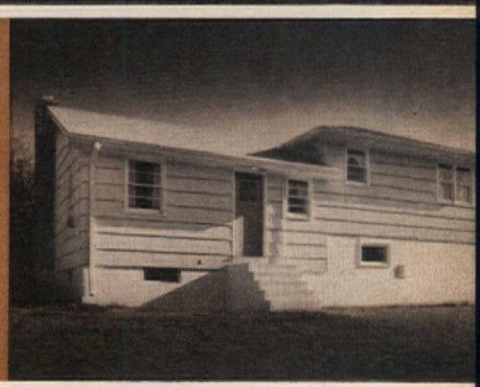
Readers with large families especially liked this house. Four bedrooms, and all oversized, plus the two and a half baths held the promise of comfortable living without crowding. Closet space, too, is more than adequate.

Women who have been exposed to the cramped work space to be found in many postwar houses, voted for the roomy kitchen. They also liked the kitchen window overlooking the back because they could supervise their children playing there.

Both husbands and wives, alike, were enthusiastic about the separate dining room which offered seclusion and privacy for more formal dining. The fireplace was another feature popular with everyone, for North Carolina has its share of wintertime "nippy" weather. The vote was overwhelming for the strong colonial feeling of the exterior, created through the use of many-paned windows, the shutters and gracious front porch. Readers felt, too, that the split-level appearance was considerably softened by the brick veneer construction.







BUILDER: REED HOMES, INC. • DESIGNER: HARRY W. REED • COST: $17,800 WITH LOT • SQUARE FEET: 1,284

Best house for the money in

CONNECTICUT

Voting was close among the three top winners in Connecticut, but this attractive split-level in Burlington (a Hartford suburb) finally nosed out the others to win the top award. That much-needed fourth bedroom really appealed to voters with large families, according to comments on the voting blanks. Another top vote-getter was the second bath on the living-room level. Convenient to the fourth bedroom, it is also ideal for guests. Plumbing for the washer-dryer is included in the second bath, making a step-saving operation on busy washday. Voters who had a chance to see the house were particularly impressed with the many luxury-house touches such as the built-in shelves and the paneling around the fireplace. They also liked the clay-tile hearth and Norman-stone facing around the fireplace opening.

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Just about everybody found the house well-priced at $17,800 with the land. Readers considered it a low cost for nearly 1,300 sq. ft. of living area and about 500 sq. ft. of basement. The men liked the idea of the big basement where a workshop could be accommodated and also liked the location. It is close enough to employment centers (West Hartford, Hartford, New Britain). Yet, it's right next to a dozen or so small lakes and some deep woods—plenty of opportunity for hunting and fishing.

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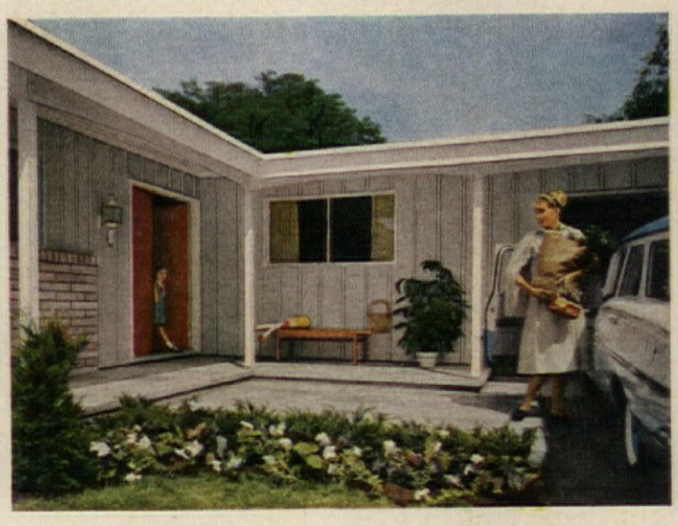

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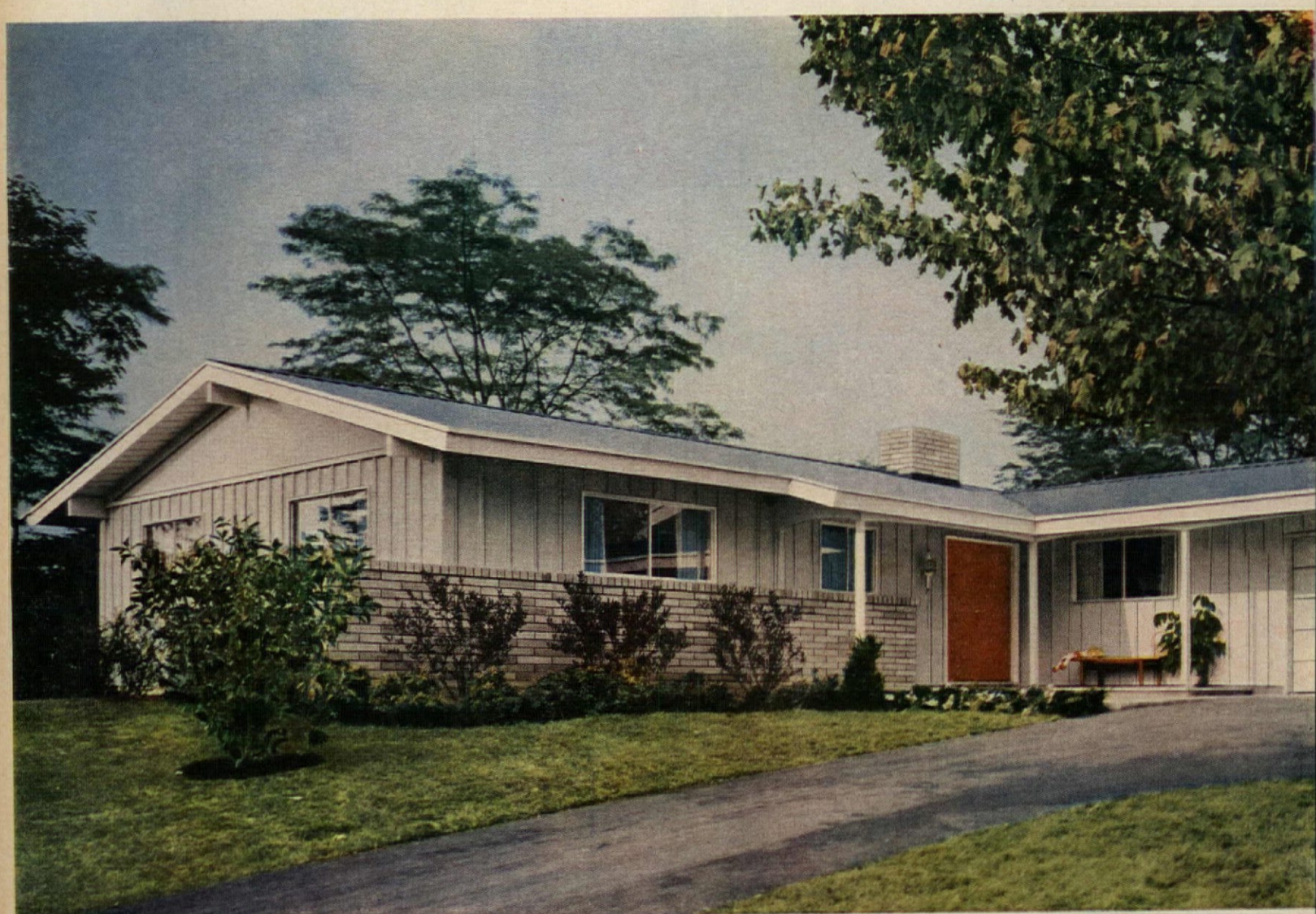

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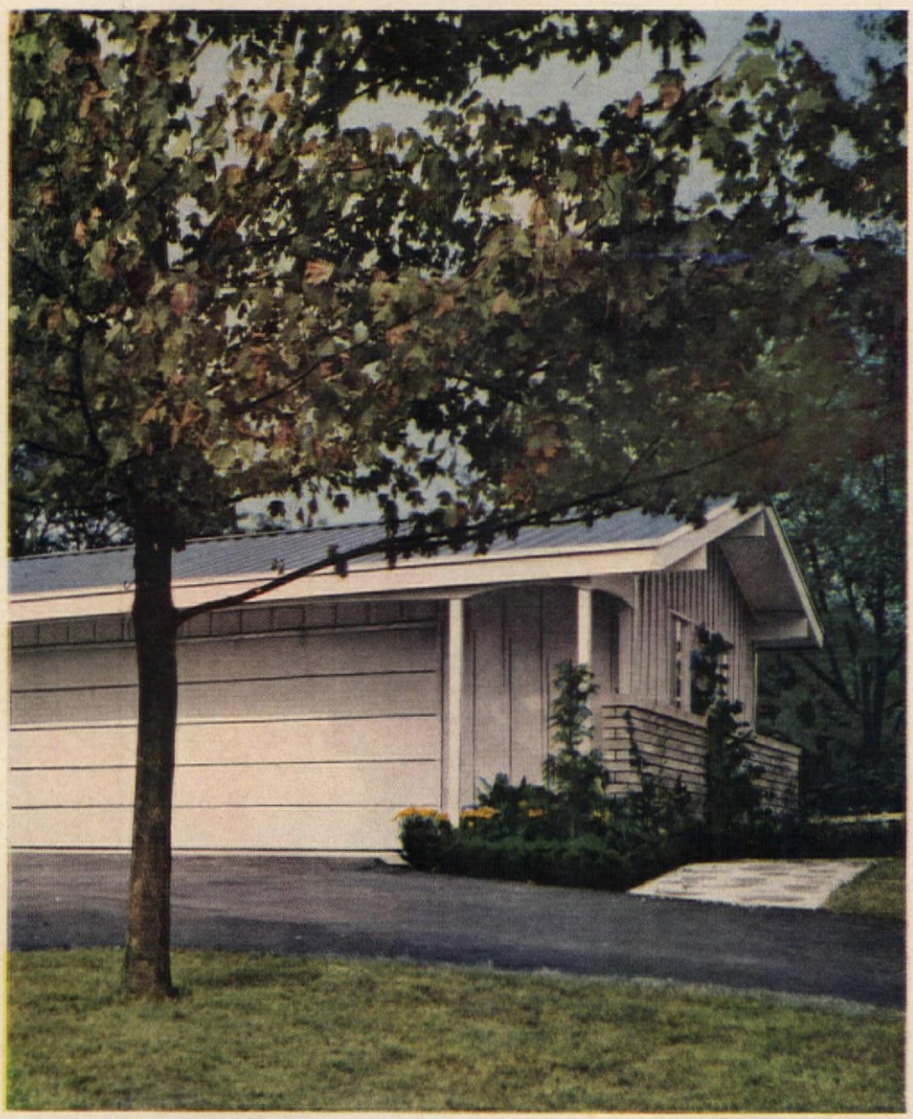

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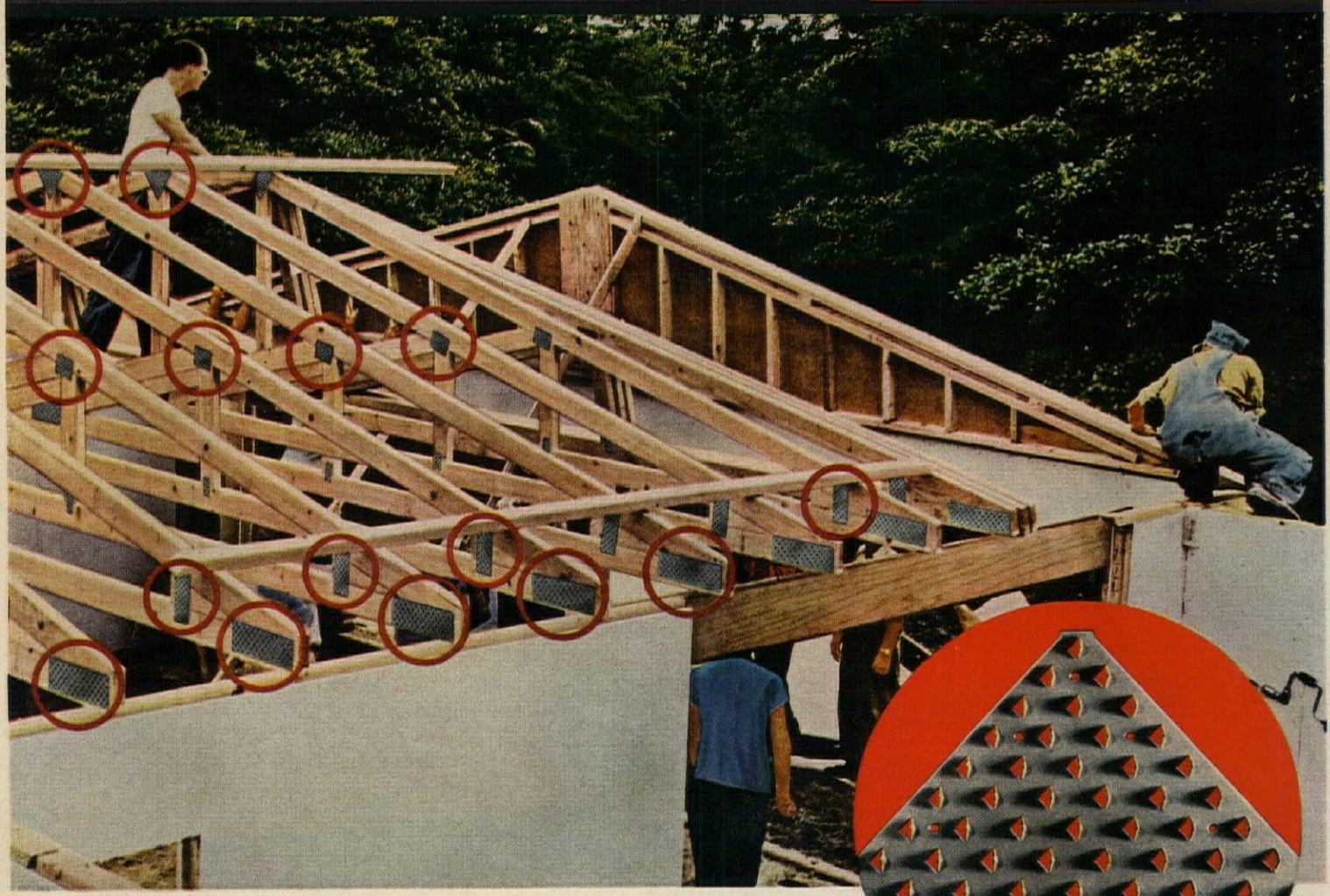

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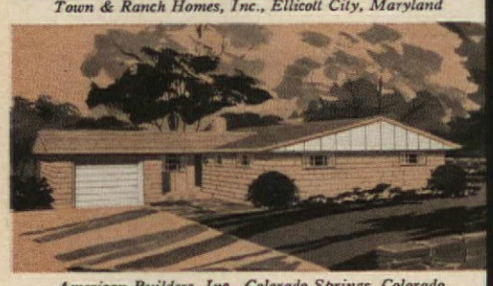
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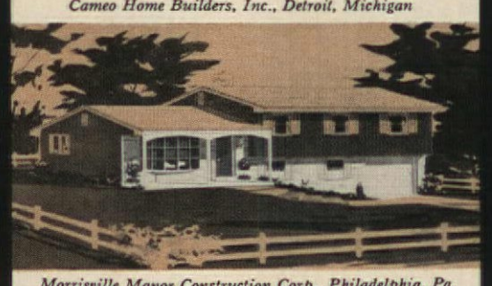
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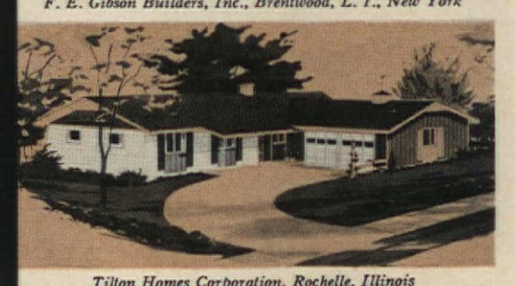
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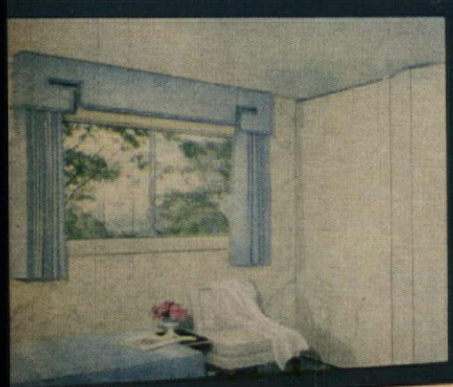

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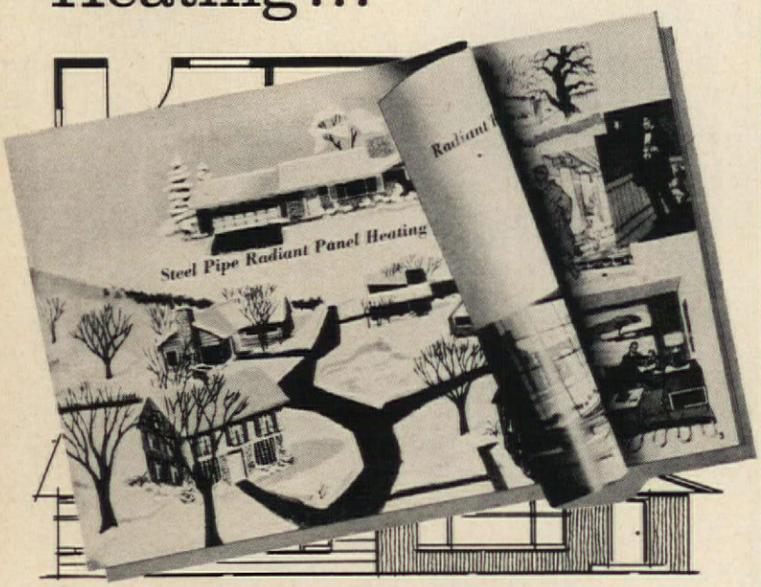

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Cameo 21	Mahoney 30	Tilton 23
Devon 24	Morrisville 27	Town & Ranch 26

Adler-Kay Co. (kitchen cabinets): Cameo.
Ador Sales, Inc. (sliding glass doors): American Builders.
Ajax Hardware Mfg. Corp. (hardware): American Builders; Starck.
Alliance Clay Products (face brick): Hyland.
Alliance Ware, Inc. (sink): American Housing Guild.
Alma Barr Wallpaper Mfg. Corp. (wall covering): Strausman.
Alwintite Div., General Bronze Corp. (windows): Devon.
American Bilt-Rite Rubber Co. (resilient flooring): Goodyear.
American Brass Co. (piping): Goodyear.
American Screen Products (hardware): Mahoney.
American-Standard (bathroom fixtures): Bell & Valdez; Devon; Fox & Jacobs; Tilton; Town & Ranch.
American-Standard (furnace): Bell & Valdez; Thomas.
American-Standard (sink): Devon; Fox & Jacobs; Tilton; Town & Ranch.
American Window Glass Co. (window glass): American Builders; Cameo.
Amerock Corp. (hardware): American Builders; Goodyear; Starck.
Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. (piping): Morrisville; Strausman.
Anaconda Wire & Cable Co. (wire): American Builders.
Andersen Corp. (windows): Fox & Jacobs.
Arctic Roofing Co. (roofing): Gibson; Strausman.
Armstrong Cork Co. (resilient flooring): Bell & Valdez; Cameo; Devon; Morrisville; Starck; Strausman; Thomas; Town & Ranch.
Armstrong Cork Co. (sheathing): Hyland.
Armstrong Furnace Co. (furnace): Morrisville.
Arrow Lock Corp. (hardware): Goodyear.
Ashe Brick Co. (face brick): Goodyear.
Augusta Lumber Co. (windows): Thomas.

Baldwin-Hill Co. (insulation): Strausman.
Barrett Div., Allied Chemical & Dye Corp. (roofing): Morrisville.
Bennel Co. (windows): Gibson.
Berns Mfg. Corp. (range hood): Gibson.
Bilt-Rite Wood Products (windows): American Housing Guild.
Bird & Son (roofing): Goodyear; Starck.
Birge Co., Inc. (wallpaper): Mahoney.
Blue Diamond Co. (wallboard): American Housing Guild.
Boro Wood Products, Inc. (kitchen cabinets): Gibson.
Brammer Mfg. Co. (kitchen cabinets): Tilton.
Briggs Mfg. Co. (bath accessories): Goodyear.
Briggs Mfg. Co. (bath fixtures): Goodyear; Hyland; Morrisville; Strausman.
Briggs Mfg. Co. (sink): Cameo.
Broan Mfg. Co. (exhaust fan): Starck.
E. L. Bruce Co. (oak flooring): Fox & Jacobs; Mahoney; Starck.
Bryant (wall switches and outlets): Mahoney.
Built Best Corp. (windows): Cameo.
Bulldog Electric Products Co. (electrical system): Devon; Goodyear; Town & Ranch.

Samuel Cabot, Inc. (stain): Bell & Valdez; Goodyear.
Calder Mfg. Co. (garage doors): Devon.
Caloric Appliances Corp. (range and oven): Goodyear; Strausman.
Cambridge Tile Mfg. Co. (ceramic floor and wall tile): Fox & Jacobs; Goodyear.
Philip Carey Mfg. Co. (roofing): Tilton.
Carrier Corp. (air conditioning): Fox & Jacobs.
Cascade (kitchen cabinets): Bell & Valdez.
Celotex Corp. (roofing): American Housing Guild.
Certain-teed Products Corp. (roofing): Bell & Valdez; Hyland.
Certain-teed Products Corp. (wallboard): Hyland; Tilton.
Chase Brass & Copper Co., Inc. (piping): Bollinger-Martin; Reed; Town & Ranch.
Circle F Mfg. Co. (switches): Goodyear.
Coleman Co. (furnace): Goodyear.
Coleman Co. (water heater): Goodyear.
Columbine (windows): American Builders.
Columbus Coated Fabrics Corp. (wall covering): Bollinger-Martin; Devon; Goodyear.
Conco Engineering Works (furnace): Tilton.
Crane Co. (bath fixtures): Reed.
Crane Co. (furnace): Reed.
Crawford Door Co. (garage door): Goodyear; Starck; Town & Ranch.
Creo Dipt Co. (siding): Goodyear.
Crossly Window Corp. (windows): Goodyear.
Crown Kitchen Cabinet Corp. (kitchen cabinets): Strausman.
Crystal-Aire (attic fan): Goodyear.
Cutler-Hammer, Inc. (electrical system): Thomas.

Day & Nite Mfg. Co. (water heater): Fox & Jacobs; Tilton.
Delta Faucet (kitchen faucet): Tilton.
Desert Ceramic Corp. (ceramic wall tile): American Builders.
Detroit Controls Div., American-Standard (thermostat): Bell & Valdez; Thomas.
Detroit Steel Products Co. (windows): Strausman.
Devoe & Raynolds Co., Inc. (paint): Goodyear.
Douglas Fir (framing lumber): American Housing Guild; Cameo; Thomas; Town & Ranch.
Douglas Fir Plywood Assn. (sheathing): Tilton.
Douglas Fir Plywood Assn. (siding): American Housing Guild; Cameo; Devon.

Dudley Industrial Corp. (shower receptor): American Builders.
E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., Inc. (paint): Mahoney.
Durell Products Corp. (windows): Bell & Valdez.

Edwards Co., Inc. (bells & chimes): American Builders.
Eljer Co. (bath fixtures): American Housing Guild; Bollinger-Martin; Gibson; Starck.
Eljer Co. (sink): Bollinger-Martin.
Elkay Mfg. Co. (sink): Bell & Valdez.
Enamel Products Co. (sink): Hyland.

Fasco Industries (exhaust fan): Mahoney.
Federal Enameling & Stamping Co. (sink): Gibson; Mahoney; Morrisville.
Federal Pacific Electric Co. (circuit breakers): American Builders; Hyland.
Fiat Metal Mfg. Co. (shower receptor): American Housing Guild.
Flintkote Co. (roofing): Bollinger-Martin; Reed.
Forco Glass Co. (window glass): Thomas.
Formica Co. (counter tops): American Builders; Bollinger-Martin; Cameo; Devon; Gibson; Goodyear; Hyland; Mahoney; Morrisville; Reed; Starck; Strausman; Thomas; Tilton.
Franklin Brass (bath accessories): American Builders; American Housing Guild.
Frigidaire Div., General Motors Corp. (dishwasher): Town & Ranch.
Frigidaire Div., General Motors Corp. (food disposer): Town & Ranch.
Frigidaire Div., General Motors Corp. (range and oven): American Housing Guild; Town & Ranch.
Lloyd A. Fry Roofing Co. (roofing): Thomas.

General (water heater): American Builders; Cameo.
General Cable Corp. (electrical system): American Housing Guild.
General Controls Co. (thermostat): American Builders; Strausman.
General Door Co. (doors): Reed.
General Electric Co. (counter tops): Bell & Valdez; Bollinger-Martin; Cameo; Fox & Jacobs; Starck.
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General Electric Co. (furnace): Gibson.
General Electric Co. (kitchen cabinets): Morrisville.
General Electric Co. (range and oven): Bollinger-Martin; Morrisville; Starck.
General Electric Co. (refrigerator-freezer): Bollinger-Martin; Starck.
General Electric Co. (thermostat): Gibson.
General Electric Co. (wall outlets and switches): American Builders; Thomas.
General Electric Co. (washer-dryer): Bollinger-Martin; Starck.
General Electric Co. (water heater): Bollinger-Martin; Starck.
General Plywood Corp. (doors): Town & Ranch.
Georgia-Pacific Corp. (plywood subfloor): Starck.
Gibson Refrigerator Co., Div., Hupp Corp. (air conditioning): Bollinger-Martin.
Gladding-McBean & Co. (ceramic counter top): Bell & Valdez.
Gladding-McBean & Co. (ceramic floor and wall tile): Bell & Valdez.
Glidden Co. (paints): Devon; Goodyear.
Glideaway Door Co. (garage door): Gibson.
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Inc. (resilient flooring): Fox & Jacobs.
Graham Industries (garage doors): Hyland.
Griffin Mfg. Co. (hardware): Cameo.

C. Hager & Sons Hinge Mfg. Co. (hardware): American Builders.
Hagerstown (oak flooring): Devon.
Hall-Mack Co. (bath accessories): American Builders; Fox & Jacobs; Goodyear; Strausman; Tilton.
Harman Plywood Co. (doors): Cameo.
Harris Mfg. Co. (oak flooring): Goodyear.
Harvey Hubbell, Inc. (wall switches and outlets): Thomas.
Holly-General Co. (furnace): American Housing Guild.
Hotpoint, Inc. (range and oven): Fox & Jacobs; Mahoney.
Hotpoint, Inc. (refrigerator-freezer): Fox & Jacobs.
Hotpoint, Inc. (washer-dryer): Fox & Jacobs.
Hotpoint, Inc. (water heater): Mahoney.

Ingersoll-Humphryes Mfg. Co. (sink): American Builders.
In-Sink-Erator Mfg. Co. (food disposer): Cameo.

Johns-Manville (insulation): Morrisville; Starck.
Johns-Manville (resilient flooring): Hyland.
Johns-Manville (siding): Bollinger-Martin.

Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp. (flashing): Bell & Valdez.
Keasby-Mattison Co. (siding): Morrisville.
Kemper Brothers, Inc. (kitchen cabinets): Hyland.
Kennecott Copper Corp. (piping): Mahoney.
Kentile, Inc. (resilient flooring): American Housing Guild; Bollinger-Martin; Cameo; Gibson; Goodyear; Mahoney; Starck; Tilton.
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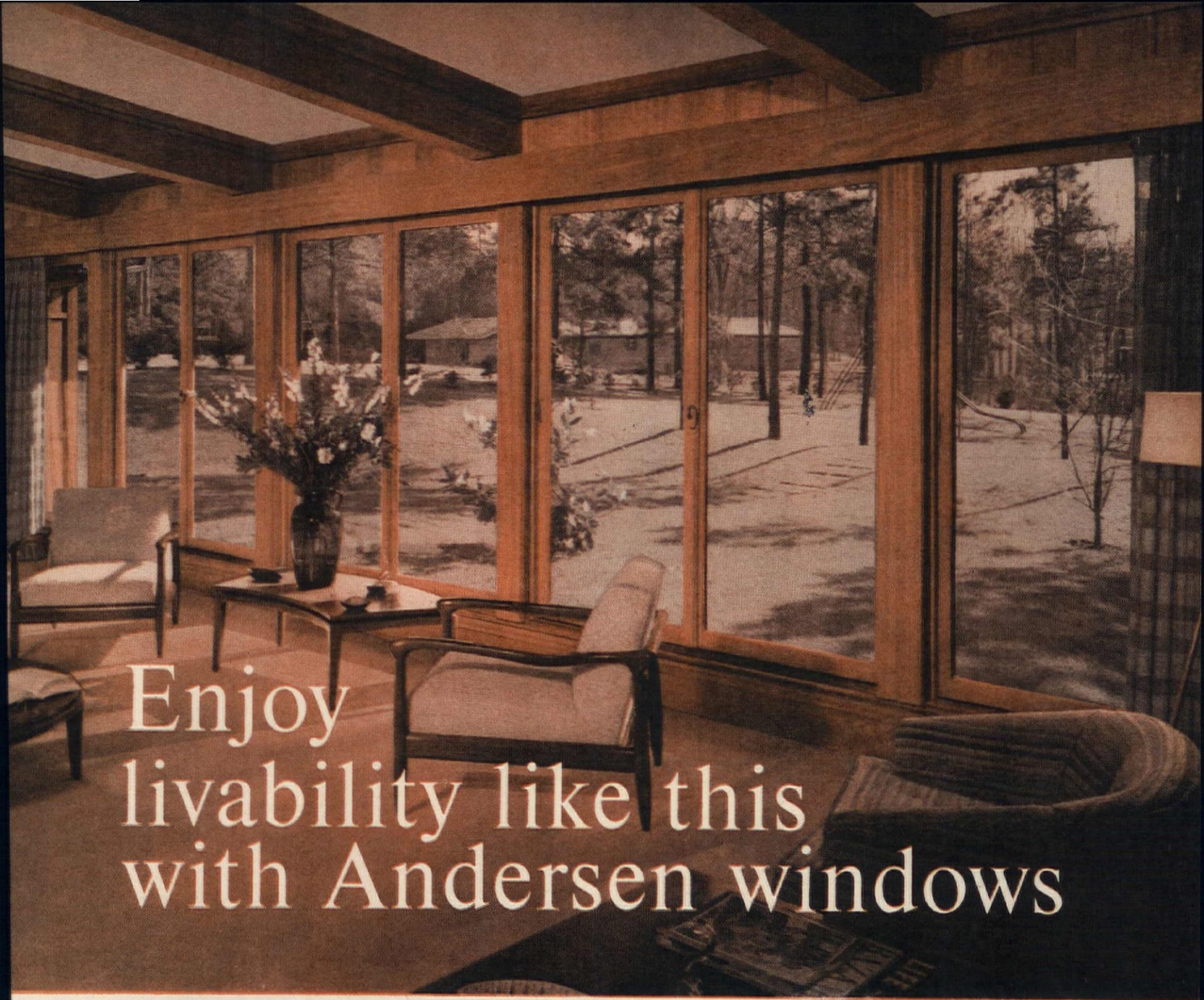

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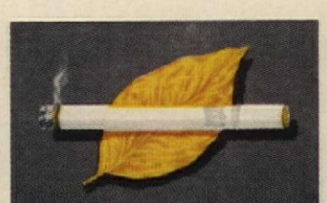

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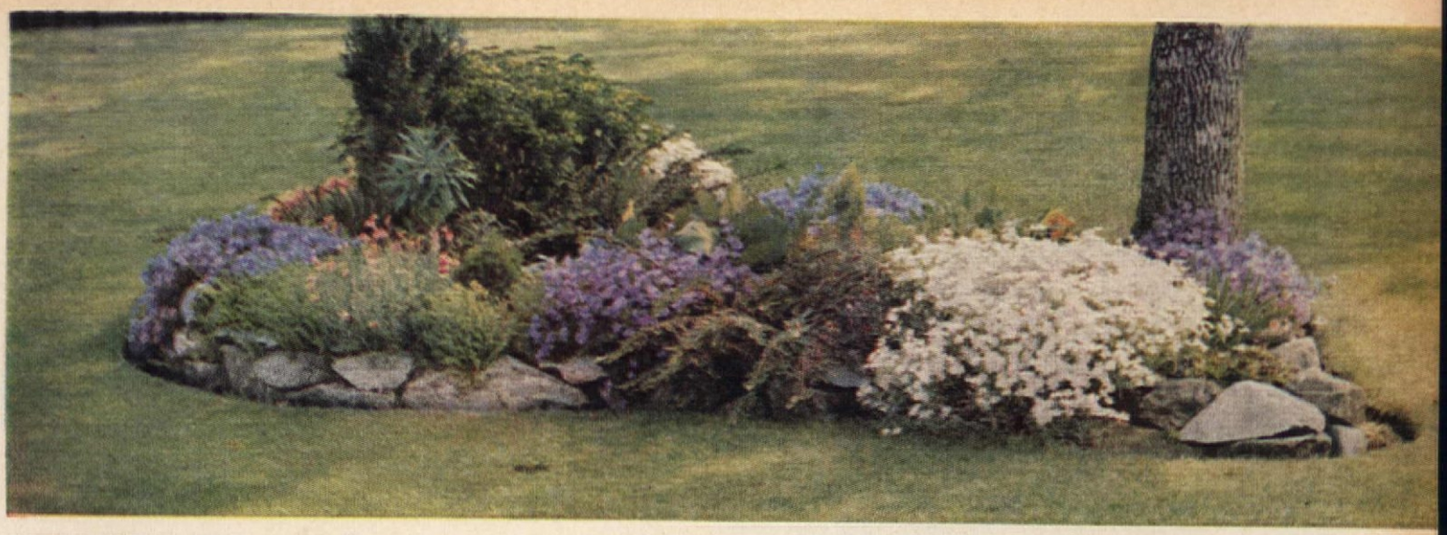
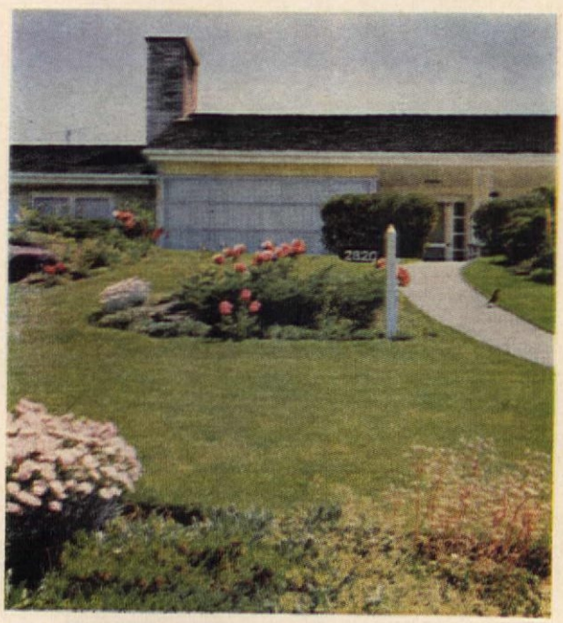


A SMALL NATURALISTIC PLANTING, located advantageously somewhere in the lawn, may provide a beauty spot that sets off your home as the most distinctive on the street. This little gem was designed by W. J. Westby at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. E. Manning, Victoria, B.C., Canada.

Home landscaping is easier if you think in terms of

BEAUTY SPOTS

THEODORE A. WESTON



THREE SEPARATE PLANTINGS distinguish the front of Col. and Mrs. Walcott Denison's home in Seattle. In the foreground are pinks, heathers, alyssum, saxifrage; at center, poppies, pinks, junipers; near house, poppies, lupines, yews.

An easy way to plan your landscaping is to concentrate on one section of your grounds at a time. Think of the whole place as made up of a lot of small areas—set off from each other by different parts of the house, the garage, driveway, paths, terrace, play area, and so on—and then plan to create in each area an individual beauty spot.

By working this way you can budget your time as well as your money. Also, by doing things gradually, step by step, you'll probably do a much better job than if you try to do everything at once. It's simply that small-area plantings are easier to plan, easier to work on, and easier to pay for, and so for most people they produce better and quicker results.

The only thing to be specially careful about when working on one section at a time is to remember that all sections that can be seen at the same time should look well together. Avoid conflicts of color and don't have drastically different kinds of plantings too close to each other. Try to visualize an appearance of relationship and unity when you've finished one area and start planning the next.

Usually the most urgent project is the one immediately in front of the house—the "foundation planting." Oftentimes this has to be all one planting, but sometimes it can be divided into two or more sections and planned and planted separately. The placement of the door, garage, driveway, path or other features of the front area usually determines this.

In any case, don't be satisfied to plan your foundation planting as a mere string of coniferous evergreens stretched across the front of your house. Instead, work out a plan for the planting that will give it shapeliness and the character, whether you prefer straight lines or curves. Then go to a nursery, or study a good nursery catalog, and pick out a selection of high-quality shrubs, both flowering and foliage, that will go well together and at the same time provide a degree of variety, contrast, and genuine eye-appeal. In other words, think and plan in terms of a beauty spot, or series of beauty spots, not just a "patch of ground" and a "batch of plants." It *is* easier than most people think!

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When you've finished the foundation planting, the next most urgent job may be on either side of the house, or near the garage, the driveway, or the front path. Wherever the need is greatest, work the same way. Plan to create a beauty spot, decide on its appropriate size and shape, then select the best plants for it that your budget will allow. Incidentally, if you don't expect to move for at least five years, it's wiser to buy smaller specimens of finer plants than to spend the same amount on larger, poorer quality items.

Finally you'll have done all your "necessary" landscaping. *Now* you can make your home truly distinctive—even a showplace—by planning a few beauty spots for their own sake alone.

A naturalistic little planting near the sidewalk, an appropriate grouping of plants somewhere in the front yard, a small lily pool near a willow tree, or any other kind of beauty spot anywhere on your property—these are the things that'll evoke oh's and ah's from visitors and delight you and your family the year around. Study these pictures, and you'll get ideas! THE END

A MINIATURE ROCK GARDEN near the sidewalk is a front-line beauty spot at the Seattle home of the Charles W. Maryatts.

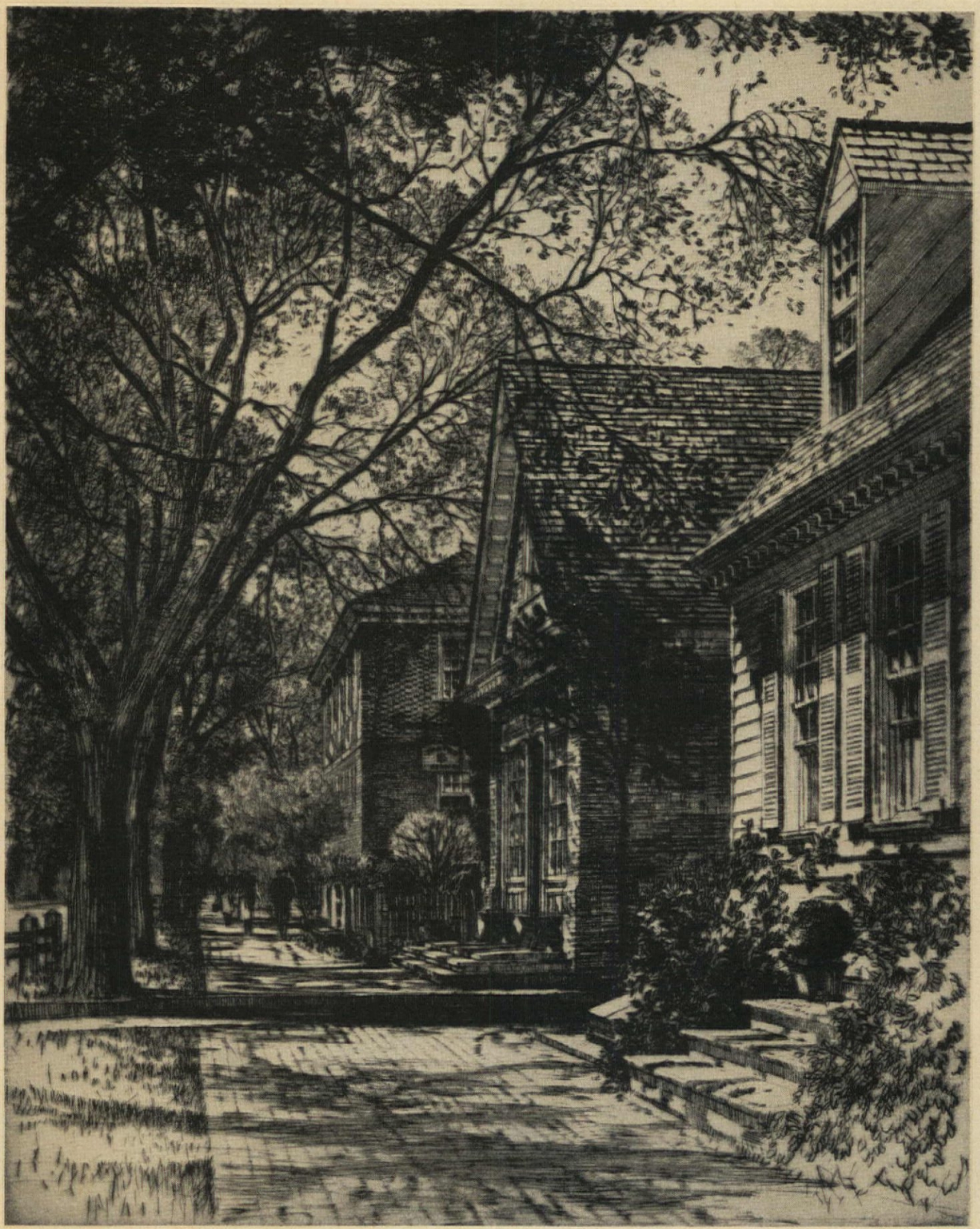
NOTHING'S SO EYE-CATCHING as a lily pool. This apostrophe-shaped one is in the Arthur Bohnens' garden in a Chicago suburb.

ROSES ON A WALL, on a post or a fence, or trained against a side of the house or garage, have a long history of sure-fire attractiveness in early summer. And the newer climbers and other cluster-flowered varieties, if planted in a sunny spot, can be depended on to bloom from spring until late in the fall.

CACTI AND SUCCULENTS, skillfully combined with outcroppings of rock, produce beautiful effects in arid-country home landscaping.

FRONT FENCES and walls can be made strikingly attractive with suitable plants. The junipers and driftwood below are at the E. A. Benesch home in California.

THINK OF YOUR DRIVEWAY as the possible setting for the major beauty spot at the entrance to your home—*not* as a necessary but evil swath of durable surface. At the F. L. Hawkins place in Seattle, Washington, the kind of driveway that's the bane of many a homeowner afforded the stage for this spectacular use of native rocks, low-growing evergreens and a variety of perennials in a natural-contour planting.



Artist's Proof

Samuel Chamberlain

The Pilgrims are coming!

When the local Historical Society first consulted Mama about opening our house for the annual spring pilgrimage, Mama threw up her hands in horror

JEAN PATTERSON

Visiting ladies have a habit of throwing any household into a tizzy . . . and ours was no exception. But when Madame President of our group pointed out to Mama that opening up the doors was her patriotic duty, she weakened and agreed, especially when the plea was made that the money thus obtained would help save several historical places otherwise destined to go on the auction block.

Then began the hectic days of getting ready for the pilgrims. Our house had been the headquarters of the Confederate General Longstreet during his campaign in East Tennessee and that was supposed to be the drawing card—that and a number of rather unusual antiques in the way of furniture, china, glass and bric-a-brac. So in order to have as much as possible to show we made countless trips to the attic, basement and what Mama called the junk room, where we dug out quite a few things. Among these were a sidesaddle, a reversible waffle iron, a Dutch oven, numerous old letters, papers and Confederate money, my grandfather's writ of amnesty signed by Andrew Johnson (he was a merchant and in order to keep his business after the Civil War, he had to promise, among other things, never again to take sides against the Federal Government), a framed copy of the Magna Carta, which, judging from its tattered appearance, might almost have been the original one presented to King John in 1215, a reel, an ancient dress suit of Grandfather's and the uniform my uncle had worn at military school. In an old chest, we found some handmade Indian leather pants, Indian arrowheads, a coin collection, Grandmother's black silk mourning dress, and some moth-eaten college banners.

The next step was to reorganize our present setup in order to find a place to display such oddly unrelated objects. Mama embarked on a campaign to resettle the whole house, including in the plan a full-dress spring cleaning. When this upheaval began, Papa said, "I can't see any reason for all this excitement. All people are going to do is look at the house and our things. They aren't looking for dust and dirt. They won't notice whether the curtains have been washed or not."

Having delivered himself of this ultimatum, Papa sat down, picked up his book, and was ready for the pilgrimage. Mama, picking up her dust rag, retorted, "Now if that isn't just like a man. I know women—they'll see the dust first and the antiques next. Furthermore, they always rub their fingers over the furniture to feel the grain of wood. I know because I do it myself and if any dust comes off they will say, 'What an awful housekeeper she is.' We'll have to get the house painted too. It looks as if it hasn't had a coat of paint since Longstreet stayed here."

I think after that Papa decided that discretion was the better part of valor—from then on he kept his mouth shut. He resigned himself to having to walk around a reel and sidesaddle every time he went through the dining room, no shades at the kitchen windows, his favorite pictures being moved to strange places, painters coming in and out, carpets being taken up and shaken, his chair moved to the other side of the fireplace and his customary blanket being removed in favor of a cleaner, less shabby one.

One of our problems had nothing to do with furniture but was a sort of psychological one. Since our house was being shown because it had been the headquarters of a Confederate general, it seemed a little odd to point out that the four-poster beds, some of the other antique furniture as well as a good part of the silver and china, had once been the property of Papa's grandfather, a Union general in the Civil War. Not a single bed in the house could boast that "Longstreet slept here." I suggested that we omit all names and simply say that the "General" slept in this bed or drank from that pitcher. Papa put thumbs down on that—although we would not be lying directly, we would certainly be implying an untruth, and he wasn't going to stand for that. We finally decided to go ahead and mention Great-Grandfather, figuring that most of our pilgrims would be Southerners anyway, and would pretend not to recognize the Yankee name. Then, since two of our Tennessee presidents, Andrew Jackson and Andrew Johnson, had actually slept in one of the beds, we were sure we would be forgiven, even if at the time, they (continued on page 88)

We design four kitchens

VIRGINIA E. THABET

DECORATOR: ROBERT W. HOUSEMAN

Here are four solutions to four kitchen-laundry planning bugaboos

Each solution is chock-full of ideas you have asked for; try one of them or try all of them; there is an idea for every pocketbook! Three kitchens, one laundry, each designed for prettiness and convenience, and not hard to do.

1 "AN OLD-FASHIONED PANTRY"

We decided to call ours a "Buffet Français!" Elegant French and easy to do, with new traditionally styled cabinets, using warm wood fronts and sturdy steel interiors. The "old-fashioned pantry," a queen in its heyday back in grandma's era, *can* find a place, and a well-earned one, in today's modern living! How? *If you are remodeling*, don't tear out the pantry. Structural changes are expensive. Use the money you would spend by *remodeling* the pantry to include storage areas for food and table service, sink, dishwasher and utility cabinets. Exploit its location near the dining room and kitchen, where it can serve both areas in a few short steps. *If you are building a new home*, have you thought of including a small space for a pantry? You'll find it will pay big dividends in saving time and keeping messy clean-up chores away from the kitchen itself!

THIS PANTRY, occupying a relatively small area just off the kitchen and dining room, is loaded with convenience but not short-changed on decoration. It is entirely possible to go all out if you wish . . . this lovely crystal chandelier and wall sconce, the fleur-de-lis wallpaper and marblelike vinyl flooring with fleur-de-lis insets all lend an elegant look!

HUTCH GIVES MODERN CONVENIENCE! This handsome hutch was constructed from the same cabinets used in the kitchen. Wall cabinet doors, with metal grillwork and traditionally styled wall and base cabinets are just the answer. With a tea cart close by, china, crystal, linen, flatware are a few steps from the dining room.

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COLOR plays a very important role, as shown above. Cabinets, appliances, utensils, flooring can be mixed and matched.

WINDOW TREATMENT AND LIGHTING, below, should not be overlooked. Shutters painted in repeat colors blend nicely with curtains.

2 "THE SMALL KITCHEN"

Convenience need not be sacrificed, even though your kitchen is small. It's simply a matter of good arrangement. There is a way to arrange the three major appliances and work areas (cooking, refrigeration and clean-up) to save steps yet have large areas of unbroken counter space. Centralize the sink in a "U" plan with range and refrigerator at extreme ends. Simple! Then accent efficiency with attractive décor . . . wallpaper the ceiling, use curtains of the same fabric. For both good looks and practical purposes, have the curtain fabric laminated (between sheets of plastic) and cover the wall behind the cooking area and sink, where grease and water often splatter.

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3 "ROUND-THE-CLOCK" LAUNDRY

Named from clever wallpaper theme (the French translation for morning, noon and night . . . *le matin, le midi, le soir*)! And what better theme for a laundry used in many homes, around the clock! Laundries have come up a long way today, from their original hiding spot in yesterday's basement. You find them in kitchens, bathrooms, hallways and garages. All these places are convenient, but if you are fortunate enough to have sufficient space, you can have what is known as a utility room to serve many purposes. *BUT*, watch out for that familiar bugaboo . . . so often these rooms are catchalls with no purpose! Good planning can change an otherwise disorganized space into a very pleasant, convenient place to work. How, then, can you take the "futility" out of a utility room? Combine laundry, sewing and cleaning activities with emphasis on bright, imaginative décor; give some thought to children's recreation.

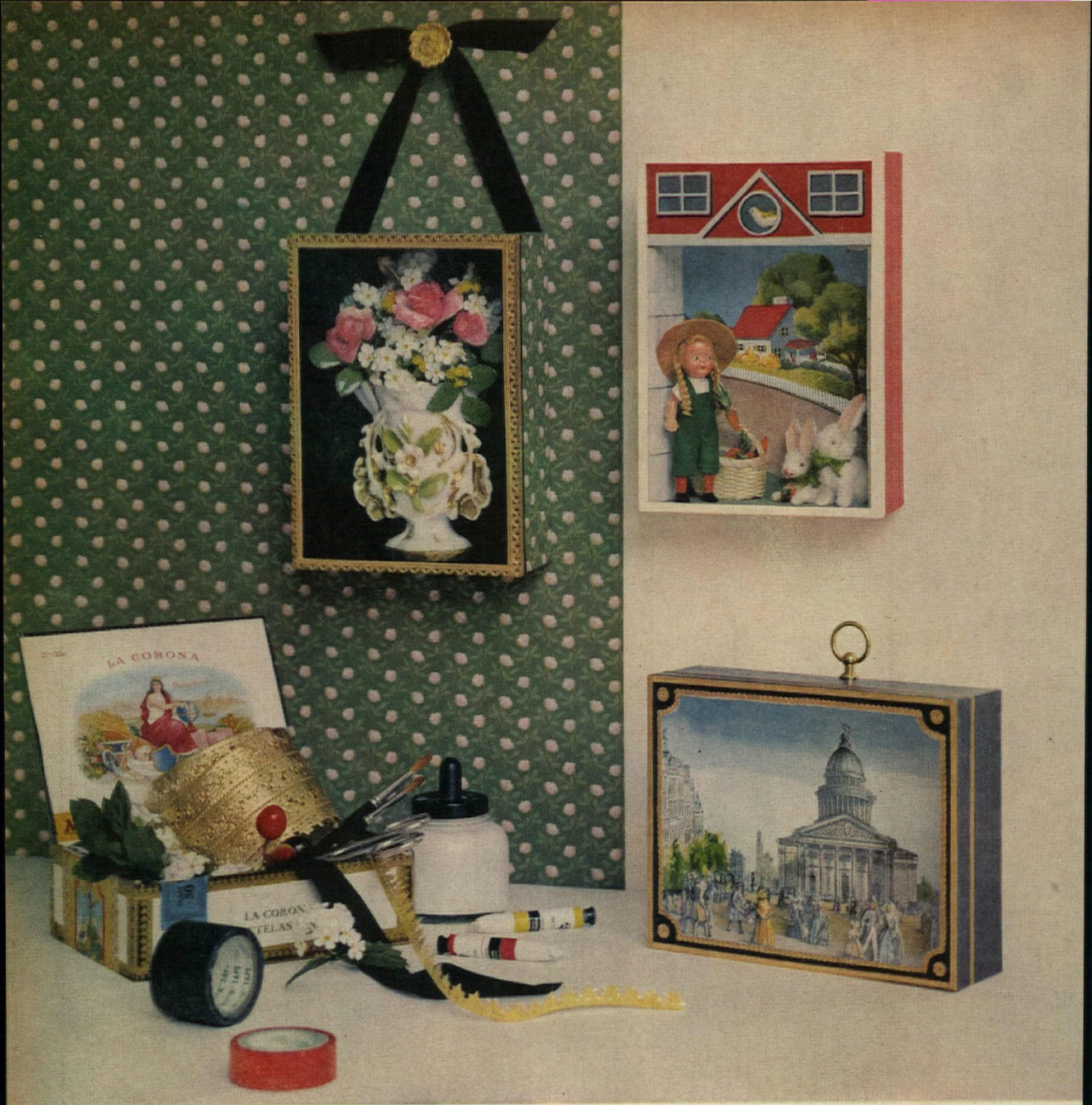
UTILITY ROOM COMES TO LIFE! Count the ideas: combination washer-dryer, a real space-saver; open shelves for sorting laundry; a telephone; 5 sewing baskets to organize supplies; a sit-down sewing-planning area; a pop-up cabinet for portable sewing machine; a pull-out hamper; canisters for laundry supplies.

NO DULL AND DREARY UTILITY ROOM, THIS! Bright color sets the pace. Ideas: attractive wallpaper sets the theme and color scheme. Flooring design doubles as checkerboard for the kids; there's a dartboard with rubber-tipped darts on door which houses water heater. Ceramic tile wall is easy to clean.

OUTDOOR FOOD SERVICE is close to indoor cooking. Note new cabinets with wood frames, stainless steel molding and vinyl panels (comes in different color choices).

4 "INDOOR-OUTDOOR" KITCHEN

Like to entertain and eat outdoors but do your cooking indoors? It's easily done! Arrange cooking area to serve both places. Decentralizing cooking areas is a new twist in kitchen planning. Spread the cooking areas around the kitchen to serve both general food preparation, indoor and outdoor dining. Dining room, terrace, or any room you may want to eat in, suddenly becomes closer to the kitchen, makes for quick and easy food service and saves steps, too. At right, and above gas cooking top, gas barbecue, oven and hot food server all accessible to outdoors through sliding glass windows.



Shadow boxes – lovely to look at, easy to make

Shadow boxes are fun to make and when you've finished, you really have a worth-while project to show! Those pictured above can be made in just a few hours. Artistically pleasing, shadow boxes make lovely gifts for friends and family on birthdays or other gift occasions.

Personalize these lovely shadow boxes by decorating them with objects and memorabilia dear to the heart of the recipient. If it is someone who likes to cook, to fish, to garden, whatever the interest, you can think of several items that would go into your personalized, designed-to-please shadow box. For the traveler, use souvenirs of the journey, maps, a bit of pottery, a small stone from a mountain trip, a shell from the beach. Or make a shadow box to help you relive memories of a pleasant train trip. The possibilities are endless. To find out how to transform cigar boxes into shadow boxes, turn to page 99.

DECORATORS: REGINALD ALLEN AND JACK STEVENS

DOROTHY KIRSTEN sings to her two pet toy poodles, Mimi and Cio-Cio, in the music corner of her beautiful living room. Radio television, hi-fi, and tape recorder are recessed in wall. Note the lovely Venetian mirror and French crystal wall bracket.

MARTHA B. DARBYSHIRE

An entertaining lady lives here

Dorothy Kirsten, the lovely opera star, lives in a home that bespeaks her own charm and personality

To most of us Dorothy Kirsten belongs to the top echelon of opera singers. Some may think of her as Tosca, or as the appealing Violetta in La Traviata, but to all of us it is safe to say she has made Puccini's Mimi and Butterfly (Cio-Cio-San) memory-haunting roles. We know her, too, as she has come guesting on radio and television programs where her hit-tune manner has been equally effective with her more serious music of substance. Now, when the curtain rises on her, she is not on stage. She is "at home" and very much her own uninhibited, friendly self. Catch her at home and you have her where her roots are. Look through *her* eyes at a woman's point of view of home and you come away talking back to yourself. Her house is her inn of happiness. Here she is central to her family, which consists of her husband, Dr. John Douglas French; her father, who spends certain months of the year with them; her attractive secretary, Vicki, who has been with her many years; and Mimi and Cio-Cio, the two toy poodles.

This is a household full of activity. Dr. French is certainly a busy man and Miss Kirsten, much of the time, lives in high gear and yet, here is a place where you get off the treadmill, where people are tranquil without tranquilizers. Somehow you feel "good" when you are here. Something rubs off, even on the most casual visitor. It is often said that home-proud people are always happy and cheerful. Like many generalities, the observation may have a trace of truth in it. But not the whole truth. It is, however, perfectly (continued)

DOLL COLLECTION in recessed cabinet in bedroom hall. Dolls (most of them dressed and given to Miss Kirsten by her secretary) depict her in her many operatic roles. The group of photographs at the right shows thrilling moments that have punctuated her career.

understandable when a woman has lived for years out of trunks in hotels, and all the while has collected large and small objects of art for a future home, as Dorothy Kirsten has done, that she is deeply appreciative of a happy marriage and an attractive home in a beautiful setting.

DINING ROOM looking out onto deck with its beautiful view of the sea far below.

This is not, of course, Miss Kirsten's first home, but it is located in probably the most beautiful spot she ever dreamed of. Lady Luck dealt them a royal flush the day she and Dr. French found it. It is beyond Palos Verdes off the road that follows the Pacific shoreline. There, they found the house on a hilltop, a thousand feet above the ocean with a beautiful, indigo-blue cove just below them, and a three-way uninterrupted view far, far out to sea. It reminds them—everything about it . . . the drive and the location of the house—of the Riviera, of even definite spots along Amalfi.

It might have been fun to have planned and built a house, inch by inch, to fit this spectacular site, its family, and their preferences, but there was a pleasant house, and lately built, on the property, and after all, as they agreed, individuality, in the last analysis, does not depend on architectural style. It belongs to the people. It's in the land around the house that many answers lie. In their case, it allows the house to be at a little distance from the road and at an interesting lower level. It gave them space for terraces, and ample landscaping. These, as much as anything, vary the profile of a house and give it emphasis. To them they are better off with an extra half acre of land and with a view full of promise than with a living-room fireplace that might be more in keeping with their furnishings.

Looking at the house today after Miss Kirsten and her two decorators, Reginald Allen and Jack Stevens, have finished with it, you can say again, "A good house can become as much better as you make it." The decoration, let's say, is Miss Kirsten's own personal style. This personal insignia is there—somewhere in the decoration of every room, and is perhaps the secret to much of the charm of the house. The reference, as you will quickly observe, is to mementos which may range from choice bits of bibelot to andirons and furniture, to a gold-leafed cabinet door, or a pair of black iron urns that you see at the entrance door. All of these bits or fine pieces are treasures Miss Kirsten has taken with her from one place to another through a period of years. All are possessions which have met the test of time, and all of them her decorators have combined and deftly used in a way that makes the difference between a background that is good and one that is unforgettable.

Another exciting thing about the house, since it is not a large house, is its generosity. It has "the big look" because the floors refuse to stop at the walls but keep right on going out across outer decks. These decks have been added by Mr. Allen and Mr. Stevens to take advantage of the sea-going view, and to furnish space for seating guests for outdoor dining.

Remember, a very entertaining woman lives here, and since her husband shares with her the pleasure of hospitality, there is always time planned and set aside for the stimulating companionship of friends of many and varying interests. To both of them, entertaining is one of the pleasant aspects of having a home, and because they themselves heartily enjoy a social gathering, the result is "a wonderful time."

Entertaining is only one phase of this delightful menage. Another is gardening, and still another is cooking. How do two such busy people do so many things and

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IN LIVING ROOM Miss Kirsten has assembled many of the cherished antiques she collected from all over the world . . . a Florentine candelabrum, an old French clock, an Italian polychrome table.

MASTER BEDROOM has a lovely Louis XVI vitrine or glass shelved cabinet. An Italian craftsman carved the center piece of twin beds and joined them together to make the headboard.

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BE A FRENCH CHEF

Flaky, delectable Napoleons can come out of your own kitchen when you follow these easy directions

TO MAKE FLAKY, RICH WAFERS, roll regular pie-crust dough, either your own or a mix, into a square about ⅛-inch thick. Dot the dough with tiny pieces of soft butter and then fold over into thirds to make a long rectangle. Fold again into thirds to make a tall pile of dough nine layers thick. Wrap in waxed paper and chill overnight or until quite firm.

FOR PERFECTLY SHAPED NAPOLEONS, cut square of dough into thirds, then roll into rectangles 4x12 inches. Trim and cut each into eight strips. A ruler helps to measure and aids in cutting straight. Prick each strip of dough with a fork and bake on an ungreased baking sheet in a hot oven.

TO ASSEMBLE NAPOLEONS, stack four wafers together, with chilled custard filling or pudding mixture between. Frost the top wafer with confectioners-sugar icing and, using a spoon, dribble melted chocolate over it in a zigzag pattern. Then draw a toothpick across the chocolate lines to achieve final effect. Chill for an hour before serving.

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Easy to make the "busy-day" way—

Pudding Cheesecake

No cooking!

The tang of cheese—
The crunchiness of
graham cracker crust—
The tart-sweet smoothness
of Jell-O Lemon
Instant Pudding!

"BUSY-DAY" LEMON CHEESECAKE

1 large (8-oz.) package cream cheese • 2 cups whole milk
1 package Jell-O Lemon Instant Pudding
1 8-inch graham cracker crust

Soften cream cheese, blend with ½ cup milk. Add remaining milk and the pudding mix. Beat slowly with egg beater just until well mixed, about 1 minute. (Do not overbeat.) Pour at once into graham cracker crust. Sprinkle graham cracker crumbs lightly over top. Chill about one hour. Serve to 8 delighted people—a real party dessert that you can make so easily—thanks to Jell-O *Instant* Pudding.

P.S. It takes the special qualities of *Jell-O Instant* Pudding to make this luscious cheesecake. Cooked pudding will *not* give satisfactory results with this recipe.

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BEEF
PORK
CHICKEN
VEAL

Doubled when

For Instance

"I intended to serve spare ribs and sauerkraut to the family. There wasn't enough for company. (Look at plate above) But a raid on the pantry suggested a rice and apple stuffing — We served 8!"

"It isn't a *problem* as much as know-how of stretching *food* from one form to another! Two pounds of veal cutlets rolled into a veal bird recipe can feed an army!"

Stuffed

What'll I do now? The age-old cry as a gang of hungry people file in the front door. *Suppose* guests do drop in without warning just before suppertime! *Suppose* a hasty inventory of the refrigerator reveals only the remains of last night's roast beef and a package of fish fillets. This isn't a problem. You begin with what you have on hand, and s-t-r-e-t-c-h. Pantry staples become your tools and gadgets for this cooking magic. With these and free-wheeling ingenuity there's no end to what you can do. "*For instance*" ideas quoted here from Family Food readers saved their day, can stretch your meal!

Family Food

"It was double or nothing with my family-size piece of beef intended for Swiss steak. But split, stuffed and rolled Italian Style it served family and company"

RECIPES ON PAGES 75 AND 76

Table accessories on this and following food pages by GERTRUDE BRASSARD; Shopping Information, page 102

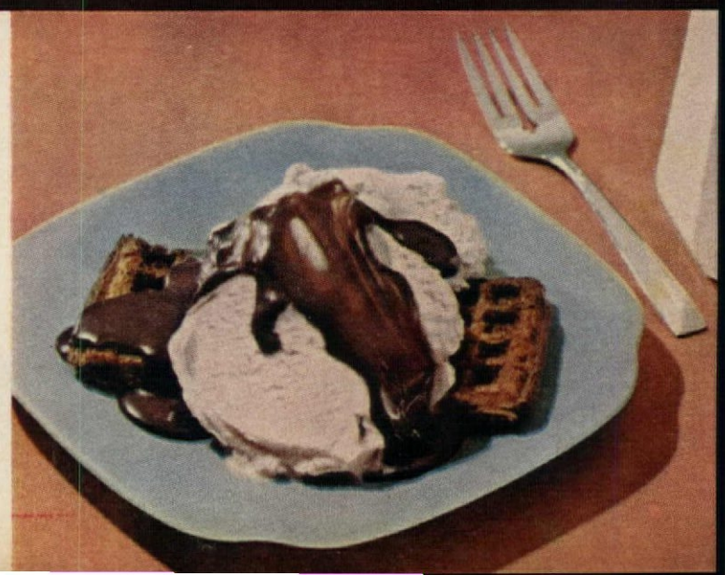
"Stuff and Stuff chicken breasts. It is both an exciting and economical passage into quantity food especially with "Potato Stuffing."

Take a Package of Pancake Mix

JUNE M. TOWNE

HAM-ASPARAGUS ROLLS (above). You can't eat this picture, but wouldn't you like to! But we have the whole recipe printed on a card for you on the recipe pages. You can read about this modern way of cloaking leftover ham and frozen or fresh asparagus in light, tender pancakes and topping with canned-soup sauce.

CHOCOLATE WAFFLES (right) or "waffle witchery" as someone so aptly described them opens another easy avenue to a host of superb desserts without sleight of hand. Any gal can fix 'em. Serve them cool with ice cream and any of the preferred sauces. Again the idea of making something else—out of something else.



Remember the lowly pancake . . . that stalwart, the flapjack, whose only reason for existence was to add more substance to that all-important breakfast?

What a delightful transformation has been wrought, turning this overworked one-shot into a delectable, 3-meal-a-day *spécialité*. And it's all done with pancake mix that's ready for use in a jiffy.

You who must match wits with the daily menu, take note. Serve pancakes around the clock as quick-to-fix meals. Plain, buckwheat, and the new buttermilk mixes make hearty main courses, exotic desserts and "conversation-piece" suppers and snacks!

LAMB STEW WITH SAVORY TOPPING (above right) sets another style in the versatility of the pancake mix. Who ever thought it could double for a biscuit mix? Well it's a product famous for its unlimited uses—a basic ingredient for so many pancake and nonpancake recipes.

BATTER-FRIED SEAFOOD AND ONION RINGS (right) presents a new way for batter-dipping French-fried foods that we'll wager can't be duplicated with a home-made batter. It has other pluses like really clinging to the food and its wonderful browning qualities.

DESSERT CAKES WITH ORANGE SAUCE are novel and tasty. Try them out on your family and guests. These fancy "crepe" style cakes combine raspberry jam tucked between the layers and a luscious orange-sauce topping. (Note—this is a wonderful dessert for buffet parties. Just make the recipe twice for ten to twelve servings as shown to the right.)

BUCKWHEAT MUFFINS (right). There's nothing like that subtle but hard-to-describe flavor of buckwheat. Make them at a moment's notice right out of the same popular package of pancake mix. Or combine equal portions of the plain mix with the buckwheat. Serve hot with butter and dream awhile.

FOR THESE RECIPES, SEE PAGES 72, 75 AND 76

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• LAMB STEW WITH SAVORY TOPPING

Preparation time: 25 min.
Cooking time: 1 hr.
Baking time: 20 min.

1½ lbs. shoulder lamb for stew
1 qt. water
2 sprigs parsley
2 celery tops
1 bay leaf
2 tsp. salt
2 c. diced turnip
6 small whole onions
3 med. potatoes, diced
2 tbs. flour
Topping:
4 tbs. shortening
2 c. pancake mix, plain or buttermilk
⅔ c. milk
2 tbs. chopped parsley
½ tsp. rosemary

• Simmer together lamb, water and seasonings about 30 minutes. Add turnips, onions and potatoes and continue cooking until tender, about 30 minutes. Dissolve flour in small amount of water and add to stew; cook and stir until slightly thickened. Turn into 1 quart casserole. Cut shortening into pancake mix, add milk, parsley and rosemary; stir just to dampen dry ingredients. Turn out on lightly floured board, knead just a few times; roll or pat out to fit casserole (about ½-inch thick). Place immediately over *hot* stew; seal edge. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) 15–20 minutes, or until well browned.

Serves 6–8 *575 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

***Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS**

• BATTER FRIED SEAFOOD AND ONION RINGS

Preparation time: 20 min.
Frying time: 5 min.

1½ c. pancake mix
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1¼ c. milk
1 lb. raw shrimp, shelled and deveined
1 lb. scallops
1 large onion, sliced
Milk, about 1 c.

• Combine pancake mix, eggs and milk; beat together about 2 minutes. For shrimp and scallops have seafood well drained, dip into batter, drain off excess and fry in deep, hot fat (375° F.) 3–5 minutes, or until golden brown. Drain on absorbent paper. Soak onion slices, separated into rings, in milk for 15 minutes; drain, dip into batter and proceed as above.

Serves 4–6 *310 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B*

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• DESSERT CAKES WITH ORANGE SAUCE

Preparation time: 25 min.

1 egg, well beaten
1 c. milk
1 c. pancake mix, plain or buttermilk
1 tbs. sugar
1 tbs. melted butter or margarine
1 tsp. vanilla or ¼ tsp. almond extract
Raspberry jam, about ½ c.
Orange Sauce

• Combine egg and milk, add pancake mix and sugar and blend well; stir in melted butter and vanilla. Bake on hot, lightly greased griddle, using 2 tbs. batter for each pancake. Spread each pancake with raspberry jam and stack 3 or 4 together for each serving. Top with Orange Sauce.

ORANGE SAUCE: Combine 4 tbs. butter or margarine, 4 tbs. sugar, 2 tsp. grated orange rind, ½ c. orange juice and 1 tsp. angostura bitters in saucepan; simmer together 5 minutes; serve warm. Makes 1 c.

Serves 4–6 *210 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

***Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS**

• BUCKWHEAT MUFFINS

Preparation time: 10 min.
Baking time: 20 min.

2 c. buckwheat pancake mix*
¼ c. sugar
1 c. milk
1 egg, slightly beaten
¼ c. melted shortening

*Or use 1 c. *each* plain and buckwheat pancake mix

• Mix together pancake mix and sugar; add milk and egg and blend well; stir in melted shortening. Fill greased muffin pans ⅔ full. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) 20 minutes, or until done.

Makes 12 muffins *100 cal. each* *Source of Vitamins A, B*

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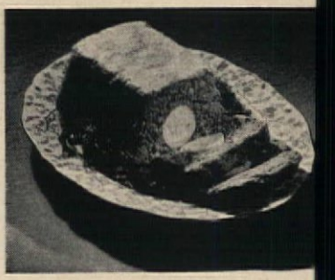
NEWS IN FOOD

Family-size tuna has just been introduced in new 9½-ounce cans. Reason for the new size stems from research indicating that homemakers often needed more tuna than was available in the 6½-ounce can, but frequently could not make use of all the tuna in the 12½-ounce size.

NEW TO MANY is the sometimes-overlooked label on a package of franks. It tells the story of quality. "All Meat Franks" are made of ground beef and veal or pork plus seasonings, without cereals. Franks not thus labeled may contain up to 3½% nonfat milk solids and/or cereal. Although franks made with more than 3½% must be labeled "Imitation Franks," they have a high nutritive value since milk solids are a valuable source of protein and calcium.

NEW CORNFLAKE CRUMBS have dozens of uses. Try them in casseroles, use them for topping on a coffee cake, extend a meat loaf with this tasty delicious new package. If you're following a recipe that includes the instruction to "crush cornflakes into crumbs," use prepared crumbs instead by dividing by four the amount called for in the recipe. For example, if the recipe calls for four cups of cornflakes, you need use only one cup of cornflake crumbs.

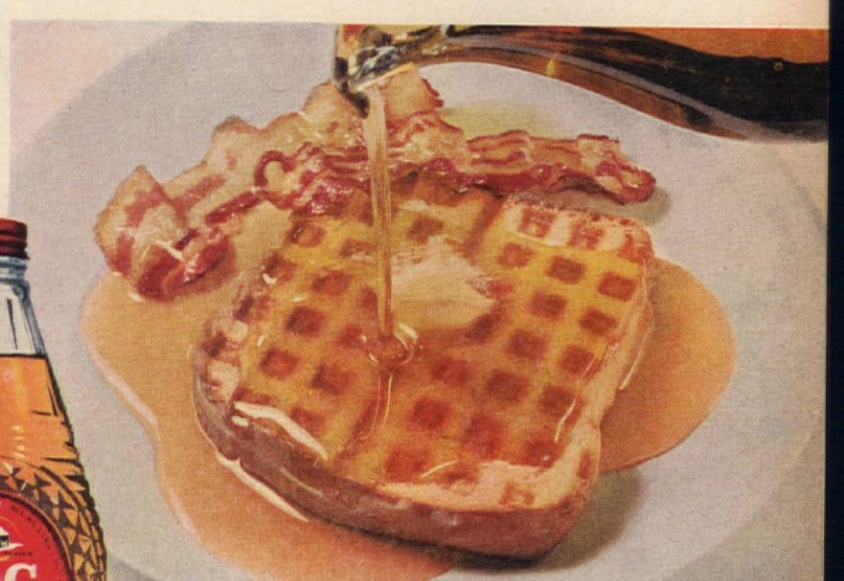


LOOKING FOR A FAMILY DESSERT that's inexpensive, delicious and nutritious? Then try the new pudding-cake mixes. Each package contains enough cake and sauce for six substantial servings. While pudding-cake takes happily to many fancy variations, it is a complete and delightful dessert in itself. You'll like it!

A NEW TYPE OF COFFEE CAKE is now ready for the hostess who likes to serve new and different food. It's the all-butter cinnamon nut coffee cake!

With a little imagination...and Log Cabin Syrup

You can create a breakfast that's out of this world! Follow the recipe for oatmeal as it appears on the Quaker Oats package, stirring in ¾ cup of Log Cabin Syrup as the oatmeal cooks. (Add more Log Cabin and a lump of butter to each portion served, if you like.) M-m-m-m . . . good! Nutritious, too. Quaker Oatmeal is full of nourishing protein so important to good health. Golden-rich Log Cabin makes it taste even more delicious, because Log Cabin is blended with pure maple sugar! Log Cabin makes so many other things taste extra special, too!



You can make perfect oatmeal pancakes! Combine ¼ cup Log Cabin, ¾ cup milk, 1 egg. Add ½ cup pancake mix, ½ cup Quaker Oats, and 1 tbs. melted shortening. Blend well. Bake on hot, lightly greased griddle. Serve with Log Cabin. No other blended syrup can match its deep-down maple flavor. Makes one dozen 4-inch pancakes.

You can grill the greatest waffles—with bread! How good they taste with Log Cabin's elegant maple flavor! Butter 10 slices bread on both sides. Dip each into blend of ¾ cup milk, dash of salt and slightly beaten egg. Drain slices; bake in moderately hot waffle iron for 5 minutes. With delicious Log Cabin, there's nothing finer!

Recipes Tested and Approved by General Foods Kitchens

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Take a Package of Pancake Mix

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Family Food

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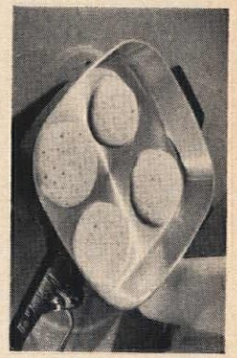
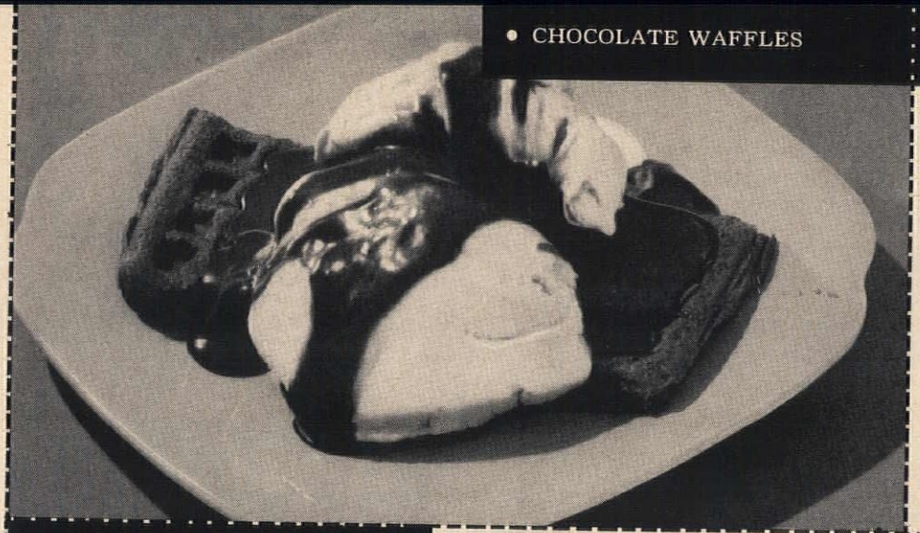


For golden-brown light-textured pancakes, bake batter on greased or dry hot griddle until large bubbles form and begin to break. Then turn and cook second side. Both sides will brown equally.



• CHOCOLATE WAFFLES

• HAM-ASPARAGUS ROLLS

Preparation time: 25 min.

1 can (10 oz.) condensed cream soup (mushroom, celery or chicken)
¾ c. milk
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 c. pancake mix, plain or buttermilk
1 tbs. melted butter or margarine
1 c. diced boiled ham
Cooked asparagus spears
½ c. milk

● Combine one half *only* of condensed soup with ¾ cup milk and egg; add pancake mix and blend well; stir in melted butter or margarine. Bake on hot griddle, using ¼ cup batter for each cake. Place diced ham and asparagus spears on hot baked pancakes; roll up. Dilute remaining condensed soup with ½ cup milk, heat and serve over rolled cakes.

Serves 4 *370 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

***Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS**

• ITALIAN BEEF ROLL

Preparation time: 30 min.
Baking time: 1 hr.

1½–2 lbs. top or bottom round of beef
2 c. ground or minced boiled ham
2 c. herb-seasoned bread stuffing
1 c. chopped celery
½ c. grated carrot
½ c. grated Parmesan cheese
2 tbs. melted butter or margarine
1 tbs. instant minced onion
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
Pinch of basil
½ c. water

● Slice or pound the beef to ¼-inch thickness. Form a square of meat, overlapping edges of pieces. Combine all remaining ingredients, except water. Spread stuffing evenly over meat; roll up and tie with string. Brown on all sides in butter or other fat in shallow baking pan. Place meat on rack, add water to pan, cover and roast in moderate oven (350° F.) about 1 hr., or until tender. Cut in slices and serve with gravy made from pan drippings.

Serves 8 *475 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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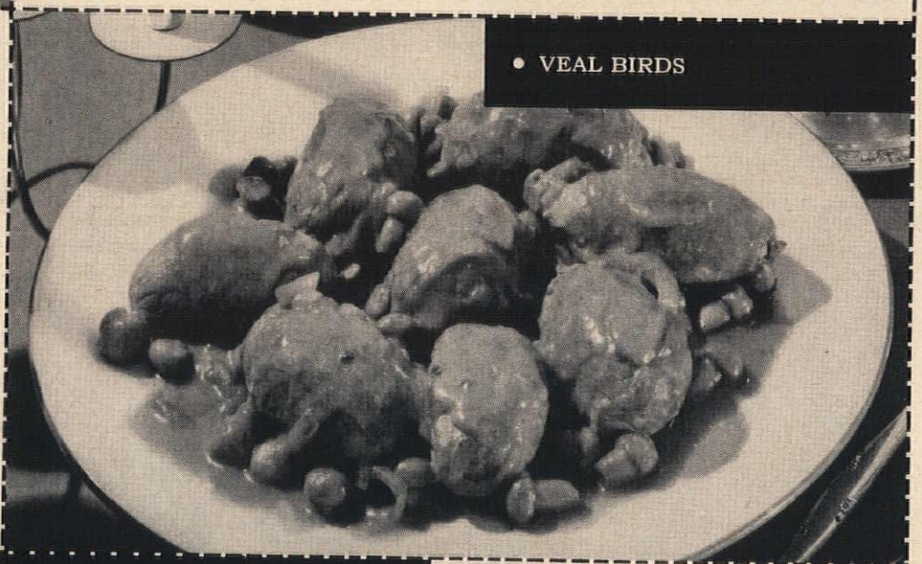
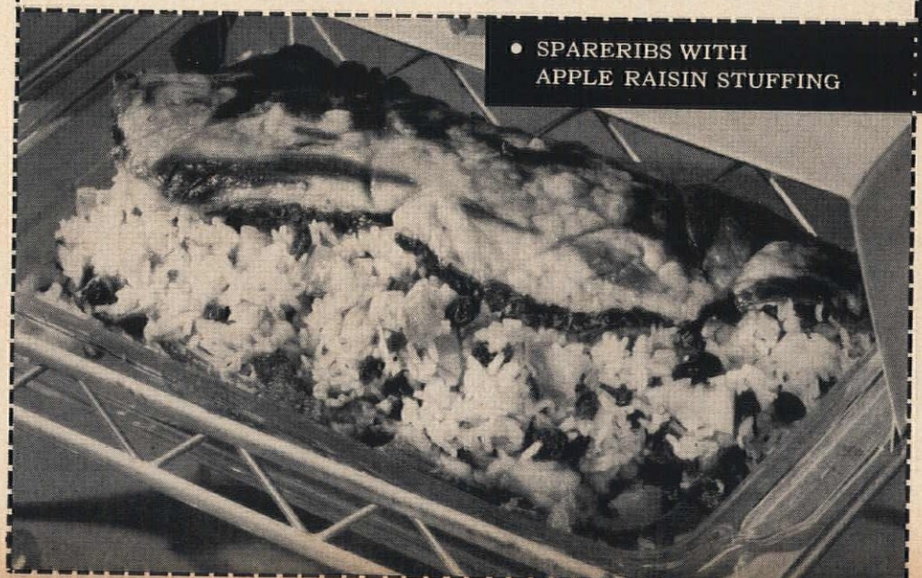


• VEAL BIRDS



• SPARERIBS WITH APPLE RAISIN STUFFING

• CHICKEN BREASTS WITH POTATO STUFFING

Preparation time: 20 min.
Baking time: 40 min.

1 large onion, chopped
1 c. chopped celery
½ c. butter or margarine
4 c. mashed potatoes
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1 c. herb-seasoned bread stuffing
½ c. chopped parsley
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
4 chicken breasts, boned and split
¼ c. melted butter
½ tsp. salt
Dash pepper
¼ tsp. paprika

● Sauté onion and celery in butter or margarine just until tender; add to mashed potato. Stir in eggs, stuffing, parsley, salt and pepper. Turn into greased shallow casserole or baking dish. Arrange chicken breasts on top of stuffing. Brush chicken with melted butter; sprinkle with salt, pepper and paprika. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 35–40 minutes, or until chicken is tender and browned.

Serves 8 *280 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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Take a Package of Pancake Mix Family Food

(pictured in color on page 69)

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Pancakes will have fewer calories if made without oil or fat on dry griddle. First clean griddle with salt bag made of several layers of cheesecloth filled with salt. Then, make the pancakes.

• SPARERIBS WITH APPLE RAISIN STUFFING

Preparation time: 20 min.
Baking time: 1–1½ hrs.

2 pork spareribs racks
3 c. cooked rice
3 c. diced apple
¾ c. raisins
½ c. finely minced onions
3 tbs. melted butter or margarine
2 tbs. chopped parsley
2 tbs. orange juice
1 tbs. grated orange rind
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
⅛ tsp. sage
⅛ tsp. mace

• Select spareribs of equal size. Combine remaining ingredients in bowl; mix well. Spoon stuffing onto one section of spareribs, place second on top and skewer or tie together. Place on rack in uncovered shallow baking pan. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 1–1½ hrs. or until tender.

Serves 8 *410 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

***Tested in* THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS**

• CHICKEN BREASTS WITH POTATO STUFFING

• ITALIAN BEEF ROLL

• VEAL BIRDS

Preparation time: 30 min.
Cooking time: 45 min.

2 lbs. veal cutlet
½ lb. bulk sausage
1 medium onion, chopped
2 c. herb-seasoned stuffing (packaged)
¼ c. chopped celery leaves
¼ c. chopped parsley
2 tbs. water or stock
1 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
3 tbs. butter or margarine
1 c. water
1 onion, sliced
2 cans (4 oz.) whole mushroom caps

• Cut veal into 8 pieces and pound very thin. Fry sausage and chopped onion until browned; pour off any excess fat. Mix in stuffing, celery leaves, parsley, 2 tbs. water, salt and pepper. Spoon stuffing onto veal slices; roll up and secure with toothpicks. Brown veal birds on all sides in skillet in butter or margarine; add 1 c. water, sliced onion and mushrooms. Cover and simmer 40–45 minutes, or until tender. If desired, thicken gravy with flour dissolved in cold water.

Serves 8 *430 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B, C*

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• CHOCOLATE WAFFLES

Preparation time: 15 min.
Baking time: 5 min.

1 sq. unsweetened chocolate
2 tbs. butter or margarine
1 egg, slightly beaten
1 c. milk
1 c. pancake mix, plain or buttermilk
3 tbs. sugar

• Melt chocolate and butter together over hot water. Combine egg and milk; add pancake mix and sugar and blend well. Stir in chocolate and butter mixture. Bake about 5 minutes in waffle iron slightly cooler than for plain waffles. To serve: Top waffle with peppermint ice cream and chocolate sauce.

Serves 8 *150 cal. per serving* *Source of Vitamins A, B*

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Pizza Crust

2 cups biscuit mix
2 tbsps. French's Mustard
½ cup milk

Measure mix into a bowl. Stir mustard into milk; blend into mix. Knead 1 minute on board dusted with biscuit mix. Roll to fit 12-inch pizza pan. Prick surface with fork. Bake in hot oven (425°F) 5-7 min. or until set; remove from oven. Reduce heat to moderate (375°F). Prepare filling.

Pizza Filling

2 cans (8-oz.) tomato sauce
1 tbsp. sugar
1 tbsp. French's Minced Onion
2 tbsps. French's Mustard
¼ tsp. French's Oregano
1 lb. bulk pork sausage meat, well cooked and well drained
1 cup grated sharp Cheddar cheese
2 tbsps. grated Parmesan cheese

Combine tomato sauce, sugar, onion, mustard, and oregano; bring to a boil, simmer 10 min. Pour into partially baked crust. Sprinkle with half of Cheddar, then sausage, then remaining Cheddar, top with Parmesan. Return to oven; bake 12-15 min. or until cheese melts and crust is deep golden brown. Yield: 6 servings.

Friendly Warning: Because French's Mustard has a special flavor, texture and color all its own, don't expect best results from this recipe with any other mustard.

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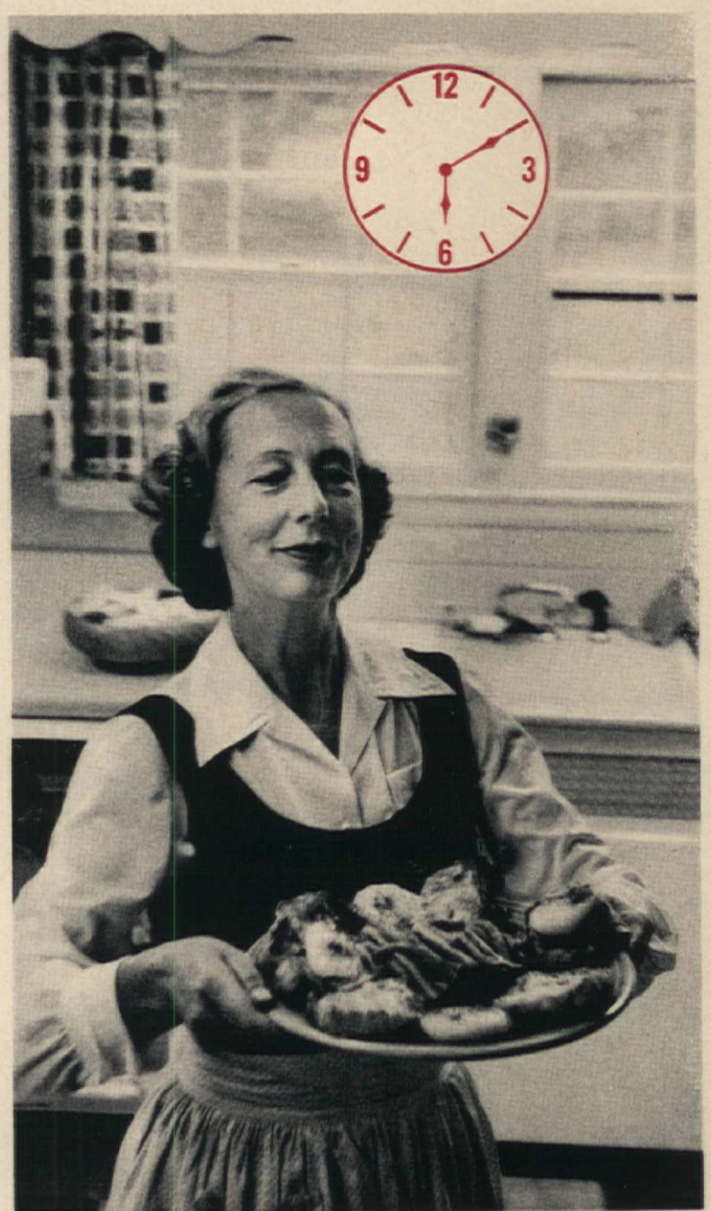
THE CLOCK STRIKES FIVE

and millions of working women hurry home to the more important job of being a wife and mother



Are you one of over 11 million women in these United States who has a job outside the home in addition to homemaking? If so, then you're fully aware of the "pause in the day's occupation" at five o'clock when you suddenly realize there's a hungry family to prepare dinner for. "How do you do it?" is a question often asked these homemakers with an "outside" job. And that is exactly the question we asked Mrs. Adolph J. Merkt, of Hamden, Connecticut. Mrs. Merkt is an energetic and busy homemaker who devotes five full days a week to the Girl Scouts as a volunteer worker.

Like other working women, Virginia Merkt looks for the shortest route between her desk and dinner-on-the-table. Time saved in the kitchen gives her a chance for more time with her husband and children, Julie, 18, and Dixon, 16. Always on the search for short cuts to tempting and satisfying meals, Virginia learned the trick of cooking complete meals in the broiler of her range from the Home Service Dept. of the United Illuminating Co., in New Haven, Conn. Broiler meals, Virginia found, make it possible to put a complete dinner together in less than 45 minutes. What a wonderful boon for the working wife!

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Fruit Puffs . . . all dressed for a party the easy way, with summer-bright Del Monte Fruit Cocktail

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FRUIT PUFFS

- 8 large baked cream puff shells
- 1 can (1 lb. 14 oz.) DEL MONTE Brand Fruit Cocktail
- ¼ cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 eggs, separated
- 1 cup (½ pt.) heavy cream, whipped
- Chocolate sauce, if desired

Drain fruit; save syrup. Mix sugar, cornstarch, salt in saucepan. Stir in ¾ cup syrup from fruit; cook and stir on moderate heat till thick and glossy. Stir in lemon juice. Blend about half hot mixture with slightly beaten yolks; return to pan. Cook and stir 1 min. Cool; fold in stiffly beaten whites. Chill. Just before serving, mix in whipped cream till well blended. Fill split puffs with mixture and fruit. May be served with chocolate sauce.

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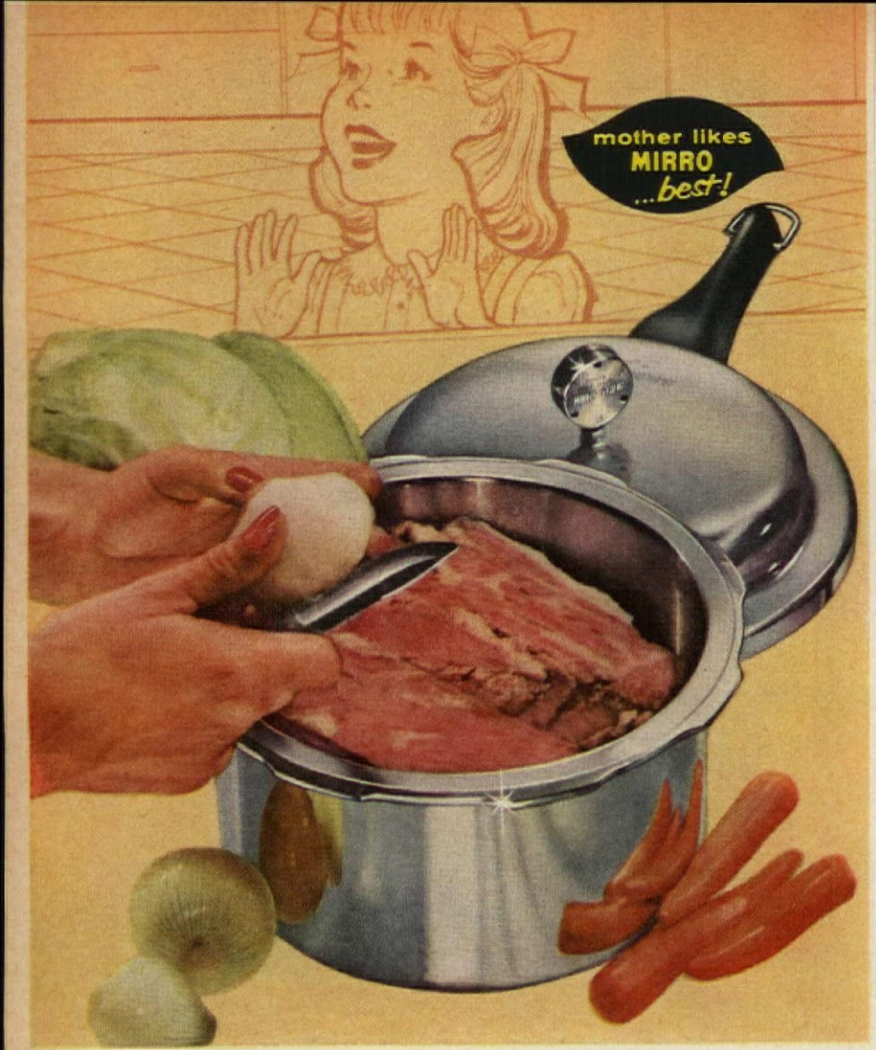

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VEGETABLE FOR TONIGHT—canned green beans. Beans are put on aluminum foil, seasoned, then wrapped, before going in the bottom of broiler pan where they will heat through while the meat is cooking. Virginia saves liquid from canned vegetables to use in stews or soup on weekends. Tossed green salad (right) is a family favorite. She keeps several kinds of dressing handy in the refrigerator for variety's sake.

INTO THE BROILER go the pork chops—main feature on tonight's menu. Virginia prepares two chops each for her husband and growing teen-age son, Dixon. Since pork should always be thoroughly cooked she allows 20–25 minutes broiling time depending on thickness.

A SPRINKLING of curry powder lends a gourmet flavor to canned peach halves which are added to the broiler grid during the last ten minutes of broiling. Try pineapple rings or apricot halves too.

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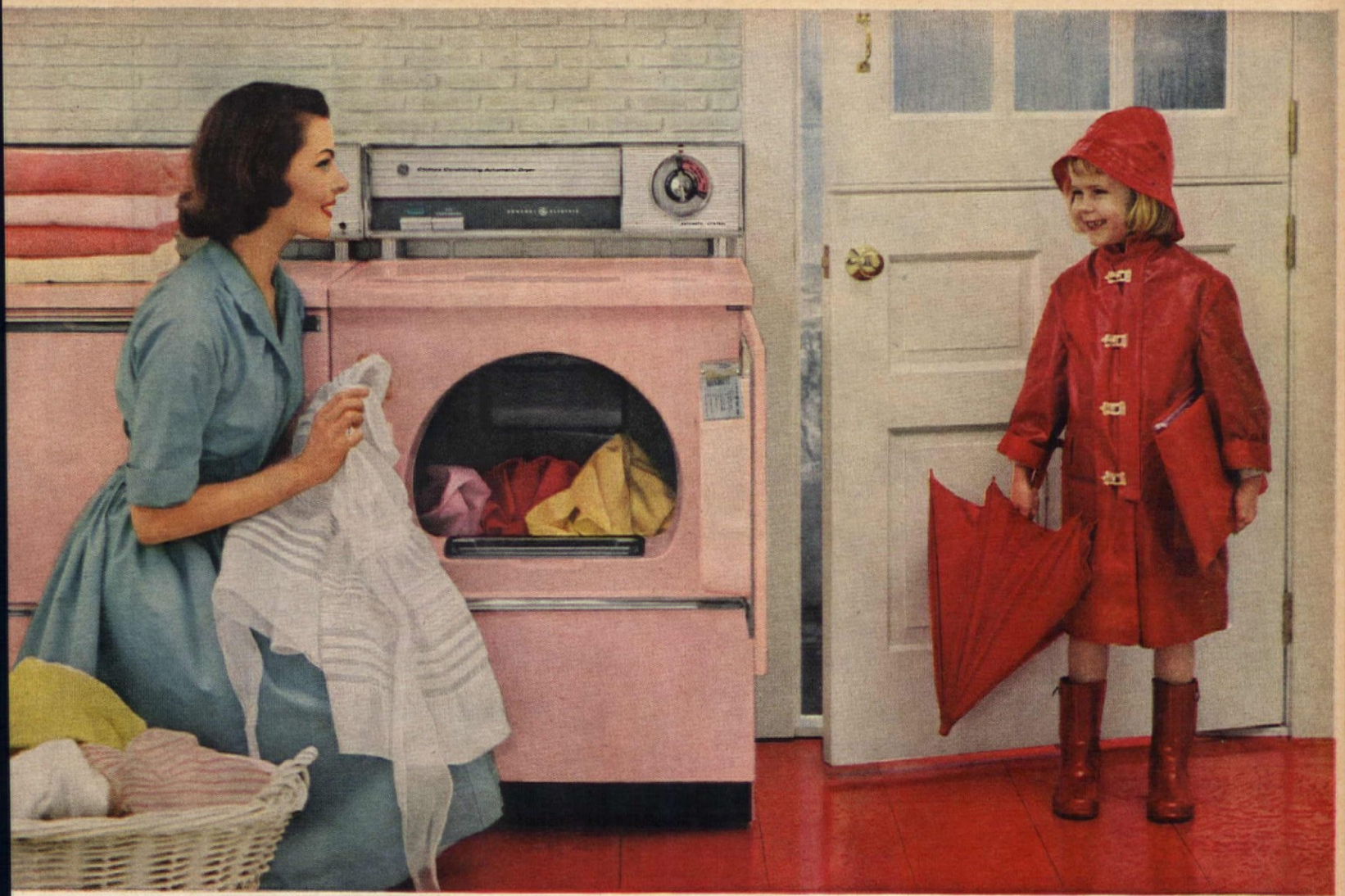

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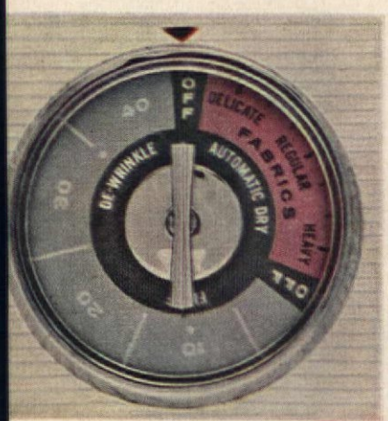

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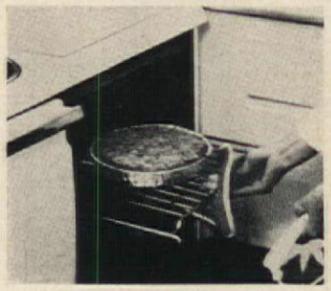
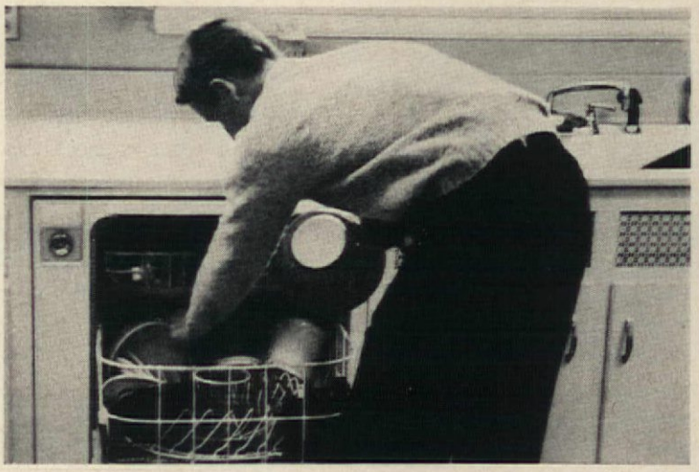
DAUGHTER JULIE sets the table—and a very attractive one we might add. Here the family can enjoy dinner in a leisurely fashion and catch up on the latest activities at school.



EXTRA CAKE LAYER baked on weekend gets topping of coconut, orange juice, brown sugar. Broiled a few minutes, it tastes oven-fresh.

GREEN BEANS are piping hot and ready to serve on the same platter as the pork chops and curried peaches. And it's done in less than 45 minutes from the time Virginia entered the kitchen and donned an apron! The best part of this story is that there's just one pan to clean.



"DISHWASHING'S A CINCH!" comments Dixon as he adds the bowl frosting was mixed in to dishes left in dishwasher from breakfast. After a quick prerinsing in the sink, he will add the broiler pan and then all these dishes can be washed and dried automatically while the family enjoys dinner. The dishwasher has put an end to that familiar after-dinner dispute of "Who's going to do the dishes?"

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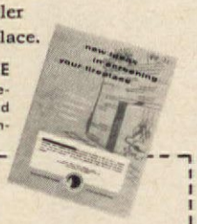

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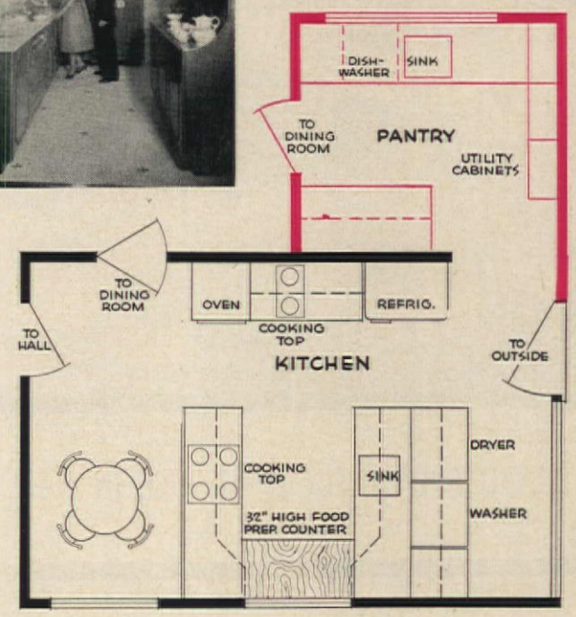

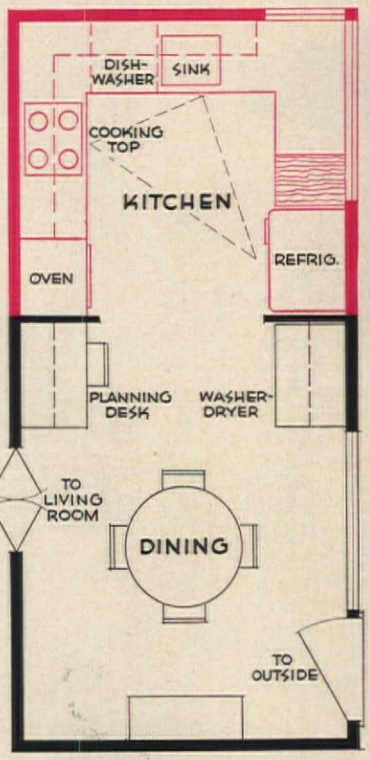

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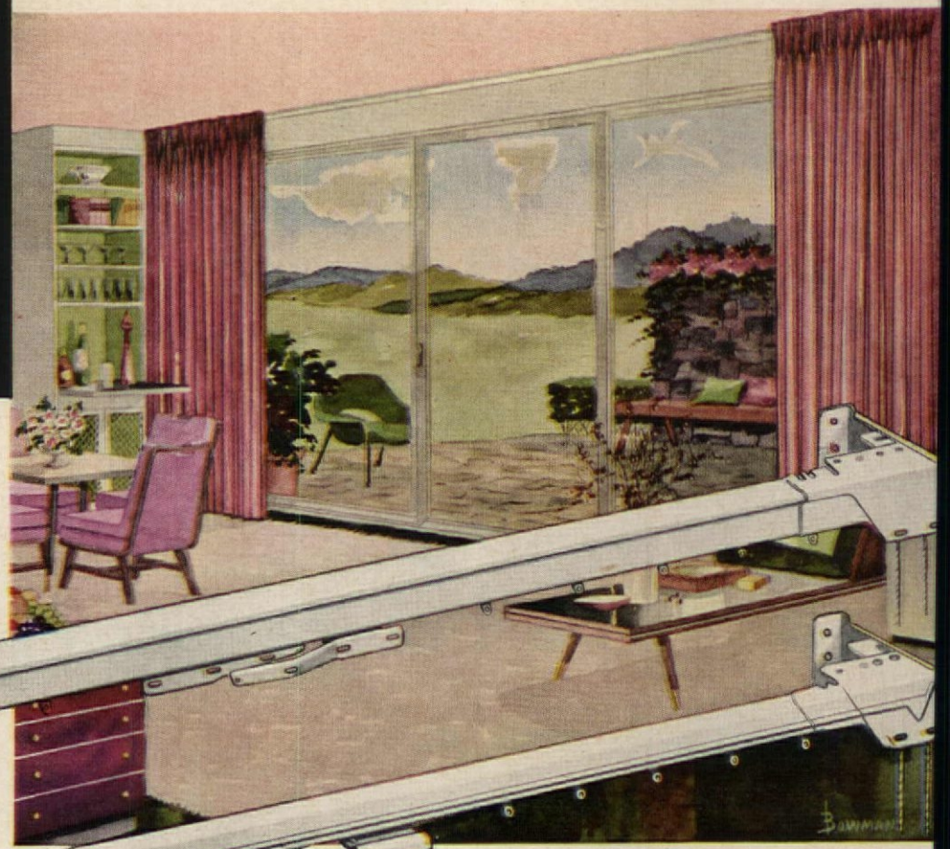

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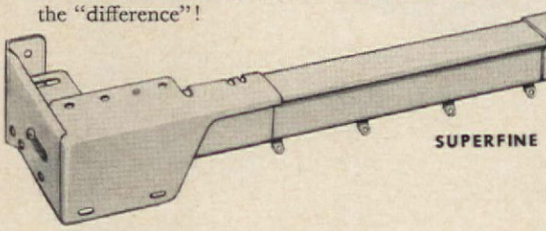

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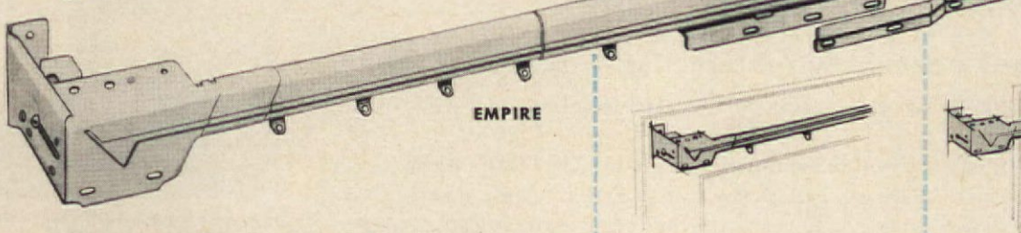

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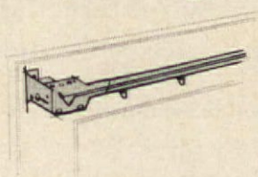

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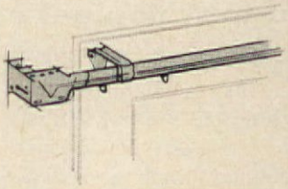

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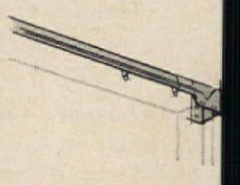

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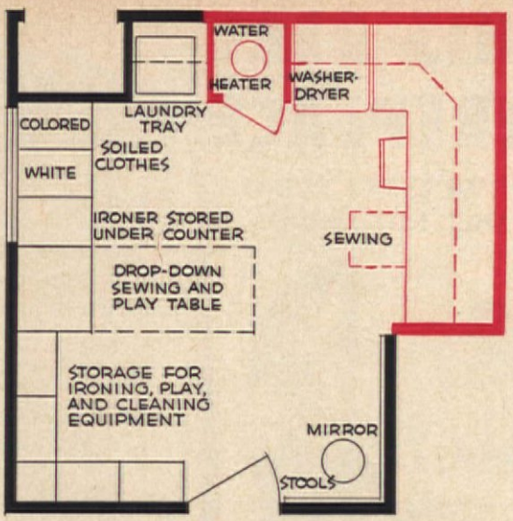

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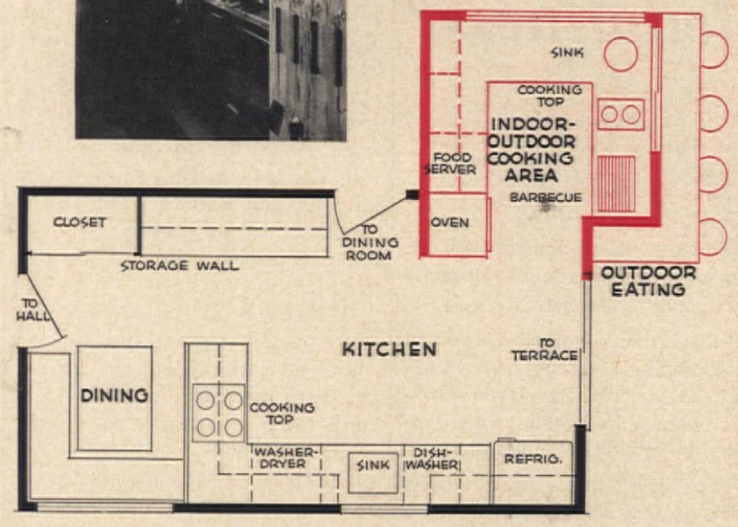

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The Pilgrims are Coming!

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had been the guests of a Yankee general.

Then there was the question of the silver luster pitcher which had been a gift to Papa from a great aunt about whom there had been some terrible scandal. Our problem there was whether to tell the story or simply show the pitcher as an old family piece. I wanted to tell the whole thing, but Papa vetoed that too. He suggested substituting the story about Great Aunt Eliza's brother, the doctor in whose arms Lord Nelson died at Trafalgar. That was a fair enough substitution but I still felt that Aunt Eliza's misdeeds would have made a much juicier tidbit for the pilgrims.

We were finally able to add one piece of Longstreetiana to our exhibit—a friend lent us a squirrel trap, a wooden affair, which had once belonged to Longstreet. We gave it a prominent place in the bedroom. However, we never did find out how he caught squirrels in it, or whether he used it in his headquarters in our house.

Then we had to check on what we called the "pineapple" bed to be sure it wouldn't fall down during the rush. It was an enormously heavy mahogany affair with a large square frame built out over the top. It was this frame which had broken loose from its moorings several years before just one week after one of my visiting great aunts had slept in it. The name "pineapple" came from the large wooden knobs on top of each post which were carved in the shape of pineapples. For safety's sake, John, our old colored helper, braced it in the back with some wooden pieces.

The "keyhole" picture of Samuel Doak, Mama's Revolutionary ancestor, was dusted off and hung near the Andrew Jackson bed. Papa said it was a good thing. Maybe his stern Presbyterian countenance would look down and keep my imagination from running away with me at the chance to tell a good story. It was called the "keyhole" picture because, like the good Presbyterian he was, he would have been too modest to let his picture be taken if he had known about it, and this one had to be taken through a keyhole.

Papa had to initiate us into the mysteries of the Turkish smoking outfit with its long pipe, tube and the beautiful red glass decanter (that's what it looked like to us) he'd brought back from Turkey years before, so we would be able to explain its workings to visitors.

The large French gilt mirrors, like the pineapple bed, had to be braced again so they would be sure not to topple on any pilgrim who approached to look at himself.

Mama looked sadly at the wallpaper and places on the wall where it was starting to peel off but she was afraid to go any farther with rejuvenation so we moved pictures again to cover the worst places in the wall.

Finally, everything was in readiness and the day for the pilgrimage came. Papa sat down in his chair by the fireplace in the living room where he could command a view, and, more important, hear everything that was going on. I might say that Papa was not an invalid, actually, but he was not too strong and had to sit down a good part of the time. Mama rushed around putting on last-minute touches, rubbing off a speck of dust here and there, straightening pictures, and looking out the window to see if anybody was coming.

When the visitors first started coming they came in droves. We had always been on the visiting end of these tours before and were a little nervous at first about what to do, whether to offer to show the visitors around or turn them loose on their own. We soon found out that they took care of that themselves.

I had previously observed in pilgrimages I'd been on that the visitors generally fall into about four categories and our house turned out to be no exception to the rule.

In the first category are the local visitors who have already seen everything you have but feel duty-bound to contribute their fifty cents or dollar and add to the total number of visitors on your final report to the antiquities association. These are the really noble characters. You are not expected to spend any time with them, nor will they give you away if you forget the exact date on a piece, and they won't point out where the wallpaper is torn or a door sags, or where joints don't exactly meet. They can also be pressed into service as hostesses if somebody

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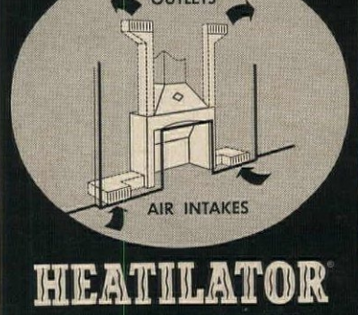

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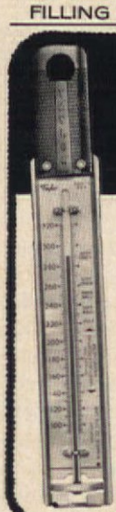

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doesn't show up at the last minute.

In the second group are those who merely want to pass away a little time and figure they might as well be doing a tour as anything else. They require very little attention, don't ask questions since they aren't really interested, anyway, and generally complete a tour of the house in about five minutes. They are also the ones who are apt to comment to each other as they go out the door, "I can't see what these people mean by opening their house. There's nothing to see except a lot of old junk that might have come out of somebody's attic."

This sort of comment is obviously not meant for the hostesses' ears but can generally be overheard by one or more of them from their vantage points around the house.

The third group are those who have always seen something bigger, better, and handsomer somewhere else. Always there had been an older bed of more historical interest, a table that some President wrote his letters on, or an original painting instead of "these funny old prints." Under this head, also, come the name droppers. "My dear, do you remember Biltmore and those magnificent porcelains?", or "Mount Vernon is so much better preserved than most of these old places, isn't it? Look at that brocade around the bed—it should have been better cared for."

This group is generally composed of middle-aged to elderly women, extremely well-dressed, often befurred, prosperous looking, with cultivated "society" voices, and are the kind you feel sure would always know what knife and fork to use. They are also the ones who sometimes engage the owner of the house in flattering conversation, then approach quite close and chummily whisper, "Is that mirror over there for sale?", or possibly, "Would you be interested in putting a price on the four-poster bed?" Then they may even try a different tack, such as, "That heavy oak sideboard is so large for your dining room. I have a smaller mahogany credenza, a handsome one, in my dining room which I would be glad to swap with you for your sideboard."

Then in the fourth category are those who, bless them, are really charmed with your house, who love and appreciate the old

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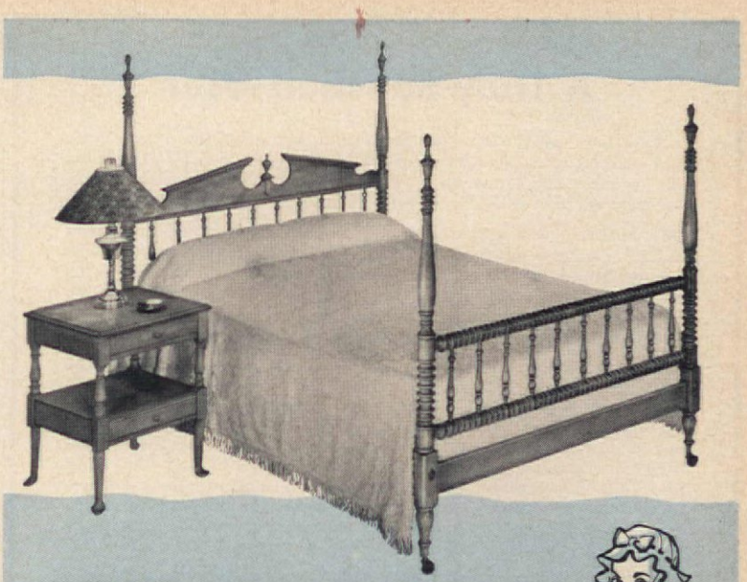

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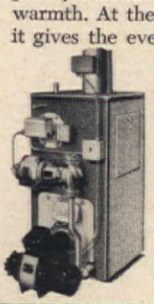

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Flushed with success, my next project was the kitchen. A job I managed patiently on a rainy Saturday morning with my four sons, and most of their friends whooping through the house. This is no credit to steady nerves or to tranquilizers but to E-Z-DU. Why? Well, for one thing, you can put it down when an emergency arises. What's more, there's no worry about paste setting. I could even put up a few strips while the baby was napping, clean up and start again when the boys were in bed at night."

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things for themselves, are voluble in their appreciation and vitally interested in the stories connected with them. I pulled a dirty trick on Mama by latching on to these as soon as they came in and turning the others over to her. That wasn't so bad as it sounds, though, as she doesn't care as much for storytelling as I do.

The thing that never ceases to amaze me on every pilgrimage or tour I've been on or in which I've served as hostess is what people are interested in. In our house it certainly was that way. One of the first objects to take the visitors' eyes was a small black-and-white print, simply framed in plain brass, hanging in an obscure corner of the room. It was a composite picture of all the world conquerors since Alexander the Great riding on horseback over the skeletons of those whom they had conquered. To me, its connotations had always been somewhat unpleasant and I had never cared much for it. Left alone, I probably would not even have called attention to the picture but, almost without exception, the visitors wanted to know about it.

Also the tattered copy of the Magna Carta proved a drawing card, as well as the ugly top-heavy pineapple bed which had so nearly brought Great-Aunt Dolly to an untimely end several years ago. It evoked many more comments and was a much greater attraction than the older, more graceful and beautifully finished mahogany four-poster in which two Tennessee presidents had slept.

The Turkish smoking outfit was one of the major focal points of interest, especially to men visitors. Normally there are not many men on these tours but since this one took place on Sunday, a number of them came along with their wives. I got the details of the smoker right but goofed on the sideboard in the dining room. I had thought it was a French piece and in the middle of my explanation of how it was imported by my great grandparents to Philadelphia, Papa stopped me with, "That's not right, Jean. It's American, made right in Baltimore, which was where they got it."

That was what I meant when I said Papa sat where he could hear everything. The same thing happened several times during the day. I think it rather amused the visitors. I learned to be very careful when within range of Papa's hearing not to embroider the stories I told.

The "keyhole" picture of "Parson Doak" drew a lot of comment. The keyhole part was interesting to picture takers but the name also evoked a responsive chord in the hearts of many local visitors because the "Parson" probably married, baptized and buried more East Tennesseans during the Revolutionary War than any other one person, as well as being the founder of the "first institution of higher learning west of the Alleghenies." I really began to feel quite proud of him myself.

During brief lulls in the trade, we would run out to the kitchen and drink cups of tea, leaving Papa to keep a weather eye on the door and call us if we had guests. Quite a number of visitors had asked to see the kitchen but Mama had put her foot down on that. The kitchen would have been a curiosity to see but, as Mama said, "not the kind that you *want* anybody to see."

As the day wore on the crowds dwindled down to about two or three at a time. I was taking a group around when Papa looked at the glass-enclosed French clock on the mantel and said out loud, "It's suppertime." So, visitors and all, he got up and went out to the kitchen. It *was* 5:30, time for the pilgrimage to be over, and also time for Papa's supper, which generally consisted of about four soft-boiled eggs, a glass of milk and a cup of coffee. Neither rain nor snow nor pilgrims could stay Papa from making a swift completion of this appointed round. The visitors I had in tow soon got the idea and hurried along, although I told them Papa was like that, and not to mind.

A few came after that, but they were mostly local people who wanted to talk over the events of the day, and finally the last ones had come and gone. Judging from the number we'd had, our part had been a great success in spite of a few unpleasant examples of the first, second and third groups mentioned earlier.

One of the visitors coming in late said that in another home they'd been in, the hostesses had served tea and cookies. So I said, "Mama, next time, we'll serve something." But Mama said, "Nothing doing. There isn't going to be any next time."

And so far as Mama was concerned, there wasn't. She'd *had* it.

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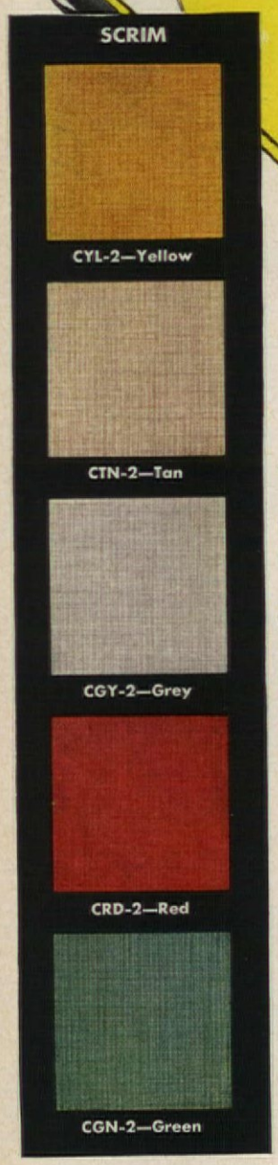

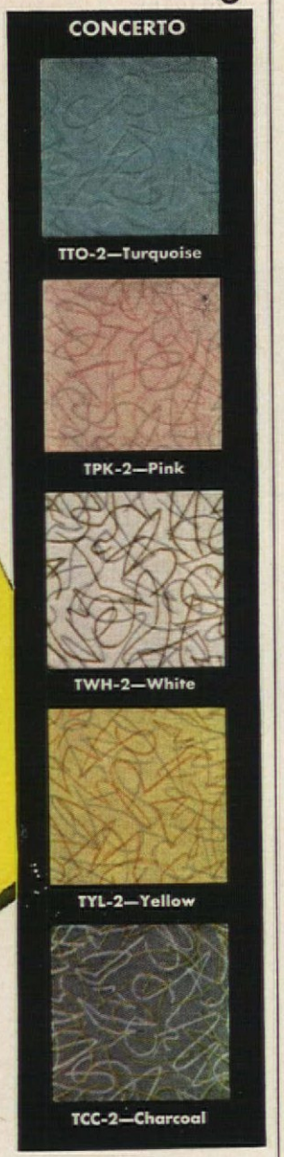

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Jimmie, on the other hand, was a confirmed Washington Square apartment dweller and career girl who really felt sorry for anyone who didn't live in New York. For a garden she had a pink geranium on her kitchen window sill.

So naturally, when these two pooled all this inexperience, they decided to buy a low rambling ranch-type house on two acres of land at Birdneck Point, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Then they planned to remodel, redecorate and relandscape it all by themselves!

Fortunately, they were armed with ambition, excellent taste, and a contagious exuberance which bubbles from Jimmie Mitchell like just-uncorked champagne.

When they first "found" the house, shortly before Capt. Mitchell's retirement from the Navy, it was white and nondescript, surrounded by neglected, overgrown land, but to the discerning eye it had character.

"It didn't have any particular lines," Jimmie Mitchell recalled, "just lots and lots of green shrubbery as high as the roof, which overpowered the whole thing."

But it did have all the room they needed for themselves, teen-aged Patrick, Jr., and Bambi, their little Chihuahua. The peaceful water of Linkhorn Bay comes up on two sides of their point of land to within a pebble's throw of the patio. On this lot grow huge trees, gardenia bushes, camellias and azaleas, a beautiful landscape, indeed!

So the aviator and the sophisticated cliff dweller became landowners!

"Of course we tried to do everything as inexpensively as possible," Jimmie said, "and having been a New Yorker, I assumed the way to do this was to get

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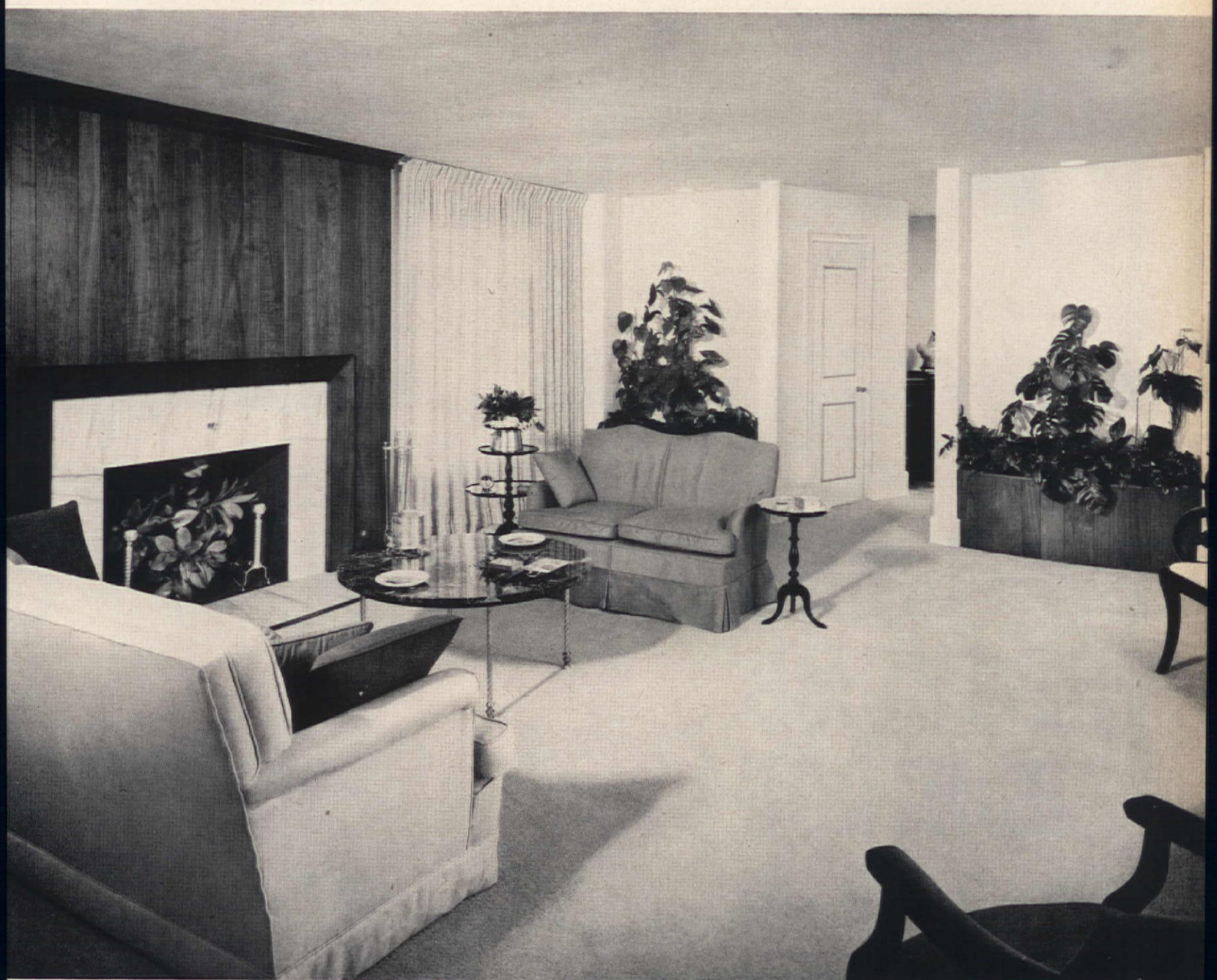

NOW THEY KNOW ABOUT HOUSES! Pat and Jimmie Mitchell knew more about plane cockpits and New York apartments, respectively, before they bought their home in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and decided to remodel and redecorate it themselves. This fireplace of white and gold marble with walnut paneling replaces an ugly one of red brick. Leftover paneling made handsome planter boxes where varnished pine book shelves originally were. They chose their color scheme from the sunny vistas of Virginia Beach—white sand for walls, drapes and carpeting, with accents of sunset orange and the aquamarine of the sea. Room is a happy blend of antique and modern furnishings.

It Cost a Little More

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things wholesale. We started with the shutters. "I got them wholesale all right, but I ordered them in all the wrong sizes! And once they came, they were mine. "We couldn't eat them, and we couldn't use them for firewood, so there was only one thing to do, and that was to put six inches on here and take a few inches off there. "Adding on six inches is almost like going into cabinet-making! Well, by the time we were through, they actually came out pretty well, and pricewise they cost just a little more than if I'd bought them retail at Bergdorf Goodman!"

While Jimmie pored over paint samples, swatches of fabric, light-fixture catalogs, and squares of tile, Pat started the landscaping. First he trimmed the planting in front, so the lacy white wrought-iron grillwork of the center porch was visible.

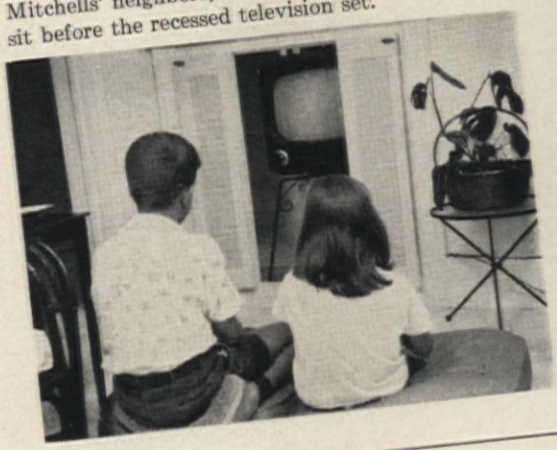
Then with ax, sickle, rake, and about two dozen aching muscles he hadn't known existed, he advanced on the five-foot-high tangle of bushes and underbrush behind the house. It now compares favorably with the green fairway of the golf course that puts the Mitchells' favorite sport at their doorstep.

"I just can't get over it!" exclaims the ex-New Yorker. "You know, caddies come right to our door and take our bags and we start off from here. And for twelve dollars a month."

The color they chose for the exterior

BRASS EAGLE perched atop the Mitchell mailbox is a reminder of Pat's distinguished service in the Navy. Eagle theme is repeated in house.

ANNE AND BILL LUBERDA, the children of the Mitchells' neighbors, Commander and Mrs. Luberda, sit before the recessed television set.



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BAR AND RECESSED TV SET were built into an unused closet in den. Here Pat prepares a drink for relaxing Jimmie.

OPENWORK BELGIAN LINEN draperies (below) proved happy choice for living room. Lovely green landscape filters through the picture window even when the draperies are drawn.

of the house is changeable—beige with a pink tone when the sun is bright through the pines, but mauve at twilight. White trim provides the accent.

At the entrance to the driveway, a shiny brass eagle catches the sun from its perch atop the mailbox.

"That's our salute to the Navy," said blonde Jimmie Mitchell with a proud glance at her husband. And rightly proud, too, for Pat had made the first flight from an American canted-deck carrier. "It means he liked being in the Navy, and that's our flag flying."

The eagle theme is repeated several places throughout the house, including one engraved on a brass light-switch plate in the entrance hall. A fleur-de-lis motif also appears—in the charming aqua and gold print paper in the guest bedroom and bath, and in brass wall sconces and inlays in the white and gold vinyl tile in the entrance hall.

"We wanted something dramatic and interesting for the floor," Jimmie explained, "and actually this came out very well. The only trouble is, most Virginians have everything very traditional, and they don't know quite what to say about this yet. Sometimes I'm afraid they aren't sure whether this is a very fancy powder room or what!"

The interior doors are Pat Mitchell's handiwork, and very effective they are. They were varnished pine originally, but he painted them white, sprayed ordinary picture-molding gold, and tacked it to frame the center panels. The handsome result was achieved for $1.70 a door.

The bar and recessed television set below, built into an unused closet in the den, also were projects of this Navy man turned handy man. (continued)

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back to the cleaner

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DINING TABLE that does not look like a dining table. Mitchells have no entrance hall so dining room must serve as one. That's why they purchased this table on concealed wheels so that it can be wheeled into the kitchen when not in use. Above table is a poster of a famed Geisha girl.

The case of the Ancient Ice Cream Chair, however, had a strictly feminine solution. Who else would think of painting it white like the wrought-iron guest-room furniture, covering the seat cushion to match the aqua rug, and then using foam rubber "falsies" to fill the circular design on the back?

Who else but a woman, and an ingenious one at that, would think of taking the wrought-iron grille from the door screens, turning them sideways, and making them into headboards for the twin beds?

Seeing Jimmie picking armfuls of her own gardenias or camellias ("All these wonderful things for free"), you might almost think the New York sophisticate had forgotten Fifth Avenue. And then you notice that the only pictures on her walls are scenes loved for their memories—Radio City, where her office window once overlooked the skating rink; Grand Central Station, "Where I said many sad good-byes and happy hellos," and a sunny scene in Washington Square, all painted by an artist at her request.

So here, say Jimmie and Pat Mitchell, are the best of everything—the adventure of new experience and a fair share of fiascoes and laughs that go with owning a home, with sentimental reminders of the "old days," not longed for but pleasantly remembered. THE END

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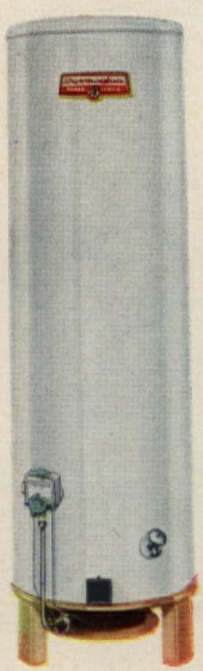

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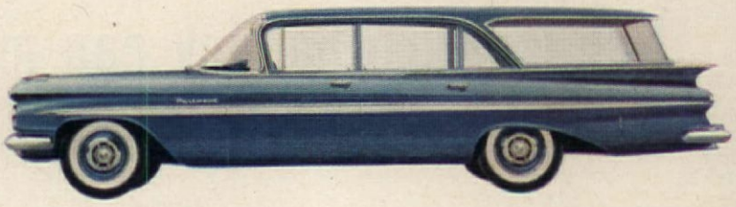

The Parkwood—4-door 6-passenger.

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The Kingswood—4-door 9-passenger with new rear-facing third seat.

Shadow Boxes

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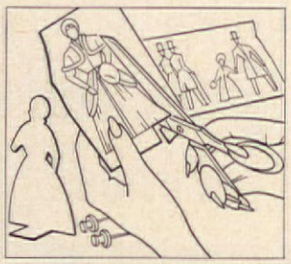
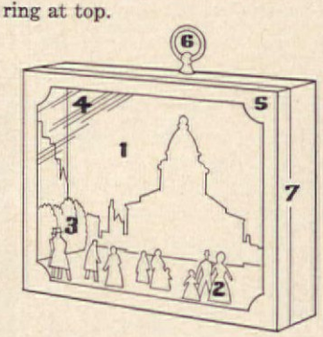
SHADOW BOXES capture memories, give endless enjoyment! The first project below is a rather sophisticated version. To make it *you need* (1) scenic print background; (2) figures; (3) tiny trees; (4) glass; (5) tape; (6) ring; (7) stripe. First, paint inside bottom of box green for grass, paint outside black with a gold stripe as shown in color on page 62. Screw brass ring at top.

PASTE PRINT inside back of box, running over onto the sides. Place some tiny toy trees in one corner.

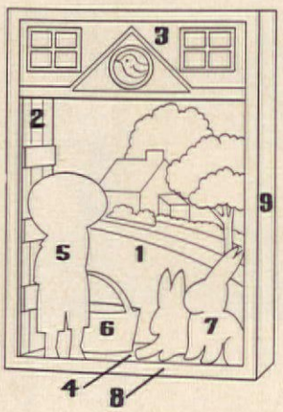


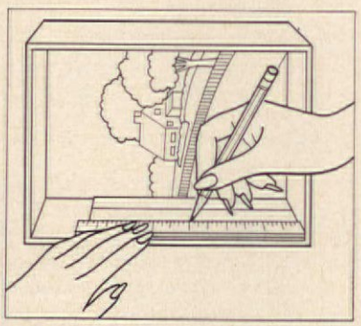
CUT OUT figures from old-fashioned prints, paste on strips of cardboard, dry. Cut out figures, leave small tab at bottom.



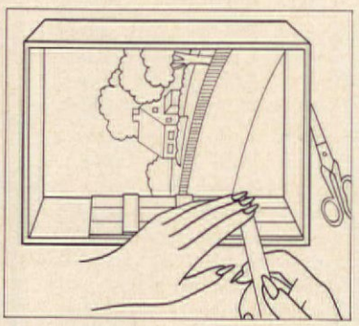
FOLD TAB BACK, dab on glue, secure in box with push pins. Paint design on glass, tape in place.

COUNTRY SCENE, ideal for a child. *You need* (1) picture background; (2) tape "boards"; (3) glass cover with painted barn at top; (4) painted grass; (5) doll farmer; (6) basket; (7) bunnies; (8) tape; (9) sides. First clean cigar box of all paper trimmings. Dry box and paint it red on the outside. Now, paint the inside bottom grass green and the inside top sky blue. Paste farmhouse scene on the back. Fasten strips of cloth tape on the sides to form "boards."

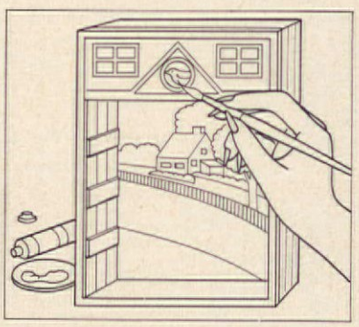




MARK JOINTS with pencil, fasten tape across boards to form rails. (Line is exaggerated to guide you)

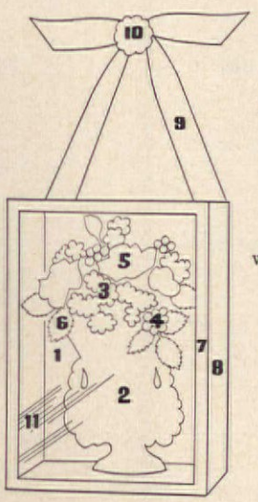


MARK EDGES with pencil to emphasize, tape glass on front. Sketch design of barn top on front of glass.



PAINT, DRY, remove tape and glass. Lightly glue doll, bunnies, basket in box, retape glass cover.

FOR CHARMING VICTORIAN SCENE *you need* (1) velvet; (2) vase; (3, 4) small blossoms; (5) roses; (6) leaves; (7) cloth and gold paper braid; (8) wallpaper; (9) velvet ribbon; (10) brass knob; (11) glass. First line box with velvet. Glue roses, leaves, blossoms in vase with fabric glue. Glue bottom of vase to box with china cement. Tape on glass cover. Cover outside of box with wallpaper. Glue on gold braid to conceal tape. Secure ribbon on back of box for hanging over brass knob. Attach velvet bow at top of knob.



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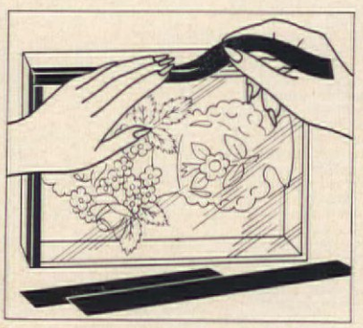

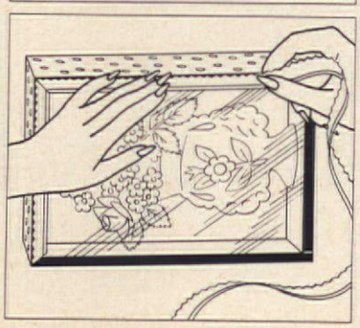

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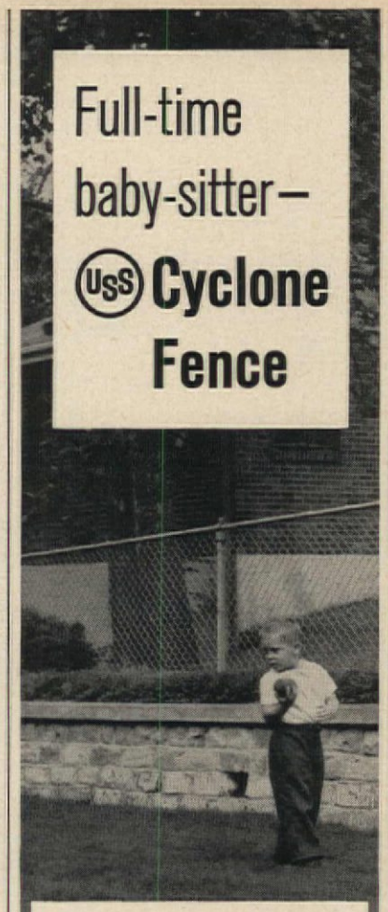

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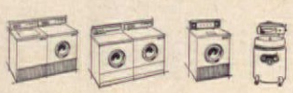

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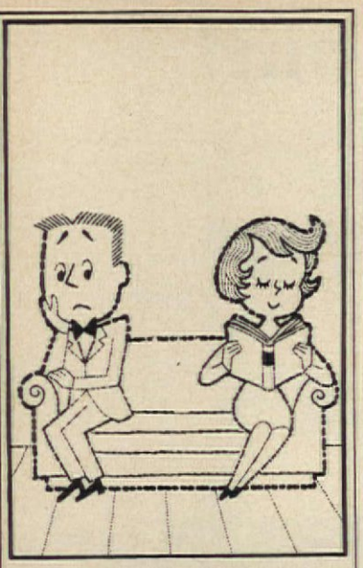

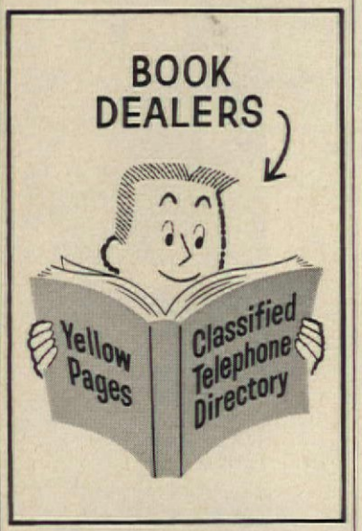

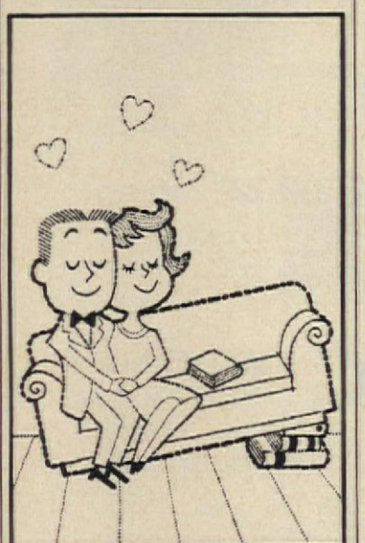

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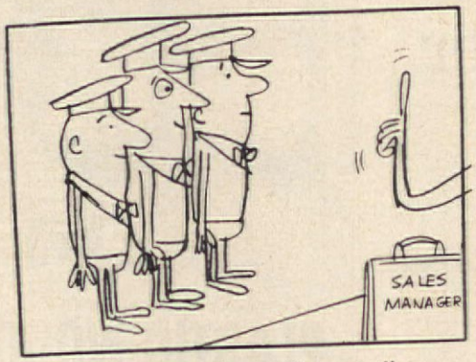

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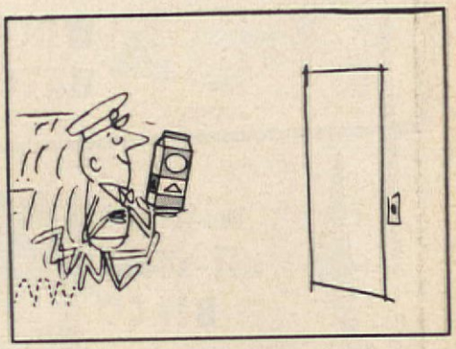

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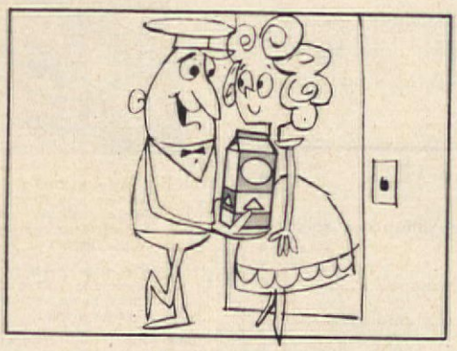

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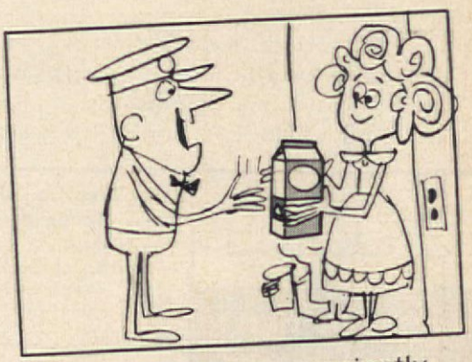

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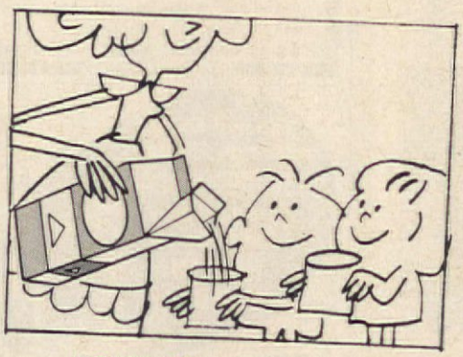

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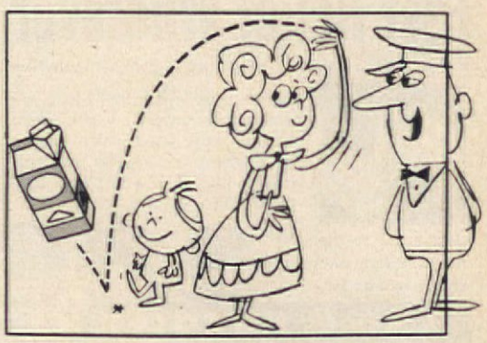

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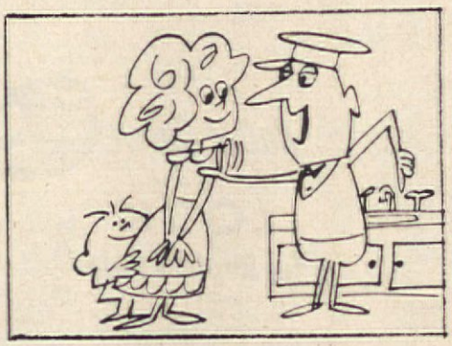

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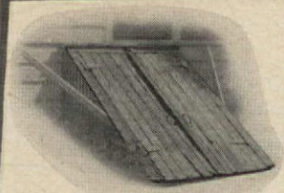

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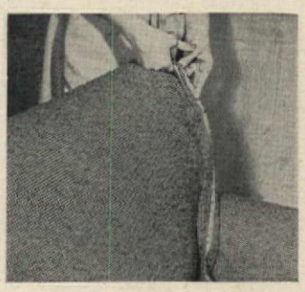

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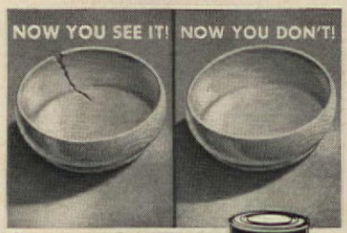

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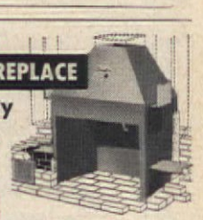

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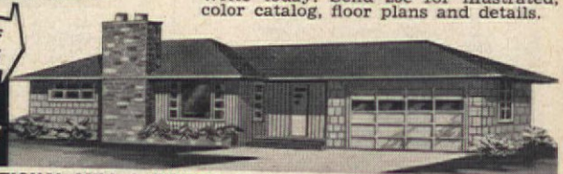

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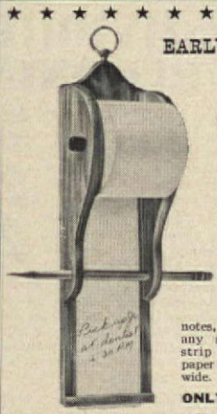

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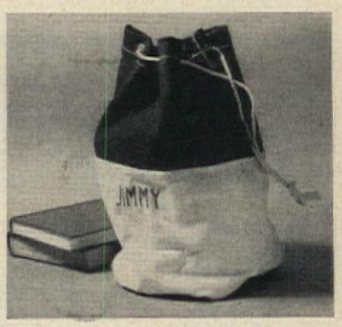

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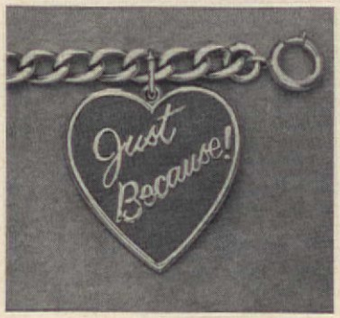

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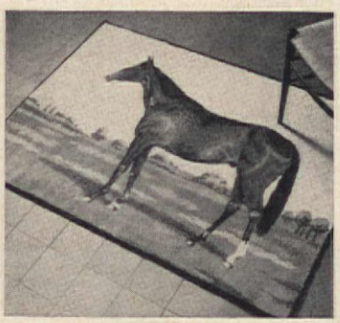

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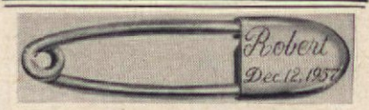

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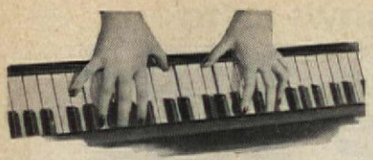

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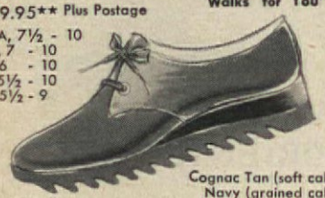

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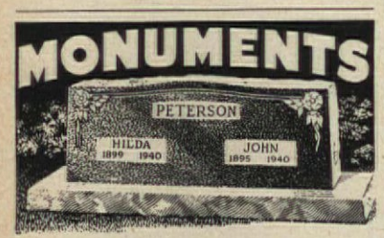

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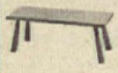

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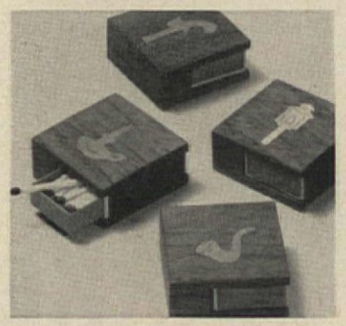

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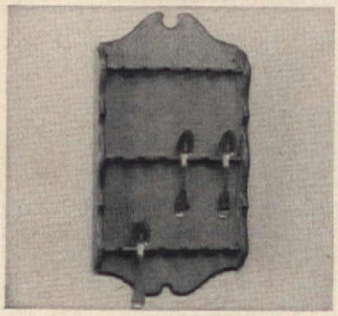

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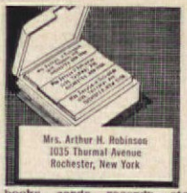

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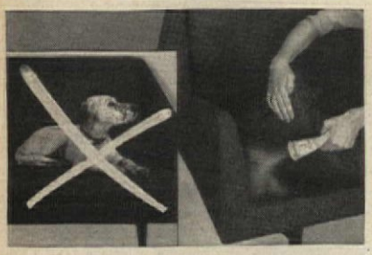

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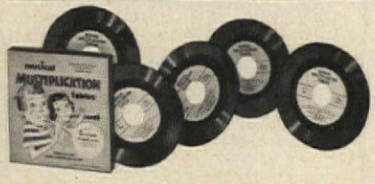

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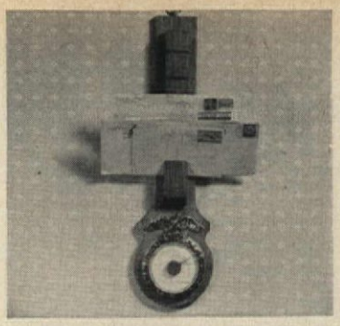

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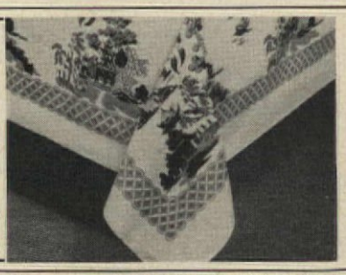

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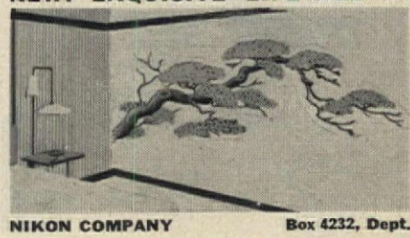

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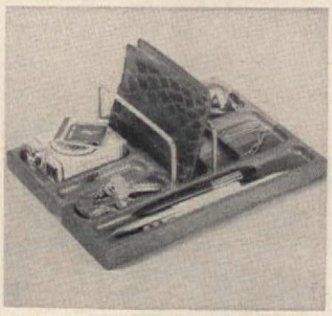

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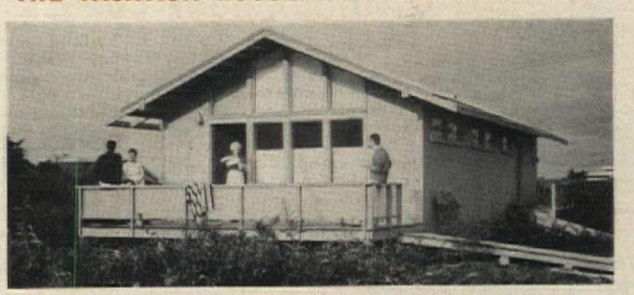

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