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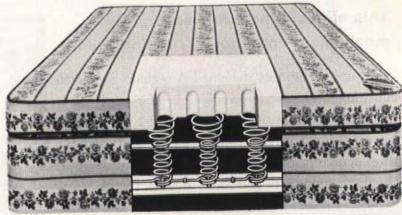
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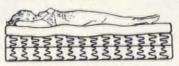
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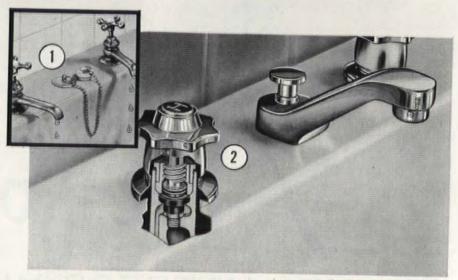
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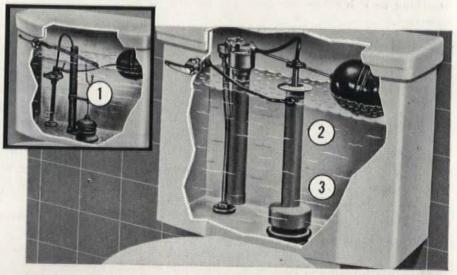
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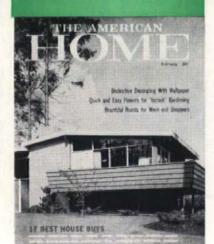
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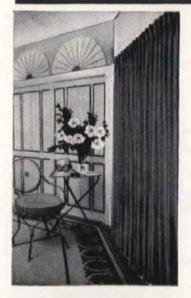
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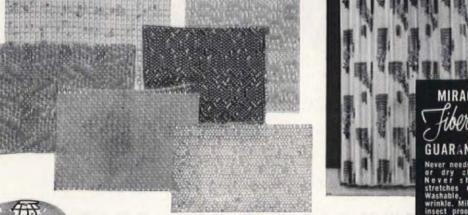
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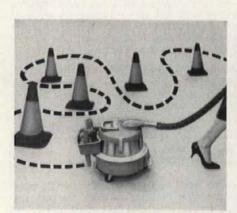
THE AMERICAN HOME, FEBRUARY, 1960



End cord storage problems forever! Pull out only what you need. When finished, just press the pedal and the cord is stored.

# A touch of your toe and the cord disappears!

No other cleaner gives you all these extra work-savers!



Easy to maneuver. New "Steer-Easy" Wheel lets your cleaner follow you at the slightest pull . . . steers easily around furniture and other obstacles without bumping or scratching. Rolls easily over thresholds.



New oversized foot switch eliminates bending down to turn the power on or off. Jumbo-size casters, too.



New suction regulator. Dial just the right amount of suction for rugs, draperies, or lamp shades.



New piggy-back caddy gives you the right attachment when you want it . . . where you want it.



Cleans rugs and floors. Adjusts automatically to both. Double-Action brushes cut cleaning strokes.

Try the General Electric Cord Reel Cleaner at your dealer's. Model C-7 in Glade Green and Chrome with de luxe set of attachments. Now, at your dealer's, a complete floor-care center: canister cleaners—upright cleaner, floor polishers. Vacuum Cleaner Department, General Electric Company, Bridgeport 2, Connecticut.

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# there's nothing like a handy extension phone!

When you're laziest or busiest, you can really appreciate a telephone at your fingertips.

Night-time or nap-time, you welcome the convenience, privacy and protection of a phone beside your bed.

Daytime and mealtime, you're grateful for

the step-saving extension on your kitchen wall.

Doesn't it make sense to put phones where you are—instead of running to reach them? Especially when they cost so little and come in such attractive colors? If the answer is "Yes," just call the Bell Telephone business office.

BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM





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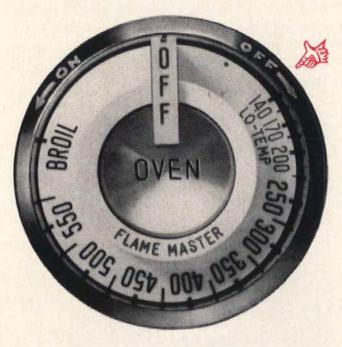
in new gas ranges

# DO MORE THAN

COOK

This dial sets temperatures that will keep food warm without overcooking

VIRGINIA T. HABEEB



new oven heat control on many 1960 gas ranges as standard equipment gives you greater flexibility in preparing family and company meals. With the oven control shown above, you can dial a selection of low temperatures never before possible in gas ovens. Until now, the lowest setting you could get was about 250° F. At this temperature, food continues to cook. Now, with settings of 140° to 250° F., you can keep foods warm for several hours without overcooking them. This new warming-oven feature brings you many added conveniences and gives you more freedom in meal planning. Note on the following page the ways this feature can help you cook for family and guests.

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

"We'd never be out here in California today, financially independent and happy, if it hadn't been for what happened back in Scarsdale the night of February 10, 1944. How do I remember the date? It was my fortieth birthday and Nell had got-ten tickets for 'Oklahoma!' to celebrate. While she was dressing that night, I sat in the living room, idly leafing through a magazine.

"I suppose any man feels kind of serious when he hits forty. Some-day we, Nell and I, wanted really to enjoy life. We'd always longed to move out where it was summer all year-buy a house in southern California-grow flowers and soak up the sun-have time for living.

But how could we? "I was already forty. We hadn't saved much, and I realized that half of my working years had gone. I had a good job and a fair salary. But we found it hard to bank anything. We seemed to spend money as fast as we made it. So I began to wonder: Must I always live on a treadmill, like so many others?

'As I turned the pages, an ad caught my eye and I started to read it. Strangely enough, it seemed as if the ad had been written just for me. There was, it said, a way for a man to retire on an income—with-out a big bank account. It was called the Phoenix Mutual Retirement Income Plan. With it, I could arrange to get a guaranteed income of \$300 a month, beginning when I

reached fifty-five. And it wasn't just an income for myself alone. The Plan actually provided for an income as long as either Nell or I

"Just as I finished, Nell came rushing downstairs, in a hurry as usual. But I stopped long enough to tear out the coupon at the bottom of the ad. I stuck it in an envelope and dropped it in the mail on our way to the theatre.

"Well, a while back, my fiftyfifth birthday arrived-and was that a celebration! I was all set to retire. And it wasn't long before my first Phoenix Mutual check for \$300 came in. So we sold the Scarsdale house and headed west.

"We're in a beautiful spot here, just right for us. And every month, right on the dot, the postman hands us another check. Security? Why, people. Our income is guaranteed for life!"

#### Send for Free Booklet

This story is typical. Assuming you start at a young enough age, you can plan to have an income of from \$50 to \$300 a month or morebeginning at age 55, 60, 65 or older. Send the coupon and receive, by mail and without charge, a booklet which tells about Phoenix Mutual Plans. Similar plans are available for women—and for Employee Pension Programs. Don't put it off. Send for your copy now.

### PHOENIX MUTUAL

Retirement Income Plan

GUARANTEES YOUR FUTURE

OVER 100 YEARS OF LIFE INSURANCE PROTECTION

FOR FAMILIES AND BUSINESS

Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co. 323 Elm Street, Hartford 15, Conn.

Please mail me, without obligation, your free 28-page booklet showing new retirement income plans.

Plan		Plan for	Women	

Date of Birth

Business Address\_ Home Address

### KEEP THE ROAST THE WAY YOU LIKE IT.

The roast won't be ruined even if guests are late. You can keep a roast for several hours at the degree of doneness your family likes without the meat drying out or shrinking. At 140° F. setting, for instance, a rare roast of beef will remain temptingly rare and juicy.



## CARVE THE MEAT AHEAD OF TIME if

you're having a crowd in for a buffet supper. Arrange it on the serving platter and keep it hot at a low temperature setting in the oven. To keep sliced meat moist, cover slices lightly with a damp tea towel or paper towels. If the meat is rare or medium, you can retain the pink coloring by putting the cut surfaces close together before covering with a damp towel.



## KEEP COMPLETE MEALS HOT FOR LATE-

COMERS without a hint of "steam table" flavor. Foods such as vegetables, gravy, and hot breads should be covered. Aluminum foil is a good covering if containers do not have lids. Leave whole meats, pastries, and casseroles uncovered. If you wish, food can be put in serving dishes before putting in warming oven-even rolls in a wicker basket lined with a linen napkin!



## SERVE HOT FOOD ON HOT PLATES. These

new temperatures make the oven an ideal plate warmer. There's plenty of room for serving dishes as well as plates. Use any setting 200° F. or lower. These temperatures will not harm fine china or most plastic dinnerware.

## THAW AND FRESHEN FROZEN BAKED

GOODS such as cakes, coffeecakes, pies, and rolls at the 170° F. temperature setting. Loosen the wrapping to allow ice crystals to evaporate, but don't remove or food may dry out. Baked goods will thaw three times faster than at room temperature.



### THAW UNCOOKED FROZEN FOODS IN A JIFFY AT THE 155° F. SETTING. Leave

wrapping on food while it is defrosting. Most foods need to thaw to the point where they can be easily handled. Thaw ground meat just enough to mix and shape it. Bulky items such as a turkey defrost quickly. An eight-pound one, for instance, thaws sufficiently for stuffing in about three hours. Do not refreeze after food has thawed. Be sure to cook immediately.



# Nobody takes such tender, lovin' care of you as Chevrolet

(and Chevy's cradle-soft ride shows it)

One ride in this new '60 Chevrolet will persuade you most gently that what we say is true. No other leading low-priced car coddles you with Full Coil springs at all four wheels. Or looks after your welfare with Safety Plate Glass in all windows, crank-operated ventipanes and dozens of other conveniences that make a car a comfort to own. Your dealer will be delighted to show you all the considerate ways Chevy has remembered you (without once forgetting about your budget):

Roomier Body by Fisher with a lower and narrower transmission tunnel that gives more foot room.

Pride-pleasing style (you'll like the way it combines good looks with good sense, that easier-to-load vacation-sized trunk, for instance).

New Economy Turbo-Fire V8 (makes friends fast by getting up to 10% more miles on a gallon of regular).

Widest choice of engines and transmissions (24 combinations in all—to satisfy the most finicky driving foot).

Hi-Thrift 6 (built, of course, with Chevy's ever-faithful dependability).

Coil springs at all 4 wheels (with the extra cushioning of newly designed body mounts, you've never had it smoother than you do in Chevrolet).

Quicker stopping Safety-Master brakes (another important reason Chevy's the kind of friend you can count on).



Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit 2, Michigan.





You can light either end!

# Get satisfying flavor...so friendly to your taste!

NO FLAT "FILTERED-OUT" FLAVOR!

See how Pall Mall's famous length of fine, rich-tasting tobacco travels and gentles the smoke-makes it mildbut does not filter out that satisfying flavor!

NO DRY "SMOKED-OUT" TASTE!

Outstanding... and they are Mild!







HERE'S WHY SMOKE ' TRAVELED" THROUGH FINE TOBACCO TASTES BEST

You get Pall Mall's famous length of the finest tobaccos money can buy.

Pall Mall's famous length travels and gentles the smoke naturally . . .

Travels it over, under, around and through Pall Mall's fine tobaccos ... and makes it mild!

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THE AMERICAN HOME PICTURE BOOK OF DECORATING—PART III

# WHAT A DIFFERENCE WALLPAPER MAKES!

ROBERT W. HOUSEMAN

Nothing works more quickly and beautifully than wallpaper to give your home a completely new and decorated look. Walls magically take on a new freshness. Suddenly, the whole house has an added feeling of warmth, color, and character. Luckily, the choice of patterns, textures, and colors today is as wide as the sky. You can find paper in perfect taste for little money. And for you who are wary of paste and bucket, many papers now come precut and prepasted. So there should be nothing to deter your imagination.

- Visualize, for example, a cherry red paper on the walls of your small dining room to accent the white walls of your living room.
- Use roses or yellow daisies in a patterned wallpaper to quick-change your daughter's bedroom into a thing of beauty.
- Try splashes of blue in your kitchen to relieve the whiteness of cabinets and appliances.
- Or use a bold plaid pattern in tartan colors to complement the contemporary furnishings in your family room. These, of course, are just thought-starters. There are many more on the pages that follow.

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stylized provincial Pattern in medium scale is good background for the Early American furniture in this small living room. Blue and orange accents in the room are picked from the wallpaper pattern, a good idea when decorating with wallpaper.

# PATTERN OVERHEAD

No need to confine yourself to the four walls. Try papering that important fifth wall—the ceiling—to show off your decorating talents. We give you three interesting variations here, but there's no end to what you can do.

■ A small documentary pattern will help enlarge a dormer room if you paper the sloping ceilings. ■ Try a sky blue wallpaper to give a powder room an airy look. Carry it from the top of the tiles up and over. ■ A wallpaper border at the ceiling line of your dining room will give the plain walls architectural interest. ■ Use a nondirectional wallpaper (one with a design that has no top or bottom) to camouflage the imperfections in any ceiling!



CANDY-STRIPED CEILING and scalloped border make this dining area a private pavilion. Use dinner plate as pattern for scallops, cut tassels from red adhesive-backed tape. Dado around area is same striped wallpaper.

IT'S RAINING ROSES in this feminine bedroom. If papering ceilings is too difficult, let a professional do it. You can add the cut-out roses at the corners for an arbor effect. Paint walls the background color of paper.

#### FLOWER-STREWN WALLPAPER

covers all the walls and continues up the sloping ceiling between beams in this functional kitchen and dining area of home. Fabric in the same pattern is used in the French-style curtains.









# TRY PAPERING ONE WALL

Wallpapering a single wall is a contemporary decorating idea and one that makes good sense. It's a trick that provides a colorful focal point for your windows and furniture settings...it can also give a square room added architectural interest and remove the boxlike look. Remember to repeat some of the colors of the paper in the furnishings for perfect harmony. Study the rooms here to see if you can adapt the ideas to your own home. Or try these:

■ Give character to a small bedroom by papering the wall behind the headboard with an appealing hobby-pattern paper.

■ Don't overlook murals as a beautiful wall-sized picture in your dining room.

■ Draw attention to your fine antiques by placing them against a wall papered with a damask design. ■ Use a floral pattern on a wall with evenly spaced windows; have curtains in a pastel color.



BRIGHT PANELS of wallpaper relieve the monotony of a long, narrow hall or dress up a wall area in spaces too narrow for furniture. Wallpaper is priced by the single roll, usually comes in double or triple roll.



DOCUMENTARY PRINTS in wallpapers are suitable for informal and provincial rooms. The small-scale design, used in this dining room with correlated fabric at the window, is a charming one-wall decorating treatment. Other walls in room are painted.

## BEGIN WITH WALLPAPER

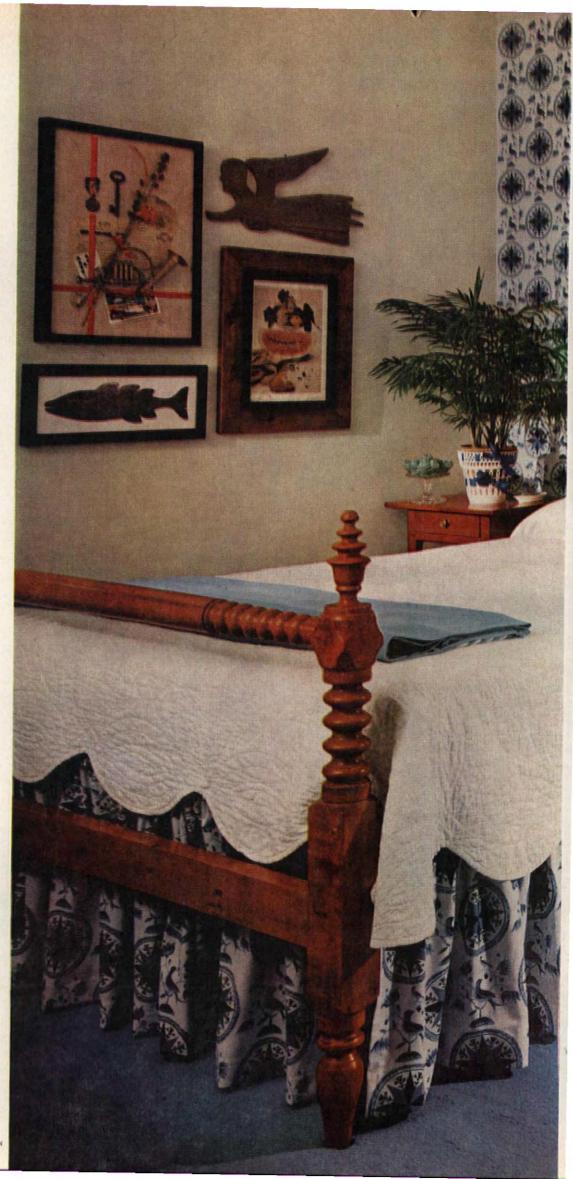
A distinctive wallpaper design can very well start you on your way to an entire decorating scheme. For wallpaper can help identify a room with a period or style and determines whether it is to be formal or informal. Using wallpaper as a take-off point, you can often find correlated fabrics in the same design. Used as window treatments, these fabrics can create an uninterrupted feeling of space; in slipcovers or upholstery, a unity of design that ties the whole room together. ■ Always repeat one or two of the wallpaper colors in the plain fabrics of the room or use the background color for any painted wall. Be gay-even flamboyant-in your choice of paper for spe-

cial-purpose rooms—bathroom, powder room, breakfast room. Be subdued and

subtle in your living room and bedrooms.

HYDRANGEA BLOSSOMS grow to dado height in this dining area off a living room. They also cover the plywood cornice above the window.

WALLPAPER INSPIRED the decorating scheme in this small bedroom. Correlated fabric is used for cornice and café curtains, and for the dust ruffle around the bed.





THEODORE A. WESTON

# Want an instant garden? Grow annuals

If you want color around your garden—and need it fast—get going on a garden of annuals!

Right this season you can start with bare ground and load your whole place with beautiful flowers so it will look as if you've been gardening for years.

You can choose the right colors and heights for a foundation planting or for beautifying an outdoor living area. You can obtain any effect you like in flower beds and borders. Or you can plant a manyflowered cutting garden that'll keep you supplied with bouquets and arrangements all summer long.

You can get all this from annuals, not only in less time, but with less effort and expense than with any other flowers.

Here are ten of the best all-round annuals for you to try this year. The seed for all ten will cost less than \$3. Now's the time to send for catalogues and make selections.

Black-eyed Susans and 'Gloriosa' daisies (hybrid forms of rudbeckia) are bright, gay flowers for growing where good-sized, vigorous plants are needed. They grow 2-3' high (some kinds taller) and come in various shades of yellow, bronze, coppery-purple, mahogany. Sow indoors or out.





Portulacas are the most attractive groundcover annuals for hot, sunny locations. They grow only 6" or so high, with attractive succulent foliage, and have beautiful little double or single flowers in several shades of red, pink, yellow, and white. Sow outdoors in April in their flowering location.

Snapdragons are tops for cutting as well as for garden effect. Their flowers grow in spikes and come in all colors except blue. Most varieties grow 2-2½, miniatures less than 1', and giants up to 3½. Start seed indoors late this month or early next, or in coldframe toward end of next.





Zinnias are husky, easy-to-grow annuals and include more colors and flower types than any others; hence, they're among the most popular. They come in all colors but blue, both brilliant and pastel. Flowers are from less than 1" to over 6" across. Heights, 1-4'. Sow indoors or out.

Petunias probably are most people's favorite annuals-both because they flower so profusely and because they come in so many flower types and colors. These are the medium-sized balcony type; there are also a smaller-flowered dwarf type and largerflowered ruffled and fringed types. Seed is very fine; start it early indoors or in a hotbed or coldframe.



Marigolds are among the most rugged and easy-to-grow annuals-also brightest colored. The large-flowered, tall, African type comes in yellow, gold, and orange shades; the smaller, shorter, French type in the same colors plus rich dark red and mahogany. Sow outdoors.







Ageratum is the best lavender-blue edging plant, though it also comes in white and pink, and it can be used also for bedding or accent planting. The lowest-growing kinds are 3-4" high, the tallest 15-18". Start seed early indoors or in coldframe.



Asters are among the best cut-flower annuals besides being first-rate garden plants. They include many shades of red, pink, purple, lavender, blue, and white; flowers are 11/2-5" across in several types; plants, 15"-21/2'. Sow indoors in March or outdoors in April.



Cockscomb has fantastically striking flowersvelvet-textured, wavy, curly masses up to 12" across. Besides red, they come in salmon, gold, bronze, and greenish tones. They range from 1-4' tall. Best to start seed indoors during March.

Tithonia 'Torch' grows about 4' high and has big, heavy leaves, so it's one of the best annuals to use as a background or as a "hedge." The fiery

orange flowers are strikingly attractive and fine for cutting. Start seed indoors or in coldframe.

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#### Annuals (continued)

Growing annuals from seed to full bloom

You get quick results from annuals because, as the name implies, they complete their whole life span in one season—grow, flower, produce seed, and die. A few nonhardy perennials (including snapdragons, salvia, and miniature dahlias) flower almost as quickly, and so they're grown as annuals by gardeners and are listed with annuals in catalogues.

The way to get quickest possible results with annuals is, of course, to buy flowering or ready-to-flower plants at a florist or garden supply store in May. That's *really* instant gardening! But it has its drawbacks. It costs a lot more money and you'll find a much smaller selection to choose from at a garden store than in a seed catalogue. Most important, you'll miss all the fun of actually raising your own plants!

In the pictures here, you see how to start annuals from seed—indoors, in coldframe or hotbed, or in the open ground—and how to plant them and take care of them throughout the season.

You can start all annuals outdoors in April or May. But to get the slower-growing kinds into flower as early as possible it's best to start these a month or two earlier indoors or in coldframe or hotbed.

#### HOW TO START ANNUALS INDOORS



Fill a flat (shallow box) three-quarters full with topsoil; cover with ½" of vermiculite or ground sphagnum moss.



Level off vermiculite or sphagnum and tamp firm. These hold moisture better than soil and are disease- and insect-free. Buy them at seed stores.



Make rows for seeds by pressing a thin slat into vermiculite or sphagnum. For most seeds, rows should be \( \frac{1}{2}'' \) to \( \frac{1}{4}'' \) deep and \( 2'' \) apart.



Sow seeds \( \frac{1}{8} \)" or so apart in the rows by holding packet as shown and tapping side lightly with forefinger.



Cover seed by gently leveling off vermiculite or sphagnum with hand. Very fine seed (like petunia or begonia) is best sown on surface and not covered.



After sowing, water flat carefully with fine spray and stand in sunny window. Check surface each day and water often enough to keep it just moist.

#### HOW TO START ANNUALS IN COLDFRAME



Sowing is easier in a coldframe than indoors and can start two to four weeks earlier than outdoors. With an electric cable to make it a hotbed, you can start two months earlier.



Simplest method is sowing directly in coldframe soil (left), but sowing in flats or flower pots (above) makes it easier to use coldframe later for transplanted or potted seedlings.

#### TRANSPLANTING: FIRST TO FLATS. . .



Transplant seedlings from seed flat when they're about this size. Easiest method is to plant about 2" apart into other flats of topsoil.



Use dibble or planting stick to make hole and press soil around roots. Keep flats in window or sunroom. Use liquid plant food.

#### THEN TO GARDEN



Set plants in garden when frost danger is past. Take care to save all roots and plant at same depth as when in flat.

#### TRANSPLANTING: FIRST TO POTS. . .



Try transplanting into 21/2" pots instead of flats if you have space in windows or sunroom. Here's how to pot seedlings.



Press soil firm in pot with thumbs and forefingers. Stand potted plants in trays or flats and keep in full sunlight.

#### THEN TO GARDEN



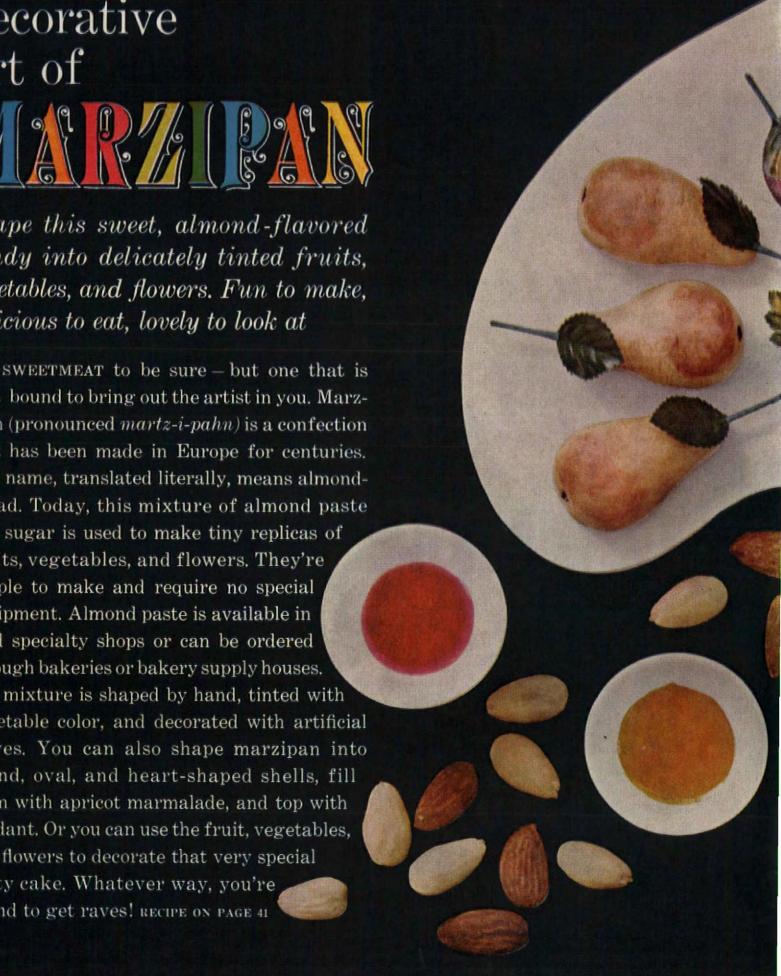
Set pots in position before planting. To de-pot, hold upside down, stem between fingers, and tap rim on a wood surface.

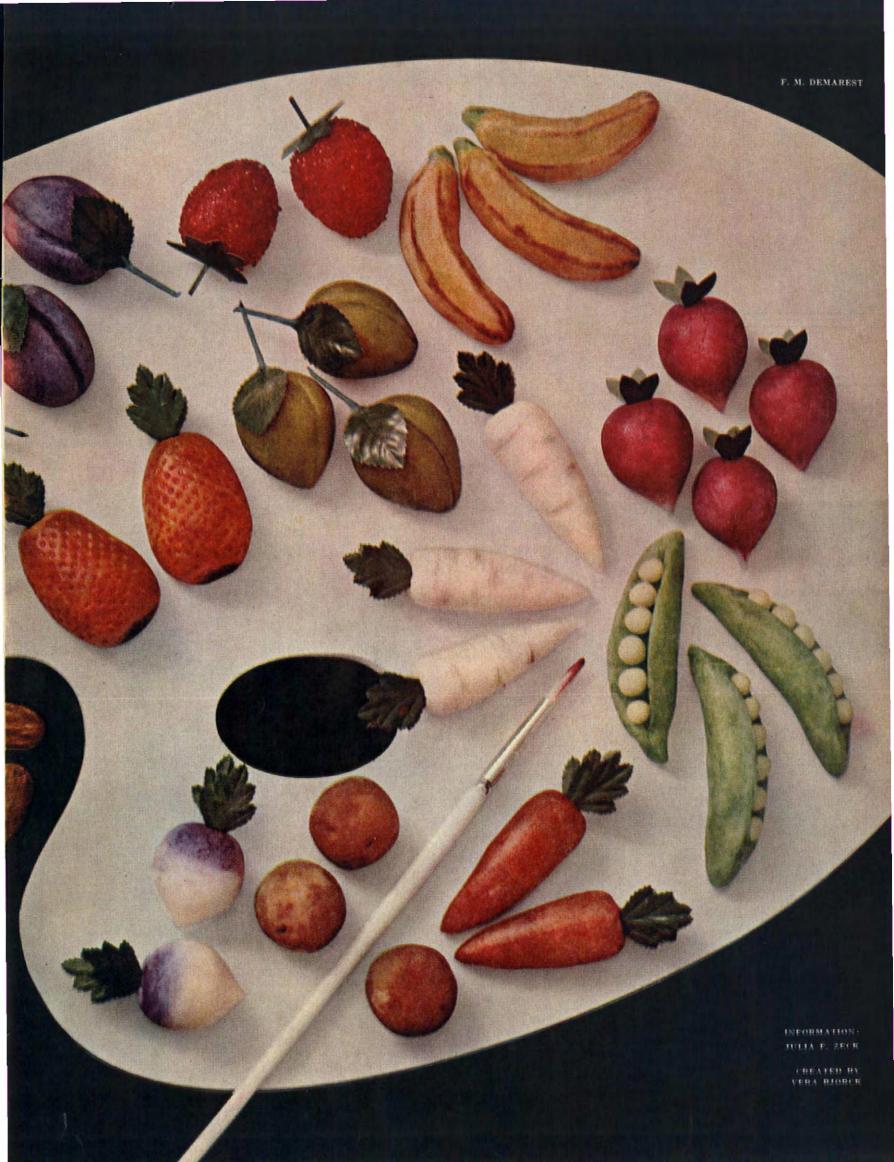
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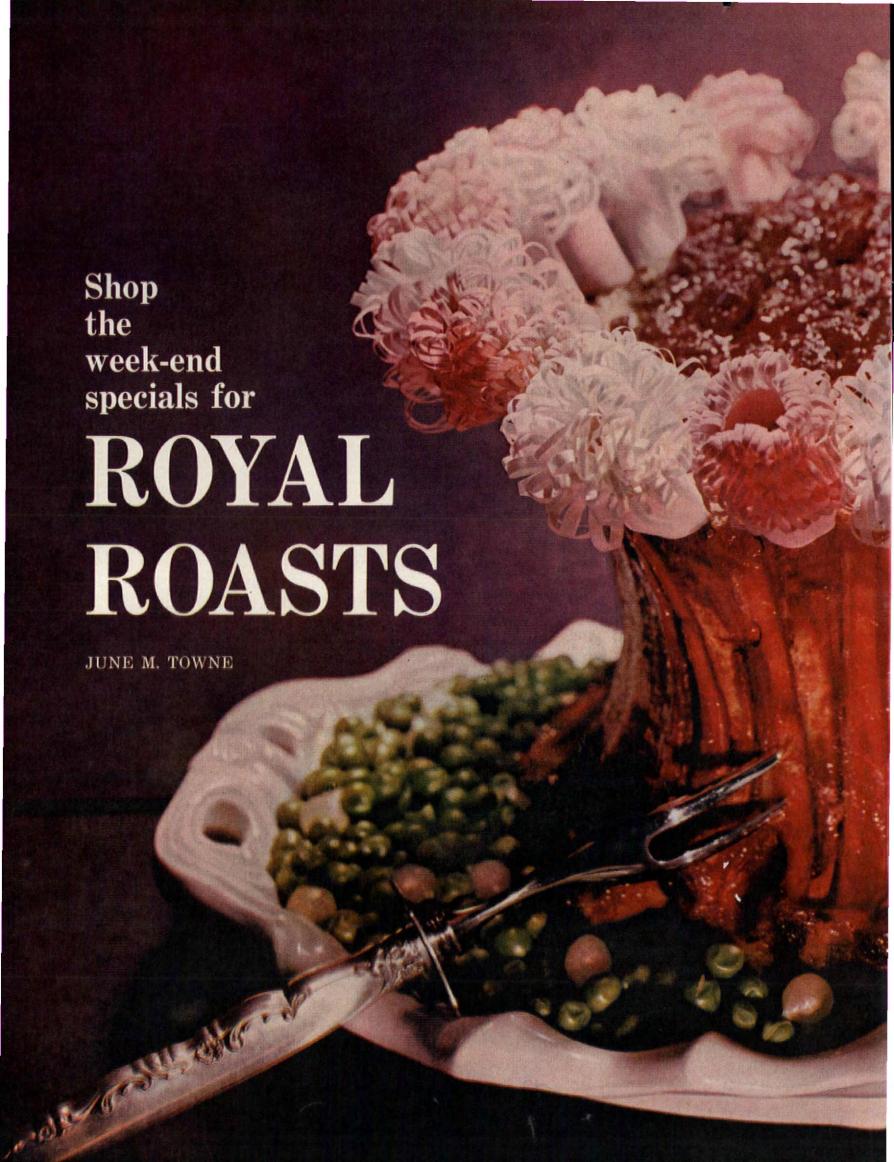
Shape this sweet, almond-flavored candy into delicately tinted fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Fun to make, delicious to eat, lovely to look at

1 bound to bring out the artist in you. Marzipan (pronounced martz-i-pahn) is a confection that has been made in Europe for centuries. The name, translated literally, means almondbread. Today, this mixture of almond paste and sugar is used to make tiny replicas of fruits, vegetables, and flowers. They're simple to make and require no special equipment. Almond paste is available in food specialty shops or can be ordered through bakeries or bakery supply houses. The mixture is shaped by hand, tinted with vegetable color, and decorated with artificial leaves. You can also shape marzipan into round, oval, and heart-shaped shells, fill them with apricot marmalade, and top with fondant. Or you can use the fruit, vegetables, and flowers to decorate that very special party cake. Whatever way, you're

bound to get raves! RECIPE ON PAGE 41





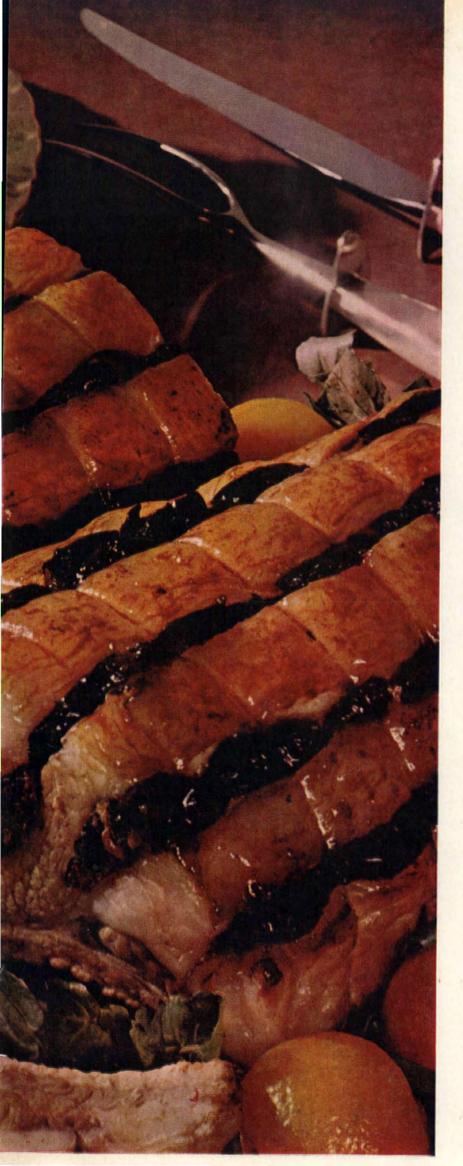












## Royal Roasts (continued)

We're all for a bit of matchmaking when it comes to roasts. The succulent flavor of the pork roast at left, for example, is further enhanced when stuffed with prunes. The cartwheel design is made by cutting four one-inch slits lengthwise in each loin. Prunes are rinsed in warm water, cut in halves with pits removed, and then placed in the slits with the cut side down. Our veal shoulder (far left) also takes on added flavor when stuffed with a mixture of onion, celery, mushrooms, pimiento, and crushed crackers and then basted with a barbecue sauce.

#### TIPS ON BUYING AND STORING ROASTS

HOW MUCH TO BUY. Count on  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound per serving in boneless meat,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pound when the bone is left in. With meat that is bony, better allow  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 pound per serving.

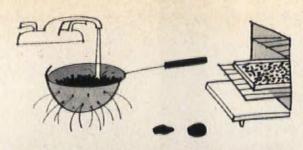
BUY BY GRADE. There's a big difference in the quality and tenderness of meats depending on the grade. The better the grade, the more tender the meat. If you've never bought top-grade meat, try it to convince yourself that it is worth spending a little more money on. Fresh beef, veal, and lamb may carry a government stamp grading these meats as prime, choice, good, commercial and utility. Although this is not required by law, it is a service offered by the Department of Agriculture to packers. Most meat packers also stamp their own grades on beef, veal, lamb, cured meats, and on some special cuts. Terminology may vary slightly among packers, but the grades are comparable to the government stamp. Packaged meats such as ham, bacon, sausage, frankfurters, and meat loaves carry a packer's stamp. Fresh pork is seldom graded because there is less variation in the quality of this meat.

STORING MEAT IN REFRIGERATOR. All fresh, cured, and cooked meats should be kept in the refrigerator (36° to 40°F.) and used as soon as possible. Canned hams (5 pounds and over) must be refrigerated, as indicated on the label. Do not wash the meat. It will keep better if surface is not damp. Rewrap each kind of meat loosely, or keep it unwrapped in the ventilated, covered meat tray. Packaged meats such as ham, bacon, sausage, and franks are best kept in the package in which they were purchased. STORING MEAT IN FREEZER. Be sure all meat is wrapped properly in a freezer wrapping before freezing. Wrappers on meats sold from self-service meat cases give sufficient protection for freezer storage periods of 1 to 2 weeks only. For longer periods, over-wrap with proper freezer wrapping material. Packaged meats purchased frozen should be kept frozen and placed in the freezer in their original package.

HOW TO USE A MEAT THERMOMETER. A meat thermometer is the best test for doneness of a roast. Insert the point of the meat thermometer into the center of the thickest part of the meat, not touching bone. As the meat roasts, the thermometer indicates the internal temperature of the meat.

# Royal Roasts

(pictured in color on pages 28-33)



PLUMP SEEDLESS RAISINS by washing and spreading them in moderate oven until raisins puff up and lose their wrinkles.

# SHOULDER OF VEAL SAVORY STUFFED

can (3 oz.) mushrooms, drained 1/2 c. butter or margarine 2 tbs. chopped onion ths. diced pimiento c. diced celery

1 tsp. grated lemon rind

I tsp. crushed rosemary Roasting time: 2½-3 hrs.

Preparation time: 25 min.

3 tbs. bottled barbecue or meat sauce 3-4 lbs. veal shoulder, boned c. crushed salted crackers e. chicken stock\* I egg yolk

tie securely. Insert meat thermometer; brush outside of meat with barbecue or meat sauce. (If roast has little fat covering, lay several thin strips of salt pork or fat bacon on top.) Place on rack in roasting pan; do not cover; do not add water. Roast in slow oven Heat butter or margarine in large skillet; add celery and onion; cook until tender; add mushrooms, pimiento, lemon rind, and rosemary; stir in crackers, chicken stock, and egg yolk. Open veal shoulder, cut side up; spread stuffing almost to edges; roll up veal; (325° F.) 21/2 to 3 hours, or until meat thermometer registers 180° F.

Fold

Source of Vitamins A,B \*Or use I chicken bouillon cube or an equivalent amount of granulated chicken bouillon, 750 cal. per serving dissolved in 1 cup hot water.

Makes 6 servings

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS

Preparation time: 30 min. Baking time: 1¼ hrs.\*

1 tsp. grated orange rind 4 tsp. salt

ham, butt or shank portion

(about 7 lbs.)

4 c. melted butter or margarine

l can (83 oz.) pineapple tidbits, drained 3 c. mashed yams or sweet potatoes

potato mixture. Shape remaining potato mixture into petals with spoon or pastry bag; press three pineapple pieces around each petal; spoon remaining 2 tbs. melted butter or margarine over potato top. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 15 minutes, or until crust is lightly Remove from oven; turn oven to hot (400° F.). With sharp knife, remove all rind and rind, and salt in large bowl; beat until well blended. Frost entire surface of ham with fat from outside of ham. Combine yams, 2 tbs. melted butter or margarine, egg, orange Place ham, cut side down, on rack in roasting pan. Bake in slow oven (325°F.) 1 hour\* browned.

\*If you use a cook-before-eating ham, cook according to directions on wrapper; remove rind and fat and follow directions above.

Makes 10 to 12 servings

Tested in THE AMERICAN HOME KITCHENS 861 cal. per serving

Source of Vitamins A,B,C

Preparation time: several hrs. Cooking time: 2-3 hrs.

MARINADE OF ROUND

MARINADE OF ROUND

c. butter, margarine or other fat 1½ c. red wine & c. water

Cornstarch 6 lbs. bottom round of beef

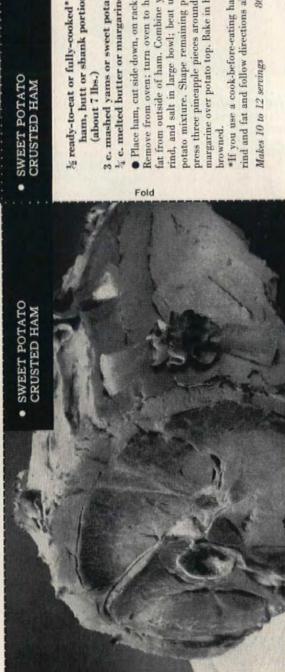
meat thermometer in center. Roast in moderate oven (350° F.), basting frequently with basting through the roasting.) Remove meat to heated platter; keep warm. Measure pan uices and any left-over marinade; thicken in roasting pan, using ½ tbs. of cornstarch for each cup of liquid. Spoon over meat on platter; serve with boiled new potatoes and peppercorns, vinegar, wine, and water; let stand several hours turning meat occasionally. Brown meat on all sides in fat, in heavy pan; place meat on rack in roasting pan; insert marinade, 2 to 3 hours, or until meat is done as you desire; rare 140°F.; medium 160°F.; well done 170° F. (If there is not enough marinade add water to pan juices and continue • Wipe meat with damp cloth; rub with salt; place in large bowl. Add onion, bay leaf, 2 tbs. tarragon vinegar carrots, if desired.

Makes 8 servings

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SAVORY STUFFED SHOULDER OF VEAL



whole peppercorns large onion, sliced

large bay leaf

4 Souper ways to vary your

# VEGETABLES!





Souper Scalloped Potatoes. Blend 1 can Cream of Mushroom Soup with ½ to ¾ cup milk, dash pepper. In buttered 1½-qt. casserole, arrange in alternate layers: 4 cups thinly sliced potatoes, 1 sliced small onion, sauce. Dot top with butter; sprinkle with paprika. Cover; bake at 875° F. 1 hr. Uncover; bake 15 min. more. 4 to 6 servings.



Souper Glazed Carrots. In saucepan, cook 2 tbsp. chopped onion and 1 tbsp. chopped parsley in 2 tbsp. butter or margarine about 5 min, Add 8 medium carrots, cut in 1 to 1½-inch pieces, 1 can Consommé, dash nutmeg. Cover; cook over medium heat 25 min. Uncover; cook 20 min., till carrots are tender, sauce thickens and forms glaze. 4 servings.







souper Creamed Broccoli. Campbell's cream soups nake delicious sauces for vegetables... meats, too! Take Campbell's Cream of Celery Soup. In a saucepan combine can with ½ to ½ cup milk. Heat, stirring now and then. Serve over cooked broccoli, or string beans, or most any vegeable to give it added good flavor. Makes about 1½ cups sauce.



Souper Lima Bake. Cook 4 slices bacon until crisp; drain and crumble. Brown 1 large onion (chopped) in bacon drippings; mix with 1 can Campbell's Tomato Soup, 4 cups drained cooked lima beans, and bacon. Spoon into 1½-qt. casserole; sprinkle top with buttered bread crumbs. Bake at 375° F. about 30 min., or until crumbs brown. 6 servings.



# Royal Roasts

(pictured in color on pages 28-33)

FOR FLUFFY, PUFFY MERINGUE, separate when they first come from the refrigerator, but allow whites to stand at room temperature before beating them.

PRESLICED RIBS OF BE

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• Have butcher saw meat into 1/2- to 3/4-inch slices; put slices back in original order; tie securely; insert 2 long skewers the length of meat. Place on rack, fat side up, in roasting

2 tbs. Worcestershire sauce

% c. bottled meat sauce

½ c. catchup

4-rib (about 8 lbs.) standing rib roast of beef (7-inch cut)

4 c. butter or margarine

Preparation time: 10 min.

or gristle. Melt butter or margarine in small saucepan; stir in catchup, meat sauce, and Worcestershire sauce; simmer 10 minutes to blend flavors. Roast meat in slow oven

(325° F.), basting with sauce every half hour, until meat is done as you desire:

140° F. on meat thermometer

160° F. "

2½-3 hours 3-3½ hours 4-41/2 hours

> well done medium

pan; insert meat thermometer in center of meat, making sure tip does not rest on bone,

PRUNE-STUFFED LOIN OF PORK

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Remove meat to heated platter; remove string. Serve with any remaining sauce; garnish

935 cal. per serving

with mushrooms, if desired.

Makes 10 servings

Preparation time: 25 min

½ tsp. pepper I can beef bouillon

2 center cuts pork loin 18-24 large prunes l tsp. salt

pound. (Pork must be well done with no tinge of pink.) Baste pork occasionally during Trim excess fat from meat; wipe with damp cloth. Make four 1-inch-deep cuts lengthwith salt and pepper. Place pork, fat side up, on rack in roasting pan; insert meat thermometer through fat side into center of roast; don't let it touch the bone. Roast pork in slow oven (325°F.) until thermometer registers 185°F., about 35 to 40 minutes per roasting with bouillon. Remove meat to heated platter; cut and remove string. Make gravy: Pour off fat from roasting pan into small bowl. For each cup of gravy desired wise in each loin. Rinse prunes in warm water; cut in half; remove pits; insert halves cut side down, into slits; tie meat securely at intervals with clean white string; rub mea

Makes 10-12 servings

add I cup water.

1201 cal. per serving

measure I tablespoon of fat into roasting pan; stir in I tablespoon flour; gradually

Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and

comes to a boil. Be sure to loosen and include the brown bits from the pan. Season

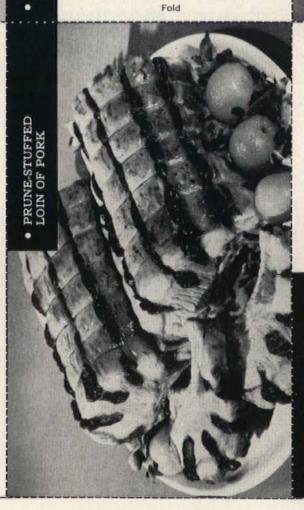
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CROWN ROAST OF LAMB

CROWN ROAST OF LAMB

Fold

make a crown. A small crown may contain 7 chops and weighs 3 to 4 pounds. A double piece of loin (double crown) has 14 chops. Have the roast prepared by the butcher, allowing 2 ribs per serving. Be sure the backbone is cut off, so the roast may be carved easily. Ask the butcher to remove center of the meat and chop it. Cover the top of each Measure the chopped meat; prepare half as much packaged bread stuffing according to package directions; mix meat and stuffing. Place the crown, rib bones up, on rack in between ribs into center of thickest part of meat, man sure sure for until meat ther-Roast in slow oven (325° F.) allowing about 40 minutes per pound, or until meat therrib bone with a piece of salt pork or aluminum foil to prevent charring during roasting. mometer registers 180° F. Baste top of stuffing and sides of ribs occasionally with heated currant jelly. When roast is done, place on heated platter; remove salt pork or foil from Crown roast of lamb is made from the loin and rib chops, requiring enough ribs to roasting pan; spoon meat-stuffing mixture into center. Insert roast meat thermometer ribs; top each rib with chop frill.



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## **Instant Mashed Potatoes**

Marzipan (pictured in color on pages 26 and 27)

(pictured in color on pages 38 and 39)

TO PREPARE SOFT BREAD CRUMBS, pull day-old bread into crumbs with fork or fingers. For dry bread crumbs, remove crusts from stale loaf and dry bread thoroughly in slow oven. Crush with rolling pin or put through food grinder or blender.

> 2 tbs. minced parsley eheese

Preparation time: 20 min.

CHEESE SPUDNIKS

POTATO SALMON PUFF

Baking time: 10 min.

I envelope (1/2 pkg.) instant dry,

c. crushed corn flakes mashed or whipped potatoes or I pkg. instant frozen, 11/2 c. boiling water 2 tsp. salt

parsley. Cut six 1/2-inch cubes of cheese (use remainder another time). Divide potato mixture into six equal portions; press a cheese cube into each; shape into balls. Dip potato balls into melted butter or margarine, then into corn-flake crumbs; place in shallow baking 1/2 c. melted butter or margarine 1 pkg. (8 oz.) process American in medium-sized saucepan; beat

dish. Bake in hot oven (400° F.) 10 minutes, or until brown.

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Makes 6 servings

255 cal. per serving

POTATO-STUFFED MEAT ROLL

> I egg, beaten 1/2 tsp. salt

mashed or whipped potatoes

11/2 c. boiling water

envelope (1/2 pkg.) instant dry,

or I pkg. instant frozen,

I can (4 oz.) sliced mushrooms

Preparation time: 20 min Baking time: 15-20 min. e. cooked or canned peas

tsp. curry powder

1/2 c. butter or margarine

3 ths. flour

CURRIED POTATOES CHICKEN PIE WITH

2 tsp. crushed rosemary

11/2 c. chicken stock\* 2 tsp. seasoned salt

1/2 c. light cream

\*Or use 2 chicken bouillon cubes or an equivalent amount of 2 c. cooked, diced chicken

 Melt 3 tbs. butter or margarine in saucepan; stir in flour, salt, and rosemary; gradually stir in chicken stock. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens. Stir in cream, chicken, mushrooms, and peas; spoon into baking dishes. Add curry to potato mix; beat rapidly Press through pastry tube to make border; drizzle remaining butter or margarine over it. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 15 to 20 minutes, or until potatoes are browned into boiling water in saucepan; beat in egg, salt, and 3 tbs. melted butter or margarine granulated chicken bouillon, dissolved in 1½ cups hot water.

304 cal. per serving

Makes 6 servings

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c. light cream Dash of pepper I tsp. salt

3 ths. chopped parsley

mashed or whipped potatoes

or I pkg. instant frozen,

 Sauté onion in butter or margarine in medium-sized saucepan until tender; add stock; through; do not boil. Sprinkle with parsley; serve hot. (Soup may also be chilled and simmer 15 minutes. Add potatoes, salt, pepper, and cream; simmer gently until heated served cold.)

\*Or use 3 chicken bouillon cubes, or an equivalent amount of granulated chicken bouillon. dissolved in 3½ cups hot water.

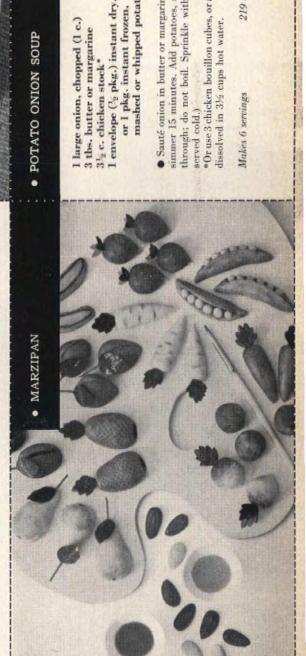
Makes 6 servings

219 cal. per serving

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# Instant Mashed Potatoes (pictured in color on pages 38 and 39)

Marzipan (pictured in color on pages 26 and 27)

POTATO ONION SOUP



3 c. soft bread crumbe ½ lb. ground pork 2 ths. minced onion

l tsp. salt Dash of pepper

1½ lbs. ground beef

Preparation time: 20 min. Baking time: 11/4 hrs.

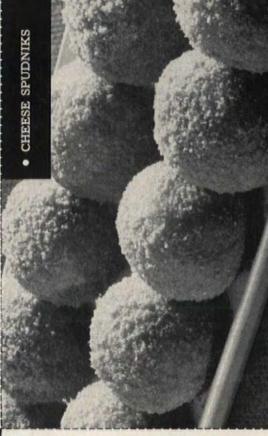
MEAT ROLL

4 c. instant dry, or 3 c. instant frozen, mashed or whipped potatoes 2 c. water

toes; stir in I egg. Turn mixture out on wax paper; carefully shape into cylinder about 10 inches long. Place meats in large bowl; add onion, bread crumbs, salt, pepper, and I egg; mix lightly. Pat out on wax paper to a rectangle 10x12 inches; place potato cylinder in sealed side down, in shallow baking pan. Bake in moderate oven (350° F.) 114 hours, or Blend soup and water in medium-sized saucepan; heat to boiling; beat in instant potacenter; bring ends of meat carefully up over potato; press lightly to seal edges. Place,

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RECIPE CALLS FOR SOUR MILK? If you've none on hand, add 1 table-

spoon of lemon juice or vinegar

to 1 cup of sweet milk and let stand for 15 minutes.

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CURRIED POTATOES

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I can (about 10 oz.) cream of vegetable soup

This may also be made using 2 lbs. ground ham in place of beef and pork. 514 cal. per serving until meat is done as you like it. Makes 8 servings

POTATO SALMON PUFF

Preparation time: 20 min.

Baking time: I hr.

I pkg. instant frozen, mashed l envelope (1/2 pkg.) instant dry, or or whipped potatoes 1½ c. boiling water 1/2 c. milk

drained, boned, and flaked

1 ths. grated onion 1 ths. lemon juice I tsp. seasoned salt

1 can (73 oz.) salmon,

 Combine water and milk in medium-sized saucepan; beat in instant potatoes; stir in egg yolks, parsley, salmon, onion, lemon juice, seasoned salt, and pepper; blend well. Gently fold in stiffly beaten egg whites; turn mixture into lightly buttered 2-quart casserole. Bake in slow oven (325° F.) about I hour, or until puffy and golden brown.

3 egg whites, stiffly beaten

g tsp. pepper

3 egg yolks, beaten 2 tbs. minced parsley

Makes 4 servings

227 cal. per serving

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MARZIPAN

slab; stir in sugar, 1 cup at a time, until mixture holds its shape. (Add more sugar if necessary.) Knead on board or marble slab until smooth. Cut or break off small pieces; shape into various fruits and vegetables; let stand several hours or overnight to form a Dilute vegetable colors and paint fruits and vegetables with artist's brush to resemble actual ones. Roll strawberries in red sugar after painting. Apply leaves where needed

Mix almond paste,

I tsp. vanilla

crust before painting. To make potatoes, leave marzipan unpainted and roll in cinnamon

while marzipan is still soft and pliable.

Makes 6 to 8 dozen pieces

marshmallow, and vanilla in large bowl or on marble

6 c. sifted confectioners' (powdered)

1 tsp. ground cinnamon

Vegetable coloring

14 c. bottled marshmallow topping

g c. light corn syrup

Ib. almond paste

Artificial leaves

(pictured in color on pages 26 and 27)

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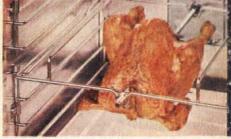
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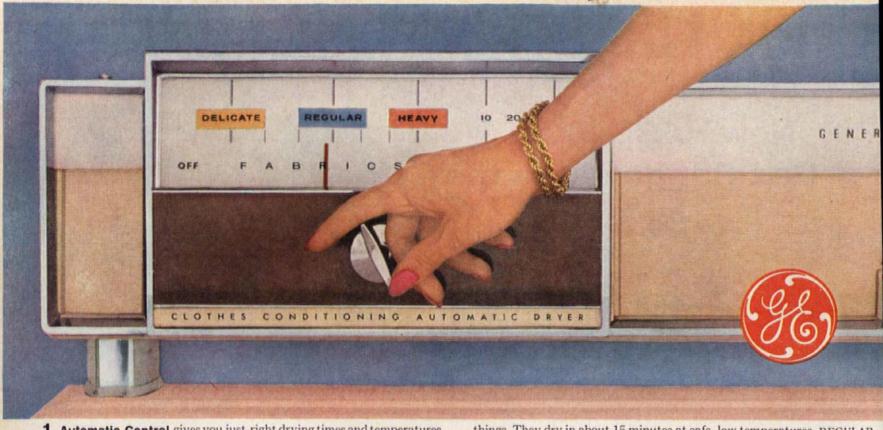
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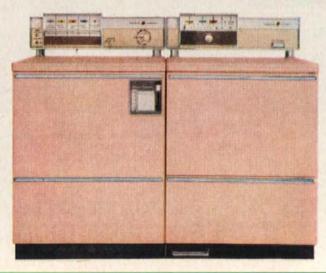
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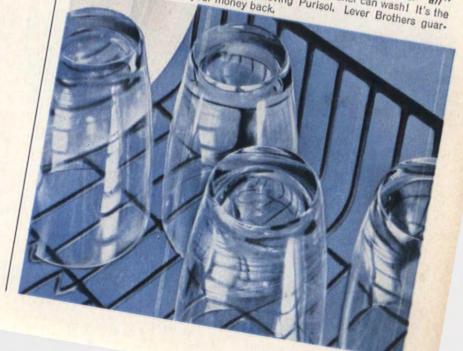
# Take a Package of Instant Mashed Potatoes (pictured in color on pages 38 and 39)

with clean towel. Let rise in warm place, away from draft, about 45 minutes, or until golden brown.
until golden brown.
sake in moderate oven (350° F.) 30–35 minutes, or CLOVER LEAF ROLLS: Shape dough into 12-inch roll; cut into 12 equal pieces into 3 small balls; brush with melted butter or margarine. Place 3 balls in each oven (350° F.) 15 to 20 minutes, or until golden brown. ning at wide end; seal points firmly. Place on greased baking sheets, was in seal, about 2 inches apart; curve to force on greased baking sheets, with points firmly. Place on greased baking sheets, with points under margarine. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) 15 to 20 minutes, or until golden brown. Tested in The American Home Kitchens CRESCENTS: Roll dough into a circle about 9 inches in Use reserved 15 of dough 1

smooth and elastic, about 5 to 8 minutes. Place in greased side is up: cover with clean towel. Let rise in greased bowl; turn dough over so rolls. Roll out remaining 25 of dough on lightly floured bown; cut off 25 of dough over so for jelly roll, starting from shorter side; place in greased bread to a rectangle, 9x16 inches. Scald milk in small saucepan; stir 2 pkgs. active dry yeast

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DINNER ROLLS

Preparation time: 20 min.
Rising time: 23s trs.
Baking time: Bread: 30-35 min.

Rolls: 15-20 min.

tsp. salt

c. milk

# SPRUCE UP YOUR TABLE LINENS



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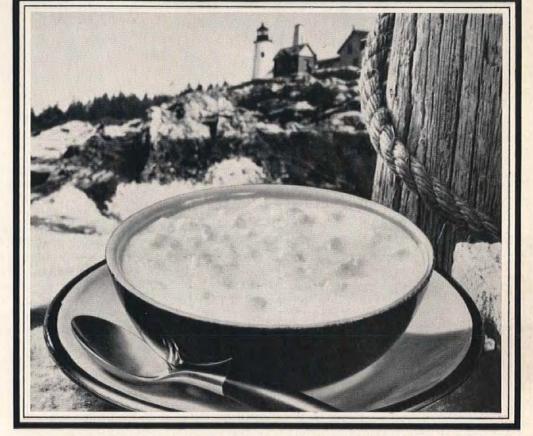
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Cape Cod Chowder. In saucepan, combine 1 can Campbell's Frozen Clam Chowder, I soup can milk, 2 tbsp. chopped parsley, ½ tsp. thyme. Cover; heat until soup is thawed; stir now and then. Add 1 cup diced cooked or canned lobster or crab; simmer a few min. 3 servings.



Clam-n-Cheese Dip. (Prepare 2 hours before serving.) Thaw 1 can Campbell's Frozen Clam Chowder thoroughly. Gradually blend soup with a softened 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese; beat just until smooth with a rotary beater. Blend in 2 tbsp. chopped onion and 1 tsp. lemon juice. Chill. Makes about 2 cups.



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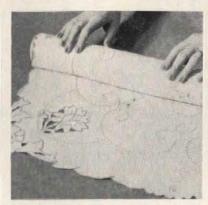
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stain with cleaning fluid before washing cloth.

WASH WHITE LINENS alone or with other white clothes in hot water. Wash dark linens alone to avoid lint deposits.



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USE A FABRIC SOFTENER in the final rinse when washing homespun-type cloths and mats to retain their soft finish. Use on cloths with fringed edges, to prevent fringe from tangling.

starch cotton-lace place mats to make them lie flat. After starching, smooth them out on top of your washer or dryer to dry and you won't have to iron them.

SPRINKLE LINENS evenly with warm water. Heavy linens and damasks need to be dampened quite heavily. Fold lightly, put in a plastic bag, and allow to stand for about two hours before ironing.

iron all linens on the right side except dark colors, embroidered linens, rayons, and rayon blends. These should be ironed on the wrong side. After ironing embroidered linens on wrong side turn to right side and iron around the embroidery.

USE A THIN PRESSING CLOTH when ironing lace tablecloths to prevent iron catching in the openwork.

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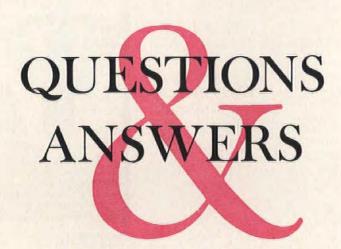
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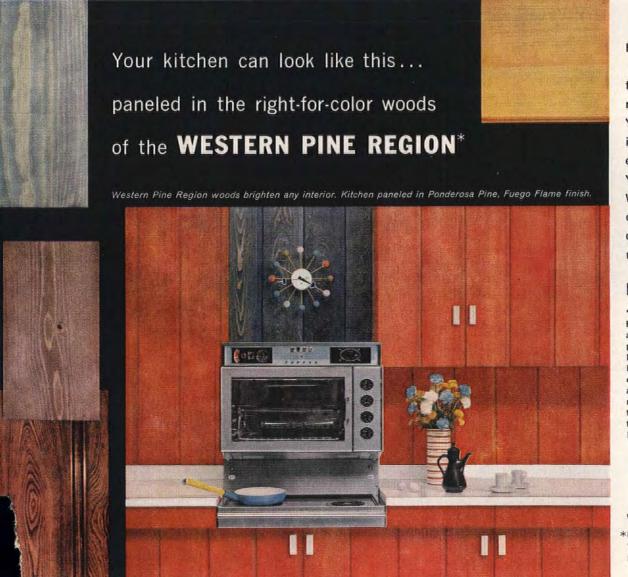
Here are answers to some of the questions that may be on your mind about what bleach to use, when to bleach and how.

#### Q Which bleach should I use?

A It all depends on what you're bleaching and how much you want to pay for the convenience different bleaches offer. There are many brands on supermarket shelves today and you'll find them packaged in several ways—even bleach tablets and individual packets of liquid and dry bleach. But basically, there are just two types of bleaches and each has its purpose.

Chlorine and chlorine-type bleaches are extremely popular and do a good job of removing stains, helping remove soil, and disinfecting. They come in liquid and dry forms. *Use* for white and colorfast cottons, linens, and certain synthetics recommended on the bottle or package. *Do not use* on silks, woolens, non-colorfast items, and many of the resin-treated cottons found in wash-and-wear garments.

Oxygen bleaches (perborate, monopersulfate) are often referred to as all-purpose or all-fabric bleaches and always come in powdered form. They have become increasingly popular as more and more of the family wash is made up of wash-and-wear items (resin-treated cottons, synthetics, and blends of man-made and natural fibers). They will safely bleach all white and colorfast fabrics—even silks, woolens, and resin-treated cottons. Somewhat milder than the chlorine bleaches, they should be used every time you wash to maintain whiteness and brightness—particularly on white nylon. (continued)



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#### Q What's the difference between liquid and dry chlorine bleach?

A The main difference is in the ease and safety of handling. It's important always to measure and dilute liquid bleach according to instructions on the label before adding it to the wash water, and add it after agitation begins. Dry chlorine bleaches are easier and safer to handle. Premixing is unnecessary and if some dry bleach accidentally falls on dry clothes, it won't hurt them. Always measure dry bleach before adding it to the wash water to avoid overbleaching and waste. Liquid bleach is less expensive than dry.

#### Q How often should I bleach?

A Use chlorine bleach whenever a white or colorfast load contains heavily soiled linens or clothes. As a general guide, use it every third or fourth time to help keep white things white and colored things newly bright. Oxygen bleaches should be used every time you wash loads requiring this type of bleach for maximum bleaching effect.

# Q When should bleach be added to the washer?

A Many automatic washers now feature liquid-bleach dispensers. Measure bleach before putting it in the dispenser. It is then diluted automatically and timed so that it will be added to the wash water part-way through the wash cycle. This gives the brighteners in the detergent time to do their work before the bleach is added. If your washer does not have this feature, add diluted bleach or dry bleach about half-way through the wash cycle. Oxygen bleaches and one of the dry chlorine-type bleaches can be added at the beginning of the wash period.

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show up until the fourth or fifth bleaching. Always read the hang tags on wash-and-wear cotton garments for bleaching recommendations. If there is no tag, play it safe and use any oxygen (all fabric) bleach. Yellowing of fabrics will also occur if you use a chlorine bleach when there's iron in your water supply.

Q Does the temperature of the wash water have anything to do with bleaching action?

A All bleaches do their most effective work in hot water. However, since many modernday fabrics require lower water temperatures, always follow the washing directions for the fabric being washed.

#### Q Should I use bleach on colored clothes?

A Many homemakers use bleach only for white loads, but it's amazing how much brighter colorfast colors look after being bleached. With so many solid colors and patterns being used today in bedding, bath towels, children's clothing (all subject to stains), you'll appreciate the better laundering results you'll get if you use bleach on them occasionally. Both chlorine and oxygen bleaches can be used on colorfast items-depending on the fabric.

O Some detergent boxes say "No bleach needed." Should I use a bleach anyway?

A Yes, you should continue to use bleach. These detergents contain brighteners which give an optical effect of brightness to your wash, but brighteners do not remove stains or aid in removing soil.

#### Q How can I get rid of the chlorine odor in clothes after I bleach?

A If your clothes still smell of chlorine after washing them, it's a sign that they are not rinsed thoroughly. Put them through another rinse cycle in your washer. If you use bleach in hand laundering, several rinses are necessary to completely remove detergent and bleach.

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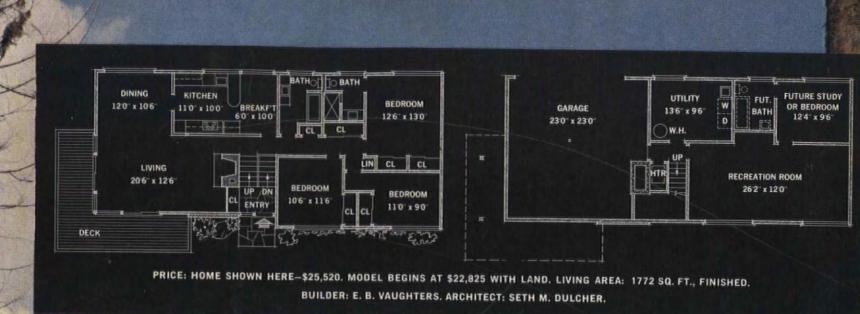


Use these 17 outstanding houses as a guide to value and quality when you shop for a home in your area



Wood deck offers a breath-taking view. Glass in entryway daylights the split stairwell, and large windows light basement playroom.

Natural Beauty Appeals in the Northwest





Northwestern architecture is shown at its best in this Seattle beauty where strong lines of wood blend with Washington's forests of fir and spruce. (See our cover.) The perfect harmony of glass, cedar and stone on the exterior is repeated inside. Architecture

in the Northwest is fairly pure, since it was never influenced to any great extent by styles of other areas or countries. In spite of the fact that Seattle is in the heart of the lumber industry, building costs are rather high because of labor and land which sells at a premium price.

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Cantilevered hearth is a unique idea that is gaining in popularity since it permits the warmth of wall-to-wall carpet to wrap right around the fireplace. Space is established by the use of clerestories and open beam ceilings.

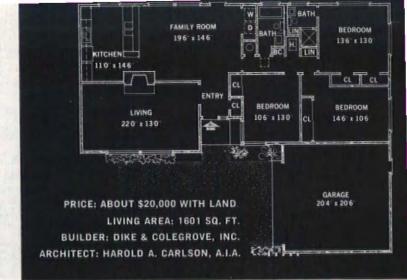
Mahogany plywood paneling and glass wall in dining room carry theme from the outside. Notice how effective the use of lots of glass is when the view justifies it.

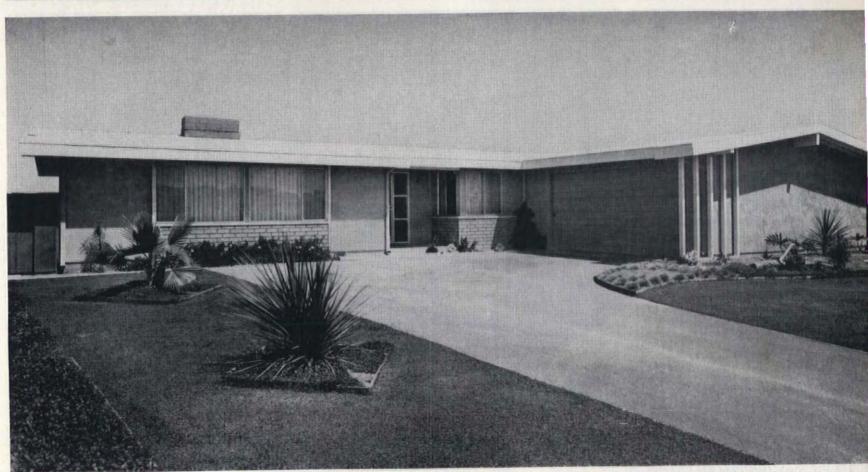
# Natural Beauty Inside, Too

View of kitchen from the  $6 \times 10'$  breakfast nook shows handsome wood cabinets. There is adequate work space and abundant storage. Appliances are not included in basic price.







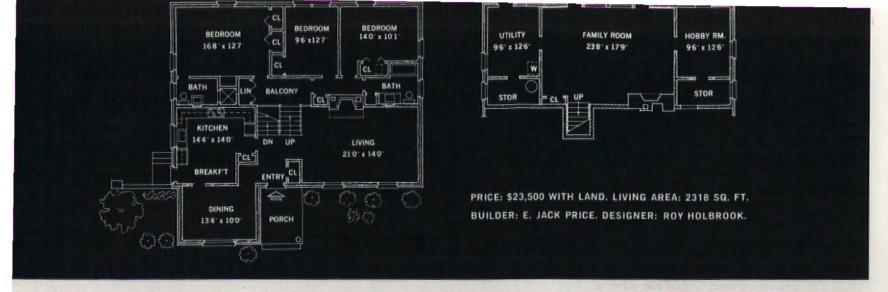


Contemporary Leads in Southern California

n Southern California, where large-scale development building got its start, the neat clean-cut lines of contemporary houses have grown in appeal for the past two decades. This is one of the big reasons why our California readers chose this Costa Mesa house as the top winner in their state. The contemporary styling, typical of Southern California building, is carried out in the low lines, deep roof overhangs, minimum roof pitch, and large glass areas. The long, low lines of the house are suitable to the flat terrain of this section. While most comparable homes in the Los Angeles area cost more, this home in Costa Mesa is a good buy since it is still within commuting distance, offers land at a lower price, and a chance to live in a smog-free area. The slab foundation and minimum heating system make the cost lower than it would be in a colder area.

In 1959 this home sold for \$16,500, including land. The builder has advised us that this home will be available again in 1960 but because labor and material costs have gone up, and land values in Costa Mesa have just about tripled, the 1960 model (with some additional features inside) will cost slightly over \$20,000, including land. If you should want to build this house in the Midwest or Northeast, you would pay as much as \$25,000.

Thoughtful planning provides good separation of living and sleeping areas. A family room (above) gives the younger crowd a place to entertain without disturbing adult activities in the living room. One of the two full baths is conveniently located nearby. Another convenience in the family room is the closet area for housing a washer and dryer. The exterior finish of stucco and brick veneer is not only attractive but requires little upkeep.

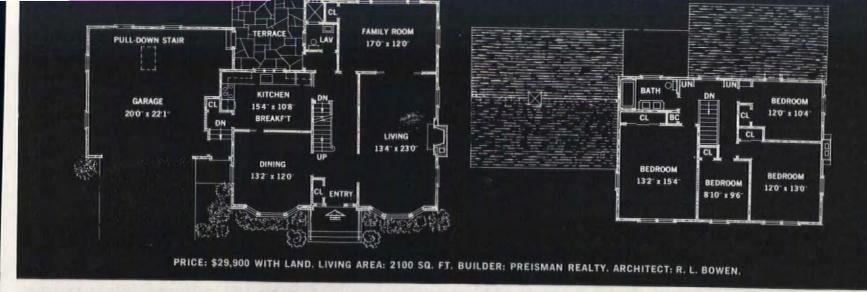




#### A Wealth of Space for a Medium-Income Family

Traditional architecture of the South and the technology of modern building have met in this winning house in Charlotte, North Carolina. The marriage is an interesting mixture, one that may portend further modifications of traditional lines in the future.

Charlotte has undergone a tremendous physical and financial expansion since 1946, and prices have gone up accordingly. Yet, they are still slightly below average for the country. Our Citation winner is an exceptional bargain offering 2318 sq. ft. of living space on an 80x150' lot for \$23,500. Much of its wealth of space is due to a front-to-back split-level design, which enables three bedrooms and two baths to fit easily over the family-room level. The living room and family room both have a fireplace. On the family-room level there is a hobby room, utility room, and two 55-sq. ft. storage rooms. Extras included in the price are a wall oven, counter-top range, dishwasher, and food-waste disposer.

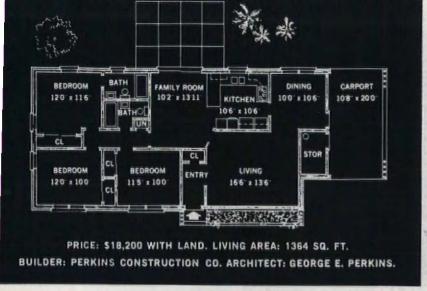




#### Colonial Charm Is a Favorite in New York

The colonial tradition of New England is strong in upstate New York. This Schenectady winner is a style often seen in the area. Bay windows, deep shutters, and a floor plan based on a center-hall entry are details that have been tested by generations of American families. There is little doubt that such architectural styling will continue to appear for many more decades.

Building and land costs in Schenectady are high. Considering these facts, living space in this house is delivered at a very fair price. The colonial tradition and charm of this house are combined with modern innovations for comfort and convenience. The four bedrooms and two baths (one with double vanity) take care of the needs of a large family. A family room near the bath and patio entrance is ideal for entertaining without disturbing the rest of the house. Included in the \$29,900 price are a built-in range, oven, dishwasher, and garbage disposer. Another luxury is a patio with fiberglass roof.





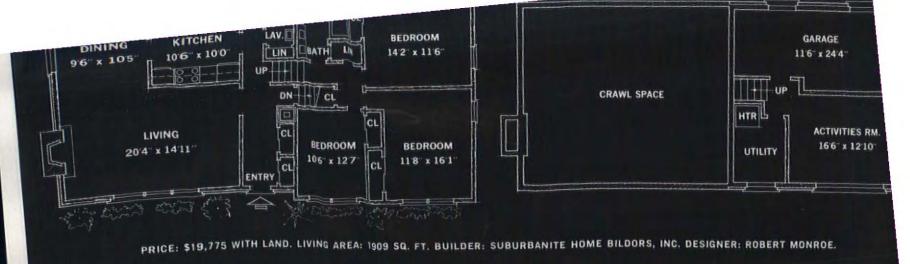


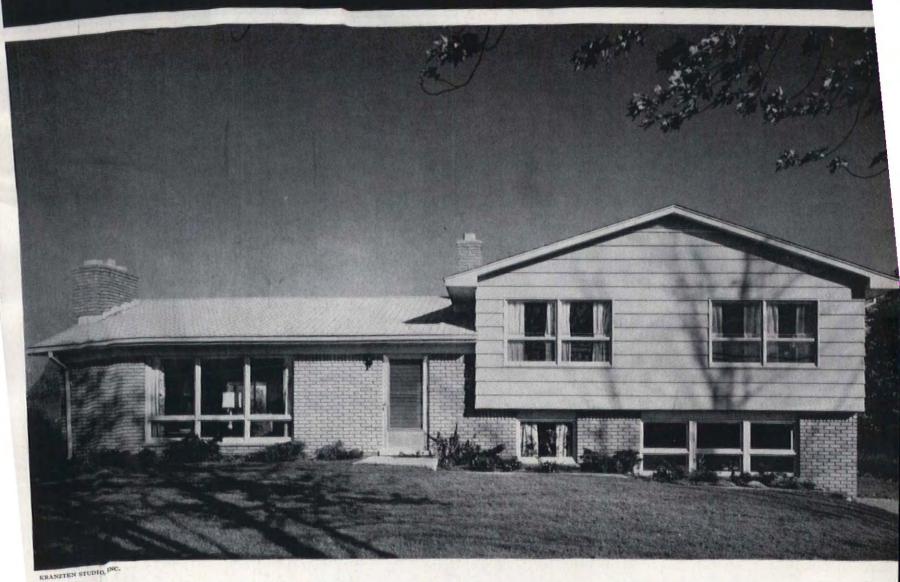
#### Traditional Adapted to a One-Story Home

The traditional influence is strong in Georgia as it is in most of the South. In our winner we again see the signs of ante-bellum architecture—red brick, white trim, a multipaned living-room window, and shutters—applied to a modern one-floor design.

Located in Augusta, this winner carries a modest price for a better-than-average amount of space. Building prices in Georgia are low, however. This house reproduced in Westchester County, outside New York City, would cost about \$25,000. The \$18,200 price in Georgia includes one-third acre of land in a completely developed community with paved streets, city water, and sewers.

A family with three children could live quite comfortably with the floor plan in this house. It is standard for a rectangular design but has several noteworthy variations. The living room, with plenty of wall space for furniture arrangements, can be closed off from the family room by a folding door. Separated from the kitchen by a counter, the family room opens onto a colored concrete patio through sliding glass doors. Two full bathrooms eliminate early-morning, rush-hour problems. Extras in the kitchen are an oven, range, dishwasher, and exhaust fan. Vinyl tile is used in the kitchen and family room and oak flooring in the remainder of the house.



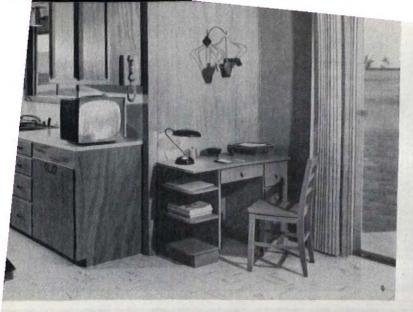


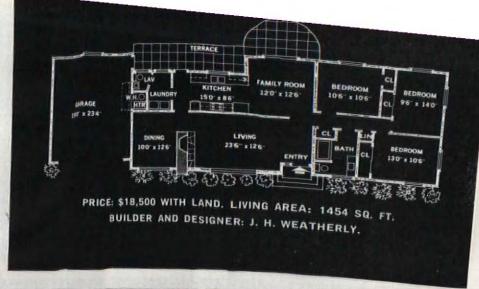
# A Split-Level Wins Reader Approval in Michigan

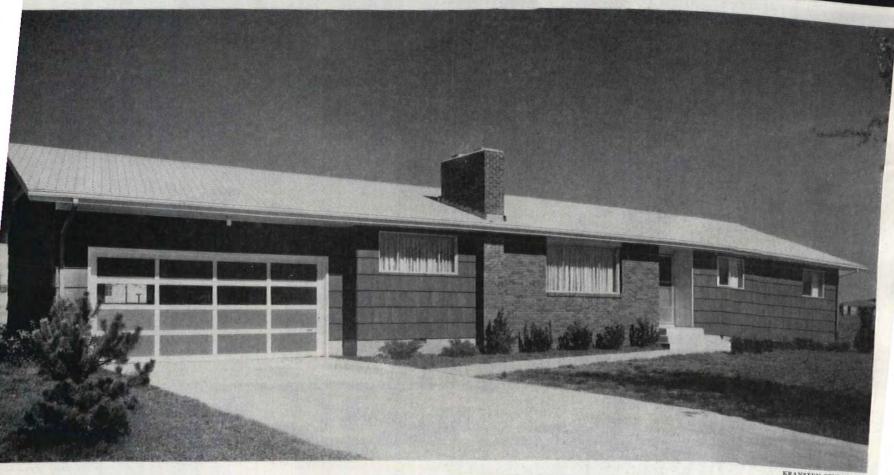
Split-level houses, long a favorite in the East, are fast gaining popularity throughout the Midwest. This house, located in Franklin Village on the periphery of suburban Detroit, is one of the growing number of split-levels in that area. Considering the sky-high building coss there, it is a remarkable value. Actually, it would be good buy anywhere in the United States.

there are many outstanding features in our Citation winger. Four entrances—front and back entries, sliding glas doors in the dining room, and an entry through the garge—provide easy access. Traffic flows from the front and ack doors to any room in the house with no need to

pass through another. The kitchen, planned to make work easy, has more than the usual number of cabinets. Storage is no problem in any area. Notice the two coat closets in the hall and the huge linen closet. Sleeping areas are well separated from living space and provide sufficient privacy. On the lower level, an activities room with an acoustical tile ceiling is an excellent place for the children to play or for parties. Among the extras included in the \$19,775 price are a wall oven and range in the kitchen, and a fireplace in the living room (most welcome on cold Michigan nights). This home is not now available, but can be reproduced in the area on order.







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# The Ranch House Thrives in Missouri

Aranch house, to people living in Springfield, Missouri, means a long house. Since land is not so expensive in this farming and industrial community of 70,000, designers can indulge in sprawling ramblers or as-long-asyou-want ranch homes. Our winner is 80' long. It's on a half-acre lot costing approximately \$2000.

The house has clean architectural lines and contains a floor plan that drew much praise from Missouri readers. A focal point of the living area is the fireplace which separates the living and dining rooms and acts as a baffle for the kitchen entry. Cream-colored Texas stone is used to face the fireplace, front and back. The family room's proximity to the kitchen would make it an excellent place for dining should you prefer to use the dining room as a den or for TV. Among the many convenient features in this house are the laundry and half-bath just

off the kitchen. In the laundry there is ample room for sorting the wash and for storage shelves. The lavatory is convenient to the living area. The kitchen's location makes it a perfect work center. It is also handy to the terrace where outdoor meals can be served. Among the extras are a built-in range, oven, and ventilating fan.

Outside, the chimney breaks up the monotony of the long roof. Brick in the chimney and along the façade is a pleasant relief in the cedar siding. Since Springfield has more warm months than cold, the outdoor patio and sliding glass doors leading to it provide a fine way to take advantage of the warm weather. Notice, too, that the patio extends along the back of the house to the garage entrance. Because it is covered by the roof overhang, it provides a walk from garage whouse that is protected in rainy weather.



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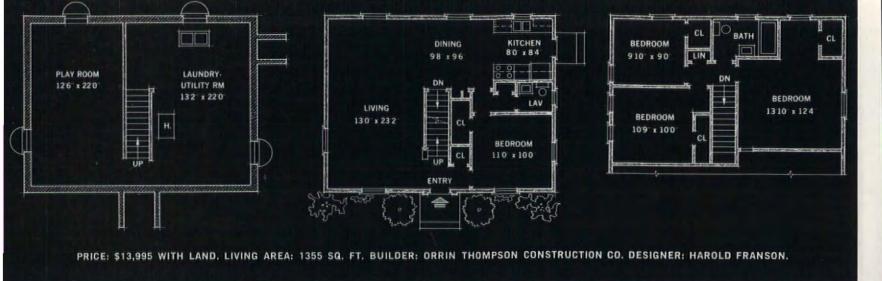
#### Contemporary in Traditional-Loving Wisconsin

The choice of a contemporary house in Madison is a surprise since, despite more than one display of Frank Lloyd Wright's work in that city, the tenor of architecture there is conservative. The choice seems to indicate that in at least one area of the Midwest homebuyers are open to new concepts in housing.

We believe the enthusiasm shown for this house is well founded. The house is cleanly designed, has a fine functional floor plan, and is packed with quality materials—first-grade lumber, redwood siding, oak kitchen cabinets, oak and vinyl flooring. Efficient planning went into the interior. In a medium-priced house such as this, space is at a premium. To avoid cutting up space with a separate dining room, a low divider separates the dining area from the sunken living room. This gives a feeling of privacy while dining and spaciousness while using the

living room. An efficient traffic pattern starting at the sheltered front entrance extends throughout the house. An interesting idea in two of the bedrooms is the construction of the closets outside the wall, allowing more usable space in each room. A clothes chute under the bottom shelf in the linen closet funnels clothes into a basket near the laundry equipment in the basement. In the kitchen, a milk "chute" allows collection of milk from inside the house.

Home prices in Madison are about midway between the high and low for the country. This winner might cost over \$20,000 in Long Island, and it would be possible to shave the price by \$2000 if it were built in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. In Madison, it is priced slightly under the prevailing market because of quantity buying and quantity building by the contractor.





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#### A Family-Sized House Priced Low at \$13,995

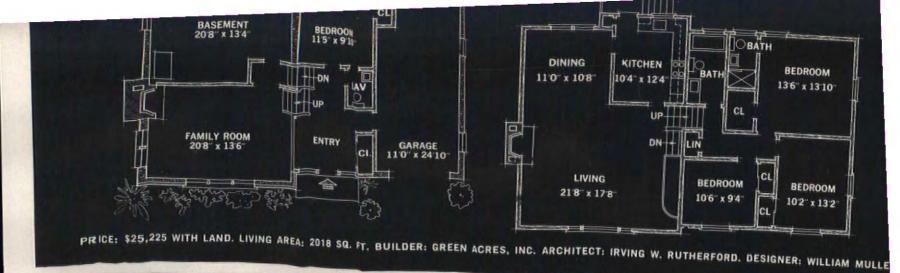
The demand for a family-sized house at a reasonable cost was the primary reason for this house being selected as the winner by Minnesota readers. The exterior design will probably never win any architectural awards but the 1355 sq. ft. of living space on the first and second floors has been intelligently planned to handle a large family with a limited budget.

Our winner, located in Minneapolis, has many features which you don't see often in houses costing several thousand dollars more—a front entry with closet (ideal for removing rainy-weather clothing), a downstairs lavatory with its own linen closet, and an outside entrance to the kitchen. Natural light and ventilation are

provided by windows on three walls of the extra-large living room. The downstairs bedroom can also serve as a family room or den. Upstairs there are one good-sized bedroom, two adequate-sized ones, and a full bath. Each room has big closets and there is a linen closet.

A large family needs more recreation space than can be provided by the living room or even a living room plus a family room. This house, in addition to the 1355 sq. ft. of living space already mentioned, has a basement divided into a 12½x22′ play room and an equal amount of space for a laundry and storage. The play room is not finished but could be a do-it-yourself project. Even in its present state it would make a fine rainy-day play area for children.

Building costs in Minnesota are about average. This house with a lot 100x140' for just under \$10 per square foot of living area is a good buy.





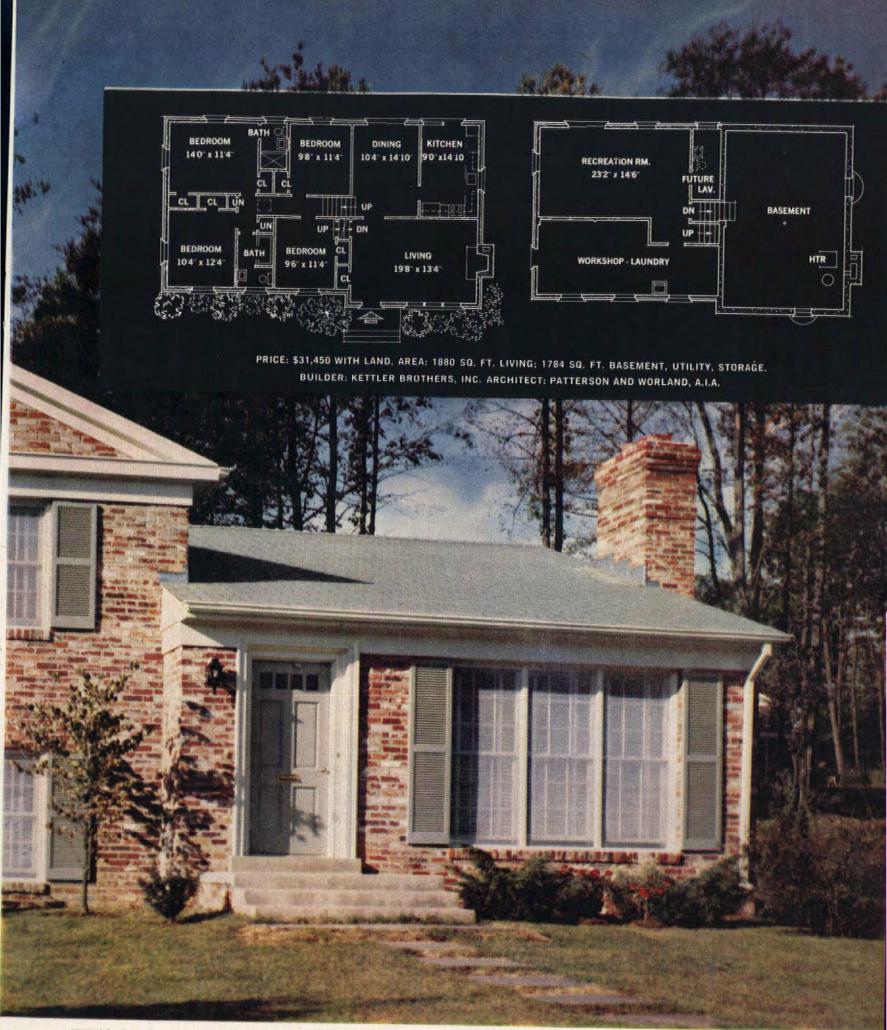


# Split-Level Is Popular in Colonial Connecticut

A relatively new departure for colonial Connecticut is this modern split-level located in Bloomfield, a suburb of Hartford. With building costs high in this area, the house is a good buy, considering the 100x150' landscaped lot in a finished community with streets and sidewalks. The design permits privacy in the sleeping area, although only a few steps away from living area. On the lower level is a 20' mahogany-paneled den with fireplace and five large windows (pictured at left, as seen through wrought-iron railing in foyer). On the second level is the living room with a picture window and fireplace. The kitchen has room for table and chairs, a broom closet. A built-in range is included in the sale price.



The South Maintains Its Tradition



This handsome example of Southern architecture is well suited to the rolling hills of Falls Church, Virginia. Much of the architecture in the Washington, D.C., area has its roots in the tradition of Williamsburg. This particular house is excellent in design and abounds in

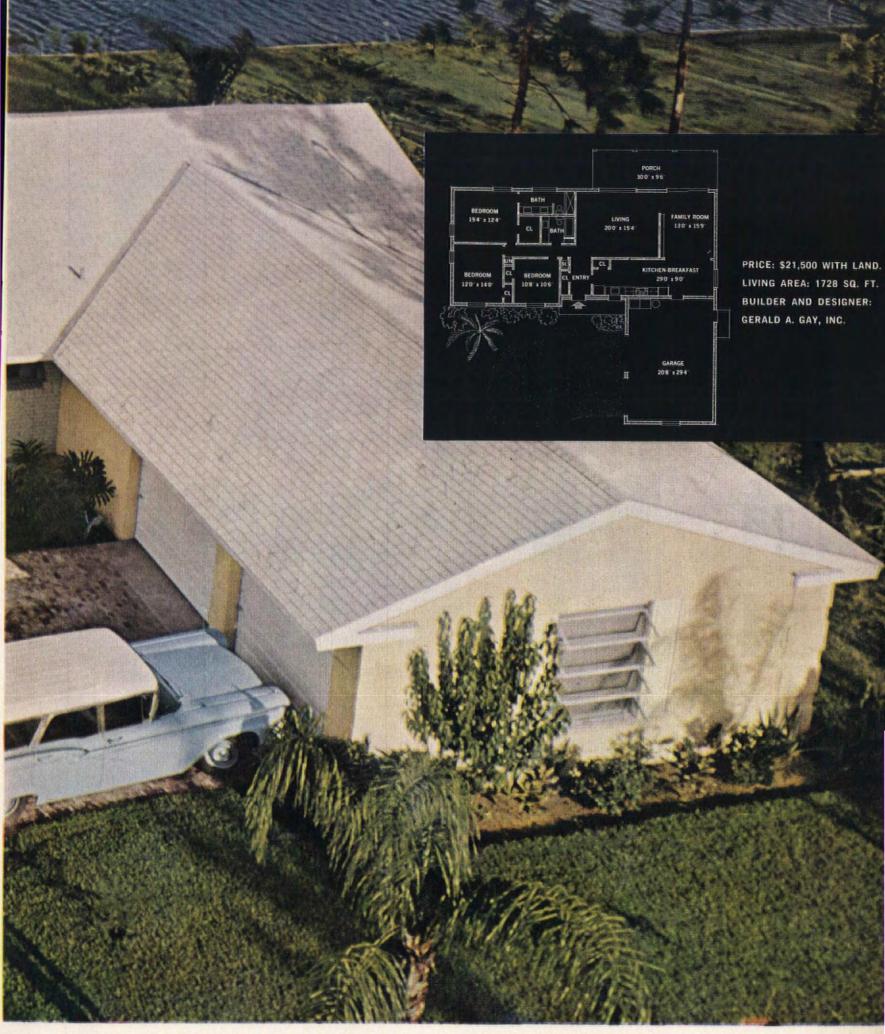
space. Its front elevation belies the fact that it is a split level. Living areas are separate but easy to reach and maintenance is reduced. The interior plan provides easy access to outdoor living areas. A terrace off the dining room and kitchen, convenient and (continued on page 76)



The curved portion of the driveway is handsomely paved with brick and can double as a patio.

ANTHONY LINCK

Tropical Living in Florida for \$21,500



The hot Orlando sunlight is reflected by the white block walls and white roof of this winner. The use of white or pastel colors to reflect heat is almost universal in Florida. Masonry lends itself to the climate and is cheaper than wood construction. In a hot, humid state

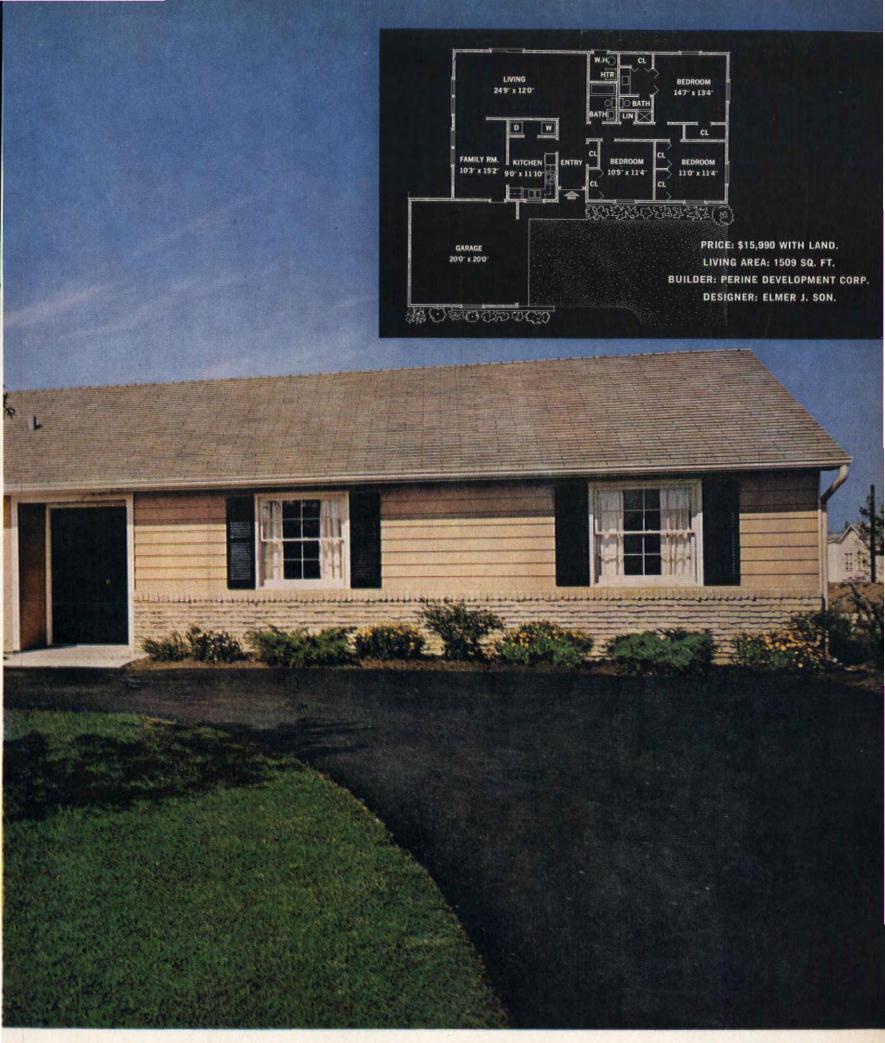
like Florida, wood would have to be specially treated for termite and fungus damage. Because so much masonry is used, builders have developed some excellent techniques for working with it. The entire concrete floor slab, for example, can be poured in one operation. (continued on page 76)



The exterior of house is enhanced by horizontal and vertical siding plus accent of brick with extruded joints.

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### The Midwest Likes Clean-Cut Simplicity



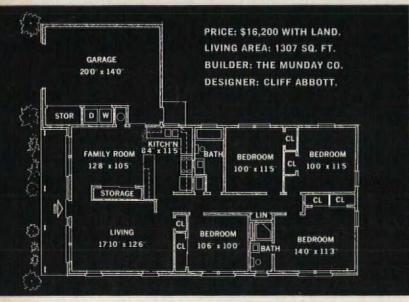
Clean exterior design with a well-planned interior—all at a low price of \$15,990—makes this Indianapolis house a winner. An intelligent floor plan offers rooms sized for comfortable living and easy to reach. There are two full baths, one with a separate dressing room. The

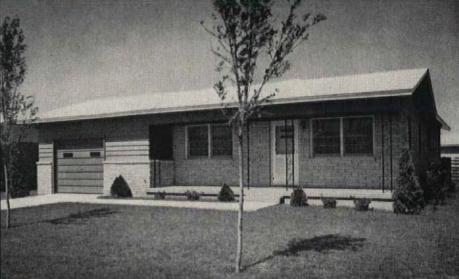
laundry is handy to the kitchen, but away from the work area. The kitchen corner opposite the cabinets is roomy enough for a breakfast area. Unbroken wall space in the living room is fine for furniture arrangement. Sliding glass doors lead to a backyard patio. (continued on page 77)

#### Texas Picks Four Bedrooms at a Low Price

Flour bedrooms and a low price of \$16,200 were the deciding factors for this winner in Amarillo. Since families are growing bigger, extra bedroom and bathroom space is a necessity. In this house there are two bathrooms, both with tubs and showers (conveniences not often seen at this price). The living room is separated from family room by an attractive storage wall with sliding doors. The garage provides the extra storage needed by large families. The washer and dryer are located here near the entrance to the family room. In

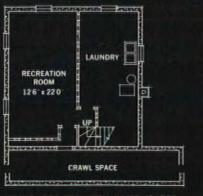
Amarillo, where winters are cold, insulation is necessary; footings must go deep to escape frost, and people actually need heating equipment. You would expect this house to cost more than its counterparts in the south of Texas (a distance as great as that between Charlotte, North Carolina, and Orlando, Florida). Yet, it is priced equally and in many cases less than comparable houses built in the warm climates along the Gulf of Mexico. This marvelous value is possible by building these houses in large numbers with production-line efficiency.





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#### Illinois Chooses a Split

The style of this Illinois winner shows intelligent use of a narrow lot. A front-to-back split-level, it manages to pack plenty of living area along the length of the lot and still leave room for a back yard. Land values in the Chicago area are among the highest in the country. The lot shown above, located in suburban South Holland, is 50x128' and costs about \$4000. Because of this high cost of land, a design such as this makes it possible for homeowners to have adequate living space they might otherwise be unable to afford.



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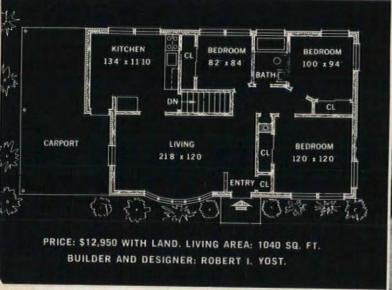
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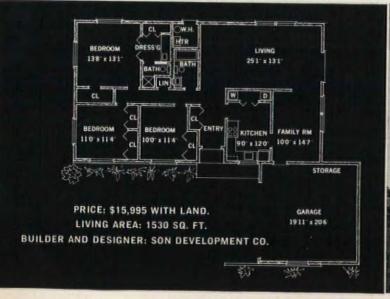
### A Compact, Practical Winner in Pennsylvania

Here's a home that struck our Pennsylvania readers as a remarkable value in their state. It's a compact house which makes no pretense of being more than a low-cost home, except for a bow window, a colonial touch which is a pleasant surprise. Its floor plan is most efficient, there being practically no waste space anywhere. The kitchen work center fits snugly along one wall with a pleasant dining area on the other, brightened by deep windows. The service entrance under the carport is a welcome convenience in wet weather and is handy for

tradesmen. Located in York, an industrial and farming community of over 60,000, this home would be a fine value anywhere, although its styling might be hard to find in Florida or along the West Coast. The house, without land, was constructed for about \$11 a sq. ft., particularly impressive when its brick veneer is considered. Part of the cost cutting was achieved by attaching a carport instead of a garage, not ordinarily done in Pennsylvania. The house is also available with a garage at a slightly higher price, or with a garage and breezeway.









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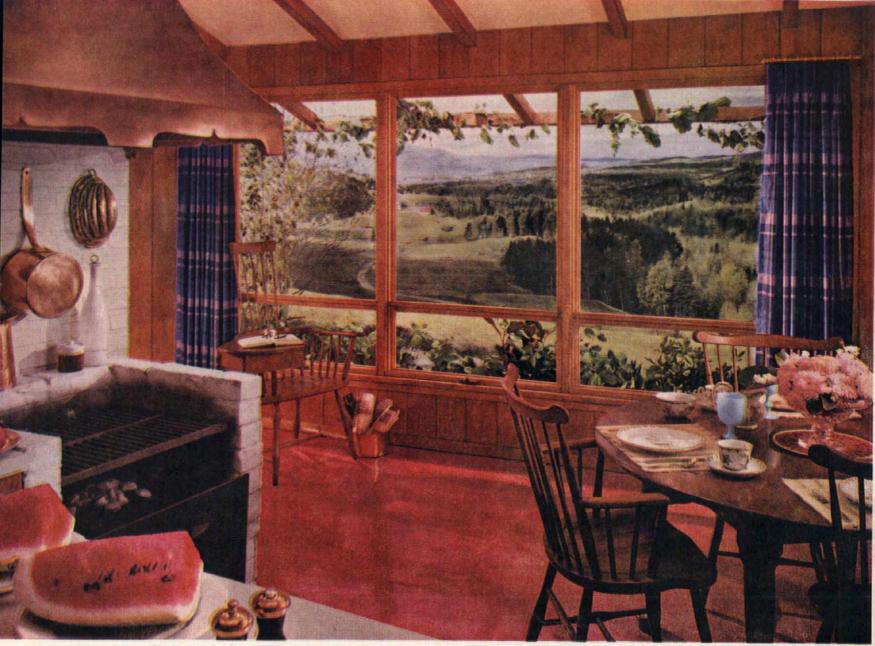
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#### Ohio Votes for a Perfect Floor Plan

This winner is a good buy in Dayton or, for that matter, in most any metropolitan area in the United States. Here is a case where an exceptionally large-volume builder (500 houses a year) passes along to the home buyer the savings made in quantity buying and volume building, without sacrificing quality construction.

Architecturally, this house has much to warrant an award. Many Ohio readers who voted for it said it had about as perfect a floor plan as they had seen. A center hall leading away from the sheltered front entry allows

traffic to move, uninterrupted, to all areas. Wet-weather handling of packages is made easy with a door leading from the garage to the family room. Since the floors in both family room and kitchen are resilient tile, there's no trouble cleaning up wet footmarks. The two-car garage has extra space for a workshop or storage. Its location on one side of the house provides privacy for the living and family rooms. The bath off the master bedroom offers a truly luxurious note with its dressing-room area . . . a feature seldom found at this price.



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#### Washington

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During the pleasant months. emphasis is on outdoor living, making decks, terraces, and patios popular. The very nature of the country promotes an appreciation of the outdoors.

Although the year-round climate of Seattle is mild, winters are inclined to be wet and damp. Consequently, fireplaces, recreation and family rooms, and ample indoor living space for family activities are of prime importance to Northwest homeowners.

Compared with many areas of the country, living in the Northwest is informal. In our Citation winner, the floor plan provides space to live easily with sensible separation of living, sleeping, and play areas. Unfinished areas on the lower level offer ample room for future expansion.

#### Virginia

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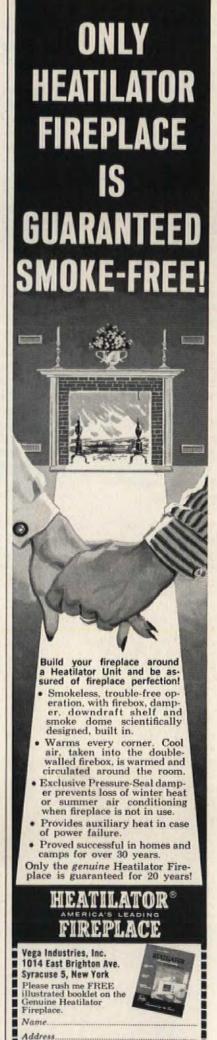
pleasant for summer dining, is included in the \$30,950 price. Building costs in the Washington area are relatively low, but with suitable land a problem, much of the housing dollar goes into land. Details, such as on this house, however, bring up the cost. The fine detailing in the exterior brickwork and much of the millwork and interior trim are expensive. For example, the round louver on the gable end of this award-winning house costs a great deal more to construct than if a simple triangular hole were cut in the brickwork and a ready-made louver inserted. But when building a traditional house it is better to pay a little more for a good one than pay less for a cheap reproduction.

#### Florida

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On top of the slab, a durable, colorful terrazzo or tile floor can be laid. Walls are made of block, stuccoed or painted on the outside, and painted or plastered on the inside. Insulation in the ceiling is used primarily for protection against summer sun. A heating system of minimum capacity is all that's required. Another reason Florida builders can put up a good house for less money is that production is seldom held up because of inclement weather and many costly construction steps can be eliminated.

Our Citation winner is a fine example of the additional features a buyer can get in this state . . . features he couldn't get in another for the same money. The attractive



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exterior encloses a beautifully designed floor plan. All rooms are easily accessible from the entry, and there's an entrance directly to the kitchen from the garage. Among the many extras included in the price of \$21,500 are a built-in range and oven, automatic dishwasher, garbage disposal, bookcases, and shelves. For outdoor recreation there is a canal directly behind the house which leads to a 640-acre lake where the family can swim, fish, and go boating.

#### Midwest

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Unlike other sections of the country, the Midwest has not yet produced a style of architecture that can be considered typical of the area. The Southwest has its ranch house, the Northeast has the Cape Cod, the Southeast has Southern colonial, while the Pacific Northwest has its own particular house styling. Midwest builders, lacking a good regional design, are apt to draw on several sections of the country for design ideas.

Home building in the Midwest is also handicapped by factors rather unique to that area. The weather can be severe in both winter and

summer. So a house must be designed and built to be comfortable when temperatures go below zero, and also remain moderately cool when summer temperatures are over 100°. The hard winters also mean that home building must stop or operate under difficult and costly conditions for many months each year. Labor and material costs in much of this area are high and so are land prices. In some areas the conservative nature of home buyers discourages contemporary design which in many cases can be cheaper than conventional.

But in spite of these handicaps. outstanding values in new homes are to be found in the Midwest. This section can claim many progressive builders who have led the field in the development of new construction techniques and who have created designs truly in keeping with the area. The Midwest is the stronghold of the prefab or manufactured home. The prefab concerns have done much for the entire housing industry by bringing in new design and construction techniques. These advances have helped to prod the less progressive builder into using new methods to meet the competition of the manufactured home.

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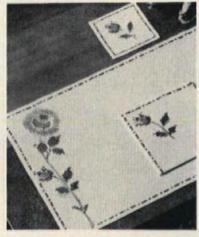
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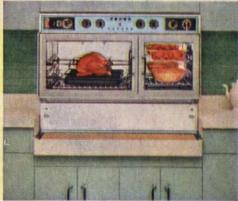
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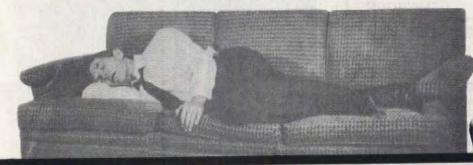
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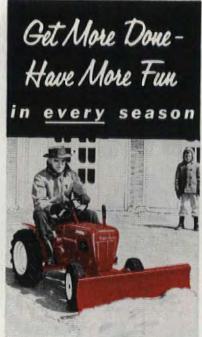
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The big difference between 'Sonjana' and other everbearing strawberries is the mother plant that has been bred to be strong enough to feed the small plants up in the air (if they were on the ground they'd help feed themselves). The plant has also been bred so that its runner plants can withstand summer heat.

#### How to grow the climbing strawberry

Care needed is similar to that given other everbearing strawberries. Success depends on maintaining the vigor of the mother plant; it must be diligently watered, fed, and protected from diseases and pests. Plants are set out in spring, 15-18" apart, in rich soil and sunshine. As soon as they begin to put out runners, they should be fastened to a support with string placed just below each baby plant. The first blossoms that appear on the mother



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#### The story behind this plant

'Sonjana' was brought to the United States from Europe, where it is already popular. It was developed and patented by a West German small-fruit nurseryman, Reinhold Hummel, who named it for his daughter. He stumbled onto the idea of a climbing strawberry this way: while working in his halfacre strawberry nursery, he noticed several plants with extra-long runners. Being curious, he planted four of them in a square and put a fifth plant in their center. But there was no place to train the center plant's runners on the ground, so he tied them up on a stake. Brainstorm! But alas, the plant wasn't ideal for the purpose. It took years of patient breeding and selecting from thousands of seedlings before determined Mr. Hummel had the perfect climber.

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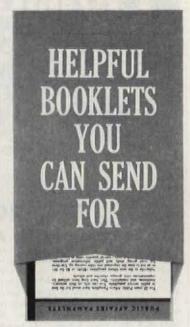
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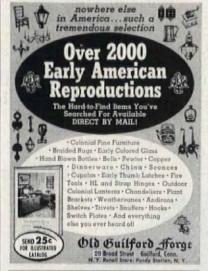
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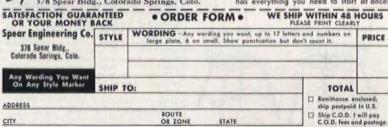
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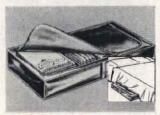
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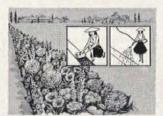
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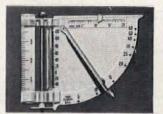
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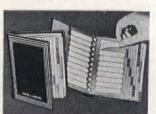


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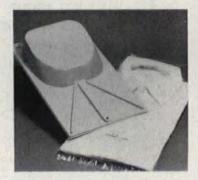
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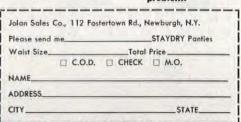
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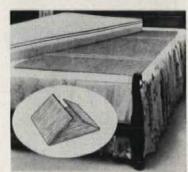
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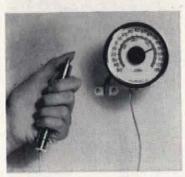
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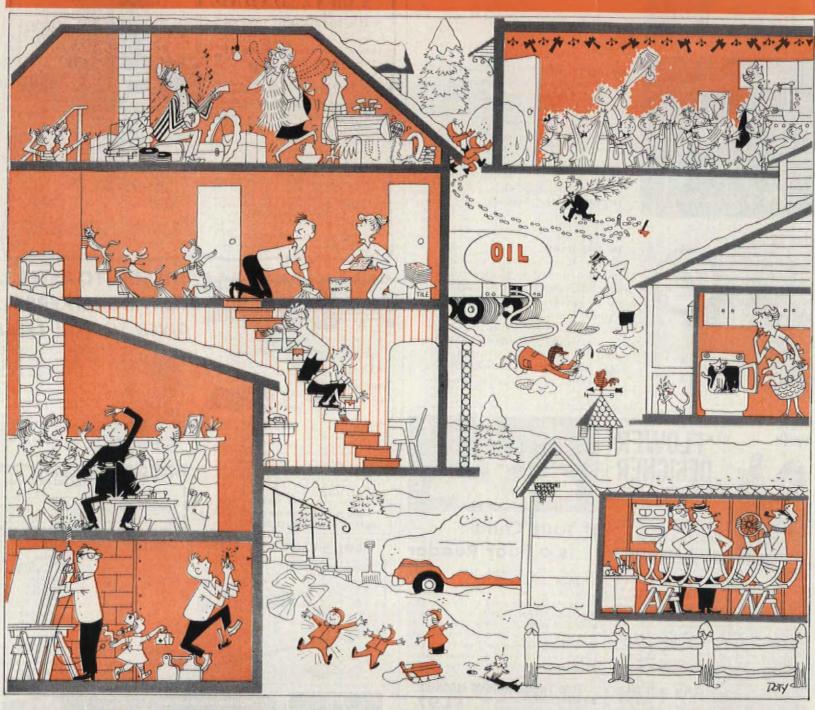
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Thirty days hath September, April, June, and November; All the rest have thirty-one, Excepting February alone, Which hath but twenty-eight, in fine, Till leap year gives it twenty-nine.

-Old Saying.

he long-haired poets had more glamour, but Old Saying had the answers when it came to practical things: "Is there a thirty-first of January?" Or "How many days in February this year?" The big bards sleep in solemn splendor, but Old Saying lives on, quoted by teachers and tots, bank presidents and conscientious budgeters.

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