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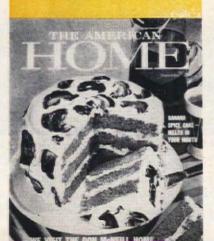
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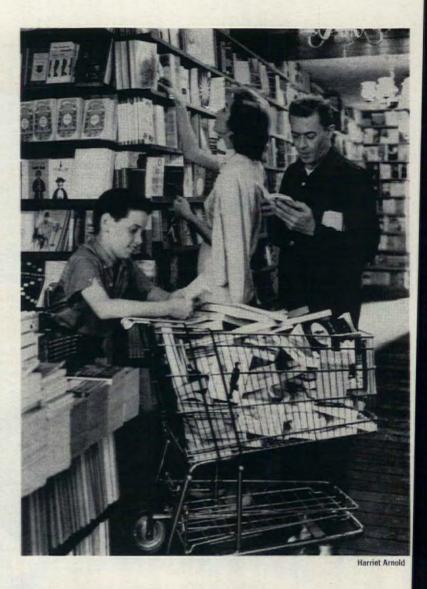
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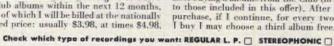
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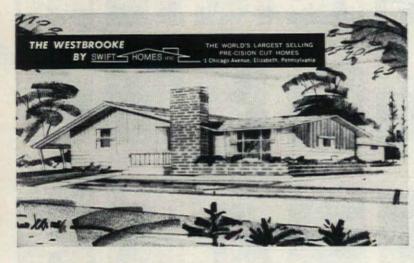
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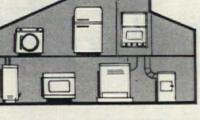
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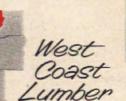
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BOOKCASE WALLPAPER does a complete decorating job in the entrance hall of the R. H. Brushwoods, Atlanta, Georgia. There is no need for furniture here where wallpaper offers a lively greeting and gives a color lift to the adjoining living room.

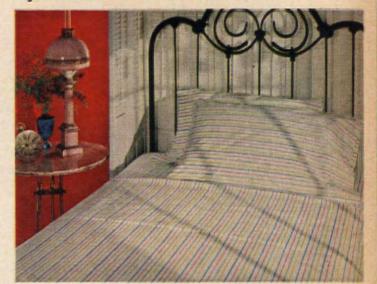
LONG, SLIM SHELF dramatizes this entry designed by decorator Marie Nelson. The big bold mirror is nicely balanced by drawings with contemporary mats. Here's a good example of how to use a few large accessories to give importance to an entrance.



THE AMERICAN HOME, SEPTEMBER, 1959

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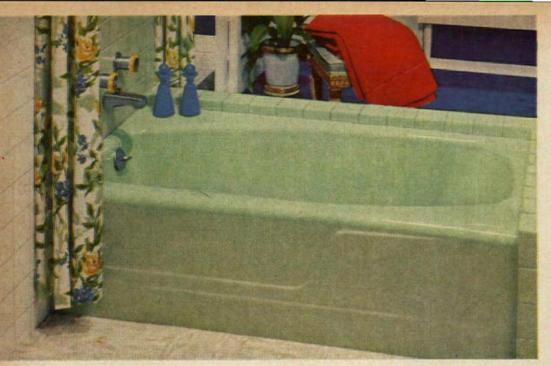
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IT'S NEW

it looks large, yet it is only 24 by 20 inches in size. The off-center bowl is roomy, deep ...the wide ledge mighty handy. This smart lavatory is of gleaming vitreous china.

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EMPIRE INFLUENCE gives definitely high-style feeling to this entrance which contains a few well-chosen furnishings . . . for example, the tall mirror over a low cupboard. Giant candlestick and diamond-shaped plaques are good balance. Home of the Max Birnbaums in Chicago.

COLORFUL BENCH is tucked into niche in front hall of the Paul Kaplan home in Oak Park, Illinois. Upholstered cushion is fastened to wall and appears to hang from the brass rings which are decorative only. Designed by Bert Curtain Interiors.





How we retired in 15 years with \$300 a month

"Strange, I remember it so clearly and more than 15 years seems just a short while ago. For it's only thanks to what happened Christmas 1942 that we're living in Florida today, with our income guaranteed for life.

"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. All I needed was fifteen or twenty good earning years ahead. Well, I'll certainly look into this, I decided, cutting out the coupon.

"Soon my mail brought a booklet telling about Phoenix Mutual Plans. Yes, one was just right for me.

"Looking back, 1942 seems like yesterday. We saw the war come and go with all its worries. Again and again I was thankful we had started our Phoenix Mutual Plan.

"Well, Christmas 1957 rolled around—and we had a big party, for I was almost 55 and set to retire. Soon after, my first Phoenix Mutual check for \$300 arrived. We got a good price for our house, packed the car and drove to Florida.

"We found just the little house we had dreamed of. And month after month the postman hands us our pay check. We're financially independent, and will be, for life."

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The emcee of radio's famous Breakfast Club takes us on an intimate tour of his home and shares a day of fun at his lakeside hideaway

MRS. PETE MARTIN

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Don McNeill is the man who came to breakfast-and stayed for a quarter century. The emcee of the ABC Breakfast Club has been getting listeners out of bed and off to a pleasant start since 1933. The most durable variety show on radio got its start during the depression when McNeill was a tall, gangling youth who had been told he had no future in radio. Now playing to a third generation of early risers from Bangor, Maine, to Fairbanks, Alaska, the Breakfast Club is practically an American institution.

The show's folksy sentiment, cornball humor, and homely religious touch reflect McNeill's character. As *Variety*, the bible of show business, describes him, McNeill "has none of the grand airs of a celebrity. In Chicago, where the show originates, Mc-Neill is seldom seen publicly, rarely makes the gossip columns, and has never been involved in (continued)

Kay and Don McNeill sit on eautiful winding staircase in the hallway of their Winnetka home. Here is where they read letters from their three sons who are now away from home.



Kranzten Studio, Inc.

Don McNeill (continued)

"we've really lived here for 14 years"



Don McNeill's home in Winnetka, Illinois, is, in his words, "a friendly Tudor that has given us a lot of real family living in the last 14 years."

anything scandalous. For a celebrity in a name-conscious city, he is not unsung but practically is anonymous. And apparently he prefers it that way."

Through the years the Breakfast Clubbers have never used scripts. As this writer watched the show in an audience of housewives from Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois, I was amazed at the ease with which this old pro evoked a laugh, ad-libbed his way between songs by vocalists Dick Noel and Anita Bryant, and played straight man to Fran Allison's gossipy old "Aunt Fanny." Working only from a card the visitor fills out when she enters the studio, McNeill casually interviewed a woman in the audience who was seeing Chicago with her conventioning husband. McNeill's gentle kidding put her at ease; she chatted about her home and family and fell into the usual McNeill traps that bring a howl from the audience. (continued)

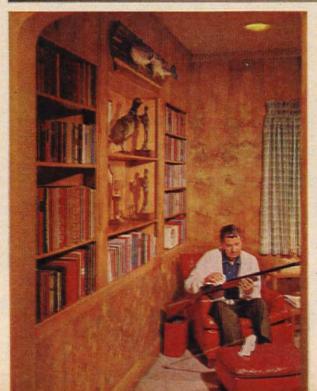


Sunshine pours through the broad windows of the McNeills' dining room of their Winnetka home. Here Kay McNeill is about to serve tea using her favorite Belleek that she brought back from a trip to Ireland.



The McNeill boys were home together shortly before Tom, 25 (foreground), went into the Air Force; Don, Jr., 23, joined the Army. Bob, 18, starts Notre Dame this year.

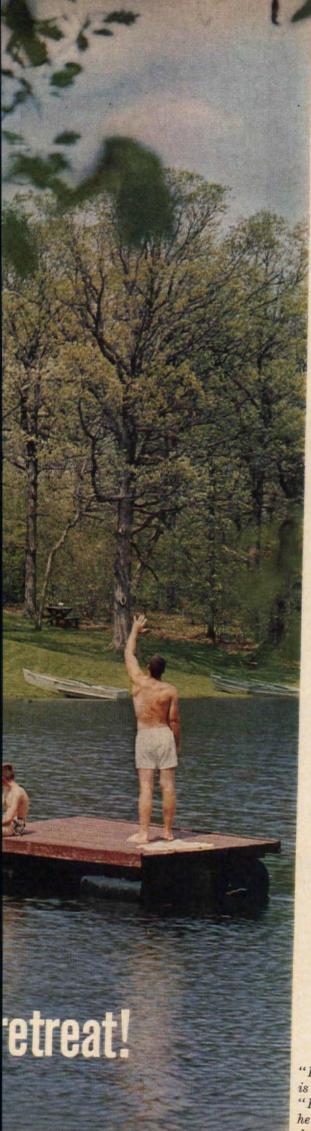




"Every family does something crazy," says Kay. "We play horseshoes in the living room after dinner . . . been doing it since the boys were little. They'll be home soon, so we have to keep in practice."

Paneling in study is burled birch, a gift from Don's father. Shelves hold awards given McNeill for community service. Kay won't allow him to hide them in basement.

"Himself's Hideaway"—their special family



Don McNeill (continued)

Returning to the platform, Don delivered a commercial, paused while the orchestra played a few bars of a hymn, and then requested that both the studio and radio audiences bow their heads and pray "each in his own words." Then the band struck up "March Time" with Dick Noel and Anita Bryant leading the audience in a hand-clapping march around the studio. And all over America, as they have for years, kids and husbands bounded out the door to the roll of drums and the blare of trumpets.

"I feel as if I've known you a long time," I said to Don McNeill as we drove out to his home in suburban Winnetka. "I've listened to you for years, and, like a lot of women, I've stopped doing the dishes and bowed my head right there at the sink for those moments of silent prayer. And I've even marched around the kitchen on occasion—just because it made me feel good."

"Other people have told me the same thing," he said. "But sometimes I wonder how much longer it will go on. We've been at it for 26 years now, and you know people don't turn on the radio for any particular program the way they used to. They'll turn it on if they're in a car, or if they don't have a television set handy."

"Don't let up on taking your vitamins," I said, "because I think you're going to keep going for a long time. Those people who come to see you—who sit up all night on a bus to get to your broadcast—must have great affection for you. They're not going to let you go."

"I'd like to think you're right," he replied. (continued)

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> Flagstone steps lead down a hillside to covered entry of the McNeill lodge. Living areas are to left of entry, bedrooms to right.

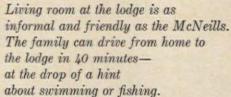


"First call for breakfast" is issued by Don McNeill from the balcony of "Himself's Hideaway," the hunting and fishing lodge he built on what he calls "every man's dream of where he'd rather be than working."

Don McNeill (continued)



Meals at the lodge are buffet style and are served through the pass-through to the snack bar shown here at the rear. Built-ins at right hold records and games.





Sun deck atop the living room provides a view of the lake and surrounding hills. Broad overhang shades living room.



"Tell me about your family," I suggested.

"I have three sons," he said. "They're all great guys. They're all taller than I am. Don is 23 and six-six; and Tom, who's 25, and Bob, who's 18, are just a fraction of an inch below that. We're quite a sight when Kay and I walk into a restaurant with them. We made a great mistake, though," he admitted, "in naming our second boy Don, Jr., simply because he is, the one who's had the rough time. The kid has been hounded by my name. He's a good athlete, and we used to chase around the country watching him play basketball. But as soon as he stepped out on the floor the crowd started to chant, 'Good morning, Breakfast Clubbers . . . good morning to ya,' and I cringed for the kid. I had a letter from him the other day. He's a second lieutenant at Fort Lee, Virginia, now, and he said, 'They're really letting me (continued on page 58)

24-Hour Help for the Homeowner

What do you do when a broken pipe is flooding your basement? When your key breaks in the lock at 2 a.m.? Homeowners all over America gladly pay a small fee to dial a number that speeds help at any hour.

HENRY LEE

Within the past few months countless new organizations known as home-service clubs have been springing up throughout the country. Operating on a round-the-clock basis, these clubs answer any SOS of homeowner members whether it be a flooded basement, bees in the attic, or a blank TV screen. For a small yearly membership fee, members can call their club day or night and be assured of satisfactory service from an established contractor or repairman and at a reasonable price.

Though individual services vary and the yearly membership fee may range from \$5 to \$12, most of the homeservice clubs operate on the same principle. While some have performed truly heroic chores—like catching a wild cat which was trying to romance a tabby—their formula for success boils down to the reputation they achieve for integrity. Ernest Curtis of National Home Owners Clubs says that the Better Business Bureau has yet to receive a complaint on service involving NHOC.

In Los Angeles, United Home Services, Inc. boasts 35,000 members, while in Chicago, Mr. Service Club, Inc. picked up 1000 members in its first six months of existence. National Home Owners Clubs of Detroit, only a little over a year old, has 7000 dues-paying householders

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SHORT CIRCUIT was caused by a sixmonth-old cocker spaniel chewing a wire. Mrs. Leimister, owner of the dog, lives with her daughter and granddaughter in Albertson, New York, but was alone when it happened. Helpless and without lights at 9 p.m., she called AHA, who had an electrician on the scene within minutes.

LEAKING ROOF of the Kalikow home in Roslyn Heights, New York, was caused by a severe storm at a time when Mr. Kalikow was seriously ill upstairs. Mrs. Kalikow called Allied Homeowners Association who dispatched a roofer to make emergency repairs during height of storm. After storm had subsided, roofer put on a completely new roof.



CHOOSE THE **RIGHT**

Today, there is a paint for every type of outside building material -the right finish makes work easier, lasts longer, looks better.

Not so long ago when the time came to paint your house, you simply went down to the hardware store and ordered a batch of outside paint. Today, builders are using everything from aluminum to steel to asbestos-cement for house exteriors. Along with these materials have come an astonishing array of new paints. Most have been specially formulated for a particular kind of material. Listed below are all the building materials you are likely to find on the outside of your house, and the best paints or finishes to use on them. Study these pages with care, then take off-informed-to your paint store.

PREPARATION Before you paint exterior surfaces it is vital to prepare them properly. Renail all loose boards and prime the nailheads with an anti-corrosive primer before puttying. Always putty after the prime coat so that putty will not dry out. Remove loose, peeling, and blistering paint with wire brush or sandpaper. Seal knots and sap marks with a special knot sealer or an exterior aluminum paint. Calk between loose joints, around doors, windows, and chimneys. Remove mildew with a commercial bleach or fungicide. Don't use lead-pigment paint in areas where there are industrial fumes. Do not paint in damp weather or when the temperature is below 40°. Use dropcloths to protect shrubbery. Avoid painting in the direct sun.

ALUMINUM SIDING Except in areas where there is a high degree of industrial fumes or salt in the air, aluminum does not usually need painting. **Prepare unprotected aluminum** for painting by washing with a phosphoric acid compound to dissolve grease, then rinsing with water. When the metal is dry, apply a zinc chromate primer. When the primer is dry, apply one or two coats of house or trim paint.

Prepare weathered aluminum for painting by removing dirt and loose aluminum oxide with a stiff brush. Oxidation on the aluminum leaves a gray finish that protects it but at the same time diminishes its brightness. Remove any oil or grease with a detergent or paint thinner. Let dry, then follow with a zinc chromate primer and one or two topcoats of house or trim paint. **To retain the original brightness** of aluminum, you can use a transparent finish such as an exterior metal lacquer or a spar varnish, although these non-pigmented coatings will not resist the weather as well as paints and enamels.

ASBESTOS-CEMENT SIDING The two recommended classes of paints for exterior as-Stephen Michael

PAINT FOR THE JOB

bestos-cement products are resin base and latex masonry paints. Prepare the surface by removing any dirt, grease, mildew, or moss with a wax-free detergent. In severe cases use a 5 per cent muriatic acid solution. Rinse with water and let dry. (Wear goggles, gloves, and protective clothing when using muriatic acid.) If the asbestos-cement materials have eroded over years of use, pretreat the dusty, fibrous surface with a concrete hardener such as zinc or magnesium fluosilicate solution. Paint asbestos-cement with one prime coat of solvent-thinned resin or latex-primer and two finish coats of resin or latex paint.

FIR PLYWOOD SIDING For a natural finish, use a pigmented exterior stain or Forest Products Laboratory's natural finish (see "Wood Siding" below). *Before painting*, remove any sanding dust with a cloth moistened with turpentine. To prevent "checking" and the grain pattern from showing, be sure to prime-coat the surface with a flat oil or alkyd paint, an enamel undercoater, or penetrating resin sealer. If the second coat is to be a gloss enamel trim paint, mix a half-and-half mixture of enamel undercoat with the finish coat. Let dry, sand lightly, and apply the finish coat.

WOOD SIDING To paint new wood clapboards or siding, always use a prime coat to seal the wood. (As a rule, it is wise to use a primer and finish coat of the same brand.) Your finish coats can be two coats of regular house paint or a new one-coat finish. A prime coat should also be applied over badly (continued on page 82)

For the sake of your home, SAVE YOUR TREES



Everyone knows trees add value to a home intrinsically and in dollars and cents. But do you know how MUCH they're worth, and how easily they can be damaged or destroyed?

THEODORE A. WESTON

D id you know that the oak tree in your front yard the one that measures about 20" in diameter is worth \$1900? That one measuring 30" in diameter is worth about \$4200? It'd be something of a tragedy, surely, if you accidentally killed your tree. Not only because of the dollar value lost—plus the cost of having the dead tree removed—but because you could never replace it in your lifetime.

Yet it's easier to kill a tree than you may think, and you can do so in ways you'd probably never suspect.

Say you spread a foot or more of heavy topsoil over your ground to have a better lawn, roll it well to get it perfectly even, then keep it constantly moist to maintain a near-perfect turf. By doing just that you can kill a magnificent old beech that's worth a dozen times as much as your lawn. And the irony is you don't need to spread topsoil for a lawn anyway!

You can commit "arboricide" just as innocently if you raise the grade of your land substantially when you build a new house, remodel an old one, or redesign your garden. So the next time you see dead or dying trees around a new or remodeled house, you can guess what probably happened.

The actual cause of death in such cases is suffocation. The functional, fibrous roots of a tree are near the surface, and in most species they need as much air as is normally present in the upper layer of the soil. If you cut off or greatly reduce their air by burying them under a deep, additional layer of heavy soil, you simply stifle them to death.

Lowering the grade in the vicinity of a tree with a bulldozer can have the same effect as raising it—by removing the fibrous roots instead of killing them by suffocation. And any excavation which severs many of the main roots, and so cuts off a good part of the fibrous system, is likely to work the same way. Besides that, when you cut large roots you reduce the tree's anchorage and thus increase the possibility of its blowing down in a storm.

So think twice before you undertake any kind of work that'll materially affect the soil around your trees.

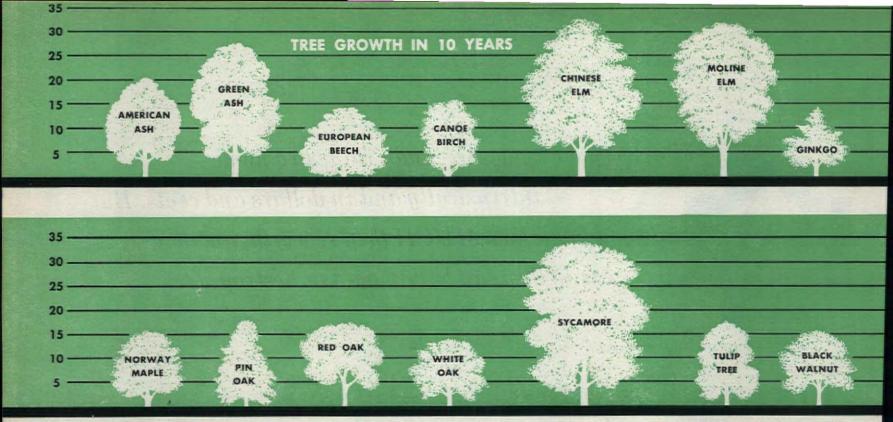
Light, sandy or gravelly soil is the least harmful kind to add to the surface, and several inches can be added without danger. Heavy, clay-type soil is the most injurious (because its compactness excludes most air), and

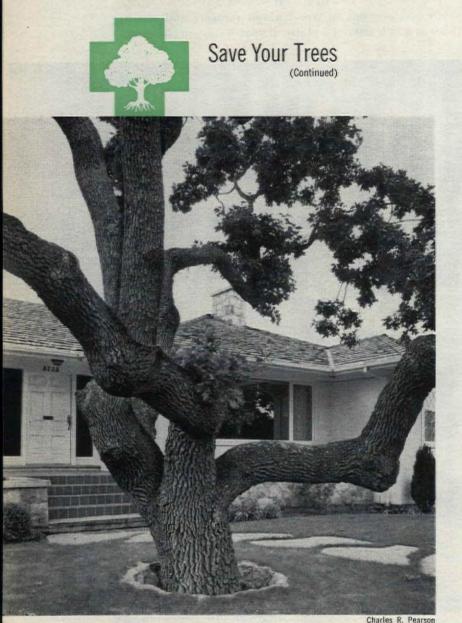
d your investment in trees! A protective ring like nade from ancient railroad ties, shields a young tree he natural carelessness of all children and many adults. as little as 1" can injure the most sensitive kinds of trees. The most sensitive kinds include beech, oak, some of the maples, and most of the evergreens. The least sensitive kinds include willow, plane, elm, and locust.

As a rule, you can figure on adding 2" to 3" of light, sandy soil around an oak without danger, and about twice as much around a plane. If your soil is a (continued)



Lowering the soil level around a tree can be disastrous unless a raised bed is built around it before the regrading is done. This one is of brick, with drainage holes at the bottom, and is planted with ivy as a ground cover.





Raising the soil level more than about a foot may suffocate the roots of a tree unless a properly designed tree-well is built before regrading. Here's how a finished "well" looks; at right, how it's built. Know the shape of a tree and its rate of growth before you plant it in your garden. These drawings, adapted from a chart by E. L. Kammerer in the Morton Arboretum's Bulletin of Popular Information, show the characteristic shapes and ten-year

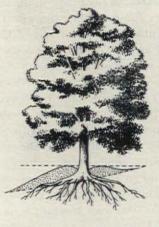
Nine times out of ten, a dead tree has been killed-by "accident"

heavy clay, add some sand, gravel, and peatmoss to it before spreading it around your tree.

If you need to raise the grade 6" to 12", the best procedure is first to lay down 2" to 3" of coarse gravel, then 1" to 2" of finer gravel, over this a layer of straw, hay, or peatmoss to prevent soil from washing into the gravel, then finally to add the light, sandy soil.

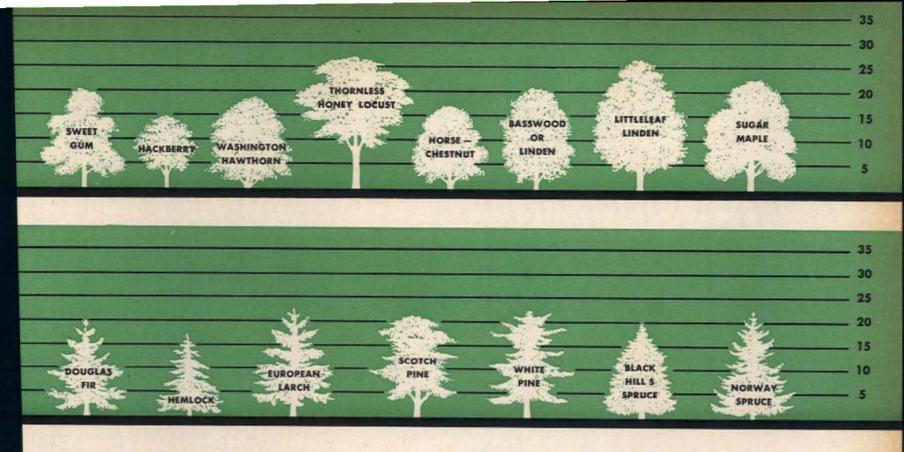
If it's necessary to raise the grade several feet, the only way to be sure of supplying air to the roots and thus saving a tree is to build a properly designed tree-well (illus-





A tree-well's function is to supply air to the roots. This is how stones and tiles are used to build a well as described on page 31.

A soil-mound, which works the same way as a raised bed (page 29), is easier to provide and is preferable in naturalistic surroundings.



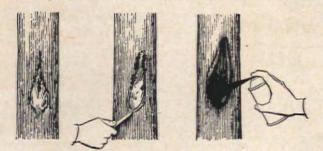
growth of various trees under "average" growing conditions in most parts of the country where they're found. You can reduce the growth rate by pruning young trees, and having older ones pruned professionally, once a year. And you can speed up tree

growth by using a root-feeder or subirrigator to fertilize them once or twice a year and to water them during dry spells. But don't choose trees solely for their shapes or rates of growth; consider also their "quality" ratings as discussed on page 77.

trated in the left-hand drawing on page 30) before the regrading is done. The procedure is as follows: Build a circular "well" around the tree, a foot or more from the trunk and as high as necessary for the new level. You can use large stones, blocks, hollow tiles, or bricks. Now start mounding fair-size stones, beginning as far away from the tree as the branches extend, and continuing upward with the mound until, at the well, the stones are just below what will be the new level of the soil.

Before you get very far with the mounding, place 6" bell tiles among the stones, pointing downward, so as to conduct air from the new surface to the bottom of the mound of stones. Place these about midway between the trunk and the outer rim of branches, and about 6' apart in a circle around the tree. The drawing shows how to place them. With the tiles held up by stones, proceed with the mounding until it's completed.

Spread coarse gravel over the mound of stones, then a layer of straw, hay, or peatmoss. Now move in light, sandy soil to the new level. Roll or tamp the soil well and adjust the tiles so they come exactly to the surface. Put a strainer or crumpled chicken wire in the top of each tile to keep out leaves and other debris.



First aid to injured tree: trim damaged bark with sharp knife; spray or paint whole area with tree-wound dressing.

Flagstone, brick, or other paving, set in an inch or two of sand, will not harm a tree, and no special precautions are necessary. Unleached cinders may poison the roots, however, and should not be used. Solid concrete or asphalt paving should include 2" wood strips every 3' or so (thus separating the paving into 3' by 3' squares) to allow air to reach the soil.

To *lower* the soil level around a tree is either easier than raising it or else it's not possible at all. With deep-rooted

> trees, like oaks, several inches of soil can be scraped off without danger. But with shallow-rooted maples, the removal of more than an inch or two may prove fatal.

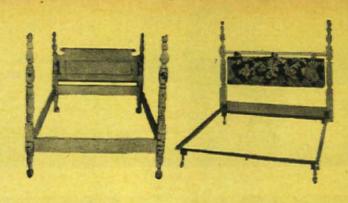
> In no case can several feet of soil be removed from the immediate vicinity of a tree. If such a change of grade has to be made, you'll have to leave a soil-mound at approximately the original level, as shown

in the right-hand drawing on page 30, or else build a raised bed around the tree, as shown in the photograph on page 29. Since any tree can stand a certain amount of root-pruning at the perimeter of its root system, the soilmound or raised bed needn't be more than three-quarters the diameter of the spread of the branches.

Lowering the nearby soil level will quicken the drying out of the soil around the tree. So for a few years it'll be advisable to water the tree heavily, preferably with a subirrigator or root-feeder, during dry spells.

Any of these methods of tree-saving, as you've surely guessed, involves considerable effort if you do the work yourself, or considerable expense if you have it done. So if you're faced with a tree-saving problem, you'd probably like to know what your trees are really worth.

The National Arborist Association and the National Shade Tree Conference have worked (continued on page 77) High-fashion bedrooms are inspired by the clever use of OLD HEADBOARDS IN NEW SETTINGS



ANTIQUE FOUR-POSTER suggests dashing black-and-white scheme with bright accents. Headboard posts treated with a coat of white paint are joined by pole from which is hung a cushion covered with floral print to match bedspread.



ROBERT W. HOUSEMAN

Any room is sharpened with a "center of interest"—some one thing that draws the eye and gives the room a particular dash of character. Your bedroom is no exception • Here we show you some remarkable things you can do with headboards—old ones at that! The secret is to find an old-fashioned bed which has some appealing features and then revamp it • If you don't already have one stashed away in your attic, scout the secondhand stores or keep your eyes peeled at a local auction. You're sure to find a bed to spark your imagination • Paint the headboard an unusual color or cover it with a handsome fabric. You can cut off the gingerbread or use just part of it • And try adding some good-looking accessories for the final touch. There's no limit to the things you can do *• For sturdy support, use a steel frame on wheels. There are bed-conversion kits available for attaching old headboards to new frames.

Scott Hyde

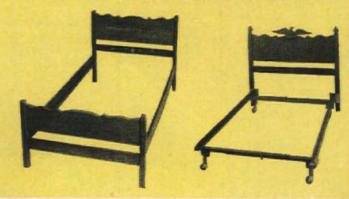


ONE VICTORIAN BED is made into two modern beds attached to separate frames. They are upholstered in deep green felt studded with brass nailheads. Bedspreads are a bold blue-white-and-green plaid which is a sparkling contrast to the white rug and walls.





MAPLE BED sets the style for a teen-ager's Early American bedroom. Original headboard is topped with eagle at center and two wooden finials on the posts. It is painted barn red. The red felt bed skirt sets off quilted paisley spread. Skirt needs no hemming.



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The more the merrier has a new and truer meaning at a buffet. It's the easiest, friendliest way to give a party.

Even the hostess is a guest when ...

ROBERT W. HOUSEMAN

Perhaps the nicest thing that ever happened to entertaining is the buffet table. For the party is not limited by the size of your dining-room table. You can invite



Laminated lap tray

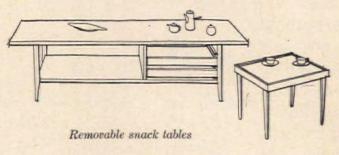
the whole crowd if you wish and have that much more fun! Of course, every successful buffet has a success formula. Follow our advice and your next party will make conversation for months to come. First, prepare as many of your dishes as you can in advance . . . something you can pop in

the oven at the last minute or keep

chilled in the refrigerator. (If possible, plan your menu to avoid on-the-lap carving.) Be creative. Nothing brings forth the "ohs" and "ahs" more readily than beautifully prepared food in a beautiful setting. There are any number of exciting table decorations and unusual accessories to make your table sparkle, your food look its most delicious. Take note of our festive board at the left! On the practical side, keep in mind the ease



Tray-tables with stand



of serving and the ease of eating. A party that practically serves itself leaves you free to enjoy the festivities. Above all, provide a place for your guests to put their plates (other than the floor). A really wonderful idea is to have a stack of the new **lightweight laminated trays** beside the table. They make it easy to choose the food and provide a solid surface to eat

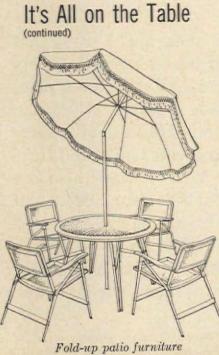
from. Folding tray-tables, such as the ones of durable fiber glass, can be placed before each guest and stored compactly when not in use. The long coffee table – a permanent fixture in the living room—which shelters three snack tables with stain-resistant tops, speaks for itself. And what could be gayer on a patio than one of these

A glowing hearth lights a country kilchen buffet. There's a warm, homespun look to the checkered tablecloth, and the bright copper pots on a hot tray. Fine break-resistant plastic dinnerware in the "Calais Bouquet" pattern is used to complete the country air.

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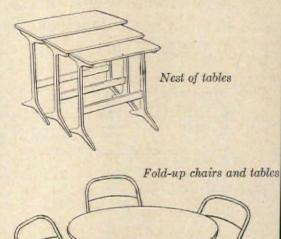


Everything's ready on the patio. Step up and fix your own shish kabob. Your lap tray is a cutting board from the hardware store, napkins are just dish towels, handsome dinnerware is melamine plastic in "Woodland" pattern.



aluminum-and-rattan umbrella tables with matching chairs? Another permanent fixture in the living room is a nest of tables that leads a double life as an end table. And finally, there's a really charming idea in having several small tables and chairs like these with colorful, scrubbable tops and seats-all fold-away.

Consider these items and the handsome serving pieces in the pictures. And the next time you give a party-do it buffet style!



I E BUDGET BEATERS

Hearty meatless dishes made delicious with Campbell's Soups!

Budget Beater-No. 5 TOMATO MACARONI BAKE!

Lightly brown – in a saucepan – $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped onion in 2 tbsp. butter or margarine.

Stir in 1 can Campbell's Tomato Soup, ½ cup water, ¾ cup shredded Cheddar cheese. Heat until cheese melts.

Blend with 2 cups cooked macaroni; pour into a buttered 1¹/₂-qt. casserole.

Sprinkle ¼ cup shredded Cheddar cheese and 2 tbsp. buttered bread crumbs on top.
Bake at 350° F. about 30 min. or until nicely browned and bubbling. 4 servings.



Budget Beater-No. 6 CHEESE FISH BAKE!

Arrange 1 lb. fish fillets (thaw if using frozen) in single layer in greased shallow baking dish (10x6x2'').

Season with a dash of black pepper.

Stir 1 can Campbell's Cream of Mushroom Soup; pour over layer of fish.

Sprinkle on ½ cup shredded Cheddar cheese and a dash of paprika for extra color and flavor.

Bake at 375°F. about 45 min. or until lightly browned. 4 servings to tempt the family.



ood things begin to happen when you cook with Campbell's Soups

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How to make soufflé potatoes

Elegantly French, but so easy to do



SOUFFLÉ POTATOES are made by cutting Idaho potatoes into slices about one fifth of an inch thick. To make the slices uniform, trim the ends of the potatoes on an angle (see above) before slicing. Let them stand in ice water for at least 30 minutes.

HEAT FAT to 250°. Fry potatoes until they rise to the surface (about 5 minutes). Remove and drain on absorbent paper. Then allow them to get cold. (Put them in refrigerator if you wish.) Fry again by plunging them into 425° fat. Remove when puffed and brown.



Warren Reynolds



AFTER THE POTATOES have been removed from the fat and drained, sprinkle them with salt and serve hot. If some of the potatoes refuse to puff, cool and fry again.

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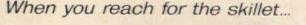
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FRANCES M. CRAWFORD

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Half the fun of fall is food, and these six pages show why! First, meet our cover-girl cake. Now there's a luscions dish...made of sugar and spice and everything nice (banama for the big surprise). It's sumptuons, and snave in swirls of frosting. As anyone can see, this is cake you love to make - the goviest, meltingest, temptingest Hemptation ever. Bring it on for the gang "twist twelve and twenty" who come roaring in after the game. Bring it on for your friends "twist twenty and not telling" who drop

 BANANA SPICE CAKE WITH SEA-FQAM FROSTING

2½ c. sifted cake flour

- 1% c. sugar
- 14 tsp. baking powder
- 11/4 tsp. baking soda
- l tsp. salt 1¹₂ tsp. cinnamon
- Sife Jan in
- tsp. nutmeg
 tsp. ground cloves
 c. hydrogenated vegetable shortening
 c. buttermilk

Preparation time: 20 min.

Baking time: 30-35 min.

(3 medium) 2 eggs, unbeaten *Sca-Foam Frosting 1 large banana, sliced 2 sqs. sweet cooking chocolate 1 tbs. butter or margarine

14 c. mashed ripe bananas

• Sift dry ingredients into large mixer bowl. Add shortening, buttermilk, and mashed bananas; mix until all flour is dampened. Beat at low speed for 2 minutes. Add eggs; beat 1 minute. Turn batter into three 8. or two 9-inch greased and floured layer-cake pans. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 30-35 minutes, or until cake springs back when lightly touched with fingertip. Spread SEA-FOAM FROSTING between cooled layers; top with banana slices; put layers together. Frost cake; make swirks. Spoon melted chocolate into swirks. *Sea-Foam Frosting: Combine 2 egg whites; 1½ cups brown sugar, firmly packed; 5 tablespoons water; and dash of salt in top of double boiler; beat slightly to mix. Place over rapidly boiling water; beat with rotary egg beater or electric mixer at high speed, until frosting stands in peaks, about 7 minutes. Remove from heat; add 1 teaspoon vanilla: beat 1-2 minutes, or until thick enough to spread. For swirks, melt chocolate and butter: cool. Makes 12 servings 460 cal. per serving Source of Vitamins A,B,C Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS in for bridge. But fair warning... you may become famous overnight, so don't go and lose the recipe we tenderly whisper to you here.

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Tempting fare for a crisp fall day: luscious banana spice cake, cold cider, and popcorn fresh from the popper.





LOBSTER TAILS THERMIDOR

- 6 large (1 lb. each) frozen lobster tails
 - OR: use 6 8-oz. pkgs.
- 4 tbs. butter or margarine 1 c. sliced raw mushrooms
 - OR: 2 cans (4 oz. each) mushrooms,
 - drained
- 4 tbs. flour
- 1 tsp. dry mustard

2 tbs. melted butter or margarine · Boil lobster tails according to package directions. Remove lobster meat and dice; save shells. Melt 4 tablespoons butter or margarine in saucepan; add mushrooms and-sauté until lightly browned. Blend in flour, mustard, salt, cayenne, and nutmeg. Gradually add milk and cream; cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and comes to a boil. Stir small amount of hot mixture into egg yolks; add to sauce. Remove from heat; stir in lemon juice, sherry, and lobster meat. Spoon into shells. Combine bread crumbs, cheese, and 2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine; sprinkle over lobster. Bake in hot oven (400°F.) about 15 minutes, or until crumbs are brown. Makes 6 servings 500 cal. per serving Source of Vitamins A,B,C

APPLESAUCE SNOW WITH CUSTARD SAUCE

Preparation time: 20 min. Chilling time: 1-11/2 hrs.

Preparation time: 25 min.

Dash of nutmeg 1 tsp. salt

2 egg yolks, slightly beaten

2 tbs. grated Parmesan cheese

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Dash of cavenne

Baking time: 15 min.

1 c. light cream

2 tbs. sherry

1 tbs. lemon juice

% c. fine bread crumbs

1 c. milk

1 tbs. unflavored gelatin k c. cold water

- 1 c. boiling water
- 3 tbs. cinnamon candies

1 c. applesauce

2 tbs. lemon juice 1/2 c. sugar 3 egg whites Dash of salt

*Custard sauce

• Soften gelatin in cold water. Combine boiling water, cinnamon candies, and gelatin in saucepan; heat until candies are dissolved; remove from heat. Stir in applesauce, lemon juice, and ¼ cup sugar; chill until slightly thickened. Beat egg whites and salt until stiff; beat in remaining ¼ cup sugar; continue beating until stiff peaks are formed. Whip slightly thickened gelatin mixture until foamy; fold in meringue. Turn into serving bowl or individual sherbets. Chill about 1 hour, or until firm. Serve with CUSTARD SAUCE. *CUSTARD SAUCE: Combine 3 egg yolks, slightly beaten, ¼ cup sugar, and ¼ teaspoon salt; add 2 cups scalded milk. Cook over boiling water, stirring constantly, 15-20 minutes, or until mixture coats a metal spoon. Cool; add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Makes 2 cups 200 cal. per serving

Makes 6-8 servings

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Sea Fare

Summer doesn't officially end until September is two-thirds over. But there's still time enough for one more dinner party on the porch or on the terrace. Elegant in appointments ... buffet-style for convenience ... and a menu that moves indoors for the months to follow.

Lobster Tails Thermidor Potato Puffs Broccoli with drawn butter Lime Sherbet Salad Applesance Snow with Custard Sance Coffee

Plump, tender chunks of lobster, rich in a cream sauce and lovingly served in their own shells, are the delicacy of this gracious buffet. COUNTRY STYLE

2 large tomatoes, cut in wedges 4 tbs. butter or margarine 12 eggs

Preparation time: 5 min. Cooking time: 15-20 min.

1/2 c. water or milk 1 tsp. seasoned salt 1 c. diced Cheddar cheese

• Sauté tomato wedges in butter or margarine in large skillet about 2-3 minutes. Beat eggs in large bowl to blend yolks and whites thoroughly; add water or milk, seasoned salt, and cheese. Pour over tomatoes; cook over low heat, gently lifting cooked portions from bottom and sides of pan with spoon or rubber spatula. Cook until set but still moist. Serve immediately.

Makes 6-8 servings

230 cal. per serving

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Country Style

Scramble

Aren't odd-hour feasts

the gayest of all? That's

all the more reason to

add your special touch

of genius to that gala

Sunday brunch or a spur-

of the moment midnight

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ENGLISH MUFFINS

1 c. warm (not hot) water

1 c. milk

2 tbs. sugar

l tsp. salt ¹/₄ c. shortening Preparation time: 2 hours Baking time: 30 min.

1 pkg. active dry yeast

OR: 1 cake compressed 6 c. sifted enriched flour (about) **Corn** meal

• Scald milk in small saucepan; stir in sugar, salt, and shortening. Cool to lukewarm. Measure water into large bowl (cool to lukewarm for compressed yeast); sprinkle or crumble in yeast. Stir until dissolved. Stir in lukewarm milk mixture. Add 3 cups flour; beat until smooth. Stir in enough additional flour to make a stiff dough. Turn out on lightly floured board; knead until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl; brush top with softened shortening. Cover with clean towel; let rise in warm place, away from draft. until double in bulk, about 1 hour. Punch dough down; divide in half. Roll out each half on board heavily sprinkled with corn meal, to a thickness of 1/4 inch. Cut into rounds with 3-inch cooky cutter. Cover; let rest on board about 30 minutes. Place on lightly greased, medium hot griddle, corn-meal-coated side down. Bake about 15 minutes, or until bottom is well browned. Turn and bake second side. Makes 24 muffins

129 cal. each Source of Vitamin A Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

snack. Maybe nothing will ever take the place of bacon and eggs for impromptu meals, but a few simple tricks can lend extraordinary glamour to this ordinary fare. Add a sample of cheddar cheese for flavor ... add rosy red wedges of ripe tomatoes for color, and remember not to scramble the eggs-please, Just gentle them about in the pan for that heavenly, fluffy look. Serve the slices of tender, tangy Canadian bacon and sizzling little sansages. And cap off your triumphs with crispy, golden English muffins you can blushingly admit you made 1883 & right from scratch.

Delicious way to start the day or end an evening: country style scrambled eggs, sausage and bacon, homemade English n



Laborless Day

We think that the time has come for a new name to be given to the annual holiday known as Labor Day. When Congress passed an act legalizing this celebration in 1894, the 8-hour day was just a wild idea and the word "labor" meant just that. Utopia was a future world populated by automatic washing machines, dryers, garbage disposals, electric dishwashers, vacuum cleaners and automatic furnaces that did all the work!

In 1894, "do-it-yourself" was the only way to get most things done around the home. No one had yet thought up the electric drill, the sander or the power saw. If you had told someone that he could wallpaper a room in less than eight hours, you would have been disbelieved.

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P.S. To receive a colorful decorating booklet entitled "Where, When and How to Use Wallpapers", send 10¢ in coin, together with this rectangle, to Dept. A-9, c/o this Company.

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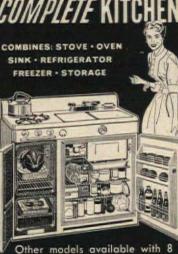
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How to make artichoke cups

Here's a practical way to serve this difficult-to-eat vegetable

ARTICHOKES can be eaten much more easily if, instead of serving the whole choke, you peel away the leaves and serve only the cups. Start by cutting straight across the artichoke about half way below the leafy tips. Then scoop out the prickly section (called the choke) in the fleshy heart.



Warren Reynolds



SURROUNDING THE PRICKLY SECTION you have just removed are green leaves with a pulpy flesh at the base of each leaf. Only this flesh and the pulpy center or heart are edible. So by carefully peeling away the green part of these leaves you reach the "bottom" or heart.



BOIL HEARTS IN WATER five to seven minutes or, what's even more delicious, in white wine. Serve with lemon butter or hollandaise. Or, drop a poached egg in the cup, top with a cheese or mushroom sauce.



ave you tried the catsup with the one extra spice?

ndma Snider used to cook up small batches of Snider's catsup in her sunny country nen. She'd simmer fat tomatoes in her copper kettle. When the thick red broth had cooled strained it carefully through fine cheesecloth.

n she put in precise pinches of onion and garlic, dark cloves, crisp celery bits and pimento y spice. She laced this work of art lightly with apple cider vinegar and sweet syrup. Now she added extra spice: A whisper of Capsicum, the red and yellow chili pepper with the bright skin.

follow Grandma's recipe with a strict conscience today. Sometimes we think we make er's too carefully when you tell us your grocer runs out of it too fast. But we won't change recipe or hurry the cooking. You wouldn't want us to. Neither would Grandma. Snider's the chili pepper catsup

TAKE A POUND OF GROUND BEEF

It's a great mistake, we think, to consider ground beef as a "just the family" meal or something to toss between a roll. "Lowly hamburger" can be the beginning of any number of temptingly delicious dishes. We show you six suggestions here. Take note particularly of the **Hamburger Stew De Luxe**, above—made lavish with mushrooms and flanked on one side with zucchini, on the other with tender baby carrots!

JUNE M. TOWNE

APRICOT MEAT LOAF. Apricots and beef are a provocative combination that makes this dish excitingly different. For a change, try baking your meat mixtures in ring molds, round or square cake pans, or pie pans. For individual servings, mold them into small loaves and bake on a cookie sheet.

> QUICK SAUERBRATEN now becomes an international favorite. For what could be more American than hamburger, or more German than sauerbraten? So delicious and so easy to make!

GROUND BEEF IN SOUR CREAM. TOMATO SAUCE will become a party dish once you've tasted it. The secret's in the delicious sauce.

> SPANISH GROUND BEEF adds another recipe to the hundreds of ways of making beef patties. These are unusual because of the green pepper, olive, and lemon slice topping.

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GROUND BEEF APPETIZERS will tempt the heartiest of eaters or the fussiest of nibblers. After browning carefully under the broiler, nestle the tiny morsels in a chafing dish to hold their heat until served.

RECIPES ON PAGES 51 and 52 Shopping Information, page 93

All-at-once Spaghetti! all in one pot, with Hunt's Tomato Sauce.

tomato at its cookin' best

ALL-AT-ONCE SPACHETTI

Works like a charm, this new recipe! You cook your meat, onions, and your spaghetti, all in the same pot - in spicy-rich Hunt's Tomato Sauce. Think of all the time you'll save, the pots you won't have to wash. And the flavor! With Hunt's ripe-tomato goodness cooked right in, it's wonderful!

- such as Wesson Oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1/2 lb. ground beef
- 11/2 teasp. salt Pepper to taste
- 2 8-oz. cans Hunt's Tomato Sauce 11/2 cups water 1/4 lb. uncooked spaghetti
 - (half an 8-oz. package)

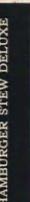
Heat oil in deep pot or skillet. Add onion, cook until soft. Crumble in beef. Stir and fry until meat loses red color. Sprinkle salt and pepper over. Pour in Hunt's Tomato Sauce and water; bring to boil. Break spaghetti in half; sprinkle in a little at a time, stirring it into sauce to keep it separated. Cover tightly. Simmer 20-30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve with cheese. Makes 3-4 servings.

Creative cooking comes easy with Hunt's Tomato Sauce. There are so many ways you can use it to brighten up your everyday cooking. For example, 2 cans of Hunt's plus 1 can of water makes a quick, basic sauce for 1/2 lb. of macaroni. Then add your own variations and seasonings. Look for new recipes too, on every can of Hunt's Tomato Sauce.

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APRICOT MEAT LOAF



Preparation time: 25 min. Cooking time: 20 min.

can (10½ oz.) condensed beef bouillon 1½ c. cooked, whole small carrots

11/2 c. cooked, sliced zuechini 2 ths. butter or margarine 1 ths. flour ¹₂ Ib. mushrooms, sliced

3 c. dry bread crumbs

lb. ground beef

2 tsp. grated onion

% tsp. pepper

I tsp. salt

2 ths. butter or margarine

2 ths. chopped parsley l c. milk

TO KEEP PLATE CLEAN while frosting a cake:

place strips of waxed paper on outer edges of plate, having strips extend beyond edge of plate. When cake is frosted,

gently pull strips from under cake.

• Mix together ground beef, ½ c. of the bouillon, bread crumbs, grated onion, salt, and pepper; shape into small meat balls. Sauté in 2 ths. butter until well browned. Remove until browned; blend in flour; add milk and remaining beef bouillon. Cook and stir over medium heat until mixture thickens and comes to a boil; add to meat mixture; heat tofrom heat; add cooked zucchini and carrots; set aside. Sauté mushrooms in 2 ths. butter gether thoroughly. Sprinkle with chopped parsley. Serves 4

Source of Vitamins A,B,C 630 cal. per serving

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SPANISH GROUND BEEF

QUICK SAUERBRATEN .

Preparation time: 15 min. Cooking time: 25 min. 2 ths. butter or margarine

tsp. mineed onion c. grated carrot (lb. ground beef s tsp. pepper tsp. salt

l can (1012 oz.) condensed beef bouillon 4 c. lemon juice c. water

8 gingersnaps, finely crushed

• Mix together ground beef, carrot, onion, salt, and pepper; shape into four patties. Brown well on both sides in butter in skillet. Add remaining ingredients. Cover and simmer, stirring occasionally, until sauce is slightly thickened, about 10–15 minutes. Serve with hot, buttered noodles.

Serves 4

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Preparation time: 15 min. Cooking time: 25 min. 1 tsp. salt 3 ths. butter or margarine 2 ths. flour

2 c. dry bread crumbs

3 tbs. milk

lb. ground beef

l can (l lb.) tomatoes

I c. sour cream egg ths. Worcestershire sauce

1 tsp. grated onion

and salt; shape into four patties. Brown well on both sides in butter in skillet; remove Mix together ground beef, bread crumbs, milk, egg, Worcestershire sauce, grated onion, from pan. Add flour to butter in pan; blend well; gradually add tomatoes and sour cream Return meat patties to sauce; cover and simmer about 10 minutes. **Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS**

750 cal. per serving

Serves 4

(pictured in color on pages 48 and 49) Source of Vitamins A, B,C

AMERICAN HOME RECIPES

510 cal. per serving

GROUND BEEF APPETIZERS

Preparation time: 10 min. Broiling time: 3-5 min. 18 tsp. pepper 2 tsp. salt

> 2 lb. ground beef tsp. onion juice Hamburgerettes: egg yolk

Catchup, cubes of Cheddar or blue cheese 5 slices white bread

• Mix together ground beef, egg yolk, onion juice, salt, and pepper; shape into 15 small meat balls. Cut bread into 15 1½-inch rounds. Place meat balls on bread rounds; make a

depression in each and fill with catchup or small cube of cheese. Place on cooky sheet. Broil in preheated broiler 3-5 minutes, or until browned.

Source of Vitamins A,B 80 cal. per serving Hamburger Triangles: Makes 15

I ths. chopped anchovy fillets

¹/₂ lb. ground beef

5 slices white bread c. chopped, drained water chestnuts 1/2 tsp. salt 3 ths. tomato juice

• Mix together ground beef, water chestnuts, tomato juice, chopped anchovy, and salt. Spread bread with meat mixture; trim off crusts of bread; cut each slice into 4 triangles. Place on cooky sheet and broil in preheated broiler 3-5 minutes, or until browned Makes 20

Source of Vitamins A, B, C **Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS** 60 cal. per serving

QUICK SAUERBRATEN

APRICOT MEAT LOAF

l c. chopped, dried apricots 2 c. dry bread crumbs 2 lbs. ground beef 2 eggs

2 ths. chopped parsley Baking time: 1 hr.

Preparation time: 15 min.

1½ tsp. salt ½ tsp. pepper

• Combine all ingredients and shape into roll. Place on greased, shallow baking pan and hake in moderate oven (350° F.) 1 hour. For glaze (optional): Mix together y_2 c. brown sugar and 1 tsp. water; heat until sugar is

melted; spread evenly over hot meat loaf.

460 cal. per serving Serves 8-10

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SPANISH GROUND BEEF

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Preparation time: 15 min. Cooking time: 30 min.

l tsp. Worcestershire sauce green pepper rings Sliced, stuffed alives **Dash of pepper** 4 lemon slices 4 onion slices 2 tsp. salt

14 c. finely chopped, stuffed olives

4 c. water

1 lb. ground beef

2 ths. butter or margarine tsp. grated lemon rind tsp. salt

c. catchup

2 c. water

salt; shape into 4 patties. Brown well on both sides in butter in skillet. Mix together catchup, ½ cup water, Woroestershire sauce, ½ tsp. salt, and pepper; pour over meat • Mix together ground beef, chopped olives, ¼ c. water, grated lemon rind, and 1 tsp. patties. Arrange 1 slice each of onion, green pepper, and lemon on each pattie. Top with olive slices. Cover and simmer 15-20 minutes.

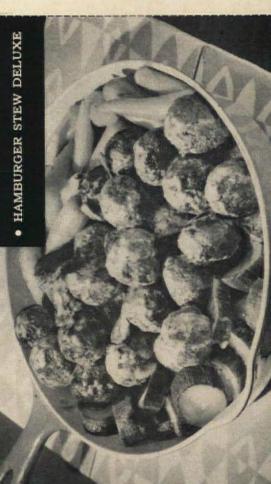
560 cal. per serving

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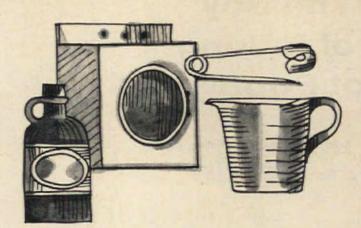
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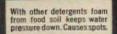
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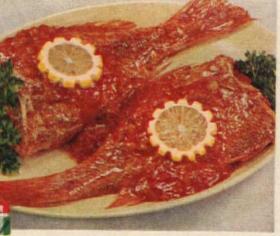
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Don McNeill (continued from page 24)

have it with the Don McNeill stuff, Dad. They're always nagging at me to be a master of ceremonies or something. Have you got any army jokes that will help me out?"

We were off the expressway now, driving down a quiet, tree-shaded street in Winnetka. Don turned into a driveway leading to a handsome Tudor house and stopped the car. It was a conservative stone house with a well-kept lawn shaded by tall old elms.

"It's an odd thing," Don said. "We live quietly out here, but on weekends when the weather is nice a steady stream of cars goes by with people pointing in our direction. It beats me. There's no name at the gate. I don't know how they know it's our house."

He led me to the front door. A miniature schnauzer was at Kay McNeill's side when she greeted us. There's no denying the Irish in Katherine McNeill's eyes—their green is set off by lovely gray hair, by a deep tan she has acquired from gardening and golf—and they twinkled when she smiled and said:

"Come in; I feel as if I've been waiting for you for days."

Kay has the trim figure and mature beauty women dream of for their middle years. She led me into the living room which was cool and restful in tones of aqua.

"It looks neat now, but you should see it when the boys are home. They were all here before Tom and Don went into service and you couldn't climb over it, much less walk through. But I left it that way because fun comes first and straightening up is not as important. Don and the boys never want me to change a thing or move anything—even a few inches—which is a pretty good in-



Small game table is built into the wall of Don McNeill's study. As it opens, it releases light switch for ceiling spotlight above table. When folded, the table is concealed in the matched-grain burled-birch paneling.



Recessed gun cabinet was designed by Don for wall of his study. Cabinet has sliding glass doors which are locked by locking narrow cabinets on either side. These hold fly rods, fishing tackle.

dication of how they feel about their home.

"We've really *lived* here for the last 14 years. You know, this may sound crazy, but we play horseshoes in the living room all the time. We've been doing it for years. It's limited to Don and Bob and me now, but when the other two are home we keep score every day and crown a champ every week.

"When we first moved into this house, Don and I debated a color scheme. We finally decided on a deep, rich burgundy for the living-room walls and carpeting in the living room and the hall stairway. We were so pleased and excited about it that we gave a big party to show our friends our new home. One of the first people to arrive walked into the living room and said:

"'Isn't this attractive! I love your puce walls.'

"Don and I spent the rest of the evening wondering what she meant by 'puce.' As soon as the guests left, we went to the dictionary and there it was: 'puce: purplish brown; wine colored.' We felt better about it, but I was glad when we got rid of our puce rugs. They showed every footprint. I could vacuum them twice a day and they still looked bad."

In the dining room, the McNeills have blended beige and gold in the draperies and walls and a handsome mullioned bow window frames the garden.

"You're going to think my kitchen is oldfashioned," said Kay, "and it is. But you must remember, I'm outvoted by four men in this house. The three boys grew up in this kitchen and they howl every time I suggest a change. In a way that's a nice compliment and I'm flattered just enough to go along with them." (continued)

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Don McNeill (continued)



Long, low bedroom wing follows contour of hillside and is separated by short stairways from cantilevered living area and recreation area below. Ventilating louvers give shuttered decorative effect.

Don was glad to serve as guide as we entered his study which is paneled in burled birch. "My father, still hale and hearty at 85, sent me this wood from Wisconsin. All this paneling was made from the burl of one birch tree. It was practically the last tree of its kind."

Don touched a spot in the paneling and smiled with satisfaction as he released a catch that turned on a ceiling spotlight over the fold-down gin-rummy table that came out of the wall. One wall was lined with books broken by a collection of gold and bronze trophies which had been awarded to the Breakfast Club for its part in everything from bond drives to community and charitable work.

"Sometimes those awards make me uneasy," said Don. "I mean they remind me I should try to do more. But Kay wants them there."

"I certainly do," she said. "There's too much modesty around this house. The boys came to me and said, 'Mom, we don't want to upset you, but would you mind putting all those high-school trophies down in the rec room?' It embarrasses them to have their friends see them. So they're all down in the basement. But I won't let Don hide his."

Kay pointed to a built-in gun cabinet. Behind glass doors were shotguns, rifles, pistols, and fishing rods. "He keeps this locked. If you open the door it all falls out on you. He won't even let me dust in there."

Don grinned. "You're apt to lose things and never find them again when somebody starts dusting."

With Kay, I visited the four main bedrooms, each with its meaningful keepsakes, like the original oil sketch of the "model American mother" in the master bedroom which was used for the painting Don commissioned artist Ben Stahl to do to depict the Breakfast Club's "Moment of Silent Prayer." And in the boys' rooms there were Japanese prints they had brought back from a world tour before going into service, and souvenirs of their days at Notre Dame. A set of bar bells that Bob uses for weightlifting doesn't exactly decorate the floor of his room. But they are important to him, and that matters more to Kay than appearances.

"Bob is the only one who is home now," she said, and he goes to college this year. I miss the boys; what I miss most is having someone bang open the front door and

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yell, 'Mom, hey Mom, where are you?' They never failed to do that; they knew I loved it. But I'm not going to start feeling sorry for myself," she said firmly. "To keep busy I've volunteered for work at Great Lakes Naval Training station and Fort Sheridan. They need people to read to hospitalized veterans and help out in many ways. On other days I'll go to the old people's home and take some of them for a drive and a little treat. I bowl in two leagues and play golf and fish with Don, so I'll keep busy."

Don heard the last part of our conversation as he came down the stairs and said, "You've heard of people who remember birthdays and are thoughtful about sending cheerful little notes when someone's in trouble? Kay's the one who does things like that. I'm the guy who promises. I'll promise you this: I'll take you two to lunch and we'll drive out to the lodge."

"It is better known as Himself's Hideaway," Kay said. "I suggested this name because Don's mother, who never quite lost her Killarney brogue, often called Don "himself."

The lodge is really hidden in a beautiful corner of rolling wooded country 40 miles northwest of Chicago. Eight years ago when Don was hunting for a weekend retreat within easy commuting distance of the studio, a realestate man showed him 45 acres of timber in the middle of which was a five-acre lake.

"When I saw that," said Don as we stood on a hill above the lake, "all I could say was 'where do I sign?' I could see this stocked with bass and bluegills, with the boys and myself able to get out here quickly and do a little casting whenever we wanted to. I could see a raft out there where we have it now, and a house that hung right over the water, with the lake and the trees as the view through two walls of glass. This is the sort of thing every man dreams about—and I'll say that the fulfillment has been every bit as good as the dream."

The lodge is a split-level, with four bedrooms, shower

rooms, a screened patio, and a "utility" room at ground level. Above this, the main room, a huge paneled family room ten feet high to its beamed ceiling, is so close to the water's edge that looking down from it Don can see fish in the shallows.

He pointed to a little island in the lake. "We made that by dredging out spots to make the water deeper for swimming and fishing. We have plenty of ducks and wild geese drop in on us here. And on those hills on the other side that's where the boys camp."

The "boys" are needy and underprivileged children from Chicago whom Don has played host to ever since he built Himself's Hideaway. Youngsters from Chicago Boys Club are brought out all summer; each group gets three days of supervised camping and swimming so that in the course of the summer everybody gets a turn. "Himself" doesn't sit in solitary splendor in his woodland retreat; his pride of ownership runs a poor second to the kick he gets out of seeing city kids dive into the lake or hook a fish for the first time. And if it gets a bit noisy at times?

"What noise? After all, we've raised three boys. It seems to me that the longer I go on, the simpler my viewpoint becomes."

e stretched his long legs and sank deeper into his chair. "I guess what I'm saying is, why knock yourself out too much when the net result is that when you're through you haven't anything left to enjoy it with. You're looking at a very lucky boy from Sheboygan who's not aiming to work up a snapping set of ulcers or a jittery heart.

"The big things in life are simple: the satisfaction of raising a family, watching the children grow, being part of their lives—and having them want you to be part of their lives. The greatest thing in life is to see what you've done growing up in your children—and to get some happiness out of what you do as you go along." THE END



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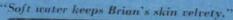
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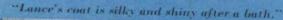
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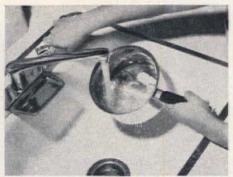
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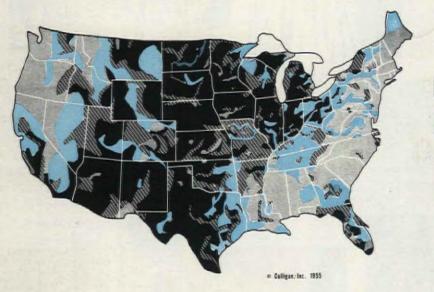
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got a surprise when they moved from the soft-water area of Atlanta, Georgia, to Cranford, New Jersey. They "put up" with hard water for two months, then installed a water softener.



David Thaxton keeps the family car in shining condition. Dirty white side walls quickly respond to a good sudsing, and chrome parts dry spotless after a soft-water rinsing. No arduous polishing here! Since the outside water taps are not connected to the softening system. David uses water from the basement. We were interested in a comment from David's mother regarding the difference she encountered after moving from a soft- to a hard-water area. "Why, after two months of using hard water, I'd forgotten what soap suds looked like."

Is hard water making hard work for you?



An unsightly ring around the tub after each bath, water spots on bathroom fixtures and wall tiles, spots and streaks on dishes and glassware, dingy laundry, scum deposited inside your washer, difficulty in getting a stand of suds with a normal amount of soap or detergent—these are sure-fire signs that the water you're using has hardness minerals in it. And these hardness minerals are making your homemaking job harder than it needs to be.

THOUGH SYNTHETIC DETERGENTS and water-softening compounds help combat the hard-water problem, you can improve it even more. No matter how hard your water supply is, today's modern water-softening equipment can give you a continuous supply of soft water throughout the house at a nominal cost.

HOME WATER-SOFTENING EQUIPMENT contains minerals which have a definite capacity for removing hardness. When they reach their saturation point these softening minerals must be regenerated with salt obtainable from your water-softener dealer. The frequency with which this must be done depends on the hardness-removing ability of the tank and the amount of water your family uses. Regeneration can be done automatically or, in less expensive models, manually. This map is a general guide to hard-water areas. Water hardness is measured in grains per gallon.

> Water varies from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ grains hardness in these areas and is considered soft.

> Moderately hard, from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 7 grains. Water above 5 grains should be softened.

Hard water in these areas ranges from 7 to 12 grains hardness.

Very hard, from 12 to 20+ grains. Such water causes serious housekeeping problems.

Water hardness may vary from one source to another within a general area. Your local water-softener dealer can make an analysis of your water supply.

FOR BEST RESULTS, it is advisable to soften both hot and cold supplies. If hot water only is softened, the soft-water benefits are somewhat reduced since cold water is usually added to hot for most household tasks. Many families find it economical to soften all water except that used in toilets. A softener can also be installed to bypass outdoor faucets supplying water for lawn and garden. The water softener is usually installed near the water service coming into the house. Most dealers charge for installation.

THERE ARE THREE DIFFERENT WAYS you can have a water softener in your home. We give approximate costs of each to help you decide which is best for you. Prices vary according to locality.

1. HOMEOWNED. If you wish to own your water softener you can buy one from a dealer. Most dealers offer installment plans. There are models available in varying degrees of automatic as well as manual models. Prices range from about \$150 to \$400.

2. RENTED. Most water-softener dealers offer automatic as well as manual models for rent. Families often prefer this method of enjoying soft water without (continued)



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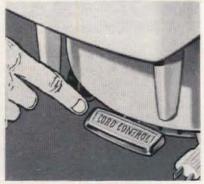
"A vacuum cleaner with a disappearing cord?"



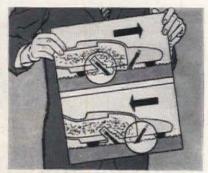
"You mean to tell me it actually winds up its own cord?" I asked the salesman.



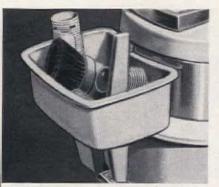
"Double-action unit adjusts automatically to clean deepest carpet pile or rugs, and bare floors, too!"



"It certainly does," he said. "You just press this foot pedal and the cord zips out of sight."



"TWO brushes, instead of one, clean on both forward and backward strokes, save you work."



makes it possible."

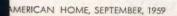
"Don't miss the handy CARRY-CADDY for attachments. Everything goes right with you."



I spotted the nice big foot-switch and almost clapped. "No more poking and fumbling," I said.



"And your hands never touch dirt ... just lift out and throw away the disposable bag, dirt and all."





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"It's the new General Electric CORD REEL Cleaner," he concluded. When I heard the price, I couldn't resist. Your favorite retailer would love to show YOU the new Cord Reel Cleaner. Why don't you let him? Soon.

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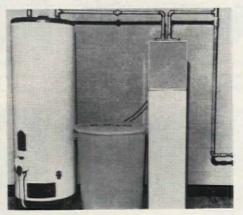
GENERAL 🏽 ELECTRIC

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THIS FIBER-GLASS SEMIAUTOMATIC UNIT may be rented or purchased. Salt is added through the top and an automatic timer controls the rest of the regeneration process. An automatic bypass supplies water while unit is regenerating.

THIS FULLY AUTOMATIC WATER SOFTENER on the far right could be installed in the laundry, kitchen, or near the water heater in the basement. The plastic salt tank holds enough salt to last for several months. It can be installed up to thirty feet away from the softener.



WITH A TANK EXCHANGE SERVICE, a regenerated water softener is delivered to your home at regular intervals, and hooked up by the dealer.



WATER-SOFTENING

COMPOUNDS are a great help to homemakers who do not have water-softening equipment. This automatic washer has a special compartment for dispensing the compound into the rinse water at just the right moment.

investing in equipment. Rates vary from approximately \$4 to \$6 per month, plus the cost of salt used for regenerating.

3. TANK EXCHANGE SERVICE. The homeowner can subscribe to this service from the dealer. At regularly scheduled intervals, based on the homeowner's soft-water requirements, the dealer exchanges the exhausted watersoftener tank for a fresh one. One exchange per month usually runs about \$3.50. Additional exchanges during the month cost less than the first. THE END

HOW HARD IS THE WATER YOU USE?

If you would like to make a simple test of the hardness of water in your home, just send a post card or letter asking for the kit that shows you how to test water hardness in your home to: The Dow Chemical Company, Chemicals Merchandising Dept., Midland, Michigan. It will be sent to you free of charge without obligation.

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PLAIN SQUARE COFFEE TABLE becomes extremely handsome when it is brightly lacquered and set off with a large round mirror which reflects its decorative accessories and echoes the mood of the room. Notice how much lighter the table looks with the space-making mirror.

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Drawings by Jeremiah Goodman



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This alert lady has noticed the name ... *Thermopane*... lightly inscribed in the corner of the windows of the model home they're inspecting. It's a familiar trade-mark of a company she knows and trusts.

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Magic With Mirrors (continued)

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this version of a Persian traveling mirror. Emeraldgreen lacquered lattice panels flare out at sides of plain mirror mounted on wall. It's an interesting wall treatment for modern chest beneath it.





A ROUND MIRROR teams up with a blackboard. Both are set in frame over a cantilevered drawer to dress up your kitchen. Wield your paintbrush to contrast or complement your tile and counter top.

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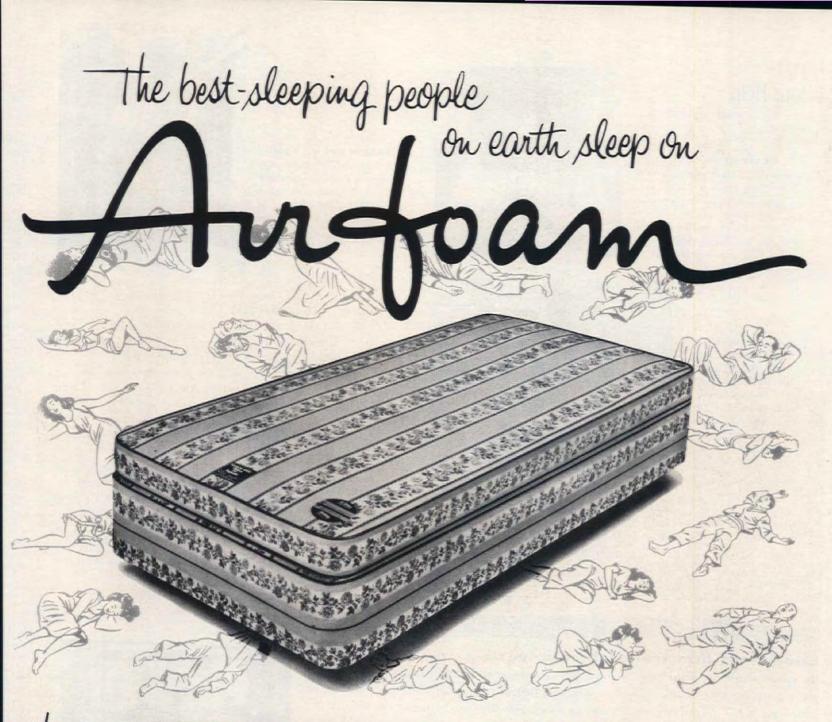
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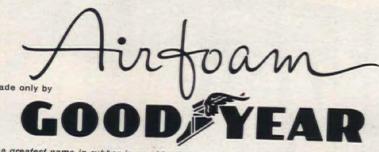


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24-Hour Help

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BABY SITTER in the home of Mrs. Irving Kaplan of Great Neck, New York, heard a strange noise in basement laundry, discovered water gushing from broken pipe. She phoned the home-service club number, which is pasted on the telephone.



BROKEN PIPE was repaired by the plumber before any serious damage was done. Home-service clubs are constantly answering calls like this all over the country.



AHA INSTRUCTED BABY SITTER how to turn water off, and dis-

patched a plumber to the Kaplan home. He is shown arriving at the same time as Mrs. Kaplan.

and offers national membership which is transferable to any of 23 cities.

Home Service Clubs of Dallas, Inc. offered 635 services and enrolled 2740 clients in their first nine weeks. "We'll tackle any job as long as it's legal and the client will pay the cost," says Jim Townsend, the 26-year-old president of Home Service.

"Today, there is either a home-service firm in existence, or one being formed in every major city in the country as far as I can see," Townsend reports.

A good example of how these home-service clubs operate is the Allied Homeowners Association. AHA is the brainchild of a young do-it-yourself enthusiast in Roslyn, New York. Living in an "all thumbs" suburb, Arthur Yeckes, an auto dealer, found himself constantly called on to do volunteer handyman work for neighbors.

Two years ago, he gave up the auto business and established the Allied Homeowners Association as a clearinghouse for homeowners in distress. Today, with 3000 members in the parent chapter and an estimated \$1 million worth of contractors' billings in only his second year of operation, the 35-year-old Yeckes is busily exporting AHA to harassed suburbanites throughout the country.

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Just since February, Yeckes has granted some 40 franchises from Florida to California, and by mail, wire, long-distance phone, and personal visits, he receives 1000 inquiries monthly. But the most significant endorsement is the fact that 95 per cent of his local members renewed after the first year. The reasons for this exuberant acceptance, Yeckes thinks, are twofold:

"First, with our 24-hour service, the homeowner feels that he is buying insurance. Have you ever tried to find a plumber on a Sunday morning when the house was being flooded? Or tried to persuade a repairman to make a call for a minor, but necessary, repair? Our members, especially wives of men who travel, or elderly couples living alone, rely on us for all kinds of protection. Even baby sitters dial us instead of the police to report prowlers!

"Second, so many people have been victimized by shoddy repair work and gouged by outrageous bills that, above all, they want reliability. Before paying, an AHA member signs a completion certificate that he is satisfied, and I personally inspect jobs of more than \$150. No contractor wants to risk losing all his AHA business by complaints of poor workmanship or exorbitant prices."

AHA offers the guaranteed services of 185 contractors, craftsmen, and specialized handymen, whose standing Yeckes has checked and double-checked through the Better Business Bureau, past customers, bank references, and other sources. Once satisfied, he gives them AHA business, charging a 10 per cent commission ($7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on work above \$100) and bills members monthly.

For the clients, whether it's a simple carpentry job or the remodeling of a bathroom, they enjoy a month's credit rather than payment on the spot before they know if they're satisfied. Then, just as there is only one phone number to dial in any emergency, there is only one itemized bill that they have to pay—and it contains no dismaying surprises.

The members have until the tenth of the month to pay (though on ambitious home projects they may be advised to get a bank loan) and they are dropped only if they haven't paid in two months. Yeckes has held such losses under one per cent.

For the contractor, there are dividends that make up for the commission he pays. With AHA's insignia on his trucks, he carries a seal of approval, and he feels assured of steady work.

Because of such advantages, the contractor is willing to pledge himself to accept emergency calls and minor business he might ordinarily ignore. AHA contractors must post their minimum charges: \$3 for the TV repairman, \$5 for plumbers, \$7 for air-conditioning service, and quote costs before a homeowner finds himself enmeshed in an unexpectedly expensive repair project. Best of all, he promises a good workmanlike performance.

By far the biggest headaches to the householder, Yeckes finds, are broken appliances such as washing machines, dishwashers, and dryers. Next is TV trouble. Every week Yeckes picks up small appliances that the dealers don't have time to call for, has them repaired, and then returns them to his members.

In many cases, Yeckes has found, the suburbanite needs help to carry through an overambitious, do-ityourself job that he has botched. One of his first clients was a man who almost broke his neck (continued)

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when he fell off a ladder while trying to repair the gutters.

Sometimes there are real emergencies. Once, for example, the sound of what apparently was a torrential downpour awoke an AHA member in Manhasset, New York. Sleepily, he got out of bed to close the windows and stepped into water above his ankles. A pipe had burst and flooded his ranch-style home.

At 4 A.M. he roused Yeckes, who instructed him where the shut-off valve was located, and then had a plumber on the soggy scene in half an hour. Next, Yeckes got the head of a cleaning company out of bed to get a contingent of mop-up men there by 9 A.M. At day's end, the house was almost normal again—walls washed, floors waxed, carpeting drying out.

Trouble follows the seasons. In winter there are shivering pleas for furnace men; during bad storms motorists call for snowplows (once AHA dug a surgeon out of his driveway in time for him to perform a scheduled operation). In spring, there's a rush of power mower trouble.

Whatever the weather, there is almost always a note of urgency in the calls. In Albertson, New York, an earlyrising factory owner discovered at 6 A.M. that he had lost his key to the plant, and his day shift was due shortly. Even at that hour, Yeckes located a locksmith within 30 minutes. A man stranded on his own front porch in Manhasset at 2 A.M., having broken the key in the lock, was similarly rescued.

Another crisis arose when a woman phoned from her office that she had seen a squirrel in her house when she had left that morning. And she said crisply that she would not set foot inside, when she came home, if the beast were still there. An exterminator trapped it during the day.

Yeckes' 50 daily calls usually involve such ordinary annoyances of living as jammed windows which handymen can promptly loosen, but, over two years, he has trouble-shot so many off-beat appeals that now he offers 250 services, encompassing almost anything to do with "the living of people in the home."

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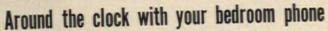
hese range from repairing mechanical controls to zippers, not to mention a dealer in obsolete plumbing parts and a specialist who restores porcelain to chipped tubs or sinks.

Far beyond the call of duty, AHA also offers: a square dance caller to entertain at parties; a painter who will do murals on your walls; a heavily masked bee expert who can lure away the queen—and with her the rest of the hive—from your attic or eaves; and a shut-in couple who specialize in restoring heirloom bric-a-brac.

In one instance, Yeckes prides himself that he may even have averted considerable neighborhood unpleasantness. The flock of a pigeon fancier chose the nearby home of an AHA member, who was not a pigeon fancier, as its roosting place. Yeckes was able to drive them off with a chemical that irritated their feet.

During the first year, AHA members spent an average of \$207 through their association for repairs, a figure that Yeckes estimates will rise to \$300 this year. According to Yeckes, this means that a city or suburban area of 35,000 to 50,000 is an economically feasible size for a home service club. Your own suburb may soon be only a telephone call away from "24-hour help for the homeowner."





9:30 a.m. A friend calls while you're straightening up the bedroom. How easy it is to reach for that nearby phone instead of running down the hall or the stairs! (And you can talk in complete privacy.)





2:15 p.m. Signs of a cold send you to bed. Your telephone couldn't be handier, or more useful. You can call the doctor or the drugstore, keep in touch with friends, have household business at your finger-tips. And all this convenience is pleasantly low priced.

Save Your Trees

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out a system of shade-tree evaluation applicable to all kinds of trees in all parts of the country. It recognizes seven regions of the United States and Canada and 50 or more shade trees suitable for each area. It also establishes five classes of trees, based on "quality" or "desirability" and on rate of growth, for each region.

Class 1 represents trees of highest quality and/or slowest rate of growth; Class 2, trees rated at 80 per cent of Class 1 value; Class 3, 60 per cent; Class 4, 40 per cent; Class 5, lowest quality and fastest growing, 20 per cent.

To allow for the physical condition of a tree (symmetrical growth, health, injury, etc.), the system adopts five percentage classes, ranging from 100 per cent for a perfect specimen, through 80 per cent, 60 per cent and 40 per cent, to 20 per cent for a tree in poor condition but still an asset rather than a liability.

As a basis of evaluation, the system assigns a value of \$6 per square inch of trunk cross-section at $4\frac{1}{2}$ ' above ground for a Class 1 tree in perfect condition.

ere's how it works: To find the square inches of trunk cross-section, make a king-size gauge or caliper and take a true measurement, in inches, of the trunk diameter at $4\frac{1}{2}$ ' above ground. Square this figure, that is, multiply it by itself. Multiply the result by 0.7854 to get the square inches of trunk cross-section. Multiply by \$6 to get the value of a Class 1 tree in perfect condition. Example: Say you find the trunk diameter to be exactly 20". Squaring this you get 400. Multiplying this by 0.7854, you get 314.2. Disregarding the ".2" and multiplying 314 by \$6, you get \$1884.

If the tree is in Class 3 (say a sycamore or weeping willow) rather than in Class 1 (such as an oak or a hemlock), you find 60 per cent of \$1884—that is, multiply it by 0.60—which turns out to be \$1130.

If the tree is not as well shaped as it should be, but otherwise is in excellent condition, so that you estimate it to be about 80 per cent of perfection, you multiply \$1130 by 0.80 and get \$904. Certainly a tree worth saving if at all possible!

In general, Class 1 trees for most regions include: the oaks, hard maples, beech, sweet gum, honey locust, littleleaf linden, ginkgo, hemlock, hollies, and some pines.

Class 2 trees for most regions include: birch, hickory, pecan, ash, walnut, tulip tree, hackberry, tupelo, eucalyptus, some maples, some pines, and spruces.

Class 3 trees: willow, sycamore, poplar, American linden, sassafras, horse chestnut, buckeye, redbud, and some kinds of pine, spruce, and false cypress.

Class 4 trees: wild cherry, black locust, mulberry, American elm (in disease areas), boxelder, catalpa, some maples, some poplars.

Class 5 trees: tree-of-heaven, butternut, pitch pine, silver maple, Siberian elm, Osage orange, chinaberry.

From the foregoing information you can get a reasonably good idea of what your trees are worth. But if you want a really accurate evaluation—say for a legal action (continued)



3:30 a.m. You sleep better through the night because you know that your bedroom phone is ready to summon ambulance or doctor, police or firemen. (If you wish, a dial light glows softly while you sleep—brightens when you lift the receiver. This feature is optional.)



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I enclose 25¢ in coin and end tab from a "Duco" Cement carton. Please send me 6 packets of Du Pont Car Wash.

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or for an appraisal-you'll of course have to know how the species are rated for your region and how the trees' "percentage of perfection" rates in the judgment of a qualified authority.

A recognized tree expert in your area, who is a member of the Arborist Association, can give you this information. If he is not a member, ask him for an opinion on your trees' percentage of perfection and send \$1 to the National Arborist Association, Wooster, Ohio, for a copy of "Shade Tree Evaluation."

f you need trees on your property, the chart at the top of pages 30 and 31 will give you an idea of the characteristic shapes and the rates of growth of some of the popular kinds. With the help of this, you'll be able to choose the right trees for the right spots on the basis of shape and growth-rate as well as "quality."

So if you want a fast-growing kind, choose a thornless honey locust, little leaf linden, or Moline elm, rather than a white oak, ginkgo, or walnut. If you want a slowgrowing tree, choose one of the last-mentioned three. And if you want something that'll never grow large, don't choose a shade tree at all, but one of the smaller-growing flowering trees, such as a dogwood, crabapple, or hawthorn, or a large shrub, like a lilac, Cornelian cherry, or smokebush.

When you plant a tree, do the job properly. If it's balled-and-burlaped or container-grown, dig the hole about 6" larger all around and about 2" deeper than the earthball or container. If it's a bare-root tree, unpack the roots to see how large the hole needs to be (a foot wider than the spread-out roots), but repack the roots and keep them moist and shaded while you dig the hole.

Loosen the soil at the bottom of the hole before setting the tree, at the same depth as it grew in the nursery, and mix some peatmoss with the soil you use to fill in the hole. Tamp the soil moderately firm with your feet as you fill in, but leave the surface somewhat loose. And shape the surface like a saucer, so as to hold water when it rains or when you water the tree.

Doak the soil thoroughly after planting, and water often enough to keep it constantly moist, but not soggywet, for the entire first year after planting.

Established trees, young or old, need a certain amount of routine care. In most gardens, where lawn and plants are adequately watered and fertilized, trees don't really need watering and feeding. They'll grow faster, however, if you give them an occasional good drink and a healthy meal with a subirrigator or root-feeder.

Serious insect and disease troubles are comparatively rare (except with a few species) and when you suspect them it's best to consult a reputable tree expert. Storm damage to large trees also should be handled by experts.

Prune recently planted trees lightly once or twice a year to remove damaged or dead twigs and branches and to promote well-spaced branching and symmetrical growth. When you remove branches, though, always cut them flush with the trunk or larger branch from which they're removed-don't leave stubs -and paint or spray the cuts with tree wound dressing.

If you have many valuable trees, a copy of "Tree Maintenance" by P. P. Pirone at \$10 (Oxford University Press, New York 16, N. Y.) is a good investment.

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Don't hit the trunk of a tree with a lawn mower, wheelbarrow, spreader, or anything else that may rip the bark. A gash in the bark of any tree, unless properly treated, can result in a cavity that'll greatly reduce its "percentage of perfection" and may ultimately doom it.

Don't light a fire anywhere near a tree. A fire under branches can kill limbs and spoil the shape of the tree and may also kill some of the roots. Near the trunk, it can kill a large part of the bark and perhaps kill the tree.

Don't use salt to melt ice under a tree, and don't dump any caustic chemicals, cleansers, paint, tar, creosote, oil, gasoline, or the like anywhere near a tree. They can kill the roots. And be careful with weed killers. Proper use of a selective weed killer, followed by removal of the weeds, will do no harm, but soaking the soil with a general herbicide or soil sterilant can be dangerous.

Don't for any reason put wires or cables around trees. They're likely to be forgotten and, with a few years' growth, can girdle the tree.

Don't let anyone hitch a chain or cable to a tree for anchorage when a windlass or block-and-tackle is used. In a few minutes it can rip off bark that'll take years to grow back—if it ever does.

Don't allow mulching material, leaves or other litter to remain around the trunk of a tree in winter. It's an invitation to mice and other rodents to nest there, and when snow restricts their feeding they're likely to eat off large areas of the bark of both trunk and roots.

And don't let children develop bad attitudes toward trees. With little hatchets they can do as much damage as careless adults with power mowers! THE END

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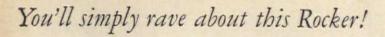
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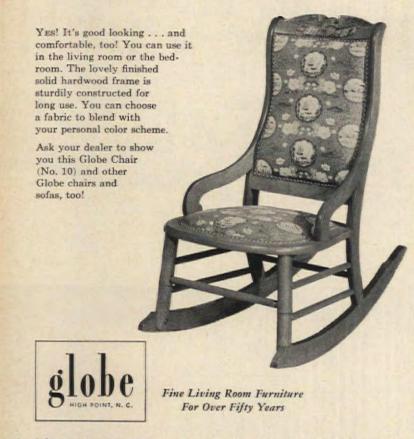




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Choose the Right Paint (continued from page 27)

weathered paint. If the previous paint is in good condition you can just prime the worn spots, let dry, and proceed with the finish coat. Alkyd and linseed base paints are recommended. Some house paints have a chalking quality that lets the paint clean itself when it rains. This chalking will stain masonry.

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WOOD SIDING SHINGLES House paint can be used on siding shingles, although the usual practice is to stain them with a pigmented, preservative stain.

WOOD ROOF SHINGLES A prepared shingle stain is preferable to paint because it is easier to apply, less expensive, and will not cause the shingles to warp as a result of uneven shrinkage stress between the two sides of the shingle. The stain should be quite thin and be applied evenly over dry shingles.

ASPHALT ROOFING Asphalt bleeds through many petroleumsolvent-thinned paints, but will not bleed through most water emulsion paints. Use a latex paint on asphaltfelt shingles and roll roofing. A white or a light color will reflect the sun's heat. There are also specially formulated colored aluminum asphalt paints that penetrate, restore, and seal old asphalt roofs. Aluminum particles in the paint reflect the sun's heat. Before painting make sure roof is clean and dry and the temperature not below 50°F.

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Homeowners are saying "Dutch Boy" is the "5-year house paint!"

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COPPER You can paint exterior copper surfaces in much the same way as galvanized metals. Use a prime coat of metallic zinc paint and follow with a coat of house or trim paint. If you want to preserve the natural appearance of the copper, clean it with one pound of copper sulphate to one gallon of water and rinse with clear water. Then coat with transparent spar varnish. Copper sulphate solution will also remove oil and grease when you are preparing to paint.

STEEL Prepare for painting by cleaning surface of oil and grease with naphtha, and removing rust with a wire brush. Prime steel with red lead or zinc chromate and finish off with a linseed or alkyd base paint. Paint should be applied liberally. THE END

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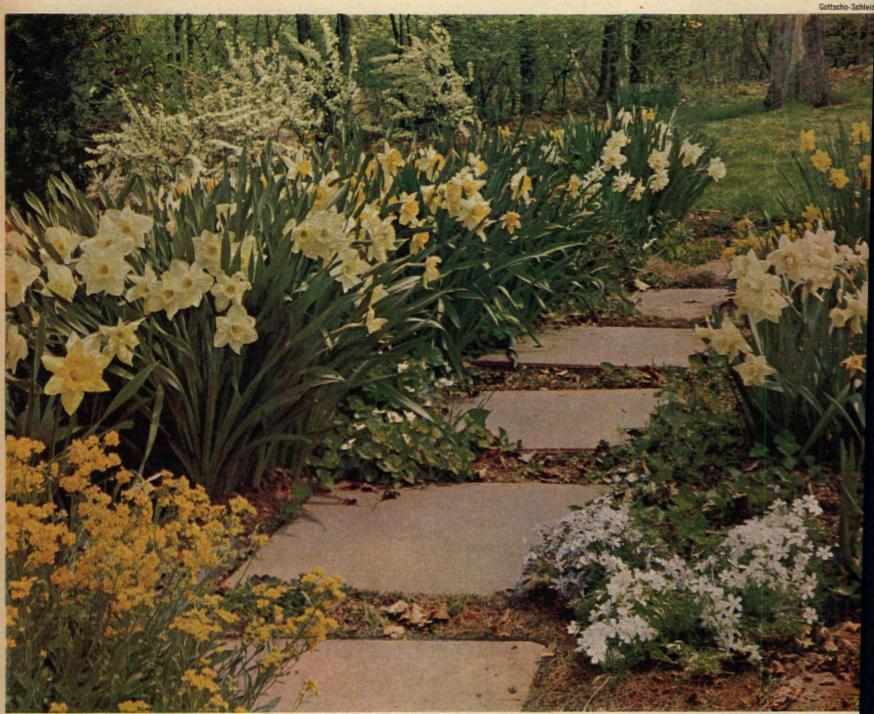
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EARLIEST OF ALL BULBS are the large-flowered snowdrops, nestled here at the base of a tree.

FOR NATURALIZING among broad-leaved or needle evergreens, nothing's more effective than the Spanish scillas or wood hyacinths (Scilla hispanica).



Spring can't come too soon! How many times a winter do you hear—or make—that remark? Well, then, choose some early-flowering bulbs right now, set them out in naturalistic plantings as soon as you can get them, and you'll see the first signs of spring sooner than you think.

In fact, if you're lucky to have a cool November, then a mild spell in December, you may see the first of them (large-flowered snowdrops) by the middle of January. In any case, unless you're in one of the coldest areas, the snowdrops will start the "early show" in February and other bulbs will continue it till the daffodils wind it up at the end of April.

"Naturalizing" means planting clumps or larger "drifts" of bulbs in spots where they'll greet you every spring, but will be out of sight and out of mind by the time their leaves wither away at the beginning of summer. Trees, shrubs, rocks, pools, and other "naturalistic" features provide appropriate settings. Or if you choose spots where you'd like flowers later on, you can overplant them with annuals, geraniums, tuberous begonias, or the like.

From first- to last-flowering, the "early" bulbs include: large- and small-flowered snowdrops (Galanthus elwesi and G. nivalis), early species of crocus, followed by the larger hybrids, winter aconite (Eranthis hyemalis), glory-of-the-snow (chionodoxa), Iris reticulata, Siberian scilla (S. sibirica); then come Spanish scilla (S. hispanica), spring snowflake (Leucojum vernum), summer snowflake (L. aestivum), grape hyacinths (muscari), the true hyacinths, and many kinds of daffodils (narcissus).

All these bulbs will last many years, and some will multiply or seed themselves steadily.



PLANT SMALL BULBS (most of the kinds mentioned above) about 4" deep, but winter aconites only 2" and glory-of-the-snow 3" deep. Bulbous iris, Spanish scillas, hyacinths, and summer snowflakes should all be about 6" deep, and daffodils, depending on bulb size, 8" to 10" deep.

Harry G. Healy



GRAPE HYACINTHS, in several shades of blue and purple as well as in white, show off to best advantage in large, irregular drifts. In fact, all the smaller bulbs snowdrops, crocus, chionodoxa, and such—are best planted in dozens, twenty-fives, or even hundreds. (Fortunately they're reasonably priced!) The exception, though, is the small rock-garden planting, seen only at close range, where even three or four bulbs can have a jewellike effect. HIDDEN LOCKS MEAN THE SAFEST ROOF PROTECTION

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Make these lamp shades with our specially designed kits

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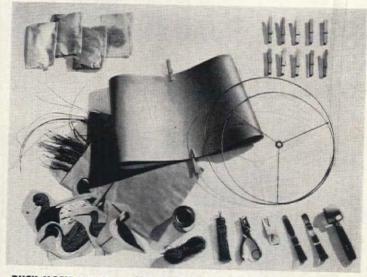
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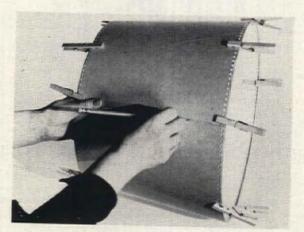
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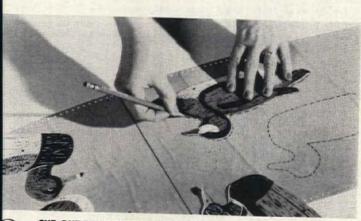
(pictured in color on page 88)



DUCK-MOTIF SHADE requires one basic drum kit, which contains instructions, special shade paper, ring set, adhesives, clamps, clips, roller, punch, needle, and twine; plus one duck-motif kit, which contains duck cutouts, grasses, and the background finishes.



DO NOT REMOVE brown paper shield. Punch holes along top and bottom of shade. Clip to rings. Draw a line on paper shield where sides lap over. Cut away this narrow strip, then replace in same position. Unclip.



CUT OUT DUCK MOTIFS. Then place the cutout motifs in position (see diagram in kit) on brown paper shield. Draw dotted outline around each motif. This will be used as guide for placement on shade. (continued)



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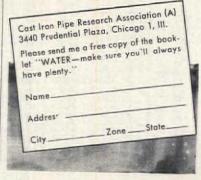
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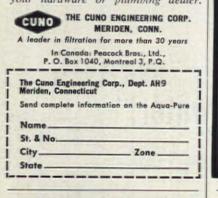
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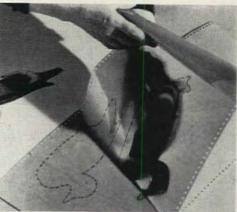


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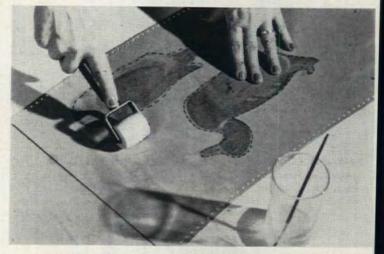
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PRESS ALL MOTIFS on very firmly. Be sure paper shield covers them with the shiny side down. Go over each motif with small roller to bond it securely to shade paper. Add grasses in same way, curving them into desired shapes. Brush over grasses with special adhesive.

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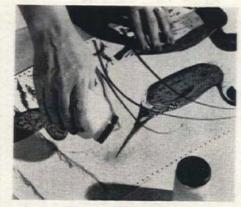
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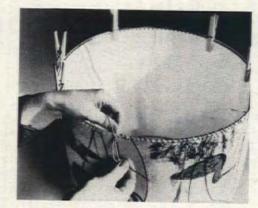


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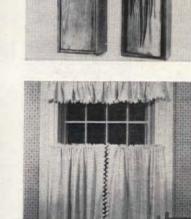
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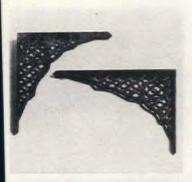
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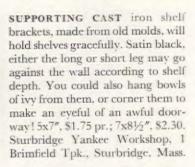
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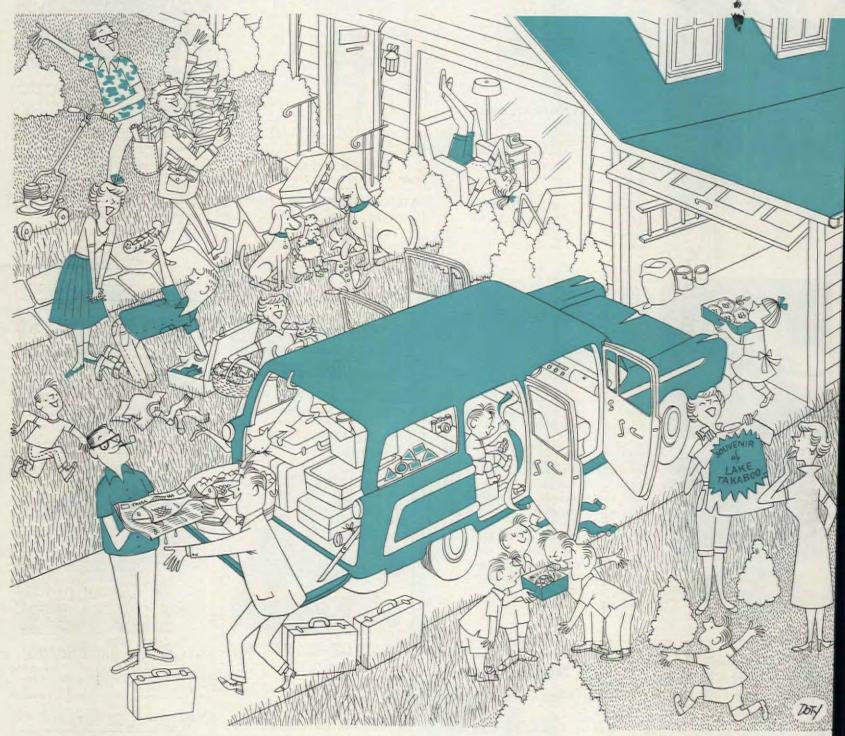


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September is no-nonsense, vacation's-over, pick-it-upand-put-it-on month. It's a wonder-full month ("I wonder who my new teacher is going to be"), a little misty for parents of first-graders and college freshmen—full of great expectations and new adventures.

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Potato Salad Lemon Date Sticks

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