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We finally got out of that house and into this one, but what we demanded with our newly-acquired understanding of our needs comprised an overwhelming list. We wanted a tiny house that would be easy to maintain; my husband, employed full time, is taking a full-time program at U.S.C. as well. . . . I teach, am working for my doctorate and am writing a textbook. Free hours are few indeed, and we want to enjoy them. We wanted a sense of being together . . . feeling of spaciousness
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-MARGUERITE L. ALSTROM
Our house is exactly like Evelyn Bowen's, and we felt like she did when we moved in. Model homes look so neat and compact, but at times (and they are very frequent) you could take those "living areas" and give them back to the architect. Unless a small "open" house is dusted, vacuumed, really put in apple-pie order every day, it looks like a cyclone hit it by nightfall. I iron, just where Evelyn Bowen does, in the living room. Watching television does help.

How many people that talk up this "living area" have tried it on a small scale? She's not alone in her thoughts. And in her dreams of having a larger home some day. There are times I'm glad to have my dreams-they keep me going. -mrs. gerald w. KEANE CONTINUED on page 8

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With a little imagination and fewer old-fashioned ideas, I'm sure anyone would find this house comfortable and designed for today's informal way of living. -mrS. H. A. RUMPLE

I agree with Mrs. Bowen $100 \%$. The need for walls, old-fashioned parlors and dining rooms are a "must" when raising a good-sized family. To be perfectly honest, my "all-on-onefloor" house is more work than any two-story house could ever be.
-mRS. E. R. JENNINGS
I am of the opinion that your magazine owes one of the largest builders in the country an apology. Contrary to the author's description "of moving into an architect's dream," she is living in a very carefully planned house that is a tried and proven design for mass-produced lowcost housing, and, I might add, this house contains features that no other builder could hope to duplicate and keep in the price range it is sold for:
-JAS, MAYES
Hurrah for Evelyn Bowen and her article. Our ancestors moved out of one-room houses years ago for obvious reasons. Why move back to them because of a fad?
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What size units are available?
You can buy room units ranging from $1 / 2 \mathrm{hp}$ to 2 hp . Manufacturers no longer offer $1 / 3 \mathrm{hp}$ units, and many have cut down on the number of $1 / 2 \mathrm{hp}$ sizes this year. Most popular size for homes is $3 / 4 \mathrm{hp}$.

Units are sometimes rated by "tons" of cooling capacity. A oneton unit theoretically has the same cooling effect as you would get from one ton of ice melting over 24 hours. But actually the unit gives about $20 \%$ less cooling than one ton of ice would. The same goes for $1 / 2$ and $3 / 4 \mathrm{hp}$ units. They give less than $1 / 2$ and $3 / 4$ tons of cooling effect. In other words, tons and horsepower are not the same thing. Most room units, being air-cooled, lose some effectiveness as outdoor temperature rises.

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This is the sixth summer that Superintendent Schinnerer has directed the project that he heiped develop. To be selected, pupils must be lagging six months or more behind where they should be for their age and mentality. They aren't "retarded" pupils. Some have IQ's of 125 or higher. All are of at least normal intelligence. Each morning, Monday through
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## They Gain 7 Months <br> (Begins on page 31)

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"This business of learning how to read by only one method, a some would have us do, is the bunk," says Superintendent Schir nerer. "A good teacher uses all methods in teaching reading-wor recognition by sight, and phonics, and variations of each method. Superintendent Schinnerer asserts that it is practically imposs ble to give adequate instruction in reading-to meet the needs $d$ every pupil-in the regular school term. Today's school prograt is too crowded and full of distractions, he says. He is convince that the only way to help the child who has reading difficultio is to teach him that one skill in intensive doses.

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Before fall moves in, more than to million Americans will take in at least one performance of music under the sky. Some will hear music at popular summer resorts. Some will visit the parks of cities and towns, maybe their own. And some will make pilgrimages to the off-the-beaten-path centers that are rapidly becoming native musical shrines.
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## Music in the Dell

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an annual summer music festival in Red Rocks Park. Central City, Colorado, specializes in opera in a setting recalling the frontier days and the lives of the pioneers.
Perhaps the prize for ingenuity should go to the sponsors of Omaha's Starlight Pops series. At Peony Park Royal Grove where the concerts are played, they've placed a dance floor between the Omaha Symphony's shell and the tables and chairs occupied by the audience. During each concert a waltz or two is played and the management invites the concert-goers to try the floor. After the concert dancing continues until one o'clock in the morning.
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Dut the larger cities are not the only places for summer musical entertainment. This month, for instance, the town of Carmel, California, will hold its 19th annual Bach Festival. Interlochen, Michigan; Lake Chautauqua, New York; and Blue Hill, Maine, are some of the other far-spread communities where music is made on a relaxed and informal basis every July and August. And now there's also Brevard, North Carolina, in the Blue Ridge Mountains. This began as a camp for music students and blossomed into the site of a major annual orchestral and chamber music festival.
In fact, combining summer music schools and principal festivals has become popular practice in recent years. Blue Hill, Lake Chautauqua, Interlochen, and Falls Village, Connecticut, all grew into summer music centers because well-known musicians and music teachers went to these places, and others like them, for the season-and their students
 followed along. Work gave way to play. Passersby were invited to drop in and join the fun. So what began as a closed "family-like" affair soon turned into cooling entertainment for all comers.

No doubt the nearest things to real summer music shrines in this country are the Berkshire Music Festival at Tanglewood in west ern Massachusetts and the Aspen Festival, high in the Rockies of central Colorado. The Berkshire Festival ranges from opera to symphony concert to chamber music and jazz. It has the advan tage of having a fine musical organization on tap: the Bostor Symphony Orchestra. Aspen, on the other hand, attracts many o the country's most dependable performers and teachers. And a both centers these outstanding musicians are on hand all summe long to instruct those who want to be taught and to entertain thousands of others interested in hearing topflight performance in refreshing settings.
Yet even these well-established musical centers are finding up and-coming competition. New York State, for instance, now run a rival to the Berkshire Festival at Ellenville in the Catski mountains. And each summer some new group of enterprisin citizens tries to add its community to the outdoor music circuit
In Santa Barbara, California, you may now settle down in th sunken garden of an old Spanish courthouse while Leopold Sta kowski interprets music of today and yesterday. At Newpor Rhode Island, you can join thousands of jazz enthusiasts whil the best in the business let go with sizzling hot licks. And at Fis Creek, Wisconsin, the menu is plain orchestral music, well done.
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## Meet the Harts

But you won't find them in the house. If weather allows it, Mr . and Mrs . Creighton Hart and sons Creighton, Jr. and John probably will be on the terrace. When the Harts of Kansas City were planning their terrace, one point they stressed was that the finished job shouldn't have too set a pattern. And yet they wanted it to be in keeping with their Georgian home. Surprisingly, they found the answer to their problem in several lengths of ordinary garden hose.

It was this hose, manipulated by the architect of their home, David Mackie, AIA, of the firm Mackie \& Roark, that helped the Harts settle on just the kind of terrace they wanted. As architect Mackie explains it, "We experimented with links of hose, and threw them about in curves to get a visual outline of where the bricks would begin and end . . . much better than a blueprint. We made the bricks come up to the sunporch steps, so the terrace is connected with the house. This makes it convenient for continued on next page


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serving kitchen-cooked dinners on the terrace when the movable charcoal grill isn't being used."

The terrace is centered on an old elm, which gives shade and shadows. And to tie the terrace in more closely with the house, and at the same time to gain privacy, a high whitewashed brick wall was built adjoining the house and paralleling the street.

The sloping lawn is a bit higher than the surface of the brick terrace, so this called for a dry-laid stone retaining wall between the two. The attractive wall was built do-it-yourself fashion by Mr. Hart and his two sons, and then was planted by Mrs. Hart. Elsewhere about the Harts' two acres of sloping hillside is continual, colorful evidence of Mrs. Hart's way with flowers . . . in the tulip beds that bloom early, then roses, and right on through chrysanthemums. Near a tulip bed, beneath a rosebud tree, stands a lead figurine that is the key for the gray used in terrace furnishings, which contrast so effectively with the pink sailcloth cushions. Here, truly, is a terrace built with fine architectural taste as part of the house, and planted and furnished for elegant outdoor living.


## Must"-Terrace



## ANN PEPPRARID

t seemed we thought about our terrace almost before our house," says Mrs. Marvin Marsh of Kansas City, Missouri. "We decided it should large enough for entertaining groups of people ormally and without crowding, and should have entrance from the hallway, and should be conient to the kitchen. We wanted it to be part of house-not an addition-and to be equipped h a permanent barbecue oven.'
And so right from the start the large, sunny terrace Mr. and Mrs. Marsh's home was in the plans wn up for them by Morton Payne, their architect. When we first saw our lot on this high hill overking Brush Creek," says Mrs. Marsh, "I just ated to sit and look at the long view across the tops. We felt we would spend many summer hours doors."
uite aside from the interesting manner in which house and terrace were designed to complement $h$ other, the house is a most striking example of well the fine traditions of French Provincial hitecture can be CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

combined with the more basic trends of contemporary design to produce a home that is outstanding in both appearance and comfort. This is an expensive house that doesn't conform to the school of design often used in smaller houses, with open planning necessary for a feeling of spaciousness. The Marsh home has an ample number of goodsized separate rooms for all sorts of indoor activities, and yet it has a definite feeling of spaciousness.

The ground-hugging appearance of the exterior of the house has a certain contemporary air. Yet this design is well accented by the French Provincial touches-the chimneys, cupola, and weathervane.

The happy blending of the new and the old extends to the interior decorating and furnishings: The living room is gay with tailored chintz slipcovers, and yet there is a distinct, traditionally formal English feeling. The antique furniture seems to belong to the room where it is used every day. Much of it was imported from England. The high secretary desk is 18 th century.

Across the room from the fireplace, high bow windows permit a view of the terrace and trees. The pillowed sofa has its back to the sun and is a cheery place to sit. Long orange-colored curtains on traverse rods can be drawn at evening.

Over the simple fireplace is a painting bought from a country estate in Yorkshire, England. It is softly colored and appropriate for the narrow mantel. The small sofa on one side of the fireplace is backed by a dropleaf table and a tall white alabaster lamp, placed just the right height for reading. Indoors or outdoors, the Marshes enjoy good living because their house and their terrace were designed to go together.

# The FRENCH PROVINCIAL 

## Trend in Kansas City



Architect Morton Payne here discusses and sketches French Provincial details.

MORTON PAYNE



Prospective clients come in our office and say they like French Provincial houses. We soon discover that clients often mean any house that has a fairly steep roof-a hip roof, preferably-and a front door that has some curved molds.

It is surprising how the term French Provincial architecture denotes to most people a simple farmhouse of the Provinces. Yet in reality we are using details today in what we call French Provincial architecture that are taken from the elegant palaces of Louis XIV; from the formal houses of the French Regency; from the elaborately curved paneling, mantels, and doorways of the drawing rooms of Louis XV ; and from the slender classic feeling of the Directoire style. Many such details did find their way to the more elaborate houses built by the wealthy middle class in the Provinces, and so today we can adopt these for our own use and properly call the result French Provincial.
But not all the ideas came from the court via the Provinces, for the farmhouses of the Provinces contribute directly. In them we find the pleasing roof lines that are often asymmetrical but usually have a balance that architects could well study. These farmhouses combine gable roof

In a city with no French background, why should there be a sudden liking for French Provincial?


Brooks Noah house has over-all French Provincial effect, Bermuda roof. Architect, Morton Payne.
with hip roof with sloping shed roof, often using a square building with hip roofs ending in a cupola to dominate the composition. Other details we often use from these farmhouses are the doors and panels-of simple boards with X-crossed boards for strength.

During certain periods of history, people build entirely for shelter. But at other periods man has had the freedom of spirit, the creative urge, and also the prosperity to back his desires. These periods have produced houses of great charm with many architectural details having qualities of line and proportion that make them just as desirable today as they were several hundred years ago. Such a period existed in the 17th and the 18th centuries throughout the Provinces of

Typical window

 combining a few rich details of court architecture with simple

France. And from the simple farmhouses to the houses of rich merchants and the chateaux of the landed nobility, an architecture was evolved that could be simple, or graciously elegant.
To combine the simple with the elegant, properly restraining the elegant, has always produced the most sophisticatedly pleasing result. A study of French Provincial architecture gives us an opportunity to achieve such a result. And by


Curved braces
roof lines and well proportioned masonry areas of the farmhouses, we get a type of house that looks good with the foliage and color of summer and with the colorless background of winter, as well.
please turn the page


IIome of the Morris Hoffmans shows many of the points of French Provincial architecture as it is being used today in Kansas City. There's a French Provincial influence in the deep overhang across the front, and in the iron grillwork that not only is decorative in itself and makes an excellent trellis, but also produces an interesting play of light and shadows. Screen doors also have a definite French flavor with their curved tops and other curved outlines, plus generous use of molding. Planting boxes and the heavy shingles are in tradition of French Provincial. Architect for Hoffman home is Manuel Morris.

The Lawrence Earle Smiths French Provincial home in Kansas City is of somewhat nore formal architecture. Alone pr in combination with architecural features from other periods French Provincial can be as fornal or informal as desired. Typcally French Provincial is this ariation of the mansard roof two slopes on each side). Hint of balcony beneath windows-and vindows themselves with widepaced muntins plus projection hrough the roof-are other narks of the style. So is the eeply recessed doorway. Builder: Ioward Hassett. Designer and Decorator: Peggy Sloan.
till another variation on French Provincial theme is the home of the Arnold Sherwoods. fight wing has an informal flavor combination of board-and-baten siding with the heavy shake hingles. Columns with grillwork t top add a decorative touch. entral portion of the house has lany French Provincial features: X" braces under windows, reessed doorway, chimney tapering on all four sides at top, cupola partly hidden by tree). Curved oldings on front door trace anestry back to Madame Pompaour, and are feature of French rovincial trend in Kansas City day. Architect: John Granstedt.


## Meet the Mackies...

IIr. and Mrs. David Mackie and their son David French Mackie live in a brick Georgian house for which Mr. Mackie himself was the architect. In designing the house, he decided to place it at the extreme north end of the r20-foot lot, leaving plenty of space for a terrace. Then, he called in landscape architect Thomas Church of San Francisco to do the over-all design.
"We wanted an old-world look to our terrace," says Mr. Mackie, "so we used secondhand paving bricks of a faded pink color. They're laid in a basket-weave pattern on a solid concrete slab."

On the south side of the terrace, a rock wall was built high enough to cut off the view of the next house, and the Mackies' own house is the north boundary. The west side of the terrace has a unique retaining wall-colored pink, and brushed with a steel rake broom while still wet to produce a mottled effect. No need to close off the east side, for it looks across unfenced acres of old trees and bluegrass . . . clear over to a golf course. please turn the page


Some of the Mackies' friends call this a "potpourri terrace." Pink walls have a Spanish flavor, terra-cotta pineapple (symbol of hospitality) is Italian, and the copper lavabo on wall at right came from France. Japanese lobster buoy hang, from copper-roofed refreshment bar in corner. Wooden furniture, Mexican; wood carving on table, from New Mexico.


MACKIE \& ROARK, AIA, ARCHITECTS

## T-shaped for family living

T|hat's about the shape of it, the Eugene Morgan home on Lake Quivira in Kansas, outside Kansas City. The Morgans wanted to get beyond the outskirts of town. They wanted a piece of land with a lot of trees and some water nearby, friendly neighbors, and a good golf course close by. Most of the waterfront lots around Lake Quivira had been sold or were not for sale. The Morgans finally settled on a hillside site with no lake frontage, but high enough to catch the prevailing breeze. The water is there to see and it's just a stroll down the hill for a swim.
The architects designed a basically T-shaped structure to take advantage of the site. A big living-dining room and the kitchen face the lake; a two-car garage adjoins the kitchen forming the top of the T. The stem of the T contains master bedroom and two others, and two baths (there's a half bath next to the entry). The master bedroom and bath are completely separated from the main living area of the house, and this bedroom has windows on three sides.
The house is of stained redwood siding, weathered to a soft toast color and trimmed in blue-green. Chimney and basement are of fieldstone, so basement will make an attractive recreation room.

## The Russel

IIhen Mr. and Mrs. Russ Luger decided they wanted terrace to adjoin their lo stone English Manor house in Ka sas City, Missouri, they didn't ha to build a high wall for privac Their home is on a dead-end stree
"We planned many different te races in our mind's eye," says Mr Luger, "and discarded them. Final we came across a big picture of hillside terrace, which we bo agreed was exactly what we want simply two huge circles of bri which overlapped.'

The Lugers had part of their slo bulldozed flat, but kept all the tree Base of terrace is three inches heavy gravel. The bricks-Mr. L ger found used paving bricks at junk yard-are bedded in sand.

The Lugers made the terrace family affair. "Laying the bricks says Mrs. Luger, "was a summe job. We started at the center of $t$ circle and worked around around, like crocheting a rug.'
Every spring the Lugers b dozens of flowering plants and $p$ them in large earthen jars paint a lead color. They say, "Now o shady terrace is surrounded with lazy garden. And we can relax our handmade brick terrace, th was inspired by a photograph.'


Basic colors of the terrace are pink and gray. For accents, the Mackies fill 20 large Italian pottery jars with pink petunias, and dusty-miller which has silver-gray foliage. Trim and neat against brick of house are pears trained in the espalier manner. Barbecues call for plenty of beverages; Mackies have cooler made of gunner's bubble from bomber.

## Lugers built their own hillside terrace




## The Jack Slaughters

## overlook Lake Quivira

Ihe Jack Slaughters also wanted a home outside of Kansas City, where beautiful Lake Quivira is the reigning favorite. They wanted a site that had a lovely view, and they wanted to make the most of that view. So they built a contemporary house on a pretty hill. In front of the house is a flagstone patio. The house is right on the lake shore road, so the Slaughters just have to walk across the road to reach the shore, where they have a boat dock.
On the lower level there is one large area, partially compartmented. It contains the living and dining areas, the kitchen, and a small bathroom, each with the necessary space and privacy for truly comfortable living. Most of the furnishings are in earth colors, to tie in with the flagstone floor on the lower level. An unusual hanging mobile of plants decorates the all-purpose area. It is suspended on bars from the ceiling. Aquariums containing tropical fish are compliment-catchers, too.
A cinnamon-colored carpet covers the stairs that wind up around a fireplace to the upper level of the house, where there are two attractive balcony bedrooms. These overlook the living area below.
From either bedroom, the Slaughters can look out across a balcony and through the great windows to see the lake. And there is an arrangement of sliding doors to close off each bedroom at will.
On the upper level, too, there's a separate room that the Slaughters use as an upstairs sitting room. You might call it a "keeping room." Originally designed as the master bedroom, it has huge windows with another superb view of Lake Quivira.
Mr. Slaughter's hobby is cars. He is a real motor enthusiast, and here's the proof: the Slaughters own four vehicles-a sedan, a convertible, a jaunty sports car, and a motorcycle. Mr. Slaughter rides the motorcycle in Shriner parades!

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The secret of this house's pleasing per sonality is its use of just enough contrast ing building materials . . . not so many dif ferent ones that they give a mixed-up impression. Note how effectively the rugged extruded mortar joints in the brickwork contrast with the board-and-batten siding on the central section.
Then, too, the house has deft touches that make its appearance a little something extra -the Z-braced shutters in blue, the boxed window, the planter near the entry, the Dutch door. Good looks it has, and more
In the back, a huge picture window in the living room captures the view. Total span of the living-dining area is a good $30^{\prime}$ plus End to end, the house is a whopping $84^{\prime} 3^{\prime \prime}$ and she's $31^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime}$ deep.
The entire plan speaks of good living three good bedrooms . . .two baths separated from the living areas by a hall . . . plenty of closets, placed back to back in the bedrooms to aid in absorbing sound. Then there's the generous den at the front of the house.
Under the center section of the house there's a basement, and don't overlook the two-way fireplace that cheers both living room and den. The kitchen has plenty of wall space for counters and cabinets, anc even a small breakfast area off to one side
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MARY E. MONZE

# Does It Pay to Buy a White Elephant? 



A china cupboard undergoes a drastic-but far from expensive-change!

This talented radio and television couple s restoring a house costs less than building ou

IIe weren't afraid to take a chance on an old house." So say Norris, the gal you often see in television commercials, and husband Wilbur Stark, who is a radio and television prod Just look at the "before" pictures of this 42 -year-old house and get some idea of what the Starks faced when they first entered it. "white elephant" had been on the market for two years when they it. They knew two couples who had spurned it because it seeme them that the aged house was hopeless!

The Starks had been looking for a house for three and a half y They started out in a New York apartment, but when their two dren came along, an apartment just didn't meet their needs. They every week end house-hunting around New York. The Starks wo New York City, so it's necessary for them ta live close by. They w a roomy house for pleasant family living and for entertaining. they saw this house sitting high on a hill overlooking a lovely v

They saw the possibility of making it their kind of home, and bought it "on the spot."
With the help of Nancy Chase, a decorator, the Starks have made the dark, dated interior sunny and livable. The old living-room fireplace in one corner was replaced by a new one centered on one wall. The beamed ceiling has been plastered over and the whole is painted a very pleasant color.
Dining-room walls are paneled and painted white. The china closat and dining-room fireplace have been remodeled. Insulated glass replaces the stained glass windows of the adjoining sun porch, which is decorated with an iron grill.
The fireplace in the master bedroom has a modern look now. Bookshelves have been built in, and the attractive chintz that's used on the bed also covers the ceiling.

Every room reflects this charming "real living" quality-from the living room to the kitchen. For kitchen, see next two pages.


Pamela Stark, nine, and her brother Bradley, three, watch favorite TV programs in their private playroom.


Bradley's bedroom is furnished to take all the wear and tear a young boy can give.

Pamela relaxes with a book in the gay chintz-covered bower of her feminine room.


Dining room's light and glamorous now, thanks to white paint, a modern fireplace, and a mirrored shelf. New look in sunroom helps mightily, too.



The "white elephant's" kitchen was no prize package, so it, too, had to be remodeled. Now it even has a dumb-waiter!


## EDITH REAMSAY

On dumb-waiter added in the remodeling, Pam sends breakfast up to Mommy.

Nifty trick, and a handy one, too-cutting board is built into the snack-bar counter where it's conveniently near sink, range.

Specially planned cabinet has sliding shelf to store silver; tarnish-proof material lines compartments. Other storage space holds trays, china, glassware.

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Can
Take a package

JUNE TONNE

Beach picnics are such fun you'll want to make them a regular thing for your family. So it'll pay you to blow yourself to some gadgets-an insulated bag, for one, and a vacuum jug to keep beverages hot or cold.

You can overdo the gadgets, of course. After all, it is the food that's most important. But your pocketbook won't be flattened by the purchase of a collapsible sunshade or two and a handy portable back rest.

Our "make-it-yourself" cabana-dressing room is great at the beach. Cup hooks hold square top. Dowels form framework (above). Curtain clips hold beach-towel sides, flap. Posts come apart at center for carrying.


## and Take a Picnic!


bout pienic appointments, see "Where Credit is Due," page 98
 f you like fresh air and sunshine, and sand in your shoes, a beach picnic's the perfect prescription. I've eaten and learned to enjoy some of the fanciest of dishes, but I have yet to find anything that satisfies like picnic food.
When I was a child, our family picnics never consisted of tired old sandwiches doled out of paper bags. Each picnic was planned. There was a menu, and the food was checked off as it was packed for the trip. Cans, packages, and jars made the whole process a cinch.
Sandwiches are the backbone of most picnics, on a beach or elsewhere. But sandwiches mustn't come out wet and soggy or dry and tasteless. Here are four BEACHCOMBER SAND-WICHES-Corned Beef and Cheese, Avocado-Crab, ChickenAlmond, and Tunut-Butter-Wiches-that are impervious to the hazards of packing and traveling. Bring along lettuce, vegetable sticks, and radishes in a wide-mouthed insulated jug. You'll want pickles and olives. Maybe potato chips.
Dessert? For packed lunches, keep it simple. We find DOUBLE CHERRY CAKE, baked and transported in a foil pan liner, furnishes fruit, cake, and easy eating, all in one delicious package.
Beverages seem to be consumed by the gallon at picnics, especially by the young ones. Try our SPICY CITRUS TEA.
Soup is a delightful addition. Carry it in a vacuum jug. We recommend BEAN AND LEEK SOUP, served hot or cold.

RECIPES FOR BEACH PICNIC AND
FOOD PHOTOS IN COLOR ON PAGES 75, 76

## You don't have to take to the woods to have a picnic.

## Right on your own

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## (Jood |ictuals

## JEAN AUSTIN

ALL SET UP and ready when the guests arrive to each his own bib and little tin pail for self service of steamed clams

UNDER THE OTHER ARM, a boxed lunch for two, and in the box

- ASSORTED SANDWICHES:

WATER CRESS ON BUTTERED CRACKED WHEAT BREAD, ROLLED CUCUMBER SLICES ON THIN WHITE BREAD, CREAM CHEESE ON BROWN BREAD ROUNDS

## - FRIED CHICKEN

- LITTLE GHERKINS AND SPICED CARROTS
- SQUARES OF ORANGE WINE CAKE

AND FOR DESSERT? Packed in salt, a great freezer of homemade, old-fashioned plain vanilla ice cream to eat with the delicately fragrant cake.

Everything, you see, pre-done and self service. Could anything be easier? This is my favorite picnic, an annual affair eagerly anticipated by my guests, if I do say so as shouldn't.

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## souper ways to make rect salad dressing

Good cooks know a salad's success is in the dressing! Tossed greens need the tart tang of a dressing! Tossed greens need the tart tang of a
great Tomato French Dressing ... hot potato salad asks for a smooth and creamy dressing . . . fruit and shrimp need exciting dash. So - here's the newest way to make sure your dressings are perfect! Dressings so expertly blended somebody's bound to ask how you made them! The secret is soup. You start with a can of Campbell's Soup - a perfect balance of flavors. Then you add your own special touch (or ours suggested below) - and you're ready with one of the best salad dressings you ever tasted!
 asks for a smooth and creamy dressing.... fruit ewest way to make sure your dressings are per-
 cubed, cooked potatoes. Serve hot or cold. 6 servings.


SHRIMP LAMAZE SALAD. Blend 1 can Tomato Soup and 1 cup mayonnaise. Add $1 / 4$ cup sweet-pickle relish, 1 chopped, hard-cooked egg, $1 / 2$ teaspoon grated onion, $1 / 2$ teaspoon prepared mustard, 1 tablespoon lemon juice. Serve with chilled, cooked shrimp. Makes $2 \frac{1}{2}$ cups dressing.

POTATO SALAD, GERMAN-STYLE. Dice and cook 4 slices bacon with $1 / 2$ cup chopped onion until bacon is crisp and onion is tender; add 1 can Cream of Celery Soup and 2 tablespoons vinegar. Blend dressing with 3 cups
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BEEF BROTH - LOW-CALORIE DRESSING. Combine
1 can Beef Broth, 2 tablespoons vinegar, 2 tablespoons chili sauce and 1 tablespoon grated onion. Chill and serve over crisp greens. Makes about $13 / 4$ cups . . . about 4 calories per tablespoon. Add 1 oz . crumbed blue cheese, if desired.


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## WESSON JIFFY BARBECUE

$1 / 2$ cup Wesson Oil
3/4 cup chopped onion
$3 / 4$ cup tomato ketchup
3/4 cup water
$1 / 3$ cup lemon juice
3 tablespoons sugar
3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
2 tablespoons prepared mustard
2 teaspoons salt
$1 / 2$ teaspoon pepper
Cook onion till soft in hot Wesson Oil. Add remaining ingredients. Simmer 15 minutes. Sear steak on both sides, then brush with sauce each time steak is turned. Serve with remaining sauce.
This fresh, flavorful sauce is excellent, too, with chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs and other barbecue favorites.

## STIR-N-ROLL FRUIT TARTS

2 cups siffed all-purpose flour, such as Gold Medal
$11 / 2$ teaspoons salt
$1 / 2$ cup Wesson Oil
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Sweetened fresh or frozen fruit for filling Whipped cream for topping
Mix flour, salt. Pour Wesson Oil and milk into measuring cup (don't stir); mix with flour. Press into ball, flatten slightly. Roll pastry $1 / 8$-inch thick between waxed paper. (Lightly dampen table top to prevent slipping.) Cut into $31 / 2$-inch rounds. Line 12 tart pans with pastry. Trim and flute edges, prick entire surface with fork. Bake at $425^{\circ}$ (hot oven) about 10 minutes, until a delicate brown. Fill with sweetened fruit, and top with whipped cream.

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Delicate salad oil makes the finest shortening

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The date for the family reunion finally was decided The place was chosen-the lovely grounds of Viscaya Miami, Florida. And then a dozen women drew recipe names out of a hat to decide who would bring what to the reunion picnic. After the drawing, the conversation went something like this: "I'm supposed to bring potato salad. What are you supposed to bring?
"Meat loaf, but I'm scared! How in the world do you figure out how much to make for 25 people? Where can I get a recipe for such continued on next page
large amounts? What's the cooking time?"
"Well," said the lady who was to bring potato salad, "I'm worried, too. This stymies me every time."
This conversation struck home, because I was there, and I was in on the drawing. It was chicken rice salad for me. I don't mind admitting I did a double take, for
 offhand I didn't know how much chicken
 way to fix that much . . . or quantities to buy.
That, my friends, is the inside story of this beautiful table of food. It's the reason why you'll find, on the next two pages, 12 recipes given in quantities for 25 . They're all pienic favorites-all the good dishes we decided to serve at our wonderful family reunion.
There's BAKED MACARONI \& CHEESE, and DEVILED EGGS. And BARBECUED FRIED CHICKEN that's dredged in flour, dipped in barbecue sauce and bread crumbs, and then fried. Did they gobble that up! Then MEAT LOAF made with beef, pork, soup, and rosemary leaves.
And good, hearty MAIN DISH SALADS-the chicken salad, with rice and pineapple, and potato salad. Then there are the SUMMER SALADS-a jellied vegetable salad witk green peppers, radishes, cucumbers, celery, and cabbage, and ginger peach molded salad that contains, of all things, ginger ale!
And there are luscious desserts: CHOCOLATE CAKE-the frosting's made with cream cheese, and very smooth it is-and BROWNIES. And a DEEP DISH BERRY PIE that you can fill with any fresh fruit . . . just choose your favorite.
These are the main dishes. But a picnic's not a picnic without olives, pickles, celery, and all the other trimmings, too. So on one recipe card there's a shopping list for your file.
These long-time favorite family food recipes, some hot, some cold, will be bound to reign supreme at any family reunion.



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Melt chocolate in double boiler.
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# Sizaling ldeas for better barbecues outdoors or IN 

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s have Shish Kebab! Quick marinating ce: Take a clove of garlic, $1 / 2$ cup of zola Oil, $1 / 4$ cup vinegar, $1 / 2$ teaspoon , 1 teaspoon dry mustard, $1 / 8$ teaspoon rcestershire sauce and a dash of cayenne. nd. Pour over cubed meat in shallow a. Let stand 1 to 2 hours.
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1 tbsp. sugar
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$1 / 4$ tsp. prepared
$1 / 4$ tsp. Worcestershire sauce

## mustard

$11 / 2$ tbsp. vinegar 1 tsp. salt

4 tbsp. Mazola Few grains pepper Salad Oil Drop garlic clove in salad bowl. Add prepared mustard, salt and a few pepper grains. Blend thoroughly with fork. Add Worcestershire sauce, vinegar and Mazola. Beat with fork until thoroughly mixed ... now add mixed greens and toss. For more than 4 servings, double recipe.

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## "White Elephant's" Kitchen

(Begins on page 58)

Bird's-eye view of how things are arranged in the remodeled kitchen shows that it's compact, complete, and clever. Refrigerator is near to sink which sees the world through a picture window. Expanses of counter space, storage above and below . . . laundry equipment under counter. Island separates cooking from food service, has storage, work surface.


Kitchen in its former state helped make house a white elephant. This "before" view, with massive refrigerator and other unwanted features, shows why. Refrigerator in remodeled kitchen is to right of door, and frees far wall for laundry, planning. Air conditioner in window on the laundry wall of new kitchen makes room comfortable in the summer.


In this "before" setup, kitchen seemed to have adequate storage spac but inefficient planning and arrangement were grounds for improvemen Two windows that broke up wall space were removed . . . picture win dow takes their place (page 59). And in new arrangement of equipmen range on one side of sink, refrigerator on other-a step-saving triangl
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## THEY MADE THE MOST OF A"GHOST"



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We had a backyard picnic all afternoon

while my BENDIX DUOMATIC washed and dried four loads of clothes


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## BIEMDIC DUOMMAIIC



MARY E. MONZE

Thirty-two years ago, while Mr. Paul Jokelson was traveling abroad, he came upon a paperweight in a shop in Paris. He so liked the beautifully intricate design and colors of the unusual "bird in nest" piece (No. II) that it led him to establish a fabulous collection. His weights are all Frenchfrom Baccarat, St. Louis, or Clichy factories-and each represents the distinctive taste and "know-how" of a sincere collector. Part of colecteien is somem bee Many

 tiny parts.
Glass paperweights were made from about 1840 to 1870 in the United States and Europe. Perhaps the finest were made in France, from 1845 to 1870. Then the art of making this kind of weight died out. It was revived by the French in 1953. Mr. Jokelson, who is now president of the Paperweight Collectors' Association, was instrumental in the revival. Today it is possible to acquire new paperweights of a quality equal to the early ones. Paperveights shown: 1. (At top of page), "Vegetables in glass." 2. Millefiori (thousand flowers) is type popular with collectors. 3. Enameled pheasant perches in center of floral design. 4. Dramatic crown pattern. 5. Bouquet of colorful field flowers magnified by crystal. 6. Snake is a Baccarat. 7. Butterfly in millefiori wreath. 8. Fullblown rose, dramatic in its simplicity. 9. Pansy on lacy ground wreathed in millefiori. 10. Spray of bluebells in clear glass. 11. Bird in nest is apparently unique. 12 . Very rare weight has tiny roosters, dog, horse, goat, devil, elephant, and butterfly. 13. Fruit in basket centered in clear crystal, 14. Clichy mushroom with twist, flowers.


# Designs You Can Follow 



# Work the Lord's Prayer on perforated paper, 

 or do "Adam and Eve" in simple cross-stitch on linen, with an American Home patternDOROTHY BRIGHTBILL. Then we were very small, we learned to say the Lord's Prayer from this beautiful sampler. It was made by my great grandfather, to "keep him out of mischief" while he was ill. Evidently someone who handled a needle very deftly directed his stitching, for it is a miracle of evenness. The colors are beautifully blended, but this can be no surprise because there always were artists in the family. The surprise is that a man did such needlework so long ago. This sampler, always a treasured family heirloom, is now my proud possession, to be shared with all of you. Do satin stitch on perforated paper; put silver foil behind the


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3uilt-in desk continues as part of work surface area. founter is lower for sit-down jobs. Desk doubles as ounter space for wall oven and broiler. Telephone, Ienu Maker, pad, pencils, all help to get jobs done. prawers below are excellent for filing and supplies. nd then, of course, radio is a must for many gals!

## VIIEGINIA THABET

【ello there, Mrs. Executive! Surprised at your title? Well, don't be. If you make homemaking an honest-to-goodness career, then we're sure ou run your home like an executive. If so, then pu're probably not guilty, when asked what your cupation is, of saying, "Oh, I'm just a housewife." ver heard that before? It's wrong, my dear, for pmemaking's the greatest profession in the world. You are truly an executive. And so you organize pur thinking to make the most of time and money, nd to find ways that your family can work together a team to accomplish much.
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## If. you're a HOUSEWIFE, you're in business, and every business gal needs a DESK

w you see it, now you don't! We're talking about sewing machine. This combination desk and sewing ter suits a kitchen or utility room. When machine is use, counter top accommodates sewing and supplies. letin board holds pattern instructions, etc. In alnate position, sewing area becomes planning center.




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## Housewií Needs a Desk

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If you don't have space for a built-in planning desk, why not steal a little spot from one end of the eating bar? It's a swell place for planning menus, or writing letters while the cake's in the oven.

Here is a really well-organized planning center, with slots and pigeonholes for organizing work. A blackboard, small but adequate, is fine for keeping grocery orders up-to-date. Typewriter is handy.

will make the job easier . . . telephone, pencils, note pads, recipe files, books, files for bills and receipts, club records, and a typewriter. A bulletin board can be a real boon. It will help keep the family informed of upcoming activities. You can post menus there, too, and shopping lists.

We suggest you keep instructions, charts, and guarantees where you can put your hand on them quickly. Keep a list of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of people and services that tie in with homemaking. Post them in full view, where any family member can see them. A service man is often needed as a "doctor" for an appliance that needs immediate attention. THE END

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## Room Air Conditioner

（Begins on page 14）

The lower square footages are for rooms facing the south or west with average window area and little or no insulation．The high figures usually apply to north and east rooms with walls well insulated and windows shaded．
Obviously，other factors than room size，wall insulation and direction have an effect on a unit＇s capacity． For example，some TV sets throw off about $25 \%$ as much heat as can be taken out of a room by a $1 / 2 \mathrm{hp}$ room air conditioner．A $1 / 2 \mathrm{hp}$ unit may just about offset the heat thrown off by four people playing cards in a small room，yet cool adequately for two people reading in a larger room．

## Are room units noisy？

All room units have fans and all fans make some noise．Some units are better sound－proofed than others and therefore are quieter．Before you choose a unit，listen to several to compare them for sound．（Some cheaper units may get noisier with use．）Noise，however，is less of a nuisance than you might at first sus－ pect．You get accustomed to the hum and after a while scarcely realize it is there，the way refrigerator hum is accepted by most people．
What about in－the－wall units？
Several companies have recently introduced new room units that fit snugly in the wall rather than the window．（Very few console models are being male now．）The new in－ the－wall units range from $12^{\prime \prime}$ to $16^{\prime \prime}$ deep，so they can fit almost wholly within a wall．They don＇t jut out into a room or take up valuable window light space．Wall units are usually sold through home builders，and you may have trouble finding them in your area．Even if you are building a new house，think it over before you install a wall unit．The builder won＇t be able to service it though he may arrange for service with his supplier．

What about portable units？
Last year portable units were intro－ duced and no doubt will gain in popu－ larity in 1956．Several companies of－ fer these units，which can be wheeled from one room to another on metal tables．They can be raised or low－ ered for different window heights．Be－ fore you decide on one，remember that a 250 or 350 －pound room air conditioner is not easy to wheel about， especially on rugs．
Is your wiring adequate？
Most rooms will take a $1 / 2 \mathrm{hp}$ or a $3 / 4 \mathrm{hp}$ unit．Some of the $3 / 4 \mathrm{hp}$ units require 240 －volt electricity instead of the usual 120 ，and units from I hp up almost always require 240 volts．
The average old home has a 120 － volt， 30 －ampere service coming into
the house from two wires．Eac provides 15 －amp service，or watts at a maximum，A $3 / 4 \mathrm{hp}$ air conditioner uses about watts．A TV set uses about 400 watts．You can see that of these operate ofi the same at once，the remaining current little for much else．Certainly 120 －volt wiring is already down with appliances，you wil new wiring at a cost of any from $\$ 35$ to $\$ 150$－sometimes Most dealers，or your local company，can test your out advance with a special plug－in What about low－current mod
Some companies offer specia els that use less electricity than ard units．They are called low－ models and are available in $3 / 4 \mathrm{hp}$ sizes．They draw abou less current than standard uni example，the low－current draws about $7^{1 / 2}$ amperes， standard $1 / 2 \mathrm{hp}$ unit draws ab amperes．The chief advantag low－current model？It may without blowing fuses in a hou marginal wiring capacity， standard model may not．

It＇s an open question in conditioning industry whether $t$ current units are as efficient standard units of the same power ratings．

Air exhaust
Some units have reversibl that will enable you to pun stale air，smoke，and odors．Ho relatively little room air may hausted，depending on the un the cooling function usually d operate while the exhaust is or you can probably accomplish much by bringing in fresh air i This is done by means of a outside－air control，called a switch，that some brands hav open the damper control and air is drawn in through the ventilate the room．Moreov outside air can be brought when the unit is cooling；cooli ventilation are provided toget CONTINUED ON P



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Thermostats. A thermostat is a desirable feature that costs only about

"Why, no! I thought you turned off the furnace"
\$I5 extra. It automatically turns a unit off and on to maintain a pre-set temperature, especially convenient in keeping a bedroom at desired temperature while you sleep. Some brands have a temperature modulation control which keeps a room at an even more constant temperature.
Figuring the size you need
Even the most reliable dealer cannot help you select the proper room air conditioner unless he knows these things about the room you want to cool: total floor area; total length of walls exposed to sun; whether room is well insulated; total length of shaded or inside walls; square feet of window on each side of the room, and whether each window area has inside shades, awnings, or tree shade; width of doors kept open to other rooms; total wattage of lights and other electrical equipment in the room, and the number of people using the room.

A reliable dealer can take the information you give him and estimate very closely how big a unit you need. His rating will likely be based on B.T.U.'s. Your dealer will figure how much heat has to be removed per hour from your room.

Buying from a reputable dealer is very important. You get the right size unit for your needs and you are assured of reliable service. THE END

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- BEST FLOWERING TF Flowering crabapples (55 , Washington hawthorn (47), magnolia (44), redbud (40), dogwood (32), flowering plum amelanchier and flowering (both 24), tree lilacs (22), mo ash (I9), Amur maple (15).
So if you're thinking about ; shade trees or flowering trees to planting arrangements, the on this list are types that will very give you great satisfaction for investment. With fall planting not too far off, it's wise to thinking about which trees you'

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# FRESH LETTUCE ALL SUMMER 

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IIhat goes into a really tasty salad? First of all, tasty greens. And in that category you can't beat the new looseleaf lettuces, endive (chicory), and escarole.
Not only are these non-heading greens tastier than head lettuces, but they're much more nutritious-contain up to 40, yes forty, times more Vitamin A. And, what's more, you can grow them in the heat of summer, which you can't do with old varieties like Iceberg. So they've really made salad history!
My own favorites are Salad Bowl, Slobolt, Grand Rapids and Romaine lettuces, plus Green Curled endive and Deep Heart escarole. Why not try two or three, or more?
A packet of seed will sow from $20^{\circ}$ to $50^{\prime}$ of row, so if you sow $4^{\prime}$ or $5^{\prime}$ of each kind every couple of weeks you'll have a continuous supply.
To be crisp and succulent, lettuce has to grow vigorously and fast. That means good soil and plenty of moisture. Dig the soil thoroughly, adding ground limestone and a high-nitrogen lawn fertilizer, and rake the surface

smooth before sowing the seed.
Sow the seed thinly in shallow furrows, covering it with only $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}$ to $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ of soil, and sprinkle it lightly if the soil is dry. Keep it moist, too, from the time seed is sown till the last greens are picked.
Start thinning out the seedlings as soon as they're $2^{\prime \prime}$ or so high, leaving more and more space between the remaining plants until they're $10^{\prime \prime}$ or $12^{\prime \prime}$ apart when fully grown.
And, of course, you make salads from the thinnings. They're scrumptious!
Sprinkle lawn food alongside the rows when the plants are about $3^{\prime \prime}$ high and at the same time start mulching them with lawn clippings, buckwheat hulls, chopped straw, or other non-acid mulching material. This will eliminate weeding and help conserve soil moisture.

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